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Six teachers axed by new agreement

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CORNWALL — A tentative agreement reached between high school teachers and the SD&G Public School Board will result in six teachers losing their jobs.

The board will restore the salary increments its 362 teachers lost during the NDP government's Social Contract, however, the cost of the increment restoration will be offset through the elimination of six positions.

"We reduced 17 positions through the Social Contract and reduced another five to six (positions) through the settlement," said Bob Whittaker, manager of human resources for the SD&G Public School Board.

Greg McGillis, first vice-president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF), says the job losses will result in larger classes.

"The changes will occur in September and there will be substantially larger classes," said McGillis.

Other highlights of the agreement include no salary or benefit increases, and the elimination of more than half of the board's department head positions and restructuring those that are left. The agreement will expire in August 1998.

"Teachers understand that while this is a difficult agreement to accept, it is a reasonable deal given the times," said John McEwen, president of the Seaway District of the OSSTF.

Burning out of control report local fire chiefs

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Landowners setting grass fires could be burning a hole in their own pockets.

The Winchester Township and Winchester Village fire departments have responded to eight calls for out of control grass fires in the past week.

The most serious grass fire of the year, occurred last Sunday (April 27) just outside of Morewood. The Old North Winchester Public School, occupied by Aime Schryer, burned to the ground when the burning grass caught on a wood pile and touched off the wooden structure.

"The OPP called it in because the smoke was covering the highway and the people could have been sued for liability," said Winchester Township Fire Chief Claude Cousineau. "It just got away from him."

Cousineau said the township fire department responded to two grass fires on Saturday and one call early Monday morning.

The Winchester Village fire department, however, responded to five grass fire calls since last Wednesday (April 23). Last year, the department received only one call.

"It was a really slow year last year, so we're really getting hit hard this year," noted Winchester Village Fire Chief Peter Grimes.

"On Sunday (April 27) there wasn't a fire department that wasn't out (battling grass fires)," he said.

According to Grimes, although most grass fires can be quickly contained by the firefighters, it can be more exhausting than a house blaze.

"It's the constant work to do because you're in the heavy gear and walking in the fields. There's no huge danger but it's physically draining."

Although purposely setting any type of fire is dangerous, Cousineau said there is a safe way in which to burn the grass.

"Always start it from the downwind side, in small sections you can control it and have two people with you. Also have a bucket and rake to stamp it out," he said.

Grimes added that "people think they're safe because they're surrounded by water but they (the fires) jump the ditches and before you know it, your lawn is going up."

Not only can a grass fire be costly to the property if it is not properly managed, every call the fire departments responds to, also costs the property owner.

The Winchester Township and village fire departments charge the landowner $100/hour per response vehicle as well as $12/hour per firefighter

"It can get pretty costly," admitted Cousineau. "When we get the call, we don't know how close it is to the house so we generally respond with all response vehicles," said Cousineau.



Air time

Brandi North, right, enjoyed some hang time skipping double dutch with Krysha Larose. The 11-year-old Winchester Public School students took part in last week's Jump Rope For Heart, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario's fundraising campaign. Students from Grades 4 to 6 were trying to better last year's pledge total of $1,700.

Vehicles ripping up park

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The good weather has brought poor conditions to the Community Centre grounds.

At the April 21 regular Village of Winchester council meeting, village Recreation Director, Matt Krisjanis informed council the Community Centre grounds are being destroyed by trespassing vehicles.

"The problem is with vehicles driving through the park area and cutting up my lawn," added Krisjanis. "In the summer time it's not bad but (it's not good) in this weather."

According to Krisjanis, people are gaining access onto the lawn, and driving up the hill, from the Park Place apartments owned by Wallace Byers.

"We can't afford the damage anymore... there's no point in trying to beautify it if it's going to be driven over," added Krisjanis. "I don't like fences but if we have to fence off what we have to protect it, then that's what I'll do."

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Winchester Arena will be getting a new ice resurfacer for the 1997-98 winter season.

"The old one is a 1979. It's lived past its prime and it does need some repairs and the cost factor does not justify the repairs," said Krisjanis.

The cost for the new Olympia ice resurfacer is $49,151. The old resurfacer was donated by the Winchester Lions Club in 1979. There will be advertising space on the new machine available for anyone who is interested.

Krisjanis said he requested permission from council to purchase a new machine

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Village greening to go ahead

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Environmentally conscious village residents are working on a project to "Green the Village."

At a special meeting held last Tues., April 22, in council chambers, Diane Huffman of Land Strategies in Ottawa helped 10 interested residents formulate some plans.

"We will start by doing an inventory of the trees (in the village) and determine their age and health," said Huffman, who will be working with the residents. "We will work with the school grounds and Nor Dun (Seniors Centre) and the hospital grounds program."

Plans include planting trees, hedges, shrubs, flowers, installing bird feeders and much more around the village. The South Nation Conservation will provide funding to facilitate the project, said Huffman.

Huffman stressed the environmental benefits of having several trees in a community which include: improved air quality through the removal of airborne dust and pollutants; reduction of soil erosion; and providing a home for wildlife.

Huffman added there are also many economic benefits to trees including increasing property values by10 to 20 per cent and conserving energy which will result in savings of up to 50 per cent for air conditioning

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Tons of bargains

Oodles of people came out to the Winchester Arena to snatch up bundles of bargains at this year's Winchester Merchant's Arena Sale. Participating merchants included Akcent Motors, Annable's Jewellery, Classique Bridals, Corner Books and Crafts, CountryBoy, CountryGirl, Country Attic, Country Sole, Muriel's Flowers and Winchester Video. Press Photo — Dillich

Hiring clerk top priority for N. Dundas

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — Hiring a clerk-administrator is top priority for the North Dundas Transition Committee.

At the April 24 committee meeting, the members voted to try to hire the clerk-administrator from among the current municipal employees. Failing a suitable candidate, the position will be made available to anyone within the community.

"We're going to have to have some top position and then get the consultants to give us a job description as soon as possible so we can notify the applicants," said Village of Chesterville Reeve Jim Cooke.

"I think that person (who becomes the new clerk-administrator) could show some creativity in that new design," added Winchester Township Deputy Reeve Wyman Barton.

The committee has also created a six-step transition process:

1. a staff hierarchy will be established;

2. job descriptions will be prepared by the firms of McNeely-Tunnick/BDO, utilizing other scenarios from similar sized municipalities;

3. any employee from within the existing staff complement... may apply for the position of his/her choice;

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Police blotter

Young offenders

MORRISBURG — On April 26, during a RIDE program being run on Hwy. 31 north of Morrisburg, a small quantity of marijuana was seized. A 17-year-old Morrisburg male, who cannot be identified under the Young Offenders Act, has been charged with possession of a narcotic contrary to the Narcotic Control Act and is scheduled to appear in Young Offenders court in Morrisburg on May 27.

As a result of an investigation into the theft of a motor vehicle from a private residence in the Village of Winchester on April 18, two young people have been charged.

Two 15-year-old Winchester area males have been charged with theft of a motor vehicle under $5,000, break and enter and breach of undertaking. One youth is facing an additional charge of possession of stolen property.

Both youths are scheduled to appear in family court in Cornwall on May 12.

Residential B&E

WINCHESTER TWP. — On April 21, the OPP investigated a break and enter which had occurred during that afternoon at a private residence in the north part of Winchester Township. Household items and small change were taken from the home.

Lawn equipment stolen

WINCHESTER TWP. — On April 25, the OPP investigated an overnight theft of equipment from J.R. Brisson Equipment in Winchester Township. Taken were two Cub Cadet 18" tillers and one Cub Cadet 38" lawn sweeper. No items have been recovered.

On April 27, police investigated the theft of a tractor from a private residence in Matilda Township. Taken overnight from a storage shed at the residence was a 12.5 hp, red 1993 Toro lawn tractor.

Missing water toys

WINCHESTER TWP. — On April 26 police received a report of a theft of a trailer and seadoo which had taken place overnight at a private residence in Winchester Township.

Stolen were a 1989 utility trailer and a Wet Jet Sport 2 seadoo, red and white in color. Neither item has been recovered.

Two outboard motors and a pair of binoculars were stolen from vehicles last week. Motorists are reminded to keep valuables out of sight of would-be thieves and to keep vehicle doors locked.

Roller blades and skateboards

WINCHESTER — Over the past couple of weeks the number of complaints relating to the use of roller blades and skateboards on private property has greatly increased.

It is important for the bladers and boarders to remember that private property is private and to get permission to use parking lots and other areas in the village before you start skating.

Seat belt fines

WINCHESTER — Five seat belt charges were laid in Dundas County during the first week of the spring seat belt campaign.

Between April 21 and April 27, Manotick officers charged two people with failing to wear their seat belts. Two other offence notices were issued because passengers under the age of 16 were not wearing the proper restraints.

Residential robberies

MANOTICK — A Wood Duck Drive home was broken into on April 22. Entertainment equipment, computer components and alcohol was taken. The culprit(s) also stole two credit cards which were recovered later that evening at an Ottawa shopping mall.

Between 5 pm and 9:30 pm on April 27, a McCordick Road family left their home and when they returned, they found their house had been broken into. A 386 IBM computer with a monitor, keyboard and mouse were taken.

Missing wheelchair ramp

MANOTICK — A South Sunset Drive resident reported the theft of an aluminum alloy two-piece portable wheelchair ramp on April 21. This equipment was stolen from the front of the house.

Damaged school bus

OSGOODE — Someone damaged the 'stop' arm of a school bus last week. It was working when the driver did the circle check on April 21 but part way through her bus run the arm broke. It was later discovered by a mechanic that some of the wires had been cut. This prank could have cost a life. The bus had been parked at a private residence on Nelson Street in Osgoode.

Blasting caps

NORTH GOWER — On April 22, police received information that blasting caps were found near the North Gower area. A local man has been charged with an explosives offence as well as two counts of breaching a recognizance. He will appear in court on May 1.

Local candidates put emphasis on jobs

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CORNWALL — Local candidates for the upcoming federal election will be campaigning on one key issue — the creation of more jobs in the area.

Liberal incumbent Bob Kilger says "jobs are a main concern" but adds the national unemployment rate now averages 9.4 per cent, a drop from 11.3 per cent when the Liberals first took office in 1994.

"Health care and education and the federal debt are also priorities," Kilger says.

Progressive Conservative candidate, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, who is also Warden of the United Counties of SD&G, and NDP candidate Syd Gardiner are also concerned about jobs, health care and education.

A Reform candidate for Stormont-Dundas will be declared today (Wed., April 30) at a nomination meeting in Cornwall. The race is between riding association president Charles Dillabough and former British Columbia resident Isabel Banner.

