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Be good, for goodness sake!

Hundreds of people, young and old, lined the streets of Metcalfe Sun., Dec. 11 to catch a glimpse of the jolly ol' elf in the annual Santa Claus parade, which had a few new activities this year, including a lighting ceremony in Victoria Park. For more coverage, see page 9.

Press Photo – Gosselin

Sidewalk expenses could incur increase to development fees

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – As the Township of North Dundas' development charges bylaw is set for renewal next year, council members are taking the opportunity to retool it in the municipality's favour.

It was an unprecedented move in January 2012 when the township first enacted the charges, aiming to create a financial base to cover crucial expenses as North Dundas grows.

Critics argued that development fees would deter the population boom the politicians were preparing for, while supporters were happy to see a plan that included revenue for the subsidization of core services to support a growing residential and industrial sector.

To date, North Dundas remains the only government in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry to have enacted development charges.

In 2012, council hiked fees for the fire service, changing the single-detached dwelling total to $1,078.38, a significant increase from the previous year.

It was a shot in the arm for the North Dundas Fire Department, allowing the service to purchase updated equipment, most notably new self-contained breathing apparatuses.

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Christmas eve visit

Guess who's hitchin' a ride to Morewood?

MOREWOOD – In what is certainly his busiest night of the year, Santa Claus is making an added trip to Morewood Sat., Dec. 24.

Before he circles the globe, the jolly old elf is teaming up with firefighters from the village detachment of the North Dundas Fire Department.

Village firefighter Devon Byers said that even on Santa's most hectic night, he has made time to hitch a ride aboard one of the station's trucks to help spread Christmas cheer throughout Morewood.

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Merry Christmas!

The *Winchester Press'* annual *Christmas Greetings* supplement has arrived. Check out the two-section insert for local stories and photos, ministerial messages, school children's art and poems, and much more.

Fair farm taxes 'overdue' for family operations: S. Dundas

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – The Municipality of South Dundas is taking a stand against "unfair" industrial and commercial tax rates being charged to several local farm families who offer marketable products to the community.

Council voted Tues., Dec. 6 to support the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)'s position on tax treatment for on-farm value-added activities, which applies to activities that utilize farm products to create a new product (such as turning apples into apple pies).

Municipality backs OFA policy for tax change on value-added activities

According to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), a farm can be subject to industrial rates as soon as it offers any activities "that will enhance the value of storable and marketable farm products."

Farmers can increase their income by offering value-added activities; however, if the building used for those activities is taxed at an industrial rate, it can be prohibitive.

According to an OFA report, a farmer using a $30,000 barn to house livestock would be charged $105 in taxes under the farm rate. But as soon as the same barn is processing ag products produced on-farm, the taxes owed increase to about $2,147 under the industrial rate. The hefty charge discourages farmers from adding activities that would increase investment, create jobs, and boost the economy.

The OFA policy states that to enable agricultural growth, facilities should be subject to no more than 25 per cent of the residential property tax rate, if historically at least 51 per cent of the product is grown and value-added to by the same farmer(s), and at least 90 per cent of the product is grown in Ontario.

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Charges

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This time around, it is sidewalks that are receiving the bulk of the attention.

During a meeting late last month, council members voted to hike the transportation total to $1,557.96 in 2017. To do so, the fire service total was lowered to $1,132.30, while the public works and recreation fees will also see an increase, at $1,066.73 and $710, respectively.

Combined, the single-detached dwelling rate is $4,504, among the lowest totals in Eastern Ontario.

Neighbouring Russell Township is looking at raising its rate to $6,815 next year, as in the Township of North Grenville, potentially bumping theirs to $5,816.

However, North Dundas must host a public meeting before finalizing the changes. It's been scheduled for Tues., Jan. 10 at 7 pm in council chambers.

Morewood

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He's promised to bring along a few elves to help him out, along with the candy canes he's been hiding from Mrs. Claus throughout the year, Byers added.

Santa's route will see him depart the village fire hall at about 5:30 pm, and firefighters have included a map to ensure he will cover every street in Morewood.

Get singing

Before Santa's arrival, the Morewood Recreation Association is looking for singers to help them belt out songs of the season in Veterans' View Park Mon., Dec. 19.

Christmas carols, including "Jingle Bells," "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," will be sung beginning at 6:30 pm. Songbooks will be handed out to all those who arrive to take part.

As well, The Lucky Dollar across the street will be selling hot chocolate for $1.

Fair tax

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"Industrial is the highest tax rate, so it's making it very difficult for [farm families] to operate their business," said CAO Shannon Geraghty. "This is the first step to hopefully getting other municipalities on board and make it a level playing field."

For the Biemond family, owners and operators of organic dairy farm New Care Farms near Iroquois, launching Upper Canada Creamery last year was a way to output all of the dairy from their current 35-head cow farm to create a locally produced organic yogurt.

The business was meant to increase income for the family, while also tapping into a new organic market in the region. But with the building being taxed at a commercial rate due to MPAC's classification system, the tax rate has proven a huge challenge for the business to overcome.

According to OFA, the Premier's Agri-Food Growth Challenge aims to double the annual growth rate of the agri-food sector, and create 120,000 jobs by 2020.

However, in order to meet this challenge, OFA has identified municipal impediments and opportunities to support agricultural growth across the province, which include the tax change to encourage, rather than discourage, on-farm value-added activities.

Councillor Archie Mellan suggested that the municipality should use the extra income received from the farm tax increase to upgrade and rehabilitate some of its rural roads that are most often used by farmers.

"It's a big hit," added Deputy-Mayor Jim Locke. "This [resolution] is overdue."

Police Blotter

Festive ride to date

WINCHESTER – Three weeks into this season's Festive RIDE campaign, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers have conducted a total of 72 checkpoints throughout the region. Thus far, three drivers have been charged with impaired driving.

The initiative continues until Mon., Jan. 2, 2017.

Ditched driver facing charges

MOUNTAIN – A South Dundas woman faces a handful of charges after police responded to a report of a ditched vehicle Sun., Dec. 11.

At about 11:45 pm, officers responded to an area of Development Road to find the vehicle had left the roadway. Further investigation indicated the adult driver was under the influence of a drug, and was therefore in contravention of a condition imposed from a previous incident.

Police also seized a quantity of suspected cocaine from inside the vehicle.

Callie Piticco, 29, was arrested and charged with care or control of a vehicle while impaired by a drug, possession of a controlled substance, and failure to comply with undertaking.

She was held in custody pending a bail court hearing in Cornwall.

You're not welcome here

CRYSLER – On Wed., Dec. 7, just before 9 am, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a village home following the report of a domestic situation.

The investigation indicated that an adult male had attended the home of his ex-girlfriend, entering without permission.

The 57-year-old North Stormont resident was arrested and charged with unlawfully entering a dwelling.

He is scheduled to appear in Cornwall court Thurs., Dec. 22.

Rogue tire causes chaos

MORRISBURG – SD&G OPP are continuing attempts to locate the driver of a tractor-trailer whose wheel dislodged on Highway 401, striking four vehicles in the process.

Officers responded to a stretch of the provincial throughway, between County Road 31 and Flagg Road, just after 5 pm Tues., Dec. 6.

Witnesses reported the flying tire had come off the westbound truck, and hit vehicles on both the west and eastbound lanes of the highway.

The tractor-trailer continued on without stopping.

While police continue to investigate, anyone with information is asked to contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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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.*



Parading politicians

Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze and his team of helpers put together one of the most festive floats in the annual Metcalfe Santa Claus parade Sun., Dec. 11. The entry was one of more than 30 decorated trailers participating in the village celebration. Darouze's office also sponsored coffee and hot chocolate for volunteers who set up the more than 5,000 lights that were illuminated in Victoria Park following the parade.

SNC cancels drought status

FINCH – South Nation Conservation has lifted the drought status it first implemented in June.

The six-month monitoring was undertaken by the agency's water response team, made up of area politicians, the agricultural community, and other special interest groups. The team met frequently to discuss the drought conditions, noting impacts throughout the region.

Advisories began in late spring as a possible water supply problem, listed as level one, was identified.

As the dry weather persisted, the conservation authority's jurisdiction was upgraded to a moderate drought advisory (level two), and in late August the western part of the coverage zone was placed under a severe drought advisory (level three).

After a wet fall, however, the ground is saturated, and rivers and streams are flowing, prompting the removal of the drought advisory.

The agency notes that effects of the drought may be felt for a number of years. Survival assessments on SNC tree plantations noted a lower first-year survival than normal, with some hardwood seedlings suffering premature leaf loss and many conifers simply drying up.

The conservation authority will continue to monitor precipitation and stream flows, providing updates when necessary.





Students pitch in to help those without



While collection for the North Dundas Christmas Fund continues, students at both North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) and Winchester Public School have taken up the cause. At NDDHS, the Grade 10 civics class' Angel Tree initiative has generated more than 50 toys for those in need this season. Pictured at the tree are students Braedon Gordon (left), Sam Finlay, Maddison Barkley, Ashley Wheeler, and Erin Weegar.



At the public school students have collected 109 gifts and 825 pounds of food. Pictured during the counting process are Cheyenne Wall (front, left), Olivia Doolan, and Emma Bell. Back row: Dylan Cook (left), Shannon Harper, Emma Carkner-Pocock, Jamie Nicholls, Mackenzie Boyd, Katie Sharpley, Amelie Carsjens, Sebastien Lafrance, Kenadie Donovan, Anna Mueller, Jillian Cook, and Grace Watt. *Press Photos – Uhrig*

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – The North Dundas Christmas Fund has long been a support system for those in need during the holiday season.

Toy and food collection has been ongoing in recent weeks, with a number of local organizations banding together to support the cause.

Not to be outdone, students in the area have also taken up the task to lend a hand just in time for Christmas.

At North Dundas District High School, pupils in Troy Smith's Grade 10 civics class launched an Angel Tree, collecting toys for the fund.

"In civics, we've been learning about citizenship and community, and that led us to do something with what we've learned, especially at this time of the year," Maddison Barkley said. "We have people in our community who could use these gifts."

To date, the collection total has surpassed 50 gifts, while the final day for students to take part is today (Wed., Dec. 14).

Meanwhile, Winchester Public School students are also helping support this season's Christmas Fund.

