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An official groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the new St. Daniel's Catholic Church structure took place on Sun., March 10. More than 80 parishioners took part in the celebration, and were joined by members of various church committees and members of the construction firm hired to complete the project. Pictured are Gerry Boyce (left, rebuild committee member), Jeff Somerville (GovanBrown Construction), Ed Dizazzo (Way Forward committee chair), Victor Hughes (architecture consultant), Father Cosmas Ajawara, Terry Triskle (rebuild committee chair), and Rick Segreto (GovanBrown Construction).

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St. Daniel's in South Mountain breaks ground for spring rebuild

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Eighteen months after fire gutted St. Daniel's Catholic Church, both hope and optimism have been restored in South Mountain, as plans for a new religious facility have been put into motion.

On Sun., March 10, more than 80 parishioners gathered at the grounds of the original 117-year-old structure to bless the soil once more, as the new church will make its home in the same Church and Maple Streets location.

"If you look at the sign [placed here to announce the rebuild], it says 'rising from the ashes,' and that is exactly what is going to happen," Ed Dizazzo, chair of the reconstruction's Way Forward committee, said. "We are in the home stretch now."

> Parishioners hope to worship in new structure by June

According to project members, the new structure will not attempt to recreate the original St. Daniel's, erasing both the bell tower and stained glass windows, and instead focusing on a more modest, and modern, design. The yet-to-be-constructed facility is slated to incorporate a small ground-level meeting hall, alongside an open-concept sanctuary, with the entire building totalling roughly 5,000 square feet.

Since the day of the blaze in September 2011, very little externally visible work has taken place, aside from removal of the church's foundation and the adjacent manse; however, behind the scenes, many began making plans just days after the fire.

"The work has been done for some time, from a planning perspective," Terry Triskle, chair of the rebuild committee, said. "I expect we'll have the hand-over of keys by June… in four or five months, we'll be back here."

In the many months since the fire, the rebuild committee has worked alongside local architects, engineers, and other construction experts, working toward the most cost-effective and practical options for the new church. The project has been tendered to Ottawa-based GovanBrown Construction.

The rebuild will be largely subsidized by St. Daniel's insurance policy, while exact financial specifics for the project are not at this time available. However, Father Cosmas Ajawara told the *Winchester Press* in November 2012 that church rebuilds are known to cost more than $1 million.

Since the day of the fire in 2011, congregation members have been meeting every Sunday morning at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall.

South Dundas to face 2% hike

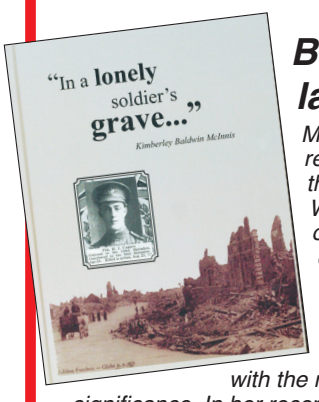
WILLIAMSBURG – Budget deliberations for the Township of South Dundas are now complete and taxpayers are facing an increase. The average increase for residential property owners is roughly $15.47 or a two per cent increase based on the average assessment of $166,420 from 2012 to 2013.

Treasurer Shannon Geraghty indicated that this being a reassessment year, which sees the average residential assessment increase by 4.66 per cent, council was able to reduce tax rates, while maintaining growth in the tax levy base.

While the tax rate has dropped by 2.54 per cent, it still allows for a 2013 budget of $5,146,000, which is a $241,000 increase from 2012. The extra funds will be directed toward possible landfill closures and debt repayment for the Morrisburg Collegiate Institute (MCI) project.

Some of the reported changes between this year and last include an increase for administration to cover costs associated with the eventual move to MCI in the fall. While the roads budget was down this year, cost for environmental services went up. In addition, the budget now includes a $71,000 fee yearly for 10 years to cover the cost of completing the Campbell Street extension in the Morrisburg Industrial Park.

The 2013 budget is slated to be passed at South Dundas' Tues., March 19 council meeting.



Book launch

Most local residents know the First World War Battle of Hill 70 is commemorated at Mountain Memorial Park. However, many are unfamiliar with the monument's significance. In her recently released book, In a Lonely Soldier's Grave, *South Mountain author Kim McInnis presents a summarized history of Mountain Township, and the region's involvement in both the First and Second World Wars. For more on the novel, see the article on page two.*

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Stand-off ends peacefully

IROQUOIS – Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers, with assistance from the Emergency Response Unit and the Tactical Response Unit, made an arrest following an early morning stand off on Sat., March 9. Officers were called to the scene on Caldwell Drive at approximately 9 am.

Police have released little information related to the incident, but according to reports, Colin Fitzgerald was arrested without incident following the roughly five-hour ordeal.

Fitzgerald is known locally for having completed multiple tours of duty in Afghanistan with Canada's military, while having also been the recipient of the Medal of Military Valour in February 2007.

According to Fitzgerald's mother, Arlene, the former solider suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, but had been seeking help. He lived in the home on Caldwell Drive with his wife and two daughters, she added.

According to police, Fitzgerald was arrested at approximately 2 pm, while an investigation into the incident continues. No injuries were reported following the stand off.

Driver apprehended following crash

WINCHESTER – On Fri., March 8, at approximately 5 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision at the junction of St. Lawrence Street (County Road 38) and County Road 31. The investigation revealed that a vehicle was stopped at the stop sign when it was struck from behind. The male driver left the scene. The vehicle was located on County Road 31 a short time later and the 58-year-old male that was operating the vehicle at the time of the collision was identified as Jeffrey Kean.

Kean was arrested, and now faces charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle, and exceed 80 milligrams blood alcohol content. He is scheduled to appear Tues., March 26 in Cornwall court.

Drugs found during traffic stop

CHESTERVILLE – On Tues., March 5, at approximately 11 pm, SD&G OPP officers were conducting a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program on Main Street.

Officers checked a black Oldsmobile being operated by Wesley Robinson, 22. The stop resulted in the seizure of approximately 20 grams of suspected marijuana. The male was arrested and faces a charge of possession schedule II cannabis marijuana. Robinson is scheduled to appear Tues., April 2 in Morrisburg court.

Impaired driver nabbed

CHESTERVILLE – On Tues., March 5, at approximately 11:30 pm, SD&G OPP officers had occasion to conduct a traffic stop on Main Street. The stop revealed that Scott Jones, 18, was operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

He was arrested and faces charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle, and exceed 80 milligrams blood alcohol content. Jones is scheduled to appear in Cornwall court.

Charges laid following B&E

FINCH – On Thurs., Jan. 24, SD&G OPP began an investigation into a reported break-in at a residence on MacMillan Road. An ongoing investigation has resulted in the identification and arrests of several suspects.

Nyle Prairie, 25, of Cornwall is charged with break, enter and commit an indictable offence; possession of property obtained by crime under $5,000; trafficking in stolen goods under $5,000; breach of probation; and failure to comply with undertaking. Joshua Ceasor, 26, has been charged with break and enter, and two counts of failure to comply with undertaking. Christina LaFrance, 29, is charged with break, enter, and commit an indictable offence, and two counts of breach of probation, while Candice O'Rourke, 22, is charged with break, enter, and commit an indictable offence.

All are scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

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Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.

Historical book helps to reignite Hill 70 intrigue

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – It is safe to say Kim McInnis never before considered herself a writer.

Sure, she has dabbled here and there, and has the sense enough to string together various pieces. But now, she can include the title of "author" alongside her name.

Recently, McInnis released *In a Lonely Soldier's Grave,* a summarized history of Mountain Township, and the region's attachment to both the First and Second World Wars.

"[This book] has been literal blood, sweat, and tears for me," the South Mountain resident said.

The roots of the novel go back to October 2009, during the rededication ceremony of the Hill 70 monument at Mountain Memorial Park. McInnis was on hand for the event, taking part as a member of both the North Dundas History Stewards and the Chesterville and District Historical Society.

"I was inspired to put together a souvenir booklet to mark the occasion," McInnis writes in the book's opening comments. "As I researched the Battle of Hill 70, the 'mystery' surrounding the construction of the memorial – there being no documentation or anyone left who knew the history behind it – the Great War itself, as well as ensuing events following the rededication, it became evident that a great deal of history had been forgotten or was about to be lost along the way."

With that, McInnis set about tracking down as much information as possible, scouring old newspaper articles, rummaging through archives at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, and writing to government officials in Lens, France, site of the Hill 70 battle during the First World War.

Various facts and figures were received throughout the past four years as McInnis worked meticulously to piece the story together, from beginning to end, or as close as she could get.

"The information in this book goes back to another time, and I cannot imagine what those people went through," she said. "I almost cried many times as I was writing it."

Book launch

On Tues., March 19, during the Chesterville and District Historical Society's regular monthly meeting, *In a Lonely Soldier's Grave* will be officially launched. The evening is scheduled to get underway at 7 pm. Meanwhile, all proceeds raised through the sale of the publication are earmarked for the historical society.



South Mountain resident Kim McInnis and her recently published book, In a Lonely Soldier's Grave.

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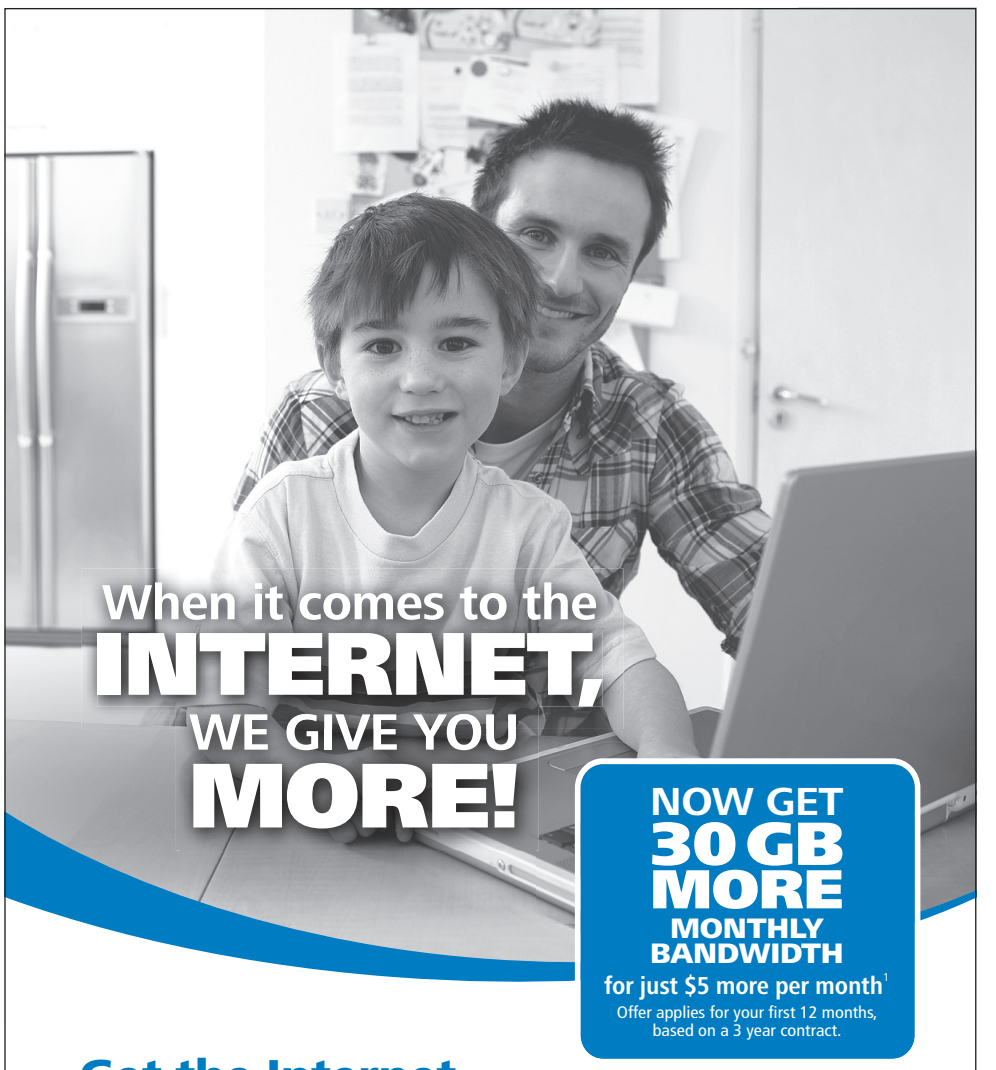

