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**Blaze persists**

## Fire baffles investigators

**by Sandra Dillich**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER SPRINGS — A fire that was extinguished Tuesday morning rekindled within 24 hours and destroyed a Winchester Springs home.

At 10:13 am on Tuesday, April 15, fire departments from the Village of Winchester, Winchester Township and Williamsburg Township responded to an electrical fire in a Winchester Township home.

"There was basically no structural damage to the outside. We contained the fire and put it out," said Village of Winchester Fire Chief Peter Grimes.

Grimes also noted Tuesday's fire only caused minimal damage to a small portion of the living room floor.

However, 25 hours later, the same three fire departments were called back to the same home which was, this time, engulfed in flames.

The home, owned by Ivan Whisslle since 1986, has been for sale on and off for the past couple of years and was currently being rented to Gerald Hill who was not home when either of the blazes broke out.

Wednesday's fire destroyed the bungalow and killed three cats.

"Nobody got killed and that's the main thing," said Whisslle, who also noted the home was insured.

On Monday (April 21) morning, members from the Fire Marshall's office, including a dog trained to sniff out accelerants, were at the site to try to determine the cause of the second blaze.

"Rekindlings can occur. I would be very concerned though if a rekindle started within 24 hours," said John Fox from the Fire Marshall's Office.

The damage is estimated at $60,000.

The investigation is still continuing.

***Two-day battle***

Members of the Winchester Fire Department manned the hoses twice last week as a fire extinguished Tuesday morning in Winchester Springs rekindled and destroyed the frame bungalow at noon the following day. Firefighters battled the mid-day blaze with water pumped from a nearby creek as well as water transported to the scene by Winchester Township and Williamsburg Township Fire Department tankers.

Press Photos — Van Bridger

## Rabid skunk causes havoc

**by Stephanie Wolfe**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — It took seven hours for officials to catch a rabid skunk in the village last week.

Donna LaPorte of Ottawa Street noticed the skunk staggering in her backyard last Tuesday (April 15) and worried that it may injure someone, she called the village, the Dundas Veterinary Services, and the OPP for help.

"It could hardly walk, was staggering everywhere and was wet around the mouth," LaPorte said. "The vet told me to rent a cage from them and suggested buying salmon and tuna (to put in the cage). I can't even afford that for myself let alone for a skunk!"

She was also advised to call the Ministry of Environment and Energy in Cornwall but decided instead to contact the OPP.

"Constable Patterson came over with two cruisers and shot a crossbow (into the skunk) before it was shot with four bullets," LaPorte explained. "Finally, the OPP drove away with the skunk in a bag on their trunk!"

**WHAT TO DO?**

Jamie Hueston, a fish and wildlife technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Kemptville said the OPP — not the Ministry of Environment — should

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## Lafortune sentenced to 5 years

OTTAWA — Jean Lafortune will spend the next five years in a federal penitentiary.

On Friday (April 18) Judge Dianne Nicholas sentenced Lafortune, 32, to five years in jail and prohibited him from driving for 10 years following the 1994 accident which killed Rosemary Bleakley and seriously injured her husband Ian Bleakley.

On July 16, 1994, Lafortune's pick-up collided head-on with Bleakley's vehicle on Highway 31 near Metcalfe. The accident killed Rosemary and left her husband, Ian, with a fractured skull and internal injuries which kept him in the hospital for two months and left him with no memory of the accident.

The Bleakley's, both 39, were married for two months at the time of the accident, and were returning to their home in Ottawa from Upper Canada Village.

Lafortune was subsequently charged, and convicted of, impaired driving causing death and bodily harm as well as dangerous driving causing death and bodily harm.

Evidence presented in court revealed Lafortune had three times the legal level of alcohol in his system, an open can of beer in his truck as well as white powder on his face at the time of the accident. Tests confirmed the powder was cocaine.

Lafortune was previously convicted of impaired driving in 1990 and 1986.

## Students drum up *The Storm*

**by Stephanie Wolfe**
*Press staff*

IROQUOIS — If the community supports Seaway District High School's radio station, so will the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Seaway students are currently soliciting the general public for letters of support to establish a campus-based community radio station.

"There is no requirement by the CRTC (for community support) however we want to prove it is not just someone's little dream," explained communications technology teacher Jim Millard.

The communications technology students at the school are planning to apply to the CRTC for a broadcast licence for an FM station that will serve South Dundas — from west of Cardinal to east of Morrisburg and north to Williamsburg.

Before they submit their application to the CRTC in late May, the students hope to collect 50 letters from various groups, businesses and individuals in the area who support the plan and who may also wish to become involved in the programming.

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***Spring beauty***

Don Fisher and Jill Byvelds are all set for this year's prom as they were just two of the students who modeled fashions from the CountryBoy/CountryGirl store in Winchester during this year's North Dundas fashion show.

Press Photo — Dillich

## Villeneuve overwhelmed by argument

**by Stephanie Wolfe**
*Press staff*

CORNWALL – Local school officials attempting to fight Bill 104 are caught in a web of bureaucracy.

The directors and chairs of four area boards have been trying to prevent the provincial government from amalgamating the SD&G, Prescott-Russell, Lanark, and Leeds and Grenville boards into one huge board with 41,165 students.

During the past month, SD&G Public School Board chair Maria Thompson and Director Jim Dilamarter have been at the forefront of four organized meetings with government officials.

According to Thompson, not only were they no further ahead after three of the four meetings, but they were repeatedly told to seek help elsewhere.

In mid-March, the directors and chairs met with the Standing Committee on Social Development, the provincial body designated to review Bill 104 clause by clause. At the meeting, they proposed creating two boards — SD&G and Prescott-Russell, and Lanark and Leeds and Grenville, — which they believe is more practical and financially feasible.

"We didn't have a lot of faith after the meeting that anything would be done," said Thompson. "So we decided to meet with our four area MPPs."

A week later, they met with MPP Noble Villeneuve (SD&G and East Grenville), Bob Runciman (Leeds-Grenville), Leo Jordan (Lanark-Renfrew) and Ivan Parisien, legislative assistant for Prescott-Russell MPP Jean-Marc Lalonde.

"They were just overwhelmed with our arguments against the amalgamated board," Thompson explained. "Noble was shocked and said he had good ammunition to present to the (Education) Ministry."

The MPPs encouraged the board officials to present their arguments to the Education Improvement Commission, which is responsible for overseeing the transition to 66

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### Skunk

— should be contacted if a rabid animal is spotted.

"The police look after public safety so they should be called," he said. "Agriculture Canada can also be contacted but they pick up dead animals. The best way to trap a skunk is to use a live trap and put a blanket over it once it is trapped (to prevent spraying). You can also use a cage with bait and then walk over to the cage slowly and put a blanket over the cage."

Hueston explained that skunks are well adapted to urban climates and are trying to find food at this time of year.

### Bill 104

school boards — from the previous 129 in Ontario — by January 1999.

They met with David Cooke and Ann Vanstone, co-chairs of the committee, and among many arguments, stressed Bill 104 is not fair to all boards across the province.

They used the example of four Southwestern Ontario boards — which have a similar number of students as the four local boards combined — but will merge into two boards, Huron/Perth and Bruce/Grey.

"Cooke and Vanstone just kept on saying that we are better off than Northern Ontario which will (also) amalgamate into one large board over a similar geographical area," Thompson said. "They also told us they couldn't make any changes (to the Bill) even though we were later told (by the director of the restructuring program) that wasn't the case."

The final step was a meeting with Brian Fleming, director of the restructuring program, and Sara Sterling, a senior policy advisor with the Ministry of Education.

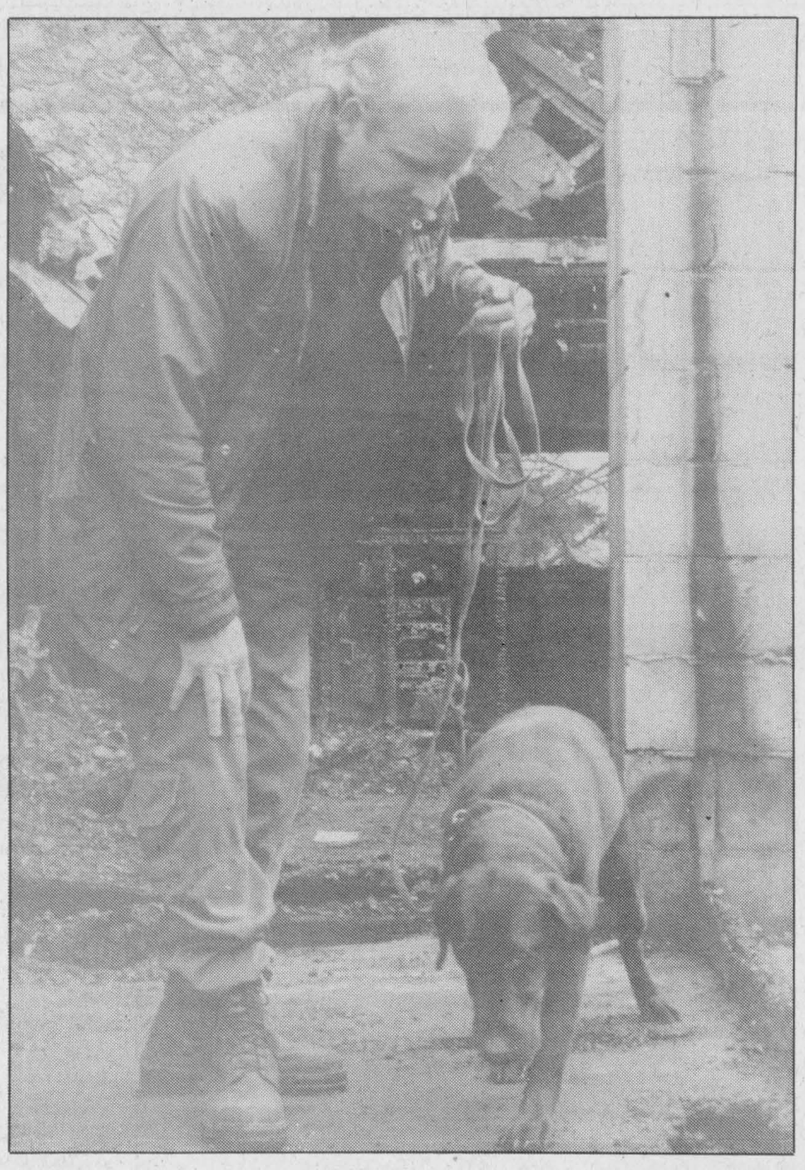
"We were told these were the decision makers, the final step before the Education Minister (John Snobelen) himself," Thompson said. "Yet when we met, they said they could pass on the information to the Minister but they couldn't make any decisions."

Last Friday, April 18, Thompson called Snobelen's office and was told she could see him at the end of May. However, Bill 104 is scheduled to be passed into law this week.

"All we want is two boards ... it's been such a long process," Thompson said. "We just want the best for the students and the community."

If the four local boards amalgamate, the new entity would cover 11,740 square kilometres, twice the geographical area of Prince Edward Island, with 12,000 more students and three fewer school boards than that province. If the SD&G board combined with Prescott-Russell, they would have about 16,500 students and Lanark, Leeds and Grenville would have about 22,000.

Board officials estimate the per student cost of the four board amal-



### Springs blaze

Dave Marshall from the Ontario Fire Marshall's (Toronto area) office and his specially trained dog, Pax, investigated the scene of a two-day blaze at the Winchester Springs home owned by Ivan Whissle Monday (April 21) morning. The Williamsburg Township Fire Department tanker, helped supply water for the Winchester Fire Department who fought the fire a second time last Wednesday (April 16). The original call was answered Tuesday (April 15) morning.

Press Photo — Dillich

### Radio licence

"We are expecting the Lions Club, minor hockey and the golf courses will do weekly summaries on the radio of their activities ... things that would never get on the air on the big stations," Millard said.

"We are not looking for a large audience. If we have a couple of hundred for any one program than that's great. Hopefully we'll be a clearing house for information and work with the local newspapers for story ideas."

If Seaway receives a radio licence, studio equipment is already operational at the high school.

"It may cost a total $20,000 for a transmitter and tower to radio the signal," Millard explained. "We've had some generous donations from members of the community to help us get started. Advertising costs will cover any on-going expenses. We can sell four minutes of commercials per hour."

Seaway presently has an in-school radio operation, The Storm, where broadcasting students air various programs during the school day.

"We wanted to expand to give the students more training and a feel for the current regulations, " Millard said. "We also wanted to provide a service to the community."

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# Giant arena sale promises bargains

WINCHESTER — The doors at the Winchester and District Arena will swing open a 6 am sharp this Saturday (April 26) morning as the Winchester Merchants present their ninth annual Arena Sale.

Bargain hunting begins at 6 am and finishes at 4 pm with Akcent Motors, Annable's Jewellery, Classique Bridals, Corner Books & Crafts, CountryBoy, CountryGirl, Country Attic, Country Sole, Muriel's Flowers and Winchester Video putting their products on display.