At the final point of collection on Fri., Dec. 9, participants had brought in more than 100 gifts, as well as 825 pounds worth of non-perishable food items.

"It was so inspiring to see the students get so invested in the project," teacher Alex Allman said.

The collected items will be forwarded for inclusion in the packaging process, as hundreds of baskets are distributed each year, with the work undertaken by Lions Clubs in Winchester, Chesterville, and Mountain, as well as North Dundas' two legion branches and other area volunteers.



Kozroots Community Empowerment Projects (KCEP) founder Brenda Norman was on hand for the unveiling of a Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry-produced food shelf at Winchester Foodland on Sat., Dec. 10. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Foodland makes room for locally grown items on supermarket shelves

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry's many food producers are feeling the love.

Recently, Winchester Foodland owner Dan Pettigrew set aside shelf space for products with a tri-counties background, and the big unveil came on Sat., Dec. 10.

In partnership with Kozroots Community Empowerment Projects (KCEP), the Monkland-based organization responsible for the annual Eastern Ontario Garlic Festival, the unique source of local food can be found on the village grocery's shelves.

"For me, to do this is to support the people that support me and my store," Pettigrew said. "It's our community; our store. I'm truly committed to this project because I come from a small community, too."

For Brenda Norman, who heads up KCEP, as well as Kozroots Garlic and Herb Farm on Gravel Hill Road, getting the backing of a chain grocery store is "unprecedented."

"It's innovative is what it is," she added. "We can give the consumer the choice here, and all of us can for vouch for the integrity of the production of the product… It's all about added value."

Products featured during the shelf's launch were maple syrup from Barkleyvale Farms south of Chesterville, pickles and honey from Cornwall's Marlin Orchards, Ingleside's Coffey's Coffee, and other items from Roadapple Ranch, Winchester's Against the Grain, North Lancaster's Honey from the Glen, and Gordz Salsa and Hot Sauce (the only seed to jar hot sauce in Canada, Norman noted).

"For us, it is unprecedented," Stephen Burgess, Honey from the Glen founder, said. "For a chain store to do this is a terrific experience. It's a return to once was, going against today's normal grain to buy products from the primary supplier."

The food shelf may also help to supplement buyers throughout the winter months as area farmers' markets shutter for the season.

"My concern comes from a mom's perspective, and teaching our kids to eat right, and we can do that now without having to wait for the markets to open again," Sarah Meharg said.

She and her husband, John, form the leadership team at Armor Development, among other individual endeavors, and its probable a working relationship will be struck with KCEP to broaden the project's borders.

In the meantime, however, Meharg said she is happy to see a return to a simpler time of food production.

"It's turning the clock back to how it used to be 50 [or more] years ago," she noted. "I believe there is room for both [locally grown and mass production] in the market, but I do hope this is going to be successful. We can go broader, and use this as an example."

N. Stormont residents not backing down

CORNWALL – North Stormont residents opposed to the development of the Nation Rise industrial wind project delivered thousands of hand-signed letters addressed to Premier Kathleen Wynne to the office of Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell early this month.

"The Nation Rise wind project was approved by the Independent Electricity System Operator despite meeting none of the rated criteria," McDonell said. "The community, including abutting landowners, opposed the project from the get-go, and the township declared itself an unwilling host. Despite these clear messages, the IESO allowed the project – whose power is completely unnecessary – to meet declining power demand in Ontario."

Recently, the province decided to suspend its second stage of wind and solar procurement.

"It realized the over-paid power would not be needed in our grid and would have to be off-loaded to our neighbours, again, at a cost," continued McDonell. "Nation Rise should face the same fate – the community doesn't want it and the province doesn't need it."

McDonell hand-delivered the letters to the Premier and the Minister of Energy following legislature.



Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim McDonell (left) is pictured with North Stormont residents Leo Proulx, Leslie Howard, Margaret Benke, John Irven and Michel Lavergne, who delivered thousands of hand-signed letters to the MPP's office opposing the Nation Rise wind project near Finch.

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Gearheads help fund rebuild efforts following wildfires in Fort McMurray

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

IROQUOIS – If you ask Jeff Beaupre, the ravages of this spring's wildfires in Fort McMurray, having displaced thousands, bare a striking similarity to all that was lost during the flooding of Iroquois at the height of the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

"They were partially destroyed, just as we were to make the Seaway expansion a reality," he said.

That bond led Beaupre and fellow members of the Golden Gears Car Club to launch a fundraising effort to help residents of the Alberta city recover, and rebuild.

Through the sale of books ripe with the history of Iroquois, from its founding in 1857 up to 1997, the village's 140th anniversary, the club was able to generate nearly $300.

From there, Golden Gears members topped up the total to $500. The funds are being sent to the main detachment of the Fort McMurray Fire Department, a collection point of sorts following the fires.



The Golden Gears Car Club recently completed a fundraising drive to help the residents of Fort McMurray affected by this spring's wildfires. Thanks to the sale of Iroquois history books and a top-up from the club, $500 has been earmarked for the cause. Membership chair Jeff Beaupre (left) and club president Henry Swank (right) held up the cheque to celebrate the commitment alongside other members Thurs., Dec. 8. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

"It's an outside-the-box sort of fundraiser for us, but it worked," Beaupre said.

In the past, the club has funded the local food bank, the Canadian Cancer Society, and the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation.

This time, however, members wanted to do something to help those beyond their borders, zeroing in on a cause of national significance, one that is surely one of the year's top newsmakers.

"We're 87 members strong, and we do our best to help where we can," Beaupre said.



Good morning Père Noël

The Crysler Community Centre was filled with more than 80 hopeful and hungry children Sun., Dec. 11, who, along with their families, came out to enjoy a full-course breakfast – complete with eggs, bacon, sausage, and hashbrowns – but more importantly, to say good morning to Santa Claus and let him in on all the toys and goodies they are expecting Christmas eve. Members of the Crysler Optimist Club and the Crysler Community Centre Committee organize the annual event for the community to raise money for future events and public initiatives, and say it's one of their most well attended breakfast events. Pictured above are Noah Workman, 5, Dryden Coleman, 9, Melanie Fogarty, 11, and Kaleb Fogarty, 7, with the jolly man himself. Natasha Landry (left) gets in on the holiday fun.





Giving back

Members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid hosted the group's pre-Christmas potluck dinner Mon., Dec. 5, complete with a smorgasbord of food, some holiday musical favourites, and more. Financial offerings were received at beginning of the evening, with the final total, $350, being donated to Dundas Manor. Pictured during the presentation are the long-term care home's nursing director Susan Poirier (left), activity director Jennifer Hill, and Ladies Aid member Carol Zubatuk. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

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Snowbird site in the works, MOE to have final say

Council notes from
South Dundas

LEDs to save on energy for years

MORRISBURG – For the past two years, starting in 2015, the municipality has been retrofitting the majority of its facilities and parks to be illuminated by LED lights.

At Tues., Dec. 6's council meeting, South Dundas recreation program co-ordinator Ben Macpherson updated council on the project, noting that because of the modifications, the municipality should expect to see close to $1.5 million in energy savings by 2025.

"This [program] definitely put us at the forefront of energy savings," he said.

The retrofits and incentives occurred through the provincial saveONenergy program and were completed by Four-O-One Electric from Brockville. The retrofits will produce annual energy savings of $69,916, which is a 72 per cent reduction in annual energy consumption.

The municipality will also reduce its green house gas emissions by an average of 80 metric tonnes per year.

The LED lighting retrofits, along with the LED streetlight replacements, will be paid off through savings by 2019.

Electoral reform 'too new' to do

A new regulation (310/16) added to the *Municipal Elections Act* in September provides Ontario municipalities the option to adopt a ranked ballot voting system for the 2018 election.

South Dundas staff introduced council to all of the amendments recently made to the act, but recommended that council keep the existing first-past-the-post (FPTP) electoral model for the upcoming election.

The FPTP system has been used in all Ontario elections to date. Electors select a single candidate for each office, and the candidate with the most votes is elected.

With a ranked ballot system, rather than selecting one candidate, the elector ranks a maximum of three candidates as first, second, and third for each office. The first choice votes are added up, and the candidate that receives more than 50 per cent of the votes is declared the top contender. If none of the candidates receive more than 50 per cent of the votes, the candidate with the lowest number of first choice votes is eliminated, and the second choices of the electors, whose first choice was eliminated, are added to the remaining totals. The process repeats until there is a majority winner.

Governments in Scotland, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, as well as some cities in the United States, have used ranked ballot voting, but not at any level of government in Canada.

The system is believed to capture elector preference, improve platforms and debates, increase voters' choice, and leave no wasted votes.

However, according to South Dundas clerk Brenda Brunt, using ranked ballots would require significant financial resources, staff time for public consultation, equipment, education and awareness, and administration. Other municipalities in Ontario also indicate that it is unlikely ranked ballot voting will be widely used during the next election.

"Legislation is so new that it doesn't provide municipalities with the resources," Brunt said. "No one in Ontario has done it before, and no one seems keen to do it."

Council voted to maintain the existing voting system for 2018.

Other key changes to the act include a shortened campaign period, greater responsibility and discretion of the clerk, efforts to increase transparency and modernization for campaign financing, a framework for third-party advertising, and added procedures to encourage compliance and enforcement of campaign rules.

Four grant apps being processed

There are four provincial grant applications currently being processed for the municipality.

Canada 150 Infrastructure Fund (FedDev Ontario): An application was submitted in late June requesting $72,161.10 (33 per cent of total eligible costs) for renovations to the Iroquois Civic Centre. If accepted, the municipality will be contributing $144,538.90.

Ontario 150 Community Capital Program (Ontario Trillium Foundation): An application was submitted in early September requesting $315,000 (50 per cent of total eligible project costs) for renovations to the ice pad at the Morrisburg Arena. The municipality will be contributing the other half of $315,000 if the application is accepted. It is possible that staff will receive a response before the New Year.

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (Ministry of Infrastructure): An application was submitted in late October requesting $1.5 million (73 per cent of total eligible costs) for the construction of a new water tower in Morrisburg. Municipal staff do not expect to receive a response until 2017. If accepted, the municipality will contribute $509,344.

