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Richmond guilty of wife's murder



Crane to see the train

With the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train rolling to a stop for the first time ever in Finch Sun., Nov. 29, thousands of people showed up to get a glimpse of all the lights, bells, and whistles. The jam-packed crowd made it hard for the little ones to see everything, but Merryn Holburn-Eamon climbed atop her mother Kirsty Holburn's shoulders for the best seat in the house. For more coverage, please see page 11.

Press Photo – Gosselin

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

OTTAWA – It was eight weeks of testimony that revealed a sordid tale of adultery and flashes of poor mental health, ultimately leading to the undoing of Howard Richmond.

The one-time Winchester resident sat in an Ottawa courtroom Thurs., Nov. 26 as the jury delivered its guilty verdict late in the afternoon.

Ultimately, those tasked with delivering a judgement in Richmond's first-degree murder trial didn't believe the story being told, that the career soldier was in a disassociated state the night he stabbed his wife, Melissa, to death.

According to an *Ottawa Citizen* account of the court proceedings, Melissa's parents, Ray and Millie Evans, had the case's lead investigator read their victim impact statement following the verdict.

In the statement, the Evans targetted Richmond, noting that his "horrendous act has devastated a family, and destroyed her mother."

Richmond first reported Melissa missing July 26, 2013, having said he last saw her leaving the couple's Summers Road home two days earlier.

When she drove off that night, she was travelling in her beige-coloured Chrysler Sebring, a vehicle later found in the parking lot of the South Keys Shopping Centre in south Ottawa.

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Nestlé plant deal finally sealed

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE – Having sat shuttered for nearly a decade, the former Nestlé Canada plant in Chesterville finally has a new owner.

The Township of North Dundas' economic development officer, Rob Hunter, confirmed Fri., Nov. 27 that the sale is closed.

It has been a lengthy negotiation process between the municipality and the buyer, Ottawa-based IDP Group.

The ultimate silver lining came in October when North Dundas agreed to reduce the taxes owing against the property to $321,000.

By doing so, the municipality wrote off $233,661.64 in an effort to speed up purchase of the sprawling site.

Understandably, it was the more digestible option for council members to consider. Other proposals included proceeding with a second tax sale, having already failed in an earlier bid, or allowing the property to remain dormant and fall further into disrepair.

At that time, Mayor Eric Duncan called the tax reduction "the first piece of the puzzle on the legal side of things," noting that ultimately the Nestlé deal could lead to new business in North Dundas and new taxation revenue coming in.

The purchasing firm, IDP Group, which to date has been represented by its operations manager Hamed Asl, is set to relocate its Ottawa headquarters to Chesterville.

The company works with a number of clients, including a handful of government agencies, to outfit offices with all furniture needs.

Despite repeated attempts, Asl could not be reached for comment by press time.

Hunter, meanwhile, said the finalization of the sale is "positive news" for the township.

"Council and numerous staff members have worked hard to get it to this point, and there certainly is still a lot of work to do," he said. "IDP Group has certainly worked extremely hard in their effort to finalize everything that was needed to acquire the property, as well."

First opened in 1918 as the Maple Leaf Condensed Milk Company, the plant was incorporated with Nestlé four years later, remaining the mainstay of the village into the 21st century. The Swiss-based company shuttered the Chesterville factory in 2006, putting nearly 300 people out of work.

Parade lights to shine brightly Saturday night

WINCHESTER – The village streets will again be lit by festive floats as the 19th annual North Dundas Parade of Lights rolls through Winchester Sat., Dec. 5.

There is a full lineup of fun-filled activities all day long, including the yearly vendor fair and trade show at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Those taking part are likely to get hungry, and several community meals throughout the day will help satisfy any cravings.

Two separate breakfast events will kick off the day, and one features a visit from the jolly old fellow in a red suit. In Chesterville, the Rotary Club will be serving scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, home fries, and toast from 8 to 11 am at the legion hall where the kids will be able to make their wishes known to Santa, while Winchester United Church will be hosting its annual parade day pancake breakfast beginning at 8:30 am.

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In the field

Students taking part in North Dundas District Secondary School's (NDDHS) specialist high skills major health and wellness stream were treated to a tour of both Dundas Manor and Winchester District Memorial Hospital last week. The course work is an enhancement of opportunities for science and physical education students, giving them a chance for experiential learning, sector recognized certification, and cross-curricular study with other required skills. Pictured are: Olivia Gibson (front, left) and Alan Archer, the hospital's chief liaison officer for volunteer services. Middle row: Cory Ross (left), Brianna Mellon, Sarah Doucette, Kelsey McShane, Mackenzie Johnson, Calla Brugmans, Alison Kerr, Patricia Barlow, Frankie Moss-Nafekh, Aly Bagshaw, Brayden Cochrane, Owen Salmon, and Brodie Barkley. Back row: Quinn Chambers (left) and Deanna Corbett-White, NDDHS teacher.

Richmond

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Early in the morning of July 28, Ottawa Police Service officers pulled a body from a ravine near the parking area. Just after 6 pm the next day, the identity of the body found was announced, with a subsequent autopsy confirming it was that of Melissa.

She was found partially clothed with multiple stab wounds.

This set the stage for a week of questioning, with friends and family members left wondering who had taken Melissa's life, and why?

In the meantime, the Summers Road home became the unofficial headquarters of grief, as those who had banded together to help bring Melissa home now met to mourn her death.

During the subsequent investigation after Melissa's body was found, a heavy police presence was evident throughout Winchester and neighbouring communities.

OPP closed County Road 7 between Morewood and Chesterville July 30, as officers combed ditches and farmers' fields looking for evidence to support the case.

Melissa's Sebring, meanwhile, was stored at Winchester's OPP detachment, before being taken for further examination.

The reality of the situation became ever more frightening Aug. 2 when Richmond was arrested at the city police force's Elgin Street headquarters. At the time, he was heading to Pembroke for Melissa's wake, but is said to have stopped at the station voluntarily for questioning.

As homicide detectives were interrogating him, a search warrant was executed at the couple's home. It was there that police would find Richmond's clothes, along with a knife and screwdriver, all covered in Melissa's blood.

A lifelong member of the Canadian Armed Forces, Richmond had completed six tours of duty – three in Afghanistan, two in Bosnia, and one in Cyprus – serving as a warrant officer and a geomatics technician (mapping battlefields).

In interviews with area media following the announcement of Melissa's death, Richmond said he was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, but was receiving treatment.

His legal team had used his poor mental health as a defence. Prosecutors, meanwhile, delivered ample evidence to prove Richmond had motive to kill his wife, including her extramarital affair, plans for divorce, and a healthy life insurance policy.

Aside from serving the country's military, Richmond was also president of Henderson Lodge in Winchester, a member of the village's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108, and a volunteer at the Dundas County Food Bank. He and Melissa were also members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, an international group dedicated to re-enacting the Middle Ages in modern times.

With his conviction, Richmond is likely to spend what's left of his life in jail, deemed ineligible for parole for at least 25 years. He is also to be formally discharged from the military.



Howard Richmond



Melissa Richmond

Parade

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The Royal Canadian Legion Winchester Branch 108 is hosting its annual post-parade party, and the Old Town Hall will also be open, capping off the evening with a double feature.

Parade day also serves as an excellent time to start Christmas shopping, if you haven't already done so. With the vendor fair and trade show, from 10 am to 3 pm, and the items offered by Winchester merchants.

As well, Margaret Link Photography will be taking pictures with Santa, Barb Buchanan will host a face painting station, and Community Living Dundas County will be operating the canteen.

Dundas County Food Bank supporters will also be collecting children's toys and non-perishable food items.

Monkey Rock Music will be providing entertainment at the vendor fair from 11 am to 12 pm, and Radical Science will lead youngsters through a variety of interactive experiments from 1 to 2 pm.

At the village's legion branch, the afternoon euchre tournament gets going at 12:30 pm. Registration, $20 per two-person team, begins at 12 pm.

With all those events taking place throughout the day, participants are surely to get hungry again, and the Winchester Lions Club will be ready to feed the need.

The organization's annual dinner is set for 4 to 7 pm at its Albert Street headquarters. The menu includes scalloped potatoes, ham, coleslaw, and homemade beans for $8. Kids can get a hotdog, cookie, and hot chocolate for $4.

The parade itself begins at 7 pm, departing the Township of North Dundas office on St. Lawrence Street. From there, it snakes through the village. Street closures will be in effect throughout the duration of the parade.

Anyone planning to enter a float is asked to begin gathering at 4 pm. Prizes, meanwhile, will be awarded in various categories, including most lights, best business, best non-profit organization, and best decorated farm equipment. Winners will be contacted after the parade.

As well, throughout the night-time affair, volunteers in vests with identification tags will be walking the parade route collecting monetary donations for the North Dundas Christmas Fund.

Meanwhile, Royal Lepage Team Realty employees will be entering a float for the first time in many years, collecting unwrapped toys for Toy Mountain and Naomi's House.

For a full breakdown of all parade day activities, see the supplement included with this week's edition.

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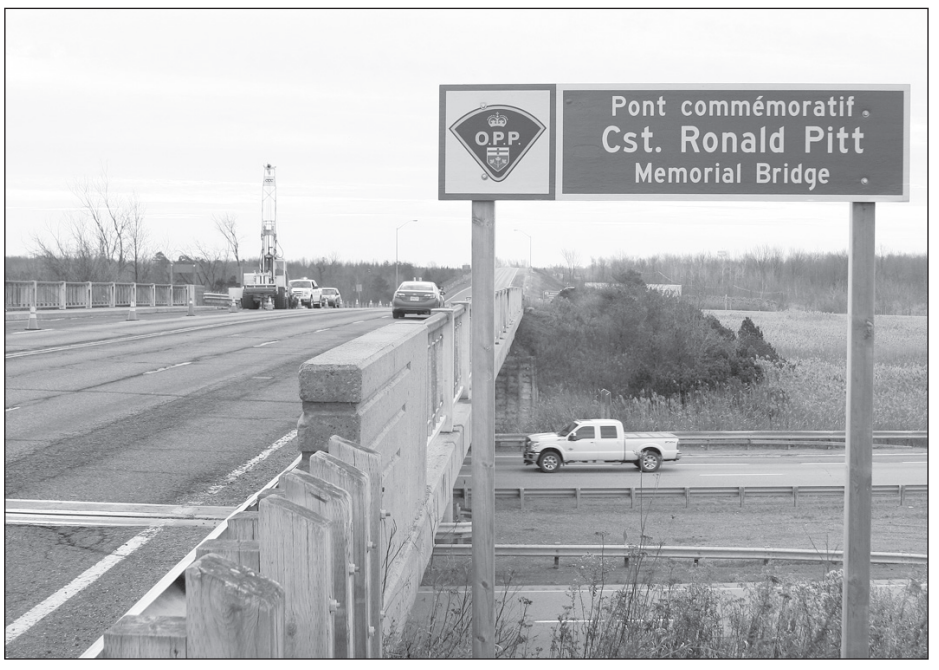

Highway tribute

Ronald Pitt was just 33 years old when he was shot multiple times by suspected car thieves on a lonely waterfront street in Morrisburg in August 1957. Though he didn't die immediately, Pitt ultimately succumbed to injuries related to the shooting. In the 58 years since his death, his killers have never been apprehended and his killing was rolled into the history of the then village police department. Now, however, a lasting tribute to the fallen officer marks both the north and south sides of the Highway 401 overpass just outside Morrisburg. The addition was made late last month following a formal ceremony in Pitt's honour.

Press Photo – Uhrig

New obstetrician joins team at hospital

WINCHESTER – A new doctor has joined the obstetrics and gynecology team at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH).

It was announced Fri., Nov. 27 that Dr. Kelly Goodwin has signed on.

"Our maternity program is growing every year, and we're happy to have [her] on board," CEO Cholly Boland said.

Goodwin completed her medical degree and residency at the University of Ottawa, working at three of the city's hospitals. She is fluently bilingual, and is currently accepting consults for all general obstetric and gynecological services, including surgery. She'll also be delivering babies at WDMH.

"I wanted to begin my practice in Winchester because I like the friendly, community feel," she said. "Everyone has been so welcoming, and I look forward to being part of the team."

Goodwin's clinic will be located at the Rideau Crossing Family Health Centre in Kemptville, while she'll also see patients at the hospital.

Getting out the message

Administration at WDMH is looking to rebrand its approach to patient care.

Like every medical facility, the village hospital has a set of mission, vision, and values statements that sum up, in plain speech, what the organization is all about.

The slogan-like phrases are located on plaques throughout WDMH, however, haven't seen an updating in more than a decade.

With that, board members have set forth on constructing new statements.

"Maybe ones that are a bit more memorable, and fly off the tongue a little easier," CEO Cholly Boland said during a community meeting in Morrisburg Thurs., Nov. 26.

A secondary committee, led by board member James Pitruniak, has been going through the process for some time now.

It involved consultation with patients and families, staff members, physicians, volunteers, healthcare partners, and members of the community. Deadline for submission of ideas was Mon., Nov. 30.



Dr. Kelly Goodwin is the latest obstetrician to be added to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital roster.

All recommendations received will be presented to the hospital board during its February meeting.

WDMH gala to return from three-year hiatus

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – A key aspect of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation's annual fundraising strategy is set to make its return.

Kristen Casselman, managing director of the fundraising organization, announced last week that plans are in the works to bring the foundation's annual gala back from hiatus.