Join the Community Centre - Community Heart Project fundraising effort as the committee will offer an arena breakfast and a lunch which will conclude at 2 pm. Part of the Heart Breakfast includes muffin and hot beverage or juice, English muffin - cheese, egg, ham as well as pastries. Hot dogs, sandwiches, chips and more will be offered for lunch. Proceeds will go toward the improvement of the Winchester Community Centre.

**TRADE SHOW**

The 1997 edition of the Winchester & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show is the next attraction slated for the Winchester Community Centre on May 15 &16.

The spring show replaces the annual event which took place every second September and will present several new features.

Hours of operation on May 15 and 16 will be 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

For booking information contact Linda Foster or Butch Oldford at Gale Real Estate, Main St., Winchester at 774-4253.

Other inquiries may be directed to Gary Annable 774-2102.

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## Speed limit in Osgoode now 50 km/hr

OSGOODE — It's time for motorists to slow down when entering the Village of Osgoode from the east on Regional Road 114.

About two weeks ago new speed limits were posted to get drivers to slow down when driving through the village.

Speed limits have dropped from 80 km/hr to 50 km/hr.

Motorists will now be required to honor the new speed limit which begins about 200 yards east of the Second Line Road and Regional Road 114. In the past motorists were not required to start slowing down until about Drew Henry Drive.

"With the old posted limit, drivers weren't slowing down until about halfway into the village," said Manotick OPP Constable Rudy Schaefers, who added it was becoming a concern because of the location of Osgoode Public School on Main Street.

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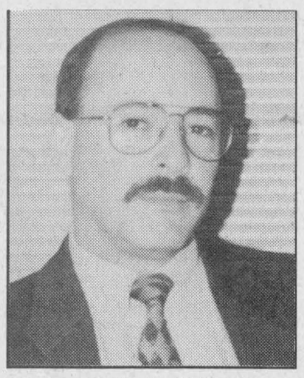

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# MNR offers 2,000 jobs

TORONTO — The Ministry of Natural Resources will provide more than 2,000 summer jobs for Ontario youth this year, most of them outdoor jobs working in fish and wildlife management and parks across the province, said Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson.

"These jobs will provide young people with valuable work experience, as well as instilling conservation values and environmental awareness," he said.

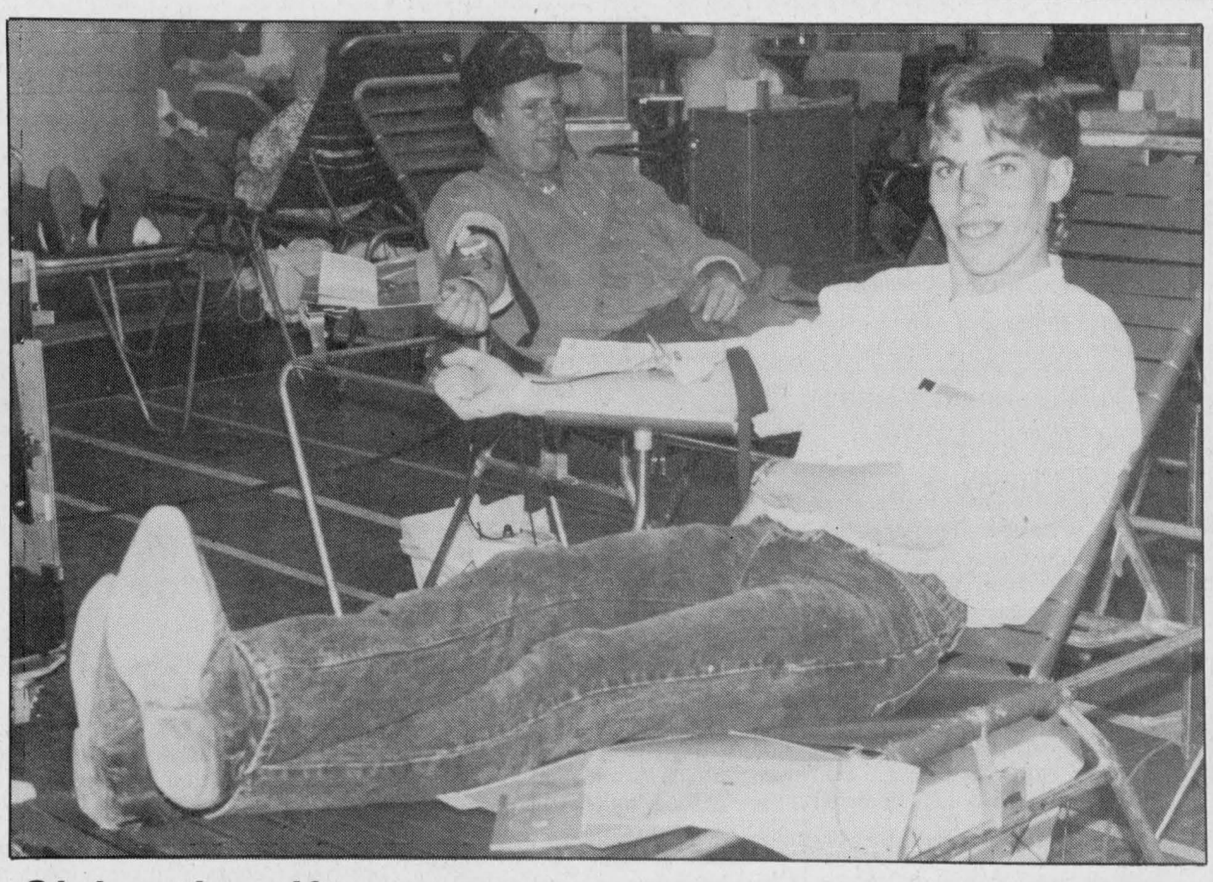
More than 1,600 of the jobs are available through the government's Summer Experience Program, in areas such as Ontario Parks, fish and wildlife, field work and customer service. An additional 400 jobs will be with MNR's Ontario Ranger Program.

Some examples of MNR positions available to young people in both programs include black bear research, stream rehabilitation and work in provincial parks.

"These types of positions will give young people hands-on experience in managing fish and wildlife habitat and operating Ontario's parks," explained Hodgson.

To find out how to apply or to get more information about Summer Experience Program positions, call the Training Hotline at 1-800-387-0777, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

To find out how to apply or to get more information on the Ontario Ranger Program calls should be directed to local MNR district offices or the ministry Youth Programs Office at 705-755-2014.



## *Giving the gift*

Sebastiaan Beimond, 20, was one of 230 people who donated a total of 196 pints of blood during last week's blood donor clinic at Winchester Public School. This was Beimond's second time donating. The next blood donor clinic will be held on July 9 in Winchester. Press Photo — Dillich

# Sponsors on track for rally

MORRISBURG — Cruickshank Construction, The Brister Insurance Group and MacEwen Petroleum will be the major sponsors of the second annual *Hospital Car Rally.*

Chairman Randy Veinotte was pleased to have co-operation between private businesses and the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, organizers of the event.

"It is more important than ever to demonstrate our commitment to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital," Veinotte said. "We are sure that with this kind of broad support from the business community we will reach or exceed last year's success of raising over $25,000."

Registration for the car rally will begin at 10:30 am, Saturday, May 10 at the Morrisburg Legion. The rally will start at 12 noon. The event will take about four hours and will end at the Legion. A steak dinner ($10 charge) and dance featuring "Eric and Dayton" will follow. The general public and participants are welcome at the dinner and dance.

Prizes for the event will total about $5,000. A draw will be held from the names of everyone pledging $10 or more for a color TV.

Pledge sheets can be picked up at the WDMH; the Bank of Nova Scotia in Morrisburg; Canadian Tire in Williamsburg; and Mustard's Variety in Iroquois.

Each car must have four people on board. For more information contact Del Jones at 774-2310 ext. 147.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# Carruthers top bridge player

**by Cybil Curtis**

WINCHESTER — The closing party for the Bridge Marathon was held on April 15 at the Winchester Curling Club.

An enjoyable evening was spent with 10 tables participating. The ladies high winner for the evening was Shirley Carruthers. Orman Savage was the winner of the men's category. Oscar Milne won the door prize.

Prizes for the year were presented. There were 16 couples in the ladies division.

On side one Marjie Phillips and Isabel MacKenzie were the winners with Bev MacMartin and Reta Savage as runners-up. On side two Marjie Phillips and Bev MacMartin were the winners and Betty Milne and Reta Savage were runners-up.

In the Men's division Bill Appleby and Wayne Irven were the winners and Ed Boyd and Gary Collins were runners-up. In the mixed bridge, Estella and Mac MacGregor were high couple and Wayne and Linda Irven were runners-up.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening. The committee thanked everyone and hope they would return next fall.


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# Police blotter

## Multiple charges

MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP — As a result of an assault investigation which began on April 14 in Mountain Township, charges have been laid against a Newington-area man.

Charged with uttering threats, possession of an offensive weapon, assault with a weapon and breach of probation is Barry Ceasor, 32, of RR 2, Newington.

Ceasor will appear in provincial court in Morrisburg on May 6.

## Break and enter

WINCHESTER — On April 15, the OPP investigated an overnight break and enter at the Bell Canada office trailer in the village of Winchester. A forced entry had been made into the trailer and an older model telephone and fax machine were taken.

## Stolen autos recovered

WINCHESTER — During the past two weeks, vehicles stolen from the city of Ottawa have been recovered in Dundas County.

On April 14 at about 11:50 pm, police recovered the remains of a 1987 Toyota pick-up which had been burned and abandoned along Kelly Road in Winchester Township.

On April 20 at about 12:50 am, police were called to a car fire along County Road 1 in Mountain Township. Recovered was a 1988 Dodge which had been stolen during the evening of April 19 from Ottawa.

On the afternoon of April 20, the remains of a 1995 Arctic Cat snowmobile was recovered from under the Ormond Bridge at the Nation River in Winchester Township.

## Telephone and mail scams

WINCHESTER — A recent investigation conducted by the OPP involved a possible scam relating to photocopier supplies.

Telephone calls were made to subjects to determine the make and model of their copiers, which was followed up by a phone call claiming that free toner was being forwarded to the recipient of the call. When the toner arrived it was accompanied by a bill for the toner at a price that was higher than that normally paid for this product.

If you have any concerns relating to a product you are being solicited to buy, check it our with your copier company, check the company doing to the soliciting and if you feel the incident may be a scam, contact your local OPP and report the incident.

## Thefts

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP — Sometime overnight on April 16, there was a theft of a vehicle tire, rim and barbecue from a Gregoire Road home. The culprits also tried to steal the vehicle but were unsuccessful.

## Stolen property possession

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP — On April 15, at about 1:40 am, Constables Julie Harris and Ken Sexton stopped a van trailering a welder. The driver and occupant were not able to provide suitable ownership for the welder, so the officers seized it.

After further investigation, it was determined that the welder was stolen earlier in the week from a work site in Gloucester.

The driver, a 29-year-old Ottawa resident will be charged with possession of stolen property as well as driving a motor vehicle without a driver's licence.

## Vandalism

KARS — Once again, vandals have targeted the Kars RA building. The culprit(s) tampered with a propane tank as well as one of the propane lines. This is not only against the law, it is also very dangerous.

## Domestic dispute

RIDEAU TOWNSHIP — Last week, police responded to a call for help at a domestic dispute. As a result of the officer's investigation, a 30-year-old Rideau Township resident was arrested for assault and uttering threats. He was held in custody over night and released the following morning by a justice of the peace.

## Suspicious activity

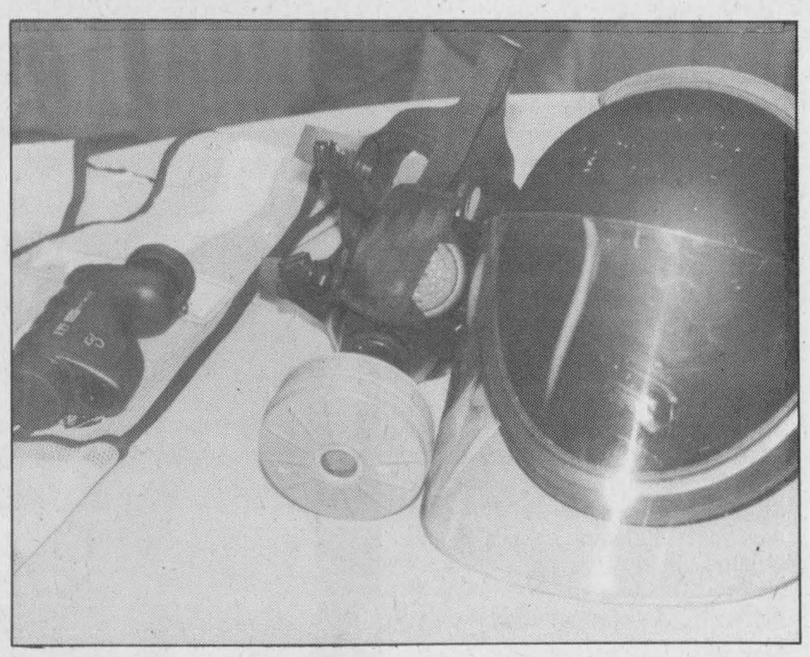
NORTH GOWER — On April 15, at about 8 pm, a concerned citizen reported a suspicious vehicle on Regional Road 5 north of North Gower. When the officers arrived, they located a North Gower man who had been drinking alcohol and driving a farm tractor. He will appear in court on May 13 to face a drinking and driving related charge.

