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Crafting for the holidays

The Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum in Vernon played host to some crafty children on Sat., Dec. 15, where Tara Heft, the museum's education officer and marketing co-ordinator, led the festive group in making Christmas decorations. Brooke Lawrence (centre) assisted Maggie (left) and Katie Kluke with their Santa Claus ornaments made from Popsicle sticks.
For more photos, see page 12.

Press Photo – Casselman

Elementary school teachers set to strike Dec. 20

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WINCHESTER – While schools will remain open, and buses will continue to run, it has been confirmed that elementary teachers in local Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) institutions will strike this week.

On Mon., Dec. 17, the Upper Canada Local of Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) announced intentions to hold a one-day strike tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 20), giving UCDSB elementary teachers the opportunity to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the provincial government's interference in the collective bargaining process between the teachers' union and Ontario school boards.

"Given the rigid parameters of Bill 115, the minister has left us no other option but to send her a message via strike action," Marg Merpaw, Upper Canada Teacher Local president, said.

Meanwhile, parents who wish to send their children to school may still do so by informing their school's principal of their intention before then. Parents were informed that while children would be safe and supervised, they would not be attending regular classroom sessions or continuing with lessons.

According to UCDSB director of education, David Thomas, "all of our schools will remain open and all of our buses will be running during the strike. [However], we ask that parents find alternate daycare for their children if possible, but for parents unable to do so, schools will remain open Thursday for our students."

As for where teachers will gather to demonstrate, ETFO has given them several options to choose from, including Winchester Public School.

The UCDSB strike comes roughly one week after Ottawa-Carleton District School Board teachers walked out on Wed., Dec. 12.

It also follows on the heels of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF)'s announcement on Mon., Dec. 10 that teachers, effective immediately, would no longer be participating in extracurriculars.

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North Dundas municipal staff to form union?

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – It is set to go down as a first for the Township of North Dundas.

The *Winchester Press* has learned that Ottawa-based Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 503 has been working with front-line municipal staff to form a union among workers. (Those employees joining CUPE would include recreation and waste management staff, among others, but not those in management positions.)

According to Colette Proctor, national representative for organizing, it was North Dundas employees who first contacted CUPE in an effort to help organize their workplace. Meanwhile, she said, the process is only just beginning.

CUPE 503 working to organize front-line staff

"The Ontario Labour Relations Board requires us to get 40 per cent of the employees to sign cards stating they are interested in joining the union," Proctor said when speaking with the *Press*. "Once we receive enough cards, we can file an application, and five days later the labour board will hold a vote."

Fifty-one-per-cent or more support is needed in order for the resolution to pass, Proctor added.

At this time, however, CUPE's application has been repealed, as more North Dundas employees who qualify as voting members were discovered.

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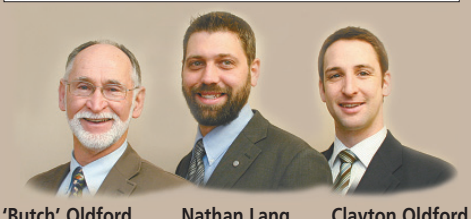
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Teachers

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In response, local teenagers at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS), as well as several other local high schools, joined together on Tues., Dec. 11 to voice their disapproval with the current state of affairs, indicating that they would prefer not to be used as pawns in the labour dispute.

Students at NDDHS are faced with the loss of all extracurriculars, as well as the cancellation of a Breakfast with Santa event and the annual Christmas concert. In addition, any extra academic help outside of class time has been momentarily suspended.

"We want the teachers to get their rights back so we can get our rights back," NDDHS student Alexandra Keyzer-Cournoyer said during last week's student walkout.

However, it appears that OSSTF will soon be requesting that its teachers consider possible strike action similar to that being taken by Ontario's elementary teachers. Should they vote in favour of the action, demonstrations will not take place until after the Christmas holidays.



Ottawa-Carleton District School Board elementary teachers, including those at Metcalfe Public School, picketed outside of the local educational facility on Wed., Dec. 12

Press Photo – Uhrig

POLICE BLOTTER

Breached conditions

WINCHESTER – On Sun., Dec. 16, at approximately 2:30 am, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of a male breaching his release conditions on South Wing Road. The investigation revealed that a 21-year-old male was not abiding by his release conditions, as he was consuming alcohol and not obeying his curfew.

He was arrested and faces charges of failure to comply with undertaking or recognizance (x2). He was held in custody pending an appearance in Cornwall court.

Impaired driver charged

MORRISBURG – On Thurs., Dec. 13, at approximately 10:30 pm, SD&G OPP officers were conducting a RIDE program on County Road 4, which doubles as Lakeshore Drive.

One vehicle checked revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol. James Bjergso, 55, of South Dundas was arrested and is charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle, and exceeding 80 milligrams blood alcohol content.

He was released and scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court on Thurs., Jan. 17.

Fraud prevention

LONG SAULT – Over the last few days, SD&G OPP have received three reports of fraud and scam incidents. One incident, referred to as an "emergency scam," is where the suspect claims to be a relative who is in trouble and requires money for assistance. The other two reports, referred to as "overpayment scams" are where overpayment for goods is sent to the victim with instructions to send the suspect the difference by way of cash transfer – the initial amount being fraudulent.

Police invite and encourage residents to visit the Anti-Fraud Centre website (also known as Phone Busters) at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca, and become familiar with current scams.

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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.*

Municipal staff

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"We do not have a definite time as to when we will file another application," Proctor said.

Meanwhile, she said, there are benefits associated to North Dundas employees forming as a collective.

"Having a union at your workplace can give you real input in restructuring, and other decisions that can affect your job security," Proctor said. "It also allows employees to speak out about problems on the job without fear of retaliation, and to have a say when cost-cutting, contracting-out, and other decisions are considered."

As well, unionized employees are also given the ability to negotiate a collective agreement, and have a say about the state of their working conditions, she added.

"Workers in unions are an important part of their local community and economy because that is where they spend their paycheques," Proctor said. "Their incomes support local businesses… And when unions stand up for fairness, they raise the bar for everyone."

North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan, meanwhile, said little when asked about the possibility of municipal employees joining CUPE.

"We [at the township] absolutely respect the right of staff to unionize if they'd like," he said. "Although, we don't feel it is necessary… It is a choice those employees have to make."

It has also been rumoured that front-line staff in the Township of South Dundas are working to file their own application with CUPE, while there has been no confirmation of that fact to date.





Hit the lights

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation held its annual Christmas Wish Tree lighting ceremony on Thurs., Dec. 13 inside the medical facility's lobby. Below, Morrisburg Public School students Kristyn VanHoof (left) and Cameryn Broad were selected to flip the switch for the lights on this year's memorial tree.

Press Photos – Uhrig





Members of the Village Voyces choir, including Brenda Bennett (left) and Susan TeGrotenhuis, entertained the crowd.

WDMH wish tree lit for another Christmas season

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – In 2011, more than $45,000 was raised during the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Foundation's Christmas Wish Tree program.

This year, to date, roughly $30,000 has been received, with funds being directed to the highest priority needs at the local medical facility.

On Tues., Dec. 13, both foundation and hospital staff, along with members of the community, and Morrisburg Public School (MPS) students, came together to light the tree in the WDMH lobby.

"Today, we are lighting the wish tree as a symbol of the light that your loved ones, and caregivers have brought into your lives," Troy Cross, WDMH Foundation executive director, said.

Each year, the hospital's fundraising branch welcomes the hanging of ornaments on the tree in honour of loved ones who have died. Every adornment has been placed there through a donation made to the hospital foundation as part of the program.

As well, for the second year in row, the event took on a more sombre tone. Instead of shining the spotlight on the hospital's accomplishments, foundation staffers chose instead to allow the ceremony to be what they felt it should be – a memorial.

"I would like to take a moment to recognize those who are here to remember someone special who has passed," Arnold Scheerder, the foundation's board chair, said. "For some of you, this may be a difficult place to come back to. You may be experiencing painful memories… But for others, these walls may hold memories of a death [that] was a welcome release from a physical body [that] could go on no longer."

This year's program also received corporate sponsorship by a variety of local businesses, including Dan R Equipment, MacEwen Petroleum, Riveredge Farms, Russell Meadows Retirement Community, and seven Scotiabank branches. Collectively, these contributors have donated $12,000 to the 2012 campaign.

As well, MPS students also toured the hospital prior to the Dec. 13 event, handing out Christmas cards to those patients who will be hospitalized throughout the holidays.

SD&G hires economic development officer

CORNWALL – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SD&G) has a new lead in its economic development department.

It was announced on Fri., Dec. 14 that Terry Besner will assume the position as the counties new economic development officer on Tues., Jan. 8.

She joins SD&G, according to counties staff, with extensive expertise in economic development services, having held positions previously in both the public and private sector.

"We are pleased that Terry has made the decision to join our team at the counties," CAO Tim Simpson said. "We interviewed a series of highly qualified candidates, but we were particularly impressed by Terry's credentials, and what she would bring to the table."

New hire brings region's development in-house

Besner's hiring comes after an October vote where counties council members made the decision to deliver economic development services internally after more than a decade of working alongside the SD&G Community Futures Development Corporation.

"It was a large undertaking to bring economic development in-house, but one that council fully supported," Warden Bill McGimpsey said. "I look forward to working with Ms. Besner."

The economic development and communications officer will be responsible for spearheading various economic development initiatives in partnership with local municipalities, as well as the implementation of the counties' corporate communications strategy.





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Wray Holmes named new Habitat for Humanity chair

BONVILLE – Inkerman resident Wray Holmes has been named the new board chair of Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley.

Holmes' promotion comes after longtime chair Frances Lauzon announced her retirement from the local organization. She steps aside following many years of dedication both to the region's Habitat for Humanity chapter, and the many families served.

Meanwhile, Holmes comes into the position with experience and knowledge, which will be an asset to the organization. Previously, he has served Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley for three years in a variety of roles, including: build volunteer, chair for the build committee, and vice-chair of the board of directors.

"Habitat for Humanity and the families that we have built homes for are grateful for all the hard work and countless hours Frances has given our organization and our community," he said. "Looking forward, we will capitalize on our greatest resource, which is our community and encourage more people to get involved with our organization so we can build more homes for low-income working families in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry."

Already, Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley has announced it will complete one home build in 2013, and the process is almost completed for identifying the new partner family.

"We had originally planned to build two homes in 2013, but due to extenuating factors, the board of directors has decided to build one home next year on Tollgate Road in Cornwall with the hope of building two the following year," Holmes said.

Founded in 1998, Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley is a non-profit organization working toward a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. The organization's mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing, and promoting homeownership as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty. With the help of countless community volunteers, the local chapter has provided nine families, including 21 children, with safe, decent, and affordable housing.



Inkerman resident Wray Holmes has been named as the new chair of the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity Seaway Valley. He is pictured here with retiring chair Frances Lauzon.



The Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108's annual Remembrance Day poster contest winners were announced on Fri., Dec. 7. Nationview Public School winners were Moriah VanDodewaard (left) and Owen Richardson. The winners are pictured with Connie Drew, the local legion's youth education chair.

