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Leamington Council approves budget with 1.8% increase

By Pat Bailey

Local homeowners should expect to pay an additional \$36.39 when their 2018 tax bill arrives.

Following budget deliberations on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 12-13, Leamington Municipal Council approved a tax rate increase of 1.8 per cent for the coming year which translates to \$36.39 on a home assessed at \$175,000.

The 2018 budget will include \$29.5 million into operations and capital infrastructure projects, similar to the 2017 budget.

"This year's budget is a sustainable and responsible budget that will provide and enhance services to the Municipality of Leamington," said Mayor John Paterson, "while keeping our reserves at a health level of \$54 million."

"Our goal is to improve the quality of life for our residents," he added.

The mayor credits administration for making the tough decisions much easier.

With a history of a 2.0% or less budget increase dating back to 2011, Paterson said a 2.5% increase in property tax revenue, based on increased MPAC assessments, helped keep the increase in check. But he said the property tax revenues from the dramatic increase in building that has and is occurring won't be realized until they are occupied and assessed by MPAC.

Work will continue in the Pelee Drive/Bevel Line (\$4.8 million) sanitary sewer project, as well as plans for sewer separation on Erie Street South/Forest/Conover/Stewart (\$5 million).

Some of the other projects on this year's agenda include: \$4 million in upgrades at the Pollution Control Centre; \$3.5 million in water meter replacements; \$1.7 million for drainage capital works; \$1.5 million to build bike-walking trails on Seacliff Drive from Sherk to the townline; and \$1.4 million revitalization of Mill Street in the uptown area.

After a year that saw many upgrades at the Complex, Mayor Paterson said they will instead align some of the monies toward neighbourhood park upgrades and the construction of a new skateboard park (\$370,000).

The mayor said improvements will also continue at the waterfront, with beach upgrades, work on the pedestrian pier and work on the waterfront master plan.

"Council is very pleased with the financial condition in which we find Leamington," said Paterson, "and very satisfied with the proposed budget."



Volunteers from across the community including representatives of the Leamington Fire Fighters Association chipped in to help fill Leamington Salvation Army Christmas Hampers at the organization's headquarters on Settrington Street Thursday, Dec. 14. (SUN Photo)

Salvation Army fills Christmas Hampers

By Bryan Jessop

With some help from its neighbours, the Leamington Salvation Army has again made the Christmas season more enjoyable for several dozen local families.

A group of about two dozen volunteers converged upon the local SA's Settrington Street headquarters Thursday, Dec. 14 to fill 151 Christmas Hampers for Leamington's less fortunate families this year. Helpers on the assembly line included members of the general public representing all age groups from students and parents to members of the Leamington Firefighters Association and Cooperators Insurance. The process took slightly less than the 27 minutes it took last year's group to fill 166 hampers.

"Being down from last year is a good thing," explained Leamington Salvation Army Lieutenant Brad Webster. "The numbers are actually down across Southwestern Ontario. There have been some new businesses opening up in the cities, creating more jobs."

The majority of hamper items were collected during the Leamington Real Canadian Super Store's annual Stuff A Bus campaign held Saturday, Dec. 5. Other contributions have been dropped off at The Salvation Army's doors. Combined, the donations this year were ample enough for the SA to avoid having to dip into its food bank.

Hampers were given numbers and divided into specific time slots for registered families to pick up starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. Large hampers of 64 items each were set aside for families of five people or more, while smaller hampers of 33 items

each were designated for families of four or fewer. Upon pick up, each family also received a bag of carrots, onions, potatoes and a Christmas turkey.

The list of needs compiled following correspondence between The Salvation Army and Super Store included supplies like pasta, cookies, cereal, apple juice, stuffing, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, Kraft Dinner, canned tuna, jam, peanut butter, canned corn and peas, coffee, cake mix, sugar, tea bags, cranberry sauce and gravy.

Leamington's Salvation Army also addressed 300 requests for toys to local children ages 16 and under. On Monday, the local SA's representatives packaged halal meat arrangements for local Syrian refugee families on this year's Christmas Hamper list.

Webster explained that recruiting volunteers to fill hampers each year is not a challenging endeavour.

"Every year we get calls from local families who want to help," he said. "For some of them, it's a regular tradition each year. A lot are parents of kids whose schools make donations and they want their kids to see where those donations go after they're dropped off. It's a symbol of the community looking out for the community."

Minutes before hamper filling duties began, the Leamington Firefighters Association presented Leamington's Salvation Army with a cheque of \$10,000. The funds were raised during a boot drive held in late October and will be used to offset yearly operational costs such as filling the on-site food bank and expenses related to Emergency Disaster Services such as finding temporary accommodations for families displaced by fire.

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Members of the Leamington Firefighters Association presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Leamington Salvation Army on Thursday, Dec. 14. The LFFA generated the funds through a boot drive held in late October of this year. The money will be used to offset the yearly costs of filling the local Salvation Army's food bank and its Emergency Disaster Services. The same group of LFFA members also volunteered to help fill this year's Salvation Army Christmas Hampers. From left to right are LFFA members Adam Kroeker, Shawn McKenzie, Caitlyn Boissonneault, Travis Chorba and SA Lieutenant Brad Webster. (Submitted photos)



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St-Michel sends Bearskin Lake shipment

By Bryan Jessop

Students at Leamington's French elementary school have just sent a massive "Joyeux Noel" to a First Nation community in Northern Ontario.

For the second year in a row, Ecole St-Michel, backed by the generosity of local businesses and organizations, has sent a large shipment of goods to the remote reservation of Bearskin Lake. This year's drive was led by Grade 7 and 8 students, but included donations from each Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 class with contributions made from the homes and families of the school's 565 students.

With each classroom being issued a minimum of four 102 litre totes, the school-wide collection of non-perishable food items, blankets, pillows, toys, school supplies, toiletries, kitchen items, hockey equipment, hygiene products, clothes and other items began in late October. The drive concluded with a pick up of the more than 100 black and yellow, school coloured totes — purchased at a discounted price from Costco in Windsor — on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The massive collection of items was sent free of charge by local trucking company Fogz Logistics to Concord, Ont. From there, J.D. Smith sent the delivery to Pickle Lake near the north end of Highway 599. The remainder of the donation's journey was accommodated by Wasaya Airlines to Bearskin Lake's Michikan Lake School — approximately 2,100 km north of Leamington.

Last year, the local school packed 69 of the same-sized totes to Bearskin Lake, a community of three settlements not accessible by roads or highways. This year's drive also added the donation of hockey equipment by Southpoint Minor Hockey Association and L'Essor High School in Tecumseh. Upon arrival, the totes are to be arranged in Michikan Lake School's gymnasium, where residents in need will be able to make selections based on their specific needs.

"We just like to help out and wanted to give back for Christmas," explained Ecole St-Michel student council community minister Marissa Henderson. "It's a Reconciliation Project — Aboriginal people haven't been respected through the years and one of the reasons we're doing this is for forgiveness. We also want the people at Bearskin Lake to have a Merry Christmas."

"We're always trying to help people around the world in places like Africa and across Canada, and that includes our own province," added minister of communication Anna Khoury.

Even the totes themselves have proven valuable contributions. Ecole St-Michel principal Richard Szwed explained that after last year's containers were emptied, they were used for everything from common storage bins to buckets for carrying fish and equipment during ice fishing excursions.

To compliment the in-school project, Ecole St-Michel students sent letters to local businesses requesting assistance. Several companies responded with donations of their own, including a large contribution from Abraham Orthodontics. While students and community members were sending donations to Ecole St-Michel, the school's Group of Seven — part of an art program under the guidance of teacher Eric Brule — kept in contact with Bearskin Lake students via e-mail. Through such correspondence, the local students explained that they developed new friendships while at the same time being able to compile a list of what supplies the remote, isolated community required. Since the partnership between the two schools was formed, the Group of Seven has been organizing an art exchange program where students from each class created works to send to the classes at the other end of the



Grade 7 and 8 students at Ecole St-Michel line up and stack a collection of more than 100 totes for shipment to the Northern Ontario First Nation community of Bearskin Lake Wednesday, Dec. 13. The totes were filled with food items, school supplies, hockey equipment, toiletries and hygiene products, clothes, toys and kitchen supplies to be distributed to residents in need at Michikan Lake School, about 2,000 km north of Leamington.

province.

The donations include six totes full of hockey skates, about 50 sticks and several containers of hockey socks. Student Noah George, who plays travel hockey in the Southpoint Capitals system, encouraged teammates to offer used equipment and bags as part of the project. The bins of skates were sharpened and cleaned courtesy of Simp's Skate Shop owner Scott Simpson.

Kirstie Kniaziew of Orangeline Farms was also described as a major contributor to this year's project while Trucks For Change made arrangements to secure free, voluntary delivery of the large-scale donation. Financial backing came from Le Club Richelieu de Windsor as well as the International segment of the same service club, similar in nature to the Knights of Columbus. The Windsor branch made a \$975 donation while the International group has committed another \$625. The money was used to purchase additional goods for the program from Costco in Windsor.

"It was amazing, the stuff we got this year," said Ecole St-Michel teacher Colette Gagnier. "There has been no end to the generosity of this community."

After totes were collected from classroom to classroom, a combined group of 35 staff members and students at Ecole St-Michel sorted them by product type in the gymnasium — a four-hour, after school process. Gagnier noted that Grade 8 students Ryan Schiller, Griffin Kimball and Thomas DeSantos were exceptionally helpful, each volunteering several hours to help sort and prepare bins.

"Several Grade 7s and 8s were very big helpers," she said. "They dedicated every recess to lacing skates, taping sticks, packing and unpacking."

Szwed noted that several representatives of the community — from parents and local businesses to the Fogz driver known simply as "Tony" — went above and beyond to ensure that this year's Bearskin Lake project was a success.