## Bikes found

MANOTICK — Two bicycles were turned into the Manotick OPP office last week. Both bikes were found in the Village of Manotick. If you would like more information, please call the Manotick OPP. Be sure to record the serial number of the bike. If it is recovered by the police they will be able to return it to you.

Community Policing

# OPP specialty units



*This is the third installment of a five-part series dealing with policing methods within the community.*

**by Sandra Dillich**
*Press staff*

INGLESIDE — An integral part to any law enforcement agency is its specialty units.

The OPP currently has about 10 speciality units, eight of which are in operation in Eastern Ontario — diving, search and rescue, marine, drug, anti rackets, canine and the emergency response unit.

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) started in Northern Ontario 10 years ago.

"We fill in the time between when the tactical unit arrives and when they close the scene," said OPP Constable, and ERT member Mark Van Buskirk.

ERT provides five main services — containment; search and rescue; witness protection and VIP protection; crowd management and canine.

"The OPP must provide any services requested of them by other agencies (such as a municipal police force)... unless they are tied up with a more serious matter," explained Van Buskirk.

Crowd management is used at large events such as concerts and field parties.

"Crowd management is very useful in that you have police presence... the more you're out there, the more people will have fun," noted Van Buskirk.

According to Van Buskirk, the 32-member unit, in full gear, can disembark a school bus and be in position within 17 seconds.

"Our major job may be to keep the major accesses open so that vehicles or teams can respond (to the situation)."

Another important specialty unit to the OPP is the canine unit.

Constable Peter Huffey and his partner — Dakota the German shepherd, have been tracking people as well as drugs over 2,000 square kilometres of Eastern Ontario for the past couple of years.

"They're (German shepherds) tough dogs and there's a certain amount of intimidation. They also have a good undercoat for the winter," said Huffey.

"They (suspects) will respect dogs more than people. People know I can't shoot them if they are not pointing a gun at me, but they just don't know when a dog is going to bite," noted Van Buskirk.

According to Huffey, the dogs usually come to the OPP from families who no longer want the dogs. The dogs are between 18 and 24 months old.

Prior to training, a canine officer will test the dog's suitability for the OPP in three different areas — aggression, sound sensitivity and retrieval.

"It's not so much the speed of finding the ball but that they don't give up," said Huffey.

The dog and officer then attend a 14-week general purpose course in Gravenhurst where the dogs learn how to track.

Huffey said when the dogs are trained to track narcotics the dogs think of it as a game. For example, marijuana is placed inside a hollow ball and left there for a few days to pick up the scent. The dog then plays retrieval games with the scented ball. Eventually the ball is taken away and the dog is tracking the scent of marijuana.

"The dogs learn by repetition and association," he explained.

The training does not, however, end after the initial 14-week course. Every six weeks Huffey and Dakota return to Gravenhurst for four days of maintenance training.

According to Huffey, the majority of calls answered by the canine unit involve missing people or fleeing suspects and a five per cent success rate is considered excellent.

Grass holds a scent the longest, as opposed to concrete which loses a human scent almost immediately because of the wind, noted Huffey.

"What they track on is the last freshest human scent... bad guys won't leave anything behind at the scene of the crime so that's why a non-contaminated area is best," he said.

# Morrisburg campus moves

MORRISBURG — The T.R. Leger Alternative School in Morrisburg is moving.

The school will relocate to the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario (OETIO) on Hwy. 2. T.R. Leger will lease three spacious river-view classrooms to accommodate its independent study hall, computer lab, and English as a Second Language/Literacy classroom.

OETIO administrator, Kingsley Cole, and T.R. Leger principal, Brian Gilmour, are exploring a variety of joint projects which will assist their clients and the SD&G community to meet essential requirements for skills in demand in new labor markets.

"This partnership has the potential to benefit both organizations," says Gilmour. "The T.R. Leger School brings in an added dimension to the education and training services available to clients of the institute."

T.R. Leger offers secondary education credit programming for adult and alternative learners. The OETIO serves the 8,000 members of the heavy equipment operators union of Ontario.

The official opening of the campus will be on Wed., May 12 between 2 and 9 pm. The public is invited to take part in a computer fair that day.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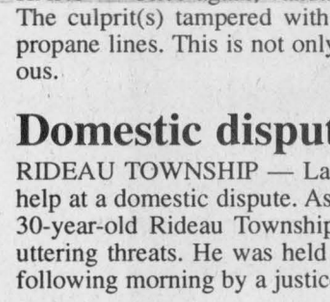

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## Spring Gala

Kim Link of Classique Bridals in Winchester admires a painting in the silent auction at North Dundas District High School's Spring Gala on Sat., April 19. Several people enjoyed the dinner. Left: Gary Hoy, Lyall Holmes. Right: Dawna Hoy and Pat Holmes.

# O'Shaughnessy to be acclaimed

CORNWALL — Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Warden of the United Counties of SD&G, recently declared his intention to become the Progressive Conservative Party federal candidate.

He will be officially acclaimed as the PC candidate on Thurs., April 24 at a meeting of the Stormont-Dundas Progressive Conservative Association in Cornwall.

O'Shaughnessy will oppose Liberal incumbent Bib Kilger in the forthcoming election. The New Democrats and Reform party have yet to select their candidates officially.

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## EDITORIAL

### Province stonewalls boards

When criticizing a bureaucratic department in 1906, Liberal Cabinet Minister Sir Clifford Sifton described it as "a department of delay, of circumlocution, a department in which people could not get business done..."

Maria Thompson, chair of the SD&G Public School Board, and board director James Dilamarter, would probably agree with Sir Clifford. They have tried "to get business done" while battling their way through four bureaucratic layers to stop the amalgamation of the SD&G, Prescott-Russell, Lanark and Leeds and Grenville School Boards, as proposed under Bill 104 (The Fewer School Boards Act).

Thompson and Dilamarter believe it is more practical to have two boards with 16,000 to 22,000 students each, as opposed to one huge board with 41,165 students that would cover 11,750 square kilometres – twice the area of Prince Edward Island. Their proposal would amalgamate SD&G with Prescott-Russell and Lanark with Leeds and Grenville.

They and their colleagues from the three other boards met with the Standing Committee on Social Planning; they personally appealed to four local MPPs; they met with David Cooke, co-chair of the Education Improvement Committee; finally, they met with Brian Fleming, the director of the Restructuring Program. All to no avail.

At every agonizing step, they were told nothing could be done. They were also given contradictory information: Fleming said the Education Improvement Committee had the legal authority to change the Bill whereas Cooke said that it did not.

They made a final appeal to Education Minister John Snobelen, who said he could see them at the end of May. As Bill 104 is scheduled to be passed into law this week, this will be yet another exercise in futility.

The government probably understands that its proposal to amalgamate four area boards is unrealistic considering the huge size of the proposed new board. As usual, it is not willing to deviate from its stated policy, which is the creation of 66 boards across the province, particularly when the Bill may pass any day. Such a huge board does not make common sense, especially when this same government is proposing much smaller boards, with an average of 20,000-25,000 students.

Nor does it make economic sense. Local school officials have estimated the per pupil cost of the four board amalgamation will be $6,392. The estimated cost per student of the amalgamation of Lanark with Leeds and Grenville would be $6,074.

Whether it involves health care or education, this government and its bureaucratic minions appear hell bent on "restructuring" without consulting those who will be grievously affected.

Like so many others, Thompson and Dilamarter have discovered it is impossible to get any business done with this government.

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# This week in...

### *1947*

Comrade Thos. Garvis of Prescott was named the new zone commander at the first annual meeting of the newly organized Zone G-3 of the Canadian Legion. The zone included Prescott, Cardinal, Morrisburg, Chesterville, Kemptville and Winchester. Comrade Jack Morris, formerly of Chesterville, was elected as zone secretary.

In the first game of the Junior B hockey semi-finals for the Junior B championship of Ontario, the Inkerman Rockets defeated Ottawa Tech — Junior B champions of the city — 8-3. The winners of the best three out of five series were to go to Toronto to play off with the Port Colborne team for the provincial championship.

The 90-minute school lunch period in most rural Ontario high schools was to be eliminated in favor of two 40-minute periods for half of the students, while the others remain in class, according to the provisions of a new plan of the Ontario Department of Education for rural high school districts.

Five-year-old Helen Morrow of Winchester Springs fell down the cellar steps at her home and required 15 stitches to close the laceration across her forehead.

Our Hearts Were Growing Up , starring Gail Russell, Diana Lynn, Brian Donlevy and William Demarest was playing at the Picadilly Theatre. Sante Fe Uprising, an action-thriller starring Alan Lane and Little Beaver, was also showing.

### *1957*

By a vote of 12-4, Winchester merchants went on record as being in favor of keeping their business places open Friday night and closed on Saturday night. The vote was taken at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. The trend towards opening Friday night and closing Saturday was one that was fast spreading across the province and the majority of Winchester businessmen seemed anxious to give it a try.

T. Oliver Keyes, an 88-year-old resident of Winchester, was presented with his 50-year jewel, for a half century of continuous membership in the Masonic Order. He was honored by members of the Henderson Lodge #383.

Mrs. Charles Beedie was re-elected president of the Winchester Women's Institute. Secretary Mrs. Delbert Link resigned after serving in the capacity for the past three years, and her position will be filled by Mrs. Matt Atchinson.

As of April 1st, a new Ontario Department of Highways crew was to operate out of Winchester. The new detachment was to look after Highway 31 from the Carleton boundary to Hwy. 401 at Morrisburg and as far east as Finch on Hwy. 43. The decision to locate in Winchester was based on the need for better service on new and existing highways in the entire area. At present, there were highway crews located in Morrisburg and Vernon.

Officials of the Board of Transport were planning a special meeting in Winchester to hear council's reasons for not wanting the Canadian Pacific Railway to discontinue trains 29 and 30, the two locals serving the village daily with mail and express.

### *1967*

Dundas County Federation of Agriculture members learned that 96,000 farmers were to discontinue farming in the next 10 years. Ontario Federation secretary Don Middleton also informed them that large farm units will be replacing small farm operations.

Winston James, building trades instructor at North Dundas District High School, submitted a proposal to Winchester council for a four-unit row housing complex in the village. The proposed location was at the Ottawa and Queen Street intersection. Council was favorable to the proposal.

Susan Baker of Osgoode won the public speaking contest in the United Church Hall in Osgoode. Baker, a Grade 11 student at Osgoode Township High School, defeated speakers from South Carleton, North Dundas District High School and Mountain. The contest was sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebeccas of Kemptville District 53.

### *1977*

The Ontario Ministry of Environment advised village council it could not afford to expand Winchester's overloaded sewage treatment facilities. The present lagoon was three per cent hydraulically overloaded and the operational storage depth had reached the maximum five feet. Ministry operations engineer John Bishop told council that Ministry spending has been frozen for several years and that priority items were looked after first.

Eugene Legault, chairman of the public school board of education's salary negotiating committee, said the basic issue in the three-week-old teacher's strike was job security. He said the working conditions clauses the teachers want included in their new contract would


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protect them against staff cuts due to declining enrolment in the next few years.

Rumors that SD&G high school students would not get credit for their year as promised by the board of education were denied by a board spokesman. The 9,200 students had been without classes for over a week when secondary school teachers walked off their jobs after failure to reach an agreement with the board on a new contract.

### *1987*

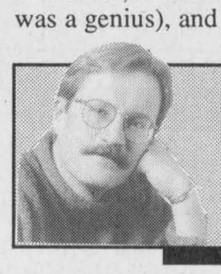
Local organizers of the March canvass for the Kidney foundation reported a total of nearly $4,000 was raised in the Winchester area. The target for the Winchester campaign was $3,000. At the national level, the Foundation raised $1,367,106 for research in 1986.

Brockville businessman Richard Watcher planned to begin construction of a new retirement-nursing home complex in Morrisburg. Construction of the first phase of the $3.5 million complex was to begin in mid-May. The first phase was to include 60 units with a 120-bed capacity.

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications granted $150,000 to the village of Winchester to upgrade village roads. The village was to match the amount and the money was to be used to reconstruct a section of Main Street East to the village limits.




# Spring gardening – a cautionary tale



**Home Free**
**by Otte Rosenkrantz**

You remember the story about Jack and the beanstalk? The one about the kid who is sent to the market to trade the family cow, and comes home with a handful of beans? Anyone who knows the story knows that Jack got snookered. For one thing, the cow would have been better spent had Jack managed to trade it in for a new car, and for another, beans are not what Jack's family needed anyway. Clearly Jack wasn't thinking straight.

I'm not exactly sure what the moral of the story is because purely by accident and dumb luck, letting himself be swindled turned out to be the best thing Jack could have done for his family, and I don't think that's a lesson I want my kids to learn, but be that as it may. Certainly we scoff as we read how Jack was duped into making the poor trade. Even the children realize that poor, gormless Jack allowed himself to be led down the garden path, as it were, by the fellows in the marketplace with these magic beans to unload. Obviously this sort of thing could never happen to us.

