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Carter (left) and Silas Chambers raced the clock to transfer all of their Smarties candy from one plate to the other, using only a straw during the "Minute to Win It" games at this year's Chesterville Snowflake Carnival, which ran from Fri., Feb. 10 to Sun., Feb. 12. For more carnival coverage, see page 8.

Press Photo – Gosselin

Latest board report gives reprieve to 17 schools set to close

MORRISBURG – In the latest draft report that will land before Upper Canada District School Board trustees tonight, both Seaway District High School and Morrisburg Public School have been removed from the closure list.

The board's elected officials are set to gather this evening (Wed., Feb. 15) at North Grenville District High School in Kemptville to review the latest recommendations from senior staff.

Released two days ahead of the meeting, on Mon., Feb. 13, the document slashes the number of schools targetted for closure from 29 to 12.

The Municipality of South Dundas' lone high school, Iroquois' Seaway District, and Morrisburg Public were part of the earlier document, released last year.

What that report's unveiling did, more than anything else, was set off countless protests throughout the southern part of the county as parents, grandparents, business owners and other area stakeholders lined up to save "their" schools.

Ross Video CEO David Ross helped to lead the charge for Seaway, having worked his contacts throughout the province to make the case for keeping the high school operational in Iroquois.

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Russell woman killed in roll-over

Feb. 11 fatality one in string of incidents on area roads

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – A 57-year-old Russell woman was the victim of a single vehicle crash just northeast of the village Sat., Feb. 11.

Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers, and other first responders, were dispatched to the scene, on County Road 3 near North Wing Road, just after 10 am.

The investigation found that a Dodge pickup truck, driven by Louise Hoogsteen, was southbound on the county road at the time of the accident. At this time, it is not known why Hoogsteen lost control of the vehicle, which ended up rolled over in the ditch.

Members of the Morewood and Chesterville detachments of the North Dundas Fire Department attended to the scene to help with extrication efforts. Hoogsteen was transferred to Winchester District Memorial Hospital where she was later pronounced dead.

A section of County Road 3 was closed for several hours following the accident, but re-opened later in the day. SD&G OPP officers, assisted by collision specialists, continue to investigate.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 1-888-310-1122.

Storm dumps 30 cm of snow on region

Snowed in

Sun., Feb. 12's winter storm dumped upwards of 30 centimetres of snow on the region, and caused travel nightmares on area roadways.

The SD&G OPP reports that the local force responded to 98 calls for service, several leaving those involved with minor injuries.

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IPM legacy cemented with WDMH dedication

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – It may be some time before the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo returns to the region, but the legacy of the 2015 event will be everlasting at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

Some 82,000 people visited the area in September of that year, ballooning the population of the village of Finch and reaping countless rewards for local business owners and tourist sites.

It was most certainly one of the largest events in the history of Stormont County, not to mention one of the biggest attractions to touch down in the united counties in recent years.

More than that, the event tabulated a healthy legacy fund, reeling in $385,000, much of which was donated to regional charities and other organizations.

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Slip sliding away

An Evans Bus Lines commuter shuttle ended up on its side deep in the ditch along County Road 31 just north of Winchester on Wed., Feb. 8 after overnight freezing rain. The crash happened just after 6:30 am, leaving three passengers with minor injuries.

Press Photo – Uhrig

Local facilities to receive $413K in Ontario150 grants

WINCHESTER – In celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary, the province will be investing $25 million to support 203 capital projects throughout Ontario.

Eleanor McMahon, minister of tourism, culture, and sport, announced allocation of the funds Tues., Jan. 31.

Locally, three separate municipalities were chosen as beneficiaries to the Ontario150 Community Capital Program, which was established to renovate, repair, and retrofit existing infrastructure to increase accessibility, improve safety, and maximize community use of public spaces.

The Township of North Dundas will be receiving $7,900 for the Winchester Curling Club, improving conditions and encouraging year-round usage of the facility. The funds will be put toward weatherproofing, upgrading the kitchen, and purchasing an air-conditioning unit.

In South Dundas, the Morrisburg Arena will be getting a huge overhaul, with $315,000 realized throughout four months to upgrade the ice pad surface. The grant will encourage continued long-term use of the facility, and according to the press release, "has an impact on the lives of 10,500 in the community."

The Township of North Stormont is also on the receiving end of a large grant, with $90,000 being delivered throughout 14 months to renovate the Crysler Community Centre. The funds will be used to replace the roof, upgrade the kitchen, and make accessibility upgrades to the community space. The grant was approved as "this initiative is helping people who are isolated have connections in their community," according to the report.

"The [program] will positively impact people right across the province by improving public spaces like parks and youth centres," said McMahon. "Our investments in these important projects will build a strong social, cultural, and economic legacy for our communities for years to come."

The program, funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is one of three community-based 150 grants that will promote community engagement, empower young people, and contribute to economic growth in 2017.

Reprieve

• continued from the front

He also put his company's planned expansion on the line, and hinted that Ross Video could leave South Dundas all together if Seaway wasn't there to pump graduates into the company's workforce.

Swank Construction representatives also threatened to kibosh a planned 200-home build in Morrisburg if the village's public school closed, or Seaway was lost. No one would move to South Dundas to buy the homes without schools in the community, company officials said.

"Thank you to everyone for all your hard work. We as a community are dedicated to our students, and the future of rural living has been successful in saving our schools," Carol Collard, whose son attends Seaway and who served as one of the school's representatives during the accommodation review process, said.

She noted, however, that the "job is not done."

"We must continue to grow our community, and find more learning opportunities for our youth to follow their dreams," she added. "We know that programming is important, so let's work together to improve Seaway. This means we need more parents and community members involved in school council so we can brainstorm how to make this happen."

Longue Sault Public School has also been spared from closure, while Rothwell-Osnabruck High School in Ingleside would revert to a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school, with senior grade students being shifted to Tagwi Secondary School in Avonmore.

Finch's North Stormont Public School, meanwhile, also remains on the closure list, but that's pending ministry approval of expansion funding for Roxmore Public School in Avonmore. If the financing is approved, North Stormont students would then move to Roxmore.

Tonight's meeting in Kemptville gets underway at 6:30 pm.

Accidents

• continued from the front

In all, Glengarry led the county total with 56 incidents, while Stormont was second with 27, and Dundas rounding it out with 15.

Earlier incidents

The day's setting sun may have played a part in a Thurs., Feb. 9 crash on County Road 43, where it meets County Road 7 just outside Chesterville.

Const. Joel Doiron told the *Winchester Press* that officers were called to the scene just before 5 pm that day.

A mini-van was travelling east on County Road 43 when a Subaru crossover vehicle heading south on County Road 7 ran the stop sign, and made impact with the driver's side of the van.

Witnesses at the scene reported to the *Press* that the setting afternoon sun made travel along the highway difficult.

It's the first reported crash at the infamous intersection since the united counties enacted safety measures, including flashing lights both east and west to alert drivers to the approaching crossing, and rumble strips on both the north and south side of County Road 7 to warn drivers of the stop sign.

The 55-year-old driver of the Subaru, a South Dundas resident, faces a *Highway Traffic* Act charge.

A day earlier, on Wed., Feb. 8, SD&G OPP were called to a stretch of County Road 31 just north of Winchester.

Overnight freezing rain had left local roads virtually impassable, and just after 6:30 am an Evans Bus Lines commuter shuttle, destined for downtown Ottawa, left the roadway and flipped over in the ditch.

There were 11 riders aboard at the time of the crash, with three receiving minor injuries. Doiron said that no charges would be laid.

A handful of riders took to the *Press'* Facebook page, which had published a photo of the overturned bus, to commend the efforts of the driver, Tom Toupin, in the aftermath of the crash.

The bus wasn't the only vehicle in the ditch at the scene, as nearby a red Toyota car had to be retrieved, and just up the highway a little bit two other vehicles were stranded in the ditch.

The County Road 31 crash was one of 35 SD&G OPP detachments responded to that day.



Jim Brownell (left), chairperson of the 2015 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, and Winchester District Memorial Hospital CEO Cholly Boland took part in the lounge renaming on Thurs., Feb. 9. Included in the waiting room is an aerial shot of the grounds of the Finch match, and a plaque honouring the $100,000 donation from the committee. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

IPM Lounge

• continued from the front

"It did more than showcase our local farming community… It also supported local charities, including this hospital and our foundation," Tom Dawson, who chairs the WDMH Foundation board, said.

As part of the legacy fund generated, $100,000 was earmarked for the village medical facility, while the same amount went to the Cornwall Community Hospital and Glengarry Memorial Hospital in Alexandria. The money has been prioritized for WDMH's most urgent needs, but the financial helping hand won't go unnoticed.

During a special ceremony Thurs., Feb. 9, a lounge area nearby the medical-surgical unit at the hospital was renamed in honour of the plowing match.

Dawson noted that it is amazing the hospital was selected to receive the money from the legacy fund, considering "we are well aware that there are so many worthy causes in our region."

IPM chairperson Jim Brownell noted the many people who helped make the event possible, leading to such an overwhelming amount of profit generated.

"It's important we recognize all the people in the community who contributed in any way to the success of the [plowing match]," he said. "We were thrilled, to say the least, when all the figures were tallied. You saw the spirit of this community… People came out, and then gave back. It took a team effort."

Hospital figures show that hundreds of people use the lounge monthly.

"Each one will be reminded of your tremendous work and generosity," CEO Cholly Boland said.



