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Roasting on an open fire...

Twelve-year-old Corie Mohr (left), and 13-year-old Santana Shortt, both residents of Mountain, warm up and toast some marshmallows on the fire at Mountain Memorial Park on Thurs., Dec. 22. The Mountain Recreation Association organized the evening, which included one last pre-Christmas visit from Santa Claus.

Press Photo — Duncan



It's a go!

Hospital construction set to begin in 2007

WINCHESTER — Winchester District Memorial Hospital's reconstruction project has been officially scheduled for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. George Smitherman, minister of health and long-term care for Ontario, made the announcement on Dec. 21 in Cornwall.

"We're pleased we now have official approval," said Phil Marleau, WDMH vice-president of clinical services and capital redevelopment. "Until now we had no guarantee."

While there had been hopes for a shovel in the ground this spring, hospital spokesperson Lynne Wilson explained that was a best-case scenario timeline. "That would have been the earliest possible date according to the process we've been following," she said.

The minister announced four projects in the Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh riding. The other three are in Cornwall. The funding is part of the government's ReNew Ontario, a five-year, $5 million investment plan.

"We're pleased to be in the second year of the five-year plan," said hospital board chair Bill Smirle, who was in Cornwall to meet Smitherman.

More than 500 capital planning requests were considered and only about 100 of those will be completed within the frame of this five-year plan, noted Wilson. "That we were one of those is indeed good news," she said

"We now can move forward, finalizing logistical plans for this massive redevelopment project — there is still much work to be done," said Trudy Reid, chief executive officer of the hospital. "We are grateful to the minister and to Jim Brownell, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, for their commitment to Winchester District Memorial Hospital and our extended community."

"I don't think it's bad to have this one-year lag," said Wayne Burns, former hospital board chair, noting the expansion is a huge project that will benefit from more planning.

Hospital staff, foundation members, and board members marked the announcement with a small gathering and a cake in the hospital visitors' lobby.

"Congratulations to all of us," said Smirle. "I think it's time to celebrate."

Trustees decide

Dixon's Corners Public School to remain open, despite survey

DIXON'S CORNERS — Upper Canada District School board trustees voted on Dec. 20 to keep Dixon's Corners Public School open, but the school's future will be reviewed again by 2008.

"We're very aware that the minister of education hasn't supported the closure of schools and has in fact appointed people to review school closure plans elsewhere in the province," Greg Pietersma, trustee for Dundas County, said after the vote. "I believe those realities played a key role in our decision tonight to keep Dixon's Corners open, and it wouldn't be fair to subject this community to a ministry review when we know full well that all schools of the board will be reviewed over the next three years."

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No early budget for North Dundas

WINCHESTER — North Dundas Township's director of finance John Gareau reported to council at its Dec. 12 meeting that memos had been sent out to each department to get the 2006 budget process rolling.

Councillor Al Armstrong noted that council has been talking for years about getting the budget completed earlier in the year. He questioned whether this is the year a move can be made to make that happen. The township budget has generally been completed around March or April of each year.

"Right now we're in a state of transition," said Gareau, explaining that the township is switching to a new computer system. "To hope that this is the year to have the budget done early is unrealistic, simply because of this transition."

Gareau added that the new computer software should make the budget process in subsequent years more streamlined.

Deputy-Mayor Bill Smirle wondered whether an election year (2006) would be the time to produce an early budget. He suggested that the township should not get too far ahead, as the new council members (who would take over in December 2006) should be the ones to approve the 2007 budget.

Ladies join Winchester Lions Club



Lady Lions

Joan Shirreffs (front, left), Suzanne Belliveau, and Marlene Faulkner are the first female members of the Winchester Lions Club. Lion president Dennis Carkner (back, left), Doug Shirreffs (Joan Shirreffs sponsor), past district governor Dave Voisey, and Dwayne Holmes (Belliveau and Faulkner's sponsor) are also pictured.

Press Photo — James

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WINCHESTER — There was a historic event held in Winchester on the evening of Dec. 21. Three women were inducted into the Lions Club.

Joan Shirreffs, Marlene Faulkner, and Suzanne Belliveau are the first female members of the Winchester Lions Club. All have volunteered with the Lions before, making them very familiar with the service club.

"We're not sure what to expect," said Faulkner about becoming a Lion.

"We'll tell you in a year," joked Belliveau.

Potential Lions must be sponsored by a current club member. Shirreffs was sponsored by her husband Doug, and Faulkner and Belliveau were sponsored by Dwayne Holmes. Before future members are asked if they would like to join, their names must be approved by the club in a vote.

"We are having trouble getting members," said Holmes, providing one reason why the Lions made the decision to open the club to women. With the three women added, the club has 34 members and it tries to maintain a membership of between 30 and 35.

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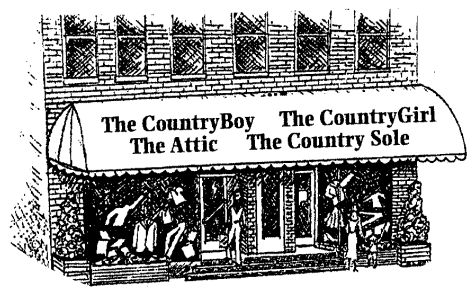

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Dixon's

The board hosted two public meetings at the school on Dec. 1 and 7 where parents received detailed information on the effects of a declining student enrolment and how it would impact programming.

While two-thirds of parents surveyed said they believe the school should be closed and their children transferred to Nationview or Iroquois public schools, trustees respected the wishes of the one-third of parents who weren't in favor of closing the school at this time.

Pietersma said he believes the consultation with parents was a very successful process.

"Ultimately parents must make the decision on what's best for their kids," he said. "I want to commend the parents for taking an interest in the process in an open and frank manner."

An additional public meeting will be held in the new year to debrief the parents and discuss the findings of the public consultation.

Lions

Holmes noted that the Lions' membership is aging — with some going south for the winter. "There's not as many people around to do the work in the winter," he said.

"You look for people that want to serve the community, and are willing to work," said Holmes about new members.

He said that members also have to be able to make a financial commitment to the $70 per year membership fee and the cost of monthly dinners. "It does cost you some money," he said.

The Winchester Lions Club has been around for 37 years. The club was formed in 1968 with 28 members. The Lions Hall was built in 1976.

"This will be a change for us," said Holmes. The Winchester club is one of the last area Lions clubs to allow female members.

"We debated it," said Holmes about the decision. It had been discussed in the past, as well. "There was some fierce opposition five years ago," he noted. "It's just a part of going forward, as far as I'm concerned."

Plan ahead for ride home

LONG SAULT — I was overwhelmed by the amount of calls to our offices when we asked for help catching those responsible for the rash of recent break-ins. The public support of the police is the only way we can address crime.



From the desk of the **Detachment Commander**
by Inspector Ray Westgarth

This time of year brings many holiday parties. Wherever your party is, please make sure you have planned ahead for a ride home. There is no excuse in this day and age for impaired driving. It's just plain stupid! We respond to so many tragic events and collisions involving alcohol throughout the year, but especially at this time of year.

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In parts of the United Counties, we have excellent public transit and taxi services and a good number of responsible business owners who supply rides when required. So when you plan on celebrating, make the ride home a part of your plan.

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Celebratory cake

Winchester District Memorial Hospital vice-president of clinical services and capital redevelopment Phil Marleau, past board chair Wayne Burns, and current board chair Bill Smirle cut the celebratory cake on Dec. 21 after Ontario's minister of health and long-term care announced WDMH's expansion was officially slated for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
Press Photo — James



Local Alzheimer Society moves to new home

CORNWALL — The Alzheimer Society of Cornwall and District has moved. Services will be now be offered out of its new location at 812 Pitt Street, Second Floor, Suite 13, Cornwall.

"We are thrilled to announce that we have found a new location which is both central and easily accessible", explained executive director Shelley Vaillancourt.

Due to the move and the holiday season, office hours will be briefly interrupted but will resume on Tues., Jan. 3. The Alzheimer Society apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this temporary closure. For more information call 613-932-4914.

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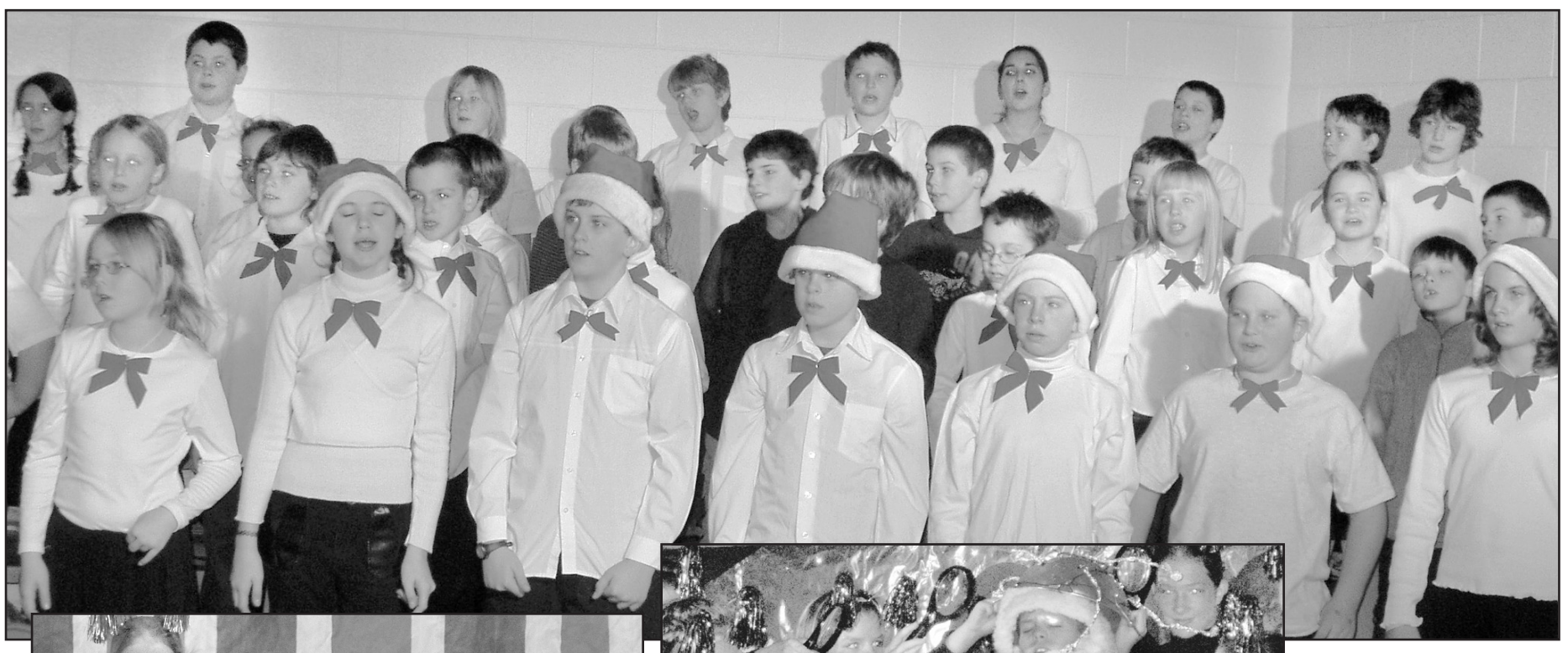






Close encounters

Morewood Public School students in Grade 1 through 6 ventured into alien territory on Wed., Dec. 21 during their annual Christmas concert, which included the skit, Close Encounters of the Christmas Kind. *With rousing renditions of "He'll be Coming Down the Chimney," "Si tu aimes la musique," and "Les extra-terrestres," the out-of-this-world show was sure to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.*

St. Paul's ladies celebrate season

by Jan Clapp

WINCHESTER — St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was the site of a large gathering of ladies on Dec. 5. At the 6 pm meeting in the Sunday School Hall, the ladies enjoyed their annual potluck supper and worship service. Several ladies from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Chesterville as well as Morewood Presbyterian Church joined in, as did other friends from the surrounding area.

Following a warm welcome by Doris Baker, and a reading about the poinsettia, the blessing was offered by Rev. Floyd McPhee, and a meal was enjoyed by all — with a delicious assortment of both first course and desserts! During coffee and dessert, Jan Clapp with Arlene Nesbitt at the piano led a sing-song. Afterwards, a trivia game was played and door prizes were distributed. The perfect attendance prize was given to Ann Leyenaar. The poinsettia was the theme for the evening, and at each place setting was a lovely bookmark with a crocheted poinsettia lovingly made by Helen Kerr. Guests also took home a bag of homemade candy prepared by Doris Baker, Bea Elliott, and Phyllis MacMaster.

The ladies enjoyed a meaningful worship around the theme "in praise of women" with Katalin Kennedy as guest speaker, who shared some of what her mother experienced fleeing from Hungary. Scripture readings centered around women in the Bible. Various women shared in the service including Ellen Sylvester, Carol Zubatuk, Claire McPhee, Joann Moss, and Donna Wilson.

St. Paul's women's choir, consisting of Kathy Spruit, Heather Hutt, Heather Pemberton, and Jan Clapp, provided music. Hutt sang a wonderful rendition of "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming," a favorite hymn of the guest speaker. Following the closing hymn, "Let there be Peace," Doris Baker wished everyone love, joy, and peace for the Christmas season.

A donation from the offering of the service will be given to the Naomi Family Resource Centre.

Mountain centre for Green info

CORNWALL — The Green Party of SD&SG is publicizing its election campaign in a different fashion than the other political parties. Rather than relying on excessive mailing or large signs, the Green team has established local information centres at high traffic areas in the riding. The Mountain Station Pizza, owned by P.J. Breaks of South Mountain, and the GP Deli in Lancaster have agreed to be the first two of such distribution centres and will distribute flyers, as well as other information related to the Green party and its local candidate, Doug Beards.

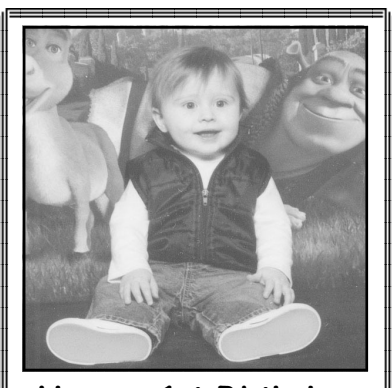
"Making information available at these locations encourages people to become more involved in the democratic process," said David Rawnsley, the campaign manager of the SD&SG Greens. "When they come in to pick up their pizza, they can also pick up a Green party flyer and discuss Green issues with other customers or the owner. They will also be able to leave their contact information if they have a question they wish to ask Doug."

