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$108,000 ticket purchased here

WINCHESTER — Time is running out for a lucky ticket holder who may be in Winchester. Two winning Lotto 6/49 second prize tickets, each worth over $108,000, are about to expire.

One of the tickets was purchased in Winchester on April 19, 1997. The other ticket was bought in Keswick.

Players have one year to claim their prizes. Unclaimed prize money is returned to lottery players in the form of additional prizes as part of special promotions and bonus draws.

Lotto 6/49 is an active game in which players select their own six numbers from the consecutive series one through 49. Those players who match five of the regular numbers plus the bonus number share in the second prize pool.

The winning numbers from the April 19, 1997 draw were: 04 - 14 - 18 - 35 - 36 - 48 and the bonus number was 27. The prize amount for each of the winning tickets is $108,747.70.

Anyone possessing these tickets should fill in the back portion of the ticket, sign them and contact the Ontario Lottery Corporation Prize Office in Toronto or Sault Ste. Marie before 5 pm on Friday, April 17.

In past years, according to the Ontario Lottery Corporation, a Hamilton woman claimed $92,934.70 and a Barrie man claimed $52,250.50 at the last minute after hearing radio announcements about two Lotto 6/49 second prizes about to expire. After checking their old tickets, each found the winner.

More than half the adults in Ontario play OLC games. For every dollar spent on a lottery ticket, approximately 50 cents is awarded in cash prizes. Last year, over $1 billion in cash prizes was made available to lottery players in Ontario.



An Easter visitor

Meagan Michie, 8, met the Easter Bunny on Sat., April 4 at the Easter Bunny Eggstravaganza, which took place from 8:30 am to noon at the Metcalfe Community Centre. The event raised about $700 for the Metcalfe Co-operative Nursery School. About 250 people showed up to meet the Easter Bunny, do some crafts and egg dying, play bunny bingo and get their faces painted. Press Photo — Bierworth

Tyler Fund

Winchester infant requires multiple heart operations

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Baby Tyler Lackey has not been in this world long, but he already knows enough about hospitals, doctors and operations.

Tyler was born at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Fri., March 27 to Stephen and Crystal Lackey of Winchester, their first child. He was born with a malformed heart, and was airlifted to CHEO on Sun., March 29. Later that week he was flown to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto for heart surgery.

"They've ruled out a heart transplant now," said Reverend Thurland Brown of the Winchester Wesleyan Church. "He will have to undergo a series of operations, though."

The first operation is scheduled for Wed., April 15.

"It's called the 'Norwood Surgery', named for the man who developed it," Brown said. "Half of Tyler's heart didn't develop, so his first surgery will fuse the smaller arteries with the larger arteries. He will also have to undergo surgery to develop access from his lungs to his heart."

Baby Tyler was given a 75 - 80 per cent chance for survival in his upcoming surgery.

To help out the young family a trust fund has been set up at the Royal Bank. The Winchester Lions Club came forward immediately to donate $500 to the cause.

"The Tyler Fund can be contributed to at the Royal Bank in Winchester," Brown said. "Or donations can be made at the Wesleyan Church as well, if you need an income tax receipt. We're looking for some quick donations to help out the family while they need to stay in Toronto."

The Lackeys were able to take off work to be in Toronto with their son, but that means no income, Brown pointed out.

"They will have to stay in Toronto until the surgery and probably for some time after," Brown said. "We're doing what we can to help them out."

Donations can be made at the Royal Bank branch in Winchester or at the Winchester Wesleyan Church.

SNC: high water advisory lifted

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

BERWICK — While residents in surrounding counties are bailing their homes out of flood waters, buildings in SD&G are high and dry.

The South Nation Conservation reports that water levels rose significantly during the unusually warm weather of the weekend of March 28 and 29, but not enough to raise any serious concern.

Louis Prevost of SNC said that the colder temperatures during the past week have helped the water levels along the South Nation River to fall to normal spring heights.

When the temperatures drop, particularly at night, the snow and ice doesn't melt as quickly and the runoff into the river is decreased.

"What a difference a week makes," said Prevost. "The water flow on the weekend of March 28 at the outlet of the South Nation River was 900 cubic metres per second. The average flow at that time of year is 600 cubic metres per second."

Water levels in the South Nation River peaked on March 30 and Prevost said the only parts of the Winchester and Chesterville area that were flooded are the parts that flood every year. And most of those have dried up by now.

"We don't anticipate any more problems," he said. "The only way we can

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Flood '98 drying up

by Jeff Brownlee

OSGOODE -- It's over.

It won't go down in the record books as one of the worst on file, but Flood '98 in the Rideau watershed gave landowners on the shores of the river a taste of Mother Nature at her worst.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has called off the flood advisory for the Rideau watershed after warm, dry weather is forcing the swollen river to subside.

"Everything's just fine now," says Patrick Larson, RVCA flood supervisor. "Things are starting to slide down."

The rising waters of the longest stretch of the historic waterway — some 43 kilometres between Burritt's Rapids and Long Island — peaked April 2 over one-metre above normal summer navigation levels, causing mayhem for some waterfront homeowners in the low-lying areas of the river.

During the summer months, the water level is maintained at 85.5 metres above sea level. This year, it topped 86.54 metres.

Osgoode Township's Lorne Bridge Road residents — approximately two kilometres south of Hurst Marina — were forced to move their belongings to higher ground as the river climbed. They also had to park at the end of the private road and canoe to their homes.

But it didn't bother them.

"To be honest, living along the river, you kind of expect it," says Michelle Robertson,

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Top speaker

Inkerman student Colin Shane's speech about his trip to the CN Tower took him to the top of the Dundas County Public Speaking Competition held in Morewood last week. Bill Smirle of the Morewood Fire Department presented the trophy. Press Photo -- Culliton

Chipping operations devour storm debris

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It almost reminds one of a riddle: how many chips can a wood chipper chip... Township workers have been chipping branches and trees left over from January's ice storm since last week.

They've been chipping about seven or eight tandem truck loads each day, and have been working seven days so far.

The chipper was put to work for two days in Winchester last week, and two days in Chesterville. This week, the chipper will be in Morewood, Hallville, Marionville and Mountain until Thursday (April 9).

They'll be back in Winchester next week, from Mon., April 13 to Fri., April 17.

The following week, the chipper will be in Chesterville from Mon., April 20 to 24. From April 27 to May 1 it will be in Ormond, Winchester Springs, South Mountain and Inkerman.

Starting Mon., April 20, the Works Department will be starting a full sweep of the whole municipality.

Residents are asked to place all branches at the curb or side of the road before this date.

"We haven't done outside of the towns yet," North Dundas road superintendent Arden Carruthers said. "When we do go into the country to clean up, we will do front lawns first."

He said that there have been several requests for the wood chips from the chipper.

Anyone who can use the wood chips for anything from animal bedding to mulch is encouraged to contact the works superintendent. Those who wish to receive wood chips will be required to take a minimum of one tandem load.

The chipper that was obtained by the township can take logs up to 13-inches in circumference, Carruthers said. And it will fill a tandem truck in about an hour.

Branches can be taken to landfill sites free of charge. The landfill site in Mountain is open on Wednesdays, and the Boyne Road site for the former Township of Winchester is open daily.

In addition, burning permits for rural areas are available at the municipal office.

NDDHS to hold 35-year reunion

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — Remember those good times in high school? Ever wonder what happened to your former classmates? Well, if you graduated 35 years ago, here's your chance.

North Dundas District High School is holding its 35th reunion on Sat., May 16 at the Winchester Community Centre.

Co-chair of the reunion committee Kimberly Geertsma is looking forward to the event, though they haven't yet found all former graduates of the class of 1963.

"The response has been good," she said. "We've gotten a hold of a few former graduates around here and asked them to spread the word a bit."

The high school last held a reunion about 10 years ago, and is expecting about 500 people to show up for this one.

The reunion committee has been planning the event since last September, and Geertsma said that despite the amount of organizing involved, plans have been going well.

"The last couple of meetings have gone really well," she said. "We just need to sell those tickets. Hopefully we'll be able to pull it off."

The reunion will feature a dinner catered by AJ's and entertainment by the NDDHS Jazz Band, followed by a dance with local band Ambush.

The Winchester Dairyfest Committee will be working the bar at the reunion.

The reminiscing continues on Sun., May 17 at the high school from 1 to 4 pm as former graduates are invited to an "Open House." The classrooms will be open and guests can look around. The school is providing a day care service and former music teacher Norm St. Louis will be there to 'jam' with former students.

Several other former and present teachers will also be there to catch up with their former students.

There will also be an unveiling of pennants won by students at the school over the past 35 years.

Tickets for the reunion are $30 before April 18, and $35 after the deadline.

They can be purchased at The CountryBoy, Winchester; The Brookslyn, Chesterville; and NDDHS. For more information, call the school at 448-2328.

Daffodil Days

Rose Myers of Winchester sold daffodils at the Royal Bank in town on April 3 as part of the Canadian Cancer Society annual campaign. The daffodil is the society's emblem. The flowers cost $4 for a bundle of eight.
Press Photo — Bierworth



Chipping away

North Dundas work crews have been making the rounds in the past week with a chipper obtained by the township. They are concentrating on the villages and hamlets within the township first, and then will be branching out to the rural areas.
Press Photo — Culliton

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Flooding

have a serious flood now is if we get a rainfall of at least 60 millimetres. And that would cause a problem during the summer too, not just right now. The levels might be higher in some areas right now, but it's nothing to worry about."

The stop logs that are normally taken out of the Chesterville dam during the spring were put back in on April 6 because the water level for the village was actually getting too low. They had been taken out on April 1 to allow the level to decrease.

Rideau

who's lived on the shores of the river since 1981. "But it's been an unusual past couple of years."

While the spring runoff varies, flooding is expected once every four or five years, but the Rideau has flooded the Robertson household for the past three.

Earlier this spring, Steve Robertson thought that shoreline residents would escape flood waters this year altogether.

"It was a really nice meltdown this year until the warm temperatures'," he had said.

Larson says that this year's runoff was especially unique, because the river peaked twice. Once from the balmy, summer-like temperatures and once from the 70 millimetres of rainfall from last week.

Larson says if the weather stays warm, the water should reach "routine" levels by next week.

Despite being thrown into a frenzy, it doesn't phase the Robertsons.

"Living along the river, this is a way of life," says Michelle. "For only one week of the year, it's a small price to pay for the other rewards."

Osgoode and Rideau swat millennium bug

By Jeff Brownlee

OSGOODE -- The millennium bug won't bite Osgoode and Rideau townships too hard in their treasure chests.

