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3rd floor victim of hospital cuts?

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Their task is not a simple one.

In the past two months, officials at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital have been attempting to find cost savings without affecting patient care.

Their plight is not unique. Since the provincial government announced major across-the-board cuts to health care, hospitals across Ontario have attempted to do the same thing.

"We are trying to respond to the government's cuts of $1.4 million over the next two years while trying to preserve what we have," said Roy Glassford, acting CEO at the Winchester hospital.

"We have to look at non-human costs and determine what we need and don't need. Then we can look at patient care services including physiology, radiology and nursing."

During closed meetings, the WDMH board's Strategic Planning Committee and hospital staff have proposed several changes including closing the hospital's third floor which services patients with a wide range of medical needs.

"Closing the floor was one of the suggestions but nothing will be decided until everyone, including the public, has a chance to have their say," Glassford stressed.

Other possibilities include amalgamating some services with the Kemptville District Hospital to save money.

"If we didn't have enough numbers for our breast screening programs, for example, we could combine them with the (Kemptville) hospital," Glassford explained.

"A lot of things are being said but it is important people realize they are only suggestions at this point," he added.

Glassford said a public meeting will be held in June to discuss options with the general public.

The provincial Health Services Restructuring Commission is proposing reducing the number of acute (short-term) care hospital beds at the WDMH from 54 to 39.

Jeffrey Weatherill, president of Education Health Environment International Inc. in Ottawa, was hired by the WDMH board in February to find cost savings at the hospital.

Although details of his report are not being released to the Press, Glassford says Weatherill has suggested only 10 beds close.

The Health Services Restructuring Commission is expected to visit the WDMH in the fall to make its recommendations.

Space available for trade show

WINCHESTER — Attention all businesses! There is still space available for you at this year's Winchester Trade Show.

This year's trade show takes place at the Winchester Arena on May 15 and 16 and organizers are hoping to rent out of all of their available space.

For Chamber of Commerce members, the rental fee is $6/foot and for non-members, the cost is $12/foot. To book a spot, call Linda Foster at 774-2881.

New to this year's trade show is a boating and fishing show and demonstration at the Winchester Curling Club by Winchester's Paddletales; a craft show; live hedgehogs from Biemond Breeders of Iroquois; Plastic Lumber Products from Spencerville as well as a local reflexologist and masseuse.0

Winchester's CountryBoy/CountryGirl will be showing off their spring lines on both nights at 8:30 pm.

The trade show takes place on May 15 and 16 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Winchester Arena. The cost of admission is $2.

Vandals damage rink

Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Vandalism has become a serious problem at local community parks.

In the past month, youths have vandalized the rink buildings in South Mountain, Inkerman and Hallville.

They have smashed windows and doors in an attempt to enter the rink facilities and do further damage.

In South Mountain, vandals used a hammer to smash the lock on the inside door of the rink building before lighting part of a table on fire, writing obscenities on the wall and using a hockey stick to break through the canteen into the storage room.

"There was $500-$600 damage," said Peter Vandesande, president of the South Mountain Recreation Association. "They (the vandals) don't appear to be looking for anything in particular.

"This spring fever has kids just roaming around," he said. "It bothers me that we are all volunteers (on the recreation association) and spend hours of our time maintaining the park and this (vandalism) is a continual problem."

Last year, vandals broke into the canteen and stole some goods.

In Hallville, vandals smashed a hole in one of the outside windows of the rink building and cracked another.

"They heated the window with a lighter and then used a hockey stick," explained Heather Erwin of the Hallville Recreation Association. "The parents say there is nothing for the local kids to do so they resort to violence."

In Inkerman, vandals used either hockey sticks or their fists to break holes through the walls of the new rink building, according to recreation association members.



Prime Minister Jean Chretien swept in to Cornwall on Thurs., May 1 for a short 13-minute campaign speech. Hundreds of Liberal supporters crammed MP Bob Kilger's campaign office to hear Chretien praise his government's record.

Press Photo — Wolfe

Chretien sweeps through riding

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CORNWALL — Prime Minister Jean Chretien stopped in Cornwall last Thursday (May 1) for a brief13-minute pep talk.

Hundreds of people crammed Liberal MP Bob Kilger's campaign office to hear Chretien discuss "choices and values" during this federal election.

"This election is about choices and values. This government has had the lowest interest rates in 35 years because of our good management," he said.

"We chose to clean up the mess that Jean Charest and Brian Mulroney left behind us."

While praising his government's record, a group of employees from the Cornwall General Hospital protested against cuts to health care and a recommendation to amalgamate the city's two hospitals.

Meanwhile, Chretien appeared oblivious to their chants from across the street and stressed the Liberal government has invested in health care, reduced the deficit and lowered the unemployment rate.

"Our good fiscal management means we can invest in health care and jobs," he said. "We are more than one year ahead of our program. The deficit that was supposed to be $24 billion we predicted would be $19 (billion) and apparently it is better than that."

Chretien explained he stopped in Cornwall during his campaign tour to support Kilger, the Liberal party whip.

"I have 177 members and I need a good referee to keep them in line," he said jokingly in reference to Kilger's career as a National Hockey League referee.

Although he avoided discussing the high unemployment rate in Cornwall, Chretien said the city is an example of a society that promotes sharing.

"I look at Cornwall and see people who are French and English and they get along so well," he said.

DISAPPOINTED

The group of about 20 protesters, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), booed the prime minister as he boarded his campaign bus for Hawkesbury.

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Rain check

Judy Barkley of Chesterville didn't seem to mind the rain as she admired the goods at the 6th Annual Giant Yard Sale in Williamsburg on Sat., May 3. Residents from across Dundas County enjoyed the cake walk and several bake sales. The event was hosted by the Williamsburg Community Association. Press Photo — Wolfe

Manitoba flood relief donations pouring in

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The effects of Manitoba's swollen Red River have spilled over into the Village of Winchester.

The 302 students from Winchester Public School have been asked to bring a loonie to school in aid of the over 30,000 Manitoba flood victims.

"It's going to help kids understand Canada a bit better," added Winchester Public School Teacher's Aide Lee Findlay. "Our theme is children helping children."

Their fundraising drive runs until May 14.

On Sat., May 10 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, the Village of Winchester Fire Department will be accepting clothing, blankets, small household items, personal care items and anything else people wish to donate to the flood victims.

If people wish to make cash donations, the Brinston General Store and the Bank of Montreal have containers at their front counters. The Royal Bank is also accepting donations, but for more information, please ask a teller.

The United Church of Canada is also accepting donations for the flood victims until May 11. Cheques can be mailed to the Brinston United Church, c/o Carol Smyth, RR 1, Iroquois, Ontario K0E 1K0 or Hulbert Valley United Church, c/o Anna Elliott, RR 1, South Mountain, Ontario, K0E 1W0.

Over 20,000 people from the Red River Valley, 8,000 from south Winnipeg and over 300 residents from other parts of Winnipeg have been evacuated from their homes due to the swelling Red River.

There are 6,500 military personnel on hand.

There are currently over three million sandbags in place holding off the flood waters.

The flood waters crested on May 5.



The Prime Minister stopped to shake hands with some supporters before boarding his campaign bus for Hawkesbury.

Press Photos — Wolfe

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Chretien

The protestors believe the federal government is partially responsible for the Cornwall and District Health Council's recent recommendation that the Cornwall General Hospital and the Hotel Dieu Hospital amalgamate into one site.

"Our health care system is not for sale," said Diane Pecore, an employee at the Cornwall General Hospital. "The Health Council has decided one administration, one management and one site. We want two sites, with one administration and one management. We are going to fight this."

Although Chretien may not have paid much attention to the protestors, the group plans to hold weekly demonstrations outside the Cornwall General Hospital until their message is heard.



Chretien gave a brief 13-minute pep talk at Liberal MP Bob Kilger's campaign office.



Save the hospitals

CBC reporter David McKie interviewed Diane Pecore, one of 20 Cornwall General Hospital employees, who booed Prime Minister Jean Chretien as he left Cornwall following a short campaign stop last Thurs., May 1. The employees were protesting cuts to health care and plans to amalgamate Cornwall's two hospitals.

Press Photo — Wolfe

PALs build pavilion for Scout troops

WINCHESTER TWP. — The classroom has moved outside.

Students from North Dundas District High School, who are enrolled in the Part-time Alternative Learning (PAL) Program, have just recently completed one of their biggest projects to date — a Scout pavilion.

Last summer, Morrisburg's Bill Sheldrick began soliciting various Lions Clubs for funds to help build a dining pavilion for the local scout troops.

Until this year, local Scout groups have been holding their camps on Morrison Island.

"The cost of hosting camps on Morrison Island has become prohibitive," said Gord MacDonald who is a member of the Chesterville Lions Club as well as the PAL instructor at North Dundas.

"It seemed only logical to have a new site, a site of their own in their own camp that has been going for 10 years."

MacDonald also felt the project was perfect for his students.

"I worked on the design of the project and as there became a need to fabricate component parts of the pavilion, I saw the opportunity for my class to get involved."

"We turned it (the project) into a manufacturing project, which is the nature of this class," he added. "The Lions Clubs have been the erecting crew. We did not put the pavilion up, we manufactured the components and then shipped them out there."

The 40x64-foot dining pavilion, called Camp Sheldrick, is located just north of the Nesbitt Road near the Winchester Air Park. The pavilion will be able to hold about 300 people at one sitting and cost about $10,000, all of which was donated by the Chesterville, Winchester, Mountain, Morrisburg, Iroquois and Cardinal Lions Clubs.

Local Scouts will be hosting troops from the United States later this month.

Rink receives $3,000 boost

MOUNTAIN — The rink in South Mountain will soon be a top-notch facility.

The Mountain Township Recreation Association recently decided to allocate $3,000 from its capital funds budget to the rink project.

The money will be used to put a cement surface on the rink.

"We asked for capital funds to kick-start the program," said Peter Vandesande, president of the South Mountain Recreation Association.

"We estimate in the worse case scenario the total project will cost $6,800."

At a Mountain Township council meeting on Monday (May 5), Vandesande explained to council he plans to dig a soil test hole in the rink in September or October at at which time sufficient funds should be raised through fundraising efforts.

When asked why he plans to use cement and not asphalt, Vandesande noted several advantages of cement.

"Cement may be more expensive, anywhere from $8,000 to $10,000, but there is no maintenance or upkeep once it is in," he explained.

Vandesande said local hockey players and skateboarders will be able to use the facility in the summer.

Reeve Estella Rose informed Vandesande that although council supports the project, financial help may not be available in the future.

"With amalgamation you may have to appeal to a new council for help but you can always say Mountain council supported you," Rose said.

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Three parties to challenge incumbent

Chesterville's Dillabough leads Reform

CHESTERVILLE — Charles Dillabough, a lifelong resident of Dundas County, is the Reform Party candidate for Stormont-Dundas.

The 32-year-old accountant lives near Chesterville.

Dillabough became a member of the local Reform party in 1991 and eventually became riding president.

He is interested in reducing government spending and funnelling more money into health care and education. He believes in balancing the national budget, and then providing tax relief to Canadians while attempting to reduce the national debt.

Dillabough also believes in introducing mandatory sentencing, "two strikes you're out" legislation for violent offenders, stricter rules for parole, reduced use of plea bargaining during the judicial process, and a victim's Bill of Rights.

He says the Reform party will also reform the Young Offenders' Act so as to make youths accountable for their actions. The party also believes the Bill C-68 should be repealed due to the extremely high cost of registration of all firearms.

Dillabough believes that increased monitoring of our borders should be undertaken to ensure fewer firearms and drugs enter Canada and wants to institute tough new penalties for the criminal use of firearms and all weapons.



Charles Dillabough

During his campaign, Dillabough plans to highlight the similarities between the Liberal and Conservative parties and the real differences between the NDP and Reform parties.

Former warden takes first run at federal post

CORNWALL — The Progressive Conservative candidate for Stormont-Dundas is Leslie O'Shaughnessy, the former Warden of the United Counties of SD&G and Reeve of Charlottenburgh.

This is the first time O'Shaughnessy has taken a run at federal or provincial office. However, he has five-and-a-half years experience in the political arena.

Since 1990, he has worked as a residential realtor in the city of Cornwall.

In 1991, he was elected Deputy-Reeve of the township of Charlottenburgh. He also served as a municipal representative at the United Counties of SD&G.

In 1994, he won the title of Chief Executive Officer at the United Counties before becoming Warden in December 1996.

O'Shaughnessy has served on 12 different boards and committees including the United Counties of SD&G executive committee, the county library board and the social services committee. He was chairman of the counties' finance and roads committee in 1995 and 1996, and served as vice-chair of the Cornwall Regional Airport from 1992-1995.



Leslie O'Shaughnessy
Photo courtesy Chesterville Record

The 43-year-old was born and educated in Cornwall before moving to Charlottenburgh Township in 1989.

While Canadians prepare to go to the polls on June 2 in the shortest campaign in the country's history, O'Shaughnessy believes they will end the Liberals' reign and let the PC party take over.

Liberal incumbent seeks new term

CORNWALL — Liberal incumbent Bob Kilger, the chief government whip, was first elected to the House of Commons in 1988 and then re-elected in 1993.

Kilger has served as as a Deputy Speaker in the House of Commons. During his first term in Parliament, he served as a critic for Fitness and Amateur Sport and an associate critic for consumer and corporate affairs.

In January 1994, he was appointed assistant deputy chairman of the committees of the Whole House before becoming deputy chairman in February, 1996.

The former NHL referee says job creation will be the centrepeice of the local campaign.

"Jobs are a major concern in the City of Cornwall," he said. "It is important to work on each and every sector including Agri-Food. Health care and education are priorities to me and the debt itself."



