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Repair or shut down Nesbitt Road bridge, township council told

WINCHESTER — The bridge on Nesbitt Road crossing Whitteker Creek is in such a state of disrepair that the township needs to decide whether to close or replace it. "It's just old, too small, and it has a 15-tonne load limit," explained public works director Arden Carruthers. So that a decision can be made, a public meeting is scheduled to take place in council chambers on Jan. 4 at 7 pm.

The concrete bridge has been in service for over 50 years, which Carruthers said is an average lifespan for a structure of this type. The bridge is located south of Winchester between County Road 31 and Webb Road, near the Winchester air park. During bridge and road appraisals in North Dundas last year, the disrepair of the bridge was identified as an issue that would have to be addressed within five years.

Now is an ideal time to consider a major roads projects. The Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) that was announced in November has a deadline on Jan. 10 for its first round of grant requests. A total of $900 million will be invested provincially over the course of the program. Second and third rounds of grant requests will be accepted next spring and in spring 2006.

Council decided the bridge project is a good fit for COMRIF funding. The fund is intended to address health and safety concerns, and bridge repair is mentioned specifically as an appropriate project.

Next month's public meeting will provide the public a chance to give input on the decision to replace the bridge. Carruthers said options include doing nothing, beginning the process of decommissioning the bridge, repairing the bridge, or replacing it. After the public meeting being advertised for the past two weeks, Carruthers said he hasn't received any comments on the bridge project, and he doesn't expect any problems to arise.

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The blue ones are the best

In the true spirit of the season, seven-year-old KerryAnne Muir shares an M&M with Santa at the Royal Bank in Winchester before the Country Christmas Parade of Lights, Dec. 3. Santa has been making much-anticipated appearances all over North Dundas in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Press Photo—Duncan

Fire destroys family home

WINCHESTER — A clogged chimney was the cause of the devastating fire at 601 Main St. on Dec. 15.

There was nobody home at the time of the fire, but family dog Bailey was not able to escape the flames. The two storey frame structure was owned by Barbara Cox.

The street was blocked for almost six hours while firefighters from both the Winchester and Chesterville departments battled the fire.

The early morning blaze, called in around 7 am, was deemed accidental.

"The investigation determined that it was caused by the chimney," said fire chief Dan Kelly of the Winchester department. "The loss was extensive. The house was completely destroyed."

SD&G OPP were also on the scene to help with traffic control, but had no part in the investigation. The road was blocked until about 1:30 pm.

"Clean your chimneys," warned Kelly.

Mayor wears SD&G warden's chain

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

CORNWALL — "It was quite a show," said Alvin Runnalls, describing the ceremony that installed him as warden of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. The North Dundas mayor will lead the upper-tier counties council for the next year. He addressed his new council laying out objectives for his term during the ceremony in council chambers in Cornwall on Dec. 17.

"Agriculture is experiencing the worst downturn in living memory, mainly because of BSE," said Runnalls. Although counties council doesn't have control over any of the major issues affecting farms, he said there's no limit to what can be accomplished by efforts lobbying government.

"One of the most important things is to know the issues and diligently lobby those who have the power to make changes where we cannot," said Runnalls. As an example the influence counties council has, he recalled how former warden Dennis Fife met with the prime minister prior to last spring's federal election. "We have to be ready for such opportunities," he said.

Runnalls will now participate in the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, which he mentioned is a body with growing influence to assist rural regions. "We still have some of the same problems as in the past, such as enduring the whims of senior governments and bureaucracies, which often seem to lack understanding of local issues," he said.



North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls was installed as warden of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry at a ceremony in Cornwall on Dec. 17. His wife Dawn was in attendance to hear him take his oath of office and receive the SD&G warden's chain.

Cost downloading issues continue to arise over provincial water testing requirements, nutrient management, and more recently, the announced closure of the Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls, which serves the severely physically and mentally disabled. New expenses of caring for the disabled could fall to the municipal level.

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Business retention plan could go counties-wide

CHESTERVILLE — Members of the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce could be working along side volunteers from all over SD&G in the new year. The Chamber has already committed to taking part in the Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) plan championed by township councillor Martin Schoones. The latest news on BR+E is that the model may be implemented at the United Counties level.

Chamber readies volunteers

"Counties council is looking at doing it as an SD&G project," explained Schoones. "That will be determined before budgeting next year." Schoones first brought BR+E to the Chamber's attention more than a year ago. At the time, the Chamber committed $2,000 to the project, as well as its volunteer resources.

BR+E is a plan offered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Volunteers are trained to conduct surveys of local business owners. The information gathered can then inform municipal government of what needs the local economy has. The goal is not only to attract new business, but also ensure that existing businesses are prospering. Prescott and Russell townships went through the BR+E process several years ago, with favorable results.

North Dundas council has been working toward implementing a BR+E project for the past year. The kit the province offers costs roughly $10,000 and includes all the materials necessary to get the effort off the ground. North Dundas has been considering a completely voluntary effort that would keep costs to the township at an absolute minimum. Schoones said that if the plan goes forward at the United Counties level, a full-time co-ordinator would be hired.

"If SD&G doesn't do it in the upcoming year, North Dundas definitely should," said Chamber president Gerry Boyce. "I'd kind of like to see it keep the local flavor." Chamber members have stated confidently in the past that 20 or 30 volunteers could be mobilized to take part in the project.

This was the final Chamber meeting of the year. Plans are being made for the annual wine and cheese recruiting meeting, preliminarily scheduled for Jan. 20 at the Winchester Lions Hall. Current members can turn out and pay their annual dues, and new members are always more than welcome. The membership fee for next year will remain at the current level of $75, with $25 being designated for the area of the township where the business is located.

The regular monthly business meeting on Jan. 19 will precede the wine and cheese — time and location to be confirmed. It's hoped that a guest speaker can be arranged from the group of concerned citizens working to establish a doctor's office in Chesterville's former town hall.

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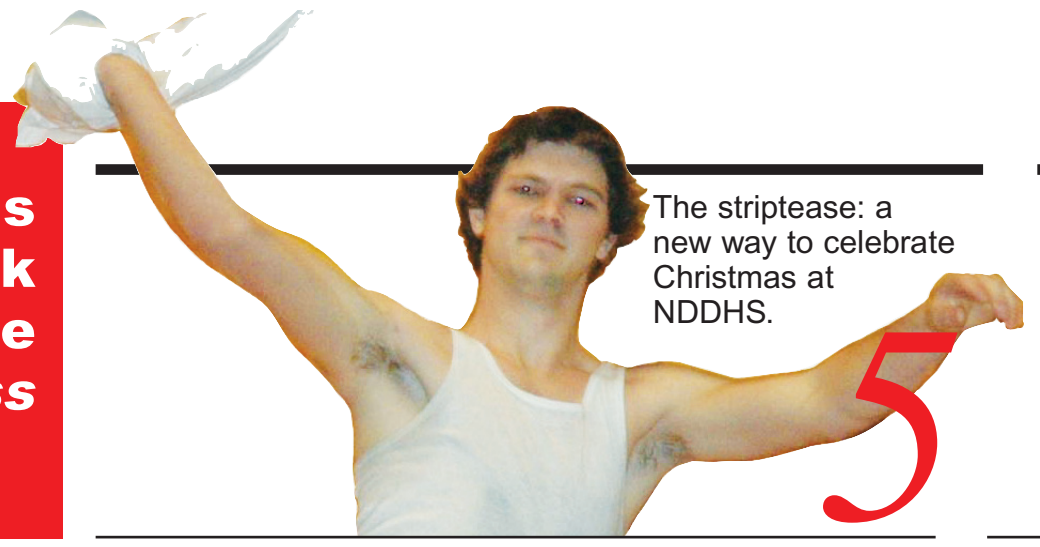

The striptease: a new way to celebrate Christmas at NDDHS. 5



It was a party at the final round of the first ever Metcalfe Idol. 8

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Early morning blaze

Firefighters from both the Winchester and Chesterville departments responded on the morning of Dec. 15 to a fire at 601 Main St., Winchester. *Press Photo—Van Bridger*

Friends group takes steps to promote library

by Liz Earl

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The regular meeting of the Friends of the South Mountain Library was held in the fire hall in South Mountain on Thurs., Dec. 2, with seven people in attendance. The group mourned the loss of Shirley Mills and resolved to carry on her work of promoting the library.

An application for status as a registered charity has been submitted. The home energy saving workshop held in November was a great success, attracting 19 participants. A Halloween-themed open house during Public Library Week in October was well attended and fun for all.

Plans are under way to celebrate 100 years of continuous library service in South Mountain in April. The Friends are organizing a gardening workshop in March, in co-operation with the United Counties Master Gardeners, and a children's workshop during the March break.

Volunteers will assist with promotion of a preschool Valentines program to be provided by the SD&G County Library in February. It was decided that the Friends would have a booth at the Lions Club craft sale on Dec. 4 and 5 to sell tote bags and promote the library. Coat hooks will soon be installed at the library's entrance.

There has been a strong response to the Friends' promotional efforts. Circulation of books has continued to rise to where it is now double last year's levels, and program attendance has greatly increased. The branch has been saved from closure this year, but in order to avoid being threatened again, the community must continue to show that it values the library by using it. The next meeting of the Friends will be on Thurs., Jan. 6 at 7 pm in the South Mountain Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.



William and Maria VanLoon presented a $25,000 cheque to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Dec. 16. Pictured here are Maria VanLoon (left), Betty VandenBosch, Stan VandenBosch and William VanLoon. *Press Photo — Duncan*

Renewing the Vision total climbs

WINCHESTER — The Renewing the Vision Campaign is now less than a quarter of a million dollars away from its goal, thanks to a $25,000 donation from Maria and William VanLoon.

"As years have gone by, this hospital has been a great service to myself, my wife and my family," said William VanLoon.

Members of the Renewing the Vision Campaign committee, Stan and Betty VandenBosch, were at the hospital to accept the cheque on Dec. 15.

"It's amazing to watch us get closer and closer to the goal," said Lynne Wilson co-ordinator of the hospital foundation. "It's been a very successful holiday season."

The Renewing the Vision Campaign now stands at about $14,750,000.

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Bridge

"I think people would be concerned if we decided to do nothing, or to close the bridge," said Carruthers. The cost of replacing the 10.5-metre bridge is currently unknown. If North Dundas isn't successful in attracting a grant in the first round of COMRIF funding, council may apply in the spring for money to improve water infrastructure.

Warden

Runnalls said SD&G is not prepared to take on such responsibilities and is not in a position to be able to afford new costs.

Runnalls is looking forward to the planned ethanol plant in Cornwall as a savior for the municipality. "It will consume surplus corn, supply many byproducts, create cleaner fuel, produce jobs and ensure that thousands of tons of corn won't have to leave the area to be processed," he said. Currently, Casco in Cardinal is the only local corn processor. Runnalls suggested added competition should improve the price of corn offered to producers.

There were about 80 people in the audience to witness Runnalls receive the chain of office for SD&G. North Dundas council attended along with township senior staff, and the rest of the 12-person counties council was on hand. Each of the six townships in SD&G has two representatives on the governing body. Deputy Mayor Bill Smirle is the other member representing North Dundas.

Counties council meets on the third Monday of each month. Runnalls presided over his first meeting on Dec. 20. For the next year, he'll be kept busy with additional special meetings and many special events around SD&G. Runnalls was elected deputy-warden last year which put him automatically in line for the warden's job. The last United Counties warden to come from North Dundas was Rodger Cole in 1999.

BR&E

Over $25,000 has already been pledged from community members toward the renovation project, which has been estimated at a cost of $91,000. The Chamber is considering making a pledge itself. The hope is that once a doctor's office is ready for use in the village, attracting a new doctor to practice there will be a realistic possibility.

And the Chamber may have its own website in the new year. Representatives from Storm Internet Services attended their first Chamber meeting last week. Although not yet officially members, they suggested several ways Storm could lend assistance. One way to help could be a donation of website construction services. Currently, the Chamber has space on the North Dundas website. It was suggested that since the Chamber and council will not always agree on everything, the Chamber having its own site could be a benefit.

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Let's do lunch

There were six students at Winchester Public School who raised over $100 in pledges for October's walkathon. To reward their efforts, the students were treated to lunchtime transportation to Subway in Morrisburg, courtesy of Byers Limousine Service. The walkathon raised over $4,000, of which the school donated $500 to Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Back left: Mason Durrant, Valerie Bourbonnais, Taryn Kendrick. Centre: Joey Williams. Front left: Jenna Warren and Kelsey Ellis. *Press Photo — Zabel*

Mother Goose

Players get audience involved with mime

WINCHESTER — A British Christmas tradition has become an annual event in Winchester, with the Dundas County Players' pantomime. This year, the company will perform *Mother Goose*.

A pantomime is not a silent play, on the contrary, it is a form of theatre that encourages audience participation with loud shouts and hollers.

"It's the audience participation that keeps the characters going," said producer Glenna Walkden. "We want to encourage people to hiss and boo and clap and all that sort of thing.

Parents who usually have to tell there children to shush won't have anything to worry about.

"But it's not just for children," she advised. "There stuff in there only the adults will get."

The players have been rehearsing since the end of September, twice weekly.

"This is the second Christmas in a row that we've done this," Walkden said of the pantomime. "It's a very big undertaking."

The basic plot of the story is that Mother Goose can't pay her rent and is evicted, but she takes in an orphaned goose who lays a golden egg making her rich. There are some fairies and villains thrown into the mix, as well.

Tickets are selling fast. The show runs from Dec. 27 to Dec. 30 at 7:30 pm, with matinées on Dec. 27 and Jan. 2 at 2 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for kids 12 and under. The show will take place at the Old Town Hall for Arts and Heritage in Winchester.

Tickets are available at Shadbolt's or by calling Glenna Walkden at 448-1873.



Honking and hissing allowed

Dundas County Players bring Mother Goose to life in their annual Christmas pantomime. Franziska Glen (back left) who players Discord the wicked fairy and Frances Reid, Harmony the good fairy, look down on Tony Glen, who plays Clarence Creep and Brian Kauk, a bailiff. *Press Photo — Duncan*

Police blotter

RIDE

UNITED COUNTIES — The SD&G OPP continued with their festive RIDE initiatives throughout the three United Counties. Members of the SD&G OPP stopped a total of 1,496 vehicles at Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) checkstops between Dec. 13 and Dec. 19. Investigation led to three people having their licence suspended for 12 hours. No one was charged with impaired driving.

Further investigation led to one driver being charged with possession of marijuana contrary to the Controlled Substance Act. A driver was also charged with two counts of driving while in contravention of his G1 driver conditions, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

Attempted entry

NORTH DUNDAS — Police began an investigation on Dec. 16 into an incident of mischief to property which occurred on the previous day at a residence on Clark Road near Mountain. Police were advised that the garage door to the property had been damaged. Constable F. Michel is investigating this incident.

Stoned on morphine

IROQUOIS — Police were called to Seaway District High School in the Village of Iroquois on Dec. 9 in relation to a drug-related investigation. Three female students, all aged 14 years, were taken to hospital as a result of the ingestion of tablets suspected to be morphine.

A 15-year-old South Dundas male, also a student at the school, was arrested in connection with this investigation and will be dealt with under the alternative measures provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.



She'll be warm

Supporters of Winchester Legion Branch 108 recently awarded the quilt they had been selling raffle tickets for since the spring. There were 718 tickets sold. The winner of the quilt was Rosemary Sanders (centre) of Finch. The quilt was made by Joyce Francis (right), Evelyn Francis and Bev Ibbetson (left) as a fundraiser.