Students achieve poster perfection

WINCHESTER - The winners of the Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108's annual Remembrance Day poster contest were announced on Fri., Dec. 7.

At Winchester Public School (WPS), in the primary division (Grades 1 to 3), the top three finishers were Spencer Billings, Savannah Coleman, and Teagan Donovan, respectively. Each student is in teacher Kim Henbest's class.

Meanwhile, WPS pupil Emily Ryan was the second-place finisher in the junior division (Grades 4 to 6).

At Nationview Public School in South Mountain, two students won poster contest honours.

Remembrance Day theme

First place went to Moriah VanDodewaard, while Owen Richardson claimed the third-place prize. The students, both of whom are in teacher John Tessier's class, were competing in the junior division.

Each winner received a framed certificate, while the first-place recipient was given a $25 cash prize. Second place took home $15, while third earned $10.

Meanwhile, for their first-place finishes, both Billings' and VanDodewaard's artwork went on to the Zone G3 Competition. Billings' entry finished third, while VanDodewaard's came in second.



At Winchester Public School, award recipients, also pictured with Drew, included Teagan Donovan (left), Savannah Coleman, Spencer Billings, and Emily Ryan. *Press Photos – Uhrig*

Christmas fund numbers rising

WINCHESTER – As in years past, many local volunteers and organizations have come together to provide toys, snowsuits, and baskets of food to those in need throughout the Township of North Dundas.

According to Bob Weagant, chair of the North Dundas Christmas Fund, there were 120 snowsuit requests this year.

"Monies are still coming in," he said, pointing out that the final tally for number of baskets, snowsuits, and toys collected, packaged, and, subsequently, distributed won't be available until later this week.

In 2011, the North Dundas Christmas Fund handed out 181 baskets of food, 133 snowsuits, and lots of toys. In Winchester, 62 baskets and 43 snowsuits were given out, while Chesterville handed out 81 baskets and 65 snowsuits. South Mountain saw the distribution of 38 baskets and 25 snowsuits.

The 2011 numbers were up from those in 2010, when 158 baskets, and 109 suits were shared.

This year, items will once again be distributed in Chesterville, South Mountain, and Winchester.

In Winchester, items were packaged on Tues., Dec. 18, and are to be delivered today (Wed., Dec. 19), while those items bound for Chesterville are to be packaged tonight, and delivered tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 20). The South Mountain contingent will package items on Thurs., Dec. 20, with delivery to take place on Fri., Dec. 21.

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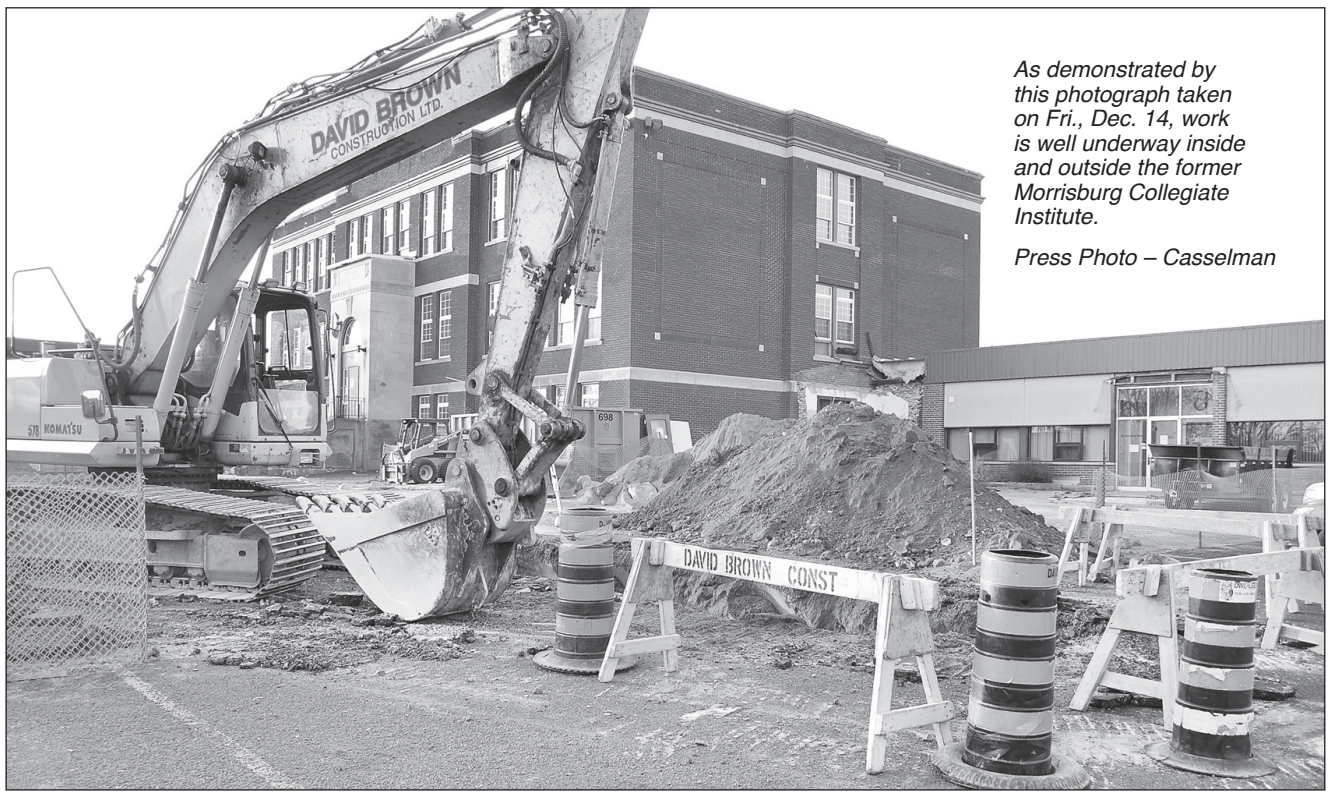

As demonstrated by this photograph taken on Fri., Dec. 14, work is well underway inside and outside the former Morrisburg Collegiate Institute.

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Public washrooms not likely for plaza

WILLIAMSBURG – Without significant support from the local business sector, it is unlikely that the Morrisburg Plaza will become equipped with public washroom facilities anytime soon.

At the Township of South Dundas' Tues., Dec. 4 meeting, council agreed that while an offer from Doug Grenkie for the use of free office space in the plaza was generous, the cost of renovating the space, and the subsequent cost and practicality of providing daily maintenance and general upkeep, are responsibilities the municipality is not ready to accept.

It was suggested that the Business Improvement Area (BIA) take on the responsibility, or a major portion of it. However, as Councillor Jim Graham, council representative to the BIA, explained, this would mean an almost 25 per cent levy increase for members.

"I don't see it happening," he said. "There is no money in the budget this year."

In the end, it was agreed that staff should notify Grenkie of the situation, and contact Bill Ewing for the BIA's official position on the offer. As for the township, while council will consider the possibility of partnering with the BIA, they will not agree to taking on the cost of the initiative alone.

Mayor glad to see MCI project underway

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

MORRISBURG – With each day that passes, the former Morrisburg Collegiate Institute (MCI) gets a little bit closer to its goal of becoming the centrepiece for the Township of South Dundas.

The $4.9 million project, which has created some controversy amongst township residents, officially began earlier this month. The budget includes a $100,000 contingency to cover any unexpected costs that may arise during construction.

With the lowest tender coming in more than a million dollars over the budgeted $3 million, council nearly cancelled rehabilitation of the three-story building, which was built in 1925.

Upon hearing the news, Mayor Steven Byvelds said, "it's a lot of money, but it's still a good investment for this municipality."

In the end, the vote to move forward with the project was evenly divided with Byvelds and Councillor Jim Graham on the side of moving forward with the project, and Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke and Councillor Evonne Delegarde pushing for the cancellation of the initiative. It was the unprecedented last minute swing vote from Councillor Archie Mellan that turned the table in favour of saving the old building.

After more than a year in the planning stage, Byvelds said, "it's great to see they're doing the work."

He pointed out that although, like council, the residents of South Dundas were fairly divided on the decision, there has been increasingly more support being voiced to him on the validity of the project.

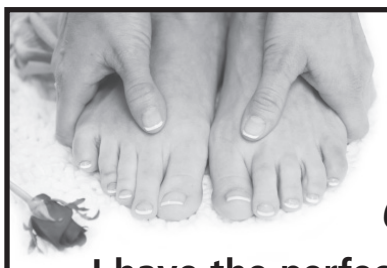
"I think the decision, in the end, is the right decision," he said.

While MCI will retain the majority of its exterior structure, the inside will be gutted and altered to fit township requirements, which includes specialized rooms and equipment on the first floor for the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, as well as an elevator to the second and third floors, which will house municipal staff and council chambers.

The Morrisburg branch of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Library will then inhabit part of the space formerly used by the medical clinic at the north side of the building.

True North Group is the company retained to manage the project, while Robert J. Bourgon and Associates is the construction company hired to carry out the necessary work to bring the assignment to fruition.

It is expected that work on the building will be complete sometime in the next 10 to 12 months so that, by this time next year, the municipality's headquarters will move from Williamsburg to Morrisburg.



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Most recent tragedy sheds light on loss of value for human life

While comparisons between our region and the overwhelming tragedy in Newtown, Conn. are limited, the incident, if nothing else, has shed light on a much greater issue currently plaguing mankind.

The outrageous massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School, where a lone gunman forced his way inside the educational facility, fired off hundreds of rounds of ammunition, and ultimately killed both schoolchildren and teachers, has given all of North America pause.

In total, the parents of 20 children between the ages of six and seven had to be given the worst possible news — your son or daughter has died. Killed at school, the place where children are supposed to feel safe, and excited to learn about the many possibilities awaiting them in their life.

At home, most likely, for many of those children were Christmas presents tucked away, now never to be received. It simply is not right. It is not how the life cycle is supposed to work. Parents should never have to watch as their children are lowered into the ground. No one should ever have to bury their own babies.

Meanwhile, six adults were also murdered, some of them teachers, which has made Fri., Dec. 14's incident one of the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history.

It goes down now as another sad chapter in a country that has become all too familiar with gun violence and its myriad outcomes.

How could this happen? How did this happen? And what will the response be? Those are great questions.

Yet, the query requiring the most attention is, where has humanity's love for one another gone?

Why is it that people seem to care so little for human life? What happened to respect and dignity, and valuing all life forms, both young and old?

Throughout the weeks and months to come, discussion will mount while this tragedy is talked about in the public sphere.

It will become political, as President Barack Obama has been vocal, stating that the U.S., as a nation, "can't tolerate this anymore. These tragedies must end. And to end them, we must change."

Chilling words that are sure to haunt Obama, as his visit to Newtown is the fourth trip of his presidency to a city in mourning, locked in the aftermath of yet another mass shooting.

Much discussion about gun control, and the current lack thereof, is needed. No longer can the issue be thrown to the back burner; the conversation needs to start now.