"We all thank the Ecole St-Michel community for believing that we can make a difference," he said. "A lot of people have been a great help in the entire process."

"We just like to help out and wanted to give back for Christmas."
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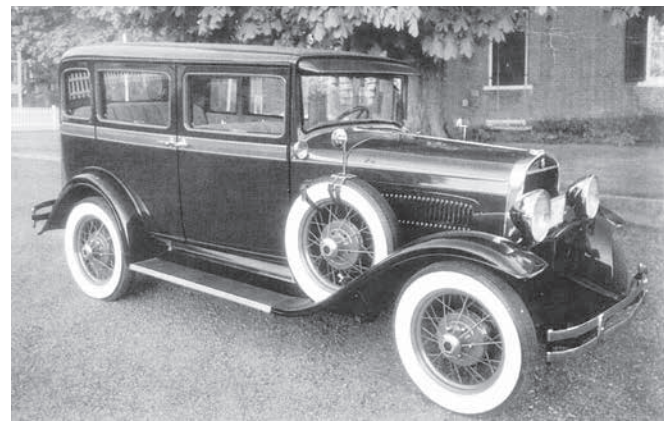
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Those days are long gone,
But we fondly recall,
The stores of our youth,
Merry Christmas to all.



Restores 1930 Essex sedan



1930 Essex sedan restored.

Brian Stouck of Beamsville purchased a 1930 Essex 5-passenger touring sedan a few years ago. It had sat outside long enough for the roof to

cave in and the car needed a total restoration.

Except for paint, upholstery and some machine shop work, Brian did most of the work himself. He built a cage with steel tubing and rollers to move the body around after separating it from the chassis and turned it on its side for sand blasting and body work. The frame was sand blasted with a pot blaster and painted black.

In three months, Brian built a giant 7-foot-high sand blaster to do the fenders, doors and gas tank. Aluminum oxide was the blasting media.

Mice had gotten into the engine. After they were evicted, Brian sent the engine out for babbiting and did all other engine work himself. It's a flathead six with 160 cubic inches producing 58 horsepower and now painted light green. The body was painted in two original shades of green and re-united with the chassis using a hoist.

Upholstery was next. The front seat got some extra back support and two flower vases adorn the back seat.

Brian's 1930 Essex originally had wooden spoke wheels, although steel spoke wheels were an option. He looked one day at the steel spoke wheels on his 1930 Model A Ford. They were 19-inch (same as the Essex) so Brian mounted Model A wheels on his Essex and they work "just fine."

Top speed when the Essex was new was around 35 mph. Brian made up an overdrive unit from a '55 Chev and adapted it to his Essex with top speed now 50.

The original shifter knob for the 3-speed floor shift transmission was missing when Brian bought the car. "I have a friend," he says, "who went to Graceland and bought drawer knobs when Elvis had some custom furniture made. The EP on the stainless shift knob stands for Elvis Presley but I tell people it stands for Essex Passenger."

The Essex was built by the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit from 1919 to 1932 and was replaced by the Hudson Terraplane in 1933. Brian belongs to the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club dedicated to preserving and restoring these cars.

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Local drive supports RMH, Salvation Army

By Bryan Jessop

A charitable initiative is reaching out to some long distance sources to ensure local residents in need can find short distance support.

The first annual UFCW Local 175/633 Holiday Food Drive set out to collect donations of food and new and gently used clothing and toys for the Windsor and London Ronald McDonald Houses as well as the local Salvation Army. The six-week drive began November 1 and wrapped up December 13 and was initiated by UFCW Local 175/633 Leamington office administrator Helene Caine. Before the collection process began, Caine was hoping to welcome contributions totaling 1,500 items. Once the Holiday Food Drive wrapped up on Wednesday of last week, the final number exceeded 3,000 to more than double the target.

"I couldn't believe the amount of people who helped out and how kind they are," Caine said. "It feels good. I'm so proud of Leamington. Everybody's been donating — (union) members, families, employers, staff members. It's unbelievable. There's been so many mornings where I've found boxes and boxes of food at the door."

Caine began using the Union's 261 Erie St. South location as the headquarters for the drive after presenting the idea to its Regions 5 and 7 director Angela Mattioli, who she described as being extremely supportive and enthusiastic about the charitable cause. Others backing the month-and-a-half program have included Local 175/633 president Shawn Haggerty and secretary treasurer Kelly Tosato. In addition to individuals and businesses in and around Leamington, donations for Ronald McDonald House and the Salvation Army have been coming from UFCW sources in Windsor, Mississauga, Cambridge, Hamilton and other communities that are home to the Local's more than 70,000 members.

In addition to non-perishable food items such as pasta, snack bars, peanut butter, jam, cereals, crackers and cookies, the Holiday Food Drive also accepted toiletries and kitchen items. As Ronald McDonald House guidelines require clothing donations to be new, gently used articles were set aside for the Salvation Army. Contributions not specifically earmarked for the two nearest RMH locations will be given to the Salvation Army.

"I wanted to do something for two charities that have a local impact," Caine explained. "It's something I enjoy doing. It makes me feel good to know that other people will be enjoying Christmas. It's something

very near and dear to my heart."

With the UFCW well known for its support of Leukemia research, outreach and education programs, Caine is no stranger to charity work. She has played a role in fundraising efforts for the past 20-plus years and decided to start her own food and clothing drive this year to gauge the union's and community's response. With the event's overwhelming success, it will now become an annual occasion. Many of the donations have been made from UFCW membership grocery stores and food manufacturers, including Highbury Canco in Leamington and Cavendish Appetizers and Milo-Fais of Wheatley as well as several others including Fortino's Supermarket.

"This is really incredible," said Ronald McDonald House Southwestern Ontario community relations associate Pamela Sahli. "Kudos to Helene for organizing this. It's something special to us, because unions are about supporting families, just like us. It's about families supporting families."

"This will be a big long-term help for us that will go into the new season," said Leamington Salvation Army lieutenant Brad Webster, who noted that the UFCW collection will also help fill the SA organization's annual Christmas hampers.

From left to right, Leamington Salvation Army lieutenants Brad and Wavie Webster, UFCW Region 5 and 7 regional director Angela Mattioli, UFCW Local 175/633 Leamington administrator Helene Caine, Ronald McDonald House Southwestern Ontario community relations associate Pamela Sahli and UFCW Region 5 service representative Orlando Cabral reveal a collection of more than 3,000 items for Windsor and London Ronald McDonald Houses and the Leamington Salvation Army at the Leamington UFCW office on Erie Street South. Caine created the first annual Holiday Food Drive in support of local charities, receiving donations from across Southwestern Ontario.

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The LAC presents its annual indoor Christmas Arts & Crafts show. Featuring 3 galleries full of unique artists and artisans in a variety of mediums; photography, painting, jewelry, crafts and more... This beautiful month long "gift shop" style exhibition has many great deals so come enjoy the show. This Christmas give the gift of art! **Free admission!**

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SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From everyone at the LAC we want to thank the community for the generous support this and every year and we wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season! The gallery will be closed from December 24 to January 2 and re-open with the 2018 Amateur Photo Contest!

2018 AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST: anything's possible EXTENDED DEADLINE!!! \$900 in Photo Prizes to be Won!

Enter your best 8x10" photos in any one of the 3 categories: Parts & Pieces, Insects & Animals, Rain or Shine. With your entry we will have your photos professionally matted then displayed in the LAC's large Southpoint Sun Gallery the month of January. Photos will be judged and prizes awarded in each category, plus a People's Choice Award. Generously Sponsored by: Speedprint & Framing by Anna. NEW Deadline: Sat Dec 22. More info & entry forms available at the Gallery or online: www.leamingtonartscentre.com

KEEP CALM & COLOUR ON: colouring show

Zip Code is an exhibit of selected works from the region by guest curator Douglas Bedard (DKN Blues.) The exhibit's focus is to bring together a collection of efficacious works in a variety of mediums and subject matter throughout artist's careers. This is a juried exhibition however, everyone is encouraged to submit. Deadline to Enter: Sat January 6, 5pm.

ART SUPPLIES - THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT OF ART!

The LAC gift shop carries a wide variety of art supplies for artists and artisans. Hundreds of products in stock and special orders available, plus LAC members get 10% OFF! Name brands such as Canson, Prismacolor, Golden, Acrylic, Krylon, Lukas, Koi, Gotrick & More! Gift Certificates Available for art supplies, classes and local artwork in the gallery.

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- DEC 22** 2018 AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST Deadline
- DEC 23** KEEP CALM AND COLOUR ON Entry Deadline
- JAN 06** ZIP CODE N8H1M4 Entry Deadline
- JAN 12** 2018 AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST Awards Night
- JAN 22** MESS Artist Network Meeting
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Sturgeon Creek restoration project commences

A significant restoration project has begun to transform and restore an abandoned marina at Sturgeon Creek, owned by the Caldwell First Nation, to enhance terrestrial and aquatic habitat, increase wetland habitat and soften the shoreline.

The project is being undertaken by Essex Region Conservation, in partnership with Caldwell First Nation.

“Coastal wetlands along our Great Lakes are not as prevalent as they used to be, so we are really proud to be working with partners to restore this site and return it to its natural state,” explained Kevin Money, Director of Conservation Services for Essex Region Conservation. “Our initial tasks included removing the boat docks, outbuildings and hydro poles from the site along with a half-submerged barge.”

This next phase of work will involve removing the vertical steel wall at water’s edge and replacing it with natural shore protection, gently sloping sides and habitat features for fish, turtles and other types of wildlife.

“Point Pelee and Pelee Island are the heart of Caldwell First Nation’s ancestral territory,” said Allen Deleary, Di-

rector of Operations for the Caldwell First Nation. “This partnership project is part of our inherent responsibility to use, possess and protect the air, waters, lands, resources and other living beings within these territories. The duty to consult and accommodate the Caldwell First Nation ensures that the Nation’s voice is included in all projects in their traditional territories.”

