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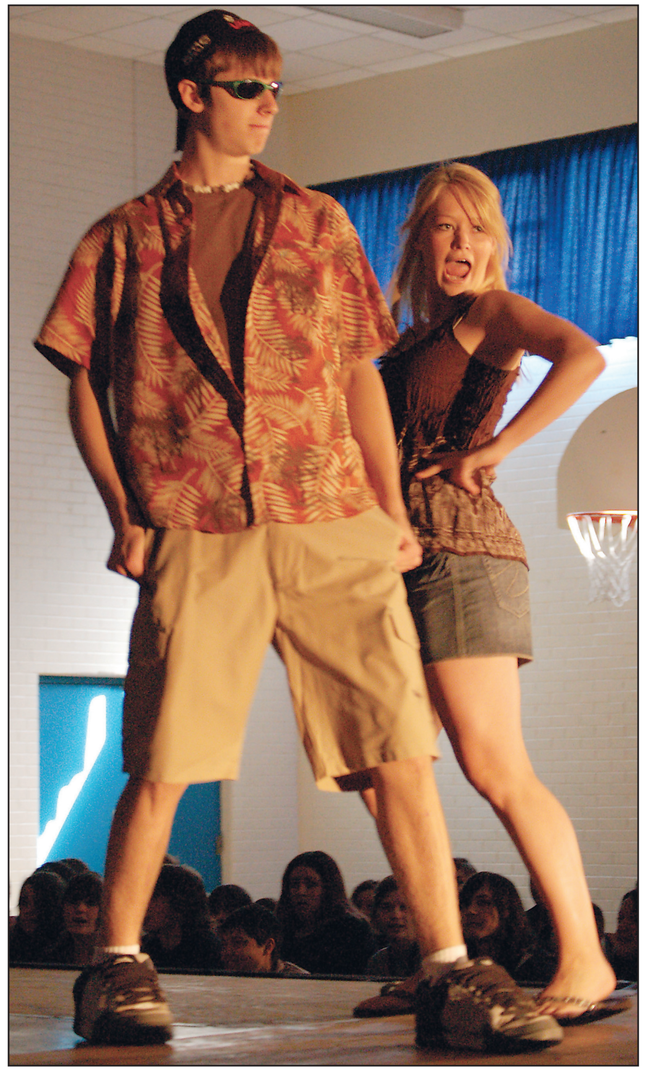

In the spotlight

Students Ryan Lynch (left) and Erika Cochrane strike a pose during the annual North Dundas District High School fashion show, sponsored by Country Boy-Country Girl in Winchester. Models showed off casual, beach, and formal wear during three separate "Bright Lights, Big City" shows on Thurs., April 26 — one for Maple Ridge Senior Public School students, one for the North Dundas student body, and another for parents and community members. See more photos on page 16. *Press Photo — Duncan*

$50,000 for information

Townships increase reward in suspicious fires investigation

WINCHESTER — The townships of North Dundas, South Dundas, and North Stormont, along with the United Counties of SD&G are offering a $50,000 reward to assist in the ongoing OPP investigation of the high number of suspicious fires in local communities. The reward, involving a partnership between the neighbouring municipalities and insurance companies, has been increased from the original $25,000 offered last fall.

"We want those responsible caught and convicted," said North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls. "We are taking another step to ensure that it happens."

A confidential and anonymous tip line will be staffed by the OPP to take calls between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The toll free number is 1-866-799-8477.

The SD&G OPP would like to remind everyone that calls can be received at any time by their local OPP detachment at 1-888-310-1122 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Any person having information regarding the person or persons responsible for these suspicious fires should immediately contact the nearest police agency or any detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

This reward, offered upon the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the fires, will be apportioned as deemed just, by the committee selected by the councils for the above areas.

You can also help prevent additional fires by taking steps to make your property more secure. For a list of security suggestions, call your local OPP detachment or township office.

North Dundas council spoke with OPP officers in-camera at the council meeting on Tues., April 24 to get an update on the investigation into the fires.

"We're really confident of the work they (OPP) are doing," said councillor Eric Duncan. "It's never easy to deal with something like this. Hopefully, doubling the reward will lead to people coming forward with more information."

Taxes remain the same

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Taxpayers will be pleased to find out that the North Dundas municipal tax rate will not increase in 2007. Council passed the budget at its Tues., April 24 meeting. With property assessments frozen and the education and United Counties tax rates also holding steady, property owners will pay exactly the same as they did last year.

"I'm a little concerned about our draw down on reserves," Mayor Alvin Runnalls told the *Press* on Tues., May 1. "Mind you, that's what they are for."

The township will spend $9.32 million in 2007, with $4,267,504 raised through taxation. The net draw down from reserves will be $505,671, a significant increase over the $203,500 that was taken out of reserves last year.

"There are a lot of items (being paid for through reserves) that are one-time expenses," explained councillor John Thompson, noting that budget items such as tanker trucks for the Winchester and South Mountain fire departments and a new Zamboni for the Chesterville Arena are not costs that are incurred every year.

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Best in the district

The North Dundas Leos Club received the Leo Club of the year award at the Lions Club District A-4 Convention in Brockville on Sun., April 15. The award is given out to the Leo Club with the highest rating based on activity involvement, leadership, and member recruitment. Pictured at a recent meeting in Chesterville are: Leo district co-ordinator Dwayne Holmes (back, left), Winchester Lions president Dennis Carkner, Roxanne Backes of the Mountain Lions Club (front, left), district vice-governor Jerome André, North Dundas Leos vice-president Nicole Ropars, Leo president Alanna Cracknell, and Karen Thompson of the Chesterville Lions.

At left: The Leos Club recently organized a dog-walkathon to raise money for the Lions Foundation of Canada's seeing-eye dog program. Nicole Ropars (left) — walking Hank, Kaitlyn Hay — walking Timber, Holly Klein-Swormink — walking Dakota, Jessie Douglas — walking Ruffles, and Hayley Moher — walking Cisco raised $450 by finding sponsors for their three-kilometre outing on Fri., April 27. The Press spotted the ladies on Clarence Street. Press Photo — James

Dundas Mini Storage opens its doors in Chesterville

CHESTERVILLE — Dundas Power Lines is expanding into the mini-storage market. There are 38 storage units currently available for rent on-site at the company's County Road 43 location.

The facility — under the business name Dundas Mini Storage — has a camera surveillance system and indoor and outdoor lighting. The all-steel stud structure includes one-hour rated fire walls between units. Customers will be able to access the facility on a 24-hour basis through a code-entry system.

"We're happy with it," said Dundas Power Lines president Frank Heerkens, noting that the company decided to take on the mini-storage venture because there are no similar facilities in Dundas — Kemptville, Cornwall, and Vars are the closest storage businesses in the area.

The company plans to expand its mini-storage enterprise to eventually have a total of 170 units in four buildings.

"As soon as one's filled, we'll build another one," Heerkens said of the buildings, which include four sizes of units: five by 10 feet, 10 by 10 feet, 10 by 15 feet, and 10 by 20 feet.

"I think it's going to fill up quickly," said office manager Kandi Heerkens, noting that three of the units have already been rented.



Official opening

Dundas Power Lines is expanding into the mini-storage industry. On hand for an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the 38-unit building on Fri., April 27 were: Dundas Power Lines president Frank Heerkens (left), office manager Kandi Heerkens, Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh MPP Jim Brownell, North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls, power linesman Jeremy Heerkens, and Brownell's constituency assistant Jeremy Gowsell. Press Photo — Duncan

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Budget

"We should be good in those areas for a while."

Councillor Eric Duncan agreed.

"Those (one-time expenses) are what reserves are supposed to be spent on," he said.

Council discussed on several different occasions whether to go with a zero per cent increase or a small increase in this year's budget.

"It was a healthy debate," said Runnalls, noting that he was more in favour of a small increase to keep pace with the increased costs to the township for things such as gravel, calcium, and gas.

The mayor said he is pleased with the amount of infrastructure work included in the budget.

"I'm really happy with what we're doing," he said. "We're doing more roads than I think ever before."

Roads scheduled to receive paving or upgrading are Mountain Boundary North; May, Centre, and Gladstone streets in Winchester; Finch Boundary Road; Cameron Road; College Street North; Bank, Scott, Maple, and Church Streets in South Mountain; Marionville Road; Clark Road; Forward Road; and Crump Road. As well, the Kerr's Ridge Road bridge, Nesbitt Road bridge, and River Road bridge will all see work done. The total capital expenditures for the public works department will be $1.57 million, $436,000 of which will come out of reserves.

"I think they (public works staff) are going to have a full season with the work listed," said Thompson.

As usual, the other major piece of the budget pie falls in recreation. This year will see $82,995 in work to the Winchester Arena and $170,000 in work to the Chesterville Arena, which includes the new Zamboni. The township will spend $140,000 on repairs to the Old Town Hall in Winchester, although $95,563 of that is coming from reserves previously earmarked for that purpose. The municipal office on St. Lawrence Street in Winchester will have its roof repaired at a cost of $75,000.

"It's a really good budget," said Duncan. "It strikes a balance looking at the different needs of the township."

He noted he was also pleased that there is no increase in the tax rate, especially considering the job losses in the township with the closing of Nestlé, and the difficult times that farmers are coming through.

"People won't pay a penny more," he said, taking into consideration the property assessment freeze, and education and United Counties rates. "It finally gives people a break."

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Home gardening questions?

Master gardeners open help line

ORMOND — The Master Gardeners of SD&G launch a new endeavour today (Wed., May 2). Members will operate a help line to assist home gardeners.

"The master gardeners in Ottawa operate a help line all year long," explained master gardener Pat Stachon of Metcalfe. "We thought we'd try it for six months and see how it goes."

Three members of the group — Stachon, Lindley McPhail of Russell, and Barbara Summers of Ormond — have volunteered their time to staff a help line every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 3 pm.

The Master Gardeners of SD&G are one of 38 master gardener groups across Ontario. Master gardeners must complete home study horticulture courses. They then offer leadership and education back to their community by becoming involved in horticulture clinics, presentations, writing media articles, and volunteering in other ways.

The gardeners welcome questions on any topic. If they don't know the answer off-hand, they'll find it for you.

"Anything about home gardening — that's what we do," said Summers.

Today, McPhail is operating the help line. She can be reached at 613-445-0574 between 1 and 3 pm. Stachon will be answering questions on Wed., May 9 at 613-821-2201, and Summers will be on call on Wed., May 16.

Look for a full schedule of dates and numbers in the *Winchester Press* Lawn and Garden supplement coming in May.

"Let us share our gardening knowledge," said Stachon. "Give us a call on our new help line."



Bird is the word

Six-year-old RaeLee File of Mountain carried away a new pet from the 20th annual Oxford on Rideau Bird Club auction Sat., April 21 at the South Mountain Fairgrounds. Her cockatiel was among the more than 400 entries that were auctioned off. Items up for sale ranged from pet finches and parrots to ornamental birds and laying hens. Photo — Barbour

Horner group entertains at Golden Years meeting

by Roberta Giberson

WINCHESTER — President Dick Giberson welcomed 66 members and 12 guests on a beautiful sunny day to the April meeting of the Winchester Golden Years Society.

Corriene Wilson played piano for the singing of "O Canada." The Lord's Prayer was recited. One minute of silence was observed for lifetime member Myrtle Snodgrass, who recently passed away.

Guests John and Theresa Staden, Lorna Holmes, Hugh and Norma Horner, George Towell, Katheryn and Ellard Perry, Mary Anne and Wayne McKnight, Bill Horner, and Muriel Barkley were welcomed.

Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Thank-you notes were read. Reports were heard from the card secretary, choral group, euchre, bridge, and bus tour committees.

Many jokes were told during the meeting. Dick Giberson said grace before members enjoyed a potluck lunch.

Warren Jackson introduced The Horner Musical Group from Shawville, who entertained us with musical skits and singing for an enjoyable afternoon.

A correction and apology are required for last month's write up. It was Dr. Slowey and his Wild Rovers who entertained the seniors at the Lions Hall on March 22.

The next euchre will be held on May 10. If interested, call Ray Robinson at 613-774-2134. The Golden Years welcome anyone 55 or older. For information, call Roberta Giberson at 613-774-4273.

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Mental Health and Abuse-related Trauma

The purpose of this article is to provide some general information about the impact of abuse-related trauma on mental health, what to expect from therapy, and should you decide to, how and where to get help.

The term of abuse-related trauma refers to trauma from childhood abuse. Abuse-related trauma is recognized by a multitude of overwhelming feelings including distress, fear and helplessness as a result of being hurt and/or neglected as a child.

Some of the effects you may struggle with include ongoing difficulties sleeping, depression, anxiety/panic attacks, and eating disorders. As well you may continue in your adult lives to feel guilty and ashamed, which may cause you to feel depressed, to have low self-esteem and/or isolate yourself. In order to feel in control of your bodies, you may also engage in self-harming behaviors and/or develop an eating disorder and/or struggle with suicidal thoughts. Also you may develop trust issues which can create troubled relationships.

When we talk about healing, you must identify and understand what happened to you and how it has affected you throughout your lives and today.

Through therapy, you can begin your healing process. Therapeutic intervention will equip you with the necessary tools to deal, cope with and manage depression, anxiety, guilt, and shame, as well as build-up your self-esteem. Some people may seek the help or therapy to work on overcoming these feelings and symptoms. When you are seeking help, feel free to inquire about the therapist's education and professional background and training as well as their experience in working specifically with victims of abuse-related trauma, and the length of treatment. You may also discuss the various available approaches used to work with your specific symptoms, cases and/or situations with your therapist.

Once in therapy, it is also important a) to feel comfortable with your therapist, b) that the option of changing therapist is available if needed, c) to take part in establishing a plan of action, d) to know that the therapist can refer to other health professionals and/or other professionals if needed.

You can expect that the beginning stage of therapy, the therapist will need to ask many questions in order to learn more about your current circumstances while also developing a good working rapport between therapist and client. The questions may relate to your past and current feelings, past and current symptoms, past and current coping strategies, history of therapeutic interventions.

Although there may at times be barriers when seeking help, such as waiting periods, or shortage of mental health practitioners with necessary specialized training, I encourage you to persevere, keeping in mind that your resilience and strength has supported you to this point! There are also some resources that offer group therapy and/or self-help support groups.

Help can be available through community health and/or community mental health centers, family physicians, family services agencies, and therapists in private practice.

Let your healing begin and call for help today.