It will cost the two municipalities virtually nothing to correct the computer programming glitch — the failure of computers to recognize four-digit years — that has the potential to cripple millions of systems and businesses world wide on Jan. 1, 2000.

Osgoode's worries are limited to in-house accounting software that director of corporate services, Wayne Robinson says has already been made year-2000 compliant.

Additional computers used strictly for word processing, aren't a priority, Robinson adds.

In total, the municipality is looking at just a few hundred dollars to get its computers geared up for the next millennium.

In Rideau Township, the extent of the problem is a little more complex, but the municipality is already addressing the issue.

A five-member Rideau Information Systems committee, composed of township employees, has been struck to address the overall information technology setup at the municipality, starting with the Y2K problem.

Over $2,000 in this year's budget has been earmarked for the glitch.

Phil Dudgeon, township treasurer says that while it's early in the process, it's expected that the municipality will be bug-free in the next 24 months.

The thorough process begins with a look at internal computer systems including accounting software and inventory and follows through with computerized chips in its dispatching systems and vehicles.

Completely eliminating the glitch should take two years, says Dudgeon.

He doesn't expect that it will cause many problems for Rideau.

"It's not something someone should take for granted," he adds. "We're in good shape."

And most municipalities in the country have been focusing more on the new plague of the electronic age.

By comparison, Osgoode and Rideau townships are escaping the problem, relatively unscathed.

The bug is expected to cost Nepean around $1 million while Ottawa could spend as much as $10 million. Swatting the bug at the regional level could result in a $30-million bill.

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Different number for breastfeeding doll

WINCHESTER — In an article in the April 1 issue of the Winchester Press, we reported about a breastfeeding doll made and sold by Ontario Health Unit nurse and lactation consultant Rose Knox. Because of a conflict of interest, anyone who is interested in purchasing a doll is asked to contact Knox at her Cornwall home rather than at work. Her home number is 613-936-2090, or e-mail her at phil@cnwl.igs.net.

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Renovated digs for municipality

WINCHESTER — The new municipal offices of the Township of North Dundas will be ready for township officials to move in on Fri., April 17.

Project designer Gord MacDonald told township council on Monday night that construction is continuing, and is expected to be finished in that part of the municipal building very soon.

The elevator that was ordered for installation in the building will be delivered to Winchester within the next week, he said.

Once the municipal staff have moved into the upstairs portion of the renovated building, renovations on the downstairs area can go ahead. That part of the building will become the OPP detachment for Winchester.

Some finishing touches on the municipal offices are being started now, MacDonald said, including the countertops. He explained that students at T.R. Leger school in Winchester are designing the counter tops.

"We expect to be finished at the end of this week," MacDonald told council, "except for the countertops."

He added that phones and computer hook-ups will be added on April 17.

A grand opening is expected to be held for the newly renovated building on July 1, Canada Day.



A tisket, a tasket...

Rebecca Villeneuve, 5, of Osgoode and Jessika McEvoy, 4, of Metcalfe prepare some Easter crafts at the Easter Bunny Eggstravaganza at the Metcalfe Community Centre on Sat., April 4. The event took place from 8:30 am to noon and raised about $700 for the Metcalfe Co-operative Nursery School.

Press Photo -- Bierworth

Winchester detachment to relocate by July 1

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The Grand Opening of the brand new municipal offices of the Township of North Dundas, including the new OPP facilities and renovated fire department will take place on July 1.

Members of the OPP detachment in Winchester are planning an emergency services day to coincide with the grand opening. They plan to stage extrications and demonstrations involving the emergency tools available in North Dundas.

The demonstrations may include a canine display.

The police station will be ready for occupancy on May 29, Constable Peter Valiquette announced to North Dundas council on Monday night.

During his monthly presentation to council, Valiquette mentioned that the Winchester OPP hope to place a display case in the new police station.

"We are looking for memorabilia to include in the display case," he said.

Nineteen members are now assigned to the Winchester OPP detachment.

Valiquette informed council that there were 148 calls for service in North Dundas in the month of March. The calls included one sexual assault, eight domestic occurrences, five vehicle thefts, 22 collisions, three break, enter and thefts.

"We've had a number of break and enters in the industrial area of Chesterville," Valiquette informed council.

There were also eight mischief charges, four people apprehended with stolen goods, five missing people reported, one liquor charge and nine reports of suspicious persons.

In addition, Valiquette said, there were six incidents that involved trouble with youths.

"We'll be watching skateboards on village streets," Valiquette said. "We hope to get them off the streets and find a suitable place for them out of the way. They try to be accommodating to pedestrians, but they may still be an intimidation to residents."

OPP recover ice storm generator

MANOTICK — Members from the Manotick detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 84 occurrences during the week of March 30 to April 5. Officers responded to 15 false alarms, seven break and enters and five assaults. Police were called to four accidents during the week, all involving property damage only.

On March 30 police received a report of a break and enter to a residence on Washington Street in Kars. Entry was gained through the garage. There was some damage to some property but nothing was taken. Constable Janice Harris is investigating.

Also on March 30 police received a report of a break and entry to a residence on Paden Road, Rideau Township. Entry to the residence was through a window. A computer, stereo equipment and other miscellaneous items were stolen. Constable Ken Sexton is investigating.

In the early morning of April 1 an Osgoode volunteer firefighter observed an impaired driver on Mitch Owens Road, Greely. A 23-year-old man was arrested for care and control while impaired and having more than the legal limit of alcohol in his blood. Constable Chris Gardner is investigating.

On April 1 police received a report of an attempted theft and mischief to a vehicle overnight on Nashdale Drive, Metcalfe. A Kenwood 200-watt amplifier, a Panasonic CD player and $10 in change were taken. There was also damage done to the vehicle. Constable Ken Ferguson is investigating the incident.

On Fri., April 3 police received a report of a stolen generator from a residence on Johnston Drive, Greely. The generator is a Coleman Powermate 5000, black and green in color. The generator was purchased in January during the ice storm. It was carted off in a wheelbarrow sometime during the night to a waiting vehicle on Old Prescott Road. Constable Rudy Schaefers is investigating.

On April 3 police received a report of a break and enter to a residence on Ben Royal in Greely. Sometime between 6 am and 6:30 am a sliding door at the rear of the residence was opened and the residence was entered. A purse and two briefcases were stolen. With the exception of over $200 in cash and a pack of cigarettes, the property was recovered on a neighbor's yard to the north of the victim's residence. The back yard of the victim's residence backs on to the Old Prescott Road. Constable Rudy Schaefers is investigating.

On the afternoon of April 5 police responded to a report of an impaired driver weaving all over the road, southbound on River Road. The driver attempted to turn into a laneway off River Road but entered the ditch instead. Keith Nicholson of Perth was arrested and faces charges of impaired operation of a vehicle, having more than the legal limit of alcohol in his blood and possession of a narcotic. Constable Brian Samuel is investigating.

In the early morning of April 5 Constable Janice Harris stopped a vehicle on Main Street in Osgoode. A man was charged with driving a motor vehicle without a licence and having more than the legal limit of alcohol in his blood .

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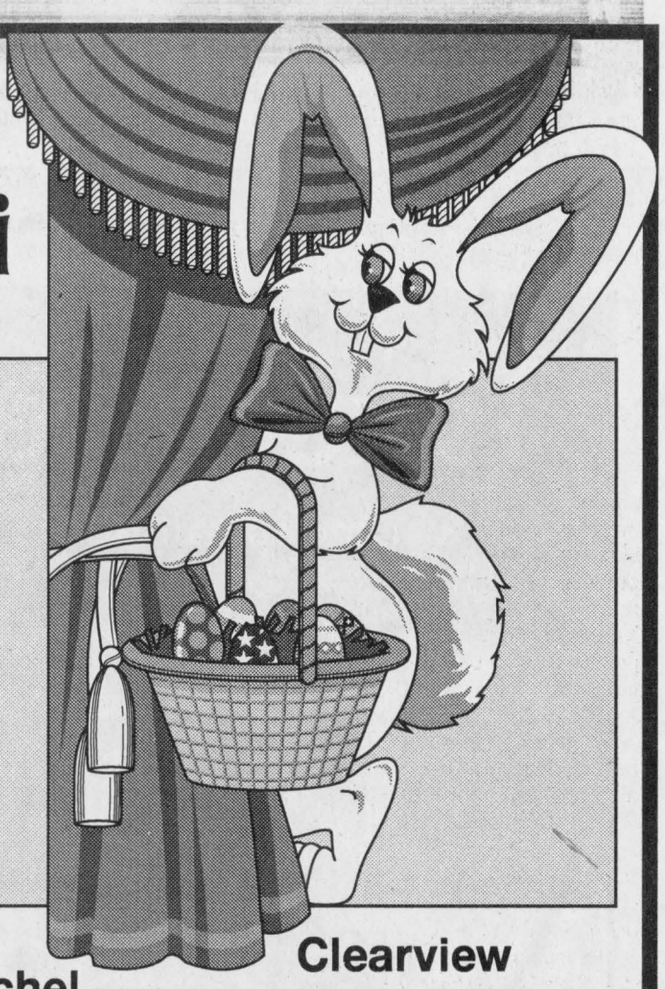

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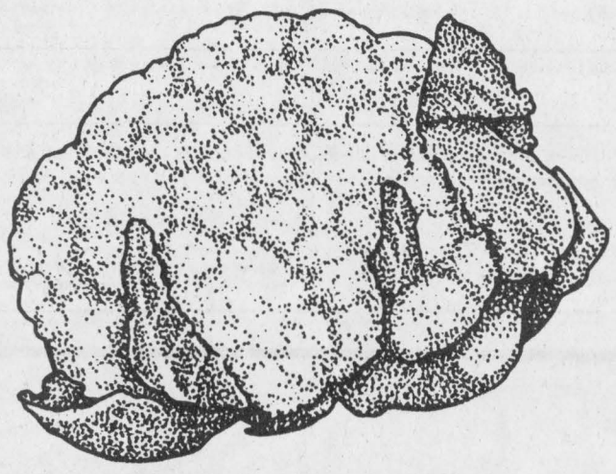

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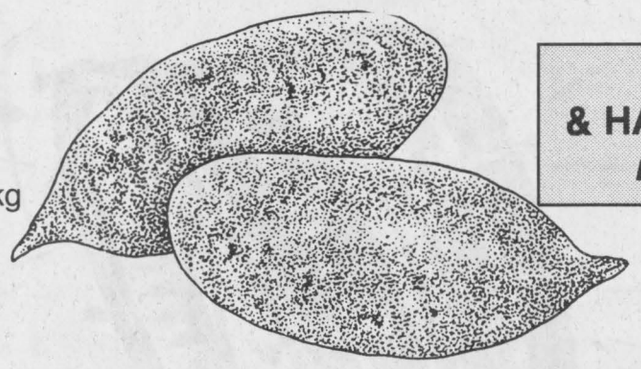

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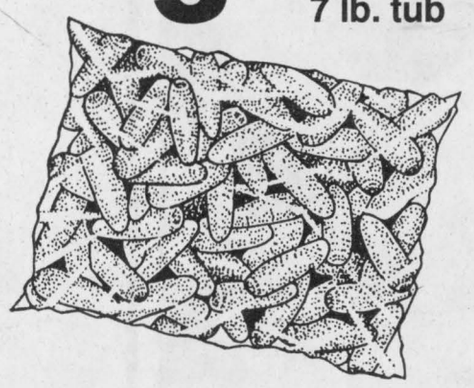

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Osgoode searches for talent

OSGOODE — Osgoode Township has begun its search for Osgoode's most talented residents.

