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UCDSB calls for mediator to end labour strife



Having their voices heard

Local Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario members picketed outside Winchester Public School on Thurs., Dec. 20, as part of the one-day walkout undertaken by Upper Canada District School Board elementary educators. In total, more than 100 teachers were outside the school throughout the day, protesting in response to Ontario's proposed Bill 115, which will see a two-year wage freeze on teachers salaries, while at the same time giving the province power to curtail future strike action by educators. Winchester was one of 13 locations picketed by teachers. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – As teachers picketed outside Winchester Public School on Thurs., Dec. 20, the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) called for an end to the ongoing strike action by Ontario's teachers.

Board chair (and Dundas County trustee) Greg Pietersma called on the provincial Ministry of Education, specifically education minister Laurel Broten, to retain a special mediator to facilitate the provincial bargaining process, and bring an end to the labour strife.

> Board wants ability to negotiate own collective agreement with teachers

"We are asking the minster, as quickly as possible, to get out of the way," Pietersma said during a press conference outside the local educational facility.

The evening prior (Wed., Dec. 19), the board passed a motion, which will be sent to the province, asking that the outside negotiator be hired.

"The passage of the *Putting Students First Act* [was to] protect the gains made in education, while ensuring that the next two school years will be free from labour disruptions," he said. "So, minister, what happened? You had no exit strategy, no plan, and quite frankly, we are becoming quite concerned about our most vulnerable families."

The act, also known as Bill 115, has instead angered members of both the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO). In the legislation, the province has called for a two-year wage freeze, while also wielding the unprecedented power to put a stop to any strike action.

However, teachers have largely defied the provincial sanctions, with OSSTF members withdrawing from extracurricular duties, and ETFO members staging one-day walkouts throughout the province.

"The government is not listening, and we had no choice but to send a clear message," Nicole Touchette, communications officer for ETFO's Upper Canada Local and a Grade 7 and 8 French teacher at North Dundas District Intermediate School, said. "Our democratic rights have been stripped, and we have been without a collective agreement since August 2012."

For his part, Pietersma defended the collective bargaining process, and said school boards have lost because the provincial education ministry has not allowed the boards to modernize contracts.

"This has demonstrated again that ministerial involvement in collective bargaining does not lead to peace and stability," he said. "Trustees, the employer, should have been given a better hand to deal with their employees… The minister should have stayed in the back room and let us negotiate."

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Longtime community organizer honoured with jubilee medal

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Throughout the years, Morewood resident Bill Smirle has played a part in numerous community initiatives.

For his many efforts, the fervent area advocate was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal during the Township of North Dundas' Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting.

"[Smirle] has been a longtime dedicated volunteer in our community, and is certainly a deserving recipient of the medal," Mayor Eric Duncan said. "His list of involvement from a municipal and community perspective is impressive."

In total, more than 40 medals have been handed out in Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (by both MP Guy Lauzon and MPP Jim McDonell), while the Federation of Canadian Municipalities allowed lower tier governments throughout the province to award one medal of their own.

Smirle was selected, according to Duncan, because of his vast resume, which includes time as North Dundas' deputy-mayor, South Nation Conservation's board of directors' member, and a firefighter with the Morewood Fire Department for 28 years.

As well, Smirle has served in various capacities with the Morewood United Church, the Chesterville Fair board, the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, and the Winchester District Memorial Hospital board, among others.

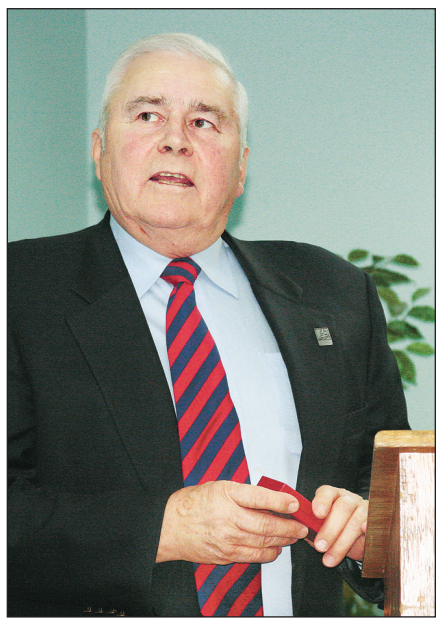
Councillor Al Armstrong, who said he first met Smirle during the period in which Winchester's Old Town Hall was being refurbished, which Smirle championed, noted the former municipal politician's community-centred attitude.

"I always found him to have integrity," Armstrong said of his former council colleague. "He is one of those people who truly wants an answer to questions asked, and always digests what he learns."

North Dundas Chamber of Commerce president Owen Shortt echoed the councillor's sentiments.

"In my time knowing him, I have never met someone more passionate for the cause," he said. "He has always had dedication, perseverance, and a willingness to help."

For his part, Smirle remained humble while accepting the recognition. "I'm very honoured to receive this medal, and I thank all of you… I've been extremely fortunate," he said.



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MORRISBURG – On Thurs., Dec. 20, at approximately 9:30 am, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of threatening on County Road 4, which doubles as Lakeshore Drive.

The investigation revealed that a 14-year-old male had threatened to damage a residence and the school that he attends.

The youth was located and arrested, and he now faces charges of: uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm; uttering threats to damage property; and failure to comply with undertaking or recognizance

He was held in custody pending an appearance in Cornwall court.

Driver nabbed at RIDE stop

CHESTERVILLE – On Wed., Dec. 19, SD&G OPP officers conducted a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) check-stop on Main Street.

At approximately 9:30 pm, a vehicle was checked resulting in the seizure of a small amount of suspected marijuana. The driver, Dennis Desjardins, 28, from South Dundas was arrested and faces charges of: possession schedule II cannabis marijuana, and breach of a probation order.

He is scheduled to appear Tues., Feb. 5 in Morrisburg court.

Charges laid

INKERMAN – On Tues., Dec. 18, at approximately 9 am, SD&G OPP officers had occasion to conduct a traffic stop on Cameron Road. The stop revealed that the 41-year-old male driver (David Kennedy of North Dundas) was operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

He was arrested and faces charges of: impaired operation of a motor vehicle, and exceeding 80 milligrams blood alcohol content while operating a motor vehicle.

Kennedy is scheduled to appear Tues., Feb. 5 in Morrisburg court.

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Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. The Winchester Press *typically publishes information about alleged crimes occurring in and around Dundas County, as well as other information of interest to our readership. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.*

Crosswalk decision expected in 2013

WINCHESTER – Whether the Township of North Dundas creates a new crosswalk on Main Street in Winchester will be decided in the new year.

At the municipality's Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting, Dan Belleau, public works director, reported he has been looking at a variety of options regarding a new downtown crossing.

It was Councillor Tony Fraser who first raised the issue, asking council to consider the implementation of a crosswalk from the front of Seaway Valley Pharmacy to Andy's Foodland on the other side of the street.

"We have all seen it, people stand there [after parking their vehicle], and then dart [across the street] and hope for the best," he said.

Crossing raises new issues

Fraser added that a new crosswalk would be especially prudent, considering the recent addition of a new public parking lot on Louise Street.

Councillor Al Armstrong concurred with his council colleague, but took the crosswalk implementation a step further.

"I saw a woman standing there [waiting to cross] for five minutes the other day," he said. "But, I really don't see the value in a crosswalk without some sort of lights."

Meanwhile, Mayor Eric Duncan raised further concerns.

"If we put a crosswalk from the pharmacy to the grocery store, that is seven to eight parking spots [in total] gone," he said. "Are we going to be solving one problem, and creating another?"

Belleau is expected to return with a series of options at a 2013 meeting.



Upper Canada District School Board chair Greg Pietersma held a press conference outside Winchester Public School on Thurs., Dec. 20, the same day local Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario members' walked out of their classrooms.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Teachers

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Touchette, meanwhile, said the decision to walk out was not made lightly.

"We chose our profession because we're committed to the students," she said. "As such, we won't allow ourselves to be bullied [by the province]. What message would that send to students?"

