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UCDSB disappointed with Bill 115 action

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Laurel Broten, Ontario's minister of education, implemented collective agreements for all teachers and support staff using Bill 115 late last week, essentially bypassing the collective bargaining phase of the agreement process. The announcement came on Thurs., Jan. 3, and while some applaud the minister's decision, others see it as an affront to democracy.

"We're disappointed," said Greg Pietersma, chair of the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB). "There was no real opportunity for local bargaining."

According to Pietersma, there are several issues for local schools that the board was unable to address, and due to the implementation of the controversial legislation, there will not be a chance to tackle those issues for another two years. (The new agreements are retroactive to Sept. 1, 2012, and will be in effect until Aug. 31, 2014.)

However, said Pietersma, "we're pleased she did something. At least we have some direction on going forward."

The challenge now, he said, will be providing and protecting extracurriculars. The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), he said, has "threatened not to do extracurriculars for two years."

For Pietersma and the UCDSB, this is not an option.

Currently, actions are being taken by UCDSB officials to find and secure volunteer coaches and trainers from outside the education system, in an attempt to make the extra sports and other non-academic activities less vulnerable during work-to-rule situations.

Pietersma pointed out, in addition, that teachers generally choose their profession because they "love to teach and love kids," and, for that reason, he expects that things will eventually get back to normal.

As for the OSSTF's response to Broten's implementation of Bill 115, president Ken Coran said, "the minister, the Liberal government, and the Conservative party created this chaos by insisting on implementing Bill 115 and stripping Ontarians of their rights."

During an informal public meet and greet session on Sun., Jan. 6, Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) MPP Jim McDonell took some time to speak with the *Winchester Press*.

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At left: *Sophia Duena Badoura Saad, the first baby born at Winchester District Memorial Hospital in 2013, is pictured here with mother, Duena Ferguson, and father, Mohamad Saad.*

Below: *Sophia Duena Badoura Saad snuggled safe in her mother's arms.*

Press Photos – Casselman

WDMH celebrates first baby of 2013

WINCHESTER – Every birth is notable and arrives as a celebration of life, but for some reason, there's something extra special about the first baby born in a new year.

For 2013, that baby was Sophia Duena Badoura Saad.

Weighing in at six pounds and 11 ounces, Sophia was born at 10:38 am on Wed., Jan. 2 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), a week earlier than expected, but just on time to be the first baby born at the local medical facility this year.

Although bitterly cold outside, the newborn spent her initial 24 hours of life in the cozy warmth of the hospital, in the company of her proud parents Duena Ferguson and Mohamad Saad, before making her way home to Moose Creek.

While Sophia is Ferguson's fourth child (she has three daughters from a previous relationship), Sophia has arrived as Saad's firstborn.

"It's exciting, and it's beautiful at the same time," said Saad, who owns Maclean's Block Pub in Finch.

In addition to Mom and Dad, young Sophia has three older sisters to surround her with love, and to look out for her in the coming years — Ceilidh, Morgan, and Alexandra.

Flu outbreak confirmed in region: EOHU

WINCHESTER – Confirmed influenza outbreaks have been identified in several schools, retirement homes, and long-term care facilities throughout the province, including the five counties served by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU).

According to Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, medical officer of health at EOHU, "the flu season started early this year with cases reported since November. The circulating strain is influenza A, H3N2, and illness could be more severe."

This year's flu shot is a good match against influenza A, H3N2, he said.

For those who haven't gotten their vaccinations yet, Roumeliotis explained that it is not too late to get immunized.

The flu shot is available through physicians, some local pharmacies, or by appointment at an EOHU office.

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Police Blotter

Police stop nets drugs

EMBRUN – On Sat., Jan. 5, Russell County OPP responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle incident in the parking lot of the Embrun Plaza on Notre-Dame Street.

At that location it was alleged that occupants of a vehicle were possibly consuming illegal substances.

Officers investigated the matter and it was determined that several criminal offences had been committed.

William Burton, 19, of London will appear in L'Original court on Wed., Feb. 13 to answer to the following charge: possession schedule II cannabis marijuana – under 30 grams.

Meanwhile, three others are also facing drug charges.

Donovan Hogan, 19, of the Township of South Dundas has been charged with possession schedule II cannabis resin – over one gram. Both Kyle Ladouceur, 18, of Russell, and Jonathan Quade, 18, of Kenmore, face charges of possession schedule II cannabis marijuana – under 30 grams. Quade was also charged with failure to comply with undertaking before an officer in charge.

Quade was to appear in L'Original court on Mon., Jan. 7, while Ladouceur and Hogan will appear alongside Burton on Feb. 13.

Domestic incident

WILLIAMSBURG – On Sat., Jan. 5, at approximately 12:30 am, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic incident on Flagg Road.

The investigation revealed that a 43-year-old female attended the residence of her ex-common law spouse and assaulted him.

She was arrested and faces charges of: mischief under $5,000 – assault; unlawfully in dwelling house; impaired operation of a motor vehicle; and exceeding 80 milligrams blood alcohol content.

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

Break and enter

NEWINGTON – On Wed., Jan. 2, at approximately 5:30 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a break and enter in Newington.

The investigation revealed that sometime between Sun., Dec. 23 and Jan. 2 unknown suspects attended a residence that was being renovated and removed 20 boxes of flooring.

The investigation is ongoing.

Domestic incident

RUSSELL – On Wed., Jan. 2, Russell County OPP officers attended a residence on Louis Riel Street. At that location it was alleged that the complainant had received numerous phone calls and text messages. As a result of the investigation it was determined that a criminal offence had taken place.

Sandra Teskey, 45, of Ottawa, will appear in L'Original court on Wed., Jan. 16 to answer to a charge of criminal harassment.

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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.*



Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell (left) met with constituents on Sun., Jan. 6, giving people like Lorne Strader of Brinston (right) the opportunity to chat with the local politician informally and one-on-one.

Press Photo – Casselman

McDonell discusses issues with residents during holiday break

WINCHESTER – In an attempt to meet and chat with as many constituents as possible, Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) MPP Jim McDonell held a couple of informal holiday gatherings, one in Cornwall, and one in Winchester.

The latest meeting was held at Township of North Dundas council chambers on Sun., Jan. 6.

The meeting offered McDonell the opportunity to speak with people one-on-one, listening to their thoughts and concerns, and gaining insight into what people in his riding really need, and want.

"Our plan is to get around and meet as many people as we can," McDonell said.

He explained that normally, at this time, the provincial government would be meeting to discuss the budget, but with parliament prorogued, there's little chance of that happening.

Until then, he said, he and his colleagues will continue to seek input from the people of Ontario in an attempt to discover what services they feel are currently lacking in the province.

Like everyone else, the local Conservative MPP is waiting to see what happens in the current race for a new Liberal leader. Until a new premier is named, and until parliament is back in session, McDonell will continue to spend his time between work in Toronto, and visits with constituents in SD&SG.

Reaction

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"I'm somewhat surprised at what's going on," he said, referring to his confusion surrounding the actions of the teachers and their unions.

McDonell, who said he supports the legislation, added, "we have to get the economy going and can't be channeling money into wage increases."

Sam Hammond, president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), had a different reaction to the announcement.

"The impasse was never about pay increases," he said. "It is about the democratic right of people in this province to collectively bargain. The agreements imposed by the minister under Bill 115 are by no means collective agreements. There was never any attempt by the minister to hold fair and respectful negotiations."

While Pietersma is pleased that things are moving forward, he agreed that things were not handled well.

"We need to look at modernizing the way we do bargaining," he said. "[The provincial government] inserted themselves into this process, and it really has not worked."

He also expressed concern that while the school board's focus is on student achievement, the province's focus is divided between many things, with politics and money coming out on top.

Pietersma suggested that if the province's reason for implementing Bill 115 was to save money, then "there are ways of saving money that didn't involve the approach [Broten] took."

While it is still unclear what exactly will happen next in terms of ETFO and OSSTF reaction, Pietersma said, "it is now time for everyone to come together to ensure that we are working for our students."

Outbreak

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The flu is not a simple cold, and while most people who come down with it will suffer from mild symptoms that do not require medical attention, the flu can be dangerous, and even deadly.

It is important for everyone to get the flu shot, especially those individuals who live or work with at-risk populations, such as infants under six months old who are too young to be vaccinated, the elderly, and people with chronic medical conditions.

Besides getting immunized, one of the best ways to reduce the spread of the virus is to stay home when sick.

