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## Bringing in the empties

*Members of Winchester United Church took to the village streets on Sat., Jan. 12 as part of the religious facility's bottle drive. A station was also set up outside the church's Caleb Street entrance allowing the public to drop off their contributions to the fundraiser. Pictured are George Edwardson (left) and Percy Armstrong, two of the volunteers taking part in the event. A total in terms of funds raised was not available by press time.*

*Press Photo – Uhrig*

# Education unrest ongoing as walkout averted

**by Sandy Casselman**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER – It's been in the news for months and despite Ontario Minister of Education Laurel Broten's implementation of Bill 115 earlier this month, essentially imposing a new contract on the province's public school teachers, the situation is far from over.

In response to Broten's unprecedented move, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) pushed back.

ETFO had instructed its elementary teachers to strike on Fri., Jan. 11, but those plans changed at the last hour when the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) ruled against the action, labeling it an illegal strike and advising the union and its members to cease and desist.

ETFO's decision to strike on Jan. 11 was based on a members vote in December. Members voted 92 percent in favour of striking if Broten enacted her controversial legislation.

Strike or no strike, the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) was prepared to keep schools open and buses running last Friday, giving students a place to be in the event teachers followed through on their threat to strike, resulting in cancelled classes. However, the OLRB ruling arrived overnight and plans for the strike were quickly cancelled hours before the school day began.

With the confusion, many of the parents who did manage to hear the ruling before leaving for work chose to keep their children home from school anyway, resulting in another lost day of studies.

In addition to Jan. 11's chaos, students at UCDSB schools continue to be negatively impacted by teachers' actions in other ways, board representatives have said

According to UCDSB, currently, all public schools in Dundas County have no extracurriculars, while all intermediate and senior schools have limited extracurriculars.

In response to the OLRB's decision, ETFO president Sam Hammond said, "We have said all along that this government cannot be allowed to override the fundamental rights of working Ontarians. In this instance, the OLRB has provided direction and we will abide by that. However, we still have a situation where the terms and conditions of our members' employment have been dictated through a disgraceful misuse of government power. It cannot be business as usual in the education sector."

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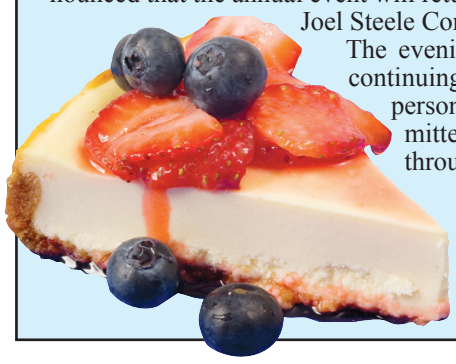
## Retooled Dessertfest returns

WINCHESTER – Local residents looking to satisfy their sweet tooth were left out in the cold late last year when Dessertfest didn't take place.

But fear not you group of sugarholics.

Members of the Winchester Downtown Revitalization Committee have announced that the annual event will return for its third showing on Fri., Feb. 8 at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester.



The evening is scheduled to get underway at 7 pm, continuing through until 10 pm. Tickets are $20 per person, with all proceeds earmarked for the committee, and the continued beautification efforts throughout the village.

This year's event will also be taking on a Valentine's Day theme, due to its calendar proximity to Thurs., Feb. 14.

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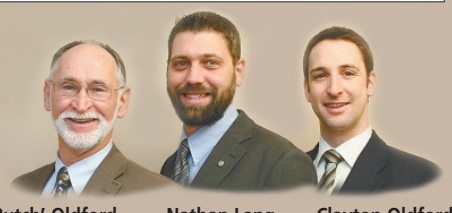

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Weekend fires in South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG – Firefighters with South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services were kept busy with two weekend fires.

On Sat., Jan. 12, members of the Morrisburg detachment responded to a report of a tractor-trailer fire on Highway 401 westbound, near the westbound Ontario Highway Service Centre. Upon arrival, firefighters found a rear tire on the tractor portion of the truck to be fully engulfed, with flames quickly extinguished. Fire chief Chris McDonough estimated damage to be in the neighbourhood of $2,500.

Meanwhile, on Fri., Jan. 11, Williamsburg and Morrisburg detachment members responded to a report of a house fire at 12403 County Road 18.

According to McDonough, the homeowner had returned to the residence to find the house full of smoke, with flames being witnessed around the furnace. The homeowner did try to extinguish the blaze, but the fire then travelled across the crawl space to the opposite side of the house, McDonough added.

Further investigation revealed that the cause of the fire had been an electrical short in the wiring below the furnace area. No working smoke alarms were present, McDonough said.

Damage was estimated at $10,000.

## Domestic incident

RUSSELL – On Sat., Jan. 12, Russell County OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic incident on Phair Court in Russell. The subsequent investigation revealed that a criminal offence of assault had taken place, with a 48-year-old male Russell resident scheduled to appear in L'Original court on Wed., Jan. 16.

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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.*

# Unrest

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OSSTF president, Ken Coran, and union members agreed, taking a similar stance to ETFO.

"OSSTF members have told their local and provincial leadership that should the minister of education impose working conditions on them, removing their ability to have the union engage in free collective bargaining on their behalf, that they would refuse to engage in voluntary and extracurricular activities," said Coran.

As reported in last week's *Winchester Press*, UCDSB chair Greg Pietersma said the institution's challenge now is to find a way to provide and protect extracurriculars for students in all UCDSB schools.

While solutions are still being explored, one of the options is the recruitment of volunteer trainers and coaches who are qualified to work with students.

In any case, several questions still remain as to what will happen next in this story.

Ontarians are left to wonder whether Broten will follow through on her promise to repeal Bill 115 by the end of January, and what, if anything, the teachers' unions will do next in response to what they deem to be political interference in the collective bargaining process.

Many students, however, want answers as to if and when they will have their extracurriculars reinstated.

As Pietersma has said, "it is now time for everyone to come together to ensure that we are working for our students."

# Dessertfest

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More than 100 different desserts are expected at the event, all donated by local businesses and residents. Attendees will be able to choose from a buffet of various delicious treats, while "doggie bags" will be available at the end of the evening.

Pies, cakes, trifles, cookies, peanut butter, chocolate fondue, marshmallows, caramel, fruit dishes, you name your flavour, and it is likely to be covered during the fundraising event.

A cash bar will also be available, while a local jazz band is scheduled to provide musical entertainment throughout the evening.

Tickets can be purchased at four Winchester businesses: Winchester Travel, Winchester Video/Paddletales, Linda's Sewing Shop, and Annable's Jewellery. Tickets are expected to sell out, so those wishing to attend are encouraged to purchase theirs early.

# Candidate reaches out to grassroots in quest to be Ontario's next premier

**by Sandy Casselman**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER – The race for a new provincial Liberal party leader is well underway and candidate Kathleen Wynne is touring the province in an attempt to meet and speak with as many Liberals as possible.

In addition to meeting with the public, Wynne has also devoted time to speak with, and answer questions from, the media.

On Thurs., Jan. 3, Wynne spent a portion of her afternoon on an hour-long conference call with Eastern Ontario reporters, answering questions on various issues currently impacting the province's people, including such controversial topics as the Ministry of Environment's *Green Energy Act,* the Ministry of Education's *Putting Students First Act*, also known as Bill 115, as well as the ongoing issue between the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) and the horse-racing industry.

At the outset of the conference call, Wynne, whose campaign agenda, The Way Forward, is firmly outlined on her website, said she believes that being fiscally and socially responsible go hand in hand.

"I want to move ahead with a balanced approach," she said, referencing the necessity of an inclusive vision for such a diverse community. "I don't think inequality is inevitable. I want to be more fair."

In Wynne's platform, she pledges to continue investing in infrastructure, in improving transportation systems, and in providing municipalities with more autonomy.

**Bill 115**

When asked about her reaction to Minister of Education Laurel Broten's implementation of Bill 115 on Thurs., Jan. 3, Wynne had this to say:



*Kathleen Wynne*

"I met with local high school students yesterday (Wed., Jan. 2). From my perspective, we need to repair the relationship with students and support staff…. We need to bring in all partners and create a better process. I'm glad [Bill 115] is going to be repealed. I think respectful dialogue is needed."

**Agriculture**

In answer to a question about a possible review of the farm tax setup, Wynne said, if she becomes premier, she will take on the role of Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs for up to a year, with the support of the current minister.

"I need to listen very closely to the agricultural community," she said, acknowledging the need to focus on the issues currently being faced by this group.

***Green Energy Act***

There were several questions related to the *Green Energy Act* and the placement of industrial wind turbines in areas where they're unwanted. The majority of the questions focused on Wynne's stance in terms of giving municipalities more power in the decision-making process, and her stance on current, but unwanted, wind projects, and the possibility of reversing approvals.

In response, she made it clear that she favours green energy, and believes the main issue lies in the way the program has been delivered to Ontario's residents and communities.

"I'm not backing away from the *Green Energy Act*," she said. "We want to make sure we correct whatever processes we put in [place that have caused conflict]. We haven't facilitated in a way we should have."

She agreed that municipalities need to have greater input into the site placement process, and she suggested that increased education on green energy might be needed to reach a state of consensus.

"We need to look at how we can get better community buy-in… this doesn't mean there will be 100 percent consensus. There will be controversial aspects and discussions [but] as we develop the green energy process, we make sure communities have input," said Wynne. "Decisions [need to be] made on science. They should be rational."

**Casinos and racetracks**

In response to questions about OLG and possible site placement for casinos, Wynne said, "In principle, I would support a municipality that wants to have a referendum." (A referendum to determine if and where a casino would be placed.)

She pointed out, however, that two factors – time and money – would have a huge effect on the viability of holding a referendum.

As for the racetrack, she said, "I certainly do not see a future where we do not have a horse-racing industry in our province," suggesting this might be another task for the premier to tackle.

**Running for premier**

Wynne told reporters that she understands that the people of Ontario do not want another election right now.

"I'm really running to govern. It's important to recognize people in Ontario don't want an election right now. I'm ready to bring [parliament] back Feb. 19, and to govern," she said.

She said she believes people are looking for someone who will listen, and someone who will bring everyone back together.

"I want to be your next premier," said Wynne.

Wynne is one of six candidates vying to take over Dalton McGuinty's role as premier of Ontario. Also in the running are Eric Hoskins, Gerard Kennedy, Sandra Pupatello, Charles Sousa, and Harinder Takhar.





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**Kindergarten Open Houses**

Schools in the Upper Canada District School Board will be hosting parents of new Kindergarten students at upcoming Kindergarten Open Houses in the area:

**Nationview Public School - Mon., Jan. 28**
**Winchester Public School - Wed., Jan. 30**
**Chesterville Public School - Thurs., Jan. 31**
***All Open Houses will start at 7:00 pm.***

These information sessions are for parents of students who will be starting in the Junior Kindergarten program in September of 2013; these children will be four years old by December 31, 2013. At the Open House, parents will have an opportunity to find out about the various Kindergarten programs being offered at each school.

Parents who have not had an opportunity to complete the on-line registration for their child will have a chance to sit at a computer and do that.

On-line registration should be open by January 28, 2013. Please check our board website for the link to this registration at **www.ucdsb.on.ca**.



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Water levels throughout South Nation Conservation's watershed have risen due to the mild weather, and the continued melting of snow and ice. In Winchester, water has risen to high levels in and around local culverts, including this one on Albert Street. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

# SNC issues warnings related to water levels

FINCH – South Nation Conservation is cautioning local residents that watercourses are expected to rise throughout the next few days due to above-freezing temperatures and rainfall.

The forecasted weather will cause snow to melt and run off to watercourses, which will increase river levels and flows throughout the South Nation watershed. Ice in smaller watercourses may break up and flow downstream, accumulating in culverts and possibly leading to localized high water levels. Ice covering larger watercourses may become unstable due to increased water levels.

As temperatures are forecasted to return to freezing, severe flooding and ice jamming are not a concern; however, nuisance flooding in low-lying areas may be observed.

Residents are advised to stay away from rivers as the forecasted weather may rapidly increase river flows, cause slippery riverbanks, and weaken ice cover. Parents are encouraged to explain these dangers to their children.