In total, 1,200 teachers were picketing at various locations on Dec. 20, with roughly 1,000 students attending school. (In a rare move, the UCDSB voted in favour of keeping schools open, in order for students who would otherwise have nowhere else to go to be present.)

According to David Coombs, director of education, more than 90 per cent of the board's elementary student population stayed home.

Secondary school classes continued on schedule, despite the lack of extracurricular activities.

"However, schools, especially high schools, understand this will take a while [to resolve]," Pietersma said.

ETFO, meanwhile, announced on Fri., Dec. 21 that members would cease one-day walkouts if the province doesn't impose collective agreements when Bill 115 is slated to take effect on Mon., Dec. 31.

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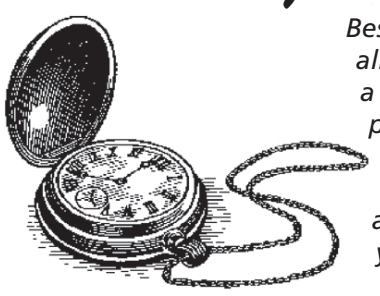

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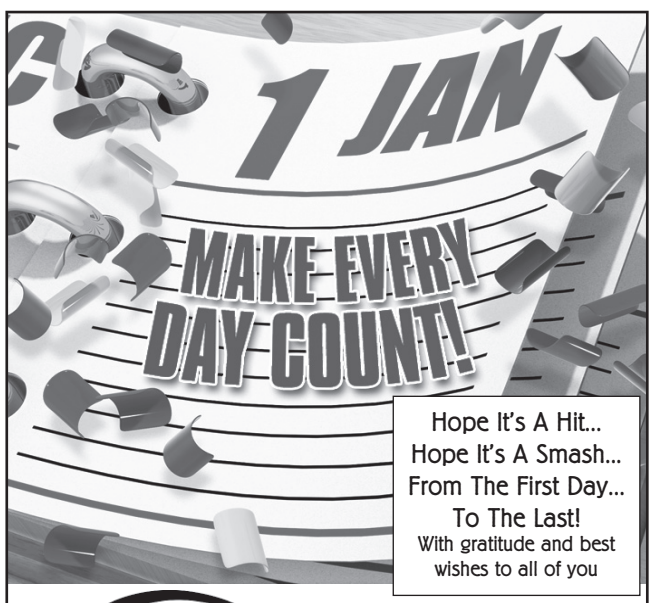

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Council notes from
North Dundas

2.77% levy increase expected

WINCHESTER – While it is not yet official, the Township of North Dundas' 2013 budget is all but finished.

This year's levy increase is 2.77 per cent. Of that, $5,264,388 is expected to be financed from taxation, up from $5,122,600 in 2012.

In total, from last year to this year, there is slated to be a $141,788 increase in taxation.

More budget discussion is slated to take place at the municipality's Tues., Jan. 15 council meeting.

Arena slab replacement debated

In the coming year, an arena slab in the Township of North Dundas will be replaced; however, a decision between Winchester and Chesterville has yet to be made.

During the municipality's Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting, politicians were made aware that Chesterville's arena slab is now showing more urgent signs of needing replacement.

According to Les Johnston, the township's facilities manager, the village arena has gotten much worse, consuming approximately 300 litres of brine each week. (The brine is salted water that helps the ice to freeze when water is run over top of it.)

Winchester's arena, meanwhile, is also suffering from a brine leak, with at least one barrel being consumed weekly.

Johnston has recommended Chesterville's slab be the first for replacement, at an estimated cost of $715,000.

A final decision is expected some time in 2013.

Funding granted

North Dundas has received $22,689 from the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure, through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative.

In October, the township filed an expression of interest with the ministry, in the hopes of being granted funds. The money will be used by the municipality to take stock of its current assets, and where improvement can be made.

Church agreement reached

The municipality and the Archdiocese of Kingston have reached an agreement for the rebuild of St. Daniel's Catholic Church in South Mountain.

A site plan agreement was passed at the Dec. 18 meeting, allowing the religious facility to be rebuilt. The original 117-year-old structure was destroyed by fire in 2011.

Two garbage bag limit begins Feb. 1

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Faced with mounting trash concerns, and the Boyne Road landfill inching slowly toward capacity, the Township of North Dundas is set to implement a new two-bag limit for weekly roadside trash pickup.

At the municipality's Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting, Doug Froats, waste management director, reminded politicians that as of Fri., Feb. 1 the new directive would be in place.

Meanwhile, Froats is looking to ease residents into the new system, recommending North Dundas open the township's only remaining landfill one Saturday per month throughout the winter. This would be a change from the current schedule where the disposal location is only open on Saturdays from May to October.

"This would alleviate some of the issues I have had," he said.

Any resident making use of the one-day-per-month option would be charged according to the landfill's minimum $10 tipping fee structure.

Often, Froats drives around the countryside, taking informal estimates of residents' garbage output, while also cleaning up trash that has been strewn throughout area ditches or thrown onto roadways.

The waste director also offered two other options – a flat two-bag limit, or a limit with the option for residents to purchase tags for any extra bags headed to the landfill.

However, both Froats and council were more amenable to opening the Boyne Road site on Saturdays.

"I realize we're trying to generate more dollars, but we also have to try to extend the life of the landfill," Froats said.

Mayor Eric Duncan agreed with the decision. "Ninety-eight per cent of households will have no problem with the change," he said. "It is a limited group that will not comply."

Businesses' contributing

Froats also addressed the fact that township businesses are currently imposed with a no-limit collection structure.

However, that too shall change.

"We are going to have to discuss possible changes," he said.

At the moment, however, a handful of local businesses are working with Froats to ease their environmental footprint. Some are better at keeping track of their cardboard output, and collecting it for removal.

Froats is also looking to create a compost project with local grocery stores.

Food bank makes final loan repayment

WINCHESTER – The Dundas County Food Bank (DCFB)'s debt owed to the Township of North Dundas is no more.

The funds were used to purchase DCFB's current May Street location. Each year since, the food bank has made a repayment, while the municipality has also handed over $4,000 to offset operation costs at the facility.

At the municipality's Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting, a final $12,000 payment was made.

"In a prosperous community like ours, no one, I'm sure, is proud of the fact that we still have people going to our food bank," Don Johnston said. "But it is reality."

Johnston, a former member of the DCFB board of directors, was one of many proponents who championed the 2008 decision that saw North Dundas lend $60,000 to the food bank.

"At a critical time of need, council appeared to help us," Donna Quesnel, DCFB administrator, said. "The [facility purchase] would not have been possible without the loan from North Dundas."

Mayor Eric Duncan, who served as a councillor when the credit decision was made, reinforced his support for the financial transaction.

"It was a win-win partnership for North Dundas," he said. "It's about working with groups in this community, and we're both better off for it."

Road projects would qualify for provincial funds

WINCHESTER – A successful application to the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure may help cover the cost of two road projects in the Township of North Dundas.

At North Dundas' Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting, Dan Belleau, public works director, urged politicians to consider applying to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Program.

Of the total funding allotment, 90 per cent of the project cost, or $2 million per project and one undertaking per township, is available.

According to Belleau, two municipal projects would qualify for the grant.

One would see Kittle Road receive repairs at a cost of approximately $275,000, while the other would be rehabilitating Rodney Lane in Ormond, which has roughly a $300,000 price tag.

Belleau recommended applying for the funding in order to complete the Rodney Lane project. Work would consist of repairing both the road and the culvert that runs adjacent to it.