Kilger, O'Shaughnessy, and Gardiner's campaign offices are located on Montreal Road in Cornwall.

In the riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, NDP candidate Fred Cappuccino is the only declared candidate to date.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien called an election on Sun., April 27, only three-and-a-half years into his five-year term. The 36-day campaign is the shortest in the country's history.

RETURNING OFFICES

For information on local candidates, call the Stormont-Dundas riding returning office at 613-930-2095. In Ottawa South, contact the returning office at 613-952-2120. In Nepean-Carleton call 613-224-0469 and Gloucester-Carleton call 613-830-2467.



Long-standing volunteers

The Township of Osgoode Care Centre (TOCC) recognized 80 volunteers at its Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on Wed., April 16. Front left: Joyce Holmes, Beatrice Sullivan and Dorothy Campbell. Back: Murray Munro (administrator), Shirley Cosman, Clara Cooper and Gwen Magee.
Press Photo — Wolfe

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Recreation

and not another used one because "a brand new machine, unless there is total abuse and destruction, had no need for repair, other than general maintenance."

A representative of local skateboarders met with Krisjanis on April 14 to discuss the potential of a skate park.

"The skateboarders will be forming a committee with two adults in an advisory capacity... they are very interested and serious and there are parents behind them," said Krisjanis.

Krisjanis is hoping the creation of a skate park will alleviate some of the complaints villagers have about them using the streets.

"I talked with the delegation and some of the problems you're noticing on the street are always the same few (kids) and they (the delegation) said they'd talk to them."

Beautification

and 20 per cent for heating costs to individual homeowners.

Nancy Barton, a teacher at the Winchester Public School, is spearheading a campaign to beautify the school's playground.

"The possibilities are endless but studies show naturalized school yards have been shown to reduce bullying and acts of aggression among children," Barton said.

"I really believe if there were flowers, benches, trees to provide shade, shrubs, a pond, and even a composter, it would be a much better environment for the students, their parents and the community at large who wish to use the facilities."

Huffman agrees the possibilities are endless for the village and is hopeful the residents can work on the project together.

Transition

4. management positions will be filled first. The successful candidate will then sit on a subcommittee which will develop a transitional plan for their respective departments. Said proposal will then be presented to the committee which will make recommendations to the townships and villages for ratification. It is anticipated all management positions will be filled on or before August 1, 1997;

5. the consulting firms... will review all management position applications, interview as required and recommend the most appropriate individual(s) for specific management positions to the committee. The committee will then choose the successful individual.

"It (consultants choosing the best applicant/s) puts everybody on the same footing... you're not choosing on personal contacts but abilities," noted Village of Winchester Reeve Larry Gray.

The sixth part of the transition committee's process states "all employees shall be treated with the utmost fairness, respect and dignity."

A list of functions provided by the municipality include: administration; treasury; enforcement and protection — building, drains, fire, bylaw enforcement, policing; planning; roads; water; sewer; waste management and hydro.

The Township of Osgoode has expressed an interest in sharing staff for bylaw enforcement, water and sewer.

The next transition committee meeting will be held on Tues., May 20 at 7:30 pm at the Winchester Arena.

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Morrisburg Inn to get historical accents

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

MORRISBURG — The Howard Johnson Hotel in Morrisburg will be transformed into an historical attraction.

New owners Les Cruickshank, Roy Brister and Tom Morrow plan to renovate the hotel which will sport an historical theme.

On April 8, Les Cruickshank of Cruickshank Construction, Roy Brister of Brister Insurance and Tom Morrow, owner of T&K Fashions Ltd., purchased the Howard Johnson Hotel from AFM Hospitality of Toronto. The trio had planned the take-over for about a year.

"The three of us had heard a request had been made to the village of Morrisburg to zone the property to accommodate a retirement home," Morrow explained. "We didn't want to see that happen so we decided to take over and update the guest rooms which were outdated and make other changes."

The owners hope to attract the 400,000 annual visitors to the Upper Canada Village during the tourist season and local employees during the off-season.

Among the many changes, the lobby will be decorated like a country inn with pictures of surrounding towns which were relocated in 1955-57 during the flooding of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The dining room will be called the *MacIntosh Dining Room* to commemorate the discovery of the first MacIntosh apple only five kilometres from Morrisburg.

"The name is not etched in stone but we hope to have the dining room open by Mother's Day," says hotel manager Morrow.

The pub will be called *The Rotten Apple* and will be decorated with pictures of local sports heroes. *The South Dundas Wall of Fame* will feature someone local either bi-weekly or monthly.

Shipping schedules will also be posted daily for tourists who wish to travel to Mariatown to watch large ships, naval ships and ships like the "Bluenose" and the Royal yatch "Britannica" travel the Seaway.

Other plans include building an exercise room, hosting a Murder Mystery weekend, constructing a mini-putt golf course and a driving range, and catering weddings, Chamber of Commerce meetings, Lions Club meetings, craft fairs and various church functions.



A number of brides married in the Holy Trinity Church in Metcalfe marched down the aisle once again in celebration of the building's 100th anniversary last Saturday. Press Photo — Dillich

Metcalfe brides mark centennial

METCALFE — Brides took another walk down the aisle to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Holy Trinity Church in Metcalfe.

About 40 women who were married in the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Metcalfe put their bridal gowns on once more for the 100th anniversary celebrations last Saturday (April 26) afternoon.

The church was established sometime in the 1800s in a tiny wooden structure. However, the congregation outgrew the building and the parish's minister persuaded the church followers to build a stone structure which is the current sight of the church.

The first couple married in the church was Emma Looney and George Sparks. They were married on February 9, 1898.

At Saturday's tea, Ruth Stanley, 83, who was baptized and confirmed in the Holy Trinity Church, was the oldest living bride on hand for the celebrations. Ruth (Wilson) married Clarke Stanley in June of 1932. Rev. Vincent performed the service.

"This is where my parents came to whenever they could," noted Stanley.

A total of 41 brides, from 1932 to 1996 were on hand with their wedding gowns for the century celebration.

Lawn equipment taken from dealer

WINCHESTER TWP. — This week Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a commercial break-in.

Overnight on April 24, unknown people cut the chain link fence of Brisson Equipment and stole two rotor tillers and a lawn sweeper. The stolen property is valued at $2,600.

Stolen is a Cub Cadet 18" tiller, serial number 1H225K40308; Cub Cadet 18" tiller serial number 1H225K40310; Cub Cadet 38" lawn sweeper. All are yellow in color.

Remember, Crime Stoppers does not have call display and they do not record conversations.

If you have any information on this or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or 1-800-265-8477.

Tax freeze results in small hike

CORNWALL — The SD&G Roman Catholic Separate School Board recently approved a 1997 tax freeze.

The budget features no change in the mill rate which results in a decrease of 2.02 per cent for the ratepayers within the City of Cornwall and a slight increase for other municipalities throughout the United Counties.

In Mountain Township, the education portion of the tax bills will jump to a high of 6.17 per cent, the highest in the Three United Counties. Alexandria residents will see the lowest increase — 0.54 per cent.

SNC Yellow Fish program coming

BERWICK — Schools of Yellow Fish will soon be swimming on a road near you.

South Nation Conservation and area guides and Brownies will be painting the Yellow Fish symbol near storm drains, reminding residents to help protect water quality.

Storm drains carry run-off from roads, driveways and rooftops directly to the nearest river or stream without treatment. Oil, paint, fertilizer and pesticides can all reduce the quality of surface water as well as fish and wildlife habitat.

Watch for the Yellow Fish symbols on your street.

If you would like to get involved with Yellow Fish Road and help protect water quality, please call the SNC at 613-984-2948.

Euchre winners

WILLIAMSBURG — Winners at the Williamsburg Township Seniors' euchre on Wed., April 19 were as follows:

ladies: Kezia Wells, Lorraine Tupper, Muriel Cossaboom;

gents: Graham Hess, Cecil Lee, Doris Hill;

door prizes: Frances Korevaar, Cecil Lee;

draw: Dwain Hess, Muriel Miller, Keith Casselman, Cecil Lee (2), Audrey Whitteker, Bertha Christie, Ivan Whitteker.

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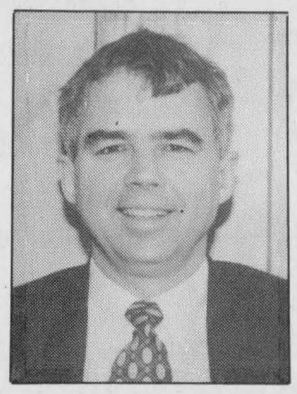
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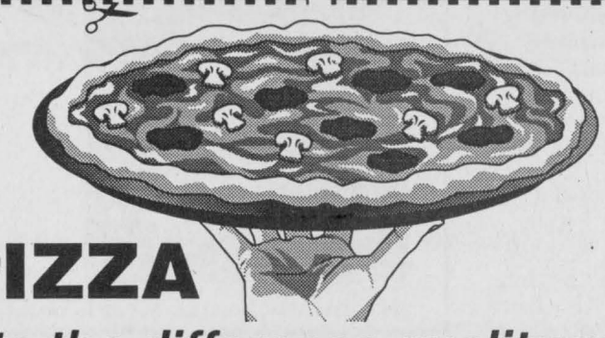

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Presbyterial celebrates 35th anniversary

KEMPTVILLE — Celebrate! And that is exactly what 116 UCW members from around the Seaway Valley did when they met in Ingleside at the United Church for the Presbyterial UCW annual meeting on April 8.

The UCW is 35 years old this year and special services and celebrations will mark this milestone.

Each UCW will try to send a gift of $35 to be used for the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church. The offering from the morning's workshop was directed also to the Mission and Service Fund.

The theme for the day was 'Spirituality, Women and Aging'. President Louise Shaw welcomed the group with a reading and president Lois Johnson welcomed all on behalf of the Ingleside UCW.

Audrey Dafoe gave a history of the church and explained about the four congregations which had come together to create the new Ingleside congregation.

Arlene McKibbon conducted a workshop on women's spirituality, using thought-provoking questions for discussion. Worship closed with Betty Turcott's hymn for the 35th anniversary.

Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle was the theme presenter. Taken from her reflections on the theme: "We need the peace found only in the spirit. Spirituality has enabled women to raise above difficult situations, to carve out for themselves a niche with grace, courage and hope. Women come together for community. Through small groups, women learn to nurture and to care for their spirituality. They are then able, with their unique gifts, to reach out into the community in love."

Linda Ecott, from AVEL and the Montreal United Church Book Room brought a selection of books and other resources which were sold.

Ottawa Presbyterial UCW president Nancy Hazen and M&O conference vice-president, Kay Black, reported on the January presidents meeting and received support for the simplification of the annual report forms.

