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Exiting grocer roasted, toasted



Longtime village grocer Andy Hamel (third from left) was feted during a community celebration Sat., Sept. 19. Hamel is leaving the Winchester store to take charge of the Foodland location in Vankleek Hill. During the event held at the Joel Steele Community Centre, he was also presented with the 2015 North Dundas Community Builder Award. Also pictured are Councillor Al Armstrong (left), Mayor Eric Duncan, and Deputy Mayor Gerry Boyce.
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Andy Hamel given 2015 Community Builder Award

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Like the renowned Mr. Hooper, he of the famed children's television show *Sesame Street*, or the cherubic Norm, his name being pounded into the zeitgeist through *Cheers'* 11-year run, Andy Hamel has reached near-icon status in the village.

A grocer first and foremost, Hamel was also a beacon for all manner of charitable and non-profit initiatives not only in Winchester, but the surrounding region as well.

"Andy, you've been a staple in the village for almost 30 years, hiring countless full and part-time employees, and having a fun-loving nature that will live on," Vince Zandbelt, a longtime friend, said during a party in Hamel's honour Sat., Sept. 19. "Everyone knows now who you are, where you came from, and [when you leave] you're coming from a place where everybody knows your name."

The celebration comes at a time when Hamel is preparing to leave Winchester and the Foodland store he's long been the face of, his sights now set on Vankleek Hill and ownership of a store there.

The change comes following Foodland's parent company, Sobeys, having purchased both villages' Mike Deans Super Food Store locations.

On Sept. 19, however, it was less about the major changes taking shape in Winchester, and more about toasting (and roasting) Hamel.

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Funding commitment fulfilled as TOCC reaches $500K goal

by Matthew Uhrig
Press staff

METCALFE – It was community members who rallied to build the Township of Osgoode Care Centre (TOCC) in the late '80s, and in the end, it was the community that became the greatest cheerleaders during the long-term care home's recent time of need.

An ambitious $500,000 fund-raising target was set in October 2012, and just three years later, the goal has been realized.

"Is this surprising? No. This is a community home, and it is the community that built and supported it," Lori Norris, TOCC's executive director, said.

A final celebration of the campaign took place Thurs., Sept. 17 at Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm in Edwards, where it was announced that the final proceeds generated rang in at $502,867.

According to administration at the home, last week's event was the best possible way to say "thank you" to the many people who helped raise the funds through countless community events, sales and celebrations, and much more.

"[Those involved with the campaign] were very driven, and very focused," Norris said. "At the same time, they have reestablished the home's place in the community… It brought us back to the forefront, who we are, and why we're here."

From the outset, the needs were clear – a good portion of the home's roof was in shambles, windows, doors and flooring needed replacing, and painting of halls and rooms was necessary.

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IPM here! ... After years of planning

FINCH – Years of planning are now being put into action as the 2015 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is officially underway.

This year's event began yesterday (Tues., Sept. 22) at the Concession 3-4 site west of Finch.

Day one featured visits from the three provincial leaders – Premier Kathleen Wynne, PC Patrick Brown and the NDP's Andrea Horwath – as well as the official parade of participants and the event's opening ceremonies.

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Farewell

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"He's a friggen charmer, isn't he? It doesn't matter what he charges us, we all love him," Hugh Fawcett said. "When it came to helping [the South Mountain Fair], it was always the same – Andy would ask 'what do you need?' 'How much do you need?' It will be hard to replace him that way, for sure."

Hamel first came to Winchester in 1986, partnering with Jack Roy in the Main Street grocery store. Through the years, Roy moved on and the store grew in size, all the while remaining a hub in the village's downtown core.

"I've been with Andy for 30 years, through floods, fires and thefts, but he has been great from the first day I met him," Dave Smith, a longtime store employee, said. "He's always been generous, seldom said 'no,' and he had kindness and compassion for his employees. Winchester is losing an icon, and you'll be missed more than you know."

Foodland's meat manager, Chris Laflamme, echoed the same sentiments.

"I'm going to miss the laughs, Bubba, thanks a lot," he added, using one of the many nicknames Hamel has acquired through the years.

Karine Hamel, the grocer's daughter who now operates her own Foodland location in Russell, could hardly hold back the tears when speaking about her father.

"What a journey you've been on, and the things you have accomplished," she said. "I'm so, so proud of you. You're my biggest role model and inspiration; without a doubt, I only dream of being as thoughtful as you. I have zero doubts your next experience will be nothing but amazing. It's wonderful that this little Frenchman became such a big part of this village."

After such emotions, however, local lawyer Stephen Ault was primed and ready to bring it crashing down.

"He rolled into town, on a toboggan, in July, he's French, and the sweat is just dripping down out of his toque," Ault said, as the crowd of nearly 300 roared with laughter. "He introduced a lot of things, like his store going to 24 hours [a day operation], and now he's moving to Vankleek Hill. How would you like to get a phone call first thing in the morning telling you that?"

But, with comedy aside, Ault summed up Hamel's nature as best he could.

"He's been so involved, always; a guy you could go to, always; he supported everything, enjoys life, and supports us all," he said.

To that end, Mayor Eric Duncan said Hamel was an easy choice for this year's North Dundas 2015 Community Builder Award, which was presented to him that night.

"I don't have to convince anybody about the community spirit Andy embodies," Duncan said. "Too often we take for granted the things we take for granted, focus too much on the negative, and don't stop to think about the good people. Now, we thank a man who has been active and dedicated many hours; a man who has helped countless causes. He has never stopped talking about what he could do for the community."

When it was finally his time to speak, Hamel was noticeably struck by the outpouring of support.

"This is a very emotional night for me... A very special moment for me after nearly 30 years," he said. "I've had a wonderful time, it's been a wonderful night we've had. I can only thank the wonderful staff and loyal customers for all the years of support. I just like to help people, and I've been very happy to do that. It's been a wonderful ride, I love you all."

In the spirit of Hamel's giving nature, funds raised during the event were earmarked for both the Dundas County Food Bank and the House of Lazarus.

Police Blotter

When dogs attack

INKERMAN – On Thurs., Sept. 17, Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) OPP officers responded to a report of a male being attacked by two dogs on Cameron Road.

The investigation revealed that an adult male was walking along the roadway when two scruffy, longhaired, white dogs attacked, biting him several times. The man was treated for his injuries at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Police are appealing to the public for help in locating the dogs and their owners.

Threatening behaviour

MORRISBURG – On Wed., Sept. 16, at approximately 9:45 pm, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic situation at a residence on First Street. The investigation indicated that a female had threatened her ex-spouse.

A 30-year-old woman was arrested as a result. She faces a charge of uttering threats.

The female is to appear Tues., Nov. 17 in Cornwall court.

Domestic investigation

MORRISBURG – On Tues., Sept. 15, at approximately 8 am, SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic situation at a residence on First Street. The investigation indicated that a male had been continually contacting his ex-spouse. Further information was received that the male had also assaulted the female on a previous date.

A 36-year-old South Dundas man was arrested, and faces charges of assault and criminal harassment.

He is to appear Tues., Oct. 27 in Cornwall court.

Less than compliant

MORRISBURG – On Mon., Sept. 14, at approximately 7:37 pm, officers responded to a report of a domestic situation at a residence on Victoria Park Crescent. The investigation indicated a male was in contravention of conditions (not to communicate with victim) imposed from a previous incident.

A 46-year-old man now faces six counts of failure to comply with conditions of recognizance.

He was to appear in Cornwall court Tues., Sept. 15.

Theft

MARIATOWN – On Sept. 14, SD&G OPP responded to a report of the theft from a property on County Road 4.

The investigation indicated that sometime between Tues., Sept. 8 and Sun., Sept. 13, a 2003 "Home" utility trailer, licence plate number H4726M, was stolen. Police continue to investigate.

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



The completion of the Township of Osgoode Care Centre's $500,000 fundraising campaign came to a close during a celebration Thurs., Sept. 17. Pictured are Vera Mitchell (left), Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze, Lori Norris, the home's executive director, and Wendy Hill, the care centre's director of community relations. *Manotick Messenger photo*

TOCC

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There were also more intimate items required, such as sets of dishes for residents or updates to the furniture provided in residents' rooms.

"The roof was surely the biggest project, but with all the funds brought in, it allowed us to do more," David Egget, board chair, said. "The roof, yes, was a major capital expense, and I remember when I first joined the board and the fundraising was portrayed to me as being for only the roof – in reality, it was much more than the roof."

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Other day one highlights included various entertainment and informational displays, as well as VIP plowing and the combine demolition derby.

Today (Wed., Sept. 23), plowing begins at 9:30 and 11 am, while the daylong schedule is replete with numerous displays and demonstrations. In the RV Entertainment Tent at 7:30 pm, each of the competitors vying for the Queen of the Furrow title will be introduced, followed by a dance.

Thurs., Sept. 24's schedule opens with speeches from each of the contest participants at 9 am. The 2015 Queen of the Furrow is to be crowned during an evening banquet, which gets underway at 6 pm at the Finch Community Centre.

The day continues with a wide assortment of activities, and it is much the same Fri., Sept. 25, with Kelli Trottier set to take the stage at 3:45 pm that day.

On the final day, Sat., Sept. 26, the schedule remains jam-packed until the plowing match's closing ceremonies at 4 pm.

For a full schedule, visit www.plowingmatch.org/home-2015 or see the supplement included in last week's *Winchester Press*.

Correction

In the Wed., Sept. 16 edition of the *Winchester Press*, it was erroneously reported that Shaun Foster, 28, had a suspended driver's licence due to drug-related offences. In fact, Foster's driving privileges were revoked because of offences committed while he was behind the wheel. He was also in breach of probation orders, and will appear in Cornwall court Tues., Oct. 27.

The *Press* regrets the error.

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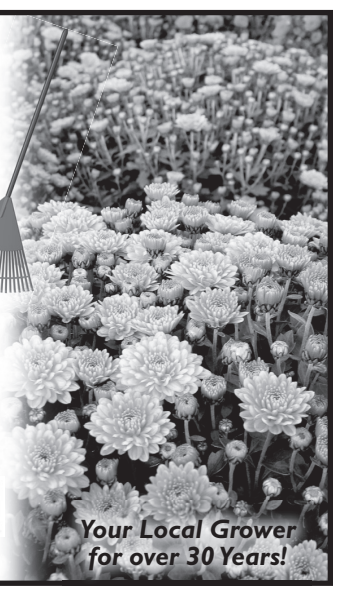



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Township's 'vision' for Dundela Rec to include short-term skating shelter

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – It's decided: A prefabricated trailer is to be erected in the place of the former Dundela schoolhouse, which once served as the recreation building for the property's outdoor rink.

The decision came from Municipality of South Dundas councillors at Tues., Sept. 15's meeting in response to a South Branch Community Fund (SBCF) application requesting $120,000 for a new recreation building to serve the users of Dundela rink.

Last winter, according to Dundela Recreation member Wes Moore, there were about 740 people who used the rink and facilities to change their skates and find protection from the cold. The former 960-square-foot building was demolished at the end of June because it had reached its "useful life."

The application for a new building, although originally well received by council members, stirred up many unanswered questions, such as how large the building should be, how much a new septic system would cost and whether they would need it, and whether the municipally-owned property across from Dundela rink could be merged with the existing property.

Instead, a temporary, 480-square-foot ATCO-type trailer will be installed to handle the community's need for a seasonal warming structure this coming winter for "half the price" of what the SBCF application requested, according to South Dundas recreation program co-ordinator Ben Macpherson. The 12x40 structure is enough room for 10 to 20 kids to put on their skates.

Right now, the SBCF is sitting on about $60,000, and will increase to $90,000 come January 2016. As part of the approval process for the South Branch Wind Farm, EDP Renewables Canada is required to contribute $30,000 to the fund annually, for a term of 20 years.

Installing a temporary structure will also give Dundela Recreation members a chance to come up with a "vision" for a new structure.

"I'll give the committee all the credit in the world – [the proposal] was a pile of work and I compliment them on that…But to me, there's too many unanswered questions, we don't have $120,000 and we don't have a plan or a vision for that park," said Councillor Archie Mellan. "We're running into the winter real quick, and I think the trailer would give them a good building for the winter until we have a plan. I don't want this to be a shotgun approach."