Citing the department theme, bringing our community to our centres, the Parks and Recreation Department has put together a talent competition with run-offs in five of the township villages: Greely, Kenmore, Metcalfe and Osgoode. Qualifying in one of the village contests allows the winners to advance to the final show to be held at the Osgoode Trade Show on Sat., April 25 at 7 pm, upstairs in the Osgoode Community Centre.

The competition is divided into 12 classes with four age categories: 7-12 years, 13-18 years, 19 + and groups. There are also four talent sections: dance, vocal, variety, and group. The variety section can include anything from instrumentals or comedians to karate demonstrations or magicians. The group category is for groups of two or more.

Greely's competition was organized by Janet Villeneuve and was held at the Greely Community Centre on March 8. Judges Dawn Campbell of Winchester and Louanne Cornell of Nepean placed the following entries as winners in the vocal category: 13-18 class, Kristen Tretter; 19 and over class, Marc Cousineau; group class, The Senate. In the dance category: 7-12, Pamela Murray; 13-18, Patricia Eckley; and group, Amanda Nevins and Alexandra Vanderydt. In the variety category, Mitchell Vanderydt placed first. These winners will advance to the finals on April 25.

Osgoode's competition will take place Sun., April 19 at the Osgoode Community Centre beginning at 7 pm. Competition chair Debbie Gallagher is co-ordinating both this competition and Metcalfe's contest which will take place at the Metcalfe Community Centre on Mon., April 20 at 7 pm.

In the planning stages of the competition late last fall, Gallagher and Tom Lee, director of the Parks and Recreation department, tried to negotiate with CJOH's Homegrown Cafe to include the final competition as an audition for the popular local tv show. However, the latest indications are that the Homegrown Cafe contract has not been renewed for the coming year.

Lee and Gallagher have managed to co-ordinate the function with a new series being produced by Abby Hagyard. Hagyard's project, "Catch a Rising Star" will be initiated with the Osgoode finals.

Sponsors are jumping on board to provide the $1,200 in prize money as well as trophies and plaques for the final winners.

For more information, contact the Township of Osgoode Parks and Recreation Department at 613-821-1107, ext. 235 or Competition chair Debbie Gallagher at 613-826-0446.



Young bee

Meaghan Latimer, a Grade 2 student at Winchester Public School, won the North Stormont - North Dundas Spelling Bee on March 29 at the primary level. She is looking forward to competing in Ottawa on May 9.
Press Photo -- Bierworth

Group cooking up a storm

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Get ready to relive January's Ice Storm.

The Mountain — South Mountain United Church is inviting area residents to a spaghetti dinner at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall on Mon., April 13 where participants can share their stories of the disaster and say thanks to their neighbors and friends.

The doors open at 6 pm and supper will be served at 6:30 pm. Storytelling is set to begin at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $5 per person, children 12 years old and under free, or $20 per family and are being sold at the door. Co-ordinators suggest coming early as there is only enough seating for 250 people.

The proceeds go to the Disaster Relief Fund and will be matched up to four-to-one by the government.

"We felt that there was something that needed to be done in North Dundas for storm victims," said Arie Hoogenboom, who is helping to co-ordinate the event. "There was an event in Cornwall and in Morrisburg, but not very much has been done so far out here. We are accepting donations at the door, in case anyone wants to donate a little extra to the relief fund and there will be door prizes."

Hoogenboom said that even though the United Church is organizing the event, anybody is welcome.

"The plan is to feed people and then have door prizes and stories," he said. "We don't expect to have many expenses when it's done. It's not intended to be a religious event. It's for the community."

"There were a lot of good things that happened during the storm, and this gives people a chance to share their stories with others," he said. "It should be fun."


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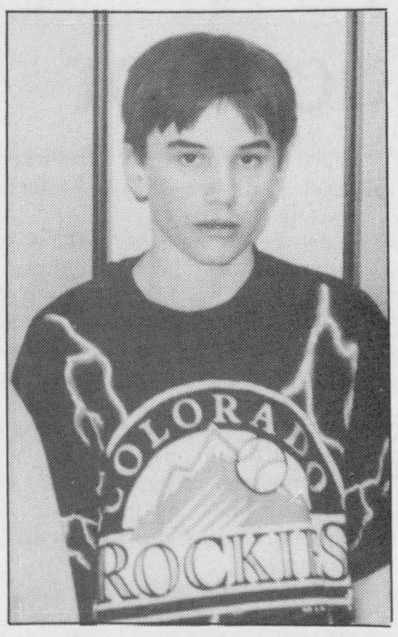
Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

There will be a special Good Friday service in the Hallville United Church on Fri., April 10 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to this event which will include drama and music by the combined choir members from the four United Churches in the Charge.

On Mon., April 13 at South Mountain Agricultural Hall there will be a spaghetti supper and a final chance to relate stories of how you survived the ice storm. Sponsored by the South Mountain United Church, doors open at 6 pm with supper at 6:30 and the stories following at 7:30 pm. Unfortunately, only the first 250 will be served, so come early. The cost is $5/person, $20/family maximum with children under 12 free and all proceeds go to the local disaster relief fund.



Winning bee

James Pitruniak, a Grade 8 student at Maple Ridge Senior Public School, won $100 and a trophy after he placed first in the North Dundas - North Stormont Spelling Bee at the senior level. Winners of the bee will be competing at the finals in Ottawa on May 9.

Ice storm orphans

WINCHESTER — Ice Storm '98 volunteers are hoping to return some ice storm orphans to their rightful owners.

During the ice storm and its aftermath, the Winchester Curling Club was turned into a 24-hour kitchen/supplies depot for emergency and relief workers, volunteers and ice storm victims.

The many donations of food were well utilized and much appreciated. However, there are now 'ice storm orphans'. That is, pots, pans, cake dishes and other items have been left at the curling club.

Anybody who donated food to the relief centre and did not have their dishes returned to them please leave a message for Marion Carkner at 774-3156.

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Sex clinic coming to Metcalfe

METCALFE -- Soon Osgoode Township teens won't have to travel far to learn about the birds and the bees.

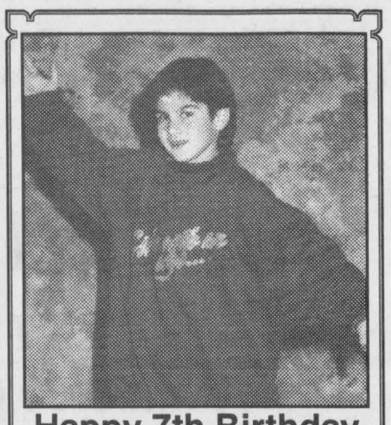
The Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton's health department is planning to establish a teen satellite clinic in Metcalfe that would promote health in the adolescent population.

With council's backing, the clinic will be housed in the same building as the township's computer club on Victoria Street.

As the clinic won't be open for many hours each week, the hours of operation won't conflict with the computer club.

The need for opening the doors to a teen satellite clinic in the township stems from a 1995 study conducted by then Osgoode Township High School public health nurse, Betty Large.

The clinic in Metcalfe won't be the first the region operates. It already has opened the doors to seven similar centres.



Happy 7th Birthday Kristi Robin

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General Election of 1997

Federal Electoral District of: STORMONT–DUNDAS

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Ian A.G. Campbell N.L.P.	Janet Lynne Hea	0	$ 0.00	$ 213.00	$ 213.00	$ 0.00	Saslove Rheaume, Chartered Accountants
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Sydney Gardiner N.D.P.	Douglas Lomberg	38	$ 7,120.00	$ 5,743.83	$ 0.00	$ 5,743.83	Bernard G. Nayman, C.A.
Bob Kilger Lib.	Richard Fawthrop	119	$33,216.19	$38,123.97	$1,106.11	$37,017.86	Jean-Luc Cardinal, C.A.
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Police blotter

During the past week police officers in Dundas County responded to 91 calls for service.

Thefts from sheds

WILLIAMSBURG — Police are investigating two separate incidents involving break, enter and theft into sheds.

On Mon., March 30 police received a report of a break and enter at a private residence in the former Township of Williamsburg. Sometime between March 28 and 30 a shed at the Church Road residence was forced open and a number of power tools and a Stihl model 36 Weedeater was taken.

Police began an investigation into a break and enter in Chesterville on Sat., April 4. Sometime between April 2 and 4 a forced entry was made into a shed at a Queen Street residence where a four-horsepower Mercury outboard motor was taken. Constable K. Heaphy is investigating these two incidents.

Vehicle intrusions

CHESTERVILLE — On Tues., March 31 OPP received six calls relating to vehicles having been ransacked overnight in Chesterville. The incidents had occurred that day during the early morning hours in the areas of Queen Street, Faubert Street and Thompson Street. In one incident, compact discs and a player were taken from a car, and in another incident the car was damaged as a result of these occurrences.

Charges laid

WINCHESTER — One man has been charged as a result of an investigation into a suspicious vehicle in the former Township of Winchester. Bryan Manuel, 44, of Ottawa has been charged with driving while prohibited and breach of probation. He is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Morrisburg on April 21 to respond to these charges.

DWI charges

CHESTERVILLE — One man is charged as a result of an investigation by Upper Canada OPP into an incident which had occurred in Chesterville on Thurs., April 2. Donald Carr, 65, of Chesterville has been charged with two drinking and driving offences and one count of an indecent act. He is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Morrisburg on April 7 to answer to the charges.

Theft charge laid

MOUNTAIN — A man has been charged following an investigation by OPP which began on March 31 into an incident that had taken place in the former Mountain Township. Dave Dauphinee, 21, of Winchester has been charged with theft under $5,000. Court date has been set for April 21 in this matter.

Three face assault, threat charges

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS — Three people face charges following an investigation into a disturbance in the Riverside Heights area of the former Winchester Township.