Fifty years ago, local general stores served as a communal gathering place for people eager to debate political issues and exchange the latest news. Now, the Green Party of SD&SG hopes to renew that process and use its information centres to encourage greater grass roots democracy and local political debate.

A party press release explained such a scheme has other advantages, including ensuring Green party funds are used in a way which is both efficient and yet in harmony with its policies of sustainability, respect for the environment, and responsible use of resources.

"We want to publicize our position on sustainability, responsibility, and improved health and well-being as effectively as possible," said Beards. "But we don't want to waste large sums of money purchasing signs that will not only pollute the landscape and annoy passersby, but will be discarded after seven weeks of campaigning."

The party will be announcing more locations around the riding. Anyone interested in establishing a centre can call either David Rawnsley at 347-7359 or Jeanie Warnock at 346-2313, or e-mail a message through the website, greensofsdg.ca.



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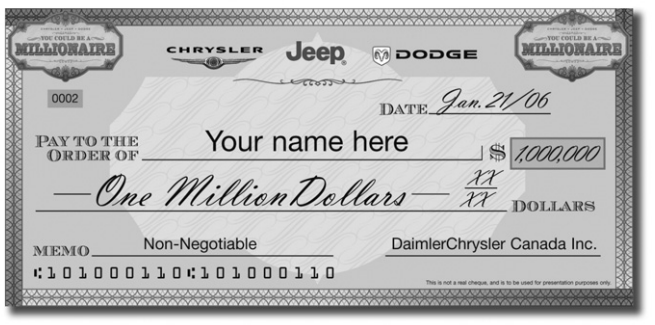

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January 5 — First in line
Karrie Veinotte and Victor Turcotte are the proud parents of the first baby born at Winchester District Memorial Hospital in 2005. Hannah Veinotte was born on Jan. 1 at 4:29 am. Press Photo — Zabel

JANUARY

Iroquois ward councillor Ron Delegarde, facing a suit under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, appeared in court on Jan. 10. Charges were eventually thrown out. The judge ruled that Delegarde in no way was seeking to improve his own financial situation or that of his company, and therefore was not in violation of the Conflict of Interest Act.

At the same time as residents were showing their support for disaster victims in southeast Asia, money was also being collected for Winchester resident Robert Meldrum, who lost his home to a fire on Jan. 3. Robert's son Lenny Meldrum, 52, died in the early morning blaze on Liscumb Road. In less than a week, $1,500 had been collected at stores around the village.

Stepping into the upstairs hall at the Winchester Arena was like strolling down a street in New Orleans during the first ever Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball, a fundraiser that generated $10,500 for the Dundas County Hospice on Sat., Jan 29. "It was an extreme success," said organizer Larry Michaud.



February 16 — Slip sliding
Ten-year-old Celine Amos of Russell and 12-year-old Pamela Deeke of Ormond took several turns racing down the hill behind the Winchester Arena on Feb. 12 during the Ormond-Harmony-Cloverdale Recreation Association's Winter Fun Day. Photo — Barbour

FEBRUARY

The Winchester Curling Club Bantam Boys team finished with two wins and five losses in the Ontario Curling Association's 2005 Bantam Boys Curling Championship in Sarnia. "All their losses were very close," said coach Alison Levere, who was extremely pleased with the team's effort. Skip Phil KleinSwormink, 15, third David Lillico, 16, second Geoff Spruitt, 14, and lead Kurtis Byrd, 12, were the Bantam Zone 1 champions.

Like an eerie scene from an Alfred Hitchcock movie, a hawk was trapped in the netting of the bell tower of Winchester's Old Town Hall. It remained there for almost two days after being spotted on Jan. 31. An animal control officer removed the bird and set it free on the morning of Feb. 2. It was reported to have been in excellent shape.

Gentlemen, start your engines. After a long debate, South Dundas Township council officially passed a bylaw allowing all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on township roads.



May 25 — Championship run
Outside centre Kim Hull powered her way through a pair of St. Joe's tacklers lugging the ball in an SD&G high school rugby match against the St. Joe's Panthers on May. 17. Hull scored a try in a 19-5 win over the Tagwi Warriors on May 19 that clinched a fifth consecutive SD&G girls rugby championship for NDDHS. Press Photo — Van Bridger

MAY

Chesterville was in shock after the Township of North Dundas' largest employer — Nestlé Canada Inc. announced on May 16 that it would shut its doors mid-2006. The factory, which employs 300 workers, was operating at 45 per cent capacity, and had been for a few years. "I was devastated," said Mayor Alvin Runnalls.

Changes gym in Winchester celebrated its 1st anniversary. Owner Kim Williams calculated that 110 members of the women-only gym dropped a combined 1,204 inches over the past year, not including those members who did not take part in the measurement process.

After a lengthy car chase through South Dundas, OPP apprehended Nabil H. Alkhalil, 29, of Ottawa and a duffle bag containing approximately $1.1 million worth of cocaine.

Morewood residents decided not to be connected to municipal water. Only 13 residents, 16.6 per cent, said yes to municipal water, while 60 residents, 76.7 per cent, said no. Five residents, 6.4 per cent, were undecided.



June 8 — Watch me grow
Bradley McLean waters the flowers he helped plant outside the Winchester Early Years Centre on June 2. McLean was a member of the junior scientist program for children age three to six. On its last day together, the group went out-of-doors and helped plant a new flower bed in front of the centre. Press Photo — Smith-Millar

JUNE

A death at the Mountain post office prompted North Dundas council members to question the township's emergency response tactics. The victim, a staff member at the post office, suffered an anurism. Those at the scene said they felt the emergencey response time was too long, as dispatchers sent those responding to South Mountain instead of Mountain. "Three out of four times they went to South Mountain instead of Mountain," explained councillor Estella Rose at the June 13 meeting of township council.

Supporters of the House of Lazarus and the Dundas County Food Bank raised rural awareness during the second annual Farmers' Walk for Food, Sat., June 11. Walkers raised about $6,500 plus 500 food items for the food bank.

Morewood Public School, with 122 students, gets a number one rating in the province. The Fraser Institute released its 2005 Report Card on Ontario's Elementary Schools on June 10, and Morewood was tied for the top spot.



September 7 — Back to the books
Brandon Helmer (left), Riley Steele, Nathan Clark, and Challis Crawford were prepared to balance learning and fun in Ms. Jordan's Grade 6 class when they returned to Winchester Public School after a long summer break. Press Photo — James

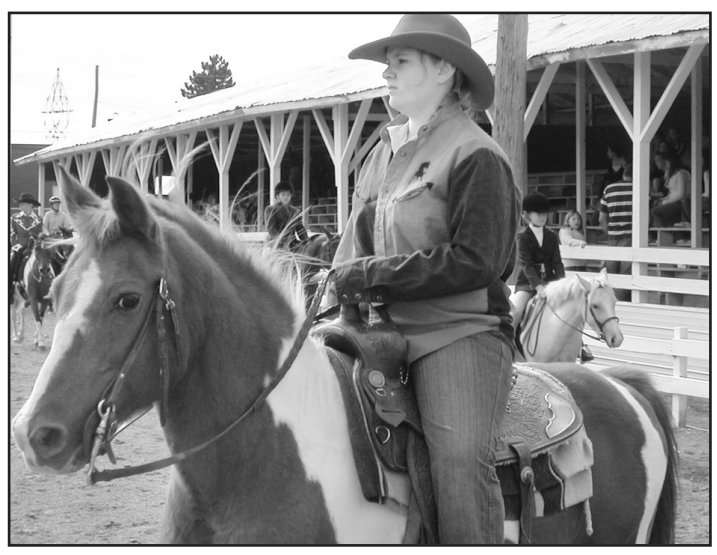
SEPTEMBER

The Winchester Early Years Centre moved to a new location, one block north to 520 St. Lawrence Street. The move jumped the moms and tots centre from a 700 square-foot room beneath the Winchester Library to a 1200 square-foot space. The centre's new location opened on Sept. 26.

Local schools were among 10,000 schools and three million students across the country that participated in a national school run day on Fri., Sept. 16, making the 25th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope a special event.

South Dundas Township councillor and former mayor Johnny Whitteker was awarded a long-standing service award at the Ontario East Municipal Conference. Whitteker's 50 years of experience were unparalleled in municipal politics.

The Winchester Hawks lost theirJunior "B" home opener to the Kemptville 73's in a 7-2 decision.



October 5 — Giddy-up
The feature photo on the Oct. 5 issue's cover was of 12-year-old Amanda Latimer of Metcalfe competing in the Western Horse Show at Metcalfe Fair. The horse's name is Rosie. Between 30,000 and 35,000 people attended this year's fair. Press Photo — Duncan

OCTOBER

More than $10,000 was raised in North Dundas Township during the annual Roundup for Research jail and bail event at the Winchester Lions Hall on Thurs., Oct. 13. Township Mayor Alvin Runnalls was the judge as local community members and business representatives were sentenced to raise bail money in support of the Kidney Foundation of Canada. About a dozen people volunteered to be arrested for the cause.

The Chesterville Rotary Club honored six locals with its annual Pride of Workmanship Awards on Mon., Oct. 24. Sylvia Wheeler of the Winchester Royal Bank, Rick Latimer of Natunola Health Inc., Peter Heerkens of Dundas Power Line Ltd., Brian Feeley of Nestlé, Lindsay Chung of the *Chesterville Record*, and Chris Gaudette of Mike Dean's all received awards at an impressive ceremony at the Nelson LaPrade Centre.



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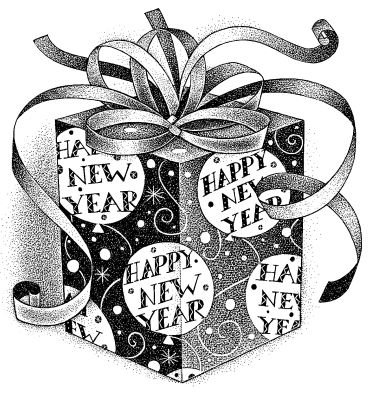

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March 23 — We made it!
Officials at Winchester District Memorial Hospital announced on March 17 that the Renewing the Vision expansion campaign had reached its $15 million goal. Pictured are Bill Smirle (back, left), Terry MacLellan, Wayne Burns, Dr. Duane Justus, Mike McInnis, Archie Byers, Dwayne Holmes, Lynne Wilson (front, left), Elsie Patterson, Vera Mitchell, Joan Farlinger, Lois McNamara, and Trudy Reid.
Press Photo — Zabel

MARCH

More than 8,000 farmers from all across Ontario arrived carrying signs for the OFA's One Voice rally at Queen's Park on March 2, including 121 local farmers representing Dundas. Buses chartered by the Dundas Federation of Agriculture left the Winchester and Chesterville Arenas at 5 am and each made two stops to pick up more protestors before heading to Highway 401.

Brittani Fawcett, Grade 6, took home first while Grade 5 student Jadon Constapel won second and Casey Havekes, Grade 4, took third in this year's Geography Challenge at Inkerman Public School, sponsored by the Canadian Geographic Society.

Secondary teachers in the Upper Canada District School Board voted 93.4 per cent in support of strike action, if necessary, to achieve a settlement in their contract talks. Elementary teachers in District 26 also voted — 87 per cent — in favor of a strike as a means to achieve their goals, including more paid prep time.



April 13 — Curling trifecta
With their Bantam Boys Provincial and Ontario Winter Games championship banners hanging in the background, coach Brian Clement (left), lead Geoff Spruit, second Andrew Dings, third Phil Klein-Swormink, and skip Shane Latimer show off the gold medals they won at the 2005 Under-18 International Curling Championship in Calgary.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

APRIL

North Dundas District High School Grade 12 badminton duo Emily Vingerhoeds and Matt Hoogenboom placed third in SD&G, and after challenging and beating the second-place team, won themselves a spot in the EOSSA tournament on April 21 in Rockland. The duo was coached by Cindy Steele and James Munro.

The House of Lazarus Community Garden located in the village of Mountain officially began to grow on April 23 at 1:30 pm, when a sod-lifting ceremony and dedication previewed the 24 by 48-foot plot dedicated to teaching sustainable, healthy eating.

In a letter to the editor, Stormont Dundas Landowners Association founder John Stoodley thanked "everyone who took the time and was interested enough to come out on Tuesday evening (April 5) to support our cause. It was a tremendous success." The inaugural meeting of the association sold 142 memberships and packed the Winchester Lions Hall.



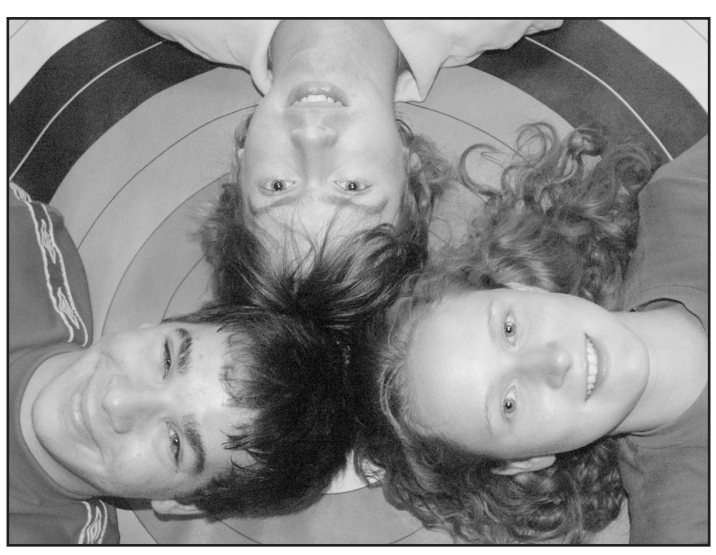
July 6 — O Canada!
Twenty-two cyclists took part in the Canada Day bicycle parade in Vernon on July 1. Five-year-old Michael Bate (front) and his three-year-old brother Matthew demonstrated their patriotism. Photo — Barbour

JULY

The Metcalfe Golf and Country Club hosted its fifth annual Charity Golf Classic on Wed., July 13, where about 120 enthusiastic golfers participated to raise a total of $4,000 for the Township of Osgoode Care Centre.

