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Athletes to face trial in autumn

By Matthew Uhrig
Press Staff

WINCHESTER – Two local youth facing charges following an on-ice brawl at the Winchester Arena on Jan. 14, 2008 will now have their day in court.

After seven appearances before court in Morrisburg, an eighth and final showing took place on Oct. 9, 2008 in Cornwall. The trial date has been set for Nov. 2, 2009.

Two major-midget players, both brothers on the North Glengarry-Stormont Braves, were charged Feb. 1, 2008 with assault causing bodily harm. OPP officers arrested the pair, who cannot be named under the Young Offenders Act, after an investigation was launched following the Jan. 14, 2008 incident.

Linesman Kyle Dearing, who suffered a broken jaw while trying to break up a fight between two players, was the first to make an official complaint.

"It's good to see something is finally being done," Dearing said.

Dearing wasn't the only one injured during the incident. Referee Chris Currie said he was struck six to eight times in the face. However, Currie took a different route, seeking $105,000 in damages for post-traumatic stress. He filed a civil lawsuit against one of the players and North Glengarry-Stormont's coach, Peter Wensink. That lawsuit came to a conclusion last year, according to Currie's lawyer, J.P. Zubec. Both parties agreed to a no disclosure clause, which keeps the amount of the settlement private.

Since the incident, both players have been barred from playing hockey not only in the Winchester area, but across Canada as well.

The trial is likely to involve many points of view since the incident happened in public. As many as 29 people have been named as witnesses, said Terry Hubbert, Morrisburg court officer for the OPP.



It's no secret

Winchester Public School (WPS) student Daniel Harrison (left) received a message from Amanda Brown during a telephone game at a meet-and-greet carnival at WPS on Thurs., March 12. Morewood Public School (MPS) will close in June, and several students will transfer to WPS in September 2009. Thursday's carnival allowed the Morewood students to meet their future classmates. Chesterville Public School, which will absorb students from Elma Public School and MPS, also ran a meet-and-greet event on the same day. For more coverage, see page 24.

Press Photo — Smith-Millar

Province hands Dundas County $50,000 for water systems

TORONTO — Residents in North and South Dundas will be receive a helping hand from the Ontario government to improve local drinking water systems.

Collectively, both areas will receive $50,000 in funding — $25,000 each for both regions. The funding comes from the $12-million Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program Part Two (OSWAP-2). Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim Brownell announced the funding on St. Patrick's Day (Tues., March 17).

The program is part of the government's plan to support small communities and deliver safe and clean drinking water to Ontario residents.

Additional funding will be distributed to Stormont County and South Glengarry. North Stormont will receive $39,832 in funding, with $25,000 going to South Stormont.

South Glengarry received the largest sum of government funding, totalling $40,122.

These provincial government funds are being distributed to manage operating costs for municipal drinking water systems.

"We want to ensure all of our communities have the necessary resources to manage their drinking water systems," said Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry MPP Jim Brownell.

"This investment is aimed to relieve some of the burden our smaller, rural municipalities have in the cost of delivering services like drinking water," Brownell said.

The Ontario government plans to hand out the money following the signing of provincial contribution agreements.

It's up to communities to commit to undertaking at least one project designed to improve the management and operation of their drinking water systems. Initiatives include business planning, asset management planning, leakage audits, and local operator training.

This is the second stage of OSWAP, a $40 million funding program for small water systems, which the provincial government announced on August 16, 2007.


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House of Lazarus heats up

Outreach mission needs $15,000 to pay for project

by Matthew Uhrig
Press Staff

MOUNTAIN — Staff at the House of Lazarus in Mountain held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Fri. March 13 to unveil a new furnace system recently installed in the annex. Now, staff are looking to raise the $15,000 needed to pay for the project.

The new heating system was installed to ensure that the annex — a storage facility located beside the outreach mission's main building — could stay open year-round, especially during the cold winter months.

With the small second hand shop and food bank located in the main building, many area residents were missing out on the opportunity to shop in the annex during the winter, but the new heating system will erase that problem.

Noting that most house fires take place in the winter time, Pauline Pratt, executive director of the House of Lazarus, said it's important to give needy families access to the annex year-round.

"We're here to help people in the starting-over process," Pratt said.

There are thousands of items located inside the annex, and hundreds more are dropped off weekly. Pratt and her crew sometimes find themselves buried under the tremendous support of the community.

"It's really a win-win for us," Pratt said. "We are able to help people in need of assistance by making use of community support."



With the new furnace unit securely in place along the wall and across the ceiling, the staff at The House of Lazarus annex can look forward to a warm place to work on a cold winter's day. Executive director Pauline Pratt works to keep the place neat and tidy.

It's crucial the community recognizes the significance of a shop like this during a recession, Pratt said.

"When we closed the annex portion in February to do renovations, we found that the level of donations dropped off, and that was a huge impact on us," Pratt said.

With the annex now operational once more, the level of donated goods has been on the rise, which Pratt doesn't mind at all.

Over the next few months, staff will hold fundraising events to help offset the cost of the new furnace system.

The House of Lazarus is also gearing up for the Ontario Association of Food Banks' national food drive on Fri., March 20.

"This place is bigger than life for some people, and it helps to deliver a real sense of community," Pratt said.



Winchester Press welcomes reporter

WINCHESTER — After attending high school at Norwell District Secondary School in Palmerston, Ontario, Matthew Uhrig studied print journalism at Loyalist College in Belleville, Ontario. During those studies, he completed an internship with the *Hanover Post*, and loved working for a small community newspaper.

After spending a post-graduate year studying Online Publishing and Computer Assisted Reporting at Loyalist, he made his way to Ottawa.

Uhrig currently resides in Ottawa with his wonderful girlfriend Brittany and their two cats, Maggie and Delilah. In his spare time he enjoys reading a good book or discovering new bands to add to his eclectic music collection.



Library happenings

The Friends of the South Mountain Library sponsored a poetry and painting evening on Thurs., March 12 for children aged 6 to 10. Back row: Sandra Pym (left), Lynette Klein Boonschate, Mika Thurler, Annalie Thurler. Front row: Cullen Thompson (left), Mallory Patterson, Shaina Vandemheen, and Kiara Vandemheen. The library is gearing up for a visit from Sharon Ruth, author of The Guinea Kid: the True Story of a Childhood Cancer Survivor, *on Thurs., March 26 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Friends of the Library Marion Clarke and Ron Porteous will lead an Easter Egg Decorating workshop on Sat., March 28 at 10 am for ages eight and up.*

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Chamber of Commerce elects new board

Members name revitalization, signage as priorities for 2009

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

WINCHESTER – Improved signage and the revitalization of downtown areas are two of the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce's top goals for 2009.

Chamber members gathered at the Old Town Hall in Winchester for an annual general meeting on Thurs., March 12. After electing a new board of directors, the chamber had an open discussion and set some priorities for the months ahead.

The chamber wants to see signs erected along the entrances to North Dundas to welcome motorists to the township. According to Kim Smith of SunLife Financial, the chamber should help the township pay for the signs — but only if the chamber has input on what the final product will look like.

"If they want our money, we're having a say," said Smith.

Winchester Home Hardware owner Ken Boje, who chaired the meeting, said the first step is to get signage included in the Township of North Dundas' budget.

"It's got to get into the budget, to start with," said Boje.

In a telephone interview with the *Winchester Press*, Township of North Dundas councillor Eric Duncan pledged to push for signage to be included in the 2009 budget.

"Council's been talking about it since amalgamation, which was about 10 years ago," said Duncan.

He said there will likely be four signs installed — one each at the northern and southern township borders along County Road 31, and one each on the eastern and western borders along County Road 43. Budget deliberations are scheduled to begin in late March.

Butch Oldford of Royal LePage Gale Real Estate said the chamber should get together to design some sort of logo to put on the signs. He warned against filling the signs with too much information.

"A sign that is cluttered is redundant," said Oldford.

Boje also pointed out that many government grants have become available lately, and businesses and community groups alike need to be prepared to apply for those grants to revitalize downtown areas in the township. Boje stressed that the chamber needs specific plans in place to take advantage of the funds available.

"If there's grant money out there, we want to make sure we're ... bringing outside money in," said Boje.

The chamber also pledged to continue to push the township to buy locally whenever possible.

"The pressure has to be kept on," said Boje.



The North Dundas Chamber of Commerce elected its new board of directors during a Thurs., March 12 annual general meeting at the Old Town Hall in Winchester. Front row: Chris Hart of Allied Associates LLP Chartered Accountants (left) and Colin Pring of Winchester RBC. Second row: Pam Sherrer of All Storage (left) and Kim Smith of SunLife Financial. Third row: Butch Oldford of Royal LePage Gale Real Estate (left) and Gerry Boyce of Boyce's Water Softener Salt Delivery. Back row: John VanBruinessen of Durant's Flowers (left) and Ken Boje of Winchester Home Hardware. Missing: Owen Shortt of Winchester Travel. *Press Photo — Smith-Millar*

POLICE BLOTTER

Drivers hospitalized

WINCHESTER — SD&G OPP responded to a two-vehicle collision at County Road 31 and Liscumb Road at about 5:10 pm on Fri., March 13. Both drivers sustained injuries and were transported by ambulance to Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Fire not suspicious

MOREWOOD — SD&G OPP officers responded to a house fire on County Road 13 on Fri., March 13, at 3:23 pm. The Township of North Dundas' fire department responded and extinguished a chimney fire. The initial report indicates it was a non-suspicious fire. No one was injured.

Charged at RIDE check

WINCHESTER SPRINGS — SD&G OPP officers stopped a motor vehicle at a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) check at the intersection of County Road 31 and 5 on Sat., March 14 at 4:22 pm. The investigation revealed a 42-year-old male driver was operating a motor vehicle with expired licence plates. The driver was also found to be in breach of a current court release. Police arrested the man and charged him with failing to comply with recognizance, as well as six other counts under various provincial offences. The man was directed to appear in Cornwall court on Mon., March 16.

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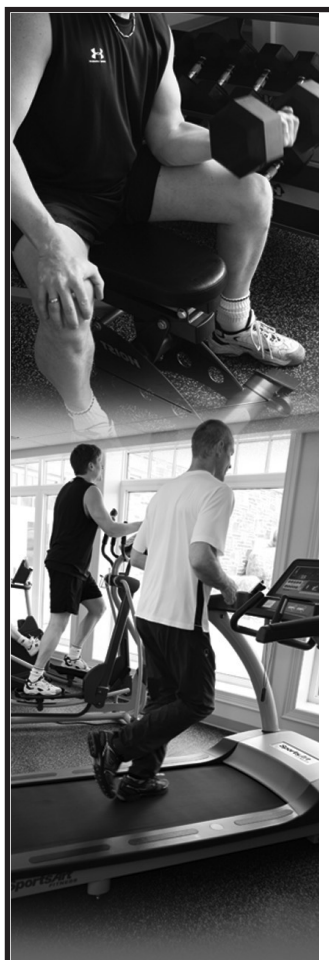

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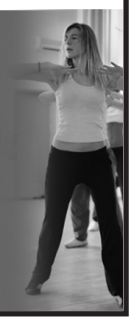

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Council rezones Chesterville's McCloskey Hotel

Neighbours, worried about 'boarding house' stigma, give views at public meeting

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Several residents voiced concern over the proposal to turn the former McCloskey Hotel in Chesterville into a boarding house and theatre venue when the issue was brought forth during a public zoning amendment meeting.

The building is currently zoned for "general commercial," which permits it to be used as a hotel. Adding "boarding house" to the permitted uses is "just a technicality" planning and enforcement director Calvin Pol told North Dundas council on Tues., March 10.

"Realistically, this former hotel cannot be restored to a modern hotel," Pol said, noting that there are several restrictions placed on hotels that are not placed on boarding houses.

Mountain resident P.J. Breaks, owner of Mountain Station Pizza, wants to open up a satellite pizza location in the former hotel, and offer rooms to artists to foster a creative and nurturing atmosphere, as well as live entertainment.

Residents who live in the direct vicinity of the hotel had much to say about the potential boarding house.

"This type of proposal sounds good at first ... but it could fall into the hands of a [lesser]-quality character," said John Meharg. He spoke about a stigma that he said he feels surrounds boarding houses, and that the building may come to be used to house ex-convicts out on parole, or people with drug and alcohol problems.

"Once an amendment is made, you can't change it back," he said.

Pol noted that while the building is not legally zoned as a boarding house, it has been used that way in the past.

Bob Fraser said the hotel is located in a quiet residential area.

"What will a rooming house do to the properties values in the area?" he asked.

> Amendment "just a technicality."

"I would like to speak on behalf of Mr. Breaks," said Deputy-Mayor Estella Rose. "He is a good entrepreneurial person. He has good ideas."

Stephen Henderson, who owns the property next door to the potential boarding house, listed several concerns: the impact on the amendment will have on the neighbourhood, the precedent being set, and how the changes may impact his ability to enjoy his own property.