At the same time, however, society also needs to open its ears and pay better attention to the need for care of those suffering mental health issues. A common thread has arisen following many of the recent shooting-related incidents, in that the perpetrators are said to be dealing with mental health issues beyond their control.

Simply put, no one should ever fall through the cracks, and the valve must be forever tightened to ensure no more people in a state of need do.

Now, while guns may never be kept out of the hands of those truly hellbent on killing, perhaps a better understanding of why a massacre such as Newtown has happened is what is first needed?

Faith in human nature must be restored, and hope must arise once more, giving belief in a better tomorrow.

Do we not all deserve a life free from the fear of senseless and irrational violence?



This week in 1982, Roy Sherrer (left), and Claude Brisebois, along with their hard-working draft horses, pulled Santa along a Mountain Township parade route, featuring stops at the Mountain Township Community Hall, and the IOOF Hall in South Mountain, where Santa handed out candy and took note of Christmas wish lists.

Remember when...

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The *Winchester Press*, this week, informed readers of a recent bylaw passed by council allowing the township to borrow $5,000. The money was to be used to install several reservoirs in Winchester. Three reinforced concrete reservoirs, with the capacity to hold 10,000 gallons of water, were to be installed at the intersections of York Street and St. Lawrence Street, Gladstone Street and Main Street, and at Queen Street and Centre Street. More would later be installed at the intersections of May Street and the Henderson Creek drain, and at the Henderson Creek drain north of Main Street.

1932

Winchester's 20-year-old John Sterling Gibson, a non-commissioned officer in the Third Field section of the Canadian Engineers, was mourned this week following his early death, caused by pneumonia. The local United Church paid tribute to the young serviceman with a service hall filled to capacity.

1942

Mountain resident Kenneth Weir topped the news this week. The local cheese maker took home all major prizes and earned the title of champion of the Season's Workmanship Class at the Eastern Ontario Export Food Show in Ottawa. He also won the Ottawa Farm Journal Trophy, the Singleton Trophy, and the championship for the highest scoring cheese.

1952

The *Press* reported on the Dundas Holstein Club's annual meeting, highlighting the startling news that W.J. Fawcett, a prominent Canadian Holstein breeder, announced his decision to not enter his name for nomination to the directorship of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association. Fawcett had served the organization for 11 years, and had never missed an annual association convention or directors' meeting. It was suggested that Basil Dawley, a popular local feed dealer and successful Holstein breeder, might take Fawcett's place.

1962

This week, a local rink consisting of Norman Lannin, Mabel Ogden, Dorothy Davis, and Bea Eadie took the Fetterley Cup Bonspiel championship. The one-day bonspiel was held at the Winchester Curling Club and included an extra end game between Lannin's winning team, and the runner-up rink, which included skip Betty Ault.

1972

Winchester opened its first artificial ice arena this week to a large crowd of supportive residents, visitors, volunteers, and politicians. The modern rink's first game between the Winchester Hawks and the Embrun 72's began when village Reeve Walter Shadbolt dropped the puck for the first faceoff. The Hawks won 3-2.

1982

It was announced this week that the South Mountain library, destroyed by fire on Sept. 18, would reopen on Jan. 4 of the new year. The building, covered by insurance, was being rebuilt in the original location by James Alexander Building Services of Mountain. Not covered by insurance were the many books, and the once lauded reference collection. While South Mountain's 21 sister branches were willing to donate books from the regular collection, it would take time for the new library to rebuild its reference collection.

1992

This week, the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Public School Board voted by a narrow margin to allow condom-vending machines in local high schools, provided school committees made the request. Cornwall's General Vanier Secondary School will be the first, with condom-vending machines in two of the school's washrooms.

2002

Following weeks of viral issues at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH), the local medical facility remained closed to volunteers, visitors, and non-essential service employees. The *Press* reported this week that WDMH staff and patients hit with the very contagious virus, gastroenteritis, had skyrocketed to almost 100. Meanwhile, and speaking of rockets, Williamsburg resident Isobel Williams was interviewed about her son Dr. Dave Williams' second trip into space, expected to take place in Nov. 2003.

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Canada

How the Grit stole the school year



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

Every Hudak down in Hudakville, liked school a lot.
But the Grit, who lived left of Hudakville, did not!
The Grit hated school, the entire school year.
Please don't ask why, just give me your ear.
Whatever the reason, he was such a fool,
He stood on his soapbox, hating school,
Staring down from Queen's Park with a sour, Gritty smirk
The teachers who loved him now thought he was a jerk.
For he knew every Hudak down in Hudakville was seen
Protesting, not liking, the Grit's Bill 115.
"And they're wanting their contracts!" he snarled with a sneer.
"Tomorrow is Labour Day! It's practically here!"
Then he growled, with his Grit fingers nervously drumming,
"I must find some way to stop the school year from coming!"
For, tomorrow, he knew, all the girl and boy Hudaks
Would wake bright and early, and rush for their backpacks!
Then the Hudaks, young and old, would sit down to learn.
And they'd learn! And they'd learn!
And they'd learn! Learn! Learn! Learn!
They would feast on allergy friendly Hudakpudding for lunch
Which was something the Grit thought felt like a punch!
And then, they'd do something he thought was so bold!
Every teacher down in Hudakville, the young and the old,
Would stand close together, with school bells far reaching.
They'd stand hand-in-hand. And the teachers would start teaching!
They'd teach! And they'd teach!
And they'd teach! Teach! Teach! Teach!
And the more the Grit thought that school bells would ring,
The more the Grit thought, "I must stop this whole thing!
Why, for 53 years I've put up with it now!
I must stop the school year from coming! But how?"
Then he got an idea! An awful idea!
The Grit got a wonderful awful idea!
"I know just what to do!" he said, putting down his remote.
And he drew up Bill 115, to shove down their throat.
And he chuckled, and clucked, "What a great Gritty trick!
With this bill, teachers can't call in sick!
This bill will be something the teachers won't like!
They won't like it so much, they'll all go on strike!"
He loaded some bags and headed to school
On an old orange helicopter the gritty old fool.
He got to the classroom, the desks all in a row.
"These smart boards," he grinned, "are the first things to go!"
Then he slunk to the gym, and the theatre and music rooms
He took footballs and basketballs. He even took brooms!
He threw all the instruments into a net.
Why, that Grit even took their last clarinet!
Then he tossed out the window every book he could reach.
"And now!" grinned the Grit, "They'll have nothing to teach!"
The Grit took the soccer balls, and the last baseball glove
When he heard a small sound like the coo of a dove.
He turned around fast, his head spun in a whirl.
Little Cindy-Lou Hudak, a young Hudak girl.
She stared at the Grit and said, "Mr. Premier, why?
Why are you taking our school stuff? Why?"
But, you know, that old Grit was so smart and so slick
He thought up a lie, and he thought it up quick!
"Why, my sweet little tot," the Grit Premier lied,
"These things are all broken. They're old. They're the worst.
By taking them away, I'm putting students first."
And his fib fooled the child. Then he patted her head
And he got her a drink and he sent her to bed.
And when Cindy-Lou Hudak went to bed with her cup,
He got back to his plan to mess the whole school year up!
It was quarter past dawn. All the Hudaks still a-bed, all the Hudaks still a-snooze.
"Pooh-Pooh to the Hudaks!" he was grit-ish-ly humming.
"They're finding out now that no school year is coming!
They're just waking up! I know just what they'll do!
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two
Then the Hudaks down in Hudakville will all cry boo-Hudak-hoo!
That's a noise," grinned the Grit, "That I simply must hear!"
So he paused. And the Grit put his hand to his ear.
And he did hear a sound rising over the hill.
It started in low. Then it grew to a shrill...
But the sound wasn't sad!
Why, this sound sounded happy!
Every Hudak down in Hudakville, the tall and the small,
Were playing and singing, without teachers at all!
He hadn't stopped the school year from coming! It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the Grit, with his grit-stare as cold as the snow,
Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?
It came without music! It came without sports!
It came without plays, parent meetings, and reports!"
And then he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grit thought of something he hadn't before!
"Maybe," he thought, "I can't stop this school.
I didn't think the teachers would go work-to-rule!"
And what happened then?
Well, in Hudakville, they say, that the Grit's small heart shrunk three sizes that day!
"I know what to do!" proclaimed the old Grit.
And he, himself, prorogued parliament and quit.

Winchester's feral cat population growing, reader looks for help

Letter to the Editor

The Editor:
Christmas is less than a week away, and (hopefully) lots of snow will soon follow. With that in mind, picture having to live outdoors with your partner and five kids.

Although they aren't humans, I hope that you'll take a moment to read this and learn a little about the two stray cats, and their five kittens living outdoors behind my house, and how you might be able to make a difference.

Over the past few years, the number of stray cats has gone up significantly in Winchester. I grew up here, and I do not remember it being this bad. I know we like new residents, but the life of a feral cat is not an easy one. As a domesticated animal, they no longer have instincts like eating snow for hydration. If these cats continue as they are, they have the capability of producing thousands of offspring in their lifetimes – definitely not something we want in Winchester.

With winter on the way, I have decided to take action and would like to enter these cats into a trap-neuter release program (TNR), through Village Kitten Rescue. This program is a co-pay program and merely because I am taking action, my portion is $1,750. As I cannot personally afford to fund this initiative, I was hoping that some of my fellow Winchesterites would help as concerned, compassionate citizens and/or animal lovers.

The TNR process is a humane and effective approach for feral cats. It sees feral cats humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and then returned to their outdoor home.

A feral cat is a cat who has either never had any contact with people or their contact with people has diminished over time. They are not socialized to people and survive on their own outdoors. Most feral cats are not likely to ever become lap cats or even enjoy living indoors. A stray cat is not a wild animal – but a scared domestic animal. A stray cat is a cat which has been socialized to people at some point, but has left or lost its indoor home, as well as most human contact and dependence.

Thankfully, a local farmer has graciously agreed to accept three of the cats to their barn once they go through the program. I am still searching for a home for the other four, so if you would like four cute, fixed mousers for your barn, please contact me as soon as you can so that they won't have to live in the cold for too long.

I've been feeding these guys twice a day for four weeks now, and have two comfy shelters for them to sleep in. To let them know that I am coming with food, I jiggle my keys and they come running. One night I went out and jiggled my keys and no one came. I thought I saw something (of course I didn't have my glasses on) and much to my surprise it was a big fat skunk. Lucky for me, he just kept on going.

The organization that arranges the TNR program is a registered charity, and will issue an immediate tax receipt for your donation.

All you have to do is visit www.canadahelps.org, then select Village Kitten Rescue as the charity and enter my name, Kristen Casselman in the messages/instruction field, so that your gift will be set aside for this project in Winchester.

There are others ways that you can help, too.

If you are interested or have questions, contact me at 613-774-0660 or kricas@hotmail.ca. I am by no means an expert, I am just trying to do the right thing here and not turn a blind eye. I know that I live in a loving and generous community. Please, if you can, help me to help them. They are pretty adorable, and it is very rewarding that I make a difference in their lives.