Councillor Marc St. Pierre echoed Mellan's sentiments.

"The shame of this is we've taken down a building, and time is closing in quickly," said St. Pierre. "There are a lot of unanswered questions, but there's still a window of opportunity to do something."

Dean Beckstead, one of the members of Dundela Recreation who put forward the application, mentioned during pre-discussions that council did not do their homework before tearing down the old building, and that they should have looked at a cost analysis of what could have been salvaged and upgraded from the existing building instead of demolishing it first. He said that the cost of an upgrade would have been less than a replacement, and they could have used some of the heaters from the old building.

The cost of the trailer – estimated at just under $40,000 to purchase, and $450 a month to rent based on a 12-month contract – would include the wheeled unit, delivery costs, and one bathroom. The only extra costs would be to make the bathroom unisex, as well as to put a rubber mat down to protect skates.

"We said we would have a building up there for them to use – let's rent a building for three months and be done with it, and then it gives time to decide what we want to do," commented Councillor Bill Ewing.

Municipal staff will return to the next council meeting (Tues., Oct. 6) with the full official cost of the seasonal trailer, including information on the delivery date and hook-up requirements. Officials from EDP Renewables will also need to be consulted before any projects costing more than $5,000 can move forward.

United Way extending reach into new year

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MORRISBURG – Every year, the United Way of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) "changes lives" across the county by extending its reach to support accessible programs.

This year, the United Way accepted a new agency into its funding – the Sexual Assault and Support Services (SASS) of Cornwall – in order to provide wide-reaching support for sexual assault victims. SASS will be operating a mobile outreach program for victims of sexual assault across SD&G.

"It's something we're really excited about because it will bring services out to the rural community," said Michael Galvin, this year's United Way campaign chair, during an annual report given to Municipality of South Dundas councillors Tues., Sept. 15. "Perhaps they haven't been able to get those services because of distance, budget constraints, or lack of transportation."

Last year, more than 12,688 SD&G residents directly benefitted from United Way-supported programs, with about 500 in South Dundas, 440 in North Dundas, 800 in North Stormont, and 7,500 in Cornwall.

According to executive director Lori Greer, the benefits are more far-reaching than what the numbers show.

"Many more people benefit from United Way-supported programs beyond the person who participates," said Greer. "As an example, an out of work parent who is able to upgrade his or her skills and gain meaningful employment not only benefits, but his or her entire family does as well. The impact to members of our community is significant."

Galvin noted that this year's goal was to not let "people get lost in the numbers," but to actually get an opportunity to tell the stories of those who have benefited from United Way programs.

"We want to let people know that this isn't a city thing – this is a township thing, it's a regional thing that we do," Galvin said.

This year's United Way campaign goal is $710,000, almost $3,000 more than last year's goal of $707,070.

United Way — by the numbers

- 17 agencies funded by United Way
- 18 programs offered throughout county
- 12,688 SD&G residents directly benefitted from United Way supported programs last year
- About 500 in South Dundas, 440 in North Dundas, 800 in North Stormont, and 7,500 in Cornwall
- $710,000 goal for this year's United Way campaign
- 97 per cent of last year's $707,070 goal was reached

Council notes from South Dundas

All in good time

MORRISBURG – At Tues., Sept. 15's council meeting, the Municipality of South Dundas authorized staff to proceed with the $6,819.20 purchase of eight time locks to be installed on the washroom doors at the Morrisburg Splash Pad, Morrisburg and Iroquois Beach, and Morrisburg Dock.

The locks will have preset times as to when bathrooms will be open and closed, allowing for better control from staff, and increased security.

"It makes sense – we've had issues [with the locks] at the Iroquois Beach," said Deputy Mayor Jim Locke.

The time locks will be installed by next spring and incorporated into the 2016 budget, as the washrooms will not be open during the winter months.

Bridging the gap

Last year, South Dundas council approved the naming of the County Road 31-Hwy 401 overpass to become the "Constable Ronald Pitt Memorial Bridge."

Pitt was a police officer in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SD&G) who was shot and killed on duty in Morrisburg on Aug. 24, 1957. He had only been on the Morrisburg village police department for six weeks after arriving from Scotland, which is where his wife and two sons remained. Pitt was only 34, and no one was ever charged in connection with his shooting.

The Ministry of Transportation, which has a bridge commemoration program for fallen officers, recently approved the dedication spearheaded by SD&G OPP acting sergeant Justin McKenna.

At Sept. 15's council meeting, the ceremony was confirmed to be taking place at the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg Branch 48 on Fri., Nov. 13 at 11 am. The son of Pitt will be coming all the way from Scotland for the ceremony.

Easy as ATV

Due to the province implementing new changes this year to the *Highway Traffic Act*, more types of off-road vehicles (ORVs) will be allowed on the shoulder of public roads.

But first, municipalities must agree and pass a bylaw to support the amendments.

The amendments allow for ORVs, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), two-ups, side-by-sides, as well as utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) on municipal roads, where previously only ATVs with no passengers were permitted.

South Dundas council decided at Sept. 15's meeting that a draft must be made before they can make changes to their current bylaw, which only allows all-terrain vehicles with a single passenger to travel on municipal roads between 6 am and 10 pm, north of Highway 401, Flagg Road (from County Road 18 to County Road 2), Muttonville Road, and Nudell Bush Road, north of the 401 to the municipality's boundary.

The new bylaw would not have a time limit, and would allow the use of all ORVS on any road in the municipality to reduce confusion of ORV users and ease enforcement.

The new bylaw will be presented at Tues., Oct. 6's meeting.

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Community brings in $8,900+ at township's Terry Fox Run

MAPLE RIDGE – Eighty-three community members joined forces Sun., Sept. 13 in an effort to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Those who turned up braved the early hints of fall's impending presence to take part in the Township of North Dundas' annual Terry Fox Run.

In total, the collective effort helped to generate $8,958, a sizeable increase from last year. The inaugural local run was held in 1982, and in 34 years, $237,033 has been raised.

The Chesterville Rotary Club, which oversees the event, had 10 members present to help co-ordinate the different run stations and to help during the morning's registration.

While all money brought in is crucial, Rotary member Betty Vanden Bosch noted that Dixon family members, taking part since the event's beginning, raised $4,600 this year. Others being recognized include the Mulder family, with $1,155 raised, Jim Baker, who generated $960, and Charles Gray, who was taking part in his first walk ever and collected $855.



Leslie (left) and Anita Schmid were two of the first arrivals for this year's Terry Fox Run, departing from North Dundas District High School Sun., Sept. 13. *Press Photos –Uhrig*

"With 83 cents out of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research, the Rotary Club is proud to be a part of the Terry Fox Run," Vanden Bosch said. "We will continue to carry on the work involved to participate in the run."

This year also marked the 35th anniversary of Fox's iconic "Marathon of Hope," which was to take him from St. John's, Nfld. west to Victoria, B.C. Unfortunately for the cancer-stricken Fox, his disease cut the trek short, ending outside Thunder Bay after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres.

There was a silver lining, however, as Fox had raised $1.7 million for cancer research by the time he was forced to abandon his dream.

Other local events Sept. 13 took place in Morrisburg, Russell, Kemptville, Greely, and Embrun.



The Thompson family – David (left), Maria, Caleb, Andrea and Jacob (in the trailer) – has been taking part for seven years.



In the limelight

Kylie Bell, 8, and her family, including mother Crystal, brother Curtis, and father Kevin, were given the royal treatment during the recent Horse Lovers' Weekend at Upper Canada Village. As part of the prize package for winning the naming contest for the new Canadian horse foal born at the living heritage site, Bell was the honourary parade marshal during the event held earlier this month. The name given to the young colt? Champ.

Village branch in midst of Legion Week activity

WINCHESTER – In the village, Legion Week activities continue until Sat., Sept. 26.

A provincewide proclamation ruled that the seven-day celebration began Sun., Sept. 20.

In Winchester, it began a little earlier with an "End of Summer Supper," featuring pulled pork, taking place at Branch 108 Fri., Sept. 18.

On Mon., Sept. 21, the monthly general meeting took place, complete with a special honours and awards presentation.

An open house at the branch is set for Sept. 26, from 1 to 4 pm. Community members are invited to stop by the Main Street location to meet the members, enjoy a light snack, and see what the legion is all about.

As well, the public is reminded that one doesn't need to be a veteran to join the legion. Membership is open to any Canadian citizen 18 or older. As a special deal for new members, the fee for the remainder of 2015 is $25.

Debates planned in leadup to Oct. 9 election

WINCHESTER – Voters in the region will have three opportunities to hear from federal election candidates in Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry.

The first debate is set for Mon., Sept. 28 at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg. The session, hosted by the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce, begins at 7 pm.

After that, the area's different federations of agriculture have partnered to host a session Thurs., Oct. 1 focused on farming issues.

It is to be held at North Stormont Place in Avonmore from 7 to 9 pm.

In Winchester on Tues., Oct. 6, the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a debate at the Joel Steele Community Centre. The evening begins at 7:30 pm.

Each of the four candidates – Conservative Guy Lauzon, Liberal Bernadette Clement, the NDP's Patrick Burger and the Green Party's Elaine Kennedy – are expected to be in attendance.

Election day is set for Mon., Oct. 19.

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MLS 971173 **$294,900**



ELMA – 45-acre farm. Beautifully done home with wrap-around verandah. Modernized but with character intact. Gleaming hardwood, woodstove, 3 bedooms, 2 baths, outbuildings, 2 workshops, small apple orchard, huge kitchen, all-season sunroom. Private spot, so nice!
MLS 970370 **$599,000**



The newly formed auxiliary for the North Dundas Fire Department's Mountain detachment made its first contribution Sun., Sept. 13 in the form of 12 homemade "crisis dolls." The dolls – donated and handcrafted by Rev. Deacon Robert Kirk and his wife, Judy – will be kept in the fire trucks and given to children during stressful situations. From left: Capt. Jason Paul, Lisa Paul, Stefanie Wlotzki, Tania Wlotzki, and deputy chief Raymond Sherrer. *Press Photo – Gosselin*

Mountain firefighters 'backed up' by new, highly motivated auxiliary

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

MOUNTAIN – When Lisa Paul of Hallville found herself frenzying in the kitchen every time members of the North Dundas Fire Department's Mountain detachment got called out to a big fire, she decided she needed backup.

Sometimes the department would be onsite fighting a fire for up to 10 hours before eating, and last year, their only sustenance during those calls were through soup and sandwiches crafted by Paul.

"That's typically one of the responsibilities of an auxiliary – it's just we didn't have one," said Paul, whose husband Jason is a captain with the detachment. "My Mom, Dad and I would have a big frenzy in the kitchen during a big fire just to feed them…And I thought, 'We need to recruit some help.'"

After almost a year of researching other successful auxiliaries – as well as observing the books from the department's previous auxiliary, which disbanded in 1994 – Paul officially launched the auxiliary this past June in support of the Mountain firefighters. It's the only official organization supporting a detachment of the North Dundas Fire Department.

Right off the bat, the auxiliary secured 10 members – Paul (president), Stefani and Tania Wlotzki, Dawn Bowers, Amber Kelly, Marilyn Cousineau, Marika Havekes, Kiersti McMillian, and Leslie Clarke. The auxiliary not only has a fundraising committee, but also has a public awareness committee that will be trained in fire prevention in order to accompany the firefighters to schools and educate the students.

"It's about more than just fundraising and making soup and sandwiches," said Paul. "It's about providing manpower for the firefighters… We want to be recognized as a reliable partner that the detachment can rely on for backup."

The auxiliary's first official donation to the detachment came on Sun., Sept. 13 in the form of 12 homemade "crisis dolls" that will be kept in the fire trucks and given to children during stressful situations.

"When children are involved in a crisis situation, it can be very overwhelming and upsetting for them," noted Paul. "I think if a firefighter provides them with a little buddy to comfort them and support them, then that makes all the difference in the world. It doesn't just have to be a fire, it could be a car accident, a situation with Mom or Dad."

The dolls were handcrafted and donated by North Stormont's Rev. Deacon Robert Kirk and his wife, Judy, who regularly donate the dolls to local volunteer departments. Once the detachment runs out of dolls, the couple intends to make more.