"I believe Chesterville should try to attract ... long-term residents, not those of a transient nature," Henderson said. "I do not feel there is a need for a boarding house in a town like Chesterville. I think this will lead to the erosion of our village."

Breaks tried to explain his vision for the property — that it wouldn't be a "rockin' country bar," and it wouldn't be noisy, among other things.

"I want to be a neighbour," he said.

Councillor Eric Duncan said he felt those present were comparing apples to oranges.

"This is a business that could succeed," he said, noting that Chesterville needs to attract establishments.

Meharg contradicted Duncan saying, "I'm not getting the confidence from this council that there is a vision for a healthy ... community in Chesterville."

Councillor Al Armstrong noted that anyone could purchase the building and turn it into a hotel and bar, and council would have no way to stop them.

"At least this way we have more checks and balances," he said. "Now you at least have an owner who has proven himself in this community."

Councillor John Thompson agreed.

"I think, cleaned up and run properly, it will be an asset to the community," he said.

Mayor Alvin Runnalls said he feels the concerns brought forth were all "worst-case scenario."

Following the public meeting on the issue, council continued with its regular meeting. Council voted all in favour of the zoning amendment bylaw for the former McCloskey hotel. Members of the public who voiced their concern either verbally at the public meeting or in writing prior to the meeting are eligible to appeal the decision with the Ontario Municipal Board.

Charter bus service getting ready to roll

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — South Mountain Stagecoach Transit has opened registration for its bus service to Ottawa. The company has received its public vehicle operator's licence and is revving up for its Tues., March 31 start date.

> Company gets green light to operate

"We're just in the process of taking reservations now," said Dan Grant, who owns the company with his wife, Josee. "I'm excited about it because I'm looking forward to starting."

The motor coach will run from Monday to Friday, starting in Inkerman at 6:15 am before making stops in South Mountain, Mountain, Hallville, Reids Mills, Osgoode, Enniskerry, West Greely, the Rideau Carleton Raceway, South Keys, and Greenboro, before finishing the route near the Mackenzie King Bridge.

On the return trip from Ottawa, the bus will leave the Mackenzie King destination at 4:40 pm and make the same stops in the reverse order.

Grant added that the bus can pick up individuals directly at their houses, providing they live along the route. In addition, the company is co-ordinating with OC Transpo to make the service more efficient.

The Grants have two charter buses that can transport about 49 passengers. The first bus will be used for weekly commutes into the city. The second coach will be used as a back-up in case the first vehicle breaks down.

Grant added that if there's enough demand, they'll make trips into Ottawa on weekends for shopping trips and other excursions.

"We'll just do it based on demand," said Grant. "Once we get started and people see us in operation, I think there are going to be more people [who sign up]."

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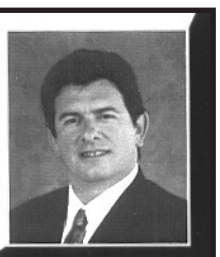

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Township hires dance instructor

Sandy Ruest to teach tap, hiphop-jazz, and 'zoomba' in Mountain

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — If you've been flipping through the new Living in North Dundas Township activity guide for spring and summer, you may have noticed there's something new in the programming section: dance classes.

The Township of North Dundas has hired long-time instructor Sandy Ruest to teach dance to adults and youth at the Mountain Community Hall. Ruest will run a variety of 10-week classes, including hiphop-jazz, tap, and "zoomba" — a cardio workout combining meringue, salsa, rumba, flamenco, and other international dances.

The Mountain Community Hall has been a little music-deprived since dance instructor Joanne ("Joey") Whitteker, who used to teach lessons in the township-owned facility, closed her school last year. The hall is outfitted with ceiling-to-floor mirrors and ballet bars.

Meaghan Elder, the community development programmer for North Dundas, said she'd received many calls from people interested in taking dance classes. After some searching, the township hired Ruest.

"Sandy is exactly what we're needing for the area," said Elder. "No one, in anyone's mind, can replace Joey … [but Ruest] is definitely the same calibre as Joey, we feel."

Ruest has taught dance in Lancaster, Ont. for about 30 years. She and her husband are getting ready to move to North Dundas to be closer to their daughter, who recently gave birth to twin boys. The pair are in the process of house-hunting, and Ruest said she's keen on moving to the township.

"It's very exciting," said Ruest. "I want to be a part of the community."



The Township of North Dundas has hired long-time instructor Sandy Ruest to teach dance to adults and youth at the Mountain Community Hall. Ruest has taught dance in Lancaster, Ont. for about 30 years and is moving to North Dundas with her husband to be closer to their daughter.

While she will be teaching 10-week classes starting in April, Ruest said she hopes to teach September-to-June sessions. Besides hiphop-jazz, tap, and zoomba, Ruest teaches baton-twirling and Canadian step dancing.

"With my French-Canadian background, step dancing is a very big thing," Ruest said.

And who knows, said Ruest — the 2009 Winchester Parade of Lights may very well feature an all-new majorette group.

Ruest will close her school, Sandy's Dance Studio, in Lancaster before leaving for North Dundas.

"I was ready to move, but I can't stop dancing yet," she said. "I'm stepping into a place where they had a wonderful teacher, and she was loved."

That's not to say there's no other place in the Mountain area to take dance classes since the Joanne Whitteker School of Dance closed. Andrea Gaw-Hutt operates the Academy of Expressive Dance out of her home in South Mountain. Gaw-Hutt said her dance school has been around for about 18 years. She previously operated in Kemptville but bought a house in South Mountain about five years ago and currently operates the Academy of Expressive Dance out of her home.

Gaw-Hutt offers ballet and pointe, jazz, tap, and "creative dance" lessons, plus shorter sessions for adults such as t'ai chi, belly dancing, and pilates.

News of the township-run dance programs came as a surprise to Gaw-Hutt. However, she said she didn't think Ruest's classes would take away from her business. For one, the 10-week sessions will appeal to people who want to try out dance class.

"If she's only doing a 10-week course, she'll be teaching a different clientele," said Gaw-Hutt.

It remains to be seen whether the township will plan Ruest's future September-to-June classes to ensure Ruest's municipally run program doesn't take away from Gaw-Hutt's private business.

Ruest said she's not worried about competition at all. First of all, she doesn't teach ballet. In addition, said Ruest, there will be more than enough dancers to fill both studios.

For information about dance class times, prices, and start dates, consult your spring/summer activity guide from the township. If you didn't get one in the mail, contact Elder at 613-774-2105.

North Dundas has variety of new programs

WINCHESTER — Besides dance classes, the Township of North Dundas is offering a few more new programs this year:

• **Yoga for Everyone:** Whether you've never taken yoga before, or just want a slow-paced class, this class can accommodate you. "The Yoga For Everyone is, literally, for everyone," said township community development programmer Meaghan Elder. The 10-week session costs $120 and will take place at the Nelson LaPrade Centre in Chesterville on Tuesdays from 7:45 to 8:45 pm, starting April 21. If you're looking for a more advanced class, Elder suggests Vinyasa Flow Yoga, which runs from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Tuesdays before Yoga For Everyone.

• **Prenatal Yoga:** This exercise program is designed for women at any stage of pregnancy. The class will focus on body and breath awareness, pain management, relaxation techniques and pain management. The 10-week session costs $120 and will take place on Thursdays from 7 to 8 pm at Chesterville Public School, starting April 23.

• **Baby and Me Fitness:** This class will let moms and dads get a great workout while interacting with their babies. Using body weight, exercise bands, and the baby and stroller, the weekly classes will give parents a full-body workout including cardio, muscular strength and endurance. "If it's a beautiful day, they'll [go] outside," said Elder. Classes will take place at the North Dundas municipal office building. The eight-week session costs $80 and will run from 10 to 11 am, starting Sat., May 1.

• **Musical Playground:** The township has hired Paula Lund to teach Musical Playground, a five-week music and movement program for families. Parents and their children will sing, dance, and experiment with different instruments and props. The cost is $60 per family (up to three little ones and two parents or guardians). The classes will run on Saturdays from 9 to 9:45 am at the Winchester Cultural Centre (Old Town Hall). Musical Playground: Let's Dance will start on April 11, and Musical Playground: Around the World will start on May 30.

For more information, check out the *Living in North Dundas Township Activity Guide*. To obtain a copy, contact Elder at 613-774-2105.

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Council has an obligation to actually listen, not just hear

At its latest meeting, all North Dundas council members voted in favour of a zoning amendment to allow P.J. Breaks to run the former McCloskey Hotel in Chesterville as a boarding house and entertainment venue. The amendment was "just a technicality," according to planning and enforcement director Calvin Pol.

The little "technicality" has neighbours of the soon-to-be boarding house concerned about the future of their quiet, residential street, and they attended the public zoning meeting on March 10 to complain.

Once the public portion of the regular meeting of council was complete, the complainants left, and council went about its business, only to revisit the issue an hour or so later and unanimously approve the zoning amendment with no further discussion.

No one stated that voting on the issue would take place that evening — perhaps people would have stayed to see the outcome of the vote, had they known. Perhaps council would have felt obligated to discuss the situation more at the time of voting if members of the public were listening intently. Or, perhaps, they would have voted the same way. It's hard to know.

But the whole process seemed a little forced, a little fabricated.

It's council's obligation to walk people through the municipal process. The average resident of North Dundas doesn't know how the system works.

In a small town, people know their councillors, deputy-mayor, and mayor. When members of the public show up to voice their concern, they're talking to their neighbours and friends sitting around the council table, not just to a name on a page. Likewise, people submitting requests for zoning amendments are looking for approval from their neighbours, their friends.

Members of council spoke on behalf of Breaks, noting that "he is a good entrepreneurial person" and he "has proven himself in this community." They seemed to disregard the complaints as "worst-case scenario." The least they could have done was defer the decision until they could meet again, and in the interim find out more about not only the proposal, but public opinion on the proposal.

Members of the public took the time to attend the open meeting and voice their concerns, and yet were chastised by Estella Rose, who wondered why no one had come forward any sooner.

It's a wonder anyone takes time to participate in the democratic process when it seems council has its mind made up before hearing comments on any given proposal. And it's a wonder anyone shows up if council members tell them they should have said something sooner.

Small-town politics are personal. There's no way around it. But you'd think having a vested interest in the community (and residents) would be a good thing.

It is also the job of the politician to reach out to constituents in a meaningful way so they understand how policies affect everyone. They need to make it personal — they need to make their constituents feel that showing up at a meeting to voice their concerns actually affects the decision-making process, instead of disregarding people's concerns as "fear-mongering ideas."

Council has thrown around the "vision" word for the last four years and discussed everything from the colour of trucks to a "brand" for the communities of North Dundas. But has the vision process included policy for zoning amendments and setting precedent?

If another businessperson comes forward next week wanting to rezone a building for a boarding house in Chesterville, will council allow it? And if they don't — what will the reasoning be? Without policy to back up decisions, council will go on setting precedent based on people who have "proven themselves in this community," and when those people are long gone, the municipality will be no better off, and still will have no vision.

Whether Breaks' vision for the McCloskey Hotel will pan out or not is hard to say. Everyone, especially the neighbours, will be watching closely, hoping that it's a success.



Showtime

The South Dundas Lions girls' hockey team got quite a thrill on Mon., March 16 when CBC Sports visited Morrisburg to shoot the opening for *Scotiabank Hockey Tonight* at the Morrisburg Arena. The team, which includes some girls from Winchester, introduced the games for Sat., March 21, and showed off some of their skills on the ice.

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Remember when…

1929

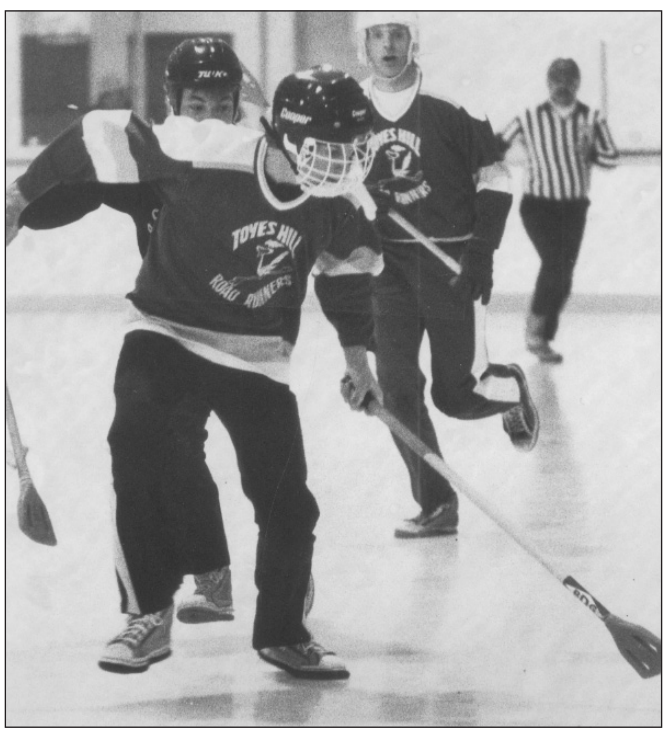
"Numerous complaints have been received and heard of minors procuring cigarettes and other forms of tobacco," noted the *Press*. The article added that police would be cracking down on anyone who sells tobacco to youth under 18 years of age.