Greetings of the Season

The streets resound with song and mirth,
While people pray for peace on earth;
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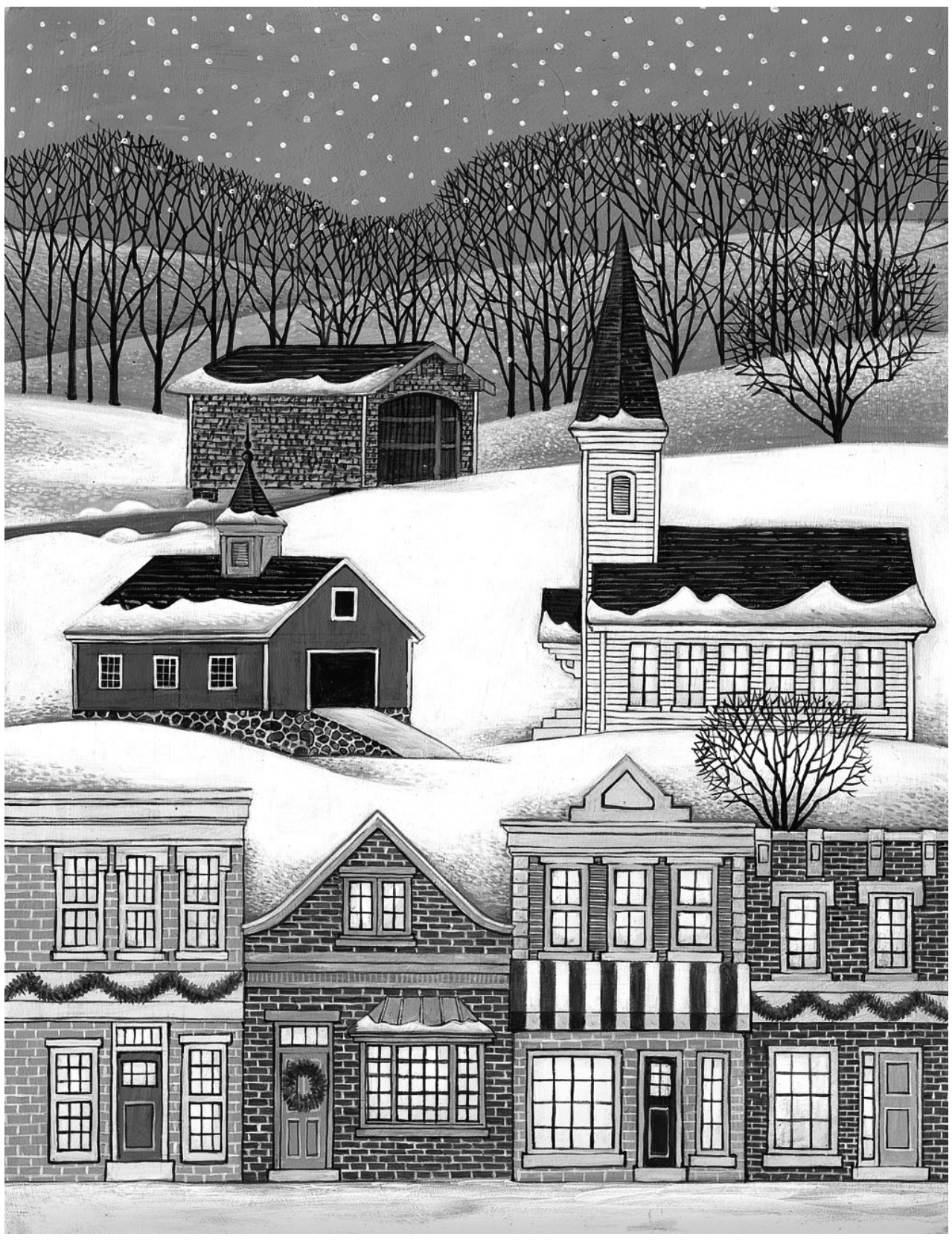

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Whether it's sporting events, carnivals, fairs, parades or other community events, the local business community is always there to offer financial assistance for these worthwhile projects. That's also true of support for school projects and activities for the various civic clubs and for other church and charitable activities.

Anytime there is a need in the community, it is the businesses who are asked to respond – and they always do. Area consumers are asked to consider this when making buying decisions. Our business can continue to support the various community projects only if the residents of the area continue to patronize our businesses.

And while you're considering that, consider also that our businesses are operated by our friends and neighbors. They are here year round, paying taxes that help support our schools, as well as the various municipal and county government services that make our quality of life so appealing.

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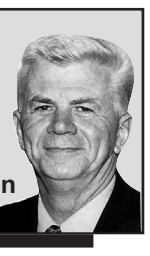
by Doug Thompson



Budget on agenda

OTTAWA — The long agonizing process for setting the financial priorities of the city has now begun in earnest. The citizen survey, funded by the city, said that 78 per cent of those surveyed did not want a tax increase; yet, city council voted 13-9 in favor of setting a three per cent tax increase as the baseline for the 2005 draft budget discussions.

Councillors Harder, Hunter, El-Chantiry, McRae, Jellet and myself are working as a unit in an attempt to bring about a reduction in unwarranted expenditures in the city financial structure. Please call or e-mail my office with suggestions or comments on the 2005 budget process. The Osgoode Ward public consultation is on Thurs., Jan. 20 at 7 pm at the Greely Community Centre.

RURAL-URBAN SUMMIT

I am very pleased to be part of a group working to bring a high level rural-urban summit to the city. The Ontario Rural Council, the Rural Council of Ottawa and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are working with me to bring a more detailed look at the differences between rural and urban areas of the city.

HOLDING TANKS

A report is coming to the planning and development committee meeting on Tues., Jan. 11 that will recommend a significant increase in the cost of hauling septic waste from private septic tanks and holding tanks. In Osgoode Ward there are 40 businesses with holding tanks and 6,600 residences on private septic systems that will be impacted by this proposed increase. We welcome your comments on this issue. Please forward comments to Ken Brothers, director of utility services at 580-2424 extension 22609.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was like something out of a movie. The young children of our dedicated Osgoode firefighters pressed their faces against the windows of the Greely Community Centre. They were watching closely as Santa arrived on his big red sleigh. Lois and Greg Wyman and a whole bunch of volunteers organized the children's Christmas party held last Sunday at the Greely Community Centre. This is a great team-building event, as well as being a real treat for the children. It is one of the more endearing events I attend.

LOIS BELLMAN'S 80TH

I was most pleased to bring greetings to a longtime friend and neighbor, Lois Bellman. The Gloucester South Senior Centre was filled with family, friends and neighbors of this young vibrant Greely resident.

METCALFE LOSES LEGACY

Our community was saddened to learn of the passing of Don Palmer. Affectionately known as Duck Palmer, he was an integral part of our community's sports history. His family, friends, and neighbors cherished his friendly nature, his ability to have a chat with just about anybody, and his true love for the game of hockey. We want to extend our sympathies to his wife, Sharon, his daughter, Shelley, sisters Audrey (Roy Wolski), Doreen (Ron Lamont), brother Edgar (Maureen). We will all miss Duck Palmer.

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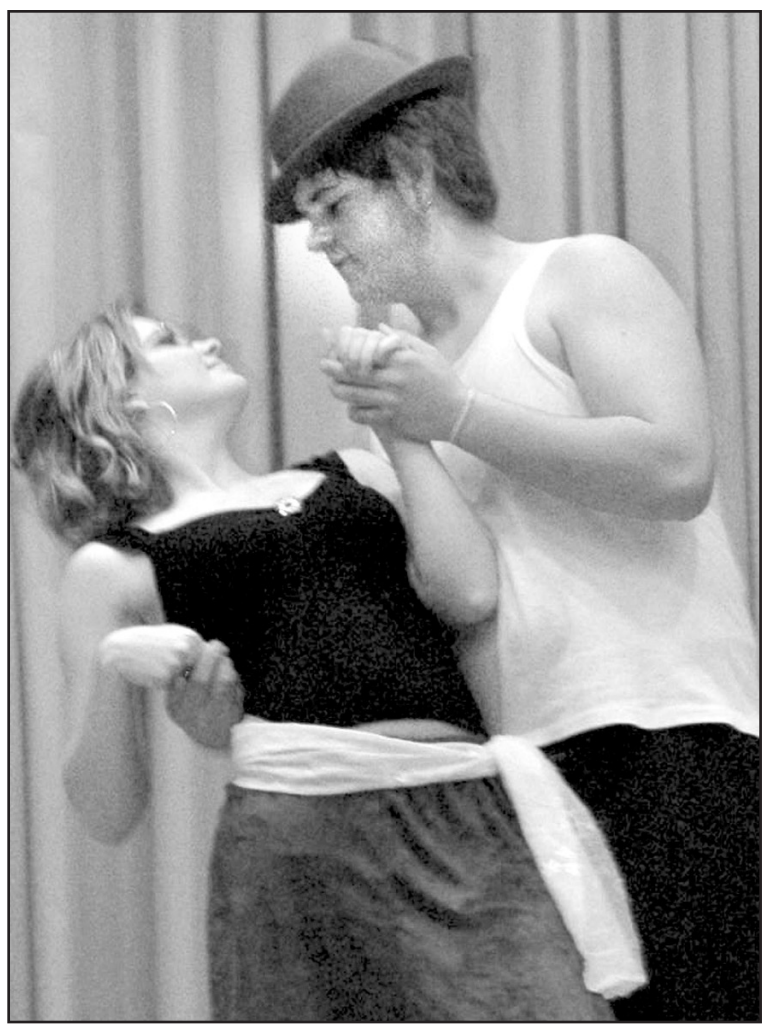
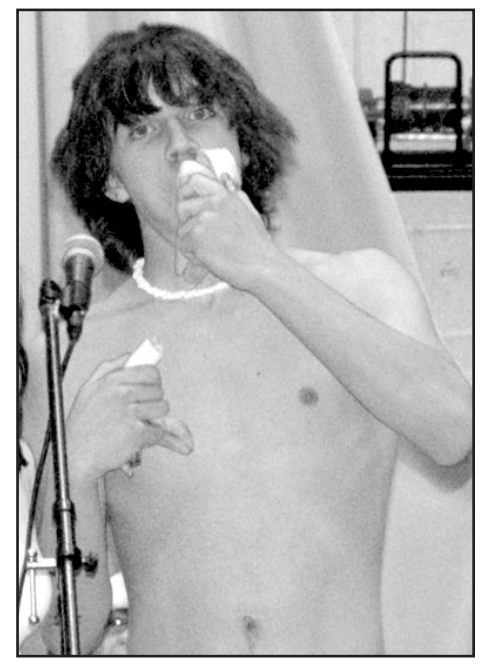


These Grade 12 dancers had all the right moves.



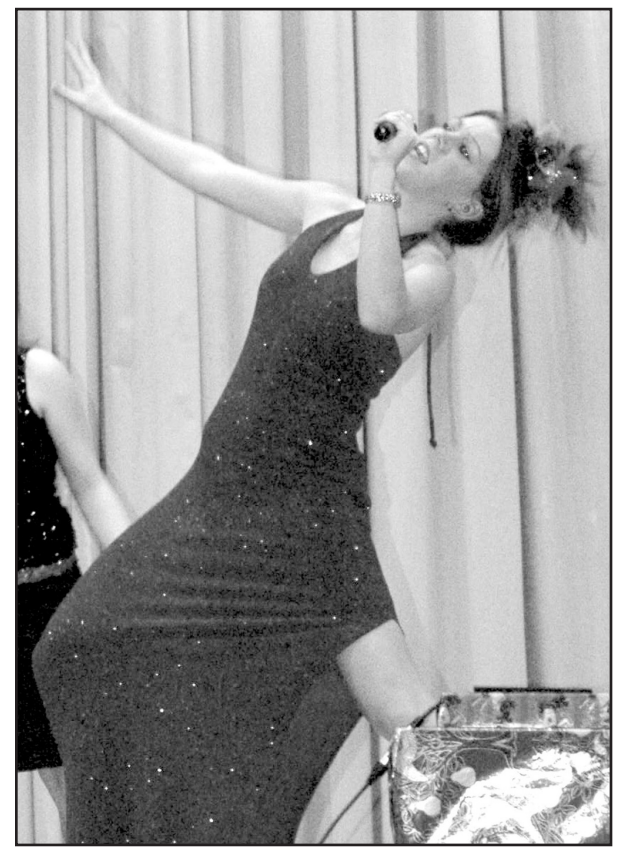
Kyle Pelkey, Grade 12, struts his stuff as one of "The Leathers," facing off against "The Hoodies" and "The Track Suits."



Mitch Hermansen, Minister of finance on student council, ate banaynays and reminisced of younger days. "I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas."



Senorita Leduc's Grade 10 Spanish class donned their sombreros to entertain the crowd. *Press Photos—Duncan*



Terra Fawcett's rendition of the Maria Carey song All I want for Christmas is You was, well, unforgettable.

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Mountain Seniors receive new organ

by Huguette Shaver

MOUNTAIN — The November meeting of the Mountain Seniors was brought to order by president Muriel Milne with 29 members present. There were five birthdays and one wedding anniversary to note for the month.

The minutes of the October meeting were read by Evelyn Francis and approved by the president. The treasurer's report was presented by Mavis Graham. The card tables were received through Ralph Rodger's expert shopping.

The club also got a new organ from Milne's father's estate. This organ was purchased by the John Stewart Memorial Fund with a motion that was moved by Keith Fawcett and seconded by Ralph Rodger.

Euchres are scheduled for Jan. 3 and 17 at 1 pm sharp. A wonderful potluck luncheon was served followed by a wonderful singalong with Charlene and Jim McCargar. The next scheduled meeting is slated for Jan. 26 at 11:15 am. Hallville is in charge.

EDITORIAL

Santa ought to call a spade a spade

Everyone must have noticed at one time or another that you can switch the letters around in "Santa" to spell Satan. You'd think there would be some way to fix that, but there isn't. There will always be that pesky little anagram there making us question what intentions Mr. Claus really brings to his toy mission.

In the Canadian Christmas tradition, you'd almost have to be in juvenile detention for Santa to drop you from his gift list. Santa makes a lot of empty threats. If a child actually showed up at school for post-holiday show and tell with a lump of coal, the teacher would probably consider phoning child services.

Santa's a pretty soft touch and kids pick up on it quickly. He'll look the other way on all sorts of naughty behavior, and still do his best to get you whatever you want.

Santa saying he'll get you whatever you want is an unrealistic promise to make. It sets an odd example for young people. He's ended up being a lot of things to a lot of people. Some people think he's like the Star Wars character Yoda. Sometimes he's called a jolly old elf: which is completely wrong because if he's not human, he's almost certainly a dwarf. Or maybe he's an amalgam of the wise men in the Christian nativity.

Everyone enjoys Christmas in their own way, that's for sure, and maybe that's something to celebrate in itself. Around the *Press* newsroom there were some overly-ambitious story ideas that fell through leading up to last week's special Christmas bonus supplement. ALF had a Christmas special in 1987 and it was really amazing. The Beach Boys supplied a Christmas album in 1964 — amazingly their fourth album that year. But the main Christmas issue that was left unexplored was the character Black Peter who showed up at the Early Years Centre in Winchester for St. Nicholas's Day back on Dec. 6.

According to Dutch folk beliefs, St. Nicholas has a helper, Zwarte Piet, or Black Peter. Each year they sail from Spain to Holland in a ship loaded with gifts for good children. Black Peter carries St. Nicholas's sack of presents, and also brandishes a birch rod, which he uses to discipline undeserving children. Truly troublesome youngsters face sterner punishment when Black Peter tosses them into his sack for transport back to Spain.

The Winchester Early Years Centre frequently hosts Dutch-themed activity days. St. Nicholas, being a fair approximation of Santa Claus, was warmly received by the youngsters he met. Black Peter, however, scared the kids to death. His jet-black skin was intimidating in itself. He didn't have to dish out whuppings with his birch rod to impress upon the children that they'd better be good.

Why Christians in the Netherlands give St. Nicholas an apparently evil sidekick has many explanations. Black Peter traditionally appears as a dark-skinned man dressed in the costume of a 16th-century pirate. This image evolved during the period when the Dutch suffered under Spanish rule. Earlier, during the middle ages, Black Peter was a common nickname for the Devil, which could help explain his frightening appearance. The dark skin could also be a permanent coating of ashes and soot from scrambling down so many chimneys to deliver presents.

Christmas bogeys are actually quite common all over Europe. There is Knecht Ruprecht, Belsnickel, Hans Muff, Krampus, Pulterklas, and Schimmelreiter, among others. In each case, this guy's job is to intimidate the children, putting some fear in them and making sure they're deserving of holiday treats. Where in Canada a parent might dress up as Santa to surprise their kids, in Europe both parents are needed to pull off the act.