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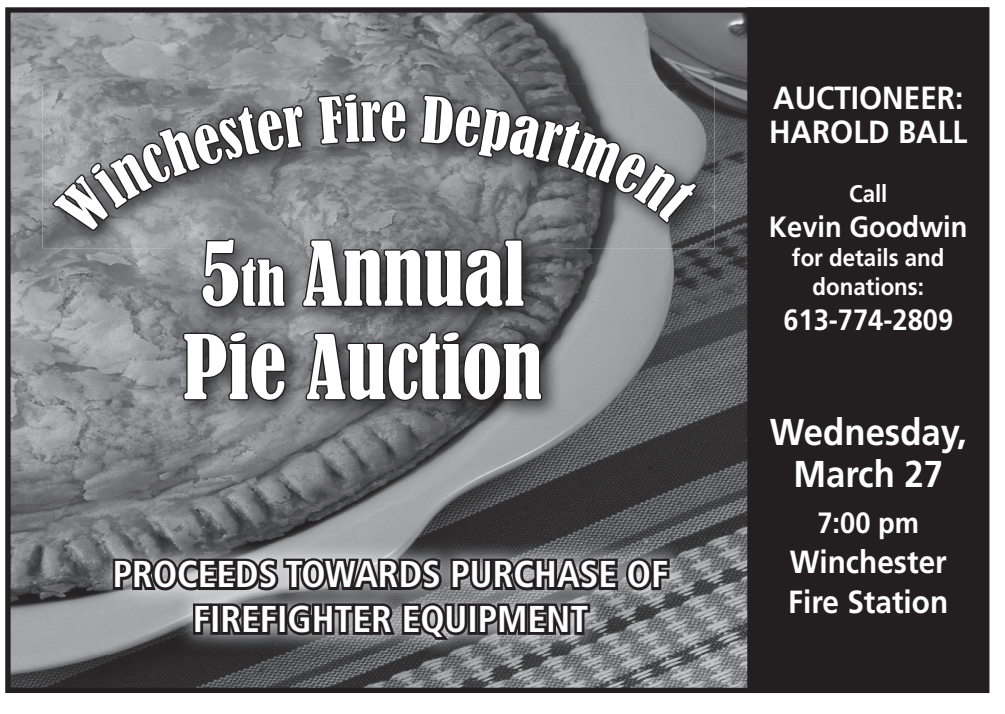

Firefighters honoured for long service



Mountain detachment member Terry Foley was recognized during the ceremony for his 45-year commitment to the municipality's fire department.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Firefighters with the Township of North Dundas Fire Department were honoured during an evening banquet.

Held at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain on Sat., March 9, the new format replaces the previous practice of doling out service pins during a township council meeting.

More than 100 firefighters (from each of North Dundas' four detachments – Winchester, Chesterville, Morewood, and Mountain), their families, and other supporters were on hand for the ceremony.

Mountain detachment member Terry Foley took home the evening's highest honour, being recognized for his 45-year commitment to the municipality's fire department.

John VanDoruson, of the Chesterville detachment, was the lone recipient of a 25-year pin.

> Members of four detachments of North Dundas fire department recognized

Twenty-year pins went to Bruce Casselman, Chesterville, and Doug Carruthers, Morewood.

Accepting 15-year pins were Mike Gruich, Mark McMillan, and Jason Walkden, all of Chesterville; Scott Patterson and Michael Patterson, from Mountain; and Kevin Downes and Tom Sloane, Winchester.

Ten-year pins were given to: Garen Carr and Chris Gaudette, Chesterville; Ken Byers, Doug MacGregor, and Jeremy Therkelson, Morewood; and Chris Helmer, Brent Howick, Paul Pilotte, and Jason Sharp, Winchester.

Receiving five-year pins were: David Graham, Morewood; and Michael Allen, Karen Lewin, Colin Roberts, Tony Wouters, and Mark Gary Wlotzki, Mountain.



Township of North Dundas Fire Department members were honoured during a banquet on Sat., March 9 in South Mountain. As part of the format, service pins were also awarded. Tom Sloane (right), member of the Winchester detachment, is pictured here receiving his 15-year pin from Councillor Al Armstrong and Mayor Eric Duncan. *Press Photos – Uhrig*

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipients



Jubilee medal goes to Fata

You can add South Mountain resident Frank Fata's name to the ever-expanding list of local residents who have received Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals. Late last month, Fata received the honour in recognition of his work with the Blue Ribbon Campaign, which began following the murder of Ottawa Police Service Const. Eric Czapnik. The police officer was stabbed to death outside the Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus in December 2009. Fata was also commended for his constant "giving back" to the community in which he works. As a bus driver with OC Transpo, Fata organizes four or five bus trips per year for senior citizens, taking them to points of interest throughout the city, including Parliament Hill, Mooney's Bay, and the annual Tulip Festival.



Conservationalists honoured

It was a special day for Norm Tinkler and Anna Smail on Fri., March 8. During this year's Dundas Seed, Forage, and Agricultural Show at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners, the two local residents were honoured with Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals. Both Tinkler and Smail were recognized for their efforts in having the South Nation River dredged and realigned in the 1970s to help in the prevention of annual spring flooding of land along the local watercourse. According to the two recipients, the task took much government wrangling, but the job eventually got done. "There is nothing worse than putting all your money in the ground, and then have [the river] flood the next week," Township of South Dundas Mayor Steven Byvelds, who was on hand to present the honours, said when acknowledging Tinkler and Smail. Pictured are South Dundas' Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke, Byvelds, Tinkler, Smail, and Township of North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan.

Press Photo – Uhrig



Local activist receives medal

Winchester resident Dianne Harkin was recently awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her many initiatives on behalf of rural women and farming. Harkin founded the group Women for the Survival of Agriculture in 1975, and from there went on to champion the rights of women, as well as raise awareness and appreciation for agriculture and local farming. She was the first farmwoman to ever receive the Order of Ontario (1987), and the first farmwoman to receive the T.R. Hilliard Distinguished Agricultural Extension Award.

Press Photo – Casselman

Pumpkinferno best new event

MORRISBURG – Following the successful inaugural season of Upper Canada Village's Pumpkinferno, the fall festival has received a prestigious honour.

During Festival and Events Ontario's recent awards banquet, the Morrisburg-based attraction received Ontario's Best New Event Award.

"The Pumpkinferno team exceeded expectations to deliver an event that attracted [more than] 35,000 guests during four weeks in October," Darren Dalgleish, St. Lawrence Parks Commission general manager and CEO, said. "I am certain this new annual event will break records as it evolves and expands each year."

Pumpkinferno 2012 made use of 5,000 LED-lit, hand-carved pumpkins in more than 30 themed artistic installations. The event's creative team is currently developing themes for the 2013 celebration, slated to open on Fri., Oct. 4.

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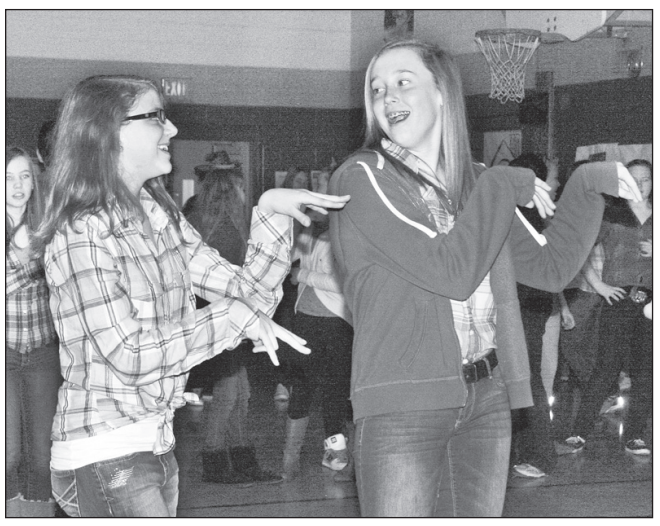

Dance fever

Students hit the dance floor on Thurs., March 7 as part of Metcalfe Public School's Dance-A-Thon. The event took place as a fundraiser for the planned purchase of a new play structure for the school's primary grade students. Participants aimed to raise a portion of the $7,000 necessary for the equipment purchase. Monica Lalonde (left) and Jemma Aveling, pictured here doing their best interpretation of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance, were just two of many students taking part. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Local author inspires crowd with message of 'self worth'

WINCHESTER – In honour of International Women's Day, Naomi's Family Resource Centre held their annual luncheon at the Wesleyan Church in Winchester.

On Fri., March 8, women gathered in the local church hall to hear guest speaker Nancy Horton, local author and cancer survivor.

With this year's United Nations Women's Day theme being "A Promise is a Promise: Time for Action to End Violence Against Women," Horton chose to speak about her personal childhood experience with both poverty and abuse, as well as her struggle to recognize and accept her worth as a woman.

Once ridiculed for inability to read

She told guests about the challenges she, her four siblings, and her mother faced when her father abandoned them, and then, years later, when he decided to return, bringing fear and violence along with him.

She talked about how those same childhood experiences led to low self-esteem and self-doubt, and how in Grade 1 she was ridiculed for not being able to read.

Now, she is a published author of two books, *Hope in the Midst of Darkness* and *The Big, Fat, Bald Head*.

"The world is filled with gorgeous people who can't seem to recognize their own worth," Horton said.

She told the audience that she, like many other women, learned that it was necessary to take care of herself first and to love herself first, before she could truly be of service to those around her.

"Love is a universal language that we all speak and a little act of kindness can mean so much," said Horton.



Winchester resident Nancy Horton, author of *Hope in the Midst of Darkness* and *The Big, Fat, Bald Head*, was the guest speaker at this year's Naomi's Family Resource Centre's International Women's Day luncheon. *Press Photo – Casselman*

Ladies Aid holds March meeting

by Kathy Spruit

WINCHESTER – St. Paul's Ladies Aid group met on Mon., March 4 at the church. Doris Baker welcomed everyone, and the meeting was opened with an ancient Irish blessing.

Helen Kerr led devotions about family. Devotions closed with the singing of "Happy the Home When God is There."

After the reading of the minutes, a letter of appreciation was read from Verna Leger, executive director of Naomi's Family Resource Centre, expressing her gratefulness for the donation of women's pyjamas from St. Paul's Ladies Aid to the local shelter.

Donna Wilson reported that this year's World Day of Prayer Service, held on Fri., March 1, was organized by women in France and the service was well received by everyone attending. The 2014 World Day of Prayer Service will be held at the Winchester United Church the first Friday of March and will be organized by women in Egypt.

Wilson also invited everyone to the Brockville Presbyterial of the WMS to be held Fri., April 12 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg. Supper will be served at the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg Branch 48 and the service following, in the church, will include music by The Reverend and the Choir Boys, and a speaker from the Presbyterian World Service and Development agency. She needs confirmation of attendance by Thurs., March 21.