1939

Thieves smashed a window to steal about $200 worth of cigarettes and tobacco at the Allison and Gillard store in Chesterville.

1949

Three local vehicles were involved in a four-car pileup near Ottawa after the Inkerman-St. Pat's hockey game on Saturday. The collision caused an estimated $315 in damage. No one was injured.



Toyes Hill Roadrunners of the Winchester and District Broomball League enjoyed some success playing in the Men's Recreational Division during the Eastern Ontario Broomball championships in 1989.

1959

For the first time in 46 years, Iroquois residents were to be given the chance to vote on whether to keep the village "dry." Iroquois was "wet" — in other words, allowed the consumption of alcohol — before it became dry in 1913.

1969

The Winchester Public Library was incorporated as a member of the Eastern Ontario Regional Library System, and book rental fees were eliminated.

1979

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce was planning a year of promotion in 1979 as members considered reviving the fall trade fair.

1989

The Ministry of the Attorney General was threatening to close the small-claims court office in Winchester and amalgamate it with the Cornwall courthouse. The average number of claims processed in Winchester was only 160 per year, which was only about 30 per cent of the volume in larger urban centres.

1999

The Upper Canada OPP was searching for three suspects in a recent lunchtime armed bank robbery in Chesterville. Police said that about 12:15 pm, three men armed with a handgun and a pry bar entered the TD Bank. A quantity of cash was taken and the men fled the bank on foot. There were no injuries resulting from the robbery.

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Heelers taking part in Weekend to End Breast Cancer

By Janice Carkner

WINCHESTER — My name is Janice Carkner and, I am a resident of Winchester and a member of the Winchester Hospital Heelers. We are walking in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer to raise awareness of this disease, its impact on our community. We also aim to raise money to support the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation's (ORCF) research, care and services.

Because the Winchester Hospital Heelers established a collaborative arrangement with the ORCF, 75 per cent of the money our team raises goes toward cancer care and services at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. This is an important collaboration, as it supports the reduction of wait times for cancer care and services in the city while improving access at the local level for cancer patients in our community.

My motivation for walking in the weekend is my family. When I married my husband, Phil, I was — and still am — so delighted to be a part his family. I come from a small family; my parents settled in Chesterville about 35 years ago, far from our extended family in Saskatchewan and Quebec. My mother still lives just down the street from my husband, my son, and me. It is wonderful to be married into such a strong, loving family who have kindly opened their arms to me and my mother. Both my husband's father, Dennis, and mother, Kathy, come from large families with deep roots in our community; it's comforting to know that family is "just around the corner." There have been many times when family has been right behind us to support us through so many things –- so I am walking in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer to return this support.



Janice Carkner

"My motivation for walking in the weekend is my family."

My mother-in-law, Kathy, was diagnosed about two years ago with late-stage breast cancer and, after undergoing treatment, her cancer has unfortunately metastasized. I will walk to support her difficult journey and the fight against this terrible disease that affects so many families.

I attended one of my mother-in-law's chemotherapy treatment sessions at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre. It was certainly a learning experience. In a room of more than 20 courageous cancer patients' I saw people of every background: women, men, young, old, some with families and some without, some with early and some with late-stage cancer, some going through treatment for the first time and others as seasoned "pros."

Cancer does, and will, continue to affect everyone in our community, either directly or indirectly. We are all at risk, so we all must fight to put an end to this terrible disease.

We recently were made aware of a generous donation of $500 from the Winchester Lions Club to our team. The Lions Club donation is much appreciated. Thank you for your incredible support.

Meet the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Heelers

As part of our community, I encourage you to support the Winchester Hospital Heelers in at least one of the following ways:

- Join our team and walk with us;
- Attend our upcoming fundraising events:
  - ***Tastes and Talents,*** a sampling of cuisine featuring local maple syrup and fine art (Winchelsea Farm, Fri., March 27, 6 to 10 pm);
  - ***Shoes and Sweets*** (a girl's favourite things next to diamonds!) – a gently-used shoe/accessories sale combined with an afternoon tea and bake sale (Stampville Community Centre, just north of Iroquois on the Brinston Road, Sat., April 4, 1 pm);
  - ***Kick Up Your Heels!*** dance featuring the band Conspiracy! and live and silent auctions with fantastic items up for sale, including a cruise donated by Winchester Travel. (Winchester Lions Hall, Sat., April 25, 9 pm to 1 am)
- Donate to our team in person or on the Weekend to End Breast Cancer web site;
- Donate your yard sale items for us to sell in our Giant Garage Sale (Henderson Hall, Sat., May 23);
- Pray for an end to cancer.

SHEPHERD TALK

by Carol Heymans

Comfort zones or trenches?

Most people prefer to follow their routines and schedules rather than be "put out" by helping. It seems these days that we have little time for spontaneous acts of kindness, especially if it means stepping outside our comfort zones. But do you know what I've found? The greatest blessings to me have been the times I've gone the extra mile to lend a helping hand instead of just "sending" help.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30 -37, Jesus explains just who is our neighbour, and how far it extends. A man had travelled from Jerusalem to Jericho — a difficult dangerous journey to make alone. On this journey, he was robbed, stripped of his clothing, beaten, and left for dead. Two people who were travelling at separate times on the same road both passed him without helping — or even promising to send help. We're told of one who, rather than passing by, stopped, helped the man, and — more than adequately — provided for his needs.

When asked the question, "Who is our neighbour?", Jesus gave them more than the cut-and-dry dictionary answer they expected. He said that the love of our neighbour is not restricted to those who live next door. It is not restricted to those we go to church with. It is not restricted to those we work with, or the people we are acquainted with. He said that anyone in need is our neighbour.

So many times I've thought to myself, "I don't want to get involved." When someone's angry or crying, sometimes I think, "I don't want to know why." Once in a while, I think that I just don't have time for this or that situation. But God always checks me. He tells me my time is given to me by Him and that, as I pray, "Lord, guide me and lead me for Your glory" (Psalm 31:3), He will do exactly that. He will guide me and lead me. He will also bring situations into my life to test me, to see if I will help when asked.

Is Jesus warning us to not get caught up in religion, our positions, or our role within the church? Is he saying we may miss opportunities and ways to minister and meet the needs of the people around us? I'm so thankful for the example of the clergy in our community who are on the front lines of ministry. These individuals take the time to go the extra mile, set an example, and are willing to get into the trenches to help someone out. They throw the hungry and drowning man a lifeline, not just a sandwich. I appreciate our community members who have set an example as servant leaders.

I encourage everyone to use the example of the good Samaritan in our daily walk with Christ. Go above and beyond the call of duty. Make sure someone is really looked after and taken care of, not so that we will receive a good report from people but so that God will receive a good report from those around us. In Mathew 5:16, Jesus says, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

I pray that we will let our lights and lives so shine.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Councillor defends food bank comment

The Editor:

I am responding to a letter to the editor that appeared in the Wed., March 11 edition of the *Winchester Press* entitled, "Reader blasts South Dundas councillor for comments concerning food bank." Ms. Sandra Lee Johnston completely misinterpreted a comment that I made at a recent council meeting. I have broad shoulders, but in this case I feel I must come to the defence of what I consider my core values.

I have personally donated to food banks, helped with the collection of food for food banks, and, as an employer, donated products to food banks. I recognize the importance of food banks to the growing number of users across this country and in our own community.

Of course we need food banks today, but I believe it's shameful that food banks even exist. It is shameful that in a country as wealthy as Canada, a growing number of people are forced to use food banks to survive. Are we so far from former Canadian prime minister Pierre Trudeau's vision of a "just society" that it is now acceptable for more and more of our neighbours to depend on charity?

Maybe it is time for all of us to reflect on where we are going as a society. This country has the resources to ensure that our social programs are properly funded. We have the resources to ensure that everyone who is willing and able to work is paid more than a living wage. And this country has the resources to ensure that those that cannot work are treated with dignity.

Unfortunately, it seems that many of us have become so accustomed to food banks that we now accept them as a normal part of our every day life. I refuse to accept this premise. We're all in this together, and so we must continue to strive for better solutions.

Del Jones
Councillor,
Township of South Dundas
Morrisburg

Don't cut computer funding: UCDSB chair

The Editor:

On Thurs., March 26, the Ontario government is scheduled to table its 2009 budget, and the rumours are swirling in education circles that Premier Dalton McGuinty's government plans to cut funding for computers in classrooms. We'll know for sure on March 26, but it's puzzling to think that such a measure would be proposed given the Liberal government's legacy of improving funding for public education.

This is not the time to cut funding for such a required resource that supports student learning. Just this week, the government announced the average provincial graduation rate had improved to 77 per cent. Providing students with the tools to conduct research on the Internet is a growing need that is directly supported by continuing to fund computers in classrooms.

We've also heard more and more about the "poverty agenda" that needs to be addressed in Ontario. Before cutting funding for classroom computers, the government must recognize that students in poverty do not have their own computers. Rather, their access to technology is limited to the classroom, and that's why this is really a social justice issue. The goal should be to put as many computers into classrooms as possible, not reduce that investment in the future of our students.

Greg Pietersma
Chair, Upper Canada
District School Board
Brockville

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St. Paul's Ladies Aid focuses on Lent

by Kathy Spruit

WINCHESTER — St. Paul's Ladies Aid held their last meeting on Mon., March 2. Doris Baker welcomed all the ladies and read a poem called, "The Seven Wonders of the World."

Claire McPhee led devotions and began by singing a Lent hymn called, "Come, Let Us to the Lord, our God." After reading a poem called "Seeking God," Claire explained that unlike the travelling rabbis in Jesus' day, who had followers that needed to be highly educated and who knew the Torah, Jesus had different expectations of His followers. Jesus, who was also called "Rabbi," sought out His followers and didn't have expectations regarding one's education, knowledge, or social status. Jesus only asked His followers to be led by Him. He promises to bring them safely home.

After the singing of another Lent hymn, Sara McIlveen was introduced. She is a first-year student at Queen's University and was a delegate in the Youth in Mission program in India last summer. Using a slideshow presentation, she explained how the Bhil people of India are considered to be on the bottom rung of society. The caste system has been officially banned in India; however, the attitude still remains that the Bhil people are "less than human." The Christian ministry has supported the Bhil people by running church services and an AIDS awareness program, providing clean water, and establishing vaccination programs. The group thanked McIlveen for her inspiring message and gave her a thank-you gift.

The ladies responded to the roll-call by showing an item from another country. The ladies expressed sympathy for the Wilson family, who are grieving the loss of Myrna.

The group decided to give a $50 donation to Teneisha, niece of Heather Pemberton, who is a youth delegate to a mission in the Dominican Republic this month.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will hold a women's breakfast on Sat., April 25. Proceeds will support the Winchester Hospital Heelers, who will participate in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer in June. (Two members of the congregation are involved in the run.) Linda Egan, president and chair of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, will be the guest speaker. There will be music and a silent auction. The meet-and-greet will take place at 9 am, followed by breakfast at 9:30 am. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased from Libbey Pelkey (613-774-2785) or Doris Baker (613-774-5352). Tickets are only available in advance. The last day to buy tickets is Sat., April 18.

The next St. Paul's Ladies Aid meeting, which is also games night, will be held on Mon., April 6 at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a game or talk about a game from their childhood.

Seniors host euchres

WILLIAMSBURG — The white-card winners at the Williamsburg Seniors' Group euchre, held on Wed., March 11 at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre, were Hugh Coons, Lorraine Tupper, and Everrett Froats. The yellow-card winners were Evelyn Swerdfeger, Ray Casselman, and Sheila Scarbo.

Coons and Muriel Miller won the door prizes, while Froats, Scarbo, Swerdfeger, and Betty Barkley won the draws.

The next euchre will be Wed., March 25.

Winchester euchre results

WINCHESTER — The cream-card winners at the Winchester Seniors' euchre, held on Thurs., March 12, were Betty Holmes and Faye Hanes. The green-card winners were Joyce Young and Mal Byers.

Hugh Coons and Joan McLean won door prizes, while Ray Robinson and Annie Parsons won the draw.

The next euchre will be Thurs., March 26.

UCW plans for Easter

by Norma Wylie

WINCHESTER — Clara Edwardson opened the Winchester United Church Women's meeting on March 9 by reading a story about the nation, followed by the group's purpose and vision.

Marion Renwick gave a reading about the Lord's Prayer, and the ladies prayed afterwards. Bea Warren read the minutes from the February meeting, and business reports were read.

The UCW has decided to send a "package of need" to two united church boys in Afghanistan.

The ecumenical Lenten Services are held in the Winchester United Church every Wednesday at noon. Each church conducts a short service and provides lunch. Rev. Elaine Beattie, the United Church's supervising minister, will conduct the united service on Wed., March 25. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming dates to remember include a unit four meeting on Mon., March 23, to be held at Bea Warren's house at 7:30 pm. The United Church Women's craft night will take place on Sun., March 29 at 7 pm. On Fri., April 10, a Good Friday service will take place at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at 11 am, followed by a light lunch at Winchester United Church. On Tues., April 14, the United Church Women Prebyterial will listen to a talk by Isabel Eastman entitled, "She writes, she acts, she speaks."

