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Déjà vu at North Dundas council table



Riding along
The Township of North Dundas' 18th annual Parade of Lights took to Winchester's streets Sat., Dec. 6 with more than 40 floats navigating the route. Chesterville Rotary Club member Betty Vanden Bosch caught a ride on the "Rotary Express" as it wheeled along Main Street.
For more parade coverage, see page 13.
Press Photo – Uhrig

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – What's old is new again in the Township of North Dundas.

It was an October election that didn't bear any change in the municipality as the campaign saw just one race – that of deputy-mayor – with three councillors and a mayor returned through acclamation.

On Tues., Dec. 2, the five-member team was officially sworn-in as the township's sixth council since amalgamation.

To get to there, only Gerry Boyce had to sweat it out on election night. Boyce was the first in North Dundas to file his nomination papers for re-election, and he easily sailed through the first few weeks of the campaign. All along it appeared as if he would go uncontested.

That is until Chesterville-area resident Theresa Bergeron changed her tune, dropping out of the councillor race to challenge for the municipality's position of second in command.

When the results were finally unveiled Mon., Oct. 27, well past 11 pm, Boyce had garnered 1,769 votes, 589 more than the 1,180 received by Bergeron. The outcome was delayed by several hours, which Scytl, the Barcelona, Spain-based firm tasked with co-ordinating the election through Internet and telephone voting, excused as human error.

It is clear now the election night delay is in the past, as Dec. 2 signaled the beginning of four more years of tough decision-making, with prudent spending as the municipality grapples with diminished financial input from the province.

• see NORTH DUNDAS on next page

Duncan returned as warden



Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan is pictured during his inauguration as warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry in December 2013. On Fri., Dec. 5, Duncan was voted into a second term as the counties' top politician.

Press Photo – Uhrig

CORNWALL – It's another feather in the political cap of Eric Duncan.

Fri., Dec. 5, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) councillors voted to give Duncan a second term as warden.

In doing so, he becomes the first in the counties' history to serve consecutive terms.

Traditionally, the warden position was a one-year gig, but a bylaw change by council members last year allowed for a two-term mandate.

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South Dundas' first female mayor sworn in, council officially on job

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Municipal Centre, a notable landmark in its own right, was part of a history-making moment last week.

On Tues., Dec. 2, the township officially installed its first-ever female mayor.

While not the first woman to take political office in South Dundas or its pre-amalgamation townships, Evonne Delegarde is the first to hold the top political spot.

She was sworn in as chief of command, alongside Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, and councillors Bill Ewing, Archie Mellan, and Marc St. Pierre, as friends, family, residents, municipal staff, and local dignitaries watched.

Following a brief welcome by CAO Stephen McDonald, Rev. Clarence Witten delivered the invocation in preparation for the official swearing in session.

Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) MP Guy Lauzon was on hand to say a few words, as was SD&G Warden and Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan. Clerk Brenda Brunt read a letter from SD&SG MPP Jim McDonell, while newly elected Township of South Stormont Mayor Jim Bancroft looked on from the audience.

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The Township of North Dundas' new council was sworn in Tues., Dec. 2. Councillor Al Armstrong is pictured here taking his oath of office, beside Const. Justin McKenna and North Dundas clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

North Dundas

• continued from the front

"We had a good four years, I'd say," Duncan said. "Not only our department heads, but right down to our frontline staff, I think we have a very good working relationship and have been able to produce some results. I'm looking forward to more success, just like we had in the first term."

Boyce, meanwhile, was brief in his assessment, noting he was "happy to be back… thoroughly enjoyed the last four years."

"I really wanted to make sure I got back this time because I really enjoyed it… It was a lot better experience than I thought it was going to be," he added. "For a while I didn't know whether I wanted it or not, but I'm glad I did it and I can't wait to get going and get back to the work of the next four years."

Dec. 2's inauguration ceremony was a noticeably stripped-down version in comparison to 2010 when North Dundas District High School's filled-to-capacity gymnasium was used.

This year, there was little audience presence aside from the odd family member of the elected in attendance, and some other local residents.

Both Tony Fraser and John Thompson, each returned as councillors, said there are plans in the offing for "making a better North Dundas," and both noted the strong working relationship between council and township staff.

Councillor Al Armstrong, who in 2014 is marking 14 years as a municipal councillor, spoke glowingly of the direction council has set out for the municipality.

"Having been on every council except for the first one [after amalgamation], I have to say the last four years was the best run council I've been on," he said. "That's not a slight against anyone else, I think it's the progression of council as it has gone along and the progression of North Dundas. I think people will continue to be happy with the work that we do… We have great discussions, and everyone brings something unique and something of value to this table."

South Dundas

• continued from the front

"It is a great honour and a privilege to stand here before you tonight addressing you for the first time as your new mayor," Delegarde said during her inaugural address. "I am humbled by your support and by your confidence. All members of council are very cognizant of the serious responsibility and obligation that has been bestowed upon us. We are willing to engage our residents in an open and accessible manner, and together with staff protect the quality of life and make South Dundas an even better place to live."

Delegarde went on to congratulate her colleagues, encouraging them to "express your own independent points of view," and to use the recently renamed mayor and council office.

Going forward, the mayor said there is to be a "visioning session" early in the new year, whereby council and staff are to "identify key issues and priorities, which will assist us to work effectively toward clear goals and objectives for this term. Current and ongoing issues will be dealt with in the near future."

Delegarde went on to identify several items on the politicians' future agendas, including a discussion about the possibility of adding a question and answer period to regular meetings.

"This council will experience financial challenges and difficult decisions," she said. "Payments for the municipal centre begin this year, as well as the Campbell Street extension, which to date is unfinanced. Through hard work and sensible and informed decisions, we will strive to be frugal and accountable with your tax dollars."



The Municipality of South Dundas Mayor Evonne Delegarde (left) is pictured as clerk Brenda Brunt presented her with the chain of office. *Press Photo – Casselman*



New on the scene

Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze (seated at right) signed his declaration of office during the City of Ottawa's swearing-in ceremony held at Centrepointe Theatre Mon., Dec. 1. Darouze rose above 10 contenders during October's municipal campaign, succeeding Doug Thompson as the ward's representative. *Mike Carroccetto photo*

Warden

• continued from the front

Duncan, who is also the Township of North Dundas' mayor, was pitted against Township of North Glengarry Deputy-Mayor Jamie MacDonald in a runoff vote Dec. 5.

After two rounds of ballots were cast, each came back in a six-six tie. Ultimately, Duncan's name was picked through a draw by counties clerk Helen Thomson.

"We have a strong counties council going forward these next four years, and I'm humbled to have the opportunity to return as warden," he said. "There have been a lot of positive comments this week about the willingness of the local municipalities, the united counties, and Cornwall to work and communicate better together. I will work hard to lead that discussion, and act on this momentum."

Duncan was installed as the united counties 163rd warden in December 2013, at that time becoming the youngest person, at 26, to ever hold the title. That honour came after he was elected as one of the youngest mayors in Canadian history in 2010, while he was acclaimed to a second term as North Dundas' top politician in October.

The official inauguration of SD&G's warden is set to take place Fri., Dec. 12 at 11:30 am.

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POLICE BLOTTER

One night, two arrests

FINCH – On Sun., Dec. 7, at approximately 1:19 am, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Concession 1-2.

The investigation indicated the adult female driver, Mary-Ellen Montgomery, 42, of North Grenville, was under the influence of a drug.

But this wasn't her first run-in with police in a 24-hour span. An officer stopped Montgomery Sat., Dec. 6 at approximately 5 pm after receiving reports of a vehicle being driven erratically on Highway 138.

At that time, she was charged with possession of a controlled substance (heroin), and careless driving.

For subsequently ditching her vehicle, Montgomery was charged with care or control of a motor vehicle while impaired by a drug.

She was to appear in Cornwall court Mon., Dec. 8.

What's that name again?

CORNWALL – A 17-year-old Chesterville youth was arrested by Cornwall Community Police Dec. 6, and charged with personation, possession of methamphetamine, and breach of undertaking for being out past curfew and failing to keep the peace.

It is alleged the intoxicated youth falsely identified himself to police as he was walking in the area of First and Gloucester Streets. He was taken into custody, and found to be in possession of the controlled substance and out past curfew.

He was charged accordingly, and held for a bail hearing.

Major drug busts

OSGOODE – An Osgoode man was busted recently in a sweep by the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau's drug enforcement unit.

Between Wed., Dec. 3 and Thurs., Dec. 4, officers executed search warrants in the City of Ottawa and the Township of Laurentian Valley.

As a result, police seized cocaine, methamphetamine pills, hydromorphine pills, marijuana, cash, and weapons.

In Osgoode, Sandy Wammes, 47, was arrested and faces charges of possession of property obtained by crime, trafficking, and possession. He was held in bail prior to an appearance in Ottawa court.

The other arrest was in Pembroke, where Benjamin Schauer, 33, now faces numerous charges.

Police continue to investigate.

Breach of conditions

CHESTERVILLE – On Thurs., Dec. 4, at approximately 12:21 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a residence on County Road 9 following a report of a female in breach of her earlier release conditions.

Tanya Smith, 41, was arrested and faces a charge of failing to comply with recognizance conditions by not remaining at her residence. She was held in custody pending an appearance in Cornwall court.

Smith was originally arrested in September at an establishment (McCloskey's) on Victoria Street. A police investigation indicated Smith had become aggressive and assaulted an employee with a pool cue, while also causing damage within the premises. Further information at that time revealed she was bound by conditions from an incident in 2013.

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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.*

Town aglow with new decorations

WINCHESTER – When it comes to decorating for the holiday season in Winchester's core, it is out with the old and in with the new.

Thanks to the beautification efforts of the village's downtown revitalization committee, new wreaths and garland, along with lighted carolers atop Sweet Corner Park's stage, have been added.

The new items replace the decades-old ornaments that were weathered and beyond repair.



New Christmas decorations, including wreaths and garland, were recently added to Winchester's downtown core, hanging from hydro poles and adorning the wall of the building neighbouring Sweet Corner Park. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Committee members first outlined the plan during a Township of North Dundas council meeting in September, adding that the project would start small, only branching further afield when fundraising dollars allow.

To date, four wreaths have been affixed to hydro poles downtown (three along Main Street, and one on St. Lawrence), while the lengthy garland has been draped above the Winchester District Memorial Hospital mural in the park. Other ribbons have also been tied to the light posts at Sweet Corner.

All told, the committee spent roughly $8,000 to purchase the new decorations, and will continue fundraising efforts in order to add more prior to Christmas 2015.

The group is also open to business sponsorship of wreaths, which would allow for the addition of "twice as many" next year, committee member Sandie Puddephatt told the *Winchester Press*.

Township lends helping hand to HOL

MOUNTAIN – The Mountain-based outreach mission, the House of Lazarus (HOL), recently received 880 pounds of food donations from the CP Holiday Train Campaign.

On Giving Tuesday (Dec. 2), the charitable alternative to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, several members of the Township of North Dundas' staff and council volunteered to help unpack, sort, weigh, and store the items, as part of the mission's Canada Helps initiative. (Canada Helps is a registered charity focused on bringing donors and other charitable organizations together to make giving simpler.)

Without the extra help, executive director Pauline Pratt said it would have taken her team at least two days to process the large shipment.

While township clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin helped in the household goods department, and CAO Angela Rutley hung clothes in the thrift shop, Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce, Councillors Tony Fraser and John Thompson, and director of planning, building and bylaw enforcement Calvin Pol assisted in organizing the food donations.



