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Reindeer rebellion

Nationview Public School (NPS) hosted its Christmas concert on Thurs., Dec. 15. The Grade 6 students performed an adaptation of a book entitled The Great Reindeer Rebellion *— a humorous take on* The Night Before Christmas *poem. Santa's sleigh-pullers demand better working conditions (and several luxuries!). Displaying protest signs at the picket line, at left, are Jarrett Williams (left), Dylan Martin, Karlee Ouellette, and Jade Markell. Santa (above, played by Jadon Kaeb) was initially upset with the reindeer demands.*

Press Photos — Smith-Millar

Wireless broadband expansion complete …five months early

CORNWALL — It has been years in the making, and now its completion has arrived months ahead of schedule.

On Fri., Dec. 16, the first local wireless broadband network, launched as part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), was completed — five months ahead of schedule. The expansion will allow roughly 8,000 residents and businesses in the southern portion of the United Counties of Prescott-Russell to receive high-speed Internet.

First of 15 planned for region

"It is encouraging to see the project making steady progress," said Ian McLeod, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry's newly elected warden. "We look forward to the day when we will also benefit from improved access to high-speed Internet, which is essential to the success of our community."

The first network is but one of 15 to be opened throughout the region. The complete network is expected to be up and running by December 2013.

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Community 'suits up' to fulfil high Christmas Fund demand

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Each year, a number of local organizations come together for one common theme: the North Dundas Christmas Fund.

This year's initiative was no different, with service clubs that typically work independently co-ordinating the effort together. Despite continued pressure from their various commitments during this consistently busy time of year, everyone banded together to collect the goods, package them appropriately, and then have everything ready in time for Christmas Day.

It's their small way to make the holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

According to Bob Weagant, chair of the fund, request numbers for the 2011 drive were "way up."

The yearly fund is an anonymous process, with members of the public contacting fund representatives by phone, and making a request. Recipients (or someone picking up on their behalf) then were assigned a registration number.

Food baskets, winter wear, toys brighten holiday season

Last week, food baskets, snowsuits, and an overwhelming number of toys were laid out in three different locations — Winchester, Chesterville, and South Mountain — during three separate distribution days.

A total of 181 baskets were given out in North Dundas last week, with 81 from that total being shipped out of the Nelson LaPrade Centre in Chesterville (a total of 65 snowsuits were also handed out). The final combined tally for snowsuits going out to needy children was 133.

Overall, 62 baskets and 43 snowsuits left the Winchester Lions Hall, while the South Mountain portion of the fund saw 38 baskets distributed, along with 25 snowsuits.

Hundreds of toys were also made available, with those picking up a basket or suit also able to select something for their children. The items were made possible thanks in part to a number of Angel Tree initiatives, including one at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, which helped to donate 85 toys.

The number of those requesting assistance spiked, jumping from 158 baskets and 109 suits in 2010.

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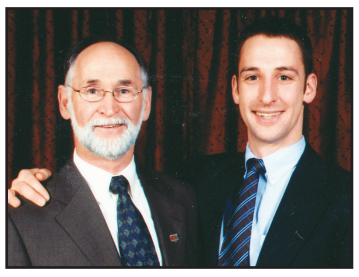
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Police investigating missing funds

BERWICK — The Township of North Stormont has called in the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP to help track down missing public funds.

Mayor Dennis Fife announced Wed., Dec. 16 that a complaint had been made to the local police force.

"Approximately two months ago we discovered some inconsistencies and discrepancies in our accounting system," he said in a prepared media statement.

Fife would only say the amount missing is "substantial," while adding the investigation is in its early stages.

"We will inform you concerning the progress of the investigation when we are able to do so, but it must be done without jeopardizing the OPP's investigation," he said.

When the inconsistencies were first discovered, Fife said, the township's auditors — Craig, Keen, Despatie, Markell — were asked to conduct an early audit of the municipality's books.

Inconsistencies discovered months ago

Through a preliminary review, it was clear funds were missing, the mayor continued, at which point the police were contacted.

Going forward, taxpayers will be contacted by the auditors, and asked to confirm the payments they have made. Correspondence will be made by mail.

If residents have questions or concerns, they are asked to call Craig, Keen, Despatie, Markell at 613-932-3610.

Coincidentally, North Stormont's clerk, Karen McPherson, was appointed acting CAO and treasurer at the municipality's Tues., Dec. 13 council meeting, while treasurer Monique Lajeunesse has taken a leave of absence.

As of press time, however, no charges have been filed in connection to the ongoing investigation.

Christmas

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Weagant said the increased numbers show a changing demographic in the region, with many children having grown, needing bigger snowsuits, and more food to ensure proper nutrition.

"Shifting between the villages in the last number of years, kids are getting older and they are eating more and more," he said.

The Sat., Dec. 3 North Dundas Country Christmas Parade of Lights also doubled as an unofficial collection campaign for this year's fund. During the pre-parade activities, bins were set up throughout the village to collect food and toys, while during the parade, volunteers collected more than $2,000 in cash from spectators lining the village's streets.



Meeting the need

Winchester Lions Club members Dwayne Holmes (left), Guy Belliveau, and Al McRoberts were just three of the many volunteers helping to dole out food baskets, toys, and snowsuits as part of the 2011 North Dundas Christmas Fund.
Press Photo — Uhrig

Wireless

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"[The] launch is an important step toward our goal of providing higher speeds and bandwidth to at least 95 per cent of homes in eastern Ontario," said J. Murray Jones, chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. "Broadband access will improve the quality of life for our residents and help businesses thrive."

The EORN project is a $170-million initiative funded by federal, provincial, and municipal governments and private sector contributions. Work to build a massive, 5,500-kilometre fibre optic network is well underway, and contracts have also been signed to deliver high-speed via satellite at improved pricing.

Once streamlined, a variety of service packages will be offered, ranging from 1.5 to 10 megabits per second. These speeds will enable users to stream video and other innovative applications that will support various sectors, including business, health, and education.

Impaired charge follows bizarre crash in Osgoode

OSGOODE — A Montreal man is facing impaired driving charges following a crash on Main Street in Osgoode.

The incident took place during the early morning hours of Mon., Dec. 19.

According to Ottawa police, Mohamed Mousavi Zadeh, 26, struck a parked SUV and a nearby house, leaving what was described as "a significant trail of debris and property damage."

Following the crash, Mousavi Zadeh allegedly wandered to a nearby house where he is said to have asked for help with his injuries.

When paramedics arrived, the man was treated for head wounds, and was transported to Ottawa Hospital.

A court appearance for the accused has yet to be scheduled.

POLICE BLOTTER

Aircraft enforcement patrol

LONG SAULT — Throughout the weekend of Fri., Dec. 16 to Sun., Dec. 18, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Aircraft Enforcement Patrol (AEP) was in the local area. With the assistance of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP and Highway Safety Division officers, monitoring and enforcement of Highway 401 was conducted.

The following are results of the initiative: speeding charges, 78; other traffic-related charges, five; and drug seizure, one.

Drugs seized during RIDE program

CHESTERVILLE — On Sat., Dec. 17 around 8:30 pm, SD&G OPP officers conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot-check on Main Street in Chesterville had the occasion to stop a truck in the process. The stop resulted in the seizure of a quantity of suspected marijuana.

Brandon Wagner-Lamesse (22) of North Dundas was arrested and is charged with possession of a controlled substance. He's set to head to Morrisburg court on Tues., Jan. 10, 2012.

Thefts galore

HALLVILLE – The SD&G OPP is investigating two separate thefts. On Tues., Dec. 6 between 6:30 and 11 am, a large-screen television, laptop, and digital camera were reported as stolen from a Hallville home on Maurice Street.

The day before, three steel bulldozer track assemblies were reported as being stolen from a property on County Road 18.

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

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Veterans' Affairs Canada confirms Hill 70 grant

Almost $41,000 made available to cover memorial expenses

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — The Mountain & District Lions Club has received a maximum of $40,972 from Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) to upgrade the village's original Battle of Hill 70 Memorial.

Officials gathered to celebrate the announcement last Friday (Dec. 16) at Mountain's community park. It's the site where the Lions have been working to revamp an existing site of remembrance, which local residents created back in the 1920s to remember lives lost in the bloody First World War battle.

Besides the memorial itself, other additions include a walkway, wheelchair-accessibility renovations, and a permanent storyboard giving the history of the Battle of Hill 70.

The funding was accessed through the Community War Memorial Program (CWMP) via Veterans Affairs Canada.

"The Hill 70 Memorial has great importance for this community," said Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Lauzon in his prepared remarks. "This funding support will ensure the memorial remains a place of remembrance and reflection for the community's future generations."

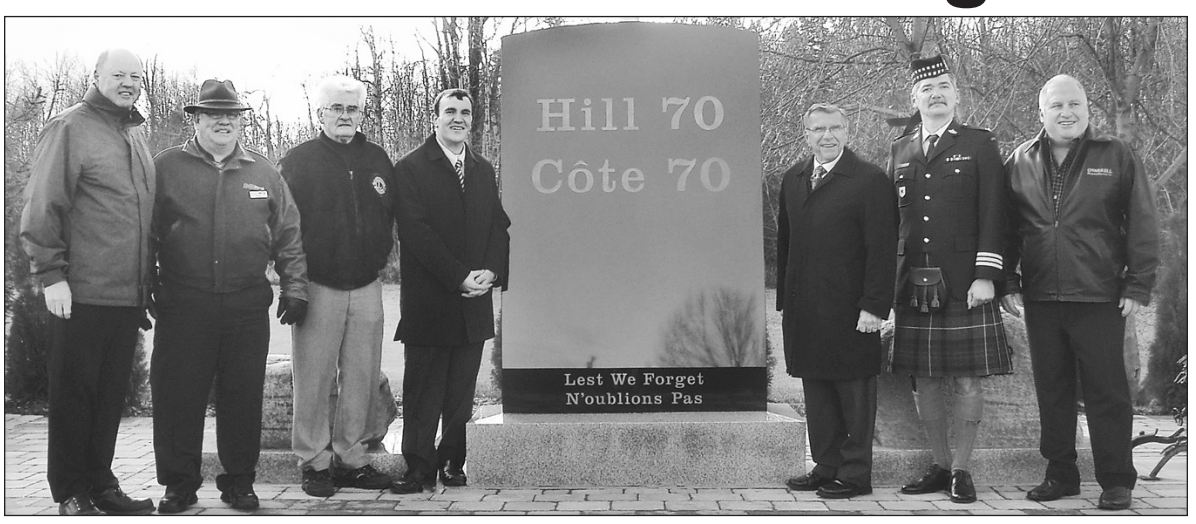
Minister of Veterans Affairs Steven Blaney also offered support.

"It is our sacred duty to remember and honour our veterans and the brave men and women who serve Canada so selflessly," said Blaney via an official statement. "The memorials we build today will forever reflect our nation's gratitude to the generations of Canadians who allow us to live in peace and freedom."

Lion Ian Mckelvie thanked the government for funding the Lions' project, which was already supported by the broader community through cash donations and in-kind contributions. (Totals hover around the $32,000 mark.)

"The committee couldn't have achieved this without the financial support of VAC though their CWMP program," said Mckelvie. "The extra funds were the primary reason why we were able to include the black granite story boards describing the Battle of Hill 70 and the origins of the Mountain Memorial Community Park."

While the Lions launched the most recent campaign to improve Hill 70, Col. Bill Shearing of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Highlanders initiated efforts before then, providing a new commemorative stone and hosting a rededication ceremony in 2009.



Pictured at a funding announcement in Mountain last Friday (Dec. 16) are: Bob Weagant (left), Mountain & District Lions Club; Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce, Township of North Dundas; Don Johnston, Mountain & District Lions Club; Mayor Eric Duncan, Township of North Dundas; Guy Lauzon, Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP; Lt.-Col. Rob Duda, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders; and Dermid O'Farrell, Mountain & District Lions Club.

'The forgotten battle'

Lt.-Col. and Commanding Officer Rob Duda of the SD&G Highlanders noted that the Battle of Hill 70 had a direct Canadian connection. He noted that Mountain is the only known site in the world that honours the military effort. "As the storyboard on the monument explains much better than I, the Hill 70 battle was a significant one, worthy of remembrance," Duda said in an email. "In it, the whole Canadian Corps in the First World War fought together, as they first had at Vimy [Ridge] three months earlier, but this time under a Canadian: Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Currie. At Hill 70, as a result of superior planning and meticulous preparation, the Canadians confounded the predictions of British generals that the attack against a determined enemy in a strong position would fail."

He praised the community and government for investing in the plan: "The Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Highlanders, along with many other units in today's Canadian Army, rightly hold Hill 70 as one of our battle honours. Hill 70 has been referred to as 'the forgotten battle,' but the people of Mountain and the surrounding area certainly remembered when they commemorated the service and sacrifice of the soldiers from North Dundas who fought at Hill 70 when they established the monument in their village [in the 1920s]. It's clear that the people of North Dundas still remember, and the new monument is a fitting tribute to both the Canadians who served in the Great War and the men and women of the area who honoured their service and contribution to the Allied victory."

The Lions plan to host a public commemoration ceremony for the site in 2012.

Increased development fees?

WINCHESTER — An upcoming public meeting has been scheduled for January so the Township of North Dundas can gather feedback on development fees for fire services.

At the most recent regular council meeting on Tues., Dec. 13, the politicians discussed the fact that, according to township staff's research, North Dundas doesn't always charge rates that are equivalent to those issued by similar municipalities.

Developers typically pay fees in order to subsidize the costs of roads, parks, fire services, and more.