Community Fund for Canada's 150 (Community Foundations of Canada): An application was submitted in late October requesting $2,650 (50 per cent of total eligible costs) to install flag poles at the South Dundas Municipal Centre, with the municipality to cover the other half of expenses. Staff do not expect to receive a response until 2017.

Iroquois pipeline station retrofit for import sought

by Alicia K. Gosselin
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IROQUOIS – TransCanada is proposing to modify parts of the existing Iroquois Export Meter Station to allow importation of natural gas into Canada.

The modifications proposed as part of the Iroquois Export Bi-Directional Modification Project will still allow natural gas to be exported to meet the supply of the U.S. market.

The Iroquois Export Meter Station is co-located within the Iroquois Compressor Station site at 11235 Zeron Rd., about five kilometres northeast of the village.

Meter stations measure the volume and composition of natural gas transported through a pipeline.

Construction of this project involves the replacement of one of the eight existing turbine meter runs with one bi-directional ultrasonic meter run so that natural gas can be received at the station.

The project will also see the installation of a control valve, building, and separator, and the removal of two check valve flappers.

TransCanada is required to first file an application with the National Energy Board (NEB) for approval before any development occurs.

If approved, construction is expected to start in fall 2017 and last about eight weeks. The facility is anticipated to be in-service in November of next year.

Once the project goes into operation, the Iroquois Meter Station will continue to be an essential part of the Canadian Mainline System, which is a 14,114-kilometre network of natural gas pipelines that extends from the Alberta/Saskatchewan border east to the Québec/Vermont border, and connects with other natural gas pipelines in Canada and the U.S.

MORRISBURG – A new seasonal campsite proposed to house snowbirds in Morrisburg will go ahead as long as it can meet land and service requirements set out by the Ministry of Environment (MOE).

South Dundas council voted Tues., Dec. 6 to approve the request to rezone the County Road 2 property from a residential mobile home special exception to a tourist commercial special exception with a holding provision.

The holding provision protects the property from being developed on until the proponents, Dave and Ruth Wells, provide the proper MOE documentation to the municipality to show it has been approved to accommodate 115 sites.

Last month, the rezone request was put on hold due to several concerned neighbours citing various reasons the property should not be converted, including not enough space for development, concerns with the capacity for proper water and septic systems, and density issues.

However, planning and public works director Don Lewis assured council, staff, and community members that the approval authority for both sites was the Ministry of Environment (MOE), and nothing could go forward without the land meeting its strict requirements.

"We aren't the experts, MOE is," Lewis said. "And I believe [the Wells] have done due diligence during this process. MOE might decide that they need to cut back [on the amount of sites], but it's not up to us to dictate that."



Santa's in the house!

Nothing sparks Christmas spirit more than sitting in a comfy theatre and watching a classic holiday musical at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg – luckily, *Miracle on 34th Street* hits the stage for one last time this week (performances run Wed., Dec. 14 until Sun., Dec. 18). Based on the 1947 Twentieth Century Fox motion picture, the play follows the iconic tale of an elderly gentleman named Kris Kringle (Dan Karpenchuk, right) who takes a job as a department store Santa. He becomes such a hit that the entire city is soon filled with Christmas spirit. All except Susan (Mareyn Gilmour, left, alternately played by Siobhan McNairn), a young girl who has trouble believing in the spirit of Santa Claus. Everyone soon discovers that dreams do come true – but only if you truly believe. For more information, contact 613-543-3713 (toll free at 1-877-550-3650) or check out www.uppercanadaplayhouse.com.
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Forget cynicism this season, Christmas can be magical

It's that time of year again, the Christmas season.

But who is this celebration truly for? Many people say that Christmas is for the children.

Adults can meet the commercialism and the hectic schedule head-on. Yet, let the magic come alive for the youngsters.

That is selling the holiday short, however.

Of course, there is indeed a special magic about the day for children. Slinking slowly and quietly out to the tree before dawn; the excitement is nearly boundless. The laughter and the fun can become cherished childhood memories.

Although, magic does exist for adults, too. This comes in the form of love and friendships, a bonding spirit that should no doubt conquer the lost tempers and frustrations of rushed shopping sprees, the ever-growing materialism of the season, and the depression that Christmas no longer seems as exciting as it once did.

Some would argue this is too sentimental.

How can anyone be so hypocritical to sing of goodwill and peace for a few weeks a year when millions live in terror on a daily basis and others starve to death?

How can it be preached to keep the spirit of the season alive and well when blood is shed globally? Christmas doesn't put an end to starvation or wars. Tragedies, human suffering, and grief remain. They do not go out of existence. We would be fools and less than human to say that they do.

Yet, to be so cynical to believe there is no hope is to be traitors to the generations to come. If this season provides nothing else, it should be a reminder that tomorrow's just a day away and optimism does remain in this world.

This confidence is expressed most in the things that take place this time of year.

We see people caring enough about their neighbours to pull out their wallets and purses to give to various charitable agencies. The North Dundas Christmas Fund continues to ensure no one goes without at Christmastime.

Others are collecting warm winter clothing for distribution or canned goods for Community Food Share.

It is a time when families come together, a time when the ties that bind are strongest.

Truly, it doesn't matter what you identify with at this time of year, be it Santa Claus or Hanukkah, or another celebration denominational or otherwise, so long as the connecting message behind all of this is recognized.

The message is one of unity, a bonding of people through something entirely unselfish and good.

If the spirit of giving survives, and grows stronger, and it does this despite the mass cynicism that can creep in at this time of year, then there is hope.

This is the magic of Christmas.

Remember when…

1936

The top story in this week's *Winchester Press* was that King Edward VIII had abdicated the Throne of England: "Profound silence reigned in the House of Commons as the statement was being read. The Prime Minister, at its conclusion, rose to his feet and stated that no more grave message had ever been received by Parliament."

1946

"According to information received last week, it is the government's intention to erect a number of armouries throughout Canada to meet the needs of Canada's peace-time army," reported the *Press* this week. "One of these armouries is to be located in a central spot in Dundas County, the *Press* learned from a reliable source."

1956

"Village council is still incomplete," was a featured headline in this week's *Press*: "Lacking is one councillor, and from all accounts, the prospects are not good. No particular reason is given for the lack of enthusiasm of eligible candidates."

1966

This week, the *Press* reported that due to a change in Ontario Hospital Services Commission regulations, either husband or wife could now pay for hospital insurance: "Up to this point, if both husband and wife were employed in insured groups, the regulations required the husband to pay for the family as he is usually the one more continually employed."



This week in 1966, a lucky Santa Claus was pictured surrounded by Winchester Post Office helpers Cheryl Meek (left), Darlene Raistrick and Ellen Rushton.

1976

"Winchester residents can expect a 24 per cent hike in hydro rates next year," said the *Press* this week. "The 1977 hydro budget was set at $25,200 for capital expenditures. This, plus the cost of power to Hydro, will necessitate a hefty increase."

1986

The editorial in this week's *Press* urged the community to support Osgoode Township's Neighbourhood Watch and Block Parent programs, which had yet to be a success.

1996

This week's *Press* reported that new gun regulations were coming into effect in the near future: "As of 1998, all guns will have to be licensed and registered."

2006

"Construction started on a new wheelchair ramp at the Winchester Lions Hall," reported this week's *Press*. "It's part of a plan to make the hall completely wheelchair accessible, following a $40,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation."

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Every generation needs a hero



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

Smilin' Hank was taking it all in.

It was still his moment – a moment that was well into its fourth day, and seemed to still be gathering steam. Yet, even after 96 hours, the moment was still fresh. And Smilin' Hank was marinating in the absolute euphoria that came with it.

"Last time I talked to you, you were playing for Calgary," I said. "You were wearing these red contact lenses. I thought you were a cyborg or something. After the Grey Cup, you actually might be."

Smilin' Hank laughed.

"I remember that," he said. "Those were my devil eyes!"

Smilin' Hank's smile was wide enough to have its own postal code that night. He and Brad Sinopoli, along with Ottawa Redblacks' GM Marcel Desjardins and coach Rick Campbell, had just poured a puck out of the Grey Cup and onto centre ice for the ceremonial faceoff.

Because I am a trivia geek, I dropped some history on him.

"If you look at the Grey Cup," I told him, "you will notice that the 1925 and 1926 champions on the cup are the Ottawa Senators. In 1925, the Rough Riders changed their name to Senators for five years, and they won their first two Grey Cups as the Senators."

"No way," he said. "I didn't know that."

"And if you look at the names on the 1925 and 1926 teams, you will see a guy named Joe Miller," I continued. "Not only did he win the Grey Cup and was the best player in the 1926 Grey Cup, but he was also a goalie in the NHL. He was the Stanley Cup-winning goalie for the New York Rangers. He was from Morrisburg, and he would play in the CFL and then after the season, he would go and play in the NHL."

"Are you serious?" Smilin' Hank asked. "I didn't know that."

Ettore Lattanzio laughed.

"There you go, Hank," he said. "You can become an NHL goalie when you retire."

There were moments when we all thought that maybe fate would deny Smilin' Hank of his epic moment. His year started with a broken pinky finger that looked like a Zamboni had run over it. He had to patiently watch and help his heir apparent, Trevor Harris, show why he will be the Redblacks' franchise quarterback of the future. But, eventually, the ball ended up back in Smilin' Hank's hands.

Then, at the Grey Cup, he had what appears to be a torn meniscus shot and frozen. He was ready to go, against all odds. At 41 and on one healthy leg, he delivered one of the best quarterbacking performances in the history of Canadian football.

"You were the second quarterback to win a Grey Cup for both Calgary and Ottawa," I told him. I asked if he knew the other one, and he couldn't come up with it. I told him it was Jerry Keeling, the guy we traded away to get Tony Gabriel, our last Grey Cup hero.

"Okay, I got some for you," he said, excitedly. "What three NHL teams have a nickname that doesn't end with an 's'?"

I didn't know off the top of my head, but eventually figured out it was the Tampa Bay Lightning, Minnesota Wild and the Colorado Avalanche.

"Okay, that was the warm up," he said. "Who was the running back that invented the Dirty Bird touchdown dance?"

That one was easy for me, because I was at that Super Bowl. It was Jamal Anderson.

"Nobody has ever gone five for five against me," he said. "So we'll make it hard. Who was the Golden state Warrior point guard who played college ball at UTEP who invented the move called the UTEP two-step?"

