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NDDHS gets $178,700 grant

Launches GROW program

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — North Dundas District High School is one of two schools in the Upper Canada District School Board to receive funding through the province's Rural School Lighthouse Initiative.

"We're pretty excited," said NDDHS principal Brenda Ramsey about the $178,700 Rural Student Success Program grant, which was announced on Mon., March 20.

North Dundas is using the funding to launch the "Gaining Rural Opportunities in the Workforce" (GROW) program, which will offer expanded workplace experience.

The school will purchase a van to transport students to and from co-operative education placements, as well as 23 laptop computers so students can complete school work at their placement without having to come back to the school throughout the day.

"Transportation has been a really limiting factor for our co-op students," said Ramsey. "Now, the possibilities are endless."

Ramsey said that at-risk students may not stay in school until they have a car to transport themselves to a co-op placement.

"We want to get the younger students out in the workforce and target kids earlier, so that they can see the value in completing their courses," she explained.

The funding will also go toward expanding the school's transportation technology courses to include farm equipment repair.

"The courses haven't been fully designed yet — they're still in the concept phase," said Ramsey, noting that though the van and laptops have been ordered, the program will not be fully implemented until September.

The school will also be upgrading its greenhouse, purchasing soil and water testing kits and microscopes, as well as new ovens for the family studies room.

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Attempted robbery in Morewood

MOREWOOD — Thieves attempted to rob the Lucky Dollar Food Store in Morewood on Thurs., March 16. SD&G OPP officers responded to a 911 call at about 7:30 pm from the Main Street store.

Investigation revealed that two males had entered the store, demanding cigarettes and cash from the male clerk. As one of the suspects attempted to physically restrain the clerk, a scuffle ensued resulting in both suspects fleeing the store on foot. Nothing was stolen; the suspects left behind a bag at the scene. The clerk was not injured, and no weapons were used or observed in the incident.

The suspects are described as follows: white male, six feet tall, thin to normal build wearing dark clothing; white male, five feet, nine inches tall, thin build, wearing dark clothing with a red and black overcoat-style plaid jacket, English speaking. Both suspects wore nylons to cover their faces, and toques.

Const. Kerry-Lyn Boll is investigating. Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call SD&G OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.



Clowning around

Members of the Carleton County 4-H Clown Club were favorites of the younger generation in attendance at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show March 14 to 16 at Lansdowne Park. Pictured are: Christina Johnston-Wigney of Osgoode (back, left), John Pyper of Marvelville, Tyler Nooyen of Osgoode, and Amanda Rankin of Morewood (front). See photos of the farm show seed awards on page 11 of this week's *Press.*

Press Photo — Duncan

Dundas County Players

Spring welcomed with cabaret fun

by Matthew Barbour

WINCHESTER — Dundas County Players plans to have lots of fun with its *April Fool's Cabaret.* Actors could not contain their mirth as they laughed at their own antics during rehearsal on Sat., March 18.

A total of 23 acts have been scheduled for the 8 pm performance on April 1 at the Old Town Hall in Winchester. The evening will include singing, dancing, and a number of skits – all designed to tickle the funny bones of the audience members.

"Putting on a cabaret is not as demanding as our other performances," said long-time troupe member Glenna Walkden. "It's our chance to have fun, be silly, and reward ourselves for what we do in the rest of the season."

She noted that it has been a while since the Players staged such an event.

"It's been two or three years since our last cabaret and we felt it was time for another," she said. "As a finale, we are going to have an open mic and invite members of the audience to come up and share their foolishness, their silliness, and their fun."

The *April Fool's Cabaret* is being staged as a springtime morale booster under the direction of Liz Barton, with Denise Lafortune serving as co-director.

Walkden will be directing the group's next presentation, *Who's in Bed with the Butler?* It is billed as an American farce and will be staged at the end of April.

There will be only one presentation of the *April Fool's Cabaret.* Advance tickets are available at Shadbolt's Stedmans in Winchester. The performance will be preceded by a cash dessert bar starting at 6 pm.



"Pietro is missing an eyebrow because we lost the glue last night," said Glenna Walkden, who will be performing in two acts of the Dundas County Players' *April Fool's Cabaret* on April 1. Members of the troupe expect to have as much fun as the audience during the show. *Photo — Barbour*

Local company's booth hot spot at farm show

by Bonnie James
Press staff

OTTAWA — One of the busiest booths at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show at Lansdowne Park last week was Terravis Energy Solutions, which sells and installs solar and wind energy systems. The company is based out of Brinston and Kemptville and is owned by brothers Luke and Bart Geleynse, who grew up in Inkerman.

"It's now becoming affordable for homeowners and farmers," said Dave Kalmbach, who was staffing the Terravis booth, about alternative energy technology. "It's exciting to see that people are waking up and saying 'Hey, I can do something with this.'"

The farm show was an excellent fit for Terravis's services.

"It has been very steady and there are lots of quality leads," said Kalmbach about the booth traffic at the show on Wed., March 15.

Terravis has special insight into the agricultural sector as Luke Geleynse also owns Dundas Agri-Systems in Brinston.

"We know the farm community," he said, noting that he is now following up on some 400 leads generated at the farm show.

Geleynse got his experience with alternative energy systems while working in Chad, Africa with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He explained that he and Bart wanted to start a business together and the alternative energy market was a complementary fit with the work already being done by Dundas Agri-Systems. A year and a half ago Terravis Energy Solutions was born.

"Our target market is the dairy community and Eastern Ontario," said Geleynse, who explained that after building a viable company in Canada, the brothers plan to use that proficiency to aid mission agencies around the world. The company is already engaged in a research and consulting contract with a Baptist mission agency in Côte D'Ivoire, Africa.

While the plan was to slowly ramp up Terravis into full swing over the next several years, Geleynse said that things are on a fast track.

"The interest is growing much more quickly than we expected," he said. He credited high fuel prices and increasing hydro costs for some of the heightened interest.

Also pushing alternative energy to the forefront is the Ontario government's announcement (which was to be made yesterday) that homeowners will soon earn 42 cents for every kilowatt hour of solar electricity they produce and 11 cents for every kilowatt hour of wind energy.

"We weren't expecting that for a couple more years," said Geleynse.

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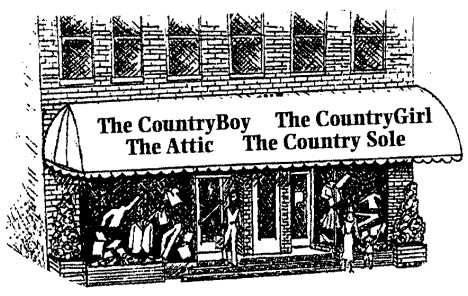

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Morrisburg woman dies in car crash

MORRISBURG — Anna Johnston, 75, of Morrisburg, was pronounced dead at the scene of a head-on collision, which occurred at 4:15 pm on March 18. SD&G OPP officers responded to a report from OnStar of the two-vehicle County Road 2 crash about three kilometres west of Morrisburg.

Johnston's eastbound 1997 Buick LeSabre, in which she was the only occupant, collided head-on with a westbound 2004 Chevrolet SUV, driven by Vaughan Fawcett, 45, of Embrun. Fawcett was alone in his vehicle.

Fawcett was taken to Winchester District Memorial Hospital in an ambulance suffering from non-life threatening injuries.

The Morrisburg Fire Department attended the scene for extrication purposes. A section of County Road 2 from Muttonville Road to Coyle Drive remained closed to traffic until about 9:30 pm while officers investigated the scene.

Const. Harvey Blokland, assisted by an OPP technical traffic collision investigator, continue to investigate the cause of the collision.

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"It was certainly a large staff effort," Ramsey said of compiling information for the request-for-funding proposal, which was sent to the school board under pressure of a five-day time frame. "But it's important — we are exactly what the initiative is targeting."

The proposal included letters of support from several community partners, including local companies, organizations, and farmers.

Hardy Seeds in Inkerman was one company that offered support to the GROW program. The company's letter stated that the initiative is an excellent way to inspire today's youth to enter the agriculture industry — where there's currently not a lot of encouragement.

Rothwell-Osnabruck School is the other UCDSB school to receive funding for its "Making it Real at R-O" initiative. The $41,500 will be used to help students develop trades-related literacy and numeracy skills, as well as gain work place experience.

"The projects are unique and creative in engaging students' interest and exposing them to opportunities in their rural communities, while earning credits toward their high school diploma," said Scott Corden, UCDSB principal of Student Success.

Farm Show

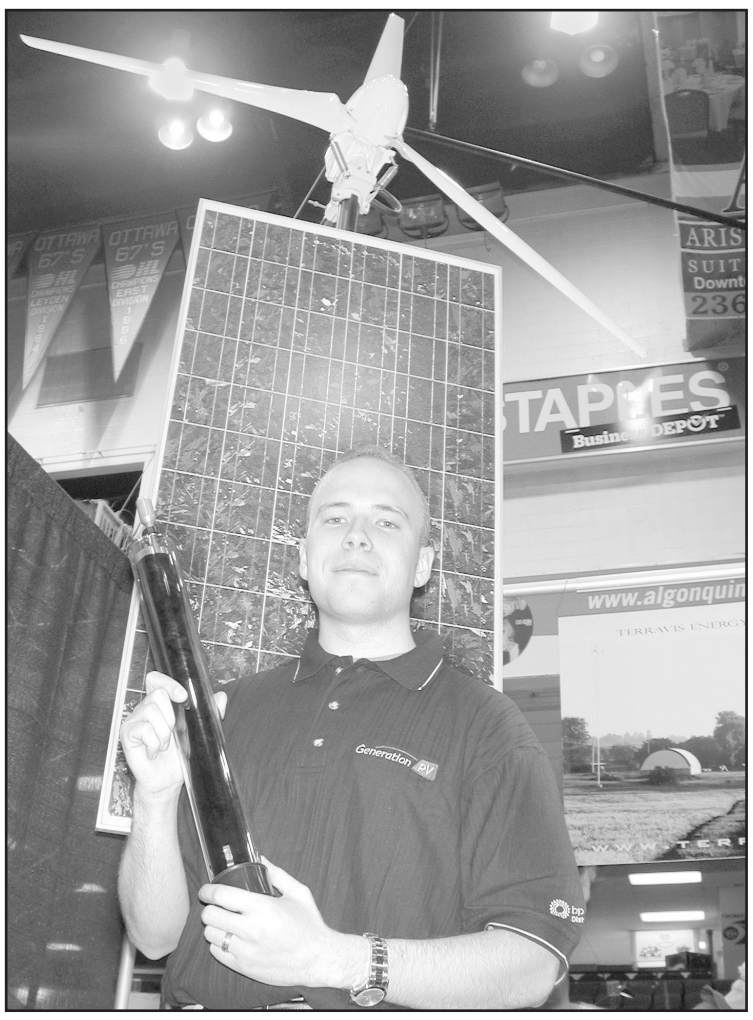
Terravis Energy Solutions specializes in solar electric, solar hot water, and wind turbine energy systems. Solar hot water systems have been the biggest seller so far. They are the most cost efficient with homeowners recovering the cost in about six years.

FARM SHOW SUCCESS

Paid attendance at this year's Ottawa Valley Farm Show was up slightly with 300 more entrance fees collected. Overall, attendance was estimated at between 10,000 and 12,000.

"I think it was one of the best shows in a number of years," said general manager Tom Van Dusen. "The crowds were steady and I got rave reviews from the exhibitors."

Van Dusen noted that the 15th edition of the Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Sale on the final day of the show raised $5,200, which was donated to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Over the life of the event, over $66,000 has been raised for CHEO.



Energy solutions

Dave Kalmbach, shown holding an evacuated solar tube, fielded questions about wind and solar energy systems at the Terravis Energy Solutions booth at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show on Wed., March 15. The booth saw steady traffic and generated about 400 quality leads for the local company.

Press Photo — James

Winchester Minor Ball program saved

WINCHESTER — Thanks to some local volunteers who didn't want to see the Winchester Minor Ball program fold and came out to a meeting I held last week, there will be ball played in Winchester this summer. Registration will take place this Sat., March 25 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Township Office, 636 St. Lawrence St. and Tues., March 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Winchester Arena. Or you can pick up a registration form at the township office and mail it in. There are forms for the Chesterville and Mountain programs as well.

Remarks

by Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture



Other registrations to make note of:

Mountain Minor Ball: Mon., March 27, 7 to 9 pm at Nationview Public School

Winchester Co-ed Minor Ball Hockey: Wed., March 22, 7 to 8 pm at the Winchester and Chesterville arenas.

Chesterville Minor Ball: Thurs., March 23, 6 to 8 pm, and Sat., March 25, 10 am to 12 pm at the Chesterville Fire Hall.

North Dundas Soccer: Thurs., March 23, 6 to 8 pm, and Sat., March 25, 10 am to 12 pm at the Chesterville Fire Hall, Old Town Hall in Winchester, and Mountain Memorial Park.

This weekend (March 25 and 26), the annual Winchester Skating Club Invitational takes place at the Winchester Arena starting at 8 am both days. Our skaters have spent many hours practising all winter to get ready for this event. It's a good chance to come out and see some of our local talent compete.

Congratulations to the NDMHA PeeWee "B" Rep team coached by Barry Giberson. They won the East Championship last Saturday with a convincing win over Long Sault and now play South Grenville — the West winner — for the overall championship. Game one is tonight (March 22) at 7 pm in Winchester.

Our Novice "B" team, coached by Tom Mellean, is also having a great playoff run. They ousted Athens last week in a very close series that went four games with our boys coming out on top last Monday 2-1 on an overtime winner from Bradley Stitt. That put them in the finals against Brockville and they, once again, dramatically scratched out a 2-1 win Sunday on two goals from Owen Guy — the winner with 32 seconds showing on the clock. All the kids are playing fantastic hockey and the games have been great to watch. Let's hope they can keep it going. Game two was played Monday night.

Another team, PeeWee "C" House, coached by Tim Moher, is battling Morrisburg for the league title. Our guys are up 2 points to 0. They play Tuesday night in Morrisburg and Wednesday night in Chesterville at 7 pm.

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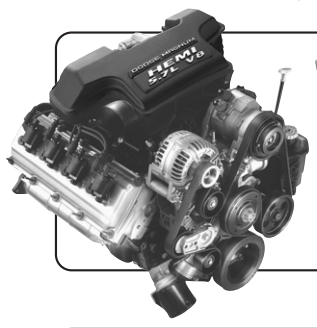

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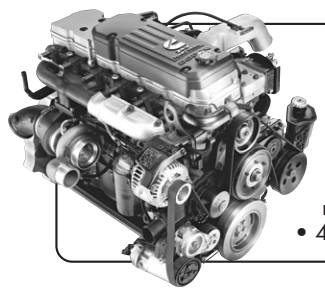

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Farm tax deferral officially turned down

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A request from the Stormont Dundas Landowners Association and the Dundas Federation of Agriculture to defer the collection of farm property taxes until late fall was officially turned down by North Dundas Township council at its March 13 meeting. Instead, council said it would advertise that people in poverty situations are free to discuss their tax situation with the township's director of finance on an individual basis.

At the Feb. 13 meeting, council discussed the request, but did not take any action. At the time, most council members did not speak favorably about the proposal, though they wanted to know how other townships were accommodating the same request. John Gareau, the township's director of finance, was instructed to investigate the matter further.

Dan Harkin, of the Stormont Dundas Landowners Association, was on the agenda at the March 13 meeting as a delegate. When his time came to speak, he had little to say.

"Most of us feel that we're tired of this," said Harkin about the tax deferral request. "We thought this was a simple proposal that wouldn't cost you a heck of a lot of money — small potatoes. But there are bigger problems." He added that farmers would be better off focusing their attention in other areas.

> ***"People in extreme circumstances are welcome to come and talk to the treasurer."***
> — Runnalls

Councillor Al Armstrong expressed some concern about Harkin's apparent displeasure.

"I think you should rest assured that [the proposal] wasn't 'slammed down,'" he said. "We're going to hear more tonight," he added, noting that council would make a well-rounded decision.

The mayor explained that the township's door is always open.

"People in extreme circumstances are welcome to come and talk to the treasurer," said Runnalls.

"Farmers don't know this," replied Harkin. "Tell them."

Harkin left before Gareau made his report to council, which included his research into the farm tax deferral issue.

During his report to council, Gareau explained that the ministry of municipal affairs and housing; the township's lawyers and auditors; and all of the treasurers in the surrounding area that he spoke with all agreed: a tax deferral would be a form of bonusing for one tax class, and therefore is against the law.

He also pointed out that in the two other Ontario townships (Halton Hills and Huron East) that had gone ahead with a tax deferral for farmers, the only complaints had come from farmers themselves, some of whom were upset that they weren't able to pay their tax bill in instalments.

"I'd like to compliment the treasurer, the CAO, and the mayor on finding out all the details [about the tax deferral issue]," said Deputy-Mayor Bill Smirle.

Council went on to discuss how taxpayers experiencing dire straights could be dealt with individually.

"I think it should be an open avenue," said councillor Martin Schoones, adding that he wanted to make sure that people felt that they could approach the township about these issues. He asked Gareau if there were forms that taxpayers could fill out to be considered for tax deferral.

"We don't have a form," said Gareau. "We've never gone down this road before. I will look into it." He added that the process could involve poking into people's financial lives in order to assess a poverty situation.

While the treasurer would collect the information from the ratepayer and make a recommendation to council, it would be the council members that would ultimately decide what action to take for each individual situation.

"I don't want to be tasked with sole veto power," said Gareau.



Hockey for hospital

Adverse weather conditions didn't prevent the 2006 South Stormont Pond Hockey Tournament from raising valuable dollars for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation. Taking part in the presentation of a $1,100 cheque on March 15 were Dr. Gerry Rosenquist (left), South Stormont councillor Bill Upper, Gord Shaver (tourney rep) and WDMH Foundation Board Chair Terry MacLellan.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Council notes from North Dundas

Emergency measures

WINCHESTER — Before the March 13 meeting of North Dundas council got underway, Mayor Alvin Runnalls and Deputy-Mayor Bill Smirle noted that they had recently attended a county emergency measures meeting. They highlighted that people should be prepared for a potential flu epidemic.

"Everyone received material from the health unit," said Smirle, noting that it is recommended that people stockpile seven days worth of food and water, as well as some masks to help protect themselves from contracting the flu.

"It's things like this that could make things easier in case of an emergency," said Runnalls.

Should a flu epidemic occur, it is possible that local supplies might be depleted.

Smirle explained that it is not a question of "if" a flu pandemic will occur, but rather "when."

"It'll come quickly when it does come and we want people to be prepared," he added.