The Township of North Dundas officially passed a bylaw and is now the first township in the United Counties of SD&G to offer civil marriage solemnization. The bylaw was signed and sealed at the July 11 regular meeting of council. Township clerk JoAnne McCaslin will be in charge of performing the ceremonies, under a policy of guidelines available at the township office.

United Counties Council adopted the Official Plan on Mon., July 18, after little discussion and a vote eight to three in favor. North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls, who as Warden voted in favor of the plan, said that the vote was quite decisive. Runnalls said at the July 11 meeting of North Dundas Council that he would vote in favor regardless of the fact that all the councillors at the table were against it.



August 17 — On target
Kyle Dearing (left), Jordan Eastman, and Colleen Driscoll had recently returned from the Canadian National Archery Championships in Saint John, N.B. Eastman, who trains at South Nation Archery Supply, brought a gold medal home to Winchester. Press Photo — Smith-Millar

AUGUST

The 17th annual Dairyfest went off without a hitch, and organizers declared the festival "a huge success." This was the first year the main stage was located at the corner of Main and St. Lawrence streets, and "there seemed to be a good crowd on both days," said Dairyfest committee member Janine Stevenson. OPP had a busy weekend, laying a number of liquor charges as well as noticing several acts of vandalism.

Seventeen-year-old Christina Campbell of Chesterville returned from her first time at the provincial Special Olympics with five gold medals. Though it's unofficial, after Campbell's amazing results at the provincials, she will most likely represent Ontario at the national competition in Brandon, Man. in the summer of 2006.

The 113th edition of the South Mountain Fair suffered through the drizzle for another successful year. The size of the fair board's tent, which fit over 1,000 people, was said to play a large role in the solid attendance throughout the weekend — Aug. 18 to 21.



November 9 — We remember
Winchester resident George Marquette saluted the memory of his brothers Willis, Cecil, Joseph, and Keith — all WWII veterans — during the Remembrance Day service held in Winchester on Nov. 6.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

NOVEMBER

The City of Ottawa held a Rural Summit on Nov. 15 and 19 to help determine how the amalgamated city can better serve residents in rural areas such as Vernon and Metcalfe. The success of the event will be determined by actions taken by City council and staff in the new year.

Music students at Osgoode Township High School and Castor Valley Elementary School raised $3,600 when they took part in a board-wide 10-hour bandathon for the Red Cross on Nov. 25.

Windfield Energy Inc., an Ottawa-based small-scale wind turbine company, presented its plan to install eight or nine wind turbines east of County Road 31 near Williamsburg to South Dundas council. The company was approached by a township resident with the wind farm idea, and the wind conditions in the area are adequate for the project. Ownership in the project would be available to both the township and private residents.



December 14 — Candidates speak
An all-candidates meeting was held at the Winchester Community Centre on Dec. 12 to allow the community to hear the federal candidates' thoughts about the farm income crisis and other agricultural issues. Pictured are Conservative incumbent Guy Lauzon (left), Green party candidate Doug Beards, NDP candidate Elaine MacDonald, and Liberal candidate Tom Manley. *Press Photo — Duncan*

DECEMBER

The annual Country Christmas Parade of Lights was held on Saturday for the first time ever and was declared a success with 51 floats and three bands taking part. The Dec. 3 procession had Max and Sunny Boyd as parade marshals in honor of the Year of the Veteran.

Two public meetings were held regarding the possible closure of Dixon's Corners Public School. The school council had put forward a motion of closure with the feeling that it was in the best interest of the students to move to other larger schools.

News came from the provincial ministry of health and long-term care that Winchester District Memorial Hospital's expansion is officially slated for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. This puts the project in year two of the province's five-year, $5 billion health care infrastructure plan. The project was one of four given the green light in the riding — the other three are in Cornwall.

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The staff at the Winchester Press



The good ol' hockey game

Santa Claus made an appearance at Mountain Memorial Park on Thurs., Dec. 22, and visited with children on the outdoor rink – a popular gathering spot for local hockey enthusiasts. Pictured with The Claus are three-year-old Jack Armstrong (left) and five-year-old- Dylan Martin, both Mountain residents. Kenny Sloan-Van Leyen lent his hockey stick to the jolly old elf. The Mountain Recreation Association organized Santa's visit, and also supervised a bonfire for roasting marshmallows. Press Photo – Duncan

Bad calls, crazy parents, and an exploding heart

From the Other Side
by Jeffrey Morris

My legs felt like Jell-O, but I ran as fast as I could down the sideline of the Arnprior High School football field on the last day of September. The ball carrier sped like a gazelle toward the end zone, further away from me with every stride while looked like I was running under water as I chased him. What if my big ol' cow heart explodes right here in the 'Prior in front of 1,000 of the valley's finest lads and lasses?

Luckily, it got better from there. And now that it's over, I have to tell you that my first year as a high school football official was both enjoyable and rewarding.

"You have to be thick skinned, but I don't see that as being a problem with you," said Don Wilcox, a level four official who did a lot of my training and whom I worked with on the field on a few occasions. Don is an Ottawa Sun editor, so he understands that having an angry parent yelling at you from the sidelines is nothing compared to some of the criticisms you take as a journalist. I learned a lot from Don and guys like Cliff Bartsch, John Kachiuk, Pierre Laporte, Kevin Horton and all the other guys who helped me out this year. I improved with every game, and I really enjoyed being back in football in a different way.

But as you would expect, not everything went smoothly all the time. For example, there was the Devon London incident at Mother Teresa High School. Devon was easily one of the best backs in the city. He's a good kid, too, but on one play there was a pile up and as I was pulling bodies off to see who recovered a fumble. Somebody must have taken a liberty at him with a cheap shot at the bottom of the pile, but we couldn't see it. As I was straddled over them, he retaliated and drove the player's helmet right into, well, you can figure out where. And, no, refs don't wear a cup. After the "violation," I had just enough strength to throw the flag high into the air before doubling over on my knees in pain, feeling like I was going to Linda Blair all over the field while the others laughed.

There were also mistakes, but it happens. I blew an inadvertent whistle in the Merivale-St. Pius playoff game. I called a penalty on John McCrae for no yards against Sacred Heart but realized after the play I forgot to throw the flag.

And then, there were the parents.

One mom spent her Sunday morning nursing a cigarette and a double-double in her lawn chair going Nick Nolte on me after every play. Evidently, I reffed the entire game with my head all the way up my arse. Fortunately, my skull is round so it wasn't too hard to pry out.

After a pee wee community football game, a father came onto the field and shook my hand, as if to thank me, and then he congratualted me. He informed me that he was a big college football star in the States and in his lifetime of football, which was obviously more illustrious than mine, he had never seen a worse official than me. I smiled, thanked him, and told him that I was glad to have set a new standard. If only these people could see how they embarrass themselves, their community and their kids.

I fantasize about how much fun it would be to show up to their offices.

"Come on lady, put down your smokes and get that report done. I see you got four new shoes nailed on to go with your pant suit." Or how about, "Hey mister, I've been in business for 20 years and you are the worst sales person I've ever seen. Why don't you get your 11-year-old to handle your clients since you're trying to live your life through him, anyway."

Hey, it's just a fantasy. But really, you can't do anything but walk away from these people and feel thankful you aren't their spouse or their kid. After a game at the Sportsplex in November, a grandparent stopped me on the way out and said "thank you." It was the first time I heard it all year, and it made the whole season worthwhile.

Although the season was exhausting and at times aggravating, it was great. I made a lot of new friends, reconnected with some old friends, and I even lost 20 pounds. It has motivated me to get in shape, especially after seeing a picture of myself on the field, looking like 10 pounds of doorknobs stuffed into a five-pound sausage skin. So much for vertical stripes being slimming…

But the bottom line is that refereeing is a great way to give something back to the community. Football has given so much to me in my lifetime, and this is a great chance to give something back. I look at some of these kids and think that this is their game now, and it's their time. Our job is to try our best to give them the best effort and the best game we can give them. They deserve it.

So if you are one of those parents that go to the rink or field and unload on the officials, take a minute to think about what you are saying and what you look like. If they do a good job, thank them. They will appreciate it. If the referees are that bad, get out there and try it yourself. If you do, just be thankful that your skull is round.

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The Winchester Curling Club rink made up of lead Betty Lapp (left), second Ruby Dawley, third Moyra Workman, and skip Marg Boyd won the annual day-long competition for the Biccum Trophy in 1975. Here, the team accepts the award from Howard Biccum.

This week in…
by Meghan Duncan



1935

According to the treasurer, the municipality held a surplus of $2,724.86 to round out the year, almost twice what it had been the year before. The high surplus was a surprise to councillors, who thought increasing taxes and other expenditures would put the municipal accounts in the red.

1945

Many local soldiers who had been serving overseas were soon to return to Canadian soil when the Queen Elizabeth docked at the Halifax Harbor on Dec. 27. The First Battalion of the SD&G Highlanders was to return as a unit and would get a big welcome home when it reached Cornwall.

1955

Two men were killed at Inkerman Station's level railway crossing when a CPR freight train ripped through a car that was stalled on the tracks. The men, one from Winchester the other from Iroquois were in a 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline Sedan when the accident occurred. The train engineer gave the double diesel engine's whistle a long blast and several short blasts, but could not remedy the situation in time. The 65-car freight, travelling at almost 100 kilometres per hour, dragged the car about a half a mile down the track.

1965

George Holmes was elected the new president of the Dundas County Junior Farmers at the group's Christmas meeting and party.

1975

Winchester Village Council approved a motion to apply for a $54,000 Wintario grant to help pay for the proposed $120,000 expansion of the Winchester and District Community Centre. The addition would improve the foyer, the washrooms, and the dressing areas. Council also had an additional $30,000 available for the project in the form of a Community Centre Recreation Grant from the province. It was expected that the balance — about $36,000 — would be paid for through fundraising and debentures.

1985

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MP Don Boudria initiated a petition campaign in his riding, which eventually reached the Winchester area. The petition was intended to help force the Conservative government to protect the agriculture industry when negotiating a free trade deal with the US at the World Trade Organization talks. The main concern of the petition was to protect the supply management quota system for dairy, egg, and poultry industries.

1995

Students at North Dundas District High School acted out a typical victorian wedding in the school's library — with a bit of a twist. Officiating the ceremony was Julie Maxwell, while the happy couple were Mark Hutchinson as the groom and Stephen Henderson (sporting lovely whiskers for the ceremony) as the traditional-white-dress bride. Jill Byvelds gave the bride away. The wedding was part of one group's seminar in teacher Val Gibson's Grade 12 English class, wrapping up the class' study of Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*.



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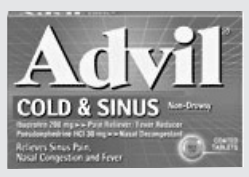

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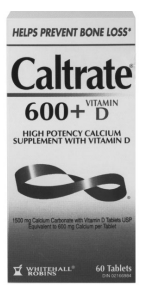

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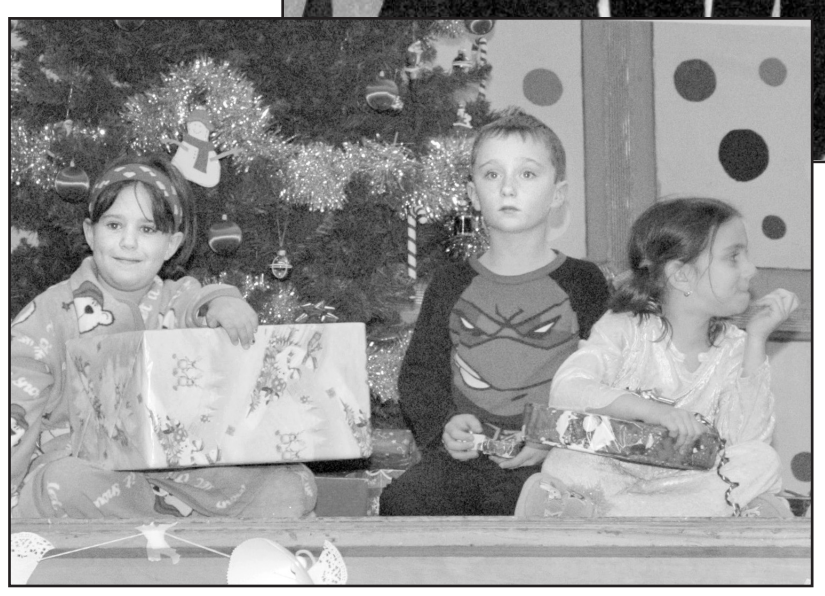
Lunch bunch

Liberal candidate Tom Manley was in Winchester canvassing on Tues., Dec. 20. He visited businesses along Main Street, and had lunch with some local Liberals at the Country Kitchen Dining Lounge. Pictured are Diane Boyce (back, left), Brad Pinch, June Blais, Karen Hickey, Mary Steele, Paulette Poulin (front, left), Tom Manley, and Doris Cross. *Press Photo — James*

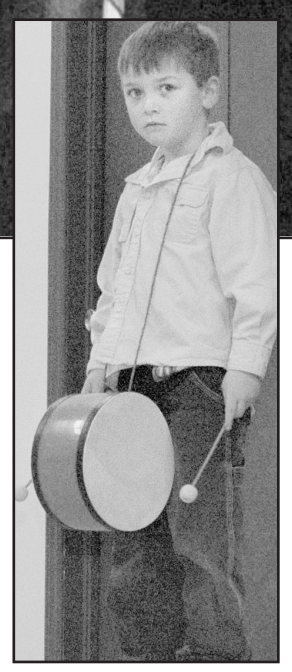
Singin' and ringin'

After a break of several years, Winchester Public School put on a Christmas concert on Dec. 21 involving all classes. Martha Hutchison's Grade 1 class provided songs and a wonderful handbell performance. Pictured, at right, are: Amanda Brown (left), Cole McCooeye, Logan Billings, Emma Brooks, Ashley Harper, Matthew Helmer, Jennifer Workman-Suttle, Laura Williams, and Jade Barnett. Below: Grade 2 students Amanda Switzer (left), Joey Benoit, and Ryleigh Allan recited rhymes about Christmas presents. Press Photos — James









At left: Josh Crispin was the little drummer boy for the Grade 2 class's performance of the popular carol.