Bob Kilger

Riding president NDP candidate

CORNWALL — NDP candidate for Stormont-Dundas is Syd Gardiner, who carried the NDP banner into the 1995 provincial election.

Gardiner has been actively involved in politics for the past five years. He is currently president of the provincial riding association for Cornwall, as well as vice-president for the Stormont-Dundas federal riding association.

A resident of Cornwall for 32 years, Gardiner is currently employed as a sales professional at Sears.

He has been active with the steering committee for Cornwall community policing and has managed the Sea Lions swim team in that city.

Gardiner is placing health care and education concerns at the top of his agenda.

Quinn heads Metcalfe WI

METCALFE — The Metcalfe Women's Institute held both its annual meeting and its program committee meeting in March.

The election of officers for the 1997-98 year were held and are as follows: president — Bessie Quinn; vice-president — Cynthia Boyd; secretary — Cheryl Bunda; treasurer — Jane Cooper.

The WI wishes the new executive the best and thanks all of those who worked so hard this past year.

The program committee set the schedule for the upcoming year and hopes it will interest more people to come out and attend a meeting or two.

The topics for this year's meetings are: tour of North Gower's museum, the WI history exhibit (May); Canadian exports (June); gardening tour (July); Canadian agriculture (August); world affairs (September); family affairs (October); consumer affairs, packing a nutritious lunch (November); education (January 1998); working the internet for internet dummies (February); Tweedsmuir history (March).

All of the meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

For more information contact Cheryl Bunda at 822-0574 or Marie Cooper at 821-1597.

Family concert

GREELY — Friend's of the Osgoode Township Public Libraries are proud to present A Night Out With Friends, starring the Canadian Forces Band.

The family show takes place at the Greely Legion on Fri., May 9 at 8 pm.

Proceeds from the event will go directly to 'Friends' which is a support group designed to enhance the services offered by the public libraries in Osgoode Township.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. They are available at all four libraries in Osgoode Township.

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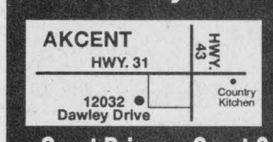

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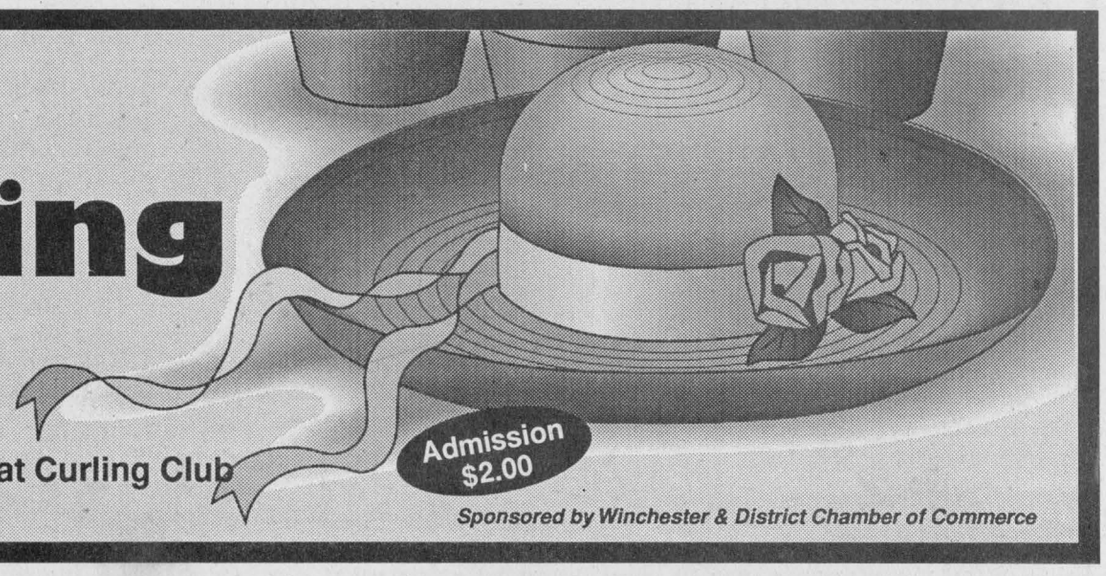

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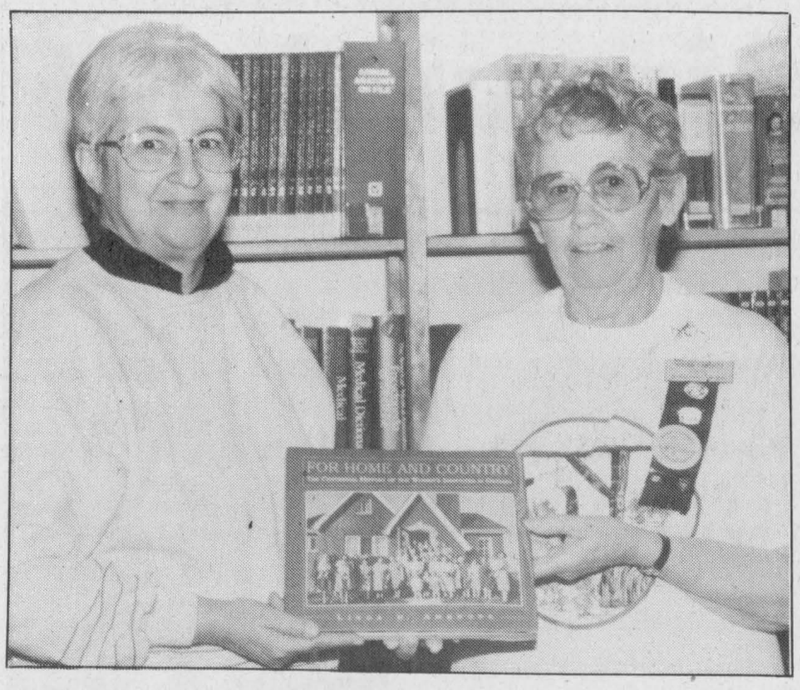


Library donation

Vivian Fawcett (right), president of the Women's Institute Winchester Branch recently presented a copy of "For Home and Country" to Gail Storring, librarian of the SD&G County Library in Winchester. The book was written by Linda Ambrose to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute of Ontario.

Press Photo — Fetterly

Local singing trio to perform in Bosnia

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Marleen Fawcett and her Gal Pals may soon be touring around Bosnia sporting metal helmets in an armoured bus.

The *Gal Pals*, a local country and gospel group, will perform for the Canadian troops in Bosnia and Germany in mid-May.

"We're very excited." said Fawcett, one of the *Gal Pal*'s three singers. "We were told to carry only one suitcase since we may be walking through fields with our helmets on."

Fawcett, Laurie LaPorte-Piticco and Lissa Smith will be touring Canadian Forces Bases and will not be subject to any dangerous areas or scenarios.

Rather, they will be having dinner with dignitaries and meeting other entertainers from across Canada.

"We are part of an entertainment package with 23 other people including impersonators, magicians, dancers and other bands," explained LaPorte-Piticco.

Piticco's husband Steve of the band, *South Mountain*, will also be performing overseas as a guitarist to back up other acts.

Piticco explained she called a local promoter after Steve was asked by him to perform in Bosnia.

"I submitted a video of the Gal Pals performing at a telethon and then got a call back saying we would be part of the entertainment package," she said. "There are usually 50-60 packages submitted from across the country so we were very pleased."

The *Gal Pals* will be performing two sets in a total of four shows over their 10-day trip.

"We have chosen some uplifting fun songs for the troops," said Fawcett.

The *Gal Pals* will fly into Croatia and then travel by bus to Bosnia. During their trip, they will stay in hotels and possibly the army barracks.

"We already have some opportunities to do some shows elsewhere in Europe," said Fawcett.



"Gal Pals" Marleen Fawcett, Laurie LaPorte-Piticco and Lissa Smith will be touring Canadian Forces Bases in Bosnia in mid-May. They will sing some upbeat songs for the Canadian troops in Bosnia and Germany.

Students bring back message from OSAID

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — 'Keep the faith. Nothin's gonna stop us now! Drive sober' is the message students from North Dundas District High School are trying to promote to one another.

Four NDDHS students recently spent a weekend in Mississauga participating in the Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) provincial conference.

"We went to learn new activities for our school and to spread awareness problems of impaired driving (in our school)," explained NDDHS OSAID president Jen Castle.

Although OSAID has been offering the conferences for the past 12 years, this was the first time North Dundas attended.

"We'd like to thank our sponsors for their generous donations because they made it possible for us to go," said teacher/supervisor Cindy Steele.

"It (impaired driving) is (a problem). We've only had a few accidents but most people do it and survive," noted Castle.

The four-day event consisted of motivational speakers, educational workshops, leadership building events as well as networking opportunities.

"Networking was really important for the contacts... we can call them if we're having difficulties or for new ideas," said Castle.

Victim impact statements were also heard at the conference.

"Victim impact statements solidify, in all of us, why we are fighting the impaired driving issue. Drunk driving is still the number one killer of youth," added Steele. "They're not accidents but predictable and preventable."

Joining Steele and Castle at the conference were Cindy Merkley (Grade 12), Jen Watson (Grade 10) and Emma Guy (Grade 9).

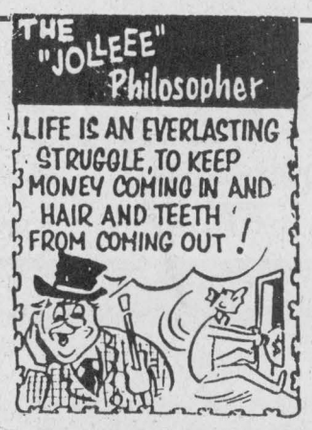
"I tried to take a variety of ages because if we can't go to another conference, it (our efforts) could be lost. This way they'll go and recruit from their grades (and keep the program going)," noted Steele.

The members of OSAID say they are sometimes misunderstood in that "they (other students) think we're totally against drinking and that's not what we're about," noted Jen Watson.

"We set an example (that a good time can be had without drinking and driving)," added Castle.

"Now that we've gone to the conference we're hoping to do more... get more community involvement," said Steele.

NDDHS's annual OSAID week takes place from May 26-30.



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Reflections of a Lazy Writer

As the soft winds and sultry heat of summer approach, we tend toward and yearn for sitting outdoors, gardening, fishing and long walks. It is well recognized that such "laziness" is one of mankind's greatest assets, contributing greatly to his health, happiness and longevity.

Far better than dashing around in five or six directions all at once, searching for fame, fortune and happiness, is the slower and easier approach to living. Avoiding the stress and strain of frantic activity, the "lazy" person does not become all keyed up, and being more relaxed, is an easier person on himself and others around him. A key reflective question is "how important is it?" If this column were left undone, the course of history would not change. I may tidy my desk or room once a week, or have hot dogs for dinner instead of a full blown roasted dinner, but there is no harm done and I am able to spend time in a beneficial hot bath, exercising, chatting on the phone or just daydreaming.

"Laziness" is conducive to a relaxed frame of mind, which is in turn, conducive to constructive and creative mental activity. The "lazy" ones have contributed much to our culture because they have taken this time to daydream, build castles in the air, and just plain wonder. Newton and his ideas on gravity came from his lying on his back under an apple tree doing nothing; Benjamin Franklin was playing with his kite when the idea of electricity lit up his mind. Most of the improvements in our everyday living came about because someone, too "lazy" to do something the usual way, found an easier method - a lazier method.

Happiness results from "laziness" as well. Did you ever see anyone as happy as a fisherman sitting in a boat with his fish pole over the side and an idle line dangling in the water? Or how about a young lad stretched full length on his stomach by the side of a stream just watching the water slide past. These and the like are the activities that lead to peace of mind and an understanding of what life is meant to be - a happy and content state. We need to be at the end of the era where someone sitting to talk with a friend or child or older person, or looking through old pictures and reminiscing, or making shapes out of the clouds, or reading or playing games, is not asked "Do you not have something to do?"

Mary Shean, O.T. (C)
Occupational Therapist

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Some members of the Winchester Royal Canadian Legion branch and the Winchester 100 Club will give advice to anyone who wishes to plant their own garden. An information meeting will be held on Thurs., May 22 at the Legion. Left: Marilyn Acres, Betty Cooke, Buck Cairncross and Jim McVey.

Winchester groups get behind community gardening project

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Are you looking for help starting your own garden?

Buck Cairncross of the Winchester Royal Canadian Legion Branch is spearheading a project whereby Legion members, volunteers from the Winchester 100 Club, and people with gardening expertise will give advice to anyone who wishes to plant their own garden.

"We will help people who want to grow a garden at their homes or elsewhere with the aim of assisting them to grow their own food," Cairncross explains. "We hope to teach them to can food so they will have food for the winter.

"We will not be laborers but we will give advice. The Dundas County Food Bank will supply some seeds and there will be some financial support available (to those in need)."

Cairncross says a half acre of land is available near the curling rink which can be used as a 'community garden' for people who don't wish to garden at home. Help will also be available to till land.

An information meeting will be held Thurs., May 22 at the Legion 108 branch at 7:30 pm for anyone interested in either receiving help or giving advice. For more information call Buck Cairncross at 989-5254, Betty Cooke at 774-3028, Jim McVey at 774-0082 or Marilyn Acres at 774-2326.

Leach sends mayors back home

TORONTO - The restructuring debate in Ottawa-Carleton could be over by October 1.

Ten of the 11 mayors from the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton met last Monday with Municipal Affairs Minister Al Leach at Queen's Park to discuss a procedure that could allow them to solve the governance debate.

Leach told the mayors the issue should be solved locally and agreed that a citizen's panel should be set up to prepare recommendations for a new governance model.