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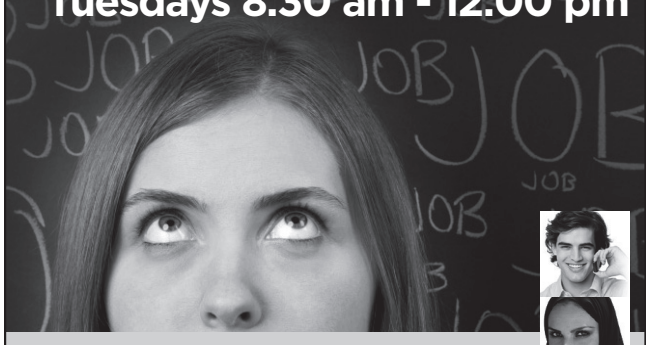

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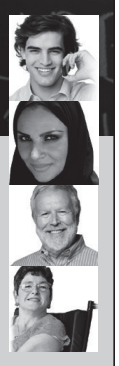

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TCS students put the 'C' back in Christmas

The students of Williamsburg's Timothy Christian School held a dress rehearsal for their annual Christmas concert on Wed., Dec. 19. With music, skits, and a little bit of commentary, the assembly kept the audience focused on the "reason for the season" as these students enthusiastically celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Pictured, clockwise, from top: *Samuel Dean (left), Micah Van Gilst, Haley Van Gilst, Micah Van Dyke, Noah Biemond, and Rebecca Don were adorable in their animal costumes as they sang their hearts out in celebration of Christmas. Josiah Luchies (above, left), Joseph Jeeves, Haydn Preston, and David Tibben added baritone (and a bit of comedy) to their group's singing performance. At left, are Hannah Biemond (left), Amanda Ter Horst, Emily Biemond, Leah Don, and Morrigan Geleynse during the concert's opening musical number.*

Council notes from
South Dundas

Draft bylaws on website

WILLIAMSBURG – Residents of the Township of South Dundas are encouraged to visit the municipality's website to review two draft bylaws: the open air fire bylaw, and the garbage bylaw.

The opportunity to read, review, and comment on the drafts will end Fri., Jan. 11.

Money for library

According to Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, it was reported at a recent counties council meeting that the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Library is setting aside $50,000 for use in purchasing items for the new library in Morrisburg. (The library is currently located underneath the Morrisburg Arena, but has been promised space in what is now the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, once rehabilitation work on the former Morrisburg Collegiate Institute is complete sometime next fall.)

Snow removal at Doran Creek

Council voted in favour of granting a request from Swank Construction for snow removal on Doran Creek Drive in Iroquois this winter.

Due to a clause in the subdivision contract between the company and the township, last year council refused to take responsibility for the winter maintenance of the new road despite several protests from Locke.

The deputy-mayor excused himself from this year's discussion and vote, declaring a conflict of interest.

However, a majority of the remaining council members felt 2012-2013's situation was different. The second lift (layer of asphalt) has been completed, and there are now more homes on the road.

Technically, according to a new standard clause in subdivision contracts, the township is not obligated to take over responsibility for road maintenance until one year after the second lift has been applied, which, in this case, would be November 2013.

After much discussion, it was agreed that the township would take over winter maintenance of the road effective immediately, with staff coming back to council in January with a proposed amendment to the bylaw.



As the clock strikes twelve, we'd like to wish you lots of good times in the year ahead.

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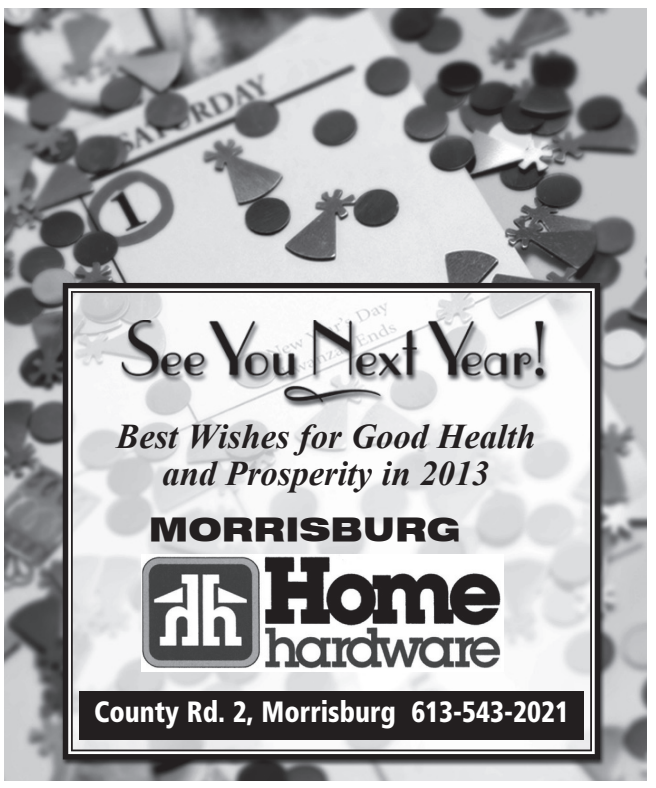

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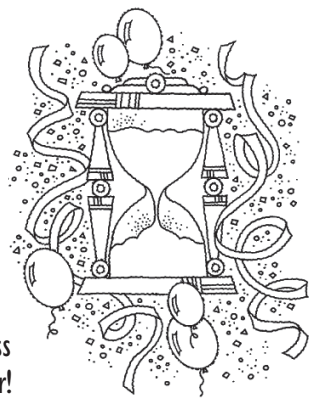

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Council supports rooftop solar units in South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG – The vote was close, but the Township of South Dundas council has given their support to four rooftop solar projects targeted for the municipality.

The support, which is not to be confused with approval of the work itself, will give these projects two points in the Ministry of Energy (MOE)'s new points system.

In 2009, the provincial government passed the *Green Energy Act*, which is exempt from Ontario's *Planning Act* legislation, effectively removing municipal input. Also in 2009, the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) released the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program and the MicroFIT program.

With much controversy, including increased costs to taxpayers, MOE undertook a review of the program in 2011, and subsequently decided to enact a points system in 2012 whereby energy projects with the most accumulated points could be fast-tracked through the approval process. (While this new system gives municipalities the authority of granting or denying two of the 18 possible points, it still does not grant them authority in the project approval process.)

At the Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting, Don Lewis, manager of planning and enforcement, pointed out that while some municipalities have made a blanket decision to deny all requests for points regardless of the type of energy project, there are others that have decided to take a more selective route, looking at each request separately.

"I've had no complaints about roof top units," he said. "I have had complaints about ground mounted."

While Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, and Councillors Archie Mellan and Evonne Delegarde were in support of the recommendation, both Mayor Steven Byvelds and Councillor Jim Graham remained opposed.

"I have real mixed feelings about this FIT program," said Graham, referring to reports that people are being overpaid for energy that isn't needed, resulting in added costs for Ontario residents.

Before declaring his position, Byvelds pointed out that he has "no issues with any of the individuals who have applied… They're outstanding businesses and farmers."

However, he continued, "there comes a time when the *Green Energy Act* doesn't fit anymore. The government needs to be told we need to slow things down. For that reason, I don't support it. It just doesn't make any economic sense for Ontario."

He also pointed out that his decision to support the South Branch Wind project slated for the Brinston area sometime in 2013 came "at a time when things were different."

The local rooftop solar projects singled out for support at the Dec. 18 meeting include Smyth Orchards on County Road 18, Kochaven Farms on County Road 5, Fredwills Farms/Harbers on Sandy Creek Road, and Norgaard Farm on Norgaard Road.

Water services to move in-house

WILLIAMSBURG – The Township of South Dundas is moving management for provision of the municipality's water and wastewater services in-house.

The decision was made at the Tues., Dec. 18 council meeting in response to CAO Stephen McDonald's recommendation that council approve the new management system to begin Mon., July 1, following the completion of the municipality's current contract with Caneau Water and Sewer Operations on June 30.

"The Walkerton Inquiry in 2002 had a tremendous impact on how we deal with water in Ontario," said McDonald, pointing out that on Tues., Jan. 1, a section of the *Safe Water Drinking Act* will come into effect, making municipalities and their council representatives legally responsible.

According to McDonald, while there haven't been any major issues with Caneau, the township has been using them for more than 10 years, and there has not yet been a review.

"The transparency [in-house management] creates is very valuable," he said.

Also of value is the monetary savings in switching from a contractor to in-house service. McDonald estimated that in 2013 the municipality could save roughly $55,000 by switching to in-house management from July to December. Then, in 2014, he estimated the figure would double.