I drew a blank. The only Texas-El Paso guard I knew was Nate Archibald, and he never played for the Warriors.

"Tim Hardaway," Smilin' Hank said, flashing a big "I got you" grin.

"Okay, out of curiosity, what was the hardest of the five questions?" I asked.

He dropped a question about the ancient Mesopotamians and the Nile, Euphrates and Tigris Rivers.

"I know that the three rivers at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh are the Ohio, the Allegheny and the Monongahela, but the Mesopotamians are a little out of my wheelhouse," I said.

Hank smiled.

Forty years after the catch, Tony Gabriel is still a legend. He was the hero for my generation. Henry Burris will be the hero for generations to come. I can see him being introduced to standing ovations at TD Place 30 years from now, and everyone will share the story of where they were when they saw Smilin' Hank bring the Grey Cup to Ottawa.

But that night, playing trivia with him, I realized why Smilin' Hank makes the perfect legend and hero for today's kids. He makes every person he meets feel like they are the most important person in the room.

Our kids will talk about his game forever, and someday, they will tell their kids about Smilin' Hank and what he meant to us. They will talk about his knee and his overtime pass to Ernest Jackson, and how he eased our pain that had lasted 40 years.

But most of all, they will talk about one of the kindest, humble, and most inspiring heroes our city has ever known.

Every generation needs a hero.

Today's generation has found one.

Letters to the Editor

Township tree loss creating a 'wasteland'

The Editor:

Regarding the recent article (Wed., Dec. 7, *Winchester Press*) about tree loss in our county, this should not be news to anyone.

Estella Rose, our past deputy-mayor, upon leaving office years ago, noted publicly her concern about the percentage of tree loss in the region.

Since then, articles have appeared, letters have appeared authored by concerned individuals, agricultural science has been quoted, and yet every morning the chainsaws start up again.

This article suggests big business and solar/wind turbine companies are to blame. Granted these companies are a sham of environmental shortfalls, but my observations see a different culprit.

What was once a beautiful scenic tree-lined ride home has become a vision of wasteland. Trees on private property and farms have been decimated, despite dire warnings of the consequences to crops and the environment we all share.

The drought of last summer was just a warning. The Great Depression was caused by humans not respecting the land. Trees protect our lands, our crops, our health, our water supply, our air, and our homes. But shortsightedness seems to reign as the trend increases.

Even township lands are not immune as people take it upon themselves to fell trees that are not even on their property. Does the municipality have the will and "teeth" to implement and enforce no-cut laws across the board, and levy appropriate fines for people who continue to destroy the environment? I hope so!

Sitting passively, redirecting blame, stalling at "status quo" is no longer an option.

I used to be able to pick enough wild apples along the roadside to keep my family eating applesauce and apple products all winter long. Now, all that is left is scraggly invasive noxious weeds taking advantage of the opened-up access to sunshine, thus requiring more toxins to be sprayed to control them, and 'round and 'round we go.

Since the facts and science don't seem to be getting through, here is a thought: once we create the new "Dirty Thirties" out here, what then? Relocating the ever-more-rare multi-generational family farm won't be so easy, and the land could take decades to recover if it ever does.

Trees take years to grow, and a second to destroy. Please think about the future of our county!

Janice Atkey
Winchester



Hey Santa!

Winchester Public School's annual fundraising breakfast with Santa Claus event packed the village's Lions Hall Sat., Dec. 10. The event served as a key money-generator for the Grade 6 École de neige trip next year. The morning's menu featured traditional breakfast fare, including pancakes and sausages, as well as a bake sale and silent auction. The biggest treat for many, however, was the chance to meet the big guy in the red suit. Dana and Eli Hogeveen had a sit-down with Santa, ensuring he'd know what they'd like to see Christmas morning. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Singing to support village firefighters

The Editor:

A huge thank you to everyone who helped stage the fourth annual Mayor's All-Stars Christmas Benefit Show at the Old Town Hall on Fri., Dec. 2.

Performers Marleen Fawcett, Benjamin Vreman, Gordon Wall, and six brave firefighters from the Winchester detachment of North Dundas Fire Department had the audience laughing and in awe.

Our emcee for the evening, Councillor Tony Fraser, proved that just because this is called "the mayor's show" doesn't mean one good deputy fire chief can't step up and do a fabulous job, too!

We also wish to thank Bob and Melissa Theriault for donating their time and excellence on sound and tech; Aaron Dellah for overseeing set-up; Kaitlin Herfkens and the Dundas Youth Group for running the canteen; "The Barbeauian" for yet another fabulous poster; and the local businesses and community groups who so generously donated door prizes – Cup of Jo's, Dundas County Players, Dundas Theatre Committee, and Main Street Clothing Company.

Together, this wonderful community raised $336.50 for Winchester's fire station.

Ann Brady and Gail Storring
Chairs, North Dundas Arts Council
Winchester

Wind, solar farms are council's red herring

The Editor:

I read with interest last week's front page report on the state of North Dundas' tree decimation.

Thirteen per cent cover where 30 per cent is required to maintain our water supplies, and what's left of our wildlife.

Note that according to the article councillors pointed the finger at the wind and solar projects. Not one had the balls to point to the elephant in the room – cash croppers. We have *no* wind projects in North Dundas that cut down trees.

The 80-acre solar project on Boyne Road was constructed on poorly drained cropland, which stayed flooded way into the crop season and after heavy summer rains. No woodlot cut there.

The other solar project was built on a vineyard, and if any trees were cut there it would make up only a fraction of one per cent of our tree destruction.

One-hundred-per-cent of the slash and burn (not any different from the Amazon) has been done by cash croppers with no vision beyond their nose, and their bank account. And not one of our councillors wants to deal with this serious problem.

The few landowners behind the destruction will vehemently defend their actions with: "no one is going to tell me what I can do on my land." Owning land comes with stewardship responsibilities, and if those responsibilities to safeguard our water resources and life ecosystems are blatantly abused, we need legislation at every level.

The South Nation Conservation Authority (SNCA) has no teeth. Twenty years ago it had jurisdiction over the waterways, and the adjoining lands. Last year, I found out that its jurisdiction is now limited to the water only.

With no clout on the river buffer zones, it cannot protect the water. They are working to "educate." Mr. Bill Smirle, as a board member, should shed some light as to when and how the SNCA jurisdiction changed to remove the buffer zones.

Our rivers and tributaries are brown with eroded topsoil every time it rains, and choked with weeds from fertilizer runoff and polluted with pesticides. Our fresh waterways need the shade from trees and roots, and native shrubs and grasses to stay healthy and keep our topsoil in place.

The municipal politicians will not deal with the issue. It's time for concerned citizens to take pictures of those windrows of felled trees as they wait to be burned and again as they burn and pollute the air.

Put photographs on social media. Send them to news media, to your provincial and federal politicians, to the ministers of the environment and ministers of natural resources, and ask them to act before it is too late. Send them to newspapers across the province.

The destruction will continue if good people do nothing. Seventy-five acres was destroyed in one month this past summer along Crump Road. The drainage creek, which is clearly marked, was filled in with dirt and debris because its location was inconvenient to the destruction. Every piece of vegetation was removed from the banks, and now it will be filled with eroding topsoil.

Where was the SNCA?

The wood is all in windrows waiting to be burned. Come on down for a photo shoot.

Theresa Bergeron
Chesterville



The Joanne Whittaker School of Dance Evolution hosted a fundraising recital Sat., Dec. 10 in support of the Wicks family who lost their husband and father tragically this summer.

Dancers band together to support two of their own

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Adam Wicks' sudden death in August, at just 31 and on the same day he was to enter a car in the South Mountain Fair's demolition derby, was a shock to family and friends.

The grief, however, was magnified for his young family. Without warning, his wife Heather was a single mother to three daughters, Haylie, Paisley and Makinley.

But, loved ones moved in quickly to insulate them from such an unimaginable loss. A variety of fundraising events have helped to ensure the family is covered financially, with the most recent taking place Sat., Dec. 10.

The Joanne Whittaker School of Dance Evolution, of which Haylie and Paisley are members, hosted a recital in support of the Wicks family that night.

It was the third such fundraiser the school has hosted for the girls, and their sister and mother.

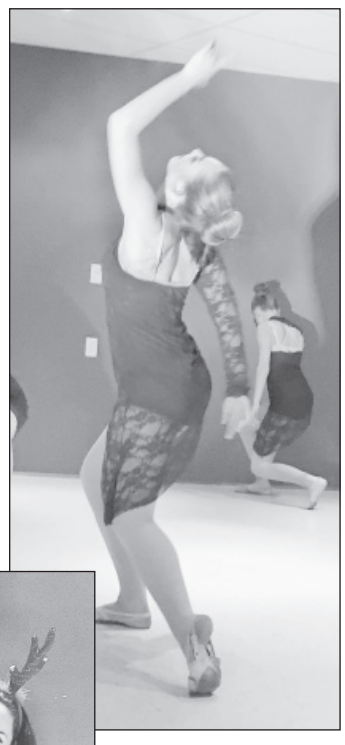
A car and bake sale in October netted $745, and a raffle draw (prizes included two tickets to a RedBlacks game, two tickets to *Giselle* at the National Arts Centre and a gift certificate for Milestones on Sussex Drive) brought in $2,225.

Dec. 10's recital at the Mountain Township Agricultural Society Hall added a further $7,167, bringing the fundraised total to $10,137.

Every cent is earmarked for whatever extracurricular activities Haylie and Paisley choose to take part in going forward.

If it's dance, their tuition is covered for the next six to eight years, according to dance school instructors Thea Sanders and Danah Raymondo.

If it's something else, the money will help them take part in that, too.





Dancers hit the stage at the Mountain Township Agricultural Society Hall, helping to generate $7,167 for the Wicks family, including young dancers Haylie and Paisley. Also pictured at left, are dance school instructors Thea Sanders and Danah Raymondo.



Jennifer Workman-Suttle (left), Daniel Harrison, and Tasha Soltesz were three members of the NDDHS Improv team who were challenged to improvise a musical skit called "Me Day" at the semi-final competition hosted at the Maple Ridge facility.