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Council sets sight on redesign

MORRISBURG – South Dundas council members pinpointed several elements of the municipal website they would like to see completely redesigned at Tues., Feb. 7's meeting, with updates to the calendar of events module at the top of their list.

The re-design has been on the radar since last year, when council earmarked $50,000 to overhaul the current site.

Council also identified several other priority functions they would like to see going forward, including a mobile-friendly site with secured forms, online payment compatibility, a bylaw search module, and a business directory.

They also provided suggestions on the use of drop-down menus and using updated local photos.

According to communications and tourism co-ordinator Katherine Wells, the next step will be to issue a request for proposal (RFP).

"The issuing of an RFP and results will be completed by the spring, but the final website itself will not be completed by spring as we will be writing new content and migrating information over from the previous website," she added.

Online training adds fuel to the fire

South Dundas council has approved $10,732.50 to go toward the purchase of an online action training program for its municipal firefighters.

According to director of fire and emergency services Cameron Morehouse, when the fire service in Ontario moved from the Ontario Fire Curriculum to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in 2015, there was some confusion when training the local fire departments.

The Action Training System would provide online theory training to firefighters. It is an interactive, video-based training and testing system that the firefighter completes on their own time before the practical training in station.

Currently, departments in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, North Grenville, Greater Madawaska, Bonnechere Valley, and many other fire services are using the action training system across the province with success.

The contract would be for three years and allow for up to 66 users. The funds would be taken from donations made by TransCanada Pipe Lines and Enbridge Gas in 2015 for $10,000 each, having no impact on the budget.

According to Morehouse, the online system would allow for consistent training across the three municipal stations in Williamsburg, Morrisburg, and Iroquois.

More information on the program can be found at www.actiontrainingonline.com.

SD grows on social media

Statistics on last year's communication strategy show a large increase of South Dundas residents turning to social media for municipal information.

According to a report from communications and tourism co-ordinator Wells, the municipality's Twitter followers have increased by 52 per cent since 2015, while Facebook interactions also increased by 30 per cent from the previous year.

The report also indicates that of the 62,717 website sessions that occurred last year, 47 per cent of them were accessed from mobile devices.

It seems the trend for electronic newsletters has had a slower growth in the municipality of only three per cent.

De Jong thanked as 'Good Neighbour'

MORRISBURG – Neighbourly notions are underway in both North and South Dundas.

Through Linking Hands' yearly Good Neighbour Award program, individuals in each end of the county are recognized for their community commitments.

The 2016 winner in the Municipality of South Dundas, Brinston's Chad De Jong, was acknowledged during a council meeting in Morrisburg Tues., Feb. 7.

"Our Community Connectivity Working Group organized the Dundas Good Neighbour Award several years ago to recognize those individuals who put forth enormous effort to make life better for their neighbours, and for their communities," Linking Hands co-ordinator Sandy Casselman said.

De Jong was the unanimous choice in South Dundas, she added.

Amy Griffin and Barb Scott, both former members of the Matilda Memorial Recreation Committee, entered a nomination letter on his behalf, noting that both De Jong and his family have gone above and beyond their volunteer duties.

Mayor Evonne Delegarde and her council colleagues, as well as several staff members, congratulated De Jong during the meeting.

The North Dundas winner, meanwhile, is Mike Barkley who was to be recognized during the township's council meeting last night (Tues., Feb. 14).

Other award nominees from South Dundas included Inez Bilmer, Jim Girard and Lietta Tousaw, while North Dundas' were Wayne Burns and Ron Derraugh.

Past winners of the award are Ross Bennett, David Lapier, Betty Hall, and Elva Patterson-Rutters.



Brinston's Chad De Jong is the 2016 recipient of Linking Hands' Good Neighbour Award.

New computer skills program next 'STEP' for SD adult learners

WILLIAMSBURG – A new skills training program in South Dundas will help adult students take the next step to upgrade their knowledge of digital technology for employment or further education.

The TR Leger School of Adult, Alternative and Continuing Education recently launched the Skills Training and Employment Preparation Program (STEP) at its Williamsburg campus on County Road 31.

According to program administrator Marion Stanley, STEP provides a "comfortable, relaxed learning environment where adults can learn at their own pace."

The free program is funded by the province, and is tailored to meet individual needs in regards to computer and digital skills.

"Digital technology is essential when looking for work, trying for a promotion or furthering your education," said Stanley. "Many adults fear computers or returning to a high school environment to learn these essential skills…. Having basic computer skills, word processing and spreadsheets in your toolbox gives you an edge."

Students decide to focus on what they want to learn, and the resources and instruction are geared to their needs at no cost.

A student from the Almonte campus who completed the program noted that STEP had a meaningful impact on his life.

"[It] literally changed my life – I mean changed my life completely," he said. "No other single thing in the last 10 years has done so much for me than learning the basic computer skills you need to move forward in this world."

STEP also offers curriculum to build essentials skills for entry-level positions in clerical work, landscaping, skilled trades, warehouse work, daycare, retail, cleaning, food processing, and more.

For more information about STEP, call Stanley at 613-535-2708 or email marion.stanley@ucdsb.on.ca.

Canada 150 inspires SD historical display

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas recently launched a new display on the first floor of the municipal centre to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.

The display shows a glimpse into the life of the seaway communities in the mid-to-late 1800s, around the time of Confederation.

Some of the items from the South Dundas archives on display include a historical atlas of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) from 1879, an agreement between the Williamsburg Township Agricultural Society and the Township of Williamsburg from 1893, and various images throughout the municipality.

The display also features donated items, including a special 125th anniversary souvenir edition newspaper from *The Morrisburg Leader*, which itself has served South Dundas for more than 146 years, featuring photos and articles from the late 1800s.

The SD&G County Library has also lent two books that showcase the history of Canada.

"The Canada 150 display provides a snapshot into our region 150 years ago," said communications and tourism co-ordinator Katherine Wells. "This is just the first municipal initiative in celebrating Canada's anniversary."

New year, new art

The start of the new year also marks the beginning of a new round of artists on display through the municipality's art hanging program.

Artists participating in the 2017 display period are Karen Fischer, Stacey Pangourelias, Zoe Wolfreys, and Elsie Gallinger.

Art can be found on the walls of the second and third floors of the municipal centre.

Province revives RED program to refocus on rural communities

MORRISBURG – The province recently announced that it has launched its renewed, community-focused Rural Economic Development (RED) program.

Applications are now being accepted for the program and the current intake will conclude on Fri., March 31.

Last year, the Ontario government suspended intake of applications to the program, with plans to integrate it completely into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund (JPF).

At the time, South Dundas council passed a unanimous resolution requesting that the province reconsider the suspension and integration of the RED program, ensuring that it remained an avenue of support for capacity building in rural municipalities.

According to South Dundas economic development officer Rob Hunter, the JPF is narrowly focused, and is restricted to private sector organizations and industry partners.

Municipalities would not be able to apply for funding under the JPF.

There is also an emphasis on large projects that meet a minimum $5 million or $10 million in eligible project costs, which would significantly restrict benefits for rural areas.

However, under the renewed RED program, a community component has now been added under the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs to ensure rural communities become better positioned to attract investment, retain and create jobs, and sustain a highly skilled workforce.

"We have heard from our municipal partners," said minister Jeff Leal in a letter addressed to council. "The RED program helps remove barriers to economic development for communities in rural Ontario."

According to Hunter, the change to the program was a direct result of rural municipalities speaking out against the JPF integration.

"Now, the RED program has two components – the business side, which will still be integrated into the JPF, and the community side, which will be with OMAFRA," he said. "This is good new for all rural areas across the province."

The RED program supports businesses located in communities with less than 100,000 people, providing support for business retention expansion projects, community improvement plans, downtown revitalization projects, economic development strategies, and marketing plans.

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‘Empty Bowls’ dishes out $3,000 for hungry tummies

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG – About 130 handcrafted bowls of hearty soup were ladled out at Williamsburg Christian Reform Church Sat., Feb. 11 during the first-ever locally organized Empty Bowls event, generating more than $3,000 in support of Community Food Share.

The unique fundraiser acts as an international, grassroots movement to end hunger, and was brought to the local community by South Mountain resident and potter Debbie Gilmer.

Guests were able to choose from 134 handmade dishes donated by participating potters, followed by a catered meal of six different soups – pea soup, red pepper corn chowder (vegetarian and chicken), Mexican bean and barley, tomato bisque, apple onion, and vegetable lentil soup.

The meals were donated by Winchelsea Events, Against the Grain, Cup of Jo’s, and Simply Baked, with bread from Bea Bread and The Right Bite, along with refreshments from Mike Dean’s in Chesterville and Heritage Market.

The potters who created bowls included Gwen Anderson, Heidi Blokland, Joan Cox, Robbie Giles, Suzanne Hill, Joy Jackson, Johanna Jansen, Marie MacGillivray, Debra McLean, Monique O’Brien, Amber Payne, Jenny Rijke, Dwight Saunders, Elaine Stevens, Diane Sullivan, Ileana Tierney, and Gilmer herself.

“It’s the first time this has been done in the area, and we certainly got a lot of local support,” said Gilmer, a member of the Ottawa Guild of Potters who organizes a similar event in the city called Great Bowls of Fire. “I wanted to do something to support my own community, and luckily, it sold out in less than two weeks.”

According to Gilmer, the limiting factor was the amount of bowls that could be created in time for the event, but expects to expand Empty Bowls for next year.