As a new organization, one of the most challenging parts about launching the auxiliary, according to Paul, has been starting from scratch.

"It takes money to make money," said Paul. "It's hard to fundraise when you don't have a budget, so we've been organizing fundraisers that take a little money, and a lot of manpower."

Their first fundraiser was a bake sale that took place at the detachment's open house earlier this month, where they raised $350. The next fundraiser planned is the first-ever Road Rally and BBQ set for Sat., Oct. 24, and the auxiliary is looking for volunteers, cars, and motorcycles to participate.

According to Paul, the auxiliary is open to anyone who wants to make a difference for their local firefighters.

"We'd love to expand and put it out to the community that we exist," said Paul. "Right now, we're all women, but we're open to anyone. We'd eventually like to see the auxiliary recognized as a unit with the [Mountain detachment]."

For more information on how to get involved, you can reach Paul at lisajason.paul@yahoo.ca.

Seniors' latest euchre winners

WINCHESTER – The white-card winners at the latest Winchester Seniors' euchre event held Thurs., Sept. 10 were Carole Villeneuve and Kathy Crump.

The yellow-card winners were Mal Byers and Phyllis MacIntosh.

Elaine Sipes and Ross Casselman were the door prize winners, while Cecile Ashton, Casselman, and MacIntosh took home the "share the wealth" offerings.

The group's next euchre event is set for Thurs., Sept. 24.

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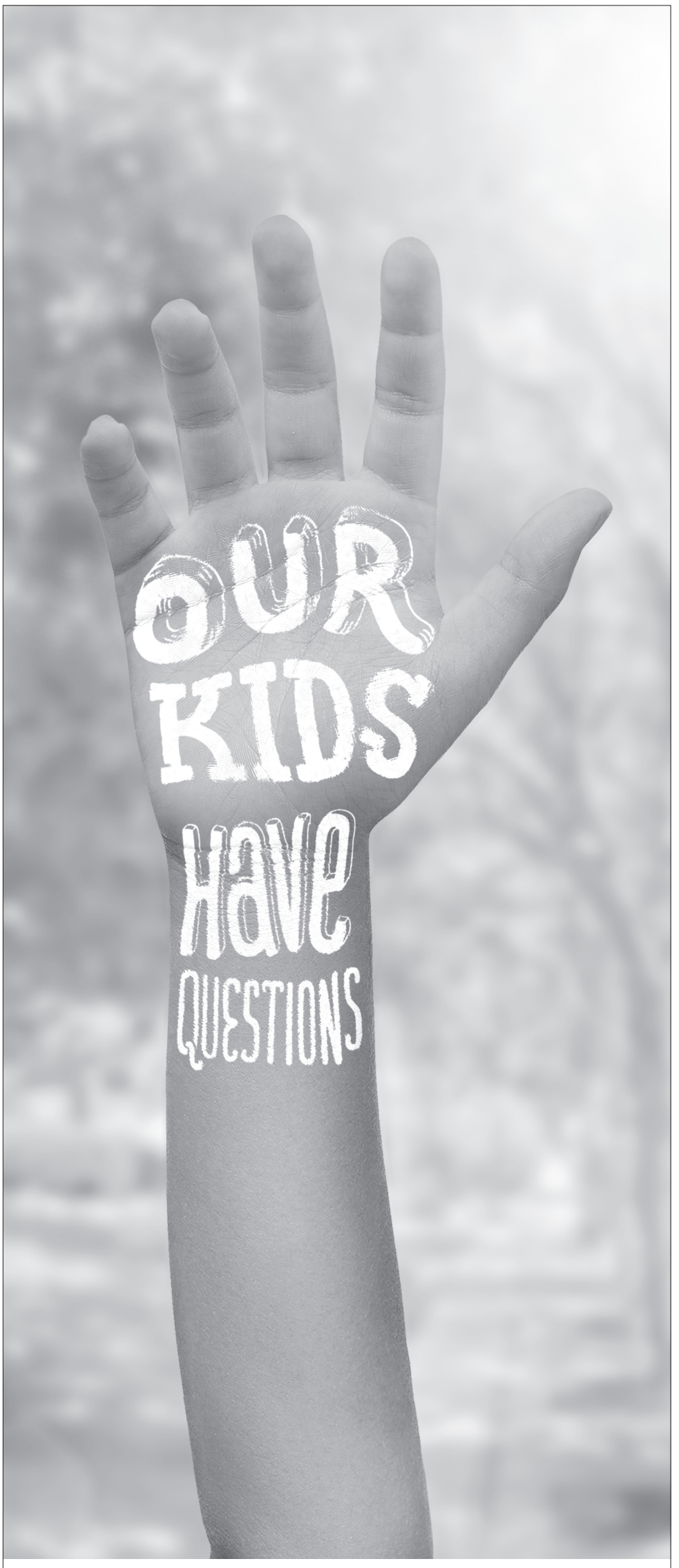

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Goodbye to a grocer, hello to the 2015 IPM

In a small rural village, the true characters most often come to the forefront.

They exist everywhere, but can often be hidden by the bright lights in a big city. In Winchester, however, there have been almost too many to count.

In its earliest days, the village had Aaron Sweet. Afterward, as the generations passed, along came the likes of Sam Ault, Frank Morgan, and Joel Steele, among others.

On Sat., Sept 19, the community helped to add another name — Andy Hamel — to the growing list of achievers that have helped Winchester through good times and bad.

While it was sometimes rude, and even crude, the celebration showed, if nothing else, that Hamel was a well-connected businessman who acquired many friends along the way.

For many, it seemed almost untrue that 30 years could have blown by as quickly as it did. But, it is true, and as the story goes, all good things must come to an end.

Gone will be the charity-minded Hamel, and the countless initiatives he supported through the years.

But, the memories remain. Those in attendance to send him off, though, chose not to end the chapter with a period, but instead will use an ellipsis. This allows for a momentary pause.

Hamel's story in Winchester may be ending, but it is the very stories he has been a part of that will live on long after he is gone.

No doubt, he is owed a great amount of thanks for all he has done.

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Does anyone know what this 2015 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is all about?

Kidding.

It is only the largest agricultural celebration to hit Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, or more specifically, Finch, since the 1958 event near Crysler.

Hundreds of thousands are expected to descend on the region throughout the five day shindig, which kicked-off Tues., Sept. 22.

The weather forecast looks wonderful for each day of the celebration, and all would be wise to soak in the fun and see what the site has to offer.

Let's bask in the glow.

Remember when…

1925

"It is returns from the first three months operation of gasoline tax that has given the people of Ontario an estimate of the amount of money spent in a season or in a year," the *Winchester Press* reported. "The first three months yielded the government a revenue of $250,000, which means about $3 million had been spent by car owners for automotive power."

1935

This week's edition reported a visit of 12 British education directors who were touring Canada. They made a stop in Winchester to deliver a flag from its namesake in England: "Winchester is honoured in receiving a flag from the historic city of Winchester, England, after which place this village was named. This mark of cordial friendship on the part of the authorities of the English city is a most gracious gesture."

1945

"If a man meets a woman on the street and walks with her, should he continue to smoke his cigar or cigarette?" This was one of the questions in this week's modern etiquette column. The reply? "No. He should throw it away, or at least hold it between his fingers without smoking."

1955

"The [newly formed Williamsburg planning] board is going to go right ahead with plans to have an aerial survey made of the town, new streets mapped out, town limits marked, and other necessary features that must be carried out if expansion is to materialize," the *Press* said. "Interest in town planning has been stimulated by the start of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project, and the great potential growth which Eastern Ontario can expect in the wake of this development."

1965

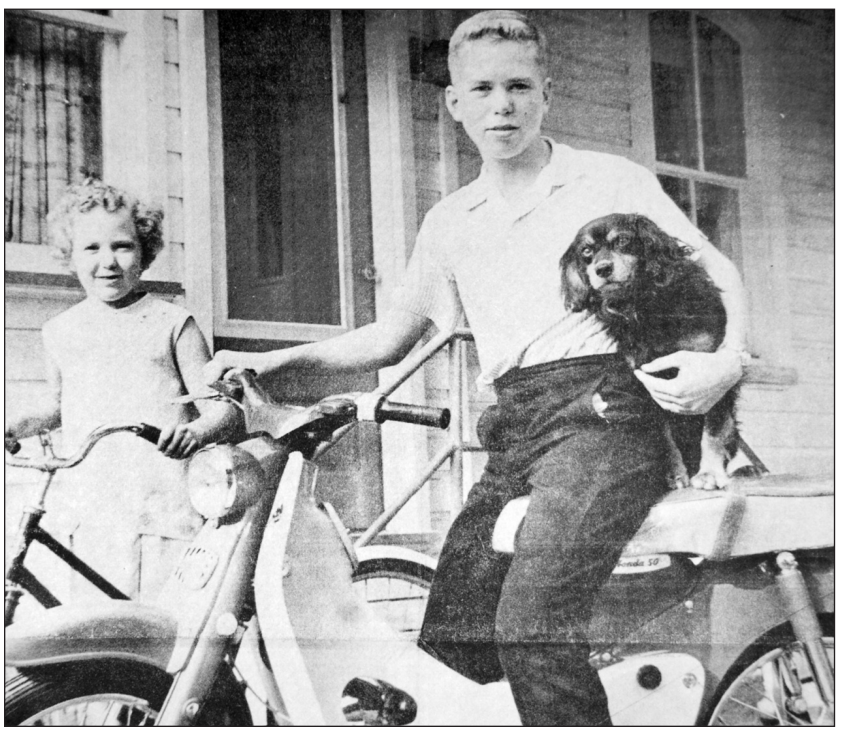
"Tentative approval for the proposed addition and alterations to the Iroquois High School enabling it to serve the entire South Dundas area have been received by the department of education," the *Press* reported. "The plans were approved… Architect M.A. Thompson will prepare sketch drawings of the large educational project." The new composite school was to be built to house 930 students.

1975

"Winchester Village council met… to review complaints concerning enforcement of the *Lord's Day Act*. Complaints had been registered following a weekend sale at the community centre conducted by two local business firms. It is understood those opposing such business transactions on Sunday also contacted the [police], and requested that charges be laid," the *Press* said. Council passed a bylaw against conducting business on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday.

1985

"Mountain Township firefighters found they had to battle more than a fire last Friday night," the *Press* reported. "A house owned by John Spruit was on fire, but the firefighters spent several minutes trying to get through a knot of cars that had gathered to watch the blaze. The house was lost, but no one was injured."



This week in 1965, Wendy (left) and Larry Earl of Winchester were pictured: "Fourteen-year-old Larry won the Honda bike in a contest, where he had to create names for the two riders pictured on the Honda. 'First Place Joe' and 'Tail End Moe' won Larry the bike, but there [seemed] to be no way that 'Johnny Law' [could] be convinced to let Larry ride his bike before reaching the legal age of 16."

1995

"Prominent area publisher dies," was one of the headlines on this week's front page, as the *Press* paid tribute to Morrisburg's Art Laurin, publisher and editor of the *Morrisburg Leader*.

2005

Valerie Flowers was pictured on the front page this week, as she supervised 12 from the Winchester United Church Youth Group at Mountain Orchards.

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Tonight is a wonderful night...



From the Other Side

by Jeff Morris

I stood there on a recent Friday night, staring at the bright lights of the midway and watching the kids have fun.

I couldn't help but think back to when I was 11. Doing the math, since I am "forty-leven" now, that would be 40 years ago. I was a bit of a misfit kid who lived a mile or two outside of town in the Greater Prescott Ruralplex. There was one thing that we all looked forward to every year – the Spencerville Fair.

As I watched the kids, I couldn't help but go back in time and remember going back and having fun at the same spot they were that night. They ran from midway game to midway game, and stood in line for rides and got excited about the chance to see giant pumpkins.

As I held the Diva's hand and we both smiled at their excitement, I started to do a mental tale-of-the-tape and compare the Spencerville Fair in 1975 to the Spencerville Fair of 2015.

In 1975, April Wine had just released their breakthrough double platinum album *Stand Back* with their monster hit song "Tonight is a Wonderful Night to Fall in Love."