Rideau Mayor Jim Stewart says the mayors met with Leach for about 45 minutes and with Carleton MPP Norm Sterling, Nepean MPP John Baird and Ottawa-Rideau MPP Gary Guzzo as well.

"We (the mayors) are trying to bring closure to this," said Stewart, who also added that a citizen's panel will bring proper debate into the process.

However, Osgoode Councillor Dale Harley says the mayors didn't arrive at Queen's Park with a realistic time frame for solving the debate. He says the job of coming up with a solution for future governance is the region should be left up to local politicians after the November election.

"I would rather see a new council vote on a model they are responsible for enacting," said Harley, who added it's not in the present council's mandate to make changes to the structure of the government in Ottawa-Carleton.

However, Osgoode Mayor Lloyd Cranston is pleased with the outcome of the meeting with Leach.

The panel will consist of 12 members, chosen by a three-member selection committee. One member will be selected by the RMOC, one by the city of Ottawa and one by the 10 municipalities.

Candidates must be a resident of Ottawa-Carleton and not be an elected official or plan to run in an upcoming municipal election.

For the panel's recommendations to be implemented and adopted by the province, it must receive a triple majority which would be 50 per cent of the population, municipalities and regional council.

If the panel does not reach an agreement, or it does not get a triple majority, the province says it will impose a model for governance.

However, before the province could force a model on Ottawa-Carleton, it would need to amend Bill 26, by way of a private bill which indicates the province does not have the authority to impose a model.

And it is only the region that can request a private bill from the province that will change the legislation.

"They (the region) have a different group of people there to deal with this and they don't necessarily see things the way we do," said Stewart.

Whitehorn's duck first across line

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Heavy rainfall did not prevent the Mighty Knight Duck Race from taking place as planned on Sat., May 3 in South Mountain.

More than 500 ducks were entered in the 23-minute race, organized by the Knights of Columbus, St. Daniel's Council, South Mountain. The winning duck belonged to Eldon Whitehorn of RR 4 Kemptville, who received $500. Antonia Meerakker of South Mountain placed second and won $100 and Mountain's Lise Legault won the $50 third-place prize.

Three-year-old Melissa Toonders of Chesterville won the draw for the face painting competition.

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E D I T O R I A L

'Le Petit Gar' gives pep talk

At a campaign stop in Cornwall last week, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien gave a meagre 13-minute 'pep talk' but did not answer questions.

Which was probably a wise political move. Cornwall has the highest level of unemployment in Ontario. Someone might have asked him about his last election campaign promise of "Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!"

The "little guy from Shawinigan' preferred to speak about "choices" and "values".

How ironic that he preach about such things when he has called an election only three-and-a-half years into his five-year term at a time when the public opinion polls favor his party and just in time for Chrétien to enjoy a summer of uninterrupted golf — his favorite pastime.

He also consciously *chose* to call this election during a major Canadian catastrophe, the worst flood in Manitoba's history. When asked earlier by the media why he had called the election during such a crisis, he could only shrug his shoulders.

Unless Chrétien and his Liberal government choose to address some of the key issues affecting Canadians, voters may *choose* not to vote Liberal.

In this campaign, Chrétien has promised that he will cancel a scheduled cut of $6 billion in transfer payments to the provinces over the next five years; he has also promised to give the provinces $700 million more next year. Let us not forget that in the last election, he campaigned against Free Trade and the GST. Campaign promises are too easy to break.

Canada has major issues that need to be addressed during this election.

The accumulated national debt is edging ever closer towards $1 trillion. Is the PM going to continue with Finance Minister Paul Martin's policy of decreasing this debt and the associated annual deficit by cutting federal spending, or is he going to increase spending and have to raise taxes? He is eager to take credit for decreasing the annual deficit, but was this not done on the backs of the provinces by cutting federal transfer payments for health, education and social welfare?

Is he going to continue to accept the almost10% unemployment rate indefinitely? What are the prospects for young people who are either unemployed, underemployed or on contract?

Does he even have a vision for Canada in the next millennium other than being re-elected? How does his vision include Quebec in a confederated Canada?

Without a strong opposition in Parliament, Chrétien has been lucky thus far. It is time for Canadians to ask the Prime Minister these tough questions. We cannot allow him to get away with short 'pep talks', not in Cornwall, not in Ontario, not anywhere in Canada.

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This week in...

1947

Mr. J. Stewart, inspector of public schools for the county, outlined a plan for the organization of at least the major part of Dundas County into one High School district, with the eventual aim of having one large high school serve the whole territory.

Lightning struck twice on the farm of Robert Allison of Maple Ridge in an early morning storm and killed one bull, one cow and burned another cow so badly that it may have had to be destroyed. It was believed the bolt struck a window of the barn, broke it and travelled along a steel pipe to kill the animals. Lightning also struck the house, blew the mouth-piece off the telephone and smashed an outside light over the entrance to the house.

Fire, believed to have been started from defective electric wiring, broke out in the cheese factory at South Mountain and completely destroyed the frame structure together with all the equipment and a considerable amount of cheese which was in the curing room. The loss was estimated at $10,000, part of which was covered by insurance.

Five Inkerman Rockets players were selected to play with a team of Ottawa All-Stars which were to take part in a series of exhibition games in England. The players were Ralph Hurley, Don Thompson, Harry Bennet, Jean Paul Lafortune and Lowell Craig. The players were expected to be gone for 10 weeks.

1957

Members of the Winchester 100 Club toured the Winchester plant of Ault Creamery Limited and learned the plant made enough butter to last the entire population of the village for the following 65 years, providing all 1,300 people used butter. They also learned that in 1956, Aults made 1,300,000 pounds of butter.

Thieves made off with a 700-pound safe containing an estimated $2,500 from the Dominion Store in Morrisburg. The thieves had sawed through the front door padlock and removed the safe which was located near the front window hidden behind boxes of merchandise.

Fire, starting from a small outdoor bonfire that was believed to have been out, destroyed the two-storey, nine-room farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace and their six children. No one was injured but only articles of furniture were saved from the blaze. The house was located on Highway 31 at Springhill. Losses were estimated at about $15,000.

Thirty-three new members joined the Winchester United Church to make the enrolment one of the largest in history of the church. Twenty-three joined by profession of faith and 10 by certificate.

1967

Winchester village council learned the high school levy would increase by $25,000. Officials from North Dundas District High School informed council it would probably have to pay $25,000 more in 1967 than the $50,000 that was paid in 1966. This would make the high school levy about a gigantic $75,000 or about 47 per cent, or 47 cents, of every tax dollar collected in Winchester.

As of June, the cost of obtaining access to the municipal sewer system was to increase. The new rates could increase by as much as 50 per cent, the estimated cost the village was losing on each installation.

Peter Barton, a student at North Dundas District High School, won the Centennial Essay Contest, sponsored by the Winchester Press in conjunction with the Ontario and Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. His essay, titled "My Responsibility as a Canadian is to be a Proud Canadian" was to be submitted to the provincial level of competition.

Construction crews working out of Ontario Hydro's Winchester office went on strike. The workers were among 3,000 men across the province represented by the Allied Construction Council in a dispute of non-monetary nature. The local men stopped work on a new pole and transmission line installation.

1977

Osie Villeneuve announced he will be seeking nomination at the upcoming Progressive Conservative convention in Finch. Villeneuve, who was first elected in 1948, had the longest service of any member of the Ontario legislative assembly. Williamsburg Reeve Johnny Whitteker stated he would enter the provincial arena under the Liberal banner after a 23-year stint in municipal politics.

The SD&G Board of Education was to hire qualified monitors as part of a contingency plan to enable students in its 10 high schools to continue their studies. The plan was to be implemented in response to an overwhelming rejection by striking teachers of the board's latest offer.

Work on the $1,000,000 Dundas Manor Nursing Home was behind schedule and the mid-June opening was to be slightly delayed. The 22,000 square- foot facility was to have the capacity to handle 60 patients in rooms of four, two and single beds.


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The Morrisburg Leader was the last newspaper in the valley to be printed by the old letterpress method. The paper had recently changed to modern offset processes. Much of the equipment that had been used for so many years was being transferred to museums, both at Upper Canada Village and the Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa.

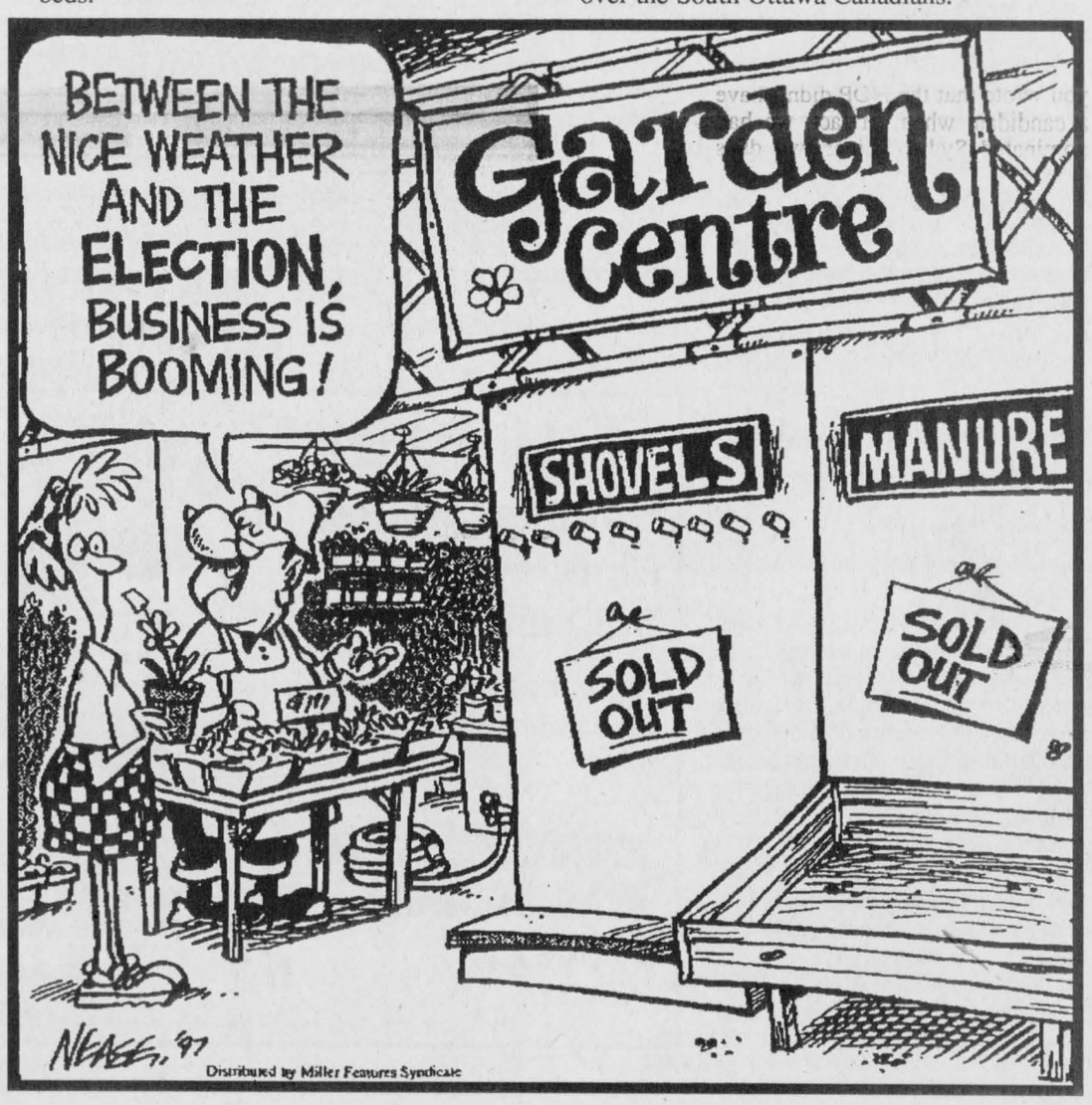
1987

The SD&G Provincial Liberals were confident they would win their riding. Both Gerry Rosenquist, former riding association president and party nomination candidate, and new president Bill Dillabough told members they were confident they would win the riding. Two polls done in the past two months indicated the Liberals were in the lead.

The Nestle Enterprises Ltd. Plant in Chesterville launched a new product line that was expected to create 42 jobs, with help from a $1,001,300 federal grant. The product, new to North America, was to be a well-balanced liquid diet for clinical nutrition.

After two years of running a deficit, the Winchester District Memorial Hospital was back in the black. Although the hospital's allocation from the Ministry of Health for 1987-88 should have enabled the board to show a small surplus at the end of the year, the hospital was presently experiencing a cash flow problem.

The Metcalfe Jets, Eastern Ontario Champions, celebrated in Winchester following their fifth game, a 6-3 victory over the South Ottawa Canadians.



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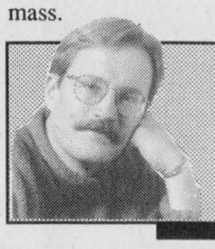

Home Free

by Otte Rosenkrantz

After four days of rain, the weather finally clears and the sun comes out to dry damp streets and soggy lawns. There is a clean, freshly washed quality to the air, and a sense of new beginnings in the early morning.

Then, way down at the far end of the street, two figures appear. One is a small child on a bicycle, weaving precariously along the sidewalk, clearly in constant danger of wiping out. The other is a woman, running alongside, trying to hold onto the child's bicycle seat with one hand and the handlebars with the other, while keeping up a jogging pace that will give the bike enough forward momentum to stay upright.

It is a delicate, awkward balancing act, this business of running alongside the bike and keeping it from tipping over, and the woman's face is showing the strain. Having devoted the last few years of her life to maintaining the equally delicate balancing act of keeping her career on track while still looking after the house and the kids, there has not been much time left over for any kind of steady exercise program, and she is feeling out of shape and ungainly. Her cheeks are billowing, her eyes watering, and her arms and back are starting to ache from having to hold onto the bike. For some reason, she is wearing sandals instead of running shoes, and her feet slap wetly on the cement.