SNC staff will continue to monitor the water levels and weather forecasts as part of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program and will provide updates in the event conditions change.

SNC encourages the public to visit our watershed conditions webpage at ww.watershedconditions.com and to also provide feedback with respect to changes in water related conditions in their local areas (high water elevations, road inundation, and ice break-up).

All feedback can be sent by email to waterwatch@nation.on.ca, while additional information is available by contacting SNC at 1-877-984-2948.

# Mall owner launches plea for items to be sent to Middle East

MOOSE CREEK – In response to recent devastating events in the Middle East, leaving many in need, the Moose Creek Mall has decided to launch an emergency clothing and blanket drive.

According to owner Michel Theoret, "After the worst winter storm to hit that area in over 50 years, and because of bombing, many have lost their homes and are living in tents."

The recent winter storm brought snowfall amounting to more than is usually seen during the course of an entire winter for that area. The accumulation caused flooding, and has resulted in several injuries and deaths.

There are reports of residents of war-torn Syria keeping warm by burning books and furniture, while Syrian refugees in Lebanon are trying to survive living in tents.

The United Nations has issued a call for assistance in the form of food, clothing, and blankets.

Theoret is requesting the public's help in gathering items for a goodwill shipment to be sent from Ottawa on Mon., Jan. 21.

Anyone with surplus items in good condition is asked to deliver their donations to the mall no later than Fri., Jan. 18 at 3 pm.

Items on the list include coats, boots, blankets, mittens, wool socks, hats, and anything else that might help someone survive the winter while living in a tent. Organizers are looking for items of all sizes for men, women, and children.

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# County libraries launch e-reader training sessions

WINCHESTER – Did you get an e-reader for Christmas? Are you struggling to operate the piece of technology?

If so, the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) Library will be hosting a series of seminars and training sessions to help those frustrated.

The sessions are tailored to each individual or small group's needs, and include training with e-readers and tablets, online resources and the public library catalogue.

"Providing resources for education and learning is an important part of what the library does," Erika Heesen, the SD&G Library's communications and marketing librarian, said. "These training sessions are but one example of the many services the library offers."

These services include lending e-books, as well as print books. By using the library's OverDrive application or website (www.sdglibrary.ca), cardholders can borrow e-books from the comfort of their own home.

"The library is all about reading and learning, whatever format that might be in," Heesen added.



***The on button is where?***

Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Library communications and marketing librarian Erika Heesen (right) is pictured showing Rebecca Russell how to borrow an e-book on her recently received e-reader.

Training sessions are a part of the library's regular programming, or can be booked by contacting any one of the SD&G County Library branches.

The next scheduled session is planned for Thurs., Jan. 17 at the Ingleside branch, from 6 to 8 pm.

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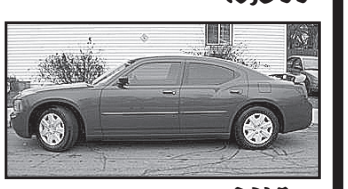

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3045 County Rd. 1, South Mountain
613-989-2600
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Open House and Registration for Kindergarten Parents
Monday, January 28
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**North Dundas District High School (Gr. 7 – 12)**
12835 County Rd. 43, RR 3, Chesterville
613-448-2328
Principal: Debbie Banks

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Grade 8 Parent Night
(To introduce Grade 9 program)
Thursday, February 21
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Grade 6 Parent Night
(To introduce Grade 7 program)
Thursday, February 28
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Grade 9 Open House
Thursday, February 21
7:00 p.m.
Grade 7 Open House
Wednesday, February 27
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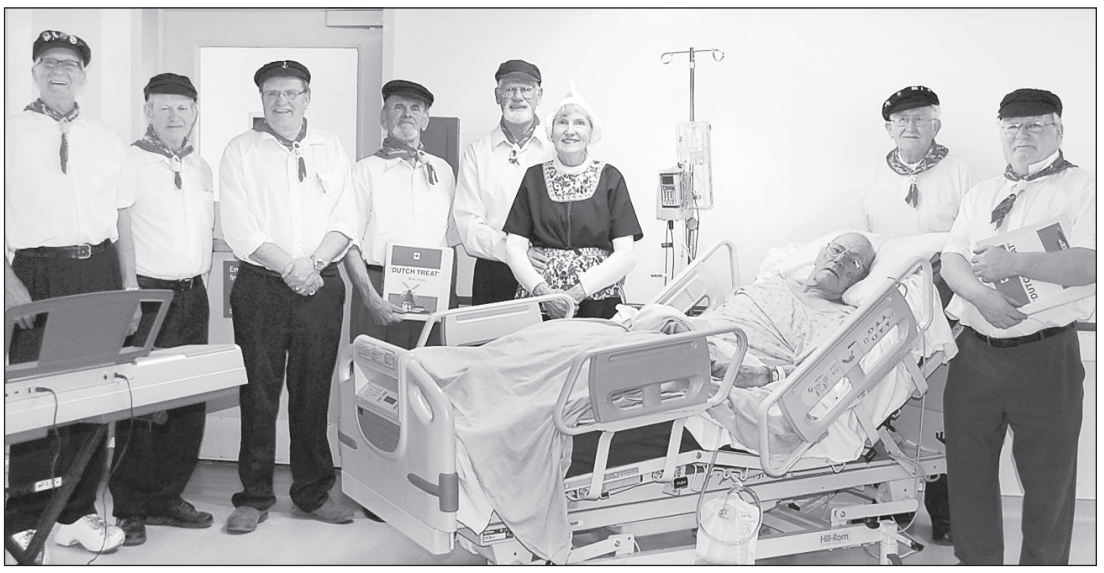
# Singing group brings happiness to WDMH patients



William Heystee, a former patient at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, was treated to a holiday concert by the Dutch Treat singing group in December 2012. Pictured are: Paul Wissing (left), Bert Bekkers, Henk Huizenga, Bert Hogeveen, John van Vlaanderen, Tina van Vlaanderen, Heystee, Kemp Jansen, and Ray Joustra.

WINCHESTER – As an early Christmas present, the Dutch Treat, a singing group based out of rural Osgoode, shared their voices during an impromptu performance in the palliative care ward of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

With a former member of their singing group in hospital, the Dutch Treat decided to visit the local medical facility, offering up some holiday cheer for their friend William Heystee.

Heystee, still in his bed, was wheeled to the ward's general sitting area, where the band set up, and where fellow patients, staff, and family gathered for the performance.

According to WDMH manager of restoration, rehabilitation, and diagnostic services, Joanne Sidorchuk, "It was really nice to see."

She said there were roughly 17 people in that unit at the time, and at least 10 were able to attend the event.

Heystee, who himself had been a member of the Dutch Treat at one time, was surrounded by family, including his children, Richard, Mary, and Bill.

According to Bill, it was Richard who had alerted the group to his father's whereabouts, and it was the group that then suggested the visit.

"It was better than we expected," said Bill. "The nurses wheeled my father's bed down the hallway, which was really nice. It was quite an enjoyable hour."

The group, who sang a mix of traditional Dutch songs and Christmas carols, ended their set with the singing of "Silent Night," which, according to Sidorchuk, brought tears to the eyes of many in the crowd.

Heystee, who spent roughly six weeks at the local hospital, has since been transferred to a hospital in Ottawa.

## Subject needed for Heart and Stroke tab

WINCHESTER – Readers, have you or someone you know been affected by a heart ailment that ultimately required surgery, or, more severely, replacement?

If so, the *Winchester Press* would like to speak with a local resident that is willing to share their story.

Create awareness by sharing your story

The *Press* annually publishes a Heart and Stroke supplement to correspond with February being heart month. This year, these pages are scheduled to publish on Wed., Jan. 30, which means a story subject is needed immediately.

It is a timely endeavour, as Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada research shows that an estimated 70,000 heart attacks occur each year in the country, while more than 16,000 Canadians ultimately die as a result of a heart attack. Moreover, the number of heart attack-related hospitalizations has increased steadily in the past decade.

Meanwhile, there are 45,000 cardiac arrest cases reported in Canada each year. According to the foundation, that is one cardiac arrest every 12 minutes. As many as 85 per cent of all cardiac arrests occur in homes and public places, while less than five per cent of those who have a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital survive.

To share your story, contact Matthew Uhrig, news editor, at 613-774-2524 or email news@winchesterpress.on.ca.

## New group promoting the arts wants ideas

**by Sandy Casselman**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER – Members of the newly formed North Dundas Arts Council are moving full-steam ahead with their plans to foster and promote arts and culture within the rural municipality.

A meeting, the second one for the council, is to take place on Sat., Jan. 19, beginning at 11 am, at the Winchester Public Library, with an open invitation to artists, artisans, their organizations and businesses, and anyone interested in joining the discussion to attend.

With no set agenda, the meeting is to focus on gathering ideas for bringing people of the art world together, and cultivating a rich and strong arts and culture sector within North Dundas.

While the founding members of the group include Ann Brady, Mo and Peter Breaks, Hollie Clayton, MaDee Jacques, and Suzanne Steele, it is actually Keith Shirreffs who mastermind the idea, said Brady.

"Keith Shirreffs is so much a part of this because this was Keith's big dream," said Brady. "He's a real powerhouse of arts and culture."

North Dundas Arts Council to hold meeting Jan. 19

Brady met Shirreffs this past summer during Dairyfest in Winchester.

She said it was here that the two started discussing the possibility of forming an arts council, including the possibility of a municipally centered arts festival, showcasing local talent.

"We saw so much value to that here and we started plotting together," said Brady, pointing out that, although Shirreffs is unable to take a more active role in the group due to health concerns, he is still very much involved in the arts council venture.

"He's involved in a peripheral way," she said. "He's just an incredibly brilliant man when it comes to these types of events. He has so many fabulous ideas [and] he has so much to teach us, and to offer."

According to Brady, anyone can join the group at no charge. In fact, she said, the council is hoping to have as many members as possible.

"We have many good people out here and we want this council to support and promote all genres of artists and artisans at any stage of their careers," she said.

A major priority for the new council is to provide a network connecting the different artists and artisans throughout the township with each other, and with art lovers who may be interested in their work.

Some of the items on the Jan. 19 agenda will include the possibility of a North Dundas Arts Festival to take place sometime this summer, the creation of a website, and the compilation of an artist/artisan directory.

While Brady couldn't say anything definitive about the upcoming festival, she did add, "it would be nice to develop [the event] into a really first-class arts festival."

For more information, visit the council's Facebook page.

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## Ongoing educational unrest must soon reach a resolution

There was a time in the not so distant past when Ontario was looked upon as a sacred cow of sorts. A province where opportunities were endless, and as all licence plates read "yours to discover."

Today, what is being uncovered is nothing more than an ever-widening scar, made worse by cuts that continue to run deep.

The provincial economy is largely stagnant, yet costs to taxpayers continue to mount.

Most crippling, of course, is the growing deficit, which today rings in at roughly $14.4-billion.

Swirling in uncertainty also is the state of the province's education system. Will teachers walkout? Or won't they? Is school open today or closed? Are the buses running? Questions that are all too familiar these days.

The most recent act of indecency proposed by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) would have seen educators from throughout the province walk off the job on Fri., Jan. 11 in a one-day act of defiance. The action was also meant to serve as retaliation for the provincial government's implementation of Bill 115, which bypassed the collective bargaining phase, forcing teachers back to their classrooms and implementing two-year agreements retroactive to September 2012.

It is important to note that the planned strike would have been illegal, and the Ontario Labour Relations Board sided with the province, curtailing any walkout plans.

Yet, the headaches didn't end following the board's decision.

Because the ruling was not handed down until very early the next morning, many school boards had already announced schools would be closed and buses cancelled. Parents had already found secondary care for their children, only to find out school was open for business after all. (The Upper Canada District School Board, however, had decided earlier to keep local schools open and buses running.)

What is needed now, obviously, is a consensus agreement between unions and school boards. The province has merely muddied the waters with its draconian legislation, and it is time for agreements to be made at the local level.

Teachers chose their professions in order to mold young minds and educate the masses. This current situation is playing out like nothing more than schoolyard bullying, or perhaps much worse, a messy divorce with children caught amongst the waves of animosity.

Premier Dalton McGuinty was correct when he recently stated that the ongoing dispute should be settled in the courts, not Ontario's classrooms.