With that in mind, he also pointed out that the change would require significant upfront expenditures for equipment and vehicles. McDonald estimated a cost of roughly $405,000 in 2013 and $384,000 in 2014.

He also pointed out that he and treasurer Shannon Geraghty were looking into the possibility of a review for water and sewer rates in January, and the possibility of bringing the meter reading in-house eventually, as well.

Councillor Archie Mellan said, "the bottom line… We have to have the proper and trained personnel in the plants to secure the utmost safety in our water."

While council members agreed that the current contractor's work had been done well, it was probably time to consider moving to a more "hands-on" approach.

Mayor Steven Byvelds agreed, saying, "As much as Caneau has worked for us, [it's] an opportunity for us to bring this in-house and bring accountability where it should be."

Staff was given permission to move forward with preparations to take over the municipality's water and wastewater services in six months time. To that end, the following staff will be retained: supervisor of water and wastewater services, a waste and sewer operator, an assistant chief of water and wastewater operator, and a waste and sewer operator-in-training. It was agreed that minimal staff should be hired, with the door open to add more, if needed.

Firm hired for sewer work

WILLIAMSBURG – Insituform Technologies Limited has been hired by the Township of South Dundas for the Iroquois/Morrisburg/Williamsburg Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project at a cost of roughly $2.8 million.

According to CAO Stephen McDonald, the municipality received only two bids for the work. He pointed out that there aren't many Canadian companies specializing in the type of work that needs to be done.

Staff and council alike were "pleasantly surprised" to learn that the lowest tender came in well under the engineer's estimate, leaving room to do more work than initially anticipated. (AECOM was hired to complete an Infiltration and Inflow Study of the sanitary sewer systems in all three villages.)

According to McDonald, work is expected to begin early in 2013, and should take roughly 16 weeks to complete.

He reminded council that "the township has received funding from the province of Ontario under the Strategic Directions Fund in the amount of $3,278,002 [as well as] funding under the Government of Canada Green Infrastructure Fund for the Iroquois Wastewater Treatment Plant to the secondary project of sanitary sewer rehabilitation in Iroquois in the amount of $2,764,544."

In addition to the work set out in the three villages, AECOM had recommended a main be replaced on Lakeshore Drive. McDonald expects the tender for this job to be advertised in early 2013, and for the work to be completed in the summer of 2013.

"It'll make a lot of people in this municipality happy to see [the work] completed," said Councillor Jim Graham.

Mayor Steven Byvelds voiced gratitude for the under-estimate tender, as well as for the different government funds.

Township will request grant for Nine Mile Road culvert

WILLIAMSBURG – In response to recent updates to the provincial government's Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Capital program, Township of South Dundas CAO Stephen McDonald recommended that an application be submitted for a 90 per cent return on the roughly $268,000 work to be done on the Nine Mile Road culvert.

While there are other projects needing attention as well, McDonald pointed out that only one project can be submitted for consideration and, in consultation with manager of public works, Hugh Garlough, "this was determined to be the most feasible project."

With the information provided, council agreed to the recommendation.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23: Footcare – Call to make your appointment
TUESDAY, JAN. 29: Shopping Trip to Place d'Orleans leaving at 10:00 am. Call to reserve your seat.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30: Shopping Trip to Carlingwood leaving at 9:00 am. Call to reserve your seat.
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30: Shopping Trip to Carlingwood leaving at 9:00 am
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Margaret Link (left), Chris Mcdonald, and Kathy Clark performed in the Flaming Elmo's Christmas Carol *act at North Dundas District High School's traditional Christmas assembly this week in 1992.*

Remember when...

1922
The post office, and its astonishing sales for the 1922 Christmas season monopolized this week's news. Sales of stamps and money orders were up by 25 per cent over the previous year's sales. The *Winchester Press* reported that the postmaster believed this to be a substantial record-breaking year. And, considering the "huge amount" of mail being handled, and bustled through the local post office, the *Press* applauded postal staff for working in a "most expeditious and satisfactory manner."

1932
It was reported this week that nine reeves and six deputy-reeves had been elected by acclamation in the United Counties. Following are the reeves elected in several of the townships: H. Nesbit in Winchester; W.H. Casselman in Chesterville; E.A. Van Allen in Williamsburg; Thomas Johnston in Matilda; and John E. Crowder in Mountain.

1942
After a scary tussle with a fast-moving freight train, two Winchester men were lucky to be alive, and relatively unharmed. Richard Lennox and Lloyd Kenney were on their way to Winchester with a load of alfalfa when, crossing tracks near Renfrew, Lennox failed to notice the oncoming train until it was too late. Catching the truck by its cab, the train carried the vehicle 150 yards where it was left on its side.

1952
Canadian census results were front and centre in this week's news. According to reports, in the year leading up to June 1, Canada's net population had increased by 1,149 people per day. This included an average of 332 deaths, 145 emigrants, 590 immigrants, and 1,036 births per day. It was also reported that there were: 105,000 teachers; 5,422 professors; 35,138 nurses; 9,038 lawyers; and 14,325 doctors.

1962
Williamsburg's Pioneer Hotel, reported to be Eastern Ontario's most modern hotel, opened this week. Owned and operated by Raymond and Sally McIntosh, the new hotel was built on the former site of the Locketon Lodge, which was destroyed by fire the year before. With the latest fashionable designs, the Pioneer Hotel offered licensed lounges for both men and women, as well as a dining area for private engagements.

1972
This week, snowmobilers and skaters were warned to be careful when traveling over inlets and ponds connected to the St. Lawrence River. Representatives from Ontario Hydro informed the public that water was flowing more rapidly for the time of year, and ice was not forming in some areas.

1982
Winchester farmer Leo Paul Bourgeois was rushed to the hospital this week and treated for smoke inhalation following his failed attempts to rescue his cattle from a burning barn. In the end, Bourgeois lost 45 grade Holsteins, 14 heifers, and a bull, as well as his milking equipment, and a concrete block silo.

1992
This week, the *Press* reported that Winchester hired its first official building inspector, on a casual basis. Brent Copeland was a qualified full-time building inspector hired to work after hours and on weekends for the village.

2002
Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), after weeks of being closed to the public, volunteers, and non-essential service employees, reopened this week. The hospital shut down services to all but the most critical on Nov. 26 due to a virulent outbreak of gastroenteritis. With no new cases developing this week, WDMH's decision makers decided to reopen.

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Layers of innocence peeled from our souls



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

Those of you who know me or have read From the Other Side over the years know that on April 20, 1999, I found myself in the nucleus of Hell. I had been in Littleton, Colorado, with a real estate agent, looking at homes, as I was working in Denver at the time. I was about a mile from the Columbine High School tragedy when it unfolded. I saw more pain that day than I ever thought I would.

And then, the breaking news hit of the school shooting in Newtown, Conn. Over the past week, I found myself being asked about the parallels of that tragedy and the Sandy Hook tragedy. How are they similar? How are they different? What can we do to prevent them from happening again? Columbine brought about many of the same questions that are being asked now. Was this caused by America's general disregard for gun control? Or is it more of a mental health issue? Are violent video games desensitizing us? Are our children underparented or even non-parented?

The answer is simply yes.

The news of Sandy Hook made me think immediately of that day in Columbine, just as the news may have taken you to a dark place in your memory bank. I was looking at homes, getting ready to move my family to Denver from Dallas, as I had been working in Denver for six months and commuting home on weekends. I thought of the grey sky and the snow. I thought of the helicopters and the people hugging and crying, though, at the time, I did not yet know what had happened. I thought of going back to my office in Edgewater, near Mile High Stadium and the Pepsi Centre, where I worked. I thought of the tears shed that day. I thought of the hugs – not the nice Merry Christmas hugs, but the "For God's sake please hold me up because I can't stand up on my own" hugs. We all huddled by the phone in the warehouse, waiting for it to ring, as those I worked with waited for confirmation that loved ones were okay.

Things were already emotionally charged at our company, as one of our co-workers had committed suicide just weeks before. He sent the people he worked with a suicide letter. I can never forgive him for messing with everyone's heads like that. I can never forgive him for being a pedophile, a little detail we didn't know about him until after his death.