Alex Angel was the announcer for the Grade 5-6 abridged reading of A Christmas Carol.

Council notes from South Dundas

Rohmax refund

WILLIAMSBURG — At its regular meeting on Tues., Dec. 20, the council of the Township of South Dundas passed a resolution to refund Rohmax Inc. one year's worth of overpayment for water.

Rohmax installed its own water meter, which was measuring in U.S. gallons instead of Imperial gallons. Because of the discrepancy, the company was being overcharged. Rohmax officials said they would like to be reimbursed for 24 of the 36 months from when the meter was installed.

"Staff recommendation is to reimburse for one year," said township CAO Steve McDonald.

Rohmax was requesting approximately $11,000. However, council passed a motion to reimburse the company about $5,500.

Water loan

Township treasurer Lorna Siebert reported that the township has received an additional $3.5 million from OSIFA (Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority) for construction of the Morrisburg-Iroquois Water Plant. At this time, the township has not received the $1.8 million grant balance from OSTAR (Ontario Small Town and Rural Infrastructure Fund) and has requested an additional loan to help the municipality's cash flow until March 31, when interim taxes are due. The added loan will cost water users about an extra $8,000 a month in interest.

Election method

Council discussed the telephone and online method of municipal election voting, which cost the township about $40,000 during the last election.

In the 2000 election, only 32 per cent of voters turned out to the polls, compared with 58 per cent in 2003, when telephone and online voting were used.

"My problem with Internet voting and phone voting is that it's not friendly to older people," said councillor Sandra Bailey. "I'm also worried about the percentage of spoiled ballots. I believe a high number in Morrisburg did not count." Bailey said she felt there should be one poll set up to allow elderly people to "mark an X and stick it in the box." But Mayor Lyle Van Allen countered the request, noting that the would be like paying for two elections.

"Anyone who's nervous about voting could come to the township office for help," said councillor Johnny Whitteker, noting that staff also had stations set up at local libraries where those who were unsure of the system or had a rotary phone could vote.

"I wasn't overly impressed with it when I first heard about it," said Van Allen. "But I think it worked remarkably well."

Clerk Brenda Brunt noted that five out of the six municipalities in SD&G use telephone and Internet voting.

"I was a bit skeptical of a change, but I think it's easier access for people," said councillor Charles Barkley. "I've heard no negative response."

In a five to one vote, all councillors except Sandra Bailey voted in favor of telephone and Internet voting for the 2006 municipal election. Bailey requested to see statistics of spoiled votes from the last election.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor:

As the food bank co-ordinator at the House of Lazarus, my personal goal — and the mission's goal — is to feed the hungry and stop poverty. This Christmas season has been great, but it's getting harder. Food donations this year are down and the number of clients is rising fast.

Our clients are so thankful for everything they get. I meet with these people everyday, and some days, it's hard for me to shut the door and leave for the night. Each day I hear their sorrows, cries, and sometimes laughter. Most are not laughing, though.

A day at the mission can be very stressful when you hear stories of spouses leaving their families, illness, death, and children not going to school because they have no lunch. There is so much in one day — it's hard!

In spite of the difficulties, I would like to thank all of those who have supported us in so many ways. I personally get the thanks, but it's not mine to keep — it's yours! I am just the delivery person, but you are the ones giving. I thank you all.

Without you and your support, we could not go on. God bless, and have a wonderful Christmas. Together, let's stop poverty in our communities and the surrounding area.

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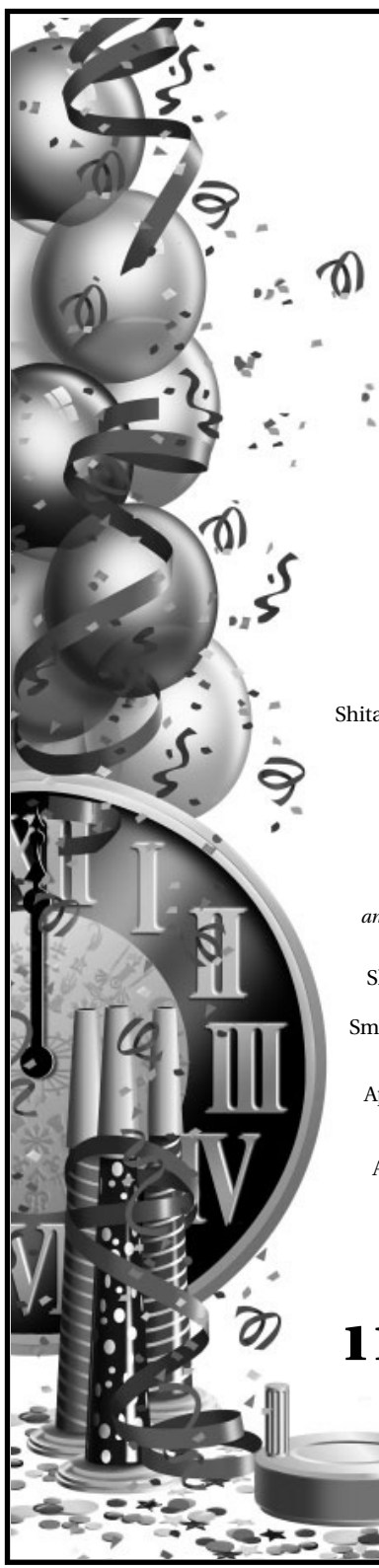



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Farmers feed food bank

The Dundas County Junior Farmers got into the spirit of giving on Tues., Dec. 20, when they went on a shopping spree for the Dundas County Food Bank at Andy's Foodland. The Junior Farmers, made up of about 18 youth between the ages of 15 and 13 meet monthly with the goal of developing future rural leaders through self help and community betterment. The $500 donation to the Food Bank came from the group's ongoing fundraising initiatives. Pictured are: Andy's Foodland employees Hannah and Kira McClenaghan, past Junior Farmer treasurer Stacey Weagant, Food Bank co-ordinator Judy Hilson, Junior Farmer president Brenda Velthuis, and Junior Farmer member Simon Garlough. For more information about the Junior Farmers, call Brenda at 989-2779, or Stacey at 821-9068.

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DSCIA names Tibben family Farmers of the Year for 2005

BRINSTON — The 2005 Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA) Farmer of the Year Award was presented to Tibben Farms Inc.

The farm, located east of Brinston, is owned and operated by the Tibben family — Ralph and Japke and their sons Mike and Mark look after a dairy herd operation, while Bill and Wilma and their son Glen take care of the swine operation. Mark also looks after the crops.

"We're thankful to farm in Dundas County," said Mark Tibben. "There are many great people and organizations that make this agricultural community one of the strongest in Ontario. We're proud to be a part of it."

The farm consists of more than 1,750 acres of tillable land as well as 150 acres of bush. All land is within five kilometres of the farm, and all but 50 acres is tile drained.

Mike manages a 150-head herd of registered Holsteins with a total herd of 320. Ralph takes care of calf rearing and heifer raising. The cows are kept in a freestall barn that has rubber flooring everywhere the cows walk including the milk parlor and holding area.

Average yearly production is 9,600 kilograms per cow with a breeding class average of 210-223-210. Somatic cell count averages about 150. The cows are fed a TMR once a day during the morning milking.

The hog operation is run by Bill, Wilma, and Glen — who is in his first year of the agriculture diploma program at Kemptville College. The operation has recently increased to 200 sows, and should eventually be finishing 4,000 hogs annually. All market hogs are sent to a local butcher rather than to the Ontario Pork Producers.

Mark manages the crops and maintains the equipment on the farm. The soil on the farm ranges from very heavy clay to clay loam, and when properly drained, the soil can be very productive. The crops consist of about 900 acres of corn, 450 acres of soybeans, 260 acres of spring wheat, and 120 acres of forage.

The farm plants more no-till crops each year — some fields have not had primary tillage in seven years. The rotation is generally two years corn, followed by soybeans then wheat.

Manure is spread by a custom operator who uses a drag hose irrigation system that helps to limit compaction.

Mike's wife Stephanie keeps the Tibben Farm books with help from Japke, who also helps out milking when needed. Ralph's son Andy, apart from his full-time job as a mechanic at Reis Equipment in Winchester, also helps out on the farm with machinery maintenance and field work.

Each summer, the Tibbens host international agricultural students. In the past, students have come from Austria, Germany, Holland, Italy, Czech Republic, and Slovakia. The stay offers an opportunity to hear about and exchange ideas and farming methods.



Farmer of the Year

The DSCIA Eric Casselman Award for Dundas Farmer of the Year was awarded to Tibben Farms Inc. in Brinston, where brothers Ralph, Bill, Mike, and Mark, run dairy, swine, corn, soybeans, spring wheat, and forage operations. Pictured are Ralph (left) and Mark Tibben, accepting the award from Gordon Smith. *Press Photo — Duncan*

4-H to form youth advertising team

OTTAWA — 4-H Canada has unveiled an exciting new project to empower its youth members to create the organization's next national advertising campaign. Raising awareness of the youth program — and ultimately increasing membership enrollment — is a key objective of the Canadian 4-H Council's newest strategic plan, which was released last summer. The national organization aims to meet this objective by creating a Youth Advertising Team (YAT). Comprised of 4-H members aged 16 to 21 from across the country, YAT will work with marketing and advertising industry experts to create a new awareness campaign in 2006-2007 for 4-H across Canada.

"This is an exciting and, we believe, cutting-edge approach to generating awareness," said Mike Nowosad, executive director of the Canadian 4-H Council. "We can't think of a better way to put into action our motto — which is 'Learn To Do By Doing' — than to have our youth members learn valuable new skills while also helping to create our next awareness campaign."

YAT is now accepting applications from active 4-H members aged 16 to 21 from across the country. To enter, candidates must submit a video explaining why they should be chosen to serve on the team. The video can be in a number of different video formats, and cannot exceed two minutes. Candidates should explain why they feel they will make a great addition to YAT.

Entries must include candidate's name and address, phone number, email, name of their 4-H club, and addressed to: Youth Advertising Team, Canadian 4-H Council, 930 Carling Ave., Building #26, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0C6 (must be received at Canadian 4-H Council on or before Feb. 15 via e-mail or Canada Post, post-marked no later than Feb. 15). Winners will be notified by Feb. 28.

"The Youth Advertising Team will not only showcase the incredible creative talent among 4-H Members, it will also result in a compelling campaign created for youth, by youth," said Bertram Stewart, president of Canadian 4-H Council. "This new initiative is just one of many progressive developments taking place in the 4-H organization as we align ourselves to better serve the needs of Canada's modern and savvy youth."

4-H is one of the country's longest-running and most respected youth organizations, offering fun, excitement, and learning for youth in communities large and small across Canada. More than 9,500 trained volunteer leaders help 31,000 4-H members develop self-confidence and learn a wide variety of skills through hands-on project work.



A Christmas gift

Gib and Elsie Patterson and family gave Winchester District Memorial Hospital an early Christmas gift on Dec. 21, in the form of a $20,000 donation to the Renewing the Vision campaign. The Pattersons own Cloverdale Links and Emerald Links golf courses. Gib Patterson was a member of the Vision campaign team, organizing canvassing and events in the Greely and Metcalfe areas. Pictured are: hospital board chair Bill Smirle (left), hospital foundation board representative Vera Mitchell, Elsie Patterson, and Gib Patterson. *Press Photo — James*

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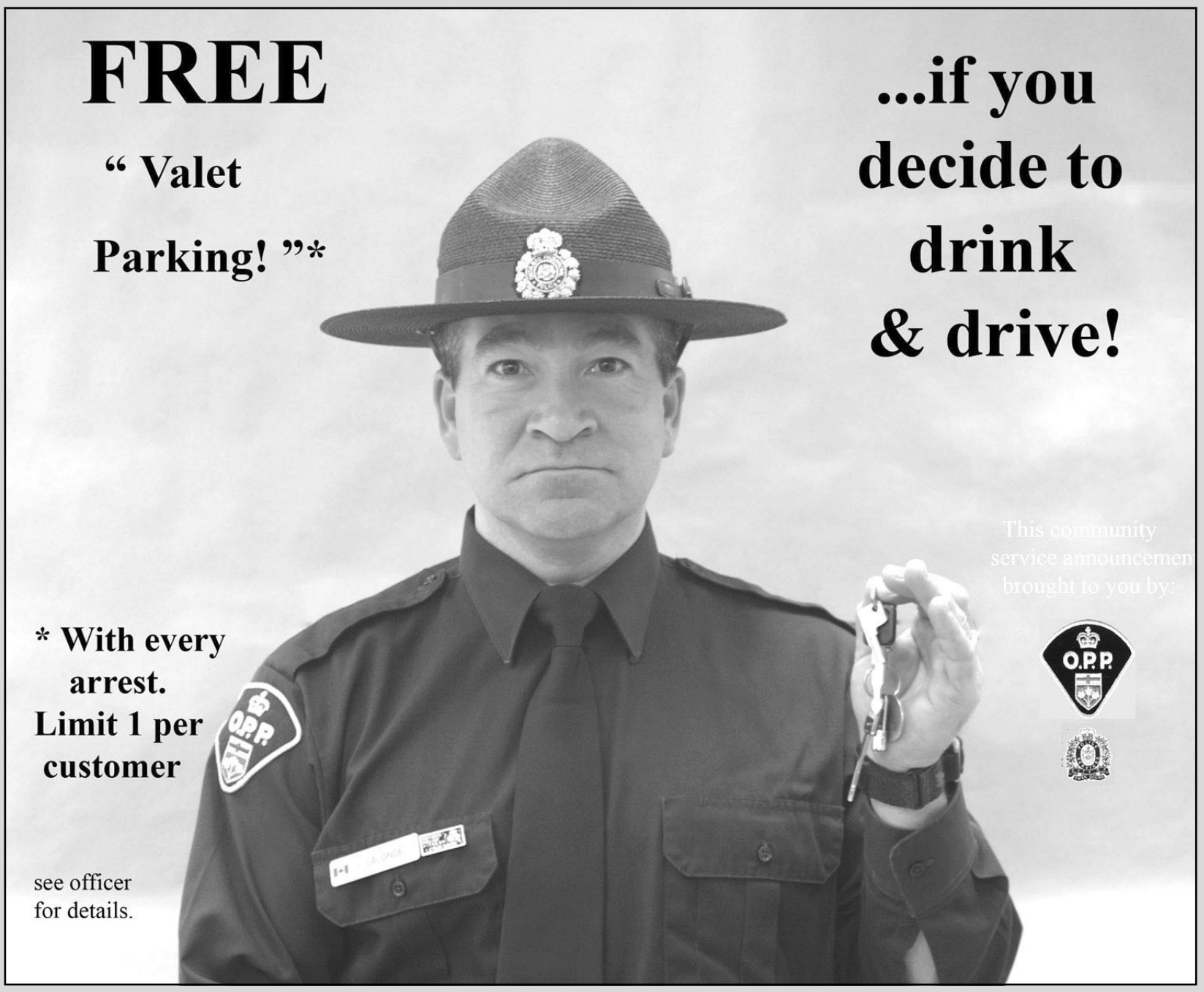