In addition, washing hands with soap and water, or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and coughing or sneezing into one's elbow, are also good practices for reducing the spread of influenza, according to the EOHU.

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Sam Ault receives Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal



At the Senate Office in Ottawa, Sam Ault (sitting) is pictured here with his son, Stephen (left), daughter, Trish, and Senator Hugh Segal, during his acceptance ceremony of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal.

WINCHESTER – Although he wasn't looking for one, longtime Winchester resident Sam Ault, who now lives in Ottawa, received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for his many years of dedicated service to his family, his community, and to his country.

Due to illness, Ault was unable to accept the award during an official ceremony held at Kingston's Fort Henry on Sun., Dec. 9, but was eventually presented with the certificate and medal late last month by Senator Hugh Segal at the Senate Office in Ottawa.

Ault's official award document reads: "A faithful servant of Canada in peace and in war, through commerce, philanthropy and community service, Sam Ault has always put service before self, and his country and community first."

In defense of home and freedom, Ault fought with the Canadian Forces in Belgium, France, Germany, and Holland during the Second World War. While serving his country, he was promoted to the role of captain, and he can be found mentioned in many dispatches from that time.

A graduate of St. Albert College, Queen's University, and the University of Toronto, Ault put his extensive education to good use in the years following the war. According to award documents, he is reported to have led "the modernization of the Ontario milk, cheese, and ice cream industries, bringing in new technology processes and advanced financial structures."

In addition, Ault has served his community in various political capacities through the years, including time as a village councillor, school board trustee, and community centre board member. He also spent time on the St. Lawrence Parks Commission during a period when significant improvements were being made to both Fort Henry and Upper Canada Village.

All in the family

It seems that collecting jubilee medals might be a habit for the Ault family.

In 1977, Ault's father-in-law, Lewis Beattie, was given a Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee medal for his contribution to education. At one time, Beattie was Superintendent of Education for Ontario, and has published several texts.

In 2002, Ault's daughter-in-law, Leslie, received a Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee medal for her diverse and extensive work within the community, including her involvement with Legal Aid Ontario.

John Ross awarded Order of Canada

IROQUOIS – John Ross, owner and founder of Ross Video in Iroquois, has been awarded the Order of Canada.

While the announcement came last month, by Canada's Governor General David Johnston, Ross is expected to accept his insignia at an upcoming ceremony.

The Order of Canada, established in 1967 by Queen Elizabeth II, recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to the community, and service to the nation.

Ross was nominated for his contributions as a technology innovator, developing products at the forefront of broadcast engineering.

"My fascination with engineering began with an electronics book I discovered at the age of eight. By the time I was 12 years old, I was designing small transmitters," said Ross. "This led to my first job at the age of 14 at CKY-FM in Winnipeg, Man., where I became the transmitter operator for the summer."

Ross was hired by the CBC in January 1954. During his early days with the public broadcaster, he designed a transistorized wireless microphone adapter to be worn on a belt, and the first colour television in Canada to receive colour pictures from Canadian Transmitter.

Following the completion of a university degree in engineering, and still employed by the CBC, Ross went on to design the first solid-state television production switcher, and was awarded a chroma key patent that led to the use of the green screen. He also obtained a contract for the development of the first automated solid-state master control switcher, and co-designed and built the first successful all-electronic tape editing system in the world.

Ross went on to establish his own company in 1974. He retired in 2005.



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Christmas fund more in demand

WINCHESTER – With the successful completion of the 2012 Christmas Fund, Township of North Dundas residents, businesses, churches, and even the local hospital, showed their less fortunate neighbours how important they are to the community.

In 2012, the North Dundas Christmas Fund handed out 198 baskets of food, and 122 snowsuits. In Winchester, 78 baskets were delivered and 45 snowsuits gifted. In Chesterville, 72 baskets were delivered along with 51 snowsuits, while in South Mountain, 48 basket of food were distributed along with 26 snowsuits.

According to Bob Weagant, chair of the fund, "the community was there to meet the challenge."

While the number of snowsuits given out in 2012 was down from 2011's total of 133, the number of food baskets delivered increased by 17, exceeding the 181 handed out in 2011.

In 2010, there were 158 baskets of food, and 109 snowsuits, delivered throughout the municipality.

In addition to food, and winter wear, several Angel Tree gifts were donated through various local organizations, including local banks, churches, and Winchester District Memorial Hospital.



Enjoying winter in the wild

During a three-day winter camping trip, the Winchester Timberwolves spent the last weekend in December having fun in the snow along the St. Lawrence River. From Fri., Dec. 28 until Sun., Dec. 30, the boys built snow forts, had snowball fights, fed birds from their hands, and even learned to snowshoe and ride a dogsled. Landon Keats-Hardy (left), Bruce Porteous, and Kyle Madore got an up-close-and-personal look at some chickadees during the camping trip.

At right: *Winchester Timberwolf Porteous (left) led his pack on a snowshoe hike. Following in his wake were Kyle Madore, Mitchel Bell-Perras, Connor Johnson, Tyson Merkley, Patrick Daoust, and Kent Merkley.*

Cindy Merkley photos



Call put out for NDDHS anniversary memorabilia

WINCHESTER – North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) will soon be celebrating its 50th anniversary, with several planned activities taking place during this year's Canada Day weekend.

In addition to attending the events, organizers are hoping that school alumni will be able to root through their attics, basements, and memory boxes for whatever NDDHS treasures they might find: photos, yearbooks, school clothing and jerseys, and any other memorabilia that may still exist.

The organizing committee is planning to provide tours of the high school on Sat., June. 29, which will include memory rooms with keepsakes from each decade the school has been open. Any items lent to the group by alumni will be returned to their original owners following conclusion of the event.

For more information on the many activities planned, or to register for the weekend celebration, visit www.nddhs50.ca.

To register for the event, or to lend items, email info@nddhs50.ca.



Life Membership Award

Winchester Lions Club member Jamie Shadbolt (left) received the Life Membership Award for his many years of service to both his community and his club. For more than 20 years, Shadbolt has served the local group in various capacities, including that of club president. In terms of work within the general community, he has been an avid supporter of the People First program. Current club president, Phil Carkner (right), presented the award to Shadbolt during the club's 2012 Christmas dinner.

Survey will gauge interest in daily shuttle

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Rural residents looking for a daily shuttle bus into downtown Ottawa are being asked to participate in an online survey.

The purpose of the survey is to gauge the amount of interest from residents in South Mountain, Mountain, Hallville, Osgoode, and surrounding rural villages in the reinstatement of public transportation services from rural hamlets to the heart of the nation's capital.

In the past, South Mountain Stagecoach/Transit (SMS/T) provided a downtown Ottawa shuttle bus route (565), but, due to insufficient numbers, took its last run in July 2012, leaving many without transportation to work, school, or city appointments.

In an August 2012 interview with the *Winchester Press*, company owner Dan Grant said he would need roughly 40 committed passengers to continue the daily route to Ottawa.

> Rural bus service ceased in July 2012

At that time, he also suggested that a larger company, with fleet insurance discounts, bulk fuel purchasing ability, and in-house maintenance and infrastructure, might be in a better position to provide such a service, while still functioning successfully as a business.

Although local townships distributed flyers and advertised information about the SMS/T service on their websites, the number of passengers needed to keep the route alive weren't forthcoming, and the service was subsequently cancelled, leaving those who did use the service on the lookout for new alternatives.

With that in mind, anyone interested in a daily bus service to Ottawa is asked to complete the recently launched survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/mountainshuttle.

More local food in schools focus of Jan. 30 workshop

MOUNTAIN – With the goal of increasing the amount of local food in schools, All Things Food, the Greenbelt Foundation, and Healthy Living for Better Learning have come together to host an all-day event for local farmers, co-ops, food businesses, and distributors, called Student Nutrition - Local Food Connections.

The event is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 30, beginning at 9 am, at South Nation Conservation Authority headquarters in Finch.

The free event is an opportunity for those in the food industry to meet and find solutions for increasing the content of local food in student nutrition programs.

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Morewood United latest church faced with closure

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MOREWOOD – It is a time of sadness for the congregants of Morewood United Church as they face the last months in their beloved sanctuary.

But, it is also a time of excitement as they forge ahead in an effort to build a new spiritual home with their neighbours in faith at Trinity United Church in Chesterville.

Plan union with sister church in Chesterville

The decision to close and sell their church was not an easy one, but one born of necessity.

"I believe this is the right thing to do in my head and my heart," Bill Smirle, current chair of the Morewood United Church council, and a congregant since 1942, said.