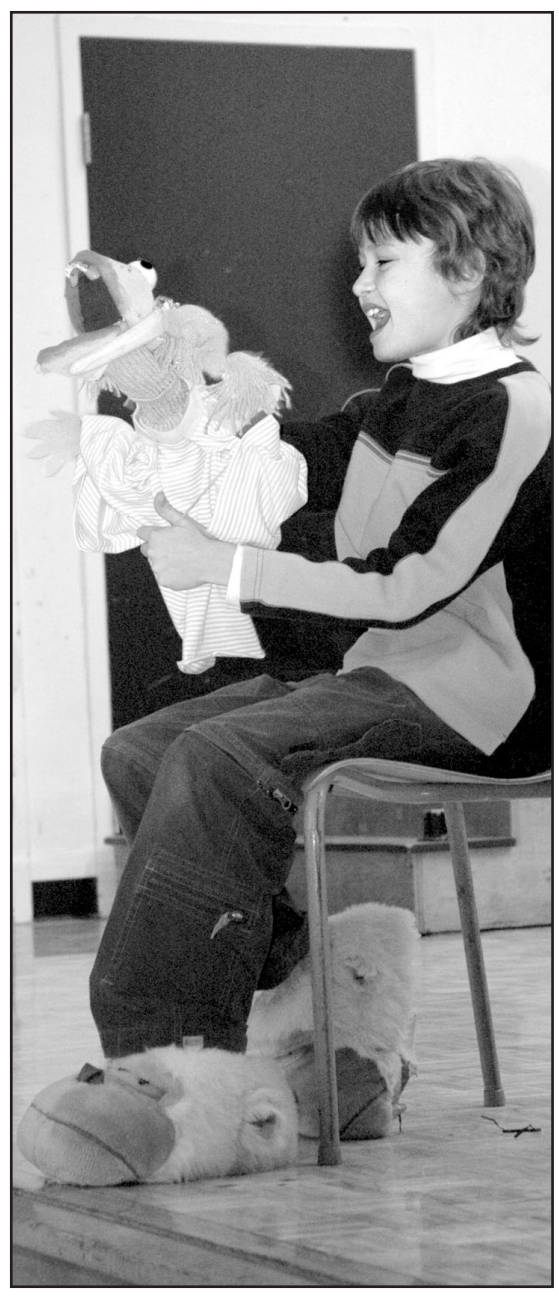
The Dutch "Santa" tradition, and similar customs, offer highly practical Christmas celebrations. Black Peter reminds children that St. Nick isn't going to let a lot of shoddy behavior slide. St. Nicholas is not your girlfriend, and he's not afraid to tell you to clean up your life. There are no rewards for screwing up, and if you think you're going to get away with a lot of nonsense, you're going to get some sense whacked into you by Black Peter. The incentive for being good isn't just for the saint to give you a present.

One problem with the modern Dutch tradition, however, is with Black Peter's ultimate punishment — to be carried in his sack for a trip back to Spain. A cruise vacation to the Mediterranean in the dead of winter sounds great for the new year.

C.Z.







Strut your stuff

Winchester Public School students took to the stage to show off their talents in the last assembly of the year on Dec. 17. Craig Christophersen played the Hockey Night in Canada theme song while his hockey-loving classmates played a pretend game on the stage. Natalie Williams demonstrated step dancing and Elliot Delage (right) and his friend "Pippy No Stockings" entertained the crowd. It was at this same assembly that students donated a pile of goods they had collected to House of Lazarus.

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Merry Christmas!

From the Other Side
by Jeffrey Morris



If you think that throughout this year I have done nothing but push buttons and offend people in this column, then I have saved the best for the end of the year.

I am going to say something more shocking and offensive than anything I have written to date this year.

Are you ready?

Are you sitting down?

Well, here it goes. Plug your ears and cover your eyes.

Merry Christmas!

(Cameras pan to women fainting and men in an outrage, dogs stop chasing cats, Becks stops dribbling his soccer ball, Peyton Manning throws an interception, players union reps and league reps sob in a group hug, Patrick Lalime makes a Game 7 third period save against the Leafs, Dalton McGuinty keeps a promise, Lucy lets Charlie Brown kick the ball, J-Lo goes a year without getting remarried, William Hung sings like Pavaratti — yes, these very words uttered by this crass, potty-mouthed and sophomoric writer have offended the masses beyond belief and chaos is upon us!)

I said it. I'll say it again. Merry Christmas! And I mean it. Why have we become so politically correct that we have all but banned the most joyful, festive, giving time of the year?

We get reminded of it every day when we open cards that say, "Happy Holidays!" or "Season's Greetings." We get reminded when public Christmas trees have become "winter holiday trees."

We get reminded of it when the school plays have become "winter plays," and when the school bands and choirs holding concerts are no longer allowed to perform anything Christmas-related with the word "Christmas," "Jesus," "manger," or even "Santa." Yes, even Santa is about as welcome in our schools as a smoker in Dalton McGuinty's cafeteria. How did it get to this?

We go out of our way as a culture to make sure that we give recognition to Hannukah, Ramadan and even Kwanza. Yet, we have removed anything public we possibly can that reminds us of Christmas. Any mention of the holiday has been banned so as not to offend anyone from another culture. Could you imagine the uproar if we banned Ramadan or Rosh Hashana?

Banning Christmas from schools is even more absurd than banning Halloween in schools. Halloween, we have been told, is evil. I still haven't found any evil, however, in my boys dressing up as SpongeBob and a Roman centurian to collect candy with all the other kids in the neighborhood.

I have never met anyone from another religion who is offended by Christmas. In fact, many Jewish and Muslim people celebrate Christmas, not for its religious meaning, but for the spirit of giving and caring that Christmas represents. Some put up trees, put up lights, and even have a turkey.

We need Christmas. As a culture, Christmas remains the day that drives our economy. It puts people in shopping centres and gets them into stores. Christmas also fuels our hearts and souls. Christmas is the time of year when we feel most charitable to those in need. Christmas is a time for our family and friends.

Christmas makes most people feel warm – not just Christians, but everybody. If it doesn't, it should.

Sure, there are things about Christmas Day that I find offensive. For example, we were visiting friends a few years ago and they put on a Kenny G Christmas CD. That, to me, was offensive. I'm not a Kenny G fan. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if the CD was called, Happy Birthday Jesus, Here's Some Crap!

As offended as I was, I still had a great Christmas. So Merry Christmas! If you are from a non-Christian faith, I hope you can still capture the spirit of kindness and giving in your own way. And if you are Christian, make every Christmas a Merry Christmas, before the holiday is banned altogether.

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

1924

The Winchester outdoor skating rink was open every night. No vulgarity or profanity allowed. "Let the youngsters come and we will try and take good care of them," said rink manager J.C. Carr. It would be almost fifty years before Winchester would have an artificial ice rink.

1934

Dundas County saw the worst blizzard in years with hurricane winds and heavy snowfall, which blocked many of the county roads. Snowplows fought their way through to clear snow between Morrisburg and Winchester, but not soon enough to stop a record number of car accidents.

This week in...
by Meghan Duncan



1944

Alex Davidson's Jewellery Store was the victim of robbery after thieves hurled a brick through the plate glass window at the front of the store. They took three diamond rings and a couple of wristwatches, which were on display in the window. Blood stains were left on the snow outside the store, perhaps from the thief being cut by the broken glass, but it was the tire tracks from the vehicle used in the crime that were followed to pursue the culprits.

1954

Winchester's oldest citizen, Mary Jane Lennox, wife of the late William Lennox, celebrated her 98th birthday on Dec. 23, 1954. She was in good health for her age.

1974

A devastating fire at Hutchinson's Fuels left over $100,000 damage. The company lost buildings, including a workshop, and four trucks. Firefighters were on the scene within minutes, but the fire was already out of control. "I have only the highest praise for Winchester firemen and the village equipment," said Gordon Hutchinson, after the fire. "They did a swell job, operating at 101 per cent efficiency."

1984

Though Statistics Canada reported that the baby boom was officially over, Winchester District Memorial Hospital experienced a mini-population explosion as the birthrate jumped over nine per cent. There were more than 320 babies born in 1984 at the hospital, around the same number as in 1983. Numbers hadn't been that high since 1972.

1994

Winchester celebrated La Posada, a Mexican tradition of re-enacting the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem before Jesus' birth. Joseph (played by Carl Andre) lead Mary (Lianne Andre) through the streets of Winchester on a live donkey, to the delight of the children in the crowd who reached out to pet the animal.


WINCHESTER, ONT., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1944.

Merry Christmas!

The Winchester Press extends to all of its Readers, Correspondents, Advertisers and Friends, Best Wishes For A Very Merry Christmas, and a Sincere Prayer for The Boys "Over There."

This Christmas greeting appeared this week in 1944.

Letters To The Editor

Sticking it to village grinch

The Editor:

This letter is written with schock and disgust at someone in this community, especially at this Christmas season.

For the last two years, our son has asked for a composite hockey-stick for Christmas. For those of you who don't know what that is, it's a stick made from new light-weight graphite material, said to improve balance and performance.

The cost of these sticks was a deterring factor in purchasing the stick for our son. Also I am a firm believer that the stick does not make the hockey player. However, this year we broke down and bought our son a composite stick for his special gift.

On Sat., Dec. 18, my husband took the stick out of the trunk of the car and hid it beside our house next to the sliding door then raced off to hockey with our son for an 8:30 am game in Chesterville, carefully trying to keep the stick hidden from our son's view.

Later in the day, I went to hide the stick inside the house and was shocked to see that it had been stolen. Someone had walked up North Street, traipsed through the deep snow, and taken it from our deck. I was shocked that someone would do this, but also angry at myself for trusting that no one would.

I am writing this letter in hope, that someone might find the hockey stick and return it to a 12-year-old boy on Ottawa Street named Paul who would really like his Christmas present.

If you choose not to return it, I hope you have a Merry Christmas with many hours of enjoyment compliments of Dawn and Mike Erickson.

Dawn Erickson
Winchester

Is Winchester bilingual?

The Editor:

On Dec. 6, I responded to an ad in the Dec. 4 edition of the Ottawa Citizen for employment with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Winchester Office.

My résumé was declined because I am not bilingual.

I understand the bilingual requirement for the Alexandria and Cornwall offices, but Winchester?

As a registered nurse, I am offended that an unnecessary language requirement supersedes 31 years of acute care nursing experience.

Do the residents of North Dundas realize how the provincial government prioritizes their health care?

Margaret Harrison
Winchester

A well-deserved thank you

The Editor:

We would like to take a moment to thank the many kind folks who come into Dundas Manor and assist us in providing our residents with meaningful programs and services.

Thank you to all staff, volunteers, families, ministers, entertainers, pets, friendly visitors, meal assistance friends, and the many helpful friends who visit us throughout the year.

May the Christmas season be filled with peace and love for you and your families — all good things for 2005.

Jennifer Hill, Susie Cinnamon, Angela Gruich, Louise MacQueen, Jennifer VanBridger and Sharon Mills.
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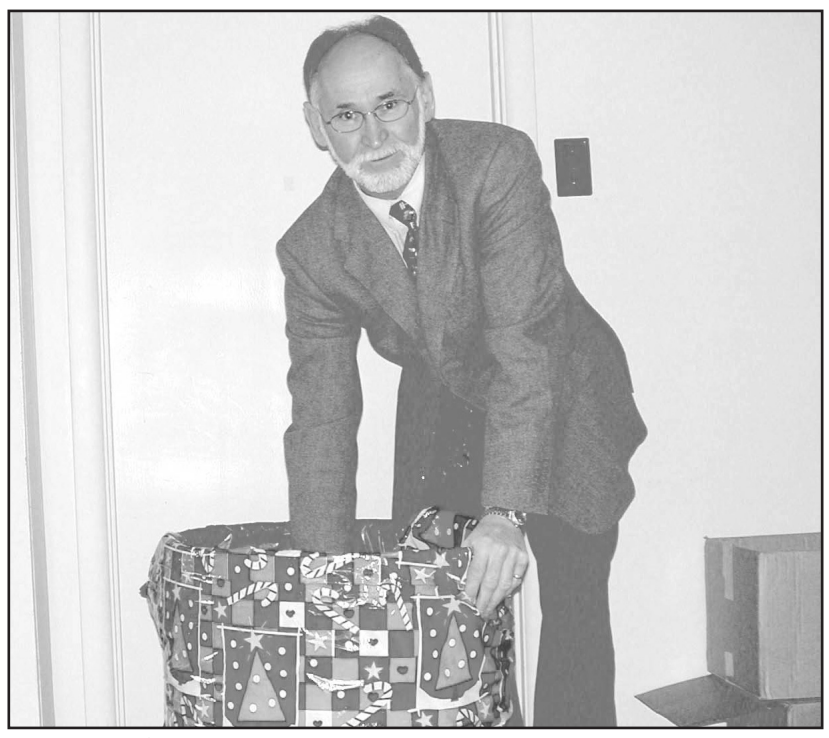

Early Christmas

Butch Oldford, of Winchester dug deep and pulled three lucky tickets from the barrel holding an estimated 12,000 ballots to complete 2004 Winchester Merchant's Christmas Draw. Oldford made the draw at the Winchester Press office on Dec. 20. The first prize winner was Bill Bouck of Winchester who received $1,145 in gift certificates and merchandise. Russel Garlough of Williamsburg was the second prize winner and received $670 in certificates and merchandise. Karen Myers of Cornwall claimed the third prize of $540 in certificates and merchandise. Thirty six businesses participated in the Christmas promotion. *Press Photo — Rushford*

Parade of Lights should focus on safety next year

The Editor:

In December 2003 my husband and I attended our first Parade of Lights in Winchester and were so impressed that we put it in our agenda for this year.

Of course we did attend this year and enjoyed it tremendously. The floats were wonderful, the people were very friendly, and the weather was co-operative. The only disappointment was the number of cars parked on the parade route, making the roadway narrow. We did not see any people sitting in there, so why were they parked on the main road? They narrowed the road so much that it is amazing no injury occurred when the large floats passed by. We all know the danger of children darting out between parked cars, and as excited as they were to see Santa Claus, I am glad no one did so. I am positive that many float drivers would have a appreciated a wider road to drive on, too.

Other towns and cities, such as Hawkesbury, put notices in the local paper and in store windows stating: no parking on the parade route. Maybe it's time that Winchester focuses on the safety of parade watchers by putting in place a similar ban for this special annual event. After all, it would only be for a few hours and with a focus on health care a short walk for most of us would be a benefit.

Yes, my husband and I will attend again next year and we really hope that the parade route will be a safer place for the spectators.

Sue Partridge
Hawkesbury



And the winner is

Hospital ward clerk Cheryl Kenney (left), draws a name for the Hospital Auxiliary Christmas raffle. President of the auxiliary Elinor Jordan holds the barrel, while auxiliary treasurer Joyce Francis and volunteer Joan Farlinger look on. There were two winners drawn: Debbie Suffel, a housekeeping employee of the hospital; and Roma Hylarides, an auxiliary volunteer. *Press Photo — Duncan*

Shepherd Talk

by Rev. Anita Goulet

The reason for the season

It's so easy to fall prey to all the materialistic hoopla of the Christmas season. The bright Christmas lights and the sparkling decorations draw our eyes and attention away from the hope Jesus came to bring us.

The celebration of Jesus' birth should be a time of reflection and renewed hope in our lives. Isaiah 61:1-3 says it best: He came to earth to "bring the good news to the afflicted." He came to "bind up the brokenhearted, to set at liberty those who are captive, freedom to the prisoners." He also came to "comfort those who mourn," to give us "a garland of praise instead of ashes," to give us the "oil of gladness instead of mourning." He came to bring us "the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting," all that He may be glorified. These are indeed good reasons to celebrate.

The celebration of Jesus' birth should cause our hearts to leap for joy. No, it doesn't mean that we will never have to suffer a loss or face hardship, but it does mean that now we are not alone, He is right by our side, a simple prayer can draw our attention back to Him during our times of need.

Let us remember that Jesus is no longer an infant, He grew up and fulfilled the purpose of His life. Yes indeed, let us celebrate, let our hearts rejoice as we gather together as families and let us give thanks to the only true living God for the most precious gift given to mankind — His son Jesus — the hope of salvation for all mankind.

Our family has many reasons to celebrate this holiday season, one of the latest blessings, the safe arrival of our first grandchild, eight weeks early but perfect in every way. Our grandson serves to remind us of the wonderful miracle of birth, and of what an awesome God we serve. To God be all the glory for the wonders of His power and love.

Blessings from our family to yours during this wonderful season of celebration. May God's richest blessings be yours all year through.

This column is provided courtesy of the North Dundas Ministerial Association

South Mountain Santa Claus Parade



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Students waved signs and screamed for their favorites.



First I was afraid, I was petrified . . . Chantal Hart *(third from left) is joined by five other Metcalfe Public School teachers for their rendition of* I Will Survive. *The performance was a highlight in the final round of the school's first ever Idol competition.*

Press Photos —Duncan



Grade 8 student Victoria Saigle's rendition of *Rockin' Robin* hit all the right notes.

Metcalfe Public School singers have students idolizing

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

METCALFE — Metcalfe Public School has "Idol fever". It has nothing to do with Ben Mulroney or John Dore; it's the school's very own idol search that turned out singers from Grade 2 to Grade 8 to compete for the top spot.

In September, a brand new stage was installed in the school gymnasium. Metcalfe Idol was thought to be the perfect way to celebrate and utilize the addition to the school.

Fifty students auditioned, each for a spot as one of the 16 finalists who would go on to compete for the title. Students who wanted to be a host or a judge auditioned, too.

The school-wide event allowed every class to see the performances in the gym, and every student had a chance to vote.

Shannon Smye, a teacher at the school, even dressed as William Hung, the American Idol competitor known for his terrible rendition of Ricky Martin's *She Bangs*.