It is unfortunate that the legislation had to be enacted, but the line in the sand had been drawn, and the province was ultimately left with little choice.

Too much time has passed without a solution for this issue, and too much is being lost at the student level. Already extracurriculars have been cut, the least the unions could do is keep classrooms from going dark as well.

Students have forever been taught about goodwill in the schoolyard, and among their peers. Now is the time for the adults preaching the lessons to abide by what is said.

The time has come to move on and think of those most affected by the continued educational uncertainty.



*Nine-year-old Kerri Graham (left) and 10-year-old Diane Rowan were taking advantage of Mother Nature's bounty in Metcalfe this week in 1983.*

# Remember when...

### 1923

The *Winchester Press*, this week relayed a humorous tale from the local elementary school. It seems that during a vocabulary lesson, the teacher asked students for the definition of the word orphan. Using the word in a sentence, she said, "I am an orphan." Proving it really is a "small town" where everyone seems to know everyone (and their business), one of the students piped up, offering the following: "It's someone who wants to get married and cannot get a husband."

### 1933

Two teenage boys, aged 14 and 16, were "up to no good" this week when they left Fraser Bolton's gas station in Winchester Springs after filling up, but without paying. Bolton telephoned police, which led to a high-speed chase from Winchester to Cloverdale, where provincial constable Garnet McLean apprehended and arrested the duo. McLean subsequently learned that one of the boys had "borrowed" the car from his father, without asking.

### 1943

Due to considerable expressed interest, a junior hockey league was formed in Dundas County, and so began the Inkerman Rockets franchise. Teams from Morrisburg and Iroquois were also part of the league. Playing their home games in Winchester, Inkerman's first exhibition game against Morrisburg saw the Rockets defeated 5-3.

### 1953

This week, reported the *Press*, a 76-year-old school bus driver, David Hoy, was cleared in the death of young Nancy Murdock of Mountain Township. The man reportedly backed the bus into the Murdock's lane, running over the little girl. The jury deliberated for 15 minutes. Apparently there were jury differences about whether or not there were, in fact, mechanical issues with the bus. Hoy was on record saying that his eyesight and hearing were good and that the bus was also in good working condition. A member of the Ottawa Police, however, said the rearview mirror was not positioned in the proper place, and the coroner's office made several recommendations for bus inspections.

### 1963

Williamsburg was the envy of neighbouring villages when, this week, the small community welcomed a new addition to their fire department: an American Marsh Fire Truck. Hailed as one of the most modern fire trucks in Eastern Ontario, Williamsburg paid several thousand dollars for the "state-of-the-art" truck.

### 1973

What brought Winchester residents out in force to vote this week? Alcohol. Reportedly, 76 per cent of eligible voters came out to vote in favour of changing Winchester's "dry" status to "wet." Despite a stringent prohibitionist campaign, the "archaic" liquor laws were scrapped. In the vote for dining lounge licences, the people voted 648 to 263 in favour of allowing alcohol in restaurants.

### 1983

Students in schools throughout the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Board of Education area were given a late Christmas gift this week when buses were cancelled due to extremely icy road conditions. Approximately 10,000 students were affected by the transportation officers' decision. While children were safe at home, several accidents were reported, but no major injuries locally.

### 1993

Smoking and its youngest victims made the news this week when the *Press* reported that statistics showed smokers were getting hooked at an earlier age. The Ministry of Health and Welfare numbers showed that children were taking their first puffs as early as age 12. In an effort to attack the problem at its root, local health educators planned to address the issue during the National Non-smoking Week in late January.

### 2003

This week, Alvin Runnalls officially became one of the candidates for mayor of North Dundas. Also this week, the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP identified the township roads as decidedly more hazardous than those of their surrounding neighbours. It would seem that road clearing standards in North Dundas were not quite up to par.

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# Yes, I can boil an egg… I just can't peel them

I seem to remember someone telling me once that I "can't even boil an egg."

For the record, I am not that useless in the kitchen.

And, yes, I can boil an egg.

It's just that peeling them is one of the worst kitchen train wrecks you could ever watch.

That's why my favourite infomercial over the past year has been for that new handy-dandy kitchen product, Eggies.

The Eggies System allows you to "Finally Enjoy Hard Boiled Eggs Without Peeling a Single Shell!" Every time the infomercial came on last year, I immediately stopped what I was doing and turned to watch the TV. I wasn't just staring at the TV. I was in one of those *Scoobie Doo* zombie trances.

"If only I had the Eggies system," I would think as I spent 20 minutes trying to peel an egg over the kitchen sink, leaving tiny fragments of shell with egg white clinging to the back of them. By the time I finished, my egg would look like, well, Charlie Brown's Christmas Egg. If the other kids saw me eating this, they would call me a blockhead for sure. Good grief.

But, I still tried. I knew how long to boil the eggs for, and I tried all the tricks. I would run them under cold water while peeling them. I would let them cool, I would peel them hot, but no matter what I did, my motor skills just wanted nothing to do with making it easy. To make matters worse, every now and then I would peel one where a huge piece of shell would lift off easily. No matter how many times this happens, I always feel like I'm all that, and I have finally conquered and figured out the art to peeling eggs. Then, 10 seconds later, it's back to little broken shell fragments.



From the Other Side
*by Jeff Morris*

After tearing up my knee in the fall and being inactive, and then engaging in my own personal Chocolate Fest '12 throughout December, I put on a few extra pounds. I have given myself until March to drop 20 pounds, and boiled eggs will be a big part of this.

I'm not worried about it, though.

For my birthday last month, the Diva's kids, being slightly more mature than I am and being able to get right inside my wheelhouse and know exactly what excites me, got me a special present.

"Eggies!" I screamed out as I ripped off the paper and opened the gift. I broke into some sort of *Gangnam Style* dance on the living room floor and continued to frolic – with glee – to and fro across the room.

"Hey egg shells, I'm talkin' to you. Who's your daddy now? Hmmm? Who's your daddy now? That's right. Fear me, eggs. I'm gonna peel you as easily as cops peel Amanda Bynes' driver's licence from her. Wait, I won't even have to peel you? I'm just gonna break you. That's right, eggs."

As the clock struck January, it was time.

I opened the box. Actually, the Diva opened the box because I usually mangle it and I wanted to make sure I could still see the instructions. Forty-eight little pieces of plastic stared up at me. Together, as a team, they would make 12 Eggies.

I'm not sure what font they used for the instructions. I got my Dumbledores out – reading glasses are one of the inconveniences of being on life's back nine – and struggled through the instructions. I washed the Eggies pieces, let them dry, and then sprayed Pam on a paper towel and rubbed the inside of the Eggies with them.

And you know what? It wasn't as easy as it looked. The motor skill issues surfaced as I cracked open the eggs and attempted to pour them into the bottom half of the Eggies. Then, the top would fit on – sometimes it would fit, sometimes it wouldn't quite fit. Then, you put the middle sleeve overneath the other part and twist it on. And yes, as far as I am concerned, overneath is a word. Then the top twists on.

I figured I would make a dozen of them.

By the time I had cracked 12 eggs and managed to get at least some of the eggs in the Eggies, I had coated the kitchen counter with egg white. I also had it all over me. In fact, I looked more like Bilbo Baggins in the scene with the trolls by the fire than someone who was conquering the art of never having to peel an egg ever again.

As the water came to a boil, it was pretty easy to see the five of the 12 Eggies not assembled properly. Egg white was leaking into the boiling water, creating a foamy, hard to clean mess. I also put too many of them in the pot.

A few of them turned out, but more didn't. Some were edible, even though they looked like deformed amoebas.

The next day, the Diva made the next batch. We kept it to seven. They all turned out. She was able to execute cracking the eggs and getting them into the little Eggies cups.

So, as the next two months of protein shakes with spinach and banana, Isagenix shakes, almonds, grapes, and, yes, lots of boiled eggs unfold, I take comfort in the fact that I will never have to peel a boiled egg, ever again.

Now, if only I could figure out how to crack them open…

## Letter to the Editor

# Williamsburg resident fighting to keep village library open

**The Editor:**

Did you read that the "Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County (SD&G) Library Board is pleased to announce that the library will have a new branch in Morrisburg," announced via a press release in December 2012?

That sounds nice... until you read further down. "The new library branch in Morrisburg will consolidate two library branches; the old Morrisburg branch, currently under the Morrisburg Arena, and Williamsburg branch, currently in the Township of South Dundas building in Williamsburg."

The translation being that the Morrisburg branch will be moved to a new facility, and Williamsburg's branch will be closed. That sounds like a nice upgrade for residents of Morrisburg, but how do library patrons in Williamsburg feel about it? We are displeased.

They're not pretending this is a draft proposal awaiting input. There has been no discussion within the community before this announcement. It doesn't seem to matter that Williamsburg has an awful lot of books signed out each week. (You can check these statistics online at www.sdglibrary.ca/index.cfm?Title=BandMStatistics.)

Keep in mind that a lot of the bigger branches are open longer hours than Williamsburg, which is open only 15 hours per week. Yet, it consistently has a high rate of books and other materials signed out in that short time.

This same press release claims "this new branch will improve library services for the residents of South Dundas by providing an up-to-date, welcoming and accessible library space, and increased open hours." I'm glad to hear that the new space in Morrisburg will be up-to-date, accessible, etc. But how can closing a library in one community improve its library services for that community? It can't.

Brinston's library branch was closed several years back. Some patrons from that community now use the Williamsburg library. Who's next? Morewood? South Mountain? Avonmore? I encourage you all to consider supporting the fight to keep our branch open.

The Williamsburg branch of the SD&G library system is the only place in Williamsburg where the public can send a fax, use public wireless Internet, and use a public Internet computer if you don't have a computer of your own. Why, you can even sign out books there.

I am going to post a letter/petition for the Williamsburg community to read and sign, if they wish, to indicate they would like our branch to remain open. The library supervisor I spoke with said that petitions are not permitted in the library, so it will be outside the Williamsburg library, on the bulletin board next to the township office door. There is a separate petition beside it for kids to sign if it's okay with their parents.

If we bond together, maybe they will listen.

**Lisa Vreman**
Williamsburg

# Looking back at 2012, ahead to the future



From Parliament Hill
*by MP Guy Lauzon*

TORONTO – As we begin a new year, we have a tendency to look back to reflect on the major events of the previous year.

Unfortunately, 2012 had its fair share of natural disasters and tragedies that will impact the world for years to come.

On a personal note, it was truly a new and eventful experience for me as the newly elected MPP for Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG). The first few months were ones of orientation, training, and setting up our new office on Second Street in Cornwall and at Queen's Park.



From Queen's Park
*by MPP Jim McDonell*

Meanwhile, things were not going well for the McGuinty Liberals with the release of the auditor general's 2011 annual report, the Drummond Report on Ontario's finances, and the ORNGE air ambulance report. There was no shortage of issues facing the province, and as a new MPP, I had to get up to speed quickly.

In March, Dwight Duncan, provincial finance minister, released his new budget, almost totally ignoring the recommendations of their consultant, Don Drummond. Clearly, making the tough decisions that Ontario needed to get back on track was not something this government was prepared to do. In March, McGuinty finally established the committees required in our system of government to review and pass bills into law.

Unfortunately for them, it also started the process that allowed us, the opposition parties, to question the government on such controversial files as the ORGNE Air Ambulance scandal and the cost of the two power plant cancellations.

When the Estimates Committee passed a resolution requesting the release of all documents concerning the cancellation, the speaker, as required by parliamentary procedure, ordered compliance. In addition, the speaker was about to rule on the release of the ORGNE documents, a file that the Liberal government has been doing everything in its power to conceal. Under intense questioning from opposition parties and from the media, McGuinty played his only card; he prorogued the legislature and resigned as premier to stop the release of any further details of the scandal to the people of Ontario.

On the positive side, the recess has allowed me to spend more time in the riding, meeting with constituents and receiving their valuable input. I was also able to hold meetings with Community Living organizations, social services groups, the race track industry, businesses affected by the new College of Trades tax, and health, energy, and education representatives.

Throughout the coming weeks, we will be rolling out our remaining policy papers, and I will be meeting with constituents and stakeholders to seek their input.

