

Kayla Phoenix feeds yogurt to her girlfriend's daughter, Whitney Kisch, in the kitchen of their west Windsor home. Phoenix has been dating Whitney's mother, Jesseny Kisch, for a year-and-a-half and has taken on a parenting role to Whitney since the three moved in together.

Photo by Gabrielle Smith

Wolfgang Skinner, nicknamed Wolfie, plays computer games at his home in downtown Acton. Wolfie is a gender independent six-year-old boy. He is fortunate to have three parents and three siblings who are supportive in every way.

Photo by Annie Sakkab

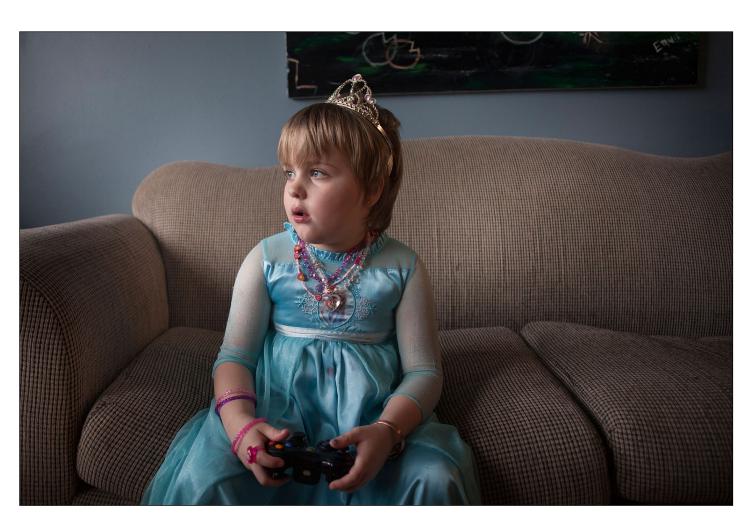




Photo by Sarra Lalonde

 $\label{lem:caden} \textbf{Caden MacDonald celebrates his second birthday at Pizza Hut in Cornwall with family.}$



Photo by Franki Ikeman

Connor Degraaf, 3, warms up inside the skate-house at the Bunton family's backyard rink in Grimsby, Ont. on Feb. 28. The Degraafs live next door to the Buntons and make use of the massive rink they built.



Photo by Gabrielle Smith

Larissa Turner, 2, breaks the head off a snowman she and her mom built out of a baking soda and conditioner mixture at the Belleville Public Library on Feb. 7. The snow activity was part of the library's "Lil Scientists" program, encouraging early literacy and rudimentary science skills in young children.