Road tour

North Dundas council members took to the streets on Sat., March 18 when Arden Carruthers, director of public works, organized a road tour. Councillors visited many problem areas where roads need improvement.

Carruthers indicated it would be an expensive year for road maintenance at the March 13 council meeting.

"The money we're dumping in now isn't near enough," he said.

Councillor Al Armstrong said he wanted to make sure the township is sticking to its road plan and not continually bumping roads that have been waiting for years to receive improvements.

"I think we're getting caught up in our plan," said Carruthers, suggesting that new roads could be added and prioritized.

Setting a good example

Smirle suggested that the township office should have a hand sanitization station in the main lobby. Regular handwashing is one of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit's recommendations to prevent the spread of the flu virus.

"I thought it would be worthwhile showing that we're following these recommendations," said Smirle. "I think we should be showing that kind of leadership."

The washrooms in the building already contain hand sanitizer dispensers. Township staff will look into getting another dispenser for the lobby.

Martel to run for mayor

MORRISBURG — Former South Dundas councillor Cam Martel has announced that he will run for South Dundas mayor in this fall's municipal election.

"I have decided to stand in the next municipal election this fall because I have a solid background in municipal politics and a strong interest in a flourishing township," said Martel.

Before amalgamation, Martel served on the Morrisburg council for six years. He served an additional six years on South Dundas council, during which time he also represented the township on Counties council, and served a term as SD&G warden.

"I've missed it, it kind of gets in your blood," he said about politics.

Martel is currently the president of the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce. He also represents the community on the SD&G Library Board and chairs the Eastern Ontario Water Resource Committee. Over the years he has been involved in many aspects of municipal affairs, including the South Dundas Planning Board and the South Dundas Economic Development Commission. He has also been active with the Royal Canadian Legion and was involved with the Morrisburg Old Home Week Committee.

Martel highlights taxes, municipal services, roads, drainage and bridges in the townships, and water and sewer plants in Morrisburg and Iroquois as some of the major issues for the coming election.

"If elected it will be extremely important to work in close harmony with the council of the day and the municipal staff, with the aim and goals of streamlining the system and creating the most economic operation possible," said Martel.

He also plans to focus on the future of the township.

"It is my belief that our strategic plan must be visited with express purpose of implementing a course of action that ensures a healthy and prosperous future for our community, while holding the taxes at bay," he said.

Two others have also declared their intent to run for South Dundas council. Bill Ewing will run for the position of deputy mayor and Jim Graham will run for the position of councillor. This will be the first time that South Dundas Township will elect council members at large, rather than through the ward system.

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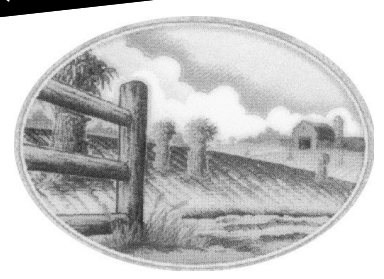

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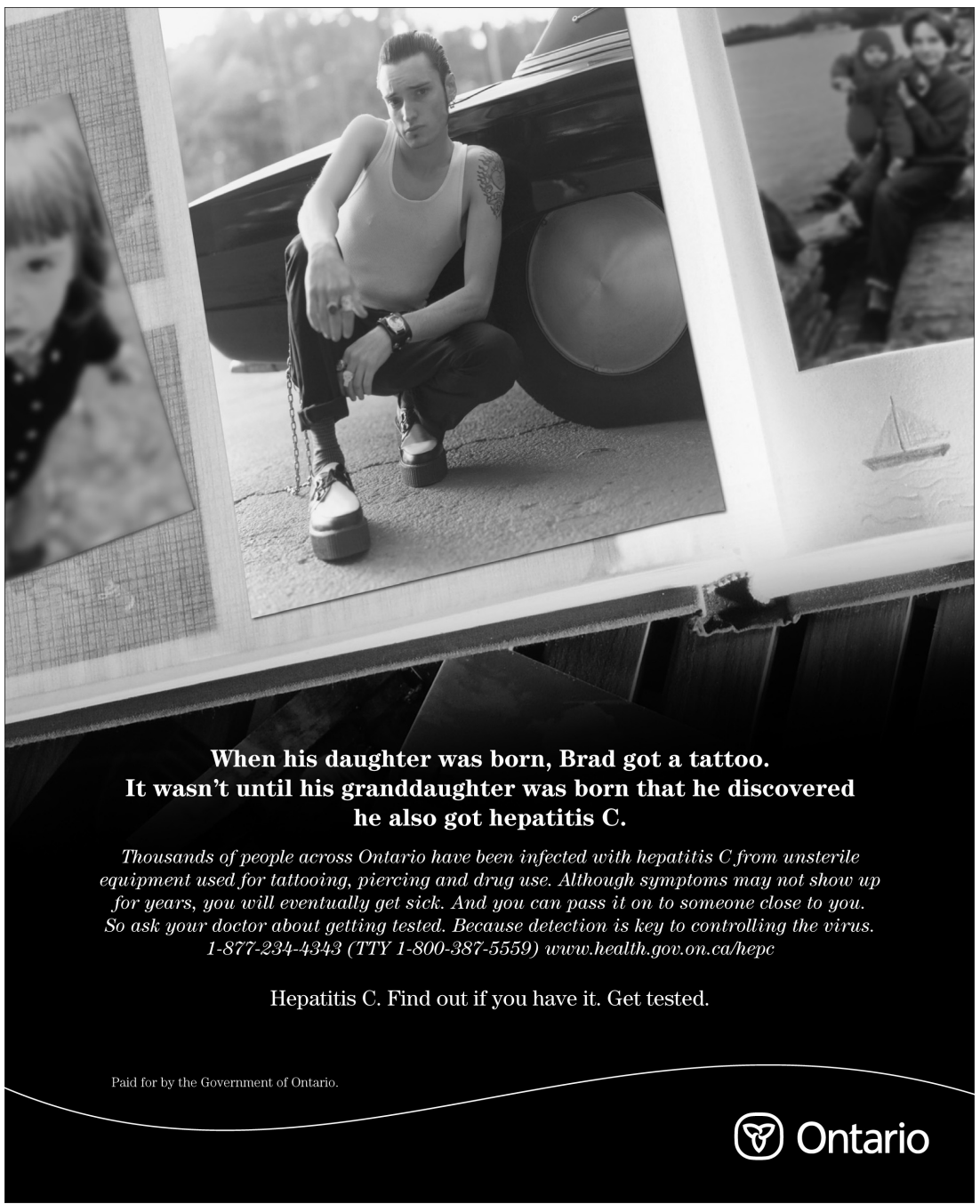

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Police blotter

Three arrested for stolen vehicle

MORRISBURG — Three Hamilton males were arrested after trying to flee from police near Morrisburg on March 17. At approximately 6:45 pm, Const. Paul Barkley was conducting speed enforcement on Highway 401 in the Morrisburg area. An eastbound 1994 Chevrolet Corsica was clocked on radar at 143 kilometres per hour.

The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver refused to pull over. A check of the vehicle revealed it had been stolen from the Hamilton area.

About four kilometres away, the vehicle entered a service centre and three male occupants fled on foot.

Two off-duty Toronto area police officers who had witnessed the incident apprehended one male behind the service centre. Arkadiusz Kaminski, 19, of Hamilton, was turned over to SD&G OPP officers. He was identified as a passenger in the vehicle.

A second male, 17, from Hamilton was later arrested in Morrisburg following K-9 tracking. He was identified as the driver of the vehicle.

The third male was arrested following unusual circumstances. Investigation revealed Ryan Beaudry, 20, of Hamilton, had taken cover under a parked tractor-trailer unit in the lot of the service centre to avoid police. The transport driver — without knowledge of the passenger — then proceeded eastbound on Highway 401, with the suspect clinging to the undercarriage of the trailer. Police were alerted to the situation by a motorist following the transport truck. The unit was stopped in the Lancaster area of Highway 401 in Glengarry County by police, approximately 50 to 60 kilometres away, and the suspect, still hanging on under the trailer, was subsequently arrested — cold but uninjured.

All three remain in custody, pending a court appearance in Cornwall.

The 17-year-old driver of the stolen vehicle is charged with flight from police; dangerous operation of a motor vehicle; two counts of possession of stolen property (the vehicle and items located in the vehicle taken from a break-in in the Hamilton area); and eight counts of failure to comply with the conditions of release (from previous unrelated incidents).

Kaminski is charged with two counts of possession of stolen property, and four counts of breach of probation.

Beaudry is charged with two counts of possession of stolen property, and four counts of breach of probation.

"The hanging fugitive was a first for me in 20 years with OPP," said Const. Joel Doiron. "There won't be any charges relating to the truck as it is incorporated as a continuation of the original incident involving the stolen vehicle. The truck driver is a witness to the case."

SD&G OPP Constables Barkley and Sylvain Lamarche continue the investigation.

Postal prank

MORRISBURG — SD&G OPP received a complaint of mischief inside the Canada Post building on March 16. During the previous week, debris had been strewn all over and post boxes were covered with graffiti at the 5th Street Morrisburg building. Const. Ed McGraw is investigating.

Vehicle vandalized

WINCHESTER — A vehicle was vandalized while parked in a lot on Main Street in Winchester overnight between March 16 and 17. The passenger side of the vehicle was keyed, causing permanent damage. Const. Sylvain Lamarche is investigating.

Speeder caught

SOUTH DUNDAS — At approximately 5 pm on March 16, Const. Sylvain Lamarche was conducting speed enforcement on Highway 401 in South Dundas when a 2002 Hyundai Sonata, driven by a 27-year-old Montreal man was stopped at a speed of 181 kilometres per hour. He was issued a summons for speeding in the 100 kilometres per hour zone, and is scheduled to attend court in Morrisburg at a later date to answer to the charge.

Over 100 service calls

DUNDAS COUNTY — During the past week, police officers in Dundas County responded to 105 calls for service, 51 of which were in South Dundas, 39 in North Dundas, and 15 on Highway 401.



The 2006 Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships will be held in Lamoureux Park in Cornwall from July 13 to 16.

Cornwall to host 2006 balloon championships

CORNWALL — The board of directors of Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off has announced that the City of Cornwall has been chosen by the Canadian Balloon Association (CBA), to host the 2006 Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships. The bid, prepared in partnership with Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, was submitted to the CBA in late 2005. Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off and the 2006 Canadian Championships will be held in Lamoureux Park from July 13 to 16.

The local hot air balloon festival has previously hosted back-to-back national championships in 1996 and 1997. Cornwall Lift-Off was founded in 1994 and is celebrating it's 10th anniversary in 2006.

"We are very excited about once again being selected to organize and host the national championships here in Cornwall," said festival chair Chris Savard. "In addition to the significant recent growth of our festival, we have a proven track record with the CBA of hosting successful events. This will prove to be a recipe for success for the 2006 festival."

Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off is in the process of finalizing negotiations with its headline entertainers for 2006. This year, an exciting assortment of live entertainment and fireworks will compliment the 2006 Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships, as well as the usual passenger balloon rides. It is anticipated that the festival will attract between 45,000 and 50,000 spectators from Eastern Ontario, Western Quebec and Northern New York State.

"The whole region of Cornwall has embraced the sport of hot air ballooning and we are absolutely thrilled to once again invite the top pilots from all across Canada to compete on a national stage in the area," said David Gleed, CBA president.

For more info about Lift-Off, please visit www.lift-off.ca.

New traffic unit added

LONG SAULT — As part of the SD&G OPP detachment's committment to traffic safety, Detachment Commander Inspector Ray Westgarth has implemented a dedicated traffic unit, consisting of 18 highway safety officers (constables) and one supervisor (sergeant).

"The main function of the officers will be to patrol all roadways (highway, county, township) and provide needed enforcement with the goal of reducing collisions, injuries, and deaths," said Westgarth.

The unit will also target areas of concern throughout SD&G from information received from residents.

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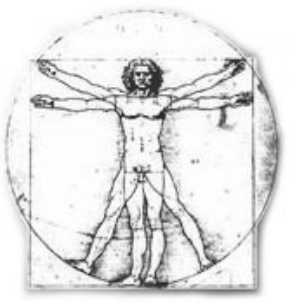

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St. Lawrence Rowing Club a go

Organizers plan to have sculls in Galop Canal by early spring

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

IROQUOIS — It's all about balance, timing, and teamwork. Morrisburg resident Dr. Trisha Morrow, who has competed at high school, university, and national levels, knows just about everything there is to know about rowing. Now, she's bringing her expertise to South Dundas and taking the lead to establish the St. Lawrence Rowing Club (SLRC), which will introduce a new sport to the Iroquois area.

"Rowing is a popular sport that appeals to people for many different reasons," Morrow explained, noting that whether recreational or competitive, the SLRC will appeal to many athletes. "The St. Lawrence Rowing Club will offer the facility, opportunity, and encouragement for anyone."

Rowers will use the Galop Canal, which is already marked for 1,000-metre and 2,000-metre courses.

"This is an excellent spot for it [the club]," noted South Dundas economic development officer Anne Marie Waddell, who explained that the canal was used previously as a training spot for a high-ranking team. "This is very good for South Dundas — especially Iroquois in particular — [to have] more traffic coming through [the area]."

Initial membership in the SLRC will focus on high school athletes — Morrow will start dry land training with interested athletes at Seaway District High School in coming weeks, and the team will hit the canal as soon as the ice is out.

A summer learn-to-row program for all ages and abilities will begin in late June, and organizers are planning a summer youth rowing camp.

The club is also looking for volunteers to help out in any way, especially coaching. New coaches don't have to be experienced — the club will organize workshops to instruct anyone willing to learn how to coach.

SLRC organizers plan to install a dock next to Iroquois Marine Services, (about a half mile west of the Carman Road-County Road 2 intersection). The club has arranged for a temporary storage area, but is looking to build a structure in the future — first for storage and eventually a clubhouse.

Currently the club has one boat, but Morrow was able to track down a couple more from her alma mater — the Peterborough Rowing Club — that are currently not in use.

"They might need some small repairs," she said, but noted that it was a great start. The club will look at purchasing boats for four and eight rowers in the future, as well as expanding the club to include canoes and kayaks.

Morrow began rowing in high school at the Peterborough Rowing Club, and continued with the sport at Trent University when she was a member of the varsity rowing team for three years, which took her to several regattas including the Canadian Championships. Morrow has coached high school teams in Peterborough as well as at the Argonaut Rowing Club in Toronto.

The SLRC initiative is in conjunction with the Galop Canal Revitalization Project (GCRP).

"She brings with her a lot of enthusiasm, motivation, and experience," said GCRP general manager Geraldine Fitzsimmons.

Morrow explained that Row Ontario identifies one new-born club each year that they will help out in all facets.

"This year, we're their one club," Morrow said, noting that to have the backing of a provincial organization will be a great help to the club. "It's nice to have them helping out."

Row Ontario is helping Morrow send a letter to clubs across the province looking for boats and other equipment necessary for the new club. Morrow and other organizers are also actively seeking donors and sponsors locally to help the club get up and running.

"It's not something I ever thought I'd be doing," Morrow remarked of her lead role in the project. "But I came to this area and I saw the landscape, saw the canal — I just had this dream that I wanted to be out there on the water in a skull."

Morrow said that the club will be open to everyone interested.

"Anyone can do it," she said. "They don't need to be an athlete — and it's a great, full-body workout."

If you're wondering what exactly a coxswain is, or would simply like to find out more about the SLRC, contact Morrow via st.lawrencerowingclub@hotmail.com.



Morrisburg resident Dr. Trisha Morrow is taking the lead to establish the St. Lawrence Rowing Club at the Galop Canal, and hopes to have a team from Seaway District High School practising as soon as the ice is out. Pictured are: Mike Lalonde of Cornwall Seaway Valley Tourism (left), Dr. Trish Morrow, and South Dundas economic development officer Anne Marie Waddell. *Press Photo — Duncan*



Cops and Robbers give back

For 23 years the Cops and Robbers of Winchester have been playing golf to raise funds for various public programs, projects and charities. For the last 10 years they have added a fundraising curling bonspiel to generate more cash. Top Cop John Ralko presented Janet Levere of the Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre a cheque for $1,000 recently to help offset client fees. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

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Lions members have planned a fun-filled evening on Mon., March 27 at the Osgoode Community Centre (5660 Main St.) with snacks at 6:30 pm and a delicious dinner at 7 pm, catered by the Osgoode Orange Lodge. Seats are by reservation only. Please contact Scott Harris at 826-3560 or Dwayne Acres at 826-2581 as soon as possible to book a spot.

This presentation is the second in the Lions' 2006 series of "Reach Out to the Community" dinner evenings.

Operating events such as the annual Osgoode Winter Carnival, the Osgoode Trade and Home Show, and the Firefighters' Combat Challenge, the Osgoode Lions have contributed about $20,000 a year to community projects and organizations for over 25 years, while enjoying good fellowship and personal satisfaction in fulfilling the motto: We serve.

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EDITORIAL

Trust a farmer

It's interesting that a new poll shows that the public views farmers as some of the most trustworthy people in the nation, right behind firefighters and nurses. It's not that the results are doubtful, or that we disagree, it's just tempting to examine this trustworthiness rating in relation to the current agricultural situation

The poll, which was the basis for a story in the Mon., March 20 issue of the *Ottawa Citizen* (page A3), surveyed 1,500 adult Canadians. The results showed that 92 per cent of people trust farmers. As a comparison, only 14 per cent of people believe that politicians are trustworthy.

If the public trusts farmers, then the public should stand behind farmers' current requests to get the province and the federal government to commit to long-term funding for agriculture. The Risk Management Program that the grain and oilseed sector wants the government to support was designed by farmers. It should therefore be a trustworthy plan.

If we follow the logic further, people must find a farmers' market a more trustworthy place to shop than a regular grocery store — although grocers were not rated in the survey, so we're going out on a limb here. Think about the fact that the public trusts farmers, yet farmers are running into problems selling some products at farmers' markets due to blanket health regulations. It doesn't make sense.

At the same time, one wonders how the public's trust in farmers can grow (as the *Citizen* headline suggests) when fewer and fewer Canadians have any contact with them, or even know how their food is produced. One might conclude that joe public actually trusts the image he has of farmers, rather than the actual people growing his food today. The farmer is becoming mythologized. It's not all that far-fetched to imagine that someday all that will remain of the family farm as we know it is a mental picture, fuelled by children's storybooks.

In fact, sometime in the future it's not hard to picture saying, "Kids, back when I was your age, corn was grown in Canada by farmers who drove tractors for long hours out in fields right here where this subdivision is now."

This trustworthiness rating information could also be used for evil by agribusiness conglomerates. Stick a picture of a happy farmer in a plaid shirt and peaked cap on your packaging and watch sales rise. The family farm could become simply a marketing ploy in the future.