Events and meetings are already filling up my schedule as we wait to see who will replace Dalton McGuinty and when he or she will bring back the legislature, so Ontario can get back to work. Can they stand the scrutiny of question period, or will they call a snap election, hoping people will forget the Liberal legacy?

I am honoured to represent our riding and truly appreciate the input and support I have received from our community. It has been an interesting year, and I will continue to work for you as we face the challenges ahead.

On behalf of my family and staff, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe 2013.

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*Jim McDonell is the MPP for Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry and writes monthly columns for this newspaper.*

# Pre-budget consultations

OTTAWA – Throughout the past seven years, Jim Flaherty, federal finance minister, has refined the Canadian budget consultation process into a fine tuned grassroots exercise by placing importance on the input of everyday citizens.

The minister encourages MP's from all parties to conduct budget consultation meetings with constituents in their ridings, and send their findings to him for consideration. Further, he holds consultative meetings with finance critics of the opposition parties.

The minister and his staff vet every suggestion from all contributors. Similar proposals are grouped together to give finance officials a sense of priorities held by Canadians from all areas of the country. The Parliamentary Finance Committee holds consultations in Ottawa and travels from coast to coast seeking input from various stakeholder groups.

The minister himself travels across Canada meeting with economists, CEOs, presidents of major corporations, and everyday Canadians. Information is sought via social media and through electronic town hall meetings. The process is very thorough and comprehensive. It ensures that every suggestion or proposal is considered.

Flaherty is a firm believer that the best ideas often come from Canadians, like the constituents of SD&SG. With that said, I would like to ask for your help.

Flaherty has posed the following questions to Canadians:

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• see LAUZON on page 9

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# Theatre veteran offers expertise to teens

**by Sandy Casselman**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER – A local theatre guru is targeting teens of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry for a series of drama classes expected to nurture their budding talent, and, quite possibly, send them on the road toward stardom.

Winchester resident Lorne Pardy, a professional with more than 30 years of experience working in Canadian theatre both as an actor and as a director, is running an eight-week session of acting classes for young adults aged 15 to 19 beginning Wed., Jan. 23.

Pardy, a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada, said, "Working with young adults who have the same dream as I did gives me the greatest charge because it is possible to be an actor, director, or artistic director, professionally."

With plans to use Ann-Marie MacDonald's play, *Goodnight Desdemona, (Good Morning Juliet)*, he plans to teach students the skills they need to perform a play in front of an audience (at the Old Town Hall in Winchester) upon completion of the course.

According to Pardy, "Participants will have the opportunity to study acting, to build their confidence, communication skills, and performance abilities. They will learn specific professional techniques of acting, and be encouraged to express themselves in a nurturing and safe environment."

Drama classes to culminate in staging of play

When asked about his motivation for creating the theatre classes for teens, Pardy said, "It's because they are developing opinions about the world, and they are eager to have a voice and relate other stories to their own. They are dying to communicate, and it's that that translates to the stage so well."

In addition to his vast resume of theatre assignments, accomplishments, and awards, Pardy also spent four years teaching acting and voice at the University of Ottawa, the Ottawa Theatre School, Algonquin College, and St. Lawrence College.

He has developed more than 30 new plays, and he has worked in both small and large theatres, including The Shaw Festival, the Canadian Stage Company, Rising Tide Theatre, and the Upper Canada Playhouse. In addition to theatre, he has worked in radio, television, and film.

In 2009, Pardy created Impulse Consulting, a consultation company for theatre managers.

In addition to his new class for teens, Pardy is also offering another weekend workshop, his fourth in a series of master classes for adults interested in learning more about the theatrical process.

He explained that this workshop is designed to allow participants the opportunity to "test [their] skill at entering the world of a play and exercising [their] artistic vision in bringing it to life, whether as a director, designer, composer, or actor."

Pardy has run adult workshops in the past, and has found them to be successful in many ways.

"They really are interesting because you are working with people with theatre experience, so it's like a weekend dialogue amongst colleagues about theatre rules and new techniques," he said.

To register, or for more information about the teen theatre classes or the adult workshop, contact Lorne Pardy at impulseconsulting@hotmail.ca or call 613-774-0354.



Winchester resident Lorne Pardy, recognized for his work with the Ottawa theatrical community, and winner of two Capital Critics Circle awards for best director, is offering theatre classes for teens in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

# Mark Valentine's with Sweetheart Ball

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – For the first time ever, the Mountain Township Agricultural Society (MTAS) is hosting a Country Sweetheart Ball for Valentine's Day.

To be held on Sat., Feb. 16 at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain, the event is an opportunity for people from inside and outside the farming community to gather together for a night of entertainment and fun.

While not all details have been ironed out, the night's festivities will feature a four-course meal prepared by Winchelsea Events.

Following dinner there will be a performance by magician David Jans.

"He is really, really good," said Dianne Fawcett, an MTAS director.

Following Jans' performance, a guest speaker (identity yet to be confirmed) will take to the podium for a brief, but entertaining talk.

While there will be music and dancing, this ball is not meant to be a dance, said Fawcett.

Organizers are hoping more for a fun, social night, offering the opportunity for agriculturally oriented people to get together. However, said Fawcett, this does not preclude non-agricultural friends and neighbours from joining in on the fun, and attending the event.

Proceeds from the ball will be divided between the Mountain Township Agricultural Society and Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

While some tables have already been sold, there are still plenty of spots open for the Valentine's Day-themed fundraiser.

For information, call Fawcett at 613-774-3363, Bob Weagant at 613-989-2823, Anna Smail at 613-652-4915, or Bob Williams at 613-989-2038.

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

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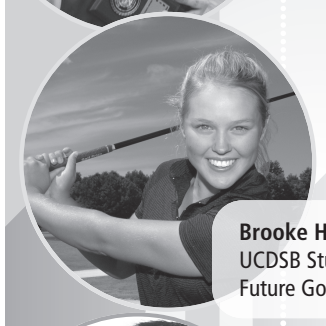

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# Osgoode dad wins CHEO lottery dream home



Ryan Holmes, a single father from Osgoode, won this year's CHEO Dream of a Lifetime Lottery worth an approximate $1.6 million. *Photo courtesy of CTV Ottawa*

OSGOODE – Ryan Holmes, a single father from Osgoode, won the CHEO Dream of a Lifetime Lottery, a prize package worth an estimated $1.6 million.

On Wed., Jan. 9, the 33-year-old's life changed dramatically with one phone call.

"I was at home making Kraft Dinner when my Mom called me first and said 'did you just win the CHEO Dream Home?' And I'm like, 'no way'," said Holmes. That's when he checked his phone and found the message from Kevin Keohane, president of the CHEO Foundation.

"This is a day you're not going to forget," said the message from Keohane.

As the grand prize winner, Holmes has won a 4,563 square-foot fully-furnished home in Manotick, a 2013 Lincoln MKS, free house cleaning for one year, and $5,000 in Farm Boy groceries.

Holmes, who has a four-year-old daughter with cystic fibrosis, toured his new home that same afternoon with his parents Penny and Dean, his sister Julie, and his sister-in-law Christine.

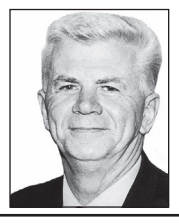
It was the first time Holmes had bought a ticket in the annual CHEO lottery.

**Other winners**

Michel Ferron and Armand Savoie of Gatineau were the second-prize winners, and they will receive $100,000 cash, a 2013 Ford Mustang V6 Convertible, a $10,000 gift certificate from Jubilee Fine Jewellers, and a seven-day Alaskan cruise aboard Holland America Cruise Lines.

Ticket-holders can check their tickets online at www.dreamofalifetime.ca.

# City makes it easier to register events



In and around Osgoode Ward
*by Councillor Doug Thompson*

OTTAWA – ServiceOttawa has introduced a new webpage and online application form for special events in the City of Ottawa called Event Central.

This planning tool provides assistance in facilitating permit approvals, and in the co-ordination of all special events.

Application forms can be found at www.ottawa.ca. Download the form, complete it, and email to eventcentral@ottawa.ca at least 90 days prior to your event.

An Event Central advisor will review the application and contact the applicant. A meeting between the applicant and the special events advisory team may be required.

**Student employment**

Students interested in summer employment with the city can apply online now. The deadline for applications is Thurs., Feb. 7.

The Summer Student Employment Program is an opportunity to gain work experience and insight into today's workforce, discover a career path, showcase skills, and enhance academic goals. There are positions available in many different areas.

For more information, visit www.ottawa.ca.

**Museum activities**

The Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum in Vernon is offering several options for children and adults alike throughout the month of January.

On Wed., Jan. 16, from 1 to 4 pm, there will be an adult workshop focusing on the art of candle making.

On Fri., Jan. 18, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, the museum will host an all-day PD-Day program focusing on a Creatures of the Sea theme.

On Sat., Jan. 26, from 1 to 3 pm, children are invited to attend the museum's Kids' Craft Day where the day's activity will be learning to make a hobby horse.

Also, every Saturday in January, from 11 to 11:45 am, there will be free kindermusic classes available.

For more information, or to register for one or more of these programs, call 613-821-4062.

**Celebrating winter in Greely**

The Greely Winter Carnival is set to begin Wed., Jan. 23 at the Greely Community Centre, and will run until Sun., Jan. 27.

In addition to the many activities planned for this event (food, dancing, poker, singing, comedy, and more), there is a snow sculpture contest being planned for the weekend.

To register a snow sculpting team, email Tina at greelysnow@hotmail.com, and for more information on carnival activities, visit www.greelycommunity.org.

**Osgoode community meeting**

The Osgoode Village Community Association will hold its annual general meeting on Thurs., Jan. 24, beginning at 7 pm, at the Stuart Holmes Arena.

For more information, visit www.osgoodevillage.com.

**Fundraiser for TOCC**

With proceeds targeted for the Osgoode Care Centre, the Busting out the Brews fundraiser will take place on Fri., Feb. 1, beginning at 7 pm, at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm. In addition to micro-breweries, the night will feature a chili cook-off, restaurant-catered booths, a live band, as well as silent and live auctions.

There is free transportation available from Metcalfe, Greely, and Osgoode to and from this event.

For more information, contact Wendy Hill at 613-821-1034 extension 248.

**Agri-food innovation award applications**

The 2013 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program is accepting applications until 5 pm on Fri., Jan. 18.

The program was created to recognize and foster the spirit of innovation that thrives in Ontario's agricultural sector. It encourages the development of rural communities, farms, agri-food processors, and agri-food organizations by adding value to existing products, creating jobs, and driving economic growth.

Each year, the program recognizes up to 45 award-winning innovations across the province valued at $5,000 each.

In addition, there is a Minister's Award valued at up to $50,000, a Premier's Award valued at up to $75,000, and three Leaders in Innovation awards valued at $25,000 each.

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

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# Cory Coons hitting the airwaves with first single from latest album

**by Sandy Casselman**
*Press staff*

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – For fans of South Mountain's Cory M. Coons, hearing the latest song written and sung by this local musician is as simple as turning on the radio.

Coons, who has been writing, recording, and performing music locally for more than 15 years, has just released the single, "Roses Need the Rain," from his newest album, *Here and Now*, to radio stations across Canada.

Coons' musical career has gone through several incarnations over the years, beginning with well-received performances as a member of several different teenage bands during his years as a student at Seaway District High School in Iroquois, back in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

While Coons has spent a good portion of his musical career as part of a band, most recently as front man for the local cover band Tycoons, he is enjoying his work as a solo artist, and plans to continue on this path for the foreseeable future.

When asked about the inspiration for his newest single, Coons said, "I like to write in a way that leaves room for the listener to take on their own interpretation of the story."

However, Coons said, the song essentially tells the story of two young lovers and their experience facing the world together.

His style, he said, is a mix of pop, rock, and country with a roots-y, southern-rock element to it. He's also been told that his music has a bit of a '70s/'80s flair.

According to Coons, hearing one's song on the radio for the first time is quite exciting, and while he's looking forward to hearing "Roses Need the Rain" playing on the local stations, his main focus right now is on reaching as many new listeners as possible.

*Here and Now*, which was produced at Soundbox Studios in Kemptville by owner Robert Windsor (Eddy and the Stingrays), is Coons' third official solo album to date.