Black's book My Friend Upstairs is still available by calling her at 613-833-2692. $5 from each book goes to the Mission and Service Fund.

Reports were accepted, the budget was approved, the report from the nominating committee was given and the new executive was installed.

Erna Witherspon honored past presidents in a time of 'Remembering' Carole McDermott gave the memorial tribute; scrolls of appreciation for service to the Presbyterial were given to Rietta Hillis and McDermott.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 10 — June Presbyterial at Prescott United Church. Registration is at 10 am. The enrichment time will be conducted by the Literature Convenors. This is the salad bar meeting. Each person who plans to attend should bring a donation of food for the pot luck.

Region 1: buttered rolls, biscuits and cheese. Region 2: desserts. Region 3: cold meat, devilled eggs. Region 4: salads, vegetables and dip.

This is also the meeting when fall rallies are planned. This is also a good time to bring in your collectibles — soup labels, eye glasses, hearing aids, used stamps and metal soft drink tabs.

July 25 - 27 — Summer Event '97. "Lift High Your Hopes". Theme speaker is Rev. Thomas Bandy and the music leader will be Linda-Jean Coffin. The event will take place at Kemptville College. This is a weekend for men, women and youth. Registration forms will be available at the June meeting in Prescott and through UCW representatives.

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Available from Rietta Hillis is a worship service which may be used in connection with the Healing Fund. The service will help raise awareness of the Healing Fund and monies gathered in such services help the Presbytery to fulfill its commitment to the Healing Fund of the United Church. Contact Hillis at 448-2424.



Country decorating

Janet Findlay, of Friends and Folklore in Chesterville, is hosting an Open House this Sat., May 3, where she will display various accessories and gifts for country decorating. Press Photo — Wolfe



Trade show

Chris McEvoy from Country Bows Antiques and Gifts discusses this dining room set to prospective buyers John and Freda Thompson. Among the many service clubs, vendors and community organizations participating, Keystone Masonry was named the Best Booth.

Dundas Manor 'fools around'

by Kim Baker

WINCHESTER — The residents of Dundas Manor have been taking advantage of this spring weather.

A shopping trip to Giant Tiger and a bus trip to Sanders' Sugar Bush got the month of April off to a great start. It was really nice to get out into the fresh air again.

The second week of April was 'April Fooling Around Week'. Pyjama Day was held on Monday, Tuesday was Baseball Cap Day and Wednesday featured Armchair Travel to Hawaii. On Thursday Marleen Fawcett provided the entertainment for Western Day and the Rednecks were in to do some line dancing Thursday night.

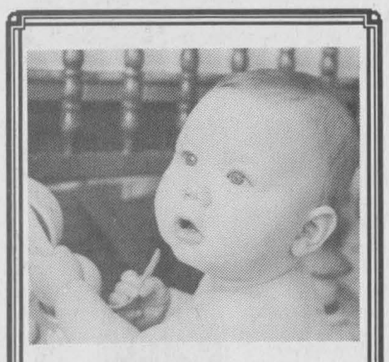
On Friday, there was a bake sale and hot dogs were sold to raise money for Posey Pals. It was a busy week, but lots of fun.

On the 17th, the annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea was held for all of the volunteers at the Manor. The residents and staff expressed their thanks and appreciation to all and would like to thank you for all you do throughout the year for the residents, families and staff.

The Chesterville WI supplied the refreshments and the Morrisburg Legion was at the Manor to entertain for the April birthday party.

During the month of May, the Manor will be celebrating Mother's Day and the Timothy Christian School is coming to entertain. The Greely Grasshoppers will also be on hand.

For Sneaker Day, the Manor is going to have an aerobic demonstration and in the evening, Phillip and Joyce will provide some entertainment.



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The Greely Players will perform Peter Pan at the Greely Community Centre from April 30 to May 3. The adult cast of pirates are: Front: Peter Cleland (Captain Hook). Middle row, left: Terry Tomkins, George Ris, Danielle Beetham, Darren Elford and Roy Parker. Back: Daniel Bowler, Mike Taylor.

Peter Pan to share fantasy with audience

By Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

Never Never Land will always be, youth, joy and liberty.

GREELY — Jean-Paul Trudel won't be a child forever, but as Peter Pan he can enjoy the fantasy as long as he wishes.

The 11-year-old Vernon actor is the star of the upcoming production of Peter Pan by the Greely Players.

The cast of 22 children and 13 adults has been rehearsing daily for the past two weeks.

The combination of the acting, props and special effects guarantee the production will be a success.

At the beginning of the play, when Peter first meets his pseudo-mother Wendy, he describes to her his native Never Never Land.

"It's a small island with hardly any space between one adventure and another," sings Peter. "I live among the fairies and the lost boys."

Peter shares his special abilities with Wendy, including his ability to fly.

"I just think wonderful thoughts and here I go, I'm flying," he says as he glides into the air.

Peter Cleland plays Captain Hook, a convincing role for the newest member of the Greely Players.

Peter Pan will be performed at the Greely Community Centre from Wed., April 30 to Sat., May 3 at 7:30 pm. There will be a 2 pm matinee performance on Sat., May 3.

Benefit concert

GREELY — The Friends of the Osgoode Township Public Libraries will present "A Night Out With Friends", starring the Canadian Forces Band. The family show will take place at the Greely Legion on Fri., May 9 at 8 pm.

The proceeds will go directly to the Friends of the Osgoode Township Public Libraries, a support group that aims to enhance the services offered by the Public Libraries in Osgoode Township.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under and are on sale at all four library branches in Osgoode Township.

Poem about kindness

by Moira MacLeod

WINCHESTER — The regular meeting of St. Paul's Ladies Aid was held in the Presbyterian church hall on April 7.

President Yoka Crowder opened the meeting with a poem about kindness. Jan Clapp led the devotions with a reading.

Norma Duncan reported on the cards sent to parishioners. Betty Larmour gave the treasurer's report. Helen Kerr stated that the gift boutique is a success.

Preliminary discussions were held regarding the annual Fall Tea and Bake Sale.

OBITUARIES

Brian Wyatt

Brian Wyatt, of Winchester, died on April 20. He was 41.

A former Bell Canada employee, Mr. Wyatt was born in Winchester to Reita Bellinger and the late Delbert Wyatt on February 26, 1956.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Wyatt will be fondly remembered by his children Tanya, Christopher and Jamie and their mother Caroline.

He will also be missed by his brother Dwayne of Cardinal and his sister Karen Larson of Ottawa as well as nieces and nephews Tammy, Cory and Joshua Wyatt and Michael Larson.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home, Winchester on April 24.

Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle officiated.

Interment was at South Gower Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Barry Holmes, Ben Henry, Andy Hamel and William Meerakker.

Lucas new vice-chair of SLPC

MORRISBURG — Shaune Lucas of Napanee was designated vice-chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission for a two-year period starting March 24.

Lucas is the owner and operator of a retail business and bed and breakfast guest house in Napanee. He has also served as a commission board member since May 1996.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Lucas as our new vice-chairman," said commission chairman Gary Clarke. "His proven commitment to the Parks of St. Lawrence will continue to be an asset to the board of commissioners."

Concurrently, John D. Simpson of Brockville was appointed by Order-in-Council to the commission's board for a three-year term, beginning March 24.

Simpson received his Bachelor of Law degree from Queen's University and has had an active law career both in Ontario and New York State. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Stewart, Corbett, Barristers & Solicitors in Brockville as well as counsel to Mentor, Rudin & Trivelpiece in Syracuse, New York.

Over the years, Simpson has held many positions in various community organizations. He is currently president of the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital Foundation; director of the Leeds and Grenville Fire Safety Foundation and officer and director of the Harriet Bresnan Foundation and officer and director of the Harriet Bresnan Foundation. Previous associations include director of Youth Action Brockville Limited; the Thousand Islands Community Development Corporation and chairman of the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Brockville.

"John Simpson's professional experience and community service will be most valuable in his new role as commissioner," said Clarke. "We are looking forward to working together."

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, with an area of jurisdiction along the St. Lawrence River corridor from west of Napanee to east of Lancaster, was established by Ontario legislation in 1995.

Commission tourism destinations, also known as the "Parks of the St. Lawrence" attract over 1.5 million visitors annually, create about $16 million in tax revenues and stimulate over $100 million regional economic activity.

Commission destination areas and tourist attractions include Fort Henry, the 1000 Islands Parkway, Crysler Park (with Upper Canada Village), and the Long Sault Parkway. Recreation facilities at these locations include 12 campsites and a day-use parks, the Upper Canada Golf Course, a migratory bird sanctuary, nature trails, the St. Lawrence Bikeway, retail shops and food services.

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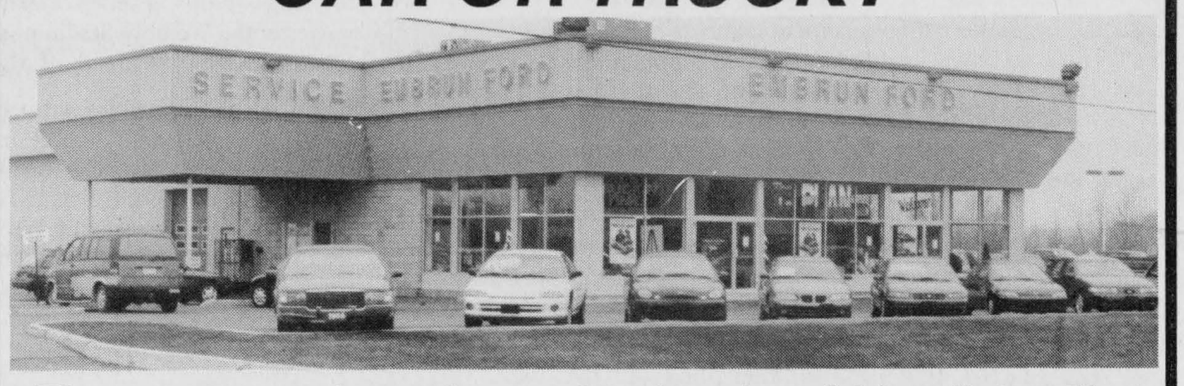

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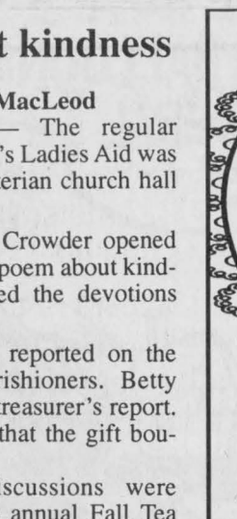

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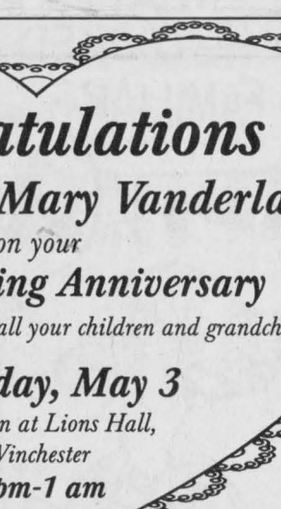

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EDITORIAL

Sobering thoughts

Sunday's election announcement came as no surprise to anyone who has glanced at a paper or flipped through the evening news over the past couple of weeks. However, does it really matter which political party makes this year's promises because in reality, June 2 will come down to a matter of eenie-meenie-minie-moe, for many of those who actually bother to go to the polls.