The Ladies Aid group and Lyle Skuce will be sharing the use of new white tablecloths. Skuce purchased several tablecloths for the church and appreciation was expressed for this generous donation.

Palms and carnations will be purchased and distributed on Palm Sunday and Mother's Day respectively; a suggestion by Helen Kerr.

Roll call was answered with the sharing of a puzzle. Various puzzles were shared, including Sudoku, a brass Tic-tac-toe, rhyming word pairs, and a puzzle about St. Patrick.

Carol Zubatuk provided lunch.

Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be held at Garden Villa Retirement Residence in Chesterville at 7 pm on Mon., April 1.

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South Dundas has first look at potential township signs

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

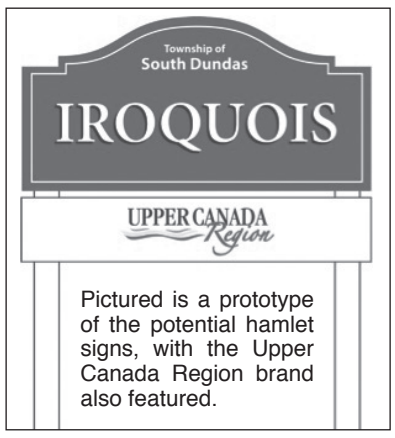
WILLIAMSBURG – Township of South Dundas council has had the first glimpse of what may become the municipality's new gateway signage.

Tom Graham of TD Graham and Associates unveiled the new design at council's Tues., March 5 meeting.

He commended the municipality for working with the Township of South Stormont on the project, which includes reaffirming the Upper Canada Region brand.

"We've developed a strong signage program that integrates the Upper Canada Region brand and keeps the integrity of the individual townships," said Graham.

With the help of Nicole Sullivan, the township's economic development officer, Graham outlined the reasoning behind the choices that went into creating the final product.



Pictured is a prototype of the potential hamlet signs, with the Upper Canada Region brand also featured.

Signs need to be clear and legible, said Graham, and the white reflective lettering on the dark blue background makes the name more pronounced. Logos and colourful artwork would distract from the name, he added.

"The tendency is to load them up, but that's not how they're read," he said. "Simpler is better."

A classic design was chosen to represent the history of the region, and while there will be signs identifying each of the municipality's hamlets, the main focus of the new signage is to promote the South Dundas name, as well as market the regional brand.

In addition to hamlet signs, the project also includes prototypes for those to be placed along Highway 401, as well as those to be placed at each of the township's facilities and parks, all created with the same style elements to promote uniformity.

With a number of issues to be solved, decisions have not yet been made on which signs will be replaced or when.

While it might be advisable from a marketing perspective to replace all the municipality's signs at the same time, it is not necessarily feasible financially said Mayor Steven Byvelds. In addition, any signs to be placed on property owned by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry would require the counties approval.

Feasibility discussions are expected to take place during this year's budget deliberations.

Commercial property rezoned to accommodate new residence

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG – Township of South Dundas council recently tackled the question of whether it is advisable to mix residential with commercial zoning.

The Tues., March 5 session began with an opportunity for residents of the municipality to speak to a request for a zoning change for a property located on the north side of County Road 2 in Iroquois' commercial sector.

Don Lewis, manager of planning and enforcement, recommended that council pass a bylaw amendment changing the location's current designation to allow for a residential build.

This change would allow Henry Swank, owner of the property, to build a semi-detached residence on the vacant lot, amidst the businesses on either side.

Outlining his request for council, Swank said that while he has been unable to sell the property as a commercial investment, he does believe he will be able to "move" the property if it's rezoned to include residential.

"The property has not moved and they're sitting on it," Councillor Archie Mellan said.

Mellan agreed with Lewis' recommendation to add residential to the zoning designation, rather than changing it.

"It leaves the option open. They can go either way," he said.

While the majority of council agreed with the request, there was one holdout.

"I caution council with putting residential in with commercial," Mayor Steven Byvelds said. "It's a recipe for disaster."

He pointed out that the focus has been on building Iroquois' commercial sector and this decision "takes a piece away."

In the end, council voted 4-1 in favour of the zoning amendment bylaw, and Swank now has permission to erect a residential dwelling on the property in question.

Dunbar hall rebuild tender gets nod

by Sandy Casselman
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG – The rebuilding of the Dunbar Recreation Centre is now within sight.

At the Township of South Dundas' Tues., March 5 council meeting, a tender from Wells and Son Construction was approved in the amount of $235,236. This, however, is just the cost of the building.

During the meeting, council members also learned that when final costs are tallied, the total will jump to roughly $314,357.69, of which only $281,330.97 is covered by insurance, leaving $33,026.72 to be paid by the municipality.

The Dunbar Recreation Centre, located in the northeast section of the township, close to the Township of North Dundas, was destroyed by fire in October 2011 and the decision to rebuild was not unanimous among politicians.

Councillor Evonne Delegarde was the sole holdout in the vote to rebuild.

"I do not agree with the recommendation. I understand every little community wants to have a hall, [but] we're trying to reduce the number of buildings we have throughout the township… some have already lost buildings," she said.

The remainder of council was steady in their conviction that residents of Dunbar should have their hall rebuilt.

"Dunbar is part of South Dundas," Mayor Steven Byvelds said.

Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke agreed. Although he lamented the time it has taken to get to the point of rebuild, he did commend municipal staff for their efforts in seeing the project through to fruition.

"I think staff has done a tremendous job [and] I'm well satisfied with the bottom line," said Locke.

Don Lewis, manager of planning and enforcement, said he expects the rebuild of the recreation centre to begin early this spring.

Iroquois focused on conservation

Council notes from South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG – A recent survey of Iroquois residents revealed a mutual desire to conserve, protect, and enhance the village's waterfront.

Howard Kirkby, a member of the Iroquois Waterfront committee, addressed council at its Tues., March 5 meeting, saying, "Our understanding from what we've heard is everyone's excited."

Kirkby told council that focus should first be placed on the beach.

"Everyone will benefit from it and it's a major tourist draw," he said.

Kirkby also acknowledged the lack of adequate signage directing tourists to the waterfront, and to its current available amenities. Many people travel County Road 2, he said, and don't realize they're so close to the St. Lawrence River, and don't realize all the things Iroquois has to offer them.

"People are very passionate about that waterfront," said Councillor Evonne Delegarde. She agreed with Kirkby, and said the municipality needs to better advertise Iroquois' current waterfront amenities.

Plans going forward include similar steps as those taken by the Morrisburg Waterfront Committee. A new committee is to be created, and a public meeting is to be held.

Kirkby said it is important to "expand the community's involvement to get more people involved."

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A medal of contention

When final decisions were being made in the lead up to the unveiling of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal, was it noted that an individual would receive one for simply being a good monarchist?

You held the door for someone? Here's a medal. You bought someone a coffee? Here's a medal. It would appear that the doling out of the latest honour, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne, will be never-ending.

Yes, throughout Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry, and the neighbouring Nepean-Carleton, hundreds of the medals have been handed down to those citizens deemed worthy under the exceptionally broad criteria. According to the Governor General's website, recipients must be deemed to have "made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region, or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada."

While those who have been lucky enough to receive a medal should be honoured, the rather dubious system in which they have been distributed has, perhaps unavoidably, lessened the aura of distinction attached to the award.

Certain medal ceremonies have given credence to what is wrong with the jubilee medal in the first place: there are far too many of them.

In Ottawa, 10 city staff members, most in senior management, were given medals, for, seemingly, no other reason than doing the job they are paid handsomely to perform. Meanwhile, in London, Ont., Mayor Joe Fontana, currently facing fraud and breach of trust charges, came under more fire for doling out medals to council colleagues and some longtime political allies.

Another folly associated with the jubilee medal program is that all elected MPs and senators received the honour. As well, Bloc Quebecois MPs, some committed to separating Quebec from Canada, were bestowed with the award; however, of the four currently holding seats in the House of Commons, each sent the medal back.

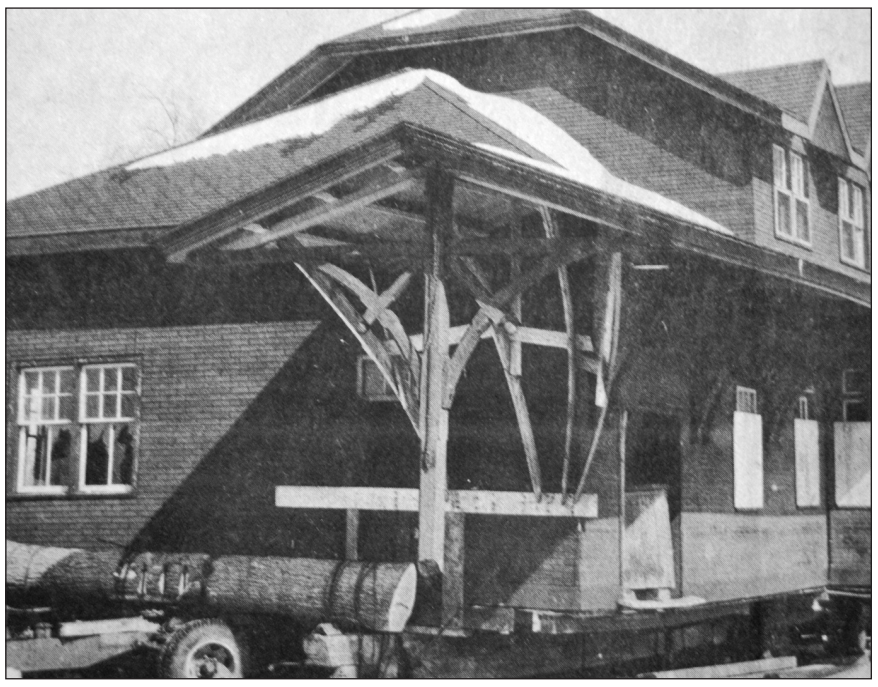
Acts like this, sadly, have made the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal seem like nothing more than a joke, one that has been spread across the country.

Thankfully, not all awards have been tarnished. Two Ottawa Valley mayors returned their medals to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which attempted to hand out 1,500 of the royal commemorations to mayors across Canada. In both North and South Dundas, municipal representatives used their allotted medals to pay tribute to those local citizens who have, in fact, made a difference in the local landscape, be it socially or otherwise.

Thankfully, many of those recipients nominated to receive medals from MPs or MPPs have a background in doing the heavy lifting to make something happen. Most are simply residents determined to make the region they call home the best it can be, and are not political hood ornaments.

The fact of the matter is, local citizens who received a medal should be proud. It has been noted that the work you did is noble, and that is something you and others should be delighted by.

It is too bad that by including an endless number of names in the medal program, it has become less momentous for those truly deserving of the honour.



This week, in 1973, the train station, which had served Winchester area residents for generations, was removed from its former location alongside the CPR tracks. Sullivan Brothers of Chesterville was hired to take the station on its long trek northward, where it was to be transformed into an apartment building.

Remember when...

1923

Isador Hutt made headlines in this week's *Winchester Press*. Hutt, a 28-year-old serving a three-month hard labour term at the counties jail in Cornwall, was accused of further charges in Montreal. Police said Hutt had organized "the most audacious racket they'd ever come across." He allegedly hired a number of women, and an orchestra, to work for him at his new hotel in Abercrombie. The large group loaded into two taxis heading for the hotel, with Hutt sharing one cab with the orchestra equipment, estimated at roughly $1,000. When the workers he'd hired arrived at the hotel, they quickly discovered that Hutt was not the owner, and the orchestra no longer had their musical instruments.