Major funding for this project has come from Environment Canada’s National Wetland Conservation Fund, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Caldwell First Nation. As well, the Essex County Field Naturalists Club received funding from the Community Fund for Canada’s 150th, a collaboration between the WindsorEssex Community Foundation, the Government of Canada and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast, to host a community planting at the site in spring, 2018.

“Canada thrives when communities connect to our natural heritage,” said Paul Pratt, Essex County Field Naturalists Club President. “This restoration project will contribute to prosperity for both the ecosystem and the community.

We are pleased to partner with Caldwell First Nation and ERCA, and thankful to the Community Foundation for their support.”

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HUB Community CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY - Wednesday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Seacliff Manor, 30 Seacliff Dr. E., Leamington. All welcome.

BAKED GOODS AND MORE - Join us on Thursday December 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at UNICO hall for a chance to buy some delectable sweets, cookies, fruit cakes, cabbage rolls, Perogies, pies and more. Come on out and see what is available. Anne’s Kitchen 519-733-9191

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER for those who will be alone or who will go without, Monday, December 25 at 12-noon at Church of St. John the Evangelist (Anglican), 60 Erie St. N., Leamington. Call 519-326-3111 to register by December 20. There is no cost or obligation. Special invitation to shut-ins: if you are unable to attend, your meal can be delivered in the Leamington, Wheatley and Kingsville area only.

LEAMINGTON OPP IS HOSTING A FREE SKATE on Wednesday, December 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sherk Complex, 249 Sherk St., Leamington. Everyone welcome!

FREE PUBLIC SKATING SESSIONS AT WHEATLEY AREA ARENA: Dec. 28 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.; Jan. 4 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

IF YOU WANT TO DRINK, THAT’S YOUR BUSINESS If you want to stop, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous: 519-999-1234.

STIKBOTS & QUIVER - Saturday, December 30 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Wheatley Library. Bring colouring pages to life with Quiver. Use Stikbots and friends to create stop-motion videos. You are welcome to bring your own poseable characters to add to your video.

WHEATLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY will be closed December 26 and January 2. Regular hours of operation will resume Tuesday, January 9. Wheatley Heritage Society is open Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For appointments other than normal hours contact Heather Vannieuwenburg at 226-248-0382 or e-mail wheatleyheritage@gmail.com.

RUM RUNNERS ROARING 20S MUSICAL REVIEW. Join us as we take you back to the 1920s and experience the music, dancing and excitement of an evening at a speakerasy! Sunday, December 31 at the Best Western Plus Leamington. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. 5 course plated meal served at 6:30 p.m. \$125 per person. Tickets available at the Best Western Plus Leamington, 566 Bevel Line Rd. 519-326-8646.

LEAMINGTON BLOOD DONOR CLINIC at the Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex, Wednesday, January 3, 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. New donors & walk-ins welcome! To book an appointment or for additional information, please contact us at 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) / www.blood.ca / GiveBlood App.

LEGO - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, all day drop-in at Wheatley Library. Get creative with the library’s bins of Lego and Duplo.

FUNG LOY KOK TAOIST TAI CHI OPEN HOUSE - Tuesday, January 9 from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. at St. John’s Anglican Church, 60 Erie St. N., Leamington. Demonstrations on how to improve circulation and balance, increase strength and reduce stress. Learn how to focus on the well-being of body and mind through practice of Taoist Tai Chi.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for six-week Art Class Series for children age 9-11. Drawing, collages, water colours, art in nature, self portraits. Register at Kingsville Arena. Classes will be held at Kingsville Arena on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, January 13 to February 17. Cost: \$75.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE’S DRINKING? The Wheatley Serenity Al-Anon Family Group meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Wheatley Friendship Club (north entrance), 171 Erie St. N.

THE SALVATION ARMY LEAMINGTON CC YOUTH DROP-IN CENTRE open every Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the church, 88 Settrington St. The centre provides a safe supervised location and use of our computer lab, movies, videogames or table tennis etc. For more info contact us at 519-326-4901.

CAREER CLOTHING IS AVAILABLE at St. John Anglican Church Angel Cupboard for anyone who requires professional clothing to attend job interviews or for starting a new position. Call 519-326-3111 and leave a message for Charlotte to set up an appointment.

IS ANGER INTERFERING WITH YOUR WORK AND HOME LIFE? Are you struggling with your anger? The CommUnity Partnership is offering a coping with anger group. This 8-week program is designed to give a better understanding of anger and provide positive coping strategies. Groups will run Wednesdays at Erie Shores HealthCare and are free of charge. More info: Community Partnership 226-348-4548 or email info@cupartner.ca

MATHEMATICS TUTORING FOR GR. 6-8 will be held Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in a classroom situation. The class will be led by retired teacher David Kolotylo who specialized in mathematics. No charge. 10 students maximum per class. Registration required. Individual tutoring available upon request. Students must bring their math notebooks, pens, pencils. For more information call 519-326-3111 and leave a message for Deacon Deborah.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP? Join us, no charge, at St. John’s Anglican Church, 60 Erie St. N., Leamington, Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Call 519-326-3111 for more information.

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In Loving Memory of
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Partings come and hearts are broken,
 Loved ones go with words unspoken.
 Deep in our hearts there's a memory kept
 For a husband and father we'll never forget.

Love, your wife and children

IN MEMORIAM

NAIDA ZUK
 December 21, 2008

A Mother holds a special place
 In a daughter's heart they say
 And Mom,
 you hold a special place
 Today and every day.

My love for you will always keep
 It cannot fade, it lies too deep
 My heart aches as I whisper low
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 I love you so.

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 We knew you had to leave us, but you never went alone.
 For part of us went with you the day you left your home.

Too beautiful for earth. So little, so loved.
 With brave wings she flies ... Gone too soon but never forgotten.
 Loved and missed, Grandma Cooper

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our parents
KATIE & NICK CORNIES
 Katie - December 25, 2003 Nick - January 26, 1978



Beautiful memories are wonderful things.
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 They can never be given away.
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 And to others a part of the past,
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 Your memories will always last.

Love, Your Family

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of
ALLEN RONALD DERKSEN
 who passed away 1 year ago December 22, 2016



Our family circle
 has been broken,
 A link gone
 from our chain;
 But though we're parted
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 we'll meet again.

Love,
 Mary, Ally, Brock, & Blake
 Amanda, Guy, & Poppy Mulholland
 Peter & Casey Toman
 Mom, Andrew, Mary, Cassandra & Maranda

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of
ERIC HELMER
 Who passed away 10 years ago, December 14, 2007



Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us every day
 Unseen, unheard, but always near,
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Mom, Karen & John, Wayne & Tina, Jennifer & Justin,
 Curtis, Katie, Dale, Johnathan & Julianna, Lucas & Aleaha

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of a dear son, brother & uncle
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Gone from us your smiling face
 Your cheerful happy ways
 Your heart that won so many friends
 In bygone happy days.
 Missing you more today than yesterday.
 Love always, Mom and family

IN MEMORIAM

LOVINGLY REMEMBERED



The moment that you died
 Our hearts were torn in two
 One side filled with heartache
 The other died with you.

We often lie awake at night
 When the world is fast asleep, and
 Take a walk down memory lane
 With tears upon our cheeks.

Remembering you is easy
 We do it every day,
 But missing you is heartache
 That never goes away.

We hold you tightly within our hearts
 And there you will remain,
 Until the joyous day arrives
 That we will meet again.

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From left to right, Jim Scott of the Make A Wish Southwestern Ontario visited Red Sun Farms on Friday, Dec. 15 to pick up a special gift from Jim DiMenna, president, Megan Tyrrell, shipping, and Carlos Visconti, COO. The staff at Red Sun Farms collected over \$5,700, with the help of DiMenna, to help grant a wish to a seriously ill child from the area.

Red Sun Farms helps make a wish come true

By Pat Bailey

The staff of Red Sun Farms was certainly in the giving spirit this year. And what better way to celebrate the holiday season than by helping make Christmas a little brighter for a local child who is seriously ill.

Last week, Red Sun Farms employees got together to present a cheque to Jim Scott, a volunteer with Make A Wish Southwestern Ontario, for over \$5,700.

Red Sun Farms president Jim DiMenna was pleased by the efforts of his team.

"It gave us a great opportunity to do something for the community," said DiMenna.

Scott was delighted with the donation and anxious to put the money to good use. He's been with Make A

Wish for 15 years and said the number of children suffering with life-threatening medical conditions in this area is overwhelming.

Scott said in the last year Essex County has helped grant the wishes of 32 children from Leamington to Colchester.

The average cost of a wish is about \$7,400, said Scott, so this donation will go a long way in making some youngster's wish come true.

From family trips to Jedi fights to a sensory room makeover, Scott said he has seen a wide variety of wishes granted to some amazing youngsters.

The group also has several partners that help make the dreams come true, as well as an annual golf tournament

each year at Kingsville Golf and Country Club.

"We look to reduce the cost anywhere we can," said Scott.

"We rely on third party fundraisers," he added, "to help fund a lot of wishes."

Scott said this wouldn't be possible without the generous donors, like Red Sun Farms.

"It is greatly appreciated," he said, "and the money stays right here in the area."

DiMenna said the money was raised through the sale of produce boxes to their own employees throughout the year. The large boxes contained fresh vegetables, straight from the Red Sun Farms greenhouses, and the \$5 price tag was collected and earmarked for the dona-



A large collection of turkeys and potatoes awaits recipient families after being unloaded by volunteers during the Talking Over Turkey charity program Saturday, Dec. 16. The second annual program of its kind was organized by Mike and Deanna Diab, along with the assistance of volunteers who helped distribute 300 turkeys and fixings at the Highbury Canco property at the corner of Oak and Erie Streets. The holiday meal donations were all accounted for 90 minutes after the pickup event began. The Diab's team was backed by support from several local businesses.

tion to Make A Wish.