Are farmers trustworthy? Yes.

Does it make a lick of difference to farmers in danger of losing their livelihood that the public trusts them? Doubtful.

Journalists, by the way, are trusted by 49 per cent of people, according to the same survey.

B.J.



Motorists who honked their horns as they passed through South Mountain on Sunday afternoon (March 19) didn't realize it, but they were helping Quentin McNairn celebrate his birthday — he turns 11 tomorrow (March 23). McNairn invited some friends from his Grade 5 class over for a party and after the cake and ice cream, they decided to do something unique to mark the occasion. They made up cardboard signs that read "Honk," then stood on the sidewalk in front of McNairn's home and held them up for passing motorists to see. In a three-hour period, they elicited honks from 81 vehicles — 30 drivers decided not to beep. The group included Cody Sternberg (front, left), birthday boy Quentin McNairn, Derek Lillico, Connor Burrell (back, left), Adam Quinlan, Aaron Burns, Tim Ashby, and Nevin Guy. *Photo — Barbour*

Increasing tourism: I'd rather be sealing



From the Other Side
by Jeffrey Morris

I'm dreaming. I'm sitting at a Tim Hortons with Newfoundland Premier Danny Williams.

Canada has just separated from Quebec to become part of Newfoundland, and Williams is running the new country.

"We need to expand the seal hunt – bring it to the rest of Canada," he said.

"The seal hunt is as Canadian as beer and popcorn stains on a stay-at-home mom's t-shirt."

My mind started racing. Little did I realize in this dream that the future of Ottawa's tourism was about to be unfolded.

"Winterlude," he said. "Winterlude needs the seal hunt."

"You think?"

"Danny Williams' Winterlude is not about pretty lights by Parliament Hill and ice sculptures on Dows Lake," he said. "Winterlude will be a real man's winter festival."

I looked at him, puzzled, with my head slightly tilted in an RCA dog-hears-master's-voice kind of way. "The seal hunt? In Ottawa?"

"Not just Ottawa," he continued. "Morrisburg too. We'll have 'Ye Olde Seal Hunte' at Upper Canada Village. Think of the celebrities! We're guaranteed to bring Paul McCartney and Brigitte Bardot into town. Pam Anderson will likely show up. I'm sure Tim Robbins and two or three of them Baldwin lads would be on board. Maybe even Lance Armstrong could come in for a motivational speech to the seal hunters and give everyone wrist bracelets. And that little ball of hate Avril Lavigne? She and her music friends — wait 'til they check out our 'club scene'!"

I started to think how great St. Paddy's Day would have been with a pitcher of green beer at the Prescott and some seal hunting on Dows Lake. What better way to improve relations between the rurals and city? After all, it's not like there's a club registry.

"And since the seals are on ice when you club them," he continued, "I don't think Dr. Salisbury and the city bylaw officers can nail you for what temperature you're transporting the seals from the canal to your local church supper at."

I thought for a minute, and asked the obvious question.

"But wouldn't the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority oppose populating the Rideau River and Rideau Canal with seals?"

"That's a good point," he replied. "But if we populated the area with seals in a way that the RVCA would have to charge $20,000 environmental assessment fees to any land developers, they would be more than happy. And think of how the seal hunt would help Eastern Ontario's cod population. They'd love that."

I was starting to see the big picture.

"And the beaver tail thing? We'd have kiosks with real beaver tails!"

But would a seal hunt in Ottawa attract young people?

"Mardi Gras beads," he replied. "You get Mardi Gras beads for each seal you club. Then, you know, the beads get tossed around and, well, traded. The lady with the most seal hunt Mardi Gras beads at the end of the night gets a freshly made fur coat."

We talked about attracting American tourists up for the Ottawa Seal Hunt. My dream started to get a little weird from there. Liberal Senator Celine Hervieux-Payette was at the next table and was listening to our conversation.

"Those savage Americans will only come up here if they can club innocent Iraqi women and children," she said. "We hunt seals, they hunt humans."

I was going to say something, but Osgoode Ward Councillor Doug Thompson walked by with a piece of pizza, and she floated away, following him. Probably a good thing, because I'm sure the dream would have had her in a big seal suit flopping around on the ice before long.

But the seal hunt might be a little, well, barbaric for some.

"That's where Alex Munter comes in," he said. "He would be in charge of the arts and culture side of it. You could appoint Alex to be in charge of the new trendy and upscale Seal Hunt Culture and History Museum."

"Where would we put it?" I asked.

"Where else?" he replied. "Hunt Club. Think of how many official Hunt Club souvenir seal hunt bats we could sell! That would stimulate the local economy. But the real local economic benefit would be having the O-Train run on seal oil."

It was a flawless idea, but maybe not every tourist would like to club seals.

"Easy," he said, frustrated that I wasn't inside his head with him, seeing his vision. "We could run shuttle buses from the hotels to the Carp Mountain Dump so that kids from Montreal can rummage through the trash looking for unrolled-up-the-rim Tim Hortons cups. If we really wanted to have fun we could throw some teachers and lawyers up there to fight with them over who owns the cups."

I smiled, knowing I was in the presence of a pure genius.

"I have to go now," he said. "I have a meeting with Stephen Harper. He's going to show me how his cyborg laser heat vision could play a key role in the seal hunt opening ceremonies."

At that point, I woke up. What a ridiculous dream. I mean, like, really. As if Doug Thompson would share his pizza with Senator Hervieux-Payette.

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St. Lawrence Street speculation
by Meghan Duncan

Dolly! frivolity

Tonight (March 22) is opening night. It seems like so long ago that I nervously walked into the audition with a panel of judgemental eyes staring back at me, but in reality, it's barely been four months. The cast and crew of the Greely Players' *Hello, Dolly!* are now ready and excited to share their show.

We've practised the music and memorized all the lines. It all comes down to tonight. And this is where it really gets interesting.

A dressing room filled with the smell of hairspray; crinolines flung in every direction; missing feathers and other accessories — even missing dresses; emergency clear-nail polish fixes on pantyhose runs; and a few last minute bobby pins to make sure everything stays in place.

The dressing room (a.k.a. the cloak room at the Greely Community Centre) is its own little world, full of energy and excitement that will only escalate with the muffled hum of the crowd and the sounds of the orchestra tuning up on the other side of the wall.

For the people in the audience (some family members and friends of the cast, others just interested in a good show), it's a different experience than for those of us in the cast. But either way, it's a memorable one.

Opening nights are palpably different from other performances. There's a sense of discovery — no one in the audience has been told what to expect. Even the cast doesn't really know what to expect — after months of rehearsal, finally performing in front of people creates a whole new dynamic.

But opening night is about more than just firsts. It has to do with everyone being together and reveling in what's being experienced. It has to do with an electrifying sense of community.

Community is one of those lovely over-used words — our dictionary here at the *Press* office offers nine definitions.

I'm not talking about the kind of "people living in the same location" community — the cast of *Hello, Dolly!* includes members from Kanata to Russell, South Keys to Winchester (and everywhere in between). The community I'm talking about is where people discover commonalities with one another. Theatre brings so many people together from so many different backgrounds, and provides an opportunity for people to respond to ideas and emotions in a context that is both public and intimate. Feelings — a laugh, or even tears — are shared.

The experience of sharing an emotional response, of recognizing a mutual take on the world, is how people find collectivness. We crave this. It's nice to know that once in a while you can have a real, genuine experience, an experience that makes you feel like you're part of something — dare I say, a community.

Live theatre, for those of you who have never seen a show, creates more emotion than can ever be experienced in a movie theatre. There's an intimacy between the cast and the audience — the cast feeds off the energy escaping from the theatre-goers, and the audience feeds off the energy flowing from the stage.

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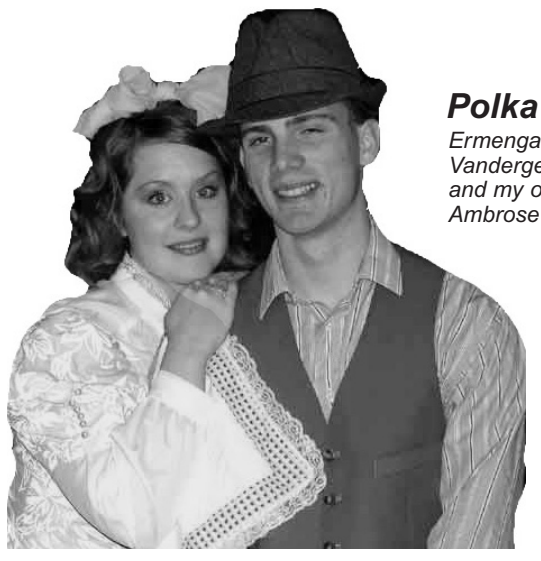
Each cast member feels a different array of emotions, as does each person sitting in the audience. And that's what it all about.

For those of you that have bought your $12 tickets (about the same price as going to a movie, the same exact film that millions of people will see), look around the room before the show starts. Realize that everyone sitting, waiting for the curtain to part is there for a different reason, but in the end all will have had a memorable experience.

For those of you who haven't bought tickets, what are you waiting for? Whether you know someone in the show or not, there will be lots of laughter, and maybe even a few tears (even if they only come from yours truly, who plays a nauseatingly whiny 17-year-old). You'll be part of something — something unique, something different — and you'll feel a greater sense of community than ever before.

I've performed in numerous theatre productions — this is my first show with Greely — but I've only just figured out why it's called community theatre. It's not about the budget or the actors — it's all about what the production creates.

P.S. call 1-866-593-4524 or visit www.greelyplayers.ca for your tickets. The Show runs from March 22 to 26 at 7:30 pm, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday. While I'm backstage madly searching for a missing pair of bloomers, you'll be enjoying the overture. And while I'm on stage balling my eyes out, you might just chuckle. And while we might not know each other, we'll have made a connection — a connection that can only be made through a live, intimate theatre performance.



Polka partners

Ermengarde Vandergelder (me) and my on-stage fiancé Ambrose Kemper (Kyle Pelkey) – the only two Winchester residents in the cast of the Greely Players' production of Hello, Dolly!

Brownell pleased with tourism appointment



From Queen's Park
by Jim Brownell S-D-C MPP

QUEEN'S PARK — The last month has been an exciting one for me here at Queen's Park, with the introduction of some new challenges. I wish to share with you my enthusiasm for my appointment as parliamentary assistant (PA) to Jim Bradley, minister of tourism. I chose to seek the privilege of being your member of provincial parliament to make good things happen here in Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh. I have had the fortune to serve the people of Ontario in a number of additional capacities through committee work and my previous role as PA to Minister of Health and Long-term Care George Smitherman.

One of the things I am most proud to have accomplished is the comprehensive health-care renaissance we are already seeing take form throughout the riding. The last government set up expectations about when communities could expect to see health-care infrastructure renewal, but did not allocate any funds or have a plan to address them. This government has done its best to meet the expectations set by our predecessors wherever possible, while ensuring that all development projects were part of a fully-realized plan addressing the needs of all Ontario's communities.

Locally, Winchester District Memorial Hospital will start its redevelopment next year, while both St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre and the Cornwall Community Hospital have already begun their projects. I look forward to visiting the McConnell site of the Cornwall hospital this year to witness the work being done to consolidate the critical care, maternal and child, and emergency departments, and returning to St. Joseph's to see the continuing development there.

My shift from health to tourism does not mean that Minister Smitherman will lose sight of the health-care concerns of our riding. He has told me many times he is committed to my constituents, as his recent participation in (and support for) the Corus Cares: Our Hospital — Our Future radiothon. Indeed, Minister Smitherman has taken every opportunity to visit the riding, and tells me often how impressed he is by its citizens.

What this change does mean, is that I will now have an opportunity to work much harder on another important front — investment in our riding's great tourism potential. Just as this government has ushered in a new era in health care for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, it is my hope to encourage a similar such renaissance for the local tourism industry.

In Eastern Ontario, we have every reason to be proud of the great cultural and historical character of the region. I look forward to doing my part to make sure that message is spread far and wide.

Letter To The Editor

Colleges' strategies off the mark

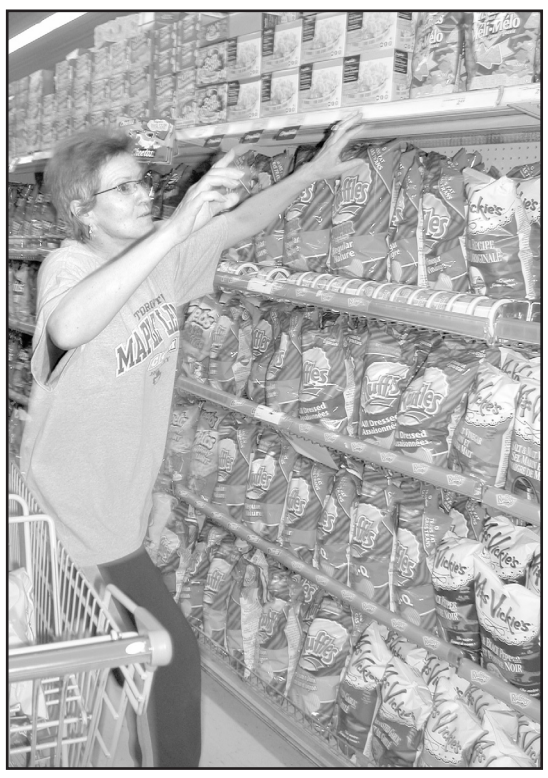
The Editor:

I have been following, with growing alarm and distaste, reports in the press concerning the colleges' semester completion strategy. Recently publicized plans to give students their diplomas and certificates will do irreparable damage to Ontario's college system, to this year's students, to past and future students, and ultimately, to the employers who hire the students who are exposed to this foolhardy strategy.

Some colleges plan to have managers teaching, others support staff. Some say they will hire replacement workers to teach full-time. All of these strange plans will result in a serious and long-lasting devaluation of every credential in every Ontario college. Do the college presidents not understand that only the teachers who have delivered the curriculum to date will know what has been covered, what has been tested and what students need to know to complete their courses? It will not be even remotely possible for replacement workers to complete the courses of study because, even if they had the skills to do so, they lack the knowledge of what has been covered in the courses up to and including March 6, the eve of the college faculty strike.

Ultimately, the responsibility for allowing replacement workers to undercut and damage the value and credibility of Ontario colleges will rest with the provincial government. It is my sincere hope that, for the sake of our students, the premier chooses to protect the value of the college system in Ontario by calling a halt to the perilous use of replacement workers in our colleges.

Vertha Coligan MBA, B.Ed., BA
Oxford Station





Speedy shopper

Winchester resident Karen Holmes was the winner of the latest Andy's Foodland three-minute $1,000 shopping spree. With the encouragement and co-operation of her shopping-spree team, Holmes walked away with $1,128.21 worth of food on Sat., March 11 — lots of meat, frozen foods, and healthy portions of potato chips and Kawartha Dairy ice cream. Pictured are: Vicki Holmes (left), Mindy Holmes, Karen Holmes, Andy Hamel, Ann Steele, and Eileen Hudson. *Press Photos — Duncan*

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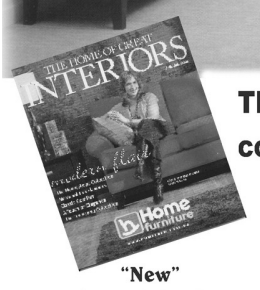

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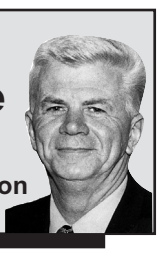
In & around Osgoode Ward 20
by Doug Thompson



METCALFE — I am truly aware of the terrible conditions of paved roads in Osgoode Ward and other areas of the City of Ottawa. Last winter and this winter have had many periods of freeze and thaw conditions, along with lots of rain. This has caused bad conditions to become even worse. I have had senior roads staff out to Osgoode Ward to view the problems and then meet with me to discuss repairs that are needed. Please be assured that we are working on repair solutions.

BYELECTION

Premier Dalton McGuinty has called a byelection for Thurs., March 30 in Nepean-Carleton to elect someone to replace John Baird who is now a federal MP. There are four candidates registered for the March 30 vote, two from Greely. Peter Tretter, the dynamic young man from Shadowridge, is the Green Party hopeful. Laurel Gibbons, also from Greely, is the NDP candidate. Brian Ford is the Liberal candidate and Lisa MacLeod is carrying the Progressive Conservative banner.

OWAC MEETING IN GREELY

The March meeting of the Osgoode Ward Advisory Council will be held on Wed., March 29 at 7 pm at the Greely Community Centre. Topics to be discussed include commercial and residential development in Greely, the Greely Community Association, neighborhood watch, and "yes" — roads.

FREE COMMUNITY SKATE

This weekend, everyone is invited to the second annual Free Community Skate on Sat., March 25 at 7 pm at the Metcalfe Arena and Sun., March 26 from 1 to 2 pm at the Osgoode Arena. Free skating, free draw for prizes, and lots of free fun.

HAPPY 80TH

I was so pleased to be part of the celebrations last Saturday (March 18) at the Osgoode Legion. The hall was packed full of family, friends, and neighbors of Irene Deschamps-Scharf, who was celebrating her 80th birthday. Best wishes to a truly remarkable lady.

RURAL COUNCIL: AGM

The Ottawa Rural Council annual general meeting will take place between 3:30 and 5 pm — registration at 2:30 pm — on Sat., April 1 at the North Gower Community Centre. Dinner will be from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Call Bill Buckland, 821-3336, for details.

HOCKEY FUN DAY

A huge thank you to Donna and Dave Warren, Karen Charbonneau, along with all their volunteers who helped organized a fun day of hockey for these little hockey enthusiasts in Metcalfe. I dropped in for a while last Friday (March 17) at the Metcalfe arena and what an enjoyable time everyone was having. This was hockey at its best.

GOSPEL CONCERT

The famous Charlie Patton is performing a Gospel concert at 3 and 7 pm on Sun., March 26 at the South Gloucester United Church. For tickets, call 821-2851.

BREAKFAST AND AUCTION

Metcalfe Co-operative Nursery School is hosting its annual Easter Bunny breakfast and silent auction on Sat., March 25 from 8 to 11 am at the Metcalfe Community Centre. Pancake breakfast, kids' crafts, and entertainer L'il John will be featured. Silent auction items include local services and merchandise. For more information call 821-3196 or visit www.mcnskids.org.

Authorities back World Water Day

BERWICK — Every year on March 22, people around the world celebrate a vital resource and participate in a movement to protect it. Today Ontario is extremely fortunate to have adequate, clean drinking water, but what about Ontario tomorrow?