Food share administrator Ian McKelvie said he was also excited for how well the event turned out, considering it was the first fundraiser he has hosted serving up a meal to the community.

“We [were] really pleased – there were about 50 people lined up at the door before we even started,” said McKelvie. “People were vying for the bowl they wanted… We will definitely get bigger next year, considering the potters have a full year to create something.”



Community Food Share board chair Terry Triskle decided to try the red pepper corn chowder served up by Anne Carriere of Simply Baked during the first-ever locally organized Empty Bowls fundraiser Sat., Feb. 11.



Cheryl Beasley of Bea Bread presented guest Ron Parker with various tasty pastry options, including purple sour dough bread crafted with grain from Against the Grain.

Press Photos – Gosselin



A local group of knitters are donating their creations to newborn babies and child patients visiting the emergency room at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Pictured are Bonnie Scott (left), Charlene Gilmer, Lorna Driscoll, Liz Earl, and Jean Clingin. *Press Photo – Gosselin*

Big-hearted crafters donating hand-knit creations to WDMH

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – A group of “nifty knitters” is looking for new members to help them handcraft newborn hats and finger puppets to be donated to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

The team has been meeting every Wednesday at the South Mountain library since last November, knitting and crocheting more than 150 hats and “finger friends” for young patients at the hospital.

Already, there has been a great response from the receiving youngsters.

“We wanted to do something for the community that would also bring people into the library,” said Lorna Driscoll, a Friends of the Library member who spearheads the initiative. “Everything we make stays local.”

Driscoll got the idea to start the weekly group after visiting her sister in Halifax, where she discovered a similar group making finger puppets for the local hospital there – which reportedly gives out thousands of the items to child patients.



Finished creations: newborn hats and finger puppets.

Some of the South Mountain-based group’s hats have also been dropped off at Nationview Public School for children who forget one. Eventually, they would like to expand their line of creations to cover other charitable causes in the community.

“Who knows what we’ll make next?” said Driscoll. “We just need some more knitters.”

The group is asking the public for any yarn donations – preferably double-knitting weight – to be dropped off at the South Mountain library’s drop box.

The weekly meetings run from 12:30 to 2 pm, with refreshments provided.

For more details, contact Driscoll at 613-989-1655.

RA asks city to rename Kenmore ball diamond

KENMORE – A longtime community advocate in this south Ottawa village may soon have his name gracing one of the ball diamonds at Kenmore Bi-Centennial Park.

In recognition of Ronald Warren’s extensive contributions to the development of the area, the city has been asked to rename Ball Diamond #1 at the York’s Corners Road park in his honour.

Bill Buckland has submitted the request on behalf of the Kenmore Recreation Association.

In the late 1970s, Kenmore Park as it was then known was just an open field. Warren arranged to have the area tile drained, and worked to support a ball diamond. He was a jack-of-all-trades, supervising and organizing the completion of the operation to shape and level the outfield, seed the grass, and remove rocks from the soil.

Once the diamond was ready, Warren helped fund the remainder of the park project by hosting ball tournaments. Lighting and poles were installed, and local residents, under Warren’s watchful eye, erected the fencing.

From beginning to end, Warren controlled all aspects of the park’s development.

In his submission, Buckland notes that the community needed this facility as a ball diamond and was in demand for the young players coming up through competitive organizations.

When that project finished, Warren didn’t. He then went to work organizing construction of the gazebo and canteen building, washrooms, horseshoe pits, and ultimately a second ball field.

Local help, with little cost to the then Township of Osgoode, arranged ground maintenance for all of this.

The park itself continues to see use to this day, while Warren passed away in November 2015.

Individuals who wish to submit a comment may do so until Wed., March 8. Contact Melinda Aston in the office of the city clerk and solicitor by phone at 613-580-2424 extension 21838 or email namingottawa@ottawa.ca.

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What the census data really means

The latest census data, combined with the Upper Canada District School Board's continuing pupil accommodation review, provides for some interesting talking points.

Highly paid consultants and school board staff weighed so heavily on shrinking student enrolment at the 29 schools first targetted for shuttering that they went ahead with trying to clear the 10,000 empty spaces.

Yes, a new draft of the school closure plan released Monday includes significantly less schools, sparing both Seaway District High School and Morrisburg Public School, but the reprieve could only be a temporary one.

Beyond the argument that our rural communities deserve their schools, which is a valid one, no one can deny the fact that the population throughout the region, and certainly in Dundas County, is stagnating.

This is where the first slice of census data comes into play.

North Dundas' population was 11,225 in 2011 and rose to 11,278 in 2016, a yawning 0.5 per cent.

Equally anemic is the South Dundas population, which sat at 10,794 in 2011 and increased to 10,833 in 2016, a ho-hum 0.4 per cent.

The broader picture isn't much better as the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry population went from 111,164 five years ago to 113,429 in the most recent data collection year. It's a respectable two per cent bump, but nothing worth writing home about.

At first glance one might think there isn't anything necessarily wrong with a stable population. But, they'd be wrong. Certainly when it comes to a tax system so heavily focused on the assessed value of property, there needs to be growth for a community to not only survive, but thrive.

It's time our municipalities did more to lead toward spikes in population. In North Dundas, we've for too long had council members who are good storytellers, but with little action past the tale being told.

Yes, it'd be unfair to say nothing has been netted, but certainly not enough of what's needed. We remain with a planning department that cannot seem to shake a reputation of being difficult to work with and impossible to please.

Enough with the high hopes and big dreams — we need action. The time is ripe to attract and invest in expanding lucrative post-secondary options in the SD&G and Cornwall corridor. Help keep our young people from moving to Ottawa or beyond and not coming back.

Beyond that, a major shift in the type of housing added in our communities is desperately needed. Affordable housing to attract growing families is ideal.

Our region needs this push, and cleary the state of our schools depends on it.

Remember when…

1937

This week in the *Winchester Press*, the front page story reported that the Brockville Arena, built in 1914 and home of the famous Magedoma hockey team, had been destroyed by fire: "Junior Magedomas, who were to enter the district junior playdowns this week…lost all of their equipment."

1947

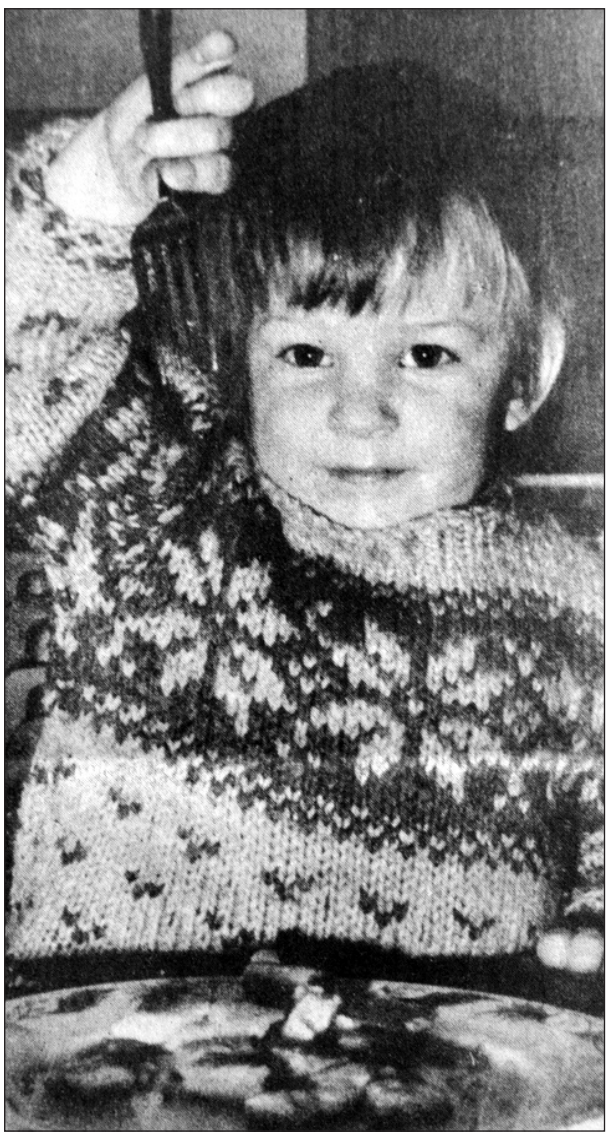
"Mr. W.J. Fawcett, prominent Holstein breeder in this district, received the highest honour that is within the power of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada to bestow," reported the *Press* this week. "He was presented with a Master Breeder Shield…only 30 Holstein herds in Canada have received this award since the first in 1930."

1957

This week, the *Press* reported that members of the Winchester Fire Department were asking municipal council for $75 overtime pay: "The firemen's claim that they were not paid enough, after they had received their yearly cheque, is strictly a business proposition and there is no discord between the department and council."

1967

This week's edition of the *Press* published a series of essays by outstanding students at North Dundas District High School called "From the Campus Pen." The first essay was written by Grade 13 student Hart Melvin on the effects of LSD: "Have you ever thought that you were dead, or have you ever seen the world melt away before your eyes? If so, you are either dreaming, or under the effects of LSD."



This week in 1987, young Bobby Howison had the smallest appetite at the Metcalfe Winter Carnival's pancake breakfast.

1977

"Seaway Valley Ambulance Service announced this week that, effective immediately, ambulance service for Winchester and district will be on a 24-hour schedule," said this week's *Press*. "The announcement follows a series of complaints that the service had deteriorated over the past few years."