1933

This week's news shone a spotlight on the seeming injustice taking place in the postal industry. City postmen, it was written, received roughly $1,700 to $2,000 annually, but rural postmen were paid no more than half that amount. In addition, city postmen were given the required uniforms, while rural postmen were expected to purchase their own rigs and horses or autos for carrying the mail. There was a call for correction of the injustice.

1943

This week's *Press* grabbed readers' attention with the following headline: "Are you one of the Canadian householders who burned fences, doors, and even flooring to keep warm in the winter's sub-zero weather?" Due to a cold hard winter, many Canadian families had used every piece of dry wood in their possession, and had begun using green wood. To combat the issue, the federal government offered a $1 subsidy per cord to all wood-fuel dealers.

1953

Two Metcalfe teens attending Winchester High School won the two top prizes for public speaking at the local school. The competition, held at the town hall in Winchester, saw Kay Rawlings take the McMaster Cup, the trophy given to the upper school student with the best public speaking skill, while Lois Carson took the Alumni Cup, the prize for best orator in lower school.

1963

Morrisburg businessman William Dillabaugh added his name to the short list (four) of candidates seeking election in Grenville-Dundas on April 8. He was selected during a Social Credit Party nomination meeting in Spencerville. At the meeting, Dillabaugh challenged Ontario Hydro's treatment of the St. Lawrence Valley during the completion of the seaway.

1973

Advertising the beginning of maple syrup season, this week's *Press* informed readers that the Crysler Maple Sugar Bush, located six miles east of Morrisburg off County Road 2, was set to open the following week. The report said the local sugar bush had received more than 135,000 visitors over the past nine years.

1983

A new two-year course on computers was added to Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology (KCAT)'s roster this year. The course description referred to the computer as "the survival tool of the 1980s farmer."

1993

As a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Williamsburg dairy farmer Gord Garlough was one of three members chosen to spend two weeks in Russia, meeting with farm leaders, government officials, and people in the food processing industry. When this week's paper was issued, Garlough had just returned from his trip. The Partners in Progress Agri-Food Project offered the Russian and Ukrainian people advisory assistance to improve food quality and food supply. At the time, Russians were forced to spend all of their disposable income on food.

2003

Two local North Dundas District High School students made news this week when they took part in the Canada Winter Games in Bathurst, N.B. Sisters Diane, 18, and Mandy, 15, Wicks were both part of the Ontario women's archery team, which won the bronze medal after beating a Manitoba team 155-139.

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Is there no community pride anymore?



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

I sat there at Scotiabank Place last weekend, wondering what has happened over the last generation.

And this is not about sports, because the same problem stretches far beyond the fact that people no longer go out and watch sports of any kind – with the exception of NHL hockey.

Why is the arena only a third full?

The Carleton Ravens pounded Lakehead to win their ninth national basketball championship in 11 years Sun., March 10 in front of a should-have-been-sold-out crowd of about 5,000 people. Okay, you know that I am biased here since I played football for the Ravens, have a puppy named Raven, used to have a Ravens license plate, still wear Carleton swag, and still have strong attachments to the school.

But the cavernous arena didn't seem to go with the fact that Carleton had just set a national record with its ninth national title in 11 years, and may go down as the best CIS basketball team ever.

Why was nobody there?

When I thought about this, I realized that it stretched far beyond sports. We, as a culture, have stopped going to anything local.

Think about it.

When there were plays or concerts or local junior hockey or men's softball games, the entire community would come out. Maybe they had little to no interest in what was going on, but community events seemed to be more of a social outing.

I think all of that changed in the 1990s – it was gradual, not instant – and now, we seem to be a culture of shut-ins.

I thought about this while I was watching the Ravens play Acadia in the semi-final. Acadia's best player was 6'10" centre Owen Klassen. His dad, Chuck Klassen, was a dominant high school player with Brockville Collegiate Institute back in the day when I played guard at South Grenville. Chuck, by the way, was only 6'9", an inch shorter than his talented son, but it was always a week of planning in the gym on how we would handle playing him. Chuck went on to star at the university level, and it's great to see his son doing so well. I'll never forget driving the lane and running into Chuck's wingspan, and then watching the ball get swatted about 50 feet away.

Why is it, in those days, that every Junior B or Junior A hockey game was played in a packed rink?

This year, I caught a couple of South Grenville Rangers Jr. "B" games and a couple of Nepean Raiders Jr. "A" games. There might have been 200 fans at both. I went to a lot of Ottawa 67s games this year to see some great hockey and to watch Ryan Van Stralen, Nevin Guy, and some of the other local kids. This year's crowds seemed like the smallest ever for the team.

As a boy in the summer, we would go watch some of the great men's fast pitch games, even piling up in the car to go on road trips to watch legends like Roger Hodgkinson of the Brockville Commercial Stars, Ted Hoy of the Cardinal Pats, the powerful Domville Aces, Williamsburg Pioneers and Hull Volants. Not only do those teams no longer draw crowds, but most of those sports institutions don't even exist anymore.

I remember going to see the Energy 1200 radio station team play in Manotick and the CFRA team and the CJOH No Stars touring all around the Ottawa and Rideau Valley towns, playing to huge crowds.

Now, if they played, there might be a dozen or so fans out to watch.

I thought about the championship game of last year's Leo Boivin Midget "AAA" hockey tournament, when our local boys, the Upper Canada Cyclones, knocked off the Latvian Select All-Star team – one of the top midget hockey teams in Europe – to win the title. The Leo Boivin Community Centre was only about three-quarters full.

I thought about things like Shakespeare in the Park in Manotick, which could have been so much better attended than it was. I thought of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival in Prescott. I thought of some of the things like high school band concerts and local talent shows and community variety shows that used to take place in every town.

No one seems to care anymore.

Why is that?

Every now and then, we will get a note across our desks about a community fundraiser – maybe a Yuk-Yuk's show or maybe a fundraising concert with an extraordinarily talented musician coming to town. Selling $10 tickets for these events is like pulling teeth. A generation ago, a sell-out was an automatic.

Do we just no longer care?

Do we have too much entertainment at our fingertips? Remember, in 1980 most of us only had three or four television channels to choose from. Now, we have close to 1,000 of them coming into our homes.

Maybe we have just become a little bit anti-social. Maybe we would rather sit on our couches and shut the doors and windows to the outside world, rather than to have to socialize with people.

Or maybe we just need to face the reality.

We don't go to local sports and entertainment offerings anymore to socialize with the people of our community.

We would rather stay home and spend the night on Facebook.

Library closure another loss for village

Editor's note: This letter was also forwarded to all members of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County (SD&G) Library board. – M.U.

The Editor:

Over the past few weeks, after learning of the proposed closure of the Williamsburg branch of the SD&G County Library, I have been reviewing literature, legislation, and statistics to determine current library trends, best practices and options, as well as communicating with some involved decision-makers and library users.

While I realize that the library board has firm convictions regarding the future of the branch, I hope that this letter will convince members to at least consider alternatives to complete closure of the Williamsburg site.

According to the Administrators of Rural Urban Public Libraries of Ontario (ARUPLO) guidelines for Rural/Urban Public Library Systems, rural communities are facing rapid change and need to find "creative ways to sustain themselves and attract new residents." This is certainly the situation we find in our own Township of South Dundas, especially in Williamsburg.

The once bustling community has lost many of its landmarks, including a grocery store, restaurant, appliance store, antique shop, bank, Canadian Tire, and more. In the not too distant future they will lose the municipal office, which in turn is putting the local library branch at risk.

Another comment from ARUPLO states "changing demographics are placing increasing pressures on the sustainability of rural communities including the ability to provide an array of services, such as public libraries." Unfortunately, the loss of a public library has both an immediate, as well as a long-term effect. Why? Because libraries matter.

The mandate of a county library system is to provide library services to smaller, rural communities. Each branch plays an important role in the development of the communities they serve. The value of the library isn't about gate count and circulation figures, it is about people helped, lives enriched, and communities improved. Whether large or small, each library matters, and the loss of a local library has both a human and an economic impact on the community involved, and in the case of Williamsburg, it will be another devastating loss.

Three branches of the SD&G Library system currently serve South Dundas, where according to the 2011 Census data from Statistics Canada, the population of South Dundas is 10,794 living in 4,700 dwellings. According to the Canadian Council on Learning's literacy map, approximately 26 to 49 per cent of the population of South Dundas is functionally illiterate. We cannot afford to lose a library branch in this township with this level of community illiteracy!

Obviously, the move of the township offices to Morrisburg, as well as the possible future sale of the municipal building in Williamsburg, will impact the location of the Williamsburg library branch. Apparently, some feel that by installing a new showcase library in the new municipal office under renovation in Morrisburg, the Williamsburg branch becomes obsolete. Many of the Williamsburg patrons and residents of South Dundas do not agree.

I appeal to you to please take the opportunity to identify and consider the needs of the community of Williamsburg in advance of any final decision concerning the future of the Williamsburg branch of the SD&G County library system. The manager of library services recently indicated that the decision to consolidate the branches was not taken lightly. How can this be when there was insufficient community involvement?

Given that there is a significant past history of the SD&G Library Service attempting to close smaller branches, it may be time for library administration and board members to reconsider the main mandate of our county library services. At the moment, it seems you have lost focus on the main purpose for your oversight role.

Doreen Liberty
Morrisburg

Letters to the Editor

Cancellation of Dundas Cup well offside

Editor's note: This letter is in response to Cathie Warren's "Lack of secondary school sports shameful" submission printed in the Winchester Press' *Wed., March 6 edition. – M.U.*

The Editor:

I too am a parent of a Grade 12 student; however, from Seaway District High School, not North Dundas District High School (NDDHS).

Our school was very disappointed when the Dundas Cup was cancelled two days before the first match. This game was in the planning well before any decision on the return of extra-curricular activities.

Our student councils had approached the principals to have this event go on as part of school spirit. At that time, no issues were raised as to why it could not happen.

Parents had stepped up to volunteer their time to coach, while referees and ice times were booked and covered by our ever-supporting community. Most of all, our students were excited again, something that was missing since early December 2012.

Was it lack of players, politics, or student safety that caused this event to be cancelled? Whatever the reasons, they should have been raised when the notion was put forth to let the organizers deal with the concerns then and there.

In the past two years, this hockey match was well attended by both schools. When held in Chesterville, NDDHS students wore their colours loud and proud to say the least. Not to be outdone, the Morrisburg Arena was a maze of orange and black when games took place there. The opposing teams and their fans knew the moment they stepped into the rink who the home team was.

What an amazing sight enjoyed by parents, grandparents, and others from the community.

It is not too late to give the students this opportunity to show their pride. It will go a long way in showing them that our schools really do care. Two great schools, one Dundas Cup. Who will win? No one knows. Ice time is still available, and maybe our students will surprise us and prove those skeptics wrong.

Laurie VanHoof
Williamsburg



From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

Cracking down on contraband

OTTAWA – Our riding of Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&SG) received some very good news last week.

On Tues., March 5, Vic Toews, public safety minister, announced that our government is advancing its efforts to combat the trafficking and cross border smuggling of contraband tobacco. Our government will accomplish this by establishing a 50 officer RCMP Anti-Contraband Tobacco Force, and by creating a new *Criminal Code* offence with mandatory penalties of imprisonment for repeat offenders. Many of these criminals engage in other organized criminal activity like weapons and illegal drug trafficking, which is a serious threat to the residents of SD&SG.