But if we are so smart, how is it that we can go to the local plant nursery intending to buy a pack of peas and a small bag of potting soil, and come home with enough trees, shrubs, flowers and ornamental bushes to start a small rainforest in the back yard? And you can take that smug look off your face right now because I am not the only one presently contemplating what to do with a large, flowering, lily-of-the-valley shrub, three rhododendrons, two Colorado blue spruce trees and something called a Rose of Sharon bush, when all I wanted was a new four-inch clay pot for transplanting purposes.

These days the plant nurseries are full of people wearing the puzzled expression of someone who has just traded the family cow for a bag of beans, staggering out to their cars under the weight of several bales of peatmoss, bags of top soil (bags of dirt, mind you, not food or clothes, but dirt — think about it. Whoever thought of this first was a genius), and an assortment of potted bushes and trees.

Spring is to blame, of course. The warm days and the sight of things beginning to grow and the smell of warming earth and the sound of birds singing — especially the song of the Mud-daubed Nursery Clerk with its alluring cry of "come-buy, come-buy" — causes the blood to flow faster and warmer in gardening enthusiasts, releasing, I suspect, some kind of plant-growth hormone into the system of anyone with even the smallest scrap of backyard. The result is a tendency to look across our small patches of the Canadian dream, and seeing, not the scraggly lawn, bug-eaten cedars, clay-packed soil and dusty clumps of dead weeds which are really there, but a lush, fertile, woodland in the making.

It doesn't help that just about every magazine devoted to homes and gardens are sporting cover stories such as: "How to turn the urban back yard into the Garden of Eden in one season", and "Create your own leafy water garden retreat for practically nothing " — encouraging us all, in other words, to rush to the plant nursery where they are having their annual special on Magic Beans — and bring your cow.

Spring should come with some kind of consumer warning sticker on it, like the surgeon general's warning about smoking — something along the lines of "Caution, over-exposure to spring may cause insolvency." Or, "People prone to day-dreaming and grandiose schemes should avoid wandering around the back yard unless accompanied by a realist."

Fortunately, the cure for spring is right around the seasonal corner — we call it summer. Once the weeds start to exert their dominance and the rains stop coming, and after the bugs develop a taste for your new herbaceous border, the magic seems to wear off those new beans, replaced — not by any golden eggs, but by a drudgery and promises that next spring, the family cow will be spent on a new car or on a weekend away, something more useful than yet another collection of exotic plants and trees I don't have room for anyway.

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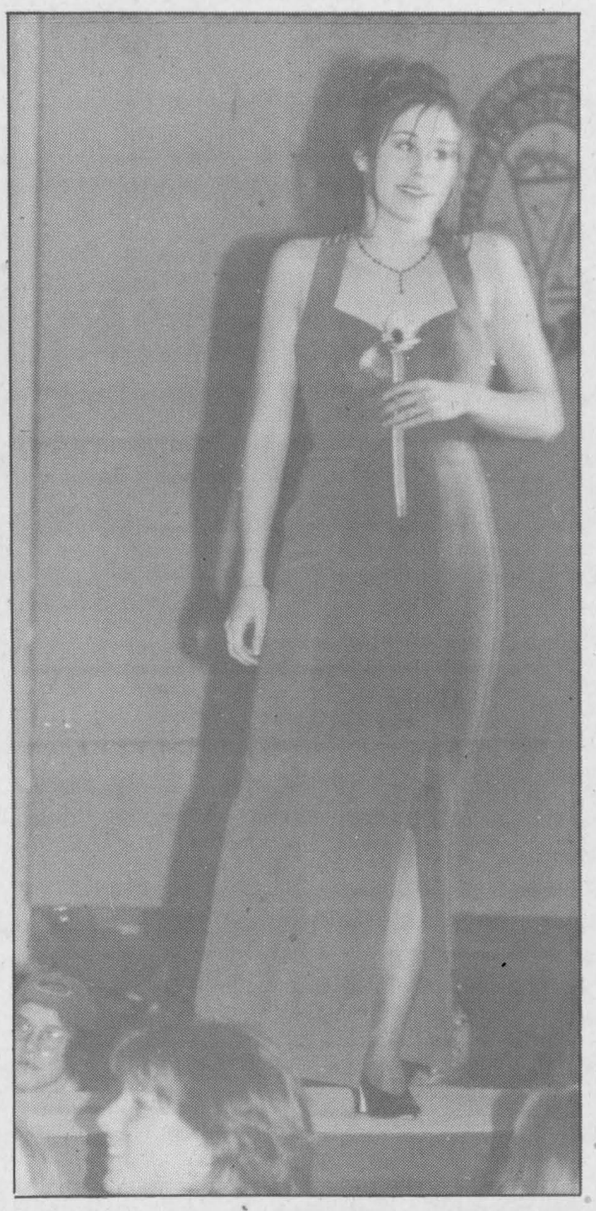
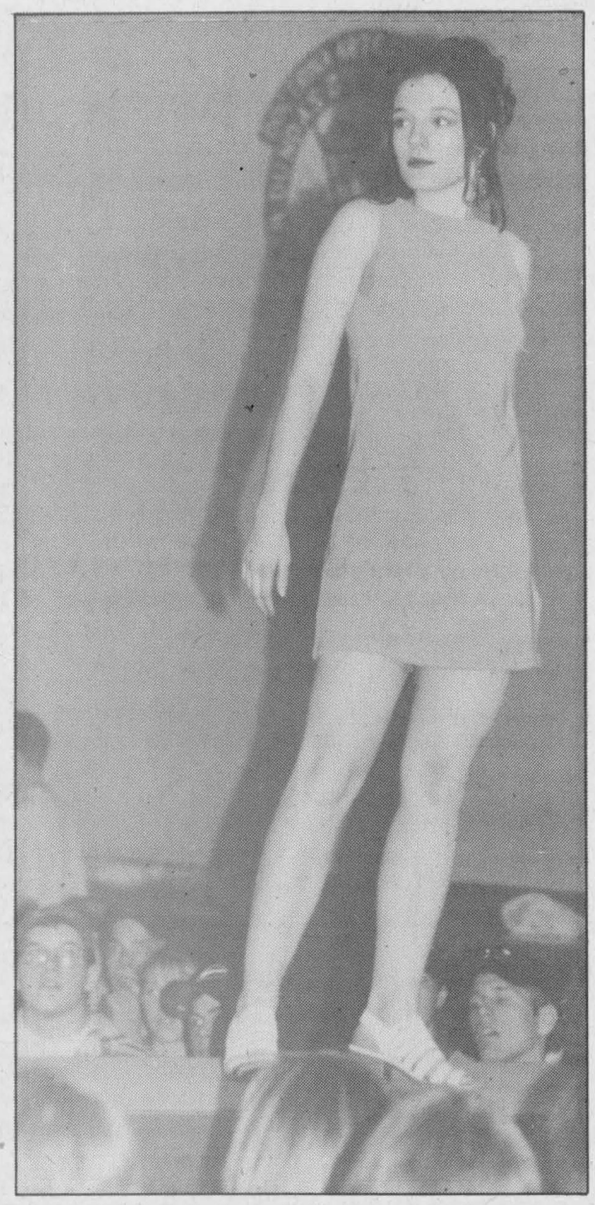

## Strutting their stuff

Many students at North Dundas District High School strutted their stuff on the catwalk last Wednesday (April 16) afternoon during the school's annual fashion show sponsored by the CountryBoy/CountryGirl. Models showed off what was hot this spring in casual, sport and formal wear. Left: Jen Castle, Kristen Holmes, Melina Myers, Franziski Buri.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Valid point

**The Editor:**
The April 16 letter to the editor "Disservice to physicians" by Janie Grimes does make a valid point. The April 9 feature in The Press on depression painted a bleak picture of the standard of care provided by family physicians treating depression.

Delivery of mental health services in Ontario is presently under review. The province is currently looking at ways to shift management of mental illness to family physicians and community support programs, away from hospitals where many psychiatric patients are currently treated through outpatient clinics.

But not all family physicians by their own admission are comfortable treating mental illness. In the spring of 1996, the Royal Ottawa Hospital released the results of a survey on this matter. Ottawa-Carleton family physicians were polled. Of those who responded, roughly 50 per cent felt the needs of their patients were best served through specialized psychiatric care or outpatient services through community psychiatric hospital services.

Ontario's Health Services Restructuring Commission recently recommended a reduction in the number of acute psychiatric beds in Ottawa-Carleton in addition to closure of four provincial psychiatric hospitals, including Brockville Psychiatric Hospital, which currently treats in excess of 1,000 outpatients, very successfully.

For those of us who live in rural Ontario, limited access to many medical services has become an accepted way of life. Our family physician today, more than ever before, plays an essential part of coordinating those health care services, which are often only available in large urban centres.

Today brain-scanning technology such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron technology tomography (PET) scans, aid physicians in the diagnosis of depression and schizophrenia. Through research and new, more effective generation of anti-depressant and anti-psychotic medications, with fewer side effects are being discovered daily, improving the quality of life of those who suffer from mental illness, allowing them to live independently.

And while today's medications and technology have proven to be effective in treating mental illness, on-going professional support is required to manage mental illness. Perhaps ultimately the responsibility for finding the right support rests with us, the patient, the mental health consumer. Speak to your family physician. After all, we do have the right to seek a second opinion.

**Sheila Deighton**
Chesterville

## See a specialist

**Dear Editor:**
I enjoyed the two-part series by reporter Stephanie Wolfe that investigated the effects of provincial cuts to health care on patients suffering from mental illness, especially those in rural areas.

I also read the letter to the editor from Janie Grimes in the April 16th edition of the Press. Grimes apparently missed the point when she criticizes the first part, "Black Dog of Depression", and Wolfe for being negative to family physicians. The article describes the "personal testament" of one local individual, who suffered from depression for many years because her illness was not diagnosed properly by her family doctors.

The article does not criticize all family doctors but merely states the obvious: that most family doctors do not have the special training to diagnose mental illness or to treat it. The article further recommends that when family doctors are not sure about a patient's illness, they should refer the patient to a specialist, which is standard operating procedure, whether it is mental illness, diabetes or cancer.

As someone who suffers from bipolar affective disorder (manic depression), I empathize with Grimes and others who endure this affliction. In retrospect, I regret that one family doctor did not diagnose my condition many years ago. I am grateful that another family doctor did diagnose me correctly and referred me to a psychiatric specialist.

Like reporter Wolfe, I do not condemn all family doctors because one of them failed to refer me to a specialist earlier. But I agree with Wolfe that readers should be warned that family doctors are not the final authority on mental illness. If one continues to suffer from symptoms that are not taken seriously by a family doctor, one should insist upon seeing a specialist.

I repeat: this is not a unilateral condemnation of all family doctors, merely a suggestion that we are all the final authority when it comes to our personal health. We have the power to seek help if we are sick and that includes help from a professional specifically trained to treat our illness.

**Ted Jacobsen**
Gloucester

## OPINIONS

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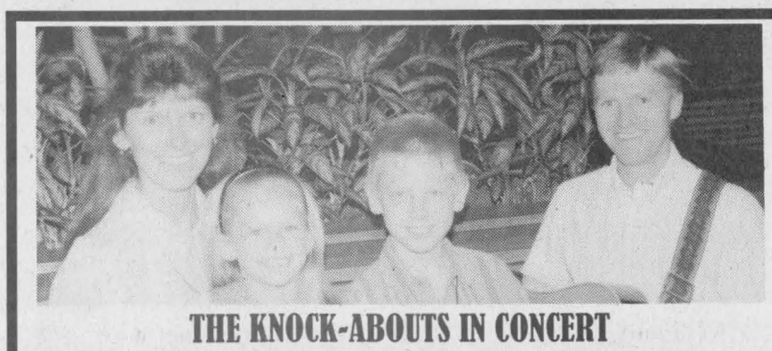

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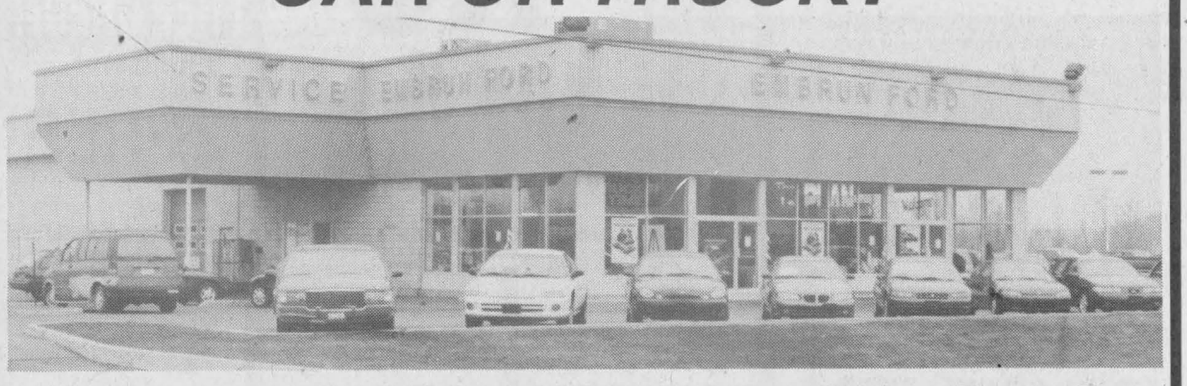

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# Comedy keeps crowd roaring through plot twists and turns

by Stephanie Wolfe
*Press staff*

MORRISBURG — Lies, deceit and romance — the perfect combination for the perfect cast.