DiMenna then matched the funds raised by his employees. He said his company was named one of Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures four years ago.

Red Sun Farms owns greenhouses here and in the United States and Mexico, and was named best large business by the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2017.



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Guest Readers at Gore Hill

In continuing with the 12 Days of Christmas celebration at Gore Hill Public School, staff invited local "celebrities" to read a holiday story to the various classes and share their celebration traditions with the students. Representatives from the GECDSB, Walmart, WFCU, Edge Imaging, OPP and CIBC were some of the guests. Pictured, Jason Delage, regional representative for Edge Imaging, reads to Grade 3/4. (Submitted photo)



Gators celebrate the holiday season

The Gore Hill Gators recently held their Holiday Concert. Performers included the JKSK students, Grade 1, the school band and a girls' chorus. As a finale, the school presented the musical, Celebrate the Season. This production highlighted the various December celebrations - Winter, Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Students Vivienne Fittler, Zachary Paine and Barrett Enns create Kwanzaa dolls during Gore Hill's musical performance of Celebrate the Season. (Submitted Photos)



The Gore Hill Public School Gatorland Band performance included a selection by student quintet (left to right) Angelina Penner, Katie Neufeld, Sydney Enns, Macie Antunes and Maya Robinson.

Council stays firm in support of small farms

By Pat Bailey
Despite pressure from Essex County Council and the province, Leamington Council agreed to stay firm in its support of the small family farm.

At a recent meeting of Leamington Municipal Council, Danielle Truax, manager of planning services, presented a report on the recommended minimum agricultural lot size by a study completed by Jones Consulting Group.

In its report, the findings recommended 40 hectares, or 98.8 acres, be established as a minimum farm lot size within the County of Essex Official Plan and that the county initiate an official plan amendment to incorporate minimum lot area the County Official Plan (COP).

But Truax told Council that the study failed to take into account that smaller farms are indeed viable in Leamington and that the range of agriculture here is supported by having smaller farms.

She said it also didn't seek out local experts for their opinion on farm size and take into consideration the changes in farming since the 40 hectare size was introduced in 2009.

Truax said nearly 50% of Leamington

farms fall in the 20-49 acre size — with about six per cent over 100 acres.

Councillor Larry Verbeke didn't mince words. "This just doesn't make sense," he said. Of the farmers Verbeke spoke to, he said none had been notified.

"We need to take a stand," said Deputy-Mayor Hilda MacDonald, "and we've been told this by the people most affected by it."

Truax told Council if it opposes the move, Council will have to present evidence and data to establish the appropriateness of a lower minimum farm lot size, including the financial cost, to maintain the existing land division opportunities for owners of agricultural land greater than 20 hectares.

Local longtime farmer Pete Brunato farms 3,600 acres, but told Council those wanting to get into the business of farming work their hearts out but can't afford an initial investment for 50 or 100 acres.

After hearing from a few area farmers, Verbeke said it is clear that good money can be made on small acreage.

"We want to stay with 25 acres," said Mayor John Paterson, "and we'll fight as far as we can."

Council unanimously opposed the recommendation.

Rotary Club donates to ACCESS

The ACCESS Nutrition Program is expanding programming to include a Food Skills Kitchen, located adjacent to the ACCESS Community Garden at 23 Mill St. West in Kingsville. The new on-site Food Skills Kitchen will allow an expansion of the Seed-to-Plate educational services currently offered by the Nutrition Program using produce and herbs directly from the garden.

The Rotary Club of Leamington toured the ACCESS Community Garden, the proposed kitchen space and listened to the program expansion plans. The \$1,000 Rotary contribution purchased two stoves for the new Food Skills Kitchen.

Anyone else interested in sponsoring or contributing to the ACCESS Nutrition Program new Food Skills Kitchen should contact Charlene at choule@accesscounty.ca or 519-733-8983 ext. 27.



A donation of \$1,000 from the Leamington Rotary Club enabled the ACCESS Nutrition Program to purchase two stoves for its new Food Skills Kitchen. From left to right are: Renee Daudlin-Iacobelli, President, Rotary Club of Leamington; Ryan Couture, ACCESS Community Garden coordinator; Tammy Park, ACCESS Nutrition Program manager, and Rotarians Laura Lucier and Sandra Morley. (Submitted photo)

Council plans improvements at Leamington Library

In Leamington Municipal Council news, changes and improvements continue to occur in the municipality's downtown core.

Mayor John Paterson expressed his delight with major plans to upgrade the Leamington Library in the coming year.

Council agreed to retain the services of Passa Associates Architects for plans to renovate the library.

In a report from CAO Peter Neufeld, he said very little work has been done on the local library in the past 25 years and it is due.

He told Council the Essex

County Library Board has been notified of the municipality's plans on a major overhaul of the current 7,700 square-foot library space to ensure sufficient funds are budgeted for in

the 2018 budget. Plans include an additional 1,500 square-foot, including a new music and video recording studio.

Neufeld said preliminary estimates of the complete renovation are \$1 million, with

another \$90,000 for professional services.

The money will come from the Collins Estate Reserve Fund (\$600,000), coupled with \$100,000 from the li-

brary services disruption savings during the 2017 strike, with the remaining costs covered from other municipal sources at the time of construction.

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Local Students Assist Goodfellows

Local students were once again in the forefront for this season of giving. Students from Leamington District Secondary School and UMEI Christian High school volunteered their time to help make Christmas a little brighter for those enduring rather tough times. Last week, leadership students of LDSS teacher Dan Braun joined with the Leamington Goodfellows and some of their volunteers to fill hampers for about 200 local families.

Election Act changes affect municipal candidates

Candidates in next October's municipal election will notice a number of differences in the nomination and campaign process as a result of changes to the Municipal Elections Act.

The nomination period has been reduced from 37 weeks prior to 13 weeks.

The first day nominations can be filed is May 1 (as opposed to January 1 as in previous elections) and the deadline to file nomination is July 27. The previous deadline was in September.

Also new is the fact that candidates are required to obtain 25 endorsement signatures from eligible electors. Forms for endorsement signatures will be available on the municipal website before nominations begin.

Eligible electors must be Canadian citizens and are 18 years old, who either reside in or own land in the municipality and who are not prohibited from voting under law.

Fees for filing nomination are now \$200 for the position of mayor and \$100 for the position of Councillor or School Board Trustee. Campaign contributions cannot be raised or collected until such time as the nomination is filed with the Clerk's Office.

The municipal election will be held Monday, October 22, 2018.

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Coppola earns gold in provincial tourney

By Bryan Jessop

Leamington boxer Luca Coppola's refusal to take the competition lightly has earned him another championship.

The local 18-year-old fighter took part in the 2018 Ontario Golden Gloves Championships, held December 7 to 10, where he captured gold with a unanimous 3-0 decision over Mexican-born Justin Marquez of Kitchener. Entering the Male Youth Novice's 52-56 kg/125 pound featherweight division, Coppola awaited the semifinal results between Marquez and Oshawa's Clay Whiting before squaring off against the other finalist Saturday, Dec. 9 with a 7 p.m. start.

Although Marquez advanced past Whiting with a walk over — a win granted when a fighter's opponent is disqualified or doesn't show up for a bout in time — Coppola knew he'd be in for a tough match. Coincidentally, the two finalists met Saturday, Nov. 18 for a fight in Amherstburg that was set up for Coppola as a means of preparing for the Golden Gloves held earlier this month. The Leamington boxer also won that bout in a 3-0 unanimous decision, but pointed out that Marquez was a formidable challenger on both occasions.

"It was a really tough fight," he said of the December 9 match up. "I knew he was going to be ready, so I had to be prepared for the worst. It turned out to be a really good fight."

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The referee at one point called a standing eight count against Coppola, but the local competitor stormed back with a vengeance to earn the gold medal.

"That guy definitely came to fight," said Coppola's coach Doug Patterson of Marquez. "They both landed some hard shots. It was a hell of a fight."

Patterson also coached Kingsville boxer Tiago Baltiero in this year's Ontario Golden Gloves. Baltiero entered the Male Junior C Novice division in the light heavyweight division, tipping the scales at 175 pounds to enter the 75-80 kg grouping. With a 3-0 unanimous victory over Andrew Wrzeszlz of Mississauga on December 8, Baltiero also captured a gold medal. Both local fighters entered bouts of three



Leamington's Luca Coppola (left) and Kingsville's Tiago Baltiero both came home with gold medals from the 2018 Ontario Golden Gloves Championships in Toronto. Coppola won in the Male Youth Novice featherweight division while Baltiero took top honours in the Male Junior C Novice light heavyweight division. Both train out of Seng's Martial Arts in Kingsville and are members of Fighting Island Boxing Club.

(Submitted photo)

two-minute rounds. At 15 years of age, Baltiero stands at 6' 2.5" tall. Sixteen-year-old Wrzeszlz measured in at 6' 5".

Coppola, at 5' 8", has been boxing for the past 14 months — that entire time coached by Patterson as a member of the Amherstburg-based Fighting Island club. Most of his training takes place at Seng's Martial Arts in Kingsville,

although sparring is also conducted at Amherstburg, Windsor, Tecumseh and upon occasion, London. The Leamington athlete trains with Patterson a minimum of three to four times per week, often as frequently as five or six times each week. In addition to sparring, Patterson prepares the local boxer for competition with a workout including cardio, push-ups and the biomechanics of the sport.

Coppola's training regime ramps up once his next event draws near. His next tournament will be the Brampton Cup, the biggest annual boxing competition in Canada. Last year, Coppola earned gold with a final win against Shawn Dean, whom he's now defeated three times. His efforts to defend the title will reach full swing after Christmas.

