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Oxford County left with much clean-up after Monday's high winds
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Annual campaign brings christmas to children around the world
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\$1.25 (includes GST)

Two alarm fire



Firefighters battle a blaze in a detached garage on Oxford Road 55 near Muir. Princeton and Oxford Centre firefighter responded to the fire around 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

YOUTH CHALLENGE: Local schools

Students build robots for challenge



Joey Voth, Jarred Giesbrecht, and David Stanley (From left to right) with their robot as they compete in the Oxford Invitational Youth Robotics Challenge on Tuesday at Goff Hall in Woodstock.

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Sentinel-Review

Students from high schools all over the region came to Goff Hall in Woodstock on Tuesday, to compete in the Oxford Invitational Youth Robotics Challenge.

Since September, the students have been assembling an automated system that has to be able to maneuver around a track while identifying four different colours.

The robot was required to drop the correct colour block at the correct colour station on the track.

Will Van Vliet, a member of the tech committee for the challenge, said the design of the robot was based off of parts transport robot that is used in the automotive industry.

"If you look in the big factories in the local area they're quite spread out," Van Vliet said. "They've got to get parts from one end of the factory to the other end of the factory, and they're trying to get things as automated as possible."

Van Vliet said as part of the tech committee his job was to come up with the challenge, and they tried to come up with something involving a robot used in local industry.

"This year we had the line following robot, are automation usage there is a lot in the auto industry," he said, "So basically are job is we came up with a challenge that we thought was a good idea, made sure it was possible, came up with rules and regulations, and let the teams take it from there."

One of those teams was from Ingersoll District Secondary School, with members Derick De Bruin and Liam Schnurr.

"We were trying to get a front pivot, right above the axle of the wheel," De Bruin commented on the design of their robot. "And we found that the front would wobble too much if we did that. So we put a drag on it, and let the back wheels follow behind it."

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SAVINGS THIS FRIDAY!

- * Dash Around Downtown for Black Friday Shopping and Savings in our Festive Atmosphere
- * The Official Arrival of Santa! (Museum Square) 6-9pm
- * Live Entertainment * Petting Zoo
- * Horse+Sleigh Rides
- * Opening Reception of 4th Annual 50/50 Exhibition & Sale, with entertainment by Evan Champagne at the Woodstock Art Gallery

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REWIND today in history
November 26, 2014
1922 — Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.
1939 — rocker Tina Turner was born in Nutbush, Tenn. With husband Ike, she gained fame in the 60's and revived her career as a solo performer from the 1980's.

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FAST 5 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY

- 1 POLYGAMY ALIMONY
A New York man tried to get the court to agree he shouldn't have to pay his ex-wife alimony anymore because she's entered a polygamous marriage. The judge ruled that because polygamy is illegal in New York state, Dr. David Hunsinger has to pay up, the New York Post reported.
- 2 COMFORTABLE MAMMOGRAM?
Measuring and standardizing the pressure of a mammogram test could make the procedure less painful without reducing image quality, say researchers. In a mammogram, the breast is compressed to achieve the optimal image quality, but this can cause discomfort and pain and deter women from the cancer screening.
- 3 POPCORN POEMS
Using a poem, two Scottish students expressed disappointment that their local Tesco store stopped stocking their favourite popcorn. The supermarket used its own poem to reply "please dry your tears, we'll still sell your product for many more years," and explained the product is not sold in every store.
- 4 TUB HEIST
The hunt is on for a well-prepared thief, or thieves, who swiped an expensive hot tub from a spa shop southwest of Toronto last month. Police in Burlington, Ont., say the heist at Arctic Spa occurred shortly after 10 p.m. on Oct. 8.
- 5 TUMOUR TARGET
U.K. researchers say they've discovered a new approach to prevent cancerous tumours from growing — targeting the "fuel tank" of cancer cells. Looking at the role of mitochondria in breast cancer cells, which produce energy within cells, researchers found these play a key role in cancer cells' growth and survival.

STORM CLEANUP: Area hard-hit



SUBMITTED PHOTO

High winds blew down many of the props associated with the annual Bethlehem Walk at Crossroads Alliance Church near Ingersoll on Monday. A work party this Thursday will make sure the live story of the birth of Jesus will be ready for this guests on Friday and Saturday.