Planner Calvin Pol noted that North Dundas is giving developers a considerable discount on behalf of the township fire department. "There's an expectation that [fees should] go up with inflation, somewhat," Pol added.

Councillor Al Armstrong noted that he's not fond of supporting fees or initiating expenses that could deter builders. "I've never been a big proponent of development fees," he said. However, Armstrong qualified his statements by adding that he's working on long-term fire services budgeting, and big bills are coming down the pipes.

The other council members agreed that they should consider raising the fees.

The public meeting is expected to take place on Tues., Jan. 24.

Council notes from North Dundas

SNC oversees sewage

Council passed a bylaw establishing a one-year contract with South Nation Conservation, which will administer sewage systems in North Dundas. (The Eastern Ontario Health Unit used to have the responsibility but decided to discontinue its role in 2012.)

Accessibility update

Council reviewed improvements to buildings performed in 2011 under the Accessibility Plan. Lighting was updated in the municipal office, Nelson LaPrade Centre, Happy Face Nursery, Winchester and Chesterville pool buildings, Mountain Community Hall, Morewood Community Hall, Winchester Old Town Hall, and the Winchester OPP/Library building.

Handicapped parking symbols and lines were repainted at the Winchester Community Centre, Chesterville Arena, and Winchester OPP/Library. Meanwhile, sidewalk updates were performed in Winchester's downtown, Riverside Drive, Chesterville , and a walking path in the Nationview subdivision. The Chesterville waterfront project also included a wheelchair ramp.

In 2012, the revamp of the North Dundas website will also support accessibility. In addition, improvements to the council chambers' doors may be considered in a budget — along with other improvements to township buildings as a whole.

The update was provided through the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Counties Accessibility Committee.

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Legion names poster winners

WINCHESTER — The Royal Canadian Legion — Winchester Branch 108 rewarded poster contest winners with certificates and cash prizes on Sat., Dec. 17.

The competition — run as part of the Royal Canadian Legion Youth Education Program — recognized six young people last weekend.

The primary-division winners (all from Nationview Public School) were: Taryn Cooper, first place; Stephanie Cormier, second place; and Jaden Banks, third place.

The junior-division winners were: Carley Milne-Servage of Nationview, first place; Samantha Cormier, Nationview, second place; Kendra Bueley, Winchester Public School, third place.

The winners in each division won $25, while second and third prizes were $15 and $10, respectively.

The first-place posters advance to the district level to compete, and results are expected to be released in April or May.



Poster perfection

President Barry Holmes (back, left) and acting youth education chair Connie Drew (back, right) recognized poster contest winners during a Sat., Dec. 17 ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion – Winchester Branch 108. Pictured in the front row are participants Stephanie Cormier (left), Taryn Cooper, Samantha Cormier, and Kendra Bueley. Missing: Jaden Banks and Carley Milne-Servage.

Press Photo – Smith-Millar

St. Paul's Ladies Aid to wrap up for season

by Kathy Spruit

WINCHESTER — The St. Paul's Ladies Aid is scheduled to take a break before recommencing meetings in the new year on Mon., Jan. 2.

In the meantime, there will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Sat., Dec. 24. Refreshments are available at 7 pm, and the service starts at 7:30 pm. Everyone is most welcome.

The St. Paul's Ladies Aid met most recently on Mon., Dec. 5. Many dishes of delicious food brought to the potluck supper satisfied even the strongest appetites. Following the supper was a time of fun. A Christmas carol sing-a-long, funny songs, and various games lifted everyone's spirits.

The Christmas Service in the sanctuary was based on the theme "believe in giving." Phyllis MacMaster, the group's speaker, was inspired by an image she saw of the shape of the continent of Africa created by the words describing the true gifts of Christmas: mercy, peace, love, hope, and sharing. MacMaster expanded on this theme by choosing a few of these gifts and explained how to include them in the celebration of Christmas. The "giving" theme was also seen in the financial support of Linking Hands, a project of the House of Lazarus. Linking Hands is the voice for poverty reduction in Dundas County, and the money given at the service supported the Lunch and Learn program.

The inspirational message, music, and motivational readings were all very uplifting and helped establish the Christmas spirit in everyone there.

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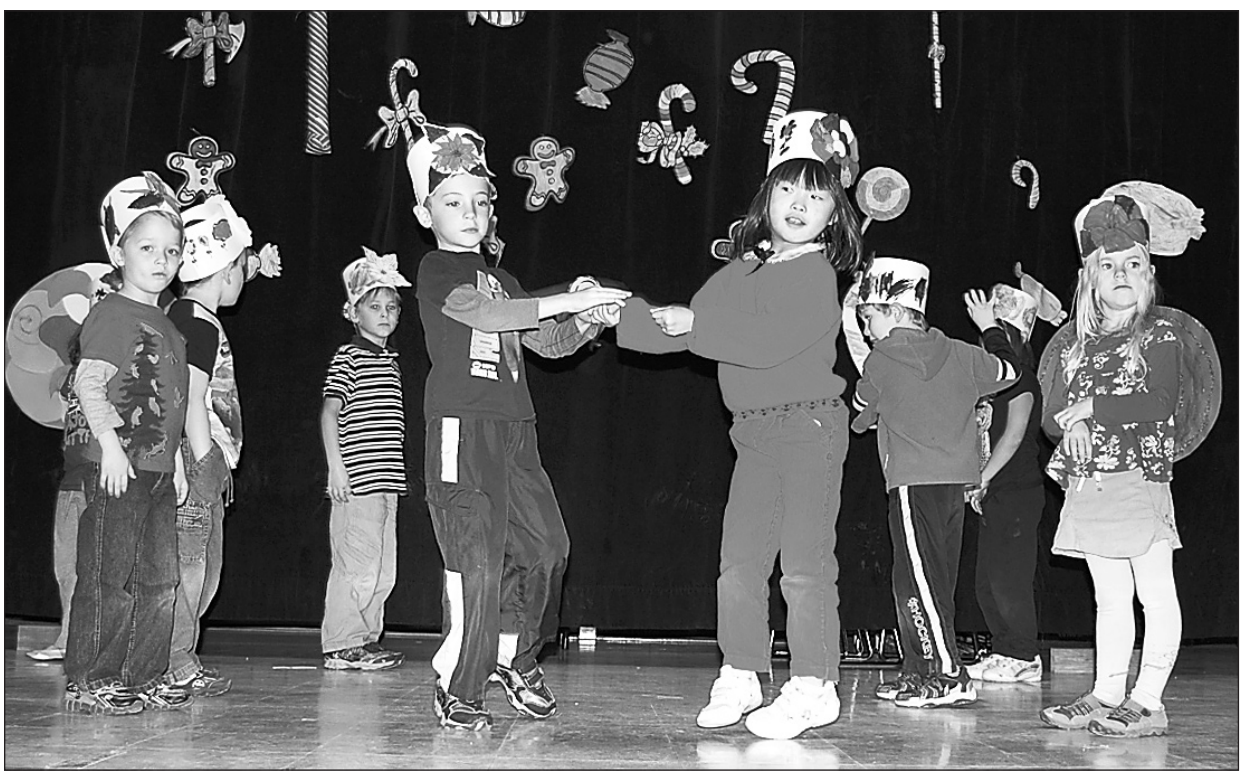



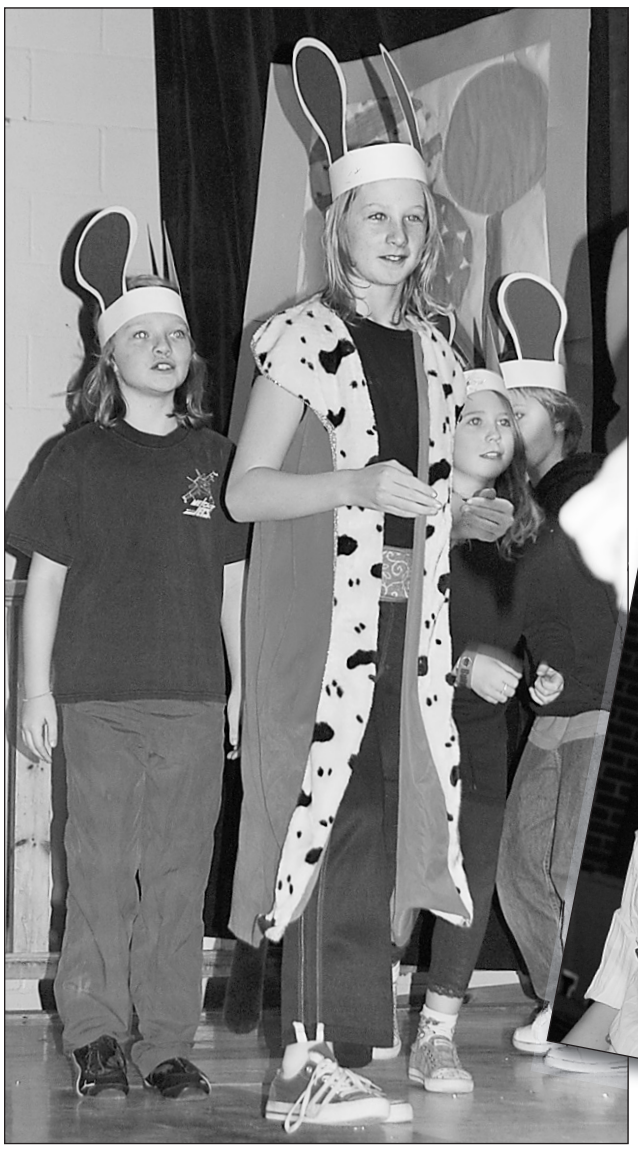





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Soon it will be Christmas Day

Nationview Public School (NPS) hosted its Christmas concert on Thurs., Dec. 15. Pictured, clockwise, from top right: Handbell ringers Willow Franklin (left), Zoe Hogan, Taryn Cooper, and their fellow Grade 3 classmates performed a yuletide medley; Preston Shelaga (left), Logan Tremblay, and their Grade 3/4 classmates performed a modernized rendition of the haunting "Arabian Dance" in NPS' version of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker; *Jordyn Francis (left) and Kaitlynn Summers were co-storytellers for the ballet-turned-play; Mouse King Emily Cooper played the antagonist in the production; Nicholas Jacques and Xin Sui were partners in the Grade 1 "Waltz of the Flowers."*



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Courage starts in the classroom

"None of us likes to be hated, none of us likes to be shunned. A natural result of these conditions is, that we consciously pay more attention to tuning our opinions to our neighbor's pitch and preserving his approval than we do to examining the opinions searchingly and seeing to it that they are right and sound. This custom naturally produces another result: public opinion being born and reared on this plan, it is not opinion at all, it is merely policy; there is no reflection back of it, no principle, and it is entitled to no respect."
- Mark Twain, "The Privilege of the Grave"

The sheep are the cowards. Kids who choose doing the popular thing over the right thing.

The Ontario government has promised to crack down on bullying.

In the face of recent teen suicides — many of which were rooted in bullying and harassment over sexual orientation — Bill 13 will force schools to crack down on the taunting.

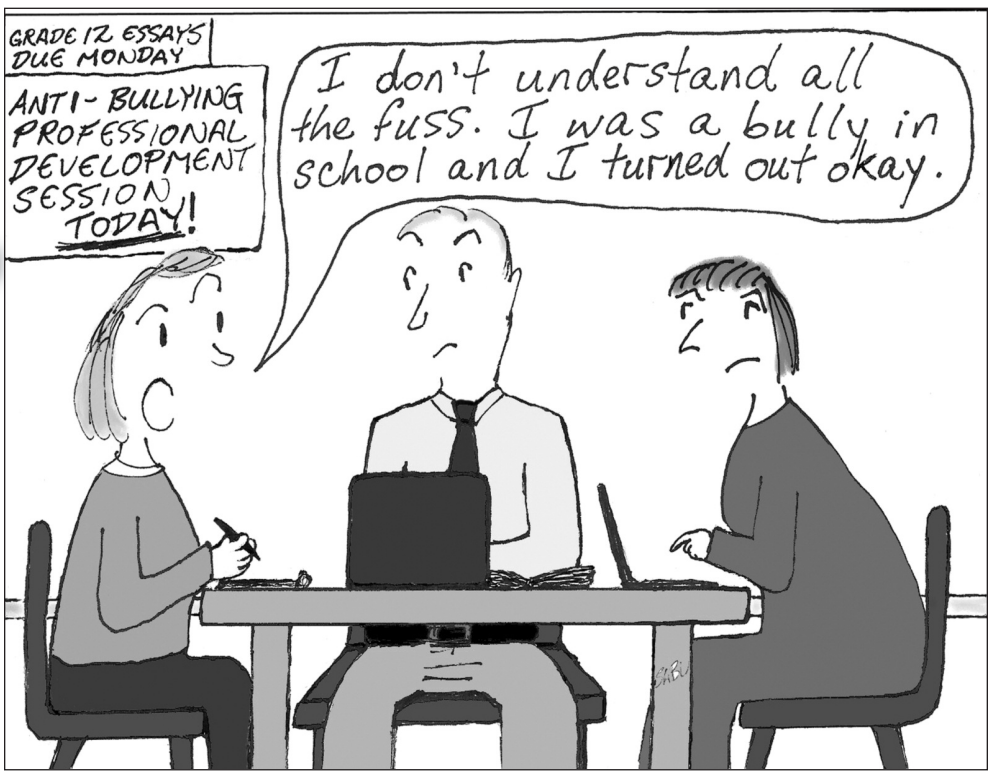
Consequences for bullies may include expulsion.

Ontario's proposed anti-bullying legislation is an important step. But the rules in their current incarnation would be flawed, and probably ineffective.