The kid, meanwhile, is oblivious to everything but the experience of riding the bike. His attention appears to be totally focused on the space between the handlebars of the bike, and the front wheel. His little brain is trying to cope with about a million new bits of information it has never encountered before, and it is responding by making the boy stick his tongue way out of his mouth, as though the extended tongue can act as both an early-warning system of impending danger and a counter-balance.

Mother and son and bike round the corner at the top of the street, and approach the long, gentle slope that will eventually bring them down past my house and then on around another corner. The hill is by no means steep, but as anyone who has ever been on a sled can tell you, you don't need much of an incline to get up a good head of steam, just a lot of distance.

So here they come. Gravity is exerting its influence, and mom is no longer pushing the bike, but actively trying to hold it back, while the boy, his eyes shining, his tongue waving and his his cheeks glowing, is pedaling as fast as his mother's running will allow.

The mother-son-bike team is clearly about to reach some kind of critical mass.

And just as it looks like a mishap will bring the team to a crashing halt, they come to a parting of the ways. Exhausted, unable to keep up the pace any longer, mom finally lets go of the bike and staggers to a stop. As she watches her child leave her and launch himself off down the sidewalk, out and on his own for the first time in his life, engaged in an activity over which she no longer has any control whatsoever, one hand flies up to her mouth, and the other one is extended up and out in front of her like a parting wave, or an unconscious attempt to reach out and protect him from harm.

Her eyes are shining and perfectly round with alarm, but, to her undying credit, she says nothing — yells no words of warning, realizing, perhaps, that the moment for words and caution and last-minute instructions is passed.

The boy, on the other hand, is free. No, he is FREE! Free of his mother's guiding hand, and free of her cautious approach. With eyes as round as his mother's, his tongue still leading the way, and his feet pedaling furiously, he is launching himself like a wobbly arrow, out into the world, to rise or fall on his own.

For a few seconds, he is experiencing what it is like to be hurtling towards an unknown destination at an exhilarating speed, and he is loving it; he is having the absolute best, most exciting time of his little life.

And of course, the inevitable has to happen. This time he does not rise into the clear blue sky, an arrow destined to soar to the stars. He wobbles, weaves, gets a look of alarm in his eyes, rolls up over somebody's lawn to land in a tangled heap of bike and kid in the flowering weigela.

Mom has a sharp intake of breath, and trots up to help her boy gather himself up, check for broken bones and bruised egos. But he's all right — shaken but unhurt, and ready to go again.

And so the procession re-starts itself, moving around the corner and out of sight. Only this time she does not have to hold on for as long, and this time, he manages to bring himself to a halt with a more controlled crash onto a lawn.

And while they may not know it yet, their relationship will never be the same, because he has learned that he can go it alone, and she has learned to let him go.

The trick from now on will be to remember that once in a while, it is okay to reach out and hold on.

(Otte Rosenkrantz of London, Ontario, is a columnist journalist, author, corporate communications consultant, bonsai grower, vegetable gardener, stay-at-home father to his young son and daughter and a sympathetic observer of the human condition.)

Letters To The Editor

Disgruntled with our coverage

The Editor:
I was very disappointed in the April 30th *Winchester Press* article included with my picture, regarding my Country Decorating Accessories and Gifts open house on May 3.

I had thought a write-up about my country decorating products, and specifically information regarding my open house, might inform people who did not already know me or know what I sold.

When reporter Stephanie Wolfe came to interview me, she wrote several notes and we discussed information related to my business and to my upcoming open house.

I gave Stephanie a copy of an informative and friendly article the *Chesterville Record* had done in December 1996, on my business and my first open house. I thought the article might be helpful for her article in the *Winchester Press*. I also specifically asked Stephanie to include my phone number in her article, in case anyone had questions.

On Wed., April 30, I excitedly opened my *Winchester Press* looking for my article. I was very disappointed to find only one small sentence and a picture. It wasn't so much that there was no explanatory write-up with the picture as had been in the *Chesterville Record*, it was more the disappointment in the lack of pertinent information regarding my open house, which was the main reason for the article.

If someone, who did not know me, was interested in coming to my open house, they would not know from this particular article, what my address was (13810 Loucks Road, Chesterville), what my telephone number was (448-1741) or the hours of my open house.

I did telephone the *Winchester Press* and spoke with Allen Van Bridger on Thurs., May 1, regarding my disappointment in the lack of necessary information in their article on my open house. Allen did not have much to say but did point out that mine was a Chesterville event.

Several people have commented to me about the lack of information in the *Winchester Press* article, regarding my open house, including some of the people who actually did manage to find my open house, which by the way, was a success.

Thanks *Winchester Press* for your effort — but for your future coverage of other events, it would be helpful if you included all pertinent information in your articles.

Janet D. Findlay
Chesterville

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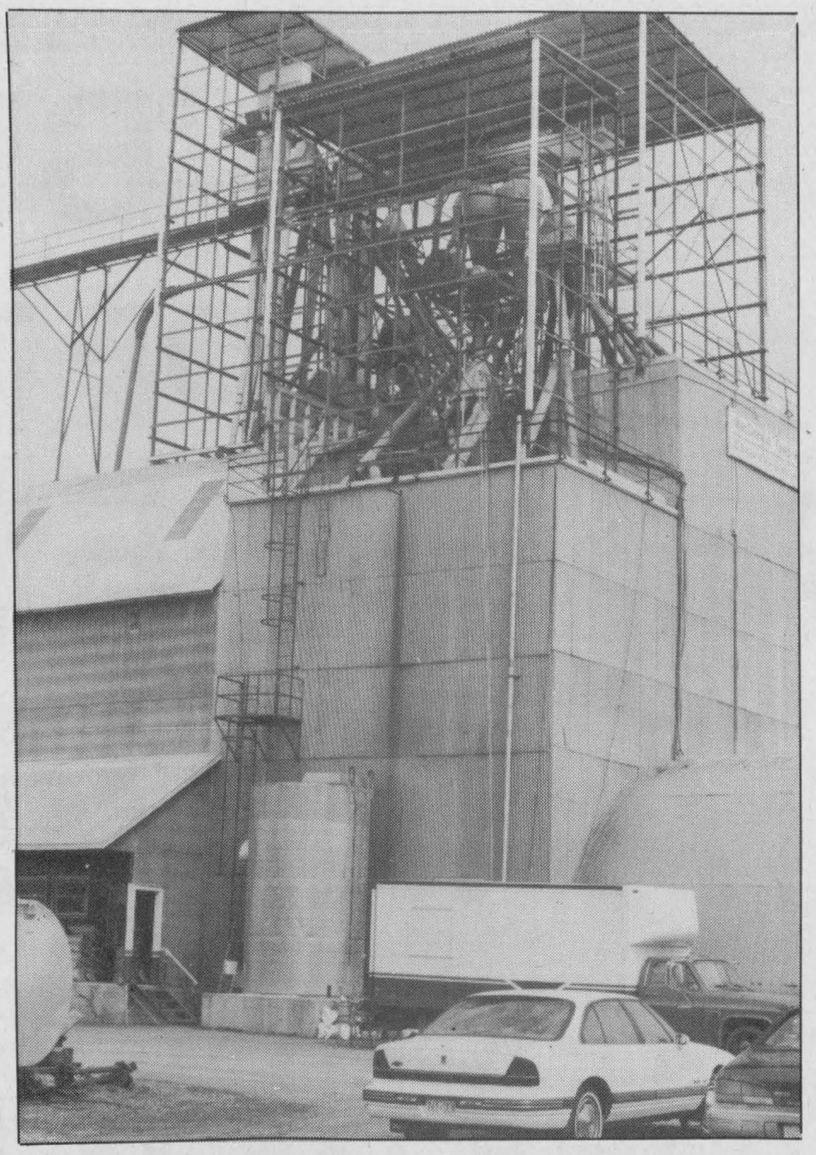

Under construction

Things have been pretty busy around MacDonald Feed Mill in Inkerman recently, as workers frame-in the elevator legs on the top of the structure. Completion of the work is expected soon.

Paper charged with bias

The Editor:
I have been reading your paper for some months now, and I am quite dismayed at what appears to be a significant Tory bias.

I had thought that the days of newspapers being either 'Tory rags' or 'Whig rags' (ie biased towards a particular party) were long gone, and yet...In the past few months, there has been coverage of PC party activities in almost every edition. In contrast, you have published one line on the Liberals and did not even bother to send a reporter to the well attended NDP nomination meeting.

In fact, in your April 23 edition, you wrote that the NDP didn't have a candidate when, in fact, we had nominated Syd Gardiner two days before.

The watchword of good journalism is objectivity. I look forward to more balanced coverage of all the parties during the upcoming election campaign.

K.L. Sanderson
South Mountain

Car rally

MORRISBURG — The second annual Hospital Car Rally takes place this Saturday (May 10) in Morrisburg.

Registration begins at 10:30 am at the Morrisburg Legion and the rally starts at noon. The event will take about four hours and end back at the Legion. Each car must have four people.

A steak dinner and dance featuring "Eric and Dayton" will follow. Cost for the dinner is $10. Prizes are valued at over $5,000 and will be awarded to participants based on points earned in the rally and the amount of donations raised.

Pledge sheets for the event can be picked up at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, the Bank of Nova Scotia in Morrisburg, Canadian Tire in Williamsburg and Mustard's Variety in Iroquois.

For more information, contact Del Jones at 774-2310 ext. 147 or 543-3588.



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News briefs
FROM MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP

Development fee for trailer

MOUNTAIN — Peter Brogan of Concession 8 in Mountain Township requested council's permission to live in a trailer on his property for seven days during hunting season without having to pay a development fee of $1500.

"The trailer will not require any services that we charge a development fee for such as garbage pick-up and the use of the fire truck, thus I suggest we not charge the fee," said Deputy Reeve Don Johnston.

"The fee was designed for new people who build in the community to catch them up with what others (already living in the township) had paid for amenities."

During a Mountain Township council meeting on Monday (May 5), Brogan explained to council he paid the development fee four years ago when he built his house in the township. He added that the trailer would be placed far in the woods and would have access to a road.

Councillor Annette Turner suggested a temporary fee be issued to avoid the development fee. Other members of council noted that in the past, two residents who lived in their trailers for a short period of time, were charged the development fee.

Council advised bylaw officer Richard Sharkey to study the bylaw further to determine if any exceptions are permitted.

"We want to be fair, but fair to everyone," said Reeve Estella Rose.

Walls need to be repaired

MOUNTAIN — Keith Smith and Gerry Lecuyer of the Mountain Township Community Centre board requested financial support from council to repair the walls in the centre.

"The west side wall has been there for almost 20 years and is in bad, bad shape," said Smith. "We are looking at $6,000 to repair the west side and north end walls. We are considering refinished plywood and vinyl for the northern side which costs less."

Council agreed work needs to be done immediately and asked Smith and Lecuyer to submit quotes from various contractors to council as soon as possible.

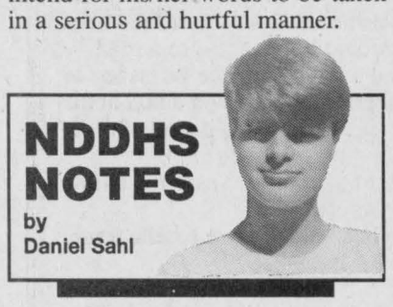


School deals with sexual harrassment

MAPLE RIDGE — This week, a workshop entitled *The Joke's Over* will be presented to North Dundas students.

It deals with a problem that reaches out and denigrates almost every segment of our society in one way or another — sexual harassment.

What is sexual harassment? It can basically be defined as a sexually motivated comment, action or even a look that someone else finds offensive. The person responsible didn't intend for his/her words to be taken in a serious and hurtful manner.



Often these incident can be resolved between the two people easily enough. Although, occasionally, a mediator is brought in and the result is generally the same — the two parties come to an understanding, an apology is made and the incident never occurs again.

Unfortunately, not all forms of harassment are as innocent or as easily solved. There are people out there, and let's be honest, most of them are male, who get a kick out of saying a rude comment, or grabbing a 'quick feel' from other individuals who are randomly walking by.

I've never understood the sport that lies in this kind of behavior, but then again, I find that slime leaves a rather bitter taste in my mouth.

Although these types of people have no right to do what they do, the majority of their targets find a way to ignore these pathetic attempts to boost failing libidos and miniscule egos without too much hassle.

However, when these willful and malicious actions become more than one-time affairs, a situation can deteriorate quickly from bad, to worse, to dangerous.

One message that can never be overemphasized is that protection comes from prevention. Anyone who finds herself, or himself, being repeatedly harassed through remarks, physical violations, rude and threatening phone calls, stalking and other sexually motivated infractions should seek help from a higher authority and seek it fast.

These types of actions are serious, illegal and punishable under the law. Ask any experts in the field and it is likely that they will agree. Persistent sexual harassment can lead to sexual abuse if not stopped.

Sexual harassment will never disappear, but it can be reduced and that is the goal of *The Joke's Over.* As I mentioned previously, many of these offenders just don't think and need to be reminded to consider their audience before opening their mouths. "Would you say that joke in front of your mother? No? Then why say it in front of these nice people?"

As for those whose actions are intentional and meant to hurt, we can only hope to give them one crystal-clear message: "Shut up. Keep your hands in your pockets or face the consequences."

Village fed up with break-ins

by Derek Puddicombe

EDWARDS — Residents in Edwards are getting fed up with the number of break-ins and are doing something about it.

Like Greely has done, Edwards residents are working with the Manotick detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police setting up a community-based surveillance program.