Kristen Casselman
Winchester

Winchester District Memorial Hospital

Care Close to Home
A Look Inside WDMH



Welcome to Care Close to Home – written by the people who are at the heart of Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH). This "inside view" helps our communities get to know the WDMH team – in their own words. This month, we hear from Megan Findlay, a student volunteer at WDMH.

Giving back

WINCHESTER – I live on the outskirts of Chesterville with my mom, dad, older brother, twin brother, and a cat. I have been volunteering at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) throughout the past year.

Once a week, I work at the information desk where I give patients and visitors directions to different parts of the hospital.

I volunteer at WDMH because I love the idea of helping out the community. When someone comes through that door, I am ready to lend a hand and put him or her at ease.

I go to school at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS), and I am in Grade 10. At NDDHS, I am involved in Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving and participate in fundraisers and help raise awareness about this ongoing issue. I also volunteer at church suppers in Winchester and Williamsburg.

As a WDMH student volunteer, I recently had the opportunity to go to The Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario conference in Toronto. It was fun to meet a lot of different people. The most valuable thing I learned was that we can all make a big difference in an individual's life from volunteering.

I love volunteering at the WDMH because I get to interact with people, and help them out. It is a good feeling.



Megan Findlay

From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon



2012, the year in review

OTTAWA – I look back on 2012 as a very busy and productive year. Thank you to a wonderful constituency staff of Eric Duncan, Francine Lepage, Denise Jalbert, Daniela Tedesco, and Sue Dingwall, we had a record year.

We accepted 37,500 phone calls, 14,000 in person constituency visits, and 123,000 emails during the past 12 months. Our constituents seek a multitude of services during their visits. Some need help dealing with the bureaucracy on such issues as income tax, Old Age Security, Canada Pension Plan, immigration and Employment Insurance. There are many other unique problems they bring to us, but most fall into these categories and two others.

Believe it or not, staff at my office assisted more than 6,000 constituents obtain their passports since January 1, 2012. They also helped 280 families receive $2.2 million from the Disability Tax Credit. As a matter of fact, since July 2009 we have helped more than 1,000 families receive in excess of $7.5 million.

On a personal basis, 2012 will have special meaning for me. Along with meeting many wonderful people in the past 12 months, I was able to pass my second Private Members Bill. The highlight of 2012 for me was having the honour of presenting 31 very worthy recipients with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals on Sun., Dec. 9.

As 2012 comes to an end, my staff and I want to wish all constituents of Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry a very Merry Christmas and much success in 2013.

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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.*

More Nepean-Carleton residents receive jubilee medals

MANOTICK – Nepean-Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre has awarded three more Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals to riding residents.

The honours were handed out during a ceremony at Watson's Mill in Manotick on Thurs., Dec. 13.

"Our commitment to Canada is strengthened when we collectively recognize those who distinguish themselves by virtue of their talents, generosity, and service to our communities," Poilievre said.

The trio honoured included Chief Kenny Blacksmith, Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick, and Ronald Cohen.

Blacksmith was awarded the medal for his tireless work in bringing reconciliation, healing, and unity to people, nations, churches, and governments through Gathering Nations International, an Aboriginal non-profit organization, which was founded in full partnership with his wife, Louise. Working with a national coalition of Aboriginals across Canada, he led the response to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's landmark apology to First Nations people, culminating in the National Forgiven Summit in 2010. As deputy grand chief of the Cree Nation of Quebec, councillor of the Cree Nation of Mistissini, commissioner and president of the Cree School Board, and a social worker and *Bible* translator, Blacksmith has demonstrated his deep passion to see a united and prosperous Canada.

Atkins-Sheldrick received her medal for her work with the Fallen, But Not Forgotten initiative. As a self-proclaimed ex-Air Force brat, elementary school librarian, and avid volunteer in the community, she has dedicated more than a dozen years researching the contributions the Township of Osgoode made to Canada's military history. When she discovered that several names of local soldiers were missing from the community cenotaph, she called upon Poilievre to help right the wrong. This fall, four names that she had discovered missing were inscribed on the newly renovated cenotaph in Metcalfe, just in time for Remembrance Day.



Nepean-Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre (third from left) awarded three more riding residents with Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals during a ceremony on Thurs., Dec. 13. Those honoured included Ronald Cohen (left), Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick, and Chief Kenny Blacksmith.

Cohen, a graduate of both Harvard and McGill, was nominated for his research on Sir Winston Churchill. He is one of three co-founders of the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Ottawa and, after a quarter century of research around the world, authored the definitive three-volume *Bibliography of the Writings of Sir Winston Churchill*. For this, The Churchill Centre honoured him with the grant of the Farrow Award for Excellence in Churchill Studies. As a Churchill expert, Cohen has since published hundreds of articles on the subject and speaks in cities across North America.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal was created to celebrate Her Majesty's accession to the throne 60 years ago. This commemorative medal is a tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to 60,000 Canadians whose achievements have benefited their fellow citizens, their community, their organization, and the country. It provides an opportunity to look back and recognize those who made Canada what it is today, and to look forward and recognize youth who are actively involved in our country's future.



Long service honoured

Henderson Lodge No. 383 in Winchester hosted the District Deputy Grand Master reception and dinner, of the Eastern District Masons, on Thurs., Dec. 13, while the evening also included the toasting of a village resident. Fred Robar (middle) joined the Freemasons in 1962 in Quebec, and has been a member since, joining the Winchester chapter in the 1980s. Robar, pictured here with Howard Richmond, left, (Henderson Lodge's worshipful master) and Scott Prosser (district deputy grand master for Eastern District), received a plaque recognizing his five decades of service.

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Crysler receives Trillium monies for outdoor rink

CRYSLER – An Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant of $60,000 has been granted, over a one-year period, for the express purpose of building a covered outdoor hockey and skating rink in Crysler.

The lead organization on the project, the Club Optimist Crysler Region, applied for the grant in an effort to improve access to outdoor space for winter sports and summer activities in the village.

The OTF is an agency of the provincial government that distributes funds to communities for the sole purpose of bettering the quality of life for residents.

The Morrisburg Curling Club is another recent grant recipient, receiving $40,500 for the installation of a barrier free entrance and accessible washroom.

This past March, the Lost Villages Historical Society, the St. Lawrence Rowing Club, the Hearing Foundation of Canada, and the Township of South Dundas were local OTF grant recipients.

The Lost Villages Historical Society in Long Sault received $46,500 over a one-year period toward improvements and upgrades to the conditions of the historic buildings and the walkways throughout, while the St. Lawrence Rowing Club in South Dundas received $16,000 over a three-year period for the purchase of a four-person cull and speakers to be used for participation in regattas.

In addition, South Dundas was granted $27,500 over a one-year period for the establishment of a sport lending library offering various sports-related equipment to local residents and schools.

The Hearing Foundation of Canada received $105,500 over a three-year period for an education program to prevent noise-induced hearing loss targeting Grade 4 students in the region, including those in the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry area.



Farmers' funding

The Dundas Junior Farmers hosted its annual gala event at the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester late in November, with the Dundas County Food Bank being on the receiving end of this year's fundraising efforts. On Fri., Dec. 14, club members Emma-Lee Grotenhuis (left) and Krista Gruetzner (right) handed over $616.64 to Jim Wilson, a member of the food bank's board of directors.

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Hockey fans donate toys

Fans of the Ottawa 67's had an opportunity to meet a couple of players, and help the local Toy Drive, at Green Tech Ag and Turf in Winchester on Sat., Dec. 15. The local John Deere retailer hosted Ryan Van Stralen (left) and Brett Gustavsen, who are pictured here talking hockey with Calvin Couture. In addition to answering questions and autographing rosters and hats, the duo handed out some free team memorabilia.

Press Photo – Casselman

Liberals discuss rural concerns in Avonmore

AVONMORE – Recognizing that issues affecting rural residents are vastly different than those affecting the province's urban residents, the Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) Liberal Association held a rural roundtable this week, giving the public an opportunity to discuss concerns with several Liberal representatives.

On Tues., Dec. 18, after press time, five of the seven Ontario Liberal leadership candidates were expected to participate in the rural roundtable at North Stormont Place in Avonmore.

Expected to attend the event were candidates Charles Sousa, Sandra Pupatello, Kathleen Wynne, Gerard Kennedy, and Glen Murray, as well as former Liberal MPP for SD&SG Jim Brownell and Lou Rinaldi, former MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West.

The group was expected to discuss the creation of conditions for sustainable growth in rural Ontario. The topic was to be broken into three focus areas: ensuring quality education and health care in rural communities; environmental stewardship; and supporting Ontario seniors.

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Vernon dairy farmer named Ontario's top forage master

OTTAWA – Thom Mueller of Vernon has been named the Ontario Forage Master for 2012.

Mueller participated in the 25th annual Ontario Forage Masters Competition in Guelph, where he had the opportunity to present innovative ideas and forage management techniques to peers and visitors.

Mueller and his wife, Wilma, own and operate their family farm, where they currently milk 85 cows, and grow 120 acres of alfalfa.

Service schedules

Residents of the City of Ottawa are reminded that there will be several service schedule changes for Tues., Dec. 25, Wed., Dec. 26, and Tues., Jan. 1.

Ottawa City Hall and all seven client service centres, including the government service centre, as well as the city's Provincial Offences Court will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day.

The Metcalfe Client Service Centre, as well as the West Carleton Client Service Centre will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Thurs., Dec. 27.

The city's 311 contact centre will be open for urgent matters requiring the city's immediate attention.

Phone 311 or 613-580-2400 for customer service.

There will be no curbside or multi-residential green bin, recycling, or garbage collection on Christmas Day. The Dec. 25 pickup will take place on Boxing Day, and the Boxing Day pickup will take place on Thurs., Dec. 27. New Year's Day pickup will take place on Wed., Jan. 2.

In addition, the collection of garbage, green bin, and recycling materials will be delayed by one day for the weeks of Mon., Dec. 24, and Mon. Dec. 31. For curbside collection, refer to the collection calendar tool.

Christmas trees will be collected on the same day as the green bin.

The Ottawa Public Health Information Line, the Aids Line, dental clinics, well baby drop-ins, and the Sexual Health Clinic are all closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1. The Sexual Health Clinic is also closed Dec. 26 and Dec. 31.

Libraries and recreation facilities will be operating on modified schedules as well.

Visit www.ottawa.ca or consult specific facility for updates on holiday schedules.

Youth writing contest

The 18th annual Awesome Authors Youth Writing Contest sponsored by the Ottawa Public Library is now underway. The contest, for aspiring young poets and short story authors, is open to writers between the ages of nine and 17. Poems and short stories may be submitted in either English or French. The contest deadline is Mon., Feb. 11.

For more information, visit www.biblioottawalibrary.ca/awesomeauthors or contact 613-580-2950.



In and around Osgoode Ward

by Councillor Doug Thompson

FCA invited to participate

The Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton (FCA) has been invited to participate in Ottawa's official plan review process, with two members of the FCA's planning and zoning committee sitting on the community membership panel.