Micheline Drapeau, BST, CCW, Mental Health Worker
Tri-County Mental Health Services

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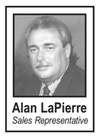

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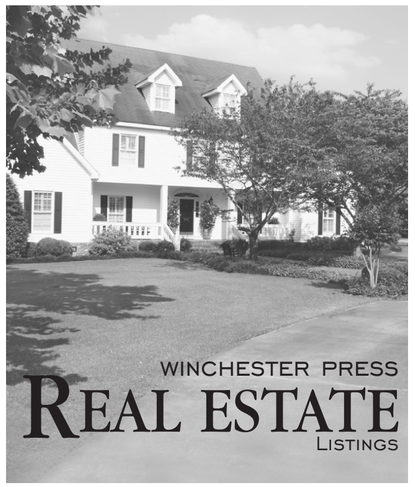

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Council notes from
North Dundas

Chesterville mill

WINCHESTER — The potential to preserve the former Ritchie's feed mill in Chesterville as a heritage location was discussed at the regular meeting of North Dundas council on Tues., April 24. South Nation Conservation has an interest in the building and conservation authority representatives and township staff looked at the property together two weeks ago.

"Hopefully we'll be able to work with the municipality and get something going," said SNC chair Claude Cousineau about preserving the mill. He was at the meeting to make his regular report to council. "It has a lot of potential," he added.

Carol Goddard, who is helming the township's new municipal heritage committee, was also at the meeting to report to council.

"There has always been a mill at or near that location since the beginning of Chesterville," she said, when asked about her thoughts concerning the mill.

In her report she requested that the municipal heritage committee be asked to investigate the possibilities of preservation.

"Something has to be done soon, because the roof is in a bad way," said Mayor Alvin Runnalls.

Township CAO Howard Smith noted that the building would require a lot of work.

"If you got a partnership going with several organizations, upper levels of government might look more favourably on grant requests," noted Goddard about the benefits of the municipality working with SNC to preserve the mill.

Pay increase

North Dundas municipal politicians will get a three per cent increase in their honorariums, after passing a bylaw to that effect at the council meeting on April 10.

"It's been three years (since the last increase), so it's one per cent per year," said Mayor Alvin Runnalls.

The honorarium for the position of mayor increases from $24,000 to $24,720 and the total for councillors moves from $12,000 to $12,360. The amount designated for approved conferences was also bumped up.

"I don't have a problem with it (the increase)," said councillor Al Armstrong, who noted that council members took a pay cut when the decision was made to move to a flat rate of compensation, rather than a per-meeting payment, at the beginning of the previous term.

He also said that he agreed with the increase in conference pay.

"I think this (increase) reflects it better," he said, noting that at the old rate of $1,000 per conference didn't cover the expenses involved.

The lone voice of dissent at the table was councillor Eric Duncan.

"I don't think we need a pay increase," he said, noting that when he ran for council he knew what the payment was.

Deputy-Mayor Estella Rose noted that perhaps a different rate of pay for the position of deputy-mayor should be considered for the next term of council.

"I'm not looking for it, but I think in another term of council we should look at increasing the deputy-mayor," she said. "There is a lot of responsibility."

ATVs allowed on township roads

by Bonnie James
Press staff



WINCHESTER — North Dundas council passed a bylaw at its Tues., April 24 meeting allowing ATVs to travel on the township's secondary roads, except those within the villages and hamlets. ATVs are allowed on the roadways from one half-hour before sunrise to one half-hour after sunset.

"The Dundas ATV Club would like to thank those involved in helping pass the bylaw," club member Theo Janssen told the *Press* on Fri., April 27. "Thanks to North Dundas council for all their co-operation and the thought put into this decision, to the landowners who are willing to have a trail on their property, and to the general public."

Club members Janssen, Kreg Raistrick, and Mike Patterson first approached council a year ago with the bylaw request. The club, a chapter of the ATV Club of Eastern Ontario, which is in turn a member of the Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs, plans to establish an off-road trail system in the township (initially in the former Mountain Township) and needs access to the roads to join portions of the trail and to allow ATV riders to easily access the trail.

Following the club's initial presentation, council heard from concerned citizens who did not want ATVs on their roads. Council then held a special public meeting in July to address the issues. The meeting included a presentation by OPP Const. Bill Robertson of the Eastern Region SAVE (Snowmobile, ATV, and Vessel Enforcement) team.

The club members were back at the council table this spring (on March 19) to continue to press council for a bylaw allowing ATVs to travel on township roads. At that time, council members asked to see a map of the proposed trail, which club members provided in the following days.

"It seems like a very sensible trail you're trying to build," said councillor Al Armstrong at the April 24 meeting. "I don't have a problem with the bylaw."

Councillor Eric Duncan also spoke in support of the bylaw.

"Regardless of whether there is a bylaw or not, there are going to be ATVs on the roads," he said. "This (bylaw) gives them rules. I think it helps the OPP enforce it."

The bylaw was passed without much additional discussion.

When asked when trails will be built, Janssen responded, "The very near future."

The club members had previously told council that a number of landowners and potential trail-building volunteers were waiting to see if the township passed the road access bylaw before committing to becoming involved.

The club's proposed trail system is located in the former Mountain Township, incorporating part of the Winchester Bog, running north around Hallville and south past Mountain to Nation River Road. Janssen noted that the club is also interested in hearing from people interested in building trails in other areas of the township.

The Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs (OFATV) follows the model of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, including providing signs for official trails, and wardens to enforce regulations. Only four-wheeled ATVs intended for one passenger are allowed on OFATV trails. Drivers must be at least 16 years old and have a valid G2, M2, or greater licence, registration, and insurance. They must wear helmets.

OFATV members must purchase an annual trail permit, which allows access to all OFATV trails in the province. The organization closes its trail from March 15 to May 15 during spring thaw.

The OFATV carries an insurance policy for member clubs. This provides $5 million of third party liability insurance for landowners against bodily injury as well as $5 million for property damage.

The rules governing ATVs operating on township roads are found in section 316 of the *Highway Traffic Act*, which pertains to the operation of off-road vehicles on highways. ATVs are expected to travel on the shoulder of the road, except where the shoulder is impassable, and in the same direction as regular traffic. They are not allowed to ride in the ditch.

The speed limits for ATVs are 20 kilometres per hour when the posted limit is 50, and 50 kilometres per hour when the posted limit is greater than 50.

"We're looking forward to working closely with the OPP," said Janssen.

The club has emphasized to council that it is focused on off-road trails and supports responsible riding and all safety measures and legal requirements outlined by the *Highway Traffic Act* and as required by the OFATV .

The North Dundas ATV bylaw will be reviewed annually. South Dundas passed a similar ATV bylaw on Feb. 1, 2005.

"Now the ATV club can get the trails on their way," said Janssen. "We can't do this alone though, so if there are any volunteers or landowners interested in the club and trails or who want to attend meetings, please contact us."

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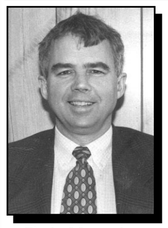

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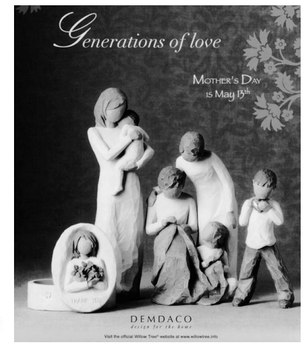

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Area involved in Emergency Preparedness Week

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During Emergency Preparedness Week, communities across Canada will undertake a variety of activities to help create greater awareness of emergency preparedness and to encourage all citizens to take that extra step and plan ahead for an emergency.

A major Emergency Preparedness event in the United Counties of SD&G and the City of Cornwall is a Girl Guide Emergency Preparedness Challenge. Up to 200 members of the Girl Guides of Canada will participate in the challenge being held in Cornwall on Sat., May 5, which will help them achieve their Emergency Preparedness badge. Through discussions, games, and other hands-on activities, the girls will progress through eight challenges about emergency preparedness, natural emergencies, and skills that could help save lives.

Many community organizations will assist with the challenge, including the Canadian Red Cross, Cornwall and SD&G Emergency Medical Services, SD&G OPP, Eastern Ontario Health Unit, RCMP, Morrisburg Fire Department, Cornwall Fire Service, Cornwall Community Police Service, Cornwall Community Hospital, St. John's Ambulance, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Emergency Management Ontario. Financial assistance for the challenge has been provided by the Townships of North Dundas, South Dundas, and South Stormont, as well as other municipalities in the area.

Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Follow the example of the Girl Guides. Begin today to "Prepare Now! Learn How!" for a safer tomorrow.



Money for Caylen

Chesterville and District Lions Club treasurer Martha Wheeler (left) and president John Edgerton accept a $4,000 cheque from Williamsburg OddFellows noble Grand Judy Simser, Oddfellows member Wayde Roles, and treasurer Dave McIntosh on Mon., April 23. The money will go to the Laberge family in Chesterville to help offset costs of two-year-old Caylen's continued recovery from a lawn tractor accident in May 2006. The money was raised primarily at the OddFellows' annual surf and turf dinner and silent auction. *Press Photo — Duncan*

Police Blotter

Barn fire

OSNABRUCK CENTRE — SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a fire located at a property on County Road 18, near Osnabruck Centre, in South Stormont Township on April 30 at 2:41 pm.

SD&G OPP was on scene with the Ingleside Fire Department. The fire resulted in complete loss of the structure and approximately 30 head of cattle. The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office and the OPP are continuing the investigation.

Drinkin' thinkin'

MORRISBURG — SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a disturbance in the area of the Morrisburg Plaza on Mon., April 23 at approximately 5 pm. Police located a group of teens and evidence of alcohol being consumed. One male became belligerent and argumentative with the officer.

The 19-year-old from Morrisburg was arrested and faces charges of: causing a disturbance and breaching probation. He is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court on June 5. Const. S. Lamarche is investigating.

Pursuit leads to charges

SOUTH DUNDAS — SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a vehicle east bound on Highway 401 at a high rate of speed, cutting in and out of traffic on April 30 at approximately 5:30 pm. The vehicle was a red 2007 Ford Mustang, Ontario license AYLA-150, and had been reported stolen the previous night from the city of St. Thomas.

After a short pursuit, the vehicle went off the roadway and into the ditch. Both male occupants suffered minor injuries in the single vehicle accident. The men were arrested at the scene and transported to the Cornwall Hospital for examination.

The 27-year-old male driver faces charges of: possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000; possession of property obtained by crime under $5,000; dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm; flight from a police officer; five counts of driving while disqualified; and driving while under suspension.

The 19-year-old male passenger faces charges of: possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000 and possession of property obtained by crime under $5,000.

Both men were held in custody pending a court appearance in Cornwall. Const. S. Lamarche is investigating.

CHEO forges partnership

OTTAWA — The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, and SD&G Counties' Child and Youth Mental Health providers have signed a partnership agreement, which clearly outlines the respective partners' roles and responsibilities for providing well-coordinated services and care for mental health patients and their families who live in the counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

With the agreement, young patients and their families can expect improved access to specialized mental health services and an increased ability to respond to their needs, ultimately improving outcomes.

"While we have always strived to provide the best services to young patients who require mental health services in our region, the signing of this agreement means that the relationship between CHEO and mental health providers in SD&G has a clear framework for providing the most appropriate resources and services to the children and youth who need them," said CHEO president Michel Bilodeau.

In 2004, CHEO and the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre began the process of implementing a new service delivery model for mental health services. The signing of a partnership agreement with outlying regions is another important step in this renewed system of mental health care for children and youth who suffer from mental health illness.

CHEO was established in Ottawa in 1974 as a free-standing pediatric hospital. It offers the full spectrum of clinical pediatric services, is affiliated with the University of Ottawa and conducts $20 million in research each year.

City seeks input on priorities

OTTAWA — City of Ottawa residents are invited to have their say on their vision and priorities for the City of Ottawa by filling out a citizens' priorities questionnaire. The results of the questionnaire will be compiled and presented to city council at a council planning session in May as part of council's strategic planning process.

"This city exists for one purpose, to serve its citizens," said Mayor Larry O'Brien. "Citizen input into our transformation process is essential to its success. Council needs this input if we are to succeed on behalf of our citizens."

Residents can submit their feedback by visiting ottawa.ca and clicking on the link to the citizens' priorities questionnaire, or by calling 3-1-1 and filling out the questionnaire by telephone.

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Lola Myrtle Farrell

Lola Myrtle Farrell of Winchester, formerly of South Mountain, passed away on April 27, 2007 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was 91.



She was born on April 14, 1916 in Mountain to the late Arlow T. Beggs and the late Margaret (nee Grant). She was the wife of the late Arthur Farrell whom she married in 1934 at Heckston United Church. She was the mother of Stan (Dot), Fran (Keith) Crawford, Bill (late Betty), Dora (Ken) Francis, Doreen (Francis) Henderson, Dennis (Rina), Betty (Sandy) Stewart, and the late Harold, Eldon, Ted, and Marion. She was the mother-in-law of Iverna Farrell. She was the grandmother of 23 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings Irene Anderson and Harold Beggs.

She was a member of the United Church Womens Institute, and a member of the South Mountain United Church.

The funeral was held at South Mountain United Church on April 30 with Rev. Blair Paterson officiating, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. The pallbearers were David, Steve, Mike, Vince, and Brad Farrell; and Kyle Stewart.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain.