Sylvia Spasoff, chairperson for the Edwards initiative, is getting involved because in the last five years her home has been broken into three times,

"Residents feel outraged, and it's an unpleasant feeling when it happens," said Spasoff, who has since taken numerous preventative measures to keep her property safe from unwanted visitors.

The committee's goal, says Spasoff, is to make people feel less helpless.

Like Greely, the Edwards committee would travel in pairs cruising the area looking for suspicious activity.

At a meeting at Patterson's Berry Farm recently the idea for starting up a program attracted about 60 people. To help it get up and running the committee has agreed to ask volunteers for a $10 donation to help pay for a cellular phone. The phone will be used to keep the patrollers in contact with police.

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Motor vehicle theft

IROQUOIS — On May 4, the OPP investigated the overnight theft of a 1990 Ford Thunderbird from a private residence in the Village of Iroquois. The vehicle has not yet been recovered.

In a related incident, on the evening of May 3-4, an attempt had been made to force an entry into a Frank Street apartment in the Village of Iroquois. During the incident there was also an attempt made to steal a motor vehicle parked in the area.

Break and enter

INGLSIDE — On May 3, the OPP investigated a break and enter which occurred between April 26 and May 3 to a hunting camp building in the Ingleside area.

A forced entry had been made through a door in the building and a quantity of hunting equipment, decoys and clothing were taken as well as a bleached buck head. No property has been recovered.

Smashed door

WINCHESTER — On April 29, the OPP received a report of damage to the front door of the T.R. Leger School in Winchester. During the early evening, the glass in the front door of the building was smashed.

Impaired and narcotic charges

WILLIAMSBURG TWP. — Charges have been laid against a Matilda Twp. man as a result of an accident investigation conducted by the OPP on May 2 in the Township of Williamsburg.

Charged with impaired driving, driving over 0.08 and possession of a narcotic is Michael Weegar, 24. He was scheduled to appear in court on May 6.

As a result of a traffic stop by the OPP in Matilda Twp. on May 4, charges have been laid against Aaron Fawcett, 33, of Matilda Twp. Fawcett was charged with impaired driving, driving over 0.08 and possession of a narcotic. He is scheduled to appear in court on May 13.

Observant neighbors

MANOTICK — At about 2:15 pm on April 28, a Century Road resident noticed a strange vehicle parked in his neighbor's laneway. He then noticed a man run out of the house and flee westbound on Century Road.

The witness provided a description of the suspect and the vehicle to the police. The following day, police received a driving complaint involving a vehicle that was described as the one in the break and enter.

As a result of this investigation, a 35-year-old Rideau Twp. male has been charged with break and enter.

Just before midnight on April 30, officers responded to a break and enter in progress at the North Gower post office which was called in by a local resident. When the officers arrived, they discovered that a storm window had been removed but there was no entry made into the building. Police are still investigating.

Home furnishings missing

RIDEAU TWP. — A 3rd Line Road home in Rideau Twp. was entered on May 3. The culprit(s) stole two oak end tables, a lamp, silverware and silver serving trays.

Stolen cedars

RIDEAU TWP. — A Rideau Twp. property owner reported on May 4 that several cedar trees had been taken from his property. For those of you who sell trees, it is very helpful to the police if the purchasers are able to produce a bill of sale indicating the date, location, quantity as well as a contact number for the seller. This allows the police to verify whether or not the trees are stolen.

Vandalism

METCALFE — On April 28, officials at Osgoode Public School reported that vandals had targeted the school over the weekend. The people responsible, spray painted some of the school's doors and windows as well as a shed on the property.

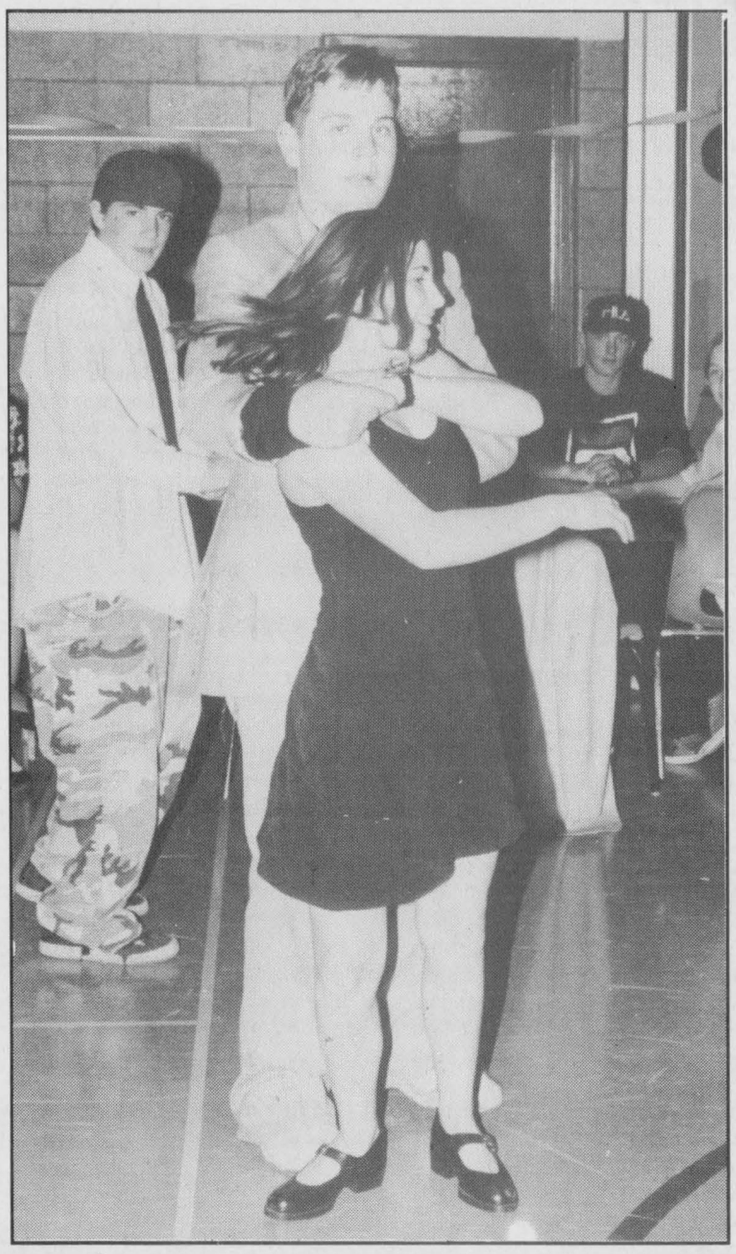
Handgun havoc

METCALFE — At about 7 pm on May 2, the police were dispatched to Metcalfe on a report there was a youth pointing a handgun at other teens in the village. When the officers located the youth, they discovered that it was a plastic replica of a handgun. Even though this was a toy, the results of pointing it at someone could have been deadly.

Impaired charges

MANOTICK — At about 1:45 am on May 3, an officer stopped a vehicle on Regional Road 19. There was open liquor in the car and the driver was charged under the Liquor Licence Act.

On May 3, one other driver was processed for a drinking and driving related offence as well, four other drivers had their licences suspended for 12 hours.



Twisting to the beat

Sixty Grade 7 students from Metcalfe Public School learned various dancing steps in Craig Gibson's gym class. They 'strutted their stuff' during a final evaluation on Fri., May 2.

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Adoptees can register at Winchester location

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Who am I? Who are my parents? Why was I given up for adoption?

Those are just some of the questions many adopted children ask themselves. And for the first time, a province-wide registration day will be held on May 17 so that adoptees and birth parents and relatives can begin their searches.

The day-long registration clinics are being sponsored by Parent Finders in conjunction with the Adoption Council of Ontario and the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

A local registration will be held in Winchester at the Legion from 9 am to 5 pm and there is no charge.

"There are a lot of birth parents and relatives looking (for each other)," noted Louise Stephenson, register and treasurer of Parent Finders in Cornwall.

"Adoptees need to know who I am, where did I come from? Every adoptee has a different reason for looking," she added. "Birth parents need to know their children are okay and that they've had a good life."

Although there is a central registry in Toronto, Stephenson noted that the waiting list is about 10 years long. A search can then take at least another six months, depending on the information the adoptees already have.

What slows the search down is the lack of information provided by the adoptee. Stephenson said the only information most adoptees have is their mother's maiden name.

"We're doing it for public awareness. A lot of people don't realize there is a place to register," she added. "This is why we're doing a provincial registration day, so that matches can be done and it's quicker."

As of September 1996, 30,726 adoptees and 20,675 birth parents and relatives registered. There were only 9,846 matches made by September 1996.

Open house May 8

WILLIAMSBURG — The Timothy Christian School in Williamsburg is inviting the public to visit the school tomorrow (May 8) between 9:30 am and 3 pm.

A closing concert will be held on Fri., May 9 beginning at 1 pm. A group called "Unchained", from Edmonton will be performing with music and stories.

Employees stressed out

CORNWALL — Mental Health Week is May 5 to 11 across Canada.

Studies indicate that Canadians — especially younger people — are experiencing more stress in their everyday lives today than two years ago.

"Recent surveys confirm that Canadians are experiencing disturbing levels of stress in their lives," said Sharon Gould, National President of the Canadian Mental Health Association. "Although governments and employers are not inclined to deal with these issues head-on, we absolutely must work together to do something about this tremendous personal and public health burden."

The 1997 Canadian Mental Health Survey indicates work is a key source of stress for Canadians.

"Almost 60 per cent of Canadians who are employed consider their work and workplace at least a moderate source of stress and anxiety in their lives," said Chris Martyn, of Compas Inc., whose company conducted the survey.

"This includes a full one-quarter of working Canadians who say that it is a 'major' contributor."

Financial concerns were also rated highest as a source of personal stress.

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OBITUARIES

Alfred Carkner

Alfred Carkner, of Winchester and formerly of the Chesterville area, died on April 26. He was 82.

A retired farmer as well as a former railroad worker and caterer, Mr. Carkner was born in Winchester on July 24, 1914 to the late Cyrus Carkner and Elizabeth Carkner (nee Rodney).

Mr. Carkner was preceased by his brothers Herald, Roy and Kenneth.

He will be fondly remembered by his wife Christina (nee Burton) whom he married on September 29, 1937 as well as he children Donald (Glenna) of Elginburgh; Roger (Trudy) of Kingston; Lawrence (June) of Kingston; David (Janet) of RR1, Chesterville; Lester (Celine) of Orleans and Audrey (Robert) Henophy of Morrisburg.

He will also be sadly missed by 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on April 29 at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home inWilliamsburg. Rev. F.E.A. Macpherson officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lyle Stewart, Rick Doyle, Peter Brunt, Christopher, Shawn and Mark Carkner.

Donations to the Winchester District Hospital would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Gordon Everett Lancaster

Gordon Everett Lancaster of Winchester, and formerly from Ottawa, died on April 28. He was 78.

A retired farmer, Mr. Lancaster was born on September 28, 1918 in Ottawa, to the late Edgar Lancaster and Lillian Scharfe.

Mr. Lancaster will be fondly remembered by his wife Lilias Elizabeth (Jessiman-MacQueen) whom he married on September 15, 1962.

He will also be sadly missed by his brothers Weldon of Winchester; Norman of Pennsylvania and sisters Vera MacArthur and Merle Hudson, both of Gloucester as well as his step-grandchildren Bev (Louise) MacQueen of Winchester and granddaughter Lena MacQueen of Ottawa.

Funeral services were held on April 30 at the Duncan Funeral Home.

Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle officiated. Interment was at Springhill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his nephews Harold, Arthur, David and Wayne Lancaster, Grant Tuckey, Barry Jessiman and Ron Coughlar.

Violet Margaret Potts

Violet Margaret Potts, of Winchester, died May 1. She was 81.

A retired store clerk for Eaton's Canada, Mrs. Potts was born on October 3, 1915 to the late George Wilson and Margaret Rose Seemann. She was also predeceased by her husbands Thomas Edwards and Kenneth Potts.

Mrs. Potts will be sadly missed by her children Beverley (Brian) Markwick of RR 3, Chesterville and Sandra (Glenn) Hills of Calgary as well as her sister Dorothy Davidson of Carleton Place.

She will also be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Brenda (Bob) Jarvis, Bonnie (Pat) Moran, Barbara Markwick, Daryl and Carly Hills and great-grandchildren Laura, Matthew, James and Conor.

A graveside memorial service and burial of the ashes was held at the Maple Ridge Cemetery on May 3.

Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle officiated.

Bessie Lillian Salmon

Bessie Lillian Salmon, of Long Sault and originally from Iroquois, died on April 26. She was 85.

A homemaker, Mrs. Salmon was born in Iroquois on January 5, 1912 to the late Abraham and Ellen Merkley.

She was also predeceased by her husband Jay Salmon, whom she married on August 15, 1931, her son Willis, grandson Chris Salmon, brothers Percy, Walt, Bernice, James and Charles as well as her sisters Emma St. Pierre, Florence Keeler, Carrie Scott, Jessie Hess and Dorothy Guay.

Mrs. Salmon will be sadly missed by her children Roger (June) of RR 1, Chesterville; Percy (Marilyn) of Morrisburg; Wayne (Bessie) of RR 2, Ingleside; Ellen (Carl) Schacht of Pennsylvania and Kaye (Foster) Hanson of Port Perry.

She will also be fondly remembered by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and her many nieces and nephews.

A private family funeral service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on April 29.

Rev. Joachim Barkley-Probst officiated.

Interment was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons Steven Hanson, Mike Salmon and Jay Salmon and great-grandson Jason McIntyre.

Donations to the Winchester District Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Margaret Scott

Margaret Scott, of Morrisburg, died on April 25, one day before she would have celebrated her 102nd birthday at Woodlawn Villa Nursing Home in Long Sault.