Township of North Dundas Councillor Tony Fraser (left), Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce, Calvin Pol, director of planning, building and bylaw enforcement, and Councillor John Thompson are pictured volunteering at the House of Lazarus in Mountain during Giving Tuesday Dec. 2.

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Breakfast of champions

Firefighters with the North Dundas Fire Department's Mountain detachment cooked up an early morning feast Sat., Dec. 6 for the group's annual Santa Claus Breakfast. Held at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain, the event featured typical breakfast fare, as well as crafts for sale, and a visit from the big guy himself, Santa Claus, later in the morning.





Leanne Rousselle (above, left) and Danny Morin served breakfast to Frank Milne. At left, Jason Kelly cooked pancakes.

Press Photos – Casselman

New UCDSB chair, trustees mark new era

BROCKVILLE – A retired teacher and educational author has been elected to lead the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) in the coming term.

Trustee Jeff McMillan, a longtime elementary teacher with the board, was acclaimed to the role Wed., Dec. 3.

Second-term trustee Carol Carkner was acclaimed as first vice-chair, while veteran trustee David McDonald was acclaimed as second vice-chair.

McMillan, who contested the position as a rookie trustee four years ago against former chair Greg Pietersma, said he was honoured to earn the role uncontested.

"I am really pleased," he added. "I think it shows a lot of confidence and support for myself and the first and second vice-chairs. This is the kind of support we need in order to move forward to the challenges that face us."

The 62-year-old Brockville resident worked as a teacher for the UCDSB



Jeff McMillan

from 1977 to 2007, retiring from Commonwealth Public School. He is an author of two books dealing with education entitled *Thirty Years of Mondays* and *What If: Learning for the 21st Century*.

McMillan was a teacher known for innovative instructional practices, creating *The Current Experience* program at Commonwealth, a project-based, cross-curricular program for Grades 7 and 8 students that showed impressive results for student learning.

The new chair said there are several challenges facing the board in the coming term, including the hiring of a new director of education following the sudden retirement of David Thomas; working to improve EQAO results within the board; and creating effective programming for our students in an age of declining enrollment.

"We have a heavy road ahead, but I feel confident we can accomplish what we need to," he said.

New Dundas County trustee Jeremy Armer, who went uncontested during October's municipal election, was also sworn in Dec. 3.

New superintendent

In other UCDSB news, Tim Mills, a one-time principal with the school board, was recently named superintendent of education.

He replaces Ian Carswell, although the public education board has not publicly addressed that departure. It is believed Carswell exited around the same time as Thomas.

Mills, meanwhile, spent much of his teaching career in Cornwall, where he resides.

NDDHS Notes

by Abby Fawcett



It's beginning to feel like Christmas

MAPLE RIDGE – Just a few more school days stand between the students and staff of North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) and Christmas vacation.

To make the last week move a little quicker and get everyone in the Christmas spirit, there are five days of spirit-lifting events.

Mon., Dec. 15 will kick the week off with an easy spirit day, where students are asked to wear a Santa hat. On day two (Tues., Dec. 16), students are challenged to dress as a supporting Christmas character by dressing up as a snowman, an elf or a reindeer.

Wed., Dec. 17 will feature a favourite yuletide spirit day at NDDHS, ugly Christmas sweater day. On Thurs., Dec. 18, students will have an opportunity to show off their creativity by dressing up as a Christmas tree.

Lastly, after a jam-packed week, Fri., Dec. 19 will wrap up with a simple request that students and staff wear red and green.

Also taking place Dec. 19, at 1 pm, is NDDHS' annual Christmas concert in the school's gymnasium.

Meanwhile, students are reminded that Christmas o'gram sales end Dec. 16. They are available until then, daily, outside the guidance office for $2. Raffle ticket sales for the student council Christmas stocking draw (tickets are $2) also ends this day. The winner, who will receive a stocking full of chocolate and other prizes, is to be announced during the concert on Dec. 19.

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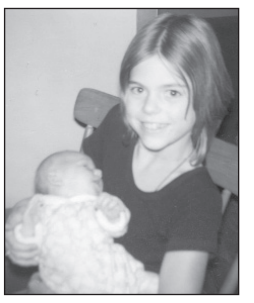

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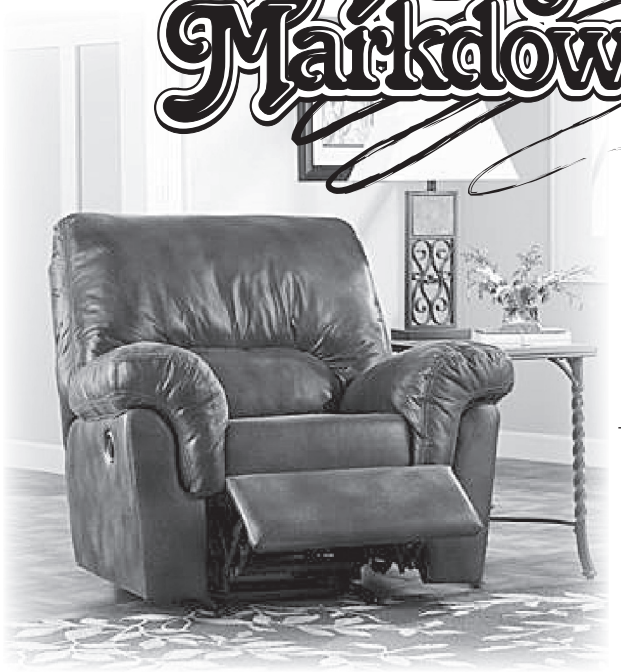

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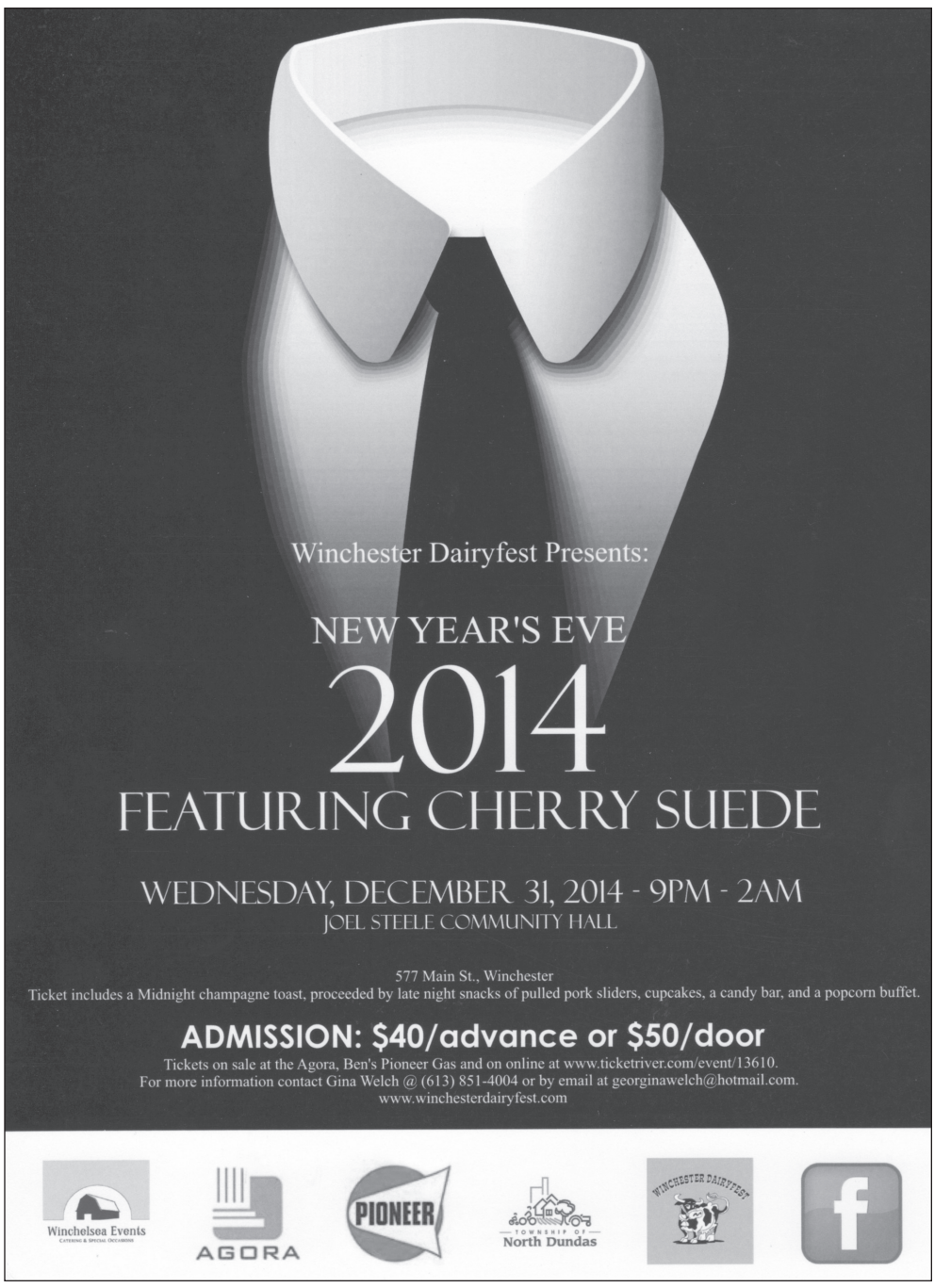

WDMH preps response to worldwide Ebola threats

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – While hospital staff admits the likelihood of an Ebola-stricken individual landing at the facility's front door is low, doctors and nurses at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) have considered the scenario.

A plan was put in place weeks ago following reports that the virus had been detected in at least one person in Dallas, while some nurses working in Africa have returned with Ebola-like symptoms.

While no Canadian accounts have been made, the hospital's "Ebola working group" has made efforts to ensure the region is ready, despite the admittedly small chance of an infected person at the institution.

"There were lessons learned from SARS," Anne Elliott, the medical facility clinical manager for outpatients, said Thurs., Dec. 4 during a media session focused on the training regime.

The province's ministry of health and long-term care, which dictates that hospitals must fall in line with preparedness orders, has handed down the guidelines.

Anyone with suspected Ebola would be quarantined at WDMH, before ultimately being transferred to the designated hospitals for the Champlain Local Health Integration Network region – the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario or the general campus of the Ottawa Hospital. No treatment would take place at the village hospital.

Meanwhile, nurses in the triage area at WDMH are now kept behind a glass partition, as anyone who arrives is asked if they have recently travelled to West Africa. This is done whether a patient shows signs of Ebola infection or not.

The hospital has also implemented various steps for readiness, including:

• If there is suspicion of Ebola, staff would immediately don personal protective equipment, while the patient would be isolated. Similar protocols are in place if the individual arrives by ambulance.

• The protective gear is readily available to staff, and is kept in a blue bin to ensure all items are readily at hand. Training on protocols and precautions is administered regularly.

• Regular updates regarding guidelines, precautions, and protocols are received from Public Health Ontario.



During a media session Thurs., Dec. 4, Winchester District Memorial Hospital staff outlined the medical facility's protocols should an Ebola-stricken patient arrive in the hospital's emergency room. Chesterville Record *editor Nelson Zandbergen demonstrated the gear staff would don immediately if a case were discovered locally.*

Press Photos – Uhrig

• WDMH's Ebola working group continues communication with the hospital's infection control committee regarding handling of the situation and to ensure training is up-to-date.