And, like any social change, a cultural "shift" must accompany the legislation.

Rather than expelling bullies and depriving these messed-up kids (who often are suffering internally, or bullied themselves) of education — and therefore making the most negative impact on their lives imaginable — we need to help them.

More importantly, we must target the enablers: The jocks who humiliate en masse the two or three boys in class who cannot dribble a basketball, after quietly verifying that the Alpha Jocks agree with the course of action. The teens who join a taunting chant in the hallways when the crowd has begun in earnest. The Grade 9 girl who chats indulgently with her "unpopular" neighbour every day, but ignores her in English class when the cool kids are watching. The Facebook users who senselessly repost rumours on other kids' "walls," or spread details of sexual indiscretions — or, perhaps worst of all these days, circulate nude photos online after these photos have been "leaked," resulting in a level of humiliation unknown to previous generations.



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The sheep are the cowards in the crowd.

These are the young folks who have a choice between doing the right thing and the popular thing, and make the wrong decision, simultaneously hurting another person and their own self-respect — whether they choose to acknowledge it or not.

We all know enablers, and many of us have played that role before, too.

Groupthink begins in the hallways, classrooms, and school buses of our country.

We need to show young people to (1) stand up for what's right, and (2) assert themselves articulately and confidently; avoiding confrontation when necessary but embracing it when there's no other choice.

We must teach children to do what's right and difficult (stand up to their peers) rather than what's easy (follow along or turn a blind eye). Parents need to set an example, as do teachers and administrators. For example, schools should do what's right (teach religious tolerance and diversity) rather than cater to perceived political correctness (in the case of some institutions, banning Christmas trees and inadvertently stirring up anti-immigrant hatred).

We bubble-wrap our kids these days, protecting them from physical harm with helmets and curfews and laws that prohibit suddenly "risky behaviours" — like throwing snowballs or crossing the street independently. However, our kids have gone soft on the inside.

Respecting yourself and respecting others are actually the same thing.

We need to change our culture and raise young people who are unafraid of asserting themselves in the workplace, relationships, friendships, politics, and beyond.

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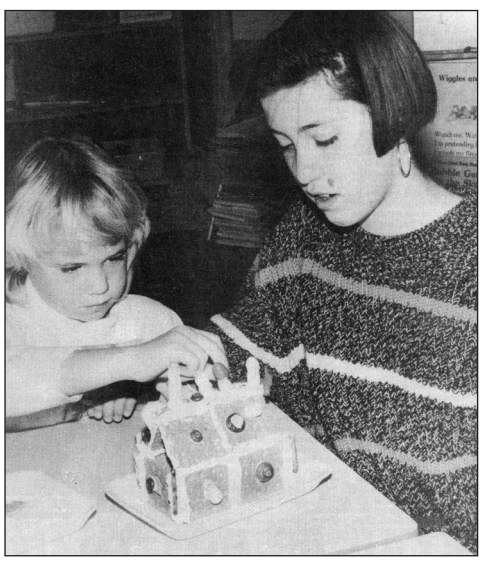

Grade 1 Nationview Public School student Connie Hoogenboom (left) received some help this week in 1991 from senior student Melanie Godard during a gingerbread house-making session at the educational institute.

1931

The much maligned motion picture industry had at least one good deed to its credit, the *Winchester Press* stated this week. The recent shift to making movies based on famous literature had proved successful for the industry, with the highest-grossing pictures being *Tom Sawyer* and *Moby Dick*.

1941

Canadian women were being asked this week to contribute to the war effort by keeping price lists of the staple items they purchased. The government was enforcing a new Price Ceiling Order to ensure that, while some basic items were becoming scarce, the cost of living wouldn't rise out of control.

1951

Ham loaf — golden rosy on top, oozing with meaty goodness — gave a feastly look and taste to Christmas dinner, the *Press* said this week. Colour and flavour stood out in the loaf because it was made with condensed tomato soup.

1961

Several youngsters this week played a part in solving an ongoing police investigation. While skating at Walker's Quarry, the children noticed a car beneath the ice. When police arrived at the quarry, they said the car belonged to a district man who had reported his vehicle stolen prior to the freeze-up. After a hole was cut through the ice, members of the Cornwall skin diving team assisted in attaching a tow cable.

1971

Larry Robinson, former star defenceman with the Metcalfe Jets, was playing this season with the Nova Scotia Voyageurs. Robinson played his first hockey on the open-air rink in Marvelville, and then played for a year with the Brockville Braves. He played the previous season with the Kitchener Rangers before being drafted by the Montreal Canadiens farm club in Nova Scotia.

1991

A 17-year-old North Dundas District High School student, Shawna Stoodley, was thrilled this week after learning a poem she had written was going to be published. Her piece, "Skin Deep," was to be included in an anthology designed to give budding poets a chance to be published.

2001

The Dundas County Soil and Crop Improvement Association selected Glen Haven Farm owners Tom and Janet MacGregor this week as the recipients of the annual Farmers of the Year Award.

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Sometimes those who need hope give hope



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

We all spend so much time reflecting this time of year. And as I am comfortably settling in on the back nine of life, I find that this year, I am thinking of the various people that have come and gone in and out of my life.

Friends come and go, even family members come and go. But some people transcend being friends. They are like your go-to people. They are your anchors.

And as I think of all my friends from Prescott to Manotick and Barrhaven and Ottawa to Dallas and Denver and Seattle and Nashville, and anywhere else I have ever laid my hat to call home, I am thinking of one of my anchors.

I am thinking of Dave Sliepka and his family.

Dave is originally from Chicago, but he and his family made the Dallas Metroplex home more than a generation ago. He was a business associate who, over time, became a good friend.

I have written before about my best sports fan road trip ever, which was a trip involving Dave. We were in Chicago on business, and the Montreal Expos would be playing in Milwaukee. I was a huge Expos fan, and since it was their last season, this would be my last chance to see a game. Dave planned our trip, we left the Rosemont Convention Centre and bussed it to Alamo for a rental car, filled up on a bag of White Castle mini burgers, and headed to Milwaukee. I wore a Habs flag as a cape, wore a team Canada jersey and an Expos hat, got on the jumbotron when I started breakdancing in the aisle, and even had two morons try to set me on fire at the Dippin' Dots Ice Cream of the Future booth. After the game, when we got to the parking lot, we realized that we did not know which lot we parked in, what colour our vehicle was, or what make it was. So we wandered around Miller Park's parking lot meeting people and having fun for two hours, until we came across a lone car in the parking lot with Dave's jacket in the back window. The silver Impala we were looking for was actually a dark blue Ford.

I met Dave's wife, Bev, that day. She was pushing a stroller with a little one through the convention centre, and Dave had combined a trip to Chicago with a trip home.

As time went on, Dave began to tell me about Bev's health problems. She was not feeling well, then she was going in for tests, and then she was sick. There were definitely problems, and Dave was feeling frustrated by the difficulties of the situation.

Eventually, Bev was diagnosed with Huntington's disease.

And although I only talk to Dave a couple of times a year, I always knew how difficult things were for him. He is the eternal optimist. He always sees the good in people and looks for silver linings in the dark clouds that might be darkening his life. That's why Dave's one of my anchors.

One of the things that has been tough for Dave is that people aren't quite sure what to say or how to approach the subject of how Bev is doing. He sent a message out to a number of friends earlier this month that has etched itself into my soul.

"From all walks of life, I've had people apologize for asking about Bev and our fight with Huntington's. Others have asked if it bothered me to be an example, or said they were sorry they didn't have the right words. Let me be clear, I am not embarrassed. We are fully open about our struggle. We don't mind questions at all. What we have been dealt is not for us to hide under a barrel. Bev's light is meant to shine even when it's just a flicker. If you are concerned, ask! If you don't know what to say, say that! Through this I have seen amazing hearts I would have never known. I expect that to only multiply. I'm grateful for the many friends we have."

I always used to joke about how you can do things the easy way, or you can do them the cowboy way.

I think the easy way to deal with what Dave and Bev and their family are facing would be to become bitter. Why did this happen to them? Why do bad things happen to good people?

But Dave and Bev and their family do things the cowboy way. They are thankful. They are thankful to their friends and to the people in their church who have been there to help them. They are thankful to the doctors who have worked so hard for Bev. They are thankful to their family for supporting them. They are thankful for all the people who have prayed for them.

For Christmas, I am going to pray that Dave, Bev and their family have strength through the battles they are facing. And I am going to thank God for giving me the privilege to have such inspiring people in my life.

Bev, if Dave ever has to rent a car to drive you to the hospital, make sure he writes down the make and colour of the vehicle, and the license plate number, and what lot he is parked in.

And Dave, tough times don't last, tough people do. Thanks for being an anchor to so many people, and thanks for inspiring us with your strength, courage, dedication, and friendship.

Merry Christmas,
Jeff

Letters to the Editor

Reader impressed with *Press*

The Editor:
I worked diligently, for six months, to privately sell my farm near Williamsburg. I posted ads on the local free websites, I paid for Grapevine and MLS listings, and I placed classified ads in the local papers. I was surprised to discover that the paid Internet listings netted me minimal response. The free listings prompted a very high response, but few viable purchasers.

I found that ads in community newspapers provided me with the highest number of serious buyers. Ultimately, it was an ad in the *Winchester Press* that sold my farm. I ran my $20 ad about 10 times throughout the past six months, so the cost was quite reasonable. The staff at the *Press* was always very professional, and got my ads in without issue. Thank you!

I would also like to thank the many people in this community, who provided friendship and support throughout the past 22 years; you know who you are. I have recently moved back to the city, and you can guess what I am missing already. I may have been heard bemoaning the less than interesting topography of Dundas County, but I have grown to love it for the people. I had stability and security when I needed it. Now, I am embarking on a whole new phase of my life, which promises much adventure.

A final note to all who are reading this; keep in mind that local newspapers are lifelines to your community. You are so fortunate to have a family-owned, weekly publication that is in touch with your social, historical, and political happenings. Just ask anyone whose community paper has been bought by one of the big corporations; you have a wonderful resource at your command. I urge you to use it and support it in any way you can.

Tracey Adams
Aylmer, Que.



Long service honoured

Three *Winchester Press* staff members were recently honoured with individual Silver Quill Awards from the Canadian Community Newspapers Association. The recognition pays tribute to employees' 25 (or more) years of service within the community newspaper industry. Recipients included Sharon Sharkey-Holmes (left), clerical staff; Donna Rushford (third from left), co-publisher and advertising manager; and Linda Johnston, graphic designer. The trio is pictured with Beth Morris (second from left), *Press* owner and president of the Morris Group. *Press Photo — Uhrig*

Hydro funds belong to township

The Editor:
About 10 years ago, the Township of North Dundas directed our chief administrative officer, Howard Smith, to negotiate with Ontario Hydro to sell Winchester and Chesterville Hydro entities. Howard was able to raise the bar to $4 million, and considering the times, we felt it was better to accept a good deal and move on. There were several councillors opposed.

Council of the day used the interest to retire the villages' sewer and water debt, and there was discussion that in the future, proceeds could be considered if we had to do waterworks or sewer in the settlement areas. The majority of council wanted to preserve the principal for future emergencies, although a couple of councillors from the past council still believe that the money belongs to Chesterville and Winchester.

I disagree. The province mandated a hydro system at cost more than 100 years ago. The village had hydro many years before the rural townships, which made sense because of the volume of customers. They had cheaper rates than the countryside as well. The villages got a nice break with their debt being paid, and since we are one township, the principal should belong to the township for either interest revenue or for dire emergencies. For the township to spend $2 million on the last water projects is being extremely shortsighted when there are other good options that were brought up by assistant administrator Angela Rutley to pay for them.

North Dundas water rates are lower than in most places, and reserves need to be built up for renewal purposes, as the system is getting old. The province has mandated that users pay for the cost of sewer and water. There will be big projects in the future that accumulated interest could cushion.

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Another Main Street vacancy

The Editor:
Well, look who's next.

It's time to thank all of those who have stuck by me throughout the past seven years. As some of you may know, my business (Simple Pleasures Baskets & More), formerly Creative Gift Baskets, is closing the doors. I have been blessed with serving the community for seven years, and although my retail location is closing, I will still be able to provide the same great service, but from our home.

Throughout the past seven years, I have learned many things since being a business owner. I can't say it has been an easy decision, to say the least. I can say without a doubt, I have enjoyed being involved with a wonderful customer base. New faces every day, some friendly others, well, you know. You have been a welcome part of my business and for that I am truly grateful.

Even though there is always chatter when a business closes (for one reason or another), I would like to set the record straight. My health is fine, my wallet on the other hand not so much.

It takes more than meets the eye to run a business. I have tried to keep it fresh and new, and for those who are thinking of opening your own business please do your homework first. Just know the ins and outs, and try to come up with something different, don't try to copy what's already here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drive slowly, safely

The Editor:
During this winter season, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) crews will make every effort to provide everyone with safe, passable roads. Even when all of our equipment is at work, heavy or drifting snow may re-cover roads before repeat clearing is possible. Although the United Counties of SD&G have sufficient resources to deal with what winter throws at us, we ask for your patience because we cannot be everywhere at once.

In order to stay safe this winter, please give yourself extra time to get where you are going, adjust your speed to suit the road conditions and give our snowplows plenty of room. Snowplows travel at slow speeds in order ensure they are clearing the roads properly — remember that the best road conditions are right behind the plow!

A couple reminders to help us through the winter:

• Please avoid parking your vehicles on the road or on the shoulders during the winter. You can be charged under the *Highway Traffic Act* and your vehicle could be towed.

• Please don't deposit snow in the right-of-way. If your contractor is pushing snow across the road when cleaning your driveway, make sure they clean up the snow "windrows."