NDDHS Notes

by Alexis Henderson



High fives for improv teams

MAPLE RIDGE – Firstly, congratulations to both of North Dundas District High School (NDDHS) Improv teams who finished second and third in the "A" finals on Thurs., Dec. 8.

Looking forward, Fri., Dec. 16 is the last day for students and staff to return their order forms for school clothing. The order forms can be picked up during lunch periods for intermediate and secondary students.

Christmas O'grams are on sale until Dec. 16 for $2. They can be purchased outside of the guidance office during the secondary lunch, and in the cafeteria during the lunch-hour for Grade 7 and 8 students.

The O'grams will be handed out on Wed., Dec. 21.

WE team members are continuing with their "Country Christmas Clothing Round-up" to help those members of the community in need this season. Students can bring in their gently used clothing until Dec. 16. Donation boxes are located outside room 214 and the guidance office. The collection will be donated to the House of Lazarus and Ye Olde Bargain Shoppe.

Next week is Christmas Spirit week, and students and staff can show their spirit each day of the week.

Mon., Dec. 19 kicks things off, and participants can dress as a tree, elf, or snowman. Wear Red and Green Day is Tues., Dec. 20, followed by Ugly Christmas Sweater Day on Wed., Dec. 21.

Thurs., Dec. 22 is Bundle-Up Day where students and staff can wear their hats, mittens, and scarves to class.

Finally, Fri., Dec. 23 is Christmas Hay Day, followed by the school's annual concert at 12:45 pm.

Scotiabank, Mountain firefighters' initiatives pay dividends



Staff members from South Mountain's Scotiabank branch helped out at the North Dundas Fire Department Mountain detachment's annual Chinese food fundraising dinner in October, and by doing so donated $5,000 through the banking giant's community fund. Pictured during the presentation are Sherrie Orendi (left), Shawn Boucher, Diane Langton, Karen Lewin, Nancy Miller-McKenzie, and Don Levere.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Teaming up with staffers from South Mountain's Scotiabank branch is again paying off for members of the North Dundas Fire Department's Mountain detachment.

Earlier this year, bank employees volunteered alongside firefighters, collecting donations during the detachment's boot drive in support of muscular dystrophy and helping to fill plates during the firemen's annual Chinese food dinner.

Both efforts helped to fund the efforts of the Mountain station, as in both cases Scotiabank's community fund helped to increase the proceeds total.

From the boot drive, the bank donated $2,147.83, while the dinner total was $5,000.



Bank employees also helped collect donations during the detachment's boot drive in support of muscular dystrophy, handing over $2,147.83 in matching funds at the end. Pictured are Boucher, Langton, Lewin, and Levere.

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Lighting ceremony caps off Metcalfe Parade

METCALFE – The dreary winter afternoon was made a little brighter Sun., Dec. 11 as hundreds of people, young and old, came out to watch more than 30 festively decorated floats circle Metcalfe during the village's annual Santa Claus parade.

This year's event was co-ordinated by members of the Metcalfe Community Association (MCA), who organized post-parade activities and goodies at the village community centre, including cookie decorating, photos with Santa, and warm hot chocolate served to patrons.

The day was also an opportunity for the MCA to gather food and money donations for the Osgoode Food Cupboard.

The Metcalfe Skating Club was out and about offering hot French fries for donations, thanks to joining forces with Al Graham's Fries for Charity. All of the proceeds were earmarked for club expenses.

New this year was the lighting ceremony in Victoria Park, which capped the day off with more than 5,000 Christmas lights being illuminated to brighten the downtown park like never before. A grant from the City of Ottawa made it possible for the new lights to be purchased this season.

"Our lighting ceremony was a huge success," said MCA member Elli Kapsalis. "Fries for Charity was there, the Metcalfe Agriculture Society offered hot chocolate, the Greely Players sang, as well as the Castor Valley primary choir."

Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze noted that the ceremony was a "beautiful ending of the day."



The Metcalfe Community Association once again co-ordinated a successful parade, and had some helpers handing out candy on rollerblades.



Fernando Medeiros (left) and Rob Barbosa rocked their holiday best in a pair of "ugly" Christmas sweaters.

Press Photos – Gosselin

At left:
The Metcalfe Skating Club teamed up with Al Graham's Fries for Charity Sun., Dec. 11 to hand out hot French fries for donations during the Metcalfe Santa Claus Parade. Pictured are Alicia Serey-Cormier (left), Caileigh Patterson, Jayden Brent, Melissa Maunders, Heather Patterson, Laurie Rowan, Allison Medeiros, Ashlyn Rowan, Rachel Johnstone, Maddison Rowan, and Victoria Stratton.



At left:
Carleton's Ontario PC candidate, Goldie Ghamari, showed her holiday spirit on the campaign trail.



Jackie Rail of the Rag-Tag Riders trotted through the streets.

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WDMH 'planners' recognized for commitment to excellence

WINCHESTER – All the recipients of Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH)'s most recent Commitment Awards have one thing in common: they are all planners, often working behind the scenes to get the job done.

The awards were presented to volunteer Bev Beck, Dr. Wayne Domanko, and members of the Health Records department.

You may not meet them when you come to the hospital, but members of the Health Records department have an important role to play by ensuring clinicians have timely access to data and records. This data also helps the hospital plan its services and programs. These health information specialists are also very involved in the advancement of the electronic health record, which will ultimately provide a complete snapshot of each patient's health.

Volunteer Bev Beck has been a central driver of many events hosted by the WDMH Auxiliary, creating new programs and opportunities to raise funds and awareness, including this year's hospital gala fundraiser.

Finally, Domanko is a familiar face at WDMH after more than 45 years of service. He has spent countless hours providing excellent care for patients, and also coordinates the WDMH physician continuing education program. He has served as a preceptor for several generations of family medicine residents, as well as medical students, nurse practitioner students and others, and introducing them to careers in rural medicine.

"Every few months, we shine a light on individuals or teams that demonstrate the values that result in compassionate excellence at WDMH," said CEO Cholly Boland. "Congratulations to all of the nominees and recipients."



The most recent Winchester District Memorial Hospital Commitment Awards were presented to the Health Records department, volunteer Bev Beck, and Dr. Wayne Domanko. Pictured at the ceremony are Sue-Anne Lynch (left), Tara Long, Julie Byles Lang, Colleen Smith, Darlene Jackson, Beck, Susan Miholics and Dr. Domanko.



Local artisans give back

The festive spirit was alive at the Morrisburg and District Arts and Craft Association sale last month at the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg Branch 48, where members donated part of the event proceeds to local charities, including $350 to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Foundation. "Congratulations to the association on its 40th anniversary and thank you for including the WDMH Foundation in your celebrations," said foundation managing director Kristen Casselman. Since 1998, the association has donated $8,800 to the WDMH Foundation. Pictured at the cheque presentation are Dundas County Hospice board member Dwight Saunders (left), association president Linda Schenck, and foundation volunteer Sheri Fairbairn.

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Back to basics

The Winchester Curling Club has opened another season, its 89th, and one of the programs underway is Little Rocks for children ages five to 12 years. Once again, Tim and Rhonda Mark are the chief instructors who stress the basics of the roaring game – delivery, sweeping, calling the shots, scoring, rules and safety. The coaches agree that the emphasis must be on having fun and meeting new friends. This season, 37 young curlers, up from 29 last year, are getting involved in the sport. Photos: (clockwise from above) – novice skips Mason Van der Zweep (left) and Declan Kelly (grandson of dedicated member and veteran WCC skip Bill Hogaboam) discuss strategy; Aemilia Jones-Miner and Violet McRostie test their delivery skills. *Press Photos – Van Bridger*

Tough week for Junior Hawks

Earn just two points in three games

METCALFE – Metcalfe Jets goaltender Kyle Charette stoned the visiting Winchester Hawks, making 33 saves in a 5-0 shutout.

Sunday's (Dec. 11) matinee at the Larry Robinson Arena brought a three-game Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2 (CCHL2) schedule to an end for the fifth-place Hawks (13-14-1-1), who fell three points behind the fourth-place Clarence Beavers and eight off the pace being set by third-place Metcalfe (18-10-0-0).

Winchester kicked off the week dropping a 5-3 decision to the Martin Division-leading Ottawa West Golden Knights (24-4-1-0) last week (Thurs., Dec. 8). But, did manage to register a favourable result on Friday (Dec. 9), dealing the Alexandria Glens (13-15-0-1) a 5-3 setback at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Next action

The top-ranked Ottawa West Golden Knights will provided the hometown Hawks' opposition on Friday (Dec. 16) at 8:15 pm. Next Hawks' home game will not take place until Fri., Jan. 13 when the Casselman Vikings will visit Winchester.

Jets 5 – Hawks 0

With their 5-0 victory, the Jets have compiled a 3-0-0 record against Winchester and have outscored the Hawks 13-8. The long-time rivals have three more meetings on the schedule, two in Winchester.

Metcalfe blasted out of the gate on Sunday taking a 3-0 first-period lead. They then sniped singles in the second and third, and cruised to the 5-0 decision.

The Jets first three goals were recorded by Dylan MacDonald (Marc Brosseau, Jared Patterson at 10:58), Brosseau (SHG, Jeremy Barrie at 14:54) and Barrie (Cameron Sinclair, McDonald at 18:18).

Eric Turner (Joey Farago at 19:38) cashed a late marker in period two. Sam Tremblay (PPG, Noah Haymes, McDonald at 8:33) netted number five against Kevan Dumouchel (26 saves on 31 shots) in the final frame.

Hawks 5 – Glens 3

Dumouchel was enjoying a 4-0 lead in Friday's tilt with Alexandria when the Glens cracked three consecutive markers and sliced their final deficit to 4-3.

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Simms hot, scores three in Rockets' overtime win

CUMBERLAND – Shawn Simms cracked three goals, including the game winner in overtime as the North Dundas Rockets outlasted the Cumberland Bandits 6-5.

Simms, a former member of the Winchester Hawks, inflated his hat trick total to three with Saturday's effort against the Bandits. The Mountain resident now has 13 goals in four outings and has amassed 17 goals (3 PPGs, 3 GWGs) and nine assists for 26 points in 19 games.

"That line of Simms, Mullin [captain Brandon] and Morrow [Liam] is the most dominant line in this league when it is rolling," noted Rockets GM Robyn Sadler.