He explained that, like many churches of all denominations, Morewood United was faced with the reality of a changing world, and in an effort to preserve and grow in their faith, the congregants chose to adapt to the times by looking at what matters most.

"We took a look at what was important to our churches," said Smirle. "What is the greater good? What's the purpose of our church?"

In the end, although beautiful and unique, the building itself, built in the mid-1920s by Hector Carruthers and Emmerson Faulkner, is just a building, and one that needs a lot of work, and money, to make it accessible to everyone.

Already in partnership with Trinity United since the 1960s when they first began sharing a minister, it was clear that moving to Chesterville was the logical answer, Smirle said.

For one thing, Chesterville's church had already undergone changes to make it more accessible to those with mobility issues, and, in addition, roughly 65 per cent of the joint faith population is from Chesterville.

In an effort to preserve the faith, and meet the needs of a greater percentage of the population, Smirle explained that it was necessary to let go of the building. (In addition to accessibility issues, the church's sewage system is also in need of updates and repairs.)



Morewood United Church will hold its last worship service on Sun., June 23.
Press Photo – Casselman

The decision to move now, said Smirle, was prompted by current minister Wendy Wright-McKenzie's plan to retire at the end of June.

Together, the joint council for both churches will submit an application to the Presbytery for permission to form a new church using the building in Chesterville. The application will contain the church's new name, new constitution, as well as a list of parameters for a new minister.

According to Smirle, the group is hoping to advertise for a new minister in early February, hold interviews in mid-March, and have a new minister approved by the end of March.

Morewood United will hold its last worship service on Sun., June 23, with their Chesterville family in attendance.

Wright-McKenzie will perform the last worship service in Trinity United Church on Sun., June 30, with both congregations in attendance.

If all goes as planned, said Smirle, the first service of the new church with the new minister, will take place on Sun., July 7.

At that time, councils for each of the churches, as well as the joint council, will disassemble, and a committee for the new church will take over.

While a name for the new church has not yet been chosen, as of Sun., Jan. 6, the options have been narrowed down to three. The emphasis, said Smirle, will be on creating a name and a constitution that welcomes anyone from the region, rather than focusing on the two areas of Morewood and Chesterville.

An open invitation has been extended to neighbouring churches facing similar situations. In fact, Smirle said, members of the displaced Williamsburg United Church are considering the possibility of joining the membership.

While the Williamsburg congregation (currently worshiping at the former Elma Public School following the sale of their church last spring) hasn't committed to joining the new church, they are currently participating in discussions surrounding the formulation of a new constitution.



South Dundas service awards

To honour those who have worked for the Township of South Dundas for a significant number of years, service awards were handed out during an afternoon celebration at the Iroquois Civic Centre in late December. Taking awards for 25 years of service were Don Lewis and Paul Murray. Fred Osler received an award for his 20 years of service, while David MacKenzie, Barry Gannon, and Lea Anne Munro each received awards for 10 years of service. Pictured with their awards are Murray (left), Osler, Lewis, and MacKenzie.

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WINCHESTER – Canadian Blood Services will be in the village for its first local effort of 2013 on Thurs., Jan. 24.

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Faith, hope and optimism, key pillars of a new year's arrival

With 2012's 365 days having counted down to an end, optimism is mounting once more for what 2013 might have in store for the region.

In the Township of North Dundas, the previous year was a good one for upgrades to the municipality's expansive road system. With a total of 28 kilometres having been surface treated, township staff set a record in terms of the terrain covered.

The new year should also be a positive one for road work, as already 8.4 kilometres have been targeted for repairs, while many more kilometres could be repaired, if municipal council were so inclined.

Mayor Eric Duncan, meanwhile, is steadfast in his support of roadway improvement, having touted a 10-year rehabilitation plan for some time now. Duncan said he expects a final 120 kilometres of road to be moved to a surface treated state within the next eight to nine years.

North Dundas' residential population may also see an increase in 2013, as 11 subdivision draft plans have been received to date, meaning builders are showing signs of committing to the township.

It is a positive sign for the municipality's bottom line, as more taxpayers means increased public revenue, and further disbursement for North Dundas' growing needs.

The township's economic development office is also likely to continue toward showing its worth in the new year. While some residents argue the department is receiving money for nothing, Rob Hunter, economic development officer, is currently working on a series of measures for improvement in the downtown core of both Winchester and Chesterville.

Let's face it folks, the villages' main business areas are in need of improvement. Far too many storefronts are sitting empty, which is leaving a sour taste in the mouths of many. And, to the outside eye, vacant downtown cores leave little to the imagination, and do nothing for curb appeal and resident attraction.

Both Hunter and Duncan are correct in stating business retention and expansion will be key to North Dundas' long-term financial viability; however, new business may help to prove that blood can be taken from a stone. Local opportunities have not yet been tapped out, and Hunter and the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce are working to prove the hypothesis is a truthful one.

Further down County Road 31, meanwhile, the Township of South Dundas is facing its own possibilities in 2013.

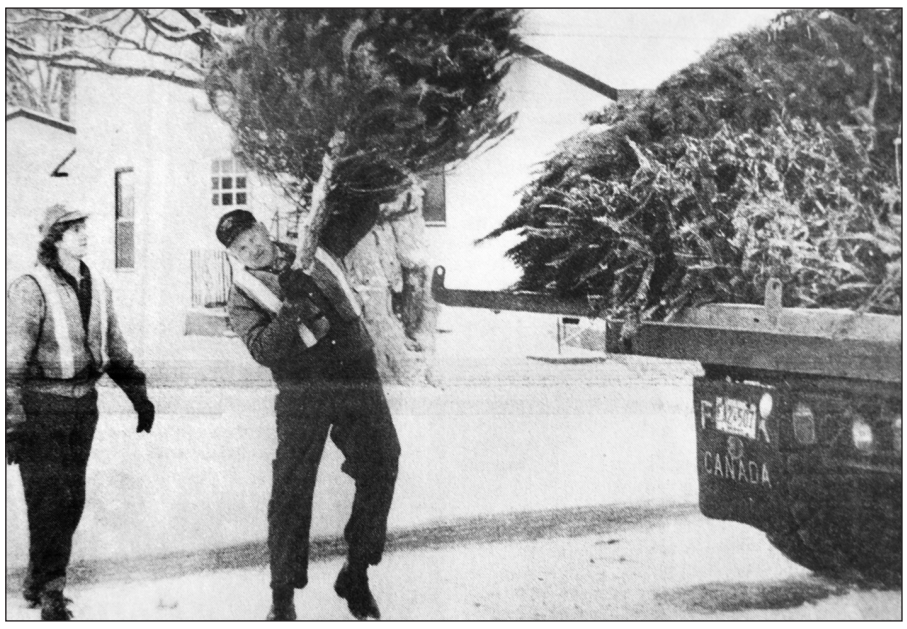
None is more exciting, however, than the rehabilitation of the former Morrisburg Collegiate Institute. The facility is expected to become a hub for municipal residents, what with a library, medical office, and township headquarters being housed in one centralized location.

Accolades again need to be given to both South Dundas council and staff for seeing through the renovation of Morrisburg's landmark structure, keeping with it a key piece of history.

Meanwhile, many will be watching with anticipation as the provincial Liberals will finally select a new leader (and ultimately a new premier) by month's end.

Whomever is selected will be inheriting Ontario's $14.4-billion deficit, and must be up to the task of turning the province around, becoming an economic engine once again.

Yes, readers, this new year, now known as 2013, could well be a good one.



This week in 1993, members of Winchester's road crew, in conjunction with both Chesterville and Winchester Townships, were busy collecting Christmas trees as part of a recycling program at the landfill site. Once there, the trees were chipped and composted.

Remember when...

1923

A Winchester grandmother was hit with both good and bad news this week. According to the *Winchester Press*, while visiting his grandmother, Kenneth Gibson took ill with Bright's disease. Although three doctors worked hard to save Gibson's life, the boy succumbed to the acute case of kidney disease. During that time, Gibson's sister was quarantined following the contraction of Scarlet Fever. Her story, however, was expected to have a better ending as she was reported to have passed the critical stage and was expected to progress toward a complete recovery.

1933

In the Hotel Winchester for a meeting of the 100 Club, the provincial secretary, G. H. Challies, addressed the crowd, focusing on the issue of crime. He discussed the state of criminal activity in Ottawa, as well as the penal institutions in Ontario. According to Challies, there were a large number of young people imprisoned. In fact, inmates aged 21 and under made up more than 50 per cent of the population in Ontario prisons.