Shepherd Talk

by Rev. Dr. Floyd McPhee

Your place in church

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Antique Furniture and Collectibles: oak combination double china cabinet with buffet in the centre and beveled mirror in the back; 2 oak finish flat-to-wall china cabinets; sideboard with mirror; 2 oak dining room sets; large 2-piece cupboard with glass doors; flat wall cupboard; bedroom sets with high back beds; oak washstands; oak dressers with mirrors; bonnet chest; 2 drop-leaf tables and chairs; unusual pine dough box with 2 lower doors stamped "Brenctaine"; old settee sets; knickknack corner stand; sheet music stand; fern stands; library table; oak parlour tables; piano stool; 2 new Raymond treadle sewing machines, one in cabinet; wooden chairs; rockers; table top Columbia gramophone; trunks; 2 blanket boxes; cheese boxes; several old pictures and frames; oil lamps; old quilts and blankets; 3 mantle clocks; old dolls, some being porcelain; milk bottles; old collector bottles; peanut and tea tins; boxes with names; marbles; milk cans; casting rods; calipers; buttons; railroad lanterns; old books; gooseneck floor lamps; wicker baskets; factory can; set of gold plated flatware.
China and Glassware: 2 wash sets; German china plates; berry bowls; cut glass and crystal pieces; fancy dishes; depression pieces; cups and saucers; cruet sets; water and cream pitchers; crocks; Alfred Meakins set of china; Kenmore fridge and small chest freezer, like new.
Quality Musical Instruments: 3 mandolins, 1 very old; 3 violins and extra bows; Gibson flattop guitar; Silvertone accordion. All instruments in their original cases and in top condition.
Garden Equipment and Tools: 2 Ariens snowblowers, 8 hp and 6 hp; wooden wheelbarrow; MasterCraft 8 hp rototiller; 2 weed whackers; small air compressor; lton floor jack; 2 air conditioners; gas lawn mower; jack all; hand tools; extension ladder; nuts, bolts, screws; Trailmobile 48' highway tandem storage trailer, in good condition; 1985 Dodge pickup truck, as is; many other assorted items.
Auctioneer's Note: As Mrs. Davis is in her late 80s and has been handed down these antiques from her uncle and aunt, and had them in storage for years, this sale will prove to be an outstanding one. There will be many many unlisted items, as several boxes were not unpacked at time of listing. **Many surprises to be found!** All furniture in its original finish.
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Auction Sales

AUCTION SALE
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2 miles south of Williamsburg on County Road 31
SATURDAY, MAY 12
commencing at 11 am
Maytag washer and dryer; Inglis fridge and stove; 2 Woods freezers; air conditioners; maple table and 4 chairs; stereo; Singer cabinet sewing machine; green corduroy La-Z-Boy; blue/black sofa and chair; 3-piece Roxton, oak wall unit; 19" TV; oak coffee table and 2 end tables; double iron bed and box springs; rocking chair; swivel armchair; counter-top stove; iron pots and pans; vacuum cleaner, upright Bissell rug shampooer; clocks; wool blankets; small kitchen appliances; comforters and curtains; crocheted doilies and books; knitting books and needles; quilt racks;
Antiques: Blanket box; oak dining set and 6 chairs; dresser and mirror; chest; dishes; chain saw; wrenches; wood planer; corn planter; corn sheller; crocks; Snow Jet snowmobile.
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THURSDAY, MAY 10
commencing at 5:30 pm
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Landfill Hours

As of May 2, the Mountain Landfill Site will be OPEN 10 am to 6 pm on Wednesdays.

The Boyne Road Landfill will be OPEN for Saturdays starting May 5 from 8 am to 11:30 am and Mondays to Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm.

Any questions, contact:
Doug Froats
Waste Co-ordinator
613-774-5157

Metcalfe Agricultural Society

INVITATION TO TENDER

Any interested parties wishing to provide a tender price are requested to submit their quotations for the following items:

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***
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***

This work is to be carried out before and/or during the 2007 edition of the Metcalfe Fair (September 27th to September 30th, 2007).

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Office Phone: 613-821-0591/Fax 613-821-0137
e-mail: metfair@bellnet.ca

Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Cornwall Branch Office
TWO MANAGERS OF CLIENT SERVICES

Ottawa Main Office
ONE MANAGER OF CLIENT SERVICES

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The Cornwall Branch has five offices in the following areas: Cornwall, Winchester, Alexandria, Casselman and Hawkesbury, the main office for the above positions is yet to be determined. All candidates must have a valid driver's licence and full access to a vehicle. We offer a competitive salary and benefits.

Please forward your curriculum vitae to the preferred site by May 12, 2007.

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Carole Brisson
709 Cotton Mill Street
Cornwall, ON K6H 7K7
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A detailed job description for these positions is available on our website at:
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We thank you in advance for your interest in this position, however, only the successful candidates will be contacted.

Ontario

Things to do, places to see

Brownell to launch online album dedicated to S-D-C

LONG SAULT — MPP Jim Brownell he is launching an online photo album to record and share some of the natural and cultural wonders in the United Counties and Akwesasne.

"The theme of the album will be "Things to Do, Places to See," said Brownell. "The United Counties boast breathtaking scenery, architectural marvels, and festivals and fairs unlike anywhere else in the province. It is my hope that we can capture the vitality of our communities and the excitement of our events and showcase them through images and perhaps convince viewers of the album to come and experience these things first hand."

The new photo album will be posted on Brownell's website, and on his Facebook page.

Brownell is also hoping this album can showcase images taken by local photographers, both professional and amateur, and is therefore looking for submissions from residents of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, and Akwesasne.

Those interested in submitting pictures are asked to e-mail them to jbrownell.mpp@liberal.ola.org and include the subject of the picture, their name, and the name of their community. The best photos will be added to the album.

"Nobody knows the spirit of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, and Akwesasne like the people who live there, so no one is better suited to capture that spirit on film than the people of this region," added Brownell. "I have no doubt that there are many stellar photos out there of the St. Lawrence River and the bird sanctuary, of historic churches in St. Andrews and Winchester, of the Williamstown Fair, the Akwesasne Pow-Wow, or of a Greenwich Meantime Concert at Murphy's Inn, and many other locations throughout the United Counties and Cornwall. A picture is worth a thousand words, and this online album will share the proud story of our corner of the province with all the world."

The true cost of Kyoto



From Parliament Hill
by MP Guy Lauzon

PARLIAMENT HILL — So much has been written and spoken about the Kyoto Accord that I believe it is time we take a close look at the true cost of implementing this agreement.

The former Liberal government committed the country to the Kyoto Accord without determining the true costs to Canada's economy. Recently, the Liberal Party introduced a bill in Parliament (Bill C-288) that commits the government to meet all the conditions of the accord in the next two years.

Minister of the Environment John Baird testified in front of a Senate Committee about the costs of implementing the Liberal Bill C-288.

Liberals across Canada have issued the predictable response to our factual economic analysis — complaining as their prized Bill C-288 crumbled under the weight of careful examination by some of our country's top economists, both inside and outside of government.

Some critics simply don't like the cold, hard facts: our country would face a serious economic downturn if we tried to meet the unrealistic emission targets contained in this Liberal bill.

If the Liberals have their way and pass Bill C-288 into law, a recession on par with the worst we have seen since the end of Second World War will take place, with the loss of 275,000 jobs in the first year, and massive increases in the price of electricity, natural gas, and gasoline.

Canadians deserve better. They deserve a serious yet balanced plan on the environment. As the government, we have a responsibility to all Canadians to balance environmental progress with economic reality.

As your member of parliament, I will continue to fight on your behalf for this balanced approach. I believe we need to tackle greenhouse gases and climate change, but in a responsible manner.

We will continue to forge ahead where Liberals have failed over the past 13 years. And we will continue to fight for the quality of life Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry has worked so hard to create.



Just ducky

As Joe Cass (left) navigated the canoe, Stan Vanden Bosch scooped the winning entrants out of the water in the annual Chesterville and District Rotary Club Duck Race on Sat., April 28. All tickets for the 900 ducks had been sold well in advance of the event. The first prize of $500 was claimed by Jacqueline Foster of Chesterville, Bob Schell of Williamsburg won the second prize of $100, and the $50 third prize went to Jaime Cass of Ottawa. *Photo — Barbour*

Ducks to race down Nation

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The 11th annual South Mountain Duck Race, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Daniel's Council 11725, will take place on Sat., May 5. The 750 rubber ducks will brave the frigid waters of the Nation River at 1 pm from the start line at the bridge on County Road 1 (near Rick's Gas Bar) to the finish line near Bridge Street in South Mountain.

In addition to three main cash prizes ($500, $100, and $50), this year there are an additional 40 prizes ranging from a rotary oven and a one year subscription for the *Press,* to an oil change and pizzas. Proceeds support charitable organizations within North Dundas Township.

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WINCHESTER PRESS
EDITORIAL

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ATVs: off-road and on the road

While some people may be disappointed with North Dundas council's decision to allow ATVs access to township roads, this was the right thing to do.

ATVs will not go away. They have been growing in popularity, with sales increasing every year. Now people are looking for more places to ride them locally. We've got to find ways for ATV riders and non-off-roaders to get along.

There are ATV clubs in other areas of the province under the umbrella of the Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs. It's no surprise that one has sprung up here. The Dundas ATV Club members have been working hard for more than a year toward an off-road trail system that makes use of private and crown land. Access to the roads is needed to join sections of trail.

You have to give these guys credit for their dedication and their desire to make sure their dream becomes a reality by doing things right. They have approached the various stakeholders for input, have worked with township council, and have interacted calmly with those who are not in favour of ATVs on the roads. They have said over and over that they support safe and responsible ATV riding that will protect riders and the environment. These are exactly the type of people we want influencing local ATV riders.

ATV users were already making use of township roads before the bylaw was passed. They were speeding along for fear of getting caught. Now they have a legitimate right to be there and a clear set of rules to follow. There are speed limits as well as insurance, licensing, and equipment requirements

Council considered only opening the roads necessary to join the club's sections of trail, but decided a patchwork approach would just be confusing to riders and difficult for police to enforce.

No one wanted snowmobiles around when the first clubs were established. No one wanted snowboarders on the ski hill when they were first introduced. Now we couldn't imagine winter without them.

A thriving ATV club and trail system will eventually become part of our recreational landscape. A plus is that local users will be able to pursue their pastime close to home, rather than travelling to other parts of the province.

We encourage all ATV riders to ride sensibly. A few yahoos can give the sport a bad name. Stay safe and be responsible and everyone will learn to accommodate you, both on the trail and on the road.

B.J.



Sam Faith passed her bar exam kicking this convert for the North Dundas District High School Devils during a recent SD&G rugby match. *Press Photo – VanBridger*

Remember when...

1927

Evered Biccum, mail carrier in Winchester, broke the index finger on his right hand trying to crank a Ford car. Dr. McKendry dressed the wound, but the finger was badly smashed. Biccum reported that he would continue to deliver the mail as timely as possible.

1937

The *Press* reported that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was in the final stages of preparation before King George IV and Queen Elizabeth's coronation ceremonies, which would be broadcast for the first time in history from Westminster Abbey. United Churches and C.G.I.T. groups across Dundas County were hosting Coronation Teas in honour of the crowning celebration.

1957

Edgar Craig of Bridgelea Holsteins south of Metcalfe purchased CFRA Houdini from Frank Ryan at the Ottawa Coliseum Auction Sale. The seven-month-old distinguished stock bull calf was traded for $675. By coincidence, it was from Craig — president of the Metcalfe and District Agricultural Society — that Ryan purchased his first pure bred Holstein when he first started farming 10 years prior.



In 1967, the Winchester Pee Wee All Stars finished off the hockey season by grabbing a spot in the championship round of the Spencerville Invitational Tournament. The all stars were: goalie Robin LaRose (front, left), Al Utman, James Duncan, Al Carkner, Keith McRoberts, Bob Morin (middle, left), Barry Gannon, Carman Carruthers, Raymond Cinnamon, Jeff Boyd, David MacDonald (back, left), Ken Summers, and Bruce Cowell. Missing from photo: Len Marriner, Bob Mussell, manager Norm Utman, and coach Mike Dukelow.

1977

The Winchester Progressive Conservative association elected Keith Henry, vice-president and general manager at Ault Foods, as association president for the following term. Henry succeeded Reg Workman, who stepped down after many years of service.

1987

Five North Dundas District High School students brought home gold medals from the SD&G Track and Field Championships. Stacey Berry, Mike Charette, Karim Oliver, Jevon Groves, and Jeff Holmes placed first in their events, which helped NDDHS grab fifth spot overall.

Dave Lapier tossed a three-hit shut out for the Winchester Ault Foods Blue Jays as the team opened its Eastern Ontario Provincial Junior Fastball League season with a 3-0 victory over the Stittsville Canadiens.

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TWO YARD SALES
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Auction Sales

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SATURDAY, MAY 5
commencing at 10 am
Large oak china cabinet with glass front and sides, topped with bevelled mirror; 5-shelf corner whatnot; drop-front secretary; dining room suite; fancy small wooden tables; smokers; 2 curved front dressers with bevelled mirrors; bedroom suite; trunks; hall tree; quantity of good dishes, crystal, knickknacks and more; coal oil lamp; records; refrigerator; stove; washer; dryer; many other good household effects.
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One Physiotherapist
Two Registered Social Workers

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Let them eat poutine...

From the Other Side
by Jeffrey Morris



First of all, I would really like to thank the people who have been writing regarding the recent column providing an account of my trip to the Il Divo concert.

I felt guilty after writing the column. Maybe I was too hard on the woman from Quebec with the spiky orangurgundyurple hair who made the souvenir kiosk her own personal Pennington's. Maybe I was out of line when I wanted the woman in front of me to shut her Jos. Louis hole.

As I opened up the e-mails drilling me for being an irreverent, classless red neck (and your point is…), I thought about issuing an apology.

But then, just as I was about to offer a sincere olive branch to the tsunami of women that Cougarpalooza'd their way across the Ottawa River for the concert, something in the Ottawa Citizen caught my eye.

According to a headline and the story underneath it, the "beautiful people" have discovered poutine. Yes, Quebec's provincial — not national, but provincial — delicacy is a hit in New York. The beautiful people can enjoy poutine. It's an easy fit for them, as for years, the beautiful people have enjoyed sausages and hot dogs cooked by street vendors warming the buns in their pants and thickening the mustard and sourkraut with Vaseline.

The Olson twins are beautiful people. I wonder if they have discovered poutine yet. Actually, the pressing question would be if they could hold it down.

Have the beautiful people discovered orangurgundyurple hair?

Have the beautiful people discovered smoking in church?

Have the beautiful people discovered rusty 1990 Pontiac Sunbirds with the little glowing neon lights around the license plate? That, by the way, recently replaced the blue Duster as Quebec's provincial — not national — car.

Have the beautiful people discovered ad sponsorship scandals?

Have the beautiful people discovered insulting the Queen by asking her not to come to the capital of their province — not nation — for the city's 450th anniversary?

Have the beautiful people discovered that Pepsi, Jos. Louis, and a pack of DuMauriers is the real breakfast of champions?

Have the beautiful people discovered how to not support a Major League Baseball team?

Have the beautiful people discovered how to host the only Olympics in history to lose hundreds of millions of dollars?

Have the beautiful people in New York discovered they can bribe the rest of the United States and get more by threatening to separate?

Have the beautiful people discovered that, like poutine, snails, pig's feet, and deep fried salted pork fat are yummy delicacies, too?

Have the beautiful people discovered burning Canadian flags while having parades on June 24?

Have the beautiful people discovered making English language signs illegal?

Have the beautiful people discovered glorifying men who were treasonists and terrorists 35 years ago?

Have the beautiful people discovered building airports in the middle of nowhere that eventually close like that one that rhymes with "Mirabel"?