"I think it gets more exciting with each new release," he said. "I think you grow as an artist and a writer with the more you create."

As for his future plans, Coons will continue building and fostering the relationships he has created here at home with family, friends, and fans. This, however, doesn't mean he won't consider branching out to a wider market if the opportunity presents itself one day.

"I love it. As long as I stay true to what I love to do, and not try to be something I'm not… be as real and honest as I can… then everything will work out the way it's supposed to," he said.

In addition to being heard on the radio, Coons can also be heard playing live at any number of local venues.

For performance dates and locations or to purchase his new single or CD, visit www.corymervincoons.com.


South Mountain's Cory M. Coons on the cover of his latest album, *Here and Now*.

# St. Paul's Ladies Aid brainstorms for ideas

**by Kathy Spruit**

WINCHESTER – The St. Paul's Ladies Aid met for the first time in 2013 on Mon., Jan. 6. Doris Baker welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a poem.

Kathy Spruit started the devotions, titled "Cracked Pots," with the singing of "I've Got the Joy." She described how God uses people – cracks, flaws, and all – to radiate the light from Him to others. In that way, when lives are touched by the light of Christ that shines through those cracks in His followers, all glory is given to God. Devotions concluded with the singing of "Give Me Oil in My Lamp."

Roll call was answered by the sharing of this past year's Christmas celebrations.

The Ladies Aid executive was reinstated for the coming year with Libby Pelkey and Doris Baker as co-presidents; Jan Clapp as past president; Phyllis MacMaster as secretary; Carol Zubatuk as treasurer; Donna Wilson as card secretary; Kathy Spruit as press secretary; and, Helen Kerr will take responsibility for the Craft and 'T' Table.

Appreciation was expressed to Norma Duncan who held the position of card secretary for many years.

Baker thanked everyone for all the hard work and support given for the various activities held in celebration of the Ladies Aid 120th anniversary.

It was reported that $300 was raised from the offering at the December meeting, with proceeds going to the activity fund at Dundas Manor.

Ideas were shared for activities and opportunities for community outreach in the coming year. Purchasing ladies' pyjamas for Naomi House, and holding meetings at Garden Villa and Dundas Manor were a couple of ideas discussed.

The February meeting will be a pyjama party to be held at Clapp's home.

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Hawks forward Evan Walker had a goal in Jan. 11's 4-3 loss to Brockville.

*Patricia Whais photos*



Newly acquired goaltender Mikael Dion was in net for both Winchester losses, giving up a combined total of nine goals, while facing 71 shots and stopping 62. He's flanked here by Luke Scott (left) and Aaron Dickenson.



Brandon Belding (18) has been added to the Hawks roster through the remainder of the season. Belding's season began in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with the Gatineau Olympiques, before being cut and returning to the Central Canada Hockey League's Nepean Raiders where he is an affiliate player.

# Weekend losses drop Hawks in division rankings

WINCHESTER – After making his Winchester Junior "B" Hawks debut with two wins, Mikael Dion has now twice experienced defeat with his new team.

The Hawks new starting goaltender worked the nets during Fri., Jan. 11's 4-3 loss to the Brockville Tikis, and again on Sun., Jan. 13 when Winchester fell 6-4 to the Gananoque Islanders.

The weekend losses have dropped the Hawks regular season record to 14-15-0-4, with 32 points. Winchester has also fallen to fourth place in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League's St. Lawrence Division rankings, four points behind the third-place Akwesasne Wolves, and just four points ahead of the fifth-place Alexandria Glens.

Up next for the Hawks is a Fri., Jan. 18 trip to the Glengarry Sports Palace in Alexandria to take on the Glens, while the team will then return home to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Sat., Jan. 19 to take on the Athens Aeros. Game time is 8 pm.

**Islanders 6 - Hawks 4**

It was a back and forth affair when Winchester and Gananoque faced off in Gananoque on Jan. 13.

The Hawks opened the scoring at 15:06 of the first period when Brett Sharples (from Ramsey Wheeler and Luke Scott) beat Islanders goaltender Ryan Kaszuba.

Gananoque, however, roared into a 2-1 lead with a power play goal at 9:17, and the team's second goal of the game at 2:55.

Winchester forward Christopher Rossi ensured the two teams headed into intermission at 2-2 when he tied the game with 19 seconds remaining in the first session. Aaron Dickenson and Alexander Sifton earned assists on the play.

Period two was scoreless for both clubs.

The Hawks opened period three's scoring when Cody Levasseur (from Brandon Belding and Brandon Pantaleo) gave Winchester a 3-2 lead.

Gananoque tied the game 3-3 at 17:48, but Brandon Bourgeois (from Cam Hughes and Daniel Butchart) put the Hawks back in front at 13:26.

Winchester's lead was not to be, however, as the Islanders received goals at 6:17 and 3:11, and iced the game away with an empty net marker at 1:05.

Dion faced 38 shots in the Hawks nets, stopping 33, while allowing five goals. His opponent, Kaszuba was hit with 33 shots, stopping 29 and allowing four goals.

Winchester went zero for three on the power play, while the Islanders converted once in three attempts.

**Tikis 4 - Hawks 3**

Period one was scoreless when the Hawks welcomed the Rideau Division Tikis to Winchester on Jan. 11.

In period two, Rossi (from Levasseur and Belding) opened the scoring for the Hawks at 18:15.

Just a few minutes later, at 12:30, Alexander Sifton put the Hawks up 2-0, completing a play created by Pantaleo and Dickenson.

Brockville evened the count at 2-2 getting goals at 6:58 and 3:57, but the Hawks closed out the period with a 3-2 lead when Evan Walker (from Rossi and Levasseur) scored at 3:25.

The Tikis knotted the game 3-3 on a power play at 5:49 of the third period, and ensured a 4-3 victory at 4:10.

Winchester fired 45 shots at Brockville goaltender Mack Frere who stopped 42, allowing three goals. Dion, meanwhile, faced 33 shots in the Hawks nets, stopping 29 and allowing four goals.

The Hawks were zero for seven on the power play, while the Tikis converted once on three opportunities.

# Petes ship Koekkoek to Spitfires

PETERBOROUGH – Former Inkerman Station resident Slater Koekkoek will be resuming his Ontario Hockey League (OHL) career in a new city with a different team.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, Koekkoek, who had been serving as the Peterborough Petes' captain this season, was traded to the Windsor Spitfires.

According to the *Peterborough Examiner,* Koekkoek, 18, asked for, and received the trade.

In exchange, the Spitfires sent centre Michael Clarke, along with a second round pick in the 2014 draft and a second round pick in the 2015 draft, to Peterborough.

Koekkoek was chosen in the first round (10th overall) by the Tampa Bay Lightning in the 2012 National Hockey League entry draft this past summer in Pittsburgh.

The 6'2", 182-pound defenceman has played 131 games – all with the Petes – since entering the OHL in 2010, scoring 18 goals and adding 51 assists with 69 penalty minutes.

The trade also places Koekkoek in the position of potentially experiencing the OHL playoffs for the first time in his career. At the moment, Windsor's regular season record sits at 16-19-1-6 with 39 points, with the squad jockeying with the Saginaw Spirit for the final playoff position in the Western Conference.



*Former Inkerman Station resident Slater Koekkoek, pictured here following his first round (10th overall) selection by the Tampa Bay Lightning during the 2012 National Hockey League draft, was traded to the Windsor Spitfires on Thurs., Jan. 10.*

In two seasons with the Petes, Koekkoek and his teammates missed the playoffs each year, while the team appears destined to do so again this season. Currently, Peterborough's Eastern Conference record is a lowly 12-24-3-4 with 31 points, just four better than the Ottawa 67's.

# Helmer signs with Springfield

WINCHESTER – Bryan Helmer has found a new home to continue his hockey career.

It was announced on Thurs., Jan. 10 that the Springfield Falcons, the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate of the National Hockey League (NHL)'s Columbus Blue Jackets, had signed Helmer.

The veteran defenseman agreed to a standard player contract for the remainder of the 2012-2013 season.

Helmer is third in the AHL's 77-year history with 1,093 games played, and is the league's career leader among defensemen with 562 points and 433 assists. He has played with eight AHL teams in his career, and will make his second appearance with the Falcons, having participated in nine games with the club in 2003-2004.

Helmer has also played for the Albany River Rats (1993-1998), the Worcester IceCats (1998-2000), the Manitoba Moose (2001-2003), the Grand Rapids Griffins (2004-2006), the San Antonio Rampage (2006-2008), the Hershey Bears (2008-2010), and the Oklahoma City Barons (2010-2012). The 40-year-old Helmer has played in a record 158 Calder Cup playoff games, and will become the third player in league history to participate in as many as 19 AHL seasons once he takes the ice with the Falcons. He is a three-time Calder Cup champion, winning with Albany in 1994-1995 and Hershey in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. Helmer served as the Bears' captain during their most recent league-title seasons, and has also held that role for Oklahoma City and San Antonio.



*Bryan Helmer, shown here during his time with the Oklahoma City Barons, has signed with the American Hockey League's Springfield Falcons through the remainder of the 2012-2013 season.*

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# Jets earn two points while splitting weekend games

METCALFE – The Metcalfe Jets have continued their climb in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League's Metro Division standings.

After dropping a crucial 2-1 decision to the Clarence Beavers on Fri., Jan. 11, the Jets rebounded in Gatineau on Sun., Jan. 13, defeating the division-leading Mustangs 6-2.

Metcalfe's regular season record now stands at 17-11-0-2, with 36 points. The Jets remain tied for points with the Beavers, but sit in fourth-place with one more win than Clarence.



Metcalfe's Thomas Mansbridge battled for position against Beavers' forward Ryan McLean during Jan. 11's loss.

The Jets points total is also just three less than the third-place Ottawa Golden Knights, who Metcalfe is scheduled to meet at the Barbara Ann Scott Arena in Ottawa tomorrow (Thurs., Jan. 17) night.

On Fri., Jan. 18, the Jets return to the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe to face the Golden Knights in the second game of the home-and-home series. Sun., Jan. 20 sees the Jets travel to Clarence for a game against the division rival Beavers.

**Jets 6 - Mustangs 2**

Jan. 13's game between Metcalfe and Gatineau began slowly, with each side reaching the scoreboard.

Kyle Leduc (from Devon Docksteader) put the Jets ahead 1-0 at 13:46 of the first period.

Metcalfe's lead was increased to 2-0 at 13:39 when Kyle Leduc (from Devon Docksteader) found the back of Gatineau's net.

The Mustangs added a goal before the end of the first session, as Metcalfe continued to lead 2-1.

Gatineau added one more goal in the third period before the Jets offense exploded.

Kyle Downey (from David Kilrea) scored at 9:45, while Leduc (from Joel Cunningham) added his second goal of the game at 6:23. Just a few seconds later, Cunningham set up Mansbridge at 6:04, while Bryan Dalrymple (from Nathan Avery) put it away for the Jets at 3:28.

Metcalfe goaltender Eric Drouin stopped 25 of the 27 shots he faced, allowing just two goals. His Mustang counterpart Marc-Andre Charron was shelled for 38 shots, stopping 32 and allowing six goals.

The Jets converted once on five power play attempts, while the Mustangs weren't able to convert on five attempts.



Kyle Leduc (27) and his Jets teammates are pictured celebrating one of four third-period goals Metcalfe scored during Jan. 13's 6-2 win over Gatineau. *Courtesy photos*

**Beavers 2 - Jets 1**

Kilrea (from Mansbridge) gave the Jets a 1-0 lead just 22 seconds into the game, while the Beavers tied the game at 8:40 of the first period.

Clarence sealed its 2-1 victory at 7:27 of the third period.

Drouin faced 20 shots in the loss, stopping 18 and allowing two goals, while Beavers goaltender Gianmarco De Meis stopped 36 of the 37 shots he faced, giving up one goal.

**Deadline deal**

It was largely quiet on the trade front for the Jets at the Thurs., Jan. 10 deadline, but the club did send the rights of forward Devin Desnoyers to the Casselman Vikings. Desnoyers' rights will then return to Metcalfe during his overage season.

## Bantam Demons win 'B' title

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons had the Alexandria Glens number during Sun., Jan. 13's tournament at the Chesterville Arena.

