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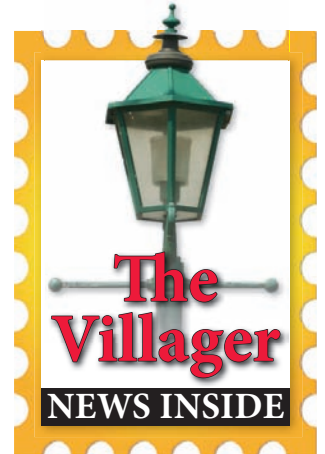
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Briefly

The Race is on CHESTERVILLE – Chesterville Rotary Club presents Peter Van Kessel Memorial Duck Race. Sat., April 14, starting at 1 p.m. at the Hwy 43 Bridge on the Nation River and finishing at the Chesterville Bridge.

Dutch Heritage Night

CHESTERVILLE – The upcoming 13th annual Dutch Heritage Day dinner and dance will be held at the Chesterville Legion on April 14. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$30 each. Money raised from the evening will go towards Ryan's Well Foundation.

Raisin River Canoe Race

STORMONT/GLENGARRY – The annual Raisin River Canoe race is planned for Sun., April 15. The course runs for 30km from St. Andrews to Williamstown. Find a map of the race route online and register at www.rcca.on.ca.

Winchester United Rededication

WINCHESTER – Winchester United Church will be holding a rededication ceremony on Sun., April 15 as part of their Sunday service starting at 11 a.m.

Information night on 2018 municipal election

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

LONG SAULT – Just over 50 people attended the Candidate Information Session held in the South Stormont council chambers on Thurs., April 5 for the upcoming municipal election. While most in attendance were considering running for office, there were a few people who saw the presentation as an opportunity to learn about the workings of municipal government.

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MADD Canada brings the message to NDDHS

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – North Dundas District High School hosted a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) presentation on Thurs., April 8. Martin Savoie, MADD field representative, showed a short movie about driving under the influence and then three true-story accounts from Canadian victims involving drivers impaired by drugs or alcohol. This presentation also highlighted driving while high, due to the coming legalization of cannabis.

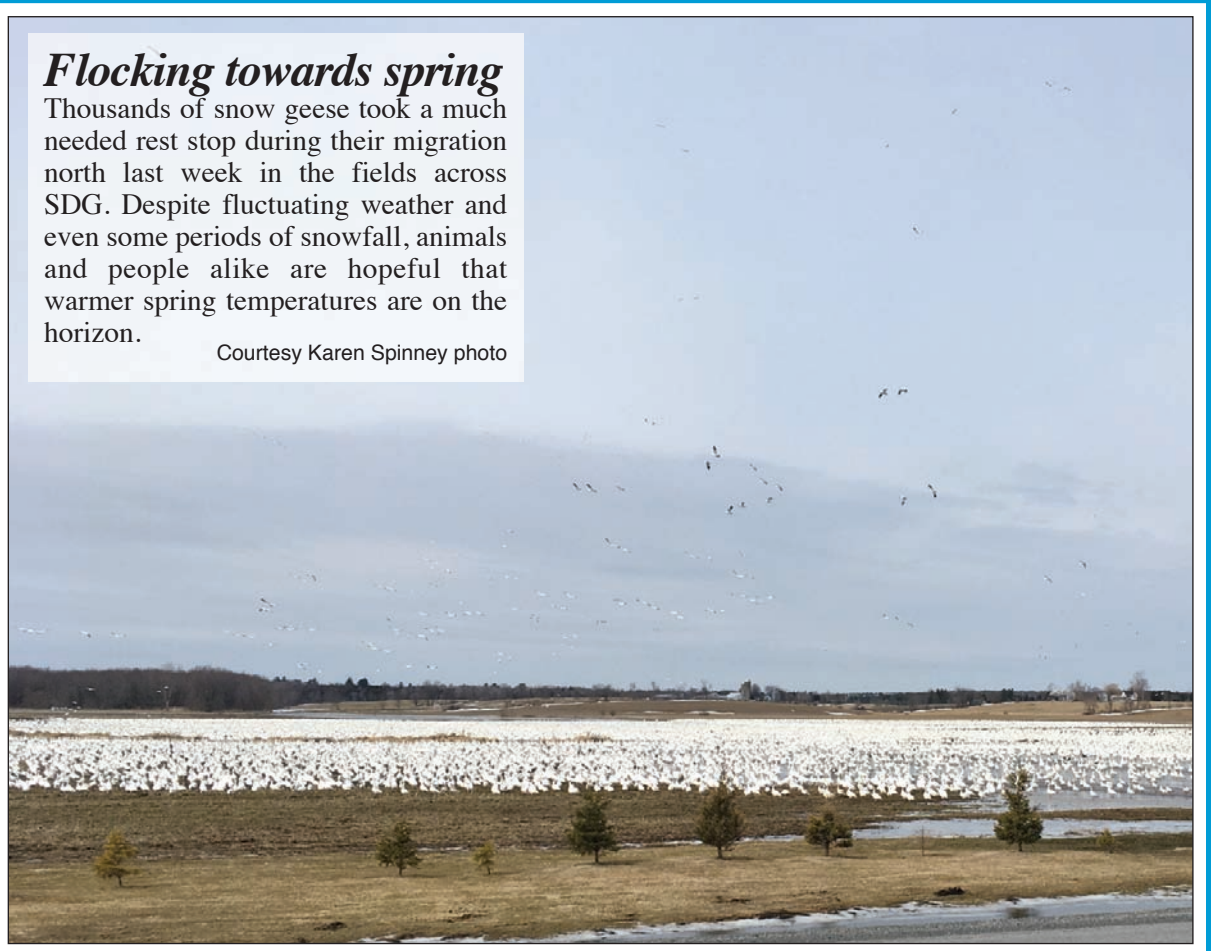
Assisting Savoie with his presentation was Payton Halpenny, Grade 12 student and provincial representative for Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID), and Maddison Barkley, Grade 12 student and school representative for OSAID. Both girls joined in Grade 8 and remarked on the opportunities over the years to attend conferences and events.

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Flocking towards spring

Thousands of snow geese took a much needed rest stop during their migration north last week in the fields across SDG. Despite fluctuating weather and even some periods of snowfall, animals and people alike are hopeful that warmer spring temperatures are on the horizon.

Courtesy Karen Spinney photo



A bond never broken

Lisa Ellis
Record Staff

RUSSELL – It is no exaggeration that the death of 17-year-old Jonathan Pitre has rocked the nation.

Known as a butterfly child because of skin as fragile as that of a butterfly's wings, he bravely battled a severe form of the excruciatingly painful skin disease epidermolysis bullosa (EB). Sadly, despite persevering against all odds as he raised awareness for this horrible disease, he died on Wed., April 4 of septic shock in Minnesota where he had been seeking experimental stem cell treatment.

Tributes have poured in from across Canada, with even the PM tweeting his condolences, praising the "courageous and determined fighter who persisted in the face of every challenge, and who inspired so many." The Ottawa Senators honoured their fan and friend with a butterfly and J.P. on the backs of their helmets during their Friday night game against Pittsburgh. Facebook has been flooded with images of butterflies.



Jonathan Pitre

File photo

Jonathan's story actually hits closer to home. He was not from Ottawa, but Russell, and Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux said it best, "He was part of our family. To have somebody so inspiring in the community and to hear of his passing, just makes your heart sink."

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Homestead Organics closing its doors

BERWICK – Fri., April 13, will mark the last day of operations for Homestead Organics. The 30-year-old company recently announced its closing due to financial issues and as *CBC* reported, “pressure from its creditors and banks.”

The company aims to liquidate assets in order to pay off outstanding debts to farmers and suppliers. They also have asked for any customers who still owe money to settle their accounts as soon as possible.

Homestead Organics’ website explains, “The Sebringville feed mill is sold in principle. New management will take over very soon and will continue to offer organic feeds, grains and farm supplies under another brand. Stay

tuned for an announcement and details.

“The Berwick and Morrisburg properties will be offered for sale soon. If you are interested, then start organizing your finances and your business plan. Many people hope that a new owner could replicate some of the products and services that they came to rely upon.”

The website lists recommend suppliers for customers to look into for organic products.

“Tom, Isabelle and all the staff thank you for your friendship and your business. We are very sad for this turn of events and we hope that your farm, business, and home can adjust to the many options available in the organic market,” the company writes.



End of an era

Tom Manley announced last week that his company Homestead Organics would be closing permanently on Fri., April 13. The once booming company will be missed in Eastern Ontario as a major organic supplier. File photo

DSCIA spring update meeting features new funding programs and generous donations

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – During the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association’s (DSCIA) spring update meeting on Wed., April 4, four donations were presented to local community organizations. A total of \$1,850 was divided between the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Community Food Share, Dundas Farm Safety Association and Dundas 4-H.

Managing Director of the WDMH Foundation, Kristen Casselman, was on site to receive the donation and said, “We are very grateful to the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association for supporting us for a number of years. This year they chose to direct the funds to the family care fund which is really great.” DSCIA has been supporting WDMH since 2002.

The rest of the agenda for the day included a number of expert speakers on recent trial and project results, marketing, agronomy and best crop practices. Colleen Acres, Regional Lead, from the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) presented three new programs available to producers over the next years.

Those three programs first include GreenON Agriculture Retrofit, a cost-sharing program to support farm businesses in adopting clean technologies and reducing carbon footprints.



Generously giving

The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA) presented four community organizations with a donation during the spring update meeting held at the Chesterville Legion on Wed., April 4. From left, Andreas Jampen - Dundas 4-H, Hayley Moher - Dundas Farm Safety Association, DSCIA president Mike Rosendaal, Terry Triskle - Community Food Share and Kristen Casselman - WDMH Foundation. Sawyer Helmer photo

Second on Acres’ presentation was the Grassland Stewardship Program, a program which supports best management practices to improve the grassland habitat and benefit its at-risk species. The program has a maximum cost-sharing fund of \$20,000 per farm and is accepting applications from April 9 to May 1.

Finally, Acres introduced the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the five-year program which is replacing Growing Forward 2. While some things will be consistent with the previous program, Acres explained

there is a lot more variability in the cost sharing than previous versions. While changes are likely over the five years, the program does offer a significant amount of funds to farm businesses. Acres told the crowd, Growing Forward 2 provided \$53-million over its five years.

The Canadian Agriculture Partnership will host local program information sessions in Kemptville on April 11, and in Alfred on April 16. For more information about any of the programs, visit www.ontariosoilcrop.org.

MADD Canada

Continued from the front

Savoie revealed that four people are killed per day and hundreds more are injured per day in Canada alone due to impaired driving. He then explained the four responsible decisions that people can make: never drive impaired, never get in a vehicle with an impaired driver, always make a plan ahead of time and if someone is going to drive or already is driving impaired, do something about it.

Halpenny and Barkley spoke with *The Record* after the presentation and expressed their hopes to get a strong message across to their fellow students. “I really hope that lots of students will realize that they can make choices other than drinking and driving or driving high. If you decide to drink and drive it’s not only about you it’s about the people in the car and around you on the roads,” said Halpenny.

“With cannabis becoming legal I think it’s really important that people know not just about driving drunk but also about driving high as well. Make smart choices and know what all the options are so that you get home safe and everyone in the end is okay,” added Barkley.