Have the beautiful people discovered that Expo 67 is still the most important and significant cultural event in the history of mankind?

Have the beautiful people discovered that speed limits are optional?

Have the beautiful people discovered that Bonhomme is a provincial — not national — symbol to celebrate a winter carnival, not a frighteningly creepy Crazy-Joe-Davola guy in a costume freaking you out?

Have the beautiful people discovered the church words?

Have the beautiful people discovered wine with screw tops?

Have the beautiful people discovered Biere Trois Pistoles?

Have the beautiful people discovered xenophobia?

Have the beautiful people discovered porn on basic cable channels of culturally elite Quebec?

Of course, thinking this stuff let alone writing it would probably render any attempt I would make at an apology useless. But to the people who e-mailed and wanted to go Alec Baldwin on me, I am truly sorry. I'm sorry you think I have no class — actually I do have class, but it's third class.

I'm sorry I find poutine disgusting. I am especially sorry that you made your hair that colour. So, cougs, the irreverent red neck needs to ask, how do y'all aimez those pommes?

Jeff Morris is the publisher of the Manotick Messenger, *a sister paper to the* Winchester Press.



Big fat Greek feast

Dolmades, kopanisti, spanikopita, mousaka, and lokaniko were just a few of the food items on the buffet table Saturday evening (April 28) as the Country Kitchen presented an authentic Greek Feast. For entertainment, Jack Kyriakos Dounetas (left) and George Gritziotis filled the air with Greek music. Restaurant co-owner Charlie Theos said he was pleased with the turnout and that he plans to feature more Greek Feasts in the future. *Photo — Barbour*

Letters to the Editor

Please stop the cruelty

The Editor:

I am writing this letter with regard to animal cruelty.

I read that KFC tortures its chickens. It's brutal. It has been reported that suppliers beat the chickens, smash them against the wall, slit their throats, and throw them in boiling hot water while some are still alive!

Please help stop animal cruelty. Write a letter to KFC and tell them to stop this horrible treatment. Join People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) at www.peta.org and stop eating at KFC.

Sara Morrison
Morewood

The *Press* welcomes letters to the editor on any topic. E-mail: news@winchesterpress.on.ca and please include your telephone number

Thongs all wrong

The Editor:

As a student of North Dundas District High School, I have the privilege of experiencing many events featured in your publication. However, on Thurs., April 27, while I watched the 2007 fashion show, I observed some important details that may be lacking in your coverage.

The fashion show, displaying clothes from Country Boy and Country Girl, included a new twist. As models walked down the runway, they threw gifts to the audience. These gifts just so happened to be a variety of girls' thongs and underwear.

I was completely flabbergasted and disgusted. The hypocrisy of this teacher-monitored show was shocking, given that our school has a character education program — supposedly — based on respect and empathy. The fact that this over-sexualized nature be demonstrated at the high school level, especially directed toward the female population, is positively revolting.

The continuous commentary that we, the students, are all out to be "sexy" further enforced the "Handmaid" ideal that we are all simply sexual devices.

This message has no place within our schools. The fact that the administration and the students can watch this objectification, while believing our school is a place of equality, is sickening.

I wonder what exactly this gesture was to suggest? Are the girls expected to wear these? Are the boys expected to keep them?

This pointless display only furthers the real ignorance in our schools that must be rectified before the youth in our area may truly be informed.

Steffanie Pinch
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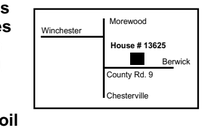

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Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS – A sincere thanks to those who came out to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary with us. We were honoured by your presence. Thanks also for cards and best wishes. We are blessed to be part of this community. A huge thanks to our children who helped to make the evening so special.
– Mike and Rita Heuving 7

CARD OF THANKS – I wish to thank everyone for cards, visits, and gifts and kindness shown to my wife Betty (Hutt) Farrell during her illness. Special thanks to Dr. Peters and W.D.M.H. staff and both our families for their care and support.
– Bill Farrell 7

CARD OF THANKS – Many thanks to family and friends who joined us to celebrate my 80th Birthday. Thanks also for all the best wishes, cards, flowers and gifts received. A very special thank you to Debra, Sara and John.
– Dwaine Irven 7

In Memoriam

LEVERE – In memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Bob, who passed away May 4, 1995.
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– Always remembered, Mary, Grant, Wanda, Darren and Justin 7

LEVERE – In memory of a dear grandfather, Cecil, who passed away May 6, 1998.
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Until we meet again.
– Always remembered, Mary, Grant, Wanda, Darren and Justin 7

GUY – In memory of Mitchell, our dear son and little brother, who passed away April 30, 2005.
Your presence we miss
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– Love always,
– Mommy, Daddy and Mikyla 7

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– Krista Clauson, Event Co-ordinator

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Anyone wishing to put forth a change to the NDMHA Constitution at this meeting must send the proposed amendment to the Secretary – Carolyn Stitt at cstitt@sympatico.ca or by calling 613-989-2405 by May10, 2007.

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Playhouse gears up for fun-filled summer

MORRISBURG — Hot on the heels of last year's season of packed houses, the Upper Canada Playhouse will soon open its 2007 five-show season. The Playhouse promises that audiences will enjoy themselves from June through December with its entertaining line-up of hilarious and heart-warming shows chosen just for them.

Too Many Cooks opens 2007 season

"Every year more people discover the Playhouse," said artistic director Donnie Bowes. "And we invite them and our regular crowd to relax and let the problems of the world take a back seat for a couple of hours."

Kicking off the season June 14 to July 8 is Marcia Kash and Douglas E. Hughes' *Too Many Cooks,* a comedy about a drifter who is forced to impersonate a famous chef, only to have Canada Immigration, the RCMP, and a couple of gangsters descend upon the restaurant to collect a basement full of stolen booze. Playhouse favourites such as AnnaMarie Lea, Garfield Andrews, Doug Tangney, and Amanda Parsons join a large cast of hilarious characters.

Bedtime Stories, a brand new comedy by popular playwright Norm Foster and directed by Jesse Collins, will keep audiences awake from July 12 to Aug. 5. The Ray Cooney farce, *It Runs in the Family* follows from Aug. 9 to Sept. 2. Wrapping up the summer portion of the season from Sept. 13 to Oct. 7 will be the return of Marshall Button and his latest Lucien escapade, *Lucien 4 — Helter Smelter,* set on an ice-fishing colony in Northern New Brunswick.

This season's holiday family show, running Nov. 22 to Dec. 16, will be the wonderful Christmas story, *A Gift to Last,* a play adapted by Walter Learning and Alden Nowlan from the popular TV screenplay by Gordon Pinsent.

A record number of seats are already booked and to accommodate the ever-growing audience, Playhouse staff have increased the number of performances by introducing additional Saturday matinees to the calendar. Bowes remarked that the list of sponsors has also grown to record numbers this season as enthusiastic and generous businesses, individuals, and organizations have chosen to support the Playhouse and reach its expanding audience.

Season brochures will soon be mailed and everyone is advised to book early to get the performance dates, times, and seats they prefer. Those who have not received a brochure by mid-May can pick one up at a local business or by calling the Playhouse box office at 613-543-3713.



Comical commitment
Beginning your wedding day hung over in the wrong place with the wrong woman can't be good — but throw in some strangulation, a few slaps here and there, and even a knife chase, and there'll be plenty of laughter during ITR Theatre Company's May production of *Perfect Wedding.* Pictured during rehearsal are cast members Meaghan Hawkes (back, left), Janice Jenness, Katrina Bussey, Sophie Hall, Whitney Quail (front, left), and Seamus O'Brien. The show, directed by Gord Hawkes, will play for the next two weekends at the Osgoode Community Centre: Fri., May 4 and Sat., May 5 at 8 pm, Sun., May 6 at 2 pm, and Thurs., May 10 to Sat., May 12 at 8 pm. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for seniors and students. Call 613-860-1291 for tickets or more information. *Press Photo — Duncan*



Funny bunny
The Dundas County Players' farce *Harvey* wraps up this weekend at Winchester's Old Town Hall. Pictured are cast members: Len Trembley (back, left), Maggie Badior-Pelletier, Charles Laurin, Matt Easterbrook, Gabriele Thomas, "Harvey," Rick Ventrella, Jim Perkins, Amy Quinn (front, left), Glenna Walkden, Tony Glen, and Lauren Casselman. The final performances will take place on Fri., May 4 and Sat., May 5 at 8 pm, with a matinée performance on Sun., May 6 at 2 pm. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Shadbolt's Stedmans V&S Department Store (613-774-2008), or can be reserved through Caroline Roberts at 613-448-3534.

A River Lost set to premier at St. Lawrence Auditorium

MORRISBURG — *A River Lost: The Story of the St. Lawrence Seaway* will premiere on a large screen at the St. Lawrence Auditorium in the Morrisburg Training Institute on Thurs., May 24.

"I have been very pleased with the response of the community and wanted to provide residents of the area with an opportunity to view the documentary on a large screen," said David Jones of David Jones Productions, who created the film. "It will also provide me with an opportunity to recognize all those who contributed to the production."

Jones is hopeful that many of those involved in the project will accept an invitation to the showing so their contribution to the success of the documentary can be acknowledged publicly. When he was asked about his choice of location for the premier, he pointed out that the theatre's name "says it all."

"I considered other venues, but it just seemed most appropriate to show the film in a theatre named for the St. Lawrence River, especially since it is located in the largest community impacted by the Seaway Project," he explained.

A cross-section of area residents with first-hand knowledge of life before and during the construction of the Seaway were interviewed and filmed for *A River Lost.* The film footage was interspersed with still photographs as well as old and new video footage to tell the story and celebrate the lives of those who lived in the "old towns" and "lost villages."

Jones researched and wrote the script and a professional narrator was hired to tell the story on the finished DVD. He said that the central theme that became evident during the filming was that people had lost their "deep connection" to the river as a result of the Seaway project.

"It was this feeling that I wanted to capture in the title of the DVD, *A River Lost: The Story of the St. Lawrence Seaway,"* Jones said.

Ticket information for the May 24 big screen premier will be available soon. For further information please contact Karen Cooper at the St. Lawrence Auditorium (613-543-2911, extension 149) or David Jones at 613-543-3588.

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Merrickville hosts 39th annual meeting

Seaway Valley UCW report

by Leita Foster

MERRICKVILLE — A warm welcome was extended to members of Seaway Valley Presbyterial United Church Women, as they gathered April 10 at Merrickville United Church, for the 39th annual meeting. A warm cup of coffee and a visit around the book table occupied the women until they assembled in the sanctuary.

Welcome was extended by president Janice Reynolds and a reading "Just When We Thought It Was Over, Lord." UCW president Ferne Richardson gave a welcome to the church and Rev. Christine Lowson. Nancy Hazen, president of Montreal-Ottawa Conference, reminded us of the 45th anniversary of the UCW celebration in Newfoundland, anniversary pins for sale, and new membership cards to be available soon.

Gail Telford gave a brief history of the Merrickville church from its early services in the blockhouse to the present.

The worship service was presented by Algonquin UCW, opening with prayer and the hymn "The Church is Wherever God's People are Praising." From scripture Mark 6: 30 to 34, we realize "compassion for others" and "to put ourselves in another's shoes" should be our mandate. We heard a beautiful rendition of "Reach Out and Touch" by Jodie Oliver King and her dad. Following the blessing of the offering, the hymn "Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands" was sung with Joan McEwan assisting on the piano.

McEwan and Lois Johnson conducted the memorial service. The hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" was sung and a candle was lit, as the names of the members were read.

A tribute was read by Johnson for the East Hawkesbury and Manhard UCWs, which are closing. The hymn "Walk with Me" was sung. Edna Spicer responded, telling us she had been part of the WA since she was 13, and continued in the UCW until now.

Reports were accepted and the budget was passed. Barbara Barton read the nominations, all seats except secretary are filled. Hazen installed the new executive for 2007-2008.

Brochures for the summer event at University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus were given to the presidents. Pick one up and join us Aug. 17,18, and 19. "Rhythms of Life" is the theme. A reminder of the salad bar meeting at Johnstown on June 12.

Thanks to Joan and Lois for a lively book report, followed by a good lunch provided by the ladies of the Merrickville UCW.

Rietta Hillis introduced Rev. Rodney Merkley, who spoke about his experience in Bella Bella. He showed slides of the villages, homes, etcetera as he told of many different ways of life on the island. We tasted some of the dried food that the natives store for the winter months and viewed displays of clothing. Carol McDermott thanked Merkley for his fantastic story of his first charge.

Merkley closed the meeting with a benediction.

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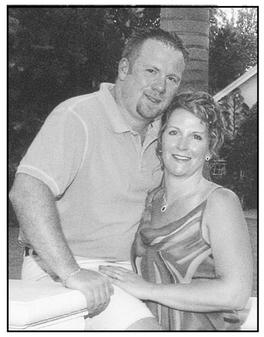
Whitteker–Hare



Tracy Whitteker and Geoff Hare, together with their parents, Lois Whitteker and Paul Judson of Johnstown, Mary and Garry Whitteker of Williamsburg, and Penny and Rick Hare of Prescott, are happy to announce their engagement, which took place in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Wedding to follow spring of 2008 in the Caribbean with family and friends.



Meals on Wheels moola

Bank of Montreal Winchester branch manager Connie Kirkwood (left) and customer service representative Louise Moore presented $1,500 to Nor-Dun Seniors Support Centre board chair Dr. Larry Gray at the centre's volunteer appreciation evening on Fri., April 27. The money, donated through the bank's volunteer grant program, is earmarked for the Meals on Wheels service.

Press Photo — James

Winners at Williamsburg Seniors euchre party

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Seniors held a euchre party on Wed., April 25. Irene Carr, Eldon Turner, and Dorothy Loverin won the white cards. Lorraine Tupper, Evelyn Schwerdfeger, and Keith Scott won the yellow cards.

Audrey McLaren and Audrey Casselman took home the door prizes. The draw winners were Bertha Christie, Bert DeWitt, Margaret Rutley, Eldon Turner, and Sheila Scarbo.

Mountain Seniors seeking members

by Hughette Shaver

MOUNTAIN — The April meeting of the Mountain Seniors was called to order by president Mavis Graham, who welcomed everyone. The national anthem was sung with accompaniment by Muriel Milne at the organ, and was followed with the Lord's Prayer.