Kris Turpin, 19, of Osgoode and Michel Emond, 18, of no fixed address, have both been charged with uttering threats. Patricia Mellon, 19, of Williamsburg has also been charged with assault.

The court date for all involved parties has been set for April 14 in Morrisburg.

Rash of break-ins

MORRISBURG — This week Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in finding culprits involved with the theft of property from vehicles.

Between 7:30 pm and 9 pm on Thurs., March 26 several vehicles which had been parked at the Morrisburg Arena were broken into.

Stolen property included: 5000-watt Coleman generator, clothing, inline skates, credit cards, cash and a Nintendo game.

Shortly after the theft one of the credit cards was used to purchase gas and cigarettes at Hartley Sports Store in Morrisburg.

The suspect was described as 30-35 years of age, thin build, dark hair and dark complexion, driving a brown or burgundy Dodge Caravan.

If your information leads to an arrest you are entitled to a cash reward.

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Bike safety

OPP peddle helmet use to cyclists



Young Metcalfe cyclists Sarah Vedder, 12, and Brianna Vedder, 7, know the importance of wearing bike helmets. Their younger cousin, Jillian, 4, made sure the girls were wearing their helmets before riding home in the car with her parents. Press Photo — Bierworth

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

WINCHESTER — With the snow gone and the promise of warmer weather in the air, spring is definitely here. But before dusting off the bikes and rollerblades, there are a few rules and safety issues that should be addressed.

OPP constable Al Lummiss reminds cyclists that bikes are considered vehicles and riders must obey the rules of the road as though they were driving a car.

Stopping for stop signs and red lights is a must, he said, as well as signalling every turn.

"If you get stopped while riding your bike for not stopping at a stop sign, you get a fine and lost demerit points on your license," said Lummiss.

For those who forget the signals, holding your arm out with your hand up signals a right turn, holding your arm straight out signals a left turn and holding your arm out with your hand facing down means you are going to come to a stop.

Wearing a helmet has also been a concern in recent years. The fine for a cyclist 18 years of age or under not wearing a helmet is $65. If the person is 16 years old or under, the parent or guardian who gave them permission to ride without a helmet is fined the $65.

"You never know what can happen," he said. "We'd like people to wear the safety gear not so much to wear it not to get fined but to wear it for the safety issues with it. Everyone seems very anxious to get outside again, and we're just saying be careful."

Lummiss said that because bicycles are considered vehicles, cyclists must ride on the right side of the road and stay off the sidewalk.

"Sometimes too, we find people get confused about biking versus walking because you're supposed to bike on the right side of the road and walk on the left," said Lummiss.

Police are also asking that amateur roller bladers practice the sport on their own property in case they fall on a busy road.

Rising water levels in local rivers and creeks hasn't posed a problem in recent years, but police are warning area residents to be careful, and make sure young children don't play near deep water.

Lummiss said most of the branches broken during the ice storm have either fallen or been broken off and are not posing a threat on hiking trails through forests.

"We've been very lucky in the past few years in that nothing serious has happened," said Lummiss.

"So again, we just want people to be careful. Most people are a little rusty after the winter when they get into summer sports again. We don't want a tragedy."

OSAID signs drive message home

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The message is clear: Don't drink and drive.

At least, it will be clear once signs are erected in the villages and hamlets of the Township of North Dundas. Two OSAID (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving) representatives from North Dundas District High School made the proposal to township council on Monday night.

Students Cindy Steele and Jenn Watson proposed to council that metal signs be posted at the entrances to area villages and hamlets, beginning with Winchester. Two signs have been purchased by OSAID already, but the pair told councillors that the cost of the signs is too much for the club alone. They're hoping for sponsorship from area community organizations and businesses.

The main fundraising event for the signs will be held at the upcoming NDDHS 35th Reunion. The club also plans to approach the Winchester Lions Club and area Rotary clubs.

It was suggested by council that the signs, worth $22 and $42 each, could be piggy-backed on Neighborhood Watch signs already posted in the village.

To begin with, OSAID is hoping to erect four signs in Winchester at village entrances, and three signs in Chesterville.

The metal signs are designed by an Etobicoke manufacturer, who charges $22 for a sign measuring 18-inches by 24-inches. One that measures 24-inches by 36-inches costs $42.

"Our goal is to target all of the towns that North Dundas high school students come from," Steele told council.

Council voted to authorize the students to erect signs, beginning with Winchester. They will cooperate with road superintendent Arden Carruthers.

Councillors also gave the students some ideas of clubs and businesses that could be approached for sponsoring signs.

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EDITORIAL

Enough already

Now is the time for the people of eastern Ontario to prove just how hardy they really are.

Actually, January was the time for that. But just in case, flooding in many of the same places that suffered during the ice storm is driving that point home.

During the ice storm, easterners (along with western Quebeckers) showed their mettle, working with neighbors and strangers alike, all in the name of survival.

And in February, they thought it was over. But that was just a breather in order to get ready for the next big event.

Now, another opportunity has reared its ugly head and, doubtlessly, the people of eastern Ontario are becoming fed up with Mother Nature and acts of God.

Some may be asking, "What did we do to deserve this?"

What, indeed.

The eyes of the rest of the country are on those people suffering for a second time in 1998 as they bail out of this second disaster. As a matter of fact, many had barely stopped suffering after the last bout of bad luck.

A disaster, many say, that was caused by the first disaster, Ice Storm '98.

In fact, a name will have to be pinned on the flood. 'Flood '98' just doesn't seem to offer enough imagination.

Sure enough, the media will soon have a nickname for the latest adventure.

The eyes of the people in eastern Ontario enduring this new attack by Mother Nature are on politicians, waiting to hear what kind of funding aid will be offered this time.

While it may not be evident to those battling flood waters and trying to save their homes, the well, as they say, may soon be sucked dry.

Where will the money come from? After the ice storm, those who suffered through the effects of the storm were targeted for fundraising. Money was raised in other parts of the province as well, and the government has kicked in a hefty amount.

The question is, will it be enough? How much more can the government give? How much more money can be raised from people who have already given so much?

With predictions of a dry summer next in store, easterners may have to start bracing themselves for new problems.

Dry weather has the potential for causing fires in wooded areas, according to experts, and that could be aggravated by brush and branches that were felled during the ice storm.

Not to mention causing havoc with farmers' crops.

So, in case eastern Ontarians feel they haven't quite proven themselves to the rest of the country yet, there may be more to come.

When will it stop?

And what could possibly be next? Locusts?

Bite your tongue.

L.C.

This week in...

1948

The Inkerman Rockets concluded their hockey schedule after a most successful season, during which time they captured the Citizen Shield and then went on to eliminate the Ottawa City Champions and annex the title of Ottawa and District Hockey Champions. They were eliminated from further participation in the Memorial Cup Play-Downs when they lost the fourth game of their series with Halifax St. Mary's at the Ottawa Auditorium last Saturday afternoon by a score of 8-5.

Construction work on a round radio-type chimney was under way at the main plant of Ault Creamery Limited in Winchester. The contractors were the Custodis Chimney Company of Montreal. The huge stack was to be 110 feet in height, 10 feet in diameter at the bottom and 54 inches at the top. An iron ladder that was erected on the inside of the chimney was 20 feet square and about seven feet deep. The new chimney, which was made mostly of concrete, was necessary for a new boiler to be installed.

1958

Working at home, Walter Johnson, popular Bell Telephone employee of Winchester, had the misfortune to clip off the tips of four fingers. Johnson was running a board through an electric planer when he accidentally got the first and second finger of each hand mixed up with the sharp blades of the machine. He was taken to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital where it was learned that the accident was not as serious as first reported.

With future development in mind, Winchester Municipal Council purchased an important piece of property in the village immediately east of the Community Centre from Fred J. Stoodley. The property concerned was formerly owned by Dr. Merkley and was made up of four lots or approximately one acre of land. The property ran directly north of the Orange Hall to the Dufferin Street allowance and was earmarked by council as the location for the water tower for the town's planned water system.

The story of the St. Lawrence Seaway — the great artery of commerce to carry ocean-going ships into the heart of a continent — was to be presented on CBC television in the series Here and There in three consecutive telecasts. This is the record of a fabulous dream-come-true, the skill and vision of man working with giant machines to transform challenge into achievement.

1968

Although the 1968 budget received top priority at a session of Winchester council, the business agenda was packed with other demanding details. Of prime importance was the announcement by Reeve George Elliott that estimates for the Hwy. 31-43 bypass around Winchester had been presented to the Legislature and that work would probably get under way that summer. In other business, council announced that certain lands along Victoria Street and Beech Street were necessary for the widening of the existing streets. A structure of fees would be set up for the purchase of necessary property and owners would be approached.

Floyd Cochrane, of Russell, plunged into the icy waters of the flooding Castor river and in doing so, saved the life of Allistair MacMartin, son of Rev. Bruce MacMartin. The MacMartin boy, along with three-year-old Paul Cochrane, was playing along the bank of the river when the accident occurred. Little Paul ran home to tell his parents and Cochrane's speedy action resulted in getting the unconscious boy to shore. He was rushed to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital where he regained consciousness two hours later and was reported in satisfactory condition.

1978

The transfer of 11 patients from the Winchester District Memorial Hospital to the newly completed, 60-bed Dundas Manor Nursing Home marked the beginning of a new era in nursing care for the elderly in Winchester. Nursing home owner Jack Alguire said that a schedule was being organized to move the other residents into the $1 million building, located on Clarence Street West.

Village council breathed a little easier following presentation of the United Counties school board budget which showed an average 4.85 mill rate increase in the school levy. Although actual figures for the village's share weren't expected to be available until the municipal budget meeting, Reeve Larry Gray said town taxpayers could expect a four to five mill increase on their tax bills to correspond with the hike in the school levy.

Although an Ontario Milk Marketing Board fieldman said it was illegal to sell four-day-old milk, a Russell transporter claimed four-day pickups were routine during the winter months. OMMB fieldman Grant Cameron of Alexandria said last week that a maximum of three days' storage is allowed before milk pickups. Cameron said road conditions during the winter may occasionally force drivers to allow an interval of four days between some pickups but "it's not normal practice."

1988

The Winchester Springs Trap and Skeet Club had its sights set on extended operating hours. But Winchester Township council had already shot down a request for Sunday shooting. Council decided during a meeting to give neighbors bordering the second concession site the club shares with the Boy Scouts, a chance to comment on the proposal for longer hours before it would make a decision.

Eastern Ontario maple syrup production had slowed to a trickle and some said the industry had hit the lowest ebb in 40 years. "I thought last year was bad but this year was worse," said Albert Sanders, president of the 60 member Eastern Counties Maple Syrup Producers Association. Sanders said the sap run at his operation was 60 per cent lower than average and the price of maple syrup would likely go up to compensate.