• Please give the snowplow operators a big wave when they go by. They keep the roads safe for you all winter long.

If you would like to receive an update on the road conditions within the United Counties of SD&G or have any questions about our winter operations, please feel free to contact our office at 613-932-1515 ext. 2.

Benjamin de Haan
SD&G County Engineer
Cornwall

Storefront closes

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Competition doesn't work in a small town, complement each other, help each other grow, that's the only way it will work.

I don't blame anyone for the store closing. I can say it has been great on holidays. If only they were year round. Overhead is a big part of any business. Rent, hydro, phone, Interac, insurance, taxes, shipping, not to mention a ton of stock and supplies all have to be paid before you see a dollar.

I don't think people realize just how much goes into being able to operate a storefront. Just because I own a store doesn't mean I have money, there's no paycheque, no pension, no health care. Just trying to provide a service to those who need it.

There are not many that take home a paycheque and if they do they pay double everything. You still have your own bills at home. To those of you still in business, thank you for letting me be part of that. I wish you all continued success in the years to come.

On that note, what I have noticed over the years since I have been in business, is to watch how many have come and gone. Too hard to count that many. Some of my friends were among those who had many restless nights, trying to decide, "should I stick it out one more year?" hoping the economy would get better. Only to find yourself adding instead of subtracting to the debt load. Where do you draw the line?

I imagine some will miss the store for a while, but remember, we did all we could to make it work, advertising, draws, contests, giveaways, donations out of pocket (some of whom have never stepped foot in the store before other than to ask for something). How do you say no?

For now, we will continue to provide the best service we are known for as we make way for a new chapter in this ever-changing world.

Our doors will be closing Fri., Dec. 30, 2011. The store will be selling off all fixtures until Tues., Jan. 10, at which time we will start vacating. Once again, I have to say thanks for the memories, your constant support, and lending many ears while we struggled with this decision.

If anyone asks me if I'd do it again, my reply would be, there are only two things that could change my mind, win the lottery and own my own building. Until then, it has been a pleasure.

Lorna Munday
Winchester

Spending, electrician rights in sights



From Queen's Park
by MPP Jim McDonell

TORONTO — I am back in the riding after a very busy three weeks at Queen's Park. The office is set up, and I am still working through the stacks of reading and paperwork involved in the job as MPP. The learning curve is steep, but the staff at Queen's Park and our PC Caucus is both very knowledgeable and eager to help.

The Throne Speech was read on the second day of the session with no plan to address the ballooning deficit, which is now predicted to hit $16 billion, a billion more than the McGuinty government identified just two months ago during the election.

With the province's revenues at an all-time high, up $1.6 billion from last year, it is time to get spending under control by strategically spending on our priorities, instead of just throwing money at everything, hoping things will improve. There are a number of serious examples of countries that didn't act on early warnings regarding finances, and some of these countries are now forced to accept deep cuts in their standard of living to earn bailouts from their neighbours. These are lessons we need to take to heart.

"There are ... serious examples of countries that didn't act on early warnings regarding finances."

A number of bills have been brought forward, both governmental and private, but there has been no agreement on the formation of committees that is required before these bills can proceed. The rules of the legislature dictate that committee membership reflects the number of seats held by each party, so with the opposition holding a majority of the number of the seats, they should have a majority of the committee positions. This is something that the McGuinty government is refusing to acknowledge.

The McGuinty government must accept that committee membership is a reflection of the will of the electorate.

I have the honour of being assigned to the role of critic of the Ministry of Consumer Services, and have had a few issues to deal with to date. I am extremely disappointed in the latest regulation that forces all electrical contractors to have at least one master electrician on staff. While this may not cause any issues for large companies, it is a huge issue for the small self-employed electricians that we commonly see in rural Ontario. In fact, an Electrical Safety Association (ESA) employee reports that 22 contractors in the five eastern counties are going out of business because of this regulation. Minister of Consumer Services Margarett Best tries to justify this regulation by stating that it will improve safety, but these same electricians can perform work for not-for-profit organizations as long as they don't charge for their work. Obviously, safety is not the real issue. It is sad, but another concession to the big unions who funded their campaign.

A neighbour of mine, at 71 years of age, must either go back to school or expand his business. He is one of the 22 small businesses being forced out of business with the threat of a $5,000 fine per day and imprisonment for continuing to work. We have raised the issue with the minister, and I have submitted several petitions to attempt to bring a resolution to this important issue.

As the fall session has ended, I am now back in the constituency working on riding issues, attending constituency functions, and preparing for the upcoming session.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous year in 2012.

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

Hydro funds

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I also believe that the whole township, including those who have their own system (well and septic), should pay a small percentage toward the above-mentioned infrastructure because we all benefit from having the villages and their amenities in our township. That would make up any perceived loss because of the sale to Ontario Hydro.

In closing, it is obvious that while I feel that spending hydro money in this way is unacceptable and unnecessary, I'm trying to provoke honest debate which is sadly lacking on this subject in our township.

Alvin Runnalls
Winchester

Editor's note: *Letterwriter Alvin Runnalls is a former member of the Township of North Dundas council, and most recently served as mayor until his unsuccessful bid for re-election in October 2010. – A.S.M.*

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NDDHS Notes

by Taylor Ace

Christmas concert craziness Friday

MAPLE RIDGE — With the big guy only days away, student council has officially reached total havoc in preparation of the Christmas concert, spirit week activities, and planning events for the new year. The concert is this Fri., Dec. 23 in the afternoon in the school gymnasium.

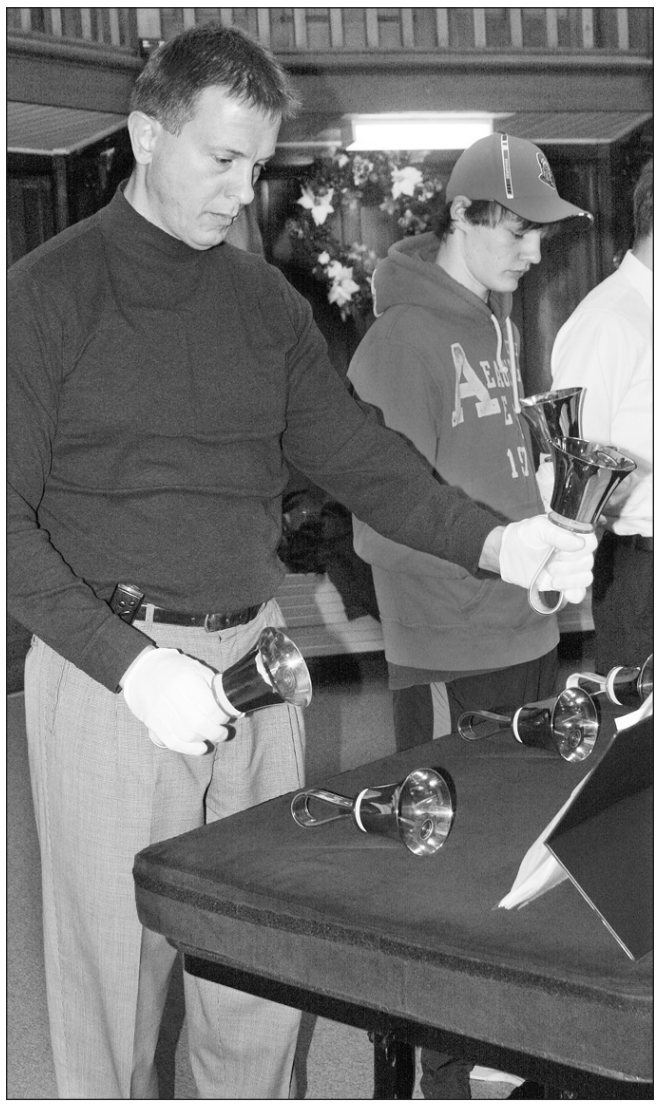
The whole school will be attending, and the public is invited to come and watch the concert as well.

Videos, skits, and musical numbers will make up the entertainment for the afternoon. Everybody is encouraged to come out, share in the laughter, and get into the holiday spirit with the students and staff of North Dundas District High School.

This Friday is also the last day of classes before the Christmas holidays. Students will be off for the full two weeks following Christmas. Students will be returning to scheduled classes on Mon., Jan. 9 for the remainder of the first semester.

Exams will follow, beginning on Thurs., Jan. 26 and continuing through until Tues., Jan. 31.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas from everyone at North Dundas, and from Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, be responsible, don't drink and drive over the holiday season. We would love it very much if everybody returned safely after this holiday time!



Sound of the season

Dr. Bart Steele (pictured here during rehearsal) was but one member of the Winchester United Church's Handbell Ringers who took part in the Seaway Valley Singers' annual holiday show. This year's performance was held Fri., Dec. 16 at Iroquois United Church. *Press Photo — Uhrig*

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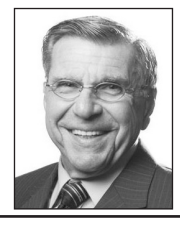

From Parliament Hill

by MP Guy Lauzon

OTTAWA — Many constituents have asked me how Christmas is celebrated on Parliament Hill. I can assure you the Christmas spirit is alive and well in Ottawa.

It is difficult not to get into the Christmas spirit when you work on Parliament Hill.

To begin with, Christmas decorations are everywhere. From the giant Christmas tree in the rotunda to smaller trees lining the front and rear halls of Centre Block, there are reminders at every turn. Cards and, to a lesser degree, gifts are exchanged amongst staff and MPs.

As we leave late in the evening after a long day in the house, we can enjoy the wonderful images reflected on Centre Block, and the thousands of Christmas lights adorning the many trees on the hill.

As I sit through Official Languages Committee and moderate caucus meetings, I notice my male colleagues wearing holiday-themed ties and my female colleagues' holiday-themed brooches and scarves. Some members even put their culinary talents to work and bring in special holiday treats — a tradition I really do appreciate.

It is business as usual on Parliament Hill leading up to the Christmas break, but the mood seems happier and more joyous. We aren't necessarily less partisan, but the Christmas spirit does soften the rhetoric.

Our final caucus meeting before the house rises for Christmas is also special. After a long caucus meeting this past Wednesday, we celebrated the hard work we have done throughout the session by singing Christmas carols and eating candy canes. One of my colleagues even played the bagpipes.

During the final hours, all members from all parties are wishing each other a very Merry Christmas.

And that is exactly what I wish for you and your loved ones — a very Merry Christmas.

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Memorial tree lighting takes on sombre tone

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Memories reverberated through the halls of Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tues., Dec. 13.

That day, the hospital's foundation played host to the annual memorial tree lighting ceremony.

Each year, the hospital's fundraising branch welcomes the hanging of ornaments on the tree in honour of loved ones who have died. Every adornment has been placed there through a donation made to the local medical facility as part of the Christmas Wish Tree program.

"It is a symbol of a light of your loved ones," Troy Cross, the foundation's executive director, said during the ceremony. "It really allows you to pay tribute to them in a special way."

As well, this year's event took on a more sombre tone. Instead of shining the spotlight on the hospital's accomplishments, foundation staffers chose instead to allow the ceremony to be what they felt it should be — a memorial.

WDMH revamps annual ceremony

"Instead of self-reflecting, it's a time for [those in attendance] to remember loved ones," said Chelsea McIntyre, WDMH Foundation fund development associate.

Meanwhile, a handful of students from Morrisburg Public School were on hand, having designed more than 300 cards to be handed out to patients who will inevitably be in the hospital this Christmas.

"The fact that they made over 300 cards for the patients, and agreed to sing them carols, it's just unbelievable," said Joanne Sidorchuk, manager of diagnostic imaging and laboratory.

Aside from that, two students stood out from the rest, with brothers Dylan and Evan Jones taking it upon themselves to raise money for WDMH.

"We just had so much old toys," said Dylan.

The siblings hosted a yard sale earlier this year, selling off items that had been pushed aside.

"We just felt like we should raise money for the hospital," Evan conceded.

In total, the duo netted just over $58 through their efforts.

Once again this year, Scotiabank branches in Chesterville, South Mountain, Morrisburg, Osgoode, and Russell will be matching the funds raised through the wish tree.



Brothers Dylan (left) and Evan Jones were selected to flip the switch for the lights on this year's memorial tree at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. A special ceremony was held on Tues., Dec.13, during which the siblings presented $58 to hospital staff — a total they raised by selling old toys.

Press Photo — Uhrig



Benevolence and banking

The Winchester Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) has been busy helping out Naomi's Family Resource Centre this holiday season. On Fri., Dec. 16, Butch Oldford (centre) of Royal LePage Gale Real Estate picked up customer donations at the branch, which served as one of many collection sites for the Open Heart Campaign. The gift drive — run locally through Royal LePage — provides Christmas gifts to women and children who have accessed Naomi's services within the past year. Pictured gathering a portion of the donations are Verna Léger (left), executive director of the shelter, and Marieke vanNoppen (right), Winchester branch manager.