This year, April Wine was playing the Spencerville Fair. Original lead guitarist and vocalist Myles Goodwin is still with the band, 46 years after it was formed. As April Wine played in the tent, I started changing the words in my head. "Tonight is a wonderful night, to fall and I can't get up."

Seeing as I had just been harpooned with a cortisone injection for my hip, I probably shouldn't say anything about the band needing walkers.

We walked around the country craft market. In 1975, my favourite TV show was *Green Acres*. It was a sitcom that featured a guy from the country meeting a glamorous and beautiful woman from the city and bringing her back home, where she didn't quite fit in. At the 2015 Spencerville Fair, as I looked in the Diva's eyes, I realized that I was right smack dab in the middle of my own personal *Green Acres* episode.

At the craft fair, Rob, who is 15 and still getting used to how cool it is to be 6'1", was chatting with a blue-haired chick who sold medieval armour and swords. In 1975, I was afraid of chicks with blue hair. Today, I'm afraid of chicks with blue hair.

"Kids, run some interference and get your brother out of there!"

We escaped.

In 1975, I was also afraid of carnies. I would quiver as I timidly approached a ride or a game. I think my mom tried to calm me down by telling me that she had cousins who were carnies and maybe they were there. It didn't calm me down. In fact, it made me afraid of my mom's cousins. I was even more terrified that they might be there.

Friday, the carnies were chirping at me to throw darts at balloons or to shoot a stream of water into a plastic clown's mouth. I'm not doing that. I'm even more afraid of clowns than I am of carnies.

At the 1975 Spencerville Fair, I eventually built up my courage to make eye contact with the carnie and hand him a quarter so that I could play Whack-a-Mole. I sucked. I wanted to win a toy and I couldn't win. I'm good at sports and I have good reflexes. Why can't I ever win at this game? Whack-a-Mole guy kept encouraging. "It's only a quarter. I'm sure you'll win this time."

This year, as we walked by the game and the kids gave me that "Can we play?" look, I worked hard to look up and make eye contact with the carnie. He looked at me. No, he looked through me. He read me like a cheap *US Weekly* article on the Kardashians. "You can win this," he said, sensing that my self-esteem was plummeting like the Canadian dollar. "It's only a toonie."

Who was this, Son of Whack-a-Mole guy? Is there a Whack-a-Mole carnie website with a sucker page that still has me on it from 1975? I looked around. There were nine people playing. I figured I could beat all the kids and that the other adult playing was a nerd. I'm a better athlete than I was in 1975. I took my athletic stance and grabbed the hammer. It started. It ended.

I came in seventh. I beat Steven because he wasn't paying attention. I beat the nerd's four-year-old who wasn't tall enough to see or reach the moles.

Seventh.

"Come on, you're just warmed up. Give it another try," encouraged Son of Whack-a-Mole guy. Just as I did in 1975, I walked away from the Whack-A-Mole game. I felt shame. Son of Whack-a-Mole guy, just like Whack-a-Mole guy, was begging for me to come back.

Carnie bastard.

There is nothing better than Spencerville Fair food. We were wallowing in a sea of "disgustinglicious" cotton candy and mini-donuts and pizza slices and chip wagons. The Diva and I opted for a Beaver Tail. Hey, she's a city girl. The Beaver Tail is in her comfort zone.

We left the Spencerville Fair that night wearing big smiles on our faces. I was also wearing a bit of hazelnut spread from my Beaver Tail on my shirt and face. We drove away with that happy feeling – a feeling that, as a kid, the Spencerville Fair gave me every year.

1975.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Abolish media coverage of debates

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor:
After the recent *Globe and Mail* leaders' debate, I asked a friend if they had watched it. Their answer was "No, I am going to read the newspaper articles on it, instead." When I pointed out that the media coverage will only provide whether or not each leader was a good debater, and whether or not their platforms were good, she looked at me shocked.

When I went on to say that the media presents the news, not determines whether it is good or not and that media cannot decide and tell the public what leader won the debate because they had the best platform, but rather the winner would be presented based on whether each leader presented themselves well. (I.e. Calm, informed, and stately.)

Then it dawned on me how truly naïve the Canadian public really is.

Many of the uninformed – the majority of the country – will be determining whether or not to vote for a political party based on the opinion of the newspaper review of the debates.

Truthfully, what they will be getting is Tom Mulcair and Stephen Harper are tied, and Justin Trudeau is slightly less. They will not get that one political party above another addresses their concerns more appropriately, comprehensively, or not at all.

If the media did not cover the debates, Canadians would have to watch them in order to determine – for themselves – the leader that "won the debate." This would be based on who was the better debater, and whose platform was perceived as the best for Canada.

In the interest of all Canadians and the country, all media coverage of debates should be abolished, and citizens will just have to watch them in order to determine who won.

Amanda Million
Lunenburg

No 'justice' with Heelers coverage

The Editor:
I cannot express the disappointment I felt when I saw the article ("Heel 'n Wheel surpasses $50,000 goal") and picture in the Wed., Sept. 16 edition of the *Winchester Press*.

The Winchester Hospital Heelers made a commitment in 2007 to pay for a digital mammography machine at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, and all the patients that go to the medical facility. That commitment was for $500,000, and it was reported that this commitment was surpassed. As you may know, 75 per cent of the funds raised by the Heelers went directly back to the WDMH, but no mention was ever made about the other 25 per cent that was received by the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.

No one seems to realize the number of hours the Heelers committed to making this happen. The meetings, the organizing of events, and the endless weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays spent at the numerous bake sales, garage sales, white elephant sales, barbecues, bingos, or just sitting in front of some store hoping that the generous people going in and out would give a donation. Not to mention their own personal canvassing for support.

I am wondering how many pairs of running shoes, socks, fanny packs, Body Glide cream, moleskin bandages, sunscreen, and rain coats were purchased in order to achieve their end result.

How many walked, biked in the rain and the hot, humid weather for the last eight years ending up with blisters, lost toe nails, and unbearable leg cramps and back aches to meet this goal that benefited Winchester and surrounding area?

In my opinion, you did not do them justice.

Sharon Paquette
Ingleside



Nearing end of family tree

The Editor:
The person and family in question is Clark Hull, who is featured, second from left in the back row, in the photograph of the 1980-1981 Winchester Town Hockey League champions.

The photo was first featured in the *Winchester Press*, Thurs., March 5, 1981.

Hull was born in Ottawa in August 1948, and died Oct. 15, 2003.

He worked at Acres Farm Equipment (1980s) in Winchester. His family members were: father, Calvin Lloyd Hull (1922-1954); mother, Dorothy Elizabeth Young (1921-2004); sisters Jo-Anne, Judy, and Candace; and brother, Robert (1946-2002).

Any information that anyone could provide to help me contact or identify the other siblings would be greatly appreciated.

I can be reached at 613-314-3071 or by email at lhull@sympatico.ca.

Larry Hull
Ottawa

Meddling with tax credits

The Editor:
Stephen Harper's Conservatives are proposing a tax credit for service club memberships. That follows earlier tax credits for volunteer firemen, children's organized sports, and children's organized cultural activities.

These are all very noble and worthy endeavours. But do they need tax credits? Do tax credits make them more worthy than other types of volunteering, community engagement, pick-up ball hockey in the yard, or exploring the forest with your parents?

Tax credits do not increase participation in such endeavours, they merely reward existing behaviour, and buy votes among target audiences.

The Conservatives were supposed to be about small government. These tax credits are simple examples of meddling in private lives, and big government intrusion in individual values and priorities.

How dare Harper tell us where to put our time and money. Where are the Conservatives of small government and personal freedom?

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Something 'incredible' promised by magician

WINCHESTER – He calls himself a "thrillusionist," and he's coming to the Old Town Hall. Michael Bourada will be bringing his act to the venerable Winchester facility Sat., Sept. 26 in what he terms the "perfect family show that will keep you on the edge of your seat."

If you don't believe in magic, spend a day with Bourada, and he'll change your mind. A full-time performer, he has more than 18 years of professional experience.

Forget the tails, top hats and capes, he says, as Bourada's show is "not your traditional magic show."

"[It's] an energized, exciting, and hilarious performance sure to amaze," he added.

As well, Bourada said he presents original, cutting-edge magic, and the most state of the art illusions in Canada today. With this, he incorporates interactive segments, giving audience members a chance to experience magic firsthand.

He is from Ottawa, which makes the Winchester show all the more special for Bourada. While he has taken his show nationwide, getting an opportunity to perform publically in a community neighbouring the city is something he is looking forward to.

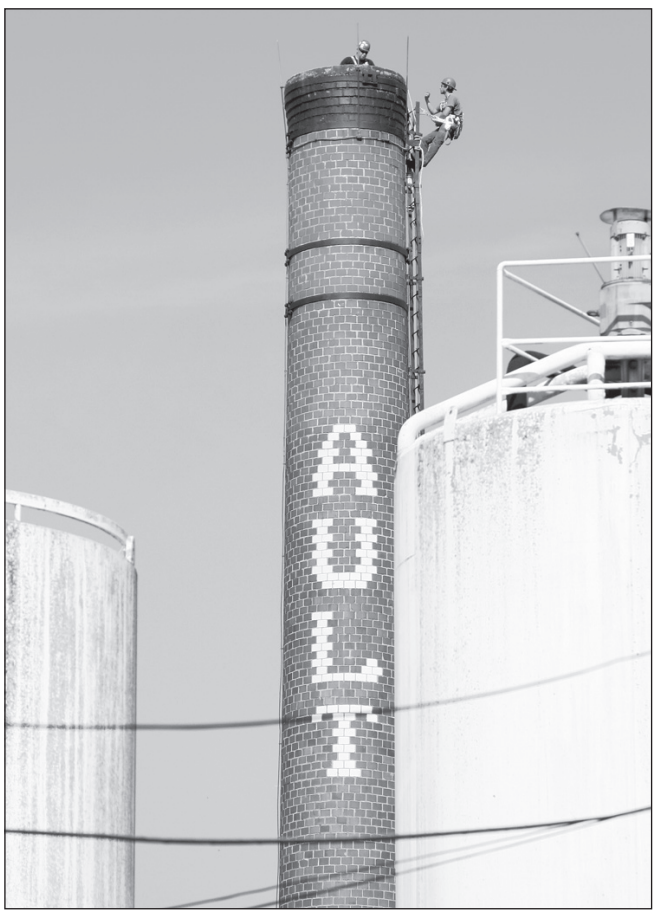
"Expect something incredible," he said.

Tickets are $10 for kids and $12 for adults, or $40 for a group of four. They can be purchased online (www.livemagic.ca/tickets) or at Agora.

Entrance passes, while also available at the door, are subject to availability. Shows are set for 1 and 3 pm.



Ottawa-based "thrillusionist" Michael Bourada is bringing his stage show to Winchester's Old Town Hall Sat., Sept. 26.



Brick by brick

High above Winchester Wed., Sept. 16 two workers perched themselves atop the old steam stack on the Parmalat property. Emblazoned with the Ault name, the stack is a significant piece of village history. At its peak, the chimney was being inspected, which was all part of the typically bustling factory's annual electrical shutdown and preventative maintenance day. It is, according to plant manager Stephen Wilson, the only day Parmalat is completely non-operational. The stack, meanwhile, remains in daily use. *Press Photo – Uhrig*

Longtime nurse closes book on 41-year career

WINCHESTER – It's cliché, but Janice Banford says she can remember her first day at Winchester District Memorial Hospital "like it was yesterday."

"I remember everything about it," she added. "Miss Legris was the director of nursing, and she offered me a job right after training placement."

Forty-one years after her first shift, Banford has called it a career.

She always wanted a job where she worked with people, and was inspired, in part, by her grandmother to go into nursing. "She was in a nursing home for 10 years, [and] when I visited her, I was always impressed with those who cared for her."

Banford ultimately graduated from the Cornwall Regional Nursing School.

Although she spent the entirety of her career at the village medical facility, Banford held several roles. She worked on the medical/surgical unit, was nurse manager, and was a discharge planner.



Janice Banford

Since 2003, Banford has been responsible for infection control, and employee health services.

"Janice has played a key role in helping our care teams provide quality care," Lynn Hall, senior vice-president of clinical services, said. "Her commitment to stringent infection control practice has ensured a safe environment for patients and families."