A cast of nine actors from the Dundas County Players presented *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg on April 18 and 19.

While the plot itself was infallible, the actors deserve credit for sustaining a fast-pace and comedic element throughout the production.

The play takes place in Mr. and Mrs. Markham's top floor London flat on a summer evening in the early 1970s. While Mr. and Mrs. Markham plan a night out, two of their friends and their interior decorator plan secret romantic rendezvouses in their bedroom.

As the plot unwinds, the characters go into a frenzy when Mr. and Mrs. Markham cancel their plans and decide to stay home. To complicate matters, Mr. Markham finds a love letter and assumes his wife is having an affair, not knowing the letter belongs to his wife's friend.

Although all the characters are outstanding in their respective roles, Ray Besharah (Alistair Spenlow) and Chris Trory (Phillip Markham) deserve additional credit for their exceptional performances.

The cast includes Linda Feenstra (Joanna Markham), Ray Besharah (Alistair Spenlow), Tanya Vasey (Sylvie Hauser), Lauree Laing (Linda Lodge), Chris Trory (Phillip Markham), James Peto (Henry Lodge), Ted Mead (Walter Pangbourne), Vicki Muir (Olive Harriet Smythe) and Deborah Smith (Miss Wilkinson). The play is directed by Tony Glen.

*Move Over, Mrs. Markham* will be performed in Winchester on April 25, 26 and 27 at 8 pm at Henderson Hall.



The Dundas County Players performed *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg on April 18 and 19. The British comedy will be presented in Winchester from April 25-27 at Henderson Hall. Front left: Lauree Laing, Chris Trory, Linda Feenstra, Vicki Muir and James Peto. Back: Deborah Smith, Ted Mead, Tanya Vasey, Ray Besharah, Elizabeth Barton (assistant director) and Tony Glen (director). Press Photo — Wolfe

# Writers' Guild writers wanted

SPENCERVILLE — It's time for the Valley Writers' Guild 6th Annual Nonfiction Contest.

Writers can submit unpublished articles, memoirs, travelogues, personal and formal essays in English. Entries should be double-spaced and no longer than 2,000 words.

Non-members are limited to one entry with a $5 entry fee.

Please send two copies, one blind and the other with your name, address and telephone number. There will be prizes of $20, $30 and $50 and five honorable mentions. Winning submissions will be published in *The Grist Mill*, Volume 6.

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# Actors magnificent in *The Nerd*

by Stephanie Wolfe
*Press staff*

RUSSELL — They may only be amateurs, but they did a magnificent job of convincing the audience otherwise.

The cast of seven actors from the Russell Association for the Performing Arts (RAPA) performed The Nerd before sold-out crowds on April 17,18 and 19th.

Terry Brown was outstanding in his role as Rick Steadman (the nerd), who pays a visit to a former army acquaintance (Willum Cubbert) and refuses to go away.

Brown's mannerisms, visual expressions and tone of voice combined for a perfect portrayal of a typical nerd. On several occasions, he had the audience laughing uproariously.

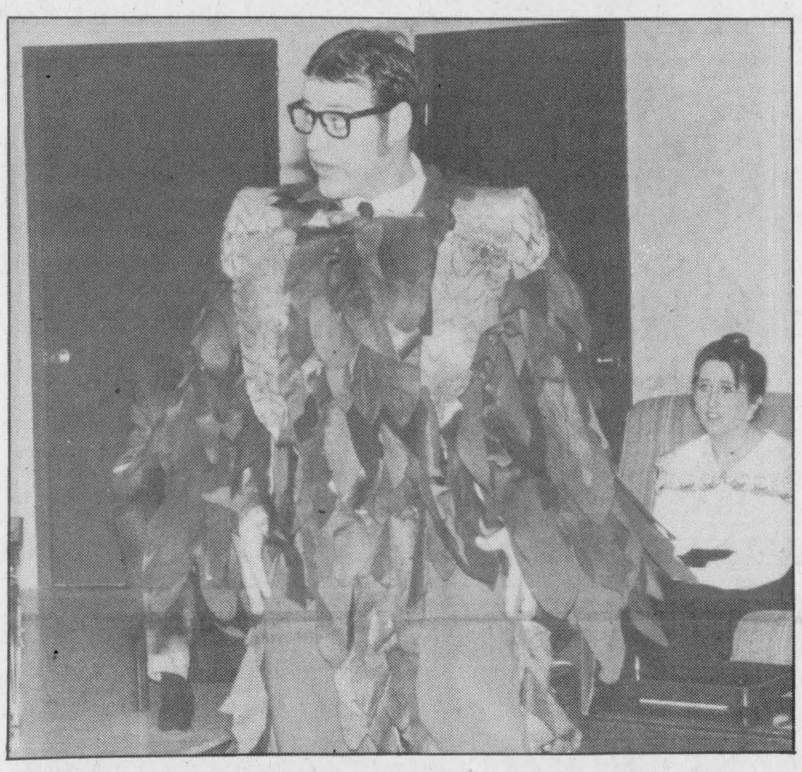
Cubbert, played by long-time RAPA actor, Paul Washer, has difficulty throughout the play telling Steadman he is no longer welcome in his home. Cubbert felt he "owed Rick his life" after he rescued him from the jungle in Vietnam.

Washer appeared to gain the audience's sympathy over his reluctance to send Steadman away, who was both a nuisance and hindrance to his daily life.

Bill McInnis plays Axel Hammond, a friend of Cubbert's who concocts a plan to force Steadman to leave. Although the characters attempt to scare Steadman with their unconventional behaviors — such as serving sand with tea and an apple core for dinner — Steadman is determined not to leave.

Finally, Cubbert explodes and forces Steadman out the door. At the end of the play, the audience discovers Steadman and Hammond are friends who planned the whole scenario to force Cubbert to express his true feelings.

The other actors included Francis Murphy (Warnock Waldgrave), Jason McFarlane (Thor Waldgrave), Joyce Chartrand (Clelia Waldgrave) and Diane Latulippe (Tansy McGinnis).



***What a nerd***

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# Bird workshop

MORRISBURG — Visitors to the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary this Saturday (April 26) can learn how to build a bluebird house during a presentation "Building for Bluebirds".

The presentation held from 1 pm to 4 pm, will allow participants to build a special bluebird house and learn what the best locations for the shelter are to attract bluebirds.

The cost is $8 per birdhouse, including materials. Friends of the Sanctuary will receive a 50 per cent discount.

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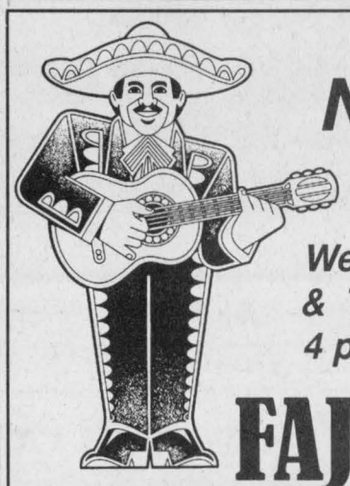
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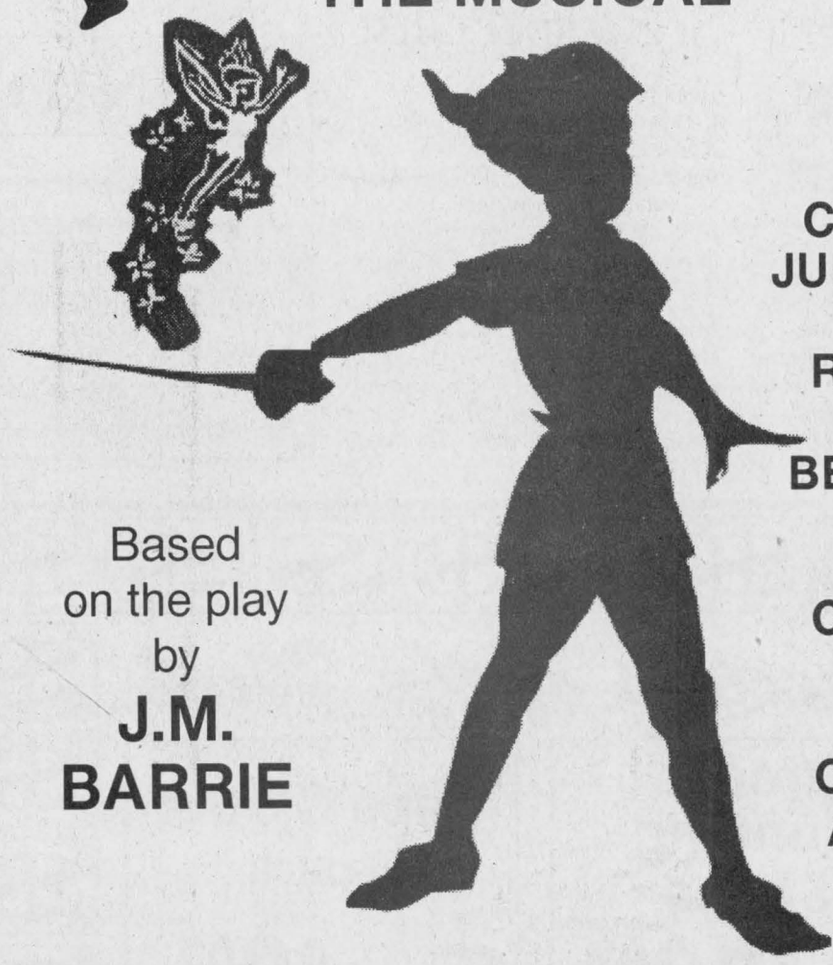
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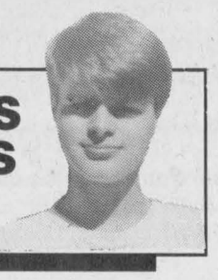
# Math is an essential skill

MAPLE RIDGE — Over the past few weeks, many different students here at North Dundas participated in skill-testing mathematics contests. The contests, sponsored by the University of Waterloo and named after famous mathematicians, had varying degrees of difficulty for the varying ages that wrote them. The grade nine's wrote the Pascal; the grade ten's, the Cayley: the grade eleven's, the Fermat; the grade twelve's, the Euclid; and the OAC's, the Descartes.



**NDDHS NOTES**
by
Daniel Sahl

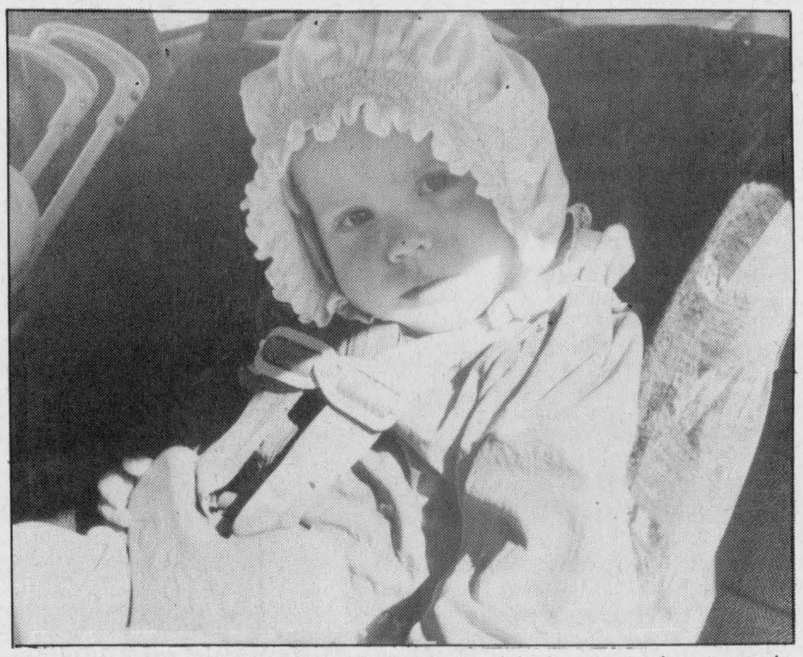
Of those who wrote these tests, some did well, some fair, some may have only gotten one question right. Of course, as my math teacher Mr. Sherwood put it: "even if you fail to answer one question right, you'll still be better off for having tried." Ha, ha — I wish he felt that way about our regular tests.

The thing that frustrates many people about math is the fact that some understand it so easily, while other need to work so hard at it. This happens to me a lot. I'll be sitting in class, struggling just to find the question in my book when the person next to me will raise her hand and ask whether it would be easier to find the square-root of the reciprocal divided by the limit of the f(x) as it approaches -7.8 through the positive values rather than finding the derivative of the square of the hypotenuse as it faces east. Sometimes, I feel like I could just cry. Actually, I think I have.