The latest reports indicate Ebola's grip is waning as confirmed cases continue to decrease, while West African countries are jockeying back and forth in terms of where the death toll is highest.

Canada's government ceased issuing visitor visas to residents of the affected countries, as the virus has been killing about 70 per cent of the people infected.

The mortality rate has been much lower among the handful of cases confirmed in the U.S.

Fourth obstetrician on roster

WINCHESTER – Birth rates continue to increase at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), and an extra set of hands is being added to meet the demand.



Dr. Roger Perron

The village medical facility announced recently that Dr. Roger Perron will be joining the roster as the hospital's newest specialist in obstetrics and gynecology.

He will deliver babies, and perform general gynecological surgery, with a specialty in minimally invasive procedures. As well, Perron is set to practice at St. Lawrence Medical Clinic locations in Morrisburg, Iroquois, and Ingleside.

"I came to Winchester's hospital to provide summer coverage, and my wife and I fell in love with the area," he said. "We didn't even know it existed."

Perron also praised the inner-workings of WDMH.

"It's the best kept secret around. The people here are great, and the operating rooms are magnificent… Any tertiary care centre would be happy to have them," he said.

With 30 years of experience, Perron said he knew early in his career that obstetrics was his passion, noting "it's one area where people actually want to see you."

"And if I'm going to be up in the middle of the night, I might as well deliver a baby and make everyone happy," he added.

Perron will begin working full-time at WDMH in the new year.

Hospital foundation earmarks hefty haul

WINCHESTER – As a sign of moving past the controversy surrounding the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation, the medical facility's fundraising arm is celebrating a substantial financial offering.

Recently, the foundation signed off on a roughly $1.2 million cheque, which was provided to the hospital's board.

Funds, donated to the foundation through various initiatives, are to be used to continue several projects, including the purchase of a specialized pill packaging machine, upgrades to the CT scanner, and further development of electronic health records for patients.

The announcement comes just a few weeks after the abrupt departure of the foundation's executive director, Troy Cross, and board chair, Arnold Scheerder, and three other members of the executive. A second foundation employee, Christina Enright, also resigned from her position in recent weeks.

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The election is over, councils are ready, now get to work

With new councils in place in both the Township of North Dundas and the Municipality of South Dundas, hopes are again raised that the incoming groups will be better than what came before them.

The ceremonial inaugurations took place last week, with the crop of local politicians taking an oath and pledging to make decisions in the best interest of their respective municipalities.

New council members equal new blood, or at least a new direction, perhaps.

In North Dundas (unfortunately?) it's status quo.

Mayor Eric Duncan was returned to office through acclamation, as were councillors John Thompson, Tony Fraser, and Al Armstrong.

The township's electorate selected only Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce, as Chesterville-area resident Theresa Bergeron challenged him for second in command. In the end, Boyce narrowly escaped defeat, proving he either did enough to impress in his first term, or benefitted from his friendly nature and numerous acquaintances throughout the municipality.

So, is this a bad thing? Yes and no.

Yes, because there is a chance of staleness. When the five were first elected in 2010 there was optimism. Duncan was to erase the boorish ways of mayors before him, while Fraser and Boyce were to complement the changes in regime.

Big time infrastructure has been made a priority, with road improvements taking place township-wide, while economic development has finally been given its due in North Dundas, with the hiring of someone to manage the file and ensure local business owners feel included and other firms want to come here.

Yet, with Duncan manoeuvring with such a firm hand, there was barely room for serious debate at the council table. Rubber-stamping appeared to be the name of the game, with decisions sealed behind closed doors before meetings and approved for posterity purposes during the formal sessions. (Ask Duncan about this, and he'll deny it. Yet, appearances are important, and approval always seemed to come more quickly than anticipated.)

It should be noted, however, that when serious discussions did take place (certainly during budget time and the public debate about a massive residential expansion in Winchester's east end) it was Duncan and Armstrong doing the lion's share of justification work.

Fraser, Boyce, and Thompson are often want to "stick their necks out" and take a stand for or against an item, with the three often sitting quietly by before the "yay or nay" process. Is it lack of understanding or fear of being misquoted in the press? It's unclear, but if members of the public actually attended a meeting, they might be shocked to see how little input some of the elected officials have.

In South Dundas, the next four years will come down to money. Yes, first-term Mayor Evonne Delegarde, who dominated October's municipal campaign, defeating incumbent Steven Byvelds in the process, will have to get her troops in line and make some serious spending allocations.

Big-ticket projects remain unfinanced, and other infrastructure needs are lurking.

For Delegarde, it will be baptism by fire as she heads a council table with two new members (Marc St. Pierre and Bill Ewing) and holdovers from last term (Archie Mellan and Jim Locke).

Four years is a lengthy timeframe to make change in either municipality, while it is also the make or break point for the newly elected. What fruit will be borne by their political efforts? Only time will tell.

What's important is to ensure elected officials know the public is watching.

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Williamsburg's Picadilly Theatre advertised its playlist for the following week: Dec. 14, 15, and 16 – *Moonlight in Vermont* and *Hidden Valley Outlaws*; Dec. 18, 19, and 20 – *Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble*; and Dec. 21, 22, and 23 – *He's My Guy* and *Canyon City.*

1954

A new column, "St. Lawrence Power Project," debuted in this week's *Winchester Press*, written by chairman Robert Saunders, first vice-chair George Challies, and second vice-chair W. Ross Strike, on behalf of Ontario Hydro: "It is our desire to keep the public fully informed at all times regarding our plans and progress. Through these columns we shall publish information of particular interest to those most directly affected by the project."



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1964

"The fight to prevent the passage of the red maple leaf flag for Canada's national emblem has gained added support in Winchester and district," the *Press* reported. "After a *Press* feature last week, 137 names have been affixed to a telegram to the Right Honourable John Diefenbaker in the House of Commons."

1974

Santa Claus sent a letter to the editor this week: "Every year, my job in Canada becomes a little bit harder, in spite of – or perhaps because of – our vast technological achievements. You see, each year I receive a larger number of heartbreaking letters from young folk who say they could manage without Christmas presents if only I could send Daddy back. My research shows that Daddy was in a fatal traffic accident. We have just come through 'Safe Driving Week' in Canada and everybody has seen a barrage of safety messages. Please remember them."

1984

"Osgoode Township council will not join in the growing battle between parents and the Carleton Board of Education over the board's proposal to make the English-language Greely Public School a French immersion centre for students in Osgoode and South Gloucester," the *Press* reported. "Mayor Al Bouwers said council will not take a position on the controversial proposal because 'it isn't a council matter.'"

1994

"When Winchester Village council decided to terminate its CAO last winter, the move cost the municipality thousands of dollars," the *Press* revealed. "Terry O'Reilly was paid a year's salary of $60,525 [and more] after he left the village's employ." Sharron Jordan, representative for the Winchester Ratepayers Association, asked, "Who do you know who is a contract employee and gets a year's salary after only working three months?"

2004

"News that the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library branch will remain open in South Mountain came without fanfare," the *Press* revealed this week. The library board's November meeting went without mention of the library's status; however, it was confirmed it would remain open.

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Daring to make dreams come true



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

Few people have a job that they have dreamed of their entire life.

Nick Manna has one of those jobs.

"I remember being five years old," the Tewksbury, Mass. native said. "My parents took me to Boston to see Disney on Ice. I remember telling my mom, 'this is what I want to do. This is who I want to work for.' She told me that I better learn how to skate."

Manna never did learn how to skate. He did, however, get a pair of roller blades and take that up. But his dream did come true. This week, he will be arriving in the Ottawa area as the stage director for Disney's "Mickey's Music Festival" stage show taking place at Canadian Tire Centre. The stage is an even better fit for Manna than the ice would have been.

"I began taking dance classes when I was young," he said. "My parents also took me to Boston every year to see a live theatre show. I remember when they took me to see *Cats*. That's when I was really inspired to pursue a career in dance and theatre."

When Manna was young, dance was not mainstream for boys like it is today. His passion for dance was strong, and he continued to work hard and improve.

In high school, Manna embarked on one of the more unusual steps on his path to a career in dance.

"I became a cheerleader," he said with a smile. "In fact, I am, still to this day, the only male cheerleader in the history of my high school."

Manna explained how the whole thing came together. Most of the dancers in his class were going to tryout for the cheerleading squad. They were all girls. He decided that, since his friends from dance were going out to cheer, he would too.

"Once I got out there and they saw how good I was, they decided to keep me," he said. "It was very different at the time, but everyone at the school was very accepting of it, and they were very encouraging. At football games, there was the odd comment made to my parents about it, but they didn't worry about it. They were very supportive as well."

Overcoming comments made to his parents was nothing, especially given what he had to overcome throughout his high school career. When he was 14, Manna was diagnosed with diabetes. It changed his life both in high school and as a dance student.

"I remember feeling really sick," he said. "I lost 20 pounds in two weeks. I wasn't feeling well, and I went to see the nurse at school. She told me to get to the hospital immediately."

Manna spent a week at Boston Children's Hospital. He was diagnosed with diabetes, having all of the symptoms that are common with the disease. From that point on, he has had to monitor his blood sugar, and take the precautions that diabetics must take in their daily lives.

Manna, as expected, turned it into something positive. For inspiration, he again looked to the stage for a touring show he would see in Boston with his parents.

"The actress who played Mary Poppins was diabetic," he said. "She would always have juice boxes stage left and stage right. As a performer, she always did the same thing and she had to prepare for situations."

Manna checks his blood sugar five or six times per day, he says.

"You can't always tell when your blood sugar is low," he said. "You rely on testing."

Manna graduated from high school and would go on to study musical theatre in college. He would land a gig in Orlando at Walt Disney World as a dancer, appearing in parades and shows. In 2010, he joined Feld Entertainment and worked on Disney's "Mickey's Rockin' Road Show." Now, he is the performance director for Mickey's Music Festival.

"It's really amazing," he said. "You are on the road meeting people and seeing new places as you travel around the world. You are exposed to all kinds of different cultures and different foods. It's been a great experience."

Manna says that what he enjoys the most about his job is seeing people in the audience leave with a smile.

"You want the audience to enjoy the show and fall in love with live theatre," he said.

Manna is well aware of the recent tragedy in Ottawa with the shootings at Parliament Hill. He watched how united the people of Ottawa and the surrounding area were. It hit him close to home, as it brought back memories of the Boston Marathon bombing.

"I had just arrived in Orlando when the Boston Marathon bombing happened," he said. "I called my parents right away to make sure my parents and my brother were okay. My brother was running in the marathon that year. I still see 'Boston Strong' t-shirts everywhere. It's amazing how something like that can bring everyone together and make everyone stronger. It creates a sense of pride, and it brings a stronger respect for one another. I spent a lot of time praying and sending positive energy to my family and friends."

Manna said he is looking forward to coming to Ottawa. He will have the same message for the people he meets as he does everywhere he goes.

"Dreams really do come true," he said. "I am proof of that."

Strengthening ties with China



From Parliament Hill

by MP Guy Lauzon

OTTAWA – Prime Minister Stephen Harper recently made a very important trip to China.

It was important because it was a trade mission with the goal of increasing our trade with a country containing almost 20 per cent of the world's population. China is home to 1.4 billion people, and their economy is growing. I can't think of a more lucrative market for an exporting country like Canada.

The prime minister's visit culminated in a number of significant gains, and it strengthened Canada-China relations. For example, we secured the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement, something Canada has sought for nearly two decades. This important protection agreement gives Canadian investors increased protection when conducting business in China, allowing them to invest their money safely. It also includes a most-favoured-nation commitment that protects Canadian investors against discrimination in China.