"I'll probably have to fight more people, so I'll have to work harder," Coppola said of the February 2-4 tourney. "I'll be ready for it."

After the 2018 Brampton Cup, the next item on Coppola's agenda will be the Ontario Winter Games, scheduled for March 1-4 in Midland, Ont. at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Complex.

"That one will be a first for me, so it'll be exciting," Coppola noted.

With the recent win in Toronto, Coppola's overall record improved to eight wins and three losses. One of those defeats was against Justin Parina in a fight that Patterson explained even the opponent's coach admitted the win should have went to the Leamington boxer.

"He's still learning, but he's one of the best boxers in Canada," Patterson said of Coppola, explaining that the 18-year-old is ranked in the country's Top 5 in his division. "He's a real student of the game. He loves to watch and talk about boxing."

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JESSOP'S JOURNAL

Bryan Jessop

To make somewhat of an understatement, I'm not one of the technologically literate people you'll ever meet.

Several months ago, my wife and I decided that enough was enough regarding escalating cable TV costs (for packages that came with little more than run of the mill network stations, nonetheless) and bought a Kodi Box — a.k.a. an "Android Box" that accesses a multitude of shows and programs via Internet Wifi. The device, for me at least, is somewhat like Photoshop in the sense that I can maneuver through the basics, but can't for the life of me figure out the more intricate and complex features.

Very recently, I finally figured out how to access the multitude of live radio stations squirreled away under the "Music" tab. To my delight and amazement, these include several dozen "underground" stations that play music you'll never hear on your car's dial without Sirius or XM Radio... or even WITH them, for that matter. After sifting through a massive list of genres, I discovered a subsection of heavy metal stations. Some of them, as it turns out, barely qualify as hard rock (I have no idea what they're doing in the "metal" section). Others, however, broadcast songs and bands that are the furthest possible thing from the mainstream garbage the music industry tries to cram down our throats at every possible opportunity.

I was like a kid in a candy store. It was one song after another of discovering bands, albums and tunes that I had unfortunately never heard before (YouTube can be good for that too, but you have to know what you're looking for). One of these bands, if memory serves me correctly, went by the name Spiral Architect — a Norwegian progressive/technical metal band that named itself after the 1973 Black Sabbath song of the same title.

I can't remember the name of the song (my memory often does NOT serve me correctly), but my mind was blown.

The vocals were quite honestly nothing special, but the drums and guitar were something not of this world — exhibiting a bewildering degree of talent, speed and complexity that kind of made me want to toss my trusty Gibson SG Standard in the recycle box. Seriously though, they made modern day Metallica sound like Justin Bieber. I honestly thought the drums/guitar progression had to be recorded by a computer program until I Googled the band and found out that it's made up of real, actual human beings.

I'm often left stumped by the so-called music industry. The general public goes crazy for generic, uninspiring junk while the most creative and talented singers and players on Earth go almost entirely unnoticed. Oddly enough, the same thing sometimes happens in sports. I enjoy observing athletic competition in part because success is almost never achieved by simply pandering to popular public demand or opinion.

On the other hand, the highest degree of talent in sport does not always translate into the most entertaining product. Sure, the NHL's salary cap has improved the league's parity status to a certain degree — it's quite possible the only worthwhile thing King Weasel (commissioner Gary Bettman) has accomplished in his tenure there. Still, the league offers its share of blowouts and the on-ice display seems to lack the seat-of-its-pants excitement that was so much more common in the '80s. The decade of neon clothes and mohawks was, in my opinion, the golden age — situated somewhere between the goon-dominated circus of the '70s and the trap-infested, clutch and grab nonsense of the '90s.

Anyway, it's not just hockey. A couple weeks ago, I scrambled into the new LDSS gymnasium on a rather busy Thursday evening just in time to catch the last 10 minutes or so of a junior boys basketball game. No NBA, right? Maybe not, but the level of intensity in that game was sky high. The Lions were engaged in a tooth-and-nail battle with General Amherst with a score that stood at 18-16 LDSS by the end

of the third quarter. Nope, there were no high-flying LeBron James-esque displays of speed and finesse, but the entertainment level was through the roof.

Those kids gave it everything they had in a game that wasn't cinched by Leamington until about midway through the final minute of the fourth. Quite often, I find myself so caught up in a particular game's evenly matched, back-and-forth pace, that I temporarily forget I'm there to take photos for the Sun and/or Journal.

I know I've said it before, but it's worth repeating — you do NOT have to pay through the nose for seats in another time zone to catch a firsthand glimpse of the most entertaining athletic battles on Earth. Minor sports don't usually offer us acrobatic slam dunks or slap shots that could blast a hole through the hull of an aircraft carrier, but as long as there's a certain degree of parity... I was going to say "you'll get your money's worth," but entry to games for many sports/leagues across the county is free of charge.

In junior hockey, you'll pay a nominal fee to see some of the best games the sport has to offer. In Junior B, the Komokas can (and very recently, have) beat the Londons. Even the Junior C Stobbs Division (formerly the Great Lakes League) has evolved into an "all bets are off" sort of league this season. With the exception of Wallaceburg (whom I REALLY would like to see improve), every game is an 'anybody can beat anybody' affair. Nope, it's not just the Lakeshore and Essex show this year.

Every year, it seems to get easier to be 'put off' by the politics and greed that have long since become part and parcel with professional leagues. Sure, I understand — the top brass in control of these organizations have to keep the business aspect of the game in mind. But when the NHL's commissioner has openly and publicly asked why he HAS to attend playoff games, you know you're watching a league where the powers that be have absolutely no love of the game itself. Remember that absurd asking price of \$500 million U.S. for an NHL expansion team that was put on the table less than two years ago (which deep-pocketed Las Vegas Knights owner Bill Foley actually paid)? Well, now it's \$650 million U.S. I'm no economist, but I'm sure the 23 per cent hike covers a lot more than ol' fashioned inflation. It's fueled almost entirely by greed. Well, that and making sure no Canadian owner can afford to put the 32nd franchise in the Great White North. God forbid.

Anyway, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas this year. Don't fret if your stocking didn't include a pair of tickets to the next big game. The "little" games are worth watching too.

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- Potatoes, stuffing, latkes and crackers. These tasty starches get stuck in teeth and can cause cavities. Flossing after a meal will get to those hard-to-reach areas between your teeth and remove any food debris.
- Fruit cake, gingerbread and cranberry sauce. They are all high in sugar, especially sticky fruit cake that can remain on and between your teeth for a longer time.
- Egg nog. Rich in sugar, it can create a comfy home in your mouth for bacteria to thrive.
- Alcohol, pop and juice. Mixed drinks, wine, champagne, pop, juices and ciders have high sugar and acid levels that can erode enamel. Dark beverages, like red wine, can stain your pearly whites.

Nice

- Chocolate. Plain chocolate is a less damaging sweet to your teeth because it dissolves quickly.
- Cheese. Helps your mouth produce more saliva which washes away excess sugar and acid. Plus calcium!
- Fresh fruits and vegetables. These healthy snacks also help keep your teeth clean.
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Dear Santa,

I hope you are not too busy. How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Santa and the elves? If it is not too much trouble I would like a slush making machine, a few lady lovely locks, one corn silk cabbage patch kid, a wild puffalump, a few books, shoes, boots, bubble-gum machine and a few surprises. I hope your raindeer can make it to all the children's houses. I hope you enjoy Christmas as much as I do!

Your friend
Debbie Penner

Dear Santa,

I would like G.I. gow men stay wars, books I would like you to cone I will leave you pop and cookies. They will be good. You will have to go thow the door and don't forget. I would like some toows. How are you reindeers?

Your friend
Chris Johns

Dear Santa,

I hope your not busy I would like the G.I. Goe operatoin space station a remote control boat a box of legos and I would like ten G.I. Goe men I'd also like some G.I. Goe vehceles a box of contruxs a train, radio, Micro mahines, Micro machines citys, talk Alf, Colro Momba, ghostbusters, car how is Mrs. Claus, and for my brother a remote control car. And for mom a new proccesser and for dad a chainsaw. For me Pound puppies for me a watch and some clothes. "Merry" Christmas.

Your friend
Mark Dewaal



ning shoes, a jogging suit, a Hallowe'en costume, a step ladder, a remote-control speed boat and race car, all the pound-puppies, a toy train, a talking Alf, 2 walky-talkies, a Santa sleigh with Santa and his elves in it, all the Ghostbuster's, all the wrestlers, a game of connect 4, a big picture frame, That's what I want for Christmas. 5 flashlights, 2 wrinkles and 5 packs of markers and pencil crayons and a bike uniform plus with helmet and glasses and gloves and all the mad-balls.

Your friend
Frank Wiebe
P.S. Please write back.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope all of the people in HoHo village are o.k. If I could have a spash'n kid, some clothes for him or her, a Rocker, a new bike, a pound puppy and a happy Christmas. For my mom I think she would like some slippers maybe a ring or a watch. For my dad some peanuts, a tie and a watch also. For Ryan anything to do with Rock music or a comadoor 64 Computer. P.S. We will leave some cookies and mike. PSS Thank-you.

From Andrea Pearson

Dear Santa,

All Im asking for is anay remot control car or truck and mabe some atair tapes fore my atair and constucks well thats all I can think of well mabe rad skate.

Your friend Ryan

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like nee pads, wrinkles, rad skate, remote controll race car, G.I. Joe. Guetto blaster, popples, atari, and a T.V. of my own. My mom would like earings. My dad would like socks. My brother would like tapes for his side step radio and a necklass with a cross for me.

Your freind
Terry Symons

Dear Santa,

I hope you are not too busy. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves. Did Rudolph shine up his nose yet in order to pull the sleigh. If is not to much trouble I would like some stickes and some stuffed animals and a head phones. P.S. Please right back.