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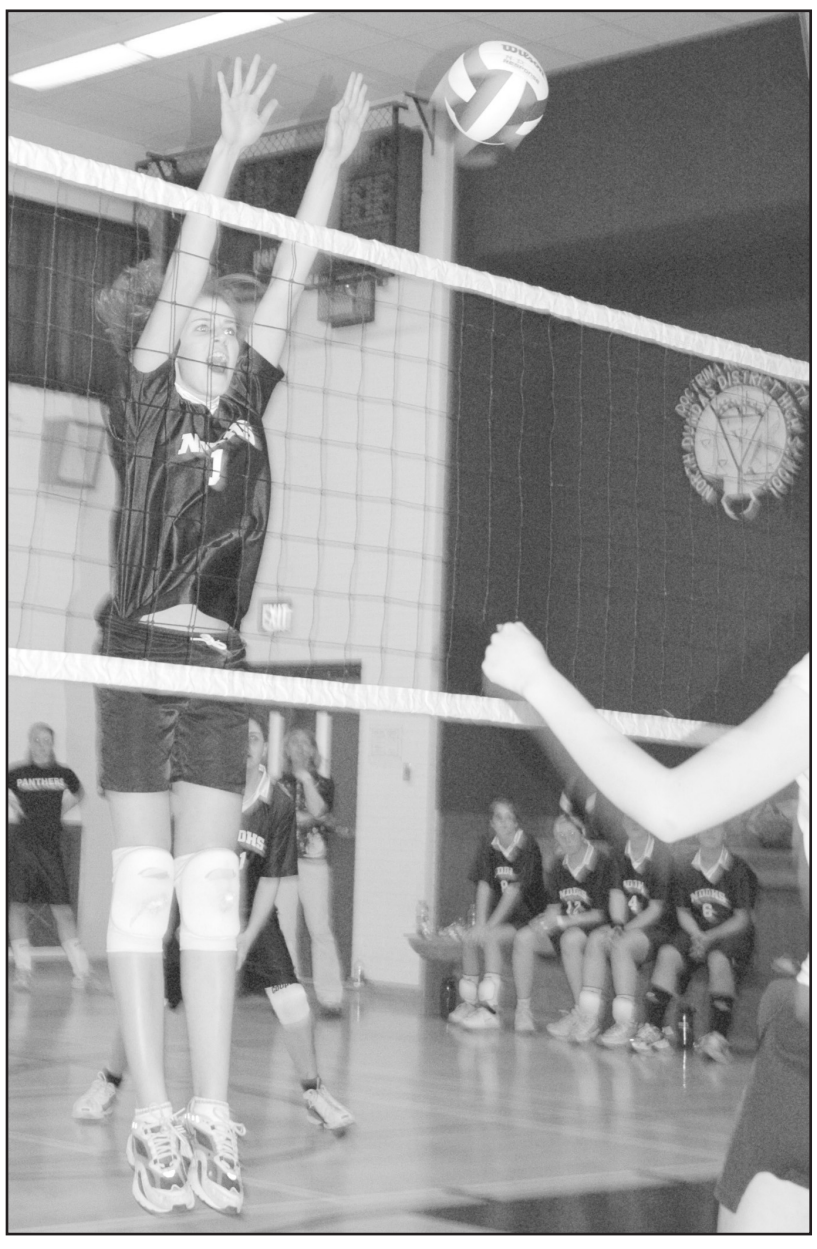


The block

Kelsey Hilborn rose to the occasion and made the block on an offering by the Golden Raiders during an SD&G senior girls high school volleyball match on Dec. 20. Hilborn and the Senior Devils registered a 2-1 (25-20, 25-15, 23-25) win over the visitors from CCVS. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Devils defeat Vikings, Raiders, T-Wolves

North Dundas Devils carry winning record into new year

MAPLE RIDGE — North Dundas used the final date on the 2005 portion of their SD&G "AA" girls high school volleyball campaign to improve the standing of both junior and senior squads.

The Senior Devils hosted the CCVS Golden Raiders on Dec. 20 and opened the three-set match posting 25-20 and 25-15 victories. The Raiders managed to salvage a point from their visit to NDDHS by winning the final set 25-23. The visitors led the final game 22-18 but allowed the Devils to tie it 23-23 before salting the 25-23 decision away.

Senior coach Patti Hall reported her squad will carry a 14-4 record into the new year.

"The girls have been playing so well. They have really committed to the team and are great to work with. They sure a pleasure to coach," she offered.

The same afternoon Cheryl Williams and her Junior Devils faced the General Vanier Vikings and the Russell Timberwolves in their final action before the Christmas holidays.

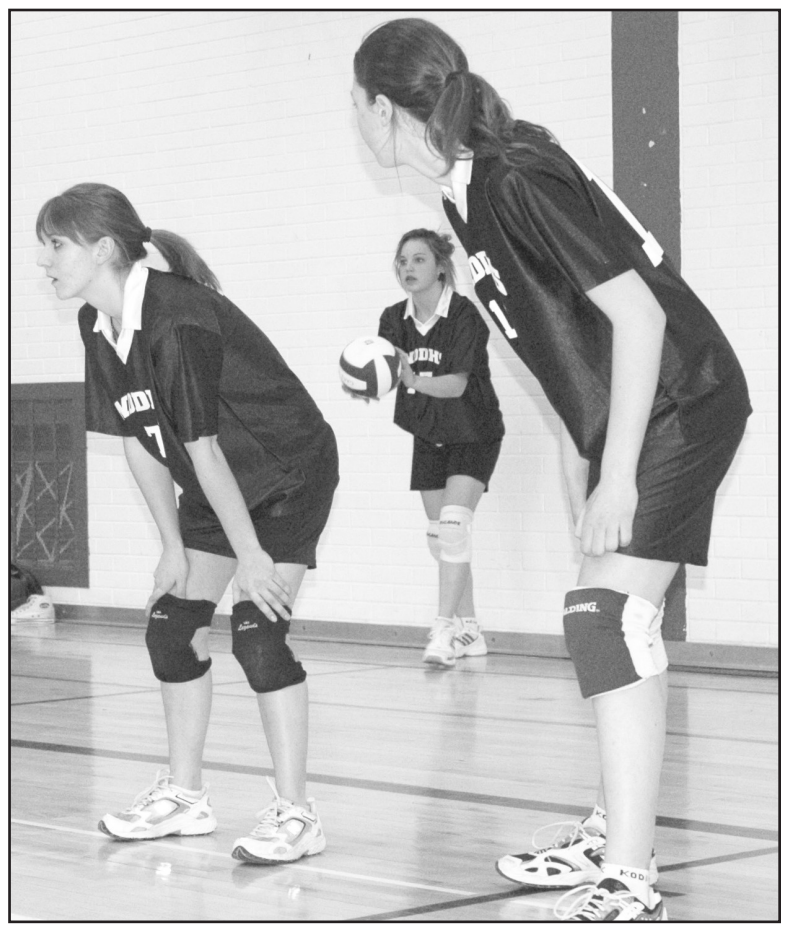
Russell provided the opposition in the opening match and fell 3-0 to the Devils who registered 25-2, 25-8, 25-10 victories. North Dundas continued their dominating ways in their opening set against the General Vanier Vikings posting a quick 25-8 win.

The Vikings were composed for the second set and took 10-7 and 12-11 leads before the Devils bounced back from a 21-19 deficit to steal the 25-21 win and take a 2-0 lead in the match. General Vanier broke a 16-16 deadlock in the tie-breaker and rolled on to a 25-23 victory to earn a point.

North Dundas improved its SD&G record to an impressive 25-8 level with their 5-1 afternoon.

"Too bad we couldn't get that final set against GV, but the girls had a pretty good day and have been playing very well, overall," remarked Williams.

Both the North Dundas juniors and seniors will open 2006 on their home hardwood hosting La Citadelle and Char-Lan on Thurs., Jan. 12.



North Dundas Junior Devil Christine Stewart prepared to serve during an SD&G volleyball match against the GV Vikings. Andrea Hudson (left) and Lauren Casselman were poised to react. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Shay, Barkley provide offensive pop for Midget "B" Demons

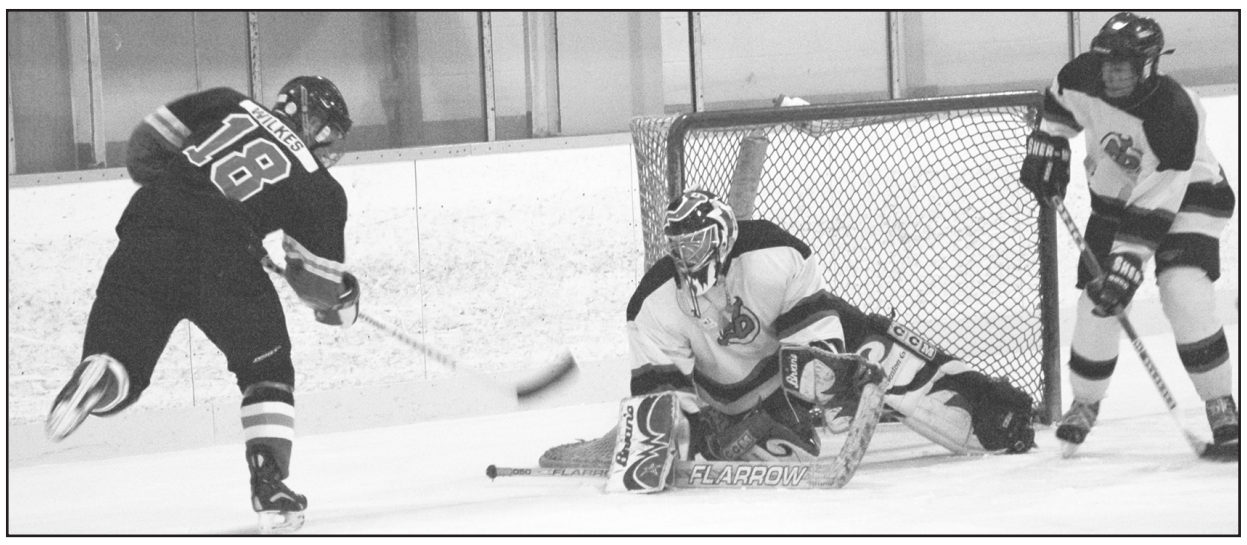
WINCHESTER — Captain Colin Shay set the tone early when he ripped in a pair of goals, just 10 seconds apart, as the North Dundas Midget "B" Demons wrecked the visiting Cornwall Royals 7-2 in their final Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game of 2005.

North Dundas improved its record to third-place to 9-6-0 with the Dec. 19 home-ice victory. South Stormont holds down first place in the East Division standings while the South Dundas Lions stand second.

North Dundas coach Jeff Derue noted his team is steadily moving up in the rankings. He pointed out that the club was 2-4-0 and seventh at the end of October. They moved up to fifth at 6-5-0 in November and stood 9-6-0 going into the Christmas break.

During December, the Demons knocked off South Stormont 3-1, lost 3-0 to arch-rival South Dundas, but bounced back with a 4-1 victory against South Grenville and the 7-2 romp over the Royals.

"The guys are playing tough hockey. They finish their checks and hit hard. The team is improving and have beaten every team, except Morrisburg (South Dundas). There is something about that team. We just can't seem to beat them. But I think the guys will do it," said Derue.



Midget "B" Demons goaltender Chad Kennedy and a member of his defensive support team turned back Cornwall's Kevin Wilkes on this play. North Dundas skated to a 7-2 UCMHL victory over the Royals on Dec. 19. The decision improved their record to 9-6-0, good enough for third place. Colin Shay and Jordan Barkley each potted a pair of goals for the winners. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Travis Froats opened the scoring against Cornwall finishing off a play started by linemates Adam Schofield and Shay at 11:19 of period one. Shay then clicked for a pair scoring at 3:47 and 3:37 to open up a 3-0 lead. Froats and Brandon Young engineered the first play while Froats and Schofield assisted on the second marker.

Cornwall got on the board 1:39 before the end of the frame when Kurtis Cayer put the disc behind Chad Kennedy to make it a 3-1 game.

Jarrod MacNaughton (from Spencer Derue and Young at 9:30), Jordan Barkley (from Derek Skuce and Derue at 5:21) and Skuce (from Schofield at 4:32) cracked in second period shots as the Demons rumbled into a 6-1 lead.

Cornwall added their final marker at 11:55 of the third session after North Dundas had taken a 7-1 lead on an unassisted goal by Barkley.

Schofield was a two-goal shooter on Dec. 13 in Prescott as the Demons wrecked the South Grenville Rangers 4-1. The Rangers led 1-0 after a period but 'tender Craig Brogan gave them no more in the final two frames as the Demons went up 2-1 in the second and added another pair in the third.

Shay and Schofield connected in period two while Froats and Schofield dented twine in the third. Schofield also drew a pair of assists. Defenceman Derue collected three helpers. Froats and Shay each picked up one.

Chris Tindal potted a pair and Brandon Elliott a single on Dec. 12 as the visiting South Dundas Lions skated to a 3-0 victory over the Demons in Winchester.

Schofield opened the month with a pair of goals in his team's 3-1 decision against the South Stormont Selects in Long Sault on Dec. 8. Matt Simms supplied the other tally scoring into an empty net with 0:33 left on the clock.