Additionally, we reached an agreement giving Canada "approved destination status" for Chinese tourists. Since 2009, Chinese tourism to Canada has skyrocketed, supporting tourism sector jobs here at home.

Even with these positive gains, there is still more work to be done, and our government remains committed to building even stronger ties.

During his visit, Harper helped deliver on that commitment with a series of initiatives that will help increase Canada's trade in the region. This includes the increased use of China's currency – the renminbi – in trade, commerce and investment between our two countries. This will help establish North America's first offshore renminbi centre in Canada, leading to increased economic opportunities for Canadian businesses.

While in Beijing, the prime minister also oversaw a series of commercial signings between Canadian and Chinese firms. Together, these signings are expected to create more than 2,000 jobs in Canada.

In Hangzhou, the prime minister announced that Canada will open new trade offices in some of the fastest growing regions of China – the cities of Hangzhou, Xi'an, Xiamen and Tianjin. This will help Canadian businesses flourish and bring Canada's trade network to a total of 15 locations across the country.

By expanding trade with China, our government is helping boost Canada's economy in sectors such as agriculture, which is critical to our local community in Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry. We also signed deals for natural resources, energy, and transportation.

Our government's plan is to continue engaging countries abroad in order to help increase economic opportunities, and support job creation here at home.

Expanding trade with a country containing 20 per cent of the world's population is certainly a step in the right direction.

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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.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for supporting DFA efforts

The Editor:

In late November, local representatives travelled to Niagara Falls for the annual general meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

There were close to 450 delegates and staff in attendance, while a silent auction during the event helped to generate $8,024. The total was increased further to $13,024 following a $5,000 input by Scotiabank.

The non-governmental organization Agriskills Abroad will use the money to pay for well drilling in Haiti.

This region's contribution to the auction came in the form of a gift basket filled with items from local producers, including Parmalat cheese, honey from A&D Runnalls, apples from both Smyth's and Barkley's orchards, and two bottles of wine from Smokie Ridge Vineyard.

This basket was one of roughly 100 offered.

The DFA wishes to express its thanks to our community sponsors for their support of such a worthy cause.

Bernard van der Zweep
Director, Dundas Federation of Agriculture
Morrisburg

Kudos to volunteers who organize parade

The Editor:

I remember in the very first year of the Parade of Lights how John Adams, Joel Steele, Garnet Johnston, Sandie Puddephatt, and several others worked so hard to get that parade organized.

The excitement was high!

They were like kids waiting for Santa.

I thank all those who have worked so hard to keep the tradition going. It was nice to see a band this year. I know it is expensive to get these people to come.

Also, thank you to all who put entries in.

The interest in the parade is wide – small children up to older "children" in their 80s and more.

I hope to see many more parades.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Lillian Johnston
Winchester

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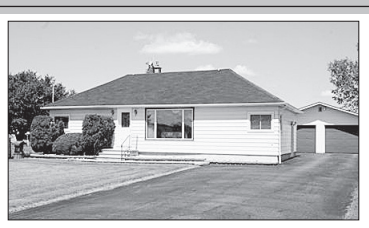

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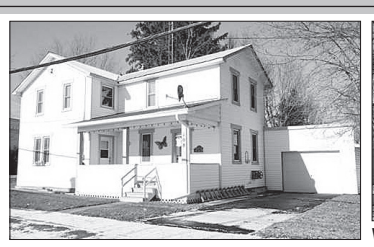

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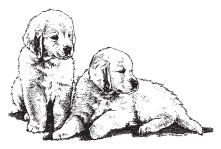

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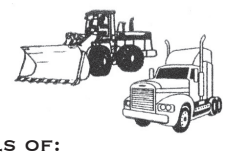

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Canadian flag seamstress named 2015 IPM marshall

FINCH – It was recently announced Joan O'Malley is to be the official parade marshal for the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) 2015 International Plowing Match (IPM).

As the woman who stitched the first red maple leaf Canadian flag, O'Malley was chosen in recognition of the national symbol's 50th anniversary. She is set to lead the parade during the Finch-based event's opening day, Tues., Sept. 22, 2015. The match is scheduled to run for five days, closing on Sat., Sept. 26.

O'Malley, who is also a long-time advocate of the British Home Child effort, was recently recognized at Parliament Hill during the commemoration of the anniversary of the hoisting of the first flag. In 1964, she stitched three flag prototypes on her Singer sewing machine at the request of her father, Ken Donovan, a federal public servant and a British Home Child. It was a last minute request on behalf of former prime minister Lester B. Pearson, who intended to fly the three designs at his Harrington Lake, Que. residence prior to the upcoming vote in the House of Commons. The great flag debate was concluded in Parliament on Dec. 15 of that year, and the flag was officially flown there on Feb. 15, 1965.

"Given the contributions of the British Home Children to their new country and Joan O'Malley's role in creating our distinctive red-maple leaf flag, we are very excited that she has agreed to act as parade marshal at the 2015 IPM," Jim Brownell, event chairman, said. "Joan and her trusty sewing machine are truly icons in Canadian history."

Between 1863 and 1939, more than 100,000 children from orphanages and houses of refuge in the United Kingdom were sent to Canada under the child immigration scheme. Many were placed on farms, and few were ever reunited with their families.



Joan O'Malley (centre), the seamstress of Canada's first red maple leaf flag, is pictured with Nepean-Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre (left) and Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) International Plowing Match chair Jim Brownell. They were in attendance for last month's 50th anniversary commemorative ceremony of the hoisting of the flag at Parliament Hill.

"I considered their invitation to the 2015 IPM for all of five seconds," O'Malley said. "It's an honour to be recognized for the role I played in 1964 and an even greater honour to be able to continue to tell the home child story. My father was very proud of his new country, which provided him a better life, and of my involvement in the new Canadian flag."

Donovan was a teenager when he arrived in Canada. He worked on several Eastern Ontario farms before enlisting in the air force during the Second World War. A medical corpsman, Donovan also worked as an orderly at the Ottawa Civic Hospital before taking a job in the federal public service. He was a purchasing agent with the Canadian Exhibition Commission when he retired and passed away in 2004, four months shy of his 91st birthday.

"I'm equally proud of the role he played, of the accomplishments he made in his life, and his contribution to his country," O'Malley added. "[British Home Children] should never be forgotten."





Edible houses

Families gathered together at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain Sun., Dec. 7 for the Friends of the South Mountain Library's 10th annual Gingerbread Workshop. A tradition for many, the pint-size builders decorated their edible houses with an assortment of candy and icing.

Above:
Rachel Laushway was deep in concentration as she completed the additions to her gingerbread house.

At left:
Jolene Mansz (left) and Madison Denneny worked together.

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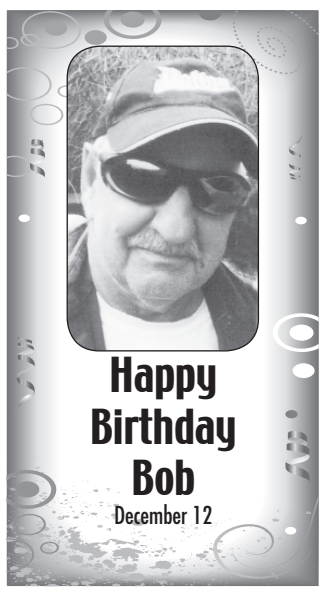

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Harbers named 'Farmer of the Year' for 2014

CHESTERVILLE – Albert and Linda Harbers were the big winner at this year's Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA) awards ceremony.

Held Wed., Dec. 3 at the Royal Canadian Legion Chesterville Branch 434, the Harbers, who own and operate Fredwill Farms in the Glen Stewart area, were named the recipient of the Farmer of the Year (Eric Casselman) Award.

The farm was established in 1951 by Albert's grandparents, and was transferred to his father in 1966 before the couple purchased the operation in 1987.

Those early years saw the milking of 40 cows in a tie-stall barn, with 250 acres of land. Today, the milking herd numbers 80 and the land base has blossomed to 650 acres. In 2009, a new free-stall barn and milking parlour were constructed with the capacity for future expansion.

All forages for the herd are grown on the farm, while the remainder of the land is cash cropped.

This year's winner of the DSCIA Award of Merit was Richard Burton, an employee at New-Life Mills. Burton was honoured for his help in setting up broiler operations throughout Eastern Ontario.

The Soil and Conservation Award went to Brian and Liz Van Den Berg, owners of Bergridge Farm. The operation consists of 265 acres growing corn, soybeans and alfalfa, and pasture. There is also a milking herd of 45 cows, 21 acres of corn silage, 30 acres of corn grown for a high-moisture product, and 100 acres of soy.

Recently, Bergridge added a new corn planter, which will be used to no-till plant soy into corn stubble, while all soybean acres are chisel-plowed after manure application to prepare for corn or new alfalfa seeding.

The Innovative Farmer of the Year Award went to Paul and Debbie Leblanc, owners and operators at the Mountain-based Smokie Ridge Vineyard.

After the confirmation that vines can in fact survive the local winter weather, the couple moved out of their Russell home to a purchased farm on Cameron Road. Now, the property boasts 10,000 hybrid vines on 10 acres.

The top three in this year's High Yield Competition were Bycrest Farms (Steven and Andrew Byvelds), Mark Tibben, and Peter Byvelds.



The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Farmer of the Year (Eric Casselman) Award was presented to Albert (pictured) and Linda Harbers of Fredwill Farms. Also pictured is Jackie Pemberton, Dundas Federation of Agriculture president, who presented the award.



Brian and Liz Van Den Berg were the recipients of the Soil and Conservation Award.

A life on the farm

Martin Schneckenburger has made quite the name for himself in the region's agriculture field since emigrating to Canada.

He and his wife, Evelyn, settled on a Jersey dairy farm near Morrisburg (known today as Cedar Lodge Farms), raising three children, Andy, Arden and Steven, and growing the herd into one of the highest producing in its time. Schneckenburger also served a term as president of the St. Lawrence Jersey Club.

Eventually, the herd was dispersed, and attention shifted to crops, mainly corn. This led to Schneckenburger playing a role in the formation of the Ontario Corn Producers' Association, becoming a founding director, while also having served time as treasurer and second vice-president.

In addition to cropping, the farm also has a beef feedlot, which has led Schneckenburger to committing time to represent local beef farmers. He has served as provincial director of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, and president of the Dundas Cattlemen's Association. He's also been president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, as well as both a director and president of the DSCIA.

Through it all, Schneckenburger has received numerous awards for his agricultural efforts, the most recent being the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Lifetime Achievement Award.



Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association president Warren Schneckenburger recognized Paul (pictured) and Debbie Leblanc, owners of Mountain's Smokie Ridge Vineyard, with the 2014 Innovative Farmer of the Year Award.



Richard Burton took home the DSCIA Award of Merit.



Martin Schneckenburger (left), pictured here with his grandson, was the recipient of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. *Press Photos – Uhrig*




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Lighting the way

The Township of North Dundas' 18th annual Parade of Lights went off without a hitch Sat., Dec. 6 with more than 40 entries navigating the streets of Winchester.