The FCA is a city-wide association and forum for community associations and citizens' groups in Ottawa. It's comprised of urban, suburban, and rural community associations from across the amalgamated city. Members share information about issues facing their communities and take joint action on citywide issues.

The rural representatives include Gord Mills, former Ottawa Deputy Fire Chief, Rural Services and Communications, and Terry Otto, past director of the Ottawa Federation of Agriculture.

Pedestrian bridge work

Massicotte Construction Limited has been awarded the contract to replace Metcalfe's Victoria Park pedestrian bridge, and work will commence immediately.

The new bridge will keep the existing wood structure, while the walkway area will be replaced.

Sharing the wealth

For 97 years, residents of Ottawa have benefited from the services provided by the Christmas Exchange Program. This year, program coordinators are expecting that roughly 29,000 people will be asking for assistance, and operators are doubtful that they can meet the demand.

Anyone who might be able to help is asked to visit www.caringandsharing.ca.

Aging at home

Anyone interested in learning more about such topics as home modifications, funding options, or Community Access Centres, as well as other discussion items related to Aging at Home, is encouraged to contact Roger Gervais.

Gervais' PowerPoint presentation can be customized to fit specific audiences. For more information, email gervais.roger.p@gmail.com.

Cooking competition

Greely has been selected to host one of 12 cooking competitions in the Ottawa area this winter in search of best recipes. Cooks of all ages from Greely, Osgoode, Manotick and surrounding areas are invited to apply with their best recipe.

Applications should be submitted at www.tabooeats.com by Thurs., Jan. 10.

Those selected will be serving their dishes on Fri., Jan. 25 during the Greely Winter Carnival Weekend.



Breakfast in Greely

Santa Claus has been a very busy man this Christmas season, travelling here and there for several Breakfast with Santa events throughout the region. On Sat., Dec. 15, he took time out of his packed schedule to spend some time with children of all ages at the Royal Canadian Legion Greely Branch 627, enjoying pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, and more. Above, Hailey Bourque shared a memorable moment with Santa. *Press Photo – Casselman*



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Christmas crafters

Sat., Dec. 15, Tara Heft, education officer and marketing co-ordinator for the Osgoode Township Historical Society Museum in Vernon, showed her young guests how to make Christmas ornaments using various items from around the house, including a lump of coal.

Above:
Alex Kluke, quiet and precise, gave her Santa Claus tree ornament the attention it deserved.

At left:
Sitting atop his mother Stephanie's lap, young Aiden Scott could barely contain his excitement and enthusiasm for the afternoon's activities.

Press Photos – Casselman

Strike action postpones concert



NDDHS Notes
by Sara Ives

MAPLE RIDGE – This week is full of some jolly good spirit at North Dundas District High School (NDDHS), as it has been designated as Christmas Spirit Week.

On Mon., Dec. 17, it was "wear a Santa hat" day, while Tues., Dec. 18 it was "dress up like your favourite reindeer" day.

Today (Wed., Dec. 19), it was "wear an ugly Christmas sweater" day. Tomorrow (Thursday, Dec. 20), is "dress up like a Christmas tree" day. Lastly, on Fri., Dec. 21, students are asked to wear red and green.

Meanwhile, Dec. 21 was the day students were supposed to be geared up and ready to watch the annual Christmas concert that the Grade 12s of NDDHS have been putting on for years. However, due to the work action taken by the union and teachers that has been tossed into the mix, the Christmas concert for this year has been postponed. There will be something along the lines of it put on shortly after students return to school following the Christmas break.

In light of the last-minute cancellation, the student council will be hosting a school-wide bingo event on Dec. 21. Participating students will have the opportunity to compete during period four for the chance of winning some prizes and goodies.

As well, the annual concert is not the only thing that has been affected due to the job action by the teachers' union. As many of you are aware, students at NDDHS walked out of school on Tues., Dec. 11. These students participated in this action to try to draw attention to the fact that they have voices, too, and want them to be heard.

Many students feel like neither side in this issue realizes that the students are being affected the most. Students feel frustrated, mad, disappointed, and, overall, just terrible about what is going on. All extra-curricular activities have ceased unless they are run by an adult/parent with a police record check, and clearance by the school.

Not only were extracurricular activities affected, but, due to the job action, teachers are no longer allowed to help students outside of class time. This becomes a big issue when some students require that little bit of extra help like an email explaining a problem or when students who have missed a day due to illness need to make up a chemistry lab.

Many students are just hoping for a solution to come about soon so that school can return back to semi-normalness. The principals and administration, however, are doing a great job of trying to keep the school feeling as normal as possible. Thank you.

To all readers, have a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Baby Faces 2012

We will feature the babies born this year in our New Year's edition, Wed., Jan. 2, 2013.

(Babies born in November & December 2011 also welcomed.)



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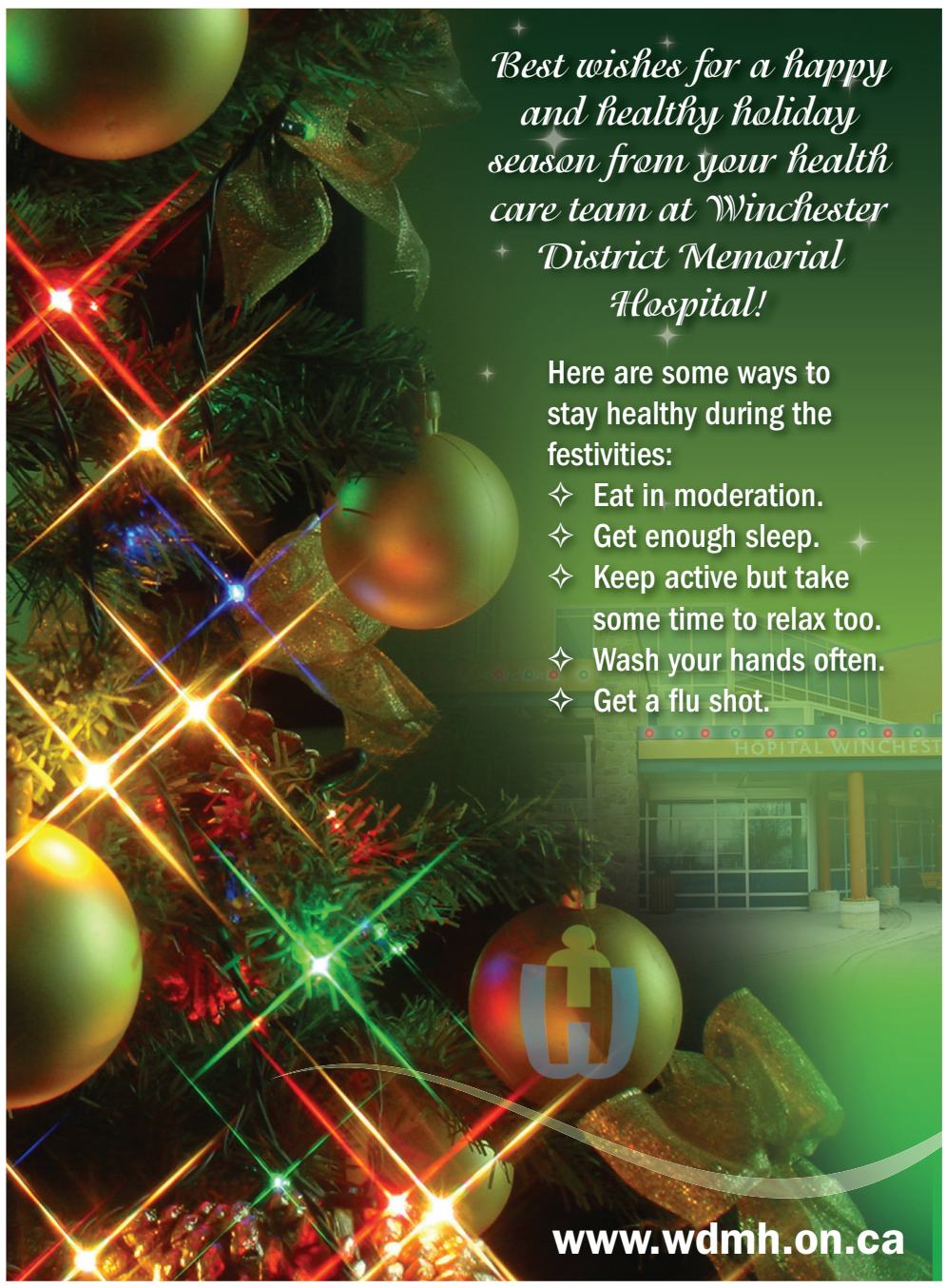



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The Winchester Junior "B" Hawks blew a 6-2 third period lead en route to a 7-6 overtime loss to the Alexandria Glens at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 14. Both Evan Walker (above, left) and Josh Stubbings (above, right) scored in the loss, while Ramsey Wheeler added an assist. Brandon Bourgeois, (photo at right), battled against a Glens' defenseman as he tried to clear goaltender Alex Monk-Cray's view of the play.
Patricia Whais photos

Drop weekend pair in extra time

Hawks get wings clipped by Glens, Wolves

WINCHESTER – One would think scoring a collective 10 goals in two games would earn victory for any hockey team.

For the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks, that just wasn't the case.

The Alexandria Glens, who the Hawks welcomed to the Joel Steele Community Centre on Fri., Dec. 14, successfully dug themselves out from behind 4-2 and 6-2 deficits, en route to a 7-6 overtime victory. While on a trip to Cornwall Island on Sat., Dec. 15, the Hawks fell to Akwesasne 5-4 in a shootout.

Head coach Tom Kirkwood summed up the weekend pair as two "very frustrating" games.

"Being up 6-2 heading into the third and losing is unacceptable," he said when asked about Dec. 14's loss.

Against the Wolves on Dec. 15, the Hawks were short a handful of players due to school exams and a pair of injuries, but Kirkwood credited the squad for their hard work.

"Sunday, we were very short, and the kids that played, played a very solid game," he said.

Yet, there remains a glaring weakness with the team's last line of defense.

"We have to get more consistent goaltending if we want to compete," Kirkwood said. "[Our] goaltending has to be better… With average goaltending, we could have had four points instead of two."

Despite the two weekend losses, the Hawks did collect two points, leaving them with 28 total, and a second place standing in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League's St. Lawrence Division standings. They remain 11 points back of the division-leading Casselman Vikings, and just one point ahead of the third-place Char-Lan Rebels.

Glens 7 - Hawks 6 OT

It appeared as if a win was in the cards for the Hawks on Dec. 14, as the squad moved into a comfortable 3-0 lead in the game's opening minutes.

Captain Aaron Dickenson (from Evan Walker and Luke Scott at 19:43) put the home squad ahead 1-0, while Brandon Pantaleo (from Cody Levasseur and Adam Beveridge at 18:49) doubled the Hawks' lead.

Josh Stubbings (from Brett Sharples and Brandon Bourgeois at 15:59) gave Winchester a 3-0 lead.