It is set for Sat., May 21, 2016 at Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre.

This follows the rather unceremonious cancellation of the event in 2012, and its hibernation in subsequent years.

Then executive director Troy Cross, who exited the foundation in 2014, said at the time the gala was scuttled to allow for better focus on the organization's other signature events.

In nine years of operation, the gala produced a cumulative fundraising total of upwards of $700,000. The foundation's yearly commitment to the hospital continues to remain in excess of $1 million for equipment needs.

Cross told the *Winchester Press* at the time that the gala wasn't for everyone, with some community members turned off by the formality of the evening. The cost to run the event was also beginning to outstrip the profit made.

With the soiree pushed aside, foundation staffers focused on upping the success of the Carkinator Car and Moto Rally, and the Heel 'n Wheel for Cancer Care. Those events, however, have run their course.

Cross also said the hospital's growing catchment area, taking in larger portions of southern Ottawa and rural regions to the north and east, forced the foundation to better focus on "thinking outside its normal box."

Residents in WDMH's traditional zone, however, remain the most active in raising funds for the foundation.

Santa's coming to town for Morrisburg's parade

MORRISBURG – Don't pout, cry, or shout just yet – Santa Claus is coming to town!

Residents can get a glimpse of the jolly fellow in the southern end of the county Sat., Dec. 5 during the annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade.

To celebrate the 22nd year of the popular parade, longtime organizer George Davies said he is hoping for even more participants this year.

"The Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade is an event that families look forward to every year," said Davies. "Last year we had [more than] 48 floats, and we can't wait to see what this year brings."

Davies and his wife, Nancy, along with their daughters Lori Davies and Debbie Greer, have been involved in planning the parade since its inception.

The event begins at 11 am and will continue on the same route as last year.

Davies is now accepting entries for floats, and those who are interested in participating can contact him at 613-543-3336.

Updates on the parade will be available on the South Dundas municipal website and Facebook page.

POLICE BLOTTER

Impaired driver

BRINSTON – On Sat., Nov. 28, at approximately 10:30 pm, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers were conducting RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot checks at the intersection of Carman Road and County Road 18.

A check of one vehicle in particular found that the adult male driver was under the influence of alcohol.

Further information revealed the man was in contravention of a condition (alcohol consumption) stemming from a previous incident.

Justin Young, 22, was arrested and charged with driving a motor vehicle while ability impaired; driving a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams blood alcohol content; and failure to comply with recognizance.

He was held in custody pending a bail court appearance Mon., Nov. 30.

Thefts

ORMOND – Between Sat., Nov. 21 and Sat., Nov. 29, a garage at a property on Ormond Road was entered.

Quantities of hand tools were stolen.

Meanwhile, on Nov. 27, SD&G OPP officers responded shortly after 3 am to a reported break-in at Tagwi Secondary School in Avonmore.

The building was forcibly entered, and welding equipment was taken. A black sports utility vehicle pulling a black enclosed trailer was spotted fleeing the scene.

Investigations into both incidents continue.

Break-in

MORRISBURG – On Wed., Nov. 25, at approximately 3:30 pm, a snowsuit was removed from the clothesline at a property on County Road 4.

The item is described as a double extra large suit, navy blue with red stripping.

An investigation continues.

Impaired driver

WINCHESTER – On Thurs., Nov. 19, at approximately 5:50 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a traffic complaint on County Road 43.

The investigation revealed that the adult female driver was under the influence of alcohol.

Tammy Smith, 40, of Osgoode was arrested and charged with care or control of a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of blood alcohol content, and driving a motor vehicle while impaired.

She is to appear Tues., Dec. 29 in Cornwall court.

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Details published in the police blotter are provided by the OPP. The Winchester Press *typically publishes information about alleged crimes occurring in and around Dundas County, as well as other information of interest to our readership. All suspects are considered innocent in the eyes of the law unless proven otherwise in court.*

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TransCanada opens pipeline to community

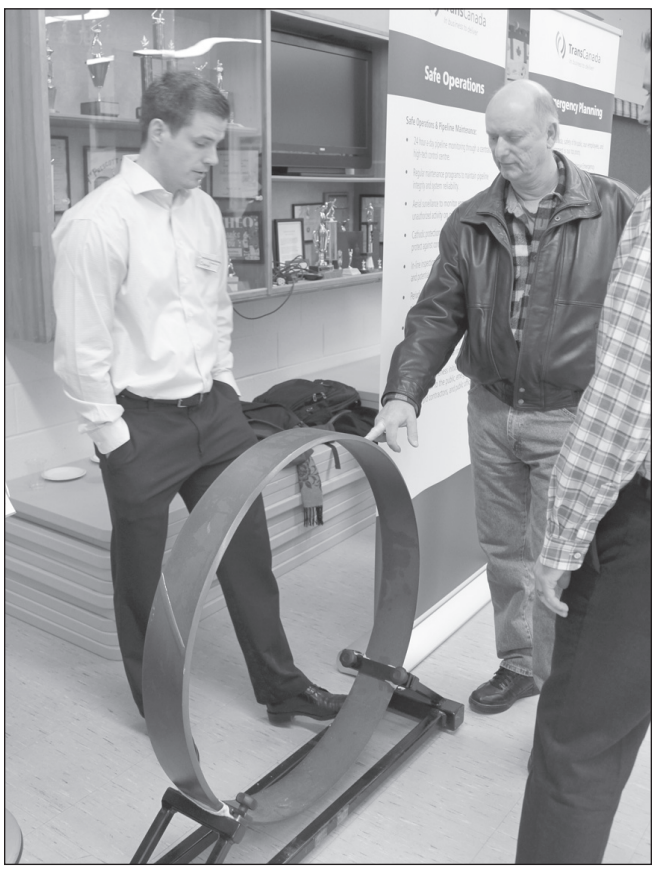
by Joe Martelle

JOHNSTOWN – Brian West describes it as an enhancement of the currently operating system.

The project manager for TransCanada's Eastern Mainline initiative, West was in Johnstown with his team Wed., Nov. 25 hosting an open house intended to better help residents understand the scope of the project.

"The Eastern Mainline is a project that is adding pipeline and compressor facilities to the existing Canadian Mainline System," he explained. "There is presently two natural gas pipelines running from Markham all the way out to Montreal. There is a 20-inch and a 24-inch line, and there are five existing compressor stations. We are adding a third line in four non-contiguous areas just to tie into that existing system and at each of the compressor station we are adding compressor units. We are not expanding the size of those stations; we are just adding compressor capability."

The TransCanada pipeline transports the majority of western Canada's natural gas production to market. On any given day, approximately 14 billion cubic feet (or 20 per cent) of North America's gas is moved by the corporation's systems.



TransCanada representatives were in Johnstown Wed., Nov. 25 to discuss the proposed Eastern Mainline Project, an update to the national natural gas pipeline that runs through the region.

The proposed project could have a substantial economic impact on Eastern Ontario. The construction would include laying an additional 280 kilometres of pipeline at a cost in excess of $1.5 billion dollars. The accompanying estimated 4,000 jobs created during the two-year period would include opportunities for local contractors and sub-contractors. There would also be a "trickle down" of spending for items such as gravel, food and accommodations, fuel, hardware, and equipment parts and servicing.

A steady stream of visitors flowed through the Johnstown Community Centre Nov. 25 to view the various displays and mapping stations. West was happy with the feedback from the community.

"The response has been very positive. Tonight is the second time we have been in the community, just doing some stakeholder engagement. We were here previously in the spring of 2014," he said. "We use this as an opportunity to engage with the community, landowners, and the municipality to help them understand the Eastern Mainline Project and how it fits in with the [national] system, and even give people an opportunity to get a close look at the routing."

As for project timing, if all goes according to plan, work is scheduled to begin within 12 months.

"Some of the preconstruction activities we are hoping can begin around the end of 2017," West outlined. "But construction as you would define it by the equipment actually starting the work would be the beginning of 2018," he finished.

Completion of the proposed expansion is targetted for March 2019.



Getting into the spirit

The holiday season was in full bloom Fri., Nov. 27 at Chesterville's Garden Villa during the facility's annual Christmas bazaar. Countless items were available for purchase, each with an unmistakable nod to the season or a trinket that would serve as a quality gift for a friend or loved one. Glenna Vanderveen (left) was one of many vendors working a station throughout the afternoon affair. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Jukebox favourites highlight fundraiser for Mountain Lions

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – It was a near-capacity crowd that took in the Freddy Vette and the Flames show last month.

As part of the Mountain and District Lions Club's fall fundraiser, the band hit the stage at the agricultural hall in South Mountain.

According to club member Keith Ardron, the profits allow the club to continue to contribute to various initiatives, including Canada Day celebrations, upkeep at the Hill 70 memorial, and support for hospitals in Kemptville and Winchester.

The night began with Bob Weagant, who spearheaded the event, working to keep everyone entertained, while Terry Palmer and his catering crew served a roast beef and chicken dinner. Lions Club members and their spouses prepared the remaining vegetables, including mashed potatoes.

Then it was on to Vette and his backing band, which blew through jukebox favourites from the '50s and '60s.

The club also launched its 2016 calendar sale, which will continue throughout the coming months. Purchasers will be entered into a draw to win $5,000.

Dream vacation tickets were also up for grabs.

Celtic choir returning home for Christmas

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

METCALFE – For the first time since its inception, the Ottawa Celtic Choir (OCC) will be making its way to the country to perform a local Christmas concert.

Patrons can catch the show at Metcalfe United Church Sat., Dec. 5 at 7:30 pm, with doors opening at 7 pm.

"It will be a different kind of performance for the community – they don't tend to get concerts out there," said choir director Ellen MacIsaac, who grew up in Metcalfe. "But I'm hoping it will be a unique enough of an event that they will be intrigued to come out."

The OCC is a non-auditioned community choir that sings songs from the seven Celtic nations, as well as from strongly Celtic-influenced areas (such as the Atlantic provinces and Appalachia). It's the only pan-Celtic choir in the area, which means members sing in the six Celtic languages – Irish, Scottish, Manx, Cornish, Welsh, and Breton – as well as English, French, Latin, and Gallegos.

When MacIsaac founded the choir in 2008, it started with only 12 singers. Since then, the Celtic movement has grown immensely and the OCC now has 35 members.

Catch performance in Metcalfe Saturday

"I'm very lucky – there's been quite a vibrant Celtic movement in the area," MacIsaac said. "You wouldn't know it's there unless you're plugged in. And because I do all six languages, a lot of people look at it as an opportunity to practice. So I tend to get those sorts of people [from Celtic backgrounds] in the choir."

Although it's not necessary for singers to have prior knowledge of the language or music, the OCC tends to attract those who are keeping the Celtic culture alive. A few of her members speak Scottish and Irish fluently, which helps to validate pronunciation for the others.

The choir competes in two summer competitions each year, and tends to perform about three big concerts. In the past, the OCC has always performed just one Christmas concert in the city, but MacIsaac was keen about coming back home for this season's display.

"I know there's a lot of underlying interest in Celtic culture and music in the village," she said. "A lot of people come from a Celtic background in one way or another, or just enjoy going to the Highland Games every year. What we're hoping to do is catch that vibe."

MacIsaac decided to choose Metcalfe United Church as the concert location because each time she's been there to help her mother out (who sometimes fills in for the organist during services), parishioners have encouraged her to bring her choir.

"They also have great acoustics in the church, a wonderful place for a concert," said MacIsaac. "I've known that for a very long time – I remember going there for events as a kid, and being blown away by the performance space."

For those who can't catch the show Dec. 5, the OCC will be performing a second Christmas concert in the city Sun., Dec. 13 at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Somerset Street.

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Playhouse anticipates energetic 2016 season

MORRISBURG – They were lined out the door when tickets for next season's shows went on sale at the Upper Canada Playhouse.

Artistic director Donnie Bowes reported that cars began to arrive in the theatre's parking lot just after 6 am, and the steady stream continued throughout the opening day of ticket sales last month.

Purchasers were jumping at the chance to complete flex pack purchases, and to ensure their favourite seats were selected.

Bowes said the playhouse "remains the entertainment choice of thousands of local and visiting audiences," and it is this reason that audience members look for the best location in the theatre that keeps them close to the on-stage action.

Next year's season, Bowes enthused, promises something for everyone, and entertainment for all ages in a jam-packed lineup from April through to December.

All shows are new, having never graced the playhouse stage, and tickets remain set at 2015 pricing.

Opening the season in April is *Alice's Restaurant: Memories of 60s and 70s Hits*. With four vocalists and a five-piece band, the show highlights great songs and great stories with music from the likes of Kenny Rogers, Johnny Cash, Simon and Garfunkel, and more.

Up next in June is the comedy *There's a Burglar In My Bed* by Michael Parker.

In July, *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling – the stage version of the funny and heartfelt movie about a group of small town ladies who meet weekly at the local beauty salon to share their trials and tribulations – graces the playhouse stage.

August's show is also one of Broadway's biggest hits, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* by Neil Simon. The play focuses on a middle-aged man who attempts to add a little spice to his life by arranging dates with three different women, all with surprising and hilarious results.

Closing out the summer season is September's *Jonas and Barry in the Home* by Norm Foster, which will star the playwright himself. Filled with tons of laughter, the show features two friends who meet at an assisted living home – Barry is a new senior who tries to fit in, while Jonas spends his time wooing the ladies.