Sadler reported the win against Cumberland was a great team builder.

"We had to come from behind. We were down 4-1, had to tie it 5-5 and win it in OT," he said.

"We finally pressured the other team into turning pucks over, and with that came positive results," added the GM.

Simms (GWG, 3-0-3), Bryden van Kessel (0-3-3), Morrow (1-1-2), Mullin (0-2-2), Josh Hansen (1-0-1), Tyler Cayen (1-0-1), Marcus Gregory (0-1-1), Chris Marchand 90-1-1), and Travis Marshall (0-1-1) all contributed to the Rockets' 11th win in 19 games. Jason Buma was the winning 'tender. The victory moved North Dundas' National Capital Junior Hockey League record to 11-8-0, good enough for 22 points and a share of third place with the Bandits (11-9-0).

Loss in Gatineau

The hometown Gatineau-Hull Volant (11-8-2) edged the Rockets 3-2 in a Friday night (Dec. 9) tilt.

North Dundas led 1-0 after a period and 2-0 after two only to surrender three unanswered goals in the final frame.

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SD&G high school basketball

Junior Devils remain undefeated



Senior Devils' Jordan MacDermid earned praise from coach Deanna Corbett-White for his solid defensive play against the La Citadelle Patriots.
Press Photo – Van Bridger

CORNWALL – It wasn't as decisive as their first two wins, but the North Dundas District High School Junior Devils were happy to defeat the La Citadelle Patriotes 32-24 and improved their SD&G record to 3-0.

The juniors had blasted the Seaway Spartans 70-9 and the L'Heritage Dragons 79-19 in their first two league games.

Coach Deanna Corbett-White felt that although it was a win, the team didn't play a great game last Friday (Dec. 9) at La Citadelle.

"Defensively we were caught reaching instead of moving our feet like we should," she said. "And because of that we missed some easy chances that we didn't miss in our first two games."

The coach explained that the full court press she implemented worked well, "That was a new thing for the team. So, that was a positive."

Nic Brugmans missed the game due to a shoulder injury.

Ben Fingler (10), Ian Koch (8), Matt Roach (6), Brad McLean (4), Cam Sherrer (2), Owen Richardson (2) and Joey Hamilton (2) produced the North Dundas points.

Senior Devils

The same afternoon, the North Dundas senior squad was defeated 64-24 by the Patriotes, which lowered their record to 1-2.

Corbett-White had to add juniors Koch and McLean for the senior game because Logan Lacasse, Brett Lannin and Curtis Barkley weren't available.

Although there was a big disparity in the score, the coach felt that it was the team's best game of the season.

"The guys worked extremely hard on defence and Jordan MacDermid was our top defender of the day," she said.

"Offensively, we incorporated things we had been working on at practice," the coach added. "It was great to see the guys try new things."

Jarret Williams led the offence draining 16 points. Patrick Norris (4), Will Dunlop (2) and Koch (2) also put the ball through the string.

Home games

The Devils are back on their home court today (Wed., Dec. 14). The seniors will tip off against the Char-Lan Crusaders at 1 pm while the juniors are slated to take on CCVS at 2:30 pm.

Bantam 'B' Demons win two of three

LANARK – A three-goal, third-period rally carried the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons to a 3-2 victory over the Perth-Lanark Wings.

The opening period of Sunday's (Dec. 11) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game was scoreless. Perth opened up a 2-0 advantage in the middle stanza and enjoyed that lead until North Dundas found its offence in the final frame.

Cam Sherrer (Xavier Leclerc at 17:30) sliced the Demons' deficit to 2-1. Nolan Henry (Sherrer, Leclerc at 14:17) knotted the score at 2-2 setting the stage for Curtis Bell (Leclerc, Max Paquette at 10:46) to bury the GWG. Toby Byrne was the winning 'tender. The first-place Demons (10-3-2) were down four skaters (Justin Dagenais, Jaymen Heuff, Nathan Verhey and Cole Chapman) for the game.

Last Friday (Dec. 9), the Demons dropped a one-goal (3-2) decision to the NGS Braves in Maxville. Their previous game (Thurs., Dec. 8) went into the books as a 12-2 win in Ogdensburg, N.Y.

The Braves and Demons were scoreless after a period and deadlocked 2-2 after two sessions. Olivier Chagnon cracked NGS' GWG with 8:39 left on the clock. Sherrer (unassisted at 12:41) and Bell (Henry at 9:02) cashed the North Dundas markers.

Big win

The Demons were south of the border where they logged a 12-2 win in Ogdensburg.

Bell (4-2-6), Paquette (2-1-3), Dagenais (1-2-3), Henry (2-0-2), Leclerc (1-1-2), Heuff (1-1-2), Jayden Rowe (1-1-2), Kieran Geurkink (0-2-2) and Sherrer (0-1-1) all collected points. Byrne posted the win.

Tonight (Wed., Dec. 14), the Demons are hosting the Kemptville Panthers at 7 pm.



Good advice

Winchester Curling Club junior member Grace Cave (left) helps Rhonda and Tim Mark give the 37 children taking part in the Little Rock program the knowledge and skills needed to play the roaring game. Tim explained that the program would not be possible without the on-ice assistance provided by the club's bantam and junior volunteers including Cave, Alix Giles, Taryn and Emily Cooper. Rhonda also pointed out the program benefits from strong parental support.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Char-Lan Rebels beat Midget 'B' Demons 6-2

WINCHESTER – A 6-2 loss to the Char-Lan Rebels knocked the North Dundas Major Midget "B" Demons one game below the 500 level.

The second place Rebels improved their Upper Canada Minor Hockey League record to 6-2-3 while the Demons fell to 3-4-4, good enough for third place in the East Division standings, topped by the undefeated South Dundas Lions (8-0-1).

North Dundas took a 1-0 lead on Char-Lan on Aaron Turcotte's (Mitchell VanBruinessen, Justin Shay at 7:45) first-period goal.

The Rebels evened the score at 1-1 19 seconds before the session ended.

Cameron Reid (AP Nolan Brown, Brandon VanBruinessen at 12:51) made it 2-0, but the home team trailed 4-2 after 20 minutes and wound up losing 6-2.

The Demons are at home in the Joel Steele Community Centre tomorrow (Thurs., Dec. 15) for a game against the Kemptville Panthers.

Next week (Thurs., Dec. 22), they will host the Leeds Chargers. Both games get underway at 7:30 pm.

Hawks

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Goals by Nathan Sauve (13:48), Jakob Brunette and Brandon McCulloch (extra attacker at 19:05) got the Glens to within a goal. But, the Hawks' Chris Webber (unassisted) dumped number five into the empty Glens' cage with 14 seconds left on the clock to lock up the win.

Second-period goals by Morrisburg's Evan Mantha (Jonathan Dutrisac, Evan Durant at 4:25), Tyler Newell (Mantha, Kurtis Keohane at 10:39) and Diego Gagnon (SHG, Dutrisac, Brett Lannin at 15:45) opened up a 3-0 lead for the Hawks. Christophe Lemay (GWG, Jarrett Williams, Mantha at 8:38) made it 4-0 early in period three.

The Hawks outshot Alexandria 46-26.

Knights 5 – Hawks 3

Winchester fell behind the Knights 3-1 in the opening 20 minutes and trailed 5-1 heading into the final frame.

They outshot their hosts 46-41.

Lemay (Diego Gagnon at 10:39) rang up the Hawks' first goal. Nicholas Raponi De Roia (PPG, Jordan Chagnon at 9:18) and Mantha (Durant, Diego Gagnon at 13:38) netted the third-period tallies.

Riley Hennigar, Peyton Francis, Luke Mulvihill (PPG), Dylan Sharpley (GWG) and Matt Connolly counted Ottawa West's goals.

Rockets

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Marcus (1-1-2) and Quentin Jolly (1-0-1) cashed the Rockets' markers.

"It was a hard-fought game," said Sadler. "A case of running into a real good goaltender, who stifled our offence."

The GM added that he felt his team was strong defensively and out chanced the Volant.

The Rockets were without van Kessel and Marchand for Friday's game, but had them suited up against Cumberland. In other player news, Josh Trapper is facing a lengthy suspension and Trevor Petawabano and Jarred Benac have been placed on the inactive list.

Home game

Saturday's (Dec. 17) home game, set for 7:50 pm, will see the Papineauville Vikings be in Chesterville to face the Rockets.







'B' champions

The North Dundas Novice "B" Demons defeated Kemptville Novice "B2" Panthers 3-2 and captured the "B" title in the NGS Minor Hockey Tournament on Sunday (Dec. 11) in Finch. Grayden Garlough netted two goals and Luka Drouin-Geurts sniped the single in the final. Brady Nichol and Noah Lafrance earned the assists. The "B" champs are: front (left) – Matthew Seguin, Brooke Elliott, Isabelle Guy-Lafrance, Brady Nichol, RJ Young, Luka Drouin-Geurts; back (left) – Karson Smith, Janika Paquette, Kaden Guy, Ava Holmes, Julie Bradley, Grayden Garlough, Michael Dean and Noah Lafrance. Missing: head coach Dereck Holmes, ass't coaches Jeremy Geurts and John Guy, trainer Greg Stewart and manager Maureen Guy. *Courtesy photo*

Roosters crow

Bush Leaguers busted 8-1



Bush Leaguer captain Dean Byvelds sniped his team's lone tally in last week's (Tues., Dec. 6) Winchester Town Hockey League game against the Red Roosters, an 8-1 loss. It was the league-leading 25th goal for Byvelds. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

WINCHESTER – Ray Smegal's three-goal effort helped the Red Roosters buckle the Bush Leaguers 8-1 and move his Winchester Town Hockey League team to within a point of second place.

Leaguers' captain Dean Byvelds cashed his squad's lone tally after accepting a feed from Jay Griffith at 20:59 of last Tuesday's (Dec. 6) twin bill. It was Byvelds' league-leading 25th goal and tied the score 1-1. But, from that point on it was all Roosters.

Brandon Cousineau cashed the GWG burying a Chris Piquette rebound 5:20 before the half ended.