A pair of Alexandria goals narrowed the score to 3-2, but Daniel Butchart (from Cam Hughes and Bourgeois) closed out the first period, scoring with just 23 seconds remaining.

Second period scoring was done by the Hawks, with Cody Levasseur connecting from Dickenson and Scott at 13:57, followed by Walker (from Ramsey Wheeler and Stubbings) at 1:01.

With a 6-2 lead heading into the third session, it was the Hawks' game to lose.

Bradley Gabbour cut the deficit in half for the Glens at 15:26, while Ryan Dunbar scored Alexandria's fourth goal at 9:14.

Just 2:09 remained in the game when Conner MacLeod made things interesting, scoring the Glens' fifth goal of the game. With 45 seconds left, and Glens' goaltender Antoine Marchand on the bench for an extra attacker, Alexandria forward TJ Burns tied the game at 6-6.

At 3:23 of the five-minute, sudden death overtime session, Jonathan Cyr, with an unassisted marker, gave the Glens the win.

Alex Monk-Cray stopped 22 of the 29 shots he faced in the loss.

Wolves 5 - Hawks 4 SO

Akwesasne took a 1-0 lead early in the first period, with Justin Rutley scoring from Oakley Thomas at 16:47.

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Novice House 'C1' Demons beat Braves twice, 3-1 and 1-0





The Holmes team

North Dundas Novice House "C1" Demons defender Ella Holmes (photo left) checked the puck away from an attacking Brockville Jr. Braves forward during last week's (Wed., Dec. 12) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Her cousin Caden Holmes (No. 11, above), scored the only goal in the 1-0 win and congratulated his goaltender, Chase Berube for his shutout.
Press Photos – Van Bridger

WINCHESTER – Goaltender Chase Berube gave up one goal in two games, helping the North Dundas Novice House "C1" Demons register back-to-back wins over the Brockville Jr. Braves.

The first-place Demons skated to a 3-1 decision over the number-two ranked Braves in Brockville on Sat., Dec. 8 and followed up with a 1-0 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League victory at the Joel Steele Community Centre last week (Wed., Dec. 12).

Caden Holmes netted North Dundas a 1-0 lead in Brockville finishing a play started by Nolan Stewart with 2:52 left in the opening stanza. His second tally, an unassisted effort at 7:27 of period two, proved to be the GWG. Nolan Foley scored after taking a pass from Sebastien Lafrance at 6:31 of the same frame giving the Demons a 3-1 lead heading into the final frame.

The rematch in Winchester was a tight-checking affair that produced the GWG by Holmes and a shutout for Berube. The Demons improved their East Division record to 11-2-2 while dropping the Braves' numbers to 9-3-3.

On Thurs., Dec. 13, North Dundas faced off against the Smiths Falls Bears, and steamrolled the squad 8-0.

Foley scored five of his team's goals, while Lafrance potted a pair. Chloee Young sniped a single marker.

The winning-ways continued for the Demons on Sun., Dec. 16 against the South Dundas Lions, with North Dundas emerging with a 9-0 victory.

Caden Holmes buried three of the Demons goals, while Foley continued his scoring streak, netting another five goals. James Forrester had a single marker.

Meet the Hawks

Mathew White
No. 3
Forward



Mathew White is an 18-year-old rookie forward with the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks. He comes to Winchester from Washago, Ont. and lately has formed a line with fellow rookies Kyle Richardson and Josh Renaud. White has netted three PPGs and a GWG goal in his first 24 games in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League. He stands sixth in team scoring with nine goals, five assists, and 14 points. His No. 3 jersey is sponsored by Clear Cut Installations and Winchester Auto Pro.

Blues, Country Girls lead WDLHL standings

WINCHESTER – A two-way tie between Annable's Jewellery Blues and the Country Girls for top spot in the Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League (WDLHL) continues.

The Blues (6-2-2) edged the WS Trucking Company (2-6-2) 4-2 in Sunday (Dec. 16) morning's 9 am game, while an hour beforehand, the Country Girls (6-2-2) beat KC's Lawn Maintenance (5-5-0) 2-1.

The 10 am contest saw Andy's Foodland Reds (5-1-1) defeat Cooper Physio (1-6-3) 3-1.

Country Girls 2 - KC's 1

Tabbitha Derue buried her team's two goals as the Country Girls kept up its league-leading performance.

Assists went to Robin Berends, Amy Darling (two), and Kelly Morrell.

For KC's Lawn Maintenance, Amanda Rylaarsdam was the lone goal scorer, while both Courtney Barkley and Kristyn Winges earned assists.

In a change to the previous format, the WDLHL will now be awarding "player of the game" honours to a representative from each squad following a game.

The Country Girls' Derue was acknowledged for her two-goal effort, while Barkley received KC's honours.

Annable's 4 - WS 2

Keeping pace in the hunt for top spot in the WDLHL was Annable's Jewellery Blues, who cruised past WS Trucking 4-2.

Kaila Beckstead potted two goals for the Blues, while Amy Fraser and Alecia Jones sniped the singles. Assists went to Erin Wilson, Janice Casselman, Dawn Young, and Fraser (two).

On the WS Trucking side, Diane Downey and Stephanie Scott did the goal scoring, while Christina Carruthers, Kathy Kerr, Downey, and Scott registered the assists.

Player of the game honours went to Emma Fraser of the Blues, and Scott of WS Trucking.

Andy's 3 - Cooper Physio 1

Veronique Daviault had two goals and an assist as she helped lead Andy's Foodland Reds past the Cooper Physio Pinks.

Edithe Rivet also scored for Andy's, while assists went to Laura McDonnell, Cinnamon Boulanger (two), Kelly Francis, and Cheryle Canning.

Stephanie Borden (from Annette Downey at 17:24) was the lone goal scorer for Cooper Physio.



Alex Monk-Cray made 22 saves, while allowing seven goals in Fri., Dec. 14's loss. *Patricia Whais photo*

Hawks

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The Hawks responded at 16:16, with Alexander Vazquez (from Cam Hughes and Pantaleo) knotting the game at 1-1.

Michael Poapst (from Jayden Lemire at 9:28) closed the first period, giving the Wolves a 2-1 edge.

Winchester got goals from Stubbings (from Josh Renaud and Dickenson at 9:38) and Ramsey Wheeler (from Kyle Richardson and Sharples at 1:48) to take a 3-2 lead in the second session. Yet, the Wolves tied on a John Nardiello marker at 3:53.

The Hawks and Wolves then traded goals back and forth in the third. Winchester took a 4-3 lead at 14:22 when Pantaleo (from Scott) found the back of Cam Turcotte's net. But, Jayden Lemire fired home a game-tying goal at 2:47, sending the two squads into overtime.

The five-minute session, however, settled nothing.

In the shootout, just Levasseur scored for the Hawks, while both Marc-Antoine Kamel and Rutley responded for the Wolves.

Monk-Cray stopped 39 of 43 shots faced en route to his second consecutive loss of the weekend.

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Brockville, Cyclones to co-host midget 'AAA' regional championship

BROCKVILLE – The 2013 Telus Major Midget "AAA" Regional Championship tournament has been awarded to the Brockville Minor Hockey Association and the Upper Canada Cyclones.

The tournament will open at the Brockville Memorial Centre on Sat., March 30 and conclude on Fri., April 5.

Major Midget "AAA" hockey is the highest level of minor hockey in Canada and five players from North Dundas Township who are currently members of the host Upper Canada Cyclones will take part in the event. Goaltender Jason Buma, Dawson Fawcett, Shawn Simms, Mitch Kirkwood and Bryden van Kessel are on the roster of this year's Cyclones squad, which stands third in the Ontario East Minor Hockey League standings. The Ottawa Jr. 67's, OHA Gold Mavericks, CIHA Voyageurs, Easter Ontario Wild, Ottawa Senators, OHA Maroon Mavericks and Ottawa Valley Titans provide the opposition for the Cyclones.

A notable graduate of the Telus championship is another North Dundas Minor Hockey Association alumnus and NHL first round draftee Slater Koekkoek.

Major midget teams from Western Ontario, Toronto, Central Ontario, Northern Ontario and Ottawa will joined the Cyclones in the six-team tournament. All teams will play each other in a round robin format, playing one game each day, with the semi-finals slated for Thurs., April 4 and the finals the next day (April 5).

Advanced ticket packages are available for as little as $25 for a week (15 games) and are available by contacting organizing committee chair, Dave Van Stralen, at 613-246-4502 or by email at dave@louet.com



Telus Cup hosts

The Brockville Minor Hockey Association and the Upper Canada Cyclones are co-hosting the 2013 Telus Cup Major Midget "AAA" Regional Championship at the Memorial Centre in Brockville (Sat., March 30 to Fri., April 5). The host Upper Canada "AAA" Cyclones roster sports five former North Dundas Minor Hockey Association players including: Mountain's Shawn Simms (left), Bryden van Kessel (Chesterville), Mitchell Kirkwood (Winchester Springs), Jason Buma (Chesterville) and Dawson Fawcett (Inkerman).

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Kelly scores four times

Maulers double Bush Leaguers 6-3

WINCHESTER – Aaron Kelly scored four goals and picked up an assist on a Matt VanDelst tally leading the fourth-place Chesterville Maulers to a 6-3 Winchester Town Hockey League victory over the number-one ranked Bush Leaguers.

Last week's Tuesday (Dec. 11) twin bill also featured a 6-5 decision for third-place Sadler's Suds over the second-place Green Berets.

Ryan Hay and VanDelst cracked in the other two markers for the Maulers, who improved their record to 3-7-1 with their 6-3 victory over the Leaguers (7-3-1) who lost for just the third time in 11 starts.

Justin "Footer" Morozuk and VanDelst each collected three assists for the Maulers. Will McLean (2), Scott Baldwin, Matt Baker, Cory Wilson, Kelly, and Hay also provided passes. Jesse White was the winning 'tender.

League scoring leader Dean Byvelds netted all three of his team's goals. Jamie Wyatt (2), Travis Rowe, Justin Heuff, Travis Froats and Dean Moore set up the hat trick. Jon Thornton took the loss.

Suds 6 - Berets 5

A 5-0 first half lead didn't stand up for the Suds who needed a second-half shot fired by Rob Thurler to scratch out a 6-5 win over the Berets.

Thurler and Tyler Jones each pegged a pair of goals for the Suds. Troy McNaughton and Colton Stitt sniped the singles. Aron Sherrer (3), Scott Reaney (2), Thurler (2), McNaughton (2), Travis Leach, Jones and Stitt all earned helper points. Colin Ion posted the win.

Mark Mitchell's second-half hat trick inspired the Berets five-goal rally in the second session. Nik Paas and Clayton Kohn supplied the singles. Paas engineered three goals, while Derek Vingerhoeds set up two scoring plays. Mitchell and Kyle Sobering each picked up an assist.

Rockets on another losing streak

PAPINEAUVILLE, QUE. – The thrill of victory was short-lived for the North Dundas Rockets.