The March 9 meeting closed with the women singing, "Go Now in Peace."



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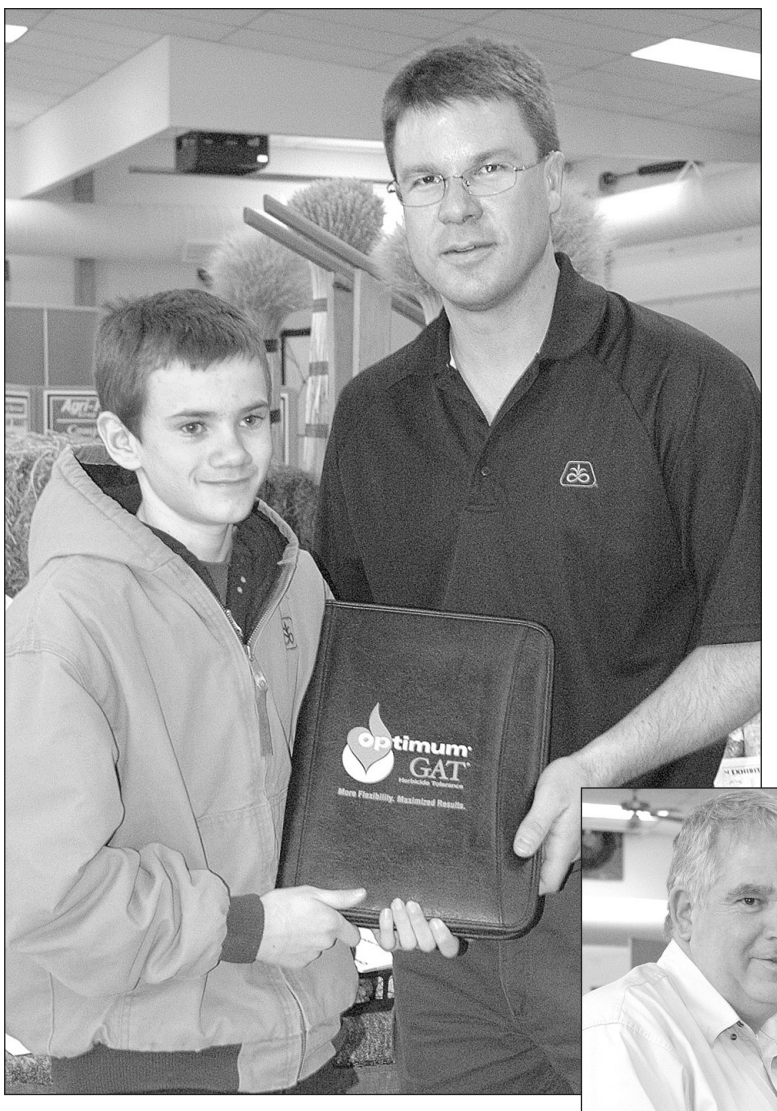

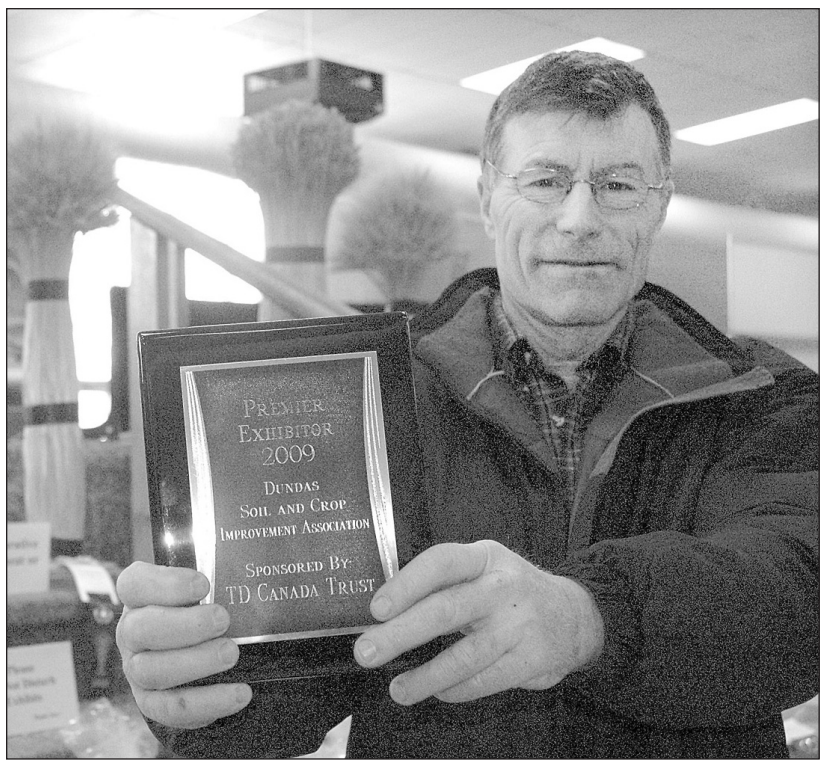



Above:
Derek Lillico (left) accepted the Premier 4-H exhibitor award from Kevin Leeder of Pioneer Hybrid at this year's Dundas Seed, Forage, and Agricultural Show at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners on Fri., March 13. A total of 33 exhibitors submitted 138 exhibits to the annual show, with 61 of those exhibits moving on to be judged at this week's Ottawa Valley Farm Show.

At right:
Cliff Metcalfe of Hyland Seeds (left) presented Norm Tinkler with the Champion Whitebean Exhibit award. Tinkler also won Champion Forage Exhibit, Champion Haylage Exhibit, and Champion Corn Silage.

In their hay day

Francis Henderson received the Premier Exhibitor award. Henderson was also Reserve Forage Exhibitor, while Ian and Tracey Porteous took the Reserve Premier Exhibitor honours as well as the Premier Forage Exhibitor award, the Reserve Champion Forage Exhibit award, and the Champion Dry Hay Exhibit award.

Press Photos — Duncan

OVFS to wrap up with 10th seed sale

OTTAWA — The 82nd Ottawa Valley Farm Show will wrap up tomorrow (Thurs., March 19).

Held at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa, the OVFS is the largest annual exhibition of its kind held in Ontario east of Toronto. The show features more than 320 commercial exhibitors who present the latest innovations in goods and services affecting the agriculture industry. Every year, more than 12,000 visitors pass through the gates during the three-day show.

The event will be open today (Wed., March 18) from 9 am to 8 pm and tomorrow from 9 am until 4 pm.

Agriculture industry workers have set up displays in the Coliseum, Aberdeen Pavilion, and the Civic Centre, and outside too.

Thursday will mark the 10th annual Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Sale. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Over the years, the sale has raised about $30,000 for the CHEO.

For more information, visit www.ottawafarm show.com.

Fred's to send medical, school supplies to Africa

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

BRINSTON — Fred and Mattie Zandbergen, who run Fred's Farm Supplies out of Brinston, are looking for donations of medical and school supplies to send to Africa.

"We've been thinking about doing this for about a year now, but we only finally said, 'let's do it,'" Fred Zandbergen said, adding that he has set a two-month deadline to fill a 20-foot container.

The goods will be shipped to Lusaka, Zambia on behalf of Visionledd – an organization Zandbergen toured parts of Africa with last year.

"I got to see where the money and supplies go," he said, noting that while cash donations are appreciated, it's more beneficial to send goods because some supplies are hard to find or very expensive to purchase in Africa.

"We realize how much we have and how little [Africans] have," Zandbergen said. "We complain that the price of food is up — but we're all overweight."

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The Zandbergens are partnering with the Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners to be able to offer receipts for the donation of substantial items. Organizers ask that all donated items be in working condition.

They are looking for wheelchairs, crutches, desks, school supplies, text books, novels, bicycles, wheel barrows, generators (220 volt), shovels, rakes, and cleaning equipment — "really, anything [you] think will be of use," Zandbergen said.

If you would like to donate to the cause or would like more information, call the Zandbergens at 613-652-2069 or e-mail freds@ripnet.com.

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Design guidelines for villages coming

METCALFE — Residents, business owners, and community association members are invited to attend an important meeting on the future of Osgoode Ward villages. City staff will present proposed design guidelines for rural villages on Mon., March 30 at 7 pm at the Metcalfe Community Centre Hall.

Advisory council meeting

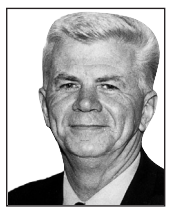
The next meeting of the Osgoode Ward Advisory Council will be held on Wed., March 25 at 7 pm at the Kenmore Community Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

Bingo hall application

Rideau Carleton Raceway has applied for a licence to operate a bingo hall at their Albion Road location. A public meeting will be held on Thurs., March 26 at 7 pm at the Fred Barrett Arena.

Snowshoe making

Learn how to make your own snowshoes out of common materials and then test them out on an outdoor hike on March 18 and 19 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum. The cost is $40 per child, which includes materials and lunches. To register, call 613-821-4062.



In and around Osgoode Ward

by councillor Doug Thompson

Epilepsy Awareness Dinner

A ham and bean supper followed by a silent auction and euchre games will be held on Fri., March 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Metcalfe Lions Den. All proceeds will go to Epilepsy Ottawa. Tickets are $10 in advance. Call Roy at 613-821-1315 or Tanya at 613-821-3722.

Anne of Green Gables

The Greely Players are celebrating 20 years of community theatre with a production of *Anne of Green Gables the Musical*, running March 25 to 29 at the Greely Community Centre on Meadow Drive. Evening performances will begin at 7:30 pm and weekend matinees are at 2 pm. The family production features children and adults from the area, including St. Mark High School student Stephanie LaRochelle in the title role of Anne Shirley. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children and seniors, and are available now by calling 613-614-0340 or visiting www.greelyplayers.ca.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

The Metcalfe Co-operative Nursery School Easter Bunny Breakfast and Silent Auction is being held on Sat., March 21 from 8 to 11 am at the Metcalfe Community Centre. Silent auction items include a hot air balloon ride for two and a Saiku Koivu Montreal Canadiens jersey. For more information, call 613-821-3196.

ITR presents *Funny Money*

Isle in the River Review Theatre Company will present the comedy *Funny Money* at the Osgoode Community Centre, May 1 to 9. Proceeds from ticket sales at the May 3 matinée performance will go to the Canadian Liver Foundation in memory of Anne Quinn. For information, call 613-860-1291 or visit itrtheatrecompany.com.



Picture perfect

Jordan Mark of Winchester has won the Ontario Association of Agricultual Societies youth poster contest for Grades 7 to 12. Before her provincial win, Mark placed first in the poster competition at the 2008 Metcalfe Fair and the District One competition held in Finch, hosted by the Stormont County Fair. Metcalfe Agricultural Society members say they're very proud of Mark's accomplishments.

Gigantic Greely Garage Sale pushed to June

by Amanda Smith-Millar
Press staff

GREELY — Attention all garage-sale junkies: the eighth annual Gigantic Greely Garage Sale is not happening in April this year, but instead has been scheduled for Sat., June 13.

Other than the date change, the fundraiser for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) will run from 9 am to 2 pm at the Greely Community Centre, as usual.

According to organizer Anita Snelgrove, a June sale has its upsides — packrats will have two extra months to separate trash from treasure and pick out some gently used items to donate to the cause.

The Gigantic Greely Garage Sale started back in 2001, when the Hayward family of Greely West wanted to thank CHEO for saving their daughter Megan's life. Megan was diagnosed with leukemia in 2000, and after two years of treatment, the family decided to set up a fundraiser for other children living with cancer. With the help of friends, family, and co-workers, volunteers collected used items from the community and priced, sorted, and organized the goods. The fundraising tally in 2002 was $3,841, and as the event's popularity grew each year, the sales increased drastically. Last year, the garage sale brought in $12,000, plus a $5,000 donation from Scotiabank.

Snelgrove took over organizing the garage sale from the Hayward family several years ago. She said she couldn't make the event happen without about 100 volunteers, including a core team of stalwarts who, despite knowing how much work they're in for, come back each year to help out.

"It's really fun," said Snelgrove. "That's probably one of the reasons [volunteers return], besides wanting to generate funds for the hospital."

Last year, people could drop off items in advance at a storage location. But volunteers had trouble tackling the gigantic pile of donations in time for the sale — and as carloads of stuff kept arriving, they struggled to price and organize the items. Ultimately, moving the goods from the storage site to the Greely Community Centre proved to be more work than it was worth.

"We were just so inundated," said Snelgrove — which, she added, is actually a good thing. "It was just a massive, massive effort."

This year, Snelgrove hasn't arranged for a storage location, so donors will have to drop off their goods between 8 am and 8 pm on Fri., June 12 at the Greely Community Centre.