The goal of the RCMP Anti-Contraband Tobacco Force is to target organized crime groups engaged in the production and distribution of contraband tobacco. This will build on the increasing success of the local RCMP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement Strategy. Since 2008, they have laid 5,000 charges, broken up 66 crime groups, and seized 3.5 million cartons of cigarettes. The priority is to further reduce the contraband market and disrupt even more organized crime networks. The profits from contraband tobacco are used by organized crime groups to traffic in illicit drugs, firearms, and humans.

In order to support our law enforcement personnel's efforts, our government is also creating a new *Criminal Code* offence with mandatory penalties of imprisonment for repeat offenders. The proposed amendments would create a new offence of trafficking in contraband tobacco. Under the amendments, anyone who sold, offered for sale, possessed for sale, transported, distributed, or delivered contraband tobacco would be committing an offence.

The new law also proposes a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment for a summary conviction and five years for indictable offences. The mandatory minimum penalties on indictable offences would be 90 days incarceration on a second conviction, 180 days on third conviction, and two years less a day on subsequent convictions.

I hope reading the above convinces you that March 5 was indeed a great day for our riding.

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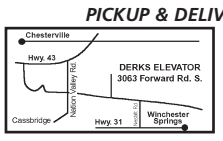

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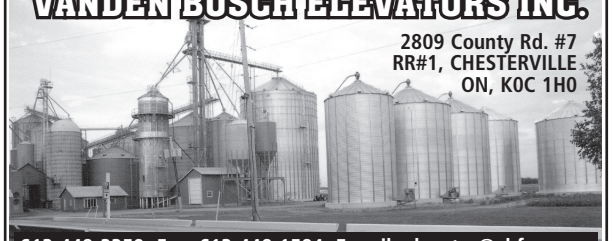
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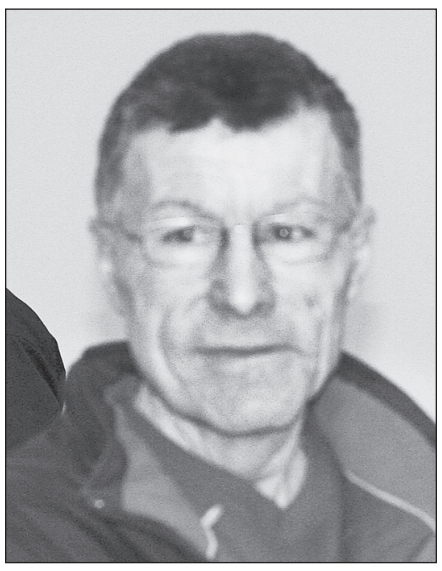
The Dundas Seed, Forage, and Agricultural Show was held at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners on Fri., March 8. Ayrporte Farm owners Ian Porteous (pictured, at left), along with his wife, Tracy, were named as the event's premier forage exhibitor. At right is Dave Barkley, a member of the show's organizing committee.



Paul Ropars (left), pictured here accepting his award from Mark Tibben, was named the event's premier first time exhibitor. *Press Photos – Uhrig*



Brinston-area farmer Francis Henderson took home five top awards from the Dundas Seed, Forage, and Agricultural Show.

Henderson top exhibitor at Dundas County show

DIXONS CORNERS – Once again this year, Francis Henderson was the big winner at the annual Dundas Seed, Forage, and Agricultural Show.

The Brinston-area farmer took home five of the top awards from the event held this year at the Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners on Fri., March 8

Henderson, Terrdale Farms' owner, won the following titles: premier exhibitor, reserve forage exhibitor, champion haylage exhibit, premier seed exhibitor, and champion soybean exhibit.

His daughter, Tracy, and son-in-law, Ian, of Ayrporte Farm, took home the reserve premier exhibitor prize.

The Porteous' were also named premier forage exhibitor, champion forage exhibitor, and champion dry hay exhibitor.

Paul Ropars was named premier first-time exhibitor.

John and Jeannette Devries of Toyeshill Farms also took home five awards. The couple received the titles of reserve champion forage exhibitor, champion corn silage, champion cereal exhibitor, first place wheat in field crop classes, and champion special shelled corn bin class.

Tibben Farms, near Williamsburg, took home the champion shelled corn and champion ear corn honours, while Bruce Porteous was named as the premier 4-H exhibitor.

Doreen Henderson took home the Champion Baker Award, finishing on top in the oatmeal cookie competition.

SNC advises caution near waterways

WINCHESTER – The warmer temperatures and rainfall in March may be a sign of better weather to come, but they also bring potentially dangerous conditions near rivers and streams, and the possibility of flooding.

Although the snow pack is melting slowly in the South Nation Watershed, Environment Canada is forecasting high temperatures and about 10 millimetres of rain throughout the watershed in the next couple of days. The Bear Brook area has a higher snow pack, and there might be some flooding in the low-lying areas due to this forecasted rain.

In addition to daily and long-range weather forecasts from Environment Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources, which provide anticipated temperatures and precipitation amounts, South Nation Conservation (SNC) has a number of monitoring programs that are key tools to determining the likelihood of flooding. SNC monitors snow depth and its water equivalent at seven locations twice a month, and this information indicates how well the snow will be able to absorb rainfall and excess water.

In addition, there is continuous monitoring of a total of 10 stream gauges that measure river levels throughout the watershed.

When monitoring indicates there is a heightened risk to public safety, a series of warning messages are issued. A Watershed Conditions Statement is a notice of conditions that could be dangerous, like high flows or unsafe ice. A Flood Watch is issued when there is potential for flooding, and a Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent and flood response plans should be activated.

During a flood event, SNC will continue to monitor the weather and water levels, and provide ongoing updates throughout the event. The conservation authority also takes action to control water levels and reduce flooding through the operation of the Chesterville Dam.

Flood forecasting and warning messages are posted on www.watershedconditions.com.

Ice fishing huts need to go

WINCHESTER – With the 2013 ice fishing season coming to a close throughout Eastern Ontario this month, South Nation Conservation (SNC) has issued a reminder to local anglers.

All huts out on frozen bodies of water in the region – which were required to be registered with the Ministry of Natural Resources, with accompanying registration numbers – must be removed by Fri., March 15. Abandoned huts can end up cluttering waterways when the ice thaws, an offence under the *Public Lands Act*.

For the fourth year in a row, SNC is sponsoring a publicity and monitoring campaign aimed at cutting down garbage left in the wake of the ice fishing season.

"The message we're trying to convey is clear – Keep trash and deleterious substances off the ice so they don't end up in the water, which disrupts aquatic life and may reduce drinking water quality," Ryan Robson, resource technician, said.

Among other approaches, SNC staff is making direct contact with anglers during general visits to fishing spots, and conducting an ongoing survey aimed in part at determining where various species spend the winter months in the watershed.

The coverage area extends along the South Nation River from its headwaters north of Brockville to its outlet into the Ottawa River near Plantagenet. As well, major tributaries, such as the Castor River, will also be sampled.

Anglers interviewed will be asked basic questions such as target species, weight and length of fish caught, amount of time and number of days spent ice fishing in the watershed. The information will help determine fishing pressure and overall health of the South Nation fishery.

SNC staff will be conducting a final check on or after March 15 to ensure structures are off the ice, while those remaining will be reported to the ministry.

Ottawa Valley Farm Show now underway

OTTAWA – The Ottawa Valley Farm Show (OVFS) has officially entered its 86th year of operation.

The show, which is sponsored by the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association (OVSGA), began yesterday (Tues., March 12) at the Ernst and Young Centre on Uplands Drive, and continues today (Wed., March 13) from 9 am to 8 pm, and tomorrow (Thurs., March 14) from 9 am to 4 pm.

OVSGA president Bruce Hudson said this year's show, with its more than 350 exhibitors, has everything a farmer needs.

The OVFS is the largest annual exhibition of its kind held in Ontario east of Toronto, and the longest running agricultural trade show in Ontario.

The Seed Growers Awards Ceremony will take place today at 12 noon, while at 12 noon tomorrow, the annual Pedigreed Seed Sale, with all proceeds going to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, will take place.

In addition, this year's event will include a cattle breed information display, a 4-H regional display along with a celebration of 4-H Canada's 100th anniversary, a quilt show, antiques, and more.

To find out more about daily happenings at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show visit www.ottawafarmshow.com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Alice Turner, riding Camilla, took first place in the English Jumping competition.





Royal fun at college event

This year's University of Guelph - Kemptville Campus College Royal event began on Mon., March 4. Open to the public on Fri., March 8 and Sat., March 9, the annual event gave prospective students an opportunity for an inside glimpse of what life at the agricultural college is like. In addition to equipment and welding demonstrations, there was also a hockey tournament, horse show, livestock show, celebrity milking contest, and more.

Above:
University of Guelph - Kemptville Campus director Dr. Claude Naud was one of the celebrity competitors in this year's milking contest.

At left:
In the Hunter Under Saddle competition, Cora-Lee Cardinal, and Pasco, took first place.

Press Photos – Casselman

Mountain Seniors' new executive on the job

by Huguette Shaver

MOUNTAIN – In late January, the new executive for the Mountain Seniors' was elected, while Wed., Feb. 27 saw the collective oversee its first meeting.

Secretary Mavis Graham, kitchen director Irene Crowder, and treasurer Dave Scharf join president Jack McCargar on the executive for the coming year.

Anita Leslie and Shirley Sheldrick were selected as delegates, and Shirley Levere is zone representative.

McCargar opened the Feb. 27 meeting with the singing of "O Canada," and recitation of the "Lord's Prayer," while 19 members, who braved the worst snowstorm of the season, were welcomed.

Scharf gave us his treasury balance and Milne motioned that we send $50 each to the Heart and Stoke Foundation and the Alzheimer Society.

Crowder submitted her kitchen report, stating funds are not required for any needs at this time. Milne presented her United Senior Citizens' of Ontario (USCO) report, as well as both the hall and zone reports.

It was announced that the zone meeting is scheduled for today (Wed., March 13) in Winchester. Milne finished her reports with some jokes, and motioned that the Mountain Seniors donate $100 to the USCO's convention to take place in August in St. Catharines.

Meanwhile, a defibrillator has been installed in the Mountain Community Centre, and group members are scheduled to be trained in its use.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ruth Hough who passed away in her 100th year, while there were no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate in February.

McCargar said "Grace" before members had lunch.

The Mountain Seniors' next meeting is set to take place on Wed., March 27 at 11:30 am.

Congratulations



I'm Tilly Lynne Cowan and I'm excited to announce the marriage of my parents, Shelly Winter and Jamie Cowan. They were hitched on August 25, 2012 at Hallville United Church. My grandparents are Brenda and Karl Winter and Elaine and the late Orval Cowan. We are living happily ever after in Hallville.

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She scores

Forward Delaney Johnston (No. 17) put the puck between the Kemptville goaltender and the post on this play in last week's (Wed., March 6) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Johnston's marker sliced the North Dundas Atom "B" Demons deficit to 2-1. Teammate Emily Eikelboom was first to congratulate Johnston on her tally. Unfortunately for the home team, the Panthers left town with a 4-1 win. North Dundas evened their West Division championship series posting a 4-1 decision the following night in Kemptville. Game three in the four-point set is scheduled for Mon., March 18 in Winchester. The puck will drop at 7 pm. *Press Photos – Van Bridger*

Devils 'Schmidtke' the opposition, OFSAA consolation champions

NORTH BAY – It was a tremendous way to end his high school career. Wes Schmidtke poured 147 points through the mesh leading the North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Senior Devils to the 2013 OFSAA consolation championship.

Saying North Dundas "Schmidtked" the top "A" teams in the all-Ontario competition is an astute observation. Schmidtke finished the tournament, held in North Bay from Mon., March 4 to Wed., March 6, as the top scorer, out of 127 players, with 147 points. He averaged 29.5 points per game and posted the best one-game total of 33 points.