Moore (2), Froats Derue, and Shay were the other set-up men. Brogan was the winning 'tender.

DEMONS SCORING

The Midget "B" Demons team scoring totals after 15 games: Travis Froats 12-16-28; Colin Shay 8-16-24; Adam Schofield 10-13-23; Spencer Derue 2-15-17; Dean Moore 7-9-16; Jarrod MacNaughton 7-9-16; Brandon Young 7-9-16; Derek Skuce 7-7-14; Jordan Barkley 9-3-12; Matt Simms 4-7-11; Will Johnson 3-7-10; Adam Dillabough 2-3-5; Matt Cracknell 2-2-4; Cory Steele 0-4-4.

NDDHS hoop squads aim for better in 2006

MAPLE RIDGE — Coaches Brad Holland and Chris Nash are hoping 2006 will be kinder, because 2005 hasn't treated either Devils basketball teams very well.

NDDHS finished the pre-Christmas schedule dropping both ends of a twin bill at Seaway District High in Iroquois on Dec. 21.

Holland's senior squad were doubled 50-25 by the host Spartans and watched their SD&G "AA" record fall to 1-5 in the process.

"Seaway dominated the game. We created some offensive chances but couldn't score baskets. Matt Baldwin and Mike Rowland were our top scorers with six points each," noted Holland.

The same afternoon the juniors lost 50-41 to Seaway, in spite of a big effort by Justin Comeau, and were knocked down to 0-6.

The Devils open 2006 hosting L'Heritage on Wed., Jan. 11.

Fawcett pots pair, Pee Wee "B" Demons post 10th win

WINCHESTER — Captain Dylan Fawcett converted a play created by Joshua Freake and Ryan Byers into the game-winning goal as the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons defeated the visiting Kemptville Panthers 5-3.

Fawcett also scored a second-period marker in the Demons' 10th win of the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League season. The Dec. 19 match was the final home game of 2005 for coach Barry Giberson and his 10-4-2 squad who will open 2006 on Sat., Jan. 7 in Morrisburg against the South Dundas Lions. Their first home date in the new year is set for Mon., Jan. 9 when the NGS Braves will pay a visit to Winchester.

Brandon Cousineau finished off a play started by Derek Simms with 5:50 left in the opening period of the Kemptville game. The Panthers were able to tie it up 1-1 2:04 before the end of the period with Tony Dillon's powerplay goal.

North Dundas created some space for themselves in period two when Dylan Giberson cashed in a relay from Derek Simms at 7:36 and Fawcett followed 22 seconds later recording his first goal after taking a feed from Freake. But the Panthers closed the gap before the period was over when Owen Powers beat Demon 'tender Justin Diederich on a solo effort at 5:27.

North Dundas skated into a 5-2 lead early in the final frame using goals by Fawcett at 13:47 and Byers at 9:25 to pad their lead. Freake and Byers engineered the winner by Fawcett and Freake picked up his third assist of the game on the Byers tally.

Kemptville did slice one goal off of their final deficit when a shot fired by Tyler Holmes found the back of the Demons' cage with 3:49 left on the clock.



North Dundas assistant captain Derek Simms skates the puck out of his zone as Panther David Empey gives chase. Demon goaltender Justin Diederich watches the play unfold. The Pee Wee "B" Demons registered a 5-3 win over the Panthers in the Dec. 19 encounter. It was North Dundas' final UCMHL game before the Christmas break. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

The hunt for hunting supplies is over

by Matthew Barbour

WILLIAMSBURG — Area game hunters will no longer have to make the trip to Ottawa to pick up supplies.

There was no fanfare when Hunterdale Outfitters opened its doors for business in Williamsburg a few weeks ago, and the outward appearance of the new establishment is equally low key. It has the same address as the Williamsburg Garage and although there is a sign out front, passers by might not expect to find a hunting equipment store sharing space with a gas station. But those determined to find Hunterdale Outfitters must enter the building, walk past the ice cream counter, the bread and milk, and through a door at the back.

According to co-owner Bob Darrach, that is when people experience one of those "wow" moments.

"They find a little gem back here," he said. The store is equipped with just about everything a hunter needs for a successful trip into the bush, including knowledgeable advice from Darrach's partner, Chris Lemaire.

Lemaire, an avid hunter and guide, helps customers select the equipment that is right for them, from blinds and clothing, to decoys, scents, and calls. "We try to make the buck hunt you, not have you hunting the buck," he said.

Darrach, who owns Williamsburg garage, has preferred fishing until now and plans to take up hunting in the near future. The store carries a wide range of tackle for all types of fishing and he can lend a great deal of assistance to anglers who drop in.

Hunterdale Outfitters is currently set up to provide for the needs of bow hunters, but the owners expect to be carrying a good selection of firearms and ammunition in the new year. They also plan to stock most types of live bait for fishermen.



Bob Darrach (left) and Chris Lemaire feel they are filling a need in the community with their new store, Hunterdale Outfitters, which opened it's doors in Williamsburg a few weeks ago. *Photo — Barbour*

More wins for WTHL leaders Cyclones, Rams

WINCHESTER — The top two teams in the Winchester Town Hockey League showed no Christmas spirit as they finished the pre-holiday schedule with two more wins over their point-staved opposition.

Lead by Craig "Bud" Holmes, the top-ranked Cyclones shot down Willy's Flyers 10-3 in the late game of the Tuesday (Dec. 20) night twin bill. The number-two ranked Currie Rams opened the slate doubling Blake's Rangers 4-2 as the circuit's top two teams stretched their lead in the standings.

With 10 games on record the 7-0-3 Cyclones with 17 points lead the 6-0-4 Rams by one point. The third-place Flyers (1-7-2) are next with four points, one up on the Rangers (1-8-1).

Chris Van Bridger and Scott Reaney snapped in first-half goals as the Rangers took a 2-0 lead on the Rams, but unfortunately for the number-four ranked squad, those were the only two pucks they put behind Ram 'tender Chris Currie as they fell 4-2.

Van Bridger opened the scoring roofing a feed from Reaney and Victor Blake at 20:07. Reaney then made it 2-0 finishing off a rush created by Jeff Holmes and Justin Heuff. The tempo switched in the Rams' favor during the second session as Scott Baldwin cracked Barret Brundige's goose egg scoring on a break away at 25:10. Just over three minutes later, Stef Gravelle tied it up tipping home Spencer Dawson's cross-crease feed.

Goals by Josh McLean at 11:01 and Gravelle 1:48 before the final buzzer sealed the 4-2 decision for the Rams. McLean (2), Travis Rowe, Wes McLeod, Jamie McIntosh and Dawson picked up the assists.

CYCLONES WIN BIG

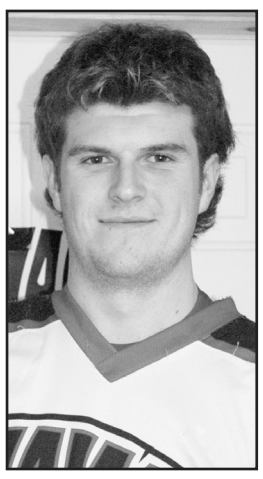
Captain "Bud" Holmes scored four times and picked up an assist leading his Cyclones to a 10-3 win over Willy's Flyers.

With his production, Holmes took over top spot in the scoring race with 19 goals, 14 assists and 33 points. Teammate Robyn Sadler picked up two goals and one assist in the 10-3 win and holds down second spot in the points parade with 16 goals, 16 assists and 32 points. John Guy also collected two goals and one assist his third with 12 goals, nine assists and 21 points.

Nathan Hutchinson had two goals and one assist in the win. "Pip" Davies-Lyon (3), Aaron Sherrer (2), Mike Deighton (2), and John Chambers drew the other assists. Gregg Griffith posted the win.

Will McLean, John Drew and Eric Toonders all had a goal and one assist for the Flyers. Kevin Williams earned one assist.

Meet the Hawks



Nick Enright
No. 12, Forward

Nick Enright is a rookie with the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks joining the St. Lawrence Division squad after the start of the 2005-06 campaign. The 18-year-old forward played last season with the Wellington Jr. "A" Dukes and played is minor hockey in his home town, Belleville. The 6' 2" 190 pound forward is a student at Algonquin College and resides in Ottawa. In 19 games he has collected five goals, six assists and 100 minutes in penalties. Enright wears Hawks jersey No. 12.

Sandy Row Men's Night report

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Ohio was the state hosting the Sandy Row Golf Course's weekly Men's Night.

The Firestone Country Club, a 54 hole course in Akron, was featured for the Dec. 21 edition of the indoor Golf "O" Max presentation. Rick Cauvier was the closest to the pin winner while Merv Coons and John Hittsman were the low gross shooters. Dave Tremblay carded the low net score.

Stars, Downey top Metcalfe league

METCALFE — Brian Downey and the Stars are the names topping the leader board as the Metcalfe Men's Town Hockey League takes two weeks off for the Christmas break.

A Stars forward, Downey is the circuit's top scorer having netted nine goals and collected 16 assists for 25 points. He produced those points appearing in nine of the league's first 12 games. Senator Dave Boyd is next with 11 goals, seven assists and 18 points in eight games. The Peter Holmes of the Penguins is third with six goals, 11 assists and 17 points in nine games. Another Senator, Jim Brown, stands fourth with eight goals, eight assists and 16 points (10 games). Star Rick Downey rounds out the top five with seven goals, nine assists and 16 points in 11 outings.

The final games of 2005 were played on Dec. 18 and saw the top-ranked Stars improve to 8-3-1 with a 7-3 win over the third-place Penguins (7-5-0). An 8-1 romp over the fifth-place Canadians (4-7-1) improved the number two-rated Senators record to 7-4-1. The third game on the card saw the fourth-place Leafs (5-5-2) bounced the sixth-place Blues (2-9-1) 3-1.

The Stars went 2-0-1 in December and led the standings with 17 points. The Senators also put together a 2-0-1 record in December and sported a total of 15 points. The Penguins had 14, the Leafs 12, the Canadians nine and the Blues five points at the break.

First action of 2006 is set for Sun., Jan. 8. The Senators and Blues led of the card at 8 am. Game two at 9 am will feature the Canadians and Penguins while the Leafs and Stars will square off at 11 am.

Most deer hunters abiding by rules

KEMPTVILLE — Checks carried out during the Kemptville district deer hunt found the vast majority of hunters obeying the rules. Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers from Kemptville district checked more than 1,200 hunters and laid 51 charges, issued 85 warnings, and seized five deer and a firearm.

The hunt took place Nov. 5 to 26. Violations included: firing a gun from a vehicle; hunting at night; careless hunting; hunting without a licence; hunting deer with unplugged shotgun; trespassing to hunt; improperly tagging deer; transporting deer illegally; failing to produce licence upon officer request; and transferring a deer seal.

Some hunters also failed to wear blaze orange and were on all-terrain vehicles without helmets or licence plates.

Over the next few weeks, hunters will be returning survey cards handed out by the ministry that asked questions such as how many days they hunted and how successful they were. The data will be analyzed provincially and used to help determine next year's quotas. Hunters who purchased an additional seal are reminded to return their 2005 Additional Seal Deer Hunt Report to the Kemptville district office.

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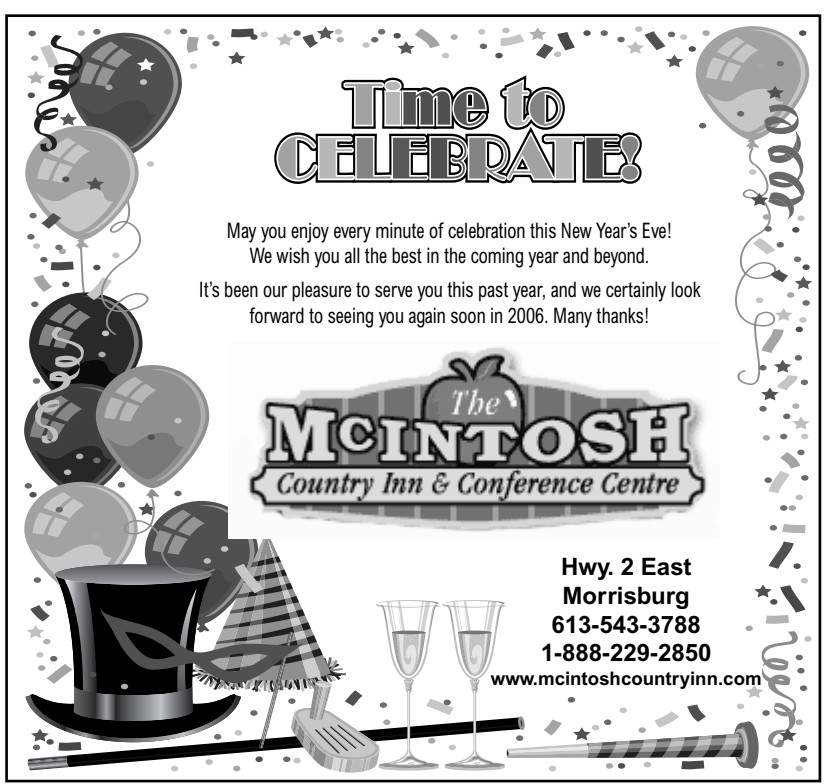
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Ravens rock, St. Thomas Aquinas Ravens league champs

RUSSELL — It was hard to top a perfect 24-0 championship season, but the St. Thomas Aquinas Ravens came close by earning a fourth-place ranking in the Ontario Volleyball Association's 10-team tournament.

Fourth in Ontario

The Ravens, a Grade 8 girls team representing Ottawa Carleton, took part in the OVA competition in Trenton on Dec. 17 where they competed against the top ranked U14 and U15 teams and just missed the podium, losing to the U15 Kangaroos in the bronze-medal match. During the round robin portion of the tournament, the Ravens defeated three U15 teams and lost a close decision to the Durham U14 Attack, the top team in Ontario. They then defeated the U15 DRVC Volleyball Club in quarter-final action and qualified for the semi-final against Durham. A loss in that match put them into the bronze-medal game.

St. Thomas finished first in the Ottawa Catholic Volleyball League with a 15-0 record. They then won their semi-final round match against Pauline-Vanier 3-0 on Nov. 28 and moved on to defeat St. Patrick's Intermediate School 3-0 on Dec. 1. The Ravens topped off their playoff run, downing St. Pete's 3-0 in the championship match on Dec. 5. The champions final regular season and playoff mark settled at 24-0.