Snelgrove is on the hunt for a few more volunteers. She's also looking for someone to co-ordinate an online sale on eBay or Kijiji, where the public can bid on more valuable goods like paintings, collectibles, and jewellery.

In these rough economic times, said Snelgrove, the garage sale might be the perfect place to pick up some used household items at a great price.

"You can stretch your money further," she said. "You can get more bang for your buck."

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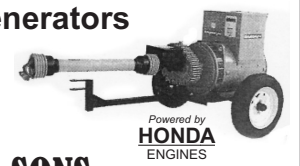
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City of Ottawa discusses amendments to rural plan

by Matthew Uhrig
Press Staff

METCALFE — About 20 members of the local rural community came out to the Metcalfe Client Service Centre on Mon., March 16 for the amendment results from the City of Ottawa's comprehensive five-year review of the official infrastructure plan.

The meeting was held to present the proposed sites for potential population growth in rural areas.

Urban expansion headed south?

Bruce Finlay and Judy Flavin, both city planners, chaired the meeting.

"We're not here for debate tonight ... because we don't have all the answers," Finlay told the audience to start the meeting, noting that anyone who wants their concerns discussed should attend the first of three public meetings beginning Tues., March 31 at Ottawa City Hall.

Flavin encouraged everyone to attend to have their "voices heard."

However, any member of the community who does not make an oral submission at the public meeting or a written submission to the City of Ottawa before the proposed plan amendment is adopted by council cannot appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Finlay noted that "it pays to say, 'yes, we agree'," if the residents are happy with the proposed plans. That way, it will speed up the amendment adoption process.

Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson was also in the audience, and he made sure to thank the members of his ward for coming out to get informed about the issues.

A main concern for rural residents was groundwater protection for rural homes, and what affect urban expansion could have on the agricultural land. A section of land between Leitrim Road and Mitch Owens Road is being considered by the city for potential urban expansion brought forth by population growth.

Finlay noted that the city has a Rural Settlement Strategy in place for these kind of concerns.

The strategy looks at recommendations from rural working groups, as well as the basis for the proposed rural policy changes.

One member of the audience asked about the potential for a tax increase for rural residences should the city go ahead with the proposed expansion on the rural land, and Finlay said he had heard talk from some councillors about this being a possibility.

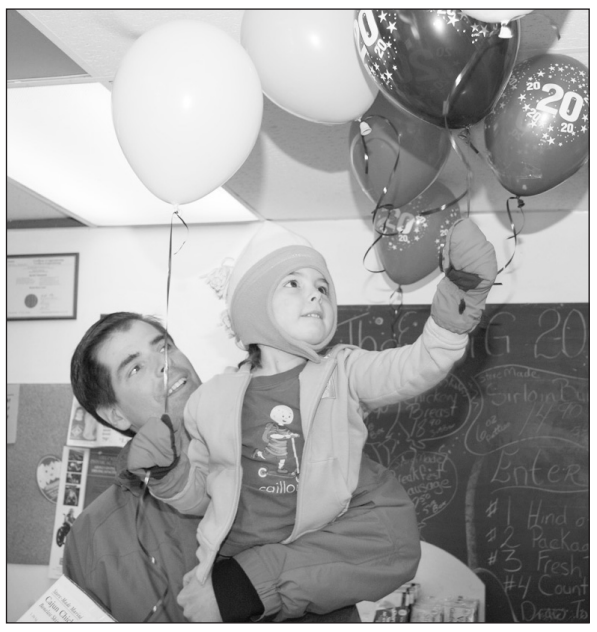
That remark was met with anger from those in attendance, with some people stating that an increase was ridiculous, considering they have so few services, such as public transportation.

Once more, Finlay stated that these concerns need to be brought up in front of the city council on Tues., March 31.



Savings in the sky

At Greg's Quality Meats' 20th anniversary sale on Sat., March 14, customers could literally grab bonus savings out of the air by choosing balloons containing added discounts. Eric Moisan's balloon brought him an additional 20 per cent off his purchases. *Photos — Barbour*



John Sidorchuk of Long Sault was at the anniversary sale with Sarah, his five-year-old daughter. She picked a balloon that brought them an additional 15 per cent off their purchases.

Summer coming early to theatre

METCALFE — While most people are welcoming spring, the members of Just Kiddin' Theatre company are already enjoying summer as they prepare for their upcoming stage production, *Surviving Camp*. The Canadian play takes place on Lake Wanabe, located somewhere in Ontario, and provides a comedic study of two camps on opposite sides of the lake.

"The camps are very different," said director Andrie Nel. "They [show] radically different cultures and qualities of dysfunction, and we hope there are lessons for audience members of all ages."

Nel said that adults might see some parallels between summer camp and the corporate world.

"Each workplace develops unique styles of leadership and organization," she said. "Adults should look carefully to see which character they themselves emulate."

Just Kiddin's actors range from 8 to 14 years old.

"The kids are discovering the value of creating detailed back stories," said Nel. "I love it in rehearsal when someone pipes up with a comment like, 'I don't think my character would do that.' It means they've managed to step outside of themselves, which is fundamental to the acting process."

Performances will take place Fri., May 1 to Sun., May 3 in the chambers of the Metcalfe Client Service Centre. Tickets are $6 and can be purchased online or from any member of the company. Visit www.justkiddintheatre.com for details.

Auxiliary loves new gift shop

by Marj Phillips

WINCHESTER — The Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the Dillabough Centre on Thurs., March 12. There were 16 members present, including hospital CEO Trudy Reid, auxiliary representative Louann Woodcock, and WDMH Foundation representative Nancy Farley-Holmes. Chair Dawn Ouellette began with the auxiliary prayer. The minutes were read, corrected, and accepted. The group extended greetings to Mary Nysten and Pauline Van Kessel, both from Chesterville.

Reid spoke to the challenges that are implicit in any change and said that no change — such as a relocation to a new environment — is possible without unforeseen hitches. Hospital administration hopes volunteers will play a greater and different role to help meet these challenges. Woodcock and Hilda Vandekemp are working on this endeavour. On this same topic, Dawn Cooper, managing director of the WDMH Foundation, thanked the auxiliary for enabling her to attend a conference in Toronto on this subject.

The group expressed much joy over the relocation of hospital's new gift shop. Its location in the main entrance of the new wing attracts many visitors. Having more space and a sink are great assets. The move was a big job made easier by the many helping hands.

Different auxiliary units then made some presentations. Chesterville's unit presented the main auxiliary with $2,000, while Morrisburg's unit presented $1,000. The units raised these funds from annual activities.

Marion Carkner has been approached by the Dundas County Players to help sell 25 tickets for *Ten Lost Years*. A discussion regarding dates and possibilities followed. Call 613-774-3156 for more information.

People's calendars seem to fill up quickly at this time of year, so keep the following dates in mind. On Fri., March 27, an official opening of the new wing will take place. This event is by invitation only. However, a giant Garden Party on Sat., June 27 will be open to everyone.

The annual spring conference for region nine will be held in Deep River on Tues., April 21. So far, 10 members have signed up, and they will be driving up the night before to arrive for the early opening session. As part of the theme, "gathering of the clan," the region nine recipients who were granted the Life Membership Award last fall will be honoured.

Elinor Jordan of Morrisburg, as well as Betty Holmes and Marion Carkner of Winchester, are the three WDMH Auxiliary recipients.

The volunteer tea will be held on Thurs., April 23. The location is to be confirmed at a future date.

On Thurs., May 14, the auxiliary's annual general meeting will take place at 1:30 pm. The Hospital Gala will take place on Sat., May 30. The next regular meeting will be held on Thurs., April 9 at 1:30 pm.

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With winter coming to a close, Winchester Public School chose to spend an afternoon celebrating an end-of-season tug-of-war competition on Wed. March 11.

At right: *Jacob Centen (foreground), Raven Rockburn, Darian Smith, and Hunter Burnett did the best they could to keep the rope from slipping.*

Press Photos—Uhrig





At left: *Mason Durant (right) and Kyler Wicks got some added support from their teacher Mr. Jeff Arsenault, while the other students kept a strong grip on the rope behind them.*





Above, and at left: *Mason Durant (left), Kyler Wicks, Thomas Annable, Laura Williams, Rylan Baker and Maddy MacIntosh gave it their all while teacher Debby Fullarton cheered from the sidelines.*



At left: *Carter Horton (right), Raven Rockburn, Marshall Dyson, Brandon Cox, and Amy Proulx did their best to keep the rope from crossing the centre line while Martha Hutchinson-Patterson looked on.*

UCP expands summer youth theatre school

MORRISBURG — The Upper Canada Playhouse Summer Youth Theatre School has announced early registration for this year's session.

This year, the theatre school will be divided into a junior section for students 6 to 9 years old and a senior section for students 10 years old and up. The junior session will be one week long, running from July 20 to 24 from 9 am to 3 pm. The senior session will be two weeks long and run from July 6 to 18 from 9 am to 3 pm, with a three-day weekend break halfway through.

"The whole thing has been a great experience for the youth of our community," said artistic director Donnie Bowes.

Students will showcase what they've learned and rehearsed with a final public concert at the end of their session.

"The parents have had a great time, too, as they gathered to enjoy the final concerts presented by both the junior and senior sections of the theatre school," said Bowes.

The registration fee is $100 per junior student and $165 for senior students. For more information, contact the Upper Canada Playhouse at 613-543-3713.

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A 3-0 victory over the South Grenville Rangers on March 10 claimed the 2008-09 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's West Division championship for the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons. The regular-season and West Division champs are: front (left) - Patrick Speagle, Ryan Romans, Stewart McKelvie, Colin Giberson; middle (left) - Dylan Comeau, Paul Gibson, Mitchell Kirkwood, Francis Lebrun; back (left) - Al Burns - manager, Nick Read, Josh Freake, Ryan Switzer, Brandon Cousineau, Ryan Byers, Colton Stitt, Garrett Milne, Kevin Byers - coach, Jeff Taylor - trainer, Vince Cousineau - ass't coach. Missing: Aaron Burns. North Dundas goaltender Colin Giberson (right) is congratulated by his teammates, including Ryan Romans (No. 31) and Paul Gibson (No. 12), following his 3-0 shutout victory over the South Grenville Rangers on March 12.
Press Photos — Van Bridger

Giberson unbeatable in West final

Bantam "B" Demons blank Rangers 3-0

WINCHESTER — Ryan Byers cracked in the winning goal and goaltender Colin Giberson turned in a flawless effort, working the nets as the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons blanked the South Grenville Rangers 3-0.

The North Dundas victory, posted in Winchester on March 11, secured coach Kevin Byers and his squad the 2008-09 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League West Division championship banner.

North Dundas (24-2-2) claimed the regular-season pennant and eliminated the third-place Brockville Braves (12-10-6), posting an 8-2 win in a semi-final game played in Chesterville on March 7. South Grenville (14-9-5) was ranked number two and eliminated the fourth-place Perth Legion Wings (11-12-5) in their one-game semi-final series to earn a berth in the divisional showdown against North Dundas.

The Demons will now face the East Division champion South Stormont Selects in a five-point league championship series. Game one is set for the Winchester Arena on Tues., March 24 at 8 pm.

Byers banged in a Brandon Cousineau relay while the Demons and Rangers were playing four-on-four with 2:22 left in the first frame of the West Division showdown.

Colton Stitt pounded in a Stewart McKelvie point-shot rebound and handed the Demons a 2-0 lead with 4:23 left in period two. Mitchell Kirkwood expanded his team's lead to 3-0 when he finished a play started by Josh Freake 22 seconds later.

Period three was scoreless and featured a sizzling bit of leather larceny by Giberson, which prevented the Rangers from getting on the scoreboard.

"We didn't play as well as we did against Brockville," noted coach Byers. "But our goaltender played very well. He made an unbelievable save in the third period to save his shutout."

"Hopefully we'll see the rink full like we did last night when we play the East - West final," added the coach.

NDDHS Midget Devils end season with perfect record

MAPLE RIDGE — A 38-31 victory over the Ecole Secondaire La Citadelle put precisely the right touch on a perfect season for the North Dundas District High School Devils midget boys basketball team.

The result, registered on home hardwood on March 12, completed a perfect 2008-08 season for the Devils, who posted six victories in as many qualifying games. They then registered a 20-18 decision over L'Heritage Dragons in the semi-final round before finally claiming the SD&G gold medal in a 38-31 verdict against the La Citadelle Patriotes.

Coach Kathi Wilson launched the season by signing everybody that tried out for the team and issuing them a NDDHS jersey.

"I was expecting a much closer game against La Citadelle," said the coach following her team's championship win. "We only beat them by a point the first time we played them."

The coach noted that the last-minute, two-point (20-18) semi-final win over L'Heritage was certainly an exciting one.

"I think the players all had fun today," she said. "I tried to get everyone on the court and involved in the games."