A retired school teacher, Mrs. Scott was born on April 26, 1895 to the late Percy Rupert and Mary Rupert (nee McGill) in Osnabruck Township.

Mrs. Scott was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg, United Empire Loyalists, the Ontario Teachers Federation, the Knox Women's Club as well as an honorary life member of the Knox Women's Missionary Society. She was also a lifetime resident of the Morrisburg area.

Mrs. Scott was predeceased by her husband William Scott, whom she married on July 9, 1924 as well as her step-daughter Bertha Cryderman, step-son Kenneth Scott, sisters Lily Brownell, Hattie Baker and Ena Gallinger as well as her brothers Wallace and Redvers and step-grandchildren Walter Cryderman and Helen Lydiatt.

Mrs. Scott will be sadly missed by her son Kenauld (Catherine) of Morrisburg, grandchildren Barbara (Hubert) Barkley of RR 1, Williamsburg; Robert (Laurie) of Smiths Falls; Gary of Elma and Debra Mallette (Roger Levere) of Iroquois.

She will also be fondly remembered by her step-grandchildren Donald (Shirley) Cryderman of Ingleside; Karl (Ellen) Cryderman of Kemptville and Clair Cryderman of Osnabruck Centre as well as her great-grandchildren Cindy Barkley-Cummins (Andy) of Lansdowne; Scott Barkley of RR 1, Williamsburg; Nichole (David) Peterson of Napanee; Jeremy Scott of Smiths Falls and Lance Mallette of Iroquois as well as many nieces and nephews.

Upon her retirement from the public school system, Mrs. Scott taught at the Bright Hope School for the mentally challenged in Ottawa, as well as in Iroquois. She never lost interest in her former pupils and many of her students have kept in touch with her over the years.

Funeral services were held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Morrisburg on April 28.

Rev. Greg Blatch officiated.

Interment was at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Ingleside.

Pallbearers were Charles Farlinger, Brent Mattice, Clair Dunbar, Allan Fraser and Richard Hess. Keith Casselman was an honorary pallbearer.

Donations to the Winchester District Hospital or the Knox Presbyterian Church would be greatly appreciated by the family.

New stop at Morewood

MOREWOOD — Eastbound traffic on County Road 13 will now have to stop at the hamlet's main corner.

At the May 5, Winchester Township council meeting, council members voted in favor of putting a stop sign at the intersection. Westbound traffic on Country Road 13 already has a stop sign at that intersection.

"They've (council) had some requests from residents there and they've decided to put a stop sign at County Road 13 and Moffat Street in front of Morewood Tire Service," explained Winchester Township Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer Nancy Krisjanis.

Council did not know exactly when the sign would be in place.

Civic address signs available

by Derek Puddicombe

METCALFE — The Osgoode Township bylaw department wants to send residents a sign.

Teaming up with the township fire department, bylaw officers Paul Hutt and Scott Campbell are hoping residents will take advantage of reflective civic address signs that are available for $20.

Osgoode Township council members passed a bylaw last year which requires residents to make their address visible for emergency services.

However, because some addresses are difficult to see at night, the reflective sign will aid emergency service personnel when looking for a residence, says Hutt.

"We have had calls from the public and emergency services being unable to locate addresses," said Hutt, who added the Osgoode fire department tried an experiment recently to see how well they could locate a residence that is not using the reflective sign.

"It was really atrocious," said Hutt.

Osgoode Fire Chief Gerry Bennett says the signs would also give the fire, police and ambulance departments faster response time.

"I've received positive comments from other municipalities using these types of signs," said Bennett. "It could be a case of life or death."

The price of the sign includes installation of the sign by members of the fire department during the week of May 28.

However, if residents plan to install the signs themselves, they have to make sure they are installed properly, says Hutt.



Cowboy style

Stewart James, president of the Metcalfe Agricultural Society, was decked out in his cowboy gear at the Ag Society's Tumbleweed Ball on Sat., May 3. Hundreds of people enjoyed a gourmet meal by A.J. Valley Food Services and dancing to "The Spurs".

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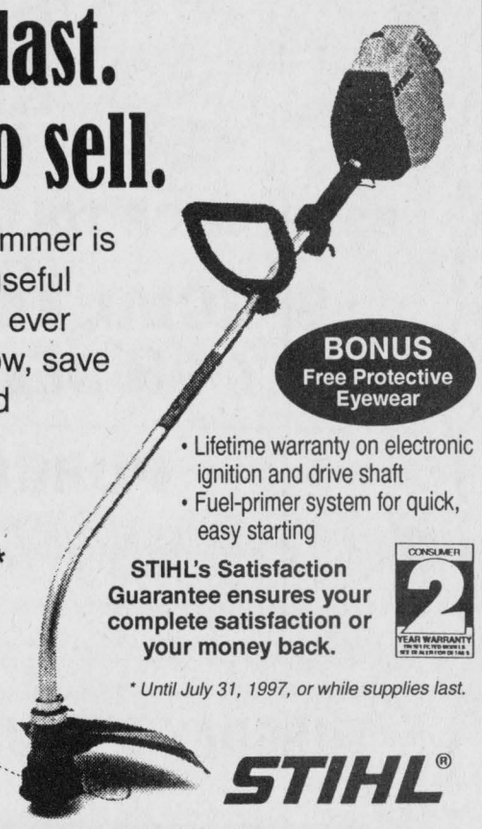

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OPP Ident Unit tracks down suspects

This is the final installment of a five-part series on community policing.

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

INGLESIDE — Just a trace of blood, foot or finger prints can lead the police to a perpetrator.

The OPP's Technical Identification Services Unit, otherwise known as IDENT, is another specialty service officers use to track down suspects.

"I'll examine anything as long as there's something there for me to examine," said OPP IDENT Sgt. Randy Payne.

"(Evidence is) anything of a physical nature we can identify for the investigating officer to help bring the suspect to court," he added. "I have no set criteria... I look for mode of entry, tire impressions... footwear impressions... what's inside (the home for example) that's been touched and left behind... no matter what they (burglars) do, they are going to leave behind some trace of evidence for us to examine."

The Upper Canada OPP Detachment's seven-person IDENT unit covers 13 municipalities and has three people working out of Long Sault and four in the Ottawa-Kanata area.

"It doesn't matter what district we're in, we go where we're needed," noted Payne.

Some of the equipment used by the members of IDENT are print powders, cameras, tangible evidence and various other chemicals.

"We photograph everything because when we go to lift that print, something may screw up (and cause it to smudge)."

"We're getting more into the digital aspect of it now... I hope within two years I'll be able to take the picture and throw it into the lap top and see it immediately," said Payne.

Other than DNA, fingerprints are probably one of the most conclusive methods of identifying suspects.

According to Payne, fingerprints are 98 to 99 per cent water and are the only part of a person's body with friction ridges.



"Nature has never duplicated itself twice and that is the theory we go on. Each impression is different. Yes they have the same classifications but they each have different characteristics when you look at it microscopically," he said.

Prints obtained from a crime scene are found by dusting with either black, grey, magnetic or fluorescent powders.

"We're trying to pick up the ridge detail of the impression itself (when dusting)," he said.

Once prints have been taken from the scene of a crime, they are forwarded to the RCMP where the ridge endings and individual characteristics are plotted on a computer. A general pattern flow is also determined and put into the RCMP's data bank.

"Once they're (prints) in the system, they don't come out until they're deceased or they've asked for a pardon," noted Payne.

The best 25 matches made by the RCMP are then evaluated manually alongside the print lifted from the crime scene.

"What will affect a print is weather, heat and the medium it has been put on, how clean the house is and how clean the object is to be examined... what we're looking for are clean, smooth surfaces," he said.

According to Payne, the point of entry on a house which has been broken into will have the best evidence.

"This is where they (the thieves) are going to be the most nervous and this is where we're going to get the best evidence (like shoe prints, fingerprints, clothing fibre etc)."

The point of entry is not, however, the only place IDENT officers examine.

"It's very important to examine all of it (the scene) because there could be other evidence like hair or fibre left behind."

Many robbers believe if they wear gloves, their fingerprints are undetectable. However, Payne says this is not true.

"Glove impressions can be identified through the same method (as fingerprints). Once you start wearing them, they get nicks and the nicks, the cuts, the wear patterns are all individual characteristics."

Not all fingerprints taken are done for criminal purposes.

Parents are encouraged to get prints of their children because if a child goes missing "and if in 10 years down the road this person comes back and says I'm so and so, you can go back and verify that," noted Payne.

OTHER IDENT AREAS

The IDENT investigators also deal with domestic situations, sudden deaths and recovered stolen vehicles.

"With recovered stolen vehicles we have to be careful of smuggling. Whenever we get a stolen vehicle we have to ask what else has this vehicle been involved in? We also do a history of the vehicle with the owner so we don't waste time cleaning stuff that belongs to the original owner."

When investigating domestic abuse cases, an IDENT or regular officer will photograph the victim as soon as possible following the incident.

"We then try to make sure they (the officers) go back (the next day) so that we really show the extent she was damaged (because) bruises take time to fully come to the surface," noted Payne.

DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, which is as precise inidentifying an individual as fingerprints, is also used by the investigating officers when dealing with a sexual assault case. DNA is found in saliva, vaginal fluid, semen, blood and hair follicles.

IDENT members also analyze blood splatter patterns from murder or suspicious death scenes.

"We use luminal green or malachite green and it's a chemical that reacts with bodily fluids. It can detect blood even if it is cleaned up and not visible to the naked eye. Using a fluorescent light you can see the smearing of blood." explained Payne.

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Volunteers do daytime police watch

by Derek Puddicombe

GREELY — Greely residents are keeping an eye in vandalism in the village.

With support from the Manotick OPP detachment, a group of volunteers have decided to do what they can to combat the increase in break and enters.

Since March, a sub-committee of the Greely and Area Community Policing Committee, Greely Watch and its volunteers have been active watching out for crime.

During the day and night volunteers, travelling in pairs, cruise the village in unmarked vehicles.

They are equipped with a first aid kit, cellular phone, flashlight and reports to fill out if they witness anything.

When volunteers are ready for duty, they contact the OPP communication centre in Kanata and inform them who is patrolling and the licence number of the vehicle they are using.

"These volunteers will be the eyes and ears for us," said Constable Rudy Schaefers, who is the Manotick OPP officer working with the group.

Schaefers says he likes the idea that volunteers will be patrolling during the day because he says a majority of the break-ins occur between 9 am and 6 pm, when homeowners are away at work or out for other reasons.

Although Schaefers says it's important for residents to get involved, he wants them to remain safe. If patrollers witness any suspicious activity, police do not want them to intervene.

"We don't want anybody to get hurt," he added. "We want them to call in the suspicious activity and try to get as much information as possible and phone it in to the police."

With the word out that residents are taking an interest and doing something to combat crime, Schaefers says it should help decrease some of the criminal activity in the area.

"In Embrun (where there is a similar program in place) they've seen a decrease in property crime," said Schaefers.

ATV warning

WINCHESTER — Due to the number of complaints received relating to the use of off-road vehicles, owners and riders are reminded of the following laws relating to their use.

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Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

On Sun., May 11, St. Peter's Anglican Church is holding its annual Mother's Day breakfast in the Odd Fellows Hall in South Mountain. This will run from 9 am until 1 pm. The cost is $4 for adults, $2.25 for children and a maximum of $15 per family. This is a chance to let mother have a good breakfast of bacon and eggs, etc. without having to clean up the mess in the kitchen afterwards.

I have just completed my first pregnancy leading to grandparenthood and found parts of it were exhausting. It was the emotional side which was tiring because as I told my daughter, mothers worry even when there is no need. Fathers do too, but mothers are more vocal. It brought back memories and it was easy to sympathize over various symptoms of the pregnancy but waiting for word at the end was the hardest.

Grandparents are not the important players at delivery time and I could really relate to those fathers of a generation ago who were left to pace the waiting room wondering what was happening. Once we knew things were under way, we came home from the hospital to wait. I don't know why I thought the phone would ring sooner if I watched it and as time passed, my imagination went into overdrive. It was a long night.

The word finally came. Jamie Walter was here and everyone was fine. Off to the Ottawa Civic, a long drive when you are in a hurry, but finally I held my grandson. He's gorgeous - a description which I am told is common to all grandchildren - and I think Jennifer and Tim are amazing to have produced this wonderful little being.

I already have a step-grandson, Nathan, (great too) but now I can officially enjoy grandmother status.