For Savoie, working with student ambassadors is a vital part of the MADD message. “It means that the message comes across and the discussion continues even after the presentation,” he said. Savoie has been with MADD for four years and is clearly passionate about reaching students. “There are always more options than taking the wheel when you are impaired. This year in particular because of cannabis legalization it’s important to remind people that just because it is legal does not mean it is safe. All of the repercussions that we apply to alcohol we need to also apply to drugs.”



An important message to all

Maddison Barkley, OSAID school representative, Payton Halpenny, OSAID provincial representative, and MADD field representative Martin Savoie spoke to NDDHS students about the dangers and consequences of driving while impaired on Thurs., April 5. Sawyer Helmer photo

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2018 municipal election

Continued from the front

Following welcoming remarks by SDG Warden Ian McLeod, Sandra MacDonald and Yvonne Robert from the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) provided a wealth of information to those present on a variety of subjects including third-party advertising, campaign expenses and nomination procedures.

Presenters described the various procedures associated with the nomination process, voter eligibility, the use of paper ballot, phone and internet voting in SDG municipalities, as well as dates for advance polls for the 2018 municipal election.

The importance of the Voters List in an election was provided with detailed information on voterlookup.ca. Voterlookup.ca is an internet site where individuals can confirm they are on the Voters List for municipal elections, with the site offering links to federal and



Sound advice for candidates

North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan provided an interesting and informative overview of the role and responsibilities of a serving member of municipal council at the information session on the 2018 municipal election held in the South Stormont council chambers on April 5.

Thompson Goddard photo

provincial Voters Lists.

CAO Tim Simpson and Director of County Services/Clerk Helen Thomson from the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry spoke on the role and

responsibilities of County Council, and North Dundas Mayor Eric Duncan gave an interesting presentation on his perspective as an elected municipal official, offering advice to those who are contemplating running in



South Stormont hosts Candidate Information Session

Over 50 people attended the Candidate Information Session hosted by the Municipality of South Stormont and held in South Stormont Council Chambers on April 5. Sandra MacDonald and Yvonne Robert from AMCTO provided information on the upcoming municipal election as well as the role and responsibility of municipal council members.

Thompson Goddard photo

the upcoming municipal election, which included attending municipal council meetings to become familiar with how the municipality is run. He also discussed the importance of developing good

relationships with municipal staff and the time commitment that being a member of council requires.

The Ontario municipal election will be held on Oct. 22, 2018, with nomination papers for the election being

received from Tues., May 1 until 2 p.m. on Fri., July 27, 2018. For more information, refer to: <https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-Content/Municipal-101/Municipal-Elections.aspx>

Iroquois Public School celebrates their first Growing Futures harvest

IROQUOIS – Stephanie Guindon's Grade 6 class at Iroquois Public School celebrated their first harvest from their hydroponic tower with a salad party.

The students harvested over 3 kg of lettuce, bok choy and swiss chard. They expect another harvest in just a couple of weeks. All future harvests will be donated to Community Food Share. It is part of a marketing strategy developed by the students for their newly formed 'company' called the Green Machine/La machine verte. Their motto is 'Go Green or Go Home.'

The project is part of Growing Futures, a concept developed by the Parkdale Food Centre in Ottawa. The platform teaches kids to grow fresh vegetables using innovative technology and to develop their entrepreneurial and financial literacy skills.

Growing Futures was introduced to Iroquois Public School as part of a collaboration between the Parkdale Food Centre and Community Food Share.

Community Food Share received \$4,000 in funding from Food Bank Canada's Innovation Grant. The grant was made possible through the financial support of the KraftHeinz Foundation. A total of \$60,000 was awarded to food banks across Canada to encourage innovation and transformative change within the organization itself or in the local community. Community Food Share used the funds to sponsor the

installation of two hydroponic food towers.

The second hydroponic tower was installed last week at Community Living Dundas County in Morrisburg. Their first planting of leafy green vegetables and herbs used seedlings started by the Green Machine student entrepreneurs at

Iroquois Public School.

If you would like to participate in the Growing Futures project by either hosting or sponsoring a hydroponic tower, please contact Ian McKelvie at 613-898-0781 or admin@communityfoodshare.ca.



Green grub for Grade 6

Grade 6 students, Kelsey Duncan, Kathryn Swerdfeger, Jack Croteau, Meredith Windle and Mason Hummel from Iroquois Public School enjoyed fresh salad from their hydroponic tower.

Courtesy photo



NORTH DUNDAS UNITED SOCCER CLUB 2017-2018 SGM Notice

The North Dundas United Soccer Club will hold a **Special General Meeting** to replace the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Volunteers are the backbone of North Dundas United Soccer Club, and we need many to have a successful season. Please attend this SGM to show your support for soccer in North Dundas.

The agenda will consist of:

- a call for volunteers
- ratification of the 2018 executive
- update on the club's status
- discussion about this year's season

The meeting will be at the Chesterville Legion on **Wednesday April 18 at 7:00_{pm}** Light refreshments will be served.

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CASTOR Country

By Tom Van Dusen

Plenty of sap

As I rode the tractor-drawn wagon down the long lane into Barkleyvale Maple Farms on Sunday, I was thinking about two main things: how nice it was to be out in the woods even on an unusually nippy April day, and how the unseasonal cold was impacting the syrup season.

I was also thinking about two other things: the strange fact I'd never before been to this sugar bush south of Chesterville although I lived nearby for several years; and about 'The Story' me and Brian Barkley and I like to tell when we bump into each other.

Operated for 40 years by four generations going back to Brian's dad Egerton, 800-tap Barkleyvale Farms was

part of the 2018 Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' tour April 7-8. That's what brought me in for a visit, that and the fact I was supporting South Nation Conservation which had an information booth on site. I was tag-teaming with Bill Smirle, both of us part of SNC's Communications Committee.

Family members including Brian's wife Trisha and daughter Erica, an ecologist, were bustling about the place, greeting visitors ferried in from County Road 8. Doubling as a sales counter for an assortment of maple products, the sugar shack is a restored 1860s log building which the Barkleys relocated and re-erected.

While the building recaptures the atmosphere of days gone by, the stainless wood-

fired evaporator is the height of modern efficiency. Outside, a witch's cast iron cauldron hanging over an open fire shows visitors how sap used to be transformed.

Ah, yes... 'The Story'! I wondered if there'd be enough of an audience once I arrived at the sugar shack deep in the Barkley bush to prompt another retelling; it usually only requires an audience of one. It all happened about a decade ago. The tale kind of makes me look like a chump but I'll reveal it to you anyway.

I was travelling in Italy, along the Amalfi coast, in a van organized by our hotel in Paestum, a tourist town known for its Greek ruins, in fact the most complete Greek temple in the world. The walled town was founded by the Greeks in 600 BC,

only to become a Roman colony and given a name change from Poseidonia to Paestum around 273 BC.

But I digress. The van tour took us to a public square in Amalfi or Positano - I forget which - where I looked into the crowd milling about and was startled to see what I thought was a familiar face... a Brian Barkley face.

I had no knowledge that Brian was in Italy and quickly convinced myself that this was some swarthy Italian doppelganger. I held myself back from going over and double-checking, not wanting to get a resounding, "No, stupido!"

But the incident stuck with me. The next time I saw Brian back in Canada, I laughingly asked him if he happened to be in that loca-

tion in Italy on that date at that time. He looked at me incredulously. "Yes," he replied.

The moral of the story: it's a small world. If you think you spot somebody you recognize in some far flung country when, as far as you know, that person is snugly back home, check it out... it very well could be that friend or acquaintance.

We've made a joke of it ever since. When I see him now, Brian will often say, "Yes, it's me." When I stepped into the sugar shack, the incident was rehashed again with great gusto.

When we were through with our storytelling, Brian, a registered Professional Forrester, filled me in on what has been a spectacular season for producers across the region. Rather than hinder, the prolonged cold spell with daytime warming has extended the season by several days so far, with no end in sight.

He's not alone in wel-



coming the boon in sugaring time. Producers such as Proulx's in Cumberland are calling 2018 especially strong with ideal temperatures being the order of the day... and night. That maple farm has been averaging an exceptional 50-70 litres of syrup a day from 2,000 taps. While at Barkleyvale the fourth generation is still a little young, at Proulx's that generation is about take over the sugar shack.

"I don't remember from my earliest childhood ever having this long of a season," says Melissa Proulx. "It's something you don't just do as a job. You have to love it."

Great story! But did I ever tell you about the time I thought I saw Brian Barkley in Italy...

Winchester United Rededication

Bert Hill

Special to the Record

WINCHESTER - It started with an earth tremor May 24, 2013 which knocked down part of the east wall of Winchester United Church.

It was just the start of significant challenges for the 130-year-old building. Investigators discovered other walls and buttresses needed work and there were worries about the landmark bell tower.

But the church, originally built by a man born in slavery in the U.S., has rebounded from the challenges of nature and time. It will celebrate the event with a rededication ceremony Sun., April 15 as part of the service that starts at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Keystone Traditional Masonry, an Ashton-based company which worked on the restoration of Rideau Hall, won the competition for the project.

But nature was not quite done. The Keystone masons had to deal with two hives of bees deep down in the foundation which resisted repeated eviction efforts. "They kept the men on their toes," said Keystone owner and mason James Reid. There was also a raccoon living in the bell tower. "One of our masons was terrified and quickly dismantled the scaffold (50 ft. in height) while the other masons chased it away," Reid said.

The Keystone mason crew, including several with roots in the community, worked with John G. Cooke Engineering on a rescue plan, which ultimately cost \$320,000.

More than 470 sq. ft. of deteriorating limestone had to go - enough stone in 604 separate pieces to cover the face of the bell tower from the foundation to well past the 'Methodist Church 1883' stone sign high above.

Today the Limestone Lady of St. Lawrence Street has recaptured her former glory. The public is enjoying the sight of the old bell tower freed of scaffolding, protective fabric and construction equipment.

"The support of the congregation and the community cannot be overstated and we are forever grateful," said trustee chair Bruce Calhoun. "Fundraising was done by word of mouth, multiple events and very generous bequeaths and donations."

To everyone's relief, the bell tower proved to be structurally strong, but it required several more months of work by six masons and assistants to replace stone and mortar on the tower and buttresses.

The original Winchester quarry stone has a high clay content which makes it susceptible to 'spider cracking' in seasonal freeze and thaws, Reid said.

The replacement limestone from a quarry near Quebec City, is higher quality, matches the older stone and should resist future winters much better.

Special stones like a window sill and buttress capstones required extra attention. But a critical arch stone could not be removed without bringing down surrounding stone. It was refaced with a tightly fitting stone cover and secured with stainless steel pins and epoxy.

The hard work is expected to reduce the remaining work required on the south wall. More fundraising will be required.

The challenges of the last five years show what can happen when a community rallies in the face of challenge.

Indeed, the latest chapter of Winchester United Church history is a continuation of a story that has been unfolding for generations.

It is the story of people like Isaac Johnson, an expert stone mason who escaped slavery in Kentucky to build many fine buildings across Eastern Ontario and northern New York state.

A painstaking man, he tore down the first wall of the church when it had reached the top of the windows. The problem was that it was a half-inch out of line.