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The North Dundas District High School Devils went eight-for-eight to become the 2008-09 SD&G midget boys basketball champions. The Devils knocked off L'Heritage 20-18 in the semifinals and defeated La Citadelle 38-31 in the gold-medal match at NDDHS on March 12. The champions are: front (left) Zach Barkley, Ryan Romans, Brandon Cousineau, Josh Freake, Warren Steele, Stewart McKelvie, Will Fawcett, Dylan Young; back (left) Kathi Wilson - coach, Nick Read, Ryan Byers, Arthur Wilson, Brandon Ouderkirk, Chris Hill, Devon Nurse, Matt Jose - student coach, Curtis Vandeheen - student coach. Missing: Victor Delage.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Seven North Dundas teams advance to championship series

WINCHESTER — North Dundas Minor Hockey Association president Marianne Simms recently announced that seven of the association's teams had clinched first-place status during the 2008-09 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League campaign.

Seven squads of Demons — the Atom "B" Rep (undefeated 28-0-0), Atom House "C", Bantam "B" Rep, Bantam House "C", Major "B" Midget, Minor Midget "B" and Midget House "B" — captured their respective regular season pennants. Three other teams finished second and two more teams placed third in the standings.

Since those stats were released, two first-place teams — Major Midget "B" and Minor Midget "B" — have been eliminated from the playoff picture.

In the hunt

There are still seven teams in contention to win UCMHL championship banners.

The Atom House "C" Demons (23-3-1) finished first and are coached by Stephane Drouin. They are the East Division champions and will take up the hunt for the East-West title following the March break.

Tom Mellean and his coaching staff guided the Atom "B" Rep Demons through a perfect 28-0-0 regular season and to the East Division title. Their hunt for the East-West silverware will also resume following the holidays.

Ken Byers and the Pee Wee House "B" Demons (21-5-2) placed second behind Brockville (24-4-0) and are still in the chase for the overall UCMHL championship (no East-West divisions in this bracket).

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Devils

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North Dundas opened the season defeating L'Heritage, the Seaway Spartans and the host Russell T-wolves in a tournament played in Russell on Feb. 23. The Devils improved their record to 6-0-0, knocking off La Citadelle, Glengarry and Russell in Cornwall on March 6.

Cousineau wins it

The outcome of the semi-final game between the Devils and L'Heritage came down to Brandon Cousineau's layup in the dying seconds of the game.

Cousineau rolled a deuce in off the glass with 11 seconds on the clock, broke up an 18-18 tie and qualified North Dundas for the gold-medal match.

La Citadelle earned the other trip to the final, eliminating St. Joe's in their semi-final test.

Cousineau drew a foul on his winning bucket but rimmed out his two freebies and the final remained 20-18.

L'Heritage was clinging to a 13-12 lead at the half but managed only five points in the second session and lost by a pair.

Will Fawcett's nine points top the North Dundas production chart. Warren Steele totalled five points, including a trey. Josh Freake, Dylan Young and Cousineau each drained a deuce.

Title match

North Dundas booked a 10-2 lead in the opening six minutes of the gold medal game. They carried a 20-16 advantage into the second half and opened up a 34-19 gap in period three. La Citadelle dominated the final frame and outscored the Devils 12-4 but ran out of time and had to settled for the silver medal in a 38-31 loss.

Steele struck string for a team-leading seven points. One of his field goals came from the three-point line. Nick Read and Ryan Byers each strained six through the onion bag. Freake nailed five points. Brandon Ouderkirk and Young each swished four points. Fawcett, Stewart McKelvie and Zach Barkley put down a bucket each.

Demons

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Eldon Horner and his Pee Wee House "C" Demons (18-7-3) behind Brockville (26-2-0) also earned a second-place ranking and are vying for their division championship (no East-West divisions in this bracket).

Coach Kevin Byers and the Bantam "B" Demons claimed the West Division championship defeating the South Grenville Rangers 3-0 in a sudden-death semi-final game on March 11. The Demons (24-2-2) finished first during regular season play. North Dundas will host the opening game of the UCMHL final series at the Winchester Arena on Tues., March 24 at 8 pm.

The Bantam House "C" Demons under the direction of Steve Plummer finished first with a 21-3-4 record and are a finalist for the divisional title (on East-West Divisions). Play will resume following the March break.

The North Dundas Midget House "B" Demons, coached by Hans Hutten, topped the regular season rankings with 22 wins and six losses. They then dispatched the South Dundas Lions (22-6-0) and captured the West Division silverware in the one-game showdown.

Due to UCMHL rules, playoffs for the league championships cannot resume until Tues., March 24. Game dates and times are available from coaches and managers.



Team work

The Inkerman Rockets went undefeated in five games and claimed first place in the Nationview Invitational Small Schools Junior Coed Basketball Tournament at Nationview Public School on March 11. The Rockets outscored the opposition 70-38 in wins over Winchester, Morewood, Nationview and Chesterville. Abby Fawcett, Cheyenne Williams, Rachel Gibson, Hailee Coleman, Victoria Taylor and Linsey VanKoppen made up the girls team. Logan Holmes, Jarett Williams, Jared Schoenfield, Shawn Dube, Aaron Turcotte, Kyle Findlay and Isaac Zollinger played on the boys squad. John Tessier was the coach. Action shot: Linsey VanKoppen carried the ball during Inkerman's 14-4 win over the Winchester Wildcats.
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Brockville bounces Midget 'B' Demons out in OT

WINCHESTER — Brody Darling's second goal of the game sealed the fate of the North Dundas Midget "B" Demons. Darling snapped a shot in behind Ryan Hay with 1:58 left in overtime, lifted the Braves to a 3-2 victory and clinched the 2008-09 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League West Division championship.

Braves take West Division title 3-2

North Dundas led the standings during the regular season posting a record of 23-3-2 and, backed by the perfect puck stopping of 'tender Ryan Hay whitewashed the third-place Kemptville Panthers (13-10-2) 3-0 in a semi-final game played in Winchester on March 9 to earn a berth in the West Division title match.

Brockville finished in second place behind North Dundas with a 21-6-0 record and eliminated the fourth-place South Grenville Rangers (11-14-3) in their semi-final test.

North Dundas had a difficult time getting the puck by Braves 'tender Tom Allen, having to rally twice from a one-goal deficit in the March 11 showdown in a packed Winchester Arena.

Darling put Brockville up 1-0 when he netted his first goal with 7:35 left in period one.

North Dundas knotted the count 1-1 at 7:28 of the second stanza. Brent Baker did the honours, completing a play created by Taylor Johnston and Kyle Sobering.

The Braves answered quickly and gained a 2-1 edge when Dustin McInroy put a shot into the back of Ryan Hay's cage.

North Dundas scrambled back into the picture early in period three thanks to Cam Armstrong, who rang up a PPG set up by captain Mike Cross and Tyler Jones.

That set the stage for OT and Brockville's 3-2 victory.

"I told the boys that they could take solace in that they played a good game in front of so many fans," said coach Dale Murdoch.

Murdoch classed his team's season as a good one. "We finished the season in first place and who knows, had we been playing a four-point series and not a one-game sudden-death, things might have been different," he said.

The Demons will finish their year competing in the ODMHA's Tournament of Champions in Carleton Place in early April.



Not this time

North Dundas Midget "B" Demons' forward Tyler Jones (No. 20) was thwarted by Brockville defender Jared Duffy on this play during the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League West Division final game on March 11. Brockville posted a 3-2 win in OT to clinch the divisional title and qualify for the East-West championship series. The Demons claimed the regular-season pennant, posting a 23-3-2 record. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*



The last draw

Andy's Foodland hosted the Jr. "B" Hawks' final 50/50 draw for the season on Sat., March 14. The winning ticket netted Cheryl Guy $1,785. Present for the draw were Foodland owner Andy Hamel (left) Piet Kerkhof (the Hawks volunteer with the highest ticket sales), and Hawks treasurer Jeff Moore.

Photo — Barbour

Whitetails force deciding game, nip Flyers 5-4 in triple overtime

WINCHESTER — Al Christophersen turned a play started by Ryan Thompson and John Guy into the winning goal in the longest game played in recent Winchester Town Hockey League history.

Christophersen's tally ended the second game of the 2008-09 Winchester Town Hockey League Melvin Cup championship series in the third period of overtime.

The Tuesday night match between the number-two ranked Winchester Flyers (11-8-1) and fourth-place Whitetail Construction Company (7-13-0) played at the Winchester Arena on March 10 was tied 4-4 after regulation time. A pair of 10-minute sudden-death periods were played but decided nothing. A third session (15 minutes) was approaching the halfway point when Christophersen's shot found twine behind Flyers 'tender Chris Currie and handed the Whitetails a 5-4 win to tie the best-of-three final at a game each.

The third and final match was scheduled for last night (Tues., March 17).

Thompson, Guy and Jon Nadobny netted the Whitetails' first-half goals. Barret Brundige scored the fourth and Christophersen the winner. Guy earned three assists and Christophersen picked up two. Winning goaltender Jesse Whyte, Travis Rowe, Will McLean, Sheldon Myers and Thompson each picked up single helpers.

Travis "Toast" Armstrong cracked in three goals for the Flyers. Justin "The Miracle" Morozuk snapped home the single. Assists went to Spencer Dawson (2), Matt Van Delst, Josh "Champ" McLean, Kelly "Rubber" Beckstead, Trevor Gilmer and Morozuk.

The Flyers eliminated the third-place Papa Gus Wings (8-10-2) in two games in their semi-final series and posted a 5-3 win over the Whitetails in game one of the championship set. The fourth-place Whitetails upset the number-one ranked Allied Associates (12-7-1), 2-0 in the "A" semi-final.

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SPORTS Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

RIDEAU - ST. LAWRENCE CONFERENCE

RECENT PLAYOFF RESULTS:

RIDEAU - ST. LAWRENCE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Alexandria Glens vs Gananoque Islanders

St. Lawrence Division Final (four of seven)
Char-Lan Rebels vs Alexandria Glens
March 6: Char-Lan 3 - Alexandria 2
March 7: Alexandria 6 - Char-Lan 5
March 10: Alexandria 7 - Char-Lan 4
March 11: Char-Lan 1 - Alexandria 0
March 13: Alexandria 6 - Char-Lan 3
March 14: Alexandria 4 - Char-Lan 2
Alexandria wins St. Lawrence Division title 4-2

"A": Semi-final (four of seven):
Winchester Hawks vs Alexandria Glens
Glens win series 4-1

"B" Semi-final (four of seven):
Char-Lan Rebels vs Casselman Vikings
Rebels win series 4-3

Rideau Division Final (four of seven)
Gananoque Islanders vs Westport Rideaus
March 6: Gananoque 3 - Westport 2
March 8: Gananoque 4 - Westport 3
March 10: Gananoque 5 - Westport 0
March 11: Westport 5 - Gananoque 3
March 13: Gananoque 4 - Westport 2
Gananoque wins Rideau Division title 4-1

"A" Semi-final (four of seven):
Gananoque Islanders vs Athens Aeros
March 3: Gananoque 5 - Athens 3
Gananoque wins series 4-3

"B" Semi-final (four of seven):
Brockville Tikis vs Westport Rideaus
Westport wins series 4-1

FINAL STANDINGS

Rideau	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Athens	26	9	4	220	170	59
Westport	20	17	1	218	212	45
Brockville	18	20	2	178	165	40
Gananoque	17	20	3	169	185	39
S. Grenville	11	27	1	114	201	26

St. Lawrence	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Alexandria	31	9	1	272	148	64
Casselman	30	9	2	270	180	63
Char-Lan	25	15	2	207	161	52
Winchester	21	16	3	181	175	47
Morrisburg	2	39	0	125	357	5

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

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Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

METRO - VALLEY CONFERENCE

RECENT PLAYOFF RESULTS:

Metro Division Final (four of seven)
Ottawa Canadians vs Ottawa West
March 5: Ottawa West 3 - Ottawa Can. 2 OT
March 7: Canadians 2 - Ottawa West 1
March 9: Ottawa West 6 - Ottawa Can. 5
March 10: Ottawa Can. 2 - Ottawa West 1
March 12: Ottawa West 5 - Ottawa Can. 0
March 14: Ottawa Can. 5 - Ottawa West 1
March 16: Ottawa West 6 - Ottawa Can. 5
Ottawa West wins Metro Division title 4-3

"A" Semi-final (four of seven):
Gatineau Mustangs vs Ottawa West
Tues., Feb. 24: Ottawa West 8 - Gatineau 1
Ottawa West wins series 4-0

"B" Semi-final (four of seven):
Clarence Beavers vs Ottawa Jr. Canadians
Sun., March 3: Ottawa 5 - Clarence 2
Ottawa Canadians win series 4-3

Quarter-final (three of five):
Gatineau defeats Metcalfe Jets 3-0

Valley Division Final (four of seven)
Arnprior Packers vs Carleton Place Kings
March 6: Carleton Place 5 - Arnprior 4 OT
March 8: Carleton Place 4 - Arnprior 1
March 10: Carleton Place 5 - Arnprior 0
March 13: Carleton Place 4 - Arnprior 3 OT
Carleton Place Valley Division title 4-0