1987

This week, a letter to the editor scolded Winchester residents who were bemoaning the cancellation of this year's carnival queen contest due to lack of interest: "Today's young women are 'apathetic' you say? Are girls apathetic because they decline to participate in blatant popularity contests? Because they refuse to parade up and down like cattle and graded meat? The young females of Winchester have woken up to the 1980s."

1997

"Bruce Presley has the largest gas station right in his backyard," reported the *Press* this week. "Last week, about 11,000 litres of gasoline was lost when a valve ruptured on a Trans-Northern pipeline located on Presley's Ninth Line Road property east of Vernon."

2007

"Anti-bullying activist leads workshops in Elma," said a featured headline this week: "'I'm doing this because I was bullied at work two years ago,' said workshop facilitator Chris Hinkle. 'I really want to see some change.'"

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From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

Dr. Robert Laberge didn't know Maddy Otto.

He will never forget her.

In 2007, Laberge spent just a handful of hours with her. He was a young physician, recently graduated, who had just started his residency at Roger's House. The few hours he spent with Maddy were the last on Earth for the five-year-old girl.

"I remember that day vividly," said Laberge. "It was just one of those things that you see – so remarkably sad, but also so filled with love – that when it happens, you know it is a rare moment that will change your life."

Maddy Otto's passing was completely unexpected. Yet, it is something that serves as a reminder of the fragility of life. There was no prolonged sickness or any lingering medical problems. Instead, she simply woke up from a nap at the family cottage, and according to her father, Dean, Maddy "just didn't look right. She was kind of droopy, like something was wrong."

Dean and Jeanine Otto took their daughter to CHEO, and shortly after their arrival, Maddy had a seizure.

Within a day, the Ottos were surrounded by family members. They came from Dean's hometown of Peterborough and Jeanine's home province of New Brunswick. They even had relatives arrive from Alberta and the Yukon.

On July 17, 2007, Maddy Otto passed away at Roger's House two days after being admitted into CHEO. She died peacefully, surrounded by a strong and loving family and close friends.

"There are two things I will always remember about that day," he said. "I will always remember being with her and her family in the park when she was on the swing. I will also always remember being in their room at Roger's House. I knew in those moments that I was experiencing something special. To see that kind of raw emotion with her family had a sense of sadness, but there was also a sense of peace and calmness as we transitioned from CHEO to Roger's House. It was a degree of love that you only hear about."

Laberge said that he was like a fly on the wall as he watched one of the saddest yet most beautiful moments he has ever seen.

"We were standing at the door, just watching the family lying on the bed with her," he said. "Our role was just to make sure Maddy was comfortable. But as I watched the family, I was seeing this intensely human side of life. Those were images that will stay with me forever."

After Maddy's passing, Dr. Laberge left to go home. He said he had an "incomplete feeling." He said he remembered sitting in his car, thinking about what the Otto family had just been through, while CBC radio was on in the background.

"I wanted to see them again," he said. "I went to the wake for Maddy. Maybe it was for me as much as it was for them. I wanted to show my support for them, but personally, I also needed some closure."

On a recent weekend, Dr. Laberge met with the Otto family. It was the first time he had seen them since Maddy's wake back in 2007.

"Maddy was a special kid," Jeanine Otto said. "She has impacted so many people – not just when she was with us, but even after she was gone. She has a strong spirit that lives on with us. We have had many people talk to us about her and how they remember her, but to hear from Dr. Laberge and to hear him talk about how much he has been impacted by Maddy really meant a lot to us."

Jeanine said that Dr. Laberge immediately connected with the family.

"I know he was just doing his job, but there was so much warmth and compassion that we felt from him," she said. "He was amazing."

The Ottos asked Dr. Laberge to speak at this year's Maddy's Gala, which took place last Saturday at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa.

"To me, it's one of the three most important speeches of my life," Laberge said beforehand. "There was my father's funeral, and my wedding, and now, Maddy's Gala. The one thing that being with Maddy taught me is how precious life is. Maddy was just a little girl. She was out at the cottage playing, and then a few hours later, she is in Roger's House. I remember seeing her. She still had dirt under her fingernails and she still had some face paint on her face. And then, suddenly, she's gone."

Jeanine Otto smiles as she remembers the dirt and the face paint.

"She had been playing, and her feet and hands were dirty," she said. "Maddy loved super heroes, and she still had a little bit of green face paint on. She was pretending she was the Hulk. She was going to wash the rest of it off in the lake, but she never had the chance."

For Dr. Laberge, there is one special thing that he learned from Maddy Otto.

"You always hear doctors say, 'There's nothing more I can do.' But what I learned from Maddy and the Otto family is that there is more you can do. There is always more you can do," he said. "It's not just about calculating doses of medicine. There is a human side to medicine that I got to see through the experience I had with this family."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School closures disastrous for rural Ontario

The Editor:
The Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB)'s pupil accommodation review removes students from rural schools so as to increase enrolment at institutions in Cornwall, Prescott, and Brockville.

But eliminating secondary schools in Glengarry County will have practical, community, and political ramifications.

Glengarry District High School students may enroll in the local minority language in the way of the French-speaking École secondaire catholique Le Relais, while Char-Lan District High School students may enroll at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School in Cornwall.

Neither of these potential outcomes appear in the UCDSB's future enrollment predictions as the potential cataclysmic effect it will have.

The recent accommodation review committee meeting in Cornwall presented a high level of intelligent, practical solutions to the declining enrollment situation – all by concerned volunteers.

Only three trustees, together with review committee members and nearly 500 concerned English public school supporters were present to hear these forceful, moving briefs by individuals opposed to the draconian atrophy of rural public education.

Now, who will make the decision? One trustee has stated that you "cannot bite the hand that feeds you," another said that the report is the answer and those who oppose it are just recalcitrant to change; against student opportunity.

Education minister Mitzie Hunter, both in a November meeting and during her flythrough discovery trip to such outback schools as Longue Sault Public, Glengarry, and Char-Lan, stated that she valued school communities and that school boards had the power to hire, fire directors, and close schools.

"This is what we have been fighting for, for our children to have equal opportunity and not be devalued," Hunter was quoted telling the *Toronto Star*.

But, boards have traditionally accepted education ministry decree no matter how disruptive. After all, 14 floors of educational bureaucrats in the Toronto Mowat Block skyscraper should be sufficient enough to formulate policy and procedure for Ontario students.

Historically, the previous changes from the 1,500 English township school boards to 130 in the county system (1969), and the subsequent fragmentation into the four board language and religion model (1998) to just 36 English boards out of 70 total, all funded with English education funds, received little criticism.

Also, who remembers the disastrous open concept schooling with eight grades huddled in one area, a la busy bus terminal noise level?

Thus with no information from the board sans "we are listening," one does not know if Hunter has been contacted by the board or individual trustees, or even the board's provincial organization (OPSTA) with an opinion that a) the plan is lovely; b) the plan is lousy; or c) it's too sudden and too drastic.

Attempting to think as a rural trustee on the plan put forward by the new senior administration and deal with all the issues, should I assume the education ministry is not always right?

Can I make a difference? Does community count to the UCDSB? If I accept some review recommendations can the board survive the concomitant penalty of threatened postponement of new school construction? Can I lobby other trustees for those recommendations suggesting fewer than 29 schools close?

Does voting for the plan mean urban enhancement and rural community decline, the transfer of hundreds of students and tax support to other boards, and diminishing of student potential?

Can anything regain the lost trust of the rural population? Do I want to be known as the board of empty schools?

Hey, will they still need rural trustees? Will I be brave?

Art Buckland
Martintown

Doing what's needed to grow food economy

The Editor:
Let us look at the big picture for Canada's future.

When we were 20 million people, our forest cover was not an issue. Today, we are 35 million people, and by 2040 we're expected to hit 45 million.

Forest regions identified by the province highlights a region from the Manitoba border to Quebec as the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forest region, which is 62 per cent forest covered. We cannot continue to depend on California, and other parts, to provide our food due to their water woes (mostly water shortages).

Ontario's environment minister, Glen Murray, has publicly stated that four billion dollars worth of imported food can be grown in the province. So, we Canadians are doing the right thing to produce more food for ourselves.

It is estimated that our growing season will extend to 170 days per year by 2040. Adding the carbon dioxide availability during this near future fits nicely with our cropping needs.

Municipal, provincial, and federal officials do not want to stunt our food economy. Doing so would just drive our talented people to the U.S., where there is a friendlier business climate.

Our farmers are converting forests to food production, and sequestering carbon in the process. Canadian agriculture has reduced emissions by 33 per cent since 1990, and we still increased our food and crop output.

We consistently have plentiful and affordable food to keep for ourselves, and some for export.

Let us work together to keep it this way.

Bernard van der Zweep
Morrisburg

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For everything you do, thanks to roads crew

The Editor:
I wanted to compliment Dan Belleau, the Township of North Dundas' director of public works, and his road crew for their handling of the recent ice storm that hit throughout much of the day Tues., Feb. 7 and into Wed., Feb. 8.

After a full night of freezing rain and very high winds, most roads and driveways were reduced to skating rinks. I am sure Belleau's staff was extremely busy keeping area roadways salted and scraped.

We were, therefore, very impressed when we ventured out in the early afternoon Feb. 8 only to find ourselves behind the grader, which had its "toothy" attachment on.

He was doing an absolutely excellent job scraping the ice right down to the gravel, and the result was that the road was 100 per cent safe to drive on.

By the way, we can always tell when we cross into another township or county because their road maintenance is not nearly the equality of North Dundas.