It is the story of church members who laboured on the building, donating materials and their time. One man paid the ultimate price: the injuries he suffered lifting a heavy stone led to his death. The original stone was cut and hauled from a quarry two kilometres south of the village. The mortar used to build was created using dangerous blasting powder to break the stone and then heating the dust for three days in a kiln.

"It is remarkable how the builders were able to complete their task by using comparatively primitive tools," said Calhoun.

The building of the church is also the story of how serious debate and deep division can ultimately strengthen a community.

The Methodist founders of the church had very different ideas. They were all staunch evangelicals who played a strong role in Winchester deciding to ban alcohol 20 years before official Prohibition and staying dry long after the great experiment failed.

But they came from different parts of the world. Some like the Episcopalian Methodists who drove the first stage of the project, the unique circular Sunday School building in 1881, came originally from the U.S.

They resented the Wesleyan Methodists who originated in Britain and for a time had a monopoly on performing marriages.

Each group had its own idea on where and what to build. Over several years construction material was moved from building site to building site.

Nature intervened for the first time in the church's history when a big storm flattened a partially built structure and scattered building materials.

Fortunately human and natural conflict ended when the final stage of the main church was completed by a unified Methodist community.

The church has been through many changes. Wood-burning stoves, kerosene lamps and the original slate roof were all replaced. The first electric fixtures arrived about 1926.

As for the bell at the top of the tower, Calhoun said inspection shows that it is "in excellent state of repair. The bell was cast in 1884 and it looks as sound today as it was back then."



Sweet treats at the sugar shack

Brian Barkley and daughter Erica Barkley spoke to customers about maple syrup production at Barkleyvale Farms Sugarbush in Chesterville during Maple Weekend on April 7 to 8. Sap started running later in the day as the temperature rose but there was still a lot to go around with treats like maple taffy and sugar being the highlight of the day. Barkleyvale has 825 taps and uses check valve spiles to keep the trees healthy. Brian Barkley spoke to the importance of such events to reconnect people with the land and its natural gifts.

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Fire station in Avonmore receives thermal imaging camera

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AVOMORE – The Avonmore Firefighter’s Association presented North Stormont Fire Station No. 3 in Avonmore with a thermal imaging camera on Tues., April 4 just prior to a training session on the camera provided by Mark Prendergast of M&L Supply

Fire & Safety in Ingleside. Firefighter Garnett Last explained the camera, which cost just over \$6,000, allows firefighters walking into a smoke-filled room to locate the hot spot quickly and take measures to extinguish it. The thermal imaging camera can also be used at the scene of accidents to locate victims outside a vehicle or

detect hidden fire locations, for example in walls, according to North Stormont Fire Chief Dan Gauvin.

Gauvin continued that “this tool is a good asset to the fire services” in North Stormont, mentioning Fire

Station No. 2 in Chrysler and Station No. 4 in Moose Creek also have similar cameras, and that this one will be housed in Avonmore but available for use by other stations if required.

Senior Captain Kerry

Adams wished to thank the local community for their support during the two-year fundraising process which resulted in the thermal imaging camera being purchased. These sentiments were echoed by all the

firefighters in attendance who were appreciative of the participants, sponsors and all who contributed to the success of the annual run, which raises funds for the Avonmore Firefighter’s Association.

The Clapps are getting ready to boogie!

Jan and Tom Clapp’s connection to Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) and local health care goes way back. When they moved to the area in the early seventies, Jan was the first VON nurse in the county. She remembers her small office near Emergency. Their three children were born at WDMH and Tom was one of the first husbands to go into the delivery room.

Tom, Jan and their children have all used the services of the hospital over the years. When Tom was diagnosed with prostate cancer, he and other cancer survivors wanted to give back. He now co-chairs the Eastern Ontario Prostate Cancer Awareness Committee, raising funds for WDMH. Jan was on the founding board of the Dundas County Hospice and now serves on the board of directors at Dundas Manor.

So, it was an easy choice to name Jan and Tom Clapp as the Honorary Chairs of this year’s WDMH Foundation gala. They – along with the WDMH Foundation Board and the 2018 Gala Committee – invite everyone to attend Saturday Night Fever, the WDMH Disco Gala on Saturday, June 16 at the Winchester Community Centre.

“We hope everyone can join us at the gala,” said Tom. “This is a wonderful community and WDMH is not the hospital, it is our hospital. We all need to support it.” Jan agreed, “We wanted a place for our kids to grow up and have roots and Winchester has been that place. We are very blessed.”

Proceeds from the event go to the Family Care Fund, supporting care for families just like yours. “Many people are not aware that our tax dollars do not fund everything that a hospital needs. This event is one of the many ways we are raising money to help ensure compassionate, excellent health care at WDMH,” added Kristen Casselman, Managing Director.

“We are so excited to have Jan and Tom on board,” said Casselman. “They are truly committed to their community and their local hospital.”

The Gala Committee is working hard to plan an evening of fun, disco dancing and delicious food. The evening will also include live and silent auctions, a 50/50 contest, 70’s games, a photo booth and much more.

Tickets are now on sale for \$125 each. Contact the Foundation Office at 613-774-2422, ext. 6162 to purchase your tickets.



Two years in the making

With Fire Chief Dan Gauvin looking on, Firefighter Garnett Last is presented with the Thermal Imaging Camera by Mark Prendergast of M&L Supply Fire & Safety in Ingleside. Front from left, Fire Chief Dan Gauvin, Garnett Last, Mark Prendergast; back from left, Jason Leger, Wyatt Bender, Justin Pilon, Jeff Johnson, Rose Grant, Brady Coleman, Tyson MacMillan, Todd Bayly, Kerry Adams, Ben Mainville.

Thompson Goddard photo

Family dog saved thanks to North Stormont firefighters

NORTH STORMONT — Regular viewers of *CBC* may have seen the news story in the last few days about Ginger, a small terrier being treated for smoke inhalation thanks to a hyperbaric chamber at the Alta Vista Animal Hospital, one of very few such devices for animals in Canada.

But there is a North Stormont connection to this story as it was two of the township’s firefighters who pulled Ginger out of the smoke during an Easter Monday home fire along Highway 138 in the Maxville-Warina Road area.

In a strange twist of fate, the Smrczek family happened to be in Ottawa that day as mother Taylor had just given birth to a baby boy, a happy event in itself.

North Stormont Fire Chief Daniel Gauvin explained what was happening to the Smrczek family home on that fateful April 2, 2018, “We were called to the scene sometime around 4 p.m. ... there were flames in the garage and the home was engulfed in smoke.”

A son of the family arrived by car and “told us that there were family pets inside. Two of my firefighters – they want to remain anonymous – went in and came out with Ginger.”

Firefighters later retrieved another dog, unharmed – it had hidden somewhere – but a cat and a bird were lost.

Paramedics also arrived on scene, and Chief Gauvin spoke with them about helping Ginger breathe clean

oxygen, but neither the paramedics nor the North Stormont Fire Department had a specialized kit for family pets. The paramedics did, however, check the animal’s heart and other vital functions.

The Smrczek’s son took Ginger to the Alta Vista Animal Hospital.

“I would say that our (15 or so) firefighters spent three hours on the scene. I stayed longer and investigator Nancy-Ann Gauthier arrived later. I am very proud of my firefighters for pulling Ginger and the other dog out of there,” added Gauvin, also expressing thanks to the paramedics for treating Ginger as well as the Ontario Provincial Police who directed traffic throughout the incident.

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April is Graphic Novel Month at the SD&G County Library

SDG – If you have not yet delved into the world of graphic novels, April is the perfect month to do so. All this month, the SD&G County Library is showcasing its extensive collection of graphic novels and comics by celebrating April as Graphic Novel Month.

Whether you like them or not, graphic novels have gained a massive following and a permanent foothold in people's reading

lives. There is a misconception that a graphic novel is a comic book for kids. Some might even go as far to say they have no literary merit. This could not be further from the truth. Graphic novels offer a unique approach to telling stories, and can be a beautiful medley of art and literature.

The popularity of graphic novels continues to grow, and the SD&G County Library is responding by curating an

impressive selection of some of the greatest graphic novels ever written. There is a wide variety of topics and genres covered in the Library's collection, meaning there truly is something for everyone. If you're not sure where to start, the staff would be happy to help.

Also, during the month of April, for every graphic novel borrowed readers get a ballot for a chance to win a \$100 Fantasy

Realm gift card.

Don't forget, the Cornwall & Area Pop Event (CAPE) on April 21 and 22 at the Benson Centre. Be sure to stop by the Library booth for a first-hand look at some of the collections and the 3D Printer-in-action.

To find out more about Graphic Novel Month or other activities taking place at local branches of the SD&G County Library, please contact the branch directly or visit the website at www.sdglibrary.ca.

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Advance Care Planning seminars get people talking

WINCHESTER – Roger Pharand believes in the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth its weight in gold – especially when it comes to health care. He says that planning is key, and talking to your loved ones about your personal plan is important as well.

That's the goal of Advance Care Planning. It's all about sharing what is most important now with family and close friends – so they can communicate that to doctors and nurses if you are unable to. The process asks you to think about what you value, such as your family, your community, your privacy, your faith or your comfort.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) is hosting a series of seminars on Advance Care Planning and Roger Pharand recently attended the first one. "Often, because of our busy schedules, we put things off until it is too late," he says. "Advance Care Planning is much more than just a Power of Attorney. It helps you prepare for important discussions with

your loved ones."

Three more presentations are scheduled for April 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at WDMH, May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Morrisburg and June 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at WDMH. During the two-hour session, Advance Care Planning and Health Care Consent will be explained. As well, attendees will learn five simple steps they can take to develop a plan.

To register, please contact Kealey Dunlop at kdunlop@wdmh.on.ca or 613-774-2422 ext. 6125. There is no charge.

In addition, WDMH is celebrating National Advance Care Planning Day on Mon., April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hospital lobby. Everyone is invited to stop by to learn more about Advance Care Planning and

Health Care Consent. You can also pick up Power of Attorney forms and other resources. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served and you can enter to win a fabulous gift basket valued at \$100.

"What better way to open a dialogue on what matters most for you and your loved ones," sums up Roger. "Have that discussion."



Social meeting at the Villa

Finch's Chalmers United Church Women met on the afternoon of Thurs., April 5, with 13 ladies present at the Garden Villa Activity Room, for a brief UCW meeting, followed by a social visit with a few of the Villa residents. Clockwise from left are Edith Nugent, Louise Nephew, Ruth MacLean, Edith Baker, Shirley Aitkens, Darquise Swerdfeger, Micheline Carter, Helen Holmes, Betty Cooke, Audrey Nephew, Edith Stewart and Pearl Beckstead. Not in photo was Muriel Carruthers.

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As we struggle with the heartache
That came when we lost you.

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Dad, Alanah, Shannon, Faith
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Obituary

LOCHNAN, John "Jack"



Passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. He will be greatly missed by his wife Donna. He is survived by his brother Joe (Marion), sister Caroline Baldwin, parents-in-law Robert and Arlene Reardon, and sisters-in-law Karen (Richard) Osborne and Susan (Roger) Hotte. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and a large extended family. Predeceased by his parents Joe and Pearl (nee Reid) Lochnan. A graveside gathering will take place on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Notre Dame Cemetery, 455 Montreal Road, Ottawa. If desired, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society - Cornwall and District or Prostate Cancer Canada. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Winchester Chapel of Hulse, Playfair and McGarry (613-774-1117).