The fall feature at the playhouse is Dean and Jerry, What Might Have Been, a sensational new concert filled with timeless hits and hilarious comic bits from the most famous comedy team of the 1950s – Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

Starring Derek Marshall, the show takes audiences back to a time remembered by such hits as *Everybody Loves Somebody*, *You're Nobody Til Somebody Loves You*, and *Memories Are Made of This and More*.

Closing out the 2016 season will be the playhouse's annual Christmas show – *Miracle on 34th Street*. The classic tale tells the story of an elderly man, Kris Kringle, who takes a job playing Santa in a department store. He's such a hit the entire city is swept up in the spirit of the season, including Susan who had doubts about Christmas.

Kringle then surprises all when he declares he really is Santa, leading to a sensational climax in a courtroom where his claim is challenged.

Filled with live music, a choir, a host of colourful characters, and the timeless message that dreams do come true if you really believe, it's a wonderful way to celebrate the season, Bowes said.

For more information, visit www.uppercanadaplayhouse.com or call the box office at 613-543-3713.

Seniors hold euchre party

WINCHESTER – The blue-card winners at the latest Winchester Seniors' euchre event held Thurs., Nov. 26 were Richard Patenaude and Joyce McIntosh.

The white-card winners were Percy Armstrong and Joan MacIntosh.

Muriel Milne and Armstrong were the door prize winners, while Betty Merkley, Don McIntosh, and Orma Earl took home the "share the wealth" offerings.

The group's next euchre event is set for Thurs., Dec. 10.



Lindie Watson has been a regular at the craft show for many years displaying her beaded and crocheted creations of Christmas ornaments, candle-holders, and doll clothes. She tends to create items that are angel-themed.



At left: *Members of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets 2951 were raising funds for their next international trip by selling Christmas baskets. Pictured are Jessica Pichette (back, left), Patrick Montone, Isabelle Chasse, Riley Gaw, Alisha Miller (front, left) and Carter Montone.*

Holiday crafters fill rec centre

VERNON – The spotlight was shone on local talents and treasures Sat., Nov. 28 at the Vernon Recreation Centre during the village's annual Christmas craft sale.

Thirty local vendors showed up to the event, planned by the Vernon Community Association (VCA), and provided something for everyone.

Several fundraising efforts also graced the space, with members of St. George's Anglican Church providing baked goodies, as well as members of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets 2951 CFS Leitrim selling Christmas baskets with proceeds going toward their next international trip.

"Our vendors look forward to this every year, and are keen about getting their usual spot," said organizer and VCA member Helen Porteous. "We try to keep the focus on crafts, but as long as everyone is local, that's what matters."

The VCA also provided something hot for everyone, including chili, soup, sandwiches, and coffee.



Bill Porteous (left) and Marilyn O'Sullivan sold holiday treats at the door to raise funds for the Metcalfe and District Lions Club.
Press Photos – Gosselin



Norman Ferris (left), organizer Helen Porteous, Janet Robinson, and June Waddell from the Vernon Community Association served up soup, sandwiches, chili, and coffee for patrons visiting the village Christmas craft sale Sat., Nov. 28 with proceeds going back into the recreation centre.

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The food bank's list of vulnerable is growing

What better time to put the focus on hunger after the excitement of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train's first-ever stop in the small, rural village of Finch.

The lighted locomotive criss-crosses the country yearly, spreading Christmastime cheer, and at the same time uses its influence to shine a light on inequality coast to coast, helping those families who may otherwise go without this season to a little something extra.

The train's visit is dovetailed by the release of the Ontario Association of Food Banks' (OAFB) 2015 report.

Recent findings are stark, it's clear. Ontario has seen a 35 per cent jump in the number of senior citizens visiting food banks throughout the past year. This is coupled with the highest number on record (49 per cent) of single people accessing the service.

Overall, 358,963 people visited a food bank in this province in March 2015, and 90 per cent of those individuals are rental or social housing tenants.

Three key factors emerge from the report as the leading causes of the increased numbers: the rise of unpredictable employment, the soaring cost of living, and insufficient social support programs.

While the March total has dropped, lowering from 375,000 in 2014, there was a total of 10,000 more overall food bank visits this year.

The research also highlights the growing plight of single people of all ages in Ontario, who now make up half of all food bank users in the province.

There is no doubt it's growing more and more difficult for people to make ends meet, what with the ever-increasing cost of living and lack of good paying jobs.

As the OAFB document notes, an Ontarian working a full-time job at minimum wage, currently one of the highest rates in Canada at $11.25 an hour, would still fall 20 per cent below the province's low income measure.

Beyond merely paying to live, the report indicates the cost of fresh fruit and vegetables has jumped by six per cent in the past year, while fresh and frozen meat now costs 10.7 per cent more. The average food bank client spends more than 70 per cent of their income on housing, making affordable living arrangements all the more necessary.

It isn't the best story to be told at this time of growing holiday cheer, but it is real and it is happening all around us.

So, this year, give a little if you can, because you may be the next in need.

Remember when…

1935

In this week's announcements: "The annual high school commencement is being held in the Town Hall tonight and tomorrow night, and judging from the advance sale of tickets, the hall will be packed both nights."

1945

This week's *Winchester Press* commented on the British Justice's nullification of the clause that had kept Jews from owning land: "What race prejudice did to a nation is plain to see in the fate of Germany. Allowed free rein, it comes to its final flowering in concentration camps like Belsen and Osweieim, in which millions of people innocent of everything but their racial origin were tortured and killed by degenerate representatives of the 'master race'… That, in extreme, is what race prejudice does to a people. That is why it must not be allowed to continue in any form or degree in Canada."

1955

In "society" news: "The congratulations of the entire district go out to a long respected Mountain Township couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron, who today, Thurs., Dec. 1, are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary. The couple, parents of Reeve William Cameron of Mountain Township, reside in Mountain, and have two other sons, Kenneth of Kemptville, and Duncan of Mountain."

1965

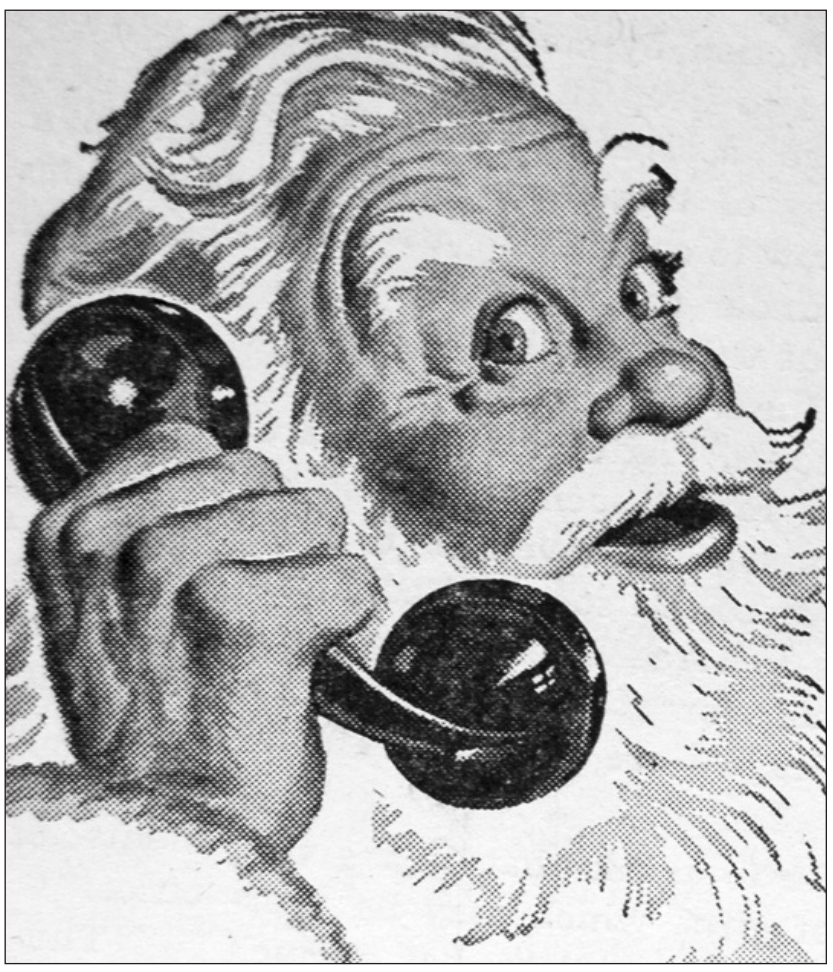
This week: "Crazy weather is the thing, all right. The district has been undergoing changes in weather so fast over the past few weeks that weathermen just can't keep up with it. One day it is cold and snowing, the next, warm and raining. There were cries of drought earlier in the year through the long, dry summer, but now even the Nation River is bursting its banks at the first of December."

1975

"'The Poor Boys,' a group of young musicians led by Phil McVey, will be appearing on television next week," the *Press* said. "The three boys – McVey, Steve Waddell, and Carl Finniss – are all from the Metcalfe area."

1985

In sports news: "Rookie forward Dave Warren is scoring and the Metcalfe Jets are following the Metcalfe and District Minor Hockey Association product into the win column. Over the past weekend, the red-hot Jets ran their Alex Englen Junior 'B' Division record to a very respectable eight wins and four losses, thumping the Clarence Creek Beavers twice. Friday night here at home, the Jets strafed the Beavers 9-2 and had to work a little harder in the creek on Sunday, but disposed of Les Castors 7-5."



This week in 1955, Santa Claus was pictured, as he was expected to pay a visit to Winchester on the coming Saturday.

1995

This week: "Gun owners aim to make firearm registration an issue in the next federal election now that the Bill-C68 has cleared the Senate in a 64-28 vote. Charles Dillabough of the Dundas Firearms Association says he was a bit surprised by the vote, that he thought it would be closer, and he was disappointed."

2005

"Once again, the Canadian Pacific Railway Holiday Train is preparing for its trek across the country, adorned with hundreds of thousands of twinkling Christmas lights," the *Press* said. "It will pass through Winchester on Fri., Dec. 2 and should help get people in the mood for the annual Country Christmas Parade of Lights the following night."

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The ghost of Joe Miller was there



From the Other Side
by Jeff Morris

I don't know how many times you replayed the highlight in your mind or saw it on YouTube.

The catch.

It was perhaps the most unlikely play in local sports history. Bad snap, Burris pulls it down, gets pressured, heaves a prayer down the sideline, and Greg Ellingson goes Cirque du Soleil for the most memorable touchdown this side of Tony Gabriel's catch.

As I watched 25,000 fans jumping up and down, screaming, hugging strangers, crying, and screaming more, I thought of all our sports legends. Gabriel, Alfie, Josh Donaldson, Gary Carter, Russ Jackson, Ken Dryden – every generation has them. But some, like Morrisburg's Joe Miller, get forgotten with time. Miller not only slipped through the cracks, but screamed through time's five hole.

In Miller's era, being a pro athlete in two sports was not uncommon. If you go back to the first decade of the 20th century, six of the famed Ottawa Silver Seven Stanley Cup dynasty members also played for the Rough Riders. Of the first 10 players admitted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, five of them also played for the Rough Riders. Lionel Conacher, considered Canada's greatest athlete up until Wayne Gretzky came along, played pro football, baseball, lacrosse and NHL hockey at the same time.

Joe Miller was one of the biggest stars for the Ottawa Rough Riders in the 1920s. He was a key member of Ottawa's first two Grey Cup victories, almost singlehandedly winning the 1926 Grey Cup on a frozen field at Varsity Stadium.

Around the same time, there was an NHL goalie named Joe Miller. He played senior hockey in Ottawa for years, and then would become the starting goalie for the New York Americans. Joe Miller the goalie became famous for his part in an unusual footnote in hockey history, as he won the 1928 Stanley Cup for the New York Rangers. In the first game of the Stanley Cup final that year, Rangers goalie Lorne Chabot was injured. Miller, at home in Ottawa, had been designated as the back up goalie for both teams, as teams only carried one goalie in those days. Montreal coach Eddie Gerard agreed to allow Miller to play the remainder of the series. However, Rangers coach Lester Patrick would be forced to put the goalie gear on and play in goal for the remainder of the first game of the series.

Miller would go on to win the Stanley Cup for the Rangers, their first in franchise history.

Miller's hockey career was well documented. He was not one of the better NHL goalies of his era. In fact, he was the first goalie to earn the nickname "Red Light," for the goal light going off behind him after every goal. Miller would go back to the Americans, and then be traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates and then the Philadelphia Quakers – two defunct NHL teams of the era – to finish out his career.

It's not really fair for history to drag Joe Miller under the bus as a goalie. Just making the NHL in those days would make you among the top half dozen or so goalies in the world. Miller also didn't have the luxury of having strong teams in front of him. When he did, he won the Stanley Cup. He deserved better than to be known as Red Light Miller.

But as you comb through all of hockey's history books and the various Joe Miller biographies, there is not one single mention of the fact that he was a Canadian football legend. There are a few references on Canadian football history sites, but no details. Even more unusual than the fact that he played both sports at the same time was that, later in his career, he was actually the head coach of the Rough Riders while tending goal in the NHL. Miller, a hero in the 1925 and 1926 Grey Cups, would replace Dave McCann as head coach while winding down his NHL career in Philadelphia. McCann, a star quarterback in the early 1900s for the Rough Riders, became a football executive and an official. He brought the 12th man to Canadian football, and he also introduced the forward pass.