Evelyn Francis presented the minutes of the March meeting and they were approved by the president. Dave Scharf gave us his monthly treasurer's report. Reports were submitted for the kitchen and there was one sympathy card mailed for this period. The nostalgia moment was from the April 1989 archives. A donation to the Canadian Cancer Society shall be forwarded by Scharf on behalf of our group.

Graham read a letter from the Kemptville District Hospital indicating in detail all the future developments occurring to serve clients better in coming decades.

There were 22 members present. Birthdays were acknowledged (Ralph Rodger, in absentia) and congratulations were given to Wilhemina and Hermand Jansen who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this past month.

The USCO Rally will be held June 14 at 11 am in Williamsburg. A $10 registration fee, which includes lunch, is required. There will be further information at the next regular meeting or, contact Muriel Milne at 613-989-1064.

The next euchres will be held at 1 pm on April 30 and May 7 at the Mountain Community Hall for our annual Kemptville and Winchester hospitals contribution. We would like to invite all who are interested to enjoy two great afternoons for such a good cause.

The next regular meeting will be held at the same venue and since our group is slowly decreasing, we would like you to meet us and enjoy our company. We certainly have good entertainment and hope to see you soon.

Graham said grace before a marvellous potluck buffet was enjoyed. The group thanks the Jansens for their entertaining sing-a-long and stories.

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Little–De Jong



Marty and Cathy Little of Winchester and John and Nancy De Jong of Chesterville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Stacey and Kevin. Wedding to take place on August 18, 2007 at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg.



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Ladies Ball Hockey League

Green Monsters, Reds win opening matches

CHESTERVILLE — Laura McDonell and Jackie Morris recorded the first goals of the 2007 Chesterville/Winchester Ladies Ball Hockey League season.

McDonell registered the first two cracking in first and second-period shots leading Melenhorst's Green Monsters to a 2-1 victory over Erwin's Team Yellow in the opening half of the Thursday night (April 26) twin bill.

Morris mustered up all of the offence in game two powering McCadden's Reds to a 2-0 decision against Lynch's Blues.

Brian Hillis, playing his first game in goal, registered the zero.

Morris converted a play created by Shauna Lynch and Kerry Kennedy into what would be the winning goal at 11:58 of period one. She then enlarged the Reds' lead to 2-0 burying a pass provided by Kara-Lee Young into the back of Sandra Brunner's cage at 10:42 of period two. Period three was scoreless.

GREEN 2 - YELLOW 1

McDonell registered the first goal of the new season when she fooled Yellow goalie Anne Desrosier on an unassisted play with eight minutes left in the opening stanza.

Her second shot was fired after Collette Moulton sent a feed her way at the 8:30 mark of period two and opened up a 2-0 lead.

Yellow was finally able to penetrate the Green Monsters' defence and spoiled Marc Melenhorst's bid for a perfect game when Brittany Beckstead connected after taking a feed from Kaitlin Beckstead 1:55 before the final buzzer.



Corporate sponsor

Guildcrest Homes of Morewood will continue to be the corporate sponsor of the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Mega Tournament. Company representative Dave Hensbee (left) presented $4,000 (for the next two years) in sponsorship money to NDMHA president Dwyane Fawcett at the association's annual coach - volunteer appreciation night on April 20.

Press Photo — Van Bridger

Rod Simmons named coach in Kemptville

KEMPTVILLE — Rod Simmons has been named the first man to coach the new Kemptville Junior "A" 73's.

The Central Junior Hockey League franchise is looked to Simmons and the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League to fill its head coach position. Simmons is the former coach of the South Grenville Jr. "B" Rangers and compiled a record of 85-31-14 during a three-year stint in the Fort Town.

Simmons, who accepted the job on Sunday (April 29), coached at Canton ATC during the 2006-07 campaign and had signed on to return as coach of South Grenville in the 2007-08 season.

A coach with 17 years experience leading high school and all-star programs in New York State, Simmons said being a head coach in the CJHL has always been a goal.

Who his assistant coaches will be and whether Simmons will also act as the general manager in Kemptville has yet to be determined.

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- Use a template to prepare your own family emergency plan. It need not take a lot of time.
- Give a copy to each member of your family, your out-of-area contact, your children's school (possibly their usual sports facilities as well -- arena, pool, etc).
- If you live in a residential facility or an apartment building, an emergency plan should be available on-site. Learn the procedures to follow and your role in case of an emergency.
  In case of a tornado, house fire or other unexpected incident, each member of the family should know what to do, step-by-step, in case you need to leave your home quickly. Practice your emergency home evacuation plan at least once a year, particularly if you have young children.

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2007 Youth Co-ed Ball Hockey League opens

WINCHESTER — Ten teams and 190 players will open the 2007 North Dundas Youth Co-ed Ball Hockey League season tonight (Wed., May 2) at the Winchester Arena.

League organizer John Ralko reported this year's registration is the largest in the league's five-year history.

The Junior Division (eight to 11 year olds) kicks things off tonight with the Tigers, Panthers, Cougars and Wildcats playing two games beginning at 6 pm. The Senior Division (12 to 16 years) has three games slated to finish the opening night program.

JUNIOR ROSTERS

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Lions like hockey

The Winchester Lions Club said thanks to the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association players, coaches, family and fans for supporting their arena canteen during the hockey season with a donation of $1,500. NDMHA president Dwayne Fawcett (left) accepted the cheque from Lions Guy Belliveau and Phil Garby at the minor hockey appreciation night on April 20.
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Fashion show a brilliant success

MAPLE RIDGE — The annual North Dundas District High School fashion show went off beautifully last week on Thurs., April 26. The gym was decked out with a runway, lights, city street signs, and a skyscraper to fit the "Bright Lights, Big City" theme. The models worked their way through the Country Boy - Country Girl fashions, from casual to beach to formal wear.



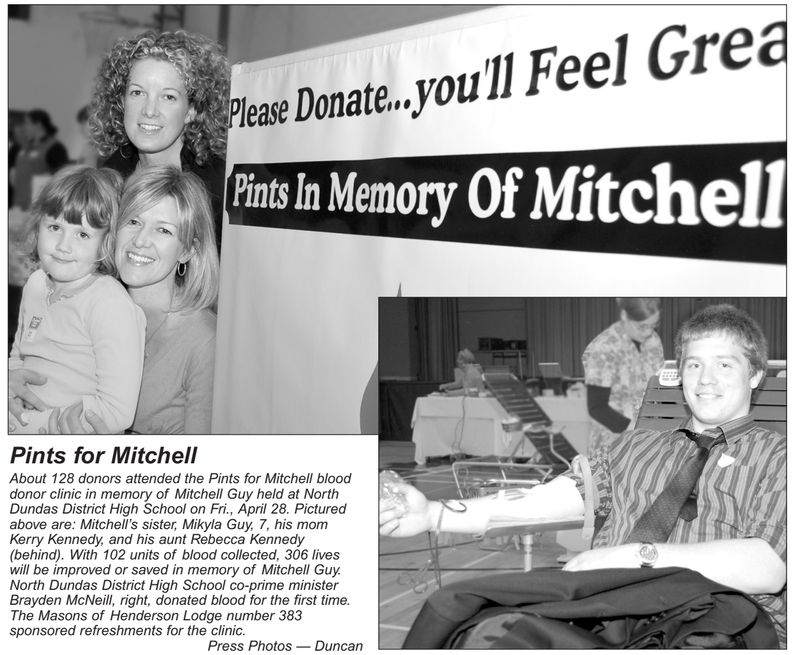
NDDHS Notes
by Jennifer Honders

Casual outfits began with spring t-shirts and shorts. The clothing was modest, but still able to fit many different styles. Included was athletic wear for the runner in you.

Joey Souliere — North Dundas student by day, fashion show commentator by night — regaled the crowd with his anecdotes and announcements. Beachwear held many people's attention, as the models strutted confidently on the catwalk. Formal wear was, of course, the finale and highlight for most. Dresses were similar in style, but came in many different colours to match the guys' tuxes.

A huge thanks goes to our teachers who walked the catwalk to the cheers of their students. Ms. Copeland-Gibson and Ms. Plumb, both teacher assistants at North Dundas, treated everyone with fashions sported by their daughters. Teachers Mr. Banford and Mr. Stewart held their own on the runway. This was a treat for all the ladies watching.

Congratulations to student council premier Kate Enright for pulling of such a great show. She handled this industry like a pro.



Pints for Mitchell

About 128 donors attended the Pints for Mitchell blood donor clinic in memory of Mitchell Guy held at North Dundas District High School on Fri., April 28. Pictured above are: Mitchell's sister, Mikyla Guy, 7, his mom Kerry Kennedy, and his aunt Rebecca Kennedy (behind). With 102 units of blood collected, 306 lives will be improved or saved in memory of Mitchell Guy. North Dundas District High School co-prime minister Brayden McNeill, right, donated blood for the first time. The Masons of Henderson Lodge number 383 sponsored refreshments for the clinic.
Press Photos — Duncan

Upper Canada Playhouse expands popular summer theatre camp

MORRISBURG — "We had so much fun last summer, we thought we should do it again — only bigger," said local actress, teacher, and Upper Canada Playhouse regular Kate Egan Veinotte, who added "summer camp counsellor" to her resume last summer when the Playhouse in Morrisburg ran its first ever summer theatre camp for kids.

Acting like kids

Egan Veinotte, the creator of the educational consulting company "acting like kids," was commissioned by the Playhouse to develop and facilitate a week-long session to introduce children to the fundamentals of theatre. The venture was successful and the Playhouse has decided to do it again this year.

"Last year, within five days of opening up registration, we were all filled up," said Egan Veinotte. "This year we're going to run two sessions, to allow more children to register, and to reach a wider age range."

There will be a two-day primary session for students aged six to nine years, and a seven-day junior session for students aged 10 to 14. Each group will learn about drama through role playing, theatre games, and improvisation. All will get to tour the theatre and learn some exciting tricks from the Playhouse's backstage crew.

"We had so much positive feedback last year that we knew we had to go with it again this summer,"said Playhouse artistic director Donnie Bowes. "It will be fun to reach the younger kids, and the extended session with the junior group will allow time to develop a showcase of the children's work."

Egan Veinotte is excited about this year's extended theatre camp.

"I'm looking forward to sharing some of the joys of theatre with the kids again this season, not to mention picking up some comedic tips from them," she said.

The primary session (limit of 15 students) will take place July 23 to 25. The junior session (limit of 20 students) will take place July 26, 27, and July 30 to Aug. 3.

To register, visit Veinotte's web-site-in-progress, www.actinglikekids.cbweb.ca, or call "acting like kids" directly at 613-448-3917.

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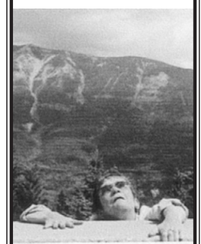
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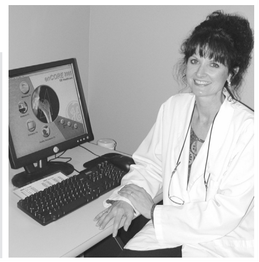

OTHS eager for relay's return





School community

Osgoode Township High School will stage its second annual Relay for Life on May 25. The overnight relay raises money for the Canadian Cancer Society. The school hopes to raise over $20,000. The organizers are looking for cancer survivors to take part as well as community support through donations.

Students raising money to fight cancer

METCALFE — The track at Osgoode Township High School will be transformed into a living memorial for those who have died of cancer and a celebration of life for those who have battled the disease and won.

The school's back field will become a campground as the students take part in the Relay for Life overnight on May 25.

"It's not a race or a run," said teacher organizer Russ Catt about the 12-hour relay that will last from 7 pm to 7 am. "It represents the constant fight against cancer."

This is the second year the high school's Grade 11 leadership class is organizing a Relay for Life event. Last year's relay included 120 participants and raised nearly $11,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

"This year we already have 175 people signed up," Catt told the *Press* on Thurs., April 26. "We're hoping to raise more than $20,000."

Students are signing up in teams, and at least one team member will walk the track at all times during the night of the event. The school held a Relay for Life rally on April 2 to get the student body ready to participate.

While the relay itself is focussed on school participation and is not open to teams from the community, community members are invited to take part in other ways.

The event kicks off with a survivors' victory lap, and cancer survivors in the community are invited to attend.

"Last year we had at least 30 survivors — we'd like to have at least that many again," noted Catt.

As well, organizers are looking for donations from local businesses to be used for door prizes for participants throughout the night.

Community members are also invited to purchase luminaries in memory of a loved one or in support of someone currently fighting cancer.

"Last year we sold 400 luminaries," said Catt about the paper bags holding candles that circled the school's track. "That was the main source of light."

Luminaries can be purchased for $5 at the school office (2800 8th Line Rd. in Metcalfe) in advance of the event or the night of the relay. The luminary bag can just carry a person's name, but they can also include personal messages and artwork.

Catt said that members of the community are welcome to attend the event to support the survivors and the other participants.

"We want people to come and see it," he said. "It's really cool to come and see it at night."

He added that it's an meaningful event for many of the participants.

"Just reading the luminaries that surround the track — it's emotional," he said.

The leadership class is organizing a garage sale at the school on Sat., May 12 to raise money for the Relay for Life. All of the money raised will go to the Canadian Cancer Society. The sale will take place from 8 am to 1 pm. If you would like to donate items to the garage sale, contact Grace Valentine at 613-826-0842.

As well, members of the leadership class will conduct a bottle drive in May to further support the relay.

If you would like more information about Relay for Life at OTHS or would like to donate a door prize or cash contribution, contact Russ Catt at 613-821-2241.



OTHS held a Relay for Life rally on April 2 to get the student body geared up for the event. These luminaries helped set the tone.

City Council planning sessions

OTTAWA — City council will spend a lot of time over the next two months ensuring that we will have a better organized and more efficient structure. City council will review our financial future, staff structure, and governance issues to prepare for a new way of doing business. Council will issue a final report in June.



In and around Osgoode Ward
by councillor Doug Thompson

Greely Lions

Greely Community Centre was an oasis of caring last Saturday night as over $32,000 was raised for local charities at the Greely Lions' 18th annual Dinner Dance Auction. This extravaganza was organized by Lion Willis McKeown and his team of John Stacey, Trevor Roberts, Al Page, Terry McLaughlin, Peter Linegar, Phill Potter, and Ric Olivieri. Special thanks to Judy and Al Graham for another superb dinner. Also a huge thank you to auctioneers Carson Hill, Stewart, Erin, and Stewart James Jr. All Greely Lions deserve a huge vote of appreciation.