Although choosing our political leaders is an important task, there is a more pressing issue which needs to be addressed — impaired driving. And this is an issue which can actually have tangible results — a long and prosperous life.

With winter long gone, a summer filled with backyard gatherings, high school proms and bush parties is about to begin.

No one can deny the dangers of drinking and driving, for both the impaired driver who can lose his/her licence for 90 days for the first offence, as well as the sober driver who happens to get caught up in the potentially fatal results just by being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

No matter how many RIDE programs the OPP conduct or how many speeches victims and the families of victims make, people continue to play Russian roulette with their lives.

The students at North Dundas District High School are doing what they can by promoting having responsible fun with OSAID (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving) where the problem starts — in adolescents.

Sharon Villeneuve, whose son Danny died in 1989, is also out there promoting another anti-drinking and driving program — Operation Lookout which encourages people to anonymously contact the police and report anybody they see on the roadways, who they suspect or know, to be impaired.

Laws against drinking and driving were put in place in order to protect others but also to protect ourselves from ourselves.

Impaired driving is possibly most problematic within the rural communities. Without the availability of public transportation or taxis and with the area watering-hole most likely in a neighboring town, people who choose to be festive have to do a lot of planning ahead — Who will be the evening's designated driver? Do I still go and drink even without a DD? If I am intoxicated, do I still take the chance and drive home? Can I stay at a friend's house, etc.?

One of the main problems associated with putting an end to impaired driving is that not everybody thinks ahead. And when intoxicated, a person's judgement is greatly altered.

Unlike capital crimes like murder, impaired driving is a crime almost everybody has committed at least once. Although we are the ones who have lived to tell about it, here are a few stats everybody should think about before going out for a pint or two — drinking and driving is the largest single criminal cause of death and injury in Canada; more than 23,000 drivers in Ontario are convicted of impaired driving every year; 65 per cent are repeat offenders; of all drivers killed in Ontario in 1994, 42 per cent had been drinking; and impaired driving costs Ontario $1.3 billion annually.

You've heard it before but it is something you can never hear too many times: If you drink, don't drive!

S.D.

This week in...

1947

The village of Winchester notified all dog owners that they must not allow their dogs to run at large. The new by-law stated "that any dog running at large, being vicious or doing damage to person or property, may be killed by the village constable." The owners were also reminded that their dogs must be tied up from sunset to sunrise as a safeguard to sheep.

The Inkerman Rockets came through with three straight wins to eliminate Ottawa Tech, Junior B champions, in their best of five series in the Junior B hockey semifinals. Inkerman trounced their opponents 8-3 in the first game, and 5-3 in the second and third games.

Lowell Craig, Jean Paul Lafortune and Harry Bennett, all players on the Inkerman Rockets, were selected as members of an All-Star Hockey Team which was being organized to play a series of exhibition games at the Wembly Stadium in London, England during the month of May.

A petition, urging the Department of Public Works to consider purchasing the post office building, or erecting a new building to house the post office was to be presented to the Department of Public Works. The majority of village residents signed the petition.

Two boxes of Kraft Dinner sold for 35 cents at Reynold's Meat Market. Canned chicken was 53 cents and laundry starch was 13 cents. At Keyes' Cash Store, men's broadcloth pyjamas sold for $3.49 a pair.

1957

Joy Corry of Winchester won the Winchester Christian Temperance Union's annual medal contest for public speaking. Corry defeated seven opponents and was presented with the coveted W.C.T.V.U. medal by Mrs. Eldon Fennell.

With support of a $5,000 debenture issue from council, Williamsburg Township Recreation Commission purchased a large tract of land at the west end of Williamsburg village from Mr. Keith Schell. The land was to be for most, if not all, of the activities sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

Loss of assessments forced the United Counties of SD&G to up their mill rates to 14, from the previous year's 10.6. The counties had lost about $30,000 in assessments as the City of Cornwall annexed the major part of the township last January.

Sisman work boots sold for $9.25 and $10.69 at Norman Blackler in Winchester. Tricycles sold for $15.95 to $19.95 at Duncan's Store.

1967

Three men died in a head-on collision on County Road 7 south of Chesterville when a loaded grain truck and a late model convertible collided on a long-sweeping corner. Killed in the accident were the driver of the truck, 27-year-old Ian McIntosh of Berwick, Ronald McMillan of Chesterville and Steven Fyke, home on a holiday from Oshawa.

For the first time in its history, the Winchester Curling Club was to have a husband and wife team serving as presidents of the club. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson were to share the responsibility of serving together as chief executives of the club. Mr. Anderson was to succeed Lloyd Dixon while Mrs. Anderson was to take over reins from Mrs. Robinson.

More than 250 Tory delegates crammed into Spencerville town hall to re-elect Fred M. Cass as the Progressive Conservative representative in the upcoming provincial election. Cass was given a vote of confidence as he received the nomination without opposition.

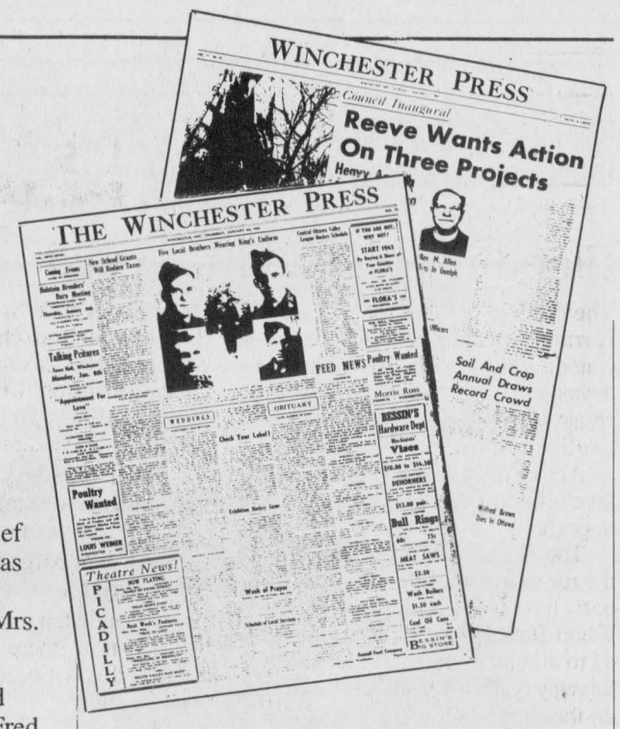
The debating club at North Dundas District High School were victorious in 18 of 20 debates to gain the reputation as one of the toughest in the province. The team included Elaine Sauve, Christine Brown, Sue Boyd, Urmas Vilmansen, Elaine Clarke, Judy Pringle, Brian Racine, Debbie Gray and Pam Anderson.

Garden gloves sold for 77 cents at Canadian Tire in Williamsburg. Steam irons were $11.88 and wash brushes were $1.69.

1977

Charges that Ault Foods was accepting poor quality milk from Quebec Sources were termed unfounded by plant officials. Keith Henry, general manager of Ault's, denied the plant was accepting 750,000 pounds a week of "dark milk" from Huntington, Quebec. The charge arose when an Ontario Milk Marketing board official reported that milk being shipped into the province did not meet Ontario standards.

Lynda Thompson of Morrisburg was selected as top junior elementary speaker at the 1977 Oral Communications festival at Dixon's Corners. Thompson defeated nine other contenders with her speech on "Jokes".



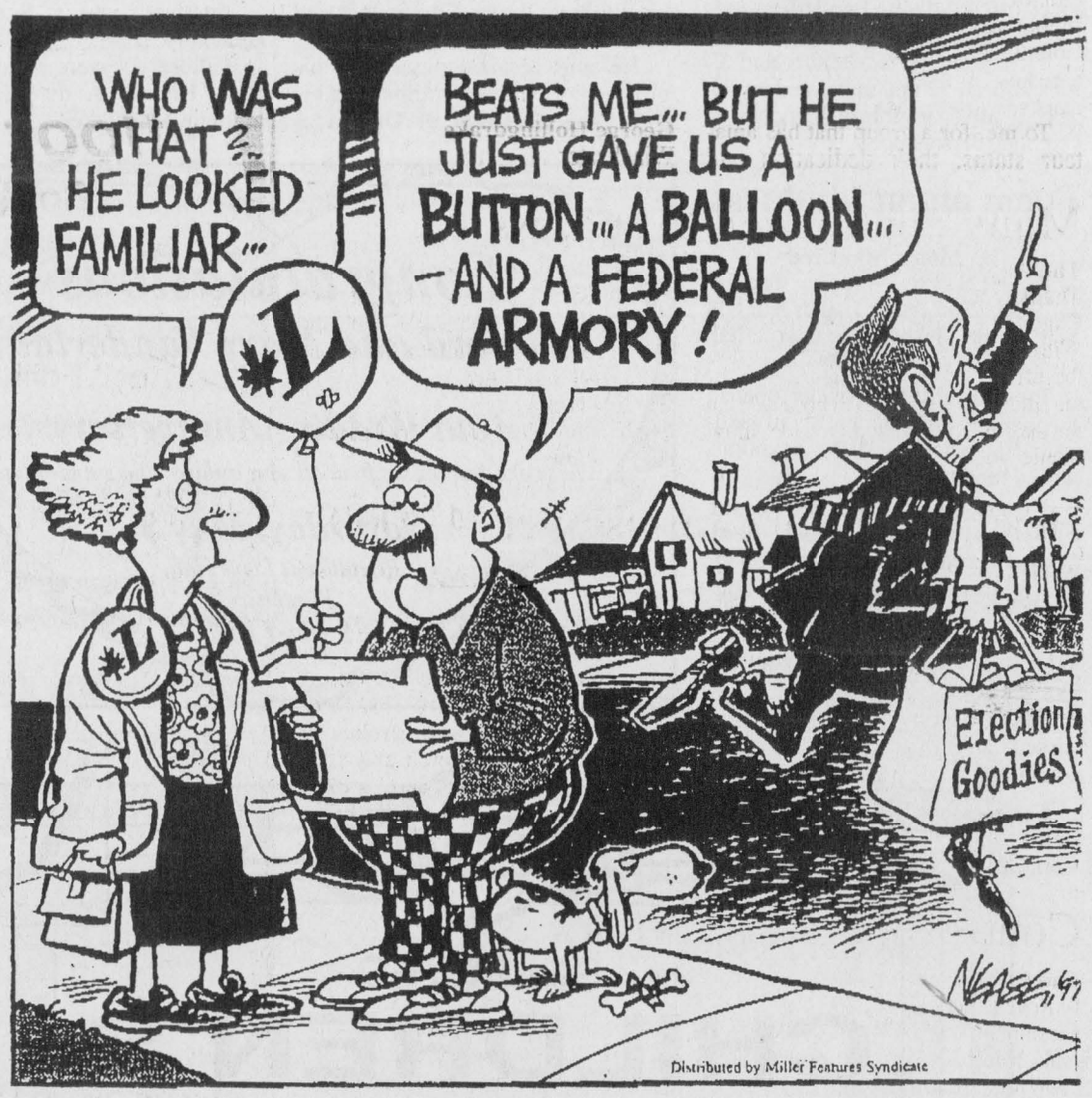
Ed Lumley, member of Parliament for Stormont-Dundas, announced that as a result of the federal budget, Stormont-Dundas was to receive additional funding for both Phase 1 of the Canada Works Program and the Young Canada Works Program. The increment will be the total direct job creation allotment in Stormont-Dundas to $1,657,700.