1943

Things appeared dire this week as the *Press* reported that two Winchester men, Lieutenant Sam Ault and Lieutenant Bud Utman, had departed for England, where they were expected to take up a post with the Royal Canadian Army for active duty in the Second World War. On the home front, Winchester residents were hit with an ice, sleet, and a snowstorm, which crippled the entire region. For eight days, residents of Winchester were without power.

1953

This week, the *Press* reported on the first Winchester municipal council meeting of the new year, held on Jan. 5. Taking oaths that day were Reeve Walter Moffatt and Councillors Howard Fetterly, Jack Rennison, Max Boyd, and George Elliott.

1963

Dorothy Sproule, a Winchester native and one of Canada's most well-known poets, died this week in Montreal at age 95. Sproule had written many poems, published mainly in the 1930's and 1940's. It was reported that she had gotten started by having poems and articles published in the *Press*, as well as other local newspapers. Some of her books include: *Bread & Roses*; *The Mystic Star*; *The Golden Goal*; and *Earth and Stars*.

1973

This week, Winchester's newly elected reeve, Walter Shadbolt, announced what he felt the year's top priorities should be for the village. Included on his list of important items were: the state of the highway through Winchester; the establishment of a complaint system; the application of increased administrative authority for the clerk-treasurer; the hiring of a bylaw officer to enforce bylaws; and the serious drainage issue in the village.

1983

This week's top story focused on a pay raise for Winchester's 11 employees. The council, headed by Reeve Larry Gray, offered the workers a raise, but would not comment on the amount until there was an answer "along provincial guidelines."

1993

The Matilda Winter Carnival was in the news this week. With a week of events planned, residents could take part in an assortment of fun outdoor and indoor activities, including face painting, skating, hockey, tobogganing, snowmobiling, as well as several options for live musical entertainment.

2003

A birth, a robbery, politics, and a dash of snow comprised this week's front-page news. On Jan. 1, Tala became Winchester's first baby of the new year to proud parents, Sabrina Kashif and Shihab Elmonem. On Jan. 5, with temperatures just below zero and snow aplenty, Winchester residents headed to the toboggan hill behind the Winchester Arena. Also in the village, Councillor Roger Cole filed his nomination papers to become an official candidate for mayor, while in Osgoode, Doug Thompson declared his candidacy once again. Further south, in Hainesville, a masked gunman robbed Nick's Garden Centre and General Store of 20 packages of cigarettes.

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From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

I still feel violated.

I suppose, as hockey fans, we are just supposed to let bygones be bygones, and line up at the ticket windows like Pavlov's dog. I felt that way the last time the National Hockey League (NHL) was locked out, even though the greed and stubbornness of the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) cost me my job and my house. But, as a fan, I came back.

This time, the NHL oligarchs seemed to be more misguided. We saw it coming, we saw no reason for it, and I am having a hard time getting my give-a-crap metre to even flicker over the fact that they are coming back.

And, you know what? They don't care about how we feel. They know they held us hostage, and they know we'll open up our wallets and write them a blank cheque for a season that shouldn't even bother existing.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has burned us three times now by shutting down the NHL. We lost half a season in 1994-95, a full season in 2004-05, and now, another half-season. This deal is going to last for 10 years. I am going to go way, way, way out on a limb and predict that in, oh, 10 years or so, Gary Bettman is going to lock out the players and we are going to go through all of this again.

Other sports have gone through this, though no other leagues seem to be as self-destructive as the NHL. The National Football League (NFL) went through a lockout last year, but it was settled and sorted out before the season began. The NFL wouldn't dare jeopardize their brand and their fans. Sure, they had that little thing with the referees being out this year, but that provided a wildcard that turned out to be more entertaining than harmful.

Baseball had their big strike in 1994-95. The conductor of that ugly orchestra was Donald Fehr, the same man who drove the NHLPA to the brink of non-existence during the NHL lockout. Fehr is the man responsible for killing the 1994 World Series. That's the one the Montreal Expos would have won. In fact, Fehr more or less killed the Montreal Expos. He clearly could not care less about the fans, let alone acknowledge the fact that his millions of dollars in salary are paid by them… By us.

When the NHLPA hired Fehr to be their executive director, we all knew that an ugly lockout was inevitable.

At some point, the thought of watching the NHL will excite me again. But right now, I don't care. I don't want to watch delusional 20-something-year-old millionaires play for unappreciative billionaires in a league that puts us, its fans, last.

The hardcore fans that have season tickets will all come back. The casual fan that has a remote interest in the game will still remain a casual fan.

But what about the heart-and-soul people who are the real fans?

Families cannot go to many games because the cost of a night at an NHL game is around the equivalent of two or three week's worth of groceries. But they are the ones wearing jerseys and NHL jackets. They are the ones buying hockey cards and playing EA Sports *NHL 13* on their Xbox. They are the ones with posters on their bedroom walls.

And that's why the lockout hurt us all so much.

We are emotionally invested in the NHL. In fact, hockey is more emotion-based than any other sport on the North American landscape. The only other sport like it is NASCAR, and NASCAR drivers love their fans. They understand how much of a financial sacrifice it is for their fans to invest in going to races and buying their merchandise.

Hockey people – from the lawyers to the owners to the players – don't get it. Sure, they know it's a business, and some of them are even aware that people have lost jobs because of the lockout.

But they are all so thick skulled that they don't even realize that the emotional connection between the fans and their teams and players is what drives their business. They don't understand that those millions of dollars a year they all make are paid for one ticket, one game jersey, and one video game at a time. Do you know of any other business on the continent that would be so disrespectful to its customers?

I suppose we are supposed to celebrate and rejoice the fact that they are going to bless us with their game this year. I'm not rejoicing. Maybe if they would have checked their greed at the door and got this deal done in September, I would feel better about it. If any of them would have the decency to apologize to us – and mean it – it would be a start. But, up to this point, the only person I have heard apologize is, ironically, Gary Bettman, the man fans hate most of all.

I guess at some point we'll go back to the rink. We'll cheer. We'll bring our passion. We'll bring our emotions.

We'll do this despite the fact that the NHL and its players don't deserve our hard-earned money, and they don't deserve our cheers. If and when we love the game again, it will be the game we love, despite them, not because of them. They will eventually be gone and will be replaced. The game will outlast them, and all of them put together are not as big as our game.

The only thing they deserve this year is our complete indifference.

They have mine. Just check my give-a-crap metre.

Letter to the Editor

Resident's advice on tourism strategy

The Editor:

Reference: The mayor's mention of a plan in process to develop tourism in North Dundas using the authority of council to open the door to legalize extended sale hours of township retailers as a tourist destination.

As a former official of the Ottawa Tourism Authority (OTCA), I will make some suggestions and advice that could assist in getting started. A tourism industry is not turned on and off by a switch, but by building on necessary circumstances, infrastructure, and events all rolled into a driving force loosely called the hospitality industry, anchored by transportation, hostelry, dining attractions, and entertainment.

It is obvious that no transportation or overnight accommodation exists within the area between Morrisburg and Hunt Club Road in Ottawa on the major and original highway leading to the nation's capital. It would follow then that co-operatively the townships involved should be pleading the case for licensed transportation with the Ontario government's Ministry of Transportation, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Further negotiations would take place with bus companies, including OC Transpo, whose boundaries now extend to Vernon.

Approaches must also be made to motel chains to explain the virgin territory that exists, without service, on County Roads 31 and 43.

Tourism divides into three distinct sections (the travelling and vacationing public; business travelers; and visiting friends and relatives), all of which provide business for motel operators and local retailers.

All three of these markets must be catered and promoted to establish a viable tourist destination. The secret is in the will, and the legwork required.

And now the difficult brick in the structure of a tourism destination's 'attractions' – since we do not have natural phenomenon such as waterfalls or mountain ranges, the solution is we must seek the co-operation of specific members of our diverse citizenship to co-operate and collaborate to provide interesting scenarios.

First of all, we have an industry that has served us, and the nation, well for centuries. Imagine, if you will, a tour beginning with the history of the dairy industry, with a visit to a large dairy cattle farm. This section of the tour would follow the example of vineyards and wineries in the Niagara Peninsula and California's Napa Valley. Then, management willing, a guided tour of Parmalat's dairy and cheese productions.

Interesting and informative as a start to a tour, it would appeal especially to city folk who have no farm experience.

As another community-sponsored tour event, the recreation department might utilize the revitalized riverfront in Chesterville by establishing an annual canoeing, and kayaking display, race, or regatta.