Devils coach Deanna Corbett-White noted that the tournament convener said had they kept rebounding stats, Schmidtke would have probably been tops in that category.

Team work

Corbett-White explained that Schmidtke did provide the Devils with its offensive spark, but the team's tough, aggressive defence was also key to its success.

She felt the team was going to OFSAA for the experience, because it was the first time a team from NDDHS had qualified for the tournament.

"But the boys were on a different page," she said. "They were going to play and show the OFSAA world who North Dundas was and that they could play basketball."

She went on to say that few had heard of North Dundas, but many told her that the Devils were the surprise of the competition.

"I am *sooo* proud of each and every one of the boys," she said. "They played as a unit with a common goal. We out-hustled every team and controlled the rebounds in every game."

"We played with our heart," added the coach. "The boys believed in themselves and never once backed down."

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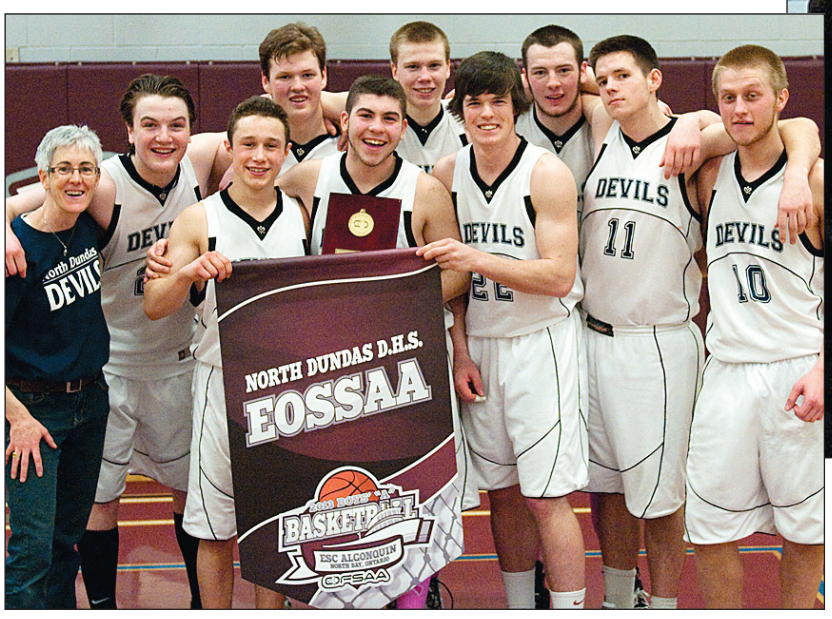

Dayton Kelly (front, left), Evan Corbett-White and Dan Trumper hold up the banner and plaque the Senior Devils collected at OFSAA while coach Deanna Corbett-White (back, left), Liam Morrow, Austin Carruthers, Bruce Bufton, Wes Schmidtke, Chris Neil and Cory Vandemheen bask in the glory of finishing among the top five "A" teams in Ontario.

Wes Schmidtke dominated the boards in both offensive and defensive zones during the North Dundas District High School Devils five-game run at the 2013 OFSAA "A" senior boys basketball championships in North Bay. North Dundas finished the 15-school tournament with a 3-2 record and the consolation championship banner. *Courtesy photos*

Ball hockey registration upcoming

WINCHESTER – Registration nights for the 2013 North Dundas Minor Co-ed Ball Hockey League season have been scheduled.

The initial sessions will be held in the lobby of the Joel Steele Community Centre from 7 until 8:30 pm on both Mon., March 25 and Wed., March 27. There will also be a registration held in the Chesterville Arena lobby on Tues., March 26 (7 – 8:30 pm).

Player evaluations will be conducted at the Winchester Arena on the evenings of Wed., April 17 and Thurs., April 18 from 6 until 11 pm. The player draft will take place on Sun., April 21 and the first games will be played on Tues., April 30 and Wed., May 1.

For more information, contact Lee Bowers at northdundasminorballhockey@gmail.com

Novice House 'C1' Demons sweep Brockville Braves in division final

BROCKVILLE – Nolan Foley's fourth goal of the game, scored 3:42 before the final buzzer, shattered a 5-5 stalemate and sent the North Dundas Novice House "C1" Demons to a 6-5 victory over the host Brockville Jr. Braves.

Sunday's (March 10) win gave the Demons a 4-0 sweep in their four-point series with the Braves and clinched the 2012-2013 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's (UCMHL) West Division championship.

The "C1" Demons are waiting for the East Division champion to be crowned and their North Dundas cousins, the House "C2" Demons, hold a 2-0 lead over the Kemptville "C2" Panthers in that divisional showdown. Should the "C2" Demons win game two scheduled to be played in Kemptville on Tues., March 19 they would move to the UCMHL East/West championship series against the "C1" Demons.

Both North Dundas squads compiled regular season records of 20-2-2 and finished first in their respective divisions. The "C1" squad eliminated North Leeds (4-2) and Brockville (4-0), while the "C2" team ousted the Kemptville "C3" Panthers (4-0) and hold a 2-0 lead on the "C2" Panthers in the East Division final.

West champs

The "C1" Braves were in Winchester last Friday (March 8) for game one where they suffered a 3-1 setback.

North Dundas did its scoring in the second period taking a 3-0 lead on goals by Chloee Young (Nolan Stewart and Caden Holmes at 6:47), Sebastien Lafrance (Foley and William Wicks at 6:14) and Stewart (Holmes and Young at 5:28).

Brockville ruined Chase Berube's hopes for a shutout ringing up their lone goal 4:09 before the final buzzer.

It was a see-saw battle in Sunday's second game. It was deadlocked 1-1 after a period and 4-3 for North Dundas after two sessions. The Demons took a 6-3 lead on third-period shots fired by Young (Chase Richards and Caden Holmes at 6:13) and Foley (unassisted at 3:24) only to give up a pair to the Braves in the final 2:14 before sealing a 6-5 decision and the West Division championship.

Foley finished with four goals while Young and Stewart sniped the singles. Caden Holmes (2), James Forrester, Ella Holmes and Richards earned the assists.

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Byvelds, Mitchell lead Leaguers, Berets into Melvin Cup championship series

WINCHESTER – Dean Byvelds and Mark Mitchell scored five goals each leading their respective teams into the 2012-2013 Winchester Town Hockey League championship series.

Byvelds blasted in five consecutive goals in the first half of the Bush Leaguers 6-1 victory over the Chesterville Maulers in the four-point "A" semi-final, while Mitchell cracked his five into the twine in the other half of last week's (Tues., March 5) twin bill helping the Green Berets eliminate Sadler's Suds 11-3.

The Leaguers (10-6-3) finished first during the regular season with 23 points and took three games to oust the fourth-place Chesterville Maulers (6-12-1). The Leaguers defeated the Maulers 6-1 and 6-1 and dropped a 4-2 decision in game two.

The "B" semi opened with the third-place Suds (8-8-3) and number-two ranked Berets (9-7-3) finishing in a 2-2 draw, but games two and three weren't even close ending as 11-3 wins for the Berets.

Game one of the best-of-three battle for the historic 86-year-old Melvin Cup was played last night (Tues., March 12).



High and wide

Bush Leaguer sniper Dean Byvelds (No. 22) snapped this shot between Chesterville Mauler defender Will McLean and goaltender Jesse Whyte during last week's (Tues., March 5) Winchester Town Hockey League semi-final game. Byvelds buried five shots in the first half and set up a sixth marker in the second leading the Leaguers to a 6-1 victory in the deciding game of the four-point series.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Leaguers 6 – Maulers 1

It was the Dean Byvelds show in the first half of the Leaguers – Maulers match. The league's regular season scoring champ rang up five consecutive markers scoring from Jamie Wyatt at 22:45, from Travis Froats at 18:53, from Froats and Wyatt at 16:10, from Froats and Cody Pelkey at 6:34 and unassisted 3:42 before the intermission. Byvelds then teamed up with Wyatt and set up Froats who made it 6-1 with 12:43 left in the game.

Will McLean ruined Chris Currie's bid for perfection beating him on a play set up by Scott Baldwin at 15:15 of the first half.

Berets 11 – Suds 3

Mark Mitchell cracked in four of his five goals in the first half as the Berets drained the Suds 11-3.

The Berets put together a 6-2 lead in the first half, cruising to an easy victory and into the championship series.

Nik Paas led the winner's offence scoring three times and drawing five assists for eight points, while Mitchell finished with five goals, two assists and seven points. Trent McBain (1-3-4), Kyle Sobering (1-2-3), Derek Vingerhoeds (1-1-2) and Mitch Shay (1-1-2) also produced points. Jason Chambers posted the win.

Aron Sherrer potted two of the three Suds tallies and Colton Stitt sniped the single. Tyler Jones and Troy McNaughton each earned an assist.

Aigles lead Nationals 2-0

ST-ISIDORE – A 12-3 thumping of the visiting Rockland Nationals has opened up a 2-0 series lead for the South Division winning St-Isidore Aigles.

The Aigles ripped Rockland for that nine-goal decision on Sunday (March 10) and opened up a 2-0 lead in the National Capital Junior Hockey League (NCJHL) best-of seven semi-final set following a 5-4 decision in game one on Saturday (March 9).

The third meeting is set for tonight (Wed., March 13) in St-Isidore. Rockland will be the site for game four on Friday (March 15).

The other semi-final series between the defending NCJHL champion Embrun Panthers and the North Division champion Cumberland Bandits is deadlocked at one game apiece. Embrun scratched out a 2-1 win in game one last Friday (March 8), but were tamed 4-1 in Saturday's (March 9) second meeting.

Game three is slated to be played Friday (March 15, 8 pm) in Embrun and game four Saturday (March 16, 7:30 pm) at the Ray Friel Recreation Complex in Orleans.

Novice Demons

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Demons 3 – Panthers 2

Joshua Dagenais converted a play created by Jordan Heuff and Maddux England into what would prove to be the GWG when he broke a 2-2 tie and lifted the Novice House "C2" Demons to a 3-2 victory over the Kemptville "C2" Panthers at the Joel Steele Community Centre last week (Fri., March 8).

The decision handed North Dundas a 2-0 lead in its four-point East Division championship series with the Panthers. A win in game two (Tues., March 19) in Kemptville would crown the Demons as divisional champions.

Aaron Mather's tally gave the Panthers a 1-0 lead at 7:56 of period one, but the Demons roared back and gained a 2-1 advantage on tallies by Dagenais (England at 3:46) and Heuff (Cameron Lynch at 2:30).

Dagenais opened up a 3-2 lead finishing a play engineered by Heuff and England with 3:40 left in period two after Kemptville had evened the count at 2-2 on a Tyler Musgrave marker at 4:01 of the same frame.

OFSAA consolation champions

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The coach felt that the team's 28 games played prior to OFSAA allowed them to play their smartest basketball of the season, as they remembered the learning points from those games, especially when they gave up the lead in the EOSSAA gold medal game against the Rideau Lions and lost in the dying seconds.

Long road

North Dundas, the six seed, lost its first two games 66-41 to the number one seed St. Patrick's Fighting Irish of Sarnia before dropping a controversial 46-44 decision to Kings Christian Collegiate of Hamilton.

But the Devils rallied, ringing up three consecutive victories – 54-27 over Pretty River Academy, 68-52 over ESC E.J. Lajeunesse and 70-63 over Rockway Mennonite Collegiate – to become the 2013 "A" senior boys consolation champions and the fifth best team in Ontario.