Osgoode Tire fundraiser

Brian Kearns hosted the second annual Ride for Dad fundraiser last Saturday at his shop at the corner of Snake Island and Stagecoach Road. Brian, his family, and staff were great hosts to large crowds that dropped by to support cancer research.

Hunks with Hammers

Just over $15,000 was raised for the Regional Cancer Foundation Chemotherapy Unit last Fri., April 20. Thanks to everyone who supported this endeavour.

Anglican church supper

The great people of Holy Trinity Anglican Church are hosting a roast beef church supper on Sun., May 6 with servings at 4:30 and 6:30 pm. Call Marjorie Stanley at 613-233-1556 for tickets.

Garage sale

Metcalfe Co-operative Nursery School will hold its Giant Spring Garage Sale on Fri., May 4 from 5 to 9 pm and Sat., May 5 from 8 am to noon at 8140 Victoria St. in Metcalfe. Gently used maternity clothing, baby equipment and clothes, children's clothing and toys, men's, women's and youth clothing will be available, as well as household items. For further information or to sell, call 613-821-3196.

Kids choir

Parkway Community Kids Choir presents the musical Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace on Sat., May 5 and Sun., May 6 at 7 pm at Parkway Road Pentecostal Church near Greely. Free or nominal admission. Call 613-821-1056 for more information.

Nursery school

Osgoode Co-op Nursery School (5479 Osgoode Main St.) invites you and your children to meet the teacher at an open house and registration event on Mon., May 7 from 6 to 8 pm.



Ride for Dad

Osgoode Tire's Ride for Dad fundraiser was a bit wet, but a steady stream of visitors showed up to show their support and eat some burgers and hot dogs under the tent at the business on the corner of Stagecoach and Snake Island roads on Sat., April 28. Maureen Kearns and Fred Lystiuk manned the grill. Along with cash collected in a donation box on site, 10 per cent of all tire sales went to the Ride for Dad fundraiser for prostate cancer research.
Photo — Leeson

Community Christian School hosts Fun Day on weekend

METCALFE — Community Christian School in Metcalfe is hosting its annual Fun Day on Sat., May 5, between 10 am and 2 pm.

Free carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, bubble ball, basketball free throw, and much more, will be offered between 10 am and 12:30 pm, while free barbecued hotdogs will be available for lunch from noon to 1 pm.

After lunch, indoor soccer, basketball, and volleyball are the names of the games as participants make use of the school's brand new gymnasium.

Throughout the fun day, the school will be open and staff will be available for tours of classrooms, and to answer questions. Community Christian School is located at 2681 Glen St. in Metcalfe. Call 613-821-3669 for more information.

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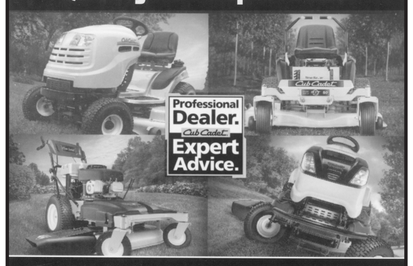

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Barkley nips Bird, posts one-shot Cedar Glen win

WILLIAMSBURG — Kurtis Barkley posted a one-shot win over Dave Bird and topped the Men's Night "A" class leader board at Cedar Glens Golf Course.

Barkley carded a 38 and Bird a 39 on April 26. Kevin Whitteker grabbed the low net prize with is 34. Grant McMillan came in one-shot back at 35.

Mike Shaw was closest to the pin on No. 15 while Dennis Casselman was closest on No. 12. Kevin Whitteker pounded out the longest drive.

Greg VanDellan edged Jeff Byvelds in the low gross "B" class battle winning with a 40, which was one stroke better than Byvelds' attempt. Brett Bird and Ron Ferguson matched low net 33s.

Karl Bowles and Dennis Casselman finished with low gross scores of 46 in the "C" class tabulations. Joe Cass and Dale Whitteker finished one - two for the net score prizes.

Ray Michaud claimed top spot on the "D" class gross score list carding a 51. Al Crowder was number two with a 52. Ian McNeil and Chris Sachs registered the best net numbers.

Dale Whitteker, Sandy Johnston and Jamie Whitteker also picked up prizes.

LADIES NIGHT

Lynn Shaw blasted the longest drive on Ladies Night (April 25) at Cedar Glen. Her shot was launched from No. Nine.

Muriel Whitteker and Elise Muir put their shots closest to the pins on No. Six and No. Eight, respectively.

Barb Douglas won $25 in the 50-50 draw and joined Barb Phifer, Barb Barkley, Tabatha Casselman, Mary Whitteker and Maxine Reid picking up prizes.

CHIPS AND PUTTS

Cedar Glen's Opening Day Tournament 2007 is set for Sat., May 12. Tee times begin at 11 am.

The first Tuesday Night Two-Person Scramble is slated for May 15.

Williamsburg playing ball in ladies league

NORTH AUGUSTA — Williamsburg will be represented again this season in the Leeds and Grenville Ladies Softball League.

The eight-team circuit has Athens, Lyn, North Augusta, Johnstown and Cornwall, along with Williamsburg, returning to action. Roebuck is coming back after a one-year leave-of-absence and a new midget team from Toledo will round out the lineup.

The 2007 regular-season schedule opens mid-May and is 14 games in length. The top four teams will then play for the "A" and "B" championships while the bottom four will battle for the "C" title.



Birthday boy

The Mountain Minor Ball Association hosted the UCLL Umpire Clinic at South Mountain on Sat., April 28. Part of the day's schedule included a birthday celebration for umpire consultant Albert Smith (centre) who marked his 74th birthday on the job. Assistant UCLL umpire-in-chief Philip Labossiere (left) and UCLL umpire-in-chief Ken McNalty made the presentation. *Photo — Barbour*

Register now for Lindsay Service golf tournament

METCALFE — The seventh annual Lindsay Service Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sat., June 2 at the Metcalfe Golf and Country Club and it will once again raise funds for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation in aid of brain tumor research.

Due to the amazing generosity of the public and businesses in the community, Service has raised over $105,000. The organizing committee aims to surpass the $120,000 mark this year.

It is Service's goal to surpass last year's donation, which she presented during the Ottawa Cancer Centre Foundation Telethon in January, as a token of her appreciation to the medical profession and the treatment she receives at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre. She was diagnosed with a brain tumour in October 2000 and after undergoing surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy is now in remission.

The tournament organizing committee is busy arranging for golfers, prizes, and corporate sponsorships. Donations of prizes or funds for this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated. Businesses have the opportunity to sponsor a hole for $100.

Any correspondence for donations, sponsorship, or golf registrations can be mailed to G.P. Mullins, P.O. Box 17, Metcalfe, Ont., K0A 2P0. Cheques should be made payable to L.S.C.G.T. The deadline for golfer registration is May 16. Registration can also be made in person at the Metcalfe Golf and Country Club (613-821-3673). For more information call John Service at 613-693-0629, Kevin Mullins at 613-831-1853, Steve Wade at 613-821-1549, or Chris Service at 613-297-1868.

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Fraser strikes gold

WINCHESTER — They have been members of the Winchester Martial Arts Club for just eight months, but already yellow belts Devin Fraser and Andrew Havekes, both 12, are starting to see their efforts pay dividends.

Fraser earned top marks and the gold medal in individual kata and a bronze in point fighting competing along with Winchester Martial Art clubmates at the World Kobudo Federation Spring Showdown in Smiths Falls on April 21.

Havekes also picked up a silver in the team kata event.

"I'm proud of those boys," noted club operator Sensei Bill Pope. "They joined the club in September and are real keeners. They train very hard and are already starting to reap their just rewards."

Sensei Mark Jackson, black belt, was able to strike double silver in Smiths Falls competing in two division in sparring.

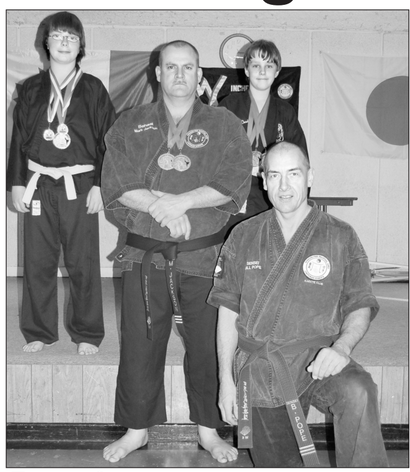
"Mark had an excellent day. First he won the silver in the 40 (years) and over division and then went out and took the silver against the young guys (25 years and over)," explained Pope.

Darcy Douglas also took part in the spring showdown and returned with a silver in kata.

The event attracted over 400 participants and featured 150 divisions.

"It is a big tournament and very competitive. If you are able to win a medal you know you have worked very hard," Pope pointed out.

"We are a small club, but work hard and still have fun," he added. "We will take July and August off and start up again in September."



Top performers

Four members of Sensei Bill Pope's (kneeling) Winchester Martial Arts Club earned medals at the World Kobudo Federation Spring Showdown in Smiths Falls on April 21. Andrew Havekes (back, left) struck silver, Devin Fraser (back, right) earned a gold and silver and Sensei Mark Jackson collected two silver medals in sparring.
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Local Landowners protest *Endangered Species Act*

WINCHESTER — The Stormont-Dundas Landowners Association will support the Ontario Landowners Association's efforts to secure major changes to the province's planned *Endangered Species Act* with a demonstration of its own on George Otto's property on Mon., May 7 at 10 am. Demonstrators will meet at 14439 Hart Rd. in South Stormont at 9:45 am and then proceed to Otto's property.

Unless the McGuinty government immediately provides full and timely compensation provisions for rural landowners in the *Endangered Species Act (ESA)*, the Ontario Landowners Association will begin province-wide actions to demonstrate to the government and the public that legislation that unfairly restricts rural resident's ability to use their land can have unintended consequences.

> Landowners will begin selectively clear-cutting and draining tracts of privately-held land

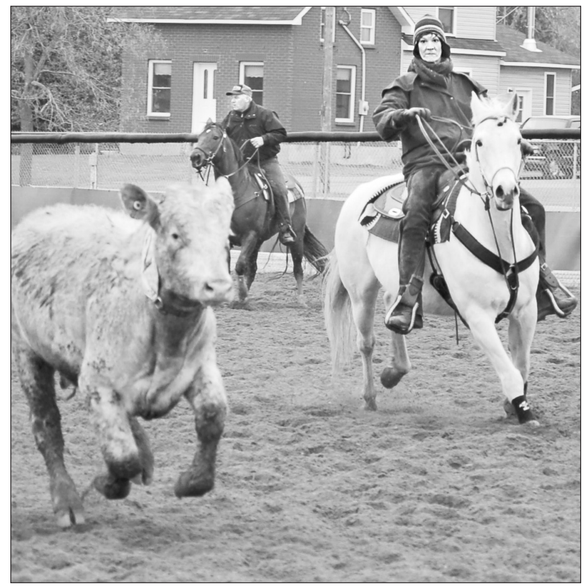
Sharing the concerns of mayors, municipalities, and the Ontario Forestry Coalition about the confiscatory nature of the proposed legislation and the lack of true public consultation, the Landowners will undertake their first action on May 7.

At various locations across the province, Landowners will begin selectively clear-cutting and draining tracts of privately-held land — such as old fields, wetlands, and forested areas — that might be in danger of being declared suitable habitat for endangered or threatened species.

Private Landowners who have safeguarded these natural features for generations are being forced to take this action, because the lands would be at risk of falling under government control if left in their present state. The McGuinty government will bear direct responsibility for these actions which will increase in frequency and magnitude as the election approaches.

The Landowners view the ESA — along with the provincial policy statement on land use and the *Clean Water Act* — as yet another piece of cynical legislation by the McGuinty government that is designed to depopulate rural Ontario by stripping Landowners of their property rights.

The Liberal government has indicated that it intends to fast-track the legislation through third reading in early May.



Giddyup

Members of the Ottawa Valley Team Penning Association were out chasing dogies for the first time this year on Sat., April 28 — a sure sign that summer is just around the corner. The group meets every second weekend at the South Mountain fairgrounds.

Photo — Barbour

Farm Line manager receives recognition for dedication



Susan Klein-Swormink, manager of the Farm Line Support Service, accepted a certificate of appreciation from Ontario Federation of Agriculture president Geri Kamenz during the "Stay In Control of Your Future" conference held in Kemptville on April 5.

KEMPTVILLE — Over 60 farmers attended the "Stay In Control of Your Future" conference held in Kemptville on April 5 — some from as far west as Peterborough, and St. Eugene in the east.

Susan Klein-Swormink of Chesterville, manager of the Farm Line Support Service, was honoured with not just one, but six certificates of recognition and appreciation for her dedication and "above and beyond" contributions to the organization.

"The Farm Line wouldn't exist if it weren't for Susan's determination," said board of directors chair Denis St. Pierre. "There have been many times when most people would have called it quits, but not Susan. 'Farmers need us,' she would say, and keep on going."

Certificates were presented on behalf of Leona Dombrowsky, provincial minister of agriculture, food, and rural affairs and Chuck Strahl, federal minister of agri-food. Ontario Federation of Agriculture president Geri Kamenz, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario president John Kikkert, and women's president of the National Farmers Union Colleen Ross were all in attendance and presented their congratulations and best wishes personally.

Kamenz opened the conference with an overwhelming message of support for the Farm Line and its services.

"The Farm Line is a place farmers can connect in time of isolation and desperation," he said. "We all have been or could be in need of a listening ear."

Kikkert brought greetings from the CFFO, expressing ongoing support for the Farm Line and underlining his organization's responsibility to make sure farmers have access to the same services as other Ontarians.

The Farm Line Support Service is a province-wide, not-for-profit organization that provides a confidential, self-help information and referral service responding to the needs of farm and rural families who are experiencing social, emotional, or financial difficulty.

At the conference, Lawyer Peter Rémillard presented the session "It's Not Your Father's Farm Anymore," providing information crucial to ensuring the future of the farming operation. Unless someone has experienced a dispute over the family farm or estate, we can only guess at the issues that can change the outcome of what we believed to be a well planned transfer.

One participant commented, "The information provided during this conference is not only excellent — all the farm community should have it."

Scott vanEngen, C.A. presented an interactive farm planning session. He asked participants to identify personal goals and objectives. The next step — taking an inventory of your strengths and weaknesses — leads to a business plan that will explain how an operation will use the strengths to overcome the weaknesses and succeed in reaching the goals. In order to succeed today we must be "proactive and not reactive — find a need and fill it."

Sleep researcher Jon Shearer closed the day with laughter and his research findings on sleep patterns. Not only did he provide the audience with the reasons why we sometimes wake up feeling refreshed and other times feeling like we need another 10 hours of sleep, he provided some tools to take charge of sleep habits.