"She was so good that one of the other teachers didn't know who it was," said Hedy Burton, a teacher organizer of the event. "I didn't tell."

After weeks of competition, the two finalists emerged: Shelley Acres, Grade 6; and Victoria Saigle, Grade 8.



Shelley Acres, Grade 6, signs autographs after her performance, Dec. 9. Later that day, it would be announced that she was Metcalfe Public School's first ever Idol.

The wild card round, where four singers who were previously voted off returned to see if they could wiggle back into the final three, was held on Wed., Dec. 1.

Vikki Bailey, Grade 8; Harriet Flynn, Grade 3, Rebecca Lafrance, Grade 3, and Leah Melbourne, Grade 8 all had the chance to sing, but it was Melbourne who made it back into the final round. Bailey was a close second, trailing by only five votes.

Dec. 9 was the final round of the competition when Acres, Melbourne and Saigle each had the chance to sing two songs.

The crowd favorite, by far, was Acres, who had students screaming at the tops of their lungs before she sang. The Grade 1 class chanted, "Shelley! Shelley! Shelly!" and waved signs with her name high in the air.

Saigle had great stage presence, and her version of *Rockin' Robin* hit all the right notes.

"When your CD comes out, I'm definitely buying it," said Nick Dans, a Grade 8 student and judge in the competition.

Melbourne's high notes were gorgeous as she sang *In My Daughter's Eyes*.

Before the assembly ended, students got a special treat as teacher Chantal Hart made her way to the stage donning a purple wig and a feather boa. She began to sing *I will Survive,* and was soon joined with five other teachers wearing afro wigs and other '70s gear.

"It was awesome," said Hart after her debut performance. "It was fun to see the kids react."

The student performers were all nervous to find out the verdict that would be revealed later that day.

"It's a lot of fun and I love singing," said Saigle, who remembers singing in the choir in Grade 1, and plans to audition for Canadian Idol when she turns 16. "My dream one day is to be a singer."

Melbourne hopes to audition for Canadian Idol one day, too. After the performance, she was both scared and excited to find out the final verdict.

Before the students left for the day on Dec. 9, the first ever Metcalfe Idol was announced. After a close race, the youngest finalist, Acres, was crowned.



Leah Melbourne, Grade 8, sings in the final round of the Idol competition after winning the wild card round.

Volunteers spread Christmas cheer

WINCHESTER — the Winchester Lions Hall was full of the Christmas spirit on Wed., Dec. 15. Local Lions Club members, Legion members and volunteers teamed up to help fill and distribute annual Christmas baskets.

The baskets, or boxes, contained eggs, milk, carrots cheese and other food items to help those who can't afford Christmas goodies. Each basket came with a plate of homemade baking, as well.

Long tables were filled with toys for all ages, allowing parents to choose something for the children on their lists. There was also a table covered in mittens and hats of all shapes and sizes, all homemade with love. And snowsuits were available upon request.

"It's a three-day job," said Don Erwin, a Lions Club member. "We made up 38 [baskets] this year, which is down from last year, when we had 52."

He thinks the baskets are important to spread some good cheer over the holidays.

"It's a good family meal for Christmas," said Erwin. "But there's more than just one meal in the box."

Only about seven or eight boxes had to be delivered this year. Basket recipients were encouraged to pick up the goods, to have a chance to pick out the perfect gifts for their loved ones.

The Dundas County Food Bank and the North Dundas Christmas Fund also helped with the collection and distribution of the goods.



Duncan Levere (left), Don Erwin and Allen McRoberts all volunteered their time on Dec. 15 to help with the distribution of Christmas baskets for the less fortunate. Items were collected or bought through the Dundas County Food Bank and the North Dundas Christmas Fund. Both the Lions Club and Legion were also involved in putting the baskets together. *Press Photo —Duncan*

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Roaming dog slaughters South Mountain goats



The evidence suggests it was a dog that killed two angora sheep on a farm in South Mountain. Jim Hill spotted the culprit early in the morning on Dec. 20. *Press Photo — Zabel*

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — A vicious dog attack left two angora goats dead and another seriously injured on a farm east of South Mountain. The two dead sheep were found torn apart early Monday morning (Dec. 20) on the farm of Theressa Bergeron and Jim Hill.

"What a terrible death for an animal. Dog-owners have got to take more responsibility," said Bergeron. The dog was still eating at 6:30 am when Hill went out to start the tractor. He knew it wasn't a coyote because the culprit barked at him and coyotes don't bark. "By the time he got back with the gun the dog was gone," said Bergeron.

Albert Koekkoek, one of the township's livestock evaluators, was on the scene Monday morning and said he was almost 100 per cent sure it was a dog attack. He couldn't specify a breed, but estimated from the state of the goat carcass, much of which had been consumed, that it was obviously a large dog.

"It's very sad that people don't take better care of their dogs than that. It's a person's livelihood that's destroyed here," said Koekkoek. Besides physical evidence that it was a dog that killed the sheep, he added that it would be very unusual to see a coyote in the South Mountain area. The predators are more common in the northern forested sections of the township.

Bergeron has about 60 angora goats on the farm. She uses their wool to make products that she sells through her business, Thermohair. The company is well known locally for its socks, mitts, toques and blankets.

"Only in the last two years have dog attacks been a problem," said Bergeron. Last summer one of her goats was attacked by a Rottweiler. Even though she contacted the OPP, and knew who owned the dog, Bergeron said gaining legal compensation was too complicated to pursue.

Bergeron will receive compensation for her animals through the township, but the money she receives will not fully recover her loss. The two goats that died were breeding bucks, a fact that won't be considered in the compensation equation, which values animals for their worth as meat. Bergeron said replacement bucks will be expensive and will probably have to be shipped from Texas.

For the injured goat, Bergeron will be compensated for the veterinarian bill, but not for the time and energy she will have to put into nursing the animal back to health. Hill wasn't successful in following the dog's tracks to see where it came from.

Matilda winter carnival to crown 30th Queen

DIXON'S CORNERS — Preparations for the 30th annual Matilda Winter Carnival are under way, and organizers hope that a large turnout will boost community spirit.

The carnival will take place at the Matilda Community Hall in Dixon's Corners from Jan. 21 to 23. Organizers are now looking for applicants for the 2005 Carnival Queen competition, one of the highlights of the weekend event.

"It brings the whole community together," said Nancy Blokland, a member of the carnival committee. "The pageant always draws a big crowd."

The pageant already has four entries and there's room for six more. Girls entering must be between the ages of 14 and 17. The judges will be looking for enthusiasm, sincerity, poise and confidence.

"How they speak on stage is very important," said Blokland.

Entrants should also be involved in school activities, jobs, volunteer work or hobbies.

"It's not just Matilda," said Blokland. "We're inviting girls from all of South Dundas."

Judges for the pageant this year are treasurer for the Township of South Dundas Lorna Seibert, the former principal of Dixon's Corners Public School Jerry Morrell, and former North Dundas Township councillor Gail Parker.

"I feel very honored to do this," said Parker. "It's a wonderful, wonderful pageant."

Parker said that each year there are different categories in the pageant, so contestants won't know what to expect. The contestants have one-on-one interviews with the judges and then have to answer questions in front of the audience.

"They're always wonderful girls," said Parker. "South Dundas has some beautiful girls out there."

Parker herself is no stranger to pageants.

"I did it myself as a young girl," she said of a similar pageant in Williamsburg. "I think it's a wonderful experience for young people. They're always very well versed. Don't fault our young people; they need to be given more [support] than they get."

The pageant is important, not only to the carnival, but to the entire community.

"The community support is overwhelming," said Parker. "Its a very close-knit township, and they do support."

Blokland said the pageant helps build that community support.

"I think it's important because it shows them [the entrants] they can be part of the community," said Blokland. "It gives them confidence."

Some other events in the carnival are a snowmobile rally, a pancake breakfast, and sleigh rides.

On the Saturday evening, Eddie and the Stingrays will be performing at the dinner and dance.

"They're excellent," said Blokland.

Carnival organizers are hoping for a good turnout.

"Last year our numbers were down quite a bit," said Blokland. "We're hoping that will change this year. It really is a community event."

Parker agreed. "The Matilda Carnival is always excellent," she said.



Forage Masters

The top four competitors in this year's Forage Master program in Dundas County were awarded at the DSCIA annual meeting in Chesterville. From left: John Ferguson, David Lillico, Ron Toonders, Garry Brugmans, Chris Johnson, Richard Lavigne and Geoff Guy.

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Forage Master open to 4-H this year

CHESTERVILLE — Chris and Gord Johnson of Chesterville have been named Dundas County 2004 Forage Masters for leadership in high-quality forage production. They were recognized for their expertise at the Dundas County Soil and Crop Improvement Association (DSCIA) annual meeting on Dec. 9 at the Chesterville Legion.

Runners-up in this year's program were Brugline Farms of Chesterville in second place, and Ron Toonders of Williamsburg in third.

"The Forage Masters program provides each participant with an excellent opportunity to compete against other farmers within their own county and at the same time, learn how to improve their management skills," said Steven Eastep, president of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA). "Forages are the largest acreage crop in Ontario, and therefore it is imperative that we continue to improve production techniques to enhance the quality of the feed produced."

The local competition was organized by the DSCIA. Winners were selected based on their forage stand, hay or haylage sample, and feed quality analysis. The competition is sponsored by NK Brand seeds, Agri-Food Laboratories, International Stock Food Company, and Pickseed Canada in conjunction with the OSCIA.

This was the first year the competition has been open to 4-H members. Taking up the Forage Master challenge for the first time was 4-H member David Lillico of Mountain. He was recognized at the DSCIA annual meeting for his accomplishments.

The four Forage Master competitors recognized were presented with gift certificates and a selection of prizes from the competition sponsors. John Ferguson presented on behalf of International Stock Food. Geoff Guy presented on behalf of Pickseed Canada Ltd. And Richard Lavigne presented for NK Seeds.

Forage Master 2004 named

METCALFE — John Velthuis has been named Carleton County 2004 Forage Master for leadership in high-quality forage production. He operates Riverdale Holsteins in Metcalfe, milking 70 cows on 440 acres.

"I've never had anything to do with this before, until they called me up and told me how easy it was to enter," said Velthuis. The Carleton County Soil and Crop Improvement Association takes care of all the soil testing and forage samples. Velthuis didn't have to do anything different with his forages than he would any other year.

Runners-up were Rick Craig of Kenburn in second place, and Thom Mueller of Vernon in third.

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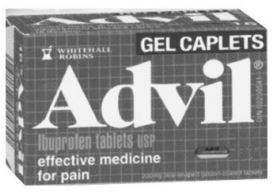

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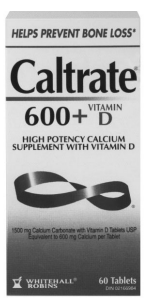

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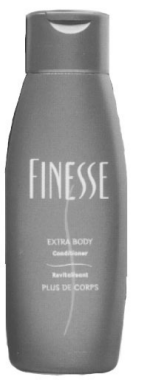

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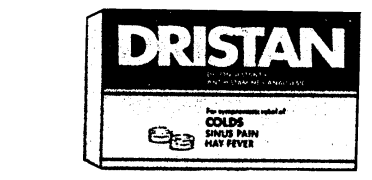

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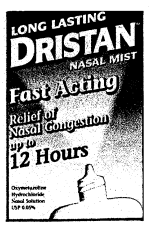

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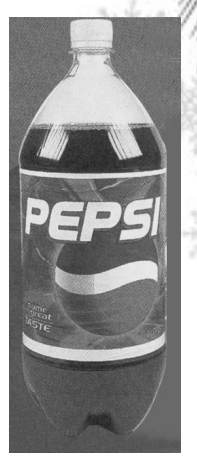

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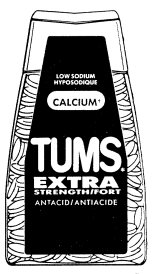

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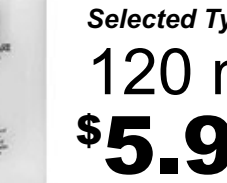

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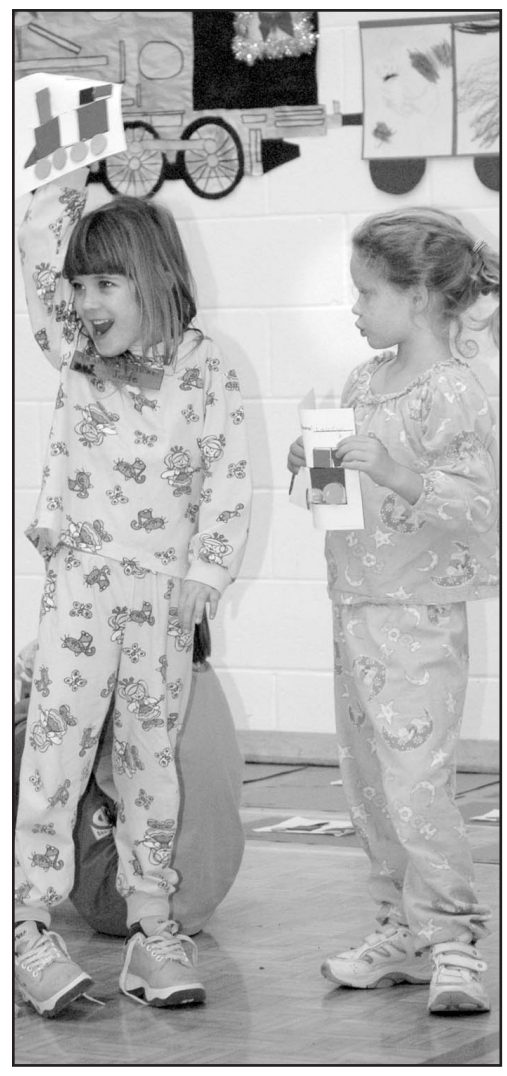
Polar Express pyjama party a hit





Junior kindergarten student Jared Hutchison-Hackett (above) watches the electric train zoom by. Winchester Public School was full of trains on Mon., Dec. 13 for a *Polar Express* pyjama party, with activites based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg.

Jennifer Workman-Suttle (far left), Kelsey Angel and Emma Williamson help play Jingle Bells at one of the activity stations set up.



Senior kindergarten student Amber Bartnett (left) and Lauryn O'Connor, Grade 1, show off their artwork based on the book, *The Polar Express*. The girls were dressed in their pyjamas just like the kids riding the train in the classic story.

Press Photos — Duncan

Auxiliary members pinned

by Marjorie Phillips

WINCHESTER — December's meeting of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary did not follow the normal pattern. In its place, there was a volunteer luncheon with a traditional Christmas dinner.

At the Winchester Lion's Hall, 78 people gathered on Dec. 9 to celebrate fellowship and the auxiliary's commitment to the hospital. A most delicious luncheon was provided by Mary Derue and her team from Chesterville.

It was great to have members of the hospital join in. We would like to thank Dr. Gerry Rosenquist for his solemn grace. In this busy season it is good to take time for reflection to appreciate what we have, to make us more aware of our blessings.

Greetings from the hospital board were given by Peter Sorby who acknowledged the work of the volunteers. We appreciated that Trudy Reid, although needing to return to the hospital, stayed to present awards to auxilians. We also would like to thank Lynne Wilson and Carrie Barlow for all of their work. It makes the "behind the scenes" of the auxiliary organization so much easier. Our appreciation was given to the Marvelville Singers for providing delightful Christmas music. Their melodic voices and singalong topped off the luncheon.

The luncheon enables the auxiliary to honor members who have given much of their time and talents over the years. V pins were presented to Jane Brugman, Marg Countryman, Joyce Francis, Joyce McIntosh, and Marie Zwartz. Vera Hanley, Roma Hylarides and Grace McCauley were given Outstanding Service pins and our Own Life Membership awards were handed to Faye Coons, Betty Holmes and Janny Van Berbaaren. Chair Elinor Jordan read the affirmation written by Jean Holmes regarding Joan Farlinger's Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario honorary life membership award and the auxiliary members had an opportunity to thank and congratulate her.

The idea of an auxiliary newsletter was finally realized thanks to the efforts of Barlow, who put it together so expediently. Many members commented on how it is a means of becoming more aware of the larger picture we all play in the hospital. It is hoped that the newsletter will become biannual. There are extra copies in the volunteer room and in the gift shop for anyone who missed it. Please pass on any news that could be placed in the June issue.

Congratulations to Debbie Suffel for winning the snowman, and Roma Hylarides for winning the angel in the gift shop Christmas raffle.

The gift shop will meet on Jan. 13 in the lower conference room at 12 noon. Please brown bag lunch if that's more convenient. At 1 pm you are all invited to come and hear Craig Smith who will lead a mini workshop on Alzheimer's disease. We are looking forward to his visit and hope that we can learn to be more sensitive to the issues surrounding Alzheimer's.