Your friend
Kim Cook

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a new pack of logo and some towels. I do not rily want to much things. Now lets get back to toys I would lick a new radow and a new bick. But I do not think that I well get it and I would lick a new jogging sout now I would lick to think of my parints. I would lick to get my mother some shews. And my dad some toulis be-

cause I all wase lose hise toulis, and my brother some tapes for Christmas.

Your friend
Jamie Thomas

Dear Santa,

Dear santa I would like to have a Wrestler named Out back Jack a Niko turbo hopper a radio a Wrestling puzzle a Story telling Alf any remote control car or air-plane and Contruxs.

I hope your not to busy does Rudolph's nose still shine up.

Your friend
Timmy Pimentel

Dear Santa,

I hope you are not to busy. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? Did Rudolph sine up his nose yet in order to pull the sleigh. If it's not to much trouble I would like you to get me Dee-Dee and

Daiva Barbie and the Rocks. Slush making machine. Two Ghost Busters for my brothers. My sister would like any thing you would like to give her. Mom would like a biack turtleneck. Dad would like a shirt. I would like some new cow girl boots and a coat. acid washed pants coat shoes and purse.

Thank you Santa Claus
Your best freind
Shannon Wright

Dear Santa,

I hope you are not to busy to buy stuff. How is Mrs. Claus? Has Rudolph shined his nose yet to pull the sleigh? How are the elves working?

How are the elves. I hope you can come to my house Christmas Eve. I would like it if your elves made me Julie and some supries. For Mike I would like a remot

Control car and som G.I. Joes For my sister Marci I would like a play stove. For my mom I would like erings that are called danglys with red rubbies in them for my dad I would like a gold chain with an egle.

Your Friend
Cara Hodgson

Dear Santa,

I hope you are not too busy. How is Mrs. Claus and the Elves. Did Rudolph shine up his nose yet to pull the sleigh. I it is not to much trouble can you get me the Nin-tendoe atarei set, talking Alf, ty, Robotix, some cloose, Motecontrol race car computer. Construx and a dirt bike. Huey Luey and Ducey. Thats all.

your freind
Andrew Cronheimer



Winners all

When Santa Claus visited the Royal Bank on Saturday, December 12, he not only left all the children with some candy and a fond visit, but he also made real winners out of five of them. The local branch of the Royal Bank gave each child who attended a chance to win an envelope containing five silver dollars.

The winners were presented with their loot on Friday evening. They are left to right, Andrew Cronheimer, Rebecca Pearce, Kyle Rempel, Kipp Cobby, and Russell McGhie. Bank manager Ed Middleton made the presentations and Kipp's mommy saw to it that the two smallest winners sat safely on the counter and didn't drop their cash prize.



Obituaries

Flamingo bowling scores

The following are the Flamingo Restaurant bowling leagues scores for Week 12.

Games Over 200: Karl Wachholz 205, Ozzie Wolf 218-213, Richard Dickau 200, Manfred Dickau 223, Aaron Dickau 224-211-289, Mauro Paglione 206, Kelly Bruner 221, Al Bison 210, Wayne Abbott 201, Jack Valade 223, Tys Schaafsma 214, Kevin Kosempel 202, Heinz Kosempel 212, Jamie Arquette 256, Willy Fittler 213.

Series Over 550: Gary Garnham 552, Ozzie Wolf 624, Richard Dickau 553, Manfred Dickau 596, Aaron Dickau 724, Kelly Bruner 589, Al Bison 552, Jack Valade 598, Tys Schaafsma 582, Kevin Kosempel 583, Heinz Kosempel 594, Jamie Arquette 603, Willy Fittler 575.

High Handicap Games: Jamie Arquette 311, Aaron Dickau 309, Karl Wachholz 294.

High Handicap Series: Ozzie Wolf 798, Aaron Dickau 784, Manfred Dickau 779.

Aaron Dickau bowled high game for the year to date of 289, and Jamie Arquette bowled third high handicap game for the year at 311.

The Flamingo bowling league Week 13 results are as follows.

Games Over 200: Manfred Dickau 212-202-223, Aaron Dickau 200-203, Claudio Sabelli 218, Dan Dalimonte 202-236, Jack Valade 214, Tys Schaafsma 201, Kevin Kosempel 246, Heinz Kosempel 206-227, Alex Levchuk 209-203, Willy Fittler 224, Gary Garnham 211-205.

Series Over 550: Manfred Dickau 637, Aaron Dickau 577, Dan Dalimonte 624, Jack Valade 586. Tys Schaafsma 592, Kevin Kosempel 609, Heinz Kosempel 632, Alex Levchuk 582, Willy Fittler 609, Gary Garnham 562.

High Handicap Games: Kevin Kosempel 298, Claudio Sabelli 286, Tony Ingratta 284.

High Handicap Series: Manfred Dickau 814, Alex Levchuk 801, Willy Fittler 774.

Manfred Dickau bowled high handicap series for the year so far with his 814. Great bowling, Manfred.

Standings: Fittler Farms 58, Dickau Construction 56, Rhine Danube 43, S.W. Property 40, Del Fresco 38, Weil's Food 38.

Golden Years golf report

On December 14, forty-two golfers braved the cold temperatures to enjoy the Golden Years golf league's traditional Christmas Breakfast with their own Mike Binder on the accordion setting the mood.

An excellent total of 71 aces was achieved. Sharing the lead in the ace parade with 4 each were Gary Honey, Andy Orsini and Bill Ward. Delivering a strong 3 each were Pete Daudlin, Barbara Fick, Loraine Fox, Vicky Harris, Tom Hyatt, Julia Kos, Tony Norman, Rose Taylor and Gerrit Vriesen. Padding the total ace scoring with 2 each were Mary Binder, Mike Binder, Murray Cascadden, Ron Fick, Lloyd Honey, Marie Lasi, Bob Martin, Bill Mayville, John Murphy, Bill Taylor, Mary Ann Vickery and Ernie Vandenberg. Chipping in with 1 apiece were Jim Allan, Dorothy Cascadden, Cathy Dewhurst, Jo-Ann Ferguson, Bob McWilliam, Linda Norman, Bob Patchett and Mavis Rutter.

Low score of 16 over 9 holes was shared by Bill Ward, Loraine Fox and Bob Martin. Scoring 17 were Andy Orsini, Tom Hyatt, Vicky Harris and Gary Honey. Notching 18 were Ron Fick, Ernie Vandenberg, Lloyd Honey, Gerrit Vriesen (2), Rose Taylor, John Murphy (2), Barb Fick, Bill Mayville, Doug Vickery, Julia Kos, Cathy Dewhurst, Gary Honey and Bill Taylor (2).

A strong score of 36 over 18 holes was delivered by Andy Orsini, Gerrit Vriesen, Bill Ward, Loraine Fox and Bob McWilliam. Carding 37 were Tom Hyatt, Gary Honey (2) and Cathy Dewhurst. Contributing 38 were Ron Fick, Lloyd Honey, Pete Daudlin, Rose Taylor, Barry Sweet, Vicky Harris, Bill Ward, Julia Kos, Doug Vickery and Bill Taylor.

Capping off the day with 74 over 36 holes were Bill Ward and Gary Honey, followed by Andy Orsini and Bob Mar-

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Hugh "Keith" Dresser

After a full and happy life, Hugh "Keith" Dresser passed away peacefully, with family, on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the age of 91.

Loving husband of Josie for 69 years. Father of Lynne (Jerry), late Janice (2011), Tom, Ellen (Greg), Paula (Ric). Grandfather of Jean Paul, William, Kellan, Shannon and Heather. Great-grandfather of Madelyn and Melanie.



Cremation has taken place and a private family celebration of Keith's life will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Simple Choice Cremation Centre (519-254-2585).

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Keith to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences and cherished memories may be shared with the family at www.simplechoicecremation.ca

Mitsuji Yamamoto

August 2, 1926 – December 14, 2017

Mitsuji Yamamoto passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the age of 91, surrounded by family.

Predeceased by the love of his life, Joyce (2014). Loving father of Michael, David and Patricia. Proud grandfather of Kenji and Ceejay. Youngest of 11. Predeceased by Hatsuko, Chiyoko, Shizue, Fumiko, Masami, Toyoko, Casey (Hiyoshi), Hisaye, Yoshika and Mitsuko. Survived by many beloved nephews and nieces across Canada.

He loved fixing things, working in his garden and playing with his two cats Boots and Tigger. He worked at Canadian Tire in Leamington for 36½ years as a mechanic.

A heartfelt thank-you to the staff at Franklin Gardens Long Term Care Home for their compassionate, devoted and exceptional care provided to our Dad.

A special thank-you to his adopted family Karen, Joe, Samantha, Matthew and Marcus. He will be greatly missed.

Cremation has taken place. Friends will be received at the C. Stuart Sykes Funeral Home, 91 Division St. S., Kingsville, on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Memorial Funeral Service at 12:00 noon. Mrs. Linda Blair officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre or the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated.

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tin with 75, Pete Daudlin and Bill Taylor with 77, and Ron Fick, Rose Taylor and Tom Hyatt with 78.

Capturing first place with 238 was Team 5 (Rose Taylor, Mary Ann Vickery, John Murphy). In second place with 239 was Team Aces (Andy Orsini, Ron Fick, Bob McWilliam). Taking third and final spot with 241 was Team 10 (Julia Kos, Doug Vickery, Tony Norman).

Play will resume January 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens.

Isabella Woltz

Isabella "Isabel" Woltz, 70, of Tavistock, passed away at PeopleCare - Tavistock on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

She was born in Leamington on May 24, 1947, a daughter of the late James and Emily (Rae) Barrie.