Semi-final (four of seven):
Arnprior Packers vs Stittsville Royals
Wed., March 4: Arnprior 5 - Stittsville 3
Arnprior wins series 4-3

Quarter-finals (four of seven):
Carleton Place eliminated Renfrew 4-0
Stittsville eliminated Perth 4-3
Arnprior eliminated Shawville 4-2

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Melvin Cup Final (Best of Three)
March 10: Whitetails 5 - Flyers 4 - 3 OT
March 3: Winchester Flyers 5 - Whitetails 3
Series tied 1-1
"A" series: Whitetails 5 - Allied Assoc. 3
Whitetails 5 - Allied Assoc. 1
Whitetails win series 2-0
"B" series: Flyers 6 - Papa Gus Wings 2
Flyers 5 - Papa Gus Wings 2
Flyers win series 2-0

FINAL STANDINGS	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Allied Associates	12	7	1	103	82	25
Winchester Flyers	11	8	1	87	82	24
Papa Gus Wings	8	10	2	101	104	18
Whitetail Construction	7	13	0	78	97	14

PLAY-OFF SCORERS	G	A	PTS
Justin Morozuk, WF	10	3	13
Al Christophersen, WT	6	3	9
John Guy, WT	2	6	8
Travis Armstrong, WF	5	2	7
Trevor Gilmer, WF	0	6	6
Jon Nadobny, WT	5	0	5
Marty Link, WF	4	1	5
Steve Mattice, WT	1	4	5
Scott Reaney, WF	0	5	5
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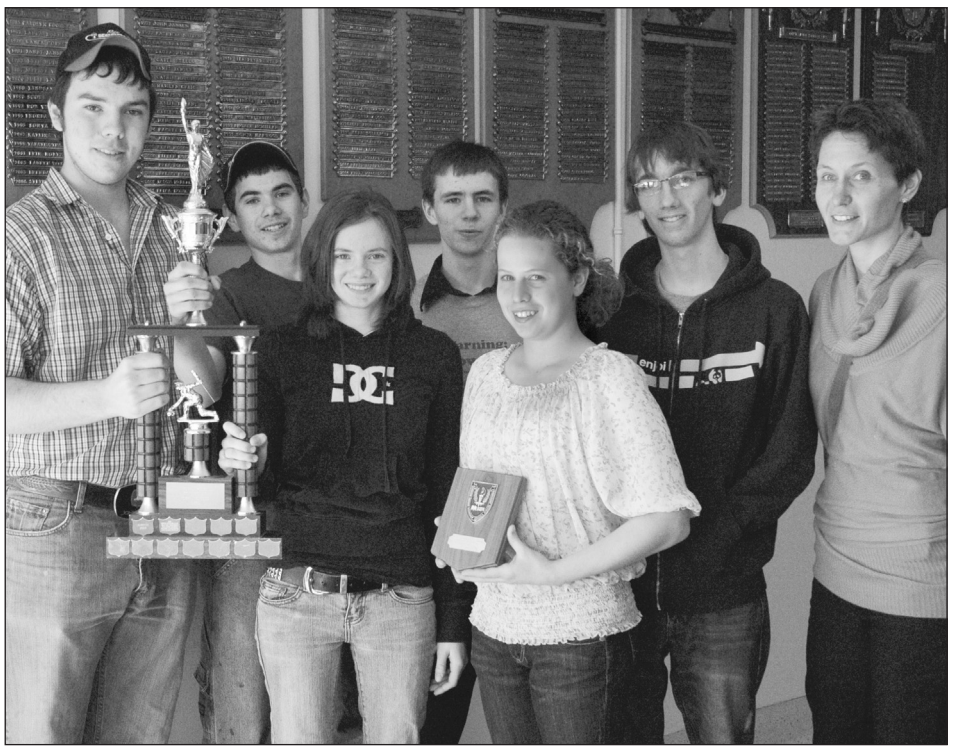
Rob Thurler, AA	2	1	3



EOSSAA champions

Skip Jonathan Thompson (left) has scored back-to-back gold-medal victories while representing North Dundas District High School and the SD&G board at the annual EOSSAA mixed curling championships. This year's gold-medal rink included third Crystal Lillico, second Daniel Lillico and lead Christina Lillico. A North Dundas team skipped by Darby Ace and including Taylor Ace, KJ Alcock and Steven LaPrade captured this year's EOSSAA bronze medal. Joining Thompson for the photo were: front (left) Christina Lillico and Darby Ace; back (left) - Daniel Lillico, Steven LaPrade, Jordan Mark and coach Kathi Wilson. Missing: Crystal Lillico and KJ Alcock.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Open mic night to shine spotlight on local talent



Remarks

by Mark Guy, director of recreation

WINCHESTER — Attention all performers: There will be an open mic night on Sat., March 21 at the Old Town Hall in Winchester. Doors will open at 7:30 pm and the show will begin at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and take a turn on the mic, or come just come to check out the local talent. A suggested donation of $5 would be appreciated. For more information, email meghanduncan@hotmail.com.

A Winchester co-ed ball hockey registration session will take place at the Chesterville Arena on Wed., March 18 and Tues., March 24 and at the Winchester Arena on Thurs., March 19 and Mon., March 23 from 6:30 to 8 pm.

North Dundas United Soccer is holding in-person registration on Thurs., March 26 from 6 to 8 pm and on Sat., March 28 from 10 am to noon at the Winchester Arena.

The Green Food Bag program is in urgent need of volunteers for the bag pick-up session running from 5 to 7 pm. The township is looking for volunteers who can commit to help out on one or more dates. Pick-up sessions take place on the last Friday of each month. Please contact Meaghan Elder at 613-774-2105 or melder@northdundas.com to get more information or to sign up.

There are still spaces available for the Home Alone and Lifesaver Course running Sat., April 4 at the Chesterville Community Hall from 9 am to 4 pm. This program is for ages 6 to 11. The cost is $50. For more information or to register, contact Elder.

The township's *Spring and Summer Activity Guide* has been sent out to you. Registration for the activities listed in the guide began on Monday. Remember, you can either pop in to the township office, phone, or fax the township to sign up for a program.



WSC test day

WINCHESTER – Winchester Skating Club held another successful test day on Sat., March 7.

The following tests were passed:

Preliminary Skills - Shaelee St-Marseille and Kyleigh Jampen.

Junior Bronze Skills - Michaela Helmer.

Senior Bronze Skills - Deanna Sliva and Victoria Gibson-Crowder.

Preliminary Program - Alyson Summers, Alyssa Cooper and Michaela Helmer.

Senior Bronze Program - Elizabeth Gibson-Crowder.

Junior Bronze Elements - Marina Crober.

Canasta Tango - Joelle Menard, Shaelee St Marseille and Jennifer Butland.

Baby Blues - Joelle Menard and Elizabeth Porteous.

Swing - Kyleigh Jampen.

Willow Waltz - Deanna Sliva.

Fourteen Step - Alyssa Cooper and Alyson Summers.

European - Katey Churchill, Alicia Angus, Victoria Gibson-Crowder.

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Gold medallists

The Maple Ridge Senior Public School girls basketball team edged St. Mary's - St. Cecilia's (Morrisburg) and claimed their second consecutive South East Senior Regional Basketball Tournament championship at Seaway District High School on March 3. Maple Ridge defeated teams from Boundary, Benson, Iroquois (B) and St. Joseph (semi-final) to reach the final game. Maple Ridge then took part in the Tournament of Champions in Brockville (March 10) where they lost to Sweets Corners and Westminister (Brockville). The eastern champions are: coach Tony Wouters - front; middle (left) - Marissa Imrie, Lindsay Chambers, Tara DeJong, Dana Sullivan; back (left) - Chelsey Romans, Taylor Cummins, Julia Wouters, Olivia Currier, Sarah Churchill, Jenna Warren, Riley Cronin.



Bronze medallists

The Maple Ridge Senior Public School boys basketball team competed for the South East Senior Regional Basketball Tournament title at South Grenville High School on March 3 and tied for third place. Members of this year's squad are: front (left) - Ryan Embury, Pat Bueley, Ryan Van Loon, Jacob Barkley, Dylan Comeau; back (left) - Trish Brown - coach and Maple Ridge vice-principal, Robbie Kerr, Devin Boje, Josh Hodgson, Jordan Markwell, Cory Vandemheen, Mason Steele - manager. Missing: Mitchell Kirkwood, Mike Singh - coach, Evan Corbett-White and Spencer DeJong.

Courtesy Photos

Right: Brian McIntosh (left), Jack Mackler, Gary Pemberton, and Graham Pemberton represented Winchester curlers at the Morrisburg Curling Club. Photos — Barbour





Ice-cool donation

Gary Pemberton (left photo) and Brian McIntosh joined fellow Winchester curlers Graham Pemberton and Jack Mackler at the Morrisburg Curling Club on Sat., March 14 for the Easter Seals Bonspiel. The event raised more than $1,000.

Sudden death game

Cornwall Colts knock Pee Wee "B" Demons out in semi-final round

CORNWALL — Ryan Thomas and Grant Cooper each pegged a pair of goals and led the first-place Cornwall Colts to a 4-3 semi-final victory over the number-three ranked North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons.

North Dundas led the sudden-death game, played in Cornwall on March 8, 2-1 after a period and opened up a 4-2 lead on third period markers by Cooper who scored unassisted at 8:56 and Thomas who finished a play started by Cooper at 7:47.

The Demons sliced their final deficit to 4-3 when Bradley Stitt scored after taking a pass from Patrick Gibson 32 seconds before the final buzzer.

Shawn Simms netted the first North Dundas goal completing a play engineered by Dawson Fawcett and Mason Durant at 10:58 of period one. Dayton Kelly gave his team a 2-0 lead when he buried a relay from Chesley Romans at 8:42 of the same session.

Thomas pulled the Colts into a 2-2 tie with his first goal with 6:26 left in period two.

Cornwall topped the East Division standings with a record of 21-2-2 and 44 points. The Char-Lan Rebels (20-3-2) were second with 42 points. North Dundas (20-6-2) also collected 42 points but placed third due to more losses. The South Stormont Selects (12-11-4) were a distant fourth with only 28 points.

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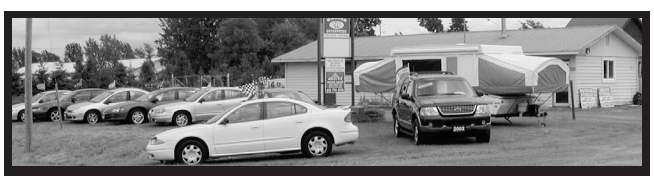

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Join Dundas County Cattlemen's Association for their annual Beef Day, Winchester Community Centre, Sat., April 4, 10 am-4 pm. Registration $20 payable to Dundas County Cattlemen's Association. A hot beef lunch will be served with a prepaid registration only. Advance registration due by March 20. To register call Nancy Woeldike, 613-989-3049. All Cattlemen welcome.
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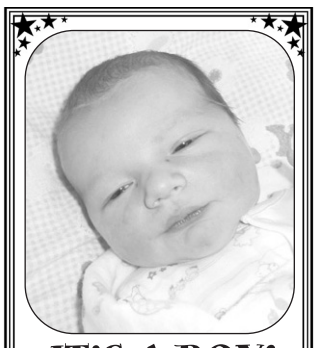

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The Marcellus Family

Card of Thanks

To those of you who weren't able to attend my 90th birthday party on Sunday afternoon, March 8, at the Hallville United Church hall, I want to say a sincere thank you for your cards, flowers, photographs and gifts. The buffet table arranged by Betty Milne of the Hallville UCW was bountiful and beautiful. Special thanks to the ladies who served the delicious food. The program, which followed the lunch, consisting of music by Marleen Fawcett, Richard Christie and the Hyndman sisters, was well received, as were the newspaper clippings from the past read by the MC, Jo-Anne McCaslin. I really enjoyed the afternoon, and am very grateful to those who planned it. Once again, thanks to all who remembered me on my 90th birthday.

Sincerely, Margaret Hyndman

Card of Thanks

GOW – The family of the late DOUGLAS GOW wishes to thank all of our relatives, friends and neighbours for the outpouring of love, support and prayers at such a difficult time. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, memorial donations and cards. To Carol & Carl Barkley, Bert & Eunice Eldridge, Marilyn & Pat Roode for for food brought to the house. Thanks to Dr. Darbyshire; Dr. S. Abbud; Winchester Hospital staff; Com-Care; Dundas County Hospice; Bayshore; Para-Med; the CCAC; Williamsburg United Church Women for the lunch served after the service; Rev. Elaine Beattie; the organist and soloist, Sandra Barkley, for the beautiful music; the pallbearers; and David of Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home for the guidance and comfort during our loss. Thank you to Steve Thompson, who drove Doug to Ottawa for his radiation treatments for six weeks. Special thanks to Donnie & Ellyn Wells for the lunch served for the family between the visitations. Thanks to daughter Glenna & Ray Eldridge...To son Dalton & Nelda for all the care given to Doug at their home during his illness. So many have touched our hearts during this difficult time and we will remember the kindness forever.