An even more interesting fact that ties that Stanley Cup to the Ottawa Rough Riders is that Eddie Gerard, the Maroons coach who allowed Miller to play, was also a former Ottawa Rough Rider.

Why do the parallel histories of the lives of Joe Miller never intersect in historical records and references? For my own personal account, it was the chat with Joliat and finding his obituary that pulled it all together.

Perhaps, had Joe Miller not been summoned to play in the 1928 Stanley Cup, this story that time left behind would not be so significant.

But as I took in the big touchdown pass from Henry Burris to Greg Ellingson, drinking in the emotions of the day, I thought about Joe Miller. Maybe his ghost is in Morrisburg. Maybe the ghosts of the 1925 and 1926 Grey Cup teams all got together at the stadium to celebrate our first Grey Cup appearance in 34 years.

Maybe this beautiful stadium could be the new home for the ghost of Joe Miller.

At least, maybe it will be home sometime soon. I'm sure the ghost of Joe Miller was in Winnipeg.

New physician entry graduate program will 'devastate' WDMH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: *This letter was also forwarded to MPP Eric Hoskins, provincial minister of health and long-term care. –M.U.*

The Editor:
I am writing on behalf of the medical staff organization of Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) to advise you of the serious concern this hospital and its medical staff have regarding the ministry's new "entry graduate program."

In its current form, this policy will devastate and possibly close WDMH within the three-year timeframe of the current proposal.

Our hospital is a vibrant and active facility. We have won provincial awards for our maternity care, for our eConsult program development, and our small, rural community raised millions of dollars just 10 years ago to fund the construction of our new facility.

Our community is committed to its hospital, and the services it provides to the entire Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry region. We also provide care to many patients from south Ottawa, and to those from the severely underserviced areas around Cornwall, as well.

Unfortunately, we cannot function without full scope family practice physicians as more than 65 per cent of the physicians with admitting privileges are just that – family physicians.

In order to continue to provide the high quality care to patients that our communities have come to expect, we need to continue to recruit new family physicians who will do emergency room shifts, care for inpatients, and provide operating room assists and obstetrical services.

We have an aging physician demographic with three retirements in the last year, and an expected three to five more in the coming three years. We must be able to recruit new physicians to take over the care of patients when our colleagues retire. These physicians may choose not to practice in a designated "underserviced area," and therefore would not be able to provide care in our hospital while working for three years in their community of choice.

To add to this issue, the number of patients each of our family physicians cares for is very large (1,800 to 2,400 patients per physician for those in practice for five years or more). We provide full scope office care in addition to our hospital work. Most of the physicians who do not plan to retire in the coming three years would like to be able to transfer part of their patient load to a new physician, but, again, without new graduates being able to take some of the load, our patients will continue to suffer from inadequate access due to supply and demand imbalances that can never be rectified.

We are writing to the health minister and forwarding a copy of this letter of concern to our local media to raise awareness about the impact the program will have on rural hospitals like WDMH, and communities like those in rural Eastern Ontario. We hope to see this program eliminated, as we see it as a poorly thought out plan to restrict practice and payments for new physicians who only want to contribute to the care and treatment of the ill and infirm in Ontario.

Dr. Marilyn Crabtree
Winchester

Second resident upset with 'job well done'

The Editor:
In reference to Gail Switch's letter ("Owner expects 'job well done,'" *Winchester Press*, Wed., Nov. 25 edition), we also share and echo our neighbour's sentiments toward the so-called "job well done."

Much like our neighbour, each time we brought up our concerns regarding improper grading, we were assured these things would be addressed.

Yet, no one has ever come out and inspected, especially after a heavy rainfall when water pools on the roadway, creating small lakes on each side of our property.

It was even pointed out that workers had used clay on our lawns instead of topsoil.

You complain, get assurances, wait patiently for action, and nothing happens. But, then you're supposed to pay your invoice immediately or it's added to your tax bill.

I have previously written to the *Press* and even called Deputy-Mayor Gerry Boyce, who personally came to view the premises.

Some work was redone at that time, but it still did not eliminate the problems.

Is this the only recourse taxpayers have to get some action? Once we all pay our invoices, will we see crews out next spring? Or will we just get more empty promises?

Ginette Wedemire
Winchester

Play treat for theatre-goers

The Editor:
How lucky we are to have quality community theatre in our midst.

I very much enjoyed the Dundas County Players' (DCP) latest production of *12 Angry Jurors*. The talented cast obviously worked hard, memorizing lines and rehearsing for weeks, and under Tony Glen's capable direction, a strong performance was delivered.

It's amazing that members of our community will voluntarily put in so many hours, just for our entertainment.

Let's continue to support them. Thank you DCP!

Lorna Driscoll
Mountain

Wanton tree cutting by county contributing to climate change

The Editor:
My heart is heavy.

I drove past a violent massacre on County Road 43 just east of County Road 31 – a very long hedgerow of once healthy trees lying dead beside their stumps.

Don't even attempt to try to convince me the murders were necessary to clean out a ditch. (I was told this, and that it was at the expense of the taxpayers.)

One-hundred years ago in Southern Ontario, Edmund Zavitz noted that cutting down the trees resulted in the land drying up and blowing away – he planted trees to solve the problem. For his efforts, he is called the "father of reforestation."

Forty years ago in Africa, a woman, Wangari Maathai, noted that cutting down the trees resulted in the land drying up and blowing away – she planted trees to solve the problem. For her efforts, she won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

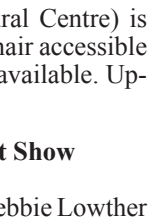
Today in Dundas County, I note that cutting down the trees will result in the land drying up and blowing away – I plant trees to help solve the problem.

Recently, I marched on Parliament Hill to beg world leaders to do something to stop climate change – like not cutting down trees.

In Dundas County, our leaders decided to do something about climate change – they allowed the cutting down of trees.

I can't think of a humorous thing to say about it.

Jo Saunders
Chesterville



Live at the Old Town Hall

WINCHESTER – The Old Town Hall (also known as the Winchester Cultural Centre) is located at 478 Main St., and is wheelchair accessible (use side entrance), with free parking available. Upcoming events for December include:

Mayor's All Stars Christmas Benefit Show
Fri., Dec. 4 at 8 pm
Emcee Mayor Eric Duncan, Jim and Debbie Lowther
An evening of dance and Christmas music
Benefitting Guitars For Vets Canada
Canteen by Dundas Youth Centre
Freewill admission, everyone welcome

North Dundas Movie Committee
Parade of Lights After Party, Sat., Dec. 5
Free double feature 9 pm to 1 am
Pitch Perfect 2 (PG) and *San Andreas* (PG)

Sat., Dec. 12
4 pm: *Hotel Transylvania 2* (G)
7 pm: *Everest* (PG)

General admission $5, dollar canteen

Winchester Open Mic Night
Thursdays, 7 to 10 pm, (closed Dec. 24)
New Year's Eve Celebration and potluck Dec. 31
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Food donations:
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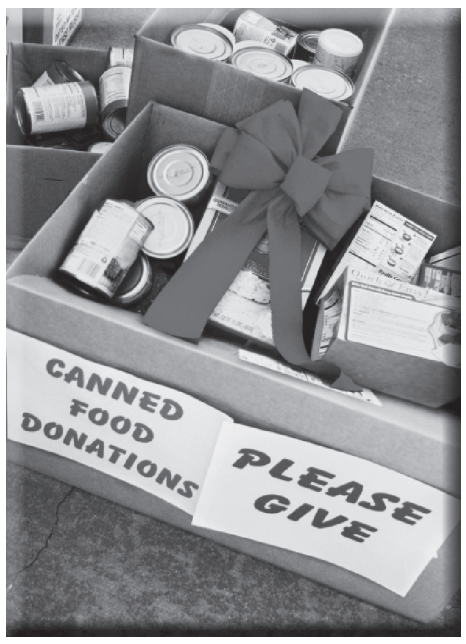

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Margot Guy (left), Fabienne Puenter, Cilicia and Janessa Pol took home the award for most dedicated members, sponsored by Lawrence's Dairy Supply, within their respective divisions.



Senior 4-H member Emma Farlinger was recognized as having the top 4-H Holstein calf, and also took home the Champion 4-H Dairy Showperson Award sponsored by the Dundas Holstein Association.



Riley Jampen (left), Leah Barkley, Bruce Porteous, and Patrick Jampen were recognized for their achievements within the Dundas County Dairy Club.

County honours century of 4-H success

CHESTERVILLE – For 100 years, 4-H Ontario volunteers, members, and staff have been working together to create one of the strongest leadership programs for youth.

As part of the local celebration, Dundas County 4-H members and volunteers united at Chesterville's Gathering House Sat., Nov. 28 for their annual awards ceremony, recognizing club achievements and successes throughout the past year.

Past and present members honoured the history behind 4-H by displaying archived treasures from days gone by, and hosted a trivia game throughout the ceremony to test the 4-H knowledge in the room.

4-H Ontario awards

Several 4-H members were recognized by the provincial organization for successfully completing projects within their local clubs. Receiving their project completion seals were Brooklin Begg, Caitlin Begg, Esther Hutchinson, Tory MacDonald, Alexandria Petit, Kyra Streng, Kaylin VanDenBroek, James and Logan Verspeek, Justin Foubert, Gwen Hamilton, Riley Jampen, Martine Payne, Bruce and Cassidy Porteous, Fabienne Puenter, Reuben VanDenBroek, Denver Bolton, Kurtis McLean, and Caitlin Jampen. Teresa Palmer was recognized as the latest graduating 4-H member.

Dedicated volunteers are the reason local 4-H clubs have progressed. Receiving their volunteer year seals were Michele Begg, Alison Lillico, and Laura Macrae (one year); Heather McDiarmid and Mike Farlinger (five years); Sandra Palmer (10 years); and Carolyn Lillico (15 years).

Dundas County Judging Night awards

Riley Jampen took home the Chesterville Lions Award, presented to the highest scoring Dundas 4-H member in the novice division.

Denver Bolton was the winner of the Ottawa Valley Harvestore Award, presented to the highest scoring junior member.

Kyleigh Jampen from the intermediate division was presented the Agri-Partners Crop Centre Award for her high score.

Kelly Somerville took home the Dundas Holstein Club Award, presented to highest scoring member in the senior division.

County Beef Club awards

The Dundas Cattlemen's Association Spirit of 4-H Award went to novice member Brooklin Begg, who according to 4-H executives, "is always smiling."

Award winners who showed Piedmontese cattle were Brooklin and Caitlin Begg, Gwen Hamilton, Felix Dignard and Dante Farina. Winners who showed Angus cattle were Liam Banks, Denver Bolton, Laura Burrell, Erica Colburn, Justin and Meghan Foubert, Laura Higgins, Katrina and Ryan King, Holly and Kelly Somerville, and Alexandria Petit. Chiara Farina took home the award for showing Simmental cattle, and Laura and Nicole Scott both took home awards for showing Limousin cattle.

County Dairy Club awards

The Dundas Holstein Association (DHA) presented leather halters to first-time dairy club members Ashley Johnson, Alexis Sharpley, Rachel Puenter, and Miah Thurler.

Emma Farlinger was recognized as having the top 4-H Holstein calf, and also took home the Champion 4-H Dairy Showperson Award sponsored by DHA.

Recognition of the champion heifer calf, sponsored by Ayrporte Farms, went to Bruce Porteous.

Austin and Esther Hutchinson took home gifts presented by the Grenville-Dundas-Stormont Ayrshire Club for showing Ayrshire calves during competitions.

The St. Lawrence Jersey Club presented gifts to Leah Barkley, Bruce and Cassidy Porteous, and Cilicia Pol for their showing of Jersey cows.

The Spirit of 4-H Award, sponsored by the Ontario Holstein Branch, went to Janessa Pol.

Outstanding members

Most dedicated member awards were presented to Margot Guy (novice), Fabienne Puenter (junior), Cilicia Pol (intermediate), and Janessa Pol (senior). These members were considered to be the most enthusiastic, helpful and dedicated by their fellow members, and received a $25 gift sponsored by Lawrence's Dairy Supply.

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Executive 4-H members Heather McDiarmid (left), Brenda Velthuis, Paul Porteous, Cam Crogie, Andreas Jampen, Carolyn Lillico, and Phyllis MacMaster cut the cake at the beginning of the Dundas County 4-H Awards ceremony to celebrate a century of success.



Brooklin Begg and Cassidy Porteous took home the *Winchester Press* Award. *Press Photos – Gosselin*



Caitlin Jampen took home the Ontario Plowmen's Association Award.



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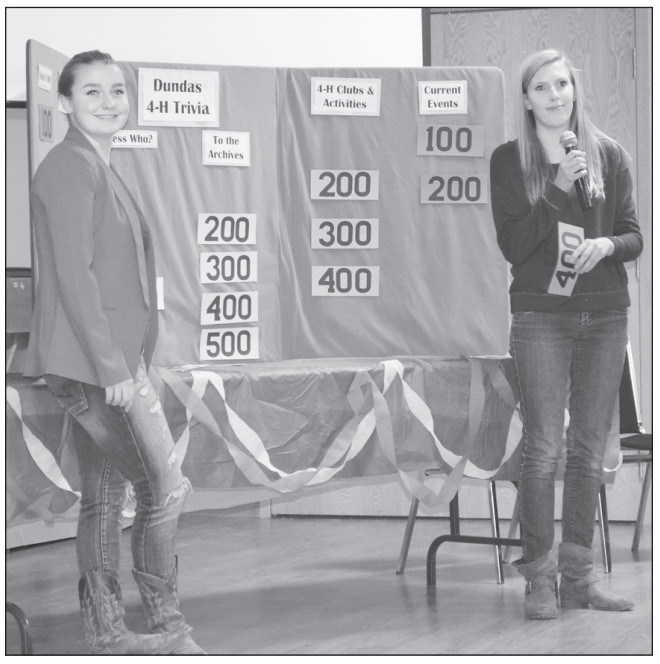

Kyleigh Jampen (left) and Cilicia Pol headed the 4-H trivia game, which was carried out throughout the awards ceremony at Chesterville's Gathering House. *Press Photo – Gosselin*

4-H awards

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The *Winchester Press* Award went to Cassidy Porteous and Brooklin Begg, who were recognized as the most diligent newspaper contributors.