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SPENCERVILLE — The Spencerville Agricultural Society is readying itself for a very special event. When it opens its door next September, the fair will be celebrating its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

"We're very proud of our past," said Sheila Bush, current Spencerville Agricultural Society president. "We've grown right alongside this community and have shared in its joys and its sorrows. The fair holds a special place in the hearts of people in Grenville County. By celebrating this landmark anniversary, we are honoring the spirit of the community and those who came before us. The Spencerville Fair is here to stay. Our hope is that 150 years from now people will continue to gather on this fairground to acknowledge the role that agriculture plays in this county."

Launched earlier this year, the 150th Anniversary Fund is the society's way of accomplishing this objective. Its goal is to raise $1,000 for every year the fair has proudly opened its gates. The funds raised will ensure the longevity of the Spencerville Fair through the building of shelters to house events, the beautification and preservation of the fairground, and investments for the future.

Already, work has begun on creating a permanent monument, both to commemorate this landmark anniversary and to thank all who kindly contribute. For each year sponsored, an inscription bearing the contributor's name and special year will be inscribed on the 150th Anniversary Wall. The society is currently developing a park area northeast of the Drummond Building to house the commemorative wall. "We want to give the fairground a focal point, a heart if you will," said Dennis Colautti, first vice-president of the society.

As well, contributors are asked to provide a brief history, or explanation, for commemorating the year they wish to sponsor. This information will be highlighted in the upcoming publication, Spencerville Fair 1855-2005: Our Past, Our Present, Our Future.

"It's a wonderful way to remember a special someone or event. Businesses may want to sponsor their inaugural year, as is Grenville Mutual Insurance. As well, individuals may wish to contribute as a group. We know of several families who will be surprising a loved one this Christmas. Some may want to commemorate the year they married. The possibilities are numerous and varied," said Mary Tessier, an executive director of the Spencerville Agricultural Society.

The 150th Anniversary Fund committee anticipates that certain years will be more sought out than others. Already, a number of years have been purchased. Once a year has been selected, that year is no longer considered an option for other individuals.

Anyone interested in obtaining an information package about the 150th Anniversary Fund may contact project co-ordinator Susan Trivett at 613-658-2217.



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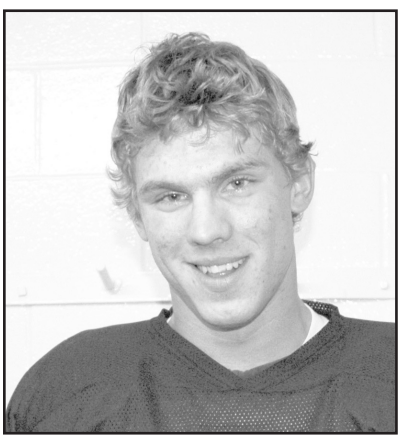


Nik Paas



Darren Trenholm

Hawks' Paas, Trenholm lambaste Tikis, Islanders

WINCHESTER — Back-to-back, four-goal games by super shooters Nik Paas and Darren Trenholm have put the Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks back on the rails.

Trenholm lit up Brockville's goaltending for four goals at home Friday (Dec. 17) night in the Hawks' 8-5 victory over the Rideau Division's number-two ranked Brockville Tikis (20-8-1-1). Sunday (Dec. 19) in Gananoque Nik Paas took his turn blasting in four pucks as the Hawks posted a 6-4 decision against the third-place Islanders (16-14-0-1).

"Both games were great team efforts. Everyone gave 100 per cent," noted head coach Dale Murdoch. "As unfocused as they were the week before, the boys managed to completely refocus and turn their game around."

The weekend sweep improved the Hawks' third-place St. Lawrence Division record to 15-11-2-2. Winchester currently trails second-place Kemptville (17-8-1-0) by a point and the front-running Alexandria Glens (21-8-0-1) by nine. The Akwesasne Wolves (14-15-1-1) hold down the fourth and final play-off berth with 30 points, four behind the Hawks.

The two-game winning streak put the brakes on the Hawks' two-game skid and left them with a 7-5-1 record in their last 13 starts.

Winchester's Christmas schedule took them to Westport on Tues., Dec. 21 for their final game of 2004. They swing back into action on Sun., Jan. 2 when they travel to Morrisburg to meet the Lions. On Tues., Jan. 4 they are slated to go to Williamstown to play a postponed game against the Char-Lan Rebels. First home game is set for Jan. 7 when the Rebels come to town for an 8:15 pm start.

The Hawks executive have a special night planned for their young fans on Fri., Jan. 14. The Ottawa Senators mascot Sparty Cat will be in attendance for a game featuring the powerful South Grenville Rangers (23-3-3-0).

HAWKS 8 - TIKIS 5

Coach Murdoch switched up his lines for Friday's match against Brockville, placing Stefan Gravelle on the wing with Darren Trenholm and Stephen Swan. Nik Paas moved on to a line with Shawn Smail and Robyn Sadler. Bruce Hamelin, Chris Thompson and Alain Michaud formed the third unit.

"I was pleased with the changes and the guys seemed to like the moves," noted the coach.

Two of Trenholm's four goals came in the first period as the Hawks opened up a 4-1 lead on the Tikis. He added his third in the second stanza as the gap widened to 6-3. His fourth of the night and 31st of the season was fired into the empty Brockville net with 0:23 seconds left on the clock.

Winchester's special team counted a pair of powerplay goals by Trenholm and Stephen Owens as well as a short handed goal by Swan. Alain Michaud, Owens, Paas and Swan snapped in the single shots. Swan picked up three assists while Travis Rowe, Chris Thompson, Sadler, Gravelle, Smail, Hamelin, Paas and Owens all picked up assists. Trenholm was named winner of the Hawks Hero of the Game award.

Goaltender Tyler Bond left the game with an equipment problem and was replaced by John Thorton who gave up the last two Brockville goals. Bond was back in action against Gananoque and picked up the win.

Hallville's Adam Mertz backed up Bond in Sunday's game. The affiliate goaltender played with the North Dundas Demons last year and is now a member of the Rideau St. Lawrence "AA" Minor Midget Kings

"We want to thank Adam. He was playing with the Kings in Brockville Sunday afternoon and agreed to help us out in Gananoque when Thorton (John) wasn't able to play," explained Murdoch.

HAWKS 6 - ISLANDERS 4

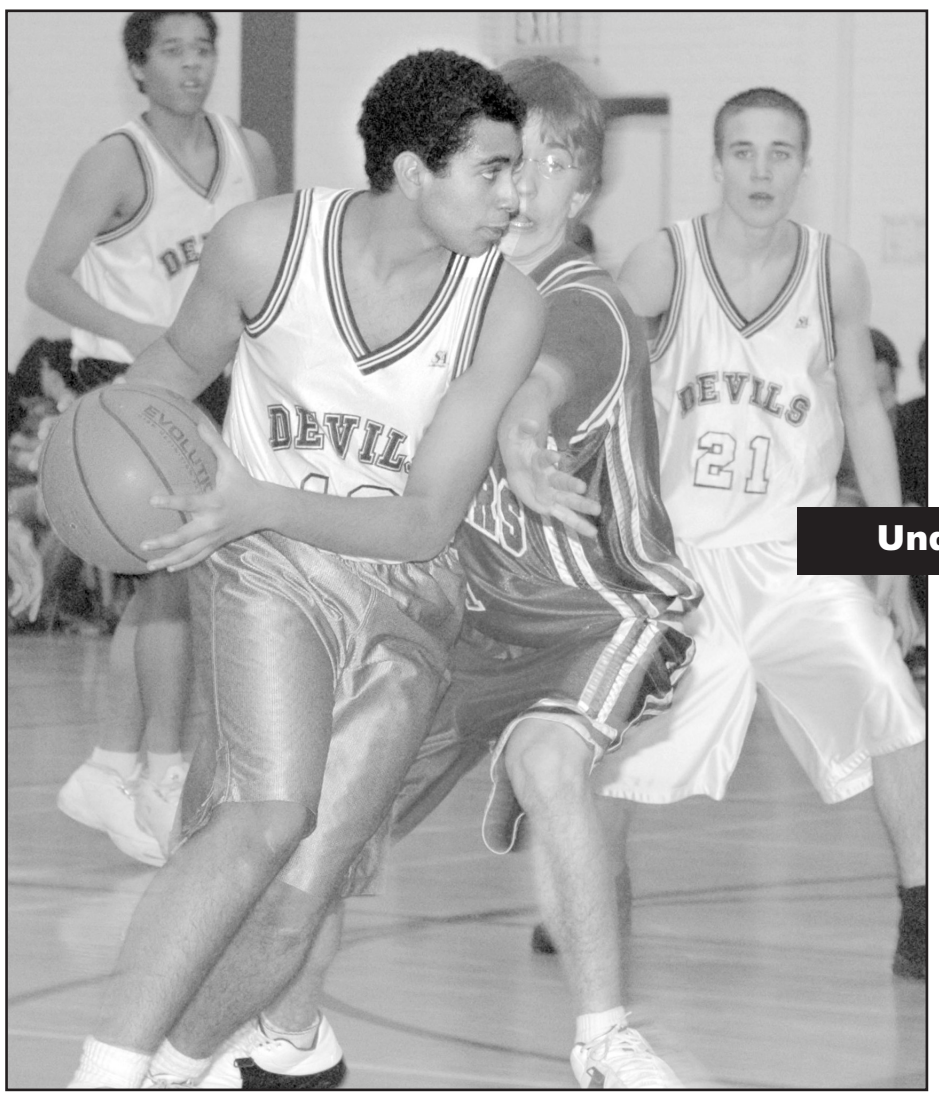
Nik Paas stepped up for the Hawks in Gananoque and blasted home four shots as Winchester moved four games above the 500 mark with the 6-4 win.

Trenholm and Paas struck string in period one, which ended in a 2-2 tie. Paas potted a pair in period two as Winchester moved into a 4-3 lead after 40 minutes. Hamelin and Paas with his four of the night and 26th of the season pushed the final result to 6-4.

Swan assisted on four of the scoring plays while Trenholm figured in on three goals. Smail, Gravelle, Thompson, Chad Kight and Michaud also collected helper points. Paas was named the Hawks' Hero of the Game by his coaches.

Mitch Scott, Andrew Beuman and Thorton missed Sunday's game. Forward Steve Cameron remained on the injured list.

Juthman, Pepin dial double digits



North Dundas swept a pair of SD&G "AA" basketball decisions from the R/O Lancers on Dec. 14. Junior Devil Mbargh Rujad handled the ball, while Ben Clark (#21) waited for the play.

Undefeated Devils

MAPLE RIDGE — Two games and four different shooters have dialled double digits for the undefeated North Dundas District High School boys basketball teams.

Week two of the 2004-05 SD&G boys high school basketball schedule produced wins for both the junior and senior Devils. A sweep of the visiting Rothwell - Osnabruck Lancers on Dec. 14 ended play until school resumes after the Christmas break (Jan. 3) with both squads sporting perfect 2-0-0 records.

Phil Juthman was the leading point-getter swishing 13 for the Junior Devils as they knocked off the little Lancers 44-34 in the opening game of the Tuesday afternoon twin bill. Josh Pepin was the double digit man for the seniors nailing 10 in their 55-44 victory.

In week one (Dec. 6) Ryan Patterson hit for 19 points in the seniors 43-26 decision over the Glengarry Gaels in Alexandria, while Jesse Kekonovich rang up 10 in the juniors 36-33 victory.

Both senior mentor Brad Holland and junior coach Peter Onstein agree they are still assessing the talent on the respective squads and haven't quite established their go-to guys. Different individuals have stepped up in each of their first two games.

"I have some good tall guys and some good small guys and no super stars," said Onstein. "One game and one line stepped up and in the other it was the other group. We are still trying to work things out. But 2-0 is a nice start."

Holland noted that he is still trying to play everyone and put together units, which takes court time. "We have a lot of things to work on, but now we are off for two weeks at Christmas. We come back, play two games and are off because of exams, which makes it pretty tough to get the team to gel."

North Dundas will open the 2005 portion of the schedule on Tues., Jan. 4 when they play host to CCVS and General Vanier in a 4 pm doubleheader.

JUNIOR DEVILS

It was a closely contested first half in the junior match with the Devils leading the Lancers 13-12 after the opening eight minutes and by another one-point margin, 22-21, at the intermission.

North Dundas broke it open in the second half outscoring the visitors 22-13 as they pulled away to a 44-34 win. Ben Clark lobbed in a pair of three-point buckets to get things started in the third quarter.

Juthman paced the offence laying in some showy lay ups, on his way to a game-high 13 points. Clark and Jesse Kekanovich were next, raining in eight points apiece. Nic Lewis came through with seven, including one from three-point range. Nolan Winter completed the scoring with three field goals.

Shawn Heagle was top Lancer hooping eight points including a trey.

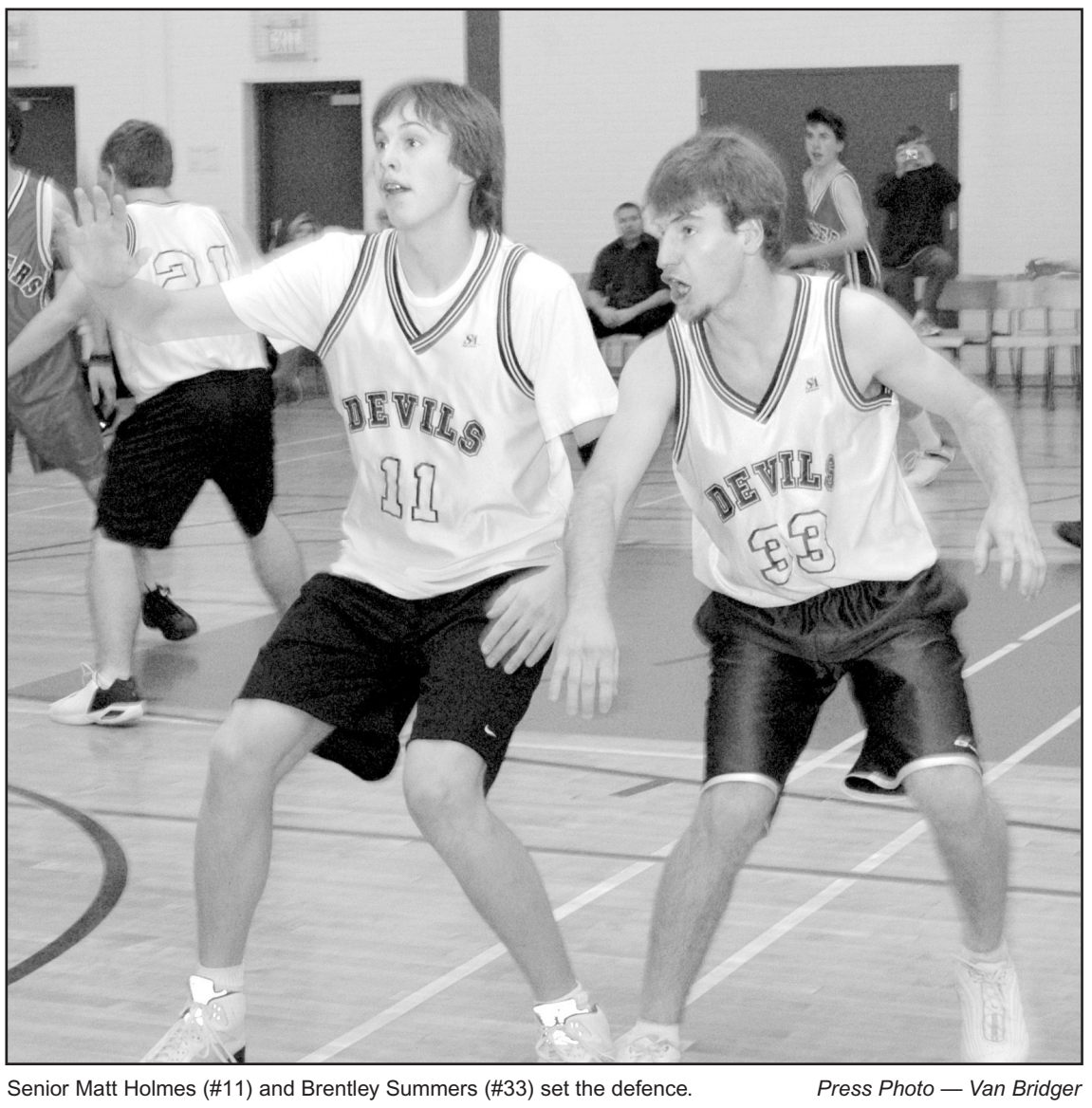
SENIOR DEVILS

All 13 Senior Devils got into the game and 10 of them hit for points as a well-distributed offence contributed to a 55-40 victory.