1987

Steven Barkley became the first Winchester man to receive the SD&G Public School Board of Education's Terry Fox Award, presented annually to a student who while working with a physical disability, demonstrated achievement, perseverance and community involvement. Barkley, 14, suffered from cerebral palsy. A former student at Winchester Public School, he attended classes at Riverside Heights Public School.

Arson was the cause of a fire at Morewood Industries Inc. which destroyed a shed containing pine and California redwood lumber worth $250,000. About 70 firefighters from four area departments fought the blaze.

Morrisburg's Dr. Gerry Rosenquist announced he was ready for another attempt at leading the SD&G Liberals to win in the next provincial election. Currently president of the local Liberal riding association, Rosenquist was the party's candidate in the 1981 election, losing to the late MPP Osie Villeneuve.



Weirdness quotient climbs over past year

Thank heavens for the *Fortean Times* — I thought perhaps it was just me.

The *Fortean Times* is a British journal that tracks weird happenings and unexplained phenomena around the globe. And the latest issue of the *Fortean Times* claims the world became weirder last year. Two point nine per cent weirder, to be precise.

The journal has published an Index of Weirdness which is divided into four sections: Animal, Human, Natural and Paranormal. After careful analysis, *Fortean Times* editors have announced that last year's weird stories, including bloodthirsty goatsuckers and fossil bacteria on meteorites, have catapulted the planet onto a whole new plateau of The Bizarre.

Bloodthirsty goatsuckers? You missed the story? The Puerto Rican press has reported goat corpses that have been found with the blood — and even the livers — sucked right out of them via a pair of Dracula-like incisions in the neck. Nobody knows if the vampire culprit is winged, four-legged or favors a walking stick and a cape, but reports of His/Her/Its handiwork are showing up in Colombia, Brazil, Miami and the south of Spain.

Pretty weird alright. The other story — the one about fossil bacteria found on a 16-million-year-old meteorite will be even weirder if it turns out to be true. It would confirm a century of Sci Fi speculation about the possibility of life on other planets. Alas, the scientists are squabbling over the veracity of the specimens, so the jury is still out.

How does the *Fortean Times* explain the upshot in weirdness? They say it's due to PMT.

That's Pre-Millennial Tension — the anxiety that subconsciously infects us all as we lurch toward the year 2,000. "PMT is gripping people" says a spokesman for the *Fortean Times*. "People get worried near the end of a century, with millennium cults predicting the end of the world. And that could explain why there is so much interest in the paranormal."

Basic Black

by Arthur Black

Well, maybe. And maybe the editors of the *Fortean Times* are affected too. Because I read the whole issue and didn't find a single mention of some of my favorite weird stories from last year.

Where for instance, is the story on the Indestructible Cake? How about the greatest golf feat of all time which came out of Korea last year?

The cake story originated in the U.S., where last year, researchers at the Army Soldiers System Command managed to create a pound cake suitable for soldiers in the field. This cake can survive a fall from an airplane and temperatures that range from 120 degrees Fahrenheit to minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Oh yes, and it has a shelf life of five... years.

That's pretty scary too.

As for the golf story, we owe that to the official news agency of North Korea.

Perhaps that should read 'official public relations agency' of North Korea. All I know is last year the North Korean press reported that "Dear Leader" Kim Jong Il played his first game of golf in astonishing style, scoring five holes-in-one and beating the world record for a single round of golf by 25 strokes.

Since we're in the realm of comic relief, let me report another weird happening the *Fortean Times* appears to have missed — the rising incidence of Comedian Abuse.

Last November, Al Romero, a comedian in Lancaster, Pa., was cracking wise about hicks from Arkansas when a customer by the name of Judy Strough (of Arkansas) walked up on the stage and slugged him.

Two weeks earlier, comedian Timothy Ward filed a lawsuit in New York City against Prince Rainier of Monaco who, Ward says, backhanded him during a 1995 show in which he made fun of the Prince's eroding hairline.

First Puerto Rican goats... then comedians... is nothing sacred?

By the way, if you're reading this, Judy or Prince...

Just kidding, eh?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flood relief fund instigated

The Editor:
Farming people in this area are watching in shock and sorrow as devastation is brought to the farming areas of southern Manitoba by the swollen and overflowing Red River.

Activity is currently under way to give every person in the area an opportunity to respond.

The United Church of Canada in the rural region of Brinston and Hulbert has instigated the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund and has suggested to all other United churches in the Seaway Valley Presbytery that they do the same.

Money can be donated in many ways — and the methods grow and change each day as more and more people follow their hearts and carry an idea through.

Bottles will be found in various public buildings, beginning with the area Bank of Montreal. You can place donations in a container at the Brinston General Store or send them to either of the church treasurers. Donation cheques must be made out to the Brinston United Church or Hulbert Valley United Church and earmarked 'flood relief'.

If you include your name and a self-addressed stamped envelope you will receive a receipt.

This campaign will run until Sun., May 11.

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Rev. Georgia Copland
Brinston

Much effort into trade show

The Editor:
This past weekend I had the task (and pleasure) of judging the Best Booth Award at the Osgoode Trade and Home Show. I arrived Friday evening at approximately 6:30 pm thinking this shouldn't take long...after spending approximately one and one-half hours touring the arena floor, making copious notes of the great effort put forth by most of the vendors, I told the show organizers that I would review my notes and give them my decision on Saturday morning.

The effort put forth by the many vendors, social clubs and community organizations was impressive. Almost without exception it was obvious that each booth was planned and constructed with great imagination and determination to win the Best Booth Award.

Saturday morning I returned and did a review of my selections from Friday and advised the organizations that while, in my opinion, there were several that were worthy of the award, I had decided on Keystone Masonry as my choice.

Organizers of this trade show are to be commended — all visitors were treated to an excellent display of goods and services and an upbeat attitude from many local vendors and organizations. The sense of community spirit was obvious throughout. My congratulations.

Roy Neilson
President, Central Exhibitions Association

Bravo to Dundas Players

The Editor:
It is said by many doctors that laughter is an ingredient that actually affects one's chemistry and thus the well being of individuals.

If that's the case all those who attended "Move Over Mrs. Markham" put on by the Dundas County Players are a lot healthier as a result of laughing so much that tears ran down their faces.

To me, for a group that has amateur status, their dedication and timeless work left a warm feeling, — that pride and fun allowed their objective to be filled. Laughter was rampant at the performance I saw and I am sure that the show never waned on any of the six evenings.

Bravo! To all who were involved — cast, stage-crew and support staff — a great production — my chemistry feels better for it already.

George Hollingdrake
Winchester

Many contributed to success

The editor:
Thank you for your support of the Osgoode Trade and Home Show. Without the support of your paper, the efforts of the volunteer committee and the volunteers who assist on the day of the show, the trade show would not be the success it is.

Our show is motivated by community spirit and the endorsement we receive from you in the publishing of information before the event is of great assistance.

David Presley
Chairman, Osgoode Trade and Home Show

Heart and Stroke raises over $41,000

WINCHESTER — The South Dundas Region of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario raised $41,393 during Heart and Stroke month this past February.

More than 350 volunteers canvassed door-to-door collecting donations from local residents.

Chairpersons Dorothy House and Helen Summers credited the hard work of their volunteers for exceeding last year's results by almost $3,000.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is a community-based organization with a mission to reduce the risk of premature death and or disability from heart disease and stroke by raising funds for research and education. Heart disease and strokes remain Canada's number one killer despite the progress made over the past 40 years.

Controversy on brewing

The Editor:
I am very concerned over the recent announced intentions by the Provincial Health Minister concerning brew-on-premises establishments causing (by themselves) an increase in alcohol consumption. I would like to provide you with the following information about our industry.

-Firstly, our establishment provides facilities and equipment for brewing (by our clients) a mostly all natural product from : Ontario, Canadian, and North American malted or grown ingredients. As part of our service we also conduct the (beer and wine) clearing, filtering and carbonating service for the client at our establishment;

-Secondly, we recognize the potential problem of over consumption by a minority of the population and the potential health effects from same. This minority however does not frequent our establishments due to the higher price (ranging between $69 and $99) required to make 30 bottles of wine or 48 litres of beer at one time. Most of our cliental are well educated and don't mind paying us for the parts of the brewing process we conduct for them at the brew-on-premises facilities.

-Thirdly, we are already taxed at a rate of 13 cents per litre on our client's product and the experiment by the previous Ontario Government who raised the tax to 26 cents per litre put hundreds of people out of work across the province. They then dropped the tax later after the devastation was caused. Last year my establishment collected and submitted (to the provincial coffers) thousands of dollars in Retail Sales Tax (RST) on our customers' product plus the PST on our retail sales (as well as significant contributions to almost countless other tax departments). We are doing our part. In comparison, the shop who sells only to the home brewer submits no RST for the brews done at home. (Don't get me wrong I'm not advocating a tax on home brew, which, in my opinion, would be ridiculous, represent an enforcement nightmare, as well as eventually probably being very embarrassing for a government attempting to do so).