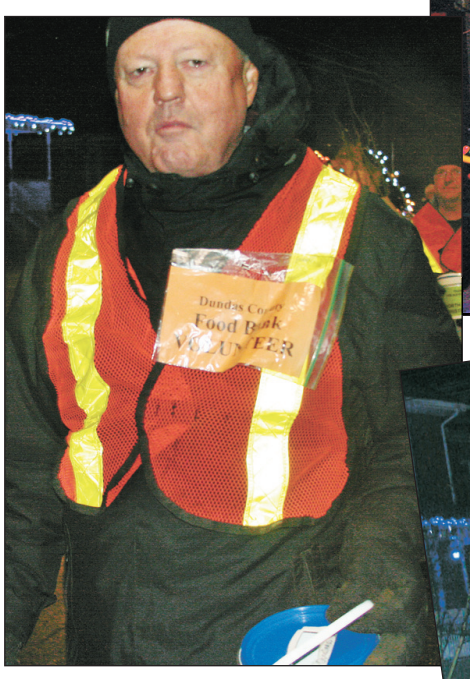
At right:
Firefighter Tim Wasylko, riding alongside fellow parade participants.

Far right:
Hollie Clayton, director at The Academy of Dance and Fitness, pranced her way through the village streets.

Press Photos – Uhrig









Above:
North Dundas Christmas Fund chair Bob Weagant walked the parade route collecting donations for the Dundas County Food Bank. In total, $1,831.50 was generated.

At right:
The big guy in the red suit everyone came to see, Santa Claus, made his way through the village aboard this vintage GMC from the Chesterville detachment of the municipal fire department.



Brian and Tammy McIntosh, owners of Bri-Mc Farms in Inkerman.



Township of North Dundas Councillor Tony Fraser, pictured alongside his wife, Amy, Mayor Eric Duncan, and Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon.

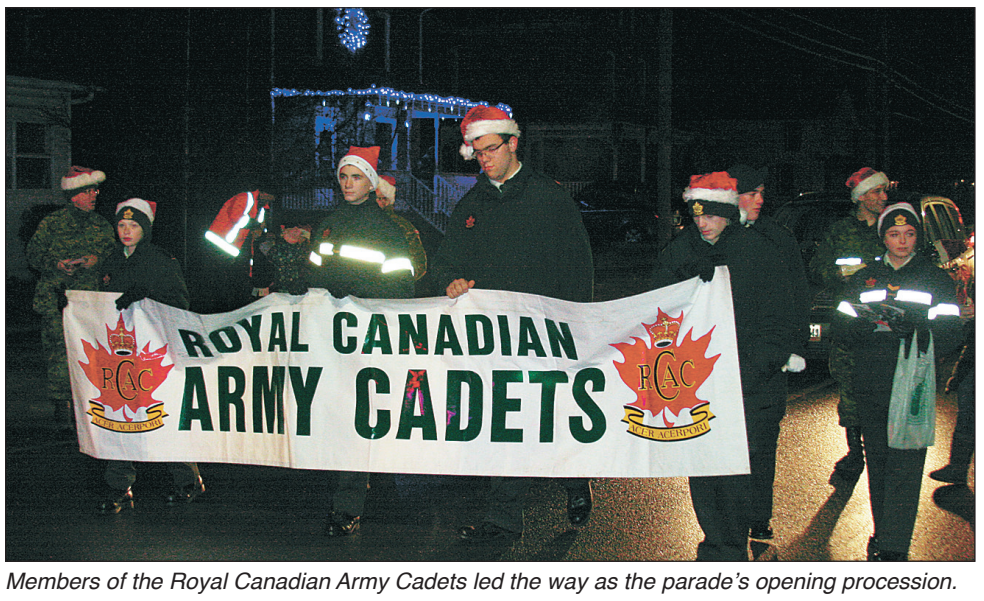




Above:
Charity Baker (left) and Charlotte Coons, members of the Nation Valley All-Terrain Vehicle Club.

At left:
North Dundas Fire Department Winchester detachment member Chris Helmer (left) manned the off-road vehicle while Sparky the Fire Dog waved to the crowds.

Below:
Riding aboard the O'Farrell Financial Services float, among others, were Donna Lee O'Farrell (left) and Sheri Getz (far right).



Members of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets led the way as the parade's opening procession.



Parading through town

Marching bands, nativity scenes, tractors, horses, dogs, and even a goat… the 21st annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade had it all, including Mr. and Mrs. Claus, who stopped by the village's fire hall for a meet and greet following the Sat., Dec. 6 event.

At right:
Santa (left) and Mrs. Claus waved to the crowds.





Isaac (left) and Aiden Elliott-Perreault accepted treats from Vanessa Ingram.







Far left:
Emily Tyo got a hug from Dora.

Middle:
Christine Hartle doled out peppermint candy.

At left:
JayR (left) and JayLyn Elliott met Debbie Cutler's Chinese Crested dog.

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Aeros snap Hawks' six-game win string, win 4-1 at Centre 76

ATHENS – Outshot 46-31 and outscored 4-1 the Winchester Junior Hawks were dealt a loss by the Athens Aeros, a decision that ended a six-game winning streak the St. Lawrence Division squad had put together.

Sunday's (Dec. 7) setback at Centre 76 gave Winchester a split in weekend games against Rideau Division opponents after they had defeated the Westport Rideaus 5-3 the night before (Sat., Dec. 6) at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Heading into Friday's (Dec. 12) home game against the Rideau Division leading Prescott Flyers (19-5-0-2), the Hawks (12-8-1-1) have earned 26 points and hold down second place in the St. Lawrence Division standings, one up on the Alexandria Glens (12-10-0-1) and five ahead of the Akwesasne Wolves (9-12-2-1), who are in possession of the fourth and final playoff berth.

The first time the Hawks and Flyers met, in Winchester on Oct. 18, the visitors from the Fort Town claimed a 5-1 victory.

Axed in Athens

Athens (9-12-0-2), last in the Rideau Division, played the Hawks to a scoreless tie in the first 20 minutes of Sunday's tilt.

Goals by David Empey (PPG) and Drew Powell in the middle session gave the Aeros a 2-0 advantage going into the final frame.

Hawks sniper Stevie Ray Adams (Luke Scott, Austin Rothe at 6:09) sliced Winchester's deficit to 2-1 ringing up goal number 17 in his 11th game. Athens quickly restored a two-goal lead when Riley Howarth connected at the 9:15 mark. A PPG fired by JP Augustine at 12:16 drove the final difference to 4-1.

The Hawks were whistled for four minor penalties. The Aeros took two and cracked a pair of PPGs.

Brandon Lowry stopped 42 of the 46 shots he faced as he lost for just the fifth time in 16 appearances.

The Hawks played with a short bench icing 15 skaters. Kyle Richardson, Franco Gagnon, Costa Georgitsos, Patrick Morin, Guellaume Taupier, and Alex St. Marseille were all missing in action. Goaltender Daylon Courchene, who started the year as Lowry's backup before being released to the North Dundas Junior Rockets, suited up as the Hawks relief man for a second consecutive game.

Hawks 5 – Rideaus 3

Winchester established a 3-0 lead in the first period on Saturday against Westport and were enjoying a 4-0 advantage before the Rideaus rallied and made it interesting closing to within a goal (4-3) in the last 20 minutes.

Kyle Richardson finally secured the 5-3 decision burying a PPG engineered by Scott and captain Josh Stubbings at 13:25 of period three.

Adams cracked back-to-back markers in period one finishing a play created by Scott and goaltender Lowry at 9:08. Just 32 seconds later Simon Corriveau and Taupier put the puck on his stick and it was a 2-0 game.

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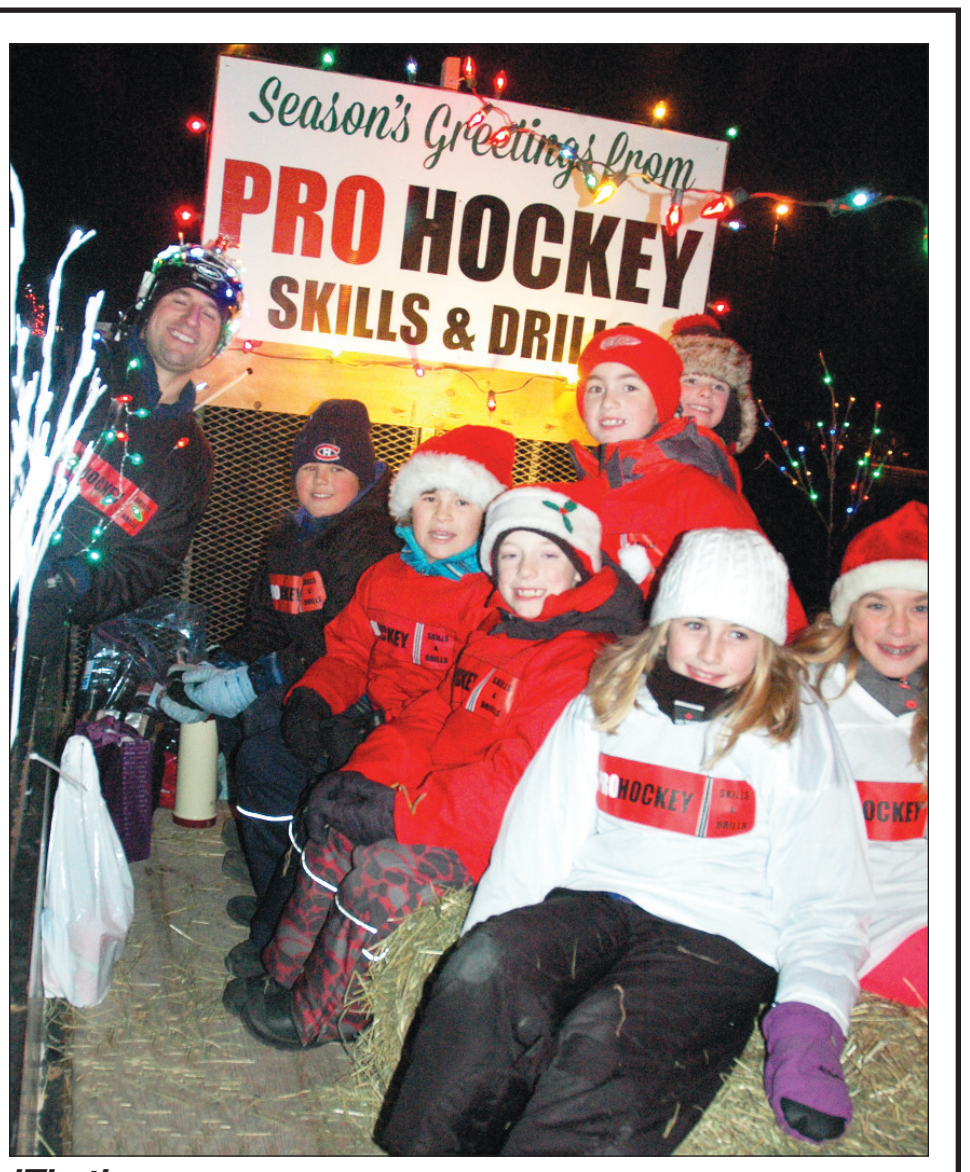

'Tis the season

The Winchester-based Pro Hockey Skills and Drills hockey group placed an entry in Saturday's (Dec. 6) North Dundas Country Christmas Parade of Lights. Rolling alongside the wagon, being pulled by VanBridger Design, was the festively lit Tylor Copeland (back, left). The young players on board included Thomas Van Bridger, Simon Gagne, Nolan Marcellus, Ella Holmes, Ally Marcellus, Parker Holmes and Gavin Copeland (top, right).

Press Photo – Van Bridger

SD&G boys high school basketball

Rough start for North Dundas Devils

MAPLE RIDGE – Besides having to open the 2014-2015 SD&G boys "A" basketball campaign in a rebuilding process, which includes a new coach, the North Dundas District High School Devils had to face the powerful "AA" St. Joe's Panthers in their season opener.