The Ontario Plowmen's Association Award went to an outstanding member – Caitlin Jampen.

Lannin Memorial awards went to Kelly Somerville (champion beef showperson) and Meghan Foubert (champion heifer beef calf).

Highest scorers

The top novice members were recognized for their high scores, and awards went to Cassidy Porteous (first place, sponsored by Eastern Crop Doctor Inc.), Emma Acres (second place, sponsored by Dundas 4-H Association), and Rachel Van Winden (third place, sponsored by Dundas 4-H Association).

The top junior member awards were presented to Bruce Porteous (first place, Royal Bank of Canada), Jacob Verspeek (second place, Ritchie Feed and Seed), and Esther Hutchinson (third place, Ritchie Feed and Seed).

The top intermediate member awards went to Mikayla Verspeek (first place, Ritchie Feed and Seed), Reuben VanDenBroek (second place, Agri-Partners Crop Centre) and Patrick Jampen (third place, Agri-Partners Crop Centre).

Top senior member awards came with a little cash incentive, and were presented to Kelly Somerville (first place, Winchester Lions, $200); Holly Somerville (second place, Scotiabank, $125); Kurtis McLean (third place, Scotiabank, $75); Janessa Pol (fourth place, Dundas Veterinary Services, $65); and Kyleigh Jampen (fifth place, Weagant Farm Supplies, $50).

There was also a scholarship award of $400 provided by the Dundas 4-H Association to Holly Somerville who is currently attending her third year at Carleton University in the child studies program. Her year has been busy with showing a beef and dairy calf, holding club executive positions, and teaming up with other members to form the county senior judging team.

Warwick Forest opens revitalized trail network

BERWICK – Area outdoor enthusiasts will no doubt notice the recent upgrades at Warwick Forest Conservation Area east of Berwick.

The property is one in a collection of several parcels of land owned by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, South Nation Conservation, and the provincial government.

The regional authority maintains Warwick as part of a sprawling network of 15 day-use areas within its 4,300 square-kilometre jurisdiction.

Since September, major improvements have been made to six kilometres of the forest's walking and hiking trail, including a new connecting loop that ensures users don't have to trek along the adjacent county road to return to the parking lot.

Official unveiling of the improvements occurred at the site Fri., Nov. 27, with opening remarks from project partners and a ceremonial hammering of the last nail into the news boardwalk.

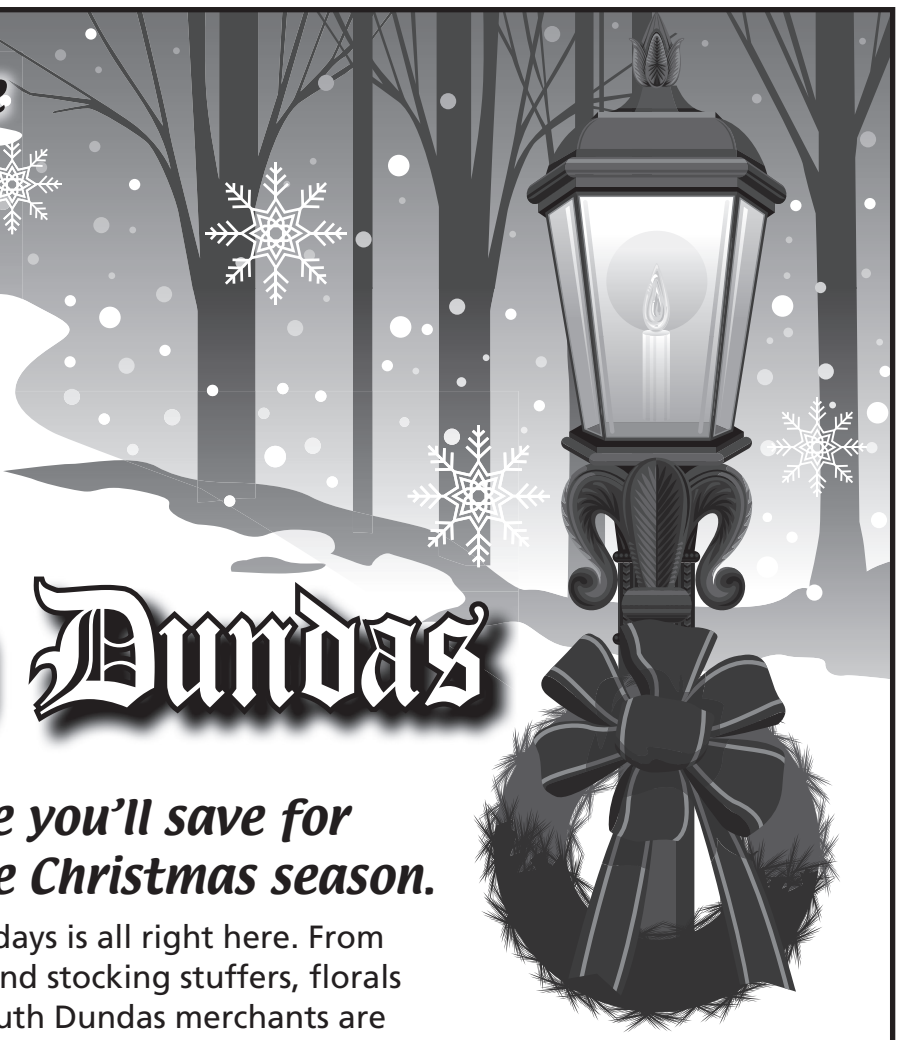
"The existing trail was in rough shape because trucks and ATVs had been using it," Jim Hendry, SNC's team lead for property, said. "Large ruts and water-filled holes were creating hazards for hikers and horses."

While motorized vehicles are prohibited in some marked areas, hiking, horse riding, dog walking, geocaching and cross-country skiing are the welcomed activities.

Another new feature along the boardwalk is a wetland-viewing platform with a lookout area where blue and green herons, and barred owls can often be seen.

Funding partners in the project, aside from SNC, included the united counties and the National Trails Coalition.

In addition to trail resurfacing, and the loop and boardwalk, the rehabilitation also included a new bridge, culvert enhancements, tree trimming, and the installation of signage and gates.



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CP Holiday Train choo-chooses Finch as stop

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

FINCH – The small town of Finch has seen huge traffic this year.

Residents first welcomed more than 80,000 visitors to the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo in late September – one of the largest events to hit Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) in decades.

But the bustle in the village didn't stop there.

After three years of planning on behalf of the Township of North Stormont, thousands of people once again gathered in the community to welcome the infamous Canadian Pacific Holiday Train at its first-ever local stop Sun., Nov. 29.

"It's been an ongoing effort, and we're so happy everyone believed in us," said North Stormont Deputy-Mayor Bill McGimpsey, who initiated plans for the pit stop. "We delivered – we said we'd have people, and we have people!"

The train rolled to a halt in front of James Street, decked out with Christmas lights and decorations, blowing its horn to announce its grand arrival.

The train is in its 17th year travelling across Canada to visit nearly 150 communities and raising hunger awareness. At each stop, professional musicians perform holiday songs from a stage built into one of the boxcars. Although there's no charge to attend the concert, patrons are asked to bring cash or a non-perishable food donation.



Pierre Doucette helped visitors warm up by offering free coffee on behalf of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library.

This year's show saw country musicians Devin Cuddy and Kelly Prescott on keyboards and guitar, with the Holiday Train Band to back them up.

"This is the best turnout for a first stop I've ever seen," said Prescott, who warmed up the crowd with her rendition of "Winter Wonderland."

According to McGimpsey, because of the overwhelming attendance, the CP Holiday Train will be making an annual stop in Finch. It was decided that if the first show could generate around 400 people, the event would become an annual holiday tradition in the village. The event easily quadrupled that goal.

With cars lined up all the way from the downtown core to as far as Concession 3-4, the village was at a standstill for the better part of an hour. The train stopped at 3 pm and took off at 3:30 pm for its next stop in Merrickville.



The CP Holiday Train rolled to a stop at the tracks adjacent to James Street between Williams and George Streets between 3 and 3:30 pm for a holiday-themed free concert.

Free bus shuttles were also provided from several local schools to and from the event.

The Christmas spirit was evident among the crowd, with many patrons enjoying free coffee sponsored by the SD&G County Library, as well as free hot chocolate provided by the township.

Although the CP Holiday Train had a short and sweet stay in the village, the day's agenda was full with a pre-train brunch provided on behalf of the local Lions Club, as well as a chili dinner served by the Finch Recreation Committee after the train's departure.



Township of North Stormont Mayor Dennis Fife (left) and Deputy-Mayor Bill McGimpsey were thrilled that $1,000 had been donated to the Dundas County Food Bank by the CP Holiday Train. *Press Photos – Gosselin*



Devin Cuddy (left) and Kelly Prescott (centre) performed a Christmas concert, with the help of the Holiday Train Band to back them up.

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More than a whisker short of goal

'Stache proceeds drop, but awareness still crucial

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff



The annual Dare to Flash A 'Stache finale evening took place Sat., Nov. 28 at Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre. Marleen Fawcett and Mountain Breeze provided the night's entertainment.



For the third year in a row, the Winchester detachment of the North Dundas Fire Department was the top firefighting team participant. Pictured is Linda McMahon (left), a member of the event's organizing committee, and village fireman Tim Wasylko.



Village resident Percy Armstrong was selected as the crowd favourite following his month-long growing efforts. *Press Photos – Uhrig*

WINCHESTER – It was far from being the success of past celebrations, but the annual Dare to Flash A 'Stache closed out its monthly campaign Sat., Nov. 28 in similar style.

Held at Winchester's Joel Steele Community Centre, Marleen Fawcett and Mountain Breeze kick started the event with a series of "golden oldies" hits before breaking for the formal portion of the evening.

As of press time, this year's proceeds total hovered around the $14,300 mark, considerably less than the $40,000 goal, though donations will be collected until the end of the year.

No matter, nearly $150,000 has been generated since the moustache growing initiative first launched in 2012. The funds have helped various prostate cancer related research efforts, and also spread awareness about the disease.

"It is a heinous disease, and it is ridiculous the number of men who are touched by this disease," event emcee Al Armstrong said.

Again this year, the profits will be split, 50 per cent each, between Winchester District Memorial Hospital, supporting the cancer care navigator program, and the Ottawa Hospital, helping with Dr. Luke Lavalee's ongoing prostate cancer research.

"Thank you to the group that has really been the powder keg for keeping this going," hospital CEO Cholly Boland said. "The program would not exist without you, so thank you so much for all you have done."

Another fact was also shared that evening – the WDMH program has been selected to be part of a pilot project being launched by Ottawa's Maplesoft Centre for Cancer Survivorship Care.

As well, current navigator Linda Johnson will be vacating the role, her second retirement of 2015 after having left the hospital's cancer care unit.

Jackie Romanick, current chemotherapy nurse who splits her time between WDMH and the Ottawa Hospital, will be taking on the job.

"She has a real passion for oncology patients," Johnson said of her predecessor.

The navigator role has been in place at the village medical facility for two years now, and in that time countless cancer patients and survivors have received help to navigate Ontario's at times precarious healthcare system.



Even Greta Roberts (left) and Kathy Nugent got in on the act.



David Back volunteered to have his more than 40-year-old facial hair shaved off. Wielding the clippers was Marie Byrne, owner of the Main Street Styling Salon.

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Hardwood happenings

Play a little round ball and raise a little money was the theme of the North Dundas District High School student council's 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The six-team competition, held last Thursday (Nov. 26), raised funds, which will support the council's various activities. Mackenzie Johnston (left) drove for an inside lane against Brooke Stewart during a round robin game. Jamie Quinton (No. 22) and Kelsey Byers followed the action. Bayden Carr (red jersey) battled Joey Benoit for ball possession during the championship match. Corey Ross (right) led his team of Benoit and Quinn Chambers to a 10-4 win over Carr and his squad.

Press Photos – Van Bridger

Beavers snap Hawks two-game win string, chew off 4-3 victory

WINCHESTER – Billy Denham's shorthanded goal at 11:13 of the third period proved to be the difference for the visiting Clarence Beavers who nipped the Winchester Jr. Hawks 4-3.

The Hawks (8-11-0-4) had a modest two-game Central Canada Hockey League 2 winning string snapped in last Friday's loss at the Joel Steele Community Centre, but did manage to hold on to fifth place in the Martin Division standings, three points ahead of both Clarence (8-14-0-1) and the Ottawa Canadians (8-14-0-1).

Friday (Dec. 4), the number-two ranked Metcalfe Jets (15-8-0-2) will provide the Hawks opposition in an 8:15 pm game. Saturday (Dec. 5), the Hawks will be in Williamstown where they will meet the eighth-place Char-Lan Rebels (5-14-2-3).