The impacts of flooding, erosion, drought, urbanization, landfills, and land use are issues that face water resources on a daily basis. While these impacts present challenges, human activities can be properly managed for the protection of the environment and the sustainability of water resources.

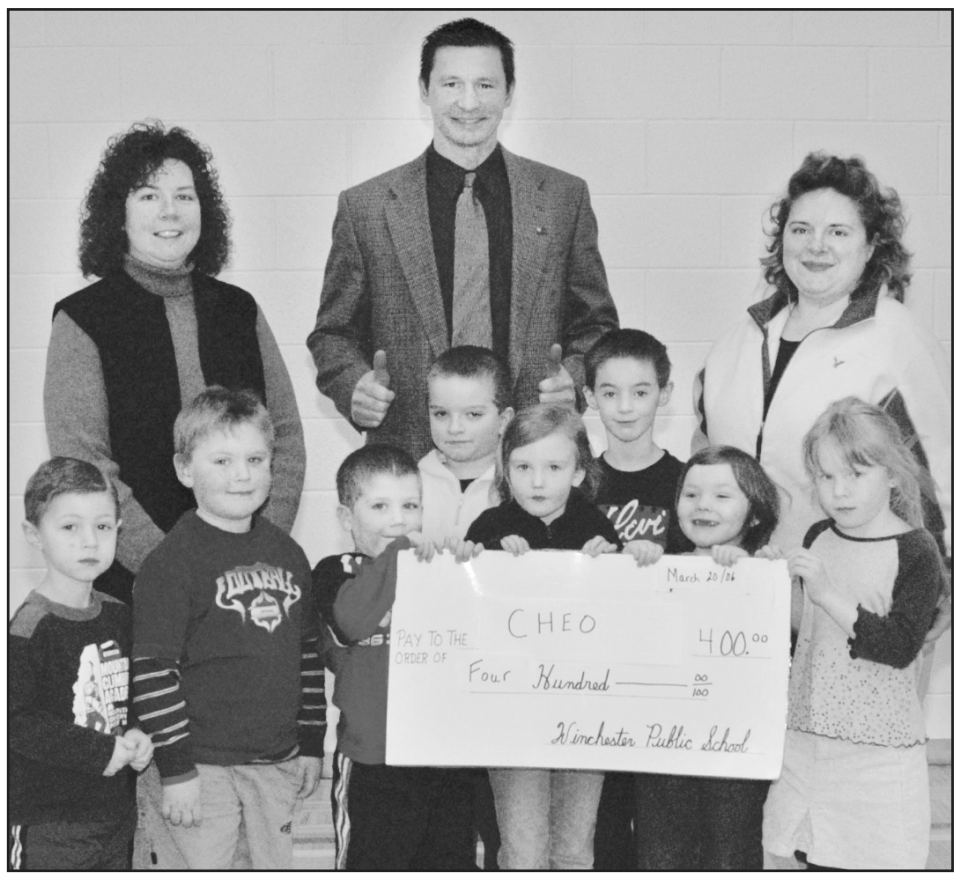
The Raisin Region and South Nation conservation authorities are proud to offer conservation education programs and incentives for watershed residents. These programs assist with water conservation and proper care of water wells, such as decommissioning of abandoned wells, which directly affects water quality and water quantity.

Clean drinking water is an essential resource that everyone has a role in protecting. The Government of Ontario has requested that conservation authorities across the province make their contribution to protecting drinking water by co-ordinating source protection plans through the Clean Water Act.

The Raisin Region and South Nation conservation authorities are moving forward with the preliminary phases of creating a plan. The partnership will ensure consistent planning on a regional watershed basis, as well as responsible use of mutual resources.

These efforts are being carried out in consultation with local scientists, municipalities, landowners, agricultural groups, environmental groups, and other concerned citizens.

To obtain additional information and how you can get involved, please contact John Meek at the Raisin Region Conservation Authority by calling 1-613-938-3611-224 or Angela Carruthers-Coleman at South Nation Conservation by calling 1-877-984-2948-247.



Good cause

Winchester Public School students recently raised $400 for CHEO through a penny drive and the sale of popcorn (donated by Winchester Video) and gum. Joining in the cheque presentation were Seth Christophersen (left), Jarid Byers, Rory O'Brien, Abigail Sloane, Destiny Workman-Suttle, Amy Proulx, Josh Baron, Jeffery Cane, Julie VanHoof (back, left), WPS principal Dave Corney and Jennifer Hermer.

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Euchre winners

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — Bob Dawson, Betty Barkley, and Jean Sutton won the white cards at the Williamsburg seniors' euchre held on Wed., March 15, while Muriel Miller, Ruth Casselman, and Harold Gallinger won the yellow cards.

Sheila Crowder and Gladys Kyle each won a door prize, while Muriel Miller, Bertha Christie, Harold Gallinger (two), and Peggy Thompson won the draws.

The next euchre will be held on March 29. Come, join the fun.

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Wardens' caucus calls on province to help Eastern Ontario

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — Taxpayers in Eastern Ontario are paying up to twice as much property tax as Toronto-area residents, yet rural households are bringing in about 19 per cent less than the provincial average income.

Mike Waddell, CAO of the United Counties of SD&G, presented these and many other numbers to South Dundas council at its meeting on Tues., March 7, in hopes of spreading the word and educating taxpayers. He explained that a fiscal gap between the province and municipalities is severly hitting Eastern Ontario.

"Councils are struggling and the public has to understand," said Waddell. "There are real issues and concerns."

Information in the presentation was compiled through a number of different sources including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and financial reports from the province.

"[These are] their own numbers," Waddell said, explaining that he will present the information to any interested councils, and that South Dundas is the only council in the United Counties to see the presentation so far.

Waddell explained that Eastern Ontario is at a disadvantage for many reasons. Not only is the average family income in Eastern Ontario about 20 per cent lower than other parts of the province, but the tax base is also smaller, and ratepayers pay about twice the education taxes than in other parts of the province, as well.

When local school boards amalgamated to become the Upper Canada District School Board, the province didn't equalize rates but rather used old rates as a baseline.

"In effect, what's happening now is we're being penalized for what school boards did before amalgamation," Waddell said.

Waddell said that there is a shortfall in provincial funding all across Ontario. In Eastern Ontario alone, the gap in funding last year was about $19.5 million, up from $1.2 million in 2002.

"In their [provincial government officials'] minds, everything is frozen in 2002," Waddell said, noting that the United Counties have received the same amount of funding from the province in the last three years.

When the province downloaded the care of provincial highways to municipal governments, Eastern Ontario held 40 per cent — 1,268 kilometres, with SD&G at 200 kilometres — of the roadways in question, yet was given no more funding. Waddell said this amounts to about $22 million annually for repairs — money that Eastern Ontario just doesn't have — and municipalities are being told to keep roads up to the Provincial Ministry of Transportation standards.

$3.2 billion needed to close fiscal gap

"That means there's a $22-million-dollar deficit each year for road repair — the province has to get back into that business," Waddell said.

Another costly venture is land ambulance operations. Waddell said that municipal governments have sunk millions of dollars into the sector — it costs about $1 million per year for one ambulance, including equipment, upkeep, and staffing.

Waddell broke municipal taxes down and compared them to the average across the rest of Canada. In Ontario, $412 (25.2 per cent) per capita taxes go to social services, while the ration is $13 (or 1.2 per cent) per capita in the rest of the country. Seven percent of taxes (about $16 per capita) go to housing in Ontario, while just under two per cent (or $19 per capita) is charged in the rest of Canada. Health care in Ontario gets $89, 5.4 per cent per person, while $9 or 0.8 per cent is taxed across Canada.

"This money isn't going to better services, it's going to the backlash (from services being downloaded)," Waddell said. "The bottom line for the province is that they don't have the money. They've committed so much into education and health that they just don't have it [to pay for roads and other infrastructure]."

Waddell, who first made the presentation in Toronto representing the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), said that the EOWC is working hard to pursue the province for the $3.2 billion needed to close the fiscal gap. The province is currently after the federal government for a similar fiscal gap of $23 billion.

"They won't pay us [municipalities], until they get their money," Waddell said, noting that $3.2 billion is a 2003 figure. "And it's obviously growing."

Last year, the province spent $445 million in Northern Ontario, and well as a significant investment in the Greater Toronto Area.

"While the investments are going to Toronto and Northern Ontario, the loans are going to rural Ontario," Waddell said. "Nobody's saying these areas don't need money, what's we're saying is that Eastern Ontario needs money, too. We really worry sometimes that "rural" does get forgotten. It's just not acceptable."

Waddell said that many ratepayers just don't know the facts— they get angry when they see the escalating number on their tax bills, yet don't know that it's not the municipality's fault.

"It's an education process," Waddell said. "We're trying to get the word out as much as we can — taxpayers deserve to know."

Waddell explained that while ratepayers receive tax statements from their municipalities, "it's not entirely to do with the townships — they [municipalities] really have no control."

Waddell explained that municipal taxes go to both the lower and upper tier — not just the township, but the United Counties, as well.

"We want to work with the province on this," said Waddell. "It's hurting us."

The EOWC has called on the province to ease the property tax burden on ratepayers in four specific areas: A payment-in-lieu program to reimburse the region for providing municipal services for Crown lands; The reduction of the education tax rate on commercial and industrial properties; The creation of an Eastern Ontario Economic Prosperity Fund, with at least $20 million allocated annually to improving the economy; A share of Provincial gas tax revenues, on the same basis in which Ontario provides support to the transit systems of urban municipalities, to help maintain roads and bridges.

Nursery school moves to Main Street location

WINCHESTER — Happy Face Nursery School is welcoming the community to the grand opening of its new Winchester location on Sat., March 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. The students and teachers are excited about moving from their old space at the Wesleyan Church to a street-front spot at 530 Main St. in Winchester (formerly Abbey Rose).

Supervisor Katherine McLeod explained that the new location has many improvements over the church basement. It is bright, with lots of natural light coming through the many windows.

"The kids love to look out and see what's going on," she said.

The new school also has more storage space, and each child will now have their own cubby hole at the front door, said McLeod. As well, much of the school's equipment has been updated. The school was ready to grow and the Main Street location was a good fit.

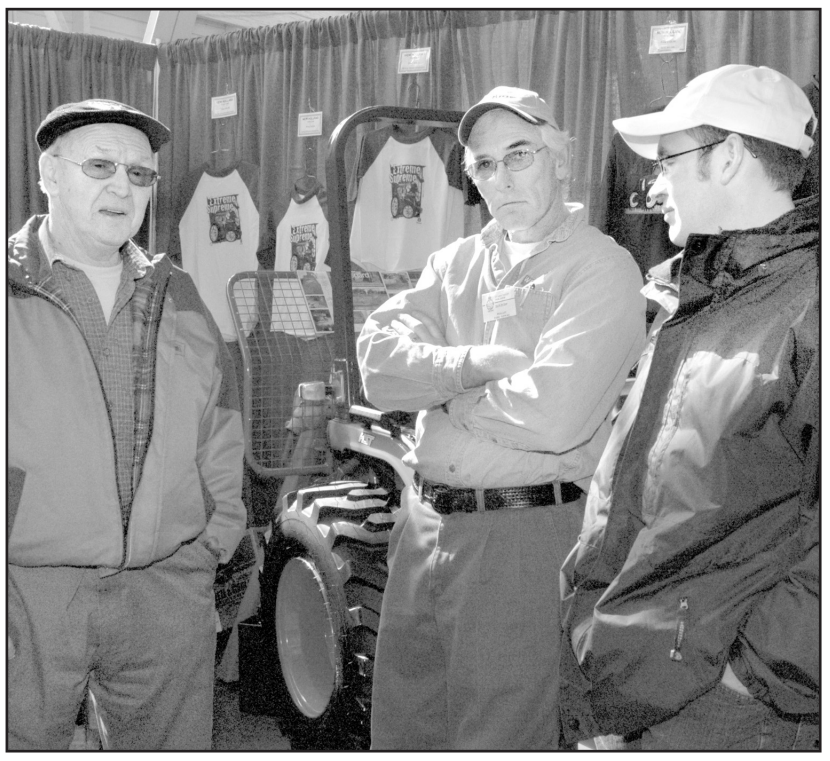
"It was a chance to have our own space," said McLeod, pointing out that using space in the church had some limitations.

The school is now looking at adding additional hours and is even considering a summer program. A survey will be distributed at the open house to help gauge interest.

"Parents can get an idea of what the program is like, and meet the teachers, too," said McLeod about the open house. She noted that there will be activities for the kids and snacks as well.

Happy Face Nursery School offers children ages 18 months to six years a fun-filled atmosphere for learning through play provided by early childhood educators. The focus is on social interaction, as well as school readiness.

"Our program is not going to change," said McLeod.



Show stoppers

The Weagant Farm Supplies booth at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show was busy when the *Press* stopped by on Wed., March 15. Parts department employee Dan Wert (centre), talks equipment with Ossie (left) and Larry Shaver of Finch. The farm show ran from March 14 to 16 at Lansdowne Park. Farm show general manager Tom Van Dusen said the event was a success with attendance up slightly over last year. *Press Photo — Duncan*

Smokers invited to take the Driven to Quit Challenge

WINCHESTER — Are you ready to quit smoking? Enter the Driven to Quit Challenge and you could win great prizes including a new car. Enter online before March 31 at www.driventoquit.ca. The challenge starts on April 1.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit has programs and services available to help you quit and remain smoke free. Those wishing to quit can call the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 933-1375 or at 1-800-267-7120 and ask for Health Line or they can visit www.eohu-bseo.on.ca.

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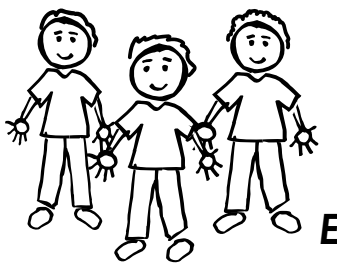
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Eileen Margaret Fetterly

February 18, 1924 – March 11, 2006

Eileen Margaret Fetterly (nee Jackson) passed away peacefully at Nanaimo Hospital on March 11, 2006.

She is survived by her husband Gerald, sons Brent, Bob, Malcolm, John, daughter Jennifer, eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She grew up in Starbuck, Manitoba. She lived and worked as a nurse in Winnipeg where she cared for others at Deer Lodge Veteran's Hospital, Grace Hospital, and later in the Winnipeg Public Heath Department before retiring to the farm.

She moved to Nanaimo in 1988. Eileen continued to be involved with The Eastern Star, Crescent Chapter, Meals on Wheels, as well as many other community activities. She met Gerald Fetterly, an original Westminster resident, in 1996 and they were married Feb. 16, 2002 in Nanaimo. They enjoyed their short time together and travelled extensively.

A celebration of Eileen's life was held on March 17, 2006 at Brechin United Church, Estevan Road in Nanaimo followed by a reception in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations made be made in Eileen's name to the B.C. and Yukon Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Robert James Loughlin

Bob Loughlin of Mountain, surrounded by family and friends, passed away peacefully at Kemptville District Hospital on Feb. 27, 2006. He was 77.

He was the dear husband of Veronica (Naphan) and proud father of Gary, Linda (Kerry Carnegie), Gerald (Margaret Nelson), and Connie (Peter Brogan). He was best friend to his grandchildren Irena Morley, Shawn, Kyle, and Amber Carnegie, Stephanie (Casey Redmond) and Brett Loughlin, Lisa and Craig Brogan, and was great-grandfather to Dawson and Wylie. He is survived by sister Peggy Boucher, and many caring nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers John, Mike, Maurice, and sisters Theresa (Martin McGahey), Helen (Tony McGahey), Mary (Charles Cavell), and his twin sister Barbara (Elmer Naphan).

He spent his entire lifetime at their farm on Loughlin Ridge. Many will associate the Loughlin name with years of potato growing. In that era, many neighboring kids gathered at the farm to learn what a strong work ethic was all about. There isn't a single family gathering of the Loughlins that doesn't share a few thoughts on how hard everyone worked and how much fun it was.

For several years, Bob drove a New Life Mills feed truck covering many miles and meeting numerous farm families throughout Eastern Ontario. Most days there was a little helper riding along side with Bob. His grandchildren were so proud sitting in the "big truck" and "helping" Grandpa. The bag of candy sitting on the seat between them made up for all the bumpy roads and long days.

His dedication during the recent past was making sure that things were under control at Loughlin's Country Store in Hallville. One might consider Bob a silent partner because he said little yet did a great deal. The staff appreciate more than ever all the little tasks that were done without notice, but are greatly noticed when not done. Bob's quiet manner failed to display the multitude of "little things" that needed to be taken care of. Whether ensuring baking wasn't forgotten in the oven, an item wasn't missed on a food order, a piece of paper or cigarette butt wasn't left in the yard, shelves were always stocked and stock was properly rotated, or a customer wasn't kept waiting — all the little things that are important to good customer service.

Bob's greatest pleasure for the past thirty years has been the birth and life of his eight grandchildren. These grandchildren have looked to him for advice, encouragement, support, and compassion over the years. He welcomed Irena and enjoyed watching her boys grow. He was there when Shawn and Kyle were buying properties and when they lost Grandma C. He was genuinely interested in what Amber is studying in University. He was delighted to hear Steph and Casey were expecting, and since Brett was born, would always smile at his constant good-natured humor. He looked forward to school and sporting events that Lisa and Craig excelled in. These were eight shining stars in Bob's life that he nurtured and educated and left a lasting impression upon.

Bob leaves behind his lifelong partner, Veronica, after 56 years of marriage. Together they worked and travelled and struggled and endured. Together they farmed and raised a family, which included a few additional members at many times over the years. Together they gave their best to the community in which they lived.

Together, now only one to speak on their behalf, they want to thank each and every one of you who has shown so much support and compassion to their family over the past few weeks.

Together, with their children and grandchildren, they want to say thank you for the hugs and prayers, food and flowers, donations to worthy causes and for doing something kind, in Bob's name, for another in need.

Thank you to Grant Brown and staff for making this as gentle as possible for us. Thank you to Pat Maloney and Al MacEachern of the Celtic Knights for the delightful resounding music at the funeral service. Thank you isn't enough for the caring and compassionate staff at Kemptville District Hospital for all you did for not only Bob but all his supporters.

Thanks to the four grandsons, Shawn and Kyle Carnegie, Brett Loughlin and Craig Brogan, as well as nephews Leo Loughlin and Pat McGahey for acting as pallbearers.

An extra special "thank you," which just isn't powerful enough, to Pat McGahey for being the rock that kept us strong at a time when we needed it most. Your support can never be returned to the extent necessary to express how much this meant to each and every one of us. A deep and sincere thank you Pat!

It is difficult to say goodbye but say it we must. Thank you Bob (Dad, Grandpa) for accepting each of us unconditionally for who we have become. Thank you for being such a supportive husband, father, grandfather, and neighbor.