Obituary

GLAUDE, Marcel



On April 5, 2018 at Heartwood Long Term Care, age 85 years. Loving husband of Solange (née Trudeau) Glaude. Beloved father of Michel Glaude (Barbara Ann), Francine Anglehart (Michel), Diane Glaude and Robert Glaude (Bonnie). Cherished grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 15. Dear brother of Clarice Mullen (James). Predeceased by his parents Aime and Delima (née Valade) Glaude. Also predeceased by his siblings Anita Locey, Aurèle, Laurier, Laurette Riley, Lucien, Derek and Leo. Marcel will be greatly missed by many family and friends. The family would like to thank all the Staff at Heartwood LTC for their excellent care. Visitation at LAHAIE & SULLIVAN CORNWALL FUNERAL HOMES, West Branch, 20 Seventh Street West (613-932-8482) from 9 a.m. until time of Service on Wednesday. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Sainte-Thérèse-de-Lisieux Church, 1304 Lisieux Street, Cornwall. Cremation to follow. If so desired, Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to the Ottawa Heart Institute would be appreciated by the family. Messages of condolences may be left at www.lahaiesullivan.ca

- Obituary -

THOMPSON, Lawrence 'Bud'



Peacefully at the Woodland Villa in Long Sault on Sunday April 1, 2018 age 81 years. Lawrence Edward 'Bud' Thompson formerly of Ingleside. Beloved husband of Jean (Casselman) Thompson. Loved father of Sandra Heckroth (Greg) of Florida, David Thompson (Amanda) of Ingleside and the late Steven Thompson. Dear brother of Harry Thompson of California and Carrol Mooney (Roy) of Carleton Place. Sadly missed by his grandchildren Nolan, Emma, Chase, Connor, Cayla and Courtney. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Elwood and Margaret (Hodgins) Thompson and one brother Terry Thompson. To honour Bud's wishes, cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held at the Brownlee Funeral Home MacDougall Chapel, 14815 County Road 2, Ingleside, on Thursday, April 12th from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. [A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF BUD THOMPSON'S LIFE WILL BE HELD IN TRINITY UNITED CHURCH INGLESIDE ON FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2018 AT 11AM.]. Reverend Daniel Hayward officiating. Spring interment at Hillcrest Cemetery in Newington. In lieu of flowers, as expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at www.brownleefuneralhomes.com.

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Tagwi students team up with Glengarry for building competition

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

ALEXANDRIA – Just before March Break, Glengarry District High School (GDHS) teacher Lindsey Howes and Tagwi Secondary School teacher Linzi Leclerc were discussing how to develop skills for students when they enter into the workforce. “With pretty much any job, you need to talk to people that aren’t on site by using Skype or email and you need to collaborate with people that you might not necessarily know. We decided it would be great to have Tagwi students pair with Glengarry students to develop those communication and collaboration skills,” Howes explained.

Skills Ontario got involved after Howes mentioned the project to Lori Carlisle, UCDSB Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) lead. Skills Ontario has traditionally only done projects for Grades 9 through 12 but are starting to work with the Grade 7 and 8 students. “That is where the wind turbine piece came in and that fits into Grade 7 and 8 science and geography. They also had to create a report that is in both English and French, so we got some language skills in there as well,” said Howes.

The students’ objective was to use their knowledge from class discussions to collaborate, plan and develop a design for a wind turbine that would have a base of 12x12 in., and the mid-point of the fan would stand no higher than 40 cm., from the



Collaborating to win

The winning team from the wind turbine building competition for Tagwi and GDHS was, from left, Carl Marfurt-Breakenridge (GDHS), Zac L’Ecuyer (Tagwi) and Markus Gandia (GDHS). Their turbine produced a voltage output of 138mV and received a total of 128 points from the judges.

Courtesy photo

top of the desk. “We started just before March Break in our science and geography classes talking about the concepts of sustainability, green energy and quality of life in geography, and in science we have been talking about structures, different fan blades, electrical outputs. We also went to the shop classes to do some tech safety,” Howes said.

The actual building competition took place at GDHS on Fri., April 6 and students had two hours before lunch followed by 30 minutes after. Howes said

there were firm deadlines and no exceptions for working extra time. She went on to say that the teachers have been impressed by their students during the whole process. “One of the biggest things was the connections they have been able to make with the workforce. We had some groups where people were really prepared and others weren’t so there has been a lot of great learning about being prepared or not and how that makes you feel and how that makes your group feel. There is a lot of great



Girl power

The 3rd place team of Emily Gareau (GDHS), Madison MacLeod (GDHS), Bryanna Boer (Tagwi) and Paige Moores-McNicol (Tagwi) had a 64 mV output and 118 total points. The team used plastic spoons to make the turbine blades.

Sawyer Helmer photo

problem-solving, by going through the design process and [augmenting the design with that collaboration]. Today when they were actually building they had to figure out the best use of their time,” she explained. The project also served as a way for students to make connections to trade jobs and realize more opportunities once they are finished their schooling.

In order to determine the winner, 10 judges from the area evaluated the groups on their design, construction and oral presentation. Other judges measured voltage output of the machines.

Judges included: Jeff Manley, Township of North Glengarry; Frank Hakvoort, farmer from North Stormont; Helena MacCuaig, North Glengarry community member; Tim Power, retired science teacher; Dwayne Lowe, retired tech teacher; Babs McLeod, retired intermediate teacher; Mike Metcalfe, Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce; Eric MacSweyn, Hydro One representative; Lori Carlisle, UCDSB Skills Ontario Coordinator and Katherine Adams, GDHS guidance teacher. The voltage output judges were: Jamie Poulin, Tagwi technology teacher and Ryan Winter, GDHS technology teacher.

The winners for total points in all categories were: Carl Marfurt-Breakenridge (GDHS), Markus Gandia (GDHS) and Zac L’Ecuyer (Tagwi) in first place with 138 mV output and 128 total points. Second place was Kayla McPherson (GDHS), Bridan Russett (GDHS) and Jacob MacDonell (Tagwi) with 150 mV output and 120.7 total points. Third place was Emily Gareau (GDHS), Madison MacLeod (GDHS), Bryanna Boer (Tagwi) and Paige Moores-McNicol (Tagwi) with 64 mV output and 118 total points.

The EOHU wants your opinion!

ONTARIO – The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is launching a survey where members of the public like you can provide feedback about the Health Unit’s programs and services. The short survey also provides you with the opportunity to make suggestions about areas where the EOHU could make improvements. “Providing excellent customer service is very important to the EOHU. We encourage everyone to

take the survey as this tool will help ensure that we not only continue meeting the needs of the public in the years ahead, but that we go above and beyond their expectations,” says Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health at the EOHU.

The survey is available in both English and French at the following addresses:

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If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Louise Simmons, Manager of Planning and Evaluation at the EOHU, at 613-764-2584 or at lsimmons@eohu.ca.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Ruth Bernice Smith wish to express a heartfelt thank you to all who visited, sent cards, emails and brought food at the time of her passing. Your donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital are greatly appreciated. To Susan Rainey and Finch Legion for the reception, Pastor Lois Gaudet for her lovely sermon, Tammy McRae for the beautiful music, to her grandsons a huge thank you for being her pallbearers. Special thanks to granddaughter, Gilda for her words of remembrance and to Dave or Brownlee Funeral Home for your guidance and professionalism. Also a thank you to Marion Hough for making the trip to tell her heartfelt personal story, and a very special thank you to Donna for her kindness and support.

God Bless you all.



Annual General Meeting

The 2018-19 NDMHA Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the Winchester Curling Club at 7 p.m. Any proposed amendments to the NDMHA Constitution need to be submitted in writing to the Secretary by April 19, 2018.

All positions on the executive are open for nominations. Nominations can either be submitted in writing to the Secretary in advance of the meeting, or in person with the nominated individual present at the AGM.

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CHESTERVILLE – There is nothing like a spring-time walk in the forest, an opportunity to learn how maple syrup is produced and taste a variety of sweet treats. During Maple Weekend 2018, held on April 7-8, participating maple syrup producers in Ontario welcomed members of the public into their sugar bushes to enjoy just that!

One of 12 Eastern Ontario maple syrup producers that participated in Maple Weekend 2018, was On the Bend Sugar Shack, operated by Gary and Fay Gallinger and Frank and Susan Heerkins, located just outside Chesterville on County Road 11. On The Bend has 18 acres of forest with 1,000 taps on the trees to collect sap either by bucket or pipeline, and a centrally located processing cabin.

Fay Gallinger explained how the sap is collected and transported to the cabin where it is processed in the first wood pellet evaporator in Ontario, which was installed in 2012. Gary explained the process of producing the



Lots of sweet things

From the left, Gary Gallinger, Fay Gallinger and Susan Heerkins are pictured with a variety of maple syrup products with Heerkins holding a copy of *Sappy's Great Maple Adventure from Tree to Table*, a colouring and activity book which combines fun and learning about maple syrup production for young people and produced by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producer's Association.

Thompson Goddard photo

maple syrup, maple butter and maple sugar which includes ensuring that the proper boiling temperature and correct production procedure are followed in each case.

When asked, Fay commented 2018 had been a very good year with over 600 gallons of syrup being produced during the season which would be ending shortly. She mentioned they have been boiling the sap for Upper Canada Village on site this year, then explained Gary and

Frank had facilitated the return of maple syrup production at the former Kemptville Agricultural College.

Fay and Susan were busy in the retail section of the cabin where visitors were able to purchase maple syrup, maple butter, maple sugar or maple candy floss. They were pleased with the turnout on April 7, with Fay mentioning around 70 people had visited, and that they expected at least that many on Sunday.

Playhouse kicks off season with best of Grand Ole Opry

MORRISBURG – Upper Canada Playhouse is launching its 2018 Season of laughter and music with Opry Gold, a toe-tapping, foot-stomping live concert of hits from the kings and queens of country music. Leisa Way and her phenomenally talented Wayward Wind Band will raise the roof with the hottest country songs from the last few decades.

This talented group of some of the finest musicians in the country have created several concerts especially for The Playhouse and these shows have gone on to play across the country. Opry Gold is already proving to be a smash hit, with the original week-long run being virtually sold out and another five performances added. The concert now runs from April 24 through May 4 and audiences are encouraged to grab their seats while they can.

"Our audience are great fans of Leisa Way and her band. I think it's safe to say that they had our audience in mind when they put together this country concert," remarks Artistic Director Donnie Bowes. "Opry Gold is probably their best yet. The list of country artists and hits is amazing."

After appearing on the Playhouse stage last season with *Across The Pond* and *Mistletoe Magic*, the company returns with hits from such artists as Johnny Cash, Shania Twain, Vince Gill, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Lady Antebellum, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Charlie Daniels, Zac Brown Band, Willie Nelson, Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Hank Williams, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell, Carrie Underwood, Taylor Swift, Toby Keith, Gretchen Wilson, Tammy Wynette, Roger Miller, the Dixie Chicks and more!

Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band also have an impressive list of credits from their extensive experience in the music industry. Way's career has taken

her to more than 50 countries and she has performed at major theatres across Canada and the U.S. including six seasons at the Charlottetown Festival and tours of Canada, the U.S. and Japan. She was also seen in the Playhouse production of *The Love List*.

Musical Director and keyboardist Bruce Ley was a regular on both The Tommy Hunter and Ronnie Prophet TV shows and has also worked with Nashville artists including Don Everly, Chet Atkins and Brenda Lee.

Guitarist and vocalist Fred Smith has backed Bobby Curtola, Del Shannon, Leslie Gore, The Drifters, The Supremes, The Fifth Dimension and The Mamas and Papas.

Bobby Prochaska, vocalist and on bass, has appeared with the Kitchener/Waterloo Symphony. His theatre credits have taken him across Canada, the U.S and to Broadway in such shows as *The Buddy Holly Story* and *Crazy For You*.

Nathan Smith, on fiddle, guitar and as vocalist, has had a varied career in classical, jazz and bluegrass. He performed with the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra, toured with the band Hard Ryde and also performs with his innovative bluegrass band, The Barrel Boys. He also played with a number of Toronto folk and country acts such as The O'Pears.

Drummer Sam Cino's music has been heard on CBC, City TV, Fashion TV and Much Music. He has toured throughout Canada, the U.S. and Europe and has worked on projects featuring such artists as Andrew Cash, Kinnie Starr and Dutch Mason.

Opry Gold is followed by the summer comedies *It's Your Funeral*, *Knickers*, *Plaza Suite* and *The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby*. The big band concert Dean and Jerry: What Might Have Been hits the stage in October and *The Christmas Express* wraps up the season in December.

Opry Gold runs April 24-May 4 with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows. Book tickets at 613-543-3713/ toll free 1-877-550-3650 or uppercanadaplayhouse.com

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Tagwi Secondary School Trivia Night Fundraiser

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Record Correspondent

FINCH – "The Community support is overwhelming," remarked Tammy Konink, a member of the Tagwi Trivia Night organizing committee as the Finch Community Centre began to fill with people ready to participate in the inaugural trivia fundraiser.

Tagwi Secondary School Principal, Ewen McIntosh, mentioned during an interview at the event, "Tagwi Secondary School is extremely appreciative of the commitment of our parent community in support of student learning for all. Tonight's event is a wonderful example of this commitment."

From the school colours of light and darker blue which decorated the tables to the opportunity to order and have food delivered from Fat Les' Chip Stand during the evening there was ample evidence of the many hours which Konink, Claudia Goodman and Vicky Tait had spent intricately planning this highly successful fundraiser.

The distinctive Tagwi school shirts were worn by students and staff who were busy facilitating the evening which provided opportunities to visit with friends, family and

Tagwi alumni as the event progressed. In addition to answering the challenging trivia questions composed by Nikki Jardin, Serge Frigon and Connie Johnson, there was a silent auction with 80 donated items to bid on, five themed baskets being raffled, a live auction with Russell auctioneer Bill Cashman and the opportunity to visit while supporting Tagwi Secondary School students and staff.

Principal McIntosh commented, "We know the tremendous effort needed to put together an event such as this and we are very thankful for it." He noted an event such as this "makes a huge difference for our school community." Goodman explained that funds raised during the evening would be used for student activities at Tagwi, classroom and school yard enhancements and graduation bursaries, and he thanked the individuals and businesses who donated items for the raffles or auctions as well as the student volunteers, those who attended the event and local ScotiaBank branches. ScotiaBank branches in Maxville, Chesterville and Cornwall sold Trivia Night tickets with ScotiaBank Maxville matching the funds raised by the event.



Hard work pays off

Tagwi Secondary School Principal Ewan McIntosh is pictured with event organizers Tammy Konink and Claudia Goodman and some of the items for the live auction held at the Trivia Night Fundraiser for Tagwi Secondary School on April 7 at the Finch Community Centre. Missing from the photo was organizing committee member Vicky Tait who was unable to attend the event.

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Dundas County Players' spring production of *The 39 Steps*

WINCHESTER – Audiences are in for a heck of a ride in Dundas County Players' upcoming show, *The 39 Steps*, to be performed on the weekends of April 20-22 and 27-29 at the Old Town Hall in Winchester. *The 39 Steps* is Patrick Barlow's comic adaptation of John Buchan's 1915 novel of the same name and lovingly recreates Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 motion picture thriller for the stage.

The main plot stays true to the movie version. When Richard Hannay, played by seasoned actor Rick Ventrella, is accused of a crime he didn't commit, he finds himself pursued by German spies, entangled with mysterious women and caught up in an elaborate plot with the fate of the country in his hands. This, however, is where the similarity ends and pandemonium begins. The story's more than 100 supporting roles are in fact played by a talented group of only six actors who change personas with lightning speed and precision. A hat put on or taken off, a cape thrown over a uniform, a change of accent and voilà!

Things get particularly wild and woolly when, during an early train sequence, two of the characters have to play a pair of women's undergarment salesmen, two cops, plus the train conductor and a paperboy, essentially at the same time.

Director Tony Glen is very pleased with his talented cast and crew. "This play demands a substantial amount of physicality and versatility from everyone," he explained. "Actors are relying on their comedic timing to captivate our imagination and keep our attention. We want the scenes featuring slapstick and tomfoolery to seem easy and spontaneous when they're anything but."

In addition to playing multiple roles, the actors also pull and push set pieces on and off stage. Steamer trunks double as trains, cars, desks and beds; a single door frame provides entry into and exit from all manner of situations and scenes; a ladder becomes a fence and railway bridge.

Richard Hannay's three love interests, the dark-haired spy, Annabella, the Scottish lass, Margaret, and the quintessential Hitchcock

blonde, Pamela, are portrayed by Dundas County Players' newcomers.

The 39 Steps takes audiences on an epic journey which will delight and surprise them with its energy, playfulness and humorous spirit. It's a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre. New

this spring will be the photo booth in the theatre lobby. Don a fabulous hat or cravat from the Dundas County Players' wardrobe and have a picture taken with your phone!

Performances will take place at the Old Town Hall in Winchester at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., April 20, Sat., April 21, Fri., April 27 and Sat., April 28

and at 2 p.m. on Sun., April 22 and Sun., April 29. Tickets are \$15 for adults (\$10 for youths 18 and under) and are available through Paypal at dplayers.ca, by contacting the DCP Ticket Line at 613-297-0097 or in person at the Planted Arrow in Winchester (501 Main Street).

The Dundas County

Players Theatre Society is a community volunteer organisation that promotes theatre arts in Dundas County. For the past 22 years, Dundas County Players has been providing quality entertainment including plays, children's summer workshops and cabarets.

NDDHS students shine at Kinsmen Music Festival

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Record Staff

CHESTERVILLE – The North Dundas District High School Junior and Senior bands competed at the Kinsmen Music Festival on Wed., April 4 while the Junior choir competed on Thurs., April 5. This year was a momentous year for all of the groups. Junior band took the silver medal, Senior band took home the gold medal and Junior choir also took home the gold medal.

Music Director Joel Exner spoke to the hard work from the students and how proud he is of these musicians. Exner went on to explain that music can be a powerful part of life and he hopes his students can continue to thrive and pursue their musical ambitions. "It is a really awesome accomplishment," he said.

The NDDHS music program when Exner himself attended the school was a renowned group, often competing at

some of the highest levels. Since Exner took over the program three years ago, he has been working to reignite the music at the school. While he recognized the successes of the program in the past, he added that it is important to look to the future and allow the new

program to be its own success.

Exner said he believes that next year will bring even more accomplishments for the music students and he will continue to foster the music program as an important part of student development.



Musical success

NDDHS Junior and Senior band members and Junior choir members received high honours at the Kinsmen Music Festival on April 4 and 5. Courtesy photo

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Rockets soar to new heights, despite defeat

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

GATINEAU—The North Dundas Rockets made their last road trip of their season win or lose as they headed to Gatineau for Game 7 of the best of seven NCJHL championship on Wednesday night.

Vikings 8 Rockets 3: The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Arena Jean Paul Sabourin on Wed., April 4, to take on the Papineau Vikings for Game 7 of the best of seven NCJHL championship. The Rockets jumped out to a 2-0 series lead after taking Game 1, 3-2 and Game 2, 5-4 in overtime. The Vikings took Game 3 with a convincing 6-2 victory and evened the series with a 5-4 overtime win in Game 4.

The Rockets took Game 5, 4-2 and had a chance to put the Vikings away in Chesterville on Sun., April 1, but it was the Vikings who forced a Game 7 with a 4-1 victory. After two days of wondering where and when the game would take place due to lack of available ice time in Gatineau and surrounding area, it was decided the game would be at the Arena Jean Paul Sabourin in northern Gatineau.

The Rockets also brought their fans as a bus was chartered and a bunch drove themselves in an ugly, windy, snowy evening. The Vikings surprised the Rockets scoring just 10 seconds into the first period as Jacob Osborne scored an unassisted goal taking a 1-0 lead. The Rockets tied the game at 2:13 when Shawn Simms pounded one to the back of the net from Justin Lefebvre.

Neither team was able to take the lead before the opening frame wound down settling to take a one-draw into the first intermission. The Rockets took their first lead of the game when Simms dialled in his second of the game at 9:56 of the second period from Bryden Van Kessel to make it 2-1.

The Rockets took the slim 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Vikings tied the game at two when Simon Hupe scored at 6:04 of the third period from Joel Gagnon and Danny Plourde Grenon. After the halfway mark of the third period the Rockets' face outstanding odds as the Vikings scored six consecutive goals in a span of five minutes and 23 seconds.

The Vikings' first goal came off the stick of Justin Labrosse at 12:14 from Hupe to retake the lead, the second from Mathieu Lapointe at 12:54 from Jeremy Trudeau, the third from Maxime Tremblay at 13:57 from Osborne, the fourth from Osbourne as he scored his second of the game at 15:30 from Plourde Grenon and Anthony Laprade, the fifth at 16:53 from Lapointe scoring his second of the game



Jason Buma



Bryden Van Kessel



Chris Marchand



Shawn Simms

Rockets say good-bye to four overagers

The North Dundas Rockets travelled to the Arena Jean Paul Sabourin on Wed., April 4, to take on the Papineau Vikings for Game 7 of the best of seven NCJHL championship. The Rockets took a 2-1 leading the third period but allowed six goals in a span of 5:23 and lost the game 8-3. After the disappointing loss, the junior careers of four Rockets players came to an abrupt halt. The Rockets' captain, Bryden Van Kessel, finished third in playoff scoring with 14 goals and 12 assists for 26 points, alternate captain, Shawn Simms, finished the playoffs with eight goals and 10 assists for 18 points, Chris Marchand also finished with eight goals and 10 assists for 18 points and goalie Jason Buma, who finished the playoffs with five wins and three losses and a goals against average of 3.54, all completed great junior careers with the Rockets.

File photos

from Plourde Grenon and Mathieu Des Ruisseaux and their sixth at 17:37 as Laprade scored from Tremblay as the Vikings amassed an 8-2 lead.