NDDHS Notes

by Patricia Barlow



School spirit starting to soar

MAPLE RIDGE – We had a busy week at North Dundas District High School. There were a variety of fun events for students and staff.

On Wed., Sept. 16, student council held its very first Smoothie September fundraiser. Students enjoyed delicious smoothies for $2. Due to the success of the event, members will be selling smoothies again today, (Wed., Sept. 23) at lunch. With three delicious flavours, it won't disappoint.

The very first spirit day of the year was "Wear Your House Colour Day." Students showed great enthusiasm for their team, and there was a massive amount of participation. So far, Athens (Team White) is in first place, followed by Moscow (Team Blue) in second, Rome (Team Green) in third, and Beijing (Team Red) in fourth.

Pledge forms for the annual Terry Fox Walk and Run will be available at lunch for all students (Grades 7 to 12).

Link Crew leaders are working hard to organize this amazing event, which will be taking place on Wed., Sept. 30 during Block D.

As we head into autumn, students can expect even more awesome activities.

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At left: *Smyth's Apple Orchard owner Dean Beckstead (left) said that Stanford Lalor, who is in his 13th year as a seasonal worker at the orchard, has become his "right-hand man." According to Beckstead, without the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program, it would not be viable to keep his 100-acre orchard open. Lalor earns better wages than he ever could in Jamaica. He stays onsite and works at the orchard from mid-March to the end of October.*

Press Photo – Gosselin

Ontario fruit, vegetable farms remain viable by bringing in seasonal labour

by Alicia K. Gosselin
Press staff

DUNDELA – As the air gets crisp and the leaves change colour, it only takes one crunch into a locally grown McIntosh apple to truly signal the start of the fall season.

But if it weren't for almost 17,000 seasonal workers placed to work at Ontario farms this past summer, that homegrown harvest snack may not be a reality.

For nearly 50 years, eligible workers from Mexico and the Caribbean have been placed at farms throughout the province during the growing season as a supplement to local labour under the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP).

This year, the program hit a record high, with nearly 1,500 farms benefitting from the extra hands.

"The bottom line is, without the [seasonal] workers, there would be no local orchards or fruits," said Dean Beckstead, owner of Smyth's Apple Orchard near Dundela. "Not everyone realizes this is a seven-day-a-week job, and it's almost impossible to find local help that will stick it out. Intensive labour is what it is."

Through SAWP, the province's fruit and vegetable industries have been able to remain viable in the face of critical shortages regarding suitable and available Canadian agricultural workers.

With more than 100 acres and 30,000 apple trees to tend to each growing season, Beckstead and his wife, Nikki, usually have about 15 Jamaican workers living and working onsite during peak season. This year, due to the smaller than average crop, they managed with 12.

As soon as the program was established in 1966, the fifth-generation apple orchard needed seasonal labourers to supplement the manual work.

"If anybody could invent a machine to pick a piece of fruit off a tree with the right colour, size, and no bruises, they'd be a billionaire," he said.

The workers, often on return contracts, aid the orchard operation from mid-March until the end of October. Sometimes Beckstead hires more, sometimes less – it all depends on the size of the year's crop, as well as how many local labourers they are able to acquire first.

Because SAWP is a "Canadians first" program, supplementary seasonal farm labour is hired from other countries (Mexico, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad/Tobago and the Eastern Caribbean States) only if agricultural operators cannot find domestic workers to fill vacancies.

Each year, the Becksteads look for local help by posting job advertisements on the government website, in local newspapers, and on job boards. They must prove they tried to find local labour before they are eligible for SAWP. Most of the time, the responses they get are from those who are "unqualified" for the job, or who live too far to make it possible, said Beckstead. In any case, the Becksteads are consistently unable to rely on finding enough local help each season to fill the massive gap at their growing orchard.

"We don't do it because we want to, we do it because we have to," said Beckstead on securing workers through the program. "If I have 10 offshore labourers, I would need 30 Canadians to try to do the same job that they do. They're reliable, they're here seven days a week, they're here to make money, and a better life for themselves back home."

Workers are paid minimum wage, but often opt to return on repeat contracts because they can earn up to five times more than they could in their own countries.

"The more hours the better," said Stanford Lalor, who is in his 13th season working at Beckstead's orchard. "Number one, I'm here to work. There are limited amount of jobs in my area. This was an opportunity to do more."

Back home, Lalor was a construction worker by trade. But with the lack of opportunities in St. Catherine, Jamaica, he was motivated to apply for SAWP. According to Lalor, he can earn more money in one week of farming than his stepson does in a month as a police officer in Jamaica.

The better wages enable workers to support their families, educate their children, and buy and operate businesses and farms in their own countries.

"Governments and agricultural organizations around the world are looking at this program as a model," said Ken Forth, president of Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (FARMS), which administers the program.

According to Forth, not only does SAWP benefit Ontario farmers and workers, it also benefits the province's overall economy by creating at least two jobs for Canadians in the agri-food industry for every seasonal agricultural worker employed through SAWP.

"Ontario farmers pay the highest farm worker wages in North America and face intense competition from low-wage competitors," Forth said. "Without this program, many Ontario farmers simply couldn't continue to grow fruits and vegetables. They'd stop growing altogether or move into less labour-intensive crops."

Phil Lyall and his wife, Shelley, owners of Mountain Orchards, were a few of the many farmers forced to downsize their crop due to a lack of local workers. Although at one point their apple orchard spanned 50 acres, it came to a point where they couldn't handle the size of the operation anymore without extra help. It was shortly after they bought the orchard in the 1980s that they decided to cut the orchard in half – to 25 acres – instead of hiring offshore labourers.

"We had to decide if we wanted to keep the level we were at and hire offshore labourers, or downsize to something we could handle," said Lyall. "If you're going to grow any kind of large fruit crop, [the program] is essential. People don't want to do that kind of manual work anymore. It's low paying, and you almost can't afford to pay them."

Although this year has been a tough one for apple orchards across the region (due to May's frost), Smyth's Apple Orchard continues to survive the unpredictability of business with the help of some international friends.

According to Beckstead, if it weren't for the program, his orchard would never have survived as long as it has.

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Zoey Van Hoof (left), Jerry Gibson, and Donald Van Hoof hit the road during the Williamsburg Harvest Festival to collect donations and "Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy."



At left: *It was up to "The Assassins" – Adam Lapier, Griffin Patterson, and Oakley Beavers – to make it to the outhouse race finish line.*

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At left: *Cheryl (left) and Cailie Servais offered an open-house style informational booth about services at the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry County Library.*



An entourage of vintage cars driven by members of the Golden Gears Car Club made their way through the Harvest Parade.



The 1st Williamsburg Baden Powell Scouts Council was one of the first groups to march through the annual Harvest Parade.



Tenley Hogeveen took the third-place prize for her submission "Flower Power" at the decorated bicycle contest at Whitteker Meat Market Sat., Sept. 19. In total, there were eight contestants, with first place going to Benjamin Vreman, and second place to Hannah Tasker.

Harvest Festival 'falls' into place

WILLIAMSBURG – Village streets came alive during the 24th annual Williamsburg Harvest Festival Fri., Sept. 18 and Sat., Sept. 19, where young and old celebrated the coming of autumn with family activities, harvest-themed contests, and exhibitions.

It was the first year that the festival hosted a euchre tournament instead of a barn dance, but familiar favourites – including the outhouse races and the Harvest Parade – were hosted in town for families to enjoy free of charge.

David Lapier, head organizer for the event, said that the festival wouldn't be possible without the countless volunteers who have been putting their time into the event for many years.

"It's fun to be a part of," said Debbie Disheau, a longtime volunteer and co-organizer of the outhouse races. "As long as the weather cooperates – it was looking cloudy [Saturday morning], but it turned out to be a great day."

Some of this year's activities included a children's movie night, wagon rides, and the South Dundas Fire and Emergency Services softball game on Friday, with pony rides by Big Sky Ranch, the seventh annual Allan Doherty Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, laser tag, water games, and a remote control plane demo on Saturday.

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Winchester Hawks rip Rideaus 8-3 in first win of season

WINCHESTER – Four games into the 2015-2016 Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2 (CCHL2) season, the Winchester Hawks are about to skate on home ice at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

Friday (Sept. 25) evening at 8:15 pm the puck will drop between the hometown Hawks and the Renfrew Timberwolves (3-1-0-0) who share second place in the Richardson Division with the Stittsville Royals (3-1-0-0) and Westport Rideaus (3-2-0-0), all having collected six points.

Open at home against Renfrew

The Hawks (1-1-0-2) got the monkey off their backs last week when they finally scored some goals and were able to collect three of a possible four points. They opened the CCHL2 campaign being shutout in a 1-0 shootout by the Stittsville Royals before being blanked 3-0 by the Ottawa West Golden Knights.

As far as Winchester general manager Craig "JB" Smith was concerned, the Hawks offence would come to life.

"You have to remember we have nine new forwards, so once they get to know each other they will score," said Smith.

And score they did.

Last Thursday (Sept. 17) in Ottawa, they cashed six goals on the Golden Knights before losing 7-6 in a shootout.

Friday (Sept. 18), the Hawks went into Westport and scorched the Rideaus 8-3, cracking four third-period markers.

First win

Logan Gauthier, who tended nets for the Akwesasne Wolves last year, got the start in Westport and stopped 30 of 33 shots for the win.

Veteran defenceman Bryden van Kessel led the Hawks offence netting one marker and setting up four scoring plays. JD Samson and former Floridian Niko Roy each potted a pair of goals.

Samson (Franco Gagnon at 5:47) and former Akwesasne forward Isaac Barr (Kris Johnson, Andy Clark at 10:13) established a 2-0 first-period lead for Winchester.

Roy (Joey Driscoll, van Kessel at 16:15) and Driscoll (van Kessel, Tanner Schroeder at 18:38) helped the Hawks establish a 4-2 lead in the second stanza.

Roy (van Kessel at 3:04), Schroeder (Josh Kurish at 7:03), Samson (van Kessel at 11:03) and van Kessel (unassisted at 14:21) pounded in pucks in the final frame securing the 8-3 victory.

Inkerman's Dawson Fawcett (2-4-6) set up one of the Westport goals.

Winchester's top two point producers are van Kessel (2-4-6) and Shawn Simms (3-1-4).

Knights 7 – Hawks 6 SO

Goals by Gagnon (Simms at 0:29) and Simms (Samson van Kessel at 0:46) in the first minute of period three staked Winchester to a 6-4 lead. Unfortunately for the Hawks, the Golden Knights sent it extra time on shots fired by Luke Mulvihill (6:20) and Andre Giordano (13:27).

Jack Kilrea won it in the shootout. Simms, van Kessel and Gagnon weren't able to score.

Simms (3-1-4), Gagnon (2-0-2), Samson (0-2-2), Michael Monette (1-0-1), van Kessel (0-1-1), Roy (0-1-1), Schroeder (0-1-1), Dillon Clemen (0-1-1), Barr (0-1-1) and David Ouellette (0-1-1) produced Winchester's offence.

Register now for annual WCC Swing and Sweep

WINCHESTER – It is the first event of the Winchester Curling Club's (WCC) 88th season and the time to register for the annual Swing and Sweep is now.

The registration deadline is this Saturday (Sept. 26) and you can join the fun by contacting Marc LeBlanc at 613-852-1047 or email mleblancwinchester@gmail.com.

The event is open to all combination of four-member teams - men, ladies, mixed or juniors. Non-swingers and non-sweepers are invited, but the same four people must curl and golf. The cost is $50 per player and includes supper and prizes. Guests are welcome for supper at a cost of $15 (please give advanced notice).

There will be eight ends of curling at the WCC and nine holes of golf played at Cedar Glen Golf Course.



Passing grade

The North Dundas District High School girls 7s rugby team began preparing for the 2015 season on Monday (Sept. 21). The school's athletic director Deanna Corbett-White ran the girls through various training exercises and passing drills. Julia Gibson (left), Jess Harrison, Frankie Moss-Nafekh (pink), Olivia Gibson, Payton Halpenny and Victoria Borgia worked in pairs perfecting their ball handling skills. Scott Reaney is coaching the squad again this year. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Undefeated in exhibition games

Rockets blast through pre-season

MORRISBURG – Unassisted first-period goals by Sheldon Holmes and Ryan Romans were all the North Dundas Rockets needed to down the Morrisburg Lions 2-1 and complete their exhibition schedule undefeated.