"Fifth in the province is nothing to complain about," said the coach. "A 3-2 record when the only teams you lost to went to the gold medal game – we couldn't have expected a better result."

St. Patrick's went on to capture the gold medal beating Kings' Christian Collegiate 59-44. Mgr-de-Charbonnel edged Ottawa's Ashbury College 50-42 in the bronze medal game.

A field of 15 schools, including the Rideau Lions (No. 9) from Westport who defeated North Dundas 49-45 in the EOSSAA gold-medal game, vied for the Ontario championship.

The coach said it was a very emotional end to a wonderful season. A season that produced the SD&G "A" championship, a silver medal at EOSSAA and the consolation title at OFSAA. Previously, Corbett-White had guided almost the identical squad to the 2012 SD&G "AA" championship over the Falcons on their hardwood at Holy Trinity.

But next season will be one of transition, as she will lose the core of the nine-man senior squad – Liam Morrow, Chris Neil, Austin Carruthers, Cory Vandemheen, Bruce Bufton and Wes Schmidtke – to graduation. Only Dayton Kelly, Dan Trumper and Evan Corbett-White are eligible to return.

"Such a super, respectful, hard working group of nine guys. It has been an honour to have had the opportunity to coach theses fine young men," concluded the coach.

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Novice House 'B' Demons split decisions with Panthers

KEMPTVILLE – A 4-2 loss to the Panthers in Kemptville by the North Dundas Novice House "B" Demons has tied their Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's East Division final series.

North Dundas opened the four-point final skating to a 5-1 win at the Joel Steele Community Centre on Saturday (March 9). Sunday in Kemptville the Panthers evened the set at 2-2 registering a 4-2 decision.

The third and possibly final encounter will take place in Chesterville tomorrow (Thurs., March 14) at 6 pm.

The East Division representative will advance to the league final against the West champion, which will either be the Smiths Falls No. 1 or No. 2 Bears.

North Dundas (16-4-4) claimed first place in the regular season collecting 36 points while Kemptville (15-6-3) placed second with 33. The Demons also earned the Most Sportsmanship Team Award collecting a league low 18 minutes in penalties. The Panthers finished second in that category picking up 20 minutes.

Game one

North Dundas goaltender Hunter VanBreugel held the Panthers off the score sheet until the 9:18 mark of the final frame, by that time the Demons were enjoying a 3-0 advantage.

Noah Drouin-Geurts used a feed from Cole Leblanc to put his team into a 1-0 lead with 3:39 left in period one. Travis Ouellette's unassisted marker registered 23 seconds later gave the Demons a 2-0 lead. Ouellette netted another solo shot with 8:24 to play in the second stanza and North Dundas carried the 3-0 score into the final frame.

Drouin-Geurts created a 4-1 gap finishing a play started by Max Messervey and Myles Smith with 4:02 on the clock and Ouellette iced it when he fired a feed from Noah Tessier into the empty Panthers' cage 46 seconds before the final buzzer.

Game two

Kemptville trailed 1-0 after a period of game two, but tied the score 2-2 in the second and iced a 4-2 verdict after counting a pair of unanswered tallies in the final frame.

Drouin-Geurts (unassisted at 5:37) scored the Demons first goal and was followed by Tessier (Ouellette at 1:09) who found the back of the Panthers cage in the second stanza.

The Demons reached the East final by eliminating the Brockville Jr. Braves five points to one. North Dundas opened with a 4-0 win, tied game two 3-3 thanks to a Messervey hat trick and clinched the series winning 4-1 in Chesterville on Mon., March 4.



Least penalized

The North Dundas Novice House "B" Demons, currently involved in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's East Division championship series with the Kemptville Panthers, finished first in their division compiling a regular season record of 16-4-4. The Demons earned the Most Sportsmanship Team Award for drawing just 18 minutes in 24 games. The 2012-2013 North Dundas Novice House "B" Demons are: front (left) – Kristie Billings – manager, Myles Smith, Liam Berry-Lavallee, Hunter VanBreugel, Chayce Hyndman, Noah Tessier, Lisa Berry – manager; back (left) – Jeff Hyndman – coach, Spencer Billings, Kieran Ladouceur-MacQueen, Travis Ouellette, Maxwell Messervey, Noah Drouin-Geurts, Jason Ouellette –ass't coach, Jamie VanBreugel – trainer. Missing: Cole Leblanc and John Tessier – ass't coach.

Akwesasne Wolves on the prowl, have Vikings on the ropes

CORNWALL ISLAND – It was 2004 when the Akwesasne Wolves last competed in post season play.

Nine years later, the Wolves have the defending Eastern Ontario Junior Hockey League champion Casselman Vikings cornered and facing elimination as they attempt to repeat as St. Lawrence Division titleholders.

Last night (Tues., March 12), the Wolves hosted the Vikings in game six at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. With a win, the Cornwall Island squad would be boasting a division crown and moving on to the Rideau – St. Lawrence Conference final against either the Athens Aeros or Gananoque Islanders. Athens held a 3-1 advantage in that series and were playing game five in their own rink (Centre 76) last night.

Should the Vikings avoid elimination and force game seven it will be played in Casselman tomorrow night (Thurs., March 14) at 8 pm.

Wolves 3 – Vikings 1

Cam Turcotte turned aside 31 of 32 shots the Vikings fired at him as he and the Wolves defeated the Vikings 3-1 right in their own barn on Sunday (March 10).

Dillon Barr's first-period PPG gave Akwesasne a 1-0 lead with 2:33 left on the clock.

Taylor Widenmaier evened the count at 1-1 netting a Casselman PPG at 11:26 of period two, but the Wolves rang up the GWG when Oakley Thomas beat Alexandre Michaud with 3:57 left in the session. Alex Conroy-Terrance opened up a 3-1 gap scoring 36 seconds later.

The final 20 minutes were scoreless as Akwesasne preserved the 3-1 lead and gained a 3-2 lead in the series.

Casselman won game one 1-0 but fell behind 2-1 dropping 4-2 and 4-3 OT decisions to the Wolves. A 4-2 victory last Saturday (March 9) tied it up 2-2.

Akwesasne qualified for the St. Lawrence final round eliminating the Char-Lan Rebels in seven games while Casselman advanced sweeping the Winchester Hawks 4-0.

Rideau Division

Both Rideau Division semi-final series' went the full seven games with the top-ranked Athens Aeros sending the fourth-place Brockville Tikis to the sidelines taking game six 7-1 and game seven 4-0.

The second-place Gananoque Islanders also needed wins in games six (7-1) and seven (7-6 OT) to eliminate the third-place Westport Rideaus.

The showdown for the 2012-2013 Rideau silverware opened with Athens registering back-to-back 4-1 wins. Gananoque rallied with a 4-1 decision in game three only to have Athens expand their lead to 3-1 with a 3-2 OT win on Sunday (March 10).

Should they be needed, game six is slated for tonight (Wed., March 13) in Gananoque and game seven at Centre 76 in Athens on Friday (March 15).

Metro/Valley

The Metro/Valley Conference combatants have been declared with the Ottawa Junior Canadians advancing after sweeping the Clarence Beavers 4-0 in the Metro Division final and the Renfrew Timberwolves ousting the Perth Blue Wings in five games for the Valley Division title.

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Novice House 'C2' Demons strike silver in Smiths Falls

SMITH FALLS – Joshua Dagenais was the only member of the North Dundas Novice House "C2" Demons to put a puck into the Almonte net in the championship game of the 2013 Smiths Falls Bears Minor Hockey Tournament.

Almonte grabbed the gold in Sunday's (March 10) title match posting a 3-1 victory. Maddux England and Alexandre Sylvestre assisted Dagenais who handed his team a 1-0 lead with 1:57 left in period one.

Almonte took a 2-1 lead on a pair of Declan Thompson tallies in period two and locked up the championship when Riddick Dube made it 3-1 in the final frame.

North Dundas played the three tournament games with a short bench of nine skaters, down two from their roster of 11.

Dagenais gave the Demons a 1-0 lead at 5:57 of the opening period of game one against Clarence Creek. The Castors tied it in the second, but the Demons pulled away netting four goals in the third period securing a 5-1 win.

Jordan Heuff potted a pair of goals in the final frame, including one into the empty net 1:08 before the final buzzer. Dagenais netted the other two, first finishing a play engineered by Sylvestre at 4:59 and another set up by Cameron Lynch and Andrew Weagant with 1:44 left on the clock.



Silver medalists

The North Dundas Novice House "C2" Demons knocked off Clarence Creek 5-1 and the Smiths Falls "C2" Bears 6-2 before dropping a 3-1 decision to Almonte in the gold medal match in Sunday's (March 10) tournament in Smiths Falls. The silver medalists are: front (left) – Tayte Bouchard, Alexandre Sylvestre, Cameron Lynch, Paige Hannaford, Maddux England; back (left) – Chris Sylvestre – coach, Jordan Heuff, Joshua Dagenais, Andrew Weagant, Wyatt Watson, Scott Weagant – ass't coach. Missing: Michael Tufts and Nolan Henry.

Ingrid Sylvestre photo

Demons 6 - Bears 2

North Dundas clinched a spot in the "A" final beating the Smiths Falls "C2" Bears 6-2 in round two.

First-period markers by Heuff (unassisted at 5:17), Sylvestre (England and Dagenais at 4:51) and Dagenais (unassisted at 3:30) gave the Demons a 3-0 lead.

Heuff notched a pair of markers in the middle stanza netting a feed from Lynch at 2:43 and scoring unassisted with 9.6 seconds on the clock.

North Dundas carried a 5-1 lead into the final frame and locked up the 6-2 decision with an unassisted shot fired by Lynch at the 8:42 mark.

Connor Fleet counted both Bears' goals.

Pee Wee House 'C' Demons move to East Division final

CHESTERVILLE – It took them four games, but the North Dundas Pee Wee House "C" Demons have eliminated the Kemptville "C3" Panthers and in the process qualified for the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's East Division championship series against the Alexandria Glens.

Paced by Eric Armstrong's four-goal, five-point effort, North Dundas doubled the Panthers 8-4 on Chesterville ice last week (Fri., March 8). The decision gave the Demons a 5-3 win in the four-point semi-final set.

The Glens earned their berth in the final round ousting the Char-Lan Rebels 4-0 winning 5-2 and 4-1. Alexandria claimed top spot in the regular season rankings with a record of 20-1-3 and 43 points. North Dundas (14-8-2) settled into third, while Kemptville (15-6-3) finished second.

North Dundas vanquished the South Dundas Lions (4-19-1) in two games posting 8-2 and 8-0 results.

A schedule for the North Dundas vs. Alexandria series has yet to be determined.

The South Grenville Rangers and Athens Aeros are pitted against each other in the West Division final.

Game four

Eric Armstrong's four goals were key to the Demons 8-4 win in game four, but Tyler Palmer and Josh Armstrong led all point producers with six points. Palmer netted two goals and set up four scoring plays, while Armstrong (Josh) dented twine once and collected five helpers. Cedric Dagenais (3), Bradley Larmour and "AP" Justin Dagenais also earned assists. Kara Turcotte was the winning 'tender.

Game three

The Panthers handed the Demons a 3-2 loss in game three (Tues., March 4) in Kemptville forcing game four.

Kemptville jumped into a 3-0 lead in period one and held the Demons at bay until the final frame when Justin Dagenais (unassisted at 13:44) and Cedric Dagenais (Justin Dagenais at 4:56) put pucks in the back of the Panthers' cage.

Game two

Two days earlier (Sat., March 2) in Kemptville the Panthers used a pair of third-period markers to erase a 4-2 deficit and hold the Demons to a 4-4 draw.