North Dundas opened the days competition with a 2-0 win over the Glens, as Logan Holmes and Alexandre Dagenais scored for the Demons. Jakob Downey earned an assist in the game.

The squad faltered in its second game of the campaign, falling 2-0 to the Muskrat Voyageurs.

With the loss, North Dundas moved into the "B" competition, facing off against Alexandria in the championship game.

Joey Benoit was the hero for the Demons, scoring two goals in the 2-1 victory. Assists went to Brayden Cochrane, Downey, and Holmes (two).

## Helmer

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Helmer was also selected as captain of the Canadian All-Star Team at the 2009 AHL All-Star Classic. In addition, Helmer has skated in 146 NHL games with Phoenix, St. Louis, Vancouver, and Washington, collecting 26 points (eight goals, 18 assists). He has seen action in six Stanley Cup playoff contests.

Helmer has also been noted for his work off the ice during his career, most recently having been named Oklahoma City's winner of the IOA/American Specialty AHL Man of the Year Award in 2011-2012. He won the AHL's Fred T. Hunt Memorial Award in 2010-2011, an accolade given annually to a player who best exemplifies the qualities of sportsmanship, determination, and dedication to hockey.

## Atom B Demons win Chesterville tourney

CHESTERVILLE – Three wins in three games sealed the championship hardware for the North Dundas Atom "B" Demons during Sun., Jan. 13's tournament at the Chesterville Arena.

In the days opening game, the Demons doubled the Casselman-Embrun Icedogs 8-4, led by Cam Sherrer's three-goal effort.

Curtis Bell and Ethan Guy had two goals each in the win, while Mason Carr chipped in with a single marker. Assists went to Xavier LeClerc, Delaney Johnston, Lucas Menard, Carr, and Guy (two).

Game two saw the Demons steamroll the Alexandria Glens by way of a 9-1 final. Guy had a hat trick for North Dundas, while Sherrer had a two-goal performance, with single markers registered by Kobey Young, Adam Barkley, Owen Richardson, and LeClerc.

Assists went to Curtis Bell, Richardson, Menard, LeClerc (two), and Guy.

It was the Stittsville Rams that the Demons faced in the tournament's "A" final.

LeClerc's hat trick (two goals in the first, and one in the second), and two more from Guy in the second would hold up for North Dundas, beating the Rams 6-4. Carr added a single marker for the Demons. Assists went to Emily Eikelboom (two), Guy (three), Johnston (two), Bell, Barkley (two), and Young.

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# Leaguers' hold on WTHL's top spot continues

WINCHESTER – By way of one point earned in a 5-5 tie with the Green Berets, the Bush Leaguers have extended their hold of first place in the Winchester Town Hockey League's standings.

Played at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Tues., Jan. 8, the Leaguers-Berets deadlock opened the weekly double-dip, with the Chesterville Maulers slipping past Sadler's Suds 5-4 in the evening's second game.

The Leaguer's 7-3-2 record gives them 16 points in the WTHL's regular season standings, and a one point lead ahead of the second place Suds (6-4-3). The Berets (5-6-2) hold down third place, while the Maulers (4-8-1) are slowly crawling out of the league basement.

**Leaguers 5 - Berets 5**

Justin Heuff led the way for the Leaguers, banging home two goals, while Nik Paas responded with a hat trick for the Berets as the two sides battled to a 5-5 draw.

Individual markers for the Leaguers were scored by Kyle Dearing, Kyle Pelkey, and Travis Rowe, while Dean Byvelds, Travis Froats, Rowe, and Dearing chipped in with assists.

Kyle Sobering and Mitch Shay each had single goals for the Berets.

**Maulers 5 - Suds 4**

Scott Baldwin led the way for the Maulers with two goals and an assist as the Chesterville-based squad won for just the fifth time this season.

Justin Morozuk, Aaron Kelly, and Matt Baker also added single markers in the Maulers' victory. Assists were registered to Ryan Hay, Matt VanDelst, Baldwin, Morozuk, Kelly (four), and Baker (two).

Colton Stitt had a hat trick for the Suds, while Robyn Sadler potted an individual marker.



***Mounting pressure***

The Dundas Midget Intermediate Lions welcomed the Perth Wings to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Tues., Jan. 8 for the team's latest Ottawa District Women's Hockey Association game. The fifth-place Lions defeated the eighth-place Wings 5-2, registering Dundas' sixth win of the season. Dundas goaltender Carman Stubbings was virtually flawless, stopping all but two of the shots she faced, including this Perth attempt with heavy traffic in front of her. The Lions record now stands at 6-4-5 with 17 points. Up next, Dundas was scheduled to travel to Perth on Tues., Jan. 15, followed by a match in Smiths Falls on Sat., Jan. 19. Dundas will then return home to Morrisburg Arena on Sun., Jan. 20 to face Outaouais.

*Press Photo – Uhrig*

# Rockets cage Cougars 5-1

CHESTERVILLE – The Chesterville Rockets have worked to further solidify their hold on third-place in the National Capital Junior Hockey League's South Division.

With a 5-1 win over the Vankleek Hill Cougars on Sat., Jan. 12, the Rockets improved their regular season record to 6-21-1 with 13 points; three better than the last place Cougars.

The winning ways, however, didn't sustain for North Dundas, as they fell 3-0 to the Cumberland Bandits at the Chesterville Arena on Sun., Jan. 13.

Up next, the Rockets are set to welcome the Papineauville Vikings to Chesterville on Sat., Jan. 19. Game time is 8 pm.

**Rockets 5 - Cougars 1**

Brandon Buma shone in a big way during Jan. 12's win, banging home three goals en route to a hat trick, while also registering two assists.

Chris Embury and Dustin Tinkler chipped in with single markers, while assists went to Will Fawcett, Pete Klein-Swormink, Brent Simms, Tinkler, and Embury (two).

Brendan Chilton was the winning goaltender for North Dundas.

# Four different shooters score in latest Pee Wee 'B' victory

WILLIAMSTOWN – The Pee Wee Rep "B" Demons made the trip to Williamstown on Wed., Jan. 9, returning home with a victory.

Travis McInnis hit the scoreboard first for the Demons, burying an unassisted marker at 9:54 of the first period.

North Dundas' opponents, the Char-Lan Rebels, added two goals to close out the opening session with a 2-1 lead.

In the second period, Joey Hannaford tied it up for the Demons, banging home an unassisted marker at 2:32.

With 1:36 remaining in the sandwich session, Sandra Morley added an unassisted goal of her own to give North Dundas a 3-2 lead heading into the third period.

The Demons victory was secured at 7:05 of the final session when Justin Shay (from McInnis) buried North Dundas' fourth goal of the game.

The final Rebels goal of the game was scored at 3:32 of the third period.

Up next for the Demons, the local squad is scheduled to welcome the Alexandria Glens to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester tonight (Wed., Jan 16) for a 7 pm start.

# Novice 'B' Demons notch two victories

CHESTERVILLE – Max Messervey and Noah Drouin-Geurts led the way for the North Dundas Novice "B" Demons in the team's two most recent victories.

At the Chesterville Arena on Mon., Jan. 7, Drouin-Geurts had a two-goal performance, and Messervey added a single marker while defeating the Brockville Braves 4-2. On Wed., Jan. 9 in Spencerville, both Messervey and Drouin-Geurts helped to lead the Demons to a 2-0 victory against the South Grenville Rangers.

**Demons 4 - Braves 2**

Messervey opened the scoring for North Dundas with 15 seconds left in the first period.

In the second session, Drouin-Geurts scored his first marker of the game at 8:10, and added another goal at 6:21, one second after the Braves had potted their first marker of the evening.

With a 3-2 lead, Travis Ouellette scored the Demons' fourth goal of the game, adding an unassisted marker at 4:01 to ensure North Dundas' victory.

**Demons 2 - Rangers 0**

Messervey gave North Dundas a 1-0 lead with 43 seconds remaining in the second period.

Drouin-Geurts (from Ouellette) followed at 5:04 of the third period, ensuring the Demons' 2-0 win.

**Up next**

The latest victories have improved North Dundas' regular season record to 11-2-4, topping the East Division with 18 points.

North Dundas' next game was scheduled for Mon., Jan. 14, with the Rangers making the trip to the Chesterville Arena for a 6 pm contest.

Tonight (Wed., Jan. 16), the Demons are to travel to Smiths Falls for a meeting with the Bears at 6:40 pm.

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# A Message from Graham Duke

### *President, Nation Valley Snowmobile Association*

***We Are They***

This year an early snowmobile season has sneaked up on us! This is quite exciting for all of our volunteers who work so hard and dedicate so much of their time to their club all year round.

My theme in this message is "We Are They". Many of you are probably thinking what is he talking about, well it is quite simple. All season long we hear comments like "Why aren't they grooming?" or "Why did they close this trail?" The "they" referred to in these statements are "we" and we are the volunteers who run the snowmobile clubs and organizations through out the province. "We" are mothers and fathers, students, farmers, local business owners, accountants, factory workers, truck drivers, equipment operators, construction workers… and the list goes on and on. Quite simply we volunteer our time (precious time) to make beautiful trails for all members to enjoy! No one is forced to volunteer, and when "we" hear statements like "Why did they close this trail?" it is offensive and aggravates many, because we counter with statements like "Why don't you volunteer your time and re-open this trail?

When it comes to organized snowmobile clubs and organizations everyone is important: the volunteers, landowners, members and the public who support the club in fundraising efforts.

Volunteers power our clubs. They do more than what you see with your own eyes. There is a lot of work behind the scenes. Snowmobile clubs are businesses like any other. They have income tax filing to do, HST remittances and a lot of paper to deal with. There are a lot of rules and regulations that the volunteers have to live by. It is the volunteers who come up with new ideas for how to make the riders' experience better. Volunteers maintain landowner relations and without the landowners, snowmobiling would be extinct. Members fuel our clubs: for each permit purchased from our club we receive a percentage of the fee. This money pays for trail improvement and grooming.

Maintaining snowmobile trails is very tricky. Grooming can be done today and tonight strong winds make large drifts; keep this in mind next time you ride. We do our best. They are trails, not highways! NVSA has three groomers; to groom all of NVSA trails it costs upwards of $2,200 per pass. At two passes per week, add this up over a season and with limited funds, it is simple to see how a season adds up.

"We Are They" should also include "You!" You can help by purchasing a permit; buy a raffle ticket at this year's local fair, donating a couple dollars at our fundraisers, taking an ad out on our map for your business, coming out to a meeting or volunteering some of your time! Everyone's time is precious and we take great pride in the time we volunteer, so next time how about saying, "They did an awesome job"!

We want you! NVSA is currently looking for volunteers, a variety of positions are available, new volunteers bring new ideas!

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***Your President,***
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The North Dundas Pee Wee Demons were crowned the "B" championship winners following Sat., Jan. 12's tournament at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester. Pictured are: Seth Christophersen (front, left), Curtis Barkley, Mason McLeod, Adam Geertsma, and Caleb Jaquemet. Back row: Joey Hannaford (left), Gary McInnis, Nolan Brown, Travis McInnis, Danny McLeod, Justin Shay, Brandon Lovely, Scott Barkley, Bradley McLean, Benjamin Fingler, Gary Geertsma, and Sandra Morley.

# Pee Wee Demons take home 'B' championship hardware

WINCHESTER – Travis McInnis' four goal, three assist weekend helped to lead the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons to championship hardware during Sat., Jan. 12's tournament at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

McInnis had a goal and an assist in the team's opening 2-0 win against the NGS Braves, and three goals and two assists in the "B" side final against the Char-Lan Rebels.

Justin Shay was the other North Dundas goal scorer in the win against the Braves, while Curtis Barkley had an assist.

The only black mark on the Demons weekend was a 1-0 loss to the Renfrew Timberwolves.

Against the Rebels, following McInnis' lead, Nolan Brown and Shay found the back of the Char-Lan net, while assists went to Benjamin Fingler, Sandra Morley, Caleb Jaquemet, Shay, McInnis (two), and Barkley (two).