"We will not cry because it is over, we will smile because it happened."

God Bless!

Beryl Cecil MacQueen

Beryl Cecil MacQueen passed away at Dundas Manor in Winchester on March 15, 2006, surrounded by her children. She was 89.

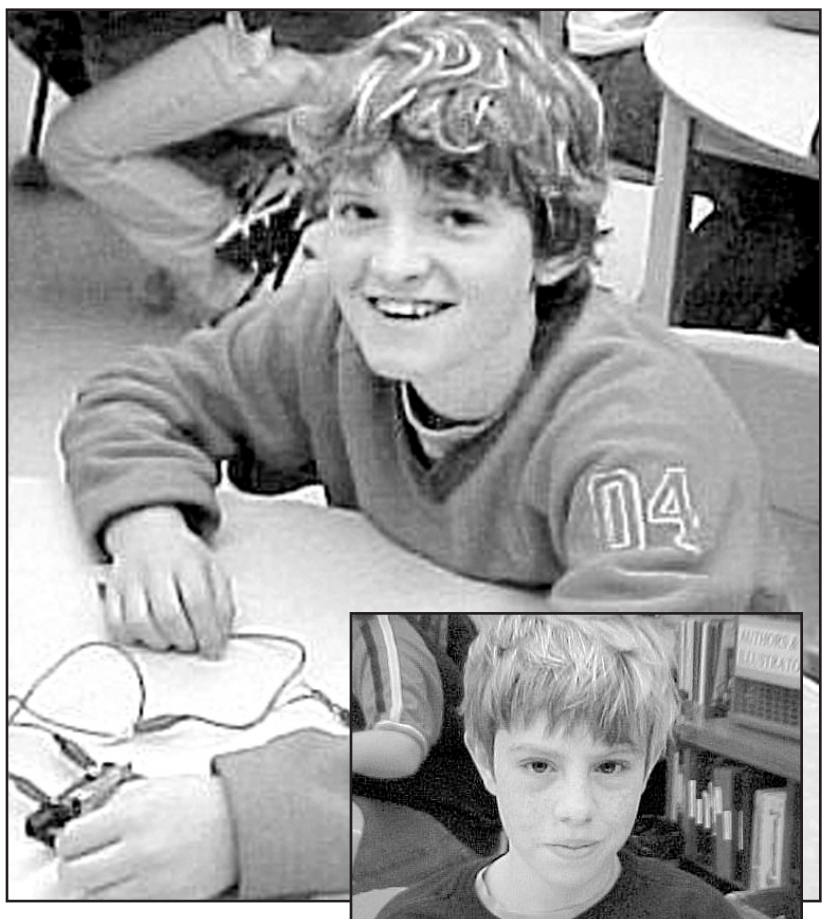
She was the beloved wife of the late Norman George MacQueen, who died in 1993. She was the loved mother of Glenn MacQueen (Heather), Sharon Gillespie (Robert), and Lorna Stuart (Neil). She was predeceased by infant daughter Norma Lois. She was the loved grandmother of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the dear sister of Janet Rutley and Don Smirl, both of Berwick.

A graveside service for the family will be held at Finch Community Cemetery at a later date.

As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Salvation Army or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Special thanks to Dr. Adamson and the staff at Dundas Manor for the exceptional care and kindness provided to our mother.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Brownlee Funeral Home in Finch.



Electric perception

Dr. Short Circuit of Mad Science made an appearance at Morewood Public School on Wed., March 8 to teach the Grade 5 and 6 classes about electricity. Eric Visser (above), and William Larmour (with his lightning bug) were among the students to test out their scientific skills.

Golden Years Society goes green

by Roberta Giberson

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Golden Years Society celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the Lions Hall on March 16 with a delicious roast pork dinner catered by the Lions Club.

The evening started at 7 pm with president Dick Giberson welcoming everyone and telling some Irish jokes. Doris Cross played piano for "O Canada." Warren Jackson said grace before supper. Thank you to John Cinnamon for an evening of laughter with his jokes. Doug Shirreffs and Derek Taylor played guitar for a sing-a-long.

Thank you to Ileen Robinson for decorating the hall and Betty Cooke for collecting for the dinner. A big thank you to the Lions Club for a great evening.

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Lenten theme at March meeting

by Norma Wylie

WINCHESTER — Clara Edwardson opened the United Church Women's meeting on Mon., March 13 by having everyone repeat the purpose and vision. Donella McIntosh led the worship service using the theme: a Lenten journey, and Sybil Curtis read passages of scripture from the books of Ruth and Isaiah, closing with prayer. Bea Warren read the February minutes and all reports were heard.

A letter from Joanne Shields was read thanking the UCW for its donation to Rideau Hill Camp. Plans were made for catering to Presbytery on March 30 and the Hospital Retirees Dinner on April 4. A letter was read from the Chesterville UCW inviting the Winchester branch to a "celebration of spring" with John DeJong as guest speaker on April 5. Ladies are asked to bring toiletries for Naomi's Family Resource Centre.

Winchester UCW is having a dinner catered on May 8 at 6 pm. All UCW ladies are invited. The cost is $10 and must be given to Debbie Annable (774-2512) or Clara Edwardson (774-2407) by April 23.

The following unit meetings were scheduled: Unit 1 met at Dundas Manor on March 20; Unit 2 met on the same day in the Sunday School rooms; Unit 4 will meet at Bea Warren's on March 27 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was closed by singing "Go Now In Peace."



Forthcoming Marriage

Brisson — Manley

Mr. Antoine and Paulette Brisson and Mr. Murray and Caroline Manley are pleased to announce the marriage of their children Line and Stephen on March 25th.

Reception to follow at the Crysler Community Centre at 8:00pm. All family, friends and neighbours are welcome.

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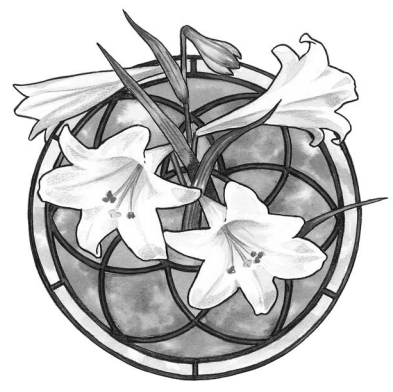

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Pro-Gen software launched by EBI at Ottawa show

by Bonnie James
Press staff

KEMPTVILLE – Eastern Breeders Inc. (EBI) launched a new service at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show at Lansdowne Park last week (March 14 to 16). Pro-Gen is a dairy genetics management software program that the company has been developing together with its industry partners for the past year and a half.

"It's a free service we're providing to our dairy clients," said EBI project manager Paul Stewart. Every EBI dairy client will receive quarterly Pro-Gen reports charting their herd genetics.

A key element of the software is an inbreeding matrix. The matrix was developed with the Canadian Dairy Network, an agency that collects animal data from across the country. Inbreeding can lead to a decrease in animal performance, especially when it comes to fertility and health traits. With the many generations of information contained in Pro-Gen, dairy producers will be able to keep a close eye on the amount of inbreeding in their herd.

In addition to the Canadian Dairy Network information, other current data can be added on the fly by a Pro-Gen specialist, of which there are 10 spread throughout EBI's service area. The specialists can provide more personalized reports for clients.

"We're fairly confident we've built enough flexibility into the program to meet the needs of any dairy operator, regardless of the size of the herd or how much they value genetics," said Stewart.

"Their needs are becoming more sophisticated," Stewart said about dairy farmers, noting that producers now have more choices when breeding their cows.

As the industry progresses, breeding decisions are becoming increasingly important as more is expected and demanded from dairy cows.

"[Genetic management] has become too important a job for them [farmers] to manage on their own," he said. "When you get cows that are more fine-tuned, they become like a sports car," he added regarding the ongoing tweaks and management that keep a herd in line with a producer's genetic preferences. Farmers are striving to make their cows' progeny better and better to improve their overall herd.

The first set of quarterly Pro-Gen proofs went out to clients in mid-February, so the decision to launch the marketing program at the farm show was an easy one. EBI's booth included five progeny calves, which drew a great deal of attention as there were very few live animals at the show. The Pro-Gen program also made an impression at the show and Stewart reported that the response from clients has been positive.

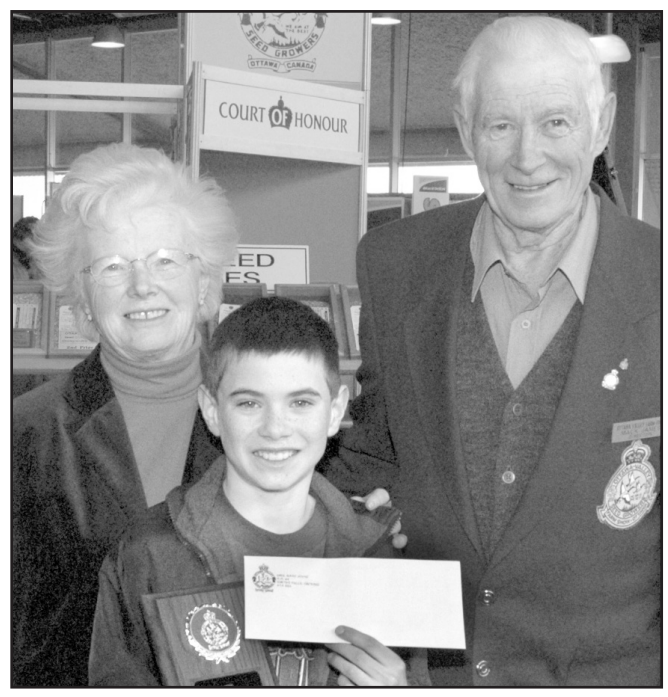
"It's very early yet, but there's a lot of excitement," he said.

EBI is a non-profit, farmer owner co-operative that serves the dairy and beef breeders of Eastern Ontario, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island. EBI and its three partner co-operatives across Canada are the owners of the Semex Alliance, a leader at developing and marketing elite dairy and beef genetics around the world. Pro-Gen has been developed in conjunction with Centre d'insémination artificielle du Québec (CIAQ) and Gencor.



Paul Stewart was showcasing EBI's new Pro-Gen program at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show on Wed., March 15.





Far left: Gail Harris presents Bill Streng of Hendrick Seeds with the Canadian Seed Growers' Association certificate in class two for AC Legacy six row barley at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show on Wed., March 15. Hendrick Seeds, owned by David and Carolyn Hendrick, also won the Bishops Farms Seeds Plaque for the championship barley exhibitor and the Secan Trophy for most points in pedigreed Barley.

Left: Lois and Mack James presented Daniel Lillico with the award for most points in the 4-H field crop classes. Daniel's sister, Christina, won the E.H. Wallace Memorial Trophy for the champion 4-H soybean exhibit, but was not present to accept the award.

Press Photos – Duncan

Locals win big at Ottawa Valley Farm Show



OVFS director Robert Dessaind presents Daniel and Bill Lillico of Lillivale Farms with the Embrun Agricultural Co-op trophy for champion shelled corn.



OVFS president Keith Matthie presented Robert Byvelds with the Challenge Award for champion haylage.

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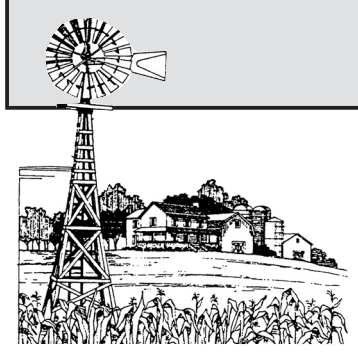

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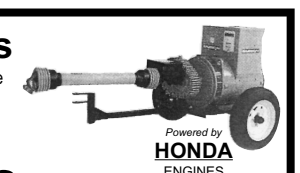

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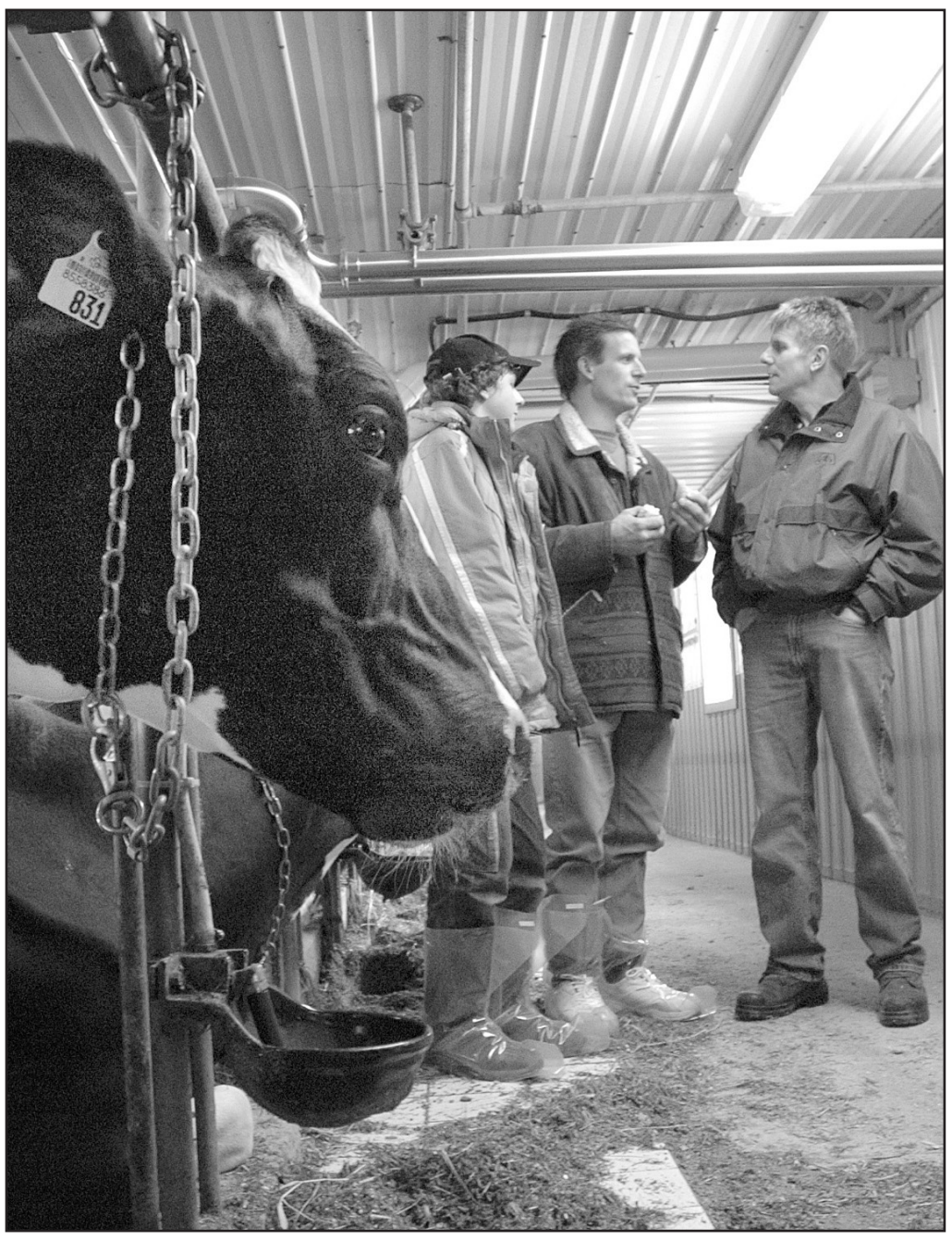

Best barn tour

Urs Herger (centre) of Embrun and his son, Kegan (left) were drawn to the Chesterville area on Sat., March 18, for the annual Dundas Holstein Club Open Barn Rally. At one of the four stops on the tour, they spoke with John Brugmans, who runs Brugline Farms with his brother Garry on Nation Valley Road.

Photo — Barbour

'Carleton County – Yes!'

Rural landowners want to separate from Ottawa

by Jeffrey Morris

NORTH GOWER — The Carleton Landowners Association (CLA) has shifted the focus on its Carleton County campaign to Rideau and Osgoode.

The association unveiled a 60-foot billboard in North Gower Fri, March 17. Visible to motorists along the 416, the message is simple and to the point: "Carleton County – Yes!"

"It's pretty much self-explanatory," said Randy Hillier, who heads up the Lanark and Ontario landowners associations. "Our goal is to form a new county that includes Osgoode and Rideau, as well as West Carleton and parts of Goulbourn, Nepean, and Gloucester."

Hillier was joined by Carleton Landowners Association President Jack MacLaren and a number of local politicians, including Conservative MP Pierre Poilievre, PC MPP candidate Lisa MacLeod, Osgoode ward councillor Doug Thompson, and Rideau ward councillor Glenn Brooks. Though Poilievre and MacLeod do not endorse the separation of Carleton County from Ottawa, they do support landowners' rights, which association members say have eroded under the Liberal governments.

The association officially endorsed MacLeod as their candidate in the March 30 Nepean-Carleton byelection. Brooks and Thompson are both members of the association, and the group has officially endorsed Terry Kilrea as its candidate for mayor.

"The rural townships have been a cash cow for the city," said McLaren. "The city takes in more money from the rural areas than it returns."

McLaren said that, for example, Ottawa takes in $11 million from Rideau while providing only $8 million in services. The CLA says that the city inherited $400 million in reserves from the rural townships in the 2001 amalgamation. It has only $37 million left. According to one member at the sign unveiling, "that's about enough for one tank of gas for each person in the city — that's all that's left."

The CLA has been conducting surveys in Rideau and Osgoode, as well as West Carleton for the past year. More than 90 per cent of the surveys returned support a separation from Ottawa and the creation of Carleton County, and Osgoode responses were 96.8 in favor of leaving the City for Carleton County. The direct mail surveys had a response rate of 11 per cent, which McLaren says shows how seriously people want things back the way they were before amalgamation. The average response of a direct mail survey, he says, is a two per cent return.

"People in the rural wards are not happy with the bureaucracy in the city," said MacLaren. "People cannot get the services they had before amalgamation."

While services like garbage collection, road maintenance, and snow removal are at the forefront of the complaints, councillors Brooks and Thompson have both had to quell hostility among ward residents because of the increased presence of and perceived insensitivity to rural lifestyles shown by city bylaw officers.

Already strong in West Carleton, the association is pushing for more members in Osgoode and Rideau.

According to www.carletoncounty.ca, memberships cost $20 each and include a "Carleton County – Yes!" lawn sign. Membership cheques should be made out to Carleton Landowners Association and can be mailed to Carleton Landowners Association c/o Marlene Black, 6588 Fallowfield Rd., Stittsville, ON K2S 1B8. Locally, membership information can be obtained from John Van Riel (Rideau) at 692-4356 or Joe Pacholik (Osgoode) at 692-3888.