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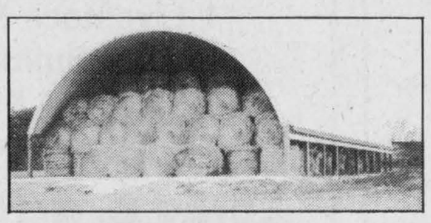
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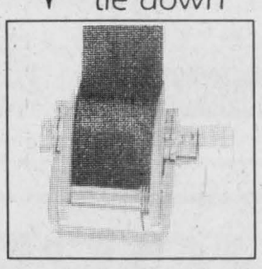
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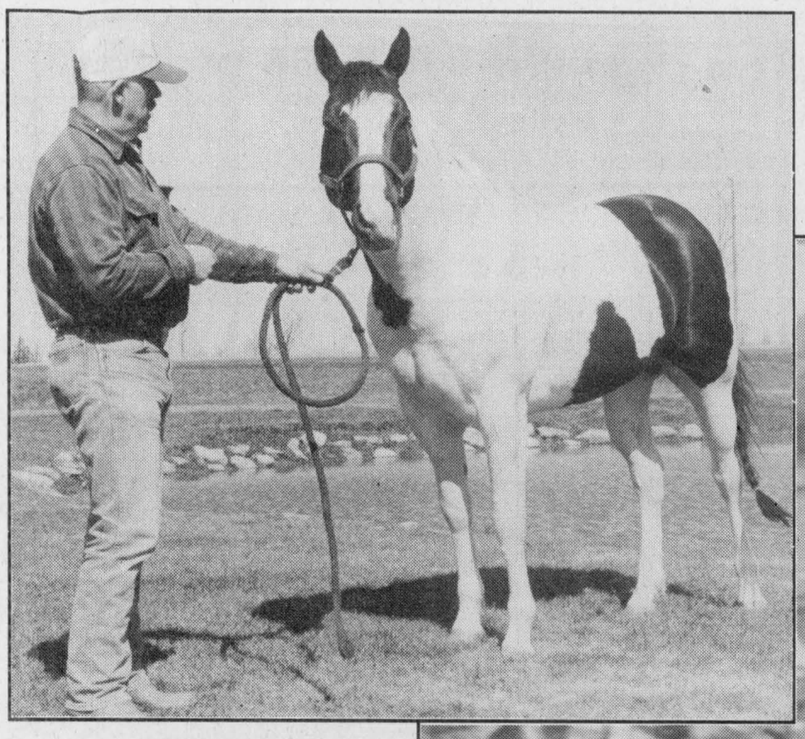

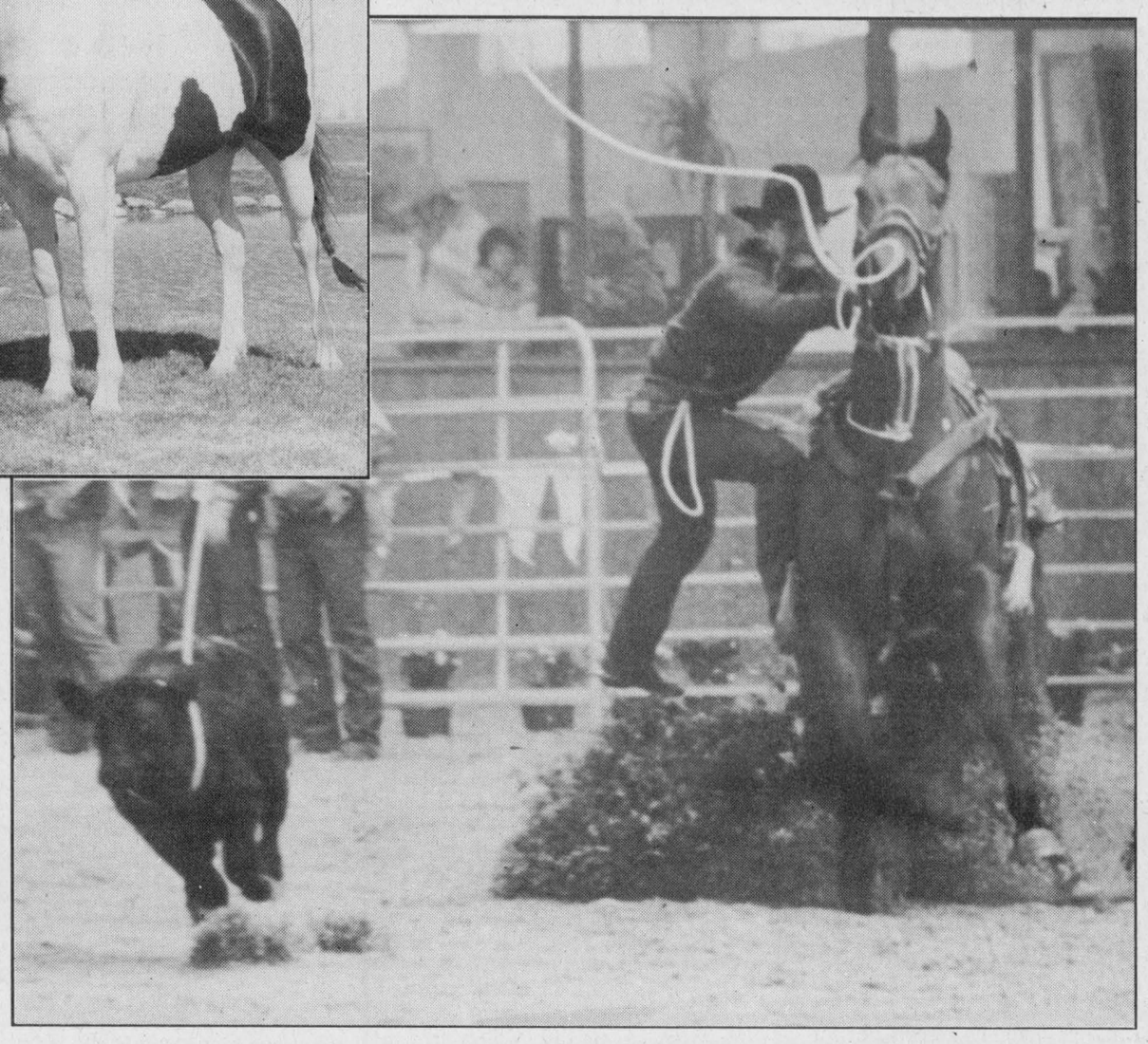

John Seguin is pictured above with his Paint stallion "Poppy" at his Morewood area farm; and right, competing in a calf-roping competition at a rodeo held recently in Toronto.

Cowboy's passion is showing the ropes

by Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

ORMOND — Local horseman John Seguin wants to increase awareness of the contribution made by the equine sector to the area's agricultural industry.

"...to increase knowledge about horses...and to promote good quality stock horses and horsemanship," said Seguin of his current goals.

Seguin and his wife Karin have been operating Highpoint Farm, located west of Morewood on County Rd. 13 for the past 10 years. The couple is dedicated to raising quality stock horses specializing in cattle events.

"Six good quality horses are (more profitable) than 60 (poorer quality)," Seguin said.

Highpoint Farm's pride and joy is an American Paint Horse of stock breeding, purchased in Texas two years ago. "Poppy" as he is called, is the only homozygous (a true Tobiano breeder) in Eastern Canada. Homozygous means if this stallion is paired with a solid colored mare, the foal will have a multi-colored coat like the stallion, explained Seguin.

Born and raised in Hull, Quebec, Seguin purchased his first horse at the age of 15. He has owned and worked with horses ever since and even worked as a professional cowboy for four years. Seguin followed the professional rodeo circuit in Canada and the United States from 1978-81, competing in major rodeos such as the Calgary Stampede, Fort Worth livestock show and rodeo in Fort Worth, Texas, the Florida winter circuit, and more.

Today, Seguin competes in rodeos closer to home. He also puts his calf-roping skills to use by holding roping clinics throughout eastern Canada to help other ropers perfect their skills. Seguin and Dave Adams, a colleague from the Russell area, recently returned from teaching a calf-roping clinic in New Brunswick.

And while Seguin has worked for a number of years training cowboys and horses for rodeos, his passion remains calf-roping.

"I still love (calf roping) as much today as I did 30 years ago," he said.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Karin is also a fine horseperson. She competes in barrel racing and plans to get into cattle penning competitions. She also runs her own business out of the home, allowing her time to work with the horses.

As well the couple is kept busy with their two children: Cody, 10 and Kaitlin, 6. Both children like the horses but are not yet active with them.

This suits Seguin just fine since he doesn't believe in young children working too closely with horses.

"Horses are big and strong and kids are small and definitely not as strong as horses. (In my opinion) you can sour kids on horses if you start them too young," Seguin said.

BUSY SEASON AHEAD

According to Seguin, there is a very active roping and cattle penning circuit in Ontario, Quebec and New York State. There are 36 ropings alone booked this summer in Ontario and Quebec.

"A person can be competing every weekend and sometimes during the week."

Locally, the Ottawa River Rodeo Association will be holding events at the Log Farm in Nepean as well as in Casselman and Chesterville, among other locations. A tie-down calf-roping competition is planned for South Mountain this summer. The Ottawa River Rodeo Association can be reached at 613-794-7281 or 613-831-3069 for more info.

Two graduate from AALP

GUELPH — Two local residents were among the 30 recent graduates of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program.

Bert Ruiter of Ramsayville and Brenda Trask of Osgoode and their colleagues were recognized at a dinner in their honor in early April.

Throughout the program, participants sharpened their leadership skills and broadened their outlook on the many issues that affect Ontario's agri-food industry.

During this time they met with diplomats in Washington and Buenos Aires; exchanged views with MP's in Ottawa and MPP's in Toronto; shared ideas with community leaders in rural Ontario and rural New Jersey; visited a spruce forest in New Brunswick and a eucalyptus plantation in Chile; toured food processing plants and a food bank; learned negotiation strategies; practised impromptu speaking; worked on interview techniques; and gained a vast network of friends and acquaintances throughout the agri-food sector.

Since their first meeting in Guelph in October 1995, they have devoted 55 days to attend a series of nine three-day seminars and two-week study travel sessions.

A new class of the AALP will begin this October. The program is looking for applicants in the early stage of a leadership career who want to make a difference in their industry. They can be farmers, food processors or retailers, bankers, educators or anyone involved in agri-business. Applicant deadline is June 16. An information meeting is planned for Kemptville on May 29.

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Grains donated to North Korea

WINNIPEG — Following up on its commitment to make North Korea a priority, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank has committed $4.5 million to curb the effects of massive food shortages among North Korea's 22 million people.

The response includes program support from the Canadian International Development Agency and will provide an estimated 15,000 metric tonnes of Canadian wheat for North Koreans.

A number of area church and farm groups have made donations to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Milk production down in first half

MISSISSAUGA — During the first seven months of the 1996-97 dairy year, total milk marketings were 2.1 per cent lower and shipments within single quota including cream were 3.3 per cent lower in terms of butterfat than they were during the corresponding period a year ago, according to the Dairy Farmers of Ontario.

New legislation

OTTAWA — Legislation which consolidates several farm marketing programs and reinstates federal authority to make interest-free cash advances to farmers has received Royal Assent according to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Minister Ralph Goodale.

Cash advances give farmers the flexibility to meet their expenses after harvest and before crops are sold, despite possible untimely market limitations.

In addition to cash advances, the new act will facilitate the marketing of agricultural products under co-operative plans by guaranteeing minimum average prices of products sold by marketing agencies.

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Kemptville College under University of Guelph wing

KEMPTVILLE — The Kemptville College is now under the wing of the University of Guelph.

Recently, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Noble Villeneuve, officially recognized the new partnership between the University of Guelph and the three agricultural colleges in Kemptville, Ridgetown and Alfred. The changes went into effect April 1.

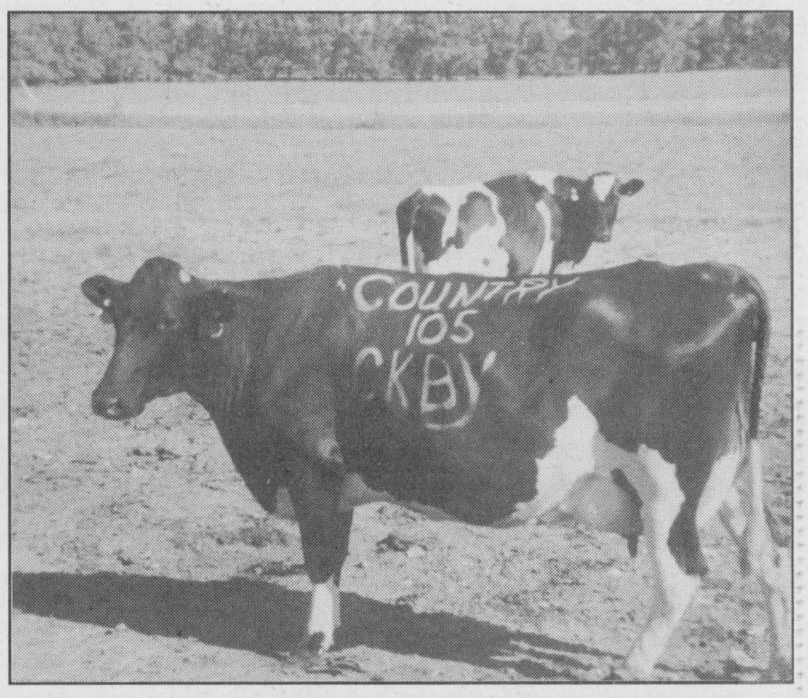
"Working together, we will position Ontario as a leading player for strategic agri-food research, education and testing," said Villeneuve.

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement, signed in August 1996, the University assumes responsibility for the delivery of education at the three colleges as well as for the continued research program at the colleges and the Horticulture Research Institute of Ontario. The ministry's laboratory programs are also transferred to the university as part of the agreement.

With the changes also comes new names for the agricultural colleges. The Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology is now referred to Kemptville College, University of Guelph.



This entry by Shannon Summers placed first in the owner/pet look-alike class of the Dundas Veterinary Services photography contest.



Audrey and Murray Little's first-place entry in the funniest farm animal class of Dundas Veterinary Services photography contest.

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Ormond Puppeteers make faces

by Shannon Toonen

ORMOND — The fourth meeting of the Ormond 15 Puppeteers was held April 17 at the home of our leader Betty Jean Mark.

The secretaries for meeting four and five were Matthew Baker and Kelly Klein-Swormink.

Our achievement day co-ordinators for this club are Angela Barkley, Andrea Bridges, Martina Zollinger and Shelley Deeke.

At our fourth meeting we made felt faces for our clowns and put hair on our clown heads. At meeting five our clowns became puppets as our members put them together piece by piece.

Maple Syrup 4-H club finishes up

by Pam Morrow

MORRISBURG — The second meeting of the Maple Syrup 4-H Club was held on Sun., April 20.

We went to the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary to learn how to identify maple trees and a few others. We conducted a scavenger hunt finding things and identifying them.