Travis McInnis had four goals and three assists in three tournament games helping to lead North Dundas to the "B" championship. *Press Photo – Uhrig*



The North Dundas Minor Midget "B" Demons compiled a 1-1 record in round robin play during the team's hometown tournament played at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester on Sun., Jan 13. The Demons would then compete in the "B" side final, but fell 2-0 to the Kemptville Panthers. Demons goaltender Will Zandbelt was shelled for seven goals in North Dundas' 7-1 loss to the Gloucester- Orleans Blues. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

# Midget 'B' Demons fall in final

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Midget "B" Demons opened Sun., Jan. 13's Winchester tournament with a win, but the wheels came off from there.

Matt Laflamme and Mitchell Melenhorst found the back of the net in North Dundas' tournament opening 2-1 victory over the Kemptville Panthers. Assists went to Donavan Williamson, Kyle Oosterhof, and Daniel Horner.

However, the team's second game didn't quite go as planned.

Facing off against the Gloucester-Orleans Blues, Demons goaltender Will Zandbelt was shelled for seven goals, while Zac Cronin was the lone North Dundas goal scorer.

However, with a 1-1 record on the day, the Demons qualified for a trip to the tournament's "B" final, which ended up being a rematch against the Panthers.

Luck wasn't on North Dundas' side in their third game of the day, as Kemptville scored once in the opening period, and again in the third session to claim the "B" championship hardware.

**Other winners**

The Blues defeated the Smiths Falls Bears 3-2 to win the day's "A" championship, while the Pembroke Kings steamrolled the South Stormont Selects 10-3 en route to a "C" side victory.

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– Lois, Doug, Ruth, Don and Ann
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CARD OF THANKS – A sincere thank you to everyone who sent cards, made phone calls and stopped by for visits since I returned home from hip replacement surgery. As of now, everything is going very well and I would like to say thanks to all the doctors, nurses and physio for their special services. I am very grateful for our entire health care system. What a great country we live in and what a great health care system we have. We are so fortunate! Again, thank you.
– Dale Keyes
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FRANKLIN SALTER
January 9, 1924 -
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Through every passing day.
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Can dim the past,
Too many memories make it last.
Today, tomorrow,
Our whole lives through
We'll always love and cherish you.
– Forever missed, forever loved
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## ANNOUNCEMENT



The Partners of Collins Barrow WCM LLP are pleased to announce that
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was successful on the CICA 2012 Uniform Final Examination – a three-day national examination required to obtain his Chartered Professional Accountant designation.

Luther grew up and worked on his parent's dairy farm in Finch. He graduated from Redeemer Christian High School in 2005 and then received a diploma in Agriculture from the University of Guelph (Kemptville Campus) in 2007.

Luther began working in the Winchester office in 2008 and continued to work as a co-op student as he attended Carleton University. In 2012, Luther graduated from Carleton with a Bachelor of Commerce and a distinction of Highest Honours and has been a full-time staff accountant since January 2012.

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The Partners of Collins Barrow WCM LLP are pleased to announce the addition of
**Michael Elshof, CPA, CA**
at the firm's Winchester office.

Michael joins Collins Barrow from another national accounting firm after working in their Ottawa office for over five years.

Michael grew up and worked on his parent's dairy farm in Berwick. He graduated from Tagwi Secondary School in 2003 and received a diploma in accounting from Algonquin College (2005) and graduated from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Commerce and a distinction of High Honours in 2010.

Michael now lives in Finch with his wife Amanda and one-year old son Carter.

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Lyne Théoret, B.Comm.
Manager, Finance and Administration
Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation
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*Thank you.*

**Doug Froats**
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## PUBLIC NOTICE to Stop Up and Close a Portion of Sandy Row and to Seek Requests for a Proposal for the Removal of the Joe Baldwin Bridge

**Details:** Structure locally known as the **Joe Baldwin Bridge**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Dundas intends to pass Bylaw 02-2013 on January 22, 2013 to formally Stop Up and Close the portion of Highway known as the Joe Baldwin Bridge (part of Sandy Row), and more particularly described as Part 1 on Plan 8R-5303.

Please be advised it is the intention of Council to remove the steel structure.

Requests for Proposal to remove the structure will be available on the Township of North Dundas website: **www.northdundas.com** or by visiting the Township of North Dundas Municipal Office during business hours at 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario, on January 21, 2013.

This notice is given in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, c 25, as amended, and the Corporation of the Township of North Dundas Bylaw 41-2007 "A Bylaw for the Purpose of Establishing Public Notice Requirements."

Any questions concerning the above notice may be addressed by contacting Clerk, Jo-Anne McCaslin, 613-774-2105 ext 226.

*DATED this 9th day of January, 2013.*

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The incumbent will possess excellent written and verbal communication skills (bilingualism an asset), strong customer service skills, and ability to assist clients with budgeting & forecasting and provide accurate financial analysis. Proficient in the use of computers and current software packages is also required.

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Applications should be sent to: **info@sdgcfdc.on.ca** or delivered to the CFDC office at: 26 Pitt Street, Unit 207, Cornwall, Ontario.

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Les candidatures doivent parvenir à **info@sdgcfdc.on.ca** ou être déposées au bureau de la SADC au 26, rue Pitt, bureau 207, Cornwall, Ontario.

La date limite est le jeudi 24 janvier 2013.

*Nous remercions tous(toutes) les candidats(es) de leur intérêt, mais nous ne pourrons communiquer qu'avec ceux (celles) retenus (es) pour une entrevue.*

# Obituaries

## L. Verl Levere

Verl Levere (nee Byrd) of Morrisburg, a lifetime resident of the area, passed away at the Hartford Retirement Home in Morrisburg on Fri., Jan. 4, 2013. She was 91.



Verl was born on the family farm in Mountain Township on Dec. 9, 1921 to her parents, Alfred and Nettie (nee Baker) Byrd. She attended public school at the North Mountain Consolidated School at Hallville.

Prior to getting married, Verl worked at the Golden Glove Works in Prescott.

On April 24, 1943, she married Clarence Levere at her family home in Van Camp, Ont. Mountain Township. Following their marriage, they took up residence at RR #1, Brinston where they owned and operated both a dairy and a beef farm. In January 1965, along with her husband, they established Levere's Meat Market and Slaughter House where they worked, alongside each other, until they retired and moved to Morrisburg in 1987.

Since moving to Morrisburg, Verl participated in the SSS Christian Women's Group and Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed bowling, shuffleboard, and participating in the local Euchre Marathon. She was a member of Hanesville United Church until its closing in 1976, after which she became a member of Brinston United Church, and upon moving to Morrisburg was a member of Lakeshore Drive United Church.

She was a great cook, loved to write poems, was a self-taught artist, and an accomplished seamstress. She loved to sing and to step dance, played the piano by ear, and loved to entertain the residents with her harmonica.

Verl is survived by daughters, Carole Warren and Joan (Lawrence) Larocque of Morrisburg, and by sons, Doug (Bev) of Ottawa, and Roger (Tom) of Toronto. She will be fondly remembered by grandchildren, Cindy (Jim) Bennis, Leisa (Ernie) Beckstead, Todd (Tracey) Larocque, Melanie Warren (Patrick Burke), Jo-Anne (Wayne) Minish, Sara Warren, and Dustin Levere, and great-grandchildren Quinn, Lucas, and Jonah Bennis; Marc and Cole Beckstead; Alek, Kamryn, and Callam Larocque; Hannah Warren; Harrison Burke; and Drew and Colin Minish. She is survived by sisters-in-law, Cora Byrd of Kemptville, Verna Levere of Cornwall, and Edna Levere of Morrisburg, and by numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence (1998), her infant son, Reginald (1958), her grandson, Devin Levere (November 2012), her sisters Gertie Christie, Elva Merkley, and Grace Perry, and her brothers, Lloyd, John, Clayton, and Sanford Byrd.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Mon., Jan. 7 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Tues., Jan. 8 at 11 am with Rev. Arlyce Schiebout officiating. Verl was honoured by having all of her grandchildren participate in her funeral service. Jo-Anne Minish played piano for the service. Todd Larocque sang a solo of Grandma's favorite hymn "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Jo-Anne followed with a verse of this same hymn played on Verl's harmonica. Melanie Warren joined Todd and Jo-Anne to sing "Blessed Assurance" and "How Great Thou Art." Cindy Bennis and Leisa Beckstead each read one of her favorite poems "If I Had Known" and "A Bend in the Road." Sara Warren placed a heart pin on Grandma's blouse. The pallbearers were grandsons Dustin Levere, Todd Larocque, Jim Bennis, Ernie Beckstead, Wayne Minish, and Patrick Burke.

Donations to Lakeshore Drive United Church or the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Interment at South Gower Cemetery will be held in the spring.

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

## Marjorie Baker

Marjorie Baker (nee Whitteker), formerly of Inkerman, passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Fri., Jan. 4, 2013. She was 84.



She was the beloved wife of the late Dwight Baker. She is survived by her children, Sharon (Ron) Annable of Inkerman, Trevor (Jennifer) of Tuxford, Sask., and Isla (David) Hooper of Cardinal, and her siblings, Betty Barkley of Winchester, Solon Whitteker of Cornwall, and Marian (Don) Barkley of Inkerman. She will be fondly remembered by grandchildren, Sarah, Amanda, Travis, Ashley, and Rebecca, two great-grandchildren, Emilea and Molly, and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Donald, Harry, Sheldon, and Bill Whitteker.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sun., Jan. 6 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Mon., Jan. 7 at 11 am with Rev. Thurland Brown officiating, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Travis Clermont, Rebecca Annable, Ryan Lewis, Steven Lagrove, Gary Annable, and Steven Schwerdtfeger.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

*Online condolences may be made at*
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## Geraldine Casselman

Geraldine Casselman (nee Smith), a resident of the Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester for the past three years, passed away there on Sat., Jan. 5, 2013. She was 83.



She was born in Vermont on Aug. 6, 1929, to her parents, Keith and Lucille Smith (nee Vincelette). She was educated in local schools, and she was an excellent student. After graduation, she pursued a career as a secretary in Ottawa.

She married Percy Casselman of Winchester Springs, and she enjoyed the pleasures of country living. They were blessed with two sons, Steven and Gary. Unfortunately, Gary died in infancy.

Geraldine was an accomplished pianist, and her family thoroughly enjoyed her playing the piano so beautifully. She also enjoyed craft work and was very talented at this as well. Her stuffed toy animals made many little children happy. She was an extremely independent person, and she spent a good deal of her time driving about on her motorized scooter and in her automobile. She also enjoyed visiting the local flea markets.

Geraldine and Percy shared a love of music, dancing, and travelling locally. They attended community functions, church socials, and church suppers. Unfortunately, later in life, Geraldine encountered poor health and these activities were curtailed.

She is survived by her son, Steven of Oshawa, and her brother, David (Rosemary) Smith of Prescott. She was predeceased by her husband, Percy, her infant son, Gary, her parents, and her brother, Earl Smith. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Wed., Jan. 9 from 10 am until time of the funeral service at 11 am, which was conducted by Rev. Christine Lowson, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Steven Casselman, Douglas Casselman, David Smith, Matt Smith, Glen Hart, and Drew Lefebvre.

Donations to Winchester Springs United Church would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

*Online condolences may be made at*
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## Grietje Hansma

Grietje Hansma (nee Barels), a resident of the Hartford Retirement Home in Morrisburg for the past six years, passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tues., Jan. 8, 2013. She was 96.



She was born in Holland on Feb. 24, 1916 to her parents, Hendrick and Grietje Barels (nee Rebbers).

She completed elementary school and then stayed home to help take care of younger siblings, and work on the family farm. She grew into a young woman that loved the farm, and she loved music and dancing. In her early 20's, she contracted, and miraculously survived, diphtheria.

On May 1, 1941, she married her former neighbour, Obele Hansma, and together they had five sons: Henry, Roy, and Oebele in Holland, and Garth and Toney in Canada.

Together with Obele and her in-laws, they worked the Hansma farm in Spier for 11 years before deciding to expand their own horizons in Canada. In 1952, Grietje, Obele, and their three sons boarded the S.S. Veendaam with all their belongings, and moved to Prescott. They worked for nearly three years before purchasing Erwin Haggerty's farm in Toyes Hill, and along with four sons, moved there on the coldest day of 1955. It was here that they became members of the United Church of Canada in Winchester Springs, and remained members for the rest of their lives. They proudly became Canadian citizens in 1959. They remained on the farm until their semi-retirement in 1973. Winchester came to be their new home. Part-time jobs at the United Church, and then at Ault Foods, kept them just busy enough until full-time retirement in 1983. Grietje remained in her home in Winchester until 2006 when she moved to the Hartford Retirement Home.