Along the way the St. Thomas Aquinas girls also went undefeated, winning the Glashan tournament title.

The Ravens are continuing their season playing in the OVA and opened with a 2-1 win over the U15 Ottawa Mavericks at Samuel-Genest High School.



Perfect champs

The St. Thomas Aquinas Varsity (Grade 8) girls volleyball team romped to the 2005 Ottawa-Carleton Catholic volleyball championship with a perfect 24-0 record. The Ravens did not lose a single set all season and went on to claim the Glashan tournament on Nov. 17 without suffering a loss. The championship Ravens are: Front (left) - Stephanie Theiler, Emma Armstrong, Christina Cowan, Fiona Donnelly; Back (left) - Pat Roberts - ass't coach, Melissa Lewington, Shauna Kelly, Casey Bachand, Katelyn Pae, Gillian Henderson, Amanda Ramos, Tara Carriere, Andrew Lovett - coach.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

Rideau - St. Lawrence Division

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 20: Char-Lan 6 - Kemptville 1

Dec. 21: Morrisburg 5 - Akwesasne 3

Dec. 23: Winchester at Westport
Athens at Alexandria
Akwesasne at Kemptville
Gananoque at Morrisburg
Char-Lan at Brockville

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Westport	25	4	0	222	107	50
S. Grenville	21	6	0	171	90	42
Brockville	11	14	2	132	115	25
Gananoque	10	14	2	140	136	24
Athens	6	21	0	112	194	13
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Morrisburg	19	10	0	177	126	38
Alexandria	18	8	2	138	106	38
Kemptville	17	10	0	160	141	35
Winchester	12	12	4	117	132	29
Char-Lan	10	14	2	134	154	24
Akwesasne	1	25	1	91	214	3

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
Scott Leppard, West.	38	49	87
Matt Steele, West.	31	40	71
Bill Donaldson, West.	32	38	70
Steve Biscaro, West.	22	32	54
Julien Francis, SG	19	24	43
Tim Thomas, SG	19	21	40
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Steve Jarvo, C-L	37	28	65
Pat Turcotte, C-L	17	48	65
Cory Gove, Morris.	34	29	63
Mike Moher, Kempt.	28	33	61
Dylan Graveley, Morris.	21	40	61
Tyler Rasa, Kempt.	27	32	59
Peter Barnett, Morris.	22	36	58
Nik Paas, Win.	18	39	57
Steve Cameron, Win.	26	29	55
Peter Barnett, Morris.	21	31	52
Tyler Rasa, Kempt.	24	28	52

EOJBHL

Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 20: Renfrew 2 - Carleton Place 1
Ottawa West 6 - South Ottawa 5

Dec. 22: Clarence Creek at Ottawa West

Dec. 23: Arnprior at Renfrew
Clarence Creek at Metcalfe
Perth at Shawville

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Clarence Creek	22	4	1	156	81	45
Ottawa West	19	6	2	136	91	41
Metcalfe Jets	14	9	2	114	115	32
South Ottawa	14	12	0	132	132	32
Gatineau	9	17	1	115	147	20

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

METRO TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Mike Wallace, OW	24	26	50
Martin Paquette, CC	18	29	47
Kevin Sousa, Gat.	24	20	44
Sammy Majic, OW	16	28	44
Corey Thibaudeau, SC	14	28	42
Mark Mitchell, CP	21	19	40

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 25: **Merry Christmas** -- No games scheduled

Jan. 1: **Happy New Year** -- No games scheduled

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Andy's Maroons	5	2	3	24	13	13
Classics	5	2	3	18	12	13
Reds	5	3	2	15	12	12
Blues	5	4	1	14	13	11
DB Stylists	2	6	2	18	27	6
CountryGirl	2	7	1	12	22	5

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Sandra Clouthier, Maroons	8	4	12
Dianne Downey, Maroons	3	9	12
Edith Dagenais, Classics	6	4	10
Carrie Gilmour, DB	6	2	8
Amy Darling, Maroons	3	5	8
Shannon Thompson, DB	3	4	7
T. Klein-Swormink, Maroons	5	1	6
Courtney Barkley, DB	1	5	6
Allison Wigney, Classics	0	6	6
Laura McDonell, Blues	4	1	5
Sonia Clement, DB	3	2	5

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 20: Rams 4 - Rangers 2
Cyclones 10 - Flyers 3

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Bud's Cyclones	7	0	3	64	38	17
Currie's Rams	6	0	4	48	33	16
Willy's Flyers	1	7	2	35	60	4
Blake's Rangers	1	8	1	30	43	3

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	19	14	33
Robyn Sadler, Cyclones	16	16	32
John Guy, Cyclones	12	9	21
Scott Baldwin, Rams	11	7	18
Stef Gravelle, Rams	11	7	18
Mike Deighton, Cyclones	4	14	18
Will McLean, Flyers	7	9	16
Josh McLean, Rams	7	9	16
Francis Dagenais, Rams	6	9	15
John Drew Flyers,	2	13	15
Spencer Dawson, Rams	4	10	14
Darrel Moore, Flyers	9	3	12
Tory Baldwin, Rangers	3	9	12
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Rideau-St. Lawrence Division

Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks
Home Game
Fri., Dec. 30
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Akwesasne Wolves vs. Hawks

Metro Division

Metcalfe Jr. "B" Jets
Home Games
Fri., Jan. 6
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Gatineau Mustangs vs. Jets
Fri., Jan. 13
8 pm
Ottawa West Golden Knights vs. Jets

Another ringette gold for Metcalfe Novice C Hornets

ARNPRIOR — Hot on the heels of their first tournament win in Oshawa, the Metcalfe Hornets Novice "C" ringette team won a second gold medal at the Arnprior-McNabb Ringette Association's 8th Annual Tournament.

The tournament was held in Arnprior Dec. 9 and 11 and was hosted by teams from Ottawa and the surrounding Ottawa Valley.

Metcalfe's Novice "C" squad won its first game against the Ottawa Icedogs by a score of 7-0. Cassidy Reaney led the attack scoring a hat trick and assisting on a fourth goal. The Hornets then blasted Gatineau 9-2, with Karli Hope getting the hat trick and assisting on two other goals. Metcalfe faced the West Ottawa Rangers in their third game. The West Ottawa goalie was outstanding, but Metcalfe managed to win 5-1 and advance to the championship final.

The gold medal match against Arnprior was a good battle with Metcalfe prevailing by a final score of 6-3. According to coach Peter Lorenz, "The girls played very well as a team and were making good passes." The Hornets are now anxiously waiting to see their second championship banner hang from the rafters of the Metcalfe arena.

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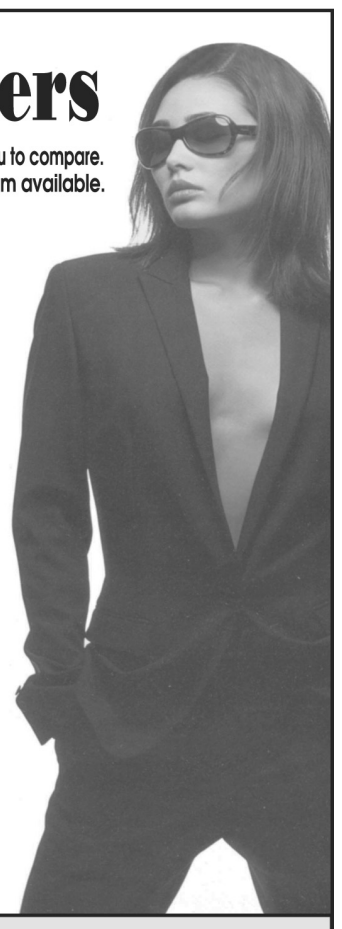

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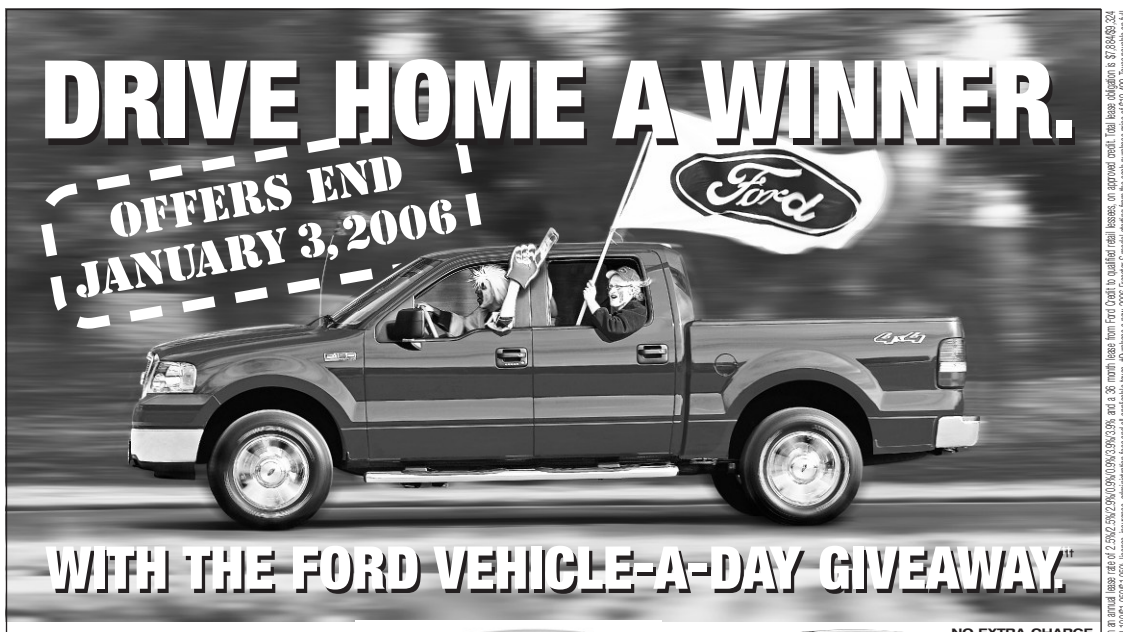

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But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the love, the voice, the smile
Of the one who once sat there.
– Erwin, Merle, Karen, Marion, Cheryl and Lloyd and families
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THOMPSON – In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Margaret, who passed away December 27, 1995.
Upright and just in all her ways,
Loyal and true through all her days,
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God took her home to suffer no more.
– Sadly missed by Marlene and family
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Coming Events

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Sat., Dec. 31 at the Cork & Barrel, featuring "Rogue". Tickets available in advance. Call 448-1737.
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Winchester Wedding Showcase, Thurs., Feb. 23, 2006 7-9:30 pm, Winchester Lions Hall. For invitation please phone 774-2783, 774-2102 or 774-3341 or email: thecountryboy@bellnet.ca.
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Osgoode Township Historical Society will host speaker and presenter Corinne Atkins-Sheldrick on "World of Miniatures" on Tues., Jan. 3 at 7:30 pm at the museum in Vernon. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.
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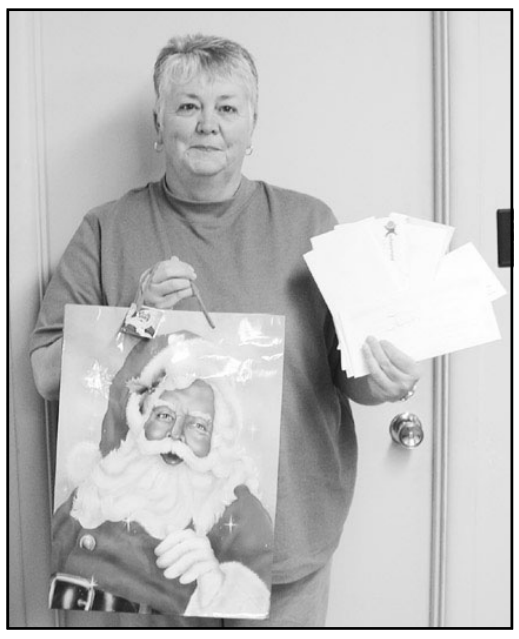


Linda Boyd



Ethel Dorrell

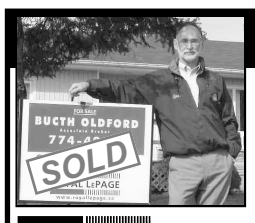


Inez Byers

Linda Boyd of South Mountain won first prize in the Winchester Merchants' Draw, which granted her $1,071 in gift certificates and merchandise. Second prize value of $732 went to Ethel Dorrell of Williamsburg, and third prize was won by Inez Byers of Winchester, for a $477 value. New this year was the addition of a Bonus Draw which took place at Winchester Home Hardware. Pictured with Ken Boje, owner of Winchester Home Hardware, are first-place winner Pauline Van Kessell of Chesterville, who won a $400 Home Hardware gift certificate and Roseanne Casselman of Iroquois, who was the recipient of a $250 gift certificate for The Source. A 13" TV with DVD player, silk flower arrangement and a replica Ford toy tractor were among the many gifts donated by generous Winchester merchants.



Roseanne Casselman, Ken Boje, Pauline Van Kessel



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The following winners will enjoy your generous donations of gift certificates and/or merchandise:

1st Prize - $1,071 - Linda Boyd of South Mountain
2nd Prize - $732 - Ethel Dorrell of Williamsburg
3rd Prize - $477 - Inez Byers of Winchester

Bonus draw winners were:

1st Prize - $400 Winchester Home Hardware Gift Certificate
Pauline Van Kessel of Chesterville
2nd Prize - $250 Gift Certificate from The Source
Roseanne Casselman of Iroquois

In total $2,930 was graciously donated in gift certificates and/or merchandise.

32 businesses participated in the Christmas 2005 draw, over a 4-week period, and an estimated 12,000 ballots were entered.

Thank you again – Winchester Businesses!

OBITUARY

Lorrie Ball

Lorrie Ball of RR3, Williamsburg passed away at home on Dec. 17, 2005 following a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 51.

She was born on Aug. 29, 1954 in Windsor Reta Desjardins (nee Garlick) of Tilbury and the late Paul Desjardins. Lorrie was the wife of Rob Ball whom she married on May 27, 2005 in Cornwall. She was the mother of Dana Beckstead of Lanark and step-mother to Jason (Loni) Ball of Winchester. She is survived by sister Debbie Desjardins of Tilbury and by brother Bill of Belle River. She was the loving grandmother of Ethan and Owen. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.