-Fourthly, the beneficial effects of moderate alcohol consumption is well known and the recent announcements on the benefits of heart disease and Alzheimers are indisputable. How then can an increase in tax by a Conservative Government be even considered on the grounds of potential adverse health effects on a well educated and informed cliental.

-Fifthly, the beer, brewed by the client at our establishment, is all natural with no preservatives which, in my opinion is better, health wise, than most commercially produced product.

-Lastly, the brew-on-premises industry is small and represents a good illustration of free market enterprise at its best. We cannot survive with more interference or higher taxes.

Bob Marcellus
President, Brewing Oasis Inc.
Kemptville

Mountain United Church reunion

The Editor:
Do you remember attending Sunday services of Sunday School at Mountain United Church? Perhaps you or your relatives were active in the choir, UCW (United Church Women), CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training), Trail Rangers, Messengers or other church sponsored activity. Maybe you were baptized, took communion or were married in the sanctuary.

On Sun., May 18 at 7 pm, a reunion has been organized and we hope you'll attend to renew acquaintances and help us recall some of the fond memories.

The Mountain Methodist Church was built in 1904, and became the United Church in 1925. For 65 years it served as a meeting place for the community. When it closed in 1969, the congregation officially joined with South Mountain United. Mountain's United Church members dispersed to South Mountain United, St. Andrews United Church in Hallville and in some cases to the Knox Presbyterian. The church building was turned over to the community and today continues to serve township residents as a community hall.

The reunion will take place in the hall in Mountain commencing at 7 pm. The formal program will start at 7:30 pm and feature special local music talent. The Rev. Ken VanAllen of Gananoque, whose roots trace back to the former congregation, will deliver a message.

A special commemoration print will be unveiled and presented. Events will wrap up before 9 pm, allowing time for sandwiches, desserts and visiting. A free-will collection will be taken at the door to support the mission and Service work of the United Church.

Please consider joining us, your neighbors and friends for a special family evening of fun and reflection. Should you need more information, you may contact any of the organizing committee members.

Sincerely,
Jack Hoogenboom (989-2164)
Audrey Gibson (989-5319)
Louise Shaw (989-5240)
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Arie Hoogenboom (989-2837)
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Come home to Vankleek Hill

The editor:
The Town of Vankleek Hill is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its founding and the 100th anniversary of its incorporation in 1997.

We are having a homecoming weekend on June 27, 28, 29. Activities will include a square dancing, step dancing and fiddling competition as well as a dinner and dance and vintage carriage parade.

Anyone interested can contact Janice Renwick at Box 448, Vankleek Hill, Ontario, K0B 1R0 or telephone 613-678-3601.

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Look forward to the following events coming in May:

Foot Care Clinics on May 1, 8 & 29.

Mother's Day Turkey Dinner on Friday, May 9, with the Winchester Public School Choir here to entertain us. Please call at least one day ahead as these special dinners fill up quickly. The price for this dinner will be $5.50.

Home Care Services - On May 14 Jan Clapp will be here to give a special speech on Home Care Services. We will also be having a Roast Beef Dinner, cost $4.50. Call ahead to reserve your spot.

May 19 is Victoria Day and the centre will be closed.

We continue to have games following dinners on Mondays and at 9:30 Thursday mornings, movies on Wednesdays at 12:30, line dancing every Monday at 9:30, exercise every Wednesday at 10:30, and Diners' Club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Everyone is welcome to join any of our programs.

South Mountain IOOF Hall Seniors' Programs - 774-6109

Diners' Meals will be as follows: May 1, Lasagne; **May 8,** Mother's Day Turkey Dinner; **May 15,** Pork Chops; **May 22,** Meat Balls; **May 29,** Chicken Fingers.

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Mother's Day Turkey Dinner - On May 6 we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a turkey dinner and having some entertainment to follow the Diners' Club. The cost for this dinner will be $5.50.

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Bereaved mother activist for Operation Lookout

This is the fourth installment of a five-part series dealing with community policing.

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

INGLESIDE — One woman's experience with the ravages of impaired driving has prompted her to take action.

On July 29, 1989 the Villeneuve family had their lives changed forever when two OPP officers knocked on their door shortly after 11 pm.

"When I was being told there was a serious accident with injuries and death, even at that point I thought he (her son Danny) had a broken leg," explained Sharon Villeneuve.

At about 8:45 pm Danny, who had just turned 17 three days earlier, borrowed the car to take some friends to the Avonmore Fair. Villeneuve and some of his passengers did not make it home.

"We went to Cornwall General (Hospital) and the head nurse took the family down this corridor. We were looking at a steel wall and she pulled out the drawer and staring out at us was our only son. Although I couldn't say anything, every fibre in my body wanted to scream 'Why could this be happening to my family?'"

About six weeks after the accident, the inquest determined that Villeneuve had consumed three beers and had a blood alcohol level of 0.77 mg, which is less than the legal limit of 0.8 mg.

"For three lousy beers, three kids died and two were left with serious injuries," she said.

For the first year following the accident, Villeneuve said she could not sleep or eat and kept having dreams about the accident.

"I had tons of feelings inside and I felt like a volcano ready to pop... If you opened up, that meant you had to let the pain in so I kept it all inside. We lived on a family farm and we had to get down to brass tacks but who cared because your life was falling apart around you." said Villenueve.

"How responsible we felt because he was driving our vehicle and because of one split-second, an irresponsible moment, the lives of five families were changed forever."

That fall, one of Villeneuve's daughter's started Grade 9 at Tagwi, the school Danny and his friends had also attended.

"She would walk down the hallway and hear that if it wasn't for Danny they would all be alive," she noted.

Villeneuve said she was also angry at the judicial system and bartenders who serve minors.

"You walk into any bar and you see it (minors being served) and for what — just to hear the cash register ring."

TAKING ACTION

In 1993, Villeneuve was asked to help initiate *Operation Lookout* in SD&G.

"We were only the second municipality in Ontario to launch (the program) at that time," she said.

Operation Lookout is a community policing program which encourages the public to anonymously call the police to report impaired drivers.

"It's a chance for the community to stand up and say enough is enough," said Steve Grant from *Operation Lookout*.

Statistics show that 56 per cent of impaired drivers are killed in single-vehicle accidents; every four hours someone is killed by an impaired driver; every 20 minutes someone, somewhere in Canada falls victim to an impaired driver and every year over 45 per cent of all traffic accidents involve alcohol.

"When they (impaired drivers) are on the road, they take their lives into their own hands as well as the lives of others," said Villeneuve.

Villeneuve said people can help reduce these statistics by setting an example for others; being a designated driver; promoting zero tolerance, being a responsible party host as well as using *Operation Lookout.*

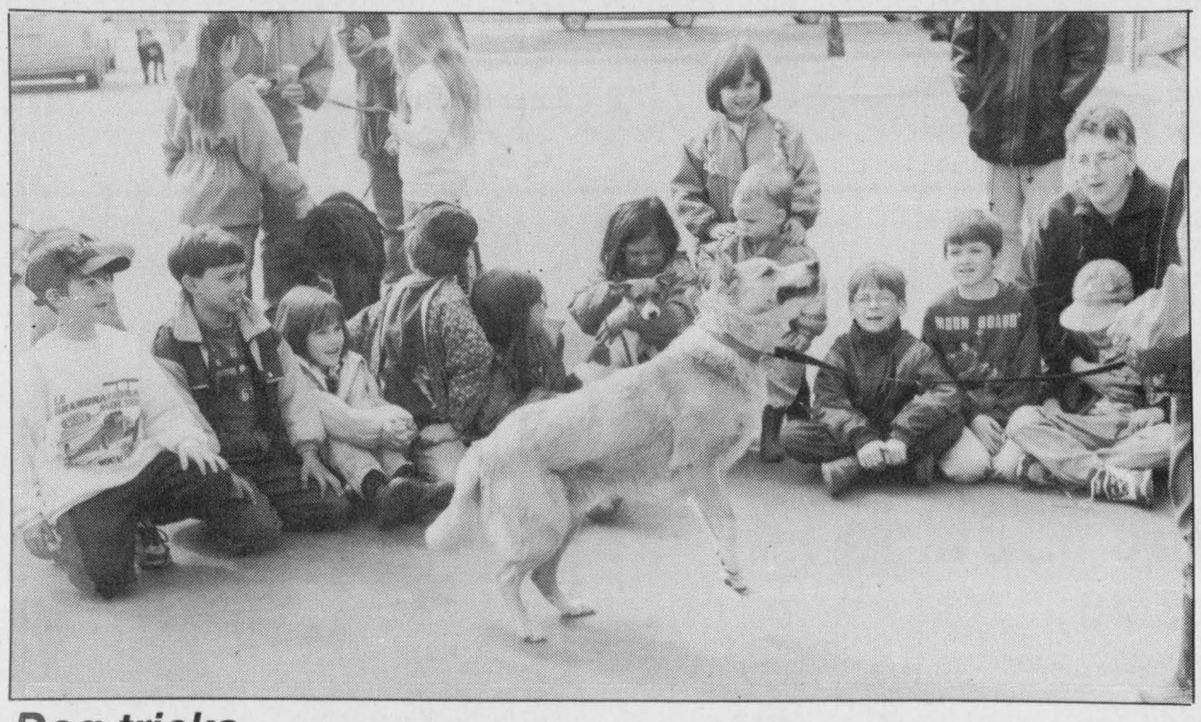
"Not everyone gets killed in a vehicle (collision) but what kind of life can you lead (with serious injuries)?" questioned Villeneuve.

Some tell-tale signs of an impaired driver are — driving unreasonably fast, slow or at inconsistent speeds; tailgating and changing lanes frequently at excessive speeds; disregarding traffic signs or signals; driving in a low gear for no reason or repeatedly grinding gears and driving with the windows open in very cold weather.

Villeneuve's two daughters are now 20 and 22 years old. One daughter is a restaurant manager and the other works at 51 Division for the Metro Toronto police force.

"Yes they (my two daughters) grew up to be very responsible but at what cost? And my husband and I no longer live together."

For more information on *Operation Lookout* contact the OPP at 1-800-267-2677.



Dog tricks

Winston, the golden lab/husky mixed dog performed some of his favorite tricks for the Grade 2 class at Inkerman Public School during their Bring Your Pet to School Day. Among the most unusual pets were a caterpillar and baby chicks.

Press Photo — Dillich

Seeing stars

MORRISBURG — Visitors to the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary can see the constellations on Sun., May 4 from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm during the presentation "A beginners guide to the spring night sky".