The recreation department might also seek the co-operation of Dairyfest, and local fair boards to devolve a strong man competition, or a triathlon challenge that would include cycling south on St. Lawrence Street in Winchester to its juncture with County Road 31 then north to Main Street, east to the 100 Club Park with perhaps two laps around the track there, and finish off with a lap or two in our underused swimming pool.

Ottawa's annual marathon draws thousands of runners from all over the world.

A few years ago, when I was involved with the Central Canada Exhibition, Loblaws sponsored one of the most popular shows in fair history.

The agility dog show sold out the Civic Centre twice daily. I know there are people and dogs in the community who would make a dog show a popular stop on an established tour of attractions. This show would be a natural for Winchester's community centre or the South Mountain Fairgrounds.

Finally, we might search out a number of avid horse people in the area on whom we might prevail to initiate an annual horse show – either workhorses, or dressage, or, better still, both.

This is a lot to think about, but if we are going to establish North Dundas as a tourist destination we must be prepared to improvise, plan, work, and think hard, and with diligence to establishing, and achieving a goal.

I have not included the arts and culture aspects of tourism in this letter, but I know first hand that there is a competent group of art aficionados working on introducing an arts and culture program that would offer further with the level of entertainment.

A well-planned program of attractions to fulfill the mayor's hope to create a tourist destination could be realized. This could be a launch year, if we go to work quickly.

Thank you to all, and Happy New Year.

Keith E. Shirreffs
Winchester

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Announcements impact riding



From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

OTTAWA – Three announcements made by our government last week will be of significance to many residents of Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&G).

The first came from Veterans' Affairs and was important to veterans and their spouses. The very popular Veterans Independence Program has been enhanced. Effective immediately, this program will put money into the hands of veterans faster. Under the leadership of Minister Steven Blaney, Veterans' Affairs has been cutting cumbersome red tape and improving the way we provide service to veterans. Veterans who receive housekeeping and grounds maintenance services will no longer have to submit receipts and wait for Veterans' Affairs to reimburse them. Instead, they will receive upfront payments. This, I am sure, is welcome news to veterans and their families.

I have tremendous respect for our brave men and women who have sacrificed in the service of our country, and I am pleased to see these enhancements. I also believe that our country owes each and every veteran a debt of gratitude and as Canadians we must never forget the service and sacrifice they made for Canada.

Another announcement that could have an impact on SD&SG is the Student Loans for Rural Doctors and Nurses Program that will begin in April. This program will encourage doctors and nurses to serve Canadians in 4,200 rural communities throughout the country. The program is designed to assist communities with a population of less than 50,000 attract recent graduates to under serviced areas.

The 2011 budget allocated $9 million per year to forgive a portion of student loans for family doctors, nurses, and nurse practitioners that work in underserved areas like ours. It is my hope that these incentives will help our communities attract health professionals to our area. I am sure once they experience the wonderful way of life we enjoy here in SD&SG they will want to stay.

The third announcement that I am sure will be of interest to SD&SG taxpayers is the public sector pension reforms, which will bring contribution rates more in line with the private sector. This will result in substantial savings for Canadian taxpayers. Now in effect, all public servants will be moving to a 50-50 cost sharing model for their pensions. The new retirement age for new federal hires moves from 60 to 65. Throughout the next five years, this is expected to save Canadian taxpayers $2.6 billion. This decision will bring public service pensions more in line with those offered in the private sector.

I feel these measures are significant to our government's attempt to eliminate the deficit and spend taxpayers' money wisely. Taking care of veterans and providing quality health care are two important priorities for us, but so is eliminating the deficit. I believe the decisions taken last week allow us to meet these priorities.

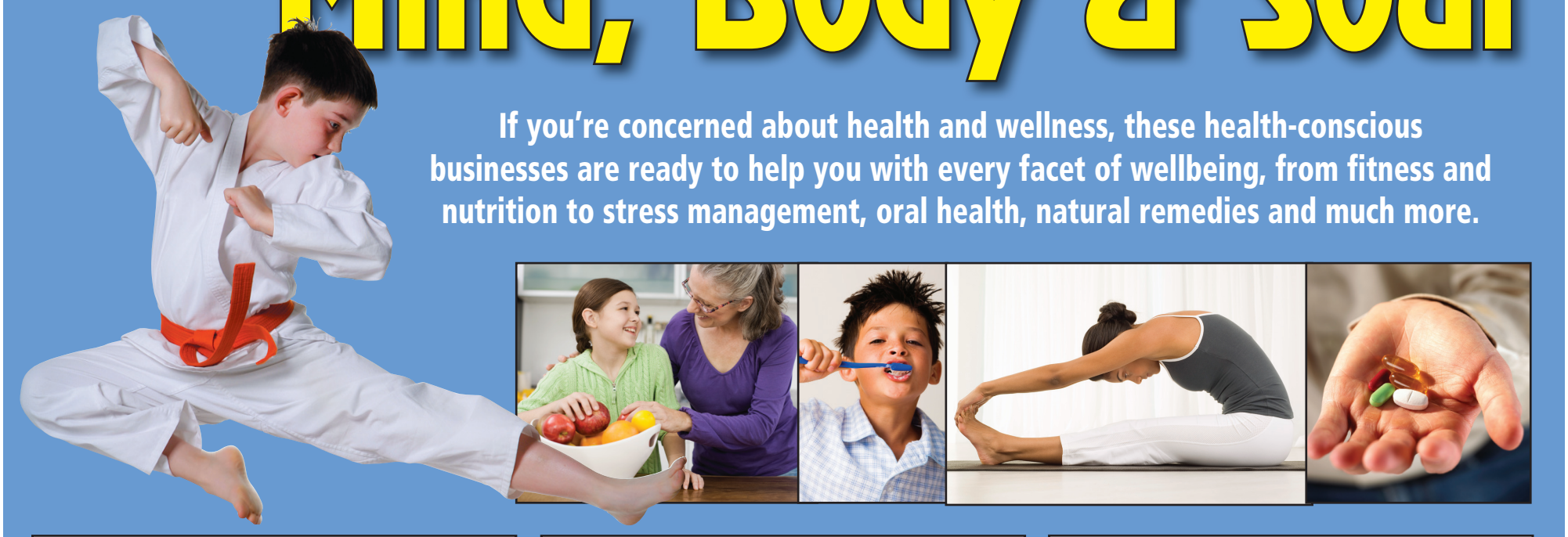
Our government's goal is to eliminate the deficit, reduce government waste, grow the economy, and increase jobs. I think we are going in the right direction.

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Defeat Akwesasne, Morrisburg

Hawks right the ship with two wins in two games

WINCHESTER – It would appear Mikael Dion is feeling quite comfortable in his new hockey environment.

A trade on Wed., Jan. 2 brought Dion to the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks, after having spent much of the season with the lowly Morrisburg Lions. In the deal, the Hawks gave up future considerations in order to land their new goaltender. (The Hawks have also recently added another forward with 17-year-old Alexander Sifton joining the squad.)

With Winchester facing off against the Akwesasne Wolves on Fri., Jan. 4, and then travelling to Morrisburg on Sun., Jan. 6, Dion was between the pipes for the Hawks during the two encounters.

Against the Wolves at the Joel Steele Community Centre, Dion faced 37 shots, stopping 33 and giving up just four goals in his first win as a member of the Winchester squad.

When facing off against his former Lions teammates, Dion was hit with 30 shots on net, stopping 28 and surrendering just two goals.

The latest victories have helped to pull the Hawks out of a four game losing skid the team had been on, improving Winchester's regular season record to 14-13-0-4. The Hawks sit in third place in the Eastern Ontario Hockey League (EOJHL) St. Lawrence Division standings with 32 points.

Up next, the Hawks will welcome the Brockville Tikis to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Jan. 11 for an 8:15 pm start. On Sun., Jan. 13, Winchester travels to Gananoque to take on the Islanders. Game time is 7:30 pm.



On the rebound

Winchester Junior "B" Hawks recently erased a four game losing skid with wins against the Akwesasne Wolves (Fri., Jan. 4) and the Morrisburg Lions (Sun., Jan. 6). Winchester's new goaltender Mikael Dion, who was traded to the Hawks on Wed., Jan. 2, earned two wins in two starts, making a total of 61 saves, and allowing just six goals. *Patricia Whais photos*

Hawks 5 - Lions 2

It was Morrisburg that opened the scoring during the Jan. 6 game, when Chris Rutley beat Dion on the power play at 4:32 of the first period. Grant Cooper earned an assist on the play.