The Winchester Capitals Hockey Club was to open its second annual Junior 'B' Reunion Tournament with a three-game card. The old Morrisburg Lions would tangle with the Prescott Saints in the opening match. Winchester's Hawks would skate against the Cardinal Broncos and the Metcalfe Jets, with Denis Ouellette behind the bench, would take on the defending champion Alexandria Glens in a contest.





Clap your hands and say 'I believe'

But seriously...

by Lori Culliton

I admit, it's been a while since I believed in Santa Claus. And I did believe in the Easter Bunny at one point in time, as well.

But I never knew that the Easter Bunny would have time, as Santa Claus does, to make visits to malls to hold children on his lap, as I witnessed this past weekend.

I gave up on the tooth fairy sometime before all of my baby teeth had fallen out, although I feigned belief in order to collect those quarters for as long as I could. Hey, if it made my parents happy to think that I still believed, I was just as happy to receive those little bonus payments under my pillow periodically.

I think that children tend to hang on to their beliefs for as long as they can. Way deep down inside they may know the truth, but the fantasy lover that is alive inside of a child wants to believe in these fairy tales, and if they want to believe badly enough, they will.

There's nothing wrong with that.

Some people have argued that children should be told the truth. "Be upfront with your children," they say.

I say, let children be children. Allow them a fantasy world, a world of imagination and creativity in thought. Children grow up so quickly, so allow them the time that they've got to be young.

Myself, my belief in Santa Claus and all other childhood fantasies was shattered in Grade 1. A classmate whose mother had remarried and had entered a new religion came to school one day and announced that there was no Easter Bunny, Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy.

Her religion didn't allow her to believe in such childhood frivolity.

That day, I cried. Not for the realization, but for the loss of the fantasy. And for the sake of my parents, I kept this epiphany a secret for several more years. Why spoil their fun?

There are incidents in this world that show that children are not as innocent as they should be. They are being forced to deal with issues that are way bigger than they are. And they shouldn't have to.

In the past month two youngsters, ages 11 and 13, lost what remained of their innocence. With theirs, they stole the innocence of a school full of other children as they showered the playground with gunfire, killing four kids and one teacher.

Those kids, as I remember, should still be playing with toys and riding their bikes and being kids. Instead, they became killers, changing their lives along with many other lives.

In Ottawa, a school yard incident was turned into a public incident by a mother whose son was being picked on by some other children. The children involved were seven and eight years old.

Instead of allowing the children to work the incident out themselves, nor allowing the school to solve the problem, the mother instead moved to charge the children and sue their parents for the mistreatment of her son.

As if that weren't enough, the Ottawa Citizen, in a legal but morally wrong move, named names in an article about the incident. They named, not just the parents of the children involved in the incident, but the children themselves.

The children who should be writing letters to Santa Claus and wiggling loose teeth in an effort to make a quarter (or with inflation, is it a toonie now?).

The children who are too young to understand what the court battle involves.

Our children are losing their innocence.

Which was why I corrected my thoughts while walking through a mall on the weekend.

I saw children lining up to sit on the lap of a giant Easter Bunny (no, not the real one, probably an 'Easter Bunny Helper' as the real bunny is way too busy making Easter eggs at this time of year).

At first glance my thought was, "Oh no, what next? Now they're charging $6 for kids to sit on an overgrown rabbit's knee for a picture?"

On second thought, I realized that whatever it takes to keep our kids innocent and young for as long as possible should be sought after.

As long as children are given the opportunity to believe, they will continue to believe.

In the eternal words of Peter Pan (paraphrased), clap your hands, kids, and shout 'I believe! I believe!'

I believe.

Camelot musical woos crowds

GREELY — An ambitious production of "Camelot" brought out the crowds last week as the Greely Players presented its spring production.

Most people know the legend of Camelot: Arthur, who became king by drawing the sword, Excalibur, out of the stone, and who came up with the idea of the Knights of the Round Table.

Produced by Carol Parker, the musical featured an orchestra led by music director Gordon Slater.

The story is of the developing of the Knights of the Round Table and its fate, but it is also a bitter love story of King Arthur and his queen, Guenevere, who falls in love with Arthur's best knight, Sir Lancelot.

A good-hearted man, Arthur is willing to accept the fact of the relationship between Guenevere and Lancelot, but it becomes public knowledge through Arthur's illegitimate son, Mordred.

Finally Arthur realizes that he must condemn Lancelot and Guinevere to death. The conflict that follows causes the breakup of the Round Table.

The story was brought to life with song, and the singing, accompanied by an excellent orchestra, was much more than one would expect of a community players group.

The vocals of Arthur, played by Derek Puddicombe, and Guenevere (Sarah Howard) complemented each other well on stage. Puddicombe played his character with numor at times, and with a touching sense of sadness at other moments. The chorus of players also gave impressive performances, including a picnic scene of dancing and singing, and the scene of a showdown with Sir Lancelot and two of the other knights.

It cost $17,000 to produce Camelot in Greely. With a cast of about 35 and roughly that many behind the scenes, Camelot was a huge undertaking with brilliant results.

The authentic-looking costumes, which were hand-made by Judy Taylor, Gail Ris, Danielle Beetham, Francine Nesbitt, Mike Taylor and Anne Peterson, made the play even more enjoyable and realistic.



Derek Puddicombe portrayed King Arthur in the Greely Players production of *Camelot*.



Ten Winchester area men participated in a beard growing contest to raise money for renovations to the United Church in Winchester. They were, back row from left, Paul Smith, Percy Armstrong, William McRoberts, Howard Moore. Front row, Dr. Bart Steele, Frank Hylarides, Bob Hart, Harry Castle and Wayne Stewart. Absent: Michael Kerkhoff.

Courtesy Photo

Hair raising experience aids church

WINCHESTER — Things were getting hairy at the Winchester United Church as over $4,000 was raised over the past two months.

Ten United Church men grew beards as a fundraiser after Ice Storm '98. Each man had a pledge card to raise money for the restoration fund of the church.

Following the service on Sun., March 29 a pancake luncheon was held. A short program was presented after the luncheon, and the beard judging took place. The judges were Elizabeth Barton, Betty Cooke and Jim Watson.

While the judges were making their decision, the theme song, "The Winter of '98", written by Orian Steele, was sung by the beard growers. Clara Edwardson also led some hymn singing.

Bob Porteous read a poem that he had written telling the story of the ice storm.

Alexandra Pavente (granddaughter of Rev. Carol Delisle) played a piano solo.

The decision of the judges was then given by Elizabeth Barton, commenting on each beard grower.

The winners were: first place, Wayne Stewart; second place Paul Smith; and third place, Howard Moore All other beard growers were awarded prizes.

Over $4,000 was realized from the pledge cards and luncheon for the restoration project.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take responsibility for your safety

The Editor:
As Fire Marshal of Ontario I am deeply saddened by the tragic fires that continue to claim the lives of the people of this province — particularly young children and older adults. In 1997, 154 people lost their lives to fire. In Ontario, 51 people have already died. Why do these fire tragedies happen?

Most people don't realize that 90 per cent of fire deaths occur in our homes, where we feel most safe and secure. Approximately 70 per cent of those deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

Never underestimate the seriousness of fire. Fire grows very rapidly and can involve the entire home in a matter of minutes, trapping the occupants before the fire department arrives.

Needless fire tragedies will continue to occur unless everyone takes responsibility for their own safety. The fact is that the majority of fire deaths are preventable. The major causes of fatal fires are careless smoking and careless cooking. Falling asleep while smoking or leaving pots on the stove unattended are all too common occurrences. Unfortunately, the victims of these fires are frequently innocent family members.

The fire service is working hard to educate the public about fire safety, but we need everyone's help. You must take responsibility for safety in your own home. First priority must be given to preventing fires from occurring.

In the event that a fire does start, a working smoke alarm on every level of your home will alert you and your family and will provide you with a chance to escape.

Developing and practising a home escape plan will help to ensure everyone knows what to do when the alarm sounds.

Remember: fire can strike quickly and when you least expect it. You may only have a few minutes to escape. Fire safety in the home is your responsibility.

Bernard A. Moyle
Fire Marshal of Ontario

Volunteers help Volley for Cancer

The Editor:
During the past three years Volley for Cancer has raised $39,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. Administration costs have been kept at two per cent because the event is run by volunteers.

Last year, one of the press releases asked for volunteers and here is the story of one such person.

For the sake of anonymity, we will call her Sandra. Sandra saw the notice in the newspaper and immediately called to offer her help. Thankfully she did, because she had a lot of useful skills that were needed by Volley for Cancer.

During the days prior to the event and on the day of the tournament, Sandra was very visible. In addition, she recruited her husband and two daughters to also be volunteers.

This may sound like a very ordinary volunteer story. There is one exception: Sandra has cancer.

A very sincere thank you.

Carl Van Allen
Volley for Cancer

Assoc. looks for former students

The Editor:
The Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School in Aurora, Ontario is having a 110-Year Reunion on May 29 and 30. We are looking for more names and addresses of former students. If you are a former student, are related to a former student or know any former students, contact the school at 905-727-3131.

Gillian McNamee
Williams Alumni Association

OPINIONS

The Press welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the community. Letters must be signed and include the writer's telephone number. Letters may be edited for length, grammar and libellous statements.

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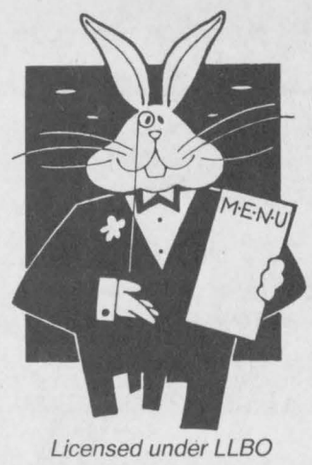

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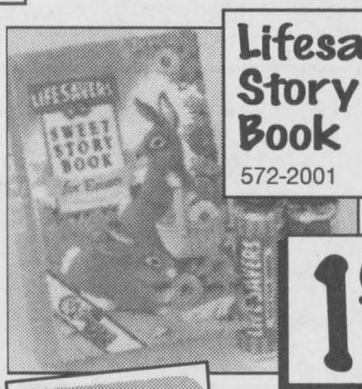

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Support for boomers

WINCHESTER — The dramatic growth in the number of seniors, combined with ever decreasing services, has created tremendous pressure on today's baby boomers to provide support for their aging parents.

To the rescue of these middle-aged children comes Len Fabiano, the Canadian Gerontologist, author and speaker. Fabiano clarifies the issues and identifies solutions for boomers and other family members dealing with aging parents.

He will be presenting a free public seminar on April 15 at Dundas Manor in Winchester.