As expected, things didn't go well for the host Devils as they debuted on their home hardwood last Thursday (Dec. 4). The Panthers romped to a 70-14 decision in the junior game and followed up with the St. Joe's seniors registering a 47-12 victory.

North Dundas coach Ryan Wilkes, starting his first season in that capacity, said there are a lot of things to review and practice, but quickly pointed out that as an "A" school the Devils will not have to contend with the "AA" Panthers come playoff time.

The Junior Devils trailed St. Joe's 34-7 at the half and were down 50-9 at the three-quarter mark. The Panthers piled up 20 more in the final eight minutes taking advantage of the fact that three of the eight-man North Dundas team had fouled out.

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The North Dundas District High School Devils launched the SD&G boys "A" high school basketball season last week (Thurs., Dec. 4) hosting the St. Joe's "AA" Panthers. The visitors rang up a 70-14 decision against the Junior Devils and then dumped the Devils 47-12 in the senior tilt. Jack van Kessel (No. 21) worked the ball down low in the junior game. Devils' Kyle Ross (No. 55) drained a deuce in the seniors loss.

Press Photos – Van Bridger

Fawcett fires a deuce; North Dundas Rockets rock Nationals 5-2

ROCKLAND — Defenceman Will Fawcett pounded a pair of pucks into the back of the Nationals net and led the visiting North Dundas Rockets to a 5-2 victory in Rockland.

Sunday's (Dec. 7) road win gave the seventh-place Rockets (7-13-2) another weekend split in their National Capital Junior Hockey League schedule after they suffered a 3-1 setback at the hands of the Gatineau Olympiques in Chesterville on Saturday (Dec. 6).

This Saturday (Dec. 13), Rockland (4-15-0) will visit the Rockets in Chesterville at 8 pm. Sunday (Dec. 14), North Dundas will meet the number-two ranked Eagles (13-6-10 in St. Isidore at 7:30 pm.

Fawcett cashed a feed from Dustin Tinkler and winning 'tender James Hanley into a 1-0 lead late in period one and opened up a 2-0 gap scoring on a play set up by Adam Douma and captain Pete Klein-Swormink in the second session.

Third period shots fired by Klein-Swormink (GWG, Dillon Lapier, Dylan Marshall at 18:24), Tinkler (Klein-Swormink, Lapier at 7:04) and Douma (Stefan Wyss, Tinkler at 3:09) drove the final difference to 5-3.

Liam Morrow (1 of 2), Ryan Byers (1 of 3) and assistant coach Robyn Sadler (1 of 2) served the first games of their suspension assessed at the conclusion of Saturday's 3-1 loss to Gatineau.

Tinkler netted a pass provided by Justin Rutley at 13:17 of the first period only to have Gatineau tie it at PPG. The visitors went up 2-1 in the second session and clinched with another PPG in the final frame.

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North Dundas Devils hockey teams off to slow start

FINCH – It is a rebuilding year for both North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Devils hockey teams.

The girls' squad coached by Kevin Bell and Kent Young have just 10 skaters to work with and they opened the 2014-2015 SD&G season losing 2-0 to the Seaway Spartans, falling 5-1 to the Holy Trinity Falcons and being shutout 3-0 by the La Citadelle Patriotes in a tournament they hosted last week (Mon., Dec. 1) in Chesterville.

Coach Bell remarked that with a short bench playing three times in five hours took its toll on the players.

The girls' next action is set for Wed., Jan. 7 when they will skate against the Tagwi Warriors (8 am), the Char-Lan Crusaders (12 pm) and the Glengarry Gaels (3 pm) in Finch.

Boys' results

The North Dundas boys, coached by Tory Smith and Darrin Stitt, didn't fare much better the following day (Tues., Dec. 2) in Finch where they lost to the CCVS Raiders (3-1) and St. Joe's Panthers (7-1). Owen Helmer cashed the marker against CCVS, who netted an empty net goal. Justin Shay's shot prevented the Devils from being blanked by the Panthers.

Today (Wed., Dec. 10), the Devils are taking part in the tournament being hosted by the Seaway Spartans in Morrisburg where they will tangle with the Spartans, La Citadelle Patriotes and CCVS Raiders.

Devils rosters

The 2014-2015 NDDHS Devils (girls): Cashelle Baldwin – goalie, Samantha Benoit, Tori Corkery, Lindsay Cummins, Katherine Fleury, Anna Gruich, Janis Hall, Shaina Vandemheen, Laura van Kessel, Cassandra Young, Kalleigh Young and Jessi Zandbelt.

This year's edition of the Blue Devils (boys) includes: Nik Carruthers – goaltender, Bayden Carr – goaltender, Quinn Chambers, Dillon Dement, Drew Cotnam, Evan Durant, Kyle Findlay, Owen Helmer, Logan Holmes, Spencer Kelly, Matt Laflamme, Brett Lannin, Donovan Larose, Jacob Robinson, Justin Shay, Aaron Turcotte, Jack van Kessel and Sawyer Vanden Bosch.



Blasted

If it weren't for some acrobatic saves made by North Dundas District High School Devils goaltender Nik Carruthers the highly skilled St. Joe's Panthers might have rung up a bigger score than the 7-1 decision they posted. The SD&G high school hockey game was part of a tournament hosted by the Tagwi Warriors in Finch last week (Tues., Dec. 2). Quinn Chambers tried to tie up a pair of Panthers as Carruthers watched for a loose puck to pop out of the scrum. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*



Hawk's Brandon Lowry owns a 10-5-0-1 record.
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Hawks

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Patrick Morin then rang up a SHG after taking a feed from Richardson at 18:42.

The Hawks moved into a 4-0 lead in the second stanza thanks to a shot fired by JD Samson (GWG, Tim Conlin, Eric Starcevic at 6:35).

Cam Goldsmith broke up Lowry's shutout bid connecting at 8:05 of the same frame. He set the stage for Joel Cunningham and Peter McGahey to close the gap to 4-3 in the first 9:11 of the third.

Local content

Inkerman's Dawson Fawcett picked up a pair of helpers for the Rideaus. The 18-year-old defenceman now has three goals (1 PPG, 1 GWG, 1 SHA), eight assists and 11 points in 15 games.

Winchester outshot Westport 33-24 and went one for four on the PP. Westport was blanked on four opportunities.

Basketball

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Brett Lannin (trey) and Bayden Carr each swished three points. Cameron Reid, Kyle Dejong, Cyrill Jaquemet, and Jack van Kessel put down deuces.

The coach noted the Devils took some bad fouls and said the game might have been a good wake up call.

"However, we were definitely outmatched on the inside and that showed with easy inside buckets," he said.

Devils roster

The 2014-2015 Junior Devils are: Cameron Reid, Brett Lannin, Kyle Dejong, Cyrill Jaquemet, Christian Francis, Patrick Norris, Bayden Carr and Jack van Kessel.

The Devils (both teams) played their second games of the season yesterday (Tues., Dec. 9) in Alexandria where they faced the host Glengarry Gaels. Next week (Mon., Dec. 15), North Dundas will finish 2014 with a double dip against the Warriors at Tagwi.

Senior Devils

North Dundas got off to a solid start in the senior game holding St. Joe's to a 5-5 tie before falling back 8-5 at quarter time. They faded in the second and went into the last half down 26-6.

"I liked the way we came out in the first quarter, but the game got away from us in a bad second quarter," said the coach. "Our shooting was poor throughout the game and it is something we'll need to stress going forward."

Wilkes did acknowledge the Panthers effort saying, "their outside shooting was outstanding; full credit to them for the win."

Veteran Connor Zersch led the North Dundas offence cashing eight points on three field goals and a pair of freebies. Walter Klein-Boonschate and Kyle Ross each drained a bucket.

Devils roster

Quinn Chambers, Jordan Casselman, Mason Durant, Gavin Anderson, Walter Klein-Boonschate, Connor Zersch, Patrick Jaquemet, Bradley Stitt, Mitchell Melenhorst, Kyle Ross and Will Zandbelt.

Meet the HAWKS

Stevie Ray Adams

No. 22
Forward



Stevie Ray Adams is a recent addition to the Winchester Junior Hawks roster. The overage forward was a member of his hometown Akwesasne Wolves in 2013-2014 and led the squad in scoring, piling up 32 goals, 29 assists and 61 points in 41 games. In just eleven games with the Hawks, he has risen into second-place in team scoring with 17 goals (one PPG and one GWG), 10 assists and 27 points. In that time, he has served just eight minutes in penalties.

The winners in the Hawks weekly 50/50 draw on Sat., Dec. 6 were: Fran Huizenga - $4090; Eleanor Kerr - $500 and Karin Ceelen - $500.

The Rideau Division leading Prescott Flyers (19-5-0-2) will provide the opposition for the Hawks on Friday (Dec. 12) night at 8:15 pm.

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Pee Wee House 'B' Demons claim 'B' title in Mega tourney

WINCHESTER – Paced by Preston Shelaga's six-point effort, the North Dundas Pee Wee House "B" Demons skated to a 14-1 victory over the Metcalfe Jets on their way to the "B" championship in the 2014 North Dundas minor Hockey Association's Mega House Tournament.

North Dundas opened Saturday's (Dec. 6) competition dropping a 5-1 decision to the Ottawa East Bombers, the team that would capture the "A" silverware by beating the Smiths Falls Bears. Brady Berube (Josh Foley, Reise Marriner) handed the Demons a 1-0 lead with 6:26 left in the first period. The score was tied 1-1 after one and the Bombers carried a 2-1 lead into the final frame.

The Demons bounced back with a 2-1 decision over the Carleton Place Kings in the "B" semi-final. Berube (Ryan King) tied it 1-1 with five seconds left in period two. Jayman Heuff (unassisted) came through with the GWG 6:06 before the final buzzer. Nick Michaud was the winning 'tender.

"B" final

Michaud missed the shutout when Joel Quesnel (Mitchell Carmichael) beat him with 8:16 left in the "B" final.

North Dundas constructed 6-0 and 10-0 leads in the first two frames.

Shelaga (2-4-6), Heuff (2-3-5), King (3-1-4), Foley (0-4-4), Ben Weber (2-1-3), Berube (2-1-3), Max Paquette (1-2-3), Riley Stinson (1-1-2) and Marriner (1-0-1) produced the North Dundas offence.



The North Dundas Pee Wee House "B" Demons fashioned a 2-1-0 record on the way to earning the "B" championship in the 2014 North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Mega House Tournament on Saturday (Dec. 6). The "B" winners are: front (left) – Max Paquette, Josh Foley, Nick Michaud, Amanda Shay, Brady Berube; back (left) – Martin Michaud – trainer, Preston Shelaga, Jaymen Heuff, Ray Weber – coach, Ben Weber, Reise Marriner, Jamie Foley – coach, Riley Stinson, Ryan King, Peter Marriner – coach.

Pee Wee 'B' Demons

Bell hat trick leads to 9-1 victory over NGS Braves

MAXVILLE – Curtis Bell dented twine three times leading the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons to a sizable 9-1 decision over the host NGS Braves.

Sunday's (Dec. 7) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League tilt in Maxville saw the Demons lead 1-0 after a period and 6-1 after two sessions. The win inflated North Dundas' record to 6-3-3 and gave them 15 points, three less than the East Division leading Cornwall Colts (8-3-3), who will be on the ice at the Joel Steele Community Centre tonight (Wed., Dec. 10) at 7 pm to challenge Scott Barkley's Demons.