Andy Clarke finished a play engineered by Franco Gagnon and JD Samson at 3:03 of the first 20 minutes and that slim advantage held up until Denham cashed his first of two SHG seven seconds into period two. Tyler Pancel then came through for the Beavers cracking back-to-back markers at 8:47 and 11:36.

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Devils' rosters selected for winter sports

MAPLE RIDGE – Four North Dundas District High School teams have been selected to compete in their respective SD&G 2015-2016 winter sports leagues.

North Dundas will also seek the tri-county curling championship.

The junior and senior girls volleyball, junior boys basketball and boys varsity hockey team lists have been announced. North Dundas has not entered either a girl's hockey or senior boy's basketball team.

The first team to see action will be a rink coached by April Richmire, which will open the OCA Gore Mutual Boys Zone 1 curling playdowns at the Winchester Curling Club tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 3).

Up next

The next day (Fri., Dec. 4) coach Deanna Corbett-White's junior boys basketball team will hit the hardwood in Cornwall where they will challenge the La Citadelle Patriotes and the host Holy Trinity Falcons.

Coaches Patti Hall (senior) and Holly Henderson (junior) will guide their respective volleyball squads through tournaments at Tagwi Secondary School on Tues., Dec. 8. The Senior Devils are schedule to play L'Heritage, St. Lawrence and CCVS while the juniors will meet L'Heritage and St. Lawrence.

Troy Smith is back on the bench with the Devils hockey team preparing to engage the tri-county competition in a tournament on home ice in Chesterville on Wed., Jan. 6.

The North Dundas teams will not play at home until January.

New rosters

Junior girls volleyball: Rosie Backes, Kim Roberts, Maddison Barkley, Abbie Scheepers, Sam Benoit, Taylor Sherrer, Desiray Clemen, Katherine Steele, Julia Gibson, Shaina Vandemheen, Andrea Koch and Chloe Zeigler.

Senior girls volleyball: Calla Brugmans, Brianna Mellon, Jaclyn Crump, Courtney Moreau, Megan Derick, Jamie Quinton, Maddie Henderson, Madison Scheepers, Mackenzie Johnston, Brooke Stewart, Christina Markwell and Jessi Zandbelt.

Junior boys basketball: Curtis Barkley, Caleb Jaquemet, Nic Brugmans, Ian Koch, Cameron Cotnam, Logan Lacasse, Tyler Cole, Dylan Martin, Will Dunlop, Brad McLean, Adam Geertsma and Jarrett Williams.

Boys varsity hockey: Bayden Carr, Christian Francis, Evan Durant, Kyle Dejong, Joey Benoit, Jarrett Williams, Aaron Turcotte, Justin Shay, Spencer Kelly, Brayden Cochrane, Cory Ross, Kyle Ross, Jack van Kessel, Jacob Robinson, Jakob Downey, Sawyer Vanden Bosch and Logan Holmes.

Rodney, Demons shutout South Dundas 'HB' Lions, Bears

WINCHESTER – Shane Rodney registered his first two shutouts of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League season supporting the North Dundas Midget House "B1" Demons as they blanked the South Dundas "HB2" Lions 4-0 and then the Smiths Falls Bears 5-0.

Rodney's first flawless effort came in last week's (Thurs., Nov. 26) victory over South Dundas at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Zero number two went into the books Monday (Nov. 30) in Smiths Falls where the Demons bombed the Bears 5-0 and improved their second-place status in the East Division to 6-1-2, good for 14 points.

Demons 4 – Lions 0

Owen Helmer cracked the GWG completing a play set up by Brandon VanBruinessen and Jack Messervey at 12:59 of the opening stanza. Messervey then teamed up with Kyle Findlay and handed the Demons a 2-0 advantage 35 seconds before the period ended.

Messervey cashed his second marker netting a feed sent to him by Brandon VanBruinessen and Caleb Jaquemet early (12:33) in the sandwich session. Messervey then teamed up with Mitchell VanBruinessen and set up Avery Holmes who rang up the Demons fourth and final tally at the 10:37 mark of the same frame.

Period three was scoreless.

Monday's match

Monday, the Demons were in Smiths Falls and registered another perfect result blanking the Bears 5-0.

Mitchell VanBruinessen's unassisted marker with 5:01 left in period one proved to be the GWG.

Messervey (Brandon VanBruinessen, Emily Beach at 2:15) made it 2-0 before the period ended.

Second period shots fired by Kyle Findlay (Avery Holmes, Zack Nelson at 14:33) and Brandon VanBruinessen (Beach at 13:53) handed the Demons a 5-0 advantage.

Zack Nelson (Findlay at 9:16) cracked the fifth and final goal in the third period.



First zero

North Dundas Midget House "B1" Demons goaltender Shane Rodney received solid support from his teammates including Caleb Jaquemet (No. 2), Jack Messervey and Brandon VanBruinessen (right) when he blanked the South Dundas "HB2" Lions 4-0 last week (Thurs., Nov. 26). Messervey (2-2-4), VanBruinessen (0-2-2) and Jaquemet (0-1-1) generated seven points backing Rodney's first shutout of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League season. He rang up his second flawless effort blanking the Bears in Smiths Falls on Monday (Nov. 30).

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2

RECENT RESULTS

Nov. 24: Metcalfe 8 - Ottawa Canadians 1
Nov. 25: Stittsville 5 - Brockville 4
Nov. 26: Ottawa West 3 - Ottawa 2
Casselman 7 - Renfrew 5
Nov. 27: Clarence 4 - Winchester 3
Ottawa West 3 - Perth 1
Westport 3 - Casselman 2
Metcalfe 4 - Arnprior 2
Alexandria 8 - Brockville 0
Nov. 28: Perth 4 - Westport 1
Prescott 5 - Brockville 2
Stittsville 5 - Char-Lan 4 SO
Nov. 29: Char-Lan 4 - Clarence 1
Stittsville 4 - Renfrew 3
Athens 3 - Arnprior 2

STANDINGS

Martin Division	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Casselman	19	3	1	130	72	39
Metcalfe	15	8	2	107	92	32
Ottawa West	15	9	1	109	95	31
Alexandria	13	6	3	98	69	29
Winchester	8	11	4	86	102	20
Ottawa	8	14	1	65	86	17
Clarence	8	14	1	72	99	17
Char-Lan	5	14	5	78	121	15

Richardson	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Perth	19	2	2	125	62	40
Stittsville	18	4	1	124	73	37
Westport	12	11	0	85	96	25
Arnprior	12	10	0	73	69	24
Athens	11	8	1	68	70	23
Renfrew	10	11	1	90	101	21
Prescott	8	14	3	72	104	19
Brockville	5	20	0	62	124	10

TOP SCORERS

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Isaac Barr	10	10	20
JD Samson "A"	8	12	20
Tanner Schroeder	12	5	17
Kyle Richardson "C"	4	13	17
Andy Clarke	9	7	15
Bryden van Kessel "A"	6	7	13
Franco Gagnon	4	9	13
Shawn Simms	10	2	12
John Kalivas	5	7	12
Kris Johnson	4	8	12
Erik Starcevic "A"	3	7	10
Niko Roy	3	5	8
Joey Driscoll	2	6	8
Nichola LeGuerrier	1	7	8
David Ouellette	2	4	6
Diego Gagnon	2	3	5
Liam Morrow	0	5	5
Brandon Welk	1	2	3
*Josh Kurish	1	3	4
Michael Monette	1	1	2
Nicholas Pilote	1	1	2
Brandon Lowry	1	0	1
*Dillon Clemen	0	1	1
*Justin Cyr	0	1	1
Ian Ogden	0	1	1
Nicholas Tsiobanos	0	1	1

Goaltenders

Brandon Lowry W 6 L 9 OTL 76 GAA 4.20
*Logan Gauthier W 2 L 1 OTL 0 GAA 3.30
ap Shane Rodney W 0 L 0 OTL 0 GAA 0.00
John Gilmer W 0 L 1 OTL 6 GAA 6.04
ap E. Lamontagne W 0 L 0 OTL 0 GAA 6.00
* Inactive player

WINCHESTER HAWKS HOME GAME
Fri., Dec. 4
vs. Metcalfe Jets - 8:15 pm

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Nov. 24:
Bush Leaguers 12 - Kemptville Blues 2
Red Rooster by forfeit over Kemptville (Rasa)
Nov. 25:
Thurler's Thunder 2 - Kemptville (Bryce) 1
Kemptville (Barnes) 9 - Chesterville Maulers 3

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Roosters	6	2	1	64	50	13
Thunder	6	3	0	63	46	12
Leaguers	7	3	0	75	56	14
Maulers	2	6	1	48	59	5

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Dean Byvelds, BL	22	15	37
Steve Cameron, BL	14	22	36
Brandon Buma, RR	17	14	31
Nik Paas, RR	12	14	26
Rob Thurler, TT	15	10	25
Dustin Tinkler, TT	14	9	23
Trevor Gilmer, BL	14	8	22
Scott Baldwin, CM	7	14	21
P. Klein-Swormink, TT	7	12	19
Derek Crawford, CM	8	10	18
Clayton Kohn, RR	8	9	17

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Nov. 27: Embrun 7 - North Dundas 2
Rockland 3 - Vankleek Hill 2
Nov. 28: North Dundas 4 - Vankleek Hill 2
Papineauville 4 - Outaouais 2
St. Isidore 5 - Morrisburg 1
Gatineau 2 - Cumberland 2
Nov. 29: Embrun 9 - Gatineau 3
Papineauville 6 - Outaouais 3
Rockland 6 - St. Isidore 2

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
North Division						
Papineauville	15	1	1	103	49	31
Rockland	10	6	2	81	70	22
Gatineau	8	8	3	91	90	19
Cumberland	8	8	1	69	70	17
Outaouais	4	14	1	49	84	9
South Division						
Embrun	15	3	0	98	45	30
Vankleek Hill	11	6	0	75	58	22
St. Isidore	7	10	0	73	65	14
North Dundas	5	14	0	61	105	10
Morrisburg	2	15	0	25	89	4

North Dundas Rockets	G	A	PTS
Justin Rutley "A"	7	13	20
Brandon Muiil "C"	8	9	17
Ryan Romans "A"	6	11	17
Mackenzie Bacon	3	9	12
Jordan Leight	7	4	11
Kyle MacDonald	5	6	11
William Fawcett "A"	4	6	10
Sheldon Holmes	1	9	10
Josh Hansen	3	6	9
Tristan Staff	4	3	7
Owen Bourgeois	3	4	7
Owen Salmon	3	2	5
Tanner Brady	3	1	4
Justin Cyr	3	0	3
Tyson Sherrer	0	3	3
Justin Cyr	2	0	2
Harry Wyss "A"	0	2	2
Brett Hayes	0	2	2
Dallas Dunn	1	0	1
Mitchell Melenhorst	1	0-	1
Dakota Boulanger	0	1	1
Dylan Lavallee	0	1	1
Dylan Marshall	0	1	1
Stefan Wyss	0	1	1
Mason Durant	0	1	1
Dillon Clemen	0	0	0
Brett Hayes	0	0	0

Goaltenders

E. Lamontagne 3-10-2 GAA 5.38 GA 77
Thomas Lastewka 1-2-0 GAA 5.00 GA 19

NORTH DUNDAS ROCKETS HOME GAME
Sat., Dec. 5
vs. Rockland Nationals
7:50 pm

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS

Nov. 29:
KC's Lawn Maintenance 4 - Foodland 0
WS Trucking 4 - Annable's Jewellery 1
Cooper Physio 4 - Bridals 1

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
KC's	7	0	2	19	4	16
Bridals	4	2	3	13	8	11
WS Trucking	3	2	4	11	13	10
Cooper	4	4	1	18	14	9
Foodland	1	6	2	8	19	4
Annable's	1	6	2	4	15	4

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Katrina Holmes, KC's	10	2	12
Edith Dagenais, CP	7	4	11
Isabelle Dagenais, CP	2	6	8
Vicki Van Hoof KC.'s	7	0	7
Jessica Hendrikx, WST	3	3	6
Jenna Warren, CP	3	3	6
Kaila Beckstead, Bridals	2	3	5
Michelle Drouin, Bridals	2	3	5
Amy Fraser, Bridals	1	4	5
Natalie Boulianne, KC's	0	5	5
Cinnamon Boulanger, CP	1	3	4
Tanya Barnhardt, WST	1	3	4
Laura McDonnell, WST	1	3	4
Pyper Weiss, Bridals	0	4	4
Andrea Francis, Reds	2	1	3
Kristyn Winges, Reds	1	2	3
Chantal Penk, CP	1	2	3
Natalie Jamieson, CP	1	2	3



Atom Demons beat Braves 6-4

BROCKVILLE – Nicholas Guy potted a pair of goals leading the North Dundas Atom House "B" Demons to a 6-4 win in Brockville.

The Demons improved their Upper Canada Minor Hockey League West Division record to 2-8-0 with last week's (Tues., Nov. 24) win.

In addition to Guy's pair, the Demons received singles from Williams Miller, Sam Hart, Maddux England and Nate Thompson. Brody Henry (2), Nathan Milne-Servage, England, Hart and Jacob Guy earned the assists.

England buried a feed from Liam Campbell and Jacob Guy counting North Dundas' lone goal in a 3-1 loss to the Kemptville No. 1 Panthers in Winchester on Fri., Nov. 13.