There were many questions asked, including the one being asked now about guns.

To me, Columbine was not about guns at all, even though Eric Harris bragged openly in his blog about just how many weapons he had. The police were onto Harris and his sidekick, Dylan Kleibold. To me, Columbine was about bombs. They dumped duffle bags that contained 20-pound propane bombs in the cafeteria. They failed to go off. If they had, there would have been hundreds dead. Going into the school and shooting up everyone and everything in sight was Plan B. As awful as it is to think or say, the death toll would have been much greater, but they missed many of the people they shot at.

Harris and Kleibold had a website and blog dedicated to the video game Doom. Harris got carried away and turned it into his personal soap box to air out his hatred. Harris suffered from depression and was taking a medication called Luvox. It is considered to be a factor by some in this tragedy.

April 20th was selected because the killing spree was a tribute to Adolf Hitler's birthday. Just as April 20th will forever be linked with Columbine, December 14th will forever be the day connected to Sandy Hook.

So, what's next? Gun control will be examined, but, in reality, can anything be done? Some say that guns don't kill people, people kill people. But guns make it a lot easier. The U.S. does not have a monopoly on gun violence, either. Canada has had the École Polytechnique and Dawson College mass shootings in Montreal. Even Ottawa had a school shooting at St. Pius X High School a generation before Columbine. Yet, America remains the vortex of violence.

Sadly, disarming America is too complicated. No matter what gun controls are put in place, criminals will stay two steps ahead. And no one has said it, but as long as we have a black market for drugs in our society, we will always have guns and weapons.

In both Columbine and Sandy Hook, a layer of innocence was peeled away, leaving the exposed raw flesh of its citizens' souls, waiting to heal over with emotional scar tissue. No matter how many questions are asked, there is only one answer – a complete and utter disrespect and disregard for humanity.

Right now, we are still obsessed with the tragedy. But at some point, we will have hit our own saturation points and we will no longer talk about it. The families and friends of the victims don't have that luxury. The pain they felt has latched onto their souls with a grip that will last a lifetime.

You may feel you want to do something. You can. Pray. Pray for the innocent souls. Pray that God has looked after them. More importantly, pray for the living. Pray to give them strength to put this behind them and heal.

After all, prayer does matter. Especially at Christmas time.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to all those who help the HOL

The Editor:
It is said that you can tell the heart of a community by how well they take care of their most vulnerable citizens.

By this milestone, it can safely be said that the communities that support the House of Lazarus Outreach Mission and Food Bank in Mountain, along with other outreach services, have a very big and generous heart.

This past year has certainly been the most challenging year on our food and other resources, more than any other in the past 10 years. It was in June 2012 that we sent out a desperate call for help, and you have responded generously ever since. Although the number of families served has increased over the year, we have been able to serve them all with few shortages of food and other items. In 2011, from January to November, we received 20,287 kilograms of food and distributed 23,441 kilograms. In the same time frame this year, we received 25,034 kilograms and distributed 25,982 kilograms.

The board, staff, and volunteers would like to thank all of you for your support throughout the year and especially at this, which is for many, the most fragile time of year. When we see the tears of gratitude, appreciation of parents, and enormous smiles of delight on the children's faces it is your generosity we remember when we think of how privileged we are to do what we do in representing the heart of this community. Whether it is a family struggling with poverty, unemployment, homelessness or illness, a fire victim, someone who has left an abusive situation, or other life circumstance, we are able to provide for their needs because you care enough to donate.

On behalf of those we serve, and those of us who have the honour to serve, we wish you all a happy and prosperous 2013.

Elaine Madore
Mountain

Children need to feel safe in their schools

The Editor:
I have a concern about what it is we should tell our children about the horrible Newtown, Conn. school shooting.

My concerns stem from the fact that it has been virtually impossible to avoid the news of this shooting. More importantly, what about our children who are also subjected to this information? After all, Mom and Dad are glued to the television wanting to gather every morsel of information, but what are we doing to protect the child or children in the room listening and wondering what is going on?

As adults, it is difficult to imagine losing a child and we have trouble dealing with the reality. But wait, let's not forget the child in the room listening to this and subjected to this reality. What must that child be thinking? How do we explain or should we explain? What if they get mixed messages from other kids at school? After all, the truth tends to get skewed on the playground.

I for one don't agree that we should be glued to the television, which includes watching news every hour of the day, especially given the trend of sensationalism that has become the norm today. In my opinion, so many children in today's society have had their innocence slowly taken from them due to being subjected to "too much information." As a result, I believe some parents are shrugging this off, as it too is also quickly becoming the norm.

We as parents and grandparents need to be educated on how to sit down with our children and grandchildren and discuss these issues without scaring them to the point of having nightmares or not wanting to go to school.

John Hudson
Winchester

Open mic night a success

The Editor:
I want to extend a very special thank you to all the wonderful musicians and special guests who came to the first annual Winchester Open Mic Night Christmas Show on Thurs., Dec. 13 at the Old Town Hall.

Among those in attendance were Anne Lyon and son, Michael (love you!); Ken (whose guitar riffs are second to none); our dear Singing Girls from Winchester Public School; Aaron Dellah (our Saturdays' "moovie" man); Steve LaPrade, our emcee and comedian; veteran rock guitarist Jeff; Donna and Gilles Quesnel (from the Dundas County Food Bank); Brady Barbeau (our security and tech man); Joel Fawcett, Stephanie Berry and their dear singing baby daughter, Alice; Ron Porteous (so glad you're back!); Rick Ventrella (one of the best songwriters around) accompanied by Dame Lily, our official Winchester Open Mic Night mascot; the lovely Hollie Clayton (Academy of Dance and Fitness) and friend; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton (tireless supporters of the arts); and last but not least, several other dear audience members whose names I should have written down!

Happy New Year to all.

Ann Brady
Co-ordinator, Winchester Open Mic Night
Winchester

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From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

Disability Tax Credit Program

OTTAWA – A few months ago I wrote about the Disability Tax Credit Program (DTCP). This program, enacted into law in 2001, allows people with disabilities to qualify for a significant tax refund.

Sue Dingwall approached me about providing this service in my office. She had been working around the province, and had noticed that companies were charging a fee of 20 to 30 per cent of the refund from the program. She felt these charges were exorbitant, and encouraged me to hire her on a part-time basis for three months. I did, and the rest is history.

Since beginning in my office in July 2009, Sue has helped more than 1,000 families receive $7.5 million. That's correct, seven-and-one-half million dollars has been returned to the constituents of Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) in the last three-and-a-half years. The most important element of the work that Sue does is that there is no cost to the constituent. Not one red penny. Her wages are paid from my office budget. When Sue helps a constituent with the DTCP, they receive 100 per cent of their refund. The funds from the government are to assist the person with disabilities, and provide care for the needs that they may have. On many occasions she has pleaded with me to have our government do something to prevent unscrupulous companies from taking advantage of Canadians.

Well, we think we have finally figured out a way to protect users from being taken advantage of. Recently, my colleague, MP Cheryl Gallant, introduced a private member's bill, which was seconded by yours truly, to limit the amount these companies can charge when helping constituents to process DTCP claims. This bill will allow the government to set new limits on the fees that consultants can charge in this area, and allow better oversight of the industry. It will finally put some restrictions on an industry that in some cases was preying on unsuspecting constituents.

The DTCP is available to anyone suffering from a disability that limits him or her from performing regular every-day duties. This includes people who are legally blind, or those who use walkers, canes, or wheelchairs. Chronic pain, COPD, severe arthritis, heart disease, cystic fibrosis, and people who use ostomy appliances are conditions that also qualify.

If you are having difficulty dressing, feeding yourself, or suffer from throat cancer, there is a good chance you may qualify. Impaired mental functions, including Alzheimer's, mental illness, such as bi-polar, depression, schizophrenia, clinical depression, autism, and other learning disabilities may also qualify someone.

If you or someone you know has a disability, it is worthwhile checking with my office to see if the DTCP can be of assistance. The service is free and Sue can be reached at 1-888-805-2513.