Thanks to Dan and his team for their hard work. Please be assured that the residents do notice.

Janice Atkey
Winchester

NDDHS Notes
by Alexis Henderson



Show your spirit NDDHS students

MAPLE RIDGE – Intermediate students at North Dundas District High School can purchase tickets for the upcoming winter formal until Fri., Feb. 17.

The passes are $5 each, with the dance set for Fri., Feb. 24 from 6 to 9 pm. There will be a canteen operating so students can purchase snacks and drinks.

At the end of the evening, a king and queen will be crowned.

Students and staff showed their school spirit yesterday (Tues., Feb. 14) during Valentine's Day by wearing pink and red to earn grade points. Valentine O'grams were also distributed.

Today (Wed., Feb. 15)'s spirit event is PJ Day. Students and staff can participate by wearing their pajamas to school for the day.

Students who missed getting their photos taken earlier in the school year, or who signed up for retakes, will get their pictures taken tomorrow (Thurs., Feb. 16).

Fri., Feb. 17 is jersey spirit day, so remember to wear your favourite jersey for the day to earn grade points. The Intermediate Winter Carnival is also set for Feb. 17, with students taking part in various activities at the beginning of the day.

The Denim and Diamonds Dance is set for Thurs., March 2 for secondary students. It will run from 7 to 10 pm, and tickets go on sale Mon., Feb. 20 for $10 each.

Finally, another prom fundraiser is on the way. On Fri., Feb. 24 students can enjoy a cake sale at lunch. This sale will be in the form of an auction where Grade 12 students will auction off cakes they made to help lower the cost of their own prom ticket.

Chesterville winter charmers





This year's annual Chesterville Snowflake Carnival celebrated the little ones of the village during the ever-popular Prince and Princess Snowflake contest Sat., Feb. 11, with four-week-old Connor Chambers (pictured, at left, with his mom Amy) and seven-month old Hattie Potestio (pictured below with her mom Sarah) taking home the crowns for the boys' and girls' divisions. Key organizer Shelley McLeod noted that although the carnival queen contest didn't go ahead this year, the committee added an extra men's category to the three-on-three hockey tournament, which ran throughout the weekend (Fri., Feb. 10 to Sun., Feb. 12). "We're always looking for volunteers – we need to get bigger, and add new ideas [to the carnival] to keep this going," said McLeod, who has been one of the few organizers involved with the carnival for more than 15 years. "We don't even have extra people to consistently plan outdoor activities. So we just have been sticking with what we know works."



During Saturday's breakfast, a handful of kids participated in the carnival's "Minute to Win It" games. The first round had participants line up for an egg race. *Press Photos – Gosselin*



Alix (left), Madi, and their father and Chesterville firefighter Matt Giles helped serve up sausage, eggs, and pancakes during the always well-attended Firemen's Breakfast Sat., Feb. 11 at the Royal Canadian Legion Chesterville Branch 434.



Debbie Whyte had the audience cracking up as her team tried to guess what she was saying with a mouth guard in her mouth, as organizer Shelley McLeod timed them.



Make it 'your' fair

Metcalfe Agricultural Society members held their annual general meeting Mon., Jan. 30, and a new executive was voted in for this year's Metcalfe Fair board. Held every year since 1856, the Metcalfe Fair is one of the premier agricultural exhibitions in Ontario, and this year's theme is to "Make it YOUR Fair." Pictured are office administrator Meredith Brophy (front, left), president Brian Johnston, and treasurer Kay Stanley. Back row: first vice-president Barry Payne (left), first vice-chair Lisa Reid, second vice-president Agnes Lee, chair Cheryl Sullivan, and past president Gary Chouinard.

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Post-season play

KC's Maintenance goaltender Kristie Wade, above, tracked the puck while her teammate Stephanie Scott tied up Cooper Pinks forward Michaela Morrow in Sunday (Feb. 12) morning's Winchester District Ladies Hockey League playoff round robin at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Morrow cashed one of her team's markers in their 2-0 victory. Sam Benoit posted the shutout. At right: Foodland Reds' Cara Waddell (left) held WS Trucking forward Andrea Francis in check. The Reds received flawless goaltending from Melissa Blanchet and a two-goal effort from Amy Fraser in a 3-0 victory.

Press Photos – Van Bridger

Bantam 'B' Demons claim East pennant with five straight wins

WILLIAMSTOWN – Liam Antille held the hometown Char-Lan Rebels to a single goal as his North Dundas Bantam Rep "B" Demons skated to a pennant-clinching 2-1 victory.

Curtis Bell (Cam Sherrer, Owen Richardson at 14:46) handed the visiting Demons a 1-0 first-period lead in last Thursday's (Feb. 9) East Division tilt, which concluded the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's regular season. The decision, the team's fifth consecutive win, enabled the Demons (18-4-2) to clinch first place with 38 points, two more than Char-Lan (18-6-0).

Jack Corput tied the score 1-1 at 9:25 of the second stanza, setting the stage for Sherrer to shoot home the GWG early (17:15) in the final frame.

Coach Aron Sherrer and the Demons are now waiting for their play-off schedule to be released.

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Hawks edge Canadians 6-5, hang tough against Vikings

WINCHESTER – If there has been one constant in the Winchester Hawks game of late it is inconsistent goaltending.

Hawks president/GM Keith Ashton referred to the club's defensive shortcomings reviewing last Thursday's (Feb. 9) 5-4 loss in Casselman to the Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2 (CCHL2) defending champion Vikings (33-8-2-1), who currently hold down second place in the Martin Division standings.

"We win period one and three 1-0, but give up five goals in the second period and lose 5-4," the president recalled. "Friday against Ottawa we led 4-2 after two periods, give up three goals in the third and have to scramble for a 6-5 win."

"We should have won the Casselman game," he added. "But, we win and lose as a team."

Ashton did acknowledge a minor penalty and an extra attacker goal did play a part in the Canadians late rally.

Compounding Winchester's fragile puck-stopping situation is the fact that rookie 'tender Conor Lahey suffered a knee injury in the game against Ottawa and could be gone for two weeks, forcing the Hawks to enlist a 15-year-old backstop from the Cumberland U18 Grads as a emergency (game-to-game basis) replacement backup.

End in sight

The Hawks have four games left on their regular season schedule, including one in Ottawa against the Canadians, which was played last night (Tues., Feb. 14).

The Martin Division-leading Ottawa West Golden Knights (35-6-1-1) visit Winchester Friday (Feb. 17) for an 8:15 pm tilt.

Next Tuesday (Feb. 21) the Hawks will play a re-scheduled game in Williamstown against the Char-Lan Rebels before closing out the season at the Joel Steele Community Centre against the Metcalfe Jets on Fri., Feb. 24.

The team Winchester will meet in a best-of-three quarter-final series, the Clarence Beavers (21-19-2-2), hold fourth-place with a four-point lead on the fifth-place Hawks (19-21-2-2). The Alexandria Glens (16-25-1-1) are chasing the Hawks with five games to play, but have to go up against Clarence, Casselman, Ottawa West, Westport and Char-Lan and collect all 10 points to knock the Hawks out of the playoffs.

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North Dundas Rockets set for playoffs

Mullin, van Kessel pick up NCJHL individual awards

CHESTERVILLE – Back-to-back losses wasn't what North Dundas Rockets general manager Robyn Sadler had envisioned as the way his National Capital Junior Hockey League (NCJHL) club would close out the regular season.

But, dropping a 7-2 decision to the first-place Panthers in Embrun on Friday (Feb. 10) and losing 3-2 to the Gatineau-Hull Volant in Chesterville on Saturday (Feb. 11) is just how it played out for North Dundas.

The Rockets finished a franchise best four games above 500 with 18 wins, 14 losses 36 points and sole possession of third place, also a franchise high.

Despite the disappointment, Sadler said the way things worked out for the Rockets was just fine.

"A third place finish, two of our guys winning three league awards, the playoff match up we wanted with Cumberland, due to geography, and no injuries of any relevance," he said. "As GM I never thought I would be speaking of the success of two losses."

Round one

The Rockets will open their quarter-final (best of seven) series against the Cumberland Bandits (16-16-0) in Chesterville on Friday (Feb. 17). Game time is 7:30 pm.

Game two is set for the Ray Friel Arena on Saturday (Feb. 18) at 7:30 pm.

Game three will be played in Chesterville on Sunday (Feb. 19) at 3 pm.

Game four on Tues., Feb. 21 is slated for the Ray Friel Arena at 7:30 pm.

Game five (if necessary) is schedule for Chesterville on Fri., Feb. 24 at 7:30 pm.

Game six (if necessary) – Ray Friel Arena, Sat., Feb. 25 at 7:30 pm.

Game seven (if necessary) – Chesterville Arena, Sun., Feb. 26 at 3 pm.

NCJHL awards

Two members of the Rockets earned individual NCJHL honours when the league announced its 2016-2017 awards on Monday (Feb. 13).

Defenceman Bryden van Kessel picked up two pieces of silverware being named the regular season MVP and the best defencemen.

Rockets captain Brandon Mullin slipped past van Kessel and collected the Top Scorer's Trophy. Mullin finished with 19 goals, 50 assists and 69 points, nipping his teammate by two points. van Kessel, a former Winchester Hawks all-star slid into the second spot with 23 goals, 44 assists and 67 points.

The awards will be presented prior to the 7:30 pm start of Friday's opening quarter-final game against Cumberland.