There is, however, a plus side to math that few other things have. Whether it takes a person five minutes, 15 minutes, or 50 days to correctly answer a particular math question, as long as the answer is right, it's a success.

I also love the applicability of math. It can be used to build a building, clock the speed of a comet, determine the probability of actually winning money at the Hull Casino (the number's too small to fit on this page). It can also be used for everyday things too like making a household budget, adding the grocery bill, or doing income taxes (although a few people like to use "magic math" when doing taxes which can land them in trouble with Revenue Canada).

Now, I rarely give advice because I'm afraid people will actually follow it, but today, I'm dishing it out: take math whenever you get the opportunity. Even if you consider yourself to be the biggest mathematical moron on the planet, take math.



Twenty-one month-old Hannah Beckstead is happy to be properly buckled up in the back seat of the family car.

# OPP seat-belt campaign focuses on child safety

by Sandra Dillich
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — Buckle up for the safety of yourself and your children.

This year's spring seat-belt campaign, which runs from April 19 to May 2, is focusing on child safety.

In 1996, the OPP investigated about 150 motor vehicle-related deaths across Ontario in which the lack of restraints was a contributing factor in the deaths.

"If you want your child to be safe, you're going to do whatever you have to do to keep that child safe," said Upper Canada OPP Constable Joel Doiron.

Rear-facing seats, convertible seats or booster seats must be installed according to the owner's manual and secured to the vehicle in order for it to be an effective safety device.

"It really upsets me that the adult takes the time to seat-belt themselves in, but allows the kids to bounce around," noted Doiron.

The OPP also note that rear-facing infant seats should not be used in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with an air bag on the passenger's side. Front facing convertible seats must also be anchored to the frame of the vehicle with tether straps.

According to Upper Canada OPP Detachment Commander Mike Brehmer, at an impact of 40 mph, a 20-pound baby has a projected weight of 400 pounds.

"Anything in your car, when you have an impact, becomes a missile," noted Constable Amy Everaas.

During the first two days of this year's spring seat-belt campaign, Manotick OPP officers checked 802 vehicles and charged four people for not wearing their seat belt. Three drivers were given tickets because children under the age of 16 were not buckled up or in proper restraints.

Failure to comply with seat-belt regulations can result in a fine of $105 and two demerit points.

"The adults are at as much fault as the kids sometimes," said Doiron.

Although Ontarians have a 92 per cent rate of compliance when it comes to wearing seat-belts, OPP Inspector Rod Williams says "It's not good enough."

According to the Ministry of Transportation in 1994, more than 1,500 children under the age of five were injured and 13 were killed in vehicles.

The following is a guideline for child restraints: infants under nine kilograms (20 pounds) — rear facing seats; toddlers nine to 18 kilograms (20 to 40 pounds) — forward facing; pre-schoolers over 18 kilograms (40 pounds) — seat-belt or booster seat.

# Waterloo Math teams excel



**Seaway This Week**
by
Sarah-Jane Whittaker

IROQUOIS — Last week, the results of Seaway students who participated in the annual Waterloo Mathematics Competitions were announced. In Eastern Ontario, Seaway's Grade 11 students placed 23rd overall with Sheri Adamson, Stephanie DeVries and Karla Leightizer attaining Seaway's top scores.

The Grade 10 students placed 11th thanks to Katrina Shields, Sarah Hawn and Thomas Casselman who ranked first, second and third respectively at Seaway. The truly exceptional results, however, came from Seaway's Grade Nine students who placed first in Eastern Ontario, 44th in Ontario and 98th in all of Canada. Participant Mike Kirkwood placed 26th of nearly 45,000 students in Ontario and, with Seaway high scorers Emily Moss and Derek Swank, made this the highest ranking in Seaway's history. Thanks to Seaway's Math Department for organizing Seaway's teams, and congratulations to all those who participated.

The Grade 12s and OACs wrote their competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday, while several students competed in the DaVinci Physics Contest on Thursday.

On Wednesday, 49 Seaway students, accompanied by Mrs. Sharon Last, travelled to Winchester Public School to give blood at an annual Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic.

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The following establishment has applied to the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario for a liquor licence under the **Liquor Licence Act**:

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**Note:** The LLBO gives the applicant copies of all objections.

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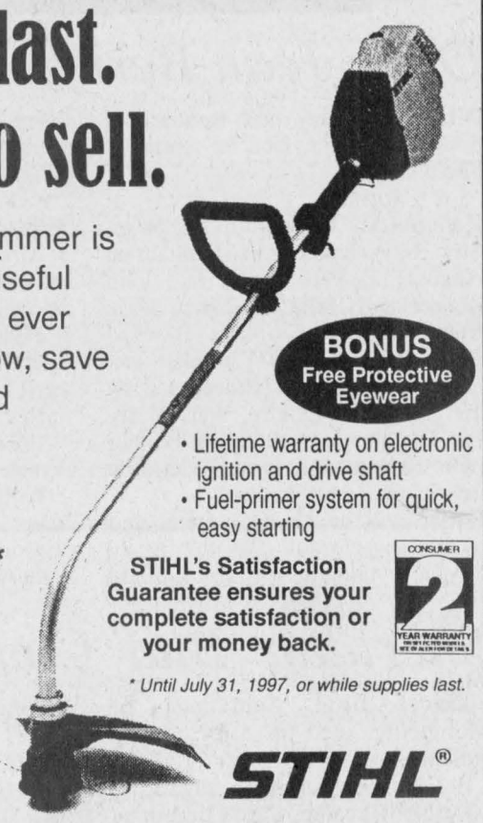

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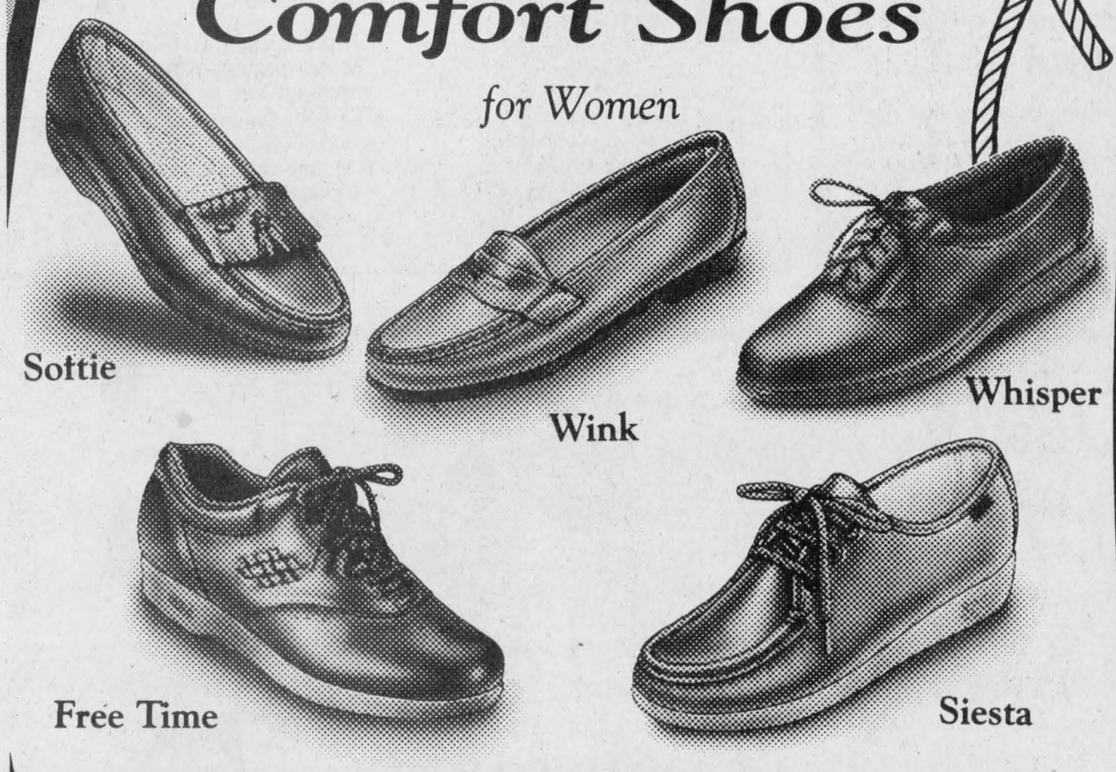


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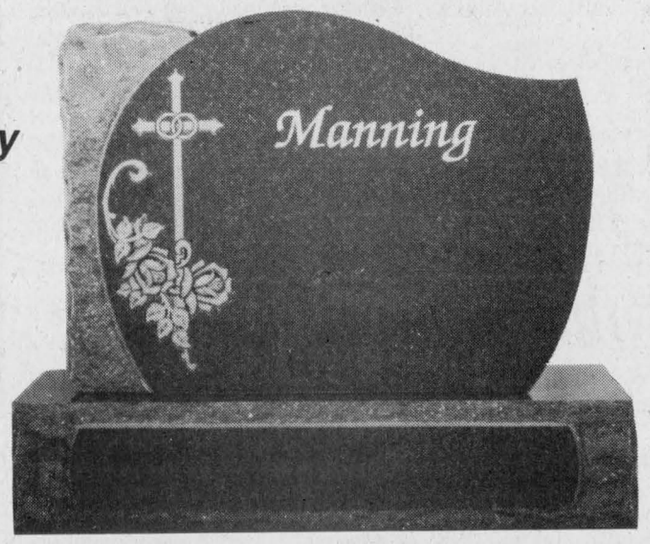


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## Lucky winner

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# Counsellor training being offered at UCV

MORRISBURG — A new program for youths is being offered at Upper Canada Village this summer.

Are you or do you know of a responsible youth, 16 or 17 years of age, who is interested in a Counsellor-In-Training (CIT) program?

Upper Canada Village is accepting applications for a 16-day CIT program in association with its summer camp program "Time Travellers".

The Time Travellers summer camp program is a six-day overnight camp for children between nine and 13 years of age. Camp participants eat and sleep in a 19th century residence and spend much of each day in historical costumes at Upper Canada Village.

While on site, these youngsters participate in a variety of work and leisure activities, assuming the roles of children living in the 1860s.

The Time Travellers CIT program offers young people the opportunity to gain valuable work experience; to develop strong leadership skills and to acquire a more in-depth understanding of 19th century life in Upper Canada by participating in and helping the Time Travellers program for a two-week period.

Accepted applicants will work closely with and receive training from the camp counsellors, the village's interpretive staff and the camp director.

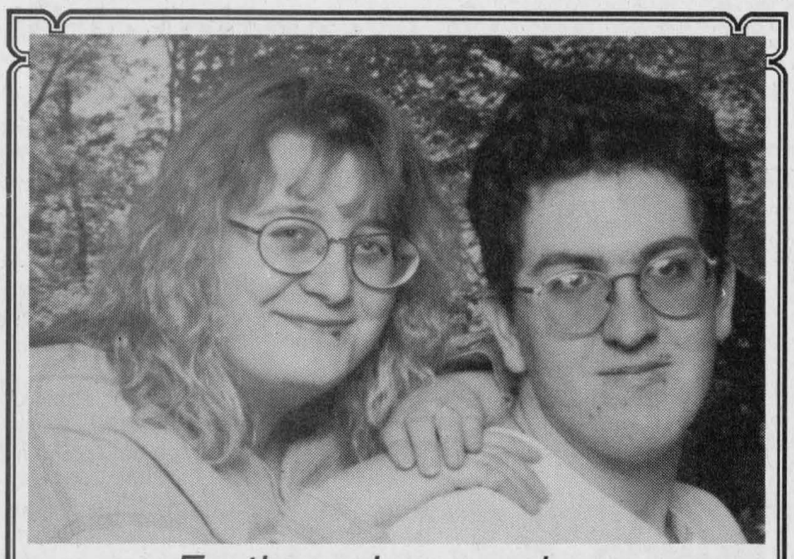
In addition, all CIT applicants accepted into the program must participate in a compulsory training and orientation weekend, May 17 to 19, at Upper Canada Village.

There are four two-week sessions applicants may apply for: June 29 to July 11; July 13 to July 25; July 27 to August 8; and August 10 to August 22.

The fee for the 16-day program, is $400 which includes the training program, accomodations and all meals.

For more information on the CIT program or to obtain an application form, call 1-800-437-2233 or write to Time Travellers CIT Program, Upper Canada Village, RR # 1, Morrisburg, K0C 1X0.

Upper Canada Village is an historical site on the northern shores of the St. Lawrence River. It is located 11 km east of Morrisburg.



## Forthcoming marriage

Brian and Eleanor Smith are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Amanda to Terrence Burke, son of Edith and Joe Burke of Arnprior. Wedding to take place at Williamsburg United Church, June14, 1997.

## OBITUARIES

### Olive Jean Berry

Olive Jean Berry (nee Render), of South Mountain, died on April 19. She was 86.

A former housekeeper at Kemptville Agriculture College, Mrs. Berry was born in Mountain on August 27, 1910 to the late John Render and Della McIntyre. Mrts. Berry married Franklin Bernard Berry on June 24, 1931 in Inkerman.