Tourney tales

North Dundas played its first tournament in Almonte over the weekend (Sat., Nov. 28 and Sun., Nov. 29).

The Demons blanked the Kanata Bears 5-0, lost 4-1 to the Almonte/Pakenham Thunder, but rebounded with a 5-1 victory in a rematch with the Kanata Bears before being eliminated 4-0 by the South Stormont Selects.

Sunday (Dec., 6), the Demons are at home at Joel Steele Community Centre to the Kemptville No. 1 Panthers and next Friday (Dec. 11) will host Leeds Chargers.

Hawks

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Hawks captain Kyle Richardson sliced one goal of his team's deficit ringing up a SHG after taking a pass from Kris Johnson at 17:05.

Johnson then came up with the tying tally (3-3) when he buried a relay sent to him by Isaac Barr and Nicholas Tsiobanos early (3:12) in the final frame.

That play set the stage for Denham to shoot down the Hawks with his SHG.

Winchester outshot the Beavers 35-31. Brandon Lowry took the loss and Ryan McLaughlin posted the win. The Hawks served six minutes on three infractions while the Beavers sat for eight minutes on four infractions.



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Rockets double Cougars 4-2, fourth NCJHL victory

CHESTERVILLE – Justin Rutley cashed the deciding marker as the North Dundas Rockets doubled the visiting Vankleek Hill Cougars 4-2.

Saturday's (Nov. 28) victory was the fifth for the fourth place Rockets (5-14-0) and was described by head coach-general manager Robyn Sadler as the most complete game he has seen since he has been involved with the National Capital Junior Hockey League club.

North Dundas launched their weekend schedule last Friday (Nov. 27) dropping a 7-2 decision to the top-ranked Panthers (15-1-1) in Embrun.

After the loss to Embrun, Sadler and his staff (Lenard McLean and James Kirkwood) held a team meeting and challenged the team to take losing personally and to take pride in competing.

"The team responded in a big way, physically dominating Vankleek Hill and pushing the pace," said Sadler. "Everyone got their hands dirty and showed up for work."

Forwards Brandon Mullin, Justin Rutley, Jordan Leigh, Josh Hanson, Mackenzie "Mac" Bacon were dubbed impact players by their coach while defencemen Will Fawcett and Mason Durant also received high marks for their efforts.

"Dillon Clemen looks to be settling in and Thomas Lastewka [goaltender] was another kid challenged who stood tall in our nets," added the coach.

In Embrun

North Dundas grabbed a 2-0 lead on first period goals by Cyr (PPG) and Fawcett, but surrendered seven straight to Embrun in the 7-2 loss.

Leigh, Durant and Fawcett picked up helper points. Emil Lamontagne took the loss.

Josh Renaud (3-2-5) paced the Panthers attack. Adam Filion collected three assists. Sebastien Roy, Bernie Murdoch, Jacob Marley and Tyler Cayen sniped Embrun's singles.

Rockets 4 – Cougars 2

Rutley rifled in the GWG helping his squad turn back the second-place Cougars (11-6-0) 4-2.

Mullin (SHG), Kyle MacDonald and Mac Bacon notched the single markers. Sheldon Holmes, Tristan Staff and Rutley set up the scoring plays. Thomas Lastewka was the winning 'tender.

Sadler explained the coaching staff has challenged the team to toughen up and start competing physically and mentally.

"And I finally got a glimpse of what could be Saturday night," he said. "Talent alone will not win games."

More bodies

The Rockets have added two new players and re-signed 20-year-old Harry Wyss. Joining the Rockets are Winchester Junior Hawks forward Shawn Simms (19) and defenceman/forward Liam Morrow (20). Morrow skated with the Rockets last season.

Sadler explained that Rockets management and the Hawks brass, headed up by GM Craig "JB" Smith, have fostered a strong relationship this year through communication and compromise.

"We appreciate their support and flexibility and I'm looking forward to supporting their team in any way I can and wish them success," said Sadler.

Dillon Clemen and Justin Cyr joined the Rockets earlier and have since been called up by the Hawks.

One game

The Rockets have one game on their slate, a home ice date with the Rockland Nationals on Saturday (Dec. 5) at 7:50 pm.



Practice time

The North Dundas District High School boy's varsity hockey team is currently preparing for the 2015-2016 SD&G hockey season, which won't begin for them until Wed., Jan. 6 when they will host a tournament in Chesterville. Coach Troy Smith has enlisted former Devils Dillon Clemen (North Dundas Rockets and Winchester Hawks) and Brodie Barkley (Prescott Flyers) to assist him in the weekly practices. North Dundas student Ben Schoones is also on the team's support staff. Devils goaltender Bayden Carr broke up a play involving Brayden Cochrane (left) and Spencer Kelly during a drill in last week's (Thurs., Nov. 26) session.

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Wade posts sixth shutout, KC's remain undefeated

WINCHESTER – Kristie Wade registered her sixth perfect result as the Winchester District Ladies Hockey League's top team, KC's Lawn Maintenance, whitewashed the Foodland Reds 4-0.

Katrina Holmes (unassisted) cashed the GWG at 18:15 of the first half of Sunday's (Nov. 29) 8 am game. Vicki Van Hoof (Grace Mellano) quickly made it 2-0 at 17:16. Holmes rang up her 10th goal of the season finishing a play started by Kelly Francis and Heather McDiarmid 5:00 before the intermission. Van Hoof (unassisted) netted her seventh of the season and second goal of the game three seconds before the final buzzer sounded.

KC's improved to 7-0-2 while the Reds fell to 1-6-2. Jane Foster of KC's was named player of the game.

WS Trucking 3 – Blues 1

Courtney Barkley (Alecia Jones at 10:42) gave Annable's Jewellery Blues (1-6-2) a 1-0 lead that held up until WS Trucking (3-2-4) tied it when Christina Stewart (Jessica Hendrikx) tied it 1-1 8:43 before the half ended.

Kelly Zeran (Jennifer Wilson, Hendrikx) fired home the GWG with 6:25 left on the clock. Player of the game Tanya Barnhardt (Laura McDonnell) then made it a 3-1 final with 4:30 to play. Sonja Bradley was the winning 'tender.

Pinks 4 – Bridals 1

Carrie McCadden filled in for the Cooper Physio Pinks regular goalie Sam Benoit and missed a shutout by a goal when Bridals' (4-2-3) Dawn Montgomery (Pyper Weiss) beat her 2:07 before the final buzzer sounded.

Cynthia Wever (Edith Dagenais, Isabelle Dagenais at 16:01) cracked the first Pinks (4-4-1) marker. Jenna Warren (player of the game) then used a pass provided by Isabelle Dagenais and Wever to open up a 2-0 gap. A shot fired by Edith Dagenais (Kaitlyn Hay, Isabelle Dagenais at 6:00) enlarged the Pinks lead to 3-0 heading into the second half.

Warren's second goal set up by Edith Dagenais at 8:12 gave the Pinks a comfortable 4-0 advantage.

Roosters, Leaguers, Thunder win against North Grenville squads

WINCHESTER – Three of four Winchester Town Hockey League (WTHL) teams posted victories in the latest home-and-home series against Kemptville's North Grenville Industrial Hockey League squads.

Last Tuesday (Nov. 24) in Winchester, the Bush Leaguers (7-3-0) ripped the Kemptville Blues 12-2 and the WTHL-leading Red Roosters (7-2-1) earned two points by default when Kemptville (Rasa) called in a late cancellation.

Steve Cameron produced eight points, including six assists, leading the Leaguers to victory. Dean Byvelds piled up four goals, three assists and seven points. Trevor Gilmer (3-1-4), Brad Bingley (2-0-2), Kyle Gaskin (1-1-2), Chris Piquette (0-2-2), Jamie Wyatt (0-1-1) and Travis Froats (0-1-1) also contributed to the win.

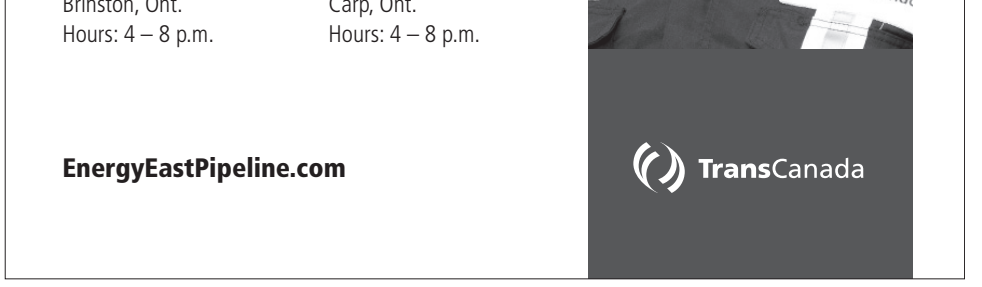
In Kemptville

The next night (Wed., Nov. 25) in Kemptville Thurler's Thunder (7-3-0) recorded a narrow 2-1 decision against Team Barnes and the Chesterville Maulers (2-7-1) were spanked 9-3 by Team Bryce.

Rob Thurler (1-1-2) and James Kirkwood (1-1-2) produced the Thunder's offence.

Corey Brown cracked two and Derek Crawford sniped the single Maulers marker. Chris Embury, Tyler Jones, Scott Baldwin, Blair MacMillan and Justin Morozuk provided the passes.







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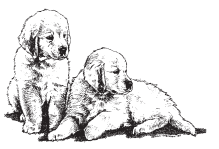

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Metcalfe Jets soaring, registered two more wins

ARNPRIOR – Back-to-back road wins in Ottawa and Arnprior have the Metcalfe Jets inching closer to top spot in the Central Canada Hockey League 2 Martin Division standings.

Last Tuesday (Nov. 24), the Jets shot down the host Ottawa Canadians 8-1 and Friday (Nov. 27) in Arnprior doubled the Packers 4-2. Those two victories and the accompanying four points pumped up Metcalfe's second place record to 15-8-0-2 and moved them to within seven points of the top-ranked Casselman Vikings (19-3-1-0).

The Jets will have three opportunities to whittle down the Vikings lead when they face the third-place Ottawa West Golden Knights (15-9-0-1) at the Barbara Ann Scott Arena tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 3). Opportunity number two will come on Friday (Dec. 4) when they will be in Winchester to face the struggling Hawks. The Jets biggest test will take place at the Larry Robinson Arena on Sunday (Dec. 6) at 2:15 pm when the powerful Vikings will provide the opposition.

Jets 8 – Canadians 1

Ottawa's Austin Lamonte cashed the Canadians' lone goal, tying the game 1-1 at 15:26 of the first period.

The score was deadlocked 1-1 after 20 minutes. A four-goal second stanza opened up a 5-1 gap for the visitors.

Andrew Burke potted a pair of pucks including the GWG. Jordan Malette (1-2-3), Carter Malette (1-2-3) and Zachary Rheaume (0-3-3) each produced three points. Simon Martel (1-1-2), Eric Turner (1-1-2), Jonathan Gillis (0-2-2), Ryan Lafrance (1-0-1), Jeremy Barrie (1-0-1), Vincent Martel (0-1-1), Josig Rochon (0-1-1) and Joey Farago (0-1-1) all contributed to the victory.

Kenneth Nichol played 53:11 of the game and gave up Ottawa's only goal. Anthony Salahor tended the nets for 6:49 and made five saves.

Jets 4 – Packers 2

The Jets owned period leads of 2-1, 3-1 and 4-2 in Arnprior getting their offensive production from the trio of Jordan Mallette (ENG, 2-2-4), Burke (GWG, 2-2-4) and Carter Malette (0-3-3).

The Malettes drew assists on Burke's GWG at 9:24 of period two.

Matt Knight-Bedour also picked up an assist on Jordan Malette's ENG 14 second before the final buzzer sounded.

Salahor stopped 36 of 38 shots for the win.

Bantam 'B' Demons collect three points in road games

CARDINAL – Three third-period goals enabled the North Dundas Bantam "B' Demons to rally for a 3-3 tie with the host South Grenville Rangers.

Period one of last week's (Thurs., Nov. 26) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game was scoreless. The Rangers broke into a 2-0 lead in the second session forcing the Demons to mount a comeback in the final frame.

Dean Lapier (Cam Sherrer at 17:30) cut the Demons deficit to 2-1 only to have the Rangers reply with a Kennedy Kirkby goal at 13:23 and take a 3-1 lead.

A Curtis Bell (Nic Brugmans at 7:52) marker closed the gap to 3-2 and set the stage for Nolan Brown to tie it after taking a feed from Brugmans with 39.6 left on the clock.

Toby Byrne tended the North Dundas nets.