For most baby boomers, the demands by aging parents has only just begun. At a time when many are seeing their children leave home, the realities of care for senior parents comes as a shock. According to Fabiano, most people do not plan to care for aging parents, nor do they anticipate the added demands they create as their condition falters.

He suggests there are options and valuable solutions to many of the concerns.

"You must know what is needed and where to look," he says. "There is no organization out there which can meet all the needs that people must face."

After many years of training and consulting in long term care, Fabiano recognized the needs of families of older parents, prompting his work in this field.

"Family members challenged by their elderly parental needs and demands face a confusing time of decisions, pressures and stress," he says. "When not prepared for those challenges and lacking direction or answers, the outcome can be quite negative."

Feedback from those who have attended the public sessions by Fabiano is that he is able to provide hope and enthusiasm for the challenges families face through his positive message. He conducts these sessions from coast to coast.

The free seminar is sponsored by Dundas Manor in Winchester. The two-hour session begins at 7 pm on Wed., April 15. Call Dundas Manor for details.



Pancake helpers

From left: Trevor Porteous, Thea MacDonald, Jamie Porteous, Pam McNaughton, Ben Dallas and Vickie MacDonald helped serve pancakes and sausages to about 250 people on Sun., April 5 at the Vernon Recreation Centre's Maplefest Pancake Breakfast. The Recreation Centre helped organize the event, and proceeds went to the Vernon Trust Fund. Press Photo -- Bierworth

Williamsburg seniors euchre

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Township Seniors' group held its regular euchre afternoon on Wed., March 25.

Euchre winners were as follows: ladies — Evelyn Swerdfeger, Helen McIntosh, Marion Hart, Helene Crump (tie); gents — Ruth Casselman, Stella Casselman, Cecil Lee; door prize — Marion Hart, Shirely Cooper; draw — Helen Gillespie (2), Helene Crump, Jean McIntosh, Lois Sweeney, Jean Dunbar, Stella Casselman and Cecil Lee.

The next euchre will be held on Wed., April 8 and everyone is welcome.

Advertising Pays

OBITUARIES

Hilda Jablonski

Hilda Jablonski (Berry) of Chesterville, formerly of Nepean, died suddenly on Fri., April 3 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 80.

Mrs. Jablonski was born on April 23, 1918 in Dundee, Scotland to the late William Alexander Berry and Helen Wood.

She was predeceased by her husband Bogdan Jablonski in 1991. They were married in England in 1946.

Mrs. Jablonski was the loving mother of Hubert Jablonski and Christine Jackson (Jablonski).

She is also survived by a sister, Winnie Berry, of Scotland. She was a midwife and a maternity nurse, and retired in 1965.

At the request of the family, donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated. Cremated remains were interred in the family plot at Hope Cemetery in Ottawa.

Albert (Bert) McCooeye

Albert (Bert) McCooeye of RR 2, Winchester died suddenly on Mon., March 23 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 61.

Born on Feb. 3, 1937, Mr. McCooeye was the beloved son of John Millar and Gladys (Wilson) McCooeye of Metcalfe.

He was the cherished companion of Ellen Johnston of Winchester.

He was the loving father of Lillian (Tom) Loney of Nepean, Cindy (Mike) Langill of Kanata, Kerry (Jerry) Narraway of Carp, Mason (Monica) of Kingston, Jeffrey of Ottawa and Andrew (Carrie) of Winchester. He was predeceased by a daughter, Tammy.

Mr. McCooeye will also be remembered by 11 grandchildren.

He was a bus driver for Laidlaw.

Family and friends were received at Daniels Funeral Home, Winchester for visitations. A funeral service was held on Fri., March 27. Rev. Kevin Dingwell officiated. Spring interment will take place at Springhill Cemetery, Metcalfe.

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Easter bunny

Johanne Dodon, of JD Marketing and Distributing in Morewood, was on hand at the Easter Craft Sale at the Faucet Hall in Chesterville on April 4 with her display of Disney and Warner Bros. merchandise. Press Photo -- Bierworth

Sixtieth Anniversary



The family of
Robert and Helen Holmes
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invites relatives, friends and neighbors to join with them in celebrating their parents' 60th wedding anniversary
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at the Lions Hall, Winchester from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Students gear up for fashion show



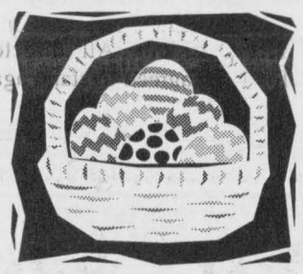
NDDHS NOTES
by Sam Cullen

MAPLE RIDGE — Spring is in the air! It's only Monday when I'm writing this article, and students are already anticipating a four-day weekend. This is especially true for OACs. With our interim marks (the grades universities base acceptance on) going in next Friday, most classes have a minimum of one test this week, and most people have the attitude that if they can only make it through the week, everything will be great.

The whole school is starting to gear up for this year's fashion show. Everyone will be working hard over the next week-and-a-half to get everything ready for the big event Thurs., April 16.

So, to enlighten everyone reading this article with a little useless information, here's an exciting activity for you daredevils. The Chinese used to jump off the Great Wall of China with silk parachutes in the 1300s.

Easter should satisfy your soul. Not just your sweet tooth.



The true meaning of Easter doesn't need to be sugar coated. This Easter season, join us and celebrate the miracle of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

The community is invited to Holy Week services:

Tuesday, April 7
7:30 pm
Harmony Church

Wednesday, April 8
7:30 pm
Winchester Baptist Church

Thursday, April 9
7:30 pm
Winchester Wesleyan Church

Friday, April 10
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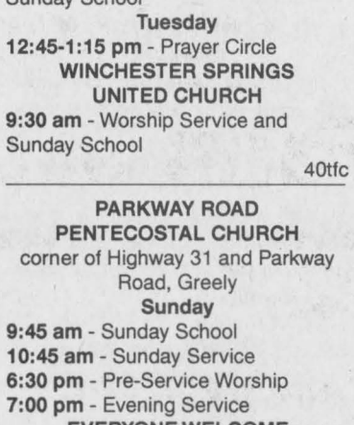

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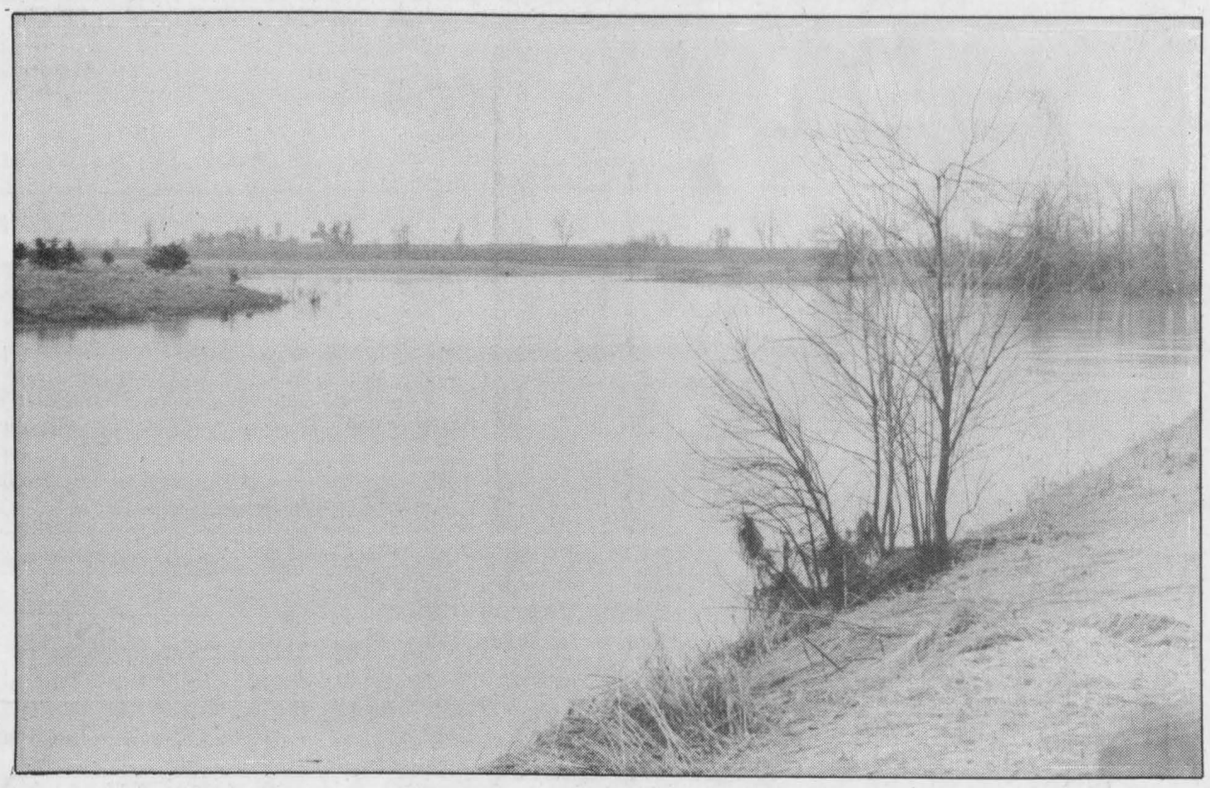


Flood watch

While rainy weather last week raised concerns of flooding along the South Nation River, drier weather over the weekend improved the situation greatly. According to officials at the South Nation Conservation, water levels in the river have already peaked and only areas that traditionally flood every spring, flooded this year.

Press Photo — Bierworth

Crop prices take downward turn on release of planting forecasts

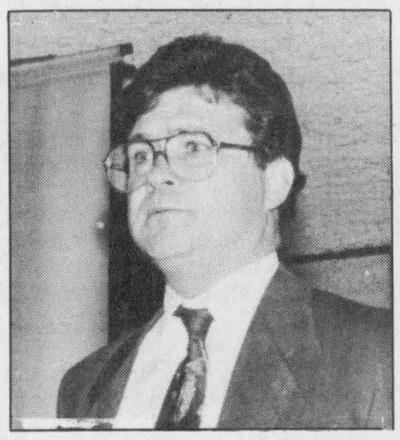
Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Corn and soybean prices are on a downward trend and the only factor that could force them up is poor weather this summer.

"The fact is, there's a lot of product around... but what we can't predict is the weather," Gary Weir, a market analyst for Parrish and Heimbecker told farmers attending the Dundas Soil and Crop Association's spring information meeting last Wednesday in South Mountain.

According to Weir, prices dipped after the March 31 release of the USDA's crop planting intention and supply report.

Both soybean and corn acreages are expected to increase by about one per cent this year. And while soybean carryover is at levels earlier predicted, corn supplies are a little higher than anticipated, thanks to slow movement in the export market, explained Weir.