She is survived by her husband, Donald George Woltz, whom she married at Leamington on March 11, 1967, two daughters, Michelle Yaroshuk and Bob Green of Trenton, Dianna "Dee" and husband Ian Remenda of Tavistock; three grandchildren, Jacob Bogle and Casey Hadlington, Alyssa Remenda and Nicholas Remenda; one great-granddaughter, Lauren Bogle.

She was predeceased by her brother, Tommy Barrie.

A celebration of Isabel's life was held at the Francis Funeral Home, 77 Woodstock Street North, Tavistock, on Saturday, December 16, 2017. (519-655-2431)

Walter "Bus" Spaunburg Jr.

Walter "Bus" Spaunburg Jr., 89 years, passed away peacefully with his daughter and step-great granddaughter by his side on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Erie Shores HealthCare. Born in Michigan on May 1, 1928 to his parents Walter and Helen Spaunburg.

Beloved husband of the late Anne (nee Wahl) (November 2, 2017) for 50 years. Loving father of Shirley Ouellette (Danny) and stepfather of Cecil Somerset (Annette), Theresa Tetzlaff (Murray), Marge McHugh (Bill). Proud grandfather of



3 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and step-grandfather of 8 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren. Dearest brother of the late Mary Jane Amick (the late Jack). Dear brother-in-law of Frances Wahl (late Frank), Mike Homenuik (late Mary) and the late Theresa Stefan (the late Frank), the late Fred Wahl (the late Mary). Bus will be missed by many nieces and nephews, and especially by his niece Carol.

Bus retired from truck driving for H.J. Heinz in 1986. He took pride in being a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 84 Leamington, Past President, Poppy Chairman, Public Speaking Contest judge, Bursary Committee member, and a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Council 4501, Leamington. Bus and Anne were very involved and instrumental in bringing the Erie Shores West Power & Sail Squadron program to Leamington.

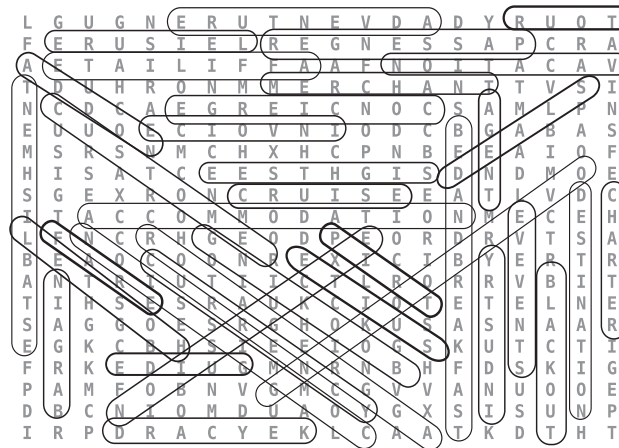
Visiting was at the Reid Funeral Home & Reception Centre, 14 Russell Street, Leamington (519-326-2631) on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 324, Wheatley Service was at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Funeral Service to celebrate Bus' life will be held from the funeral home on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Liz Chaplin officiating. Cremation.

If you wish to donate in Bus' memory, donations made by cheque to Erie Shores Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may share their memories or make an online donation at www.reidfuneralhome.ca

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The 2018 Municipal Election will take place on **Monday, October 22, 2018** and eligible electors will be able to vote from a mobile device, computer, telephone, cell phone, tablet (iPad), or laptop.

As a result of amendments to the Municipal Elections Act, Nomination period for the 2018 municipal election will begin **Tuesday, May 1, 2018** and will end at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day). This is the period of time when the Office of the Clerk will accept nomination papers of those individuals wishing to run for the offices of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and five (5) Councillors and School Board Trustee.

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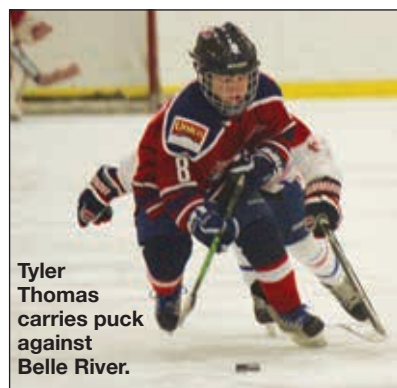
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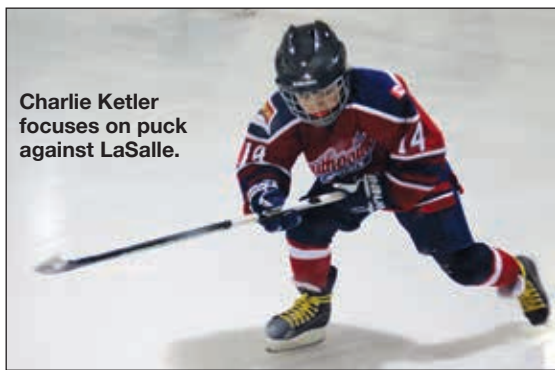
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Tyler Thomas carries puck against Belle River.



Charlie Ketter focuses on puck against LaSalle.

Novice AEs win in LaSalle

On Friday night the Southpoint L.J. Fleming Novice AE Capitals travelled to Belle River to take on the Junior Canadiens.

Three minutes into the game the visitors found themselves trailing as Belle River was able to notch the first tally. But with 16 seconds remaining in the first, Kayden Cook was able to fire a beautiful shot from near the boards which found the back of the net over the goalie's shoulder, evening the score.

At this point it appeared that the young Caps had visions of sugar plums danc-

ing in their heads as they were unable to muster much effort or offense the rest of the way.

The Canadiens slowly and painfully added goal after goal, resulting in a disappointing 6-1 loss.

On Sunday afternoon Southpoint travelled to LaSalle to try their hand with the Sabres. This day seemed to be a little better for the Caps as they were able to generate chances by moving their feet.

Both teams came close to scoring early, yet the score remained zeros. It wasn't until 4 minutes left in the first

that Southpoint was able to draw first blood. On a broken play, Kayden Cook tried carrying the puck in from left circle but had it knocked off his stick. A LaSalle player then tried clearing it but somehow it got directed towards his own net where the goalie was fooled and it snuck past his pads. End result was a head scratching 1-0 lead for Southpoint.

As the play bounced back and forth through the second period, the Caps headed into the third still clinging on to this narrow lead. A little over 5 minutes into the third, Aidan Pulley grabbed a loose puck just outside LaSalle's blue line, and on some nice moves around two defensemen found himself in alone, where he fired it blocker side for a much needed two-goal lead. Cook assisted on the play.

The Sabres tried to muster a comeback but were denied every time by goalie Nolan Meadows and the rest of the Southpoint squad. Final result was a 2-0 victory and a little better effort turned in by the Capitals.



Southpoint's Brady Walker holds the blue line.



Sonny Coppola gets ready to make a save against the Essex Ravens Green.

Novice Blue faces Ravens

On Saturday, December 16 the Southpoint Capitals Novice Blue, sponsored by Leamington Chrysler, traveled to Essex to take on the Ravens Green.

The Capitals were slow to get going and were not able to get one past the Ravens net minder in the first period.

They played hard and fought back in the second period. Blake Epplert, with assists from Jackson Weil and Max Mastronardi, got the Caps on the board.

In the third period, Chase Collins was able to find the back of the Ravens' net. He was assisted by London Hildebrandt and Brent Pimentel.

Jack Williams, with an assist from Logan Konrad, also scored for the Capitals but it was not enough for the win.



Southpoint's Dylan Marchand (left) takes the face off with teammate Carson Stadler ready on wing.

Atom Grey wins 7-0 over Kent Cobras Red

On Saturday, December 16 the Southpoint Capitals Atom Grey traveled to Tilbury to take on the Kent Cobras Red. Despite being four players short due to having the flu, the Capitals were in it for the win.

From the opening puck drop the Capitals were relentless in their pursuit of the puck. Great defensive play by Cole Carrier, Cohen Kimball, Carson Koehler, Carson Stadler and Lucas Grilo.

The Capitals opened the scoring and never looked back. Excellent passing, defense and positional play led to a dominant win for the Capitals.

Goals were scored by Owen Pimentel (2), Max Youseff (2), Dylan Marchand (2) and Chase Simpson.

Excellent goaltending was displayed by Jozef Zieba as he earned his first shutout of the season.

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Cougars fall victim to comebacks

By Bryan Jessop

The Cardinal Carter girls' hockey team is finding out that a good start is beneficial only when it's backed by an equally good finish.

The Cougars suffered their first two losses of the season first on the road and then on home ice despite building 2-0 leads. Following a 5-3 loss in Essex to the Red Raiders Thursday, Dec. 7, Cardinal Carter hosted the St. Joseph's Lasers at Unico Arena Monday, Dec. 11. The Cougars jumped out to a 2-0 lead that stood until the later stages of the second period, but allowed the guests to pot the next three in what wrapped up as a 3-2 loss.

The Monday game kicked off with heavy pressure from the Cougars' offense, as numerous forward attacks kept goalkeeper Mikayla Angeles busy with shots from all positions. Tarek Raheb opened the scoring for the home team from directly in front of the goal, deflecting a Gioia DiCiocco pass sent from the net's left side. Chloe Mastronardi drew the second assist on the 1-0 tally.

With just under three-and-a-half minutes remaining in the second frame, DiCiocco sent a low wrist shot underneath Angeles' extended glove for the 2-0 lead. The goal was set up by Taylor Taouil and Alessia Quenneville. The Lakers' comeback campaign began less than two minutes later, starting with a tipped shot that found the lower left corner of Therese Lapain's net. Camryn Pestrus scored the goal on a shot from the right side of the goal.

St. Joes' continued to roll in the third frame, netting the tying and winning goals on lengthy sprints that each began with blocked Cougar shots at the guest team's blue line. Laura Germani took hold of the deflected point shot and raced toward the Carter goal to bury a low shot into the right corner. Ninety-seven seconds later — with precisely 10 minutes on the clock — Lauryn MacPherson did the same, ending with a quick point blank shot into the left side of the goal.