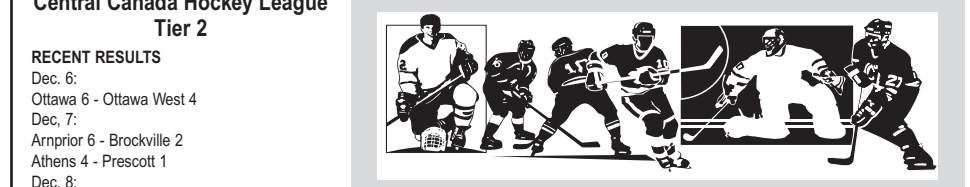
Six consecutive goals put the game well out of the Leaguers' reach as captain Nik Paas, Ryan Romans and Smegal (PPG) each potted a pair of pucks. Piquette (2), Ben Walkowiak, Alex Krumins, John McGlashan, Romans and Cousineau provided the passes. Craig Moran missed the shutout by a goal.

Maulers 4 – Thunder 3

Steve Cameron's second goal of the game held up as the winner when the top-ranked Chesterville Maulers (10-1-1) nipped the fourth-place Thurler's Thunder (2-7-2) in the late game.

Dustin Tinkler drew an assist on Cameron's GWG at 21:41 of the second half. The Maulers fashioned a 3-1 advantage on first-half shots fired by Tinkler (Cameron, Brad Bingley 23:54), Bingley (Tinkler at 17:08) and Cameron (Tinkler, Derek Vingerhoeds at 10:21).

Robert Thurler (Pete Klein-Swormink at 15:24) cut the Thunder's early deficit to 3-1. Brandon Buma (Michel Thurler at 10:33) and Jeremy Burley (Michel Thurler at 3:21) counted the Thunder's last two markers.



Winchester Press Sports Scoreboard

Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 6:
Ottawa 6 - Ottawa West 4
Dec, 7:
Arnprior 6 - Brockville 2
Athens 4 - Prescott 1
Dec. 8:
Ottawa West 5 - Winchester 3
Casselman 4 - Clarence 0
Dec. 9:
Winchester 5 - Alexandria 3
Brockville 6 - Westport 5 SO
Perth 6 - Renfrew 2
Ottawa 7 - Metcalfe 4
Dec. 10:
Athens 4 - Brockville 1
Clarence 6 - Prescott 5 OT
Casselman 3 - Char-Lan 2
Arnprior 9 - Alexandria 3
Dec. 11:
Metcalfe 5 - Winchester 0
Perth 7 - Richmond 5
Clarence 6 - Char-Lan 3
Arnprior 8 - Westport 4

STANDINGS

Martin Division	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	24	4	1	163	112	49
Casselman	20	6	3	148	92	43
Metcalfe	18	10	0	126	91	36
Clarence	14	14	3	146	141	31
Winchester	13	14	2	92	107	28
Alexandria	13	15	1	114	116	27
Ottawa	7	18	3	81	125	17
Char-Lan	5	21	2	95	166	12

Richardson	W	L	LOT	GF	GA	PTS
Perth	23	4	1	135	68	47
Arnprior	23	7	1	161	108	47
Richmond	21	7	2	158	108	44
Athens	14	8	7	104	102	35
Prescott	11	15	6	111	159	28
Westport	12	13	3	110	112	27
Brockville	12	17	0	94	125	24
Renfrew	3	23	2	69	175	8

TOP SCORERS

Winchester Hawks	G	A	PTS
Franco Gagnon	22	14	36
Christophe Lemay	13	18	31
Diego Gagnon "A"	10	19	29
Kurtis Keohane	17	8	25
Nicholas Raponi De Roia	5	16	21
Tyler Newell	5	9	14
Jordan Chagnon "A"	5	7	12
Erik Starcevic "C"	6	5	11
Jonathan Dutrisac	5	5	10
Evan Mantha	2	6	8
Evan Landry	2	6	8
Brett Lannin	3	4	7
Frederic Villeneuve	2	5	7
Evan Durant	1	4	5
Blayr McFarlane	2	1	3
Chris Webb	1	2	3
Austin Goth	0	3	3
Jarret Willams (APM)	0	1	1
Ian Ogden	0	1	1

Goaltenders
Kevan Dumouchel
9 W L 12 OT/SL 2 GAA 3.77 GA85 SV% .890
Conor Lehey
4 W 2 L 0 0TL 0 GAA 3.18 GA21 SV% .901

National Capital Junior Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 9:
Papineauville 7 - Vankleek Hill 2
Gatineau-Hull 3 - North Dundas 2
Rockland 5 - Embrun 4
Dec. 10:
Vankleek Hill 3 - Morrisburg 1
North Dundas 6 - Cumberland 5 OT
Dec. 11:
Papineauville 11 - Morrisburg 2
Rockland 6 - Cumberland 4
Gatineau-Hull 2 - St. Isidore 1

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Embrun	13	7	1	110	65	27
Gatineau-Hull	11	8	2	87	76	24
Rockland	11	11	1	107	120	23
North Dundas	11	8	0	100	102	22
Cumberland	11	9	0	88	72	22
Vankleek Hill	10	8	1	73	85	21
Papineauville	10	10	0	94	71	20
St. Isidore	7	13	2	74	93	16
Morrisburg	4	14	1	68	117	9

TOP SCORERS

North Dundas Rockets	G	A	PTS
Bryden van Kessel	18	30	48
Brandon Mullin "C"	9	28	37
Liam Morrow	16	16	32
Shawn Simms	17	9	26
Chris Marchand	9	10	19
Joshua Trapper	4	9	13
Quinton Jolly	7	4	11
Trevor Petawabano	5	6	11
Tyler Cayen	4	5	9
Josh Hansen	4	3	7
Lee Seguin	2	2	4
Tristan Staff	2	2	4
Jarred Benac	0	4	4
Marcus Gregory	1	2	3
Tyson Sherrer	0	3	3
Dylan Marshall	0	2	2
Jack van Kessel	1	1	2
Travis Marshall	0	2	2
Dylan Marshall	0	2	2

Goaltenders
Jason Buma 8 W- 7 L-0 T 3 GAA 5.211GA91
Kody Helder 0 W 1 L 0T GAA 8.46 GA 11

North Dundas Rockets
NEXT HOME GAME
Sat., Dec. 17
vs. Papineauville Vikings
7:50 pm

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 11:
Cooper Physio 3 - WS Trucking 1
Annable's Jewellery 2 - Foodland 0
Bridals 4 - KC's Maintenance 1

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Annable's	8	1	1	29	9	17
Foodland	4	2	4	16	10	12
Cooper	4	4	2	14	13	10
KC's	2	2	6	14	15	10
WS Trucking	1	4	5	16	23	7
Bridals	1	7	2	11	32	4

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Amy Fraser, Reds	5	5	10
Edith Dagenais, Blues	3	7	10
Lauryn Vandekemp, Blues	1	9	10
Chantal Penk, CP	7	2	9
Kelly Zeran, WST	5	4	9
D. Corbett-White, Blues	6	3	9
Casey Dore, Blues	5	3	8
Dawn Montgomery, Blues	5	2	7
Lyndsay Enright, KC's	5	2	7
Andrea Francis, WST	4	3	7
Katrina Holmes, Bridals	3	4	7
Tory Feyko, WST	1	6	7

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 6:
Red Roosters 8 - Bush Leaguers 1
Chesterville Maulers 4 - Thurler's Thunder 3

STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Maulers	10	1	1	89	53	21
*Leaguers	6	5	0	70	86	12
Roosters	5	6	1	78	64	11
*Thunder	2	7	2	73	90	6

*missing one result

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Dean Byvelds, BL	25	12	37
Adam Schofield, BL	15	21	36
Dustin Tinkler, CM	18	16	34
Steve Cameron, CM	16	17	33
Brandon Cousineau, RR	16	15	31
Ryan Romans, RR	13	17	30
Clayton Kohn, RR	17	11	28
Jay Griffith, BL	11	16	27
Brandon Buma, TT	11	14	25
Nik Paas, RR	9	15	24
Tyler Jones, CM	15	8	23
Cameron Bakker, CM	10	13	23

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North Dundas Devils split high school hockey games

CORNWALL – Bayden Carr turned in a flawless effort backing the North Dundas District High School Devils as they blanked the La Citadelle Patriotes 4-0.

North Dundas launched the 2016-2017 SD&G boys' hockey season at the Benson Centre in Cornwall last week (Tues., Dec. 6) shutting out the Patriots. Unfortunately, the day ended with a 7-1 thumping administered by the Glengarry Gaels, who also finished the event with a 1-1 record thanks to a 6-1 loss to the St. Joe's Panthers, who played just the one game.

Girls' hockey

North Dundas girls' hockey squad will hit the ice for the first time today (Wed., Dec. 14) in Chesterville. The Devils are hosting the Seaway Spartans, La Citadelle Patriotes, Tagwi Warriors, Holy Trinity Falcons and St. Joe's Panthers.

North Dundas will open the tournament at 8 am facing off against the Panthers. They will return to the ice at 11 am to tangle with the Patriotes. Their final game against the Spartans is set for 2 pm.

Carr unbeatable

Carr received his offensive support in the 4-0 win from Drew Cotnam, Aaron Turcotte, Cam Cotnam and Ben Fingler.

Defenceman Curtis Barkley cracked the Devils' lone goal in the loss to the Gaels. Ethan Altridge cashed three of Glengarry's markers.

The Seaway Spartans will host the next tournament on Wed., Jan. 11 in Morrisburg. North Dundas will face the Spartans (noon) and the Holy Trinity Falcons (2 pm) in that event.

The Char-Lan Crusaders were the only squad to finish last week's tourney undefeated trimming Seaway 4-0 and La Citadelle 2-0.

Seaway bounced back in their other game edging Holy Trinity 4-3 on shots buried by Griffith Patterson (2), Colin Minish and Randy Keller.



Season opens

The North Dundas District High School Devils launched the 2016-2017 SD&G boys' hockey season splitting a pair of games. Goaltender Bayden Carr (No. 30) registered the shutout and Drew Cotnam (No. 15) cashed a marker as North Dundas blanked La Citadelle Patriotes 4-0 last Tuesday (Dec. 6) in Cornwall. The Devils fell 7-1 to the Glengarry Gaels in their second game.