High winds down trees, hydro lines

HEATHER RIVERS
Sentinel-Review

WOODSTOCK — A lot of residents are searching for their recycling boxes after high winds blasted the region Monday. Residents across the county are also busy picking up shingles and downed branches in their yards after winds reaching up to 100 km per hour caused chaos across the county. Mature trees were toppled by the high winds and trampolines and gazebos blown away, while fences were crumpled by the storm that left a big mess across the county. Hydro One is reporting numer-

ous power outages across the county, around the Woodstock area, and south of Norwich in the Otterville region, part of 750 outages across the province. Hydro One communications officer Nancy Shaddick said crews are hoping to restore power to the county by tonight, but some locations may be without power until tomorrow. The power outages forced the closure of Hickson Public School and East Oxford Public School. Melissa Abercrombie, the county's manager of roads and facilities, said three stop signs were blown down by high winds, which were quickly replaced by temporary signs, with permanent ones installed as soon as possible. County Road 37 also had to be closed due to hydro lines collapsing onto the road. "Hydro One was unable to attend," she said. While crews are cleaning up a few downed trees, Abercrombie said the county got off fairly lightly and "did not have much damage from a roads perspective." Meanwhile the high winds have blown down an annual Christmas tradition that takes place near Ingersoll every year. Jan Vicars, spokesperson for The Bethlehem Walk at Crossroads Alliance Church in Zorra

Township, said the walk that features a marketplace and the village of Bethlehem received extensive damage. "We have a lot of damage at Bethlehem Walk - the entire village has blown down and a lot of tarping," Vicars said. "A lot of our road signs promoting the walk are also down." A work party is being organized for Thursday, where crews will repair the flattened walls. "It is disappointing," Vicars said. "But we know we will get it fixed before the weekend the Bethlehem Walk will be ready to go by Friday night."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

A favourite shade tree was downed by high winds Monday on the property of Janessa Van Rooyen in Oxford Centre.

CHALLENGE

Teams worked on robot building during lunch

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He went on to explain that they were just trying to work out the timing of the machine around the track, which involved a lot of precision in the placing. "If it's just a millimeter off, then it goes completely off," De Bruin said. Schnurr said that the team worked on their robot during lunch breaks, and that it took one lunch period to build the robot, but multiple weeks to get the programming done. Rehoboth Christian School had two teams at the challenge, one younger team and one older team. The younger team consisted of Grade 9 students Andrew Heikoop, Jamie Heerchap, Scott Velhuizen and Matthew Van Harten. Heikoop said the group had been working on their robot since last September. "We assembled two different motors that would power it as it went around the track," Heikoop said. "Then it would push this block to the correct drop off zone.

And it would come back to the load up, we load it up and it scans the colour, then we let it go." Heikoop added that they installed a safety mechanism to their machine that would stop it if they put their hand down in front of it. Each member took on a specific role, Heerchap explained who took on what. "Matthew Van Harten, he's the programmer. He did all the programming, he took it home and programmed it," he said. "Andrew was the media and design. I was like the design and graphics. And Scott helped us with stuff." The older team from Rehoboth consisted of Andrew Vanharten, Corniel Scholten, and Sean Stobbe. Stobbe said the challenge was that they only had one sensor to scan blocks. "You've got to use that sensor to scan a block, follow the line, and realize when to dump a block," Stobbe said. "So you've got to move that sensor, but you also need a mechanism to dump the block and you've got one motor for those two functions."

IN BRIEF

Break and enter at Springbank Ave. home

Woodstock Police responded to a report of a break and enter that occurred at a Springbank Ave. North residence on Monday around 4 p.m. A police investigation revealed that an unknown suspect entered the residence through an unlocked door that led into the garage. The suspect then entered in the kitchen and went through the home, taking jewelry from an upstairs bedroom. The suspect then exited through the front door. Woodstock Police want to remind people to keep homes secure, and ensure that doors and windows are locked before leaving.

Police alerted to impaired drivers

A 32-year-old Brantford woman was charged with impaired driving on Sunday, after Woodstock Police were alerted of an erratic driver on Cedar St. in Woodstock. Police were alerted shortly before 3 a.m., as the vehicle had struck a snow bank and was crossing over the centre line. Responding officers subsequently located the vehicle

on Cedar St. and arrested the driver. The driver was released on a promise to appear and answer her charges in Woodstock court. Then on Monday, Woodstock Police were alerted again by another citizen of a suspected impaired driver on Devonshire Ave. shortly after 10 a.m. An officer responded to the call, and found a Nissan Altima pulled off to the side of the road on Devonshire Ave. The officer spoke to the driver and discovered that the 75-year-old man had consumed alcohol. He was taken to Woodstock Police Headquarters where further tests were conducted, and as a result of the investigation the driver had his licence suspended for three days. His vehicle was also towed from the scene.

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