On Sat., Dec. 15, the Rockets travelled to Cumberland, where they fell to the Bandits 2-1. The next day (Sun., Dec. 16), North Dundas was in Papineauville to take on the Vikings. Again, the Rockets lost by one goal, falling 5-4.

The pair of weekend losses brings the Rockets' regular season record to 4-16-0, and keeps them in the basement of the National Capital Junior Hockey League's South Division standings.

In Cumberland, Chris Embury was North Dundas' lone goal scorer. Rockets' goaltender Matthew Kingston played the game's full 60 minutes, allowing two goals in the loss.

Adrian Lee potted a pair of goals against the Vikings in Papineauville, while Pete Klein-Swormink and Kyle Adams added single markers in the loss.

Andrew deChamplain got the start for the Rockets, allowing five goals in the loss.

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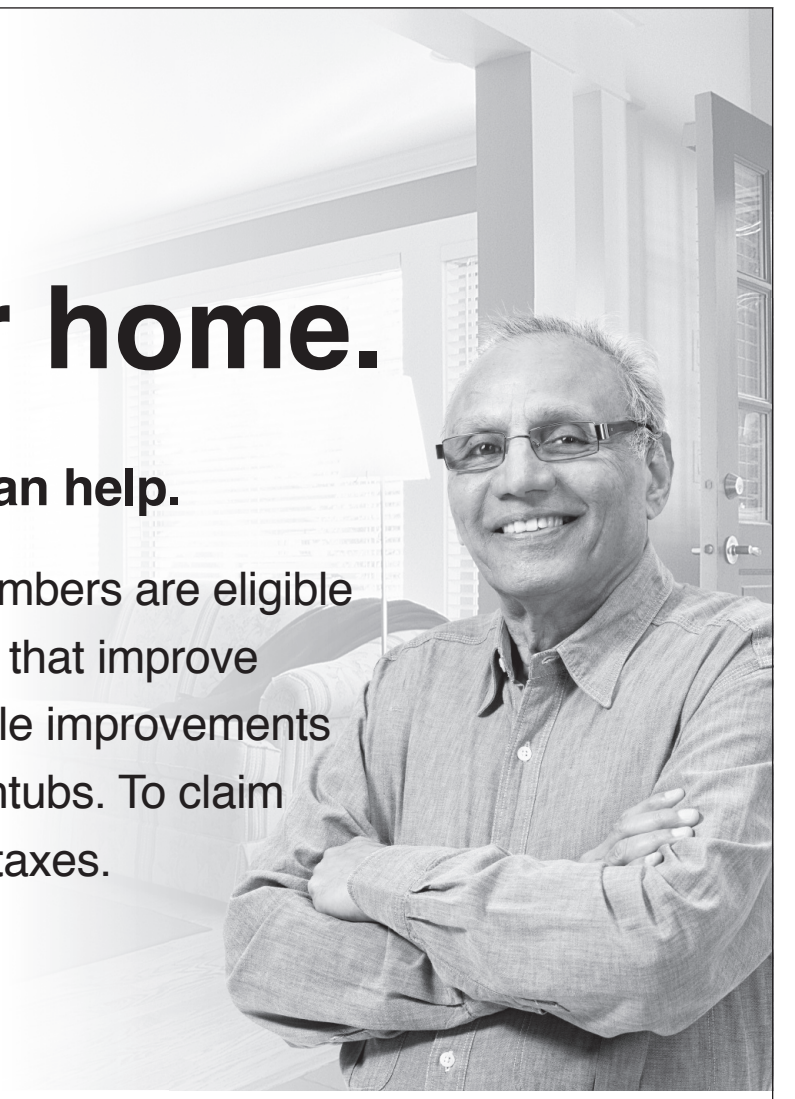

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Andrew Leung scored one of his team's goals in the Metcalfe Jets 6-3 loss to the Gatineau Mustangs in Buckingham on Fri., Dec. 14. *Courtesy photo*

Metcalfe splits weekend games

Jets beat Canadians, fall to Mustangs

METCALFE – Devon Docksteader scored the winning goal, and Eric Drouin made 30 saves as the Metcalfe Jets edged the Ottawa Junior Canadians for its latest victory.

Played at the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe on Sun., Dec. 16, the Jets got past the Canadians 6-3, the team's 14th win of the season.

Two nights before (Fri., Dec. 14), Metcalfe travelled to Buckingham for a date with the Gatineau Mustangs, only to return home on the wrong end of a similar 6-3 score.

The Jets currently hold down fourth place in the Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League (EOJHL)'s Metro Division standings, two points up on the fifth-place Clarence Beavers.

Jets 6 - Canadian 3

Metcalfe closed out the first session with a 2-1 lead following late period goals by David Kilrea (from Joshua Gervais and Nathan Avery at 0:43) and Derek Varrin (from Daniel Abraham and Kyle Downey at 0:16).

Kilrea scored again for the Jets in period two, connecting from Avery at 13:54. His second goal of the game gave Metcalfe a 3-2 lead.

Docksteader (from Matt Shaheen and Glenden Bakker) sealed the Jets win at 15:07 of the third period, while Kilrea completed his hat trick at 8:05 (from Varrin).

Shaheen scored Metcalfe's sixth goal of the game at 5:07 (from Jordan Malette and Docksteader).

Drouin got the win, stopping 30 of the 33 shots he faced.

Mustangs 6 - Jets 3

Metcalfe was in tough against the EOJHL's top team.

Gatineau finished the first period with a 3-1 lead, as the Jets received just a single marker from Kilrea (assists to Patrick Martin and Malette) at 12:50.

It was more of the same in the second session, with the Mustangs ringing up three more goals.

The Jets got markers from Andrew Leung (assists to Brandon Abraham and Bakker) at 6:51, and a power play goal from Gervais (assist to Dawson Fisher) at 6:23.

The third period was scoreless.

Metcalfe goaltender Benoit Larocque made 35 saves in the loss.

Devils open SD&G season by defeating Gaels 50-26

ALEXANDRIA – Patrick Jaquemet and Mitch Melenhorst were the star shooters in the North Dundas District High School Junior Devils 50-26 victory over the host Glengarry Gaels knocking down 10 points each.

The Devils launched their SD&G "A" campaign in Alexandria on Thurs., Dec. 6 with what coach Jevon Groves described as a pretty solid effort.

"I think we have a pretty good team," said the coach.

Unfortunately, the Devils will not be able to secure their second win for the foreseeable future because all high school sports are currently suspended due to the ongoing labour dispute between Ontario's secondary school teachers union and the provincial government.

Early lead

North Dundas doubled Glengarry's offensive production composing a 20-10 lead in the opening eight minutes.

Mason Durant swished five points leading the way with Mitch Melenhorst and Walter Klein Boonschate each hitting a pair of field goals. Jacob Jaquemet (3), Patrick Jaquemet (2), and Matt Laflamme (2) also chipped in points.

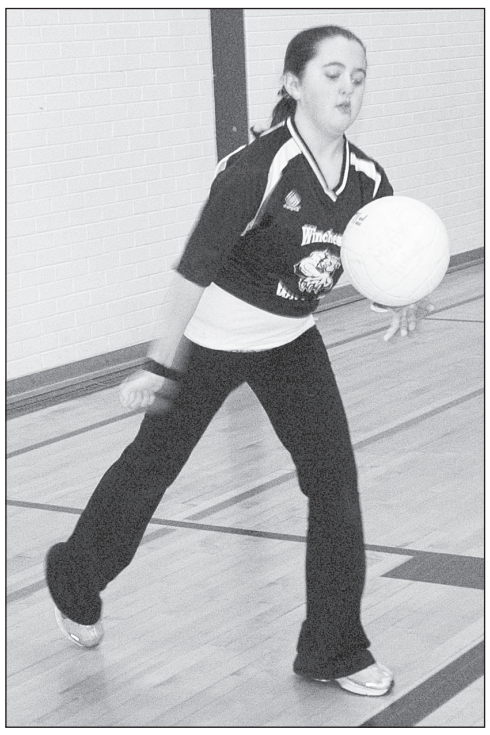
Ben Schoones dropped in seven points, Melenhorst drained four and Klein Boonschate hit a pair of free throws as the Devils expanded their lead to 33-16 by half time.

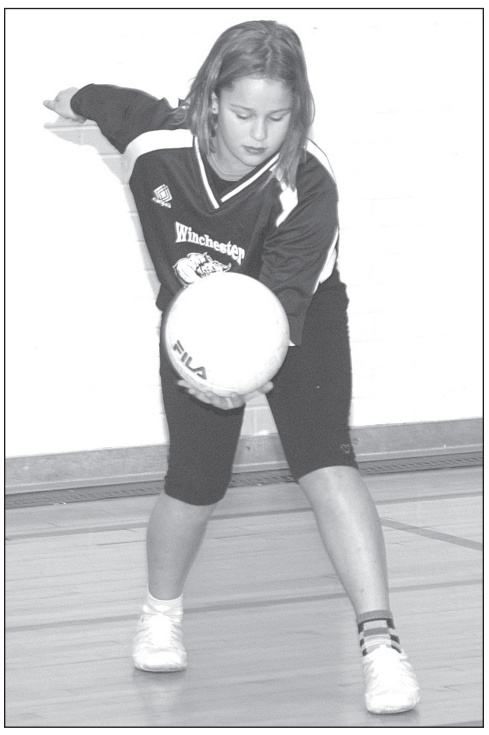
The North Dundas defence held the Gaels to a pair of field goals in the third quarter, while its offence got six points from Patrick Jaquemet and deuces from Klein Boonschate, Jacob Jaquemet and Schoones.

Five fourth-quarter points by Melenhorst (2), Patrick Jaquemet and Klein Boonschate (1) gave the Devils their final 24-point (50-26) margin of victory.

Bradley Stitt, Nik Carruthers and Mitchell Geertsma were the only Devils who didn't put the ball through the ring.







Wildcats win openers

The Winchester Public School Wildcats opened the 2012 Dundas Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament defeating Chesterville Public (25-12, 18-16) and Russell Public (25-15, 25-12). Coach Nancy Jordan reported the Wildcats finished their day with 2-0 wins over Iroquois and Morrisburg, a split games with Nationview and lost 2-0 to St. Mary's. The girl's tournament was held at North Dundas District High School last week (Thurs., Dec. 13). The same day, the boy's competition was hosted by Nationview Public School. The Wildcats service carried them to victory in both matches. Rozlynn Wall (above, left) and Ashley Williams (above, right) delivered points from the backline. The Wildcats (below) went through their warm-up routine before taking on the Russell Timberwolves.

Press Photo – Van Bridger



Bantam Demons hit rough patch, drop three of last four matches

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons scored a total of nine goals in their last four games, yet the team's effort didn't stretch far enough.

On Mon., Dec. 17, the Demons welcomed the Athens Aeros to the Joel Steele Community Centre in Winchester. The two sides battled back and forth throughout the game's three periods, yet it was the visitors who left town with a 5-4 win.

The Alexandria Glens were in Winchester on Mon., Dec. 10, and also headed home with a 5-4 victory.