Mrs. Berry was predeceased by her husband Franklin, sons Harry and Douglas as well as her brother Lyle Render and sisters Gerturde Robinson and Freda Guy.

She will be fondly remembered by her son Gordon (Patricia) Berry of Kars; daughter-in-law Barbara Berry of Brockville; her grandchildren Michael (Renee), Edward, Heather Berry, Sharron Barbe, David (Justine) and Lisa Berry; and brother Wilfred (Wilda) Render.

Mrs. Berry will also be missed by her three great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Byers Funeral Homes Chapel on April 21.

Rev. Marion Milnes officiated.

Interment was at South Gower Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dale Boyd, Dave Black, Gord Richardson, Gordon Blow, Jim Downham and Walter Lawrence.

### Sheridan 'Bud' Cummings

Sheridan 'Bud' Cummings, of Morrisburg, died on April 13. He was 62.

A former security guard at Nestle's Canada, Mr. Cummings was born to the late Lawrence and Nettie (nee Couglar) Cummings. He was also predeceased by his brothers Rex and Victor.

After returning home from the Royal Canadian Navy, he worked with construction companies on the St. Lawrence Seaway Project. Mr. Cummings then joined the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires in 1983 after retiring from a career as a machinist. He proudly served the Corps as a security guard at Nestle's Canada until 1994.

Mr. Cummings is survived by his wife Lorraine Cummings (nee LaPierre) and his children Cindy (Mike) Casselman of RR 1, Williamsburg; Sheridan 'Danny' (Ziba) of Kanata; Montgomery 'Monty' (Becky) of Temagami and Stuart (Cindy) of Cornwall.

He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Ryan, Sheena and Kaitlin Casselman; Daniel, Jennifer and Shidan Cummings; Eric and Hillary Cummings; Timothy, Shawn and Tiffany Cummings.

Mr. Cummings will also be missed by his brother Brock (Evelyn) of Prescott and sister Betty Thorpe of Prescott.

A private family service was conducted by Rev. Bill Kruschinski at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on April 15. Cremation followed.

Interment of the cremated remains was at the New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg.

### Joy Miller

Joy Miller, of Baden and formerly from Winchester, died on April 15. She was 70.

Mrs. Miller was born to the late Harold Levere and Mabel Duncan. She was also predeceased by her daughter Marion and sister Audrey Gibbons.

She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Baden, where was she was also a member of the LCW.

Mrs. Miller will be missed by her husband Clare Miller and their son James (Marlene Anne) Miller of Baden. She will also be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Ryan James, Ethan Robert and Justin Clare.

She is also survived by her brother Duncan (Jean) Levere of Winchester and her sister Joyce Felhaber of Ottawa, as well as three brothers-in-law Lyle (Rebecca) Miller of Dyers Bay; Stan (Connie) Miller of Kitchener and George Gibbons of Sable Beach.

Funeral services were held at St. James Lutheran Church in Baden on April 18. Pastor Peter Mikelic officiated. Interment was at Fairmount Cemetery in Baden.

### Dr. Neville W. Rivington

Dr. Neville W. Rivington, of Mountain, died on April 20. He was 79.

A veterinarian, Dr. Rivington was born in Navan on July 26, 1917 to the late William Norman Rivington and Elizabeth Shaw.

He was predeceased by his daughters Diane McWilliams and Dale Rivington, sister Vera Arbuthnot and wife Florence (Griffith) whom he married on July 25, 1942 in Bearbrook.

Dr. Rivington will be fondly remembered by his sister Wilma Coburn, brothers Garrett (Maisie), Norman (Audrey) all of Navan and Edwin (Muriel) of Windsor as well as his daughter Deborah (Dwight) Harper of Mountain and son-in-law Richard McWilliams of Navan.

He will also be missed by his grandchildren Kelly, David, Tammey (Andy) Tibben, Chris and Nancy, great-granddaughter Kassondra Dale as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on April 23 at 11:30 am at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Navan.

Interment will be at St. Mary's Anglican Cemetery, Navan.

Pallbearers are Don Griffin, Brian Coburn, Daryl Coburn, John Warren, Laurie Griffin and Norman Rivington Jr.



## Backes–McInnis

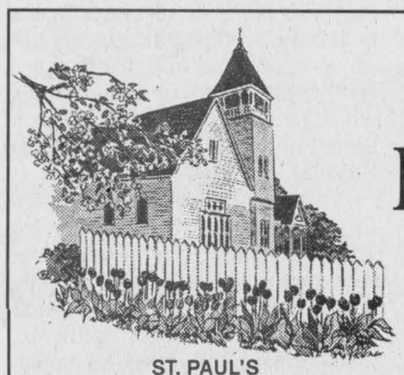
Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Backes of South Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McInnis of Iroquois are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Debbie and Gary. Ceremony to take place on July 12, 1997 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Backes. Reception to follow at Matilda Township Community Hall, Dixons Corners.



Forthcoming Marriage

## Weagant–Griffin

Laird and Elise Weagant are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Christina Elise, to Sean William, son of Rod and Sally Griffin of Edmonton, Alberta. The wedding will take place on June 7, 1997 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Morrisburg.



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**Top herd**

John M. DeVries (right) of Williamsburg is pictured accepting his award for highest composite herd BCA from DHI rep Gerry Weaver.



Pat Lynch accepted the award for most improved herd above provincial average from Winston McDonald of the Royal Bank.

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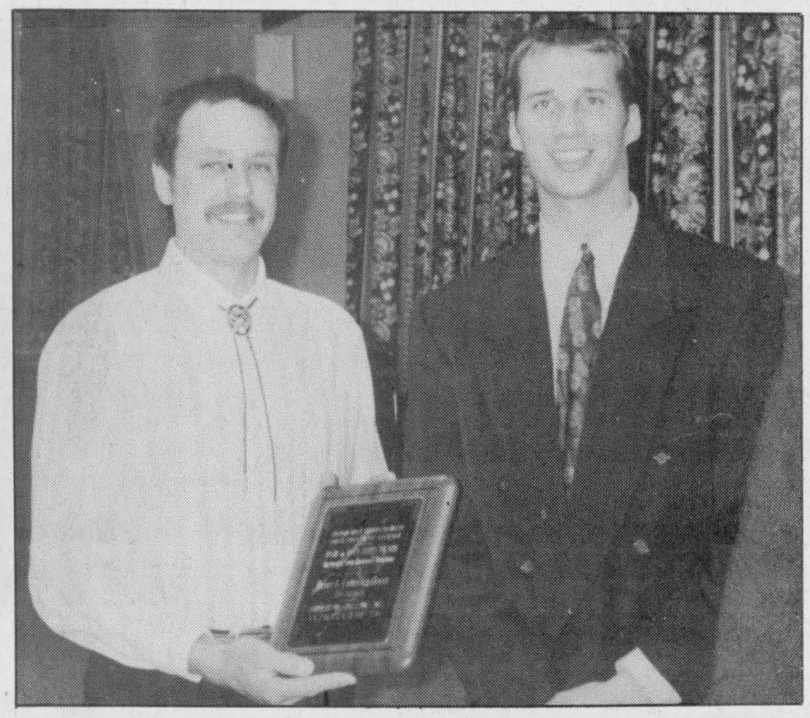

Henri Hofer (left) accepts the Bank of Nova Scotia Award for second most improved herd above provincial average from Scott Bolton.

# DeVries holds onto Strader trophy

**Farm update**

by Dianne Fetterly
*Agricultural editor*

DIXONS CORNERS — Once again, John M. And Marie DeVries of Williamsburg have captured the Strader Trophy for highest composite herd BCA in Dundas County.

With a composite herd BCA of 236.3, the DeVries family was awarded the trophy, an ODHIC certificate and Dundas DHIA Award during the Dundas County Dairy Herd Improvement Association's annual awards banquet held Fri., April 18 at the Matilda Township Community Hall.

The family also received the ODHIC Herd Management Award and the Weagant Farm Supplies Award for having the highest composite BCA one-year-old. At one year, 11 months, Straderhill Broker Naomi had a composite BCA of 315.3.

With a composite herd BCA of 230.0, Carl Smith of Chesterville was awarded the Ottawa Valley Harvestore Systems Award for having the second highest composite herd BCA in the county.

Smith was also recognized for having the highest composite BCA two-year-old and the cow with largest deviation over herd average. At two years, two months, Sunnylodge Jennifer had a composite BCA of 312.0. Her average deviation was 92.0.

The Grenville Mutual Insurance Award for most improved herd and an ODHIC certificate were presented to Lester and Jeannette Holmes of Mountain. Their herd showed an increase of 37.4.

Patrick Lynch of Chesterville received the Royal Bank of Canada Award (Winchester and Iroquois) for having the most improved herd above provincial average. His herd had an increase of 28.0.

Henri and Laurence Hofer of Brinston had the second most improved herd above provincial average (23.6 points). They received the Bank of Nova Scotia (Chesterville, South Mountain, Morrisburg) Award.

Ron Durant of Winchester received the Dr. K.B. Kennedy Award for having the lowest average somatic cell count on a herd basis. His herd SCC averaged 66,000.

Tom and Janet MacGregor of Morewood picked up awards for highest composite BCA three-year-old, four-year-old and aged cow five to nine years.

At three years of age Glen Haven Primetime's Spot had a composite BCA of 306.3, while Glen Haven Master Amy (four years, two months) had a BCA of 302.7 and Glen Haven Ward's Annie (five years, two months) had a composite BCA of 279.3.

Ken and Shirley Rose of Mountain were awarded the Fred's Farm Supplies award for highest composite BCA aged cow (10 years and over). At 12 years, two months Dabru Jessica 7R had a composite BCA of 237.7.

**TOP TEN**

As well Ontario DHIA Herd Management Awards were presented to the top 10 herds.

The awards are based on outstanding management achievement in milk value per cow; herd udder health; age at first calving; calving interval; longevity; and herd efficiency.

This year's top ten herds belonged to: John M. DeVries, Williamsburg; Melna Holsteins, Winchester; Wilmer and Linda Porteous, Winchester; Tom E. MacGregor, Morewood; Daniel and Helene Meier, Chesterville; Henry and Rita Velthuis, Mountain; Jerry and Peter Byvelds, Brinston; Patrick Lynch, Chesterville; Robert McMenomy, Inkerman; and John and Archie Mellan, Brinston.



**Most improved**

Kelli Holmes (right) accepts the most improved herd award on behalf of her parents Lester and Jeannette Holmes. Gord Smith made the presentation.

# Producers recognized with seals

DIXONS CORNERS — During last Friday evening's Dundas Dairy Herd Improvement Association awards banquet dairy producers were recognized for having herd averages above provincial average.

Gold seals are awarded to producers whose herd average is 20 points or more above the provincial average (composite BCA of 211 or more).

Gold seals were presented to: John M. DeVries, 236; Carl Smith, 230; Robert McMenomy, 228; William Meerakker, 227; Ken and Shirley Rose, 226; Jerry and Peter Byvelds, 225; Michael Jansen, 220; Steven and Debbie Byvelds, 219; Charles Farlinger, 218; Patrick Lynch, 214; Tom MacGregor, 214; Jos and Francine Melenhorst, 212; and Henry and Rita Velthuis, 211.

Red seals were awarded to producers whose herd average is 10-19 points above the provincial average (between 198 and 206).

Red seal winners were: Albert and Linda Harbers, Nicolas and Chris Pasquier, Robert S. Smith, Frank Devries, Hans Schuler, Brabantia Farms Inc., Daniel and Helene Meier, John and Archie Mellan, Wilmer and Linda Porteous, A.W. DeJong, Bill and Donald Dejong, R. and P. Glauser, Henri and Laurence Hofer, Allan and Blair Hutchinson, Richard Hess, Bruce and Gordon Garlough, Gerald and John Westervelt, Gary Pemberton, Carl Sears and Sons.

Blue seals were awarded to producers whose herd average is between the provincial average composite and up to nine points above (between 188 and 197). This year's recipients were: Dwight Gilmer and Sons Ltd., GCB Merkley, Jim Adams, Allison Fawcett, H.J. Boyd and Sons, Herman VanWylick, B. and L. VanDenBerg, Ronald Smail, John and Rina Groniger, Gary Steele, John Douma, Robin and Ann Marie Smith, John Havekes Jr., Alexander and Perry Hart, G and R Westenbroek, Beat Schraner, Lorne Henderson, Ron and Brenda Geurkink.