The Rockets added one with 2:16 remaining as Connor Roth fired one home unassisted but it wasn't to be this season for the Rockets as the Vikings took the game 8-3 capturing their third championship in four years. Picking

up the win in the Vikings' goal was Yannick Gosselin and suffering the loss was Reilly Tondreau.

It was a tough loss for the Rockets especially for the four graduating players, Jason Buma, Chris Marchand, Shawn Simms and Bryden Van Kessel whose junior careers end but they should take pride in the way the team has developed over the past couple of years.

Tragedy strikes the hockey world again

HUMBOLDT — On Fri., April 6, a bus carrying 28 members of the Humboldt Broncos hockey team of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League was struck by a tractor trailer killing 15 team members and injuring the remaining 13.

The Broncos were en route to Nipawin in southern Saskatchewan just northeast of Saskatoon to play against the Hawks for Game 5 of their playoff series when the accident occurred. There is an ongoing investigation by the RCMP to see what may have been a factor in the accident, which

happened around 6 p.m. local time.

The players' names were released early Sunday morning: Adam Herald (age 16), Connor Lukan (21), Evan Thomas (18), Jacob Leicht (19), Jaxon Joseph (20), Logan Boulet (21), Logan Hunter (18), Logan Schatz (20), Stephan Back (21) and Xavier Labelle (18). It was announced on Monday that there had been a mix up at the coroner's office and that Labelle was alive, though injured, while goalie Parker Tobin (18) was deceased.

Others whose lives were taken were: statistician Brody Hinz (18), general manager and head coach Darcy Haugan (42), bus



Paying respect to Humboldt Broncos

The Casselman Vikings and the Carleton Place Canadians paid their respects to the 15 fallen team members of the Humboldt Broncos prior to Game 5 on Sat., April 7 at the Carleton Place Arena. The two teams gathered in a circle at centre ice in a show of unity. Tragedy struck the hockey world on Friday evening near Saskatoon when a tractor trailer slammed into a bus carrying the Broncos.

Courtesy Malette photo

driver Glen Doerksen (59), assistant coach Mark Cross (27) and play-by-play announcer Tyler Bieber

(29). This is the second tragedy to strike the minor hockey world after it

happened closer to home on Oct. 17, 2017 near Burnstown, where four members of the Renfrew

Timberwolves of the CCHL2 were involved in a serious accident, two of whom were killed.

Vikings take early championship series lead

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN — The Casselman Vikings began defence of the CCHL2's Barkley Cup in the championship series against the Carleton Place Canadians with three games this past weekend as they welcomed the Canadians on Thursday night for Game 1, travelled to Carleton Place on Saturday night for Game 2 and welcomed the Canadians on Sunday night for Game 3.

Canadians 4 Vikings 3 (OT): The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Carleton Place Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., April 8, for Game 3 of the best of seven CCHL2's Barkley Cup. The Vikings came home with a 2-0 series lead after defeating the Canadians the previous night by a score of 4-2 in Carleton Place.

The Vikings looked to take a stranglehold on the series with a victory and the Canadians needed a win to stay in the series and avoid a sweep.

The Vikings opened the scoring when Sean David was set up by Ethan Wensink by the right hand post for the tap in at 3:56 of the first period to take a 1-0 lead. Picking up the extra helper was Carter Malette.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when Sebastien Plante snapped one home from the slot at 12:40 from Brendan Doherty and Yanick Dicaire. The Canadians cut the Vikings' lead in half when Aiden Parnell scored from James Lister and Spencer Marshall with 2:32 remaining in the opening frame.

The Vikings took the 2-1 lead into the first intermission. The Vikings controlled the play for the first 10 minutes of the second period but the momentum shifted slightly in the second half of the period and the Canadians took advantage as Alex Vala scored from the high slot with just four seconds remaining in the middle frame from Eastan Eckert and Hisham Barayan.

The Canadians outshot the Vikings 16-10 but headed into the dressing room for the second intermission knotted at two. The Canadians took their first lead of the game when Reece Bolton scored at 5:32 of the third period from Cameron Patton and Mitchell Kealey.

The Vikings owned the rest of the period outshooting the Canadians 13-5 and at 14:05 one of

these shots found the back of the net as Ryan Sabourin pounded one home from Joel Hunt tying the game at three.

Nothing was decided before the end of regulation so the game headed to a 10-minute overtime period. In the extra frame, the Vikings put it to the Canadians outshooting them 9-2 but it was that second shot of the Canadians that found the back of the net as Ryland Mosely scored on the power play with just 1:46 remaining in the first overtime from Patton and Bolton.

The Canadians took the game 4-3 and are right back in the series trailing two games to one heading back to Carleton Place. Picking up the win in the Canadians' goal was Jacob Lavergne making 39 saves on 42 shots and suffering the loss in the Vikings' goal was Nick Campbell making 31 saves on 35 shots.

Vikings 4 Canadians 2: The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Carleton Place Arena on Sat., April 7, to take on the Canadians for Game 2 of the best of seven CCHL2's Barkley Cup. The Vikings were riding a high after taking Game 1 by a score of 3-2 and looked to take a 2-0 series lead with a win.

The Canadians looked to stay in the series but have struggled at home throughout these playoffs. The Vikings opened the scoring at 10:05 of the first period as Ryan Sabourin sprung Sean David on a shorthanded breakaway and he slid one five-hole to take a 1-0 lead.

The shots on goal through the first 20 minutes were eight each but the visiting Vikings took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission. The Vikings made it 2-0 when Joel Hunt scored on his own rebound at 9:22 of the second period on the power play from Ryan Sabourin and Yanick Dicaire.

The Canadians got that one back as the playoff scoring leader, Ryan Mosely scored from James Lister at 15:01 to make it 2-1. The Vikings regained their two-goal lead when David scored his second of the game after a three-foot pass across the crease from Ethan Wensink on the power play with just 2:02 remaining in the middle frame.

Brendan Doherty also picked up an assist on the play and the Vikings took a 3-1 lead into the second intermission. The



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Carleton Place Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., April 5, for Game 1 of the best of seven CCHL2 championship. The Vikings forward, Joel Hunt, has silently had a good playoff year scoring four goals and two assists. Hunt scored the game-winning goal to give the Vikings a 1-0 series lead after taking the opener 3-2. Courtesy Lauwers photo

Canadians' defenseman decided to take things into his own hands as he went from coast to coast right up the centre of the ice almost uncontested and went to the backhand beating the Vikings' goalie, Nick Campbell at 13:16 of the third period unassisted.

The Canadians pulled their goalie, Jacob Lavergne, in favour of an extra attacker with about a minute and a half remaining in regulation to make it a six on five. The Vikings didn't allow the Canadians to get set up in their end and with just 14 seconds remaining, Wensink fired one into the empty goal from below the right face-off circle to make it 4-2 unassisted. The Vikings took the game 4-2 taking a 2-0 series lead heading back to the friendly confines of the J. R. Brisson Complex.

Picking up the win in the Vikings' goal was Campbell making 28 saves on 30 shots and suffering the loss in the Canadians' goal was Lavergne making 28 saves on 30 shots.

Vikings 3 Canadians 2: The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Carleton Place Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Thurs., April 5, for Game 1 of the best of seven CCHL2's Barkley Cup. The Vikings made it to the championship round after taking out the Embrun Panthers in four games in round one and the Perth Blue Wings in a gruelling seven games in round two.

The Canadians beat the Renfrew Timberwolves in round one and the also had a seven-game series against the Ottawa Canadians in round two. The Canadians drew first blood in the

series as James Lister scored just 1:26 into the first period to take a 1-0 lead.

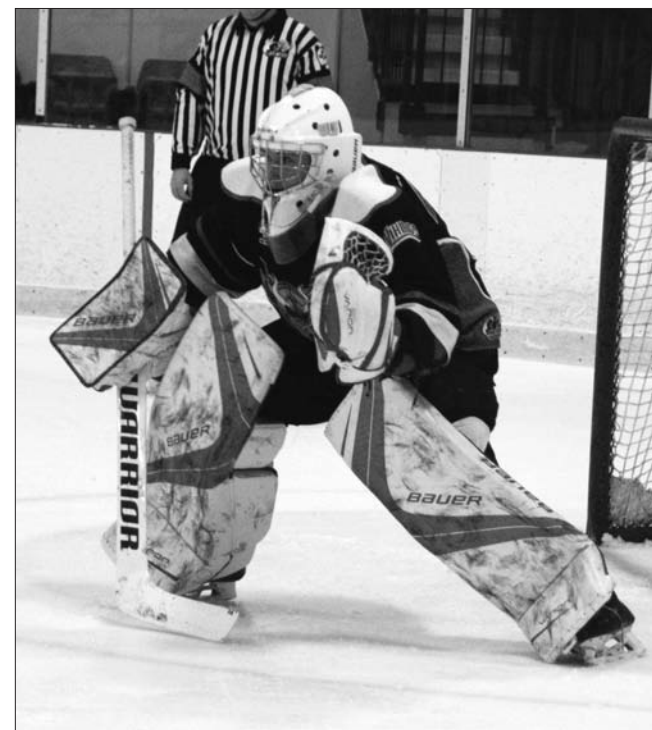
The Vikings outshot the Canadians in the opening frame 9-8 but trailed 1-0 heading into the first intermission. The second period was all Vikings as ice seemed to tilt one way. The Vikings tied the game at 5:21 as Sebastien Plante snapped one home from the slot on the power play from Ryan Sabourin and Ethan Wensink.

Carter Malette gave the Vikings their first lead of the game after a rebound landed on his stick right beside the right post and he was able to slide it across the goal line with just 18 seconds remaining in the middle frame from Kyle Millett's gain on the power play.

The Vikings took the 2-1 lead into the second intermission. The Vikings took a 3-1 lead on a weird one as Joel Hunt scored off of the Canadians' goalie, Jason Lavergne's left leg and into the net from behind the goal line at 3:22 of the third period from Gabriel Rousselle and Olivier Brunet.

The Canadians didn't back down as Ryland Mosley scored at 10:50 from Martin Templeton on the power play at 10:50 to make it 3-2. The Vikings gave the Canadians a chance to tie the game when Sean David was assessed a hooking call at 16:50.

The Canadians pulled their goalie partway through the penalty to make it a six-on-four advantage but the Vikings thwarted all scoring chances and killed the penalty off. The



The Casselman Vikings welcomed the Carleton Place Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex on Sun., April 8 for Game 3 of the best of seven CCHL2 championship. The Vikings went into the game with a chance go three games up on the Canadians after taking the first two games of the series. Most of the games for the Vikings this playoff season have been decided by just one goal mostly because of the play of their goalie, Nick Campbell. The Embrun native has nine wins, one shutout and four losses with a save percentage of .907 and a goals against average of 2.56. Courtesy Lauwer photo



The Casselman Vikings travelled to the Carleton Place Arena on Sat., April 7, to take on the Canadians for Game 2 of the best of seven CCHL2 championship. The Vikings' Sean David (23) has been the Vikings' most prolific player this post-season. David scored two goals, one while shorthanded and the other on the power play including the game winning goal as the Vikings took game two 4-2. The rugged centremen has MVP numbers this playoff with 12 goals and five assists in 13 games. Courtesy Lauwers photo

Canadians pulled their goalie again but in the exchange of players, they were called for too many men.