Metcalfe fairgrounds expand for future

150th anniversary

METCALFE — In the midst of celebrating its 150 years of history, the Metcalfe Agricultural Society took a positive step toward future success last week, when the membership ratified an agreement to purchase a 10-acre parcel of land across the road from the existing fairgrounds.

"This parcel has been rented by the fair for a number of years for parking purposes, and when it was put up for sale, we had to find a way to make it ours," said fair president John Lackey. "We've watched a number of fairs become completely surrounded by housing development, leaving no place to park at fair-time, so we couldn't let this opportunity pass us by."

The agricultural society plans to continue using the land for parking at fair-time, but the zoning designation is the same as the existing fairgrounds, allowing for future expansion of exhibit space and other fair events.

"This purchase has changed our cash flow outlook for the next few years," said Lackey. "But we're confident that our directors and volunteers will be able to pull together as a team towards this goal."

The group is busy planning a number of upcoming fundraisers, including a dinner theatre on April 1 and a golf tournament in early June. Information on these events is available at the fair office at 821-0591, or by visiting www.metcalfefair.com. The 150th Metcalfe Fair will be held from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 2006.

Eastern Ontario Beef Day

Feeding for genetics

by Matthew Barbour

WINCHESTER — Dr. Denny Crews, a geneticist with the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Lethbridge Research Centre in Alberta, described his work to about 90 farmers attending Eastern Ontario Beef Day at the Winchester Arena on Sat., March 11. In his research, Crews measures the efficiency of feed conversion ratios for cattle through computerized monitoring.

The system monitors the food intake of each animal in several control groups. Through weekly or bi-weekly weighing, it can be determined whether the cattle are consuming Residual Feed Intake (RFI), which does not contribute to production or weight maintenance. The ideal RFI ratio is zero and any rating much higher or lower is considered undesirable. Only animals with near ideal RFI ratings are used for reproduction purposes.

"This technology is still developing and the cost of data collection is high," said Crews. "At a cost of a quarter of a million dollars per system, on-farm testing of feed intake is not an option."

However, he and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are encouraging farmers and cattlemen's associations to form co-operatives and set up centralized RFI monitoring stations. "Genetic improvement is always a long-term investment," said Crews.



Bobcat chat

Ferne Chartrand of St. Pascal (left) gets the low-down on the latest Bobcat equipment from Guy Beaudry at the Tibben Equipment booth at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show on Wed., March 15.

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Strong start

Victoria Corkery (left) clicked for a pair of second-period goals as the North Dundas Demons blanked the Metcalfe Jets 8-0 in the opening game of the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Novice House "B" tournament in Winchester. A dozen House "B" and "C" teams took part in tourneys in Winchester and Chesterville on St. Paddy's Day. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

South Stormont, Clarence Creek capture Novice tournament gold

WINCHESTER — Teams representing the minor hockey organizations in South Stormont and Clarence Creek carried off the top prizes in the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's 2006 Novice House Tournament.

South Stormont sizzled on the way to the Novice House "B" title in Winchester on St. Paddy's Day (March 17) smoking the opposition 24-6 while registering three victories.

The same day in Chesterville, the Clarence Creek Senators defeated the North Dundas Demons 6-2 in the "A" final to capture the Novice House "C" silverware.

Six teams competed in each of the two tournaments.

HOUSE "B" TOURNEY

Nikolas Carruthers and Steven McSheffery shared the shutout in North Dundas' 8-0 win over the Metcalfe Jets in the opening game of the House "B" tourney in Winchester. Owen Guy (2), Victoria Corkery (2), Jarrett Greer (2), MacKenzie Johnson and Braden Findlay cashed in the goals. Guy (2), Mitchell Melenhorst, Matthew Laflamme, Mason Durant, Bradley Stitt, Greer and Johnson collected the assists.

Unfortunately for the Demons, their offence dried up as they lost 3-1 to Clarence Creek and 6-1 to the NGS Braves in the "B" final. Owen Guy supplied his team's final two markers scoring from Johnson in the Clarence Creek game and from Laflamme in the "B" final. Brett Ouderkirk cracked in five of the six NGS goals in that game and finished the tournament with 13 of the Braves' 23 goals.

Grant Hebert scored three times and Joshua Walters scored twice leading the South Stormont Selects to a 6-3 win over Clarence Creek in the "A" final.

Gavin Anderson's second goal of the game, scored with 3:39 left on the clock, lifted the Metcalfe Jets to a 4-3 win over the Osgoode Rideau Senators in the "C" final. Cam Bishop and Nic Funal scored the other goals. Bailey Mussell and Zach Rawlings each picked up a goal and one assist for the Senators.

GAME RESULTS

ROUND ONE: North Dundas 8 - Metcalfe 0; South Stormont 10 - Osgoode Rideau 2; Clarence Creek 6 - NGS 3; South Stormont 8 - Metcalfe 1; Clarence Creek 3 - North Dundas 1, NGS 14 - Osgoode Rideau 1; "C" FINAL - Metcalfe 4 - Osgoode Rideau 3; "B" FINAL - NGS 6 - North Dundas 1; "A" FINAL - South Stormont 6 - Clarence Creek 3.

HOUSE "C" TOURNEY

North Dundas, backed by Cashelle Baldwin's flawless goaltending, whitewashed Osgoode Rideau and the Cornwall Royals by 5-0 counts in the opening round only to run into the Clarence Creek Senators in the "A" final of the House "C" event in Chesterville. The Senators got two goals (including the winner) and an assist from Raphael Brin in the third period as they defeated the Demons 6-2 in the gold-medal match. The game was tied 2-2 after two periods. Joey Benoit and Tyson Sherrer scored for the Demons.

Jacob Downey (2), Amanda Switzer, Liam Baker and Benoit netted pucks in the 5-0 win over Osgoode Rideau. Brayden Cochrane (3), Baker (2), Spencer Kelly, Tristan MacGregor and Laura Van Kessel earned the assists.

Benoit led the charge scoring three times in his squad's 5-0 win over Cornwall. Logan Holmes and Downey potted the singles. Cochrane (2), MacGregor (2), Baker, Kelly, Van Kessel and Anna Stubbings all earned assists.

TOURNEY TALES

ROUND ONE: North Dundas 5 - Osgoode Rideau 0; NGS 4 - South Dundas 0; Clarence Creek 8 - Cornwall 0; South Dundas 5 - Osgoode Rideau 1; North Dundas 5 - Cornwall 0; Clarence Creek 7 - NGS 1; "C" FINAL - Cornwall 5 - Osgoode Rideau 0; "B" FINAL - NGS 3 - South Dundas 0; "A" FINAL - Clarence Creek 6 - North Dundas 2.

Winchester's Shawn Smail on NJCAA championship squad

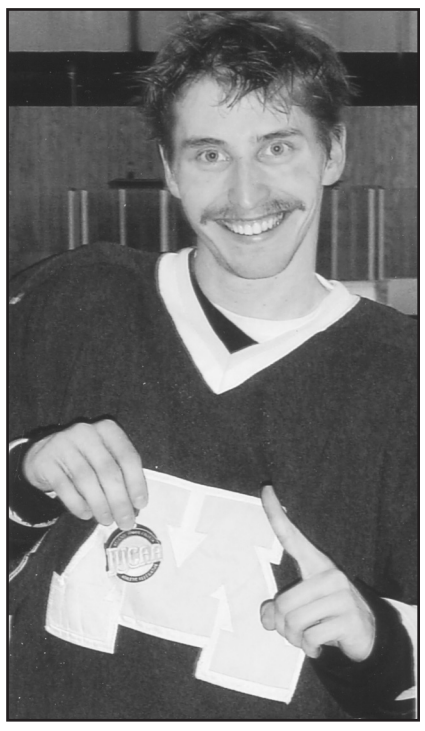
WINCHESTER — Former Winchester Junior "B" Hawk forward Shawn Smail packed his equipment in late August and headed south to Morrisville, New York.

The primary objective for the 22-year-old's move to the USA was a two-year accounting course at Morrisville State College. But while he was working on his degree, he signed on with the college's hockey team — the Mustangs — the two-time defending National Junior College Athletic Association ice hockey champions. Actually, the Mustangs captured their first national title in 2002 before adding the 2004 and 2005 championships banners. They then made it a three-peat defeating the number one-seed, North Country Community College (Saranac Lake, NY) in the 2006 final March 5 in Buffalo, NY. The Mustangs were also runners up to MSU-Bottineau in 2003.

Other NJCAA champions include SUNY - Canton, University of Minnesota-Crookston and North Dakota State College of Science.

Smail finished his career with the Hawks in 2004-05 and scored 127 goals, drew 175 assists and collected 302 points over five seasons. He scored once in the Mustangs' 4-3 win over North Country in the gold-medal match and drew a pair of assists as Morrisville opened the tournament with a 7-1 victory over the Erie Community College Kats (Buffalo). The Fred St. resident then picked up a goal and an assist in a 4-3 second-round win over the number two-seed Munroe Community College Tribunes (Rochester).

In 10 EJUCOHL regular season games Smail (5-4-9) collected nine points. Prior to the national tournament, the number-three seed Mustangs went 12-8-3 overall and 8-2-2 in league play. Smail is one of three Canadians on the team.



Shawn Smail

400 skaters to compete

Winchester Invitational this weekend

WINCHESTER — Thirty-three Winchester Skating Club members will be among the nearly 400 skaters vying for medals this weekend at the club's annual competition. Winchester Arena will be a busy place with events running from 8 am to 9:30 pm on Saturday, March 25 and from 8 am to 4 pm on Sunday, March 26. Admission is free. Come out and cheer on our local skaters.

WSC SKATING TIMES

Alicia Angus - March 25: Freeskate 8:45 am, Elements 6:55 pm, Similar Pairs 8:40 pm. March 26: Improv 5:45 pm.

Sean-David Arel - March 25: Elements 12:20 pm, Freeskate 5:05 pm, Improv 7:55 pm.

Blythe Armstrong - March 25: Freeskate 8:20 am, Elements 6:40 pm, Similar Pairs 8:40 pm. March 26: Improv 6:10 pm.

Emma Brooks - March 26: Elements 1:05 pm, Freeskate 1:40 pm, Similar Pairs 6:30 pm.

Jessica Calder - March 25: Elements 6:10 pm, Similar Pairs 9:15 pm. March 26: Improv 6:20 pm.

Elizabeth Charlebois - March 26: Elements 10:00 am.

Katey Churchill - March 25: Elements 10:20 am. March 26: Freeskate 8:35 am, Improv 6:10 pm.

Alyssa Cooper - March 26: Elements 12:45 pm, Freeskate 2:55 pm, Similar Pairs 6:30 pm.

Delanie Coughler - March 25: Elements 7:10 pm. March 26: Freeskate 10:55 am.

Marina Crober - March 26: Freeskate 8:00 am, Elements: 5:10 pm, Similar Pairs 6:45 pm.

Hope Devries - March 25: Elements 3:15 pm.

Makayla Dew - March 26: Elements 12:45 pm.

Kelsey Ellis - March 25: Elements 9:40 am, Freeskate 4:35 pm.

Kiana Fawcett - March 25: Elements 10:20 am, Freeskate 4:20 pm. March 26: Similar Pairs 6:45 pm.

Victoria Gibson-Crowder - March 25: Freeskate 12:00 pm, Elements 5:40 pm, Similar Pairs 9:00 pm.

Amanda Giles - March 26: Freeskate 11:45 am, Elements 5:10 pm, Improv 6:00 pm.

Nicole Giles - March 26: Elements 1:05 pm, Freeskate 1:55 pm.

Michaela Helmer - March 26: Elements 10:20 am.

Caitlin Jampen - March 25: Elements 12:20 pm, Freeskate 2:00 pm, Improv 7:35 pm.

Kyleigh Jampen - March 25: Improv 7:45 pm. March 26: Elements 10:00 am, Freeskate 4:25 pm.

Kiersti McMillan - March 25: Elements 5:55 pm.

Hilary McQuaid - March 25: Elements 6:10 pm, Similar Pairs 9:15 pm. March 26: Improv 6:20 pm.

Joelle Menard - March 25: Elements 3:30 pm.

Samantha Paquet-Clapin - March 25: Freeskate 9:05 am. March 26: Improv 6:20 pm.

Mandi Ross - March 26: Elements 3:10 pm.

Samantha Shelp - March 25: Freeskate 11:40 am, Elements 3:50 pm, Similar Pairs 9:00 pm.

Julia Smith - March 26: Freeskate 8:15 am.

Leah Ann Smith - March 25: Elements 5:40 pm.

Alyson Summers - March 25: Elements 10:00 am, Freeskate 2:55 pm.

Jannah Vanderlaan - March 25: Improv 7:35 pm. March 26, Freeskate 11:15 am, Elements 3:25 pm.

Jessica Vanderlaan - March 25: Elements 5:55 pm, Similar Pairs 9:00 pm.

Josie Vanderlaan - March 25: Freeskate 9:20 am, Elements 5:25 pm, Similar Pairs 9:00 pm.

Erin Wheeler - March 25: Freeskate 1:15 pm, Elements 3:30 pm.

Demons sweep Selects in East Division

LONG SAULT — Dylan Giberson and Peter Klein-Swormink each collected six points as the North Dundas Demons stormed to an 11-4 victory over the host South Stormont Selects.

The Saturday (March 18) afternoon victory completed a two-game sweep for the Pee Wee "B" Demons who opened the 2005-06 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division championship (four-point) series with a dramatic 6-4 come-from-behind victory.

North Dundas will open the UCMHL's East — West championship (five point) series against the South Grenville Rangers tonight (Wed., March 22) at the Winchester Arena at 7 pm.

"It may look as if two or three players won the game (11-4), but all three lines really contributed," explained coach Barry Giberson. "It was our best team effort of the year."

He continued by saying his goaltending and defence were also solid, "The kids were focused before the game and went out and dominated. They really wanted to win."

North Dundas finished the regular season with a 16-5-3 record, eliminated the Akwesasne Wolves (11-0 and 5-0) in two games in quarter-final action, ousted the Char-Lan Rebels (11-5 and 9-2) in two semi-final games to earn the right to take on South Stormont.

Game one didn't look very promising for the Demons who trailed the Selects 2-0 after two periods and 4-0 with 11:23 left in the final frame. But a massive six-goal rally in the final 10:44 enabled North Dundas to pull off an impressive 6-4 victory.

Ryan Switzer (from Derek Simms and Klein-Swormink) ignited his team's attack when he found the back of the Selects' net at 10:44. Dylan Fawcett followed with goals at 9:27 and 6:29 as the gap closed to 4-3. Giberson tied it at 4:53 and slapped in the winner with 23 seconds on the clock. Fawcett iced it firing his third goal into an empty net three seconds before the final buzzer sounded. Brent Simms (2), Derek Simms (2), Klein-Swormink (2), Paul Gibson, Ryan Byers, Giberson and Fawcett collect rally-assists.

TITLE MATCH

North Dundas led the East Division championship-clinching game 5-1 after a period and 8-2 after two sessions.

Giberson cracked in four goals, two in the final 3:32 of the game, while Klein-Swormink pumped in three pucks, one in each period. Klein-Swormink drew three assists and Giberson two. Byers (2), Switzer and Fawcett registered the other shots. Joshua Freake (2), Gibson and Switzer also collected assists.

North Dundas picked just five minor penalties in the series and have outscored their East Division opposition by a 53-15 margin in six games.

STILL PLAYING

There are two other NDMHA teams still competing in UCMHL play-off series — the Pee Wee House "C" and Novice House "B" Demons.

Coach Tim Moher and the Pee Wee House "C" Demons are currently involved in their East Division final against the South Dundas Lions. They opened the four-point set with a 3-2 victory in Winchester on Friday (March 17). A win last night (Tues., March 21) in Morrisburg would have qualified the Demons for the East — West series against the Athens No. Two Flyers. Should a third game be necessary the Demons will host the Lions in Chesterville tonight (Wed., March 22) at 7 pm.

Coach Tom Mellean and the Novice "B" House squad blanked the Brockville Braves 4-0 Monday (March 20) in Chesterville to take a 4-0 lead in their five-point championship series. North Dundas opened the title round with a 2-1 win on Sunday (March 19) in Brockville. Steven McSheffery and Nikolas Carruthers shared the shutout. Owen Guy has pegged all six goals against the Braves. Game three is set for Saturday (March 25) in Brockville.



Keeping it clean

Winchester's Rebecca Wichers-Schreur (left) and Kristie Sloane brushed a path for Darby Ace's (right) rock, while skip Crystal Lillico (not in photo) issued instructions during the third annual Winchester Curling Club Bantam Bonspiel on Sunday (March 19). Six competitive and six recreation teams took part. Kevin Tanner (skip), Lindsay Donnelly, Korey Donnelly and Ash Marshall of Russell took the recreational event while Neil Sinclair (skip), Graham Rathwell, Matt Camm and Andrew Hamilton of Manotick topped the competitive division standings.

Photo — Barbour



Hardwood heros

Winchester Public School dominated the hardwood in Iroquois on March 10 winning the "A" championship in the 2006 Dundas County Elementary School Co-ed Basketball Tournament. Dixon's Corners Public School (tourney chair - Robert Matheson) hosted the 10-school event in the Seaway District High School and Iroquois Public School gyms. Winchester defeated Morewood 16-10, lost 19-14 to Inkerman, defeated Elma 20-8 and Morrisburg 18-15 to reach the semi-final game which they won 24-22 over Nationview. Winchester then edged Morrisburg 22-20 in the "A" game to take the championship. Inkerman claimed the "B" title defeating Morewood 22-12. The 2006 hardwood champs are: Front (left) - Ashley Pollock, Sarah Churchill, Blythe Armstrong (MVP), Hope Klein-Swormink, Cameron Muir, Chase Beaudry, Dylan Young; Back (left) - Brittany Cochrane, Shawna Stevens, Katherine Debney, Craig Christophersen, Tanner Casselman (MVP), Ryan Switzer, Damien Whalen-Derby, Mitchell Matthiesen. The champs were coached by Kathy Campbell, Issac Campbell and Peter McIntosh. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

"Champ" McLean scores in dying seconds, Rams take lead in hunt for 77-year-old cup

WINCHESTER — There were just five seconds left on the clock when Josh "Champ" McLean's shot crossed the goal line behind Gregg Griffith.

There was a brief argument from the Cyclone 'tender Griffith and his mates that the buzzer had preceded the goal, but referee Nathan Thompson ruled the play would stand. The result was a 6-5 win for the number-two ranked Currie's Rams over the pennant-winning Bud's Cyclones.