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

Williamsburg Forest at centre of controversy again

South Dundas contemplates handing 397-acre parcel over to SNC

WILLIAMSBURG – Williamsburg Forest, the roughly 397 acres of land off County Road 8 fondly referred to as "the 400" by local residents, was once again front and center at a Township of South Dundas council meeting.

At the Tues., Dec. 18 meeting, Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke raised concern over some signs that were recently erected on the property prohibiting public use.

Earlier this year, the land in question caused an outpouring of concern from several South Dundas residents as the municipality intended to sell the property their families had been using for generations for recreation and hunting purposes. Upon hearing the concerns, council unanimously voted to stop the sale.

Visibly flustered, Locke said, "we pulled it off the market and it cost us a few bucks, and now we put signs up 'not for public use'? I don't know how far we can go. Either we open it up or we hand it over to South Nation Conservation (SNC)."

Clerk Brenda Brunt explained that staff thought it was a good idea to post it until options were explored and a decision was made on how to proceed. She also pointed out that the signs could come down as easily as they went up.

"I have a problem with it," said Locke. "It just isn't right. We stopped the sale because the people wanted it for recreation purposes."

Councillor Evonne Delegarde admitted to receiving a call related to the issue, and she agreed with Locke that the signs should be taken down.

Councillor Archie Mellan said, "we're all a bit gun shy on this insurance thing. I know there's risk out there, but I could get run over on the [County Road] 31 tomorrow."

In agreement with the rest of the table, Councillor Jim Graham voiced a preference for gifting the land to SNC, so that it is monitored and open for public use.

Mayor Steven Byvelds explained that as long as the municipality owns the title to the land, it is still liable.

Agreeing that the land is better in the hands of SNC, than it is left alone and unused, a suggestion was made that the title be offered to SNC with a clause allowing the township first refusal should the authority choose to sell it in the future. Locke also added that he would like a commitment that the land be open for public use.

Plans are in the works to consult with SNC and determine a future for the property.

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Tories vow to 'stop Ottawa casino in its tracks'

GREELY – Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark says a new Progressive Conservative plan would save the thousands of Eastern Ontario jobs in jeopardy because of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission (OLG)'s planned closure of Rideau Carleton Raceway.

Clark, Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod and Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) MPP Jim McDonell were joined by area PC candidates at the gaming and racing facility recently, trumpeting their party's announcement that, if they win the next provincial election, they will not shut down the local track and slots facility in favour of an urban Ottawa casino. The announcement is included in the party's latest policy white paper.

"Tim Hudak announced putting an immediate end to the OLG's empire building plan for 29 new casinos, creating an opportunity for Ontario's horse racing industry," said MacLeod. "One option an Ontario PC government would consider is giving racetrack operators a first crack at buying existing slots operations at fair market value, which could save their industry while still providing a good return to taxpayers. This is important news for Ottawa residents who, like me, want to preserve the Rideau Carleton Raceway, and who oppose bringing gambling downtown. This would stop a downtown Ottawa casino in its tracks."

Both Clark and MacLeod said that the track accounts for about 1,000 rural jobs in their ridings. McDonnell also confirmed that there are a large number of jobs in SD&SG attached to the raceway. Under their party's plan, each MPP said, those jobs would be saved.



Leeds-Grenville MPP Steve Clark flanked Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod during a recent press conference at Rideau Carleton Raceway. Progressive Conservative MPPs have stated that they would work to save rural gaming and racing facilities, if elected. Also present, while not pictured, was Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell.

Mike Carroccetto photo

Ontario's Slots At Racetracks Program was put in jeopardy when the Drummond Report, commissioned by Premier Dalton McGuinty, identified deep-sixing the program in favour of urban casinos might be more profitable for the province. The strategy, however, is highly successful, and without it, the Tories and provincial horsemen's association say there will be more than 60,000 rural jobs lost in Ontario, and several thousand horses will be killed.

MacLeod and her caucus colleagues have long been calling for action to be taken to look into the OLG's operations. She had a private member's bill unanimously passed in the fall, calling on the provincial auditor general to review the OLG's new gaming plans. She has also been working with the Ontario ombudsman to launch an inquiry into the OLG.

Another option that the PCs have considered is holding a referendum in any municipalities that are being considered for one of the new casinos before one is placed there.

Clark added that there are 1,000 rural jobs in Leeds-Grenville on the line with the closure of the track. In addition to the jockeys, breeders, and trainers, the industry employs hundreds of horse hands. The track also impacts farms, veterinarians, and builders.

Clark also recently visited a horse farm and training facility in Lansdowne, west of Brockville, to discuss the situation with the owners and employees. Their horses also race regularly at Rideau Carleton Raceway.

"The tentacles are far-reaching on this," said Clark. "Even the truck dealership who sells them their vehicles will be hit by this needless closure."

Clark also has a casino in jeopardy in his riding. The OLG has considered closing the facility near Gananoque in favour of operating them in Kingston and Belleville.

"I've seen how OLG's plans have jeopardized hundreds of jobs in my riding and pitted community against community, neighbour against neighbour," said Clark. "It is yet another example of the McGuinty government's complete inability to manage Ontario. Our party has been clear from the outset that before any new casino is built in this province, residents of that municipality should first have a say in a referendum. It's an approach that has the support of MPPs from every party, including cabinet ministers… Yet the government still refuses to allow the public's voice to be heard."

McDonell echoed the sentiments of his Queen's Park colleagues.

"The recent auditor general report highlights areas where the government has failed in its oversight duty in many areas, causing a massive waste of taxpayer dollars," he said. "The Slots At Racetracks Program, on the other hand, is an example of a very successful program that annually contributes $1.2 billion to the province to pay for needed services such as healthcare. It is disappointing to see such a successful program scrapped, creating a loss of 60,000 jobs at a time when our unemployment has been above the national average for over 70 months."

In the coming weeks, PC MPPs will be conducting consultations across Ontario on gaming.

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Singing for the season

Students at Winchester Public School staged the educational facility's annual Christmas concert on Wed., Dec. 19, with both junior and senior grades taking part. Mrs. Claus (Ashley Williams) and Santa Claus (Jaryd MacIntosh) struggled to adapt to society's technological changes.



At right:
Bradley McLean served as one half of the concert's narration duo.

Below, right:
Destiny Workman Suttle took a very important phone call during one of the concert's crucial scenes.

Below:
Head elf Josh Gour (front) took heed to ensure his point was proven.





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Celebrating signs of Christmas

The students of Nationview Public School put on a sing-sational performance for friends and family on Wed., Dec. 19. Each class focused on a different symbol of Christmas, including things like snowflakes, Santa Claus, presents, and Christmas trees. The afternoon concert was well attended with parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends ready to celebrate the season. Devon Honders (above, left), Kaeden Nicholas, Devlin Fraleigh, Braxton Walter, April Roberts, Shyann Boomhower, and Faith Bakker sang songs about Christmas trees.



Leading the way onto the stage was Alyssa Yenson, followed by Damien Berends and Caden Leathem.



Jada Ouellette (left) and Jordyn Francis emceed the event, leading the audience through an educational, and entertaining, lesson on the origin of traditional Christmas symbols.

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Nosedive

The Winchester Junior "B" Hawks dropped another contest on Wed., Dec. 19, falling 5-2 to the Char-Lan Rebels at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Above: Winchester forward Evan Walker kept his eyes on the shooter as he and his teammates tried to block a Char-Lan scoring attempt.

Patricia Whais photos

Hawks captain Aaron Dickenson, pictured here evading a hit by a pair of Rebels defenders, had an assist for the home side.

Hawks fall 5-2 to Rebels on home ice

WINCHESTER – After opening the game with a 1-0 lead, the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks weren't able to sustain the momentum.

Hosting the Char-Lan Rebels during a rare Wednesday (Dec. 19) evening home game at the Joel Steele Community Centre, Josh Stubbings (from Cody Levasseur and Christopher Rossi) hit the scoreboard first for the home side.

But that is where much of the Hawks' legwork ended.