"Brandon and Bryden have shown tremendous dedication to this team and are easily two of the best people I have had the privilege of coaching/working with in my junior GM/coaching career," said Sadler. "They both deserve tremendous praise for their efforts and we are thrilled they got the recognition from the league they deserve."

Their teammates Liam Morrow (26-27-53) and Shawn Simms (27-27-44) also made the top 10 with Morrow placing third and Simms ninth.

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Super sniper

It was announced on Monday (Feb. 13), that North Dundas Rockets captain Brandon Mullin had received the NCJHL's Top Scorer Award. Mullin (19-50-69) nipped teammate Bryden van Kessel (23-44-67) by two points, but van Kessel did claim both the Regular Season MVP and Best Defenceman trophies. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*



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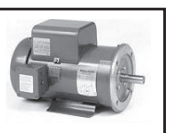

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Crysler Community Centre
7 pm **Bingo Winter Carnival Kickoff,** doors open 5:30 pm

Thursday, February 16

Crysler Community Centre
5 pm **Psychic Night in Crysler *with Bonnie Thompson and Friends*** - $5/ticket, sold in advance at Crysler Home Hardware and The Old General Store. Doors open 5 pm for ticket holders, 5:30 pm to public. More info at CCC Facebook page.

Notre Dame du Rosaire School
6:30 pm **Kids' Movie: Trolls** (English version), FREE admission.

Friday, February 17

Crysler Community Centre
5-7 pm **Meet & Greet Supper/Game Night in the hall** - crib, darts, board games
7-9 pm **Rock & Skate**
8 pm **Tony's Rockathon *in memory of Tony Brière,*** hosted by Crysler Firefighters. Participants will rock for 24 hours to raise money for ODR and Cornwall Hospice.

Saturday, February 18

Crysler Library
10-11 am **Open House** hosted by Friends of the Crysler Library

Crysler Community Centre
Until 8 pm **Tony's Rockathon** continues

11 am **The Duke of Magic Show**
Bake sale, proceeds to ODR, hot dogs, pogos and fries sold for lunch
1-2 pm **Kids' Indoor Activities**

ODR (Skating Rink)
2-5 pm **Public Skating**

Crysler Community Centre
8 pm-1 am **80's Dance -** $10 at the door, costume contest, cash bar
9 pm **Newlywed Game**

Sunday, February 19

Crysler Community Centre
9:30 am-12:30 pm **Breakfast** prepared by Crysler Optimist Club, served by Knights of Columbus and Firefighters of Crysler
1 pm **Little Ray's Reptile Show**

Crysler Park
1:30-4 pm **Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides**

ODR (Skating Rink) and Parking Lot
2-3 pm **North vs South Family Activities** (helmets mandatory)
3:15-3:50 pm **North vs. South Youth Hockey Game**, 13 years and under, helmets mandatory
4-5 pm **North vs. South Adult Hockey Game**, 14 years and over, helmets mandatory

Crysler Community Centre
5-7 pm **Spaghetti Supper**
7 pm **50/50 Draw**

Crysler Park
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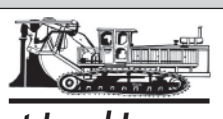

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Lions dominate Demons 6-1



Lions roar

The South Dundas Major Midget "B" Lions closed out the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League season trimming the North Dundas Demons 6-1 last Thursday (Feb. 9) at the Joel Steele Community Centre. South Dundas' forward Randy Keller, firing on Demons goaltender Bayden Carr, scored twice and drew two assists for the first-place Lions (19-2-3). North Dundas (10-8-6) finished third in the East Division standings. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

WINCHESTER – Randy Keller potted a pair of pucks and drew assists on two other scoring plays as the visiting South Dundas Major Midget "B" Lions mauled the North Dundas Demons 6-1 in the final game of the 2016-2017 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League season.

Last Thursday's (Feb. 9) encounter at the Joel Steele Community Centre left the Demons (10-8-6) in third place in the East Division standings with 26 points. Their victory locked down a first-place record of 19-2-3 for the Lions who finished with 41 points. The Char-Lan Rebels (15-4-5) settled into second with 35. The fourth and final spot went to the NGS Braves (3-19-2) who collected eight points.

Post season

North Dundas will face Char-Lan in their semi-final series, which will open in Williamstown on Mon., Feb. 20. Game two will be played in Winchester on Wed., Feb. 22 (7 pm). Game three will switch back to Williamstown on Mon., Feb. 27. Game four (if necessary) is slated for Winchester on Thurs., March 2 (7:30 pm).

South Dundas will tangle with NGS beginning in Morrisburg on Thurs., Feb. 23. Game two is set for Finch on Sun., Feb. 26.

Lions 6 – Demons 1

North Dundas managed just one goal and that came with 1:55 left in period two when Brandon VanBruinessen (Justin Shay, Cam Reid) beat South Dundas 'tender Christian Francis, who also tends nets for the North Dundas District High School Devils.

Jonah Bennis (Griffith Patterson at 7:58) cracked the Lions' first-period goal.

Keller netted his squad a 3-0 advantage using plays created by Cal Bilmer at 14:14 and Tyler Rae and Oakley Beavers at 7:39 of period two. The VanBruinessen marker cut the Demons deficit to 3-1 before the session ended.

Bennis (Patterson, Ewan Baril at 17:17), Bilmer (Rae, Keller at 15:42) and Patterson (Keller, Bilmer at 5:04) buried the biscuit in the final frame taking the final difference to 6-1.



Cream of the crop

Second John Sloan (left), skip Michel St-Marseille, vice John Sloane, and lead Abe Douma combined their talents to earn 24 points and the top prize in the 51st Winchester Curling Club Dairy Bonspiel (Feb. 3-4). Organizer Greg Chamberlain (back) thanked the sponsors and volunteers for making the bonspiel a success. St-Marseille defeated Craig Belanger 7-3 and Alison Summers 8-4 to take the title. Winchester BMR was one of the events prime sponsors. The runners-up in the 18-team event was the team of skip Stephen Kapustra, vice Kevin Martin, second Paul Roberts and lead Amy Martin who collected 23 ½ points.



One game high

Jordan Mark (left), Grace Cave, Kiersten Goodman and Karlene Brown collected 15 ½ points and the one-game high score award in the Winchester Curling Club's 51st Dairy Bonspiel (Feb. 3-4). The consolation prize went to Kenny Mills, Courtney Barkley, Terry Barkley and Christine Barkley. Organizer Greg Chamberlain reported a long list of draws were held, including one for a lap quilt donated by Janet Douma, generating funds, to help keep the WCC operating.

Rockets

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No All-Star game

Sunday's (Feb. 12) mammoth snowstorm knocked out the league's All-Star Game and Skills Competition, which were slated to be held in St. Isidore the same day.

North Dundas goaltender Jason Buma, Chris Marchand, Mullin, Simms and Quinton Jolly along with coach Lenard McLean and trainer Duane Young were all supposed to have taken part.

Volant 3 – Rockets 2

Gatineau-Hull held 1-0 and 3-1 period leads in Chesterville on Saturday and held on for a 3-2 victory.

Cam Dykstra (PPG, 1-1-2), van Kessel (1-0-1), Morrow (0-1-1). Landon Veenstra (0-1-1) and Paul Markhauser (0-1-1) produced the North Dundas offence.

Panthers 7 – Rockets 2

The pennant-winning Panthers (20-12-0) out gunned the Rockets 7-2 Friday in Embrun.

Mullin and Dylan Nixon cashed the North Dundas markers. Simms, Veenstra and van Kessel provided the passes.

Kirkland Reaney (2), Josh Renaud (2), Lavictoire, Tylor Jodoin and Nathan Bols buried the Panthers' pucks.

Meet the HAWKS

Joe Vaughan

No. 25

Forward



Joe Vaughan hails from Almonte and joined the Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2 (CCHL2) Winchester Hawks in January after being acquired from the Richardson Division's Arnprior Packers. In two stints (2015-2016 and 2016-2017) with the Packers, Vaughan totalled 71 games, scoring four goals and 13 points. The 19-year-old has collected six assists in nine games as a Hawk. He set up a pair of goals in Winchester's 6-3 win in Alexandria, added another helper in a 6-4 loss in Metcalfe and provided two passes as the Hawks edged the Ottawa Canadians 6-5.

Bantam Demons

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Demons 8 – NGS 1

Jaymen Heuff and Justin Dagenais combined for five goals and 10 points the day before (Wed., Feb. 8) as the Demons bashed the NGS Braves 8-1 at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Toby Byrne got the start and was flawless until the third period when Parker Ouderkirk beat him at the 9:58 mark.

North Dundas led 2-0 after a period and 6-0 heading into the final frame.

Heuff (3-2-5), Dagenais (2-3-5), Xavier Leclerc (1-2-3), Nathan Verhey (0-2-2), Bell (GWG, 1-0-1), Jayden Rowe (1-0-1), Kobey Young (1-0-1), Cole Chapman (0-1-1), Richardson (0-1-1) and Nolan Henry (0-1-1) rounded out the scoring.

Demons 4 – Rangers 2

Bell rang up a pair of goals when the Demons doubled the South Grenville Rangers 4-2 in Morrisburg (Feb. 6).

Leclerc (Cole Chapman, Young at 12:26) registered the North Dundas goal in period one, which ended tied 1-1.

Henry (Sherrer, Lucas Menard at 10:15) increased the Demons lead to 2-1 in the second stanza.