North Dundas opened its pre-season in Winchester where they knocked off the Cumberland Bandits 6-4 on Sun., Sept. 13, and thrashed the Morrisburg Lions 11-1 last Thursday (Sept. 17). Saturday (Sept. 19) they were in the home of the Bandits and doubled them 4-2. Sunday (Sept. 20), the Rockets were in the Lions den in Morrisburg and posted that 2-1 decision.

North Dundas head coach and general manager Robyn Sadler acknowledged his team's record and is hoping it translates into regular season success.

"We are looking to win, not just to be competitive," he explained. "The base we have to start the year is excellent. Adding a couple of more pieces in the coming months will be the focus."

Sadler feels the Rockets discipline has been impressive and led to success on the power play.

"We, as a coaching staff, are firmly entrenched, and are preaching a 'Team before Temper' mentality that demands discipline and no fighting," added the coach. "Our goal is to beat teams on the scoreboard and be the least penalized team in the league."

Sadler says this year's roster is all but set but won't be reveled until just before the National Capital Junior Hockey League's Opening Showcase, scheduled for Saturday (Sept. 26) in Gatineau. The coach did point out that there are 14 local players on this year' squad.

The Vankleek Hill Cougars will face North Dundas at 2:30 pm while the Morrisburg Lions take on the Cumberland Bandits at 5:30 pm. All 10 teams will be in action on Saturday at the Robert Guertin Arena.

Special opening

The Rockets first league game at the Chesterville Arena is set for Sat., Oct. 10 when the Embrun Panthers will pay a visit.

A special opening ceremony and presentation will take place on Sat., Oct. 17. Five members of the Hockey Hall of Fame Inkerman Rockets, Denzil Crowder, Edwin and Erwin Duncan, Leo Boivin and Percy Armstrong will be introduced and presented replica Inkerman jerseys. Rob Raistrick of Barrhaven Source for Sports is sponsoring the event. The Gatineau-Hull Volant will provide the opposition that evening. Game time is 7:50 pm.

"I want to thank all of the volunteers and the executive who helped us over the past two weeks," said Sadler. "Without them, the camp would not have been a success."

SCORING STATS

Rockets 11 – Morrisburg 1

Justin Rutley (1-3-4), Brandon Mullin (2-1-3), Owen Salmon (1-2-3), Owen Bourgeois (2-0-2), Ryan Romans (2-0-2), Josh Hanson (1-1-2), Harry Wyss (0-2-2), Kyle MacDonald (1-0-1), Dylan Marshall (0-1-1), Toby Mullin (0-1-1), Tyson Sherrer (0-1-1), Sheldon Holmes (0-1-1).

Rockets 4 – Bandits 2

Justin Rutley (2-0-2), Brandon Mullin (1-1-2), Kyle MacDonald (1-1-2), Steven Savage (0-1-1), Dylan Marshall (0-1-1).

Rockets 2 – Lions 1

Sheldon Holmes (1-0-1) and Ryan Romans (0-1-1).



Centre Ryan Romans was in the Morrisburg goal crease on every shift of last Thursday's (Sept. 17) National Capital Junior Hockey League exhibition game at the Joel Steele Community Centre. A member of the 2014-2015 Gill Cup champion Prescott Jr. "B" Flyers and former North Dundas Major Midget Demons, Romans netted four goals and added an assist, helping the North Dundas Rockets win all four of their exhibition games. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Expos end Sox season, win series 5-1

WINCHESTER – Lefty Dave Barnes baffled the Winchester hitters and hurled the Ottawa Expos to a 7-3, series-clinching victory against the hometown Sox.

Barnes held the Sox to three runs on eight hits. He walked one, struck out nine and stranded five Winchester runners in last Thursday's (Sept. 17) 7-3 win, which clinched the National Capital Baseball League Tier 2 four point, semi-final series 5-1 for the Expos.

Game one of the series ended in a 5-5 tie. Game two went to the Expos who rallied late for a 12-11 decision, which gave them a 3-1 series lead. The Expos (14-9-1), who finished third will now challenge the pennant-winning Sweat Sox (15-9-0) for the Tier 2 championship.

Game over

The final game was scoreless through the first two frames. Winchester put two men on in the bottom of the first when Nik Paas and Ryan Clarke hit back-to-back singles with two out, but couldn't cash them.

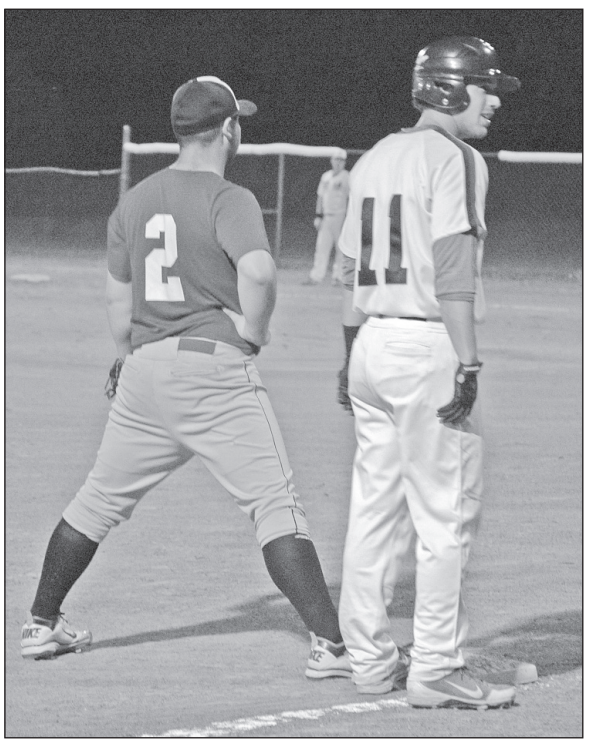
Back-to-back singles gave the Expos a 1-0 lead in the top of the third and they held that advantage until they plated two in the top of the sixth.

Winchester worked its way back into the game in the bottom of that frame when Chris Hart (1B) and Paas (BB) touched home, closing the gap to 3-2.

A one-out infield error ignited the Expos four-run seventh. A walk, a double, a hit batter and another two-bagger all scored, blowing open a 7-2 lead.

Dominic Plaschy would be the last member of the Sox to cross home plate. He singled, stole second base and scored on a Cam Shaw base hit, cutting his team's final, season-ending deficit to 7-3.

Clarke worked with catcher Matt Ware and pitched a complete game allowing seven runs on eight hits. He hit one batter, walked five, struck out five and stranded seven Expos.



Take a lead?

Expos runner Scott Adams (No. 11) took instructions from his third-base coach during the seventh inning of last week's (Thurs., Sept. 17) National Capital Baseball League semi-final game. Adams scored twice in the final two frames helping Ottawa defeat the Winchester Sox 7-3 and win the Tier 2 four-point, semi-final series 5-1. Winchester third baseman Ethan Nodwell (No. 2) waited for play to resume. *Press Photo – Van Bridger*

Game on!

WTHL season underway

WINCHESTER – Two games are in the books and they marked the official start of the 2015-2016 Winchester Town Hockey League (WTHL) season.

Last night (Tues., Sept. 22) the first twin bill was played at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Dean Byvelds' Bush Leaguers tangled with Justin "Footer" Morozuk and the Chesterville Maulers in the early (8:30 pm) match. Rob Thurler's Thunder then met Nik Paas and the B&C Masonry Red Roosters in the 9:40 pm tilt.

For the second consecutive season, the WTHL will interlock with Kemptville's North Grenville Industrial Hockey League. The Winchester – Kemptville games will be played back-to-back beginning in Winchester on Tues., Oct. 6 and in Kemptville on Wed., Oct. 7. There will be four such double headers and the two championship teams will eventually meet in the Hwy 43 Challenge Cup championship game.

Byvelds' Bush Leaguers, last year's WTHL regular season and Melvin Cup champions, captured the Hwy 43 Cup in last year's sudden-death showdown in Kemptville.

New rosters

Chesterville Maulers: captain - Justin Morozuk, goaltender – Matt Larabie, Derek Crawford, Blair McMillan, Derek Vingerhoeds, Tyler Jones, Chris Embury, Corey Brown, Scott Baldwin, Derek Miles, Travis Leach and Matt Baker.

Red Roosters: captain - Nik Paas, goaltender - Colin Ion, Travis Rowe, Ray Smegal, Alex Krumins, Brandon Buma, Dwyer Penk, Clayton Kohn, Trevor Morozuk, James Gilmer, Kyle Pelkey, Ben Walkowiak and Chris Currie.

Bush Leaguers: captain – Dean Byvelds, goaltender – Chase Beaudry, Steve Cameron, Trevor Gilmer, Christian Piquette, Travis Froats, Matt Van Delst, Brad Bingley, Kyle Gaskin, Bill McRoberts, Jamie Wyatt and Kyle Dearing.

Thurler's Thunder: captain - Rob Thurler, goaltender – Jesse Whyte, James Kirkwood, Adam Schofield, Michel Thurler, Dustin Tinkler, Pete Klein-Swormink, Mitch Shay, Kyle Sobering, Tyler Brown, Phil Duncan and Colton Stitt.

Mullin brothers recorded best score in Dundas Fastball golf tournament

BOUCKS HILL – Bill "Moon" Mullin, Bruce and Randy Mullin and Dave McIntosh formed the winning combination and posted an 11-under par score to claim top prize in the 2015 Dundas Fastball Reunion Golf Tournament.

The Mullin squad from Iroquois was part of a field of more than 80 golfers who took part in the 16th annual event staged last Friday (Sept. 18) at Cedar Glen Golf Course.

"Big" Doug Casselman, Bill Hogaboam, Mike "Farm" Armstrong, Dave "Cob" Guy, Dan Hogaboam, Gerry Morrell, Jim Morrell, Barry "Fitz" Casselman, Rob Casselman, "Moon" Mullin, Ted Smith, Jim Martel and "Tubby" Rae Casselman were some of the former Williamsburg Pioneers who attended the event.

The longest drives were cranked out by Gatineau's J.S. Rioux (No. 14) and Cornwall's Jim Martell (No. 7).

Jamie Smith (No. 9), George Rylands (No. 15) and "Big" Doug Casselman (No. 6) claimed the closest-to-the-pin prizes.

The day's other winners included Ronnie Patterson (Cardinal), Peter Onstein (Domville), Babe Boivin (Gatineau) and Mike Ruggierio (Cornwall).

Organizer Dennis Casselman reported that participants came from as far away as Montreal and Gatineau and added former league executive Jack Higgins of Kemptville was also in attendance.

Gerry Morrell was the event's MC.

Cops and robbers unite for charity

BOUCKS HILL – The criminals played nice with the police earlier this month.

It was during the 33rd annual Cops and Robbers Golf Tournament the supposed good and bad joined forces for a noble cause.

The event took place at Boucks Hill's Cedar Glen Golf Course, and provides local police officers an opportunity to liaise with members of the public.

Two cops were paired with two robbers during the round of golf with more than 60 participants taking part.

With support from several businesses, sponsors, golfers and volunteers, this year's tournament raised $930.

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Leclair, Norris capture Merv Coons Memorial Trophy



Memorial winners

The team of Jeff Leclair and Blair Norris captured the Merv Coons Memorial Trophy as winners of the Sandy Row Golf Course's 2015 2-Man Scramble. Cory Coons (left), Leighann Coons, Charleigh Coons (Merv's granddaughter), Shelly Coons, Jeff Leclair, Blair Norris and Paul Casselman took part in the presentation on Sat., Sept. 12.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Jeff Leclair and Blair Norris claimed the Merv Coons Memorial Trophy playing in the 2-Man Scramble at Sandy Row Golf Course.

The final Men's League function of 2015 was held on Sat., Sept. 12. The team of Pat and Dan Norris finished second in the hunt for the trophy named in memory of the late owner of the Sandy Row Road course.

Played throughout the season, the two-man elimination was won by the combination of John Lamoureux and Archie Mellan. Shawn Lapier and Glen Swerdfeger were the runners up.