The victory opened the best-of-three Winchester Town Hockey League's Melvin Cup championship series on March 14. Game two was played on Tues., March 21. Game three in the battle for the 79-year-old chalice, if needed, will be played on Tues., March 28.

The Cyclones (13-2-3) won the Royal Bank trophy for finishing first with 29 points, four points ahead of the Rams (10-3-5). There is little to choose between the cup combatants because during their seven-game regular-season series the each team won a pair of games — the other three were tied. The Cyclones outscored the Rams 33-32.

GAME ONE

John Nadobny cashed in a Justin Morozuk rebound at 27:55 to give the Rams an early 1-0 lead in game one. Jamie McIntosh increased the lead to 2-0 when he scored on a play created by Stef Gravelle at 13:41. The Cyclones got on the board at 12:51 when Aron Sherrer and Robyn Sadler set up Mike Deighton for a goal. But with 7:30 left in the first half, "Champ" Mclean restored a two-goal lead for the Rams finishing off a play started by Gravelle and McIntosh.

Cyclone captain Craig "Bud" Holmes quickly got his squad back on even terms scoring from Nathan Hutchinson and Sherrer at 27:21 and 23:16 of the second session. An unassisted goal fired home by Francis Dagenais at 25:48 hand the lead (4-3) back to the Rams.

John Guy's marker, engineered by Hutchinson and John Chambers with 9:37 on the clock, tied the score at 4-4. But once again the Rams replied as Morozuk buried a Spencer Dawson feed from 10 feet out at the 5:15 mark to make it 5-4. An unassisted Sadler shot found its way through traffic and beat Chris Currie with 3:56 to play and knotted the count at 5-5. That play set the stage for Mclean's last-second winner.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

Rideau - St. Lawrence Division

PLAY-OFF RESULTS:
ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION
"A" Semi-Final:
Kemptville 73's vs Winchester Hawks
73's win series 4-0
"B" Semi-Final:
Alexandria Glens vs Morrsiburg Lions
Lions win series 4-3

St. Lawrence Division Championship
Morrisburg Lions vs Kemptville 73's
March 7: Morrisburg 4 - Kemptville 3
March 10: Kemptville 9 - Morrisburg 3
March 12: Morrisburg 7 - Kemptville 6
March 15: Morrisburg 6 - Kemptville 2
March 17: Kemptville 6 - Morrisburg 3
March 18: Morrisburg 4 - Kemptville 0
Morrisburg wins series 4-2

RIDEAU DIVISION
"A" Semi-Final:
Westport Rideaus vs Gananoque Islanders
Rideaus win series 4-2
"B" Semi-Final:
South Grenville Rangers vs Brockville Tikis
Rangers win series 4-0

Rideau Division Championship
South Grenville Rangers vs Westport Rideaus
March 7: Westport 6 - South Grenville 5
March 8: Westport 8 - South Grenville 1
March 10: South Grenville 3 - Westport 1
March 11: Westport 6 - South Grenville 5
March 14: Westport 4 - South Grenville 3
Westport wins series 4-1

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METRO DIVISION
RECENT PLAY-OFF RESULTS:
Semi-final Series "A"
Ottawa West Golden Knights vs Metcalfe Jets
Ottawa West wins semi-final series 4-0
Quarter-final Series
S. Ottawa Canadians vs Gatineau Mustangs
South Ottawa wins quarter-final series 4-1
Semi-final Series "B"
Clarence Creek wins semi-final series 4-3
Note: Clarence Creek Castors received first-round bye

METRO DIVISION
Championship Final
Ottawa West Golden Knights vs Clarence Creek Castors
March 8: Ottawa West 5 - Clarence Creek 4
March 9: Clarence 10 - Ottawa West 9 3-OT
March 12: Ottawa West 5 - Clarence 2
March 13: Clarence Creek 2 - Ottawa West 0
March 15: Ottawa West 4 - Clarence 3 OT
March 16: Ottawa West 3 - Clarence 0
Ottawa West wins series 4-2

VALLEY DIVISION
Championship Final
Perth Blue Wings vs Shawville Pontiacs
Shawville Pontiacs win series 4-3

Metro - Valley Conference Championship Series
Ottawa West Golden Knights vs Shawville Pontiacs

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
"A" Semi-Final (Best of three):
Feb. 28: Cyclones 4 - Rangers 3
Feb. 21: Cyclones 5 - Rangers 2
Cyclones win series 2-0
"B" Semi-Final (Best of three):
March 7: Rams 10 - Flyers 6
Feb. 28: Rams 6 - Flyers 2
Feb. 21: Flyers 4 - Rams 1
Rams win series 2-1

Melvin Cup Final:
Currie's Rams vs Bud's Cyclones
March 14: Rams 6 - Cyclones 5

STANDINGS (Final):	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Bud's Cyclones	13	2	3	112	73	29
Currie's Rams	10	3	5	101	80	25
Willy's Flyers	5	10	3	83	98	13
Blake's Rangers	2	15	1	55	119	5

TOP SCORERS (Play-offs):	G	A	PTS
Josh McLean, Rams	7	4	11
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	5	5	10
Justin Morozuk, Rams	4	5	9
Aaron Kelly, Flyers	4	3	7
Spencer Dawson, Rams	3	4	7
Stef Garvelle, Rams	1	6	7
Jamie McIntosh, Rams	1	5	6
John Drew, Flyers	2	3	5
Aron Sherrer, Cyclones	2	3	5

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
March 19:
"A" final - CountryGirl 5 - Classics 2
"B" final - Reds 4 - Blues 0

P/O STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Classics	2	0	1	10	3	5
CountryGirl	2	1	0	4	4	4
Reds	1	1	1	5	4	3
Blues	1	1	1	3	7	3
Double Beauty	0	1	2	4	6	2
Maroons	0	2	1	2	4	1

TOP SCORERS (Play-offs):	G	A	PTS
Cheryl Hamilton, CG	5	1	6
Isabel Dagenais, Classics	4	2	6
Sandy Roy, Reds	3	2	5
Edith Dagenais, Classics	3	2	5
Shannon Thompson, DB	3	1	4
Amy Fraser, Classics	1	3	4
Karla Marshall, CG	2	1	3
Allison Wigney, Classics	2	1	3

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Rideau - St. Lawrence Conference Championship Series
Morrisburg Lions
vs
Westport Rideaus
IN MORRISBURG
Fri., March 24 - 8:15 pm
Wed., March 29 - 7:30 pm
****Sat., April 1 - 7:30 pm***
IN WESTPORT
Sat., March 25 - 7:00 pm
****Fri., March 31 - 8:15 pm***
****Sun., April 2 - 7:00 pm***
****If necessary***

River Rats "B" side winners in Westport tourney

WESTPORT — Travis Smith was solid between the pipes backing the Russell Atom "B" River Rats in a 2-1 victory over the Kingston Loyalists in the "B" final of the Westport Minor Hockey Tournament.

Wade Kropp netted Russell's first goal, scoring from affiliate players Cody Lavictoire and Adam Fillion. Fillion then snapped in the game-winner after taking a pass provided by Kropp and Lavictoire in the third period of the March 15 match.

The Rats opened the tournament against the Loyalists and handed them a 2-1 defeat in that game as well. Lavictoire counted the Rat's first goal set up by Chance McTiernan. Eamon Colvin broke up the 1-1 tie when he cashed in a pass sent to him by Kropp to give the Rats the 2-1 win.

The host North Leeds Stars outshone Russell in game two skating to a 5-1 win. Alex DiRaimo pegged the Rats' lone goal on a play started by Fillion in period two.

Affiliate goaltender Mark Hatherall was in the nets in game three as the Rats battled the South Dundas Lions to a 5-5 draw. Kropp (2), Lavictoire, Fillion and Eric Smith cracked in the Russell goals. Assists were awarded to Colvin (2), Lavictoire, Kropp, Shane Letts, Connor Letts and Adam Guilbault.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

Russell finished in third place during the regular season and worked their way into the second round of the playoffs before they were eliminated by the Goulbourn Rams.

Mathieu Lussier (unassisted) scored the lone Russell goal in a 1-1 tie with Goulbourn in game one of their series on March 1. Smith worked the Rats' nets with Katie Bakker and Tommy Olney providing strong defensive support.

Owen Stewart (assisted by Jordan Sheldrick) was the only Rat to beat the Ram goaltender in game two (March 2) as the Rams skated to a 5-1 win. A 3-0 victory posted March 6 at the Sensplex locked up the series and a trip to the next round for Goulbourn.

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by Philip Labossiere
Umpire in Chief,
Mountain Minor Ball Association

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The Mountain Minor Ball Association is looking for a few good umpires for this coming season.

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Men's Night crew plays Arizona course

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The high desert country north of Scottsdale Arizona was the setting for the weekly Golf 'O' Max Men's Night gathering at Sandy Row Golf Course.

Paul Casselman claimed the closest-to-the-pin prize in the March 15 competition on the 18-hole layout at the North Troon Golf Club. Don Stephen, Merv Coons and Willy Wyman recorded the low gross scores. Low net numbers were turned in by Kevin Whitteker, John Hitsman and Steve Tupper.

ACE FOR ANDERSON

Bill Anderson recorded a hole-in-one while playing the championship Firestone Country Club in Akron Ohio via Golf 'O' Max. He used his six iron for the ace on No. 12.

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Golden finish

A 5-2 victory over the number-two ranked Classics in Sunday's (March 19) WDLHL "A" championship match completed a rise from a fifth-place finish during the regular campaign to the 2005-06 league championship for the Country-Girl Gold Diggers. The new champs are: Front (left) - Karla Marshall, Cathy Corkery, Barb Wigney, Joanne McMillan, Janice Casselman - captain; Back (left) - Judy Littau, Leeanne Eckford, Shirley Velthuis, Ed Blais - coach, Tanya Katsoulis, Cheryl Hamilton; Missing - Kelly Bradshaw, Marilyn Wade.



Regular season champs

Andy's Foodland Maroons collected 23 points during the regular season and grabbed the WDLHL's 2005-06 pennant for their first-place finish. Unfortunately for the Maroons they weren't able to qualify for either title match. The Maroons are: Front (left) - Tanya Klein-Swormink, Heather Erwin, Sylvie Renaud, Diane Downey, Heather McDiarmid; Back (left) - Rick Darling - coach, Cheryl Cooper, Cheryle Canning, Natalie Levasseur, Sandra Clouthier, Jen Manley, Nancy Pothier, Gerry Verspeek; Missing - Amy Darling.

CountryGirl golden in WDLHL final

Fifth-place squad takes title

WINCHESTER — From fifth to first is how far the CountryGirl Gold Diggers soared this season. A 5-2 win over the number-two ranked Classics capped a memorable 2005-06 Winchester District Ladies Hockey League season for the new champs.

Cheryl Hamilton's three-goal, four-point performance on Sunday (March 19) highlighted the Country-Girl's 5-2 win over the second-place Classicsm and

handed the Diggers the 2005-06 "A" championship.

Earlier in the morning the Winchester Reds perfect game from goalie Kristie Wade helped them take the consolation trophy by blanking the Annable's Jewellery Blues 4-0.

During the regular season the Gold Diggers (5-10-2) finished fifth in the six-team circuit with 12 points. In three round-robin games they fashioned a 2-1-0 record. Their opposition in the "A" final was provided by the Classics (9-4-4) who wound up second with 22 points. They went undefeated (2-0-1) in the round robin and secured the other "A" final berth.

The regular-season champion Andy's Foodland Maroons (10-4-3) managed just one point in the qualifying round and missed both the "A" and consolation final games.

The third-place Reds (8-5-4) and number-four rated Annable's Blues (7-8-2) matched play-off records of 1-1-1 and met in the consolation showdown.

Sandy Roy's unassisted goal, scored 3:13 before the half was all the Reds needed as they whitewashed Annable's Blues 4-0 in the consi final. Roy cracked in another unassisted shot at 13:01 of the second half as the gap widened to 2-0. Kim Perry took over then and whipped in a pair of late markers to drive the final total to 4-0. Roy and Tracey Morrow engineered the first Perry goal at 4:22 while Jackie Boulanger provided the pass on the second 1:19 before the final buzzer.

"A" FINAL

Cheryl Hamilton started her hat trick when she used a feed from Joanne McMillan to put the Gold Diggers up 1-0 on the Classics at 13:52 of the first half.

Edith Dagenais was quick to get the Classics on even terms when she finished a play started by Eleanor Robinson and Susan Marsden-Whelan at the 12:43 mark. That play was matched at 11:30 when Hamilton (unassisted) put the Diggers up 2-1. Hamilton go involved in the play again assisting, along with McMillan, Karla Marshall whose goal increased the lead to 3-1 at 8:36 of the first half.

Leeanne Eckford finished off a play started by Judy Littau with 8:34 left in the game as the soon-to-be crowned champs opened up a 4-1 lead. The Classics were able to respond at the 6:30 mark when Edith Dagenais put a pass provided by Gail Smith-Rutley into Barb Wigney's net but that would conclude the Classics scoring for the season.

Hamilton finished her hat trick firing a Tanya Katsoulis feed into the empty Classic cage with 12 seconds showing on the clock.

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Pee Wee House "B" Demons tops in Carleton Place Tournament

CARLETON PLACE — Five wins, one tie and two tournament championships in three days — not too shabby.

The North Dundas Pee Wee House "B" Demons enjoyed a productive March Break claiming the "A" title at the Carleton Place tournament on March 12 and the "B" division trophy in Gananoque three days later (March 15).

In Carleton Place, the Demons zapped the Osgoode Rideau B1 Senators 7-1 and blanked the Carleton Place Constrictors 1-0 before taking the "A" silverware in a 3-2 overtime victory over the NGS Braves.

North Dundas outscored the opposition by an 11-3 margin in the event.

Garrett Milne was the top shooter in the Demons' opening game firing in three goals in a 7-1 win over Osgoode Rideau. William Burgess Milne and Patrick Speagle netted goals in the opening period as North Dundas opened a 3-0 lead. The only time the Senators beat Demon 'tender Ryan Romans was with 22 seconds left in period two and by that time the Demons were leading 5-1. They carried a 6-1 lead into the final frame. Tyler Pellerin-Gagnon, Colton Stitt and Milne cashed in the second period tallies. Milne's third marker came with 9:22 left on the clock and made it a 7-1 final. Pellerin-Gagnon (3), Stitt, Speagle, Burgess and Jacob Luimes collected the assists.

Burgess (unassisted) cracked in the only goal of the game at 1:09 of the second stanza as the Demons shut out the Constrictors 1-0.

Austin Carruthers converted a feed from Pellerin-Gagnon into the game-winning goal as the Demons defeated NGS 3-2 in OT in the "A" final. Carruthers' golden goal came with 2:38 left in the first five-minute OT period. Scott Jones (from Pellerin-Gagnon and Dan McSheffery at 0:35.5) in period one and Speagle (from Milne at 0:21.2) in the second session counted the other two markers.



Two tourney titles

It was a two-tourney title week for the North Dundas Pee Wee House "B" Demons who brought home the gold from the Carleton Place tournament (March 12) and the "B" trophy from Gananoque on March 15. The Demons are (not in order): Ryan Romans, Colton Stitt, Patrick Speagle, Brett Coburn, Nicholas Read, Craig Christophersen, Jacob Luimes, Garrett Milne, Jarrett Melenhorst, Francis LeBrun, Austin Carruthers, Zach Sloane, William Burgess, Tyler Pellerin-Gagnon, Daniel McSheffrey, Scott Jones, John Luimes - coach, Mike LeBrun - trainer, Darren Stitt - manager.

"B" CHAMPS IN GAN

North Dundas outgunned the opposition 10-3, won two games and tied their other match and left Gananoque as "B" champions.

McSheffery cashed in a pair of pucks as the Demons opened the event with a 5-1 victory over the Gananoque No. One Islanders. Jones, Speagle and Zach Sloane were the other goal getters. Jacob Luimes, Jarrett Melenhorst, Francis Lebrun and Milne drew the assists.

Kingston took a 1-0 lead on North Dundas in game two but the Demons worked their way back for a 1-1 tie when Carruthers netted a pass provided by Pellerin-Gagnon 6:48 before the final buzzer.

North Dundas had to face the Kingston Loyalists again in the "B" final match. This time they were more convincing registering a 4-1 victory. Kingston led 1-0 after a period but trailed 2-1 after two and 4-1 at the buzzer. LeBrun (from Burgess at 8:17) and Pellerin-Gagnon (PPG from Stitt and LeBrun at 3:43) netted the second-period markers.

Unassisted shots fired by Pellerin-Gagnon at 3:01 and Jones at 0:20 completed the scoring in the final frame.