Press Photo – Van Bridger



Tops in 'spiel

The Winchester Curling Club sent three teams to the 2016 Cash-on-the-Wall Bonspiel in Pembroke on the weekend (Sat., Dec. 10) where the rink skipped by Spencer Gagnon won both draws and finished in first place. Grace McKercher and Madi Giles skipped Winchester's other entries. The winners are: (left) – second Nathan Gagnon, vice Connor Tree, lead Harrison Nizman (subbing for Noah Wilson) and skip Spencer Gagnon.

Courtesy photo

Bridals record first victory, trim KC's Maintenance 4-1

WINCHESTER – Four different shooters hit the target as Bridals defeated KC's Lawn Maintenance 4-1.

It was the first win for Bridals (1-7-2) and the result lowered KC's mark to 2-2-6. Sunday (Dec. 11) morning's Winchester District Ladies Hockey League triple bill opened with the Cooper Physio Pinks (4-4-2) stopping WS Trucking (1-4-5) 3-1. The first-place Annable's Jewellery Blues (8-1-1) whitewashed the number-two ranked Winchester Foodland Reds (4-2-4) 2-0 in the 9 am contest.

Bridals goaltender Venessa Genier was named player of the game for allowing just one goal. KC's Tanya Klein-Swormink (Francine Brisson) did the damage at 18:11 of the first half.

Bridals rallied from the 1-0 deficit with Jessica Grisel (Dianne Lapier) tying it at 13:51. Kelly Morrell cashed the GWG finishing a play started by Grisel and Katrina Holmes at 17:11 of the second session. A pair of quick goals by Holmes (unassisted at 13:24) and Andree-Ann Gagnon (Holmes, Lapier at 12:11) made it a 4-1 final.

Pinks 3 – Truckers 1

Chantal Penk potted a pair of goals, including the winner, and set up Amanda Rylaarsdam for the other one as the Cooper Pinks knocked off the WS Trucking Company 3-1.

Sam Benoit posted the win surrendering just one goal, scored by Jessica Hendrikx (Kelly Zeran at 9:00) late in the game.

Rylaarsdam gave the Pinks a 1-0 lead at 16:31 of the second half. Penk followed scoring from Michaela Morrow and at 12:50 and unassisted 1:28 before the final buzzer sounded.

Trucker Dawn Young was named player of the game.

Blues 2 – Foodland 0

Player-of-the-game Dana Dore registered her fourth shutout in a 2-0 decision against the Foodland Reds.

Isabelle Dagenais (Lauryn Vandekemp at 1:11) cashed the GWG just before the half. Annik Dagenais (Edith Dagenais at 18:41) made it 2-0 early in the second stanza.

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Obituaries & Death notices

Jean MacKenzie

Jean Elizabeth MacKenzie passed away at Brantford General Hospital on Tues., Dec. 6, 2016. She was 87.



She was born and raised on Saving Street in Williamsburg Township on Aug. 8, 1929 to her parents, Roy and Alice Barkley (nee Whittaker). In 1956, she married Allan MacKenzie, and moved five miles down the road to the 7th Concession of Williamsburg Township (now known as MacKenzie Road). They resided there together, farming, raising their daughters (Helen and Bonnie), working at Elma Public School, and enjoying their retirement until his death in 2003. She continued to live there until 2014, when she moved to Brantford, trading her love of rural life and her large vegetable garden for a small, but prolific, planter box-sized one on her balcony there.

Jean was well-known and active in the community. She was a longtime member of the Williamsburg (formerly Elma) United Church where she helped out wherever and whenever needed, including roasting turkeys, baking pies, and serving as Chief Tea Maker. She and Allan enjoyed travelling around Ontario and Quebec, whether to visit family or to visit a place just to see what was there. They were avid bowlers and, on these trips, could often be spotted giving the local lanes a whirl. When at home, they were members in a number of bowling leagues in Chesterville and Ingleside, where Jean doubled as league treasurer on many occasions.

She took an active interest in genealogy, and had an incredible memory for names, dates, and places. She knew her own family history, but more fun was when she argued with Allan about his family and friends. She was always right, even about people she hadn't met!

In more recent years, Jean served with the quilters at the Williamsburg Lutheran Church. She was a happy recipient of boxes and boxes of fabric that she painstakingly pieced and quilted by hand into quilts and lap-robes either for members of the local community or to be sent to people in need around the world through the Mennonite Central Committee. She also occupied herself with many knitting projects for family, friends, and those in need.

She will be fondly remembered by her daughters, Helen Burke of Napanee and Bonnie Carmichael (Bill) of Brantford; her sister, Reta Chalmers of Kingston; and her grandchildren, Christine, Katie, Brad, Amy, and Isaac. She was predeceased by her husband, Allan MacKenzie, her sister, Ellen Carr and her brother, Lorne Barkley. Jean will also be missed by her many nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Mon., Dec. 12 from 11 am until the time of the funeral service at 1 pm conducted by Rev. Christine Lowson, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Christine Burke, Katie Carmichael, Brad Carmichael, Amy Carmichael, Bev Chalmers, and Paul Chalmers.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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(Dolores) Evaleen Whittaker

Evaleen Whittaker (nee O'Shaughnessy), a resident of Extendicare Port Hope for the past several years, passed away there peacefully on Thurs., Nov. 24, 2016. She was 94.



She was born in Morrisburg on April 20, 1922 to her parents, Cephrenus and Georgina O'Shaughnessy (nee Watson). She is survived by her children, Stephen (Karen) of Nobleton, Joey Whittaker (James Shellhammer) of Idaho, and Debra Whittaker (Gary Robinson) of Mountain, her 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and her brother, Garnett O'Shaughnessy (Doris) of Cornwall. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Carl Whittaker, and her cherished siblings Eileen, Greta, Maud, Dwain, Lee, Dorothy, Marion, and Audrey. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Evaleen was a vibrant, sophisticated woman, who was active in her Hudson Heights, Que. community. Although she will be greatly missed by those she left behind, she will always be fondly remembered for her joyous family gatherings, her creative eye and artistry for aesthetic, her elaborate gardens, and for the caring relationship she shared with her beloved.

A private family funeral service was held at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Tues., Dec. 6 at 11 am, followed by interment at New Union Cemetery. Donations to the Alzheimer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Edith Burd

Edith Burd (nee Ouderkirk) of Morewood passed away peacefully at St. Viateur Nursing Home in Limoges on Tues., Dec. 6, 2016. She was 95.



She was the beloved wife of the late Grant Burd, and the loving mother of Ken Burd (Nancy Krisjanis) of Ingleside and Audrey Dillabough (William) of Morewood. Edith was the dear sister of Dalton Ouderkirk (Janice) of Finch and Betty Ouderkirk of Berwick, and the dear sister-in-law of Dorothy Burd of Ottawa. She will be fondly remembered by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sisters, Dorothy Monck, Mary Ouderkirk, Evelyn McRae, and Helen McIntyre, and brothers Walter, Earl, Grant "Amos," Melvin, and Lyall Ouderkirk. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Alzheimer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Concert raises $2,000 for food share

MORRISBURG – Members of the Anglican Parish of South Dundas and Morrisburg's Tilted Steeple Productions recently teamed up to donate $2,000 to Community Food Share, formerly known as the Dundas County Food Bank.

The two organizations worked together at the end of November to host the West Island Youth Symphony Orchestra, who performed in front of a packed audience. Proceeds from the concert were split between Community Food Share and the Cornwall and District Refugee Support Network.

Community Food Share operates two food banks, one in Morrisburg, and the other in Winchester, with a satellite office in Finch.

The Anglican Parish of South Dundas is a welcoming community offering diverse styles of worship, Christian education programs, and serving the wider community through the Apple Tree Ministry, Martha's Kitchen, the annual Christmas Dinner, Madagascar School Project, and the Tilted Steeple Coffee House.

Tilted Steeple Productions regularly presents a variety of local musical talent to the community every third Friday of the month. This is organized in partnership with the South Dundas Anglicans and is held at St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg.



Community Food Share, formerly the Dundas County Food Bank, recently received a donation of $2,000 from funds that were generated during a concert in November through a partnership between the Anglican Parish of South Dundas and Tilted Steeple Productions. Pictured at the cheque presentation are Isabelle Delage (left) of Tilted Steeple Productions, food bank chairperson Terry Triskle, and South Dundas Anglicans Jon Martin and Bob Ruddock. *Courtesy photo*

The coffee house gives both aspiring and experienced musicians an opportunity to perform in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Tilted Steeple Productions also host other musical events throughout the year.

Vernon women get crafty

by Helen McDonald

VERNON – Members of the Vernon Women's Institute met last month at the Vernon Recreation Centre, where president Helen Porteous welcomed a small group of 10.

Following the Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect, members answered the roll call, "What is your favourite craft?"

The October minutes were read and approved, and Donna Page gave the treasurer's report. Members voted to donate $50 to the Royal Canadian Legion Osgoode Branch 589.

A thank you for our donation to the Metcalfe Agricultural Society was read.

Sandra Toll suggested that next year, the W.I. pay the admission for members that work in the W.I. Tea Room at the Metcalfe Fair.

Our crafty president showed members how to make a snowman using white plastic vent piping and a hat made from a small record, a sprayed empty nut container, and some Christmas decorations. Members enjoyed learning how to construct a bow from nine strips of paper and glue, which were sold at the Vernon Christmas Craft Sale.

Mountain Township 55+ hosting holiday potluck

by Huguette Shaver

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Mountain Township 55+ members met at the end of November, where president Jack McCargar welcomed 24 members.

The group sang "O Canada" followed by the recitation of the "Lord's Prayer."

Huguette Shaver read the minutes of the October meeting, with a few amendments, and Dave Scharf updated his financial status for the month.

A motion by Muriel Milne was moved to postpone the annual hospital funds to a later date. Milne's U.S.C.O. report indicated that the next convention will not be held in North Bay as quoted last month. As of now, all minutes will be forwarded to the president for editing.

Mavis Graham and Paul MacMillan won the share-the-wealth prizes. Graham then said "Grace" and the group enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch with games of euchre and crokinole.

A reminder that the annual Christmas lunch is today (Wed., Dec. 14) at the Winchester Anglican Church on Falcone Lane starting at 12 pm.

The next meeting is set for Wed., Jan. 25, 2017 at 11 am at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall in South Mountain.



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Our office will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26.

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