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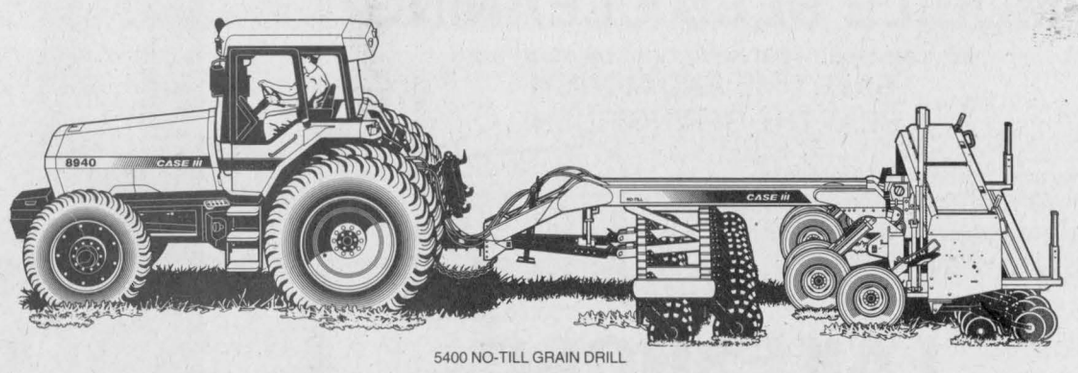

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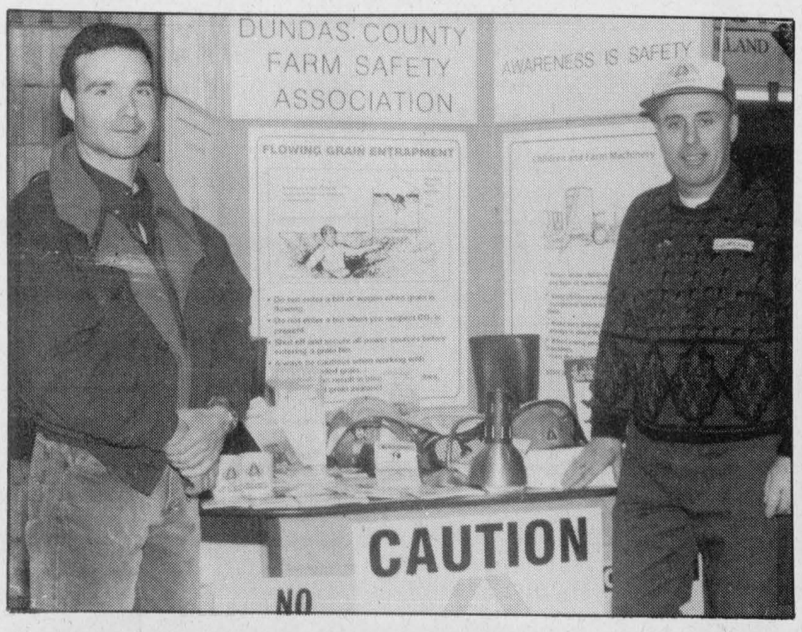


## *Safety reminder*

Andreas Jampen (left) and Gord Smith of the Dundas Farm Safety Association were on hand during the Weagant Farm Supplies open house on Wed., April 9 to remind farmers to take care and to promote the latest safety devices. Press Photo — Fetterly

# update

## Judging Club holds first meeting

**by Richard Groniger**

WINCHESTER — On April 4th the first meeting of the Dundas 4-H judging club took place at the OMAFRA Boardroom in Winchester.

Mary Fisher and Phyllis MaçMaster started the meeting with a little judging. We judged hats, T-shirts and stuffed animals. It appeared everyone had a great time.

After the fun and laughs, the club nominated its executive. The new executive is: Robert Velthuis, president; Steve Bossel, vice-president; Jodi Gannon, secretary; and Richard Groniger, press reporter.

Our next meeting is on May 21 at 7:30 pm at Velthuis's home. New members are welcome.

## Ormond Stitchers hold meeting

**by Melissa Stoodley**

ORMOND — The fourth meeting of the Ormond Flashy Stitchers was held on Fri., March 7 at the home of Lara Mesman. We learned the Scotch stitch, the cashmere stitch and the brick stitch for the background.

Our fifth meeting took place on Fri., March 21 at Mary Deeke's home. We learned how to block our pillow, the overcast stitch and some of the history of needlepoint. We also decided that we will be going to Michael's Craft Store for our achievement program which is to be held on Tues., May 13.

The sixth and final meeting of the Ormond Flashy Stitchers was held on Fri., April 11 at the home of Lara Mesman. Some members sewed their sampler pillow while others finished their stitches or worked on the club's board to take to the fairs.

Our finished projects and books are to be handed in on Sat., April 26.

## New maple syrup 4-H club kicks off

**by Pam Morrow**

CHESTERVILLE — The first meeting of the Chesterville Maple Syrup 4-H club was held on Sun., April 13 at the home of Rose Hennin and later on at the Sanders Sugarbush. Our club leaders are Rose Hennin and Denise Sunderlind.

Our meeting began with a few games to get us acquainted with each other. Then we held our elections for officers. Results are as follows: Yann Bossel, President; Terry Morrow, vice-president; Laure Bossel, secretary; and Pam Morrow, press reporter. After elections we headed out to the Sanders Sugarbush. There, Albert Sanders gave us an introduction on how the sap is made into the maple syrup we all know and love. We also got to taste the sap from the buckets.

To conclude, everyone had a great time at the meeting. Other members are: Laura Vingerhoeds, Jason Vingerhoeds, Sarah Sunderlind and Stephen Sunderlind.

Our next meeting will be held on Sun., April 19 at 1 pm at Rose's, then off to the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary to identify birds.

# Presley Holstein tops Spring Classic

KEMPTVILLE — Turnout was good for this year's Eastern Ontario Spring Classic held on April 12 at the AM Barr Arena in Kemptville.

The top selling animal in the sale was Bieri Silvia Blackstar, a consignment of Wayne Presley purchased for $6,200 by Jocelyn Cote of South Durham, Quebec.

The second highest price paid during the sale was $4,000 for Symcrest Counselor Laet, a consignment of Nelson Syme purchased by Athol Craswell of Prince Edward Island. Also purchased by Craswell was a VG Blackstar daughter consigned by Gordon Kettles and Rick Shaw. She was purchased for $3,500.

Hessholm Holsteins was the consignor of Hessholm Astre Willa, a June '96 daughter of Astre Starbuck. Daniel Meier of Chesterville purchased this animal for $3,250.

Sunnylodge Dombinator Jean, one of four consignments from Sunnylodge Holsteins of Ches-terville, sold for $3,200 to Wayne Presley of Newington.

The average price at this year's sale was $1,584.

**LUCKY WINNERS**

The Spring Classic also congratulates Denise Thompson from Frontenac County and Bryan Brydges of Lanark County on their luck of the draw. The two 4-H members each won a $500 credit towards their purchase of a calf on sale day. Approximately 70 4-H'ers entered the draw.

Sale organizers and area Holstein Clubs say they appreciate the support from those who advertised in this year's catalogue.

The Eastern Ontario Spring Classic is supported by the Holstein Clubs of Eastern Ontario and is managed by Hugh Fawcett Auctions Inc.



## *New friends*

Kim VanderZweep of Morrisburg had an up close look at one of the calves for sale during the Spring Classic Holstein sale held at the AM Barr Arena in Kemptville on Sat., April 12. Photo — Fetterly

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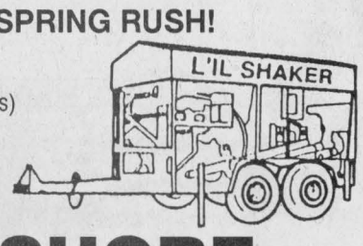


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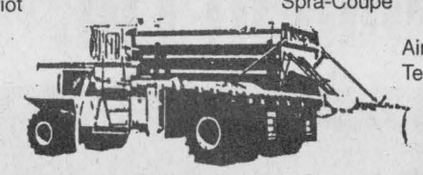
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# Suggestions for the perennial bed

*Question: How can I inexpensively expand my perennial flower bed?*

Answer: By Bruce Henbest, Master Gardener

Most herbaceous perennials can be rejuvenated or new plants propagated through plant division. This long-standing practice of lifting, separating and replanting perennial roots is an easy and inexpensive way to sustain, redesign or expand your perennial beds.

*What perennials can I divide?*

A very large variety of perennials may be divided through root division. Of the more than 370 perennials listed in *The Propagation Handbook* for example, all but about 50 perennials are listed as having a "good" strike rate. Fifty are listed as having a "moderate" strike rate (e.g. Alcea, Aubrieta, Canna, Liatris, Paeonia, Sanguinaria, Trillium), and only two (Celmisia and Lysichiton) receive a "poor" rating.

Generally speaking, you will be successful in dividing the perennials you have, and most of these will mature and begin to flower within a year of being divided.

In fact, most perennials actually benefit from periodic root division. Dividing these plants rejuvenates them, checks overgrowth and permits you to improve the soil in your perennial beds. Whereas some perennials can be divided as often as every year, others should only be divided biennially or less often (e.g. every 3-5 years).

There are some perennials which take even longer to establish themselves, and, if possible, are best left undisturbed for several years. Examples include: Japanese Anemone, Oriental Poppy, Peonies, Sea Holly, Gypsophila, Dephinium and Lupines.

Peonies, for example, will do fine without being divided for 10-20 years. For some of the above mentioned perennials and for others that grow easily from seed (e.g. Hollyhocks), it may be more worthwhile to purchase new plants or to propagate them from seed.

In part, your success dividing perennials will also depend on your technique, timing, the health and size of the root clump you select and your preparation of the bed into which these roots are planted.

**Ask a Master Gardener**

*How should I divide these roots?*

Some perennials produce clumps of rosettes or offsets. They may produce side shoots or underground stems (rhizomes), or aerial roots which generate new plantlets. These perennials can be easily divided by spearing these rosettes, offsets or plantlets from the parent plant and replanting them in the desired location.

Many perennials have fibrous roots that grow in a clump. These plants may be divided by lifting their roots and separating the clump into a series of smaller clumps. Although this clump may cut apart using a spade, it is better to pull it apart by hand (if the roots form a loose enough clump), or by placing two forks back-to-back in the centre of the clump and pushing the handles towards each other. Using the leverage of the forks, the clump can be divided with less damage to the roots. Each smaller clump must have at least some healthy roots and one or more growing or dormant shoots. If in doubt, err on the side of leaving more shoots than you think might be necessary to produce a healthy plant.

Other perennials have fleshy or tuberous roots that are usually lifted and cut using a sharp knife or spade. Care must be taken to preserve growth points (eyes or buds) on the sections of root that are to be replanted. When dividing perennials with either fibrous or fleshy roots, the inner, older or more woody portions of the root should be discarded, and the younger portions which will re-establish themselves more quickly should be saved for replanting.

*When is the best time to divide perennials?*

Many perennials will survive division at most times of the year, but your success rate will be better if you divide the plants when they are not actively growing and the weather is not extremely cold, wet or warm. Ideally, most perennials should be divided just as they are emerging from dormancy in the early spring.

One rule of thumb is that plants which bloom in the spring can be divided in the fall, whereas plants that bloom in the fall (after mid-August) should be divided in spring. If in doubt, divide in the spring. Again, there are a few exceptions. Primroses, for example, may be divided as early as June. Iris and peonies and poppies are often divided or moved in the late summer or early fall to allow them time to make new roots before winter. If planted in the spring, Peonies may not bloom for a year or two.

Perennials do not live forever, but through regular plant division you will be able to maintain, rejuvenate and expand your perennial flower beds for many years to come.



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**by Rachel Westenbroek**
**Dundas Dairy Educator**

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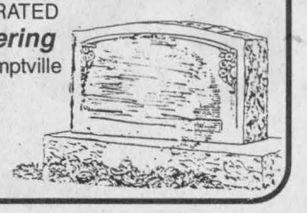


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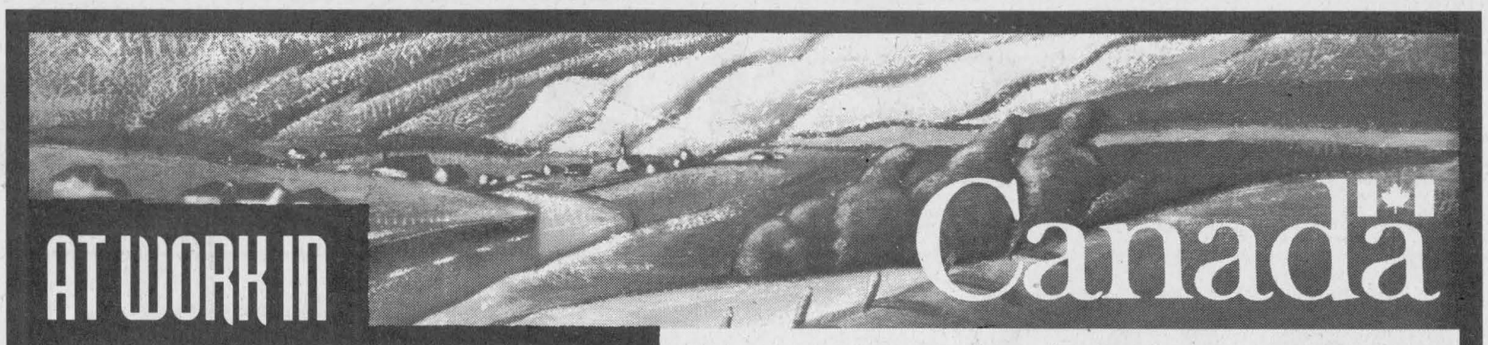


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