Cardinal Carter's offense pushed hard for an equalizer and intended to pull Lapain for the sixth skater, but were interrupted by the curfew buzzer with 1:16 showing on the game clock.

"It was a good start, but that's been our issue lately," explained Cougars head coach Lisa Hedges. "With a short bench, we're letting them hang on too long and we're not finishing them off. That's the problem with carrying a roster of only 13 players — a couple can't play and we start running out of gas."

"We had the shots and some good quality scoring chances, but we're not burying them," added assistant coach Chris Lapain. "The power play looked good and we're passing the puck, but we let off the gas and put the cruise control on."

On the previous Thursday in Essex, Cardinal Carter's team saw a 2-0 lead dissolve into a 5-3 loss. DiCiocco scored two while Quenneville added the other. Payton Moore and Montana Wilkins each notched two for the Red Raiders while Megan Prentice added a single.

One day earlier, the Cougars and Kingsville Cavaliers settled on a 3-3 draw at the Kingsville Sports Complex.

The 2017 portion of the season ended Monday, Dec. 18 for Cardinal Carter on the road against General Amherst (results not available by press deadline). They'll start 2018 on home ice at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 against Essex.



Kylie Murracas of the Cougars knocks the puck off the stick of Lane Farkas of the Lasers during a WECSAA Tier II girls hockey game at Unico Arena Monday, Dec. 11. The Cougars led 2-0 but lost 3-2 for their second straight defeat.



The Cougars' Bryanna Rodrigues is chased by St. Joseph's Alyssa Stanley as she carries the puck behind the Lasers' net during a WECSAA Tier II girls hockey game.



The Cougars' Myranda Mederios spikes the ball over the net and past a Walkerville blocker during a WECSAA Tier II junior girls volleyball match at Cardinal Carter Tuesday, Dec. 12. The Cougars won the first set 25-23, but dropped the next two in scores of 25-18 and 25-23. Up next in the double header, the senior Cougars defeated Walkerville 2-1, starting with wins of 25-16 and 25-21 before losing the final set 25-16. The two teams were to visit L'Essor on Thursday, Dec. 14, but games were postponed by inclement weather.

"That's the problem with carrying a roster of only 13 players — a couple can't play and we start running out of gas."
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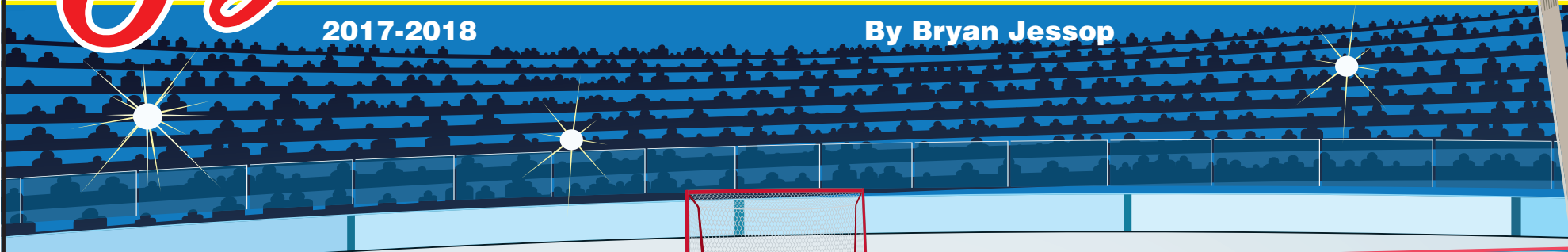
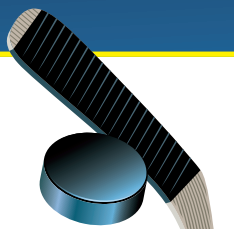
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Flyers

Flyers triple Maroons

2017-2018

By Bryan Jessop



Leamington's Dalton Langlois backhands the puck past Chatham's Thomas Michaud during the second period. (Sun photo)



The Flyers' Rory DiNiro chases Chatham puck carrier Josh Supryka in a challenge for possession during a Thursday, Dec. 14 Western Conference game at Highbury Canco Arena. The Flyers won 6-2. (Sun photo)



Flyers goalie Connor Meyerink looks over his shoulder as a save bounced through the crease and wide of the net while Chatham's Adrian Stufferfield is held back from a potential rebound during the second period. (Sun photo)

With the Leamington Flyers needing a focal point to take out their frustrations after a tough loss 24 hours earlier, the Chatham Maroons wound up in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Flyers bounced back from a shutout loss against the Nationals by handing the Maroons a 6-2 loss at Highbury Canco Arena Thursday, Dec. 14 for their third straight home win. Chatham scored the game's first and final goals, but the home team sealed the win with half a dozen in the middle, including a five-goal barrage in the opening frame.

The Maroons drew first blood after 99 seconds of play, but soon thereafter found themselves on their heels, as Leamington registered a 13-4 shots advantage by the time the first buzzer sounded. From the left side of the goal during a forward attack, Jake O'Donnell beat Connor Meyerink's glove with a wrist shot for the 1-0 visitors' lead. The Flyers stormed back with a vengeance, potting the next two 25 seconds apart. Cody Schneider scored the equalizer during a short breakaway from the right side of the net, sweeping across the goal before sending a low backhand past Ryan Wagner. Dalton Langlois and Dylan Weston assisted.

Leamington took the lead on the next attack, when from the slot, Nathan Skulley wired a one-timer waist high into the right side of the mesh after taking a feed from Kenny Styles. Riley Meyerink, an affiliate player and twin brother to Flyers goalie Connor Meyerink, earned the second assist. From the left side of the net, Kenny Styles tapped an ice level shot past Wagner that slid across the crease and banked off the right post before deflecting back into the right side of the goal. Assists went to Kade McKibbon and Rory DiNiro.

In response to the third goal, the Maroons' bench retired Wagner for the night in favour of John Mas-sara. The backup netminder also struggled with the relentless Leamington attack, as Blake Bain buried two a minute and 21 seconds apart. Both tallies were assisted by Maddux Rychel. For his first, Bain unleashed a wrist shot at knee high into the right side from the slot. To finish scoring for the first 20 minutes, he tapped a Rychel pass from the right corner over the line.

The middle frame was significantly quieter on the scoreboard. It's only addition came at roughly the 8 minute mark, when Jake Nimmo seemed to catch all in attendance off guard with a quick slap shot from the right of the Maroons' net that found the upper lefthand corner. The goal was set up by Josh Pope-Ferguson and Zach Guilbeault. Both teams continued to struggle on the power play, although even strength chances were generated at both ends. The Flyers finished the period with a 14-9 shots on goal advantage.

Leamington went into a more defensive mode for the third period, where it was outshot 11-4. The only goal came off the stick of Chatham's Dawson Garcia, beating Meyerink to the glove side during a Maroons power play. The marker proved too little, too late however, as the remaining three minutes and change remained scoreless.

Leamington outshot their guests 28-27 and went zero for three on the man advantage while Chatham was one for five.

"It's a funny game sometimes," said Flyers head coach Tony Piroski. "Last night (Wednesday) we had numerous chances and got shut out by London. Tonight, it seemed like every shot we took bounced off something and went in. Chatham's already beat us a couple times this year — they play us tough, but it's easier to play when you're ahead."

Leamington enlisted the help of a couple Essex Junior C affiliates for the December 14 match — former Flyer Sylvano Valente and Riley Meyerink.

"They both did a good job for us tonight," said Piroski. "They're a couple B-calibre players who are playing Junior C."

The victory on Thursday served two purposes for the Flyers — putting four points between themselves and St. Thomas and LaSalle in the race for second in the West while boosting morale after a disappointing loss in London.

"It was nice to score five quick ones like that," said Bain after his two-goal performance on home ice. "London was a tough loss after we played hard

for most of the game. The win tonight should be a good way to get us ready for Saturday (in Komoka). We went there before with our heads too big and wound up in a tie. We'll have to work hard to win that one."

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, the Flyers braved the heavy snow for a game in London against the Nationals. After two scoreless periods, Cohen Kiteley solved Connor Meyerink with the game winner just prior to the third frame's midway point. With five seconds left, Brenden Trottier finished the scoring for a 2-0 London win. Shots on goal were nearly even at 34-33 favouring Leamington. Both sides were held scoreless on two power play opportunities.

On Saturday, the Flyers again hit the road to take on the Kings in Komoka. The teams again battled to a draw, this time by a score of 2-2. Isaac McLean opened the scoring for Komoka, but DiNiro replied for a 1-1 deadlock after 20 minutes. Joel Mazzilli potted the only goal of the second frame, but Styles evened the score for Leamington 7:17 into the third. The Flyers outshot their guests 38-29, but couldn't come up with the go-ahead goal.

The final Flyers home game of 2017 will be played Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7:10 p.m. against the St. Marys Lincolns.

Rest of the West

The LaSalle Vipers nipped the St. Thomas Stars 2-1 on Wednesday, a game followed by a 6-5 overtime win for London against the Sarnia Legionnaires. On Friday, Sarnia defeated the Lincolns 6-4 while St. Thomas handed a 3-2 loss to Komoka. Saturday matches included a 2-0 win for London over LaSalle while St. Thomas defeated Strathroy 8-1. In this week's Sunday game, Sarnia won 5-2 over Chatham.

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Western Conference Standings as of December 18, 2017

Team	G	W	L	T	OL	Pts.
London	32	24	6	0	2	50
Leamington	32	19	8	4	1	43
St. Thomas	32	20	10	1	1	42
Sarnia	33	18	11	1	3	40
LaSalle	32	18	12	1	1	38
Chatham	30	14	15	0	1	29
Komoka	31	7	19	4	1	19
Strathroy	31	7	22	1	1	16
St. Marys	29	6	19	1	2	15