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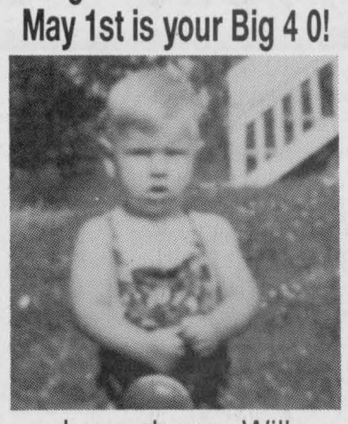

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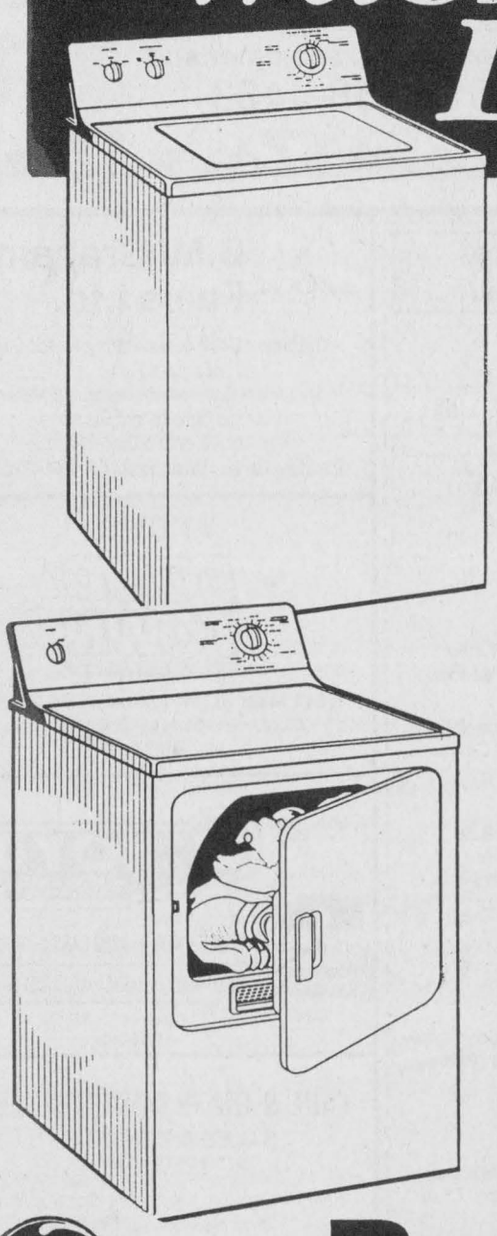

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Preventing abuse and suicide

by Stephanie Wolfe
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE – Parents must intervene before it's too late.

Suicide is presently the second leading cause of death among young people between the ages of 15-24.

"Suicide has been around for a heck of a long time and it's not going to go away," said Dr. David Kaufman, chief psychologist for the SD&G Public Board of Education.

Kaufman was the guest speaker at North Dundas District High School's Parent Awareness Evening last Thurs., April 24. He was accompanied by Serge Perreault, a substance abuse prevention worker with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, who discussed drug awareness with the 15 parents who attended the presentation.

No high school, whether it is in an urban or rural area, is particularly safe," Kaufman stated. "There is help in SD&G... amily doctors, emergency departments at the hospitals, and family counselling agencies in Cornwall and Ottawa. Tri-County Mental Health Services has a team that can provide assistance to parents with suicidal children."

Kaufman showed a video "A Reason to Live: A Special Report on Youth Suicide" which discussed signs of suicide and what parents can do to prevent it.

The video identified three types of situations teenagers may find themselves in before contemplating suicide. First, there are those who have been psychologically and physically hurt and are often angry; second, are the teenagers who feel the future is hopeless; and finally, the person who copes extremely well until a major crisis presents itself (such as the death of a close friend) and then he or she finds it impossible to cope.

According to the video, there are four primary myths about suicide: people who talk about suicide don't do it; if parents don't discuss suicide with their children then it won't happen; the tendency to attempt suicide is inherited and runs in a family; and all suicidal individuals are mentally ill.

People who are considering suicide usually present one or more of the following signals: expression of suicidal thoughts as well as depression; making final arrangements and ending outstanding issues; excessive use of alcohol or drugs; and an extreme change in personality.

"When you are dealing with someone who is suicidal, it is important to keep the lines of communication open and not to belittle the person," said Kaufman.

"It is important not to give up after asking your child what is wrong. The way to find out if a teenager is suicidal is to ask directly. Asking will not put the idea in his or her head."

PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME

In his presentation on drug awareness, Perreault stressed the key to preventing drug and alcohol abuse is to discuss the issue at home.

"Communication is so important," he said. "You can start when the child is six or seven and teach (him/her) to respect medications."

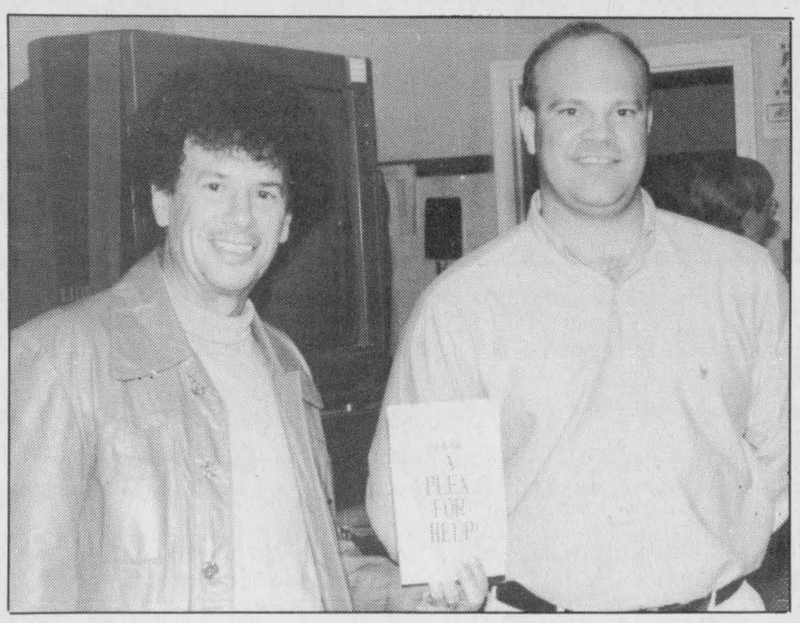
Although statistics indicate more teenagers are saying "no" to drugs, those who are using drugs, are abusing them more than ever before.

"We know in SD&G, Prescott and Russell drugs are available and being used," Perreault said. "Cocaine and crack are the most addictive but Gravol and ritalin are also being abused."

"Generally, among teenagers, tobacco is the most abused drug, then alcohol then cannabis and LSD. Many people are not aware that one joint equals 35 cigarettes as far as cancer causing agents. If you smoke more than 10 joints, you are also two to three times more likely to develop psychological problems."

Perreault advised parents to look for signs which may indicate their teenager is abusing drugs. These include red eyes, having little energy, using eye drops frequently, becoming withdrawn and introverted, getting easily defensive and doing poorly at school.

"There are many things you can do to prevent drug abuse," he added. "Teens need limits and structure. Find a hobby and interest for them that they will enjoy. Family time is also very important. Use television as a tool to communicate short, consistent messages about drugs."



Dr. David Kaufman (left), chief psychologist of the SD&G Public Board of Education, and Serge Perreault, a substance abuse prevention worker, were the guest speakers at North Dundas District High School's Parent Awareness Evening last Thurs., April 24. Kaufman spoke about teenage suicide while Perreault discussed drug abuse.
Press Photo — Wolfe



Members of the North Dundas District High School OSAID (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving) Committee recently attended a provincial conference in Mississauga to learn new methods of detering fellow students from drinking and driving. Left: Cindy Steele (teacher/supervisor), Jen Castle (OSAID president), Emma Guy, Jen Watson and Cindy Merkley.

Con-artists prey on those who are easily manipulated

MORRISBURG — How low will con-artists stoop?

Well, here is an example — you be the judge. This story actually commenced about three years ago when this unsuspecting, elderly gentleman entered into an agreement with a home repair operator. First, there was a barn to be painted, then a roof to be patched and some minor repairs to be done. The price was right, the guy was friendly and the victim was satisfied.

This story, however, takes a turn for the worse in year three when this obliging stranger convinces the victim the home needs a new layer of blown insulation. The job is done, or so the victim thinks, only to discover no insulation was added to the home and the victim is now out of pocket many thousands of dollars.

The lesson this victim learned is that — "What seems to be, isn't necessarily so." The work done over time turned out to be substandard and the price paid out was exorbitant. The victim cannot be certain who this stranger is, or how to reach him. It took this guy three years to build the trust of the victim, while all the time looking to fleece him.

Seniors who live alone are targets of home repair cons. Deal with people you know and who can provide references.

Con-artists prey on people who can be easily manipulated and who rationalize that they are getting a great deal.

There is a situation currently being investigated by the OPP in regards to roof repairs done to a mobile home in the Morrisburg area where costs to repair a leaking roof escalated as the job progressed. Repairs done were also not satisfactory to the property owner.

If you are approached by out-of-area people offering to do work for less than you expect or who seem suspicious, report them to the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 immediately. If possible, get a licence plate number and description of the business they may claim to represent.