The Rebels opened the second period's scoring at 10:11, when Lawson MacDougall beat Hawks goaltender Anthony D'Urso. Assists on the play went to Nicholas Santoro and Ross Craig.

Craig then put Char-Lan ahead 2-1, scoring from Blain MacKay at 9:11.

The Rebels closed out the second session, taking a 3-1 lead at 5:12 when Nick Senseverino connected from Tyler Filion.

It was much the same in the third when Rebels forward Jordan Brunet (from Joel Marleau) beat D'Urso at 13:07.

The Hawks finally got their second goal of the game at 9:35, when Brandon Pantaleo (from Aaron Dickenson and Luke Scott) beat Rebels goaltender Quade Smoke on the power play.

Char-Lan iced the game at 4:23 as Filion (from Senseverino) made it a 5-2 final.

Game highlights

The Hawks had a total of 33 shots on net, beating Smoke twice. The Rebels, meanwhile, fired 24 shots on the Winchester net, putting five goals behind D'Urso.

Penalties were handed out at a premium, with the Hawks serving a collective 34 minutes.

Most seriously, both Ramsey Wheeler and Adam Beveridge received 10-minute misconduct penalties for harassing the official.

The Rebels served 26 minutes in total penalties, with Matt Gregoire also receiving 10 minutes in the box for harassing the official.

Char-Lan went zero for six on the power play, while the Hawks connected on one opportunity.

Up next

Dec. 18's loss dropped the Hawks into third place in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League's St. Lawrence Division standings, with a 12-12-0-4 record, good enough for 28 points. They sit one game back of the second-place Rebels.

Winchester was slated to welcome the Casselman Vikings to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 21, before heading into the Christmas break.

The Hawks first game of the new year is scheduled for Fri., Jan 4 when the Akwesasne Wolves travel to Winchester. Game time is 8:15 pm. That same weekend, the Hawks will be in Morrisburg to take on the Lions on Sun., Jan. 6.



Hawks forward Josh Stubbings scored one of his team's two goals in the loss.

North Dundas hosts novice tournaments today

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Novice "B" Demons are set to open their host tournament at 8 am this morning.

Today (Thurs., Dec. 27), the Demons will go head-to-head with the Cornwall Sharks to kick off the day-long competition.

North Dundas' second game of the day is set for 11 am against the Kanata Bombers.

All Novice "B" games will be taking place at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester.

Other opening games include: Stittsville Ice Hawks against the Bombers (9 am); South Dundas Lions versus the Stittsville Snipers (10 am); the Sharks take on the Snipers at 12 pm; and the Ice Hawks are set to face the Lions at 1 pm.

The "C" final game is set to be played at 2:30 pm, while the "B" final will go at 3:30 pm.

The day's tournament champion will be crowned following the "A" final game at 4:30 pm.

Novice "C"

The North Dundas Novice "C" Demons 1 are set to face the South Dundas Lions at 8 am to open the Novice "C" tournament.

Meanwhile, the North Dundas Novice "C" Demons 2 are to take on the South Grenville Rangers at 9 am.

Following a half-hour break, the Demons 2 are scheduled to do battle against the Lions at 10:30 am, while the 11:30 am game is to feature the Rangers versus the Demons 1.

The tournament's "B" final is to be played at 1 pm, while the "A" final is set to take place at 2 pm.

All games will be played at the Chesterville Arena.

Eight points for Paas

Suds, Berets earn wins in latest WTHL action

WINCHESTER – Nik Paas led the way for the Green Berets, scoring five goals and earning three assists, while both Colton Stitt and Rob Thurler each had two goal efforts for Sadler's Suds.

The three players' efforts helped earn their respective teams victories in the latest Winchester Town Hockey League double-dip on Tues., Dec. 18.

The Suds (6-3-3) got past the Bush Leaguers (7-3-1) 5-3, while the Berets (5-6-1) dropped the Chesterville Maulers (3-8-1) 11-7.

It is the Leaguers holding down first place in the standings, followed by the Suds in second and the Berets in third. The Maulers hold down the basement of the WTHL.

Suds 5 - Leaguers 3

The Suds worked themselves into a 4-2 first period lead, thanks to two goals from Thurler, and individual markers from Travis Leach and Stitt.

League scoring leader Dean Byvelds buried two first half goals for the Leaguers, both unassisted.

Stitt scored the Suds fifth goal of the game in the second period, while Byvelds registered his third goal in the Leaguers' losing effort.

Suds assists went to Robyn Sadler (two), Troy McNaughton (two), and Stitt, while both Travis Row and Justin Heuff earned helper points for the Leaguers.

Berets 11 - Maulers 7

Three different players had multiple goals for the Berets, who earned their fifth win of the season.

Paas scored three of his game high five goals in the first period, while Mark Mitchell also fashioned a hat trick in the opening stanza, with Clayton Kohn and Mitch Shay bagging single markers.

Aaron Kelly earned his own hat trick, scoring three goals for the Maulers in the first session. Justin Morozuk also scored for the Maulers in the first.

Both Kohn and Paas kept up the Berets scoring pace in the second, while Matt VanDelst, Will McLean, and Kelly scored for the losing Maulers.

Berets assists were earned by Derek Vingerhoeds (three), James Gilmer, Paas (three), Mitchell (five), Kohn (three), and Shay (two). Helper points for the Maulers went to Cory Wilson, VanDelst, Kelly (two), Morozuk (two), and McLean.

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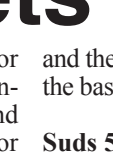

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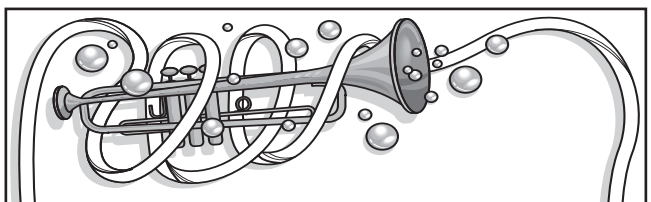

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The Metcalfe Jets completed a home and home series sweep of the Ottawa Junior Canadians, winning 3-1 on Tues., Dec. 18. The win comes two days after the Jets dropped the Canadians 6-3 in Metcalfe on Sun., Dec. 16. Jets rookie forward Devon Docksteader steamrolled Canadians defender Patrick Marsh on this play during Dec. 18's win.



Jets forward David Kilrea was kept off the scoresheet Dec. 18, but registered a hat trick in the first game of the home and home against the Canadians. *Courtesy photos*

Jets down Canadians in home and home series

OTTAWA – Josh Gervais opened the scoring, and Benoit Larocque made 34 saves as the Metcalfe Jets defeated the Ottawa Junior Canadians for the second straight game.

Played at the Brian Kilrea Arena in Ottawa Tues., Dec. 18, Gervais (from Derek Varrin and Nathan Avery) beat Canadians goaltender Matt Couvrette at 13:33 of the first period.

The Canadians got on the board at 11:37 of the second period when Max Veronneau (from Jordan Fequet and Taylor Collins) fired home a power play marker.

It was all Metcalfe in the third session, as Daniel Abraham opened the period's scoring at 12:38, connecting from Kyle Downey and Varrin.

Downey iced his team's victory with 28 seconds remaining, scoring an empty net goal. Assists went to Joshua Gervais and Dawson Fisher.

The win further cemented Metcalfe's hold on fourth place in the Eastern Ontario Hockey League's Metro Division standings, with a 15-10-0-1 record. The mark gives the Jets 31 points, five better than the last place Clarence Beavers.

Ice chips

The Jets went zero for four on the power play, while the Canadians scored once on six opportunities.

Metcalfe served a collective 12 minutes in penalties, while Ottawa players went to the box for just eight minutes total.

Jets goaltender Larocque stopped 34 of 35 shots faced, while Canadians goaltender Couvrette let in three goals on 32 shots faced.

Up next

Metcalfe is set to close out the month with a home and home series against the Clarence Beavers. Two wins could separate the Jets further from their division rivals.

The Jets were to welcome the Beavers to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe on Fri., Dec. 21 for an 8:15 pm contest. On Sun., Dec. 23, Metcalfe was then to travel to Clarence for a 2:15 pm matinee affair.