Bell's first tally was the game winner scored on a power play set up by Henry and Sherrer at 15:40 of the final frame. He struck again making it 4-1 with help provided by Sherrer and Richardson at 10:45.

South Grenville sliced the final deficit to 4-2 scoring with 8:36 left in the game.

Hawks

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"If we have everyone healthy and available we can be a good team," offered Ashton. "We have team speed and secondary scoring. We need at least decent goaltending to succeed."

Hawks 6 – Canadians 5

Third period goals by Joshua Filoso (PPG at 16:26) and Robbie Pickard (extra attacker at 19:14) cut the Canadians deficit to 6-5 and made things uncomfortable for Hawks coach Paulo Gagnon, but his squad was able to hold on for an important win.

The Gagnon brothers, Diego (2-1-3) and Franco (2-0-2), led the Winchester attack. Christophe Lemay (GWG, 1-1-2), Kurtis Keohane (1-1-2), Joe Vaughan (0-2-2), Lahey (0-1-1), Evan Durant (0-1-1), Brett Lannin (0-1-1) and Zach Cohen (0-1-1) all chipped in points.

Lahey got the start, left the game due to injury and was replaced by Kevan Dumouchel who made 18 saves on 21 shots for the win.

Vikings 5 – Hawks 4

Jarrett Williams (APM) gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead burying an unassisted breakaway goal in period one.

Casselman turned things around in the sandwich session grabbing a 5-3 lead.

Franco Gagnon (Lemay, Cohen at 8:14) cut the Hawks final deficit to 5-4 netting the lone third-period marker.

Cohen accounted for both of Winchester's second-period tallies. The Gagnon boys set him up at 10:45 while Lemay and Franco assisted him at 13:11.

Dumouchel started and took the loss allowing five goals on 22 shots. Lahey came on in relief and blocked all 10 shots he faced during 21:36 of work.

Harrison Wood (2-1-3), Tyler Somers (1-1-2), Isaac Lavallee and Mathieu Grandmont cashed the Vikings' markers.

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Casselman 3 - Ottawa 2
Feb. 8:
Brockville 4 - Prescott 1
Feb. 9:
Casselman 5 - Winchester 4
Ottawa West 10 - Char-Lan 2
Feb. 10:
Winchester 6 - Ottawa 5
Ottawa West 6 - Alexandria 4
Metcalfe 4 - Westport 3 OT
Renfrew 3 - Brockville 1
Arnprior 5 - Perth 4
Feb. 11:
Westport 6 - Athens 3
Renfrew 6 - Prescott 3
Clarence 5 - Char-Lan 3
Richmond 2 - Alexandria 1
Feb. 12
Clarence 8 - Metcalfe 7 SO
Arnprior - Perth PPD
Feb. 13:
Ottawa West 3 - Casselman 2 SO

STANDINGS

Martin Division	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	36	6	2	246	154	74
Casselman	33	8	4	219	125	70
Metcalfe	28	14	1	190	144	57
Clarence	21	19	4	194	198	46
Winchester	19	21	4	147	171	42
Alexandria	16	25	2	151	177	34
Ottawa	13	26	5	136	163	31
Char-Lan	8	31	3	138	242	19

Richardson	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Perth	34	7	1	206	107	69
Arnprior	32	12	2	239	162	66
Richmond	29	9	4	212	152	62
Westport	24	17	6	195	179	54
Athens	22	13	9	175	157	53
Brockville	17	26	1	136	195	35
Prescott	12	26	7	148	242	31
Renfrew	8	33	4	116	269	20

TOP SCORERS

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Franco Gagnon	34	20	54
Diego Gagnon "A"	17	28	45
Christophe Lemay	17	27	44
Zach Cohen	16	21	33
Kurtis Keohane	21	12	33
Nicholas Raponi De Roia	7	21	28
Tyler Newell	12	10	22
Erik Starcevic "C"	8	10	18
Jonathan Dutrisac	7	8	15
Jordan Chagnon "A"	6	9	15
Jordan Currie	2	13	15
Joe Vaughan	4	9	13
Evan Landry	3	9	12
Brett Lannin	3	7	10
Evan Durant	2	6	8
Blayr McFarlane	2	3	5
Chris Webber	2	3	5
Austin Gough	1	4	5
Jarrett Williams (APM)	1	2	3
Ian Ogden	0	3	3
Jacques Lariviere	1	1	2
Nicholas Tsibanos	0	1	1

Goaltenders
Kevan Dumouchel
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Conor Lehey
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Winchester Hawks
NEXT HOME GAME
Fri., Feb. 17
vs. Ottawa West Golden Knights
8:15 pm

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Feb. 7:
Red Roosters 9 - Thurler's Thunder 8
Chesterville Maulers 6 - Bush Leaguers 3
*Scoring summaries not available

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
C. Maulers	16	4	1	137	98	33
Bush Leaguers	11	10	0	123	144	22
Red Roosters	10	10	1	131	110	21
*Thunder	5	13	2	131	154	12

*missing one result

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Dean Byvelds, BL	36	23	59
Steve Cameron, CM	28	29	57
Adam Schofield, BL	23	29	52
Dustin Tinkler, CM	26	23	49
Brandon Cousineau, RR	24	25	49
Jay Griffith, BL	19	29	48
Ryan Romans, RR	16	30	46
Brandon Buma, TT	21	21	42
Nik Paas, RR	20	21	41
Clayton Khon, RR	23	15	38
Rob Thurler, TT	13	25	38

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Feb. 10:
Papineauville 8 - Rockland 5
Embrun 7 - North Dundas 2
Vankleek Hill 5 - Cumberland 2
Feb. 11:
Gatineau-Hull 3 - North Dundas 2
Embrun 3 - Morrisburg 2
Vankleek Hill 5 - Papineauville 4
Cumberland 3 - St. Isidore 2
Feb. 12:
All-Star Game and Skills Competition cancelled

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	22	8	2	171	99	46
Papineauville	20	12	0	163	105	40
North Dundas	18	14	0	160	174	36
Vankleek Hill	17	14	1	127	140	35
Rockland	16	15	1	159	166	33
Cumberland	16	15	0	144	129	39
Gatineau-Hull	12	18	2	129	117	26
Morrisburg	9	21	2	127	195	18
St. Isidore	9	21	2	118	161	18

TOP SCORERS

North Dundas Rockets	G	A	PTS
Brandon Mullin "C"	19	50	69
Bryden van Kessel	23	44	67
Liam Morrow	26	27	53
Shawn Simms	27	17	44
Chris Marchand	16	16	32
Joshua Trapper	4	9	13
Landon Veenstra	9	3	12
Quinton Jolly	7	5	12
Trevor Petawabano	5	6	11
Tyler Cayen	4	7	11
Cam Dykstra	3	6	9
Tristan Staff	2	6	8
Josh Hansen	4	3	7
Travis Marshall	2	4	6
Lee Seguin	3	2	5
Margus Gregory	2	3	5
Dylan Marshall	0	5	5
Jarred Benac	0	4	4
Tyson Sherrer	0	4	4
Jack van Kessel	1	1	2
Tanner Barnett (AP)	0	1	1
Joe Dykstra	0	1	1
Paul Marhauser	0	1	1

Goaltenders
Jason Buma 13 W- L14 L-0 T 4 GAA 5.16 GA158
Kody Helder 0 W 1 L 0T GAA 10.55 GA 16

North Dundas Rockets
PLAYOFF HOME GAMES
Fri., Feb. 17, 7:30 pm
vs. Cumberland Bandits
Sun., Feb. 19, 3 pm
vs. Cumberland Bandits
Fri., Feb. 24, 7:30 pm
vs. Cumberland Bandits

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Feb. 12: Playoffs - Round One
Annable's Jewellery 5 - Bridals 1
Foodland Reds 3 - WS Trucking 0
Cooper Physio 2 - KC's Maintenance 0

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Annable's	11	2	2	44	15	24
Foodland	8	3	4	31	16	20
Cooper	7	5	3	27	19	17
KC's	4	5	6	22	23	14
WS Trucking	3	7	5	25	40	11
Bridals	1	12	2	17	55	4

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Edith Dagenais, Blues	6	12	18
D. Corbett-White, Blues	9	5	14
Chantal Penk, CP	9	5	14
Amy Fraser, Reds	8	6	14
Lauryn Vandekemp, Blues	2	12	14
Casey Dore, Blues	8	5	13
Michaela Morrow, CP	8	5	13
Laurena Matthies, Reds	6	5	11
Christina Stewarat, WST	5	6	11
Kelly Zeran, WST	6	4	10
Dawn Montgomery, Blues	6	4	10
A. Rylaarsdam, Pinks	6	3	9



Regular season champs

The Annable's Jewellery Blues claimed the 2016-2017 Winchester District Ladies Hockey League regular season championship compiling a record of 11-2-2, good for 24 points. The Blues opened their post-season run beating Bridals 5-1 on Sunday (Feb. 12). The first-place Blues are: front (left) – Deanna Corbett-White, Kaila Beckstead, Isabelle Dagenais, Dana Dore, Edith Dagenais, Casey Dore, Lindsay Cosgrove; back (left) – Mike White – coach, Christie Derksen, Lauryn Vandekemp, Emma Reaney, Amanda Carkner, Annik Dagenais and Dawn Montgomery.

Courtesy Photo

WDLHL playoffs

Blues, Reds, Pinks win opening games

WINCHESTER – With the 2016-2017 Winchester District Ladies Hockey League (WDLHL) championship in their sights, the regular season champion Annable's Jewellery Blues bounced Bridals 5-1 in their first post-season test.