Gary Weir

"There's a good-size corn crop coming up (and) there's more stocks than was expected... That pushed the markets down yesterday," he added.

However, Weir also predicts there will be utilization for the large carryover.

Ontario and Quebec are also forecasting an increase in corn production this year. But with Quebec's production increasing by six per cent, Weir said there is some concern that Quebec may capture some of the markets traditionally belonging to eastern Ontario — markets in Quebec, northern United States and the east coast of Canada.

"Corn markets in Ontario are okay but we still rely on exports to a certain degree."

SOYBEAN OUTLOOK

Despite good soybean exports out of the United States and a fantastic crushing industry over the past year, there are still lots of beans, said Weir.

A large carryover of soybeans, coupled with a forecasted increase in production for this year and a bumper crop in Brazil and Argentina have resulted in good supplies — meaning lower prices, he explained.

And while prices for soybeans dropped following last week's report, they may take a further beating by crop time if we have a good growing season, he added.

Farm update

Soil tests aid in fertilizer efficiency

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Soil tests not only help increase fertilizer efficiency, but can also pay off when applying lime, says Inkerman-area agronomic consultant Cliff Metcalfe.

According to Metcalfe, soil sampling may save on lime costs because in many cases, only certain parts of a field will require the addition of lime.

A soil test or grid soil sample analysis will show soil pH levels (soil acidity) within the fields and determine if an application of lime is required to balance those levels, he said. Optimum pH levels range from about 6.5 - 7.5, depending on the crop. Alfalfa does best in soils with a bottom-line pH level of 6.5.

Soil pH has a huge impact on the availability of nutrients to the plant as well as herbicide efficacy. Metcalfe cited studies which found when pH levels drop below 6.0, nutrient availability is reduced somewhat, but when pH levels drop below 5.0, nutrient availability can drop to nearly 50 per cent. And reduced nutrient availability levels can mean lower yields, especially in forages, he added.

As well, applying lime without a proper analysis could result in application of the 'incorrect' type of lime, overriding any potential gains. Soil tests showing low magnesium and low calcium levels will benefit from an application of dolomitic lime, while soils containing high levels of magnesium and low levels of calcium would require calcitic lime. Turbex would benefit soils low in calcium and potassium, explained Metcalfe.

Also, when applying lime, Metcalfe warned farmers not to work it in too deeply.

Metcalfe presented 'Tips for increased fertilizer efficiency' at the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Spring Information Meeting held on Wed., April 1 in South Mountain.

Ice damage assessed by federation

METCALFE — Ice storm damage and compensation were high on the agenda of the Ottawa-Carleton Region Federation of Agriculture's annual meeting held recently at the Lions Den in Metcalfe.

Al Bouwers and two of his colleagues from the Ottawa-Carleton Disaster Relief Committee, gave an update of the committee's work. A question period which followed, helped to clarify many of the details of how claims should be submitted and how soon cheques could be issued.

Elections for the Federation's Board of Directors were held during the business portion of the meeting. Theresa Whalen-Ruiter will serve as president of the board for 1998, while Peter Ruiter is vice-president. All directors for 1997 agreed to stand again for 1998.

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Semex boasts successful year

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

KEMPTVILLE — While the past year has seen a lot of change, it's also been a year of accomplishments for The Semex Alliance says its marketing director.

"It's been a year of change, progress and accomplishments, but our balance sheet is extremely strong. We're now in a situation where we can expand using cash rather than borrowed money," Larmer told a crowd attending the 36th annual meeting of Eastern Breeders Inc., held March 26 in Kemptville. Eastern Breeders became part of the Semex Alliance in 1997.

Under the new partnership, Semex's revenues are up and expenses are going down, said Larmer.

"The bottom line is that (Semex) is significantly ahead of budget forecasts... We have a good handle on expenses... It's also been a year of growth," he said.

Export markets have been one of the largest areas of growth for Semex, explained Larmer.

At 20 - 25 per cent, Brazilian and Argentinean markets have been among the strongest growth areas. Western European markets have also been strong and Larmer predicts future markets opening up in eastern Europe as well. Australia's dairy industry is doing well and may also present another possible market, said Larmer.

And to ensure a share of these markets, Semex is doing substantial promotion in these areas, he added.

SALES UP

With a 1.2 per cent increase, semen sales over the past year have also been successful.

"We were pleased to see an increase in the revenue (for semen sales) as well as in the number of doses," Larmer told the crowd.

However, export sales in live cattle and embryos were down slightly over the past year and Semex plans to make this area a priority for 1998.

The young sires program has also contributed to the Alliance's success, he added.

FUTURE

To ensure future success for The Semex Alliance, Larmer says the organization must expand on its strengths and work to improve on its weaknesses.

The Alliance is working to improve its communication services, create more efficient pricing schedules, improve delivery and distribution and put more emphases on marketing, he explained.



Canine classes

A new session of dog obedience lessons got under way on Tues., April 1 at Henderson Hall in Winchester. Instructed by Carol Brechbill of Winchester, classes are held Tuesday evenings during the fall, winter and spring months. For further information on classes contact Brechbill at 774-3091. Pictured, dogs and their owners prepare for class. Press Photo — Fetterly

Vet's corner

by Dr. Chris Green

WINCHESTER — Calf scours can be a very frustrating problem. When trouble-shooting the cause of scours in your herd, you must first ask yourself two important questions. At what age are my calves developing diarrhea and what are the clinical signs.

The etiology of calf scours can be roughly grouped by age and clinical signs. E.coli scours are generally seen in calves one to seven days of age but can be up to 21 days of age in cases of mixed infections with other gut pathogens. Clinical signs vary from mild diarrhea to severe voluminous, watery diarrhea with yellow, white or green color. Calves affected with E.coli diarrhea can become severely dehydrated and progress to shock within four to 12 hours. Treatment includes electrolyte therapy with appropriate fluid volume. Prevention is the best alternative by providing adequate volume and quality of colostrum within the first 12 - 24 hours of life.

VIRAL SCOURS

Viral scours can be caused by one of two viruses. Rotavirus and Coronavirus are the two most common types of viral scours. Rotavirus diarrhea often occurs at one to two weeks of age and is characterised by mild to severe diarrhea. Coronavirus diarrhea generally occurs later than Rotavirus and can be seen on average at one to three weeks of age. Viral scours of any kind can be best treated with electrolyte and fluid therapy for the duration of clinical signs. Viral scours, like E.coli can be best prevented by feeding good quality colostrum. For E.coli, Rotavirus and Coronavirus scours, the dams can be vaccinated prior to calving so that they will produce sufficiently high quality colostrum to their calves. Consult a veterinarian for an appropriate protocol.

Coccidiosis is generally seen in calves at approximately three weeks of age. The calves will often appear unthrifty and often entire groups of calves will be affected. Diagnosis is made by fecal float and a veterinarian should be consulted on prevention and treatment protocols.

Other less common causes of calf scours may include Salmonella, Crytosporidium and intestinal parasites.

4-H on move to new headquarters

OTTAWA — The Canadian 4-H Council will be making use of a building at the Central Experimental Farm recently vacated by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Minister Lyle Vanclief and the Canadian 4-H Council announced last week that a long-term lease agreement was reached to locate the council's headquarters on the grounds of the Central Experimental Farm.

"Synonymous with farming and rural life, the Central Experimental Farm is a natural location for 4-H, said Vanclief, who is also a former 4-H member and leader. "The move will not only provide cost saving measures for 4-H, but will also move the organization closer to its rural roots and enhance its partnership with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada."

The Canadian 4-H Council's new office is located in Building #26 on Winding Lane.

The national 4-H office was located within Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada headquarters in the Confederation Building for the first 20 years of its existence. It was at the request of the Minister of Agriculture Robert Weir in 1931 that the provincial 4-H programs and several other organizations were brought together to form a national 4-H co-ordinating body known then as the Canadian Council on Boys and Girls Club Work, explained Canadian 4-H Council Executive Director Mike Nowosad.

Farm seminar

MAXVILLE — A farm family transfer seminar is planned for April 2 from 1 pm - 3 pm at the Maxville Sportsplex.

Speakers include: Theresa M. Wever of Money Concepts, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food farm business specialist John MacDonald; Dennis Ring of the Farm Credit Corporation, Chesterville lawyer Peter Remillard and Jean-Paul Lafrance of BDO Dunwoody in Embrun.

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Local mail picks up speed

OTTAWA — Mailing a letter within your community will be picking up speed in the Winchester area. Beginning April 20 Canada Post will adjust its delivery and mail processing network in the Cornwall area.

Approximately 90 "local areas" based on working and shopping patterns and the flow of mail, are being established across Canada. Within each local area revised mail sortation and transportation processes and schedules are being implemented. Each area will have a central hub for processing and transferring mail between communities within the same area.

The Cornwall local area includes the following communities: Winchester, Winchester Springs, Chesterville, Williamsburg, Long Sault, Ingleside, Morrisburg, Finch, Berwick, Williamstown, Lancaster, South Lancaster, Bainsville, North Lancaster, Green Valley, Alexandria, St. Andrews, Monkland, Newington, Lunenburg, Avonmore and Summerstown.

In most cases all local mail will stay within the communities to be processed locally. Mail destined for another community within the local area will be processed within the local area.

Previously mail from this area was forwarded to the Ottawa Mail Processing Plant (OMPP) and then returned for delivery. With these changes only mail destined for outside the established local area will be forwarded to a plant for mechanized sorting.

In Cornwall, Alexandria, Winchester and Morrisburg, "twin" street letter boxes will be introduced and customers will be asked to separate their local area mail and mail bound for all other destinations.

"Improving service is a key priority for Canada Post," says Normand Bousquet, director, mail operations, eastern Ontario and National Capital Region. "Having achieved significant improvements in delivery standards in urban centres, it is clear that we must also attempt to achieve similar improvements elsewhere across Canada, where the postal system plays a critical social and economic role."

For the first time letter-mail delivery standards outside of core urban areas have been established. Delivery standards for properly prepared letter-mail within local areas will be: two business days within a community; three business days between communities within a local area.



Face off!

It was the Manotick OPP vs. Osgoode Township High School hockey players in a charity match last Thursday in Metcalfe. The OPP took on OTHS to raise money for the Jason McDonald Fund. Students were dismissed early on Thursday afternoon in order to attend the game. Admission cost $1 and all proceeds will go to the Jason McDonald Fund. Pictured, McDonald drops the puck in an honorary face off to start the game.