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WANTED – Large bales of straw, Greely area. Phone 613-761-2403.
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GOOD DEAL – Ribstone silo, 60'x16' in good condition. To be removed. Phone 613-984-2235.
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FOR SALE – First cut hay, small squares. Phone 821-2580.
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BARN FOR SALE – You dismantle. Phone after 6 pm, 448-1925.
52-1

WANTED LAND TO RENT – In the South Mountain, Inkerman, Brinston area. Please call Racine Farms 989-6003.
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48-7c

FOR SALE – First-calf Holstein heifers, close or fresh. Phone 613-774-5160, 774-5792 or cell 614-3169.
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Birth Notice

IT'S A BOY
COLEMAN – Doug and Sue (Watson) along with big sister Savannah are happy to announce the speedy delivery of Dawson Clinton on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at W.D.M.H. at 8:12 pm, weighing 7 lb., 5 oz. A grandson for Clint and Marian Coleman of Hallville and Joan Watson of Kingston. Many thanks to doctors and nurses at W.D.M.H. and NICU at CHEO.
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BOURBONNAIS, Greg and Marilyn (nee Moffatt) are happy to announce the arrival of their first child Jacob Timothy, born on Saturday, March 11, weighing 7 lb, 10 oz. Proud grandparents are Paul and Madeline Bourbonnais, Keith and Jean Moffatt and great-grandparents are Leonard and Rosemary Moriarity and Edna Griffith. All aunts, uncles, cousins and friends are excited to welcome the new junior driver. Guardian angle Auntie Carrie watching over from above. Special thanks to Dr. Jones, nurses and staff of WDMH for the great care received.
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Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS – Thanks so much for my friends Lois, Wally and Mary from Millview for their concern while I was ill. Thanks to the kind nurses and staff on second floor of Winchester Memorial in my good times and bad and to the staff on the floor and kitchen. Special thanks to (my) Dr. Burke, my family, Pastor Bud and Mollie and all the other clergy for their calls and prayers and for plants, cards. gifts, personal visits and phone calls.
– God bless you all
– June R. Armstrong
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In Memoriam

QUART – In loving memory of our parents, George and Lillian Quart who left us 4 and 1/2 months apart. George - November 3, 2002. Lillian - March 26, 2003.
We wish for things to be just as they were,
For the moment we lost you our world changed forever.
What we would give if we could say,
Let's go see Mom and Dad today.
When our thoughts go back as they often do,
We treasure the memories we have of you.
These loving memories will never die
As the days pass on and the years go by.
Those special years will not return
When we were all together,
But the love we hold within our hearts
Will be with us forever.
– David, Barbara, Richard, and families
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THOMPSON – In loving memory of our dear daughter, Tracy Dawn, who passed away March 23, 1979 at age 17.
We have so many wonderful memories of you,
You're in our hearts forever.
We'll always love you,
Till we meet again.
– Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters
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Saturday, April 1
South Mountain Ag. Hall
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In Memoriam

SARGENT – In loving memory of a dear father, James, who passed away March 26, 2003.
Treasured memories keep you near,
As time unfolds another year,
No need for words except to say,
Still loved, still missed in every way.
– Forever in our hearts,
– Carol and Lorna
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Coming Events

WINCHESTER LIONS CLUB
515 Albert St. 774-2630
BINGO
Every Monday
HALL RENTAL
THRIFT STORE
OPEN: 9 am-3 pm, Tuesday to Saturday
3tfc

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
TAKE-OUT CHICKEN BBQ
Saturday, May 13
At Williamsburg United Church
Watch for Ticket Information
51-2

SANDERS MAPLE PRODUCTS AND PANCAKE HOUSE
Goldfield Road South, Finch, will be open daily for the 2006 Season starting Sat., March 4 until Sun., April 23. Weekdays 9 am-4 pm. Weekends 8 am-5 pm. For info or bookings, please call 984-2368 or 984-0784.
50-3cc

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
RUSSELL LIONS CLUB
Sat., March 25, starting at 1 pm sharp, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 40 First Ave., Russell. Everyone welcome (19 years+). $20 per person includes meal, cash and door prizes. For information contact Janie Connelly 445-8067.
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Ont. Reg. 50010710
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SPRINGHILL CEMETERY
PLOT OWNERS
Annual Plot Owners Meeting, Mon., April 3, 2006 in the Chapel at 7:30 pm. 1-2c

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS
Township of South Dundas

REMINDER
INTERIM TAX BILLS DUE
MARCH 31, 2006
Bills may be paid at any chartered bank/internet/mail. Penalty will be applied on all overdue accounts April 1, 2006.
Lorna D. Seibert, AMCT
Treasurer

Coming Events

HALL FOR RENT
Parties, special events. Winchester Curling Club. LLBO licensed for 130 people. Kitchen, ice surface available. Call Tom Sloane 774-0321.
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EXPECTANT PARENTS
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APRIL FOOLS CABARET
Dundas County Players present an evening of fun and silliness. One show only, April 1, 8 pm, at the Old Town Hall Theatre, Main and Centre Streets, Winchester. Tickets $10 available at Stedman's 774-2008. Enjoy a cash dessert bar in cafe setting available 6-7:30 pm. Come and enjoy good food and good fun! Bring a joke for the open-mike finale!
1-2c

STORMONT DUNDAS
LANDOWNERS MEETING
Thurs., March 23, 8 pm at Chesterville Legion, Chesterville. Speakers: Denis St. Pierre - You paid for your well, will YOU have to pay for the water in it? - NFU, OFA, CFFO "Sales Pitch". Which organization should you give your $150 to? Membership renewal for Stormont Dundas Landowners Association is $30.
1c

CHESTERVILLE AND DISTRICT
LIONS CLUB 17th ANNUAL
CAR RALLY AND CHICKEN BBQ
Sat., April 1. $20 per team, $10 per chicken plate. Registration at 11 am at Chesterville Legion. Prizes: $100 winner, $100 best poker hand, $100 closest mileage. For information 448-2413.
1c

GOSPEL MUSIC CELEBRATION
Morrisburg Meeting Centre, Sat., April 29, 7 pm. Featuring: Vessels of Honor, Ryan Gospel Quintet, Northwind Gospel Bluegrass and Surrounded. Tickets: $15. For information and tickets call 543-0385 or cell 290-1050.
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Yard Sale

MOVING SALE
Household furnishings. 472 Annable Road, Winchester, Fri., and Sat., March 24 and 25, 8 am-12 noon. Call 774-3822.
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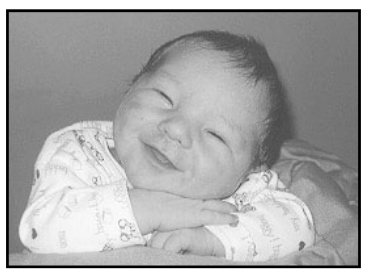

It's A Boy!

Hal and Shannon Thompson are proud to announce the arrival of their son Nate Joseph on March 8, 2006, weighing 8 lb., 6 oz. at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. We would like to thank Dr. Charles Adamson along with Dr. Prins and Dr. Jones and all the nursing staff. Proud grandparents are Don and the late Clara Thompson and William and Donna Hamilton.

IT'S A GIRL!

Boyd-Beckstead: Shaelah and Craig (Archie) are thrilled to announce the early but safe arrival of their precious baby girl, Jaedyn Mary Katherine, born Sunday, March 12, 2006, weighing 7 lb., 13 oz. Excited grandparents are Jeff and Trudy Boyd, Neil Beckstead and her own special guardian angel grandma Kathy Beckstead, keeping a watchful eye over her from above. A very happy Aunt Ashley and Uncle Kelly (Rubber) and extended family. Special thanks to Bev Shortt, Donna and Dr. Jones. Another special thanks to our great friends for their support, baby shower and so much more. You all know who you are.

Thank You

The family of the late Harold J. McNeely would sincerely like to thank all of our family, friends, neighbors and 4-H members for their generous support, many visits, phone calls, flowers and food which have all been a great help. The many generous donations in Harold's memory to the Cancer Society and the many beautiful floral arrangements have touched our hearts. Special thank yous go out to Sean Daley of Duncan's Funeral Home for guiding us through this difficult time. To Earl, Joy and Ron Stanley of Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm in Edwards for the use of their hall, catering and attention to every detail. To Father Giles Joly of St. Catherine's Church in Metcalfe for such a beautiful service. Also to piper Stewart James Jr., and for the eulogy by Stewart James Sr., the readers and the pallbearers. To Evelyn Goodfellow for taking Harold for treatments and caring so much. To the many, many people who traveled from near and far to share in our grief, please accept our most heartfelt appreciation. Words of thanks simply cannot say enough.
–Sandy, Todd, Sandra, Tanya, Francis and Families

TOWNSHIP OF North Dundas

Dog Licence Salesperson

The Township of North Dundas requires individuals to sell dog licences door-to-door. The sale of dog licences must be completed before June 30, 2006.

Candidates must be courteous and enjoy meeting the public and must have their own transportation. Familiarity of the municipality is an asset.

Please forward your resume clearly marked "Dog Licence Salesperson" before Thursday, March 30, 2006 to:

Darlene Mather, Administrative Assistant
Township of North Dundas
P.O. Box 489, 636 St. Lawrence Street
Winchester, Ontario, K0C 2K0
Tel: 613-774-2105 Fax 613-774-5699

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Resumes can be dropped off at Agri-Partners Crop Centre Ltd., 667 St. Lawrence Street South (behind the grain elevators) or you may e-mail resume to jvanmoorsel@agricocanada.com or fax to 774-1078.

Applications are available at the office from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm. Phone 613-774-2209, Toll Free 1-877-774-2209.

Only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

We had a great party!

Hats off and thanks to everyone who attended, brought gifts, cards, snacks, Heather and Ruth and Eric (pictures). Thanks to Paul & Darlene Simms, Karl Ceelen, Jim Fawcett, Don & Lynne Levere (cheese), Grant, Jill, Katie, Jenna, Amie, Emily (and her many friends) for all their help. Special thanks to Lorna and Bebe for pulling off the surprise birthday.
–Gerry Boyce



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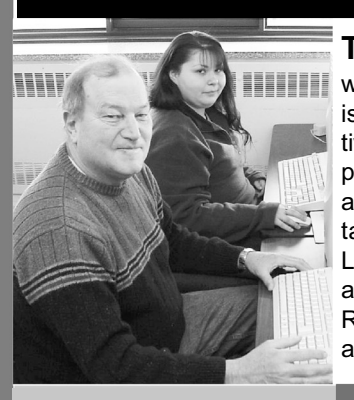

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RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

Heritage Co-ordinator (1)
TERM: May 23/06 - Aug. 25/06 REFERENCE # 0106
Day Camp Leaders (2)
TERM: June 19/06-Sept. 1/06 REFERENCE # 0206
Pool Supervisors (2)
TERM: May 23/06 - Sept. 1/06 REFERENCE # 0306
Guards/Swim Instructors (12)
TERM: June 19/06 - Sept. 1/06 REFERENCE # 0406
Maintenance/Parks Laborer (4)
(1) TERM: May 23/06 - Sept. 1/06 REFERENCE # 0506
(3) TERM: June 19/06 - Sept. 1/06 REFERENCE # 0606

PLANNING/BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Bylaw Enforcement Officer (1)
TERM: May 23/06 - Sept. 1/06 REFERENCE # 0706

ROADS DEPARTMENT

General Laborers (2)
TERM: June 19/06 - September 1/06 REFERENCE # 0806

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Office Clerk (1)
TERM: May 23/06 - August 25/06 REFERENCE # 0906

Interested applicants must submit their resume by April 7, 2006 to:

Township of North Dundas
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Winchester, Ontario
K0C 2K0
FAX: 613-774-5699
"Summer Employment"

Please indicate the reference number of the position you are applying for. For a more detailed description of the positions, please check our web-site at www.northdundas.com.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those who will be interviewed will be contacted.

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In the Vernon Recreational Centre, Vernon, Ontario. Turn east on Lawrence Street, 1/2 mile, just off Bank Street (formerly Highway 31), approximately 20 miles south of Ottawa.
SATURDAY, MARCH 25
commencing at 10 am
viewing from 8:30 am

Antiques: Kitchen hoosier manufactured by Renfrew Refrigeration Co; dresser with matching washstand; oak hall stand; sideboard; parlor tables; 2 china cabinets; extension table with leaves; mahogany plant stand; chests of drawers; buffet; captain's chair; cedar chest; 3-piece double bedroom set, 1940's circa; lady's dressing table with mirror; East Lake washstand; rocking chair; Duncan Phyfe table; 3 bookshelves; large oval dressing mirror on stand; sheet music cabinet; magazine table; Duncan Phyfe drum table; small drop leaf table; magazine table; assorted wooden chairs; queen size poster bed with 2 night tables; 2 needlepoint chairs; telephone stand; 2 fern stands; coffee tables; oak mirror/ coat rack; 1940s classic electric range.
Glassware and Collectibles: Royal Doulton figurines including Christmas Morn, Spring Morning, Romance, Meditation, Owd Willum and The Poacher, green depression glass, 2 Chinese figurines; cast iron Aunt Jemima bank and door stop; 2 cranberry glass pitchers and bride's basket; blue cobalt glass pieces; 25 cups and saucers; several blue luster carnival pieces; crystal wine goblets; serving plates and miscellaneous pieces; several hand painted blue Delft pieces; pair of pink glass bedroom lamps; Mandolin in case; 13 oil lamps; brass pieces; 2 antique oval picture frames; 3 cream cans; Ardmore sessions mantle clock; dairy cans; sad irons; butter boxes; bridge lamp; horseshoe footstool; gentleman's shaving mirror; glass washboards; milk bottles; sleigh bells; cast iron pot; Beatty tub stand; wooden planes; Brantford and Montreal Merchant crocks; trunks; stove pipe rings; blacksmith's vise; old radio; stoneware bottle and pitcher; other crocks.
Contemporary Furniture: Maple kitchen set with round table, 4 captain 's chairs and hutch; glass-top table with 4 wicker and brass armchairs; brass trimmed tea wagon; half moon tables; 2-piece armoire; 2-section corner computer desk; oval kitchen table with laminated top; filing cabinet; large storage box; 2 Chinese prints; glass fireplace doors; 3 large wall units; electric lamps.
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MONDAY, APRIL 3
commencing at 12 noon

Tractors: Landini 14500 tractor, 4WD, cab, air, 789 hours; Ford TW-15 tractor, 2WD, cab, air, 3118 hours; AC (Fiat) 5060 tractor, 4WD, with loader; Ford 3000 diesel tractor.
Machinery: JD 7000 planter, 6-row, with box extensions, cross auger, no till coulters; NH 488 haybine; Claas rotary rake, 3-pt. hitch; Hardi sprayer, 300 gallon, 42' boom; Market box and fertilizer auger; JD AMT 626 Case cultivator 4800, 4-bar harrows; Westfield auger, 8"x51', PTO; Farm King snowblower, 7'; Ford plow, 5-furrow; HD chain harrows, 16'; 18.4x38 axle duals off TW-15 tractor; rock picker with wing rakes; Krause disc; solid elevator, 30', motor, PTO; yellow rock forks; grader blade; blade spear; weed wicker, 12'; dump trailer; posthole auger; brush cutter, 6'; locking headgate; sweep auger for 19' bin; welder with cable; crop cultivator, 4-row; seed spreader for 4-wheeler; steel posts; quantity of hay and straw; small wagon load of miscellaneous items.
TERMS: Cash or Good Cheque
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Auction Sales

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1
commencing at 11 am

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Combine and Heads: JD 6620 Titan II, 3200 hours, regular service, many new parts; JD 443 cornhead, 4-row; JD 213 flexhead; JD direct cut head, 13'.
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Equipment: JD 980 cultivator, 26' and 4-bar harrow; White 445 soil saver, 9-tooth; Kverneland 115 plow, vari-width, 5-furrow; JD 7200 planter, 6-row, with dry and liquid fertilizer and fertilizer cross auger; JD 8300 drill, 21-run, with fertilizer, DD openers and cultivator and harrow cart on hitch; packer, 14', with transport; 2 Trenton tandem dump wagons; U-M 530 grain wagon with brakes and lights; new Market fertilizer wagon and auger; Westfield auger, 8"x41', PTO; Landoll 14-disc finisher; ripper, 4-tooth; Hiniker cultivator, 6-row, with liquid fertilizer applicator; Bush Hog, 9', heavy duty; rotary cutter; new steel flat rack, 20', on 10-ton wagon; wooden flat rack, 20'; Hardi 500 sprayer, on high wheels, hydraulic fold booms, 45', with foam markers; rock forks; compressor; steel tanks, 1000 and 3000; 2 bulk tanks; plastic chemical storage shed; 2 plastic tanks, 210 gallons, for pick-up truck; pony cart harrow; rotary hoe, 15'; NI snowblower, 7'; pallet forks; Hardi lawn sprayer; water pipe plow.
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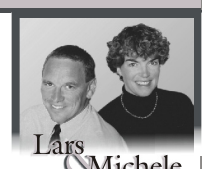

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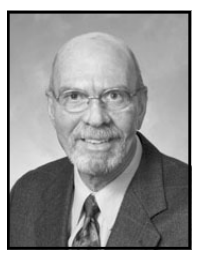

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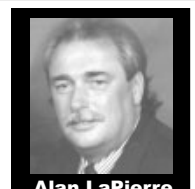

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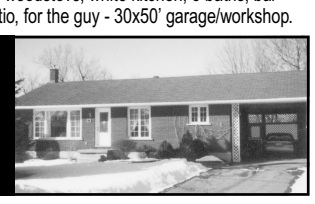

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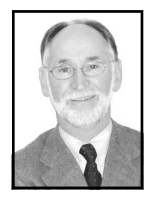

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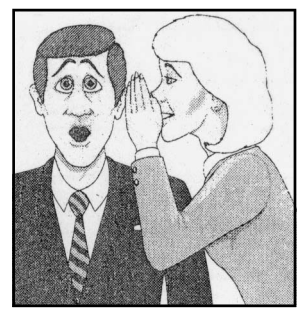

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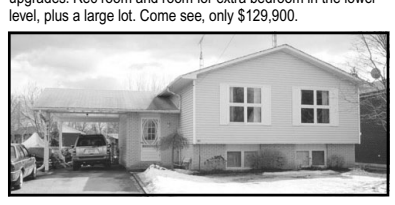

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Photos— Barbour







Above: *Amanda Shay, 3, was reduced to giggles.*
At left: *L'il John from A Clown Around received some assistance from five-year-old Jesse Baisley.*
At right: *Kourtney MacMillan, 8, takes in the magic.*

Ryan's Well Foundation to work together with Catholic schoolchildren

KEMPTVILLE — The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is proud to announce that it signed a memorandum of co-operation with the Ryan's Well Foundation at its board meeting held Tues., March 7.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn through the experience and inspiration provided by the Ryan's Well foundation," CDSBEO director of education Ann Perron said to the board. "It will further demonstrate to our students how they can transform the world not only through Ryan's Well, but through other initiatives that they create."

Ryan Hreljac started The Ryan's Well Foundation in 1998. Ryan was then a Holy Cross Catholic School student, who was inspired to raise funds to provide clean drinking water for the developing world by his Ugandon-pen pal Jimmy Akana. The foundation believes that education is the key to addressing health concerns related to water and sanitation. Ultimately its goal is to motivate citizens of all ages to take action to bring about positive change in the world.

Susan Hreljac, executive director of the Ryan's Well Foundation, signed the memorandum on its behalf.

"Ryan and the foundation have always had the support of the board and we thank you so much for your continued help," said Hreljac. "This memorandum further cements an already excellent relationship shared between two organizations dedicated to improving the world through awareness and education. We are truly blessed to have the board's continuing support."

To date, Ryan's efforts have raised more than one million dollars resulting in 196 water and sanitation projects in 10 developing countries bringing clean water to more than 350,000 people.

The memorandum will greatly impact the CDSBEO's "Youth in Action Ambassador Program."

Through the "Water, Wells, and Us!" program, Catholic secondary students will engage in the gospel call to justice and peace as they learn how to help the Foundation with its work in improving the dire water and sanitation problems found in developing countries.

The memorandum also means that students will see their appreciation for the integration of a global perspective in education grow and they will put these concepts into action as while fulfilling the ministry of education's 40-hour community involvement requirement.

CDSBEO elementary students across the board will also feel the effects of the memorandum of co-operation. The foundation and the board will be working together to continue to expand an in-depth educational booklet in both English and French. The booklet focuses on water and sanitation issues and presents them at an elementary school level.

CDSBEO chair Ronald Eamer sees the co-operative effort as another outstanding achievement by the board. "The effort put forth by the Ryan's Well Foundation is inspirational and exceptional," he said.

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