Meanwhile, on Mon., Dec. 3 the Demons were on the wrong end of a 6-1 score following a trip to Brockville, while the day prior (Sun., Dec. 2), the Demons battled the Bears to a 2-2 draw in Smiths Falls.

The Bantam squad currently sits in last place in the West Division standings with a 5-9-1 record, good enough for 11 points. The Demons' next game is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 22 at 7:30 pm against the Panthers in Kemptville.

Aeros 5 - Demons 4

Athens hit the scoreboard first, scoring at 13:38 and 13:18 of the first period.

But the Demons responded, with Dillon Clemen scoring unassisted at 10:45, and Logan Holmes (from Joey Benoit and Jakob Downey) finding the back of the Aeros cage at 8:03.

The Aeros broke the 2-2 deadlock at 8:01 of the second period, and got two more goals at 7:40 and 4:36, taking a 5-2 lead.

North Dundas clawed back to 5-4, with goals by Clemen and Jack Messervey, but that was as close as the Demons would get. Assists went to Tristan MacGregor, Holmes, and Downey.

Aaron Turcotte worked the nets for North Dundas, taking the loss.

Glens 5 - Demons 4

Following a scoreless first period, Alexandria buried the game's first goal at 11:37 of the second session. The Glens took a 2-0 lead at 10:43, before Demons marksmen Benoit found the back of the Alexandria cage at 3:30.

North Dundas tied the game at 2-2 when Clemen (from Kyle Ross and Messervey) scored at 2:25.

The Glens, however, closed out the period with a 3-2 lead scoring at 1:16.

Holmes opened the third period scoring for North Dundas, finding the back of the Glens cage at 16:47. Assists on the play went to MacGregor and Clemen.

Alexandria took a 4-3 lead at 15:46 of the third, and sealed its victory at 2:40.

The Demons would manage just one more marker, with Brayden Cochrane (from Holmes and MacGregor) scoring at 5:00.

Bayden Carr took the loss working the North Dundas nets.

Braves 6 - Demons 1

Brockville scored a goal in each of the game's opening periods, and buried four in the third session en route to victory.

The Demons lone goal scorer was MacGregor (from Spencer Kelly and Holmes) at 4:37 of period one.

Demons 2 - Bears 2

Alexandre Dagenais and Messervey scored for North Dundas as they tied Smiths Falls on Dec. 2. Assists went to Donovan Larose, Jack VanKessel, and Holmes.



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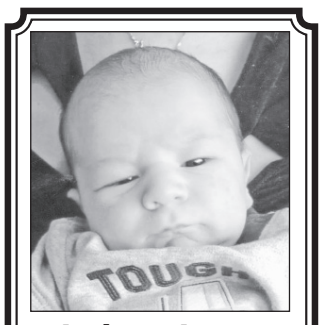

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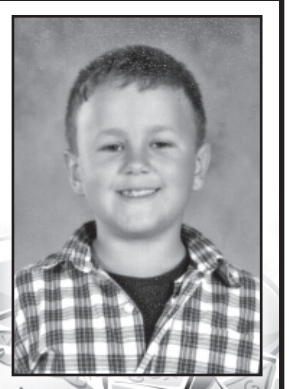

DECEMBER 22, 2012
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IT'S A GIRL!



MICHAUD – Clay and Amy Michaud (nee Sanders) of Berwick are happy to announce the arrival of their third child, a daughter, Ivy Deborah, born on November 19, 2012. A little sister for Annika and Paige. Delighted grandparents are Tony and Rejeanne Sanders of Berwick, Sharryle Turner of Cornwall and John and Colleen Michaud of Glen Walter. Special thanks to Dr. St-Cyr and the staff at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



FAITH – Born November 5, 2012 at 7 lb., 14 oz., 22-1/2 inches in length, a son, Callum Thomas John Faith, to Tyler and Erin (Veltheim) Faith of Osgoode. Proud grandparents are Ray and Kim Faith and ecstatic aunt Aimee. Callum is a fifth-generation baby to great-great-grandma Doris Cross, great-grandma Anne Cross. And a fourth generation to great- grandma Betty Faith (Bill) as well a fourth generation to great-grandpa John (Jack) McIntosh (Judi). A first grandson to Christine and Tor Veltheim.

Thank You

On behalf of the Zwarts families, Marenas Fern and family, Bob, Nancy and family and Marleen and Greg Fawcett and family, we would like to express our thanks to the following.

Thanks to Dr. Adamson for his years of care for Maria; the Garden Villa and staff for your love and good care; Bayshore Nursing; ParaMed PSWs; Smiling Angel Enterprises; J.W. MacIntosh Senior Support Centre; Dundas Hospice; Winchester and District Memorial Hospital and nursing staff – we thank you all for your compassion and care for Maria.

Thank you to Byers Funeral Home for your wonderful care; Rev. Blair Paterson for the years of pastoral care and friendship; Hallville United Church; Hallville UCW; Helen Hyndman and the Hallville United Church Choir for the years of friendship, joy and love that we shared, and to South Gower Cemetery and Dorothy McCargar.

To the amazing people who visited Maria during her illness, for all the food, cards, donations and words of kindness sent during this time, and for the beautiful gifts of flowers, we thank you.

From Marleen personally, to the friends and family who visited during my stay with Mom and supported us, to all who came to the wake and funeral, and a special thanks to my husband Greg, who I needed so much during the last 10 weeks.

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December 26 closed
December 27 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
December 28 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
December 31 8:30 am – 12:00 noon
January 1 closed

Holiday Garbage & Recycling Schedule

December 25 pick up December 26
December 26 pick up December 27
December 27 pick up December 28
December 28 pick up December 29
January 1 pick up January 2
January 2 pick up January 3
January 3 pick up January 4
January 4 pick up January 5

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Merry Christmas from Council & Staff

OBITUARY

Leonard Michael Steck

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Leonard (Len) Michael Steck on Thurs., Dec. 6, 2012 at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital, Vernon, B.C.

Len and his wife, Traudy, resided in Winchester for 40 years. After the big ice storm of 1998, they moved to Vernon, B.C. to be closer to their family.

He was the beloved husband of Traudy, an awesome father to Mitch, Rod, and his wife, Sandy, and a wonderful grandfather (Pop's) to Kyli, Tomi, Nikki, Brett, and his great-grandchildren.

Len was a warm, loving husband and father. He was a kind and gentle man known for his smile, laughter, and generosity. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten!

At Len's request there was no wake or service. His immediate family gathered at the family home to celebrate his 82 years of life.

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Pictured below is a third set of five generations: front row (left to right) – Gabriel Cardinal (son of Amanda Riddell), Amanda Riddell (daughter of Carol Riddell). Back row (left to right) – Theresa Danis, mother of (Gisele Fortiar), Gisele Fortiar and Carol Riddell.



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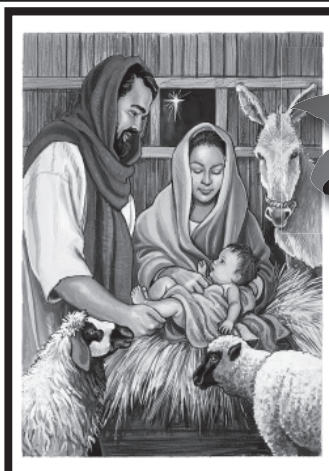

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7:00 pm - Candlelight Service
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Practice fire safety this holiday season

WINCHESTER – It's that time of year again, and folks have been hard at work preparing their homes for Christmas with the addition of lights, candles, and the requisite Christmas Pine.

With all of the Christmas cheer and holiday spirit floating around, people tend to forget some of the basic fire prevention rules for keeping their families and homes safe.

In an effort to be proactive, and along with efforts urged by fire departments in North and South Dundas, here is a list of fire safety measures.

To give yourself, your family, and your neighbours the gift of a safe and happy holiday, follow these simple tips:



• If purchasing a real tree, make certain that it is healthy and green, and remember to water it frequently.

• Ensure Christmas lights are CSA or ULC approved, and never used candles on or near a Christmas tree.

• Before lighting candles, remove any attached decorations, ensure the candle is in a secure holder, and never leave candles unattended.

• Ensure there is a working smoke alarm on every floor of your home.

• Keep all combustibles and decorations away from open fires and space heaters.

• Before bed, extinguish all candles, empty ashtrays into a metal container, and quickly check the kitchen.

• Never leave anything on the stove unattended.

• Don't overload electrical plug outlets or fuse panels, and, if using extension cords, ensure the cord is in good condition.

• Have a fire escape plan ready.

• Make sure fires are out in woodstoves and fireplaces before retiring to bed.

• Hire a babysitter who is prepared for emergencies.

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United Church Women host annual Christmas dinner

by Beatrice Warren

WINCHESTER – The latest meeting of the Winchester United Church Women was held on Mon., Dec. 10.

Lyle Skuce catered the gathering, which served as the organization's annual Christmas dinner.

Clara Edwardson opened the evening with prayer, and said "Grace." As well, the group passed around Christmas cards for written comments, with each being sent to Canadian troops stationed overseas.

Edwardson then thanked Skuce and his staff for the meal.

Janice Hyndman led a sing-along, complete with Christmas carols. A worship service was provided by Oriane and Nancy Steele, with the theme being based on Isaiah 40:1-11.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the Brass Quintet, which is led by Colleen Howard.

Afterward, the business portion of the evening took place, with 10 members present. Edwardson opened by thanking each member for all the things the UCW did in the previous year, and for the involvements in various occasions throughout the village.

Edwardson then mentioned she would be willing to share her presidency title if others were interested, while also mentioning the UCW is accepting new members. She then mentioned that Advent is special at this time of year, and then called the group to join together for the singing of Christmas carols.

In other news, the "good cheer" baskets will be done on Sat., Dec. 22 at 2 pm in the church's assembly hall.

The UCW's next meetings are scheduled for Mon., Jan. 7 at 7 pm, and Mon., Jan. 14 at 7:30 pm.

On Thurs., Jan. 31, the UCW will be hosting Presbytery dinner for roughly 70 people, while on Sat., Feb. 9, the organization's Elvis event is planned.





...And Good Will To Our Neighbours and Friends at Christmas

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Christmas Rush Truffles

FAST, 3-INGREDIENT TREATS

225 g cream cheese, softened
1 pkg. Oreo cookies (regular kind)
500 g melting chocolate, semi-sweet or milk, chips or chunks, chopped

METHOD: Separate 5 Oreos and crush the rest quite fine in a food processor. Add the cream cheese in small chunks and process until well combined. Roll into 1-inch balls and freeze for an hour or more. Prepare your toppings in the meantime: slightly crush the remaining Oreos, or use crushed pretzels, coconut, crushed candy canes or whatever you prefer. Melt your chocolate in batches in the microwave for 2 minutes, stirring every 15 seconds until smooth. Set your cookie balls on a rack over a sheet of parchment paper or a cookie sheet. Using forks or skewers, dip the balls one by one in the chocolate and return to the rack to cool. Sprinkle with toppings before the chocolate hardens. Store in the fridge. Makes about 48 truffles.

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