Press Photo — Culliton



Public speaking

The Junior Public Speaking competition for Dundas County was held at Morewood Public School last Tuesday night (March 31). Each school was able to send one speaker to compete. The winner of the competition was Colin Shane (seated) from Inkerman, who spoke animatedly about his trip to the CN Tower. Pictured, from left: Brentley Summers (Elma), Gillian Erickson (Winchester), Bobbie Joe Wylie (Iroquois), Adrienne Leroy (Morrisburg), John Irven (Morewood), Scott Workman (Dixons Corners), Trista Levere (Chesterville) and Dana Richardson (Nationview).

Bereaved meet

CORNWALL — The Cornwall and Area Chapter of Bereaved Families of Ontario will hold its monthly Support and Share Night.

The meeting will take place on Thurs., April 9 at 144 Pitt Street in Cornwall, from 7 pm to 9 pm. Anybody who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

This month's speaker is Dr. David Kaufman. Refreshments will be served and the extensive lending library on grief will be open.

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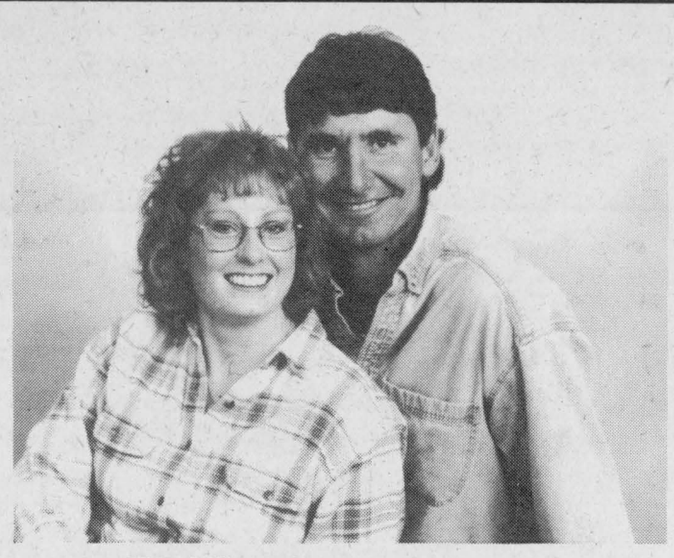

Wedding Announcement

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Rideau Hill Camp looks back on 50 years

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

OSGOODE — Many area residents can remember camping out in the small cabins of Rideau Hill Camp near Osgoode, the scary tales passed down between campers and of course, who could forget the sound of the bell first thing in the morning.

This year, as the camp looks back on 50 years, one Winchester resident remembers how it began.

At 93, Winchester resident Howard Biccum is the only surviving member of the original committee in charge of locating an ideal location for the camp. Biccum had also been on the Board of Trustees for the camp from 1948 through 1958, when he was elected chair and continued to serve in that position until his retirement in 1968.

He recalls finding the site for the camp on a sunny afternoon in June, 1947, when the five-person committee set out to look for the building place for a new church camp. The camp was intended to give girls, boys and young adults an opportunity to have the experience of a camping holiday plus a religious instruction by ministers of the Dundas-Grenville Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.

The committee found an 18-acre tract of land along the Rideau River between Kemptville and Osgoode on a hillside sloping down to the river and a cedar grove at the water's edge. When the members looked along the river, the sun made the water sparkle and a church spire in Kemptville was visible in the distance. It was then they knew that the camp would be built there.

Shortly afterward, the land was purchased from Wellington Wright for $2,500 and construction of the camp began.

"June 1948 — That's a long time ago," said Biccum. "It was one of the best things I ever did in my life. You couldn't possibly do it again today, especially getting the land for $2,500."

Building the camp involved the sometimes difficult task of clearing brush, moving large boulders and planning and gravelling a driveway. The work was done by volunteers on weekends throughout that summer and fall.

The following year, the 24 by 60 assembly hall with a large fireplace chimney was built. The hall was also used as a dining room for campers, with a kitchen and cook's sleeping quarters at one end.

Then the need for a camp director was realized and an additional building, this one 12 by 18, was built. It was used as an office and a sleeping quarters for the director.

Until 1950, the camp wasn't equipped with cabins and campers slept in tents on straw mattresses. In 1949, campers spent several nights sleeping in the assembly hall because their tents were too wet.

"Back in the first years, the ministers took their holidays during the summer and served as directors for the camps," said Biccum. "The entire staff was volunteers. They gave their time and they had fun doing it. The only one who got paid was the cook. That's the main difference between back then and today. Now, everyone has to be paid."

During the first year, camp activities were as limited as the sleeping accommodations. Campers were kept busy with Bible study, campfires in the evenings, hiking trips through the nearby brush, crafts and some sports, including swimming in the river.

The number of camps was also limited. There were junior and senior camps, one for each boys and girls. The junior camps were one week long and the senior camps lasted 10 days.

"Young people wouldn't come today if they had to sleep in tents and swim in the river like they did back then," Biccum said.

In 1949, six new cabins were built at the camp and furnished with bunk beds and mattresses.

In 1952, a large amount of lumber was donated to the camp from the Portage du Forte when Hydro dismantled buildings from a completed project there. The lumber was used to build the current dining hall and several more cabins.

The camp received another big break from the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority when four more cabins were moved in from a tourist resort near Iroquois.

By now, the camp had 12 cabins, a first aid building, a toilet building and two cabins for the kitchen staff.

In 1965, the pool was installed after the Rideau River became increasingly polluted with weeds and algae.

Ken Arsenault is on the current Board of Trustees for the camp and agrees that things have changed dramatically for the camp in the past 50 years.

"It's a much more organized structure today," he said. "We have eight different camps throughout the year, and we have a consistent, highly qualified paid staff each summer."

Rideau Hill Camp now sees between 400 and 450 campers each year, a number Arsenault said is increasing.

Each of the eight camps is categorized by age groups, and is always held with a consistent theme. A new and increasingly popular camp, Arsenault said, is the moms and tots camp, for which mothers take three days to 'get away' with their young children, usually three- and four-year-olds.

Last year marked the beginning of the leader training camp aimed at rural teens. "The program offers teens a chance to learn leadership skills and have some fun at the same time," said Arsenault.

Thanks to the popularity of the camp's outdoor pool, there is also a swim camp.

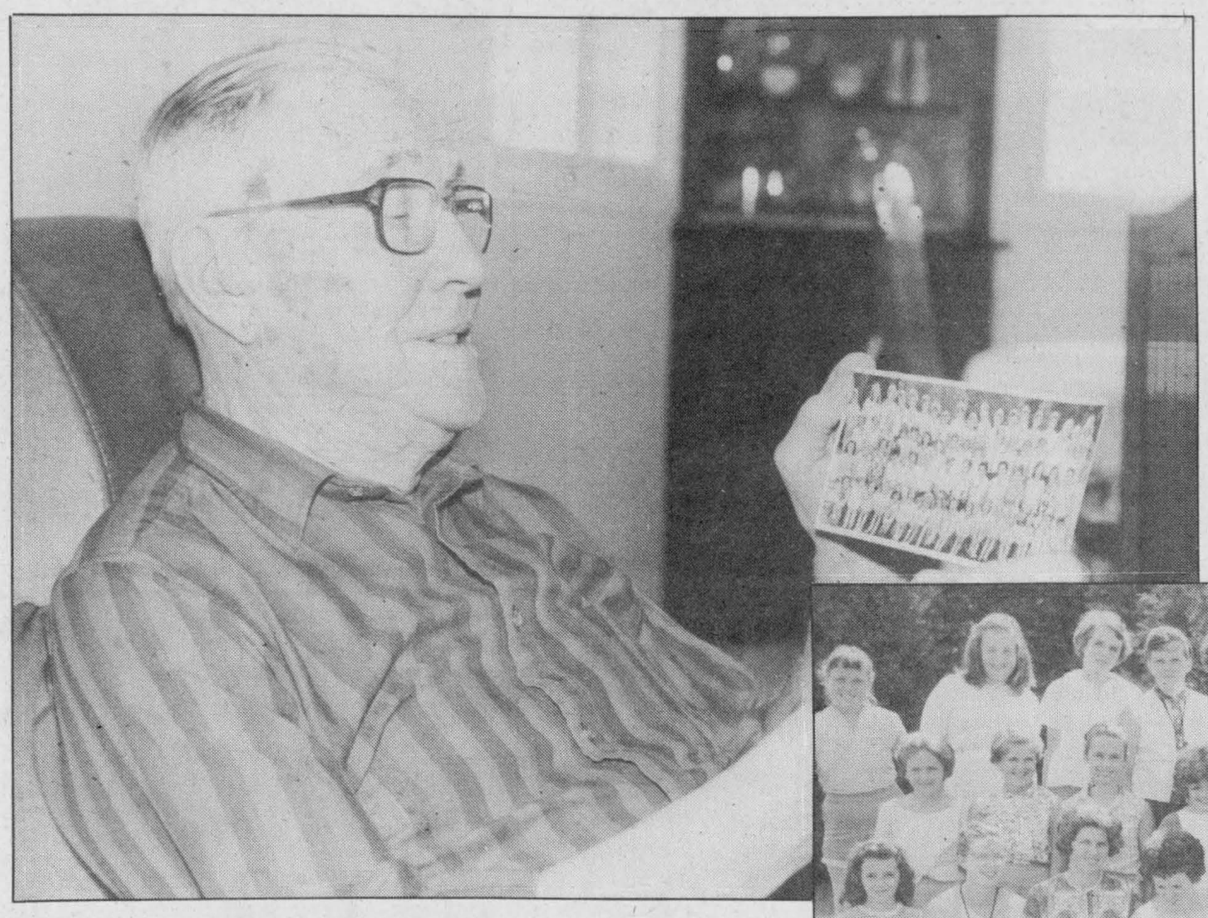
The rest of the camp activities have also improved over the years. Campers can now enjoy canoe rides, woodworking, nature trails, crafts and a bigger variety of sports.

"We're constantly improving the facilities," said Arsenault. "It's not so much a church camp as a summer camp. We try to present a Christian program."

One of the camp's traditions is to hold a dedication service on the second Sunday in June every year, with ministers throughout the Presbytery performing the service.

This year a special rededication service is being held as part of an alumni anniversary camp scheduled to take place this summer. Rev. Basil Adams, a member of the original Board of Trustees who helped purchase the land, will perform the rededication service.

The reunion camp is available to participants 20 years of age or over, and takes place from late afternoon on Fri., June 19 to Sun., June 21.





Those were the days...

As the only surviving member of the original committee that searched for the perfect place to build a church camp in 1947, Howard Biccum remembers the early days of Rideau Hill Camp near Osgoode as he looks at a photo (right) taken in 1961 of a girls' junior camp. Rideau Hill Camp is celebrating 50 years of camping this summer.
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