Léger also accepted a $500 cheque from RBC, obtained through the bank's Employee Volunteer Grants Program. (RBC employees and retirees who donate more than 40 hours per year to a charitable organization can apply for a grant of up to $500 for their organization). Customer assistance officer Lorrie Munro (left) accessed the grant after spending about 50 hours helping Naomi's. *Press Photo — Smith-Millar*

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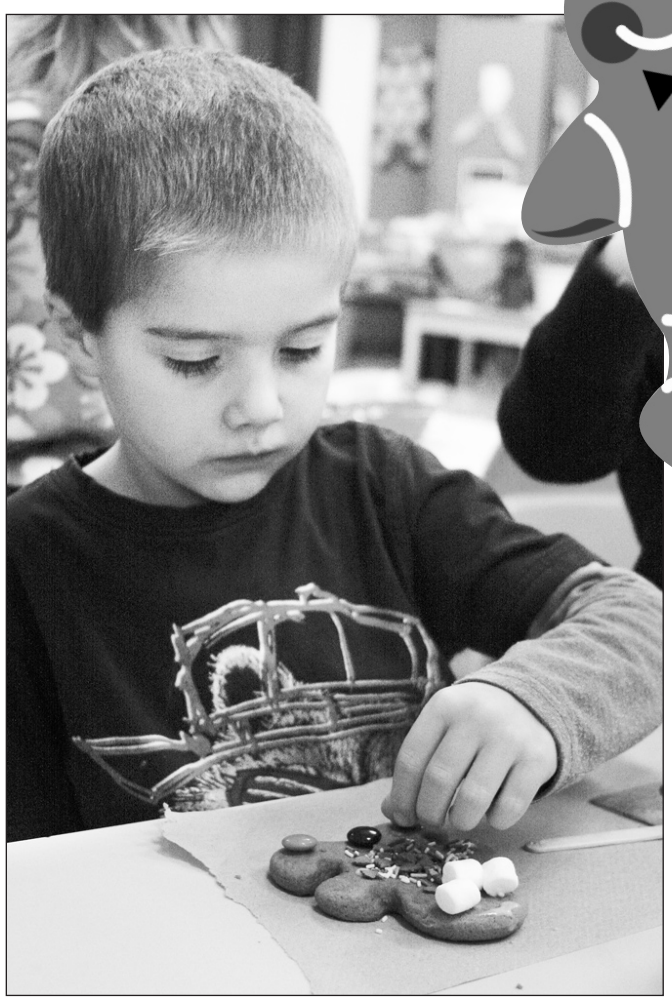



Cookie creators

Kindergarten students at Winchester Public School spent some time on Thurs., Dec. 15 designing their very own gingerbread cookies. Pictured clockwise, from above: Kyle Robb and Amélie Carsjens; Emma Stevens, who told the Winchester Press *her favourite part was eating the cookie at the end; Gavin Copeland, clearly impressed with his work; and Nicholas Antille — a master in the field of concentration.*

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On home hardwood

The North Dundas District High School Devils completed the 2011 portion of their SD&G "AA" boys basketball season on their home hardwood on Monday (Dec. 19). The Junior Devils held on for a 38-36 win over La Citadelle Patriotes, while the Senior Devils pounded the Patriotes 72-46. Full details will appear in next week's (Wed., Dec. 28) issue. Senior Robbie Kerr (No. 2) recovered the ball in the Patriotes' zone on this play.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Hawks down Glens 5-2, shut out Akwesasne 4-0

WINCHESTER – Mike Evelyn cracked in a pair of goals, including the winner, as the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks defeated the Alexandria Glens for the fourth time in as many meetings.

Friday's (Dec. 16) 5-2 victory on Winchester ice upped the Hawks record against the Glens to 4-0-0. With two games left on the schedule, Winchester has out produced Alexandria 18-8.

The Hawks then inflated their first-place St. Lawrence Division record to 23-3-1-0 by whitewashing the Akwesasne Wolves (4-22-1-2) 4-0 on Cornwall Island the following night (Sat., Dec. 17).



Matt Quirion

Holiday break

The Hawks have cancelled their next two home dates — Fri., Dec. 23 vs. the Char-Lan Rebels and Fri., Dec. 30 vs. the Brockville Tikis – and moved them to Wed., Jan. 28 (vs. Char-Lan) and Wed., Feb. 8 (vs. Brockville). Both are 8 pm starts.

A rematch with the Casselman Vikings (23-4-0-1), who currently share top spot with the Hawks with 47 points, will provide the opposition when play resumes on Winchester ice on Fri., Jan. 6. The next day (Sat., Jan. 7) the Hawks will take on the Gananoque Islanders at 2:30 pm. The game is part of the 2012 Rideau-St. Lawrence Showcase in Winchester. The first of five games is set for 9:30 am.

Hawks 5 – Glens 2

A pair of late first-period goals by Mike Evelyn (from Steven Johnston and Brock Burge at 4:10) and captain Graham Loyst (unassisted 0:54) got the Hawks into 2-0 lead on Alexandria. Play in the opening 20 minutes was end-to-end with the Hawks outshooting the Glens 12-11.

Dylan Chessel (unassisted) widened the gap to 3-0 netting his 21st goal of the campaign at 17:46 of period two. Just 19 seconds later, Leo Mclean slipped a shot behind Alex Monk and the Glens were on the board at 3-1.

Evelyn struck for his second of the night (seventh of the season) finishing a PP engineered by Brent Simms and Aaron Dickenson with 3:33 left in the session. There were 16 seconds to play in the period when Steve Johnston opened up a 5-1 lead with his eighth goal of the campaign. Nevin Guy and Dickenson drew assists on the play. But Alexandria responded 14 seconds later when Philippe Paquette made it a 5-2 game.

Winchester's Alex Monk (18-3-0-0, 2.10 GAA) made six saves in the final 20 minutes for the win.

The Hawks finished the game with 50 shots on Alexandria goaltenders Antoine Marchand and James Edwardson.

Winchester head coach Tom Kirkwood said he was pleased with the team's effort, particularly when it was said the only reason the Hawks beat the Glens 4-0 in their previous meeting was because they were short players.

"I was told they had a full roster on Friday," he said.

Hawks 4 – Wolves 0

Winchester's number two shot blocker Matt Quirion made the most of a rare start when he registered a 4-0 shutout over the Akwesasne Wolves on Saturday.

It was the first goose egg for Quirion who improved his numbers to 5-0-1-0 in eight starts. He owns a 2.12 GGA and an 87.14 save percentage.

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Devils undefeated in girl's hockey opener

MORRISBURG – Four games, three wins and a one-goal loss. Those are the numbers the North Dundas District High School Blue Devils put up in their first action of the 2011-2012 SD&G high school hockey season.

The boy's squad, under the direction of coaches Stephen Henderson and Scott Reaney, launched their new season drubbing the La Citadelle Patriotes 9-2 before finishing their day (Tues., Dec. 13) at the Glengarry Sports Palace in Alexandria by dropping a 4-3 decision to the Char-Lan Crusaders.

Coach Mike Deighton and the girl's team hit the ice in Morrisburg the next day (Wed., Dec. 14) and registered a pair of victories edging the St. Joe's Panthers 3-2 and blanking the Tagwi Warriors 5-0.

Devils 3 – Panthers 2

North Dundas took on the Panthers in their first game situation and built up a 2-1 lead by half time. St. Joe's netted a short handed goal midway in the second session forcing the Devils to grab a 3-2 win when rookie Tori Corkery went to the Panthers cage and snapped a loose puck home giving her team a 3-2 win in the final minute of play. It was Corkery's first high school hockey goal.

Coach Deighton wasn't happy with the two goals his team gave up.

"The second one when we had a power play shouldn't have happened. But, the first was a redirect that Lindsay (Chambers – goalie) had no chance on," he said.

Amber Cotton rang up the Devils first goal of the campaign, finishing a play started by Chesley Romans and Taylor Cummins in the opening minutes. Rose cracked a long drive into the St. Joe's cage for the second tally and Corkery won it by burying an opportunity created by Cummins and Cotton.

Devils 5 – Warriors 0

First-year goalie Cashelle Baldwin got the call in game two against Tagwi and she responded by earning a shutout in her first high school game.

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The winner

Tori Corkery jumped for joy when she saw the puck settle into the St. Joe's net in the final minute of the game. Corkery's goal, her first in her first high school hockey game, gave the North Dundas District High School Blue Devils a 3-2 victory over the Panthers. North Dundas finished its first day (Wed., Dec. 14) of SD&G girls hockey action in Morrisburg with a 5-0 decision over the Tagwi Warriors.

Press Photos – Van Bridger

LaPierre rink wins Dominion Senior Women Zone 1 title

MORRISBURG – Janet LaPierre has skipped her Winchester Curling Club foursome of Janet Levere, Janet Thompson and Wendy Casselman to the 2011 Dominion Senior Women Zone 1 championship.

It was a short trip to Saturday's (Dec. 17) "A" final in Morrisburg for the winning rink.

LaPierre needed just one victory in the three-team playdown to earn the right to represent Zone 1 at the Regionals at the Quinte Curling Club in Belleville next month (Sat., Jan. 28 and Sun., Jan. 29).

The Winchester entry drew a first-round bye and advanced to the 'A" final where they eliminated Ottawa's Sandra Chisholm in eight ends. Chisholm had knocked off Russell's Sharon Courneyea in the opening draw.

Chisholm eventually emerged as the "B' winner.

The Winchester club also had a team entered in the Zone 1 senior men's competition the same day in Morrisburg.

Skip Bill Doornwaard, Henry Doornwaard, Donald Van Hoof and Michel St-Marseilles were eliminated in the "B" semi-final by Andre Paquette of Ottawa's RCMP club. Winchester suffered a last-rock, 10th-end setback to Wally Morris of Ottawa in the opening draw, but bounced back by scoring three in the 10th end of their first game in the "B" event to defeat Andre Paquette of Ottawa.

Ottawa's Brian Lewis was the "A" event winner.

Minor Midgets knock off Selects and Rebels

WINCHESTER – Captain Patrick Gibson delivered the game-winning goal in the North Dundas Minor Midget "B" Demons 2-1 victory over the visiting South Stormont Selects.

Last week's one-goal win on Winchester ice improved the Demons Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division record to 8-5-0.

Gibson's first marker was set up by Josh Beach and Dakota Boulanger at 11:24 of the second period and put the Demons up 1-0. The Selects knotted the count at 1-1 when Mike Valade scored at 13:08 of the final frame.

That set the stage for Gibson and he came through with the deciding shot 9:08 before the final buzzer. Dayton Kelly engineered the game-winning scoring play.

Demons 4 – Rebels 1

Gibson cracked in a goal and drew three assists in the Demons 4-1 victory over the visiting Char-Lan Rebels on Thurs., Dec. 8. The day before (Wed., Dec. 7), the Demons were in Long Sault where they broke through the 500 barrier with a 3-1 decision over the South Stormont Selects.

Brett Bartholomew put the Demons on the board finishing a play started by Gibson and Dayton Kelly with 7:19 left in the first period. Gibson then put the Rebels down 2-0 scoring from Kelly at 4:57.

Dylan Marshall's second-period tally enlarged the difference to 3-0 with 1:02 to go in the second stanza.

An unassisted goal by Blake O'Connor at 10:52 of period three proved to be Char-Lan's only goal. The Demons' Dakota Boulanger then used a relay from Gibson and Dylan Marshall to make it a 4-1 final.

Demons 3 – Selects 1

Joe Fingler converted a feed from Boulanger into a 1-1 tie in the opening period against the Selects in Long Sault.

Period two was scoreless.

Unassisted shots fired by Devon Byers (GWG at 4:33) and Dylan Marshall (at 7.5 seconds) inflated the Demons' final margin of victory to 3-1.



The North Dundas Minor Midget "B" Demons cashed in a two-goal performance by captain Patrick Gibson and nipped the visiting South Stormont Selects 2-1 in last week's (Thurs., Dec. 15) home game. Patrick LeBrun (No. 9), Devon Byers (No. 5) and captain Gibson and the Demons moved three games above the 500 mark with the victory. Press Photo – Van Bridger

Rockets stall Express 6-3, for third win of the season

CHESTERVILLE – Six different shooters hit the target in the North Dundas Rockets third win of their first season in the National Capital Junior Hockey League.

Sunday (Dec. 18) afternoon's 6-3 victory over the Gatineau Express on Chesterville ice was the third for the expansion Rockets (3-15-2) who hold down eighth place in the nine-team circuit, two more than the Papineauville Vikings (3-15-0).

The Rockets weekend started on Saturday (Dec. 17) when they played host to the sixth-place St. Isidore Aigles (8-8-2) and were beaten 5-1.

North Dundas will now take a Christmas break and won't resume play until 2012 when they travel to Vankleek Hill to take on the seventh-place Cougars (6-12-3) on Sat. Jan. 7. The following day (Sun., Jan. 8) the first-place Embrun Panthers (16-3-0) will supply the opposition at 2:15 pm.

Rockets roar

Gatineau struck for a 2-1 first period lead in Sunday's encounter, but the Rockets took a 3-2 lead in the second stanza and iced win number three with a three-goal third period.

Chris Embury used a pass from Tyler Vallance to put the Rockets on the board with 1:43 left in period one.

Brandon Buma turned a play started by Embury and Spencer Peters into North Dundas' second goal at 17:38 of period two. Peters then drilled home a Vallance relay at 4:51, putting his team into a 3-2 lead.

A PPG by RJ Wallace with 13:52 left in period three was set up by Pete Klein-Swormink and Nick Straccini and opened up a 4-2 lead. Tyler Jones increased the difference to 5-2 when he buried a chance created by Jesse Zanutta and Dylan Fawcett at the 9:20 mark. There was 3:46 showing on the clock when Adrian Lee finished off a play started by Vallance and Embury making it a 6-2 game.

Gatineau netted a PPG 47 seconds before the final buzzer, slicing their final deficit to 6-3.

Andrew Dechamplain was the winning 'tender.

The Rockets played without John Cleary and Sebastien Saikley who were serving the first of two game suspensions. Buma and Lee rejoined the team for the win after serving one-game suspensions.

Aigles soar

Nick Straccini (unassisted) recorded the lone North Dundas goal in Saturday's 5-1 loss to St. Isidore. His marker tied it 1-1 with 11:50 left in period one.