Metcalfe's first action of the new year will see them travel to Almonte for a date with the Thunder on Sun., Jan 6, before returning home on Fri., Jan. 11 to once again face the Beavers.

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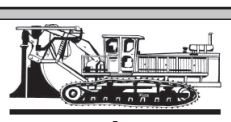

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Demon defenders

Travis McInnis (left) and Justin Shay (right), and the rest of their North Dundas Pee Wee Rep "B" Demons teammates, welcomed the NGS Braves to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Wed., Dec. 12. A final score was not available by press time. On Thurs., Dec. 13, the Demons were in Perth, and lost 6-5 to the Blue Wings, and were blown out 7-0 by the Cornwall Colts on Sat., Dec. 15. North Dundas played the Char-Lan Rebels in Winchester on Wed., Dec. 19, yet a final score was not available by press time. The Demons have begun their Christmas break, with the first game of the new year scheduled for Wed., Jan. 2 against the South Stormont Selects in Winchester.
Press Photos – Van Bridger



Bantam 'B'

Rebels rebound in final seconds to tie Demons

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons got three goals from three different shooters, but only managed a tie with the visiting Char-Lan Rebels.

The game was played on Chesterville ice on Thurs., Dec. 20.

Jordan Peterkin opened the game's scoring at 12:30 of the first period, connecting from Brandon VanBruinessen.

Char-Lan tied the game at 1-1 at 4:47, but Mitchell VanBruinessen put the Demons back in front at 4:13. Kyle DeJong earned an assist on the play.

The Rebels were able to tie the score at 2-2 at 10:12 of the second period.

North Dundas opened the third period's scoring at 10:23, when Avery Holmes (from Kyle Findlay and VanBruinessen) beat the Rebels goaltender.

A Demons penalty shot attempt at 10:15, which would have given the home side a 4-2 lead, was unsuccessful.

With just 5.7 seconds remaining in the game, Char-Lan tied the score at three goals apiece, and that was the final.

Shane Rodney worked the Demons nets in the tie.

The tie improved North Dundas' Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division record to 3-9-3, with a fourth place standing.

Up next

North Dundas was set to take on the South Grenville Rangers in Cardinal on Sat., Dec. 22, before heading into the Christmas break.

The Demons' are set to begin the new year on Thurs., Jan 3 when they welcome the South Stormont Selects to the Chesterville Arena.

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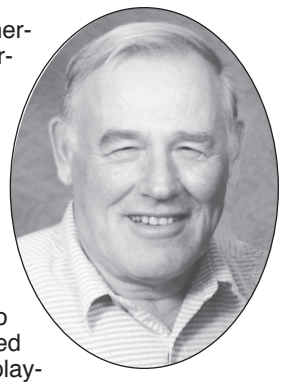
Obituary

Peter Scheepers

Peter Scheepers, a resident of the Winchester area for the past 49 years, passed away peacefully at home on Wed., Dec. 19, 2012, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 69.



Peter was born in Son, The Netherlands, on Dec. 16, 1943, to his parents, Hubert and Johanna Scheepers (nee Habraken). On July 10, 1965, he married Alida Bouwhuis in Vars. In 1968, he took over his parents dairy farm in Winchester, and continued farming until this past fall.

Peter was an outgoing person who possessed a good sense of humour, and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He enjoyed family gatherings, travelling, golf, playing cards with friends, and gardening.

Peter is survived by his wife of 47 years, Alida, his sons, Richard (Donna), Michael (Kelly), Kevin (Dianne), all of Winchester, and Duane (Erin) of Vancouver, and his siblings, the late Frank (Pauline), Hank (Betty), Bert (Karen), and Ann Dignard (the late Ray). He will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Ryan, Steven, Alison, Taylor, Bradley, Kennedy, Brandon, Meagan, Emily, Grace, Olivia, and Henry. He was predeceased by his nephew, David Dignard. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Fri., Dec. 21 from 1:30 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church in Chesterville on Sat., Dec. 22 at 11 am with Father Cosmas Ajawara officiating. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were his grandchildren.

Donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute or the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre would be appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com.

He will always be in his family's thoughts and lovingly remembered by them all.

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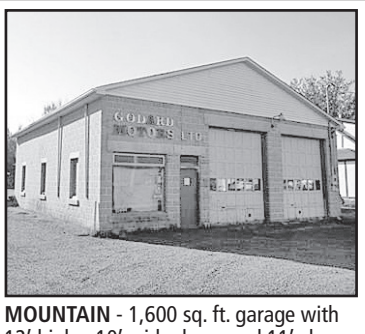

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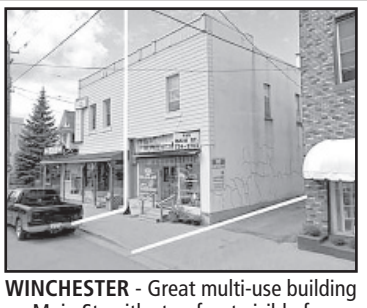

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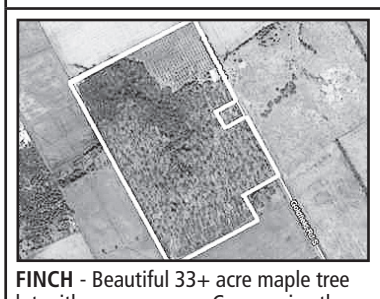

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Royal Canadian Legion service officer Bruce Sherritt (left) presented a cheque for $1,000 to Troy Cross, executive director of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation, during the Mon., Dec. 17 ceremony.

Legion's Poppy Fund goes a long way

GREELY – With proceeds from this year's Poppy campaign, the Royal Canadian Legion Greely Branch 627 presented cheques totalling $8,000 to several area charities.

On Mon., Dec. 17, at the Osgoode Ward facility, representatives from Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), Osgoode Township Care Centre, Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Care Centre, Operation Leave The Streets Behind, Ottawa Service Bureau Assistance Fund, Rural Ottawa South Support Services, Eastern Ontario Resource Centre, and Phoenix Network were on hand to receive the donations.

Presented to WDMH Foundation executive director Troy Cross, the local hospital received $1,000.

Wendy Hill and Susan Fields collected $1,500 on behalf of the Osgoode Township Care Centre.

Daniel Clapin took home $2,000 for the Perely and Rideau Veterans' Health Care Centre, while Operation Leave the Streets Behind, a charity helping homeless veterans, received $750.

Bruce Sherritt of Ottawa Service Bureau Assistance Fund, Don Slack of Rural Ottawa South Support Services, and Chantal Vachon of Eastern Ontario Resource Centre each received $750 apiece.

Dr. Turgeon of Phoenix Network took home $500 for the charity.

Waste conversion agreements finalized

OTTAWA – The Plasco Commercial Facility Long-Term Waste Conversion Agreement and the associated agreements have been finalized.



In and around Osgoode Ward
by Councillor Doug Thompson

The agreements are in accordance with the terms and conditions approved by City of Ottawa council in December 2011.

This is expected to advance the city's goals of maximizing waste diversion and reserving municipal landfill capacity for residential waste.

According to the document, Ottawa is to supply, and Plasco is to process 109,500 tonnes of city waste annually for a minimum 20-year term, plus four five-year extensions at the option of the city.

All construction, operating and maintenance costs are the responsibility of Plasco. The Plasco Conversion Facility will process 130,000 tonnes of total waste per year, and Ottawa has right of first refusal to supply the total.

Emblem unveiled

The unveiling of Ottawa's host city composite emblem for the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 was held on Fri., Dec. 14.

Ottawa is one of six Canadian cities that will host the international event expected to attract tourists and soccer enthusiasts from around the world. The six official host cities are Edmonton, Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

The FIFA Women's World Cup will be the first single-sport event in Canada to be held from coast to coast.

Agri-food innovation award applications

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Primary producers, processors, or agri-food organizations are invited to submit applications. Details on eligibility, innovation categories, assessment criteria, application process, and selection process can be found on our website at www.ontario.ca/agrifoodinnovation.

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