With sincere gratitude, Muriel Gow

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank family, friends, neighbours and co-workers for all the truly caring expressions of sympathy shown us during the passing of our beloved son and brother, Donald.

For the food brought to our homes, floral arrangements, cards, donations and the many phone calls of encouragement and strength, we sincerely thank you.

Thanks to Rev. Thurland Brown for the lovely service; to Barry Fulton and Tom Feeley for your eulogies; to Byers Funeral Home for your professionalism and compassion. It meant so much to us!

To the Inkerman United Church ladies, thank you for the lovely luncheon served after the service.

Special thanks to the pallbearers: Tom Feeley, Barry Fulton, Jeff Cross, Mark McIntosh, Bruce Angus and Darren Greer.

In lieu of thank you notes we will be making a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

With deepest appreciation,
Denzel, Connie and Douglas Crowder

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of South Dundas is accepting Request for Proposals for the Iroquois Plaza Revitalization Project. Responses to the RFP must be received not later than 12:00 noon local time April 2, 2009. Please see our website for further information or contact the municipal office.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Township of North Dundas is undertaking an Environmental Assessment study to determine the water infrastructure requirements for the community of Winchester until 2026. In Phases 1 and 2 of this study, completed in May 2007, the preferred solution was to have water from Chesterville Wells No. 5 and 6 be pumped to Winchester to meet the increased demands of the projected population. Currently, in an amendment to Phase 2, various alternative design concepts are investigated to implement the interconnection of these systems.

This study is being conducted under the Environmental Assessment Act and in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule B activity of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

A public meeting has been scheduled to review the amendment and receive input from the public about the alternative design concepts proposed and the preliminary identification of the preferred solution:

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Council Chambers,
636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester

Public input and comments are invited for incorporation into the study and will be accepted until April 23, 2009. For further information on this project, please contact Mr. Howard Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of North Dundas, 636 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario, K0C 2K0, Telephone (613) 774-2105.

This notice first issued March 10, 2009.

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Artistic journey

Inkerman's Joyce Geleynse turns hobby into full-time job

INKERMAN — Joyce Geleynse doesn't need art to decorate her home — she's perfectly capable of producing it herself.

Colourful paintings and prints adorn every surface, each piece a showcase of Geleynse's talent as an illustrator.

The self-taught Inkerman artist said she has always been an avid art student, always keen to perfect her painting and drawing techniques. She loves art history and is especially fond of Dutch masters Vermeer and Rembrandt.

Geleynse remembers borrowing a "How to Draw" book from her sister, and with encouragement from her parents and teachers, Geleynse started her artistic journey that continues today.

It wasn't until she was in her 30s, after her five children grew up, that Geleynse decided to become a professional artist.

She placed an ad in the *Winchester Press* offering to do portraits on commission and said she has received an enthusiastic response.

Geleynse still does commissions and will paint on traditional canvas as well as unusual surfaces like saws and milk cans.

"I love working in a realism style using oil pastel, oil paint, coloured pencil, and pencil," she said. "My subject matter includes still life paintings of food, as well as birds, animals, country scenes, and portraits."

Geleynse runs one-on-one art lessons at her gallery and sells prints, cards, magnets, and art supplies.

When she isn't painting, Geleynse stays busy by spending time with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoys singing and playing guitar for the patients at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, as well as being a deacon at the Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners.

These days, Geleynse uses the Internet to promote her artwork online. One of her favourite sites is Zazzle.com. She downloads her artwork in digital form and creates virtual products of actual items such as t-shirts, mouse pads, mugs, and more. Customers can add their own text to make the product totally unique and then purchase the product.

To see more of Joyce's artwork, visit www.joycesartstudio.blogspot.com and www.printfection.com/newcreation.



Joyce Geleynse, of Inkerman, has always had a fondness for art, but it wasn't until her children were grown up when she decided to do it for a living. As a self-taught artist Geleynse draws inspiration from artists such as Vermeer and Rembrandt. She puts a strong focus on various subject matters such a still life paintings of food, as well as country scenes and portraits. Geleynse is available to do paintings on commission, and for more information you can visit her websites.



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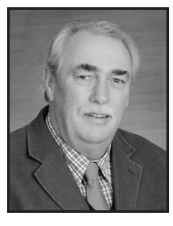

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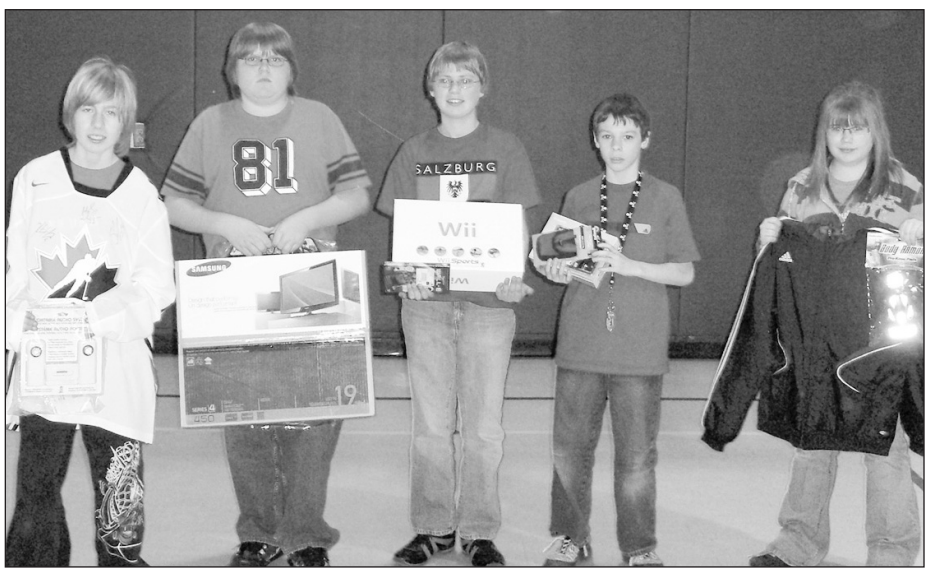

The taste of success

Maple Ridge Public School has completed another successful chocolate bar fundraising campaign. The students sold 250 cases, netting the school about $5,000. All the money raised will fund student activities at Maple Ridge. Pictured are prize winners Jesse Proulx (left), Rylee Keeler, Seth Luimes, Ryan Caron, and Samantha Dignard.

Local CHEO activist cuts ribbon at lottery ceremony

by Matthew Uhrig
Press Staff

OTTAWA — A Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) activist from Winchester, Ryan Williams, along with Max Keeping of CTV Ottawa, cut the ribbon to a cottage built by Guildcrest Homes of Morewood — the main prize in the 2009 $1.5-million lottery awarded by CHEO and The Ottawa Hospital.

The program aims to raise profits for both the hospitals.

Last year, the inaugural cottage — which was set down in the autopark beside Scotiabank Place — attracted more than 20,000 visitors, but sold only 43,000 of the 67,500 tickets available.

In the end, it raised a profit of $400,000, which the hospitals shared.

A total 62,500 tickets are available for sale during this years lottery, however CHEO Foundation vice-president of development and corporate affairs Kevin Keohane admits it will be a challenge.

Williams, now a student at Algonquin College, spent most of his young life at CHEO undergoing 39 surgeries to contend with a rare birth disorder that left him with malformed blood vessels in his organs and right leg. The condition, Klippel-Trenaunay Weber Syndrome, has no known cure.

In February 2008, Williams was treated at the Ottawa Hospital for clots that were blocking his lungs and heart, and he was given only a 10 per cent chance of surviving the next 24 hours. Doctors at CHEO and in Boston worked frantically with doctors at The Ottawa Hospital to test an elite blood thinner that would clear up the clots. It worked, and his blood pressure was brought down to normal levels within 40 minutes.

To attract as many visitors as possible this year, the cottage has been placed in a large parking lot beside Canadian Tire at the corner

OBITUARIES

Donald Stuart Crowder

Donald Stuart Crowder of Winchester, a labourer at Kraft, passed away at home on Wed., March 11, 2009. He was 52.



He was born on May 26, 1956 in Winchester to Denzel and Constance (Dingwall) Crowder. He was the brother of Douglas and the nephew of Ada Baldwin (the late Howard) and Florence Helmer (the late Gordon Crowder).

The funeral was held in the chapel of the Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain on Sat., March 14, with Pastor Thurland Brown officiating. The pallbearers were Tom Feeley, Barry Fulton, Jeff Cross, Mark McIntosh, Bruce Angus, and Darren Greer. Interment will be held in the spring at Knight's Cemetery.

Rodney "Ripper" Stitt

Rodney Paul "Ripper" Stitt, a resident of Glen Stewart for the last nine years, passed away at home on Tues., March 3, 2009 following a brief battle with cancer. He was born on Aug. 8, 1963.

Rodney was a lifetime resident of Cardinal until he met his loving companion, Bea Smith, in 1999 and moved to Glen Stewart to live.

Besides his companion Bea, he is survived by his son, Brendon of Cardinal, his stepson, Jim of Morrisburg, his parents Mary and Jim of Cardinal, along with his two brothers, Barry (Lynn) of Cardinal and Darren (Carolyn) of South Mountain. He is also survived by four nephews: Zach, Lucas, Colton, and Bradley, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He worked with his brother, Darren, building and remodelling homes for the past few years. He loved working with his hands. Rodney believed in working hard and then enjoying life.

He was a very caring man, especially to his friends and family. He loved being with family and friends. He threw many BBQs and parties. He always made everyone feel welcome and was the highlight of the party.

Rodney played a number of sports, including fishing, hockey, broomball, baseball, and golf. He was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan and golf fan.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal on Thurs., March 5. The service was held on Fri., March 6 at the funeral home, followed by burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Cardinal. The service was officiated by a dear friend of the family, Jim Grant. Trevor Gill, a long-time friend, delivered the eulogy. The pallbearers were Tim Markus, Trevor Gill, Randy Stitt, Stephen King, Denis and Paul Casselman, Jeff Allen, and Danny McLaughlin. The honourary pallbearers were Jim Smith, Doug Leizert, Zach, Lucas, Colton, and Bradley Stitt. Friends and family later gathered at the Cardinal branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

In memorial donations were made to the Children's Wish Foundation.

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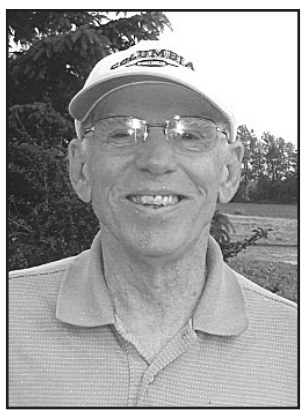

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I see your smiling face,
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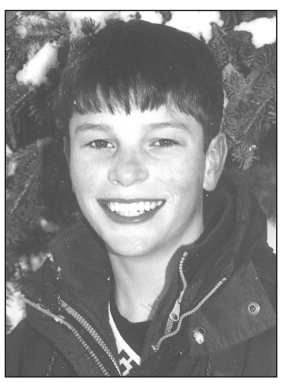
Time cannot erase.

We only had you for a little
while,
I thank God for every day.
I know we should not
question God,
As a human I can say.
Why did he not take me
instead and let you stay?



In time I will have the
answer,
That doesn't take the pain away.
I would give just all I have,
To see you walk through the door today.

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See you soon, Winchester



MPS students headed for home after the meet-and-greet carnival wrapped up.

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***Below:** Grade 3 WPS student Danton Couturier opted for an underhand throw during the snowball toss competition. (Because rain washed away the snow last week, all outdoor events were tweaked so they could be held inside.)*







Human target Carter Horton didn't even blink after a ball bounced directly off his 25-point sign.

Carnival capers for classmates

Students from Winchester Public School (WPS) and Morewood Public School (MPS) participated in a meet-and-greet carnival on Thurs., Feb. 12 at WPS. MPS will close in June as a result of the Upper Canada District School Board's Boundary 2020 review, and many MPS students will transfer to WPS in September. The carnival let the children meet their new classmates and get emotionally prepared for the transition. Elma Public School (EPS) will also close in June. EPS students who will transfer to WPS for French immersion programming also attended the carnival.



Senior kindergarten student Rachel Brown (left) could hardly keep from laughing while receiving a "telephone message" from Grade 1 student Mackayla Clark.



Grade 6 WPS students like Jessica Harper supervised the carnival events. Harper was in charge of throwing back beanbags to the lineup of students waiting to participate in the snowball toss. (Harper thanked her parents, Marlene and Alan, for building and painting the snowman target.)



Grade 1 student Ella McNaughton (left) and junior kindergarten student Kayla Nagerl participated in a soccer-like game involving scooters and hand-held hockey blades.



***Above:** Junior kindergarten student Paige Nagerl got to feel a bit like an NBA player while taking a shot at a basketball net for kids.*

***Left:** Grade 6 MPS student Paige Bearg proved to be a lightning-fast skipper.*

***Below:** North Dundas District High School co-op student Courtney Cooper accompanied the children she works with at MPS, including Grade 1 student Amber Lynch.*



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