The Hawks tied the game at 1-1 in the second session when Christopher Rossi (from Kyle Richardson and Brandon Bourgeois) beat Lions goaltender Ryan Cooper at 16:32.

Winchester turned up the pressure in the third period, banging home four goals en route to victory.

Cody Levasseur (from Ramsey Wheeler and Josh Stubbings) scored his first goal of the period at 7:21. Just 16 seconds later, Levasseur (from Alexander Sifton and Brandon Pantaleo) gave the Hawks a 3-1 lead with his second goal of the game.



Alexander Sifton is another recent addition to the Hawks roster. He registered an assist in each of Winchester's latest victories.

Captain Aaron Dickenson scored for Winchester on the power play at 5:04, with assists going to Jamie Olivier and Stubbings. At 3:55, Josh Renaud (from Kyle Richardson and Olivier) put the Hawks ahead 5-1, again on the power play.

Morrisburg managed one more goal with 10 seconds remaining in the game, making it a 5-2 final for Winchester.

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Pee Wee 'C' Demons earn runner-up status at Cardinal nine-team tourney

CARDINAL – The North Dundas Pee Wee "C" Demons emerged as one of the top two teams at a nine-team tournament played in Cardinal on Sat., Jan. 5.

In game one, the Demons defeated their opponents 4-0, and put up a 3-0 victory in their second game of the day.

The two victories gave North Dundas 17 points total, tying them with the Princess Animal Hospital squad from Kingston, with the two teams squaring off in the "A" final.

North Dundas hit the scoreboard first in the championship game when Tyler Palmer dented twine.

Justin Dagenais, from Brandon Toll, put the Demons ahead 2-0 in the second period. (Both players are affiliates from the Atom "C" Demons.)

Unfortunately for the local squad, the Kingston team roared back with one goal in the second session, and two more in the third period to earn the victory and the tournament's championship hardware.



Second place finish

The North Dundas Pee Wee "C" Demons finished with runner-up status following a nine-team tournament played in Cardinal on Sat., Jan. 5. The Demons swept their two round robin games before falling 3-2 to the Princess Animal Hospital squad from Kingston in the "A" final. Pictured are: Phil Batten (trainer, back left), Al Turcotte (assistant coach), Brad Larmour, Brayden Roe, Kaitlyn Minish, Justin Dagenais, and Brandon Toll. Middle row: Cedric Dagenais (left), Tyler Palmer, Joshua Armstrong, and Derek Roe (head coach). Front row: Jared Wicks (left), Kara Turcotte, Erica Coburn, and Kameron Batten.

Game awards

In game one, Kara Turcotte was named North Dundas' "player of the game," while Palmer received "hustler of the game" honours.

Brayden Roe was named "player of the game" following the Demons second contest, while Cedric Dagenais was deemed "hustler of the game."

In the "A" final, Kameron Batten received "player of the game" honours, and Jared Wicks took "hustler of the game" accolades.



Curling competence

Winchester's Jordan Mark has yet another piece of curling hardware to add to her collection. Recently, Mark, who competes out of the Winchester Curling Club, was selected as the recipient of the Pepsi Sportsmanship Award. Mark was the second on skip Cassandra Raganold's rink during the 2013 Pepsi Junior Women Provincial Curling Championship held from Wed., Jan. 2 to Sun., Jan. 6 at the Highland Country Club in London. The Raganold outfit, which also features Nathalie Gagnon and Morgan Steele, went winless in seven matches. However, her peers at the competition selected Mark for the award.

North Dundas Rockets register one win in four games

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas Rockets closed out 2012 with a victory, but have begun 2013 with yet another losing streak.

After being walloped 7-1 by the Panthers in Embrun on Fri., Dec. 28, the Rockets welcomed the Vankleek Hill Cougars to the Chesterville Arena on Sun., Dec. 30 and defeated their basement dwelling rivals 5-4.

Chris Embury had two goals as North Dundas won for just the fifth time this season. Pete Klein-Swormink, Michel Thurler, and Dustin Tinkler chipped in with single markers, while assists went to Brandon Buma, John Vanzyl, Embury (two), and Tinkler (three).

Most recently, however, both the Rockland Nationals and the St. Isidore Aigles defeated the Rockets.

Aigles 7 - Rockets 4

North Dundas goaltender Matthew Kingston played just 21 minutes in Sun., Jan. 6's loss to St. Isidore. In that span of time, he allowed six goals, giving way for relief goaltender Brendan Chilton, who was beat once.

Rockets goal scorers were Justin Lefebvre, Buma, Klein-Swormink, and Tinkler, while assists went to William Fawcett, Klein-Swormink, and Buma.

Nationals 7 - Rockets 6 OT

It was a back and forth effort as Rockland and North Dundas battled through three periods, and an overtime session.

The Nationals jumped into an early 2-0 lead in the first period, and staked its way into a 4-2 lead in the second session.

North Dundas bounced back with two goals in the third period, tying the game at 6-6 and forcing overtime.

Goal scorers for the Rockets were Dallas Blacksmith, Michael Cross, Ryan Romans, and Tinkler, who had a hat trick. Assists went to Kyle Adams, Ryan Byers, Brent Simms, Blacksmith, Buma, Klein-Swormink (two), Thurler, and Tinkler (two).

However, the Rockets hope of notching a sixth win on the season was foiled when Rockland scored early in the extra session.

Chilton played the entire 63 minutes in the Rockets nets, allowing seven goals in the loss.

Up next

North Dundas' regular season record now stands at 5-20-1 with 11 points, earning them fourth place in the National Capital Junior Hockey League's South Division standings.

The Rockets will travel to Vankleek Hill to face the Cougars on Sat., Jan. 12, and then return home to Chesterville on Sun., Jan. 13, squaring off against the Cumberland Bandits. Game time is 7 pm.

Hawks

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Hawks 8 - Wolves 4

Akwesasne opened the scoring at 17:12 of the first period, but the Hawks roared back with two goals to close out the beginning session with a 2-1 lead.

Adam Beveridge (from Dickenson and Olivier), on the power play, and Levasseur (from Pantaleo and Sifton) had first period goals for Winchester.

Dickenson buried a power play marker at 15:54 of period two, mounting a 3-1 lead for the Hawks.

In the third period, Luke Scott had a single marker for Winchester. Jamie Olivier had two goals in the final session, while both Levasseur and Beveridge scored their second goals of the game.

Akwesasne had one goal in the second period, and two more in the third.

Deadline looming

Thurs., Jan. 10 is the final day for trades and for teams to trim their rosters. It remains to be seen what the Hawks will do in order to further bolster the squad's lineup before the playoffs.



Hawks defenceman Luke Scott, flanked by Brandon Bourgeois (left) and Aaron Dickenson, scored Winchester's fifth goal of the game in the Jan. 4 win against Akwesasne. *Patricia Whais photo*

WCC Funspiel set for Jan. 19



WINCHESTER – The Winchester Curling Club is inviting participants of all ages to take part in its upcoming event.

Scheduled for Sat., Jan. 19, four-player teams will be squaring off during a Funspiel at the local club. The event is being held as thanks to local sponsors who support WCC, and is geared to those interested in learning the sport.

Knowledge of curling is not required to compete, as the game's rules will be explained before competition begins, and curling guides will be available throughout the day.

Registration is $20 per person or $80 per team, and the price covers two games, as well as a hot lunch.

Draw one will take place at 9 am and 12 pm, with draw two set for 10:30 am and 1:30 pm.

No special equipment is required, but players must wear a clean pair of running shoes, while gloves and warm clothes are recommended.

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Toll bags hat trick in Atom 'C' victory

BROCKVILLE – Brandon Toll couldn't be stopped in the North Dundas Atom "C" Demons latest victory.

The local squad was in Brockville to face the Braves on Thurs., Jan. 3, with Toll scoring a hat trick, while adding an assist, in the Demons 5-1 win.

He opened the game's scoring with 1:33 remaining in the first period, and scored again at 8:59 of period two. Toll completed his game scoring, potting a third marker at 6:19 of the third session.

Individual North Dundas goals went to Riley Jampen and Alexis Sharpley, while Sara Messervey and Justin Dagenais registered assists.

Demons 3 - Warriors 3

The Demons faced off against the Russell Warriors in an exhibition match on Sun., Jan. 6, with the two sides working to a 3-3 draw.

Preston Shelaga, Jampen, and Toll scored for North Dundas, with assists going to Jade Hannaford, Adrianna VanBreugel, Shelaga, and Toll.

