



Photo by Alistair Maitland

A frigid blaze
Firefighters from Quinte West present a surreal image in frigid temperatures on Monday. They put out a car fire on Moira Street West. There were no reported injuries and investigation is ongoing. Quinte area residents will once again be subjected to the challenges of polar temperatures in the next few days. Environment Canada predicts a roller-coaster temperature over the weekend with a mix of warm and cold weather.

Tire slashing plagues res parking

By Jonathan King

Students say they are hoping the college increases security and finds solutions to prevent what they say are repeated acts of vandalism that have been plaguing the student lot.

"It's really annoying and expensive," said Andy Elliott, a second-year radio broadcasting student. "It's a protest about nothing. The school should do more to catch the person doing it."

One person had their weekend plans

ruined after his tires were slashed on the evening of Nov. 22 last semester and had to cancel their weekend plans of heading home to see their family for their brother's birthday.

Kerry Lorimer, director of marketing and communications, said via email that there have been three separate reports of tires being slashed overnight on college property. Two incidents were reported last semester and the latest incident was reported Jan. 10.

Once a report with the college is filed,

then it becomes a police matter.

"College security is also aware of the incidents and continues to closely monitor the property and buildings," she said. "The college has cameras throughout the public areas at Loyalist. For security reasons, we do not divulge the particular locations and patterns of the cameras or enhancements to the systems."

Other students say they feel more security is needed.

"If they have cameras up and they don't do their job, maybe they should re-evalu-

ate, you know?" said Jim Patterson, a first-year welding and fabrication techniques student. "Maybe they should do more patrols or stake out troublesome areas."

In November, college officials said incident reports are completed when vandalism is reported and people are to contact the police, who then complete a report.

"If tire slashing is covered by insurance, then the insurance report also requires a police report when claiming," said Staff Sgt. Al Portt with Belleville Police Service.

"I don't recall any charges laid or reports filed," he added.

"What we do when there's a tire slashing is we ask victims to keep the tire or keep the segment that's been slashed because it can be matched up and used as evidence."

"It's mostly graffiti is what we deal with. Graffiti comes and goes but vandalism and vehicle mischief has fallen off. We get more calls during the summer months when it's warm, but with the cold winter. It gets pretty quiet," Portt added.

Charity match raises \$70,000 for new medical equipment

By James Wood

With skates flying, ice crunching and players crashing into the boards, alumni of the Boston Bruins defeated those of the Maple Leafs 8-5 during a charity match Saturday. The match and following events

raised \$70,000, which is going towards purchasing new medical equipment for the Belleville General Hospital.

Both teams were in town to play against each other for the first time in hockey history, a game that was a thrill to watch.

The two-day event kicked off on Jan. 17

with an autograph signing by the Boston Bruins, hosted at Dem Bones restaurant on North Front Street. The building was packed with Bruins fans seeking to get cards, jerseys, sticks and pucks signed by the greats. Following the signing, the team moved on to the Yardmen Arena, where

the Maple Leafs alumni were waiting.

The crowd in the Yardmen Arena roared their approval as the legends of old made their way onto the ice for the charity match. Notable players such as Jonathan Blum, Rick Middleton, Ray Bourque and Tom Songin were among the alumni,

along with two former Belleville Bulls, Doug Gilmour and Al Iafrate. The Bruins took the lead early on, and the final score was left at 8-5, with the Bruins taking the victory.

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Photo by Solana Cain

Master Corporal Sébastien Bouchard returned from tour of duty in Afghanistan on Monday. These soldiers are some of the last Canadians to serve in Operation Attention, which has Canada assisting in the development of the Afghan National Security Forces. All personnel are expected home by the end of March 2014, according to the Department of National Defence.

Protesters camp out at Meyers farm

By Mitch Ward

Nighttime along Meyers Creek Road in Trenton is normally a place for quiet, calm and stillness.

But since last Monday, this peaceful mood has changed. Now the buildings on Frank Meyers' property echo the conversation of a dozen of his supporters, as well as the sparking and crackling of a campfire burning in a steel oil drum, with an air of tension creeping in from the blackness.

The protesters have been staying overnight on Meyers' property, keeping watch on the barns and silos that belonged to the 85-year-old farmer before they were expropriated by the government in 2012.

The expropriations along the northern edge of CFB Trenton were made in order to expand the base to include new training facilities for JTF2, Canada's special operations force.

Meyers was able to lease his land since 2012, but the Department of National Defence eventually claimed it as their own late in 2013, erecting fences and posting no trespassing signs.

Meyers has been quietly resisting the government since the beginning of the process, never wanting to give over his farm.

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