The Aigles led 2-1 after one and 5-1 after two periods. Shawn Hunt was the Rockets' starting goaltender.

NDDHS girls hockey

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"Tagwi has a good team, but doesn't have a real goalie so I think we weren't serious enough to start. But when the girls realized they had better pick it up they started scoring," said the coach.

"Cashelle had to make some big saves to keep us in the game," he added.

Geena Rose potted a pair of goals in the 5-0 win. Corkery, Carmen Stubbings and Bailey Milne supplied the singles. Amanda Carkner (2), Brittany Cooper, Hope Klein-Swormink and Jenna Warren set up the scoring plays.

The Devils will resume play on Tues., Jan. 10 when they will face La Citadelle and Char-Lan in Long Sault.

Boys split games

Stewart McKelvie pumped in a pair of pucks in the Devils 9-2 romp over the La Citadelle Patriotes in the boys opening encounter.

William Fawcett, Mitch Kirkwood, Shawn Simms, Ryan Romans, Josh Freake along with rookies Brad Stitt and Bryden van Kessel sniped singles for the defending SD&G champions.

Coach Henderson reported the Devils played without veteran forwards Brandon Cousineau (injury) and Shawn Simms, who was suspended in the win over La Citadelle.

Henderson said that his team had trouble holding Char-Lan's Andrew Ming in check and as a result the speedy Crusader snapped in a pair of goals in his school's 4-3 win over North Dundas. Ross Craig and Jeremy McFarlane had the other Char-Lan markers.

Ryan Romans scored twice and van Kessel tallied his second high school goal in a losing cause.

Henderson estimated the Devils have plenty of speed and talent and should have everyone ready for duty when play resumes in Morrisburg on Wed., Jan. 11. North Dundas will face the winless Seaway Spartans at 8 am and the CCVS Golden Raiders at 10 am that morning.

Hawks

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"Matt faced about a 12 shots," noted Kirkwood. "They had two good scoring chances and he made two solid saves."

Veteran defenceman "Big" Ross Urbankiewicz played his second game of the season and because of work commitments will play when ever possible.

Defenceman Matt Sarazin's PPG, set up by Chessel and Dickenson with 39 seconds left in the first period, proved to be the winner.

Sarazin cashed in another PPG at 10:34 of period two recording his fourth of the year by finishing a play started by Loyst and Dickenson.

Chessel rang up goal number 22 scoring from Dickenson and defensive partner Guy at 19:17 of the final frame.

Dickenson earned assist number 39 and Guy his 20th helper engineering Josh Stubbings 14th tally that made it a 4-0 final 7:39 before the final buzzer.

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Perfect opening for Junior Devils' volleyball season

MAPLE RIDGE – It couldn't have been scripted any better.

The North Dundas District High School Junior Devils opened the 2011-2012 SD&G girls "AA" high school volleyball season sweeping the Holy Trinity Falcons and the CCVS Golden Raiders.



Point

Marissa Jaquemet (No. 2) and Kelsey Ellis (No. 18) watch a point drop in on the CCVS Golden Raiders during last week's (Tues., Dec. 13) SD&G "AA" senior volleyball home opener. The Raiders defeated the Devils 3-0 in the afternoon match. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

The Devils were trailing the Raiders through the final set of the day. They climbed back to within two points (16-18) with the hope of rallying to complete a perfect day. North Dundas managed to retain the serve and went on to take the final set 25-18.

"The girls did really great today," commented coach Cheryl Williams. "I played everybody and they all contributed."

North Dundas faced Holy Trinity in their first match of the new season and posted a 3-0 win (25-19, 25-21, 25-21). They then blanked the Raiders 3-0 (25-22, 25-20 and 25-18).

Yesterday (Tues., Dec. 20) both junior and senior squads were in Cornwall to take on the St. Joe's "AAA" Panthers and La Citadelle Patriotes. In the new year, their first action is slated for Wed., Jan. 11 when they will return to Cornwall for matches against CCVS and La Citadelle.

Senior Devils

Things didn't go as well for coach Patti Hall and the Senior Devils who finished their opening day with a 1-5 record.

The Devils went up against the Holy Trinity Falcons and suffered 25-16 and 25-23 losses before taking the third set 25-15. Their second match ended in a 3-0 loss (25-20, 25-21, 25-12) to the CCVS Golden Raiders.

Coach Hall said she felt the girls gave a good effort and noted the extended service provided by Olivia Wouters in all three sets.

"The girls played well against CC, but we couldn't handle their big servers and that's where we fell down," added the coach.



Good day

The North Dundas District High School Junior Devils defeated the Holy Trinity Falcons and CCVS Golden Raiders 6-0 in their home opener last week (Tues., Dec. 13). Taylor Cummins (No. 11), Haley Geertsma and Julia Wouters (left) working the net against CCVS. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Back-to-back victories

Aaron Turcotte, Pee Wee 'B' Demons blank South Grenville Rangers 1-0

WINCHESTER – Aaron Turcotte put together a flawless performance and with the support of his defensive crew backed the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons in a 1-0 shutout of the South Grenville Rangers.

North Dundas followed that win up with a 6-4 decision over the Athens Aeros at Center 76 on Saturday (Dec. 17).

The back-to-back victories enabled the Demons (7-7-1) to reach the 500 level and move from sixth place in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division standings into third place.

Avery Holmes was the offensive hero for the Demons in their 1-0 blanking of the Rangers using a pass provided by Cameron Reid and Mitchell VanBruinessen to break up a scoreless tie with the game-winning goal at 17:01 of the third period of last week's (Wed., Dec. 14) contest.

The loss lowered the second-place Rangers record to 8-5-0.

Demons 6 – Athens 4

North Dundas held a 2-1 first-period lead on the Aeros, but trailed 3-2 heading into the final frame. Jacob Robinson (unassisted) got the rally started scoring unassisted at 16:44. Jack van Kessel (from Curtis Barkley) put the visitors up 4-3 at 12:13, only to have the Aeros knot the count 4-4 at the 10:52 mark.

Barkley and Robinson then combined to set up van Kessel for is second goal, which proved to be the winner with 10:28 left on the clock.

Barkley iced the win, firing a shot into the empty Athens net 27 seconds before the final buzzer.

Avery Holmes (from Sandra Morley and Cameron Reid) and Brandon VanBruinessen (from Sheldon Lafortune) counted the Demons first-period markers.

Brayden Carr was the winning 'tender.

The Demons will host the South Dundas Lions tonight (Wed., Dec. 21) at 7 pm.

Meet the HAWKS

Dylan Chessel

No. 20

Forward



Dylan Chessel is in his second season with the defending Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference champion Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks. The native of Alliston signed on with the Hawks for the final 12 games of the 2010-2011 season and registered 12 goals, 10 assists and 22 points. He also led the Hawks in post-season scoring with 13 goals, 12 assists and 25 points. In 23 games this year, the sharp-shooting forward has netted 21 goals (8 PPGs, 4 GWG), added 18 helpers for 39 points, good enough for seventh place in the St. Lawrence Division scoring race.

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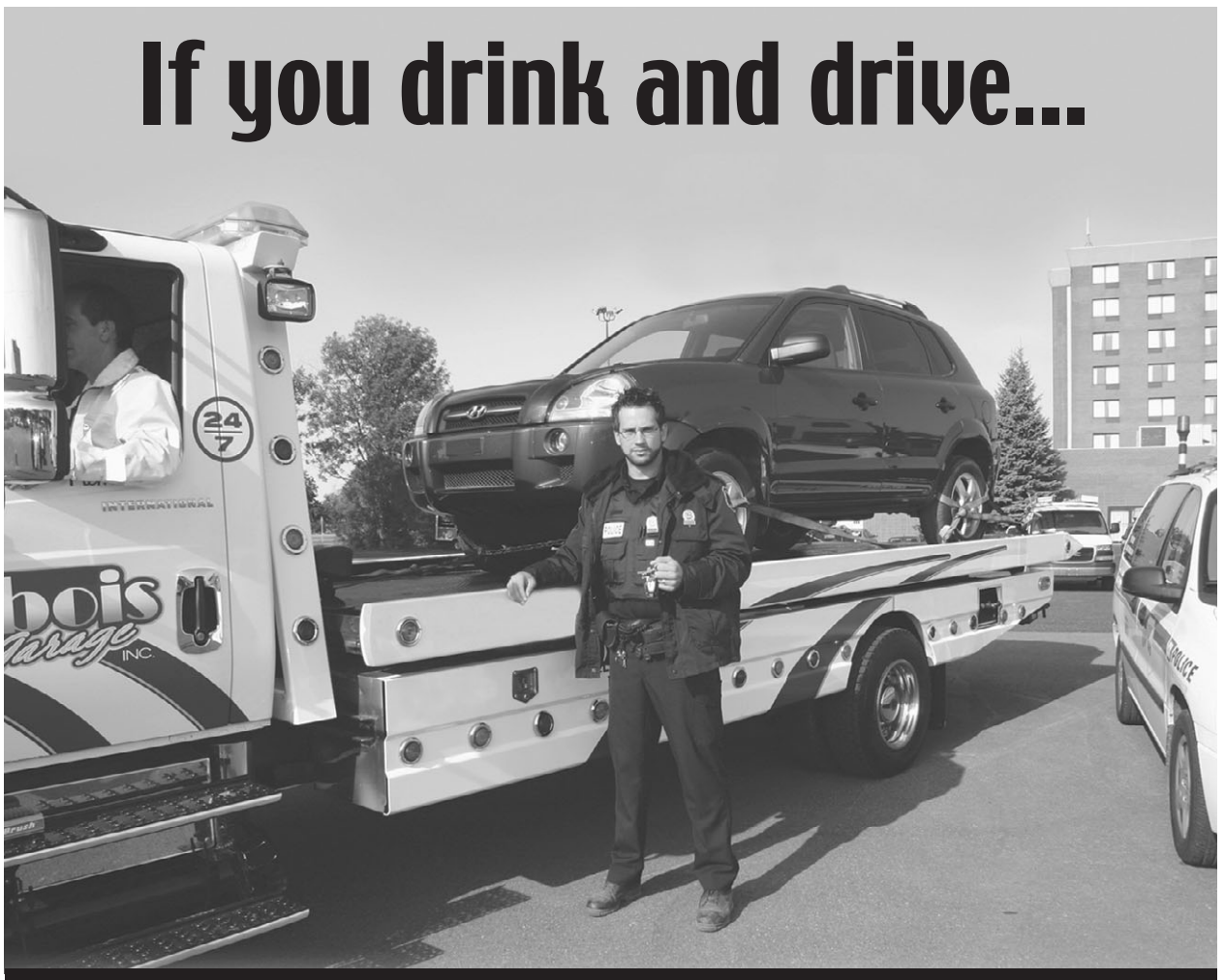

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Time to celebrate

Winchester Hawks captain Graham Loyst (left), joins Brock Burge (No. 12), Steven Johnston and Aaron Dickenson (back, right) in celebrating Mike Evelyn's first-period goal. Burge and Johnston set up the play. Evelyn scored twice in the Hawks 5-2 victory over the Alexandria Glens on Friday (Dec. 16) night. Press Photo – Van Bridger



Jets corral top-ranked Mustangs 4-1

METCALFE – Goaltender Brett Ayres faced 27 shots from the Metro Division leading Gatineau Mustangs, gave up just one goal and posted a 4-1 victory.

Friday's (Dec. 16) victory in Gatineau was the first of two the Metcalfe Jr. "B" Jets posted on the weekend. Sunday (Dec. 18) afternoon on Metcalfe ice the Jets shot down the fifth-place Ottawa Canadians (8-17-2-2) 5-3.

The four-point weekend enabled the fourth-place Jets (11-13-4-1) to open up a seven-point advantage on the Canadians.

The Jets played a rematch with the Canadians last night (Tues., Dec. 20) at the Brian Kilrea Arena before taking a Christmas break. Their first action of 2012 is a home game on Sun., Jan. 8 when the Valley Division's Almonte Thunder will provide the opposition for a 2:15 pm matinee.

Metcalfe jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first 20 minutes of Friday's tilt in Gatineau. Shawn Ennis got the puck rolling, scoring from Josh Gervais and Dawson Fisher at 5:36. Derek Shutron made it 2-0 at 3:38 after taking a feed from Martin Jolicoeur before Gervais opened up the 3-0 gap scoring from Matt Chennette with 2:56 left in the session.

Jean-Philippe Molson put Gatineau's only shot behind Ayres at 18:54 of the second stanza.

An unassisted tally by Chennette 1:56 before the final buzzer gave Metcalfe the 4-1 decision.

Metcalfe outshot the Mustangs (25-5-5-0) 36-27.

Jets 5 – Canadians 3

The home town Jets were down 3-1 to Ottawa with 15:47 left in Sunday afternoon's matinee, but mounted a big comeback and registered a 5-3 victory.

Fisher handed Metcalfe a 1-0 lead scoring from Kale Gulliver and Glendon Bakker at 18:35 of the opening session.

Ottawa rallied and counted the next three goals. Scott McIlroy tied it with 3:29 to play in the same frame. Eric Ferguson put the Canadians up 2-1 at 13:25 of period two and Sebastien Dubus increased the lead to 3-1 51 seconds into the third period.

Ryan Pike finished a play started by Gervais and Shutron at 15:47 slicing the Jets' deficit to 3-2. Chennette used a feed from Brandon Abraham and Matt Miller to tie it 3-3.

There was 12:28 on the clock when Miller cracked in the winner after gathering in a pass from Shutron and Brad Ago.