Demons, Selects tie 2-2

CHESTERVILLE – It was a come from behind tie for the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons in the team's latest contest.

Played at the Chesterville Arena on Thurs., Jan. 3, the Demons battled the South Stormont Selects to a 2-2 draw.

South Stormont jumped in front with goals in the first and second period, carrying a 2-0 lead into the third session.

Cameron Reid (from Rhyce Sherrer) responded first for North Dundas, scoring at 13:16 of the final period.

Just a few seconds later, Brandon VanBruinessen found the back of the Selects net, scoring at 13:09. Reid had an assist on the play.

Up next, the Demons are scheduled to welcome the Kemptville Panthers to Chesterville tomorrow night (Thurs., Jan. 10).

Rangers 5 - Demons 1

Late last month (Sat., Dec. 29), North Dundas closed out 2012 with a game against the South Grenville Rangers in Cardinal.

Unfortunately for the Demons, the game didn't quite go as planned, with North Dundas goaltender Jared Schoenfeld being shelled for five goals.

Sheldon Lafortune (from Travis Roderick) was the lone North Dundas goal scorer.

Pee Wees edge Selects 7-6

WINCHESTER – Paced by Travis McInnis' four-goal effort, the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons eked out a win in their latest contest.

The Demons welcomed the South Stormont Selects to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Wed., Jan. 2, narrowly defeating their opponents 7-6.

Brandon Lovely also had two goals for North Dundas, while Benjamin Fingler had an individual marker. Assists went to Sandra Morley (two), Justin Shay, Adam Geertsma, Caleb Jaquemet, Bradley McLean (two), and McInnis.

Up next, the Demons are scheduled to travel to Williamstown tonight (Wed., Jan. 9) to take on the Char-Lan Rebels.

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Annable's Blues leading latest WDLHL standings

WINCHESTER – After weeks of Annable's Blues and the Country Girls competing neck and neck, only one team remains atop the standings.

In the latest Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League (WDLHL) action on Sun., Jan. 6, the first-place Blues (8-3-2) were edged 2-0 by the WS Trucking Company (4-6-3), but the loss did little to affect the team's ranking.

The second place Country Girls (7-4-2) beat KC's Lawn Maintenance (6-6-1) 3-0 in the 8 am game, while Andy's Foodland Reds (7-2-1) slipped past the Cooper Physio Pinks (1-9-3) 2-1 in the 9 am contest.

Country Girls 3 - KC's 0

Three different shooters found the back of the opposition's net in the Country Girls most recent victory.

Edith Dagenais struck string first, and was followed by Amy Darling and Tabbitha Derue. Assists went to Annik Dagenais (two), Edith Dagenais, and Darling.

Marjorie Saunders (Country Girls) and Lynda Kemp (KC's) earned "player of the game" honours for their respective teams.

Reds 2 - Pink 1

Barb Beiersdorfer and Cheryle Canning scored for the Reds, with Andrea Francis picking up an assist on Beiersdorfer's goal.

Emma Reaney (Pinks) and Beiersdorfer received "player of the game" accolades.

WS Trucking 2 - Blues 0

Francine Brisson hit the scoreboard first in the second period, and Trisha Leduc's marker followed her goal at 8:41 of the sandwich session.

Assists were registered to Ashley Gilmer, Laurie Marriner, Stephanie Scott, and Kathy Kerr.

Dawn Young (Blues) and Amy Lynn Johnson (WS Trucking) were named "player of the game" for the two sides.

Other results

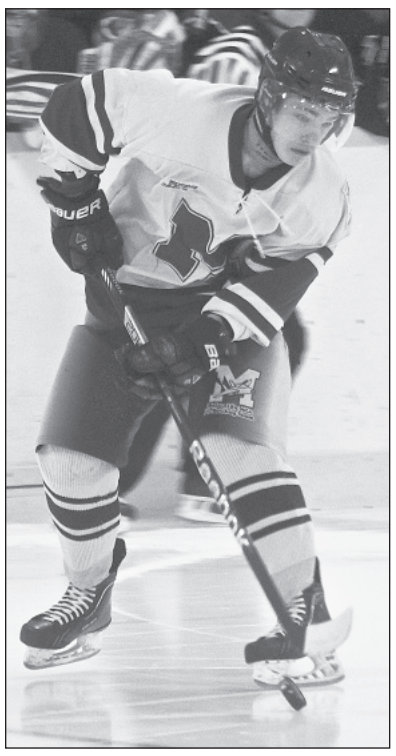
On Sun., Dec. 30, the Blues opened the day beating the Reds 2-1 in the 8 am game, while KC's Lawn Maintenance bombed the Pinks 5-0 in the 9 am contest. The 10 am encounter saw WS Trucking slip past the Country Girls by a 1-0 score.

The Blues dropped the Pinks 2-0 in the 8 am game on Sun., Dec. 23, while the 9 am engagement saw KC's Lawn Maintenance and WS Trucking play to a 0-0 draw. The Reds eked out a 3-2 victory over the Country Girls in the 10 am game.

League standings

The Blues hold down first place with 18 points, and are followed closely by the Country Girls (16 points). Third place goes to the Reds (15 points), with KC's Lawn Maintenance (13 points), WS Trucking Company (11 points), and the Cooper Physio Pinks (five points) rounding out the top six.

New year begins with win for Jets



Easy does it

Metcalfe Jets forward Derek Varrin registered an assist in his team's 3-2 victory over the visiting Almonte Thunder on Sun., Jan. 6 at the Larry Robinson Arena.

Courtesy Photo

METCALFE – The Metcalfe Jets twice erased their opponents lead, kick starting 2013 with a home ice victory.

The Almonte Thunder visited the Larry Robinson Arena on Sun., Jan. 6, as the Jets got the second half of their season underway.

Scott Fleming opened the scoring for Metcalfe at 15:14 of the first period, finding the back of the Thunder cage. Assists went to Kyle Leduc and Nathan Avery.

Almonte tied the game and then took the lead in the second session on goals by Patrick Dick and Garrett Nichol. Andrew Rawbotham (two) and Scott Stewart earned assists on the plays.

In the third period, with the Thunder nursing a 2-1 lead, Josh Gervais registered the Jets second goal of the game at 8:06, taking a feed from Derek Varrin and Fleming.

Metcalfe sealed the 3-2 victory with just 1:08 remaining in the game when Jordan Malette beat Almonte goaltender Dominic Plaschy. Assists went to Branden Abraham and Bryan Dalrymple.

Ice notes

Metcalfe goaltender Eric Drouin stopped 22 of the 24 shots he faced, giving up just two markers, keeping his goals against average at 3.70, with a season record of 10 wins and five losses.

Thunder goalie Plaschy, meanwhile, stopped 36 of 39 shots faced in the loss.

The Jets were assessed with 12 minutes in minor penalties, while assistant captain Kyle Downey received a 10-minute misconduct penalty for making contact with an opposing player's head.

Almonte took just six minutes in minor penalties.

Up next

With Jan. 6's win, Metcalfe has improved its season record to 16-10-0-2, good enough for fourth place in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League's Metro Division standings.

The Jets are tied with the fifth-place Clarence Beavers for points at 34, but have one more win on the season.

On Fri., Jan. 11, Metcalfe will welcome the rival Beavers to the Larry Robinson Arena for an 8:15 pm contest. Sun., Jan. 13 will see the league-leading Gatineau Mustangs travel to Metcalfe for a 2:15 pm matinee encounter.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



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IT'S A GIRL!



HALL – Tony and Paula (nee Bois) of Winchester are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their first child, a daughter, Makenna Hazel Francis, born Sept. 11, 2012, weighing 8 lb., 8 oz. and 21.5 in. in length. Proud grandparents are Paul and Linda Bois of Longlac, Ont., and Susan and the late Ted Hall of Prescott, Ont. A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Rivington and the nursing staff at WDMH who took such amazing care of both mom and baby.

Thank You

I would like to thank those around me who have done so much for me and my daughters over the last couple of months. I would like to thank the great nurses and doctors at Winchester District Memoral Hospital, and Dr. Bhagirath and his nurses at the Nation River Health Clinic. I would like to extend my gratitude to my neighbours at home, who helped out so much while I was in hospital, as well as to my sister and brother-in-law for doing so much for me. I would like to thank my daughters, who through the difficult times always had a smile on and took care of things around the house. Lastly I would like to say thank you to my daughters' boyfriends, for being there for them and for helping out and visiting when they could. It's great to know that there are so many caring people out there.