Bell led the charge for the Demons putting together a five (3-2-5) point game. Captain Xavier Leclerc (2-2-4) put up four points while Curtis Bowman, Tyson Ferguson, Adam Barkley and "AP" Justin Dagenais all produced three (1-2-3) points. Delaney Johnston (2), Owen Richardson, Austin Rivet and Mason Carr earned helper points as everyone in the lineup collected at least a point, with the exception of winning 'tender Toby Byrne.

Split decisions

Last week (Thurs., Dec. 4), the Demons visited the Panthers in Kemptville where they rode a Byrne shutout to a 3-0 victory.

Bowman's unassisted marker recorded at 13:41 of the opening period held up as the GWG. Dagenais (Bell, Leclerc at 9:12) made it 2-0 before the period ended. Bowman (Dagenais, Johnston at 7:12) finalized the outcome scoring in the second stanza.

Earlier in the week (Mon., Dec. 1), the visiting Char-Lan Rebels were in Winchester and nipped the Demons 2-1. Bell cashed a relay sent to him by Dagenais and Leclerc in the final five minutes of the match to prevent his team from being blanked.



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NDDHS midget girls advance to tri-county semi-finals

CORNWALL – A 28-12 semi-final loss to the La Citadelle Patriotes prevented the North Dundas District High School Devils from reaching the championship game in the 2014 SD&G midget girls basketball playoff tournament.

Sam Benoit, Madison Geertsma, Andrea Koch and Shaina Vandemheen led the North Dundas offence in last week's (Tues., Dec. 2) loss to the host Patriotes.

The Devils qualified for the semis eliminating the Char-Lan Crusaders 22-4 earlier the same day. Vandemheen, Koch, Katherine Steele, Kim Roberts and Angelica Don produced the bulk of the North Dundas offence.

North Dundas coach Erin Groves credited her team for showing discipline, sportsmanship and for playing a great game against La Citadelle.

The coach also thanked student coaches Jordon Cotton and Carlee Coburn for their contributions to what she described as a great season.

The Devils opened the schedule on Wed., Nov. 12 defeating the St. Lawrence Saints 35-12 and losing to the host Tagwi Warriors (16-13) and St. Joe's Panthers (18-9). The following week (Mon., Nov. 17), they were at St. Lawrence where they went undefeated tying Glengarry and defeating the Holy Trinity Falcons (18-10). North Dundas compiled an overall record of 3-3-1.



The North Dundas District High School midget girls basketball team advanced to the SD&G semi-final round where they were eliminated by the host La Citadelle Patriotes last week (Tues., Dec. 2). The Devils finished with an overall record of 3-3-1. This years Devils roster included: front (left) – Jordon Cotton – student coach, Rosie Backes, Angelica Don, Carlee Coburn – student coach, Jaime Brennan, Sam Benoit, Katherine Steele, Madison Geertsma; back (left) – Kim Roberts, Andrea Koch, Taylor Sherrer, Shaina Vandemheen, Payton Halpenny, Maddison Barkley. Missing: coach Erin Groves.

Midget 'B' Demons make 'A' final in Brighton minor hockey tourney

BRIGHTON – Their offence dried up when the North Dundas Minor Midget "B" Demons met Manvers in the "A" championship game of the Brighton minor hockey tournament.

North Dundas captain Jacob Robinson's unassisted goal tied Saturday's (Dec. 6) title match 1-1 with 1:16 of the first period. Unfortunately for the Demons, that was the only time they put a puck into the opposition's net in a 4-1 loss.

North Dundas opened the event edging the Gananoque Islanders 3-2 earlier on Saturday. Third-period shots fired by Robinson (Brayden Roberts at 14:34), Calahan Bilmer (unassisted at 9:59) and Robinson (GWG, unassisted at 1:28) erased a 2-0 deficit. Aaron Turcotte was the winning 'tender.

A 3-1 win in game two against Orono qualified the Demons for the championship game. Robinson (unassisted at 3:32) counted his team a 1-0 lead in the opening stanza. He then set up Mitchell VanBruinessen for the GWG with 7:54 left in the middle session. Robinson drew another assist at 4:39 of the same frame setting up Cameron Reid for a 3-0 lead.

Orono shattered Bayden Carr's goose egg getting on the board with 9:44 left in the game.

Novice House 'B2' Demons solidify hold on first place

MORRISBURG – Dawson Coleman powered the North Dundas Novice House "B2" Demons attack cracking four goals in a 5-2 victory over the South Dundas Lions in Morrisburg.

Wyatt Leblanc, who sniped the Demons third goal with 6:00 left in the second period of Sunday's (Dec. 7) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game, also set up the GWG for Coleman with 9:26 left in the game. Nathan Epps (2) and Ryder Minion earned assists in the decision that improved North Dundas' first-place record to 9-2-0.

The Demons kicked off the month on Wed., Dec. 3 taking down the Kemptville "B2" Panthers 4-1 at the Joel Steele Community Centre,

Markus Bols netted the first two shots, including the GWG, which was set up by Drew Sleeth at 8:53 of period two, for North Dundas and was followed by Coleman and Leblanc who upped the teams lead to 4-1 after two periods. Drew Sleeth (2) and Parker Holmes provided the passes.

Today (Wed., Dec. 10) at 6 pm, the South Dundas Lions will challenge the Demons on Winchester ice.

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Winchester Press

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League

Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference

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RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 3: Brockville - Gananoque - *cancelled due to weather conditions*
Dec. 4: Casselman 6 - Akwesasne 1
Dec. 5: Prescott 2 - Alexandria 1
Dec. 6: Winchester 5 - Westport 3
Casselman 7 - Char-Lan 4
Brockville 4 - Akwesasne 0
Morrisburg 3 - Prescott 2 SO
Gananoque 5 - Athens 1
Dec. 7: Athens 4 - Winchester 1
Alexandria 5 - Morrisburg 2
Prescott 4 - Gananoque 1

STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Prescott	19	5	2	90	70	40
Brockville	11	11	3	81	84	25
Gananoque	11	12	1	77	97	23
Westport	11	13	1	99	102	23
Athens	9	12	2	81	82	20
St. Lawrence	**W**	**L**	**LOT**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Casselman	20	1	2	129	54	41
Winchester	12	8	2	102	93	26
Alexandria	12	10	1	100	96	25
Akwesasne	9	12	3	66	89	21
Char-Lan	7	12	1	83	103	15
Morrisburg	7	15	1	84	122	14

Metro - Valley Conference

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RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 2: Clarence 4 - Canadians 1
Dec. 4: Canadians 7 - Ottawa West 2
Dec. 5: Stittsville 4 - Metcalfe 2
Renfrew 4 - Shawville 3 OT
Arnprior 4 - Perth 3
Ottawa West 6 - Gatineau 3
Dec. 6: Canadians 5 - Renfrew 4
Dec. 7: Ottawa West 4 - Metcalfe 2
Arnprior 5 - Gatineau 4
Stittsville 7 - Almonte 5
Clarence 6 - Perth 4

STANDINGS

Metro	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	18	8	1	115	101	37
Canadians	14	11	3	100	97	31
Gatineau	14	11	3	114	98	28
Metcalfe	10	12	3	96	101	23
Clarence	11	13	0	89	92	22
Valley	**W**	**L**	**LOT**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Renfrew	17	5	2	103	83	36
Stittsville	16	7	0	109	80	32
Arnprior	13	10	1	96	93	27
Shawville	10	8	3	99	76	23
Almonte	6	15	1	72	111	13
Perth	4	19	0	55	116	8

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 5: Papineauville 4 - Gatineau 2
Embrun 7 - Vankleek Hill 2
Dec. 6: Gatineau 3 - North Dundas 1
Vankleek Hill 5 - Cumberland 4
Dec. 7: North Dundas 5 - Rockland 2
Cumberland 5 - La Peche 4
Gatineau 5 - Papineauville 4 OT

STANDINGS

	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	16	4	0	101	54	32
St. Isidore	13	6	1	97	66	27
Vankleek Hill	13	6	1	98	70	27
Papineauville	12	5	3	112	77	27
Gatineau	13	9	0	90	93	26
Cumberland	8	9	4	88	93	20
North Dundas	7	13	2	76	110	16
La Peche	5	12	1	69	116	11
Rockland	4	15	0	63	113	8

TOP SCORERS

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Josh Stubbings "C"	13	25	38
Stevie Ray Adams	17	10	27
Austin Rothe	10	14	24
Kyle Richardson "A"	5	19	24
Bryden van Kessel	11	11	22
Franco Gagnon	7	5	12
Costa Georgitsos	2	10	12
Shawn Simms	6	5	11
Patrick Morin	4	7	11
Eric Starcevic	0	11	11
Luke Scott "A"	1	8	9
Tim Conlin	5	3	8
Guellaume Trapier	3	5	8
JD Samson	2	6	8
Tom Fingler	2	5	7
Simon Corrieau	2	5	7
Mason Durant	1	5	6
Alex St. Marseille	3	2	5
Kris Johnson	0	1	1
Ben McAllister	0	0	0
*Alex Sifton	5	2	7
*Tommy Abrams	2	2	4
*Steven Savage	0	3	3
*Perry Goulet-Blight	0	0	0

Goaltenders

*Daylon Courchene W 1 L 1 SOL 0 GAA 7.26
Brandon Lowry W 10 L 5 SOL 1 GAA 3.64
Leif Hertz W 1 L 2 LOT 1 GAA 4.04

* - **inactive player**

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 7:

No games scheduled due to minor hockey tournament.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Cooper	4	1	4	16	13	12
KC's	3	1	5	12	7	11
Country Girls	3	3	3	17	16	9
Andy's Reds	3	4	2	14	16	8
Annable's	3	4	2	11	12	8
Stewart Trucking	1	4	4	14	20	6

TOP SCORERS

	G	A	PTS
Katrina Holmes, CP	5	2	7
Pyper Weiss, CG	5	2	7
Vicki Van Hoof, CP	4	2	6
Amy Fraser, AR	3	3	6
Edith Dagenais, AR	3	3	6
Stephanie Scott, STC	3	2	5
Kathy Kerr, AR	3	2	5
Nataile Brundige, STC	3	2	5
Kelly Zeran, KC's	2	3	5
A. Rylaarsdam, KC's	4	0	4
Tabbitha Derue, AB	3	1	4
Shona Sullivan, CG	3	1	4
Lana Begg, CP	1	3	4



Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Dec. 2:
Bush Leaguers 8 - Heuff's Doggers 1
Red Roosters 13 - Chesterville Maulers 6

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Leaguers	8	1	1	72	34	17
Maulers	5	5	0	46	55	10
Roosters	4	6	0	60	62	8
Doggers	4	6	0	52	60	8

TOP SCORERS

	G	A	PTS
Dean Byvelds, BL	24	18	42
Steve Cameron, BL	19	16	35
Adam Schofield, BL	9	19	28
Nik Paas, RR	14	9	23
Derek Crawford, CM	13	9	22
Mark Mitchell, HD	14	6	20
Ben Wachoviak, RR	10	8	18
Derrick Miles, RR	11	5	16
Kyle Sobering, HD	11	5	16
Brad Bingley, BL	11	3	14
Robyn Sadler, RR	9	6	15
Jamie Wyatt	8	7	15
Jon Drew	7	8	15
Craig Christophersen	7	8	15
Corey Brown	7	8	15
Trevor Morozuk	7	8	15
Nick Kruse	7	8	15
Tyler Jones	7	8	15
Colton Stitt	7	8	15
Matt Baker	7	8	15
Kirk Wood	7	8	15
Rob Thurler	7	8	15
Mitch Shay	7	8	15

Silver champs

The North Dundas Novice House "B1" Demons recently took part in the Canlan Youth Fall Classic tournament in Montreal. The Demons opened with an 8-1 win over the Markham Waxers. They then were beaten by Forest Hill (6-1) and the Whitby Wildcats (7-2), but bounced back capturing the silver medal by waxing Markham 7-2. Showing off their medallions are: front – goalie Shaelyn Elliott; second row (left) – Liam Campbell, Gavin Eikelboom, Joshua Lafrance, Evan Moore, Ryan Wilson, Patrick Guy; back (left) – Jacob Guy, Nate Thompson, Marty McLeod and Wyatt Rivet.