"We were leading 31-13 at the half. Our lead got down to about eight points in the third quarter before we opened it up again," said coach Holland.

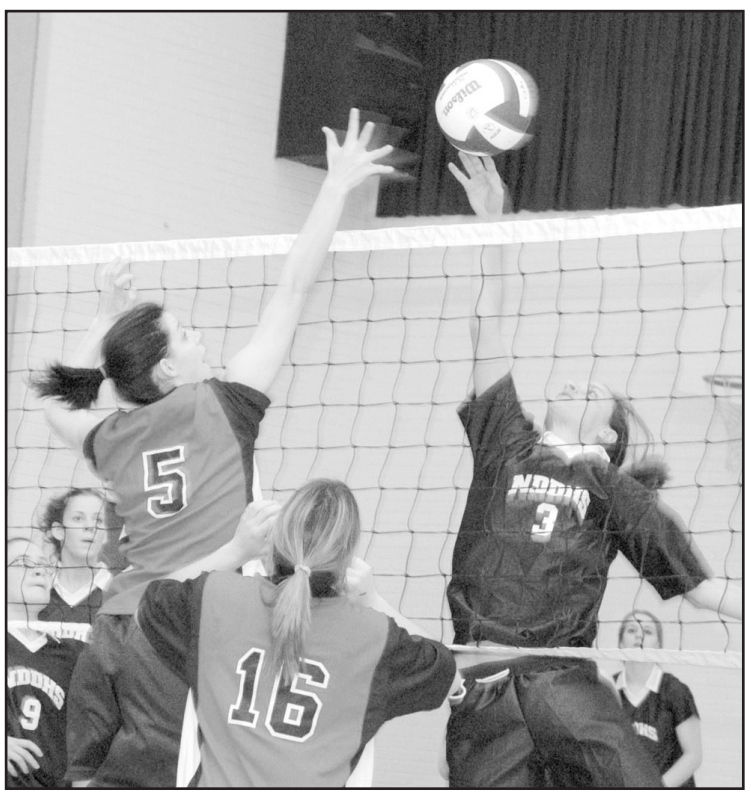
Josh pepin worked under the Lancer boards and pushed in four deuces and a couple of points from the line to finish with 10 points. Long-distance shooter Ryan Patterson prevailed from the perimetre for a trio of three-point buckets. Colin Campbell (8), Mitch Hermansen (8), Brentley Summers (7), Matt Holmes (6), Colin Hickman (4) Joe Mayette (2) and Blain Moran (1) all put their numbers on the scoring summary.

Timmers (14) and Godd (12) of the Lancers were the game's most accurate shooters.



Senior Matt Holmes (#11) and Brentley Summers (#33) set the defence. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Devils open volleyball season with eight wins at home



The North Dundas Senior Devils were blanked 3-0 by the Seaway Spartans in their opening SD&G match of the campaign, but bounced back with a 3-0 decision over St. Joe's. Silvia Bonanomi (#3) was solid against the Panthers. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

MAPLE RIDGE — North Dundas District High School's junior and senior girls volleyball teams saw their first action of the 2005-04 SD&G season just one day before they went on their Christmas break.

The Seaway District High School Spartans and the St. Joe's Panthers provided the opposition for the Devils junior - senior home opener on Dec. 16. When play had been completed the home teams had combined to win eight of 12 sets.

The Junior Devils opened their afternoon with a three-set sweep of the Seaway Spartans posting 25-20, 25-14 and 25-20 victories. Their second match was against St. Joe's and the Devils sealed another win taking the first two sets by 25-22 and 25-9 scores. The Panthers opened up a 12-point lead on the Devils in the third set and held on for a close 25-22 victory which left the host team with a 5-1 record on the day.

Cheryl Williams has returned from a successful run with the NDDHS junior boys volleyball team to work with the junior girls. Her lineup features seven members of the SD&G "AA" junior girls championship basketball team in Rebecca Bowie, Clara dePaiva, Sarah Eastman, Kaley Guy, Mandy Hoogeveen, Andrea Jose and Christine Stewart. Sam Behm, Kelly-Ann Cameron, Kate Enright, Lindsay Feeley and Shannon Simms round out the roster.

Both Devils teams next see action in 2005 when they travel to take on the L'Heritage Dragons on Jan. 4 before moving on to Cornwall and a tournament at CCVS/GVIS on Jan. 6.

SENIOR DEVILS

It proved to be a profitable trip to North Dundas for the Spartans of Iroquois as the senior Seaway squad swept up six wins in six sets against the host Devils and visiting St. Joe's Panthers.

Seaway kicked off their afternoon defeating the Devils 25-20, 25-22, 25-14. North Dundas bounced back sweeping St. Joe's 25-12, 25-19, 25-17 and finished the day with a 3-3 record.

"Seaway has some very tall players, particulary Melissa Groniger, and we are a short team so we had some trouble with them. But overall, being our first game it wasn't too bad," commented Devils coach Patti Hall.

North Dundas' roster features five veterans and Silvia Bonanomi from Italy whose stinging service and booming returns highlighted the match against St. Joes.

This year's Senior Devils are: Melissa Vermeulen, Michelle Savage, Rena Peto, Laura Melenhorst, Julie-Ann Kerr, Kelsey Hilborn, Chelsea Greenhough, Natalie Gillen, Terra Fawcett, Tab Derue, Sam Carson, Stephanie Breteler and Silvia Bonanomi.



North Dundas Junior Devils' Andrea Jose took flight chasing the ball in SD&G action against the Seaway Spartans. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Major Atom 'AA' Kings register wins

SPENCERVILLE — Tanner Casselman and Joey Sargeant counted the goals and Jarrett Pitt posted the shutout as the Rideau St. Lawrence Major Atom "AA" Kings skated to a 2-0 victory over the Eastern Ontario Cobras.

Saturday's (Dec. 18) victory was the second consecutive positive result for the ODMHA squad. Will Fawcett and Taylor Henry picked up the assists in the 2-0 decision.

Winchester's Tanner Casselman potted a pair of goals on Dec. 16 helping the Kings to a 7-1 decision over the Nepean Raiders. Marc Beckstead also scored twice. Singles were recorded by Slater Koekkoek, Warren Steele and Taylor Henry. Henry (2), Adam Douma (2), Koekkoek (2), Sergeant, Spencer Lee and Cal Laforty earned assists.

In their two previous outings the Kings absorbed a pair of 2-1 losses. Beckstead used a pass provided by Douma and Henry to put his team on the board in a Dec. 11 loss to the Ottawa Valley Titans. Laforty was the lone scorer three days (Dec. 14) earlier as the Ottawa Sting stung the Kings 2-1. Chris Moss and Sergeant drew assists in that game.

The Kings won one of three games in the Nepean tournament and were eliminated after one round. Koekkoek scored the goal and Spencer Corkery registered the shutout in the Kings' 1-0 win over the Goulbourn Rams. The Eastern Ontario Cobras evened the Kings record at 1-1 blanking them 1-0 in game two. Beckstead potted a pair and Willy Fawcett a single in a 5-3 loss to the Nepean Raiders. Koekkoek, Douma, and Shane Riddell collected the assists.

Westport hosts Jr. B Boxing Day tourney

WESTPORT — Junior hockey fans can enjoy top-flight "live" Christmas hockey action in Westport.

Competition for the Cy Easterbrook Trophy and the 2004 Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League Boxing Day Tournament championship is set for Boxing Day, Sun., Dec. 26, at the Westport Arena.

The Westport Rideaus of the Rideau Division are hosting the 30th edition of the eight-team competition slated to get under way at 9 am with the St. Lawrence Division Kemptville 73s (17-8-1-0) taking on the Valley Division-leading Perth Blue Wings (15-9-2-1).

A pair of powerful squads will be featured in the 10:30 am match as the Rideau Division-leading South Grenville Rangers (23-3-3-0) tangle with the second-place South Ottawa Canadians (15-5-0-4) of the Metro Division.

The home town Rideaus are slated for game three at 12:30 pm when they will meet the top team in the Metro Division, the Ottawa West Golden Knights (21-4-1-1).

Game four at 2 pm will pit the second-place team in the Valley Division, the Arnprior Packers (14-13-1-0), against the St. Lawrence Division's top team, the Alexandria Glens (21-8-0-1).

The elimination games are set for 4 pm (winner game one vs. winner game two) and 5:30 pm (winner game three vs. winner game four). The two survivors will play in the championship match at 8 pm.

Carleton Place played host to the 2003 tournament, won by the Kemptville 73s who defeated the Metcalfe Jets in the final.

Advance tickets are $10 and are available by calling 613-273-7896. Admission price at the door is $12.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

Rideau - St. Lawrence Division

RECENT RESULTS:
Dec. 15: Alexandria 4 - Brockville 3
Dec. 17: Winchester 8 - Brockville 5
Westport 11 - Morrisburg 5
Alexandria 4 - Akwesasne 2
Dec. 18: Char-Lan 9 - Gananoque 3
Akwesasne 5 - Athens 3
South Grenville 7 - Kemptville 3
Dec. 19: Winchester 6 - Gananoque 4
Kemptville 6 - Brockville 1
Char-Lan 9 - Athens 4
South Grenville 4 - Morrisburg 4 OT
Alexandria 3 - Westport 2

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
S. Grenville	23	3	3	165	75	49
Brockville	20	8	1	136	98	42
Gananoque	16	14	0	154	142	33
Westport	11	17	0	136	148	23
Athens	3	26	0	78	182	7
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Alexandria	21	8	0	124	102	43
Kemptville	17	8	1	132	94	35
Winchester	15	11	2	146	134	34
Akwesasne	14	15	1	130	128	30
Char-Lan	12	12	1	111	100	25
Morrisburg	5	22	1	105	169	13

*Teams losing in OT receive one point

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
Tom Dickson, Gan.	29	33	62
Matt Steele, West.	24	27	51
Lenny Horst, Gan.	24	20	44
Derek Rupert, SG	18	26	44
Steve Biscaro, West.	19	22	41
Chris Easton, Gan.	18	23	41
Bill Donaldson, West.	17	20	37
David Lunn, SG	15	20	35
Aaron Lynn, West.	12	21	33
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Darren Trenholm, Win.	31	28	59
Nik Paas, Win.	26	33	59
Dylan Gravely, Akw.	14	40	54
Stephen Swan, Win.	16	37	53
Patrice Brunet, Alex.	19	31	50
Tyler Rasa, Kempt.	15	29	44
Ross Piaskoski, Kemp.	19	24	43
Drew Baker, Akw.	22	19	41

Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS:
Dec. 14: Perth 5 - South Ottawa 3
Carleton Place 5 - Stittsville 4
Dec. 16: Ottawa West 6 - Arnprior 5
Dec. 17: Gatineau 8 - Metcalfe 4
Stittsville 6 - Perth 3
Arnprior 7 - Renfrew 4
Shawville 5 - Carleton Place 3
Dec. 19: South Ottawa 6 - Metcalfe 3
Ottawa West 9 - Stittsville 2
Gatineau 7 - Clarence 6 OT
Shawville 5 - Renfrew 3
Perth 5 - Arnprior 3

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	21	4	1	139	79	44
Metcalfe	17	9	0	128	95	34
South Ottawa	15	5	0	137	101	34
Gatineau	13	15	1	120	175	29
Clarence Creek	10	12	2	131	121	25

*Teams losing in OT receive one point

METRO TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Maxime Quesnel, Gat.	23	26	49
Mike Berry, OW	18	30	48
Mike Wallace, OW	17	31	48
Sam Majic, OW	23	23	46
Pierre Chenier, Gat.	16	25	41
Mike Cerilli, Met.	14	27	41
Martin Paquette, CC	16	23	39

Metcalfe Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Dec. 19:
Stars 6 - Leafs 1
Canadians 1 - Penguins 1
Blues 3 - Senators 1

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Canadians	7	2	4	41	29	18
Penguins	4	3	6	35	32	14
Leafs	5	5	3	39	44	13
Blues	5	6	2	39	45	12
Stars	4	5	4	40	37	12
Senators	4	8	1	32	36	9

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Ron Flanagan, Canadians	13	6	19
Stefan Rawlings, Blues	6	11	17
Brian Downey, Sens	7	9	16
Ray Vidal, Stars	8	7	15
Peter Holmes, Leafs	7	8	15
Steve Wade, Pens	6	8	14
Rob Stanley, Leafs	5	9	14
Jeff Gill, Canadians	3	11	14
Bruce Buckland, Blues	9	4	13
Dave Boyd, Canadians	8	5	13
Darrell Warren, Stars	6	7	13
Rick Downey, Leafs	7	5	12
Shane Patterson, Sens	6	6	12
Jay Dewan, Blues	6	6	12
Steve Corlyon, Sens	5	7	12
Kevin McIsaac, Stars	4	7	11
Dave Sheldrick, Blues	4	7	11

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Dec. 14:
Winchester Flyers 1 - Boyd Rams 0
C.K. Cyclones 8 - Rangers 1

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ben's Rangers	8	3	0	37	39	16
Winchester Flyers	6	4	1	41	38	13
C.K. Cyclones	4	6	1	55	50	9
Boyd Rams	3	8	0	39	44	6

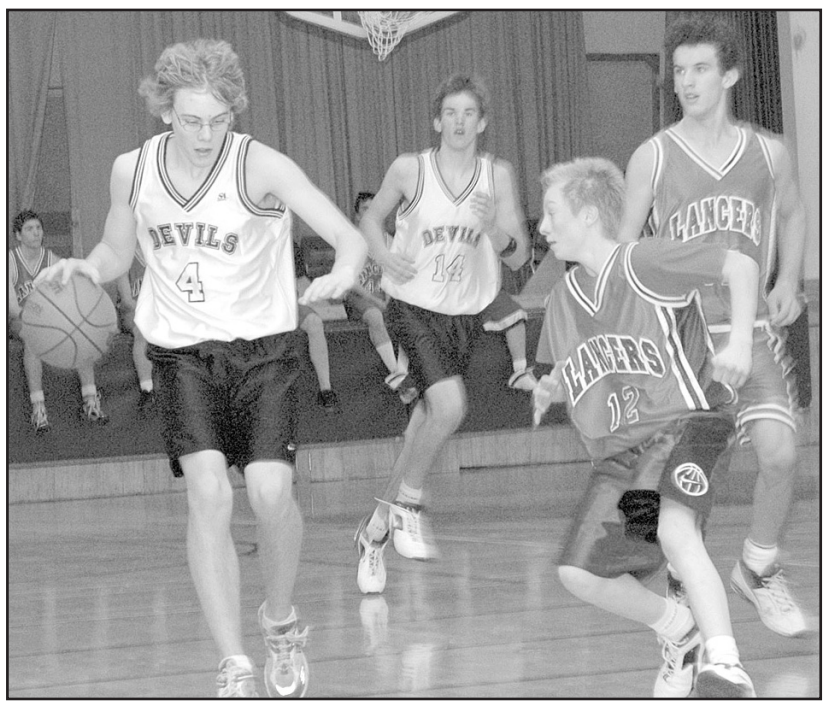
TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
*Note: Stats for first two games N/A			
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	9	10	19
Scott Baldwin, Rangers	8	6	14
Chad Valcour, Rangers	7	7	14
Dave Summers, Cyclones	7	7	14
Wes Cory, Flyers	6	8	14
Al Christophersen, Rangers	6	8	14
Adam Spirk, Rams	5	7	12
Derek Rintoul, Cyclones	4	8	12
Dereck Holmes, Flyers	9	2	11
Chad Brownlee, Rams	8	3	11

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Dec. 19:
Ryan's Reds 3 - Classics 2
Andy's Maroons 1 - Double Beauty 0
CountryGirl 6 - Annable's Blues 1

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Gold Diggers	7	1	2	26	7	16
Ryan's Reds	6	3	1	22	16	13
D.B. Stylists	5	3	2	11	8	12
Andy's Maroons	3	4	3	13	15	9
Annable's Blues	1	6	3	10	27	5
Stewart Classics	0	5	5	12	21	5

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Cheryl Hamilton, RR	10	7	17
Sandy Roy, GD	10	6	16
Gail Smith-Rutley, GD	4	7	11
Laura McDonell, GD	4	4	8
Maggie Stewart, SC	4	4	8
Julie Cyr, RR	4	4	8
Karla Marshall, AF	5	2	7
Janice Casselman, AF	1	6	7
Stacey Van Boxtel, RR	1	6	7
Amy Fraser, DB	5	1	6



Top shot

Phil Juthman (#4) carried the ball into Lancer territory on this play as the NDDHS Junior Devils defeated the visitors from Rothwell-Osnabruck 44-34 on Dec. 14. Juthman led the Devils' offence swishing 13 points. The victory improved North Dundas' SD&G "AA" boys high school basketball league record to 2-0.