Grietje was a devoted wife, and a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her children, Henry (Thelma) of Morrisburg, Roy (Sharon) of Winchester, Oebele (Janice) of Morrisburg, and Garth (Ginette) of Toyes Hill. She was the dear sister of Kiny Beekelaar and Ubelina Bies, both of Holland. Grietje will be fondly remembered by grandchildren, Dean (Marilyn), Rick (Sarah), Shelley (Tim), Tracey (Marc), Tania (Terry), Phillip, and Melanie, and great-grandchildren, Chase, Ty, Tyler, Brittany, Tony, Ariabella, Brianna, and Kiahna. She was predeceased by her husband, Obele, her son, Toney, her twin infant sisters, Tjoukina and Hillegina Barels, her sister, Rika Barels, and her brothers, Roelof, Teunis, Wilte, and Arend Barels. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Fri., Jan 11 from 6 to 9 pm, and Sat., Jan. 12 from 10 am until the time of the funeral service at 11 am, which was conducted by Rev. Arlyce Schiebout. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Dean Hansma, Rick Hansma, Tania Tapley, Melanie Hansma, Chase Beaudry, and Ty Beaudry.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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

## Norman Joseph St. Louis

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Norman Joseph St. Louis on Wed., Jan. 9, 2013, from complications due to CHF and COPD.



He was a former Brother of the Missionary Order of Mary Immaculate (OMI), retired high school teacher North Dundas District High School (23 years), Teaching Alumni St. Patrick's College (1960 to 1966), retired Choirmaster Holy Cross and Resurrection of Our Lord Parishes, gifted arranger and composer of liturgical music.

Born on July 5, 1926, to Irene and Maurice St. Louis in Tecumseh, Ont., Norman faced many medical challenges in his early life. It was during this time, that he became interested in music, upon the encouragement of his mother.

He developed a talent for playing the trumpet and worked hard at his craft. His musical associations included the Windsor Marching Band, and playing with jazz bands in a variety of Detroit area jazz clubs, too numerous to mention, but home to many jazz greats. In 1950, he felt drawn to serve God and joined the Oblate Brothers of the Missionary Order of Mary Immaculate, which took him to Arnprior. Following this he taught at St. Patrick's College and became choir director at St. Joseph Parish in Ottawa. In 1966, he left the Oblates, but remained active in liturgical music. It was soon after that he met Joan Calcutt, the love of his life. They married on Dec. 27, 1966, and had two children.

Norman then joined the staff of North Dundas District High School in the late sixties as the department head of music. He enjoyed an illustrious career as a dedicated music teacher, taking his students on band trips across Canada and the U.S., even producing and recording several albums. It was also during this time Norman pursued studies for his teaching and music degrees with studies at the University of Toronto, Carleton University, and the Manhanttanville School of Music in New York City.

Although Norman loved music and teaching, he was first and foremost, a dedicated family man. He also loved working on his garden, following the Detroit Tigers, hosting a BBQ, and enjoying a good shot of scotch.

He is predeceased by his siblings, Reginald, Douglas. and Jacqueline. He will be sorely missed by his daughter, Catherine, and Paul – his son, best friend, and baseball aficionado. His pride and joy were his grandchildren: Meagan Catherine, Zachary Allan, and Joshua Christopher. Also left to mourn is Norman's sister-in-law Donna Calcutt (Andrew) of Ottawa, brother-in-law Thomas Lebeouf of Michigan, and sister-in-law Mary St. Louis of Windsor. He was a beloved uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Friends paid their respects at Kelly Funeral Home, Walkley Chapel, in Ottawa (613-731-1255) on Mon., Jan. 14 from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held on Tues., Jan. 15 at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, in Ottawa for Mass of Christian burial at 11 am followed by interment at Hope Cemetery.

Donations to the Ottawa Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD) can be made in Norman's memory.

Many thanks to all that supported us during this difficult period – especially the palliative care service of Ottawa including Dr. William Splinter, and Dr. Louise Coulombe, and all the nurses who provided Norman with such wonderful care. Another special thank you to Bernadette from We Care Agency, Alice Camhlit, and special family friend Josée Tynan, without whom Norman's wish of remaining in his home may not have been possible


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### *Academy of Dance and Fitness on the move*

# New home for local business

WINCHESTER – Academy of Dance and Fitness owner Hollie Clayton has packed up her business and hit the road.

But fear not local enthusiasts, you'll still get your fix.

Clayton has simply moved her studio out of its confined Main Street location, and into an expansive facility on Church Street, across from the village's Canada Post outlet.

"Our schedule was consistently full at the original location… There are only so many hours, and with the time slots filled, we were losing the ability to offer all we would have liked," Clayton said while touring the *Winchester Press* through the business' new location.

In fact, the academy's dance classes were most popular, with approximately 100 students at various levels; yet, the business' fitness component was left to suffer, with little time to operate.

The new location, which for years was the site of a funeral home, is a threefold expansion for Clayton's facility, with three different areas of operation, giving a home to various dance disciplines, including ballet, jazz, and tap. Meanwhile, Kelly Ryan, Ultimate Fitness 4 U operator, will be offering training in the location's second floor fitness room.

"The building is set up perfectly… The flow of it is great, and required very little renovation," she said.

In fact, outside of building a support wall, laying special flooring, and hanging mirrors, the site was largely ready for business when Clayton received the keys just before Christmas.

The new location also has increased storage capacity, which Clayton said is welcomed due to the number of set pieces and costumes obtained following the academy's spring and winter dance shows.

"When first looking for another building to operate, I was worried about this one," she said. "But, once inside, it became just a building to me… All I see is a dance studio, and now it's time to make it our own."





*Academy of Dance and Fitness owner Hollie Clayton is pictured here at her business' new Church Street location.*

*Press Photo – Uhrig*



### *Six-medal day*

*Winchester Skating Club (WSC)'s Alyssa Cooper struck gold three times at Potsdam Figure Skating Club's annual Snowflake Invitational on Dec. 15, 2012. Cooper earned top marks in Level 5 Interpretive, Juvenile Showcase, and Juvenile Jumps. She also skated for a silver medal in Juvenile Compulsory Moves, won bronze in Juvenile Spins, and earned another bronze in Intermediate Test Track Free Skate. Cooper was the only WSC member to compete in the event, which drew skaters from 36 clubs from Eastern Ontario and New York State. Next month, she will be competing at EOSIC (Eastern Ontario Starskate Invitational Championships) to be held in Whitby.*

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## DEATH NOTICES

### *Kenneth D. Carkner*

Ken Carkner of Ormond died peacefully, surrounded by family, at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Sun., Jan. 13, 2013, in his 86th year.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Watt, his parents, Percy and Annie J. McLean, his brother, Donald, and his sister, Isobel. He is survived by his children, Janet (Dale Armstrong) of Winchester, Robert (Linda) of Ormond, Peggy (Andrew Peters) of Russell, Donald (Naoko) of Waterloo, and Andrew (Dylan) of Mississauga. Missing Poppa terribly are his grandchildren, Ryan (Brittany) Armstrong, Brandon and Amanda, Jake and Sam Peters, Graham and Ana, and the apple of his eye, his great-grandson Bentley Kenneth Armstrong. Also missing their daily arguments are his good friends Linda Skuce and Joan McLean.

Dad is resting at the Daley Family Funeral Home, 6971 Bank St. (between Scrivens Dr. and Metcalfe corner). Visitation will be held on Fri., Jan. 18, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral will be held on Sat., Jan. 19 at 11 am in the chapel of the funeral home. Interment at Springhill Cemetery in Metcalfe will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated.

### *Don Miller*

Don Miller of Morrisburg passed away at the Ottawa General Hospital on Sat., Jan. 12, 2013. He was 75.

He was the loving husband of Lylla Miller (nee Levere). He was the dear father of Kim (Stewart) Shonfield of Blackburn Hamlet, Ken of Morrisburg, David (Betty-Jean) of Brockville, and Clayton (Gail) of Chesterville. Don will be fondly remembered by 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Eva Miller, and his brothers, Lorne, Wilbert, and Jim Miller. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Fri., Jan. 18 from 4 pm until time of the Memorial Service at 7 pm. A reception will follow at Williamsburg Odd Fellows Hall.



Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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## Moving *Forward* Together!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR from everyone at Winchester District Memorial Hospital!** In this issue of *Keeping Connected*, we are focusing on some of the exciting initiatives for 2013 – keeping care close to home and ensuring the right services are available when our communities need them. **Thank you for your continued support of WDMH.**

## Highest Ratings in Ontario

***WDMH's latest patient satisfaction survey results are in and we are very proud. The surgery and maternity reviews are the best in the province!***

"It's definitely a team effort," notes Cholly Boland, CEO. "Patient satisfaction is a result of the patient's entire experience and involves every member of the team, from our volunteers at the front door to support staff that work behind the scenes. These results inspire us to continually try to do even better to ensure every patient has a positive experience at WDMH."

The data is collected by an independent research institute that surveys and compares all hospitals in Ontario.

## Cancer Care Close to Home



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU. That`s the key message from WDMH's unique Breast Care Program team. It supports women diagnosed with cancer by providing proper assessment, accurate information and prompt follow-up to any concerns. The team provides surgical options, chemotherapy, cancer support seminars and much more.

"Our goal is to reassure each patient and be beside them every step of the way," explains Linda Johnson, a Nurse Navigator with the program. "In fact, all of WDMH's chemotherapy nurses are now certified through the respected de Souza Institute and are recognized for their advanced cancer care nursing knowledge and skills."

As a satellite site for chemotherapy and dialysis, WDMH provides timely and supportive care – right here in Winchester.

## Oh Baby!

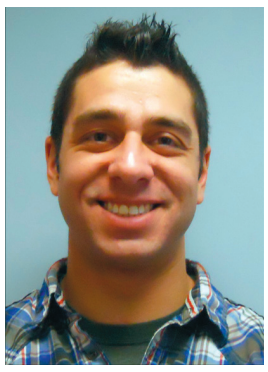
MEET SOPHIA SAAD, WDMH's first baby of 2013! Her parents, Duena and Mohamad, say the care they have received has been wonderful and they are pleased that they chose to stay close to home to have their baby girl.

Last year, 664 babies were born at WDMH – a new record! Care is provided by a core team of family physicians, specialists and midwives, as well as specially trained nurses and support staff – with 24/7 pain management in a comfortable, home-like setting.

"In many ways, we're one of the best kept secrets around but that`s changing quickly," says Dr. Ejibunmi Adetola, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. "I'm committed to this hospital because it's a great health resource for local communities and beyond."



## Extra Help in the ER



WDMH IS PLEASED TO WELCOME Franklin Marquez, our new Physician Assistant. Franklin will be working in the Emergency Department, providing support and helping to reduce wait times. Physician Assistants work under the supervision of physicians, providing a wide range of medical procedures from taking a patient's medical history to counseling a patient with diabetes.

"I like to describe my role as a physician extender and I'm excited to be at WDMH," says Franklin. "It's a great hospital with a great atmosphere."

Visit our web site at **www.wdmh.on.ca** to learn more about WDMH. We'd also like to hear from you. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact Cholly Boland, President and CEO, at 613.774.1049 or by email at **cboland@wdmh.on.ca**.

## Building to Serve Our Communities

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW COMMUNITY CARE BUILDING at WDMH is almost complete and we will soon be welcoming four new community partners to provide care close to home: The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), Champlain Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), Early Years Program and Job Zone d'emploi.




"By bringing us all together, we can make a difference," notes Mike Payette, Job Zone d'emploi. Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health, EOHU, agrees. "This is one of the first hub concepts in Ontario and it sends a clear message that we mean business in keeping our communities healthy."

It's all part of the Centre of Excellence for Rural Health and Education, a collaborative that brings specific health care providers, educators and researchers together – and partners with other key providers that impact our communities' health. Together, we are creating a local and virtual health community to shape our future – and care for the families around us.