Later on at Rose Hennin's home, we made Johnny Cake and maple fruit dip, which was pretty tasty.

Our third meeting and achievement program were combined on Sun., April 27 at the OMAFRA office. We cooked our food for our achievement program so it would be ready when parents arrived. We played a Pictionary game, put together by Yann Bossel, of terminology having to do with maple syrup. We served brunch to our parents and everything was very good.

We had a lot of fun with this club. We wish to thank our leaders Rose Hennin and Denise Sunderlind for being excellent leaders.

Dairy Club members play Pictionary

by Meagan Kittle

MOUNTAIN — The second meeting of the West Dundas Dairy 4-H club was held at the Velthuis farm on April 24. Robert Velthuis opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. As youth leader he organized a game of dairy pictionary, which we all enjoyed.

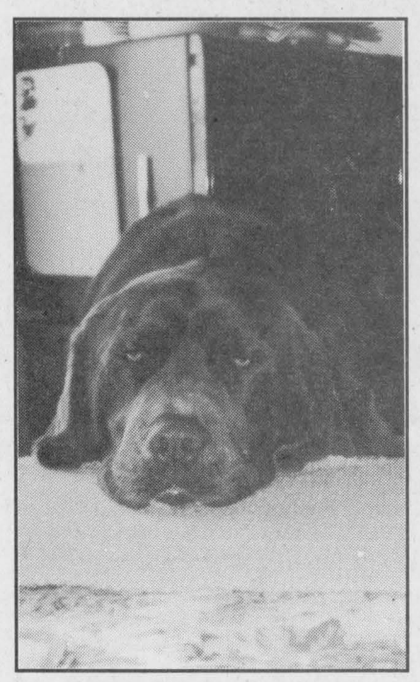
We received our membership cards and went over the rules for the year about our calf. We were reminded to have our information sheets into the OMAFRA office by May 15.

We then had our second lesson which was called "Home Sweet Home". We learned about different types of housing and ventilation. After this our leaders Keith Rook and Neil Kittle took us into separate groups to teach us the parts of a cow.

All in all, we had a fun time. Thanks to the Velthuises for hosting the meeting. Out next meeting is scheduled for May 15 at 7:30 pm at Hugh Fawcett Auctions in Winchester.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Photo contest a snap for winners



Pictured is Cody and Niki Stewart's first-place winner in the funniest pet class.

WINCHESTER — The Dundas Veterinary Services held a photography competition in celebration of Animal Health Week, May 3 - 10.

"The photo contest is our project for this year. Every year we (Dundas Veterinary Services) try to do something special for Animal Health Week," said organizer Rose Hennin.

The clinic has sponsored coloring and poster competitions over the past few years, but decided to try the photo contest this year. Response to the competition was good with approximately 30 entries, she said.

Entries featured a wide variety of farm animals and pets in three classes — funniest farm animal, funniest pet and owner/pet look-alike. Farm animal photos depicted everything from a cow posing as a billboard, to a sheep bogged down in deep snow, and a Holstein calf dressed in full attire. The pet category featured an array of pictures of cats, dogs, rabbits, and even a chinchilla.

The competition was judged by Winchester Press reporter Dianne Fetterly who said the number of fine entries, especially in the funniest pet class, made placing the classes a tough decision.

The top three placings in individual classes are as follows:

Funniest farm animal: first, Audrey and Murray Little; second, Shannon Summers; third, Patty Duke;

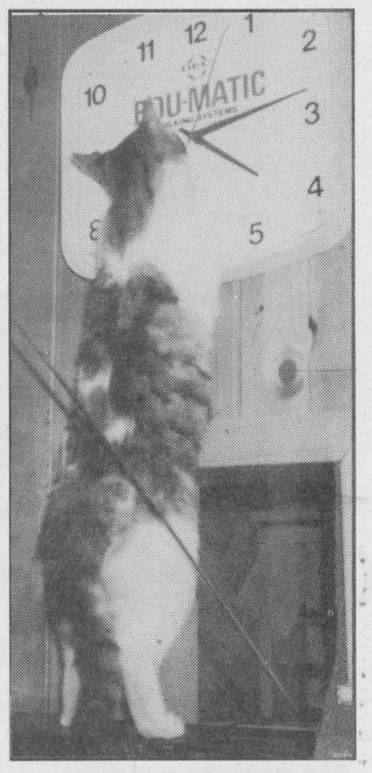
Funniest pet: first, Cody and Niki Stewart; second, Joel Geleynse; third, Darlene Zandbergen.

Pet/owner look-alike: (one entry) first, Shannon Summers.

Animal Health Week is a national event aimed at increasing awareness about the health of small animals.

PET PORTRAITS

Also for Animal Health Week, Dundas Veterinary Services will have a photographer at the clinic on Saturday (May 10) from 9am to 4 pm to take pet portraits. Cost is $20 for a sitting. Call the Dundas Veterinary Services at 774-2159 to book an appointment.



Second in the funniest pet category is this entry of Joel Geleynse.

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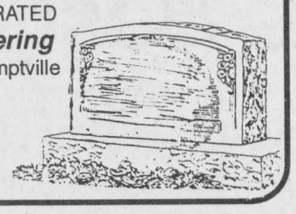

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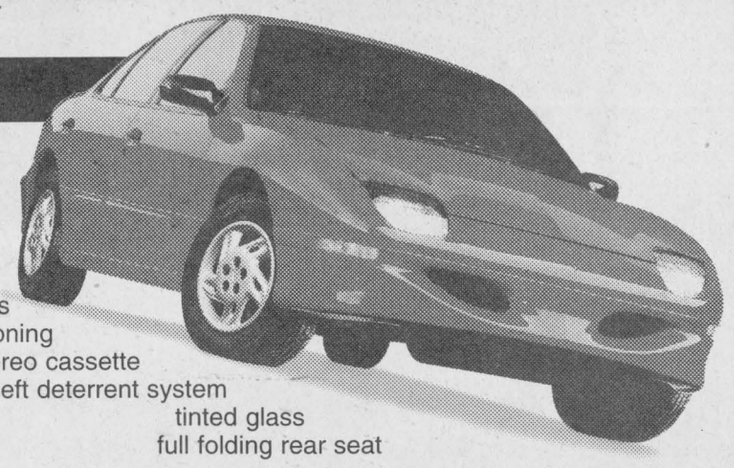

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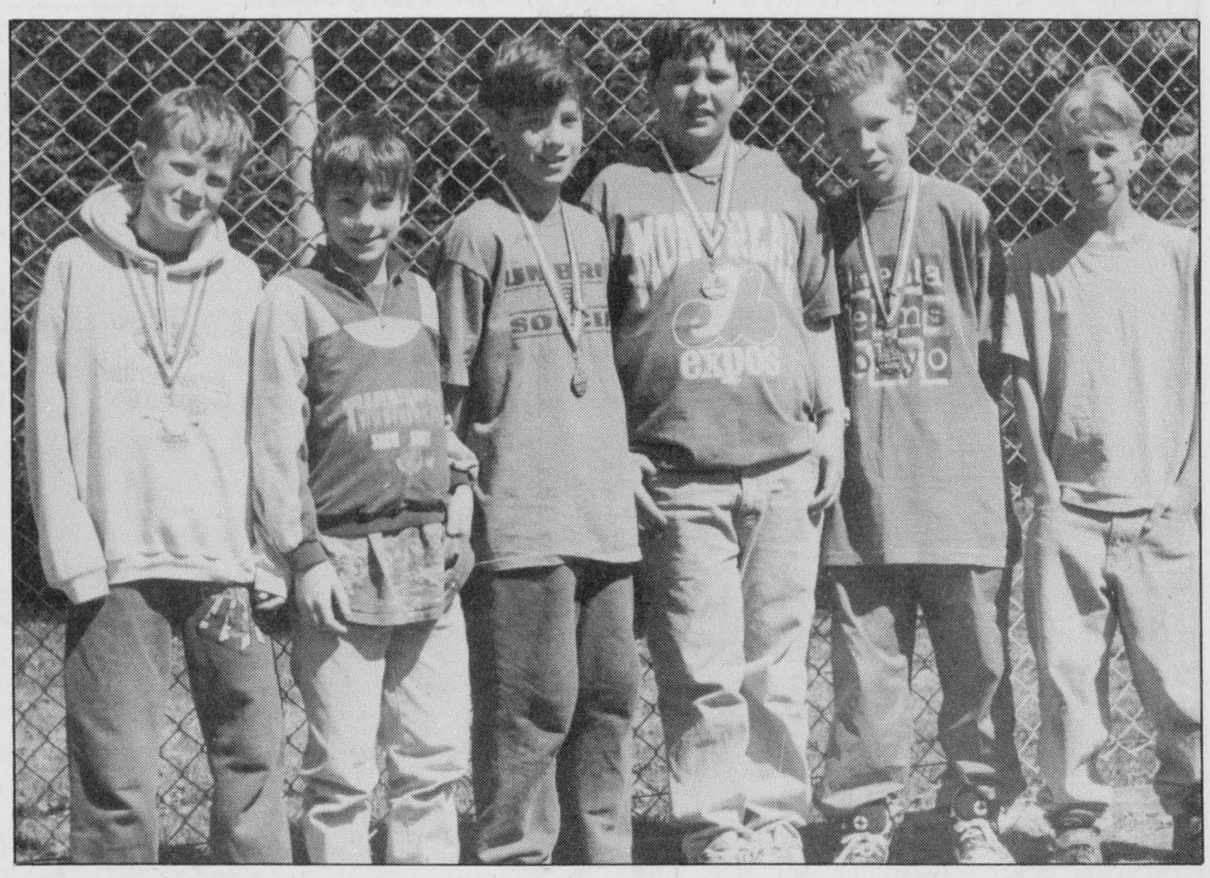
Top team

Maple Ridge Senior Public School won the trophy for top Intermediate 1 team in the Canada Quiz competition held April 26 in Cornwall. Pictured, front: Erika Burgess, Robyn Maler; back: Matthew Garlough, Matthew Ouellette, Nathan Murphy, Chris Beckstead, Sandra Robertson (coach). co-coach: Cathy Clouthier.

Press Photo — Fetterly



Silver medal winners

The team from Morewood Public School placed second out of 18 teams competing in the Junior category of Canada Quiz held April 26 in Cornwall. Representing Morewood were left to right: Douglas MacGregor, Adrian Maler, Matt Davis, Ben Kirkwood, Jason Munro (captain) and Josh Ennis. Coaches were Mrs. Purnell and Mr. Berry.

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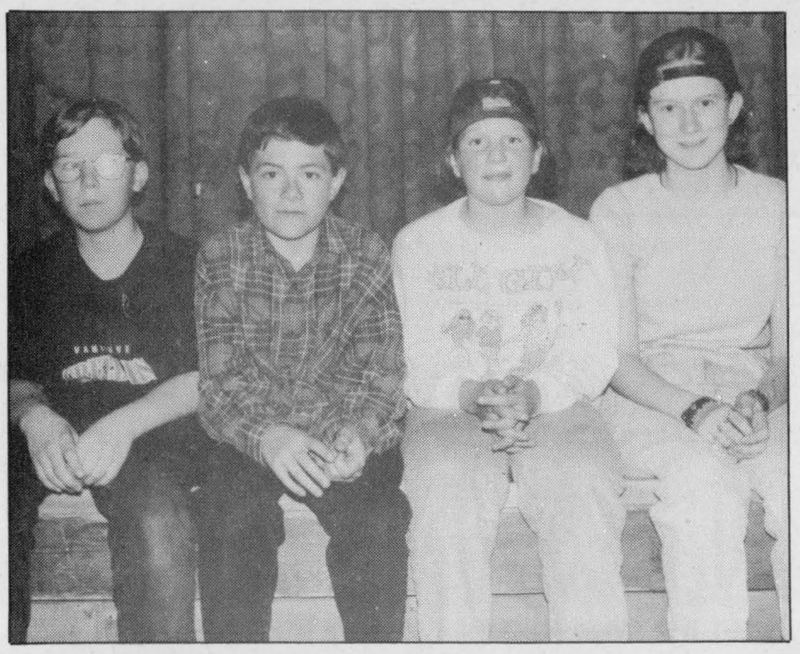

Third in quiz

Nationview Public School's Canada Quiz team of (left to right) David Adams, Alex Fetterly, Laure Bossel and Colleen Driscoll placed third out of 18 teams in the Junior category of Canada Quiz held April 26 in Cornwall. The team was coached by Mrs. Marcellus, Mrs. Duvall and Mrs. Leyenaar. Missing: Sarah Gobey (alternate).

Education Week

Area schools top Canada Quiz teams

CORNWALL — The Canada Quiz teams at North Dundas District High School and Maple Ridge Senior Public School were intermediate division winners at the 13th annual Canada Quiz competition on Sat., April 26 in Cornwall.

NDDHS won the Intermediate II (Grades 9 and 10) division while Maple Ridge won the Intermediate I title (Grades 7 and 8). The junior division championship (Grades 4 to 6) went to North Stormont Public School while Morewood Public School placed second. Char-Lan District High School won the senior division (Grades 11 to OAC).

Students from across SD&G gathered at Cornwall's St. Lawrence High School for the Cross Canada quiz. Teams of students practice for weeks and generally, each student has an area of expertise whether it be in sports, arts, history, geography or local personalities.



Good effort

The Canada Quiz team at Winchester Public School participated in the 13th annual Canada Quiz competition in Cornwall on Sat., April 26. Front, left: Stacey Little, Sharon Corkery, Scott MacLellan and Blain Moran. Back: Justin Lummiss, Jeannine Roffey, Irene Maclean and Pat Elliott. Missing: Alanna Porteous. Press Photo — Wolfe

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