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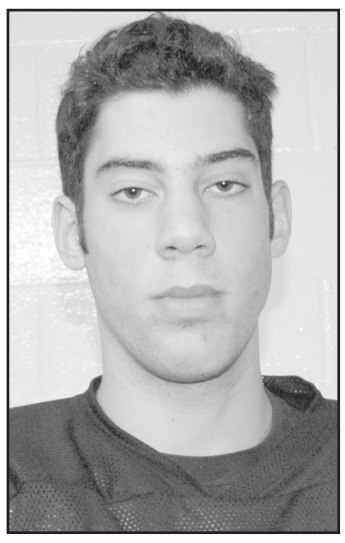
Meet the Hawks



No. 9
Chad Kight

Chad Kight is a first-year player with the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks. He hails from Ottawa where he played his minor hockey. The six-foot, 180-pound defender has also been called upon by the Hawks coaching staff to play forward. Head coach Dale Murdoch reported the rookie rear guard played one of his best games of the season in Sunday's (Dec. 19) 6-4 win in Gananoque. Kight wears jersey No. 9 and has recorded one goal and two assists.

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Flyers solidify second place

WINCHESTER — Gregg Griffith has earned the distinction of becoming the first goaltender to register a shutout through the first 11 games of the 2004-05 Winchester Town Hockey League season.

Griffith outlasted Boyd Chrysler Rams' backstop Jay Bullied in a defensive struggle which opened the Tuesday (Dec. 14) night twin bill. The Flyers eventually won by a slim 1-0 count when Dereck "Wendell" Holmes finished off a play engineered by Jeff Holmes and Paul Pilotte 4:32 before the intermission.

Holmes' ninth goal of the season held up for a 1-0 decision. The victory improved the Flyers second-place record to 6-4-1. The Rams fourth-place ranking slipped to 3-8-0.

CYCLONES 8 - RANGERS 1

Dave Summers and Chad Valcour fashioned hat tricks for the third-place C.K. Cyclones who ripped the first-place Ben's Pioneer Rangers 8-1 in the second-half of the two-game card.

It was just the third loss for the first-place Rangers (8-3-0). The win improved the Cyclones' third-place ranking to 4-6-1.

The game was tied 1-1 at the half but it was an all-Cyclone affair in the second stanza as they pumped seven unanswered shots in behind Craig "JB" Smith. The only puck to elude winner Andrew Colbourne's grasp was fired by Craig "Archie" Beckstead (unassisted) with 7:18 left in the first half.

Valcour's first goal, engineered by Jamie MacIntosh and Derek Rintoul, opened the game up at 28:22 of the first half. Rintoul's first of two tallies resulted from a play created by Summers at 23:41 of the second half and held up as the winning goal.

Summers (3-1-4), Valcour (3-1-4), Rintoul (2-2-4), Craig "Bud" Holmes (0-4-4), MacIntosh (0-3-3), Aaron Sherrer (0-2-2), and Jon Chambers (0-1-1) figured in the Cyclone offence.

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Barkley, Lynch key Demons' seventh win

KEMPTVILLE — Team captain Jordan Barkley and goaltender Todd Lynch turned in key performances as the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons recorded their seventh win of the 2004-05 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League season.

Win number seven was registered in Kemptville on Dec. 13 as the Demons caged the Panthers 7-1. Barkley picked up three points, including two goals, and Lynch came within a shot of a shutout. Unfortunately the NGS Braves visited Winchester and dumped the Demons 6-2. The loss left Terry Barkley's squad with a 7-6-2 record which will stand until they swing back into action on Jan. 6.

Todd Lynch gave up a first-period goal to Kemptville when Taylor Davis put a puck behind him at 11:14. But from that point on he was perfect backing his team's 7-1 win.

Zack Peters connected from Philip Duncan at 12:27 of the first period to put the Demons up 1-0. Kemptville tied it up 1-1 with the Davis goal at 11:14 but when time had expired in period one North Dundas had developed a 4-1 lead. Matt VanDelst cracked in a feed from Ryan McRae at the seven-minute mark and that shot stood up as the winner. Barkley then ripped in his two goals, scoring from VanDelst and Taylor Johnston at 4:46 and from Justin Hanes at the 1:57 mark.

McRae (from Tyler Jones and Peters at 13:36) and Ethan VanKoppen (PPG from McRae and Barkley at 9:04) slapped in second-period shots to make it a 6-1 game. Duncan iced the decision finishing off a play created by Peters and Jones 9:29 before the final buzzer.

STRONG FINISH

A five-goal third period by the visiting NGS Braves, including three in the final 7:57, gave them a 6-2 win in Winchester on Dec. 15.

Peters (from Duncan and Jacob McRoberts at 11:09) and Duncan (from Jones and Hanes at 2:38) netted goals in the final frame and ruined the hopes Brave Jean Michel Provost had of posting the shutout.

TOURNEY TALES

North Dundas took part in the Loyalist Tournament in Kingston (Dec. 11-12), where they finished with a 2-2 record after dropping a heart-breaking 1-0 decision to the Loyalists Jets in the "B" final.

The Smiths Falls Bears doubled the Demons 4-2 in their opening game. Hanes and McRae were the goal scorers while VanKoppen picked up both assists.

A two-goal effort by McRae helped North Dundas to bounce back with a 5-3 win over the Clarence Creek Senators in game two. McRae (2), Duncan, Peters and Hanes cashed in the Demon goals. VanDelst (2), Jones (2), Peters and Duncan set up the scoring plays.

Barkley keyed his team's 4-3 win over the Kingston Titans, cracking in three goals. His third marker was set up by McRae with one minute left in the game and proved to be the winner. Peters produced the single while VanKoppen drew two assists. The win gave the Demons a 2-1-0 record and qualified them for the "B" final.

Jets drop pair at home, still share second place

METCALFE — Home ice wasn't any advantage to the Metcalfe Jets.

The defending Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League champs dropped a pair of Metro Division decisions at the Larry Robinson Arena over the weekend. On Friday (Dec. 19) the fourth-place Gatineau Mustangs scored an 8-4 victory and Sunday the South Ottawa Canadians doubled their hosts 6-3. That loss enabled the Canadians to move into a 34-point tie for second place with the Jets, who do sport a better 17-9-0-0 record over the Canadians' 15-5-0-4 mark.

The double losses moved Metcalfe's December record to 4-3-0-0 and left them 10 points off the pace being set by the front-running Ottawa West Golden Knights (21-4-1-1). Gatineau (13-15-1-2) with 29 points and the Clarence Creek Beavers (10-12-2-3) with 25 stand fourth and fifth, respectively.

Metcalfe visited the South Ottawa Canadians on Tues., Dec. 21 and closed out the 2004 portion of their schedule. They return to action in 2005 paying a visit to Clarence Creek on Sun., Jan. 2. They will then play host to the Beavers on Fri., Jan. 7.

Warren leads Stars to 6-1 win

METCALFE — Darrell Warren scored three times and picked up an assist leading the fifth-place Stars to a sizable 6-1 decision over the number-three ranked Leafs.

Warren cracked in all three of his shots in the first half of Sunday's (Dec. 19) Metcalfe Men's Town Hockey League game which saw the Stars (4-5-4) pick up their fourth win and the Leafs (5-5-3) drop back to the 500 mark.

In addition to Warren's three goals, the Stars got a pair from Pierre Boucher and a single from Humberto Medeiros. Ray Vidal (2), Todd Hay, Geoff Ross, Dave Warren, Joe Scott, Darrell Warren and Medeiros all picked up assists. Rusty Vachon's shutout vanished when Rick Downey beat him on a play set up by Rob Stanley.



Allan Johnston with one of the many snowmobiles on sale during his open house Sun., Dec. 19 at his dealership in Metcalfe. *Photo — Meagher*

Shoppers line up at Johnston dealership

by Sean Meagher

METCALFE — Business is good for Allan Johnston and his Arctic Cat Snowmobile Dealership in Metcalfe. He hosted his first open house Dec. 17-19, and it proved to be very successful.

The open house was to create buzz and exposure for the store, while making the visit worthwhile for customers. Shoppers were treated to sales on all products. Johnston's dealership sells everything from snowmobiles and 4x4s to winter attire and chainsaws.

In the spring, different products will fill the shelves, when the store sells equipment such as lawnmowers and weed-whackers.

This was the store's first open house and was a tremendous success according to Johnston, who received a lot of helping from his suppliers. "We tried to do something different," he said.

Dealerships sometimes wait until Boxing Day to have major winter sales, but Johnston thought of having a sale earlier. "Why not put the sale price before Christmas instead of after Christmas?" he asked. His format for open houses certainly proved to work, and he plans to continue that trend every holiday season.

An open house for the spring line of products at the dealership has been planned and the Arctic Cat dealership continues to thrive.

Skating opportunities abound

WINCHESTER — There is one good thing about this bitter cold weather, that is most of our outdoor rinks are ready for skating and hockey. There are outdoor rinks in Morewood, Hallville, Mountain, South Mountain and Inkerman. There is also extra public skating available during the Christmas break. Hours are as follows:

North Dundas will have extra public skating available during the Christmas break. At the Chesterville Arena the public can skate Wed., Dec. 22 from 2 to 4 pm; Thurs., Dec. 23 from 2 to 4 pm; Fri., Dec. 24 from 2 to 3 pm; Mon., Dec. 27 from 3 to 5 pm; Thurs., Dec. 30 from 2 to 4 pm; and Fri., Dec. 31 from 1 to 3 pm.

Remarks
by Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture



At the rink in Winchester the public is welcome on Wed., Dec. 22 from 2 to 4 pm; Thurs., Dec. 23 from 2 to 4 pm; Fri., Dec. 24 from 2 to 3 pm; Mon., Dec. 27 from 3 to 5 pm; Wed., Dec. 29 from 2 to 4 pm; and Fri., Dec. 31 from 2 to 3 pm.

Be aware that both arenas will close at 4 pm from Dec. 24 until Dec. 27 at 8 am. The arenas will be open on Dec. 28 from 8 am to 4 pm. They will close again from Friday, December 31 at 4 pm until Sunday, Jan. 2 at 7 am. The Winchester Arena will also be closed from 8 am to 4 pm on Dec. 30.

If you want to book ice between Dec. 27 to Jan. 3, call the arenas directly. The number for Winchester Arena is 774-2006 and the Chesterville Arena number is 448-3267. The Hawks' next home game is Fri., Jan. 7 against the Char-Lan Rebels.

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The Grade 3 class from Elma Public School, above, rocked the house on Dec. 16 at Dundas Manor. At left: Santa Claus, or Justin Fawcett, a Grade 5 student at Elma Public gets a Christmas kiss from one of the seniors. He was passing out Christmas ornaments that the students had made in their study of the virtue "empathy." At right: Kyle Merkley, a Grade 1 student at Elma Public School, was one of the many Grade 1 to 3 students who sang at Dundas Manor on Dec. 16.

Press Photos — Duncan

Kelly earns hat, Juvenile Demons crush Glens 14-1

WINCHESTER — Aaron Kelly banged in three goals and three of his teammates each pumped in a pair of pucks as the North Dundas Demons lengthened their 417 Midget Juvenile Hockey League win string to six games. The latest addition to their record was a one-sided 14-1 romp over the Alexandria Glens.

North Dundas led Sunday's (Dec. 19) game 4-0 after a period and 11-1 after two. Alexandria's lone goal was a powerplay-effort by Luc Vachon at 10:56 of the middle session.

With the win, the Demons have increased their record to 6-1-0 and have outscored their opposition 57-14.

Tory Baldwin cashed in a powerplay pass from Devin Kelly at 13:10 of period one to start proceedings. Aaron Kelly followed his first of three goals at 12:00 to open up a 2-0 lead. Goals by Bill McRoberts (from Brett Bird at 9:08) and Kelly (from McRoberts and Justin Morozuk at 7:48) made it 4-0 after a period.

Morozuk (2), Kyle Dearing (2), Morgan Jackson, Devin Kelly and Aaron Kelly were the North Dundas goal getters in period two.

Unassisted third-period markers by Jackson, John Drew and Dearing inflated the final difference to 14-1.

Tweens fall short

ARNPRIOR — Down 4-0 at the intermission, the Metcalfe Tween "C" Hornets rallied in the second half of their National Capital Region Ringette League game only to come up one goal short and suffer a 4-3 setback at the hands of the undefeated Arnprior Devils.

Hornets coach Brian Sullivan gathered his team at the half, calmed them down and focused them for a strong second half rally that saw them score three times in two minutes. Lindsay Gillmore got the Hornets started, scoring from Tabitha Smith. Lindsay Donoghue was next to score when she finished off a play engineered by Jessica Morrow and Nicole Kettles. Donoghue and Gillmore then fed Smith the ring and her shot found the target and closed the gap to 4-3. Unfortunately for Metcalfe that was as close as they would get.



Going to bat for cancer research

Lyle Schell (left), organizer of the first annual Casey at Bat Memorial Tournament in honor of his grandpa, stands with his father Bob Schell to give a cheque for $400 to director of resource development at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation Shannon Gorman. The presentation took place at the South Dundas Township Office in Williamsburg on Dec. 15. *Press Photo—Duncan*

Ball tournament hits home run for diabetes, cancer foundation

WILLIAMSBURG — On the weekend of Sept. 10 -12, 2004, fastball players from all over the area gathered in Williamsburg for the first annual Casey at Bat Memorial Tournament. The tournament, which brought out hundreds of spectators, was a fundraising event for the Canadian Diabetes Association and the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation (ORCCF).

"Because grandpa had both," said Lyle Schell, who organized the tournament in honor of Keith "Casey" Schell.

Casey Schell was a clerk for the Township of Williamsburg for 34 years before amalgamation. It's been nine years since he passed away.

"I started talking about it in mid-July," said Lyle Schell of the tournament. "Then it was just a matter of spreading the word."

Seven teams competed in the tournament: Williamsburg, Iroquois, Cardinal, Manotick, Blackburn, Newboro and a team from the City of Ottawa RA League. The team from Manotick went on to win the tourney, with Blackburn a close second.

Money raised came from entry fees and business sponsorships.

"It had great results from businesses across this area who you can't really thank enough," said Schell.

In the end, $400 was given to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation and $500 to the Tri-county branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

"We support treatment and research at the Ottawa Hospital Regional Cancer Centre," said Shannon Gorman, director of resource development for the ORCCF, who was at the township office to accept the cheque on Dec. 15. The cancer centre serves over 19,000 patients a year.

The tournament will be an annual event in Williamsburg.

"For the first year of the tournament, it was a great response," said Schell.

Most of the players on the Williamsburg team, including both Lyle and Bob, had Casey as a coach when they were children. And those who couldn't play, came out to cheer on their friends.

"There was a lot of old guys in the area that came to watch," said Lyle. "We had over 400 spectators over the course of the weekend."

The tournament was a way to remember someone who gave so much of his life to the Village of Williamsburg.