Palmer (Josh Armstrong at 12:40), Josh Armstrong (Brayden Roe at 8:30) and Cedric Dagenais (Bradley Larmour at 8:19) netted first-period goals helping the Demons establish a 3-1 lead.

Palmer cashed in a pass from Josh Armstrong into a 4-2 lead in the second session setting the stage for Kemptville's third-period rally.

Game one

Josh Armstrong teamed up with brother Eric and Palmer and fired home their relay for the GWG 10.6 seconds before the final buzzer in game one in Chesterville on Thurs., Feb. 28.

Eric scored from Josh and Nathan Saari at 15:16 of the final frame giving the Demons the opportunity to slam in the deciding goal in the 4-3 victory.

Palmer (Eric and Josh Armstrong at 4:48) registered the Demons first-period marker. Josh (Eric and Palmer at 7:04) hit the target in period two.

Kara Turcotte worked the Demons nets and posted the win.

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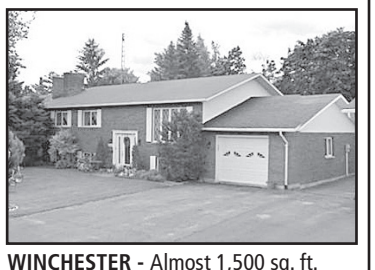

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Birth Notices

WILSON – Kirsten Taylor-Bosman and Christopher Wilson of Chelsea, P.Q. are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Elin Hanna Wilson on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Big brother Camden could not be more excited. Proud grandparents are Wilma Taylor-Bosman and Doug Taylor of Chelsea, P.Q. and Diane and John Wilson of Iroquois, Ontario.
1

IT'S A BOY!
HARPER – Derek and Danita wish to announce the arrival of their first child, Seth James, born on Friday, February 15, 2013, weighing 9 lbs 1 oz, at 10:58 pm at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Proud grandparents are Nadene Harper, and Robert and Julie Galenza.
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And can never be given away.
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To others a part of the past.
But to us who loved and lost you,
Your memory will always last.
– Love always, Norma, Joan, Janice, Barbara and families
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BERRY – In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, George, who passed away March 16, 2005.
Nothing can ever take away,
The love a heart holds dear.
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps him near.
– Lovingly remembered, Louise, Steve, Bonnie, Jim and family
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McINTOSH – In loving memory of our dear sister, Muriel, who passed away on March 17, 2010.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly, tender, fond and true.
There is not a day dear Muriel,
That we do not think of you.
– Your sisters, Myrna Whelan and Betty and Gary Price
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MERKLEY – In loving memory of our dad, Wallace, who passed away March 13, 1987.
What we'd give if we could say
"Hello Dad", in the same old way.
To hear your voice and see your smile
To sit with you and chat a while.
– Allan, Jeff, Rob, Sue, and Thalia
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McINTOSH, Muriel
March 12, 1931 - March 17, 2010
Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you're always there
Never more that a thought away
Loved and remembered every day
– Always in our hearts
– The McIntosh Family
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Coming Events

MOVIE NIGHT
www.moovies.ca
Catch the big screen! **Sat., March 23** in Winchester's Old Town Hall. Listings on website and "North Dundas Theatre" Facebook page. Admission $5. "Loonie" Snack Bar. Sponsored by the North Dundas Movie Committee. **Big screen, small prices. Next movie May 11.**
1-2c

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON
Sponsored by the Vernon WI, Sat., March 16, 11:30 am-1 pm, in Vernon Presbyterian Church Hall. Bake table, entertainment, door prizes. Everyone welcome.
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2013 REGISTRATION
North Dundas United Soccer Club
Online: Starting March 18 at www.ndusc.ca. **New for 2013** - Save $5 per player for online registrations. **In Person:** Sat., March 23, 10 am-12 noon, Chesterville Fire Hall, Winchester Arena and Mountain Park. **By Mail:** Must be postmarked by Deadline. Send completed forms and cheques to NDUSC, P.O. Box 633, Chesterville, ON, K0C 1H0. Season starts the week of May 20. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 31. For more information, or to register, visit: www.ndusc.ca Have questions? Email us at generalinquiries@ndusc.ca.
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1-2c

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
At Inkerman United Church
Sun., March 17, 4:30-6:30 pm. Take outs available. Adults $7.00; under 12 years $4..00; pre-schoolers free.
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WINE AND CHEESE EVENING
Hosted by the Chesterville and District Historical Society at the Heritage Centre, 14 Victoria Street, Chesterville, Tues., March 19 at 7 pm. Featured will be a reading and signing by Kim McInnis on the occasion of the publication of "In A Lonely Soldiers Grave". For more information call 613-989-2607 or 613-448-3348. Everyone welcome. 1c

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FOR THE FROATS FAMILY
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Grade 9-12
Parent-Teacher Interviews
Thursday, March 21, 2013
from 5:30-8:00 pm in the gymnasium
Preliminary Reports were distributed to students on Thursday, March 7

Dream Vacation Draw Winners

EARLY BIRD (DECEMBER 21):
Martin Brewer, Chesterville
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Darlene Fawcett, South Mountain
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WDMH is a leader in integrated rural health care and education, and operates within a dynamic and changing regional system. An energetic and dedicated Board of Directors is vital to a leading organization.

The Board's responsibilities include oversight and accountability for the hospital's mission, vision and values; quality and performance monitoring; strategic planning; financial stewardship; and relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

We are looking for people who have a passion for health care and good governance practices, and an understanding of their local communities. We also need specific skills on the board and this year we are seeking applicants who have experience in accounting or financial management; quality improvement; a legal designation, or have worked in the health care system.

For more information about the recruitment process, please contact Chris Barkley at **613-774-2420**, Ext. **6350** or visit **www.wdmh.on.ca/AboutUs/Governance** to download an application. Completed applications must be received before March 29, 2013.

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TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 pm local time on April 11, 2013 at the office of the Clerk of the Township of South Dundas, 4296 County Road 31/ Bank Street, Williamsburg, Ontario, K0C 2H0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at the office of the Clerk of the Township of South Dundas, 4296 County Road 31/Bank Street, Williamsburg, Ontario, K0C 2H0 at 3:15 pm.

Description of Lands:

1. **Pt Lt 31 Con 8 Williamsburg Pt 1, 8R3442; South Dundas (PIN 66144-0055) Roll No. 05-06-001-010-18000 Minimum Tender Amount: $13,916.05**
2. **Pt Lt 1-2 Pl 50; Pt Lt 20 Pl 100 Pt 1, 8R3648, Pt 1, 8R3081 & Pt 1 & 3, 8R2084 Except DPL 100 & DPL111; South Dundas (PIN 66124-0182) Roll No. 05-06-008-008-71052 Minimum Tender Amount: $3,862.53**
3. **Pt Lt 3 Con 5 Matilda Pt 33, 8R208 & Pt 2, 8R1439; South Dundas (PIN 66115-0091) Roll No. 05-06-006-006-84800 Minimum Tender Amount: $4,104.36**
4. **Pt Lt 37, 38 or Western Commons Con 2 Matilda Pt 3, 7, 8 & 9, 8R4763; South Dundas (PIN 66119-0233) Roll No. 05-06-006-005-69410 Minimum Tender Amount: $5,082.81**
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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

Mr. Shannon Geraghty, Treasurer
The Corporation of the Township of South Dundas
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Obituary

Rev. John DePater



Rev. John DePater, a resident of the Hartford Retirement Centre in Morrisburg for the past 18 months, passed away at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Fri., March 1, 2013, following a brief illness. He was 89.

John was born in Scherpenzeel, The Netherlands on Oct. 15, 1923, to his parents, Jan and Margo DePater (nee Markus).

He was a strong-minded man who lived with passion, but most importantly he lived his life in the knowledge that he would be nothing without the grace of God reaching out to him.

As a child in The Netherlands, his family moved frequently. At age 13, he completed elementary school, and then worked as a farm labourer throughout his teen and early adult years. During the war years, he was involved in the underground and the resistance army. After the war, he joined the police force and then the army. Before being sent to Indonesia, he met his future wife, Alice, got engaged within a few weeks, and married her upon his return from Indonesia three years later.

In 1951, they immigrated to Canada with a small infant to pursue new opportunities. During their first years in Canada, John worked a variety of manual labour jobs to support his growing family. In 1957, the family moved to Hamilton where John completed his high school education by correspondence courses, and then received a BA in theology from McMaster University. From there, the family moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., so John could pursue his studies to become an ordained pastor. He served churches in Holland Marsh, Ont., Williamsburg, Escalon, Calif., Duncan, B.C., and York, Ont. He "officially retired" in 1988, but continued to serve churches on an interim basis in various locations throughout Ontario and in the U.S. Until very recently, he led Bible studies and a monthly worship service at the Hartford Retirement Centre.

Throughout his life, John and his wife travelled extensively throughout North America and Europe. He enjoyed nature, camping, reading, and spending time with his family. John lived his life with strong convictions desiring to let others know the gospel message.

John is survived by his children, Margo (Jack) VanGilst of Finch, Bea (Renny) VanGilst of Elma, Jan (Elizabeth) of Almonte, Alice Douma (Dean Howland) of Ingleside, James (Barb) of Kemptville, and Stephen (Sue) of Cornwall. John will be fondly remembered by grandchildren, Matthew (Anne), Katrina (Steve), Benjamin (Tracy), Luther, Reuben (Emily), Stephanie (Tim), David (Melissa), Tim (Erin), Andrew (Rachel), Dan (Sarah), Dylan, Dexter, Ava, Nathan, Melissa (Dennis), Jason (Jenny), Aaron (Caitlyn), Thomas (Michelle), Miranda (Fraser), Steven, Jennifer, Alexandria, Madison, and Erik, and great-grandchildren, Mika, Naomi, Petra, Jonas, Rachel, Ezra, Elijah, Silas, Kate, Noah, Leah, Ethan, Gabriel, Allison, Desi, Haley, Micah, Eli, Arabel, Tristan, Dryden, Logan, Colton, Jackson, and Jacob. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Alice, his sisters, Mija Westervelt, Johanna VanMourik, Margo Wilbrink, Hendrika Pul, Jannigje Wilbrink, Maartje Droogers, his brothers, Hendrik and Leonard, and his son-in-law, John Douma. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Mon., March 4 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church on Tues., March 5 at 11 am with Rev. John Noordhof officiating, followed by interment at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg. The pallbearers were grandchildren, Luther VanGilst, Reuben VanGilst, Tim VanGilst, Dexter DePater, Jason Douma, and Erik DePater.

Donations to the Christian Reformed World Relief Fund or Timothy Christian School would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.marsdenmclaughlin.com

Golden Years gather for regular meeting

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Golden Years Society is slated to meet again on Thurs., March 21 at 11 am at the village Lions Hall.

Prior to that, however, the group met on Thurs., Feb. 21 for its regular monthly meeting.

President Marlene Faulkner opened the session, welcoming 41 members and seven guests. Doris Cross played piano for the singing of "O Canada," while the "Lord's Prayer" followed.

Guests June Gibson and Doris Cummings were introduced and welcomed, and Marjorie Lougheed then read the birthdays and anniversaries for February, with each being acknowledged by the members present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read, followed by the treasurer's report and updates from all committees.

Those in attendance shared many jokes and poems, while Pastor Bruce North said "Grace" before Lyle Skuce served lunch, consisting of soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

The Rivermen served as the meeting's musical entertainment, regaling the audience with music and jokes.

Upcoming euchre events have been scheduled for tomorrow (Thurs., March 14) and Thurs., March 28. Anyone interested in playing is asked to contact Ray Robinson at 613-774-2134.

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