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Farmers' market opens May 6 at Lansdowne Park

OTTAWA — The Ottawa Farmers' Market will return to Lansdowne Park for the 2007 season with an even larger slate of vendors.

"Our first year proved a solid success," said Andy Terauds of Acorn Garden Creek Farm, who was voted in to serve a second year as president at the organization's recent annual general meeting. All executive members were returned and an additional two directors added to the board for the coming season.

"Last year we started with 20 vendors and ended the season with 60 — all of whom, with the exception of four, will be returning for the 2007 season," said Terauds. "There are, at the moment, an additional 15 on our waiting list being juried to meet the stringent requirements."

He reported that financially the market organization has ended up with its bills paid, a positive balance in the bank, and a group of happy producers and vendors.

Terauds attributes the success of the Ottawa Farmers' Market to the tough business conditions identified at its inception and to which all those wishing to join agree to abide by — first and foremost of which is that the market operates as 100 per cent producer-based enterprise with no reselling allowed or tolerated.

Ottawa Farmers Market will open on Sun., May 6 at Lansdowne Park. Hours of operation are from 8 am to 3 pm.

Funding for this project was provided in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Agricultural Adaptation Council's CanAdvance Program and in part by the City of Ottawa.

National Agriculture Awareness Conference isn't just for aggies

LONDON — Think that the 2007 Agriculture Awareness Conference (NAAC) isn't for you? Think again. If you find yourself advocating on behalf of your industry or sector on a daily basis, are constantly engaged in promotion of your business or in fundraising, or simply don't know how to meet and make valuable business contacts, this is the one conference that promises to help you become effective in all of the above — regardless of whether farming is your bread and butter.

People from across Canada with a passion for agriculture will come together to learn while "Celebrating Achievements and Cultivating Opportunities," but the event is by no means applicable only to those working in the agricultural sector. The principles to be discussed by the dynamic and interesting speakers can help anyone champion their cause — whatever it is.

"We've worked hard to create a program that will be applicable to all sectors, not just those of us who work directly in agricultural awareness," said Jan Robertson, marketing and communications manager for Ontario Agri-Food Education, and chair of the conference committee. "While our focus is, of course, to profile the great things being done in agriculture and to celebrate our industry, our speakers will empower anyone who attends to apply what they've heard to their own situation."

The conference is set to include workshops on championing your cause, crisis management, volunteerism, trends, and agriculture in the curriculum. Participants will also be invited to choose from one of two full-afternoon "traveling seminars," and visit unique agriculture and food venues. The conference also includes a great barbecue at Taylor's Auction Barn-Purple Hill Hall and a formal banquet, complete with entertainment and guest speaker, Rebecca Hannam — a young farmer who will talk about her experiences.

Networking opportunities will be paramount. The goal of the NAAC is to bring together people who share a common interest in awareness programs to exchange ideas, improve the efficiency of existing programs, develop partnerships leading to new programs, and showcase regional achievements. Anyone interested in education, community fundraising, awareness, empowerment, and motivation should register to attend the National Agricultural Awareness Conference to learn new skills, share ideas and fuel their enthusiasm.

The 2007 conference will be held May 22 to 25 at the London Convention Centre, in London, Ont. For more information, or to register, visit www.naac-cnsa.ca.

4-H Reports

Croppers kick off club

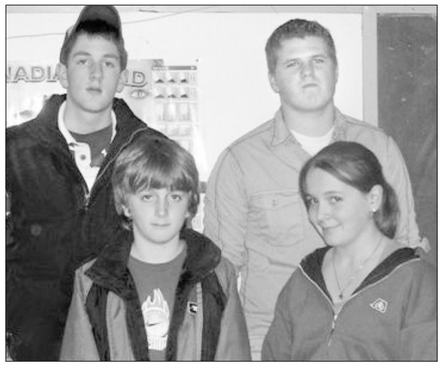
by Daniel Lillico

WINCHESTER — The Dundas County 4-H Field Crops Club has started its 2007 season. The first meeting was held on April 24 at Tri-County Protein in Winchester.

Members were introduced to guest speaker Brian Vanden Burg, who works at the company. He spoke about the products the soybean crushing plant produces and we went over a pamphlet about soybean processing techniques. Next we did a tour of the plant and saw how the oil was removed from the crushed beans. We returned back to the office, where we completed a quiz about what we had learned.

Next we elected our officers. The president is Craig McDiarmid, the vice-president is Stephen Oude-Egberink, the secretary is Trevor McDiarmid, and the new reporter is Daniel Lillico. The leader is Carolyn Lillico.

Thank you to Brian for the tour and snacks. A meeting was scheduled for April 30 at the Mountain Community Centre from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.



Club committee

The Vernon Dairy 4-H Club elected officers at its first meeting on Wed., April 18. Pictured are: president Craig McDiarmid (back, left), vice-president Matt Alexander, press reporter Garrett McDiarmid (front, left), and secretary Shelley Acres.

Vernon Dairy Club starts new year

by Garrett McDiarmid

MARVELVILLE — The first meeting of the Vernon Dairy 4-H Club was held on Wed., April 18 at the Marvelville Community Centre, with 32 members present. Leaders this year are: Louis Patenaude, Ron Snedden, Karen Velthuis, Diane Groniger, Cathy McKeough, Connie McDiarmid, and Michelle Greenway.

The meeting was opened with each member being introduced and naming a part of the Holstein cow. We then elected the officers for the club — president: Craig McDiarmid; vice-president: Matthew Alexander; secretary: Shelley Acres; and press reporter: Garrett McDiarmid.

The leaders then explained how important it is to give good reasons and the members were asked to give the leaders a score after they gave reasons on a class of two-year-old Holsteins. This helped us realize that we have to give more detail and be organized when we recite reasons. We shouldn't chew gum and wear a hat and have bad posture.

After we received our books and paperwork we recited the 4-H pledge, the meeting was adjourned, and a snack was served.

The next meeting will be held on May 10, tentatively at the farm of Lynn and Mark Alexander.

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Devils defeat Tagwi

MAPLE RIDGE — Sam Faith ran in a try, booted a convert and led the North Dundas Devils to a 12-0 victory in a girl's friendly match against the Tagwi Warriors at North Dundas District High School. Erika Vandekamp ran in the Devils' other try.

North Dundas coach Scott Reaney said he thought it was pretty good effort on April 25, considering the team was missing three starters and the squad played a slow and sloppy first half.

The NDDHS junior boys squad didn't fare as well as they dropped both games in a tournament hosted by Tagwi on April 27. The Devils opened with a 12-0 loss to St. Peters who emerged as the tourney winner. North Dundas carried a 5-0 lead into the final 10 minutes of game two but wound up losing 15-5 to the host Tagwi Warriors. Mark Hunt counted the Devils' try.

This week (May 1) all three Devils teams were at L'Heritage for games against the Dragons. Friday (May 4) North Dundas will host three matches.

TEAM ROSTERS

There are 63 students playing rugby on three teams at NDDHS this spring.

Members of the girls team are: Emily Allison, Alyssa Ball, Natasha Boileau, Clara de Paiva, Sam Faith, Kresta Garey, Chelsea Heuff, Lee Hutten, Kaitlyn Kelly, Jill Kirkwood, Christina Lillico, Jessica Matthies, Meaghan Mollema, Hayley Moher, Jen Marcellus, Rebekah North, Katrina Ross, Erika Vandekamp, Erica Steele and Steffanie Pinch.

The junior boys are: Sean Bufton, Eric Carriere, Coady Findlay, Reid Greenough, Jamie Hay, Mark Hunt, Erik Hutten, Jimmy Jones, Nathan Kelly, Chris Mason, Garrett Miller, Kyle Wheeler, Cassidy Wattie, Matt Young, Brandon Vantournhout and Chris Merkley.

The Senior Devils are: Brad Berends, Peter Buma, Mbarak Bujra, Gijs Cornelissen, Mathew Cracknell, Thomas Dillabough, Steve Ethier, Tristan Glen, Michael Gore, Michael Hoople, James Lee, Jason Lombardo, Brayden McNeill, Kyle McMillan, Brody Moriarty, Judd Miller, Mike Patterson, Graeme Peto, Warren Rice, Terek Robinson, Wes Robinson, Mike Sullivan, Mike Needham, Phil Scheffer, Matt Wallace, Anthony Westenbroek and James Kirkwood.

Fawcett top Devil at Dome Meet

OTTAWA — Senior Devil Tyler Fawcett snagged the lone red ribbon competing at the most recent Dome High School Indoor Track Meet.

Fawcett was clocked in 14.19 seconds winning the senior 110-metre hurdles in the fifth meet in the series on April 26. The next fastest time was 14.37.

Another member of the North Dundas District High School senior squad — Kelsey Hilborn — earned a third-place finish in the high jump clearing 1.31 metres. She also finished 10th in the 100-metre hurdles posting a time of 19.40.

Laura Gibson rounded out the Devils' senior results with a 10th in the 100-metre dash in 13.96 seconds. The winning time was 12.85. She also ran the junior 80-metre hurdles finishing sixth in a time of 14.66. Gibson was first in her heat. The winning time was 13.68 seconds.

Stephen Moore, Nolan Lachapelle and Tom Henbest competed in the junior division. Moore was sixth and LaChapelle seventh in the 100-metre hurdles recording times of 20.94 and 22.56 respectively. Moore was first in his heat and 23rd overall in 13.05 seconds in the 100-metre dash while Lachapelle was 32nd over the same distance in 13.81. Henbest crossed the line in 12th place (4:58.17) in the 1,500m.

MIDGET DEVILS

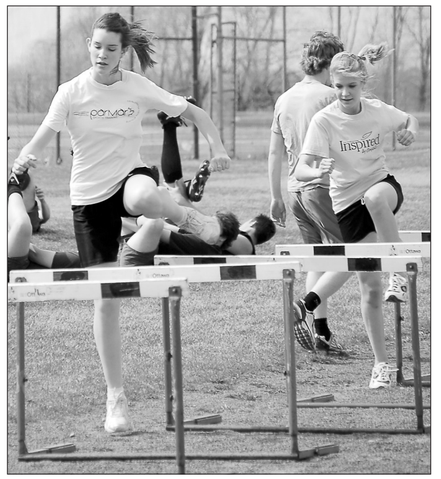
Tasha Vanderveen led the midget squad, collecting a pair of fourth-place finishes. She was first in her heat and fourth in the 80-metre hurdles in a time of 14.08. Vanderveen also wound up fourth in the high jump thanks to a leap of 1.30m.

Madison Koekkoek was first in her heat and fifth overall in the 400-metre dash. The winning time was 59 seconds flat. Koekkoek's time was 1:08.27.

Dylan DeJong ran second in his heat in 17.84 seconds and settled into fifth place. He also registered a 21st place in finishing the 100-metre sprint in 13.60, which was second quickest in his heat.

Alyson Erwin posted a couple of top 10 marks in field events placing seventh in the shot put (6.76m) and eighth in the javelin (16.53m).

Shelby Allison wound up 15th in the 80-metre hurdles and Curtis Vanderheen 17th (third in heat) in the 100-metre sprint in a time of 13.10 seconds.



Training session

With the 2007 SD&G track and field championships quickly approaching, members of the North Dundas District High School Devils track team are preparing by training several times a week, as well as taking part in the Dome High School Indoor Series in Ottawa. This week the Devils are competing at the TISS Invitational Meet in Brockville (May 4 and 5). Dara Bowie (left) and Shelby Allison work on the hurdles. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Continued from front sports...

Little League

Labossiere called the clinic a success noting 43 umpires, including seven young women, from nine minor ball associations — Mountain, Winchester, Chesterville, Williamsburg, Morrisburg, Riverside Heights, Iroquois, Kemptville and Cornwall participated. The umpires ranged in age from 10 to 61 years.

Smith, a resident of Carleton Place, provided instruction on Little League rules, as well as umpiring positioning and signalling.

Labossiere reviewed the UCLL's rules during the day-long session at the ag hall.

"Our umpires are now ready to take to the diamonds when the 2007 UCLL season commences on Sun., May 13," added Labossiere.

Fire prevention workshop taking place on Friday



Remarks
by Mark Guy, director of recreation

WINCHESTER — The Fire Prevention Safety workshop will be held this Friday evening at the Chesterville fire hall from 6 to 8 pm. We encourage all those who are registered for this Saturday's babysitter's course and anyone else who is 11 years or over to attend. It is free.

Summer Camp flyer should be ready to send out to local schools by May 14. Information will include all camp dates, times, locations, and costs; swimming lesson details; as well as some private camp information and community information.

OTHS Soccer players support Right to Play

METCALFE — The Osgoode Township High School varsity girls soccer team has been making a difference in the lives of underprivileged children. The team took part in the third annual Right to Play soccer tournament on Fri., April 20 at the Gloucester Dome.

"They love it," said soccer coach Paul St-Yves, about the players. "We play it (the tournament) before the regular season starts. It's a good way to get geared up."

This was the second time that the OTHS team took part in the four-team tournament, which raises money for the Right to Play organization. This year's tournament raised $5,000.

"They provide sports equipment and coaching to underprivileged kids worldwide," said St-Yves about Right to Play, noting that each player has to raise at least $20.

He added that the top fundraising OTHS player is Melanie Barry, who has raised about $150 over two tournaments.

The dome facility is given free of charge for the tournament and Bradley Bus Lines donated bus transportation for the OTHS team.

"We're still undefeated at the tournament," said St-Yves.

Osgoode's record on April 20 was a win and two ties. Teams play three games and St-Yves explained that the tournament is based on fair play rules, where each player gets the same amount of playing time.

"There's no winner — no first, second, or third," he said.

The team's regular season record stood at 1-1-0 as of Fri., April 27.

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Russell Invaders transform into Coyotes

RUSSELL — The Russell Invaders put the finishing touches on their 2006-07 Ottawa District Women's Hockey League campaign acknowledging the accomplishments of its girls hockey teams and announcing they will start next season as the Riviere Castor River Coyotes.

The transformation from Invaders to Coyotes was unveiled at the Russell District Girls Hockey Association banquet and awards night at the Russell Arena on April 21.

Lynda Kemp of Russell won the new logo design contest and chose the coyote because the name is the same in French and English and the animal itself portrays an image of strength and competitiveness. The new team colours will be red, blue and yellow. The new logo will adorn new jerseys and will be the official insignia of the RDGHA. The new look was introduced to portray the merger of the Embrun and Russell programs which took place at the start of this season. The merger has resulted in a quick growth in the girl's hockey program.