Roosters, Leaguers post one-sided WTHL wins

WINCHESTER – It was a shooter's paradise as the curtain fell on the latest edition of the Winchester Town Hockey League.

A first-half score of 8-1 will stand as the league-leading Bush Leaguers (8-1-1) pummeled a six-man Heuff's Carpentry Doggers crew (4-6-0) in last Tuesday's (Dec. 2) early game. It was decided at the intermission that players exchange sides in order to even the flow of the game. The count was 8-1 in the Doggers' favour at that juncture.

The late game was as equally one-sided as the B&C Masonry Red Roosters (4-6-0) were able to crow after they ripped the Chesterville Maulers (5-5-0) 13-6.

Leaguer Adam Schofield led his team's offence collecting seven (2-5-7) points. Captain Dean Byvelds put together a five-point (2-3-5) effort. Steve Cameron (2-1-3), Bill McRoberts (1-1-2), Kyle Pelkey (0-2-2), Alex Krumins (0-2-2), Jamie Wyatt (1-0-1), Brad Bingley (1-0-1), Trevor Morozuk (0-1-1), and Corey Brown (0-1-1) also contributed to the win.

Jon Drew (Craig Christophersen) put the Doggers on the scoreboard.

Roosters rule

Rooster captain Nik Paas carried the hot stick ringing up seven goals, four consecutive in the first half, and two assists in a nine-point performance.

Derek Miles (2-4-6), Clayton Kohn (2-3-5), Ben Wachoviak (1-4-5), Dwyer Penk (0-3-3) and James Gilmer (1-0-1) supported the winning cause.

Derek Crawford was the Maulers top scorer with five points (1-4-5). Scott Baldwin (2), James Kirkwood, Justin Morozuk and Tyler Jones sniped the other goals. Mitch Shay, Matt Baker, Colton Stitt, Rob Thurler, Kirkwood and Jones provided the passes.



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CARD OF THANKS – We are truly thankful to friends, family and neighbours for all the support, delicious food, flowers and memorial donations following Allan's passing; to the Pallbearers and the services provided by the Daniel's Funeral Home. We are especially grateful for the care provided by Winchester Hospital staff, Dr. Burke and clerical staff; to Rev. Christine Lowson, organist, and the Winchester United Church woman for the luncheon following the service.
– Jean Baker and Family
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In Memoriam

MURPHY – In memory of Jim, December 3, 2009.
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One who you loved so very much
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That drop like fallen rain?
If you've never had this feeling
I pray you never do
For when you lose a son
You lose a part of you.
So dear God take a message
To Jim in Heaven above
Tell him how much we miss him
And give him all our love.
– Loved forever and always missed
– Mom and Family
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MORRIS – In loving memory of Elmer, who passed away December 18, 2013.
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near
So loved, so missed, so very dear.
– Forever in my heart,
– Verna 40

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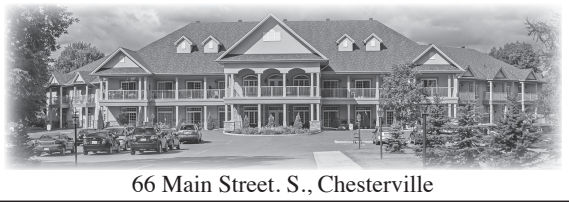
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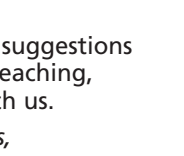

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Lawrence "Catfish" Hunter

Lawrence "Catfish" Hunter, a lifetime resident of the area, passed away at Carefor Hospice in Cornwall on Thurs., Dec. 4, 2014. He was 64.



Lawrence was born in Matilda Township on Feb. 6, 1950 to his parents, Joe and Marguerite Hunter (nee Marcellus). He graduated from Toyes Hill school and North Dundas District High School. He worked for many years at Parmalat in Winchester until health problems forced him to retire early.

Lawrence enjoyed four-wheeling, fishing, bowling, playing Texas Hold'em, broomball, baseball, darts, golf, and washer toss. He was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Yankees fan.

Lawrence enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He had a big heart, and he would help anyone in need. He always welcomed everyone that knocked on his door with a smile. He touched many people during his lifetime with his kindness, and he will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him.

Lawrence is survived by his siblings, June Picard of Toyes Hill, Barbara Duff (Terry) of Newington, Linda Brannen (Mike) of Chesterville, Joe of Winchester Springs, Wayne (Liz) of Toyes Hill, and Judy Hunter (Andy Tibben) of Brinston. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Betty Watson, and his brothers, Bill, Robert, and Jake. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sun., Dec 7 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service will be held in the spring.

Donations to Carefor Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

Harry Freeland

Harry Freeland of Winchester, and a lifetime resident of the Winchester area, passed away at Bayfield Manor Nursing Home in Kemptville on Sun., Nov. 30, 2014. He was 85.



He was the beloved husband of the late Donelda McLean. He is survived by his brothers, Earl (Louise) of Winchester and Carl (Audrey) of Bath. He was predeceased by his brothers, Ron, Doug, and Reg. He is also survived by brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Chesterville on Wed., Dec. 3 from 11 am until the time of the funeral service at 1 pm, conducted by Rev. Thurland Brown. Interment followed the service at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Donnie Marcellus, Todd Marcellus, Charlie Theos, and Robert Barkley.

Donations to Maple Ridge Cemetery would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

OBITUARIES

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In Appreciation

We, the boys and families of the late Sondra Sloane, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the kind thoughts, donations, cards and prayers for us at our most difficult time.

We would like to say many thanks to Dr. Crabtree for her gentle care over the many years, to the wonderful doctors and fine nurses who have cared for Sondra over the years at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. To Steve, Virginia and staff for her time at Hillcrest Haven; to Dundas Manor and staff where she spent her last year; and a special thanks to the nurses and personal support workers who gave our Mother extreme compassion and exceptional care on her final day.

We would like to also say a big thank you to Jim Daniels and staff for their compassion and assistance in our hour of need. Mona, thanks for the candles. To Rev. Jon Martin of the Anglican Church for a wonderful service, and to the ladies of the United Church for providing a delicious luncheon.

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Canadian Tire donates $6,250 to handful of local charities

MORRISBURG – Morrisburg's Canadian Tire is showing its Christmas spirit again this year.

Early last week, representatives from five local charities gathered at the County Road 2 store to accept a portion of the $6,250 donation.

On behalf of the Dundas County Food Bank, administrator Ian McKelvie accepted $2,000, as did South Dundas Christmas Exchange representative Carol Richer. Executive director Verna Leger collected $1,000 for Naomi's Family Resource Centre in Winchester, while David Lapier saw $750 given to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program, and Keith Robinson received $500 for the Morrisburg and District Lions Club's Angel Tree initiative.

While the donation has already been made, employee Karen Herman said the local store is still in the process of raising the funds to cover the allotted amount. So far, a significant portion has been gathered through donations, as well as the staff's "casual Friday" contributions, whereby they can wear jeans by donating $2.

Currently, the store is selling $10 raffle tickets for a chance at winning passes to a Bryan Adams concert or an Ottawa Senators versus Montreal Canadiens game.

"We're hoping customers will donate again because the company will match it," Herman said.

Owner Shaun Telfer confirmed the organization has a matching program, whereby any money raised is matched dollar for dollar.

Echoing the remarks of the other recipients, Lapier said, "We really appreciate the support."



Morrisburg's Canadian Tire divided $6,250 between five local charities Mon., Dec. 1. Owners Tracy (left) and Shaun Telfer are pictured with employee Karen Herman, Verna Leger (Naomi's Family Resource Centre), Ian McKelvie (Dundas County Food Bank), David Lapier (Jumpstart), Carol Richer (South Dundas Christmas Exchange), and Keith Robinson (Morrisburg and District Lions Club, Angel Tree initiative). *Press Photo – Casselman*

Seniors celebrate Christmas today

by Huguette Shaver

MOUNTAIN – More than 20 members and guests were present, as president Jack McCargar opened the Mountain Seniors' most recent meeting with the singing of "O Canada" followed by the "Lord's Prayer." Mavis Graham read the October minutes, which were then approved.

David Scharf presented the treasurer's report and reminded the group that 2015 membership fees are due. Muriel Milne suggested donating $50 to the Lions Christmas Fund Drive, and members agreed. Milne noted there is a wealth of information available at the Nor-Dun Seniors Centre in Winchester. Irene Crowder provided the kitchen report.

The group's annual Christmas luncheon has been scheduled for 1 pm today (Wed., Dec. 10) at the Five Star Restaurant in Kemptville.

"Our members wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," Huguette Shaver said.

Anita Leslie and Milne are celebrating birthdays in December, while Shaver and her husband, Roger, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in November.

Crowder said "Grace" before a potluck lunch was served. Following the meal, the group played euchre and other games, while McCargar read some jokes.

The next meeting is set for Wed., Jan. 28, 2015 at 11:30 am in the Mountain Community Hall.



Tradition at Christmastime

The big guy in red recently took a timeout from supervising his toy-making elves at the North Pole. He landed in Winchester Sat., Dec. 6 where he helped families fulfill the age-old tradition of having a photo taken with Santa Claus. He is pictured at the Joel Steele Community Centre with Tanner Keyes (left), Lilly Beauregard, and Kylie and Brock Keyes. *Press Photo – Casselman*

St. Paul's Ladies celebrate the spirit of the season with music

by Kathy Spruit

WINCHESTER – The St. Paul's Ladies Aid's December meeting offered a sensory-packed start to the Christmas season with the smells of home cooked goodies and the sounds of holiday music favourites.

While the group sat down to a potluck meal, members were challenged to "name that Christmas song" with only the first initials of the title as a hint. Although challenging, members said they enjoyed the activity.

The roll call response called for each member's favourite Christmas song, several of which were then sung during the group's sing-a-long, led by Arlene Nesbitt and Kathy Spruit.

Helen Kerr read a poem, which was both humourous and insightful, before the group sang, "Jingle Bells."

The worship service was based on the sounds of Christmas, and it was held in the church sanctuary. Readings were intermingled with musical arrangements. Jan Clapp's granddaughters, Ellie and Mya Sheppard, sang, "Where are You Christmas?" Heather Hutt sang, "Mary's Boy Child," while Colleen Howard and Elizabeth Barton sang, "Coventry Carol" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings." "Gentle Mary, Tender Mary" was sung by Bruce Kemp and Harry Castle. Spruit and Nesbitt played a violin and piano duet, followed by the choir's singing of "Calypso Lullaby."

At the conclusion of the meeting, members were left with the following message: "A great way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing loud for all to hear."

"[It was] an inspiring and uplifting worship service celebrating the birth of Christ through gifts of music and the spoken word," Spruit said. "Merry Christmas!"

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