Sunday (Feb. 12) morning's triple header opened with the Blues' win and was followed by the second-place Foodland Reds (8-3-4) waxing fifth-place WS Trucking (3-7-5) 3-0 in the 9 am tilt. The number-three ranked Cooper Physio Pinks (7-5-3) then blanked fourth-place KC's Lawn Maintenance (4-5-6) 2-0 in the 10 am contest.

The "A," "B" and "C" champions will be crowned on Sun., March 5.

Blues 5 – Bridals 1

The pennant-winning Blues (11-2-2) handed the sixth-place Bridals (1-12-2) a 5-1 decision in Sunday's opener, giving up just one goal to Jessica Grisel (Cinnamon Boulanger, Jane Foster at 11:00) who gave her team a 1-0 lead in the opening stanza.

Player of the game Kaila Beckstead (Amanda Carkner, goalie Dana Dore at 9:11) tied it 1-1. Lauryn Vandekemp (unassisted at 7:11) cracked the GWG before the half ended.

A three-goal second half secured the Blues' victory. Casey Dore (Deanna Corbett-White at 18:28) opened up a 3-1 gap. A pair of shots fired by Isabelle Dagenais put it out of reach. Edith Dagenais and Annik Dagenais engineered the fourth scoring play while Corbett-White drew an assist on the fifth and final goal.

Reds 3 – WST 0

Goaltender Melissa Blanchet made her WDLHL debut and shutout WS Trucking 3-0 in the 9 am encounter.

Amy Fraser potted a pair of goals for the Reds, including the game-winner set up by player of the game Heather McDiarmid at 16:31 of the first half. Fraser then created a 2-0 advantage for Foodland burying a feed sent to her by Heather Erwin and Laurena Matthies with 1:01 left in the half. An unassisted McDiarmid goal with 3:01 left on the clock locked up the Reds' two points.

Pinks 2 – KC's 0

During the regular season, Sam Benoit registered three shutouts guarding the Pinks' cage. She posted her first playoff zero and earned player of the game honours as the Pinks whitewashed KC's 2-0 in post-season action.

Brigitte Quirion's unassisted marker scored at 17:01 of the first half held up as the GWG. Michaela Morrow (Chantal Penk, Caitlin Jampen at 15:18) quickly made it a 2-0 difference, which held up throughout the remainder of the match.

Kristie Wade suffered the loss.



On the road

Two teams representing the Winchester Curling Club were on the road on Sunday (Feb. 12) competing in the Little Rock bonspiel in Carleton Place. The boy's rink earned second-place status in their draw while the girls finished in fourth. The WCC curlers were; front (left) – Noah Wilson, Connor Tree, Ava Acres; back (left) – Spencer Gagnon, Nathan Gagnon, Emma Acres, Emma McRostie and Grace McKercher.

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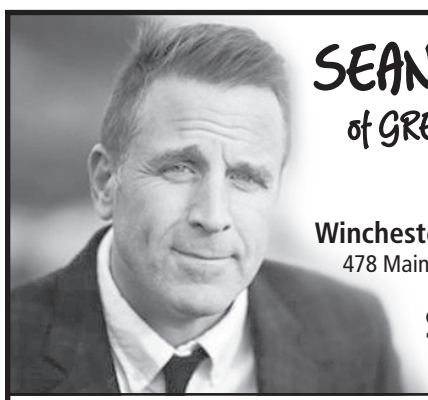
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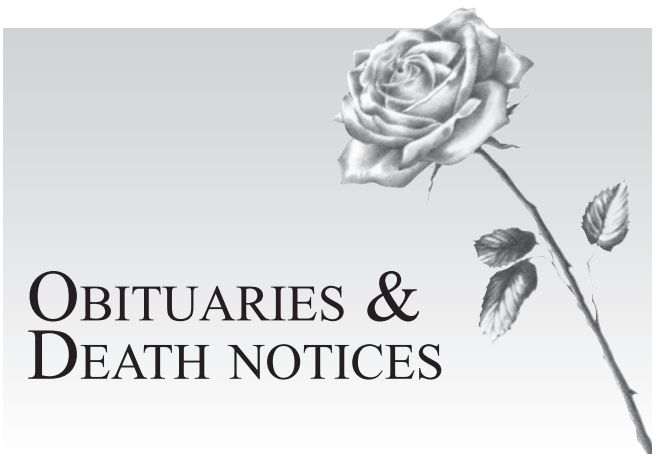

Donalda MacAskill

Donalda MacAskill (nee Bourgon) rested in the embrace of the Almighty on Wed., Feb. 8, 2017. Originally from Cornwall, she was a resident of Winchester since 1986.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Frank Lloyd MacAskill. She leaves to cherish her memory, her sons, Frank (Mary Gay) MacAskill of Boca Raton, Fla., and Don (Mary) MacAskill of Edmonton, daughter, Janie Grimes of Winchester, and her much-loved grandchildren, John and Kate Grimes.

The family would like to extend sincere thanks, specifically and especially to Dr. Bart Steele, and PSW Evelyn Merkley of ParaMed for the amazing care given to Mum for so many years. Thanks also to the nurses of St. Elizabeth Nursing, and Dundas County Hospice.

At Mum's specific instruction, there will be no visitation and the funeral will be private.

Donations to the Dundas Manor Activity Fund or Dundas County Hospice in Mum's memory would be greatly appreciated.

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

Derwyn McDiarmid

Derwyn McDiarmid passed away peacefully in hospital on Mon., Feb. 6, 2017. He was 69.

Derwyn was the brother to Diane (Floyd Graham), Karen Ellerton, and the late Dale. He was the cherished uncle of Bob Graham (Nicole Lalonde), Jeffrey Graham, Kimberley Ellerton (Lorne Critch), and Deanna (Jamie Morris), and the great-uncle to Brooke Graham; Brogan and Keegan Morris; and Kaylee and Abby Critch.

A special thank you to the caring staff at Derwyn's second home — Edgewood Care Centre.

At the family's request, there will be no formal funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice.

Barbara Davidson

Barbara Ann Davidson (nee Cameron), a resident of Winchester for the past 50 years, passed away at Hilltop Manor in Merrickville on Thurs., Feb. 2, 2017, following a lengthy illness.



Barbara was predeceased by her husband. George, and her brother, Laurie Cameron. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Mark of Fawkham Green, Kent, England, Susan of Winchester, and step-daughter Bonnie Caughey (Al) of Amherst Island; her grandchildren, Reuben and Laura; her sister, Gwen Potts (Reg) of Kingston; and her sister-in-law, Greta Cameron of Nepean.

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Mon., Feb. 20 from 11 am until the time of the service at 1 pm. Interment will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Donations to the Alzheimer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

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We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our family, friends and neighbours for their support following the death of our beloved Dad, Husband & Opa, Gerrit Van't Foort. We greatly appreciate your comforting words, thoughts and prayers, floral arrangements, cards, visits and treats. Thank you to the staff of Cornwall and Alexandria hospitals for their outstanding care. Special thanks to Dr. Naciuk, nurses and staff of medical/surgical floor of Winchester District Memorial Hospital for their dedicated, compassionate care of Gerrit in his last days. Sincere appreciation to staff and family at the Garden Villa for all their support and for their wonderful care of our Mom throughout all this. We would also like to thank Dave Lapier of Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home for his caring guidance and professionalism. Our family is blessed to be surrounded by so many caring people.

The Van't Foort Family

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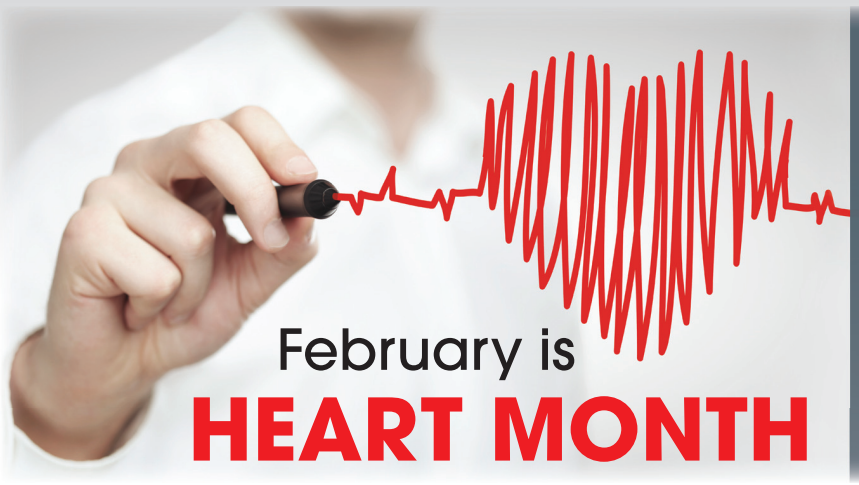

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- Have your blood pressure checked regularly—at least once a year, or as recommended by your doctor.
- Obesity is closely linked to high blood pressure and heart disease, so try to achieve or to maintain a healthy weight.
- Eat nutritious foods, like fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products, lean meats and whole grains. Cut down on salt by reducing how much you add to home-cooked meals, and choose processed foods that contain 5% or less of the recommended daily sodium intake.
- Get moving. A sedentary lifestyle puts you at risk for hypertension and is also linked to Type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and obesity, among other diseases.
- Don't smoke, and limit your alcohol consumption. (The recommended weekly maximum is 15 alcoholic drinks for men and 10 for women.)
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