RDGHA president Dave Balanchard announced the organization is exploring the possibility of adding three new teams and introducing a coaching - mentor program.

ON THE ICE

Addressing the accomplishment of Invader teams during the 2006-07 ODWHA campaign it was noted that the Novice House League Invaders, Bantam "C" Invaders (competitive) and Midget "BB" competitive teams all claimed ODWHA championship bannners.

The Novice House Invaders also went undefeated in both the regular season and playoffs before capturing the ODWHA championship banner. The girls also struck silver at the Brampton tournament.

The Atom House squad finish first in its division and won three of five tournaments it entered. The Pee Wees finished fifth and the Bantam Invaders third.

Russell's competitive teams also reported successful campaigns. The Pee Wee "C" Invaders finished first in their division and struck gold in two tournaments.

The Bantam "C" squad wound up third during the regular season but swept through thepost season, defeated Kemptville and grabbed the gold.

Goalie Amanda Larivee recorded 13 shutouts in 20 league games backing the Bantam "B" Invaders to their first-place record.

The Midget "B" team recorded a second-place finish in league play and earned the silver medal at the Ontario championships.

Russell's "BB" Invaders went on a 13-game winning streak and roared on to the ODWHA championship.

The Midget "C" crew wound up in eighth place.

Broomball founder Ina Henry honoured

RUSSELL — Ina Henry has retired. The founder of the Russell Minor Broomball Association was honoured at the organization's closing banquet.

Henry, who founded the association 25 years ago so her six children could play the sport, had a new award named in her honour at the awards banquet held at St. Thomas Aquinas's Catholic High School on April 21. The Ina Henry Award for the "Spirit of Broomball" will now be presented annually.

Tributes to Henry were received from the Canadian Broomball Federation, Federation of Broomball Associations of Ontario's (FBAO) George Brown, FBAO president Dave Hillis, the Eastern Ontario Broomball Association, as well as family and members of the Russell association.

Brown noted that it was fitting that Henry was honoured during National Volunteer Week.

Individual player awards in the Sprouts and Pee Wee Divisions were presented to: Emma Lanthier, Owen Helmer, Haley Terry, Seamus Smit, Elizabeth and Catherine Belzile, Nicolas Deschamps, Bryanna Pidgeon, Yvrik Leclerc, Matthew Aspeck, Emile Labbe, Mathew Heuvelmans and Blaire Burnett.

Juvenile Warriors capture Gloucester Hockey Association championship

OTTAWA — Myles Klimpke potted the winning goal late in the third period and Dave LaRussa and his defensive crew shut down South End No. Two's offence as the Russell Warriors posted a 5-2 victory. The Warriors win enabled them to lay claim to the 2006-07 Gloucester Hockey Association Juvenile House League championship banner.

Russell finished fourth in the regular-season standings while South End No. Two, with just two losses on their record, grabbed the regular season title.

The Warriors then knocked off Orleans, Blackburn and Leitrim in the round robin to advance to the quarter-finals undefeated. They then polished off South End No. One before eliminating the Metcalfe Jets in a semi-final game and qualifing for the title match against South End No. Two.

Defenceman John Cochrane scored the Warriors first goal and they held that advantage until late in the second stanza when Ottawa tied it up. A goal by Dan Logan put Russell up 2-1 early in the final frame but the opposition responded and knotted the count at 2-2.

Klimpke responded quickly and put the Warriors into a 3-2 lead scoring what would be the winning marker. A breakaway by Kevin Bird set up an tap-in goal by Justin Paquette who handed his team a 4-2 lead. An empty net tally by Mike Logan pushed the final difference to 5-2.

THE CHAMPS

Members of Russell's GHA Juvenile House League championship Warriors are: Kyle Langens, Jason McFarlane, Shane O'Byrne, Emily Staal, Kevin Bird, Alex Bols, Justin Paquette, Dan Logan, Mike Logan, Shawn Prince, Derrick Kind, John Cochrane, Josh Brisson, Lindsay Wardlaw, Myles Klimpke, Salim Toeg, Ben Clark, Kyle Fernie, Dave LaRussa, coach Gilles Paquette.

Ready to cast off?

Eighth Poutmasters derby set for May 11

RUSSELL — Because this year's Poutmasters Catfish Derby falls on Mother's Day weekend, moms can register for half price.

The eighth annual fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society is set to cast off on May 11 and reel in on May 13.

Moms can register for only $5, the regular cost is $10 for those 13 and over, $5 for those 12 and under and $20 for a family of four. You can register online at www.poutmasters.com, Russell Foodland, Barry's Home Hardware (where fishing licences are available), Pronto and Town and Country Video or on-site during the weekend at the Russell dam — Russell Centennial Pool on Castor Street.

Steven Hynes-Ion, manager of Russell Foodland started the derby seven years ago and it has raised $25,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

This year's prize list includes a kayak, a 14-foot canoe, camping gear and fishing equipment. There is also an opportunity to win a $500 spa day for mom at Stella's Touch in Russell.

The derby also involves the Russell Fish and Game Club and South Nation Conservation which will offer seminars and provide fishing rods for children on Saturday (May 12) and Sunday (May 13) at the Russell dam.

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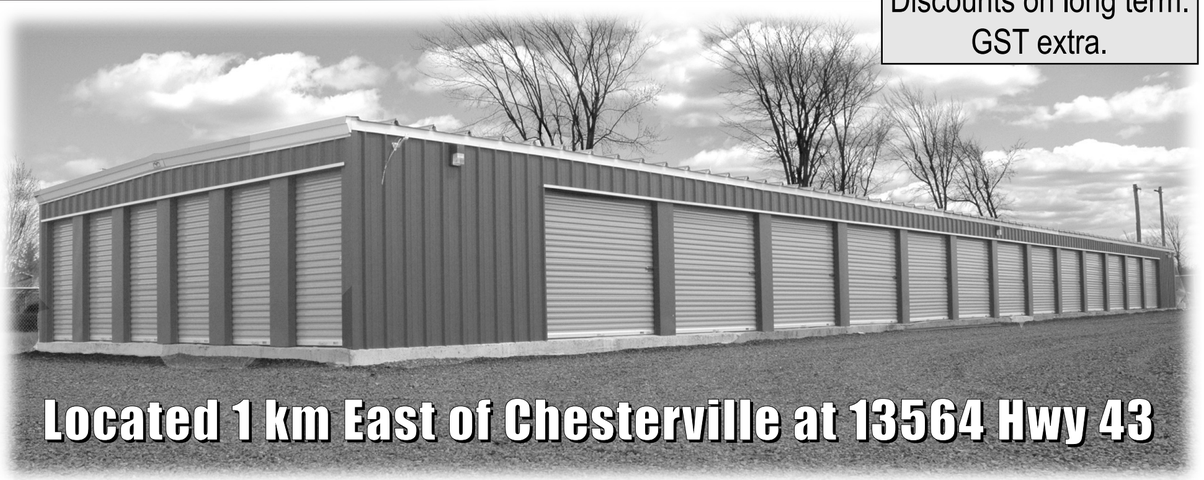

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Emcee Joey "the Shoe" Souliere and organizer Kate Enright made sure the show went off without a hitch.



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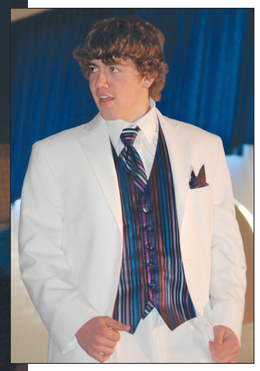
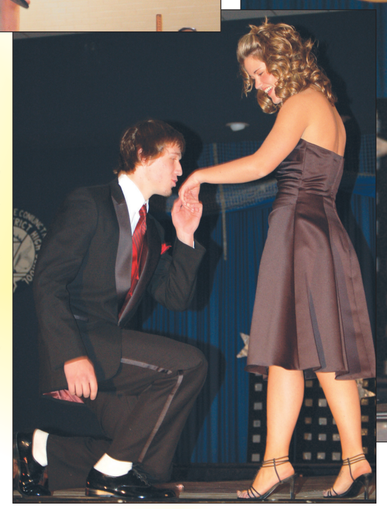


Joel "gansta" Paquette looks ready for anything in this white tux.
Below: Paige Gibson was the youngest model on this year's runway, accompanied by her mom, teacher Tanya Copeland-Gibson.



Above: Josh Byvelds and Jasmine Turcotte show off some casual wear.

At right: Scott Smith and Kira McClenaghan are ready for a night out on the town in their formal wear.

Alix Baker (left) and Courtney MacLellan strike a pose.
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Hockey Association president Fawcett retires after three years

WINCHESTER — After three terms in office, Dwayne Fawcett is stepping down as president of the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association.

Fawcett made the announcement during the association's annual volunteer - coach appreciation night at the Winchester Curling Club on April 20.

Following a glowing tribute to Fawcett, first vice-president Marianne Simms presented the out-going president with a commemorative clock and the organization's past-president's plaque.

Simms pointed out that, "Dwyane has spent hundreds of hours going to ODMHA, UCMHL and his own association meetings as well as committee meetings over the last three years."

She also noted the district governs over 2,800 players.

"Dwyane is passionate and dedicated and well respected throughout the league," said Simms. "On behalf of the NDMHA I would like to thank you for your time and dedication to our kids."

Fawcett informed the gathering that both Simms, who was the head of rules and discipline, as well as second vice-president — risk and safety Amanda Greer were also retiring.

The past president described Simms and Greer as his right hand men (persons) and key to the successful operation of minor hockey in North Dundas Township.

"It is important that you know we are leaving to go on to other interests," he said. "It has nothing to do with our association. I have been on the executive for eight years and Marianne seven — it is just time to move on. Time to bring in some new blood — new ideas."

"I certainly couldn't have done the job without the executive," he said. "We are blessed with great people — great volunteers. If there is a job that has to be done, someone has always stepped up and got it done."

Fawcett indicated he may move up to the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League executive, possibly as president. He said if chooses that route it is because there are several issues he would like to address at that level.

"We have nine or 10 positions open on the executive so I urge you to become a volunteer — being a volunteer is a wonderful thing," he said. "I know people will step up, they always have. I have already heard that several positions will be filled."

Fawcett urged everyone to attend the annual general meeting at the Legion Hall on May 24 in Chesterville.

"Come out a see what minor hockey is all about," he added. "Stay involved it takes every one of us to make it happen."

Fawcett concluded his address emphasizing that serving on the executive had been a true honour.

"It has been great," he told the audience. "This is what I do. I'm not a coach or a manager. It has been an honour and a privilege — and thank you for all that you do."



It has been an honour

Dwayne Fawcett is retiring from the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's executive after eight years, the last three as president, and is considering moving up to serve in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's front office. Retiring first-vice president Marianne Simms presented him with the NDMHA past president's plaque and a gift of appreciation at the association's annual volunteer - coach appreciation night at the Winchester Curling Club on April 20.

Press Photo — Van Bridger



What's the call?

Umpire consultant Albert Smith of Carleton Place put 43 umpires through their paces during the 2007 edition Upper Canada Little League Umpire Clinic at the ag hall in South Mountain on Sat., April 28. *Photo — Barbour*

Umpire teaches on 74th birthday

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Albert Smith has been training umpires for 44 years. This spring was special as he celebrated his 74th birthday on the job at the 2007 Upper Canada Little League Umpire Clinic in South Mountain.

The Mountain Minor Ball Association hosted the clinic and executive member and Upper Canada Little League (UCLL) assistant umpire-in-chief Philip Labossiere said, "In true spirit and demonstrating his commitment to umpire training Albert spent his 74th birthday at our clinic and took the cake — so to speak."

Labossiere reported that Smith was treated to a rousing version of "Happy Birthday," donned a party hat, and blew out the candles on his cake.

He was also presented with a birthday card signed by all of the umpires in attendance and a certificate of appreciation from the UCLL for his dedication in training umpires.

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Joelle Menard named BMO Canskater of the Year

MOREWOOD — Joelle Menard, a six-year-old Grade 1 student from Morewood, has been named 2007 winner of the BMO Financial Group Section Canskater of the Year.

She will receive her award Sunday (May 6) at an awards banquet in Kingston. The ceremony is taking place during the annual general meeting of the Eastern Ontario Section of Skate Canada.

To be considered for the award, skaters must be chosen at the club level and attend a skating clinic with other winners in the Eastern Ontario Section (EOS). From this group, the EOS winner is chosen.

Menard is the first Winchester Skating Club member ever to be named the BMO Section Canskater of the Year.

Menard is a creative and likes music and art. She also enjoys swimming lessons and playing on a soccer team in the summer, but most of all she loves taking skating lessons.

She has been in the Canskate program for three years at the Winchester Skating Club and has recently passed badge five.

The Grade 1 student has had the opportunity to attend some of the local invitational Canskate competitions and brought home a couple of medals, including a bronze at the Region 4 Inter-club competition in Kemptville.

According to her coach Cheri St-Marseille, Joelle is a wonderful student who listens intently to instructions and applies them in practice.

"She works hard to perfect every new skill that she is taught and is always eager to learn something new," noted her coach. "She has a natural ability for skating and truly enjoys every moment on the ice. She is a joy to teach and a pleasure to watch."

A SURVIVOR

Joelle's greatest accomplishment in her young life would be her battle with cancer. When she was only two years old she was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma and went through eight rounds of chemotherapy.

Fortunately she "skated" right through the chemo and was a real trooper — you wouldn't have known she was sick. Unfortunately the chemo did not remove the cancer so she had to have surgery. After only five days in the hospital, she returned home ready to jump back on her bicycle and go play with her friends. She has been cancer free for nearly four years, demonstrating her spirit as a fighter and a survivor.

"Joelle is a very determined little girl. I am very proud of my daughter's accomplishments in skating," said her mother, Barb Menard. "It feels good as a parent to see her enjoy skating so much — to put forth such a great effort and she has so much fun doing it. That to me is the most important part."

St-Marseille explained the club felt that Joelle is a good representative of the Canskate program for many reasons.

"She has moved through five of the badge levels with great success and shows constant improvement in her skating each week. She is always on the ice on time and ready to work hard with a big smile, even if her toes are cold and her fingers are frozen," said the coach.

"Joelle and her family love to be involved with everything going on at the club," added St-Marseille.



Winchester Skating Club coach Cheri St-Marseille sits with six-year-old Joelle Menard, who will receive the Bank of Montreal Award of Excellence — Canskater of the Year — at an awards banquet in Kingston on May 6.