The Canadians got possession of the puck and pulled their goalie again to make it a five-on-five situation but just could not get set up in the Vikings end. The Vikings had three shots at the empty net but missed all three times.

With about 25 seconds remaining, the Canadians found themselves on a breakaway but the Vikings' goalie, Nick Campbell turned it aside as the Vikings took game one 3-2 and a 1-0 series lead. Picking up the win in the

Vikings' goal was Campbell making 14 saves on 16 shots and suffering the loss in the Canadians' goal was Lavergne making 29 saves on 32 shots.

Up next: The Vikings travel to the Carleton Place Arena tonight Wed., April 11, for Game 4 of the best of seven CCHL2 championship to take on the Canadians at 8:15 p.m. The Vikings then welcome the Canadians to the J. R. Brisson Complex for Game 5 on Thurs., April 12, at 8 p.m. Game 6 will be in Carleton Place on Sat., April 14, at 8:15 p.m. (if necessary) and Game 7 will be on Sun., April 15, in Casselman at 7:30 p.m.

Vikings community loses inspirational leader

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

CASSELMAN — The whole area of Eastern Ontario lost one of its most inspirational leaders this past week as Jonathan Pitre passed away at the age of 17 in a Minnesota Hospital on Wed., April 4. Pitre was battling a rare disease, epidermolysis bullosa, which is an extremely painful skin disorder, and wore bandages from head to toe every day.

Three years ago he decided to go public with his disease and raise money and awareness to help others going through the same things he was afflicted with. Just after he decided to go public and before the Ottawa Senators adopted him, the Casselman Vikings took him under their wing as the team's motivational and inspirational leader.

With the help of his mother,

Tina Boileau, he made appearances at the Vikings' games and attended their award ceremony and ring presentation in August of 2015. The Vikings named a trophy after him for the player who is the inspirational leader of the season.

Pitre himself was selected as the first recipient of the award. He also scored a championship ring that year after the Vikings won the EOJHL championship.

Pitre was named the Butterfly Child because of his love of butterflies and his fragile skin and eventually his nickname changed to Butterfly Boy as he aged. He had been in and out of the Minnesota Hospital due to complications after a stem cell transplant from his mother.

The Vikings honoured Pitre this past week by placing a butterfly decal on their helmet with his initials J. P. on the wings.



Vikings honour Pitre

The Casselman Vikings adopted Jonathan Pitre as their inspirational leader heading into the 2014-15 season and the 2015 championship run. The Vikings went on to capture the EOJHL championship and honoured Pitre with a trophy in his name and a championship ring. Pitre passed away on Wed., April 4, at a Minnesota Hospital.

File photo

Ravens take round one of the battle of Russell

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

RUSSELL—The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School Ravens Intermediate Boys' basketball team welcomed their cross-town rivals, the Russell High School T-Wolves for both teams' season opener on Wed., April 4, in PRSSAA.

Ravens 43 T-Wolves 22: The Ravens wasted little time dropping down buckets scoring 18 first-quarter points and holding the T-Wolves to just five. The Ravens scored another 10 points in the second quarter and the T-Wolves were only able to score on one occasion.

The Ravens took a commanding 28-7 leading the break at halftime. The third quarter was a much tighter fought affair as the Ravens narrowly outscored the T-Wolves 10-9 taking a 38-16 lead into the final quarter. According to the Ravens Head Coach, Greg Light, "The boys are a little rough but we have some key players (experienced)."

The T-Wolves won the battle in the fourth quarter outscoring the Ravens 6-5 but it was the Ravens taking the first meeting of the two teams by a score of 43-22.

Scoring for the Ravens were: Kinsella with 14 points, Birch with 10, Tebeu with eight, Messervey with seven and Mikkelson with four.

Scoring for the T-Wolves were; Evan House with nine points, T. W. with six, Matt Marsh with five and Owen Johnson with a deuce.

T-Wolves girls' basketball team goes to UC Cup

Jeff Moore
Record Staff

KEMPTVILLE—The Russell High School T-Wolves Intermediate Girls' basketball team travelled to the North Grenville District High School on Tues., April 3, for the Upper Canada Cup tournament. The T-Wolves opened the tournament against the North Dundas District High School Devils in Game 1, in Game 2 they faced the home team Knights' travelling team and in their third game of the day they took on the Knights' development team.

Devils 45 T-Wolves 16: In their first match up of the day, the T-Wolves took on the North Dundas Devils. The T-Wolves were a little younger than last season with only two returning players so they

were expecting a slow start to their season.

The Devils scored 23 first-half points and held the T-Wolves to just four taking a 23-4 lead into the break at the half. The T-Wolves fared a little better in the second half knocking down 12 points but the Devils were just too experienced for the T-Wolves as they scored another 22 points taking the game 45-16. Scoring for the T-Wolves were: Megan Nolan with six points, Mackenzie Belisle and Abby Boszormeny each with four and Danika Dupelle with a deuce.

Scoring for the Devils were: Mackenzie Reid-Stevens with 10, Chayce Hyndman and Heather Dnoogh with eight each, Emma Rennick with seven, Paige Hannaford and Ainsley Gordon with four

apiece and Ella Holmes and Ally Beblow with deuces.

Knights (school team) 40 T-Wolves 4: In their second game of the day, the T-Wolves took on the powerhouse home travelling team the Knights. The Knights outscored the T-Wolves handily in the first half by a score of 30-4. It got a little better for the T-Wolves in the second half defensively but offensively they couldn't get one to drop.

They did hold the Knights to just 10 points in the second half but were outmatched in this one 40-4. Scoring the lone four points for the T-Wolves was Meagan Nolan.

Knights (development team) 31 T-Wolves 27: In their third game of the day, the T-Wolves took on the Knights development team.

The T-Wolves had a much better game in this one dropping 27 points in the first half taking a 27-25 lead into the half. After three quarters the teams were tied at 27 but it was the Knights who took the lead scoring four points in the final eight minutes to take the game 31-27.

Head Coach, John Hartholt stated, "We had a great day. The last game was tied with one minute to go and the girls really felt the excitement of being in a pressure situation. We were unsuccessful but the team handled the day and the experience well."

Scoring for the T-Wolves were: Mackenzie Belisle with eight points, Abby Boszormeny with seven, Megan Nolan with six, Cassandra Stevenson with four and Ashley Miles with a deuce.

Pin Tales

Monday Men's: Men's High Single, Noels Lalonde 300; Mane's High Triple, Frank Jerome 814. Team Standings: Country Boys 23, Raiders 23, A-Team 22, Alley Cats 22, East-Ont 19, Alley Rats 17.

Busy Matrons: Ladies' High Single, Sandra Bloom 237; Ladies' High Triple, Sandra Bloom 600. Team Standings: Hope 27, Love 24.5, Charity 19.5, Faith 19.

Defenders: Men's High Single, Brian Casselman 227; Men's High Triple, Andy Chrysler 600; Ladies' High Single, Laurie Lacombe 220; Ladies' High Triple, Becky Marsolais 565. Team Standings: Becky 30, Divas+D 30, Brian 26, Gwen 26, Glendon 23.

Finch Mixed: Men's High Single, Colin Sanders 298; Men's High Triple, Colin Sanders 709; Men's High Average, Noel Lalonde 217; Ladies' High Single, Isabelle Bissonnette 255; Ladies' High Triple, Grace Tilley 726; Ladies' High Average, Isabelle Bissonnette 213. Team Standings:

Team #4 5982, 3G 5908, TEAM HP 5898, T.V on 3! 5889, C-M-A-T-T 5777, THEM 5696.

Matilda: Ladies' High Single, Donna Leach 221; Ladies' High Triple, Shelley Osborne 567; Men's High Single, Kevin Osborne 286; Men's High Triple, Kevin Osborne 804. Team Standings: Danny +438, Jake +202, Brent +118, Walter +44, Kevin -23, Gary -71.

Thursday Seniors: Men's High Single, Johnny Meulenbroek 284; Men's High Triple, Johnny Meulenbroek 544; Ladies' High Single, Diny Muelenbroek 211; Ladies' High Triple, Diny Muelenbroek 485.

Les Dynamiques: Men's High Single, Pierre Briere 260; Men's High Triple, Pierre Briere 662; Ladies' High Single, Gisele Lafleur 248; Ladies' High Triple, Gisele Lafleur 556.

Williamsburg Mixed: Men's High Single, Danny Holmes 288; Men's High

Triple, Danny Scheuner (spare) 656; Ladies' High Single, Erin Drapeau 191; Ladies' High Triple, Erin Drapeau 531.

Team Standings: Carolyn's Pussycats 7035, Spaceballs 7019, Nut Jobs 6979, Fast & Furious 6917, Smurfs 6560.

Winchester Odd Couples: Men's High Single, Matt Hartle 280; Men's High Triple, Darryl Britton 759; Men's High Average, Matt Hartle 229; Ladies' High Single, Wendy Larose 205; Ladies' High Triple, Lynn Allison 509; Ladies' High Average, Pat Middleton 157. Team Standings: Dave's Team 246.5, Last Pin Standing 240.5, The Baileys 231, The Randoms 201, The Bandits 185.

Youth Bowl Canada

YBC Peewees: Girl's High Single, Cheyenne Lanoue 136; Girl's High Double, Cheyenne Lanoue 239; Boy's High Single, Teagon Burd 113; Boy's High Double, Teagon Burd 214. Team Standings: Sharks

5387, Bruins 5355, Kings 285, Leafs 5181, Thrashers 5071.

YBC Bantams: Girl's High Single, Caroline Sanders 180; Girl's High Double, Caroline Sanders 301; Boy's High Single, Zack Robinson 168; Boy's High Double, Zack Robinson 303. Team Standings: Coyotes 4305, Avalanche 4232, Blackhawks 4215, Flames 4162, Rangers 3987.

YBC Juniors: Girl's High Single, Zena Bowman 225; Girl's High Triple, Zena Bowman 521; Boy's High Single, Aaron Vanderzweep 225; Boy's High Triple, Aaron Vanderzweep 560. Team Standings: Senators 9085, Islanders 9049, Sabers 8592, Wild 8455, Lightning 8385. YBC Seniors: Girl's High Single, Samantha Reid 225; Girl's High Triple, Alayna Gaudette 560; Boy's High Single, Matthew Ridge 295; Boy's High Triple, Matthew Ridge 668. Team Standings: Panthers 7088, Canucks 6925.



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A bond never broken

Continued from the front

His immediate family, and more specifically his mom, Tina Boileau, has been there every step of the way. Boileau dropped out of university to be his caregiver. She was by his side when he died. She was his champion, rock, best friend, everything.

On her Facebook page, Boileau thanked everyone for their understanding and continued support. She also added, "My family and I are now requesting your understanding in respecting our privacy as we reunite as a family to support each other in the challenging days ahead as we grieve the loss of our son, brother, grandson and above all a fearless warrior."

Jonathan is now at peace. He has broken free from the cocoon of his diseased skin and is stretching his wings, pain-free, like the butterfly that he is. His mother is only now beginning her story as she comes to terms with life without him, a life, she said, that she cannot begin to imagine.

I am a mother. I, too, have an ironclad bond with my son. I have spent his whole life fighting for him, protecting him,

comforting him from dangers real and imagined, and, mostly, being the breath in his lungs when he suffocated from circumstances that no child his age, or many adults, could understand.