Lorrie was born and raised in the Windsor area and lived there until she moved to the Williamsburg area in 1987. She was a laborer at St. Lawrence Corporation. She enjoyed shopping, cooking, and visiting with family and friends.

Visitation was on Dec. 19 at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg. The funeral was held at the funeral home on Dec. 20 with Rev. Darren may officiating. Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre would be appreciated by the family.

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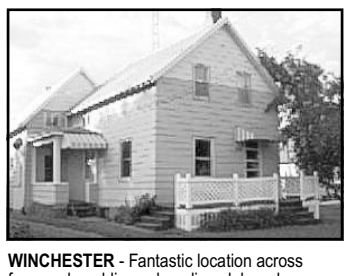

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The sites are:
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Dundas, on January 23, 2006, will hold a Public Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario to consider and receive comment on a proposed bylaw under the Development Charges Act, 1997. The purpose of the bylaw is to reduce the development charge for farm buildings greater than 2,500 sq. ft.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed development charges bylaw.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed bylaw, including the development charge study addendum, are available at the municipal office in Winchester during regular business hours.

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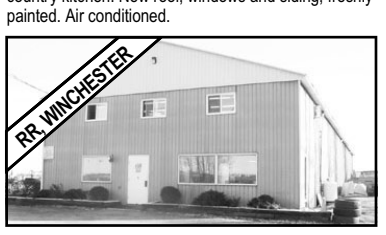

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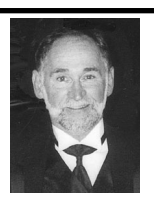

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Grade 5 student Corey Tadvalker (left), and Grade 4 students Michael Cullen and Hyunjoon Kim were part of the assembly line of Fern Hill School students unloading donations at the House of Lazarus on Wed., Dec. 21. The private school students collected more than 60 boxes of non- perishable goods. "They can make a difference," said Fern Hill principal Elizabeth Milligan.

The 'little school that could' adopts local mission

House of Lazarus welcomes gift

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — "It's important to help other people," said Matthew Wells, a Grade 3 student at Fern Hill School in the community of New Edinburgh in Ottawa's east end. He was one of a group of Grade 3 to 6 students at the House of Lazarus in Mountain on Wed., Dec. 21 when the school dropped off more than 60 boxes of items raised in a five-week food drive.

"I just want you guys to know you have done so much for the community — for everybody," said House of Lazarus Food Bank co-ordinator Kim Merkley. "It's just wonderful. You guys are awesome."

There are 153 students at the preschool to Grade 6 private school, and of the group that came to the House of Lazarus dressed in their matching school uniforms, many had never seen the inner workings of an outreach mission. As small groups toured the House, the students were in disbelief that some children don't have enough food to take to school for daily lunches.

"Wow," said South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen about the kids' initiative. "You should never underestimate the spirit of giving."

With a little help from Ottawa Renegades' mascot Lite "Little" Bird, the students all pitched in to unload the food from the bus.

"Way to go boys and girls; you've done a great job," said Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon, taking a break from campaigning to acknowledge the school's donation.

The partnership between Fern Hill and the House of Lazarus came about after Pradip Patel, the owner of Innes Esso On the Run at the 417, overheard from a delivery person about local underprivileged families.

"There are kids in our own neighborhood who can't eat — what do we do?" Patel said he asked himself. He explained that he couldn't think about anything else until he found a way to help. Through word of mouth, he found out about the House of Lazarus.

"A delivery man mentioned his mother that lives out in this area, and mentioned the rural poor and how we sort of get forgotten," said House of Lazarus executive director Pauline Pratt. Merkley and Pratt then made a presentation at Fern Hill, where Patel's son attends preschool. The kids were eager to help.

Patel has been involved in several fundraising initiatives, but was disheartened to find out that much of the money raised goes to administration fees. He found out that helping the House of Lazarus would send more money directly to the families that need it most. It also gave the students a chance to see exactly where their efforts were going.

Last year around this time, the school organized a barbecue in support of the House of Lazarus — more than $1,000 was raised in one day. This year, a simple food drive at the school did the trick.

"Our senior boys put up a Christmas tree in the school," explained Fern Hill principal Elizabeth Milligan. "Each day they would go around to the classrooms dressed as elves to collect the tins [of food]."

The final outcome was a pile of food that House of Lazarus executive director Pauline Pratt said would help more than 60 families in the area.

"This is the first [donation of this size]," said Pratt. "This is huge."

Pratt said that the House of Lazarus also has a partnership with Manotick Public School, and receives donations from Winchester Public School, as well. The House of Lazarus serves more than 300 families in the area.

"Whether rural or city," we're all in this together," she said, summing up the difference the little school had made.



Grade 3 student Andrea Wells (left) listens as House of Lazarus Food Bank co-ordinator Kim Merkley explains how much food the mission gives out on a regular basis. "All of the food you brought in will go right back out the door," Merkley said. Students were stunned to find out that some children don't have enough food for school lunches.





House of Lazarus executive director Pauline Pratt gets a hug from the Ottawa Renegades' mascot, Lite "Little" Bird, who was cheering on the Fern Hill School students as they unloaded their donations on Wed., Dec. 21. At right, House of Lazarus volunteer co-ordinator Joyce Lamont (left), food bank co-ordinator Kim Merkley, and volunteer Ashley Merkley eagerly anticipate the arrival of the Fern Hill School students.
Press Photos — Duncan



Preschool prom

Though it may look like he's giving her a corsage, Spencer Zollinger (left) is hanging some holly on a Christmas tree (Emily Cooper) at the Happy Face Nursery School Christmas celebration on Tues., Dec. 20 at the Chesterville Community Centre.
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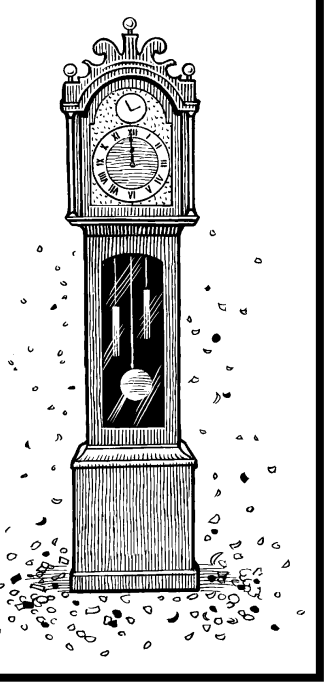

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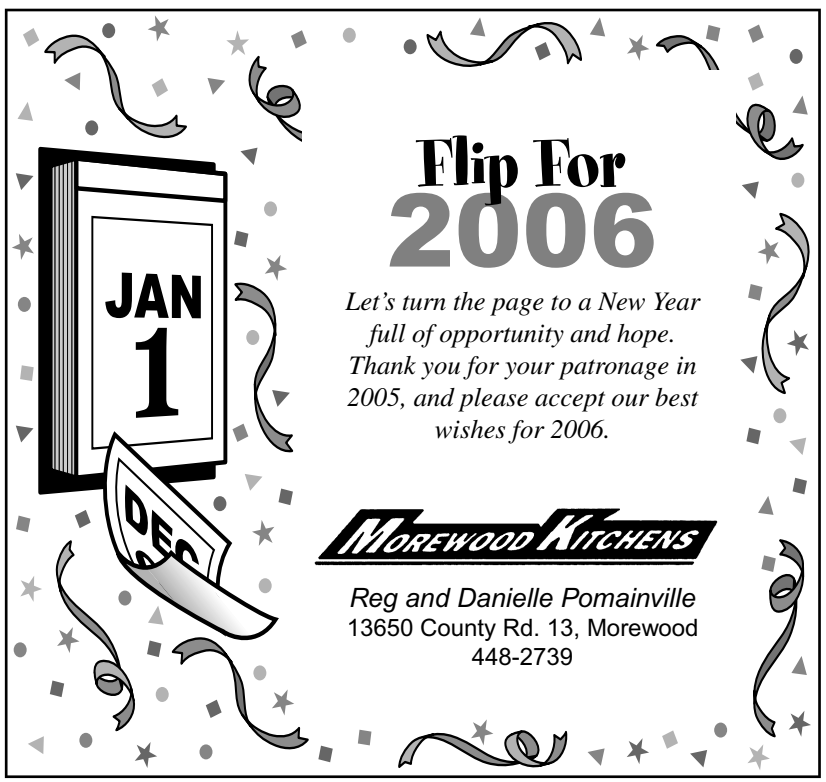

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City budget up by 3.9 per cent

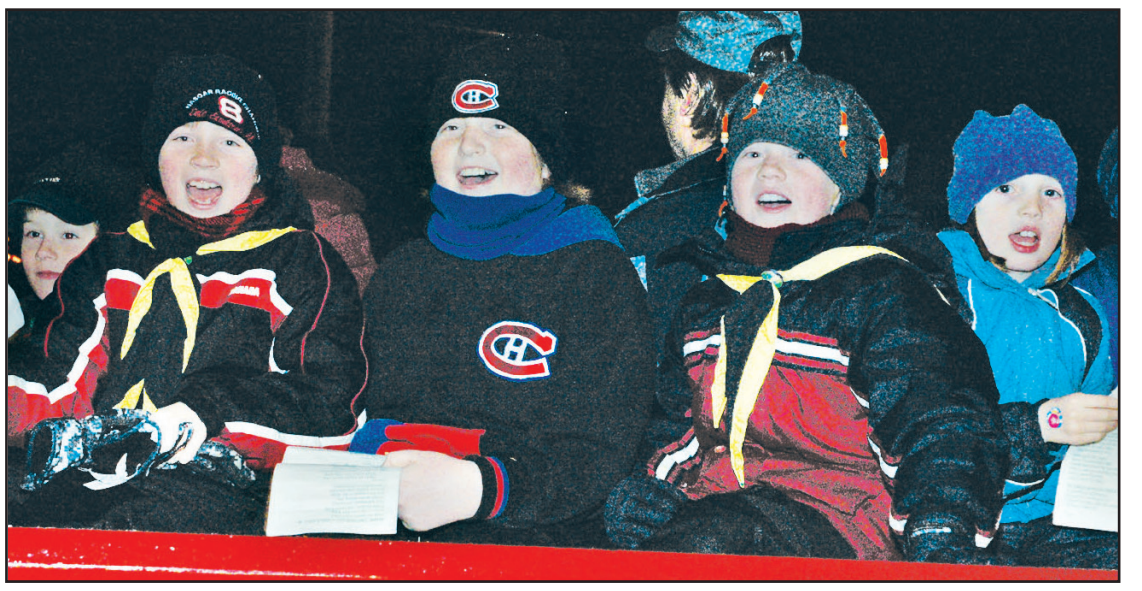
OTTAWA — After 20 hours of public consultation and 48 hours of council debate, the 2006 City of Ottawa budget was passed on Dec. 20 with a 3.9 per cent increase over last year.

"The 2006 budget deliberations have been a truly monumental experience," said Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson. He noted that council was challenged to reduce spending by $50 million, even with increased demands from the police services and certain other departments.

Budget highlights for Osgoode Ward residents include: $3.1 million for roads, community funding for ITR and O-Ya, 2006 school crossing guard funding for Metcalfe, increased funding for the Osgoode Township Museum in Vernon, increased funding for ditch cleaning, and $295,000 in funding for a new paramedic post in Osgoode Village.

City-wide service improvements that will have a positive impact for Osgoode Ward include the hiring of 18 new paramedics and 90 new police officers, $1.895 million for Rural Summit initiatives, $2 million increased spending on winter maintenance of roads, and $15 million for infrastructure (roads, bridges) renewal.

"We achieved over $40 million in cuts by eliminating over 150 staff positions, reducing overtime, reducing consultant spending, eliminating staff bonus payments, along with other cuts," said Thompson. "While I would have preferred an increase of less than three per cent, I feel that Osgoode residents will be well served by this budget."



Seasonal serenade

The local Otters, Timberwolves, and Explorers piled onto a hay-covered wagon on Fri., Dec. 16 and took to the streets of Winchester singing their favorite carols. Their route began at the Old Town Hall and included stops at Beachcroft Apartments, Winchester District Memorial Hospital, and Dundas Manor, before the wagon headed back to the hall so the singers could warm up with some hot chocolate. The tractor — driven by Vince Zandbelt — and wagon were donated by Weagant's Farm Supplies, while the hay for the wagon came from Brian Van Den Berg. These Timberwolves — Frisco MacMillan (left), Cameron Muir, Brenden MacMillan, and KerryAnne Muir — hit all the right notes.

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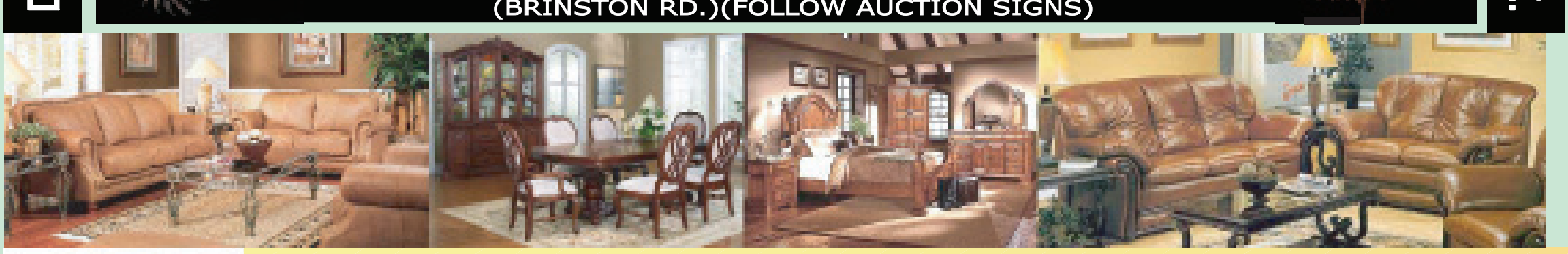



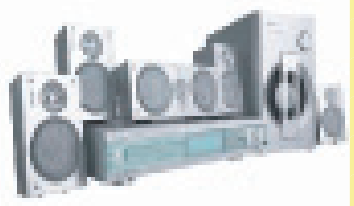



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