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Monday, January 3, 2005
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INFORMATION
Anyone knowing information on a person called "Lady Muskrat", who owned the Muskrat Hotel, RR 3, Crump Road, Chesterville. Please call 448-2736 after 8 pm.
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Will be closed on December 24 and will re-open on January 13.
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WANTED – Bush lot or land, area of Winchester, Inkerman, Mountain or surrounding area. Please call 223-1674.
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WANTED – Storage space for extra furniture and tools. Need garage or small shed. Make some extra money. Call 774-4569.
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For Sale

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39-42

FOR SALE – 1991 Polaris Indy Trail snowmobile, 480 fan, $800. Call 989-5477.
39-40

Birth Notice

VERSPEEK – Mikayla and Jacob anxiously awaited the early arrival of their twin brothers, Logan Raymond Clair and James Edward Clair. They were born on Monday, December 6, 2004. Logan at 8:14 am, weighing 5 lb, 15 oz and James at 8:19 am weighing 5 lb, 12 oz. Proud parents Peter and Charmaine would like to thank God for the healthy arrival of our boys and Great-grandpa Clair who is watching over us and gave us the courage to make it to 35 weeks. Excited grandparents are Brian and Audrey Enright. Thank you to Dr. Jones and the doctors and nurses at the General. A special thank you to the proud Daddy for splitting himself in three and for all his love and support.
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Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS _ We wish to thank family, friends and everyone who sent cards, made phone calls and thought of us during Frank's recent illness, in the Civic Hospital and since returning home. We never realized how many people really cared. We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
– Roma and Frank Hylarides
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CARD OF THANKS – There is no thank you huge enough to express the gratitude and love we feel towards our family and friends who supported us during our long stay at the General. Firstly, to Mom and Dad for caring for Mikayla and Jacob. It made me feel more comfortable to know they were in such good hands. To all who helped out with the children and dropped off meals, thank you. Thank you to Derek and Gerald for keeping the cows happy; to WDMH, especially Dr. Rivington and nurses for helping to keep me calm during my ambulance ride. The care I received at the General while waiting for the babies to arrive was wonderful. Lastly, thanks to the N.I.C.U., the doctors for keeping us informed on the boys progress and the nurses for the hugs and support. I'm glad to be home.
– Charmaine, Pete, Mikayla, Jacob, Logan and James Verspeek
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CARD OF THANKS – Thank you to our family, friends and neighbors for their care, best wishes, phone calls and for the food brought to our home during our illness.
– Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Keith and Betty Guy
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In Memoriam

YOUNG – In loving memory of my brother, uncle, and brother-in-law, Roger, who was taken December 24, 1981.
This day is remembered and quietly kept,
No words are needed,
We shall never forget.
For those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, and unheard, but always near,
So loved, so missed, and so very dear.
– Sadly missed, Jean, John, Tracy and Jennifer
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LEWIS – In memory of Wes, who passed away on December 23, 2001.
Time cannot steal the memories,
That we carry in our hearts;
Nor ever dim the loving thoughts,
Our cherished past imparts.
– Ever remembered, Jean and family
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VAN BRIDGER – In memory of Jean, our dear "best" mom and grandma, who passed away December 25, 2003.
Today is remembered, and quietly kept,
No words are needed,
We shall never forget.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.
– Love from John, Don, Karen, Mary and families
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BLAINE – In loving memory of a dearly loved son, brother and uncle, Dennis, who passed away December 20, 2002.
Remembering you can cause a smile,
Bring laughter or a tear.
How precious are those memories,
That keep you ever near.
– Marjorie, Richard, Cheryl, Rhonda and Wendy
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BLAINE – In loving memory of Dennis, who passed away December 20, 2002.
The moment that you died,
Our hearts split in two,
The one side filled with memories,
The other died with you.
We often lay awake at night,
When the world is fast asleep,
And take a walk down memory lane,
With tears upon our cheeks.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,
But missing you is a heartache,
That never goes away.
We hold you tightly within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
Life has gone on without you,
But it never will be the same.
For those who still have their dads,
Treat him with tender care,
You will never know the emptiness,
As when you turn and he is not there.
– Always remembered by Sue, Ryan and Mallory
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Coming Events

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515 Mill St. 774-2630
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Coming Events

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
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Winchester Wesleyan Church invites you to celebrate the Christmas Eve Worship Service at the warm, comfortable barn of Keith and Audrey Last, 2116 Crowder Road. This 45 minute worship opportunity, beginning at 6:30 pm, has proven to be a special event to people of all ages. We'll see YOU at the Barn. For more information call Church office (774-3137) or e-mail Thurland@canada.com
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South Mountain Agricultural Hall from 8 pm-2 am, Shad's Disco, midnight lunch, shuttle bus. $20 per person. Age of Majority required. Sponsored by the Mountain Township Agricultural Society. For more information or tickets call Gerry Boyce, 989-2330 or Darren Stitt, 989-2405.
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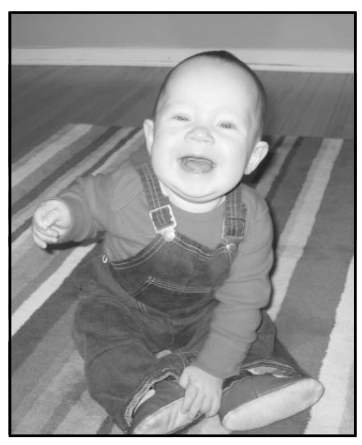

MARVAN
Arie & Betty Hoogenboom of Dryden, Ontario, are delighted with the arrival of their first grandchild, Silas Sebastian Marvan, born on Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 8:59 am, weighing 6 lb., 14 oz. Silas is the first child of thrilled parents Laura and Mik Marvan of Edmonton, and also the first grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. W.P. Hoogenboom of Mountain.

Coming Events

CANDLELIGHT
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Fri., Dec. 24, 8 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg. Everyone welcome.
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MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL
The 30th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival will take place from Jan. 21-23, 2005 at the Matilda Community Hall, in Dixon's Corners. Fri., Jan. 21: Carnival Queen Pageant, 7 pm; Sat., Jan. 22: Car/Snowmobile Rally/Dinner/Dance featuring Eddy & the Stingrays. Sun., Jan. 23: Pancake breakfast, entertainment and sleigh rides, evening ecumenical service. Call Nancy 652-2096, Cindy 652-2715 or Janice 652-4714 for more details.
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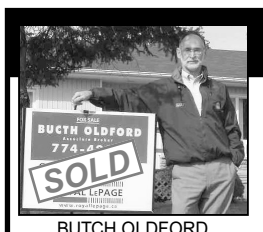

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Thank You

The family of Helene Crump would like to thank friends and neighbors for their cards, flowers, food, phone calls and the many donations made in Mother's memory. Special thanks to those who provided support during her illness; Cory DeRooy for those homemade soups; to Aunt Doreen for taking her to doctors appointments; and to Rita Barrett, Ina Poole, Isabelle Conlin, Aunt Faye, Reta, Stella, Marlene and Shirley for their numerous visits at home and in the hospital. We would like to thank Rev. Mary Lou Shortill for her support with visits to the hospital, prayers, many phone calls and words of comfort. Also, thank you to the Morewood United Church choir and the Morewood UCW for your kindness in taking time out from your busy schedules to provide the music for the service and the preparation of a wonderful lunch. We would also like to thank the nursing staff of the Kemptville District Hospital for the excellent care and comfort you provided to mother during her illness. Special thanks to Dr. Wooltorton, whose compassion during her time of need will never be forgotten. Thanks to everyone who helped us through this difficult time. We are truly blessed to live in a small rural community of caring people.

– Elaine McLaren, Betty Ann Darling, Angus Crump and Heather Crump

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Sunday, December 26
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Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve Services
5:00 pm - Family Service at Holy Trinity, 37 Queen St. W., Chesterville.
7:30 pm - Family Service at St. Peter's, 10561 Main St., South Mountain.
11:00 pm - Midnight Mass at St. Matthias, 541 St. Lawrence St., Winchester.
Sunday, December 26
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Sunday, December 26
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Sunday, December 26
9:30 am - Divine Worship
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Winter Parking Bylaw

NO parking is permitted on all village streets in the Township of North Dundas between the hours of **11:00 pm and 7:00 am** from November 1 to April 30. **ALL** vehicles parked on the streets between the aforementioned hours may be towed away at the owner's expense. This bylaw will be strictly enforced.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Arden Carruthers
Works Superintendent
Township of North Dundas

WINCHESTER PRESS Holiday Deadlines

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004 Edition

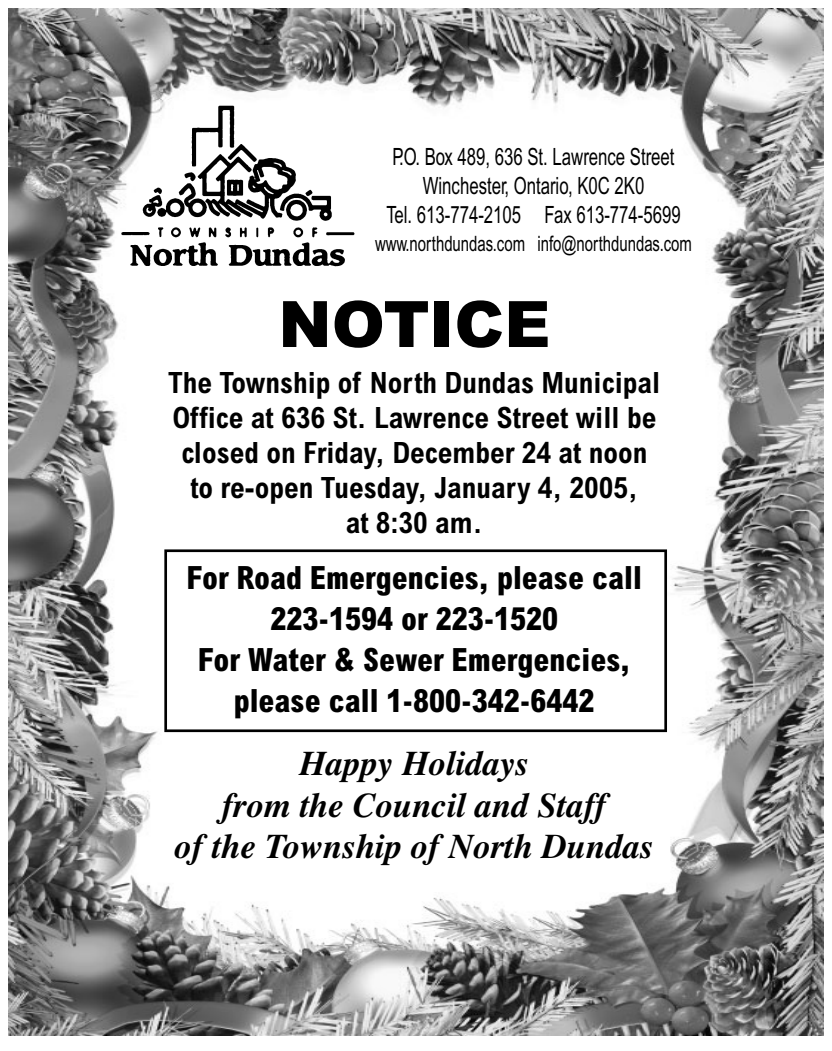
Classified advertising deadline
Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 at 5 pm
News and display advertising deadline
Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 at 5 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005 Edition

News and advertising deadline
Monday, Jan. 3, 2005 at 5 pm

The office will be closed from 5 pm Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 until Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004 at 9 am, CLOSED Friday, Dec. 31, 2004.





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Township of South Dundas
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Christmas Office Hours

The Municipal Office will be **CLOSED** on the following days: **December 24, 2004 at noon, to January 2, 2005 inclusive.**

Disposal Site Hours

Please be advised that the Williamsburg and Matilda sites will be **CLOSED December 25, 2004 and January 1, 2005**.

Garbage Tags/Bags

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Jean Crowder

Dorothy Jean Crowder (nee Wilson) of RR 2 Mountain passed away Dec. 15, 2004 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 87.

She is survived by her husband Lorne Thomas Crowder whom she married on Nov. 28, 1942. She was born on Nov. 17, 1917 in Reids Mills to the late William T. Wilson and the late Annie J. Wallace.

She is survived by children Glen (Sharon); the late Alan (Beth); and grandchildren Jason and Pamela. She was predeceased by her brother George Wilson and sisters Holly Stinson and Gladys Crowder.

She was a housewife and homemaker. She was a member of the United Church in Inkerman.

The funeral was held on Dec. 17 in the chapel of the Byers Funeral Home with Rev. Blair Paterson officiating. Interment at South Gower Cemetery to take place in the spring.

Pallbearers were Bruce Wicks, Geoffrey Guy, Jerry Crowder, Raymond Crowder, Doug Crowder and Willis Kerr.

Gertrude Willard

Gertrude Ethelyn Victoria Willard (nee Rawn) passed away peacefully, with her family at her side on Dec. 18, 2004, in Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 96.

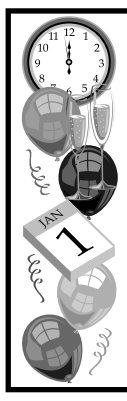
She was the beloved wife of the late J. Howard Willard. She was born on Oct. 17, 1908 in Coldwater to the late John and Winnifred Rawn.



She was the loved and loving mother of Garry (Elaine), Nancy Henson (Hal), and Gabriel Lepkey (Gay). She will be sadly missed by her 11 grandchildren: Michele Broadfoot, Kelly Simak and Garry Jacob (children of Nancy); Ashleigh and Alyson Lepkey and Paul Blackmore (children of Gabriel); Lawrence Mason and Sarah; Rebecca, Lisa and Christopher Willard (children of Garry); and 13 great-grandchildren: Krystal, Lauren, and Keenan Mason; Zoe Willard-Hills; Ryan, Cory and Kimberley Broadfoot; Chantal, Sabrina and David Simak; and Andrew, Justin and Tyler Blackmore.

The family received friends at the Winchester Funeral Home on Dec. 20. A service to celebrate her life was held at Winchester United Church on Dec. 21 with Rev. Bob Williams officiating.

Donations in memory of Gertrude may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice.



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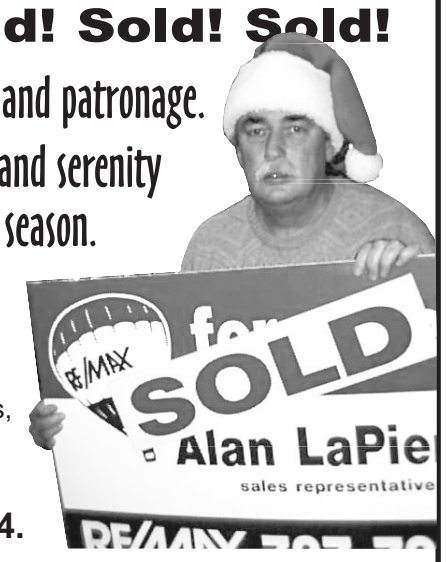

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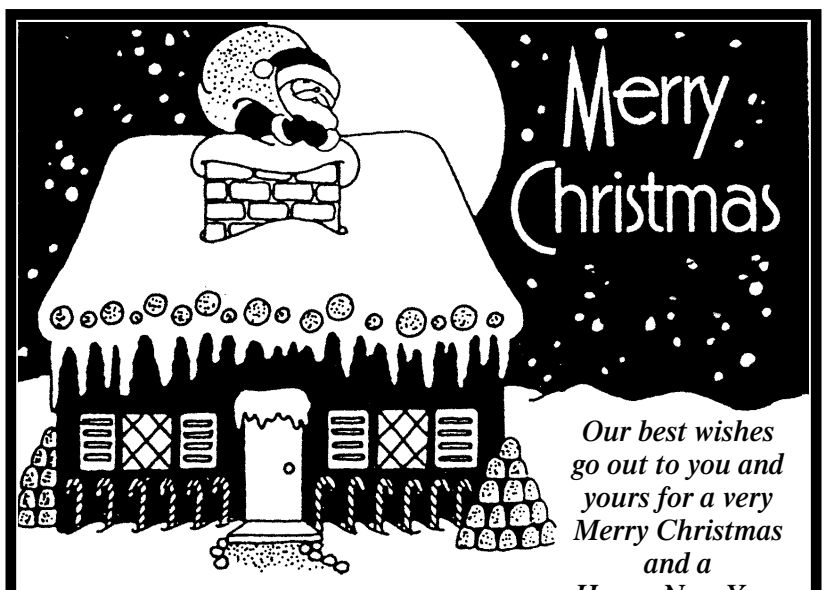

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Director of Waste Management
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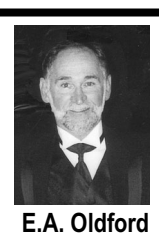

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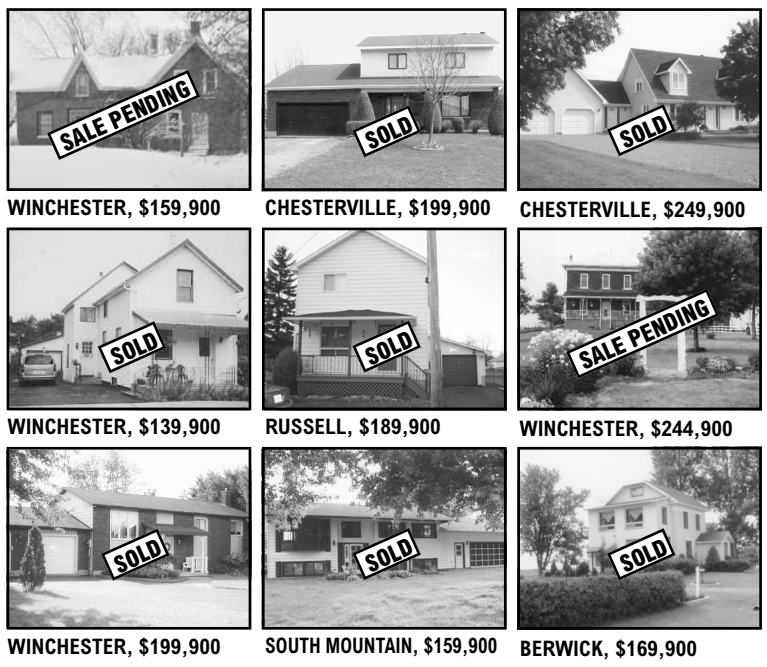

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The proposed act does not extend the smoking ban to private dwellings, with the exception of licensed private home day care. Operators of residential care facilities and hotels would have the option of allowing smoking in these residential settings.

Identifying our programs and partnerships

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