The other scramble winners were Greg Erwin and Bill Shaver, who were followed by Jim Scott and Roger Francis.

Kevin Boyd claimed the prize for the most wins on the par three No. 4 and No. 7 holes.

League winners

This year's Men's League champions are: "A" class – Tony Eyre; "B" class – Jerrold Boulanger; "C" class – Gord Kelso; and "D" class – Greg Erwin.

The Men's League executive thanked all of the golfers who created the largest membership and made 2015 the most successful season to date.

A special thank you also went out to the many sponsors for their support.

"A very special thanks to Kevin Boyd, who without his dedication and hard work the season wouldn't have been both successful and enjoyable," added executive member Archie Mellan.

MacIntosh cards Men's Night low gross score

News from Cedar Glen

BOUCKS HILL – Lonnie MacIntosh's name appeared on the top of the "A" class leader board following the tabulations of the Cedar Glen Men's Night numbers.

MacIntosh shot a low gross 36 and finished one stroke up on James Morrell, who posted a 37. Gary Lafave recorded a low net 31.

Syd Bird (No. 6) and Tim McRae (No. 9) were the most accurate shooters.

Jeff Whitteker pounded out the longest drive from the No. 2 tee and shot a low gross 36 playing in "B" class. Dave Summers was next best with a 39. Shaler Hill (30) and Lawrence Larocque (32) produced the best low net numbers.

The "C" class winners were Peter Elliott (LG 43), Steve Summers (LG 45), Bruce Kerr (LN 33) and Gary Whitteker (LN 45).

Winston Muir shot a low gross 50 playing in the "D" division.

More winners

A/B skins: Mitch Hutt (2 on No. 4); and Vince Cousineau (1 on No. 6).

C/D skins: Bruce Kerr (4 on No. 1 and 4 on No. 2); Jim Boyd (2 on No. 6); Peter Elliott (4 on No. 7); Brian Williams (4 on No. 8) and Tim McRae (2 on No. 9).

50/50 draw – Mahlon Locke.

Tuesday Night Scramble

Shaler and Cindy Hill recorded the best score playing the Tuesday Night Scramble at Cedar Glen Golf Course.

The Hills carded a low net 22.25 in last week's (Tues., Sept. 15) event while Lyle and Kim Schell (3 on No. 4), Tom Van Dellen and Bill Collins (3 on No. 5) and Allan Casselman and Jordie MacDonald (2 on No. 9) won the skins.

Ladies Night

Sheila Crowder picked up the closet-to-the-pin prize on Ladies Night (Wed., Sept.16) for her leave on No. 6.

The day's prize winners included Cindy Summers, Muriel Whitteker, Lori Emmel, Mary Whitteker, Colette Wrinn and Donna Casselman (50/50 draw).

Week two CCHL2 results and standings

WINCHESTER – Week two of the 2015-2016 CCHL2 schedule resulted in three teams remaining undefeated including the Ottawa West Golden Knights (4-0-0-0), Casselman Vikings (3-0-1-0) and Perth Blue Wings (3-0-0-1).

The Winchester Hawks (1-1-0-1) earned three of a possible four points losing, 7-6 in a shootout to the host Ottawa West Golden Knights last Thursday (Sept. 17) and beating the previously undefeated Rideaus (3-2-0-0) 8-3 in Westport last Friday (Sept. 18).

The Hawks open at home on Friday (Sept. 25) when they will welcome the Renfrew Timberwolves (3-1-0-0) to the Joel Steele Community Centre for an 8:15 pm contest.

Week two

Sept. 15: Westport Rideaus 2 – Ottawa Canadians 0
Sept. 16: Brockville Tikis 4 – Prescott 3 (SO)
Sept. 17: Ottawa West Golden Knights 7 – Winchester Hawks 6 (SO)
Stittsville Royals 7 – Casselman Vikings 6 (OT)
Sept. 18: Arnprior Packers 4 – Perth Blue Wings 3 (SO)
Winchester Hawks 8 – Westport Rideaus 3
Alexandria Glens 5 – Char-Lan 2
Ottawa West 6 – Renfrew Timberwolves 4
Sept. 19: Alexandria 4 – Brockville 2
Renfrew 4 – Prescott 3
Casselman 8 – Char-Lan 3
Sept. 20: Metcalfe Jets 6 – Clarence Beavers 4
Perth 8 – Stittsville 3
Athens Aeros 6 – Westport 3

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Winchester Hawks 1-1-0-2 – 4 pts.
Metcalfe Jets 1-1-0-1 – 3 pts.
Clarence Beavers 1-1-0-1 – 3 pts.
Ottawa Canadians 1-2-0-0 – 2 pts.
Char-Lan Rebels 0-4-0-0 – 0 pts.

Metcalfe Jets win first game, trap Beavers 6-4

CLARENCE CREEK – Josig Rochon pegged a pair and Jake Swan netted the game winner as the Metcalfe Jets upset the hometown Clarence Beavers 6-4.

Sunday's (Sept. 20) decision was the first Central Canada Hockey League Tier 2 (CCHL2) win for the Jets (1-1-0-1) who share fifth place in the Martin Division with the Beavers (1-1-0-1).

Rochon's (Eric Turner, Nick Rowan at 18:23) first goal gave the Jets a 1-0 lead in the opening period.

Second period goals by Cory McCrudden (Simon Martel at 1:46), Rochon (Andrew Burke, Turner at 9:58) and Ryan Lafranchise (Jeremy Barrie, Jonathan Dutrisac at 12:36) opened up a 4-1 lead for the Jets in the sandwich session.

Swan (Barrie, Lafranchise at 2:21) cracked what would prove to be the GWG early in the final frame. Clarence responded with three markers (Zachary Fournier at 4:45, Jordan Baptiste at 6:00 and Dominik Henry at 18:19) and closed the gap to 5-4.

An unassisted empty net tally by Wade Cass with five seconds left in regulation time ensured a 6-4 victory for Metcalfe.

Conor Lahey played 35:18 of the game and stopped 11 of 14 shots for the win. Kenneth Nichol guarded the twine for 24:44 and gave up one goal on 16 shots.

The Jets will travel to Williamstown on Saturday (Sept. 26) where they will take on the winless Char-Lan Rebels (0-4-0-0).

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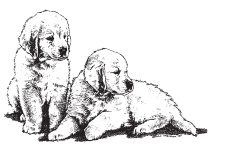

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28-29c

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28-29

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29-30

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29-30c

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23-34

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28-30

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29c

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27-30

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28-31c

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28-29

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29-30

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29-32

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22-30

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Recreation

FOR SALE – 2008 7'x12' United twin axle motorcycle trailer with window. Also has screen for side door. Stored inside. Like new, used for 4 trips. $5,300. 613-543-3427.
29-34

In Memoriam

LITTLE – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Murray, who passed away September 28, 2014.
When a loved one becomes a memory
A memory becomes a treasure.
Treasure the memories.
– Audrey, Gary, Cathy, Greg, Allan and families
29

SUMMERS
In memory of Aunt Doreen, who passed away September 28, 2008 and Uncle Dave, who passed away September 29, 2008.
The memories are as dear today
As in the hour Aunt Doreen and Uncle Dave passed away.
– Loved forever
– Joan, Don, Faye, Scott, Stanley
29

In Memoriam

SUMMERS, Doreen and Dave
In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, who passed away September 28, 2008 and in loving memory of our dear father and grandpa, who passed away September 29, 2008.
Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you're always there.
Never more than a thought away
Loved and remembered every day.
– Ken and Gloria, Dave and Alison, Avery and Jameson, Shannon and Rob, Landon, Ava, Sophia and Brielle
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Coming Events

WINCHESTER LIONS CLUB
515 Albert St., 613-774-2630
BINGO - Monday Nights
HALL RENTALS - 613-774-7078
THRIFT STORE - 613-774-1736
Monday - Friday 9 am-3 pm; Saturday 9 am-12 noon
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27tfc

WINCHESTER SUNDAY MARKET
12 noon-4 pm every Sunday, 100 Club Park. www.winchestersunday.wix.com/market.
14tfc

MOVIE NIGHT
www.moovies.ca
Catch the big screen! **Sat., Oct. 3** in Winchester's Old Town Hall. Listings on website and "North Dundas Theatre" Facebook page. Admission $5. "Loonie" Snack Bar. Sponsored by the North Dundas Movie Committee. **Big screen, small prices.**
29-30c

HARVEST SUPPER
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Thurs., Sept. 24, 5-7 pm, 517 Main St., Winchester. Adults $12, children $6, 5 and under free. Turkey and trimmings, vegetable, salads and homemade desserts. Tickets available at the door. Take-out available for pick-up. Call 613-774-3693 before Sept. 22 for pre-order of take-outs. Call Church on Sept. 24 at 613-774-3333.
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Coming Events

MUSICAL EVENING AND PIPE ORGAN HISTORY, RESTORATION PRESENTATIONS
Sun., Sept. 27, 7 pm at South Mountain United Church. Presentations by Cory Coons and Michelle Arthurs, South Mountain Gospel Singers and Sylvain Brisson. Refreshments to follow. Free will offering.
28-29c

NORTH DUNDAS SCOUTING REGISTRATION
The scouting movement in North Dundas will hold registration combined with regular weekly meetings, twice this month at Winchester Public School. The Otter group (ages 5-7) meets Thursday at 6:30 pm with the first session Sept. 17 and the second Sept. 24. The TimberWolf (ages 8-10) and Explorers (ages 11-14) program will meet Wednesday at 6:30 pm with the first session Sept 16 and the second Sept. 23. Newcomers are welcome at any age. For $120 members get a full uniform including scarf, sash, badges, hat and shirt plus full insurance coverage. For more information, contact Bert Hill at 613-774-2047 or bert7hill@gmail.com.
28-29c

DUNDAS COUNTY PLAYERS THEATRE SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
Will be held on Sun., Sept. 27, 7 pm at the Old Town Hall, 478 Main St., Winchester. All welcome.
29c

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE
The Bookworm Bookstore on King Street in Chesterville will be emptying its shelves during its closing sale Sat., Sept. 26 through Wed., Sept. 30. Store hours 10:30 am-4:30 pm except Sunday, 1:30-6:30 pm. Marion Adams would like to thank all her loyal customers and offer a celebration and greatly reduced pricing as she welcomes you for the last time.
29

HOT LUNCHEON
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Mill Street, Chesterville, Wed., Sept. 30, 11:30 am-1 pm. Menu: Tomato macaroni soup, assorted sandwiches, apple crisp and ice cream, coffee and tea. $7.50 per person (take-outs available starting at 11 am). Everyone welcome!
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SD&G ALL-CANDIDATES AGRICULTURAL DEBATE
The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Federation of Agriculture will be hosting an All-Candidates Debate on Agricultural issues, Thurs.,Oct. 1, at North Stormont Place in Avonmore from 7-9 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.
29-30c

Coming Events

FEDERAL CANDIDATES DEBATE
Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry
Tues., Oct. 6, 7:30-9:30 pm at the Joel Steele Community Centre. Sponsored by the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce.
29-30c

AUTHENTIC GREEK BUFFET
Country Kitchen Restaurant
2159 County Road 31, Winchester. Reservations 613-774-2417.
29-33c

Yard Sales

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE
Sat., Sept. 26 and Sun., Sept. 27 from 8 am-2 pm both days 13791 and 13775 County Road 13, 1 mile east of Morewood. Books, sports equipment, games, objects d'art, furniture, household. Wide variety and something for everyone.
28-29

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Sat., Sept. 26, 8 am-2 pm, 11309 Van Camp Road, west of BMR. Dairy vac, children's clothing (0-4), 2 cars and so much more!
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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The Township of North Dundas is currently seeking candidates to fill a one-year contract for the position of Administrative Assistant/Receptionist.
We are seeking a motivated, well-organized and enthusiastic individual to provide administrative support, cash receipting, front counter and phone reception duties for the Municipal Office. Applicants must have strong computer skills, be personable and possess excellent written and communication skills. Knowledge of accounting would be an asset. A valid driver's licence is required.
A full position description, including the skills and knowledge required is available at **www.northdundas.com** or by request.
To apply to become part of our team, please submit your resume and cover letter by **Friday, October 2, 2015** to:
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Township of North Dundas
636 St. Lawrence St., PO Box 489
Winchester, ON K0C 2K0
Fax: 613-774-5699
We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Obituaries & Death notices

Gail Kathleen Byers



Feb. 6, 1943 - Sept. 12, 2015

It is with great sadness that our family announces the passing of Gail Byers (nee Hanna) at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, after a two-year battle with cancer, on Sat., Sep. 12, 2015. She was 72.