Despite this type of shared bond, not even I can begin to imagine how Tina Boileau found the strength to call off resuscitation measures as her son was dying, how she held him gently and comforted him as he took his last breath.

She will need her strength now even more to face the never-ending chasm of emptiness as she reinvents her world. I like to think that the ferocity of love goes both ways, and that in his final moments, Jonathan gave his mother the gift of his strength so that she could go on.

It is often caregivers who retreat to the shadows in the face of such public attention. Often, they never get the recognition they deserve, perhaps in fear of diminishing the accomplishments of the sufferer. In Jonathan's case, that is impossible. He seared his spirit, his passion and his fight onto the world. He will not be forgotten.

Neither should Tina Boileau.

Rest in peace, Jonathan Pitre, and live in peace, Tina Boileau.

Mayor of Russell Township, Pierre Leroux to seek Ontario Liberal Party nomination in GPR

EMBRUN — Mayor of Russell Township, Pierre Leroux announced today that he will seek the Ontario Liberal Party nomination in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

Leroux, a committed public servant, former volunteer firefighter and small business owner will put his experience and passion for his community to work at Queen's Park.

"I've been calling Russell Township my home for the past 17 years," said Leroux. "There is no better place to raise a family or run a business than Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. People here in GPR deserve a provincial representative who understands the challenges that we all face, and more importantly, someone who understands the opportunities that our area has to offer. I am someone who is committed to making our lives easier and more affordable. Premier Kathleen Wynne is making historic investments that will help our community, like free prescriptions for young people and seniors, and universal childcare for toddlers. If nominated as the Ontario Liberal candidate, I would be a fierce advocate for our families, so that we have the support we need."

Leroux is running to replace current Member of Provincial Parliament, Grant Crack, who has served as MPP for the riding since 2011. "Everyone around here knows Grant," said Leroux. "He has done a great job representing our community and I want to wish him well in whatever he decides to do next. I want to pick up where Grant left off and continue to push for investments that make a real difference in people's lives."

Grant Crack, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, issued the following statement:



Pierre Leroux



Grant Crack

"Earlier this year I advised Premier Wynne that I would not be a candidate in the upcoming election.

After careful consideration and heartfelt discussions with my family, I concluded that the time is right to seek out other career opportunities. This was a very difficult decision.

I have had the privilege of serving my community and the Province of Ontario as a political leader for over 17 years. During this time I have developed numerous relationships with political colleagues, community stakeholders and established friendships of which I am grateful and will miss on a day-to-day basis.

I want to thank the great people of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell for giving me the opportunity to represent them in

the riding locally and also as their voice at Queen's Park.

I look forward to assisting the next Liberal candidate in the upcoming campaign and I am confident that GPR will remain red. I am also confident that my Liberal colleagues under the forward thinking leadership of Premier Kathleen Wynne will form a majority government on June 7."

Leroux is a proud husband and father of three. In 2001, his family moved to Russell Township and opened their first small business in Embrun. In 2010, he expanded his business to Casselman, the same year he successfully ran to become a councillor for the Township. Following the tragic loss of friend and colleague JP St. Pierre in 2014, Leroux became Mayor of Russell Township.

Russell Foodland celebrates one year

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Villager Staff

RUSSELL — Russell Foodland celebrated their one-year anniversary this past weekend on Sat., April 7. Store owner Karine Hamel spent much of the first year on maternity leave but was thrilled to be back at work and proud of the store's first year. Hamel worked a few days a week starting at the end of February to get her son used to daycare and to get back into the work life. She is now back full-time as of March 27. "It feels good, it is very exciting. [The year] went very well, there are still a lot of challenges opening a new store and going from 20 to 130 or so employees. But it feels good and it's nice to be back especially as we are celebrating at the same time," she said.

The anniversary celebration included cake, refreshments and free samples all throughout the store. The store managers were even given gift cards to give to some of their favourite customers. With such a successful year, Hamel said it has a lot to do with the local environment. "I think it's



Taking the cake

Russell Foodland owner Karine Hamel and her managers took a quick break to show off the in-house made vanilla cake to celebrate the store's first year.

Courtesy photo

about community support. It is such a small town and I thrive on offering the best service to all of our customers. We are a big store in a small town and that extra service and those extra smiles and acknowledgements are really important. My staff is on board with me and understands how important

customer service is for us and I think that plays a big part in our success."

Denise Legroulx, deli manager added, "The first year was wonderful. There were a lot of bumps, but we learned a lot and I think overall we've come a long way. Great customers, great staff. It takes a lot of patience



Happy to be back

Russell Foodland owner Karine Hamel (third from the left) and fresh cut station employee Sabrina Sabourin Bethune (far right) offered chips and salsa samples to regular customers Miriam Martin and her daughter Emilie Martin (8) of École élémentaire catholique Saint-Joseph. Hamel is back from maternity leave just in time to celebrate the first anniversary of the store.

Sawyer Helmer photo

new journey.

[to be successful], and you have to the love of the job. You need to have a lot of pride in what you do to make it work."

That pride was on display throughout the store this weekend as the staff welcomed each and every customer that walked through the doors.

Now that Hamel is back to work, interim manager Jeff Goulding has stepped aside and onto a new endeavour. Hamel told *The Villager* that Goulding has purchased his own store in Walkerton. Hamel said the community thanks Goulding for his year of service in Russell and wishes him the best on his



Deli delectable

Avery Fobel and deli manager Denise Legroulx (right) offered perfect bite-sized samples to customers during the Russell Foodland one-year anniversary celebration on Sat., April 7.

Sawyer Helmer photo

Wind storm slams eastern Ontario

Lisa Ellis
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – Environment Canada issued a severe wind warning for eastern Ontario on Wed., April 4. The warning was lifted later that evening.

A Colorado Low brought a mixed bag of snow, freezing rain and severe wind to eastern Canada in an epic storm that left a trail of destruction from Texas to the Great Lakes.

Eastern Ontario experienced damaging winds with gusts up to 90 km/h followed by snow squalls and freezing rain.

With reports of approximately 100,000 customers in Ontario without power at the peak of the storm Wednesday afternoon, the eastern part of the province was not spared. Hydro One stated in an emailed outage notification that the Vankleek Hill and Winchester Operations Centre had 4,991 customers affected as of 2:21 p.m. An update on Thursday explained that Hydro One had to designate 510 staff and one helicopter to repair the approximately 30 poles that had been damaged in



Snapped in two
The wind was so strong that it snapped fence posts at the base.

Courtesy Lynn Malo photo
the region and that needed to be replaced.

Power was returned to all affected by Friday afternoon.



Gone with the wind

Lynn Malo of Embrun went to let out her dog, Humprey, on Thursday morning, only to realize that her fence had been blown down by the ferocious winds.

Courtesy Lynn Malo photo

RHS Report

By Meghan Baines
Student Reporter



New month, new events at RHS

RUSSELL – On April 3, the whole school began a door decorating contest, in which students are encouraged to decorate their first period classroom door for a chance to win ice cream sandwiches for their whole class. The contest will be concluded and the doors will be judged on April 13. So, get decorating!

Our local MP Francis Drouin visited the school on April 5 to talk to Ms. Hetu's Grade 10 civics class. He came to inform them about his role in politics and parliament and shared some personal background as well. Drouin has been part of the Liberal party since he was 19, and has grown up with strong political influences in his own family. He has

accomplished a lot in his career and is motivated by a desire to help people. After his presentation, he participated in a game of 'Are you Smarter than a 10th Grader?' and the consensus is ... he isn't! But we all know that the game was rigged, and he is in fact very smart. Ms. Hetu's civics class and I would like to send him a thank you!

Finally, last Friday, RHS drama students performed *Hedges* which was entertaining and polished, as the cast and crew get ready to head to Regionals in Perth next week! The cast was impressive and talented and delivered a great performance of a short play with an interesting political undertone.

Russell Scout to host bottle drive for Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation

Kalynn Sawyer Helmer
Villager Staff

RUSSELL – On Sat., April 14, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., 2nd Russell Scouting Scout Glenn Croucher is hosting a bottle drive in the Barry's Home Hardware parking lot. Croucher's fellow Scouts will be going door-to-door as well to collect for the bottle drive. All of the proceeds will go to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Once this project is completed, Croucher is set to receive the Chief Scout Award at the annual banquet, the highest award a Scout can get. In order to achieve the Chief Scout Award, a member must be reviewed on their personal progress, learn 18 outdoor

adventure skills, perform 30 hours of community service in non-Scouting activities and finally complete a community service project.

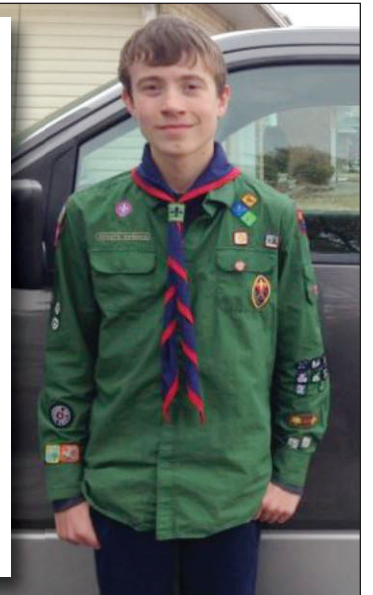
Croucher's mother Joanna told *The Villager* that Croucher chose the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation because of family members, his aunt and great-grandmother have dealt with and beaten breast cancer, and after discussions at school about how many people are affected by the disease.

Croucher and his mom have already reached out to The Beer Store to arrange the drop-off from the bottle drive. While Croucher handles the bottle drive the 2nd Russell Scouting will be doing an e-waste

Bring on the bottles

Glenn Coucher is pictured in his Scouts uniform just weeks before he will move on to become an Adventurer with the 2nd Russell Scouting. Coucher has planned a bottle drive with proceeds to be donated to Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

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collection at the same time reviewed, Coucher will be at Barry's Home Hardware. Once the Scout to become an project is complete and Adventurer.

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OPP continue to hold gun amnesty during month of April

ONTARIO – Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in collaboration with participating municipal police services are holding a gun amnesty during the month of April.

The gun amnesty is for any Ontario resident who wishes to voluntarily surrender unwanted or illegally-owned firearms, weapons, accessories or ammunition.

The amnesty is a way to provide citizens with a safe way to surrender weapons and enhance public safety. During the amnesty, police will not recommend weapons-related Criminal Code charges that might otherwise apply to people who are turning in these items. Police note no amnesty is offered for people who turn in weapons that

have been used in the commission of a crime. No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

Interested gun owners are strongly urged to call the OPP (or their local police

service's) non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122 to arrange for officers to attend and safely retrieve the weapons. Gun owners can also use the OPP website button

www.opp.ca/gunamnesty – or the Citizen Self Reporting tool to notify police.

Under no circumstances should anyone deliver guns or ammunition directly to police facilities.

Clarence-Rockland teen located

ROCKLAND – Darcy Desjardins, 16, has made contact with 'an authority figure,' according to her sister, Kandace Coderre.

The teen went missing on the evening of Tues., April 3, after leaving her Clarence-Rockland home on foot. An alert was issued by the OPP citing concerns for her safety and well-being.

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