Gervais then set up Ennis for an empty net tally 36 seconds before the final buzzer.

Metcalfe outshot the Canadians 44-19. Ryan McLaughlin was the winning 'tender.

Andy's Reds battle Annable's Blues to a 2-2 decision

WINCHESTER – Kelly Zeran took care of the offence as the third-place Andy's Foodland Reds held the first-place Annable's Jewellery Blues to a 2-2 tie.

Zeran potted both goals for the Reds (6-3-1), recording the tying tally after taking a feed from Margaret Berry and Heather McDiarmid with 11:21 to play in Sunday's (Dec. 18) Winchester District Ladies Hockey League 9 am game.

The Blues (7-1-2) netted the go-ahead goal at 10:40 when Trisha Leduc finished a play started by Amy Darling. There was 3:58 left on the clock when Zeran zipped the tying tally into Karina Damato's cage.

Lana Begg's eighth goal of the season gave the Blues a 1-0 lead at 13:08 of the first half.

Reds' goaltender Cristal Beattie was named the "Player of the Game".

Pinks 2 – KC's 1

Sunday's triple bill opened with the Cooper Physio Pinks (6-4-0) nipping KC's Lawn Maintenance crew 2-1.

Goals by "Player of the Game" Sandra Cloutier (unassisted at 11:32) and Stephanie Scott (unassisted at 1:14) gave the Pinks a 2-0 first-half lead. Jacqueline Beausoleil ruined Roxanne Backes bid for a shutout when she scored from Erin Wilson and Julie Drouin 30 seconds before the half-time intermission.

WST 2 – Girls 1

The number-two ranked W.S. Trucking Company (7-2-1) edged the Country Girls (1-8-1) 2-1 in the 10 am encounter.

"Player of the Game" Kaila Beckstead's unassisted shot broke up a scoreless game with 16:05 left in the second have. Fellow trucker Edith Dagenais made it 2-0 with help from Amanda Rylaarsdam and Ashley Gilmer at the 10:22 mark.

Monika St. Louis dashed any hope Carrie McCadden had for registering a shutout when she used a relay from Tabbitha Derue to put the Girls on the board 2:15 before the final buzzer.



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Novice House 'C' Demons take 'B' tournament title

LANARK – A 3-0 loss to the Clarence Castors didn't deter the North Dundas Novice House "C" Demons from finishing the 2011 Lanark Minor Hockey Tournament on a winning note.

Following their 3-0 loss to Clarence on Saturday (Dec. 17) morning, the Demons bounced back with a 10-0 win over the Richmond Royals. Their final victory was a 12-0 shellacking of the Stittsville Tornadoes in the competition's "B" final.

North Dundas skated into a 4-0 first-period lead on the Royals and was cruising with a 7-0 cushion after two sessions.

Bounce back after losing first game

Ben Weber's goal, set up by Alexis Sharpley at 8:02 of the first period, proved to be the winner.

Weber, Adrianna VanBreugel, Noah Tessier and Kieran MacQueen-Ladouceur all potted a pair of goals. Sara Sloane and Ella Holmes netted singles. Holmes, Tessier and Sharpley all earned three assists. Chayce Hyndman and Sloane picked up two helpers each.

Hunter VanBreugel posted a second straight shutout, backing the Demons in their 12-0 win in the "B" final. Weber powered the winner's offence with a four-goal effort. Hyndman bagged three goals. Holmes added two, while Tessier, Sloane and Adrianna VanBreugel snapped in singles. Reise Marriner (3), Adrianna VanBreugel (2), Sharpley, Gabrielle Armstrong and Cole Leblanc provided the passes.

Reise Marriner accepted the "B" championship trophy on behalf of her teammates and coaches Peter Marriner, Jeff Hyndman, Clint Holmes and trainer Tom Sloane.

The Demons will take part in the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's tournament on Tues., Dec. 27.



The North Dundas Novice House "C' Demons whitewashed the Stittsville Tornadoes 12-0 in the "B" final of Saturday's (Dec. 17) Lanark Minor Hockey Tournament. The "B" champs are: front (left) – Alexis Sharpley, Chayce Hyndman, Adrianna VanBreugel, Gabrielle Armstrong, Reise Marriner and goalie Hunter VanBreugel. Back (left) – Sara Sloane, Cole Leblanc, Ella Holmes, Kieran MacQueen-Ladouceur, Noah Tessier and Ben Weber.

Star skater



Jordan Lynn Roberts, a member of the Winchester Skating Club, traveled to Lindsay to participate in StarSkate Lindsay 2011 on Sat., Dec. 10 where she earned first-place marks in Pre-Preliminary Ladies "A". It was her first StarSkate competition.

Score 19 times in two games

Midget 'B2' Demons bomb Wolves, Bears

WINCHESTER – Paced by Evan Durant's two-goal performance, the North Dundas House "B2" Demons whitewashed the visiting Akwesasne Wolves 9-0.

Sunday's (Dec. 18) win on Winchester ice followed a 10-4 romp over the Bears in Smiths Falls on Mon., Dec. 12, as the Demons outscored their opposition 19-4 in their latest two outings. Overall North Dundas owns a goal differential of plus 57 (91-34).

Captain Kirk Gibson opened Sunday's tilt against Akwesasne using a pass from Aaron Burns to record what would prove to be the game-winning goal with 2:57 left in period one.

Dan McSheffery and Durant added goals before the period was over and North Dundas carried a 3-0 lead into period two. Dylan Sosnowsky and Josh Jaquemet each dented twine in that session, opening up a 5-0 gap.

Durant, Ryan Carr (2) and Patrick Speagle counted markers in the final frame. Jaquemet drew assists on the final three scoring plays. Aaron Burns also picked up three helpers. Gibson (2), Speagle, Simzer, McSheffery, Sosnowsky, Austin Carruthers and Devin Simzer were the other set-up men.

Ryan Embury registered the shutout and helped his team improve its Upper Canada Minor Hockey League West Division record to 12-1-1.

Demons 10 – Bears 4

Captain Gibson led his troops to their 10-4 win over the Bears in Smiths Falls scoring three times.

Carruthers (2-4-6) and Sosnowsky (0-6-6) each produced six points, while McSheffery (2-1-3), Simzer (1-2-3), Durant (1-2-3) chipped in three each. Lane Kirkwood (1-1-2) sniped the single marker. Colton Stitt earned a pair of helper points.

The score was tied 1-1 after a period. North Dundas was leading 5-1 after two.

The Demons' next game is scheduled for Kemptville on Mon., Jan. 2.







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Char-Lan 4 - Gananoque 3
Casselman 5 - Alexandria 4
Dec. 18: Westport 4 - Athens 3
Gananoque 5 - Brockville 3

STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Westport	23	7	1	147	108	47
Athens	17	9	0	165	105	38
Gananoque	16	12	0	124	116	34
South Grenville	12	18	0	103	149	25
Brockville	1	27	0	81	209	3
St. Lawrence	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Winchester	23	3	1	152	76	47
Casselman	23	4	0	161	74	47
Alexandria	17	11	0	126	106	35
Char-Lan	11	15	0	101	153	24
Morrisburg	9	16	0	104	126	19
Akwesasne	4	22	1	96	161	11

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS

St. Lawrence Division	G	A	PTS
C. Chennette, Cass.	26	30	56
Brock Burge, Win.	23	30	53
A. Dickenson, Win.	10	39	49
J.F. Dubois, Alex.	21	26	47
D. Barr, Akwe.	23	18	41
A. Wensink, Cass.	19	21	40
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Rideau Division	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
P. Cameron, Athens	14	45	59
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M. Ming, West.	16	24	40
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Metro - Valley Conference

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 13: Ottawa 5 - Perth 4 OT
Dec. 15: Ottawa West 4 - Arnprior 4
Dec. 16: Metcalfe 4 - Gatineau 1
Perth 10 - Ottawa 5
Almonte 6 - Clarence 4
Arnprior 5 - Shawville 4
Stittsville 6 - Renfrew 5
Dec. 17: Almonte 6 - Shawville 3
Dec. 18: Metcalfe 5 - Ottawa 3
Gatineau 2 - Clarence 2
Ottawa West 5 - Stittsville 5
Renfrew 9 - Shawville 2

STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Gatineau	20	5	5	145	88	45
Ottawa West	19	6	4	140	97	42
Clarence	17	10	1	151	120	35
Metcalfe	11	13	4	101	117	27
Ottawa	8	17	2	101	125	20
Valley	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Arnprior	19	6	3	131	87	41
Perth	15	11	1	136	125	30
Almonte	10	11	3	115	120	24
Stittsville	9	17	3	99	132	21
Renfrew	9	17	1	86	123	19
Shawville	7	20	0	113	161	16

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 16: Embrun 4 - Papineauville 1
Rockland 6 - Gatineau 4
Dec. 17: Embrun 4 - Cumberland 3
La Peche 11 - Vankleek Hill 2
St. Isidore 5 - North Dundas 1
Dec. 18: North Dundas 6 - Gatineau 3
Cumberland 3 - La Peche 2
Rockland 5 - Vankleek Hill 2
Papineauville 3 - St. Isidore 2

STANDINGS

	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	16	3	0	91	57	32
Cumberland	14	5	0	86	57	28
La Peche	13	7	0	110	73	26
Rockland	13	6	0	87	69	26
Gatineau	11	9	0	83	81	22
St. Isidore	8	8	2	64	67	18
Vankleek Hill	6	12	3	83	103	15
North Dundas	3	15	2	54	100	8
Papineauville	3	15	0	42	92	6

Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks HOME GAMES

Fri., Jan. 6 - 8:15 pm
vs. Casselman Vikings

Sat., Jan. 6 - 2:30 pm
vs. Gananoque Islanders

Dec. 16 50/50 draw winner -
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North Dundas Rockets HOME GAMES

Sun., Jan. 8 - 2:15 pm
vs Embrun Panthers

Sun., Jan. 15 - 2:15 pm
vs Gatineau Express

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 13:
Sadler's Sud 8 - Chesterville Maulers 5
McLean's Flyers 4 - Berets 2

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Sadler's Suds	8	2	1	73	48	17
M. Flyers	4	4	3	50	60	11
C. Maulers	4	5	2	57	64	10
Green Berets	3	8	0	60	69	6

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Robyn Sadler, SS	18	19	37
Dean Byvelds, CM	19	12	31
Steve Decaire, SS	19	10	29
Rob Thurler, SS	14	13	27
Nik Paas, GB	12	15	27
Adam Schofield, MF	15	11	26
Josh McLean, MF	6	19	25
Kyle Dearing, GB	12	12	24
Dana Schofield, CM	9	14	23
Will McLean, MF	8	15	23

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 18:
Cooper Pinks 2 - KCs Maintenance 1
Andy's Reds 2 - Annable's Jewellery 2
W.S. Trucking 2 - Country Girls 1

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Annable's	7	1	2	28	9	16
W.S. Trucking	7	2	1	28	9	15
Andy's Reds	6	3	1	29	20	13
Cooper Pinks	6	4	0	13	19	12
Country Girls	1	8	1	7	28	3
KC's Maintenance	0	9	1	10	30	1

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Amy Fraser, Reds	9	5	14
Edith Dagenais, WST	10	3	13
Lana Begg, Blues	8	3	11
A. Rylaarsdam, WST	7	4	11
Kelly Zeran, Reds	6	5	11
A. Jones, Blues	2	9	11
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Heather McDiarmid, Reds	3	6	9
Amy Darling, Blues	3	6	9
Ashley Gilmer, WST	2	7	9



Lions donate

The Dundas County Girls Hockey Association held a food drive in support of the Dundas County Food Bank (both Morrisburg and Winchester locations) on Sun., Dec. 11. Each of the association's four teams — Intermediate, Midget "B", Midget "C" and Bantam House — took part in the fundraiser. More than 200 food items were collected and will be distributed through the food bank to local families. Dundas Bantam House Lions Aly Weegar (left), Laura van Kessel and Anna Gruich display some of the donated goods.

South Grenville Rangers hand Midget 'B' Demons first loss of the season

WINCHESTER – A pair of third-period goals lifted the visiting South Grenville Rangers to a 3-2 victory over the North Dundas Midget "B" Demons.

The one-goal setback, registered on Winchester ice on Mon., Dec. 12, was the first of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League campaign for the Demons (9-1-1).

Josh Freake converted a feed from Garrett Milne and Ryan Byers into a 1-1 tie for North Dundas with 7:55 left in the second session after South Grenville had taken a 1-0 lead when Trevor Matt put a shot behind Colin Giberson at 9:24.

Freake cashed in his second marker early in the final frame, finishing a play started by Milne at 13:56. But the 2-1 advantage disappeared when Devin Johnston tied it with 8:26 on the clock and won it 36 seconds before the final buzzer.

Demons 5 – Stars 1

A two-goal effort by Freake powered the Demons to their ninth win of the season on Wed., Dec. 7 in Westport.

North Dundas led the North Leeds Stars 1-0 after a period on a Stewart McKelvie goal. Freake made it a 2-0 game with 3:10 left in the second session. The Stars ruined Giberson's hopes for a perfect game scoring with 16 seconds left in the stanza.

Third-period tallies by Freake, Byers and Paul Gibson drove the final difference to 5-1.

Liam Morrow set up three of the goals while Dylan Comeau, Mitch Kirkwood, Gibson, Byers and McKelvie also picked up helper points.

Flyers double Berets 4-2

WINCHESTER – Will McLean potted a pair of goals, including the game winner, leading the McLean Flyers to a 4-2 victory over the Green Berets.