Gail was born in Cornwall to the late Kenneth and Della Hanna. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Edsel Byers, and her four children: Laurie (Frank Scheepers), Randy Byers (Lisa St. Pierre), AJ Byers, and Dan (Crystal) Byers. Grandma Gail will be greatly missed by her 12 grandchildren: Cassidy, Madison, Abbie, Dylan, Katie, Erica, Michael, Elliot, Jillian, Kurtis, Lauren, and Charlotte. They all loved her so very much. Gail was the dear sister of Dawn (the late Gerry) Loveless, and Audrey (the late Charles) Graziano, and was predeceased by her brothers, Fraser (Doris), twin Garry (Kaye), and Daryl (Doris). She was a loving aunt and cousin to many. She will be sadly missed by her many nieces and nephews, and the extended Byers family.

Gail was very proud of her children and grandchildren — she had pictures of them everywhere in her home. She loved nothing more than to cook and bake for her family when they came to visit.

Her cat, Bailey, was a constant companion who usually snuggled up beside Gail after her chemotherapy treatments.

The family would like to sincerely thank the Second floor staff at WDMH for their care and compassion during this difficult time. Special thanks to Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Naciuk, and the cancer team at the Ottawa General Hospital.

The family received friends at the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain (613-989-3836) on Tues., Sept. 15. The funeral service was held at Winchester United Church on Wed., Sept. 16 at 1:30 pm, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were Kevin Hanna, Carter Hanna, Dylan Byers, Donald MacLean, Blair Hutchinson, and Gordon Mercer.

The family would be grateful for any donation made in memory of Gail to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation (foundation.wdmh.on.ca) or the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre (bit.ly/cancercentre).

Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

Shawn Larocque



Shawn Larocque of Winchester passed away suddenly at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Sun., Sept. 13, 2015, in his 48th year.

He was the dear son of Judy and John Hudson. He was the beloved husband of Jody, and former husband of Gisele. He was the dear father of Tyler and Kevin, and the late Cody. Shawn was the brother to Lori (Jeff) Larocque. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces.

Family and friends were received at the Daniels Funeral Chapels Inc. in Winchester on Thurs., Sept. 17. A celebration of Shawn's life was officiated by Rev. Thurland Brown in the chapel on Fri., Sept. 18 at 11 am.

Donations to the Ottawa Heart Institute (www.ottawaheart.ca) would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Condolences on line at www.danielsfuneralchapels.ca

Thank you

I want to express my sincere gratitude to each and every person who has supported me in so many ways during the recent loss of my dear son, Larry. Family members, neighbours, friends, you have been wonderful.

Flowers, visits, phone calls, cards, letters, and hugs have soothed my emotional needs. Food donations have nourished my physical needs.

Special thanks to Rev. Christine Lowson for her guidance and many acts of kindness; to Daniel Trolley and Cathy Richardson for the special music; the choir for their leadership; greeters at the door and all participants and attendees during the service.

Thanks to the Winchester UCW for the after-service luncheon and to Vicky Byers for her help.

Bruce Richardson and Peter Kemp – words are insufficient to express my gratitude for all your help in Vancouver and here in Winchester. Bruce and Cathy – you did a super job with the picture displays. Mal, Jeffrey, and Alison – you supported me all along the way. God bless you all.

With love, Orma Earl

Thank You

The family of the late Margaret Johnstone wishes to extend their thanks to all who offered their love and support in our time of need.

Thank you to all who sent flowers, cards, online condolences, an abundance of food and memorial donations.

A very special thank you to Dr. Darbyshire for many years of care, Dr. Das and second-floor nurses who kept Mom comfortable during her three-week stay at WDMH.

Thank you to Vicky at Byers Funeral Home for your guidance and compassion.

A special thank you to Rev. Carol Bain for her many years of friendship, support and such a beautiful service in Mom's memory.

Also, thank you to Marleen Fawcett for her beautiful music and the Inkerman United Church ladies for providing a delicious lunch.

Danny & Susan, Lynn & Brian, Norma & Aldo and families

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For more information about the recruitment process, please contact Chris Barkley at 613-774-2420, Ext. 6350 or visit **www.wdmh.on.ca/AboutUs/Governance** to download an application. Completed applications must be received by October 16, 2015.

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Raymond Paul Como

Aug. 16, 1934 - Sept. 11, 2015



Raymond Como, a resident of the Winchester area for the past 44 years, passed away peacefully at home on Fri., Sept. 11, 2015, after a brave two and half year battle with ALS. He was 81.

Memories of Dad
by daughter Brenda Como

Dad was born Aug. 16, 1934, during the Great Depression and grew up in a farming family in southwestern Ontario. His family moved often, but finally settled in Chatham Township. As a handsome 21-year-old Dad met Mom, Doreen Nevills, in Dresden one evening while he was "cruising the drag" in his pickup truck! (Not unlike the rural young folks today, only there was no Tim Hortons then – only the ice cream stand!)

Mom and Dad were married on May 7, 1955 and together they had five children: Brenda, Linda, Sandra, Brian, and Kathy.

Dad farmed rented property in Chatham Township, but always had the dream of owning his own farm. I will never forget the day that Dad came back to the cottage where we were vacationing at Otter Lake saying 'he had found the farm he wanted to buy!" So, in March 1971, a caravan consisting of our station wagon, a truck with all our belongings, our dog and a couple of cats made the day long trek from Chatham to Winchester. We really weren't sure what Dad had gotten us into when we saw all that snow, but Dad was determined to succeed.

And succeed he did! From the original home farm, Dad purchased additional properties over the years, and at the same time built up his second business: Como Farm Equipment. Along the way, Brian and his son Tyler joined the family business, and now carry on the legacy started by Dad.

One of Dad's hobbies was talking and visiting – to family, friends, neighbours, and complete strangers. He seemed to instantly become friends with everyone he met. Dad just loved to talk and talk. Ask any non-farming family member who sat next to Dad at a family function and listened to hours of tractor and farm talk! This love of "the gift of the gab" was all the more tragic when ALS robbed Dad of his ability to talk. But even that did not stop Dad. He continued to "talk" by writing notes on his writing board.

Other hobbies of Dad's included watching and participating in tractor pulls – his last one shortly after being diagnosed with ALS, even placing first place in his division. Dad had the biggest fan club at the tractor pull, with almost the entire family coming out to cheer him to victory. Dad enjoyed reading the newspaper and watching CNN, and knew more about news than anyone I know. Mom and Dad also enjoyed the local restaurants and especially liked their early morning visits to Tim Hortons to visit their "coffee" friends. Dad and Mom loved country music… and we were able to share this with them by watching many DVD concerts of their favourite singers during Dad's illness.

Mom and Dad also enjoyed travelling. In 1976, dad bought their first motor home and they enjoyed travelling to Branson, Nashville, and Florida. For 20 years, Mom and Dad travelled to Florida where they spent the month of February in St. Petersburg, enjoying the warm weather, their coffee club friends, the dog races, visits with Mom's sister and her husband, visits from grandchildren, sightseeing, shopping, flea markets, and all their favourite restaurants. In January 2014, seven family members travelled with Mom and Dad to Florida. We stayed near their motor home park and did all the things they usually did on their vacation. Although Dad was on a feeding tube by this time and his walk was a little slower, he wanted us to see and experience everything that was near and dear to him and Mom. Everyone had an amazing time! It was a trip of a lifetime – one rich in family times and wonderful memories.

Mom and Dad have given us a wonderful life. They have shared their sense of humour with all of their children and grandchildren, with everyone enjoying a good practical joke or a funny story. Mom and Dad have shown us the value of family with their love and devotion to their children, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren. Family is so important to Mom and Dad, and they have passed this value on to their children and grandchildren.

They say that ALS happens to good people, smart people, nice people… Dad was all of those and more. He faced his declining health with unwavering spirit. He worked long hours during the fall harvest after first being diagnosed with ALS and did his best to get out to the shed to check on business during the winter months. The following spring, Dad was unable to participate in the spring planting, but was able to drive tractors to the local grain elevator during the fall harvest. If he had been able to, he would have been working this year's spring planting as well. Instead, he did a lot of farming from his "customized ALS chair" right in front of the living room window! Giving up was not in Dad's nature! Until May of this year, Dad could be seen touring around the roads close to his farm in his Kubota gator, and every morning Dad and Brian would catch up on what was happening in the world of farm equipment. Dad loved going for daily drives with family members to check out the crops, to keep up with local happenings, and to go through the drive-thru at Tim Hortons even though he was unable to eat or drink anything.

We learned a lot about Dad while caring for him in his final months. He wrote many notes about his childhood, his early farming years, how he started his equipment business, the price of everything 50 years ago, and the early years spent with his children and 10 grandchildren.

Dad fought a strong, dignified battle with ALS. Even as this disease was robbing him of one ability after another, Dad never gave up. He just accepted each new challenge and continued on with his life. We feel so blessed that we were able to spend these final precious months with Dad to share this difficult journey with him.

Dad, we are going to miss you so much. Your love, your strength, your understanding, your wisdom, your amazing sense of humour, and your beautiful smile will live on inside us forever. You have given us gifts that are more precious than anything in this world. Goodbye Dad. We love you and you will live in our hearts forever.

Raymond is survived by his wife of 60 wonderful years, Doreen. He was the loving father of Brenda Como (Rob Simmons), Linda (Steve Johnston), Sandra (Mike Miskiman), Brian Como (Pam), and Kathy (Steven Cooper). He was the cherished grandfather of Chris Savage (Jen), Lindsay (Martin Brown), Sarah Miskiman (Konstantin), Kaitlyn Lecours, Ryan Johnston (Katie), Laura Miskiman (Reed), Tyler Como, Brittany Cooper (Joel), Kyle Como, and Alyssa Cooper. He will be fondly remembered by step-grandchildren Kathryn, Meghan, Andrew, and their families. He was the loving great-grandfather of Luke and Hannah Savage. Raymond was the brother of Jeannette (Bob Gervais), Edna (the late James Cudney), and Eileen Como.

Friends were received at the Daley Family Funeral Home in Metcalfe on Tues., Sept. 15. A private service was held Wed., Sept. 16 at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were grandsons Chris Savage, Ryan Johnston, Tyler Como, and Kyle Como. Flower bearers were Kaitlyn Lecours and Brittany Cooper.

Donations made to the ALS Society of Canada or the Dundas County Hospice are greatly appreciated by the family.

Anne T. Nugent

It is with great sadness that her family announces the passing of Anne Nugent on Thurs., Sept. 17, 2015.

She was born in Millbank, N.B. on Oct. 1, 1928 to the late William and Christie Nugent. Anne spent her career as a secretary for the University of New Brunswick, St. Patrick's University, as well as Carleton University. Anne was the dear sister of the late Katherine, Jack, Mary, and Rev. William. She was the loving aunt to John Nugent and Sharon Holmes and her husband, Bruce. She was the beloved great-aunt to Jordan and his son, Aidan.

Friends may pay their respects at the Resurrection of Our Lord Church, 1940 Saunderson Dr. in Ottawa today (Wed., Sept. 23) from 12 pm until the time of the Memorial Mass at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Shepherds of Good Hope, The Ottawa Hospital Foundation, or a charity of choice are appreciated.

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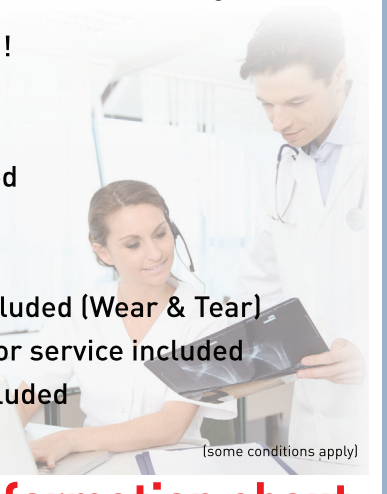

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