Michael Genier and Daughters

Card of Thanks

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For further information, please contact Dan Belleau at 613-774-2105 Ext. 292.

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All members are cordially invited to attend.

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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.

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OBITUARY

Myrtle Irene Dawley

Sept. 5, 1920 - Dec. 27, 2012



Myrtle Irene Dawley (nee Simmons) of Winchester passed away Dec. 27, 2012 (as per her Christmas wish) with her family by her side.

She was the beloved wife of the late J. Dwight Dawley. She was the treasured mother of the late Barbara Dickson (the late Don), Linda Burman (Peter) of Montreal, and Diane Sauve (John) of Blairstown, N.J. She was the loving grandmother of Kyle (Tammy), Tim (Cindy), and Todd (Melody) Dickson; Trevor Burman (Dawn); Alana Mackrell (Paul); and Shawn and Danielle Sauve. She was great-grandmother extraordinaire to Sophie, Justin, Alyshia, Nick, Kiahna, Sierra, Calum, Ronan, Aidan, and Cameron. She was the daughter of the late George and Violet Simmons (nee Ewart). She was predeceased by her cherished brothers, Jim (Ethel) and Roy (Audrey) (Flossie), and special cousin, Shirley Cuggy (the late Cliff). Left to mourn is brother-in-law and sisters-in-law: Raymond and Dorothy Dawley, and Lula Hanes and Marion Dawley. She was also predeceased by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Basil (Ruby), Stirling, Wilma Dawley, and George Hanes.

Myrtle loved her family and friends, and they loved her right back. She was a fun-loving, spontaneous, adventurous, young-spirited individual for 92 years. On Dec. 26, when asked what she would like to be doing, she replied impishly "I'd like a night out on the town."

A memorial service was held on Jan. 3 at the Winchester United Church.

Contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Wilson Funeral Home in Cornwall.

Condolences may be made at www.wilsonfuneralhome.ca

Our thanks to exceptional friends who gave Mom such happiness and joy: Joyce McIntosh, Alma Stewart, Mary Chisholm, Bea Warren, June Armstrong, cousin Gladys Sangster, as well as her wonderful neighbours. Dr. C. Adamson deserves special mention for his continued attention, as this allowed Mom to remain in her home until she was 91.

Myrtle's was a rich, long life with a legacy of love - what more could anyone ask?

OBITUARIES which appeared in the *Winchester Press* from 2002-2013 are archived on our web site: www.winchesterpress.on.ca

DEATH NOTICE

Doris Jean Holmes

1922-2013



Doris Holmes (nee Annable) of Winchester passed away peacefully at the Lanark Lodge on Sun., Jan. 6, 2013.

She was the beloved wife of the late Gerald Holmes. She was always loved and remembered by her children, Beverly Barkley (Allen), Bonnie DeVries (Ron), Dorothy Geymonat (Jack), and the late Trudy. She was the cherished Grandma of Lisa (Brett), Diane (Ian), Stephanie (Shawn), Melanie (Chris), Kevin (Eva), Geoffrey (Meghan), Tasha, Jennifer (Shaun), Joshua (Andrea), and David (Margret), and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her twin sister, Dorothy.

Doris rested at Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836) on Tues., Jan. 8 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service will be held today, Wed., Jan. 9, at 11 am at the Winchester Wesleyan Church, 537 Main Street, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

By family request, donations may be made to the Winchester Wesleyan Church, the Alzheimer Society, or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Edna Lorraine Patterson

June 29, 1922 to December 26, 2012

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindness and support we received during this difficult time. A special thanks to the Byers Funeral Home, Rev. Blair Paterson, the Inkerman UCW who provided the lovely lunch, those who sent beautiful flowers, donations, baking and cards. The pallbearers were grandsons Jeffrey, Mark, Scott and Michael Patterson, and the beautiful poem was written and read by granddaughter Sandra Heymans. Fond memories of you will remain in our hearts forever.

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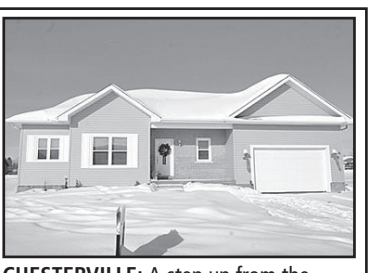
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HECKSTON: Country acre on the Nation River with golf 1.5 km away. This 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom all-brick bungalow provides a serene environment with a nice south-facing deck and patio ready for you to watch the deer and wildlife or skate on the frozen river. Features 2-car garage, wood fireplace insert and mostly finished basement with den. MLS 840204 **$224,900**



WINCHESTER: Large family home with lots of room inside and out - 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, well-kept home! Boyd Block construction features tons of living space with a big eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, main-floor living and family rooms, cozy sun room with gas fireplace, 2-car garage and useable basement for lots of storage. MLS 837902 **$375,000**



WINCHESTER: Rare find on 5 acres. This large 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home down a private driveway comes with a drive shed and older barn. Great location close to town, surrounded by fields, includes large oak kitchen with island and a big family room with oak floors and stone fireplace! MLS 829168 **$375,000**



RURAL FINCH: Approximately 5-acre, hilltop lot with views all around features long paved driveway to the 25x40 garage and an 'as-is' century home with 2 bedrooms plus main-floor den. This would make a great project or building lot. TLC needed to get the house running, but visibly good bones and some systems to get you started. **$124,000**

Rideau Transit Group hired to build Confederation Line



In and around Osgoode Ward
by Councillor Doug Thompson

OTTAWA – The Confederation Line, a 12.5-kilometre light rail transit (LRT), is the biggest capital project in the City of Ottawa's history.

The backbone of Ottawa's new rail and rapid bus public transit system, the Confederation Line will have 13 rail stations.

On the same night that city council approved the project (Wed., Dec. 19), they also agreed to retain the services of Rideau Transit Group (RTG) to complete the project at a cost of $2.1 billion.

Ottawa will enter into a formal agreement with RTG to design, build, finance, and maintain the LRT line from Tunney's Pasture to Blair Station.

With this in place, construction is expected to begin in late February, when RTG will begin widening Highway 417 between Nicholas Street and the 417/174 split. The two additional lanes being added will be used for express bus service while the transitway is closed for LRT conversion.

Funding for the Confederation Line is being provided by the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and the city.

The federal government is contributing $600 million through the Building Canada Fund, and the province is contributing $600 million in direct grant contributions.

Ottawa will allocate up to $192 million of its Federal Gas Tax fund receipts to this project, and another $287 million of its Provincial Gas Tax receipts to the capital infrastructure.

The remaining project budget funds will come from development charge revenues and transit reserves.

For more information, visit www.confederationline.ca.

Police centre re-opening

The official re-opening of the rural south community police centre (CPC) will take place on Thurs., Jan. 10 from 5:30 to 7 pm in Greely (7010 Parkway Road).

The original CPC in Metcalfe closed in November 2012.

Snow removal policy

The City of Ottawa has been inundated with questions from concerned residents in response to the overwhelming amount of snowfall in recent weeks.

Residents are reminded that the city's snow removal policy includes the following guidelines:

• The minimum depth of snow accumulation for the deployment of resources for residential roads is seven centimetres.

• The designated time to clear snow for residential classification is 10 hours.

• The standard treatment for all residential roads is a snow-packed layer.

• Most arterial, collector, and minor collector roads qualify for bare pavement treatment because they are considered high priority.

For more information, visit www.ottawa.ca or call 311.

Greely Winter Carnival

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.

Skating championships

The 100th Canadian Tire National Figure Skating Championship will be held at Scotiabank Place in 2014 (Jan. 9 to 15).

Ottawa has committed $50,000 toward the event, which is expected to generate an estimated economic impact of close to $4 million.



Quilt winner

Members of the Marvelville Coffee Club used their quilting talents to help raise funds for the installation of a barrier free ramp at their local community centre. A draw for the homemade quilt was held last month during the annual Marvelville Christmas Concert. Winner Jeannine Langlois (right) of Embrun bought the winning ticket while visiting the Metcalfe Farmers' Market in the fall. Langlois is pictured accepting her prize from club treasurer Peter Cowling.

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Winchester
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Rev. Bob Martin
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613-652-2400 (Church)
Sunday
10:00 am - (June-Sept. 9:30 am) Morning Worship Service
17tfc

WINCHESTER UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE
Office: 613-774-2512
www.winchesterunited.net
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 am-12 noon
Rev. Christine Lowson
613-258-4859
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