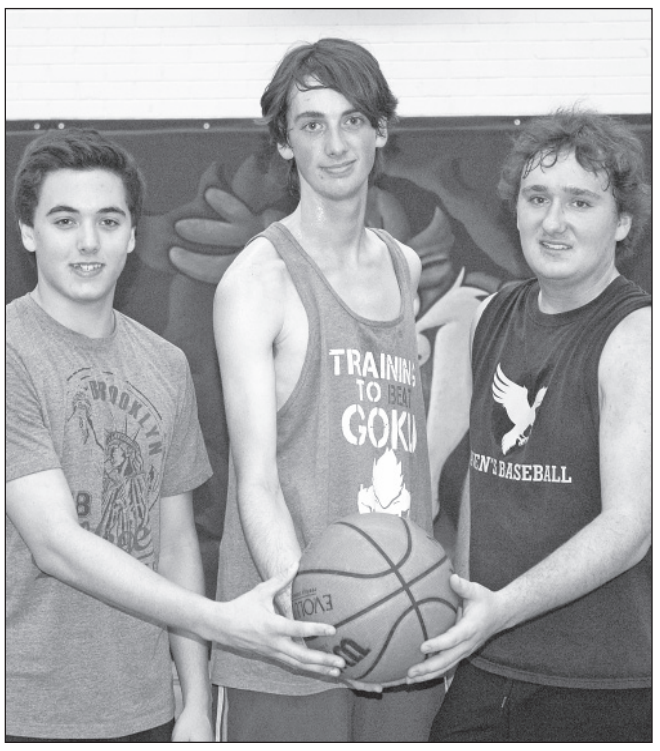
Demons 7 – Selects 2

The night before (Wed., Nov. 25), in Long Sault Owen Goulet scored twice and earned an assist as the Demons whipped the Selects 7-2.

North Dundas held period leads of 1-0 and 4-2 with Brugmans (Brown at 1:58) cashing the GWG in period two.

Brugmans, Kendrew Byers, Cam Sherrer and Brown all recorded a goal and an assist. Brandon Lovely snapped in the single. Bell and Lapier each earned a pair of helper points.

Liam Antille was the winning 'tender.



Top three

Cory Ross (left), Quinn Chambers and Joey Benoit went undefeated during round-robin play before knocking off Dirty Mike and the Boys 10-4 (thanks to several highlight reel jump-shot buckets from center court by Ross) in the championship game of a 3-on-3-basketball tournament held at North Dundas District High School. The fundraising event organized by the school's student council was played last week (Thurs., Nov. 26) and attracted six teams, including two girl's squads.

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Novice Rep 'B' drop 3-2 decision in Perth

PERTH – A late goal lifted the hometown Perth/Lanark Blue Wings to a 3-2 victory over the visiting North Dundas Novice "B" Rep Demons.

The Demons (3-7-2) took a 1-0 lead when Josh Lafrance scored after taking a pass from Markus Bols and Drew Sleeth with 9:24 left in the opening period. Lafrance tied it up 2-2 when he finished a play started by Michael Theos and goaltender Korey Sheridan with 3:58 left in the game. Unfortunately for the visitors, their host cashed the GWG 1:17 before the buzzer sounded.

The Demons are scheduled to play the Smiths Falls Bears at the Joel Steele Community Centre tonight (Wed., Dec. 2) and Perth at the same location on Sun., Dec. 6.

Demons clip Blue Wings 5-2

WINCHESTER – Five consecutive goals opened up a comfortable lead for the host North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons who cruised on to a 5-2 decision over the visiting Perth/Lanark Blue Wings.

Last Wednesday's (Nov. 25) victory at the Joel Steele Community Centre inflated the Demons Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division record to 7-2-0 and kept them within a point of the first place NGS Braves (7-3-1).

Owen Fetterly (Jayman Heuff at 4:32) handed the Demons a 1-0 lead when he netted a PPG in the opening stanza.

Three quick second-period markers by Ben Lapier (Mason Carr, Nolan Henry at 12:39), Heuff (Adam Barkley, Cole Eikelboom at 12:22) and Henry (PPG, Reise Marriner, Lapier at 10:32) opened up a 4-0 lead for the Demons.

Carr (PPG, Lapier, Henry at 14:25) scored early in the final frame creating a 5-0 lead.

The Blue Wings, outshot 30-15, buried a pair of PPG's in the back of Brendan Shaver's cage with 10:19 and 8:28 left on the clock slicing their final deficit to 5-2.

Kieran McQueen-Ladouceur was the game's big stick winner.

More action

Tonight (Wed., Dec. 2), the hometown Demons are hosting the Cornwall Colts (7 pm). Saturday (Dec. 5), they will take on the division-leading NGS Braves in Maxville and the next day (Sun., Dec. 6) will welcome NGS to Winchester for a 1 pm tilt.

Tourney Tales

North Dundas won two of its three games in the 2015 Smiths Falls Bears Minor Hockey Tournament (Nov. 26 to Nov. 29) and outscored the opposition 13-5 only to miss the playoffs by a single point.

The Demons blew away the Gananoque Islanders 7-0 in their opening game with Lapier leading the way with a five goal, one-assist effort. His final three tallies came in the final 5:07 of the game. Eikelboom and Carr cashed the singles. Marriner (2), Joshua Broad (2), Max Paquette (2), Henry, Heuff, Carr and Barkley provided the passes. Jordan Papineau was the winning 'tender.

Eikelboom was the hustler of the game and Carr won the big stick.

The Casselman-Embrun Ice Dogs, who blanked the Ottawa Golden Knights 2-0 in the gold medal match, shut down the Demons 5-1 in round two.

Heuff's (Broad at 2:51) first-period goal gave the Demons a brief 1-0 lead. The Ice Dogs outshot North Dundas 25-11. Shaver suffered the loss.

Barkley was the hustler of the game and Paquette claimed the big stick award.

Bounce back

North Dundas outshot the Pembroke Kings 26-8 on their way to a 5-0 victory in their final game.

Barkley (SHG, unassisted at 4:50) cracked what would be the GWG in the opening stanza.

Second period shots fired by Lapier (PPG, Henry, Eikelboom at 6:03), Henry (Lapier, Carr at 3:43) and Eikelboom (Henry, Paquette at 1:18) gave the Demons a 4-0 cushion.

Needing as many goals as possible to move into the playoff round, the Demons pulled goaltender Papineau and were rewarded when Lapier (Henry at 0:07.5) cashed goal number five.

Papineau was the hustler of the game and Barkley picked up the big stick.

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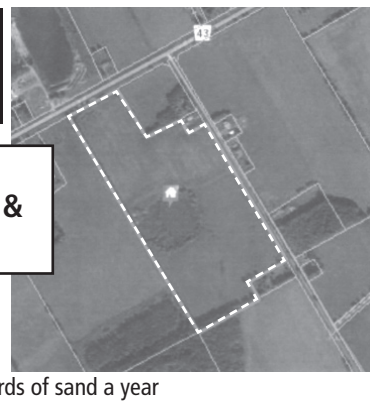

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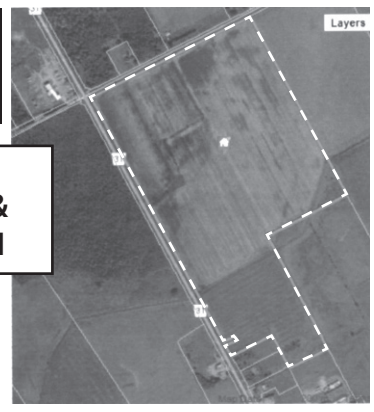

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NDDHS Notes

by Patricia Barlow



Holiday season prep underway

MAPLE RIDGE – This week at North Dundas, things have quieted down after the busy month of November, but with Christmas break just around the corner, students are very busy preparing for the holiday season!

Today (Wed., Dec. 4), specialist high skills major health and wellness students will have the opportunity to participate in a concussion certification, learning how to treat and prevent head injuries.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, the school's improv team will be hosting and participating in a regional competition.

Beyond that, the countdown is on – three more weeks until Christmas break!



Turning twenty

Allan Johnston's Repair and Sales in Metcalfe hosted an open house event Sat., Nov. 28 to celebrate two decades of providing customers with the right tool for the job. "The way of doing business has changed – people used to be all about the box store experience, but now are realizing its better to do business locally," said owner Allan Johnston. "It's not just about buying something, it's about who will look after you and service you when you have a problem." The entire store stock was discounted by 20 per cent to honour 20 years in business, and many customers took the opportunity to find all of their winter needs, including snow blowers, snow gear, and even snowmobiles. Pictured are the Johnston family members – who have been a huge part of the business' success – Allie (back, left), Sharen, Allan, Melissa (front, left), and Amy.

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Left: *Betty Hansen (left), Ruth Stanley, and Betty McArthur couldn't wait to get their hands on the homemade jams and jellies at Holy Trinity Anglican Church's Christmas bazaar Sat., Nov. 28.*

Below: *Parish members Donna (left) and Glen Gray helped out by taking donations for the Christmas basket – which included items like wine, dressing mix, Christmas puddings, tea and more – with proceeds going to the Osgoode Township Food Bank.*

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Christmas spirit shines at annual church bazaar

METCALFE – Ladies of the Anglican Church Women (ACW)'s group sparked holiday cheer by organizing a Christmas bazaar for patrons Sat., Nov. 28 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Metcalfe.

The event offered holiday-inspired baked goodies, puddings, jams, and crafts created by parish members, as well as a "Nearly New" section where parishioners could donate gently used items for purchase. All left-over items will be donated to a neighbouring church for a garage sale, and then on to Value Village.

Bids for a Christmas basket were also made, with proceeds going toward the Osgoode Township Food Bank. Patrons enjoyed a special chicken luncheon, complete with all the dressings, and were able to purchase homemade chicken potpies created by ACW members.



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Winchester Golden Years Report

WINCHESTER – The latest meeting of the Winchester Golden Years took place in late November at the village's Lions Hall.

President Marjorie Lougheed welcomed 50 members and two guests.

Dawn Campbell played piano during the singing of "O Canada," while recitation of the "Lord's Prayer" followed. A minute of silence was also observed in memory of Violet Simser.

Debra Ann McBride read the birthdays for the month, and all in attendance acknowledged them.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, the treasurer's report given, and all other committees were heard from. Old and new business was also dealt with.

Coming up this month is a Christmas dinner for area seniors. The meal is set for tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 3) at the Lions Hall. Supper is at 7 pm.

Lougheed then spoke about the program to help seniors apply for the Ontario Electricity Support Program.

Grace was said by Rev. Samer Kandalaft, who serves St. Paul's Presbyterian in Kemptville and Knox Presbyterian in Mountain, before lunch was served by Lyle Skuce.

McBride then introduced Kandalaft and his wife, Shahrzad.

The reverend then spoke about the history of Syria, Lebanon, and Iran. He was thanked by McBride.

Christmas dinner set for Dec. 8

Vernon Women's Institute

by Helen McDonald

VERNON – President Helen Porteous welcomed 16 Vernon Women's Institute (W.I.) members to the group's most recent meeting late last month.

The "Ode" and "Mary Stewart Collect" followed the opening address.

In the absence of guest speakers, the roll call was changed to "what coming event would you like to advertise for the holidays?"

The minutes from the previous meeting were read, and the treasurer's report given.

Members then passed a motion to donate $50 to the Junior Farmers' "Sing Swing" provincial competition hosted by Carleton County in late November.

Group participants also agreed to advertise the Vernon W.I. on the new multiple sign at the north end of the village. The ad will cost roughly $100.

The organization was also part of the Vernon Craft Show Sat., Nov. 28, hosting a bake sale and white elephant table.

The W.I.'s Christmas dinner is set for Tues., Dec. 8 at the Vernon Recreation Centre. Lyle Skuce will cater the meal.

At the end of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by Heather Bellinger and Norma McNaughton. The lunch committee was thanked by Porteous.

The guest speaker's gift was then split between Cheryl Bunda, Ann Velthuis, and McNaughton.

Before the meeting came to a close, members cut up milk bags for Esther Hutchinson and Lisa Streng, and the ongoing sleeping mats initiative.

OBITUARY

Geertje Schuler



Geertje Schuler (nee Koopman) passed away peacefully on Sun., Nov. 22, 2015 at Brockville General Hospital. She was 87.

Geertje was born in Emmen, The Netherlands, on May 3, 1928, to her parents, Anne and Elziena Koopman (nee Wonders). She was a strong and independent woman. An orphan at the age of 12, Geertje, along with her brothers and sisters, survived the Second World War, living in The Netherlands while under German occupation. On Nov. 24, 1950, she married Jan Schuler. In 1959, Geertje and Jan immigrated to Canada with their young children in tow. On arriving in Canada, the family first settled in the Ottawa area, then moved to farms in Ormond, Crysler, and Chesterville. No stranger to hard work, Geertje worked on the farm, and then cleaning houses. After her husband died in 1978, she moved to Renfrew. In 1991, she moved to an apartment in the Christian Seniors Co-op on Viewmount Drive in Ottawa, where she lived for 24 years. Family was of the utmost importance to Geertje, and she was surrounded by loved ones in her final days.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jan Schuler (Oct. 10, 1978). She is survived by her sons, Henry (Betty) of Renfrew, Hans (Alice) of Chesterville, John (Connie) of Brockville, and daughter Margaret Feddema (Ed) of Gananoque. Oma will be fondly remembered by 14 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. She was the dear sister of Elziena Vander Heide, Grietje Koopman, and Annie Tenhoor; and was predeceased by her sisters, Miena Kroase and Lammie Jakobs, and her brothers, Karl and Hendrik Koopman, all of The Netherlands. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Tues., Nov. 24 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church on Wed., Nov. 25 at 11 am with Pastor John Noordhof officiating. Interment at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg followed the service. The pallbearers and honourary pallbearers were Oma's 14 grandchildren.

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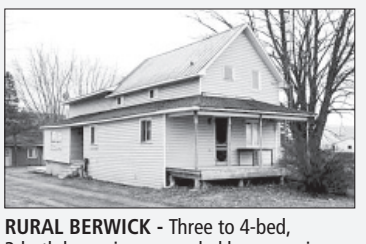

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