McLean also drew assists on the first two Flyer scoring plays in last week's (Tues., Dec. 13) Winchester Town Hockey League encounter. The win moved the Flyers (4-4-3) into sole possession of second place in the standings. The Berets fell to 3-8-0 with the loss.

Adam Schofield and Trevor Gilmer converted passes provided by McLean to help their squad open up a 3-0 lead in the first half. Schofield set up McLean for the third goal. McLean's second goal was recorded on an unassisted play late in the game.

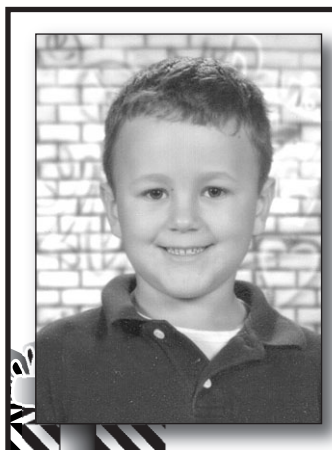
Goals by Nik Paas (from Derek Vingerhoeds and Dean Moore) and Scott Baldwin (from Vingerhoeds and Kyle Dearing) put the Berets on the scoreboard.

Suds 8 – Maulers 5

Steve Decaire scored three times and set up another marker as the first-place Sadler's Suds improved to 8-2-1 by way of an 8-5 decision over the Chesterville Maulers (4-5-2).

Rob Thurler and Robyn Sadler supported the cause with two-games. Al Christophersen sniped the single. Assists went to Thurler (2), Christophersen (2), Darrel Moore, Aron Sherrer, Troy McNaughton and Decaire.

Dean Byvelds kept the Maulers close firing in three markers. Justin "Footer" Morozuk and Travis Froats supplied the singles. Dana Schofield (3), Mitch Scott and Byvelds provided the passes.



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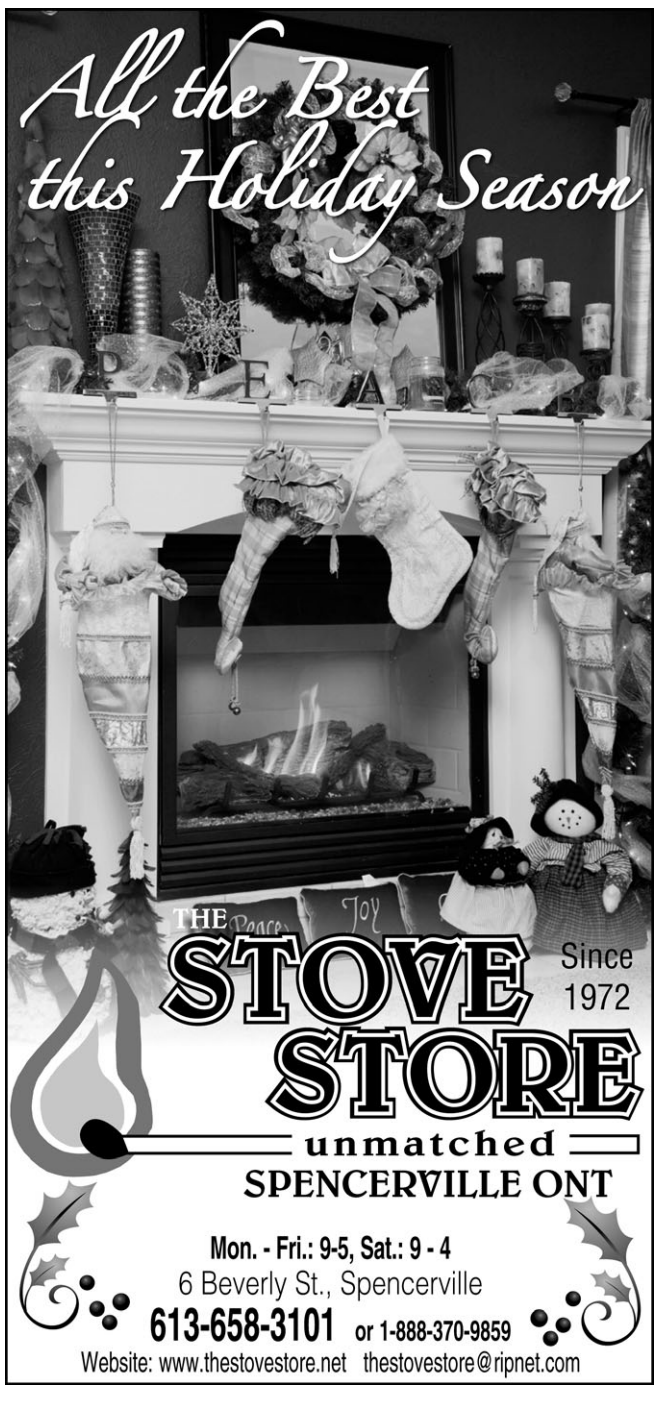

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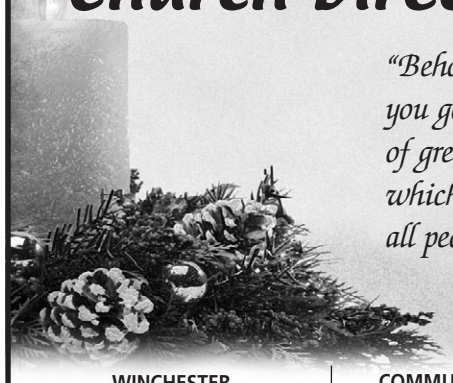

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Merry Christmas from Council & Staff

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- Responsible for ensuring effective internal controls are in place.
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- Responsible for any special projects involving accounting, tax and internal controls.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS
- The successful candidate will have a Professional Accounting Designation, CA, CMA or CGA;
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Pictured are: Kim Butler (left), representing the WDMH Foundation; Verna Léger executive director of Naomi's Family Resource Centre; David Lapier, chair of Jumpstart; Carol Richer, representing the South Dundas Christmas Exchange; Donna Quesnel, administrator of the Dundas County Food Bank; Cheryl Tynski, representing the Morrisburg Lions Club; Morrisburg Canadian Tire owner Michel Proulx; and Betty McIntosh, representing Canadian Tire and its family of employees.

Photo courtesy The Leader

Morrisburg Canadian Tire raises $11,000 for charity

MORRISBURG — The Morrisburg Canadian Tire has raised a cumulative five-digit donation for charity once again this holiday season.

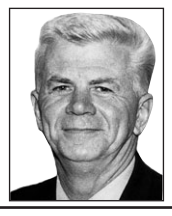
A total of $11,000 has been raised for various organizations that affect Dundas County, thanks to contributions from the Morrisburg Canadian Tire storeowner and staff members, customer donations from collection boxes, and the Canadian Tire head office.

This year's recipients included: South Dundas Christmas Exchange, $1,250; Naomi's Family Resource Centre, $1,250; the Dundas County Food Bank, $4,000; the Angel Tree program (coordinated through the Morrisburg Lions Club), $500; Winchester District Memorial Hospital, $1,000; and Canadian Tire Jumpstart (a national program that helps financially disadvantaged kids participate in organized sport and recreation), $3,000.

A Christmas message from Councillor Thompson

As we celebrate Christmas and look forward to a prosperous New Year, let us be thankful for all our blessings. Osgoode Ward is a tremendous community in which to live, raise our families, and enjoy the benefits of our hard work.

On behalf of Mary Lynne and myself, Merry Christmas and best wishes for continued success in the new year.



In and around Osgoode Ward
by councillor Doug Thompson

Plasco agreement approved

METCALFE — Ottawa City Council approved a framework for a long-term waste handling agreement with Plasco and delegated authority to the city manager and the city solicitor to execute the arrangement. The agreement will put the city on the cutting edge of residential waste management by adding a fourth "R" — recover — to the environmental regime of reduce, reuse, and recycle.

I believe council's approval of the framework also marks the next logical step in an innovative economic development initiative that has seen the city help to incubate, test, and gain regulatory approval for a Clean-Tech system that has the potential to revolutionize waste management. Under the agreement, all financial and business risk associated with the launch of a new technology is Plasco's, and the city stands to gain substantially if Plasco proves to be successful in the North American market.

Plasco's technology converts residential waste that can't be reused or recycled to gas, which is then burned to create electricity with low emissions. Under the framework, the city will send 109,500 tonnes of residential solid waste to Plasco for processing, creating a net 18 megawatts of power per year and extending the life of the City Trail Road landfill by 28 years from 2042 to 2070.

Helmets mandatory Jan. 1

Mayor Jim Watson announced that children 10 and under must wear helmets at public skating sessions beginning Sun., Jan. 1, 2012. According to a 2010 report by Ottawa Public Health, falls due to ice skating were the third most common reason for hospitalizations resulting from a sport and recreation injury between 2004 and 2008.

Prevent crime

As the holiday season is now upon us, please remember to look after the valuables in your automobile. Place them in your trunk or, when parked in your laneway, take the items into your home. Don't leave personal items, personal identification, credit cards, insurance certificates, or ownership in your vehicle. Remove valuables and shopping bags from view (GPS and cell phones included). Lock your car doors and, if possible, park in well lit areas. Never leave your car running unattended or keep keys in your car. Also, keep your house locked, especially at night. This year, get involved in crime prevention.

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For more information, visit www.ottawa.ca/recreation.

Do you like to write?

The Ottawa Public Library's 17th annual Awesome Authors Youth Writing Contest is underway. This contest, for aspiring young poets and short story authors, is open to writers between the ages of nine and 17. They are invited to submit poems and short stories in English and/or French. The contest deadline is Mon., Jan. 30, 2012.

Participants can win awesome prizes, which will be presented in the spring.

For contest details, visit www.biblioottawalibrary.ca or contact InfoService at 613-580-2950 or by email at infoservice@bibliottawalibrary.ca.

OBITUARY

Doris Lillian Scharf



Doris Lillian Scharf (nee Forward) of South Mountain, passed away peacefully on Tues., Dec. 13, 2011, in her 91st year.

She was the beloved wife of the late Nelson B. Scharf. She was the loving mother of David of South Mountain and Susan of Hamilton. She was the cherished grandmother and great-grandmother (GiGi) of Matthew of Hamilton, Steve (Maina), and Emrick of Norway. She was predeceased by her siblings, Helen Turner, Edwin Forward, Isabel Forward, Bill Forward, and Mary Fraser. She was the dear aunt of many nieces and nephews.

By family request, cremation has taken place. Visitation was held at the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836) on Thurs., Dec. 15. A memorial service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Fri., Dec. 16.

Donations may be made to the South Mountain United Church, Winchester District Memorial Hospital, or the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Thank You

I wish to say thank you to those of you who have continued to support me over the past seven years as we make another move. This time the doors of the retail business will close for good, December 30, 2011.

We are planning to set up shop at home once again, and we'll be keeping our phone number this time to make the transition a little easier. You will still be able to order baskets, order soap, maybe a piece of fudge on special occasions.

Watch for me at craft shows and of course, local functions. I said I'm going down fighting, so it's business as usual until then. I look foward to helping provide a welcome service that I have come to enjoy.

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Of the happy times we knew,
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In Appreciation

Hill 70 Memorial Project

The Mountain and District Lions would like to thank the following individuals, companies and organizations who supported our project to redevelop the memorial to the Battle of Hill 70 at Mountain Memorial Community Park.

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The Winchester Hospital Heelers recently received a financial helping hand from a group of local volunteer seamstresses. Known as the S&B Club, the women created 60 toy bears, each with moveable heads, arms, and legs. By selling the creations, the group was able to raise $3,100 in support of the Heelers' ongoing fundraising efforts.



Above: *S&B participants include Margaret Traynor (left), Jane Brugmans, Nancy Benoit, Fran Nault, Connie Drew, and Mary Luykx. Missing: Martha Donaldson.*

Right: *Lukyx (left) presented Heelers co-captain Christina Enright with the cheque.*

$2,500 left to fundraise

Lace up your skates at Chesterville waterfront

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE — If the weather co-operates, Chesterville's waterfront will be open for skating this year.



Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan recently released details to the media about a plan to allow wintertime activities on the village's waterfront development, which accesses the South Nation River.

"A volunteer committee was struck this fall, including myself, to bring the tradition of skating back along the Waterfront area in Chesterville," said Duncan via an email statement. "From our records, the last time this happened in Chesterville was in the late 1980s. The committee has met with South Nation Conservation Authority to discuss the water levels and logistics, and the Township of North Dundas staff will be administering and assisting with overseeing the maintenance and safety precautions."

"We are really excited about this project and what the potential is for helping promote Chesterville," said Duncan. "It is unique to have such a large outdoor skating area outside the National Capital Region, and I believe that it will bring people to the village. It will hopefully prove to be a boost to businesses and restaurants in Chesterville, and show pride in the village."

He noted that fundraising is underway to purchase capital items that will allow for skating on the river. Chesterville's Rotarians and Lions have both committed to supporting the project financially, Duncan said.

Service clubs have pitched in $5,000 thus far, and the committee hopes to collect $2,500 still.

The expenses include: an additional set of steps to access the river, Christmas tree lights, and a snow fence to create a barrier and keep visitors away from the edge.

Financial donations can be contributed via two village financial institutions: Scotiabank and TD Canada Trust. Tax receipts can be provided upon request.

Anyone interested in volunteering with this program can contact Councillor John Thompson via the Township of North Dundas (613-774-2105). Mother Nature may put the kibosh on Chesterville's winter wonderland project, however.

"The committee have really focused on the details and making sure that it is well thought out and planned — from a safety, insurance, cost, and logistics perspective," Duncan said. "The only thing we can't control is the weather. We are hoping for a few good weeks of cold weather this winter to run the project. It would be great to have hundreds of people using the waterfront this winter."