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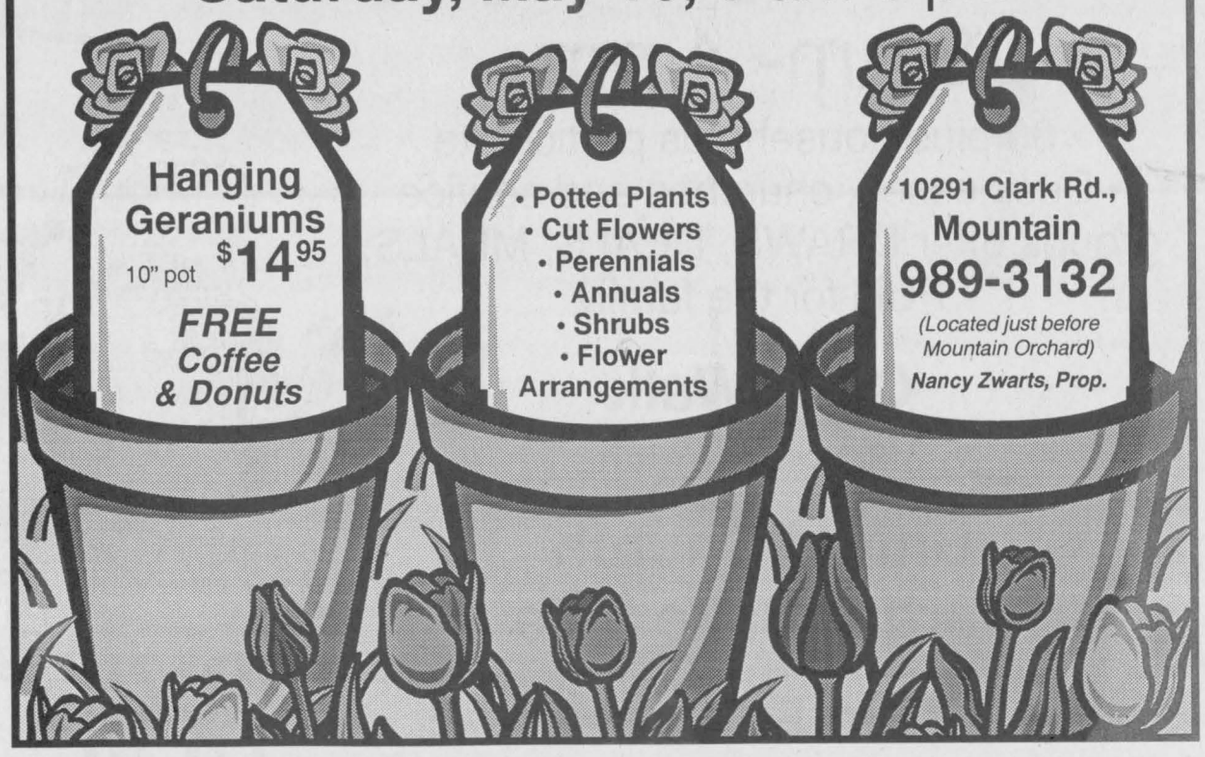

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Springing into action

Darryl Moore, left, Adam Guy and Patricia Cumming combined some exercise with some fundraising last week. The Winchester Public School students took part in the Heart and Stroke foundation's "Jump Rope for Heart" program.

Press Photo–Van Bridger

SLPC budget allocation workable

MORRISBURG — The St. Lawrence Parks Commission will receive $800,000 less than requested in transfer payments from Trade and Tourism for its 1997/98 operating year.

The commission recently received notice from the Ministry of Economic Development that its transfer payment for the 1997-98 fiscal period will be $5.8 million which is less than the requested $6.6 million submitted to the Ministry in January.

However, all planned operating expenses for the year can be funded within the scope of this transfer payment.

"This is actually good news for us. All of our operating plans we forecasted for 1997 can go ahead," said Manager, Marketing and Communications for the commission, Diane Rennie.

Based on the commission's most recent forecasts, it is anticipated that about $4.8 million of the transfer payment will be needed to sustain planned operating expenditures.

The capital repair program and business development budget will be funded by the $1 million balance of the transfer payment together with an allocation from the commission's funding reserve.

Final expenditure plans for capital repair and business development will be reviewed and approved by the board of commissioners over the next month in consultation with senior management and community partners.

Chairman Gary Clarke expressed his excitement when he made the announcement to the board of commissioners on April 23.

"We are looking forward to the upcoming season and building on our tourism successes while constantly seeking new ways to enhance and promote our product," said Clarke. "Innovative initiatives such as our customer sales and service unit and the addition of family rates to our fee structure are just two examples of our strong commitment to our present and future customers - we will continue to improve our services and provide quality tourism experiences in Ontario East."

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission is an agency of the Ontario government which manages destination areas along the St. Lawrence Heritage Corridor from Kingston to Cornwall.

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For more information on the operation of the commission and/or its budget allocation call 613-543-3704.

Health care info now on Internet

TORONTO — The Minister of Health Jim Wilson recently announced the official launch of an Internet web site with information about the health care system.

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Township votes down 125-bed care facility

by Derek Puddicombe

METCALFE — After spending close to $100,000 to satisfy demands from Osgoode Township, the only avenue left for Princiotta Homes and the survival of a plan to build one of the region's largest home for seniors is an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

And one area MPP says he may get involved.

The plan by Princiotta to build a 125-bed care facility that could create about 90 full and part-time jobs and about $425,000 in wages, was defeated by council on April 15.

It was defeated by a tie vote with Councillor Doug Thompson voting against and Councillor Dale Harley and Mayor Lloyd Cranston voting in favor of the development. Councillor Vera Mitchell was away.

Because Mitchell was not present for the vote, Harley introduced a motion which would have deferred it until she returned. Harley's motion was struck down.

Mitchell says she is not sure how she would have voted but says she does have concerns about the proposed size and the quality of care seniors would receive at the facility.

Princiotta says he's frustrated with the continuing revisions his company has had to make.

"We have done everything council has asked us to do," said an angry Joe Princiotta, who added there may be a political twist to the defeat of the development.

"For the sake of a couple of votes, Thompson will jeopardize future tax money for the township."

He says the development could add about $150,000 a year to the township's tax base.

Acres, who has been against the development from the start, admits that a long-term care facility will be needed in the future as a result of an aging population but doesn't like its size or location.

"I don't believe the facility fits in with the surrounding area," said township planner Karyn Ostafichuk, who also said the use of the facility is permissible under the official plan but the density is in question.

"The 125 residence did not need to be permitted and I would like to see a revised plan," said Ostafichuk, who would not specify a number that would satisfy the planning department.

Increased traffic along Stagecoach Road has also been a recurring argument with some members of council and neighboring residents.

However, a traffic study completed by township director of development, Gord Pratt, indicates the increased volume of traffic would still be well within Ministry of Transportation standards.

Stagecoach Road is designed to accommodate about 3,000 vehicles a day. Currently the road handles about 2,000 vehicles daily, says Pratt.

Harley, who has been a loud voice for stimulating new business in the township, says the defeat is a severe blow to the future of economic development in Osgoode.

"This sends a strong message to developers that the rural area isn't the place to do business," said Harley who added the defeat has similarities to the runaround TEAMCO developments is getting from Rideau Township.

TEAMCO developers want to build a 100-unit seniors residence in Manotick but have run into several road blocks.

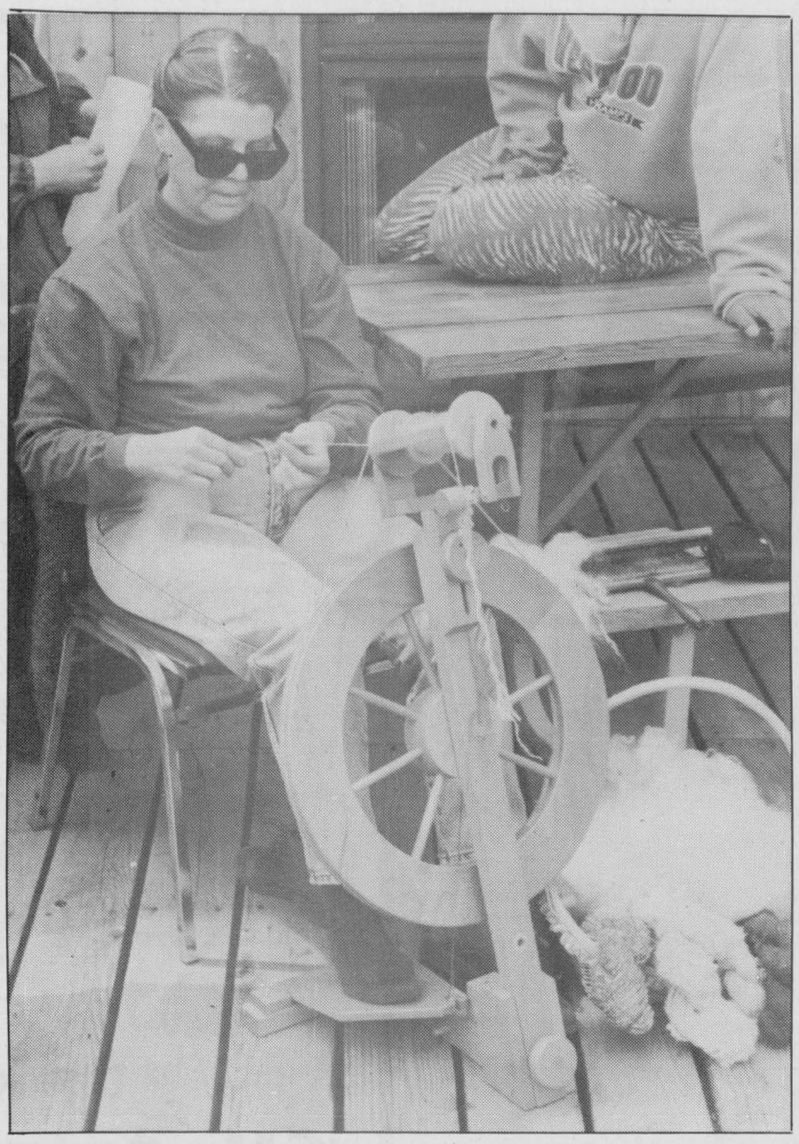
MPP for Ottawa-Rideau, Gary Guzzo, says he is concerned and may get involved but will first verify the information given to him by the developer.

Princiotta contacted Guzzo last week after the plan was defeated.

"I have never seen someone have to do a site plan, evaluation studies, or hydrogeologial studies before a re-zoning," said Guzzo, who practised municipal law before entering politics.

Guzzo added that the township should have told Princiotta his idea for a 125-bed facility wasn't acceptable before the developer spent $100,000.

"This type of thing is a reason why jobs aren't created," said Guzzo.



Wool spinning

Marnie Lippiatt showed off her wool spinning skills to a large crowd this past Sunday at the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary's day-long workshop.

Press Photo — Dillich

Garden open May 11

by Margaret Reynolds

MORRISBURG — Are you looking for a great Mother's Day gift but have a limited budget? We have a great idea for you.

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The day's activities will be capped off with a draw for a diamond ring, which is part of the prize board for the Mother's Day raffle. Tickets will be available right up until the time of the draw at 3 pm. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5.

'The Garden' is located three blocks south of the water tower.

News in brief

Bereaved families meet

CORNWALL — The Cornwall and Area chapter of Bereaved Families of Ontario will hold its monthly (second Thursday except July and August) Support and Share Night on May 8 in the library of CCVS, 437 Sydney St., Cornwall from 7 - 9 pm. The meeting is an informal information and library night for parents and families who have lost a loved one through death. The theme is "care and nurturing for the bereaved".

For information contact the Bereaved Families of Ontario at 613-936-1455.

Appreciation night planned

WILLIAMSBURG — The Dundas County Heart and Stroke Appreciation Night is planned for Tues., May 20 at 7:30 pm at the Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre.

Those attending can meet volunteers and friends of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The guest speaker will be Dr. Andrew Pipe of the Ottawa Heart Institute. Heart healthy refreshments will be served and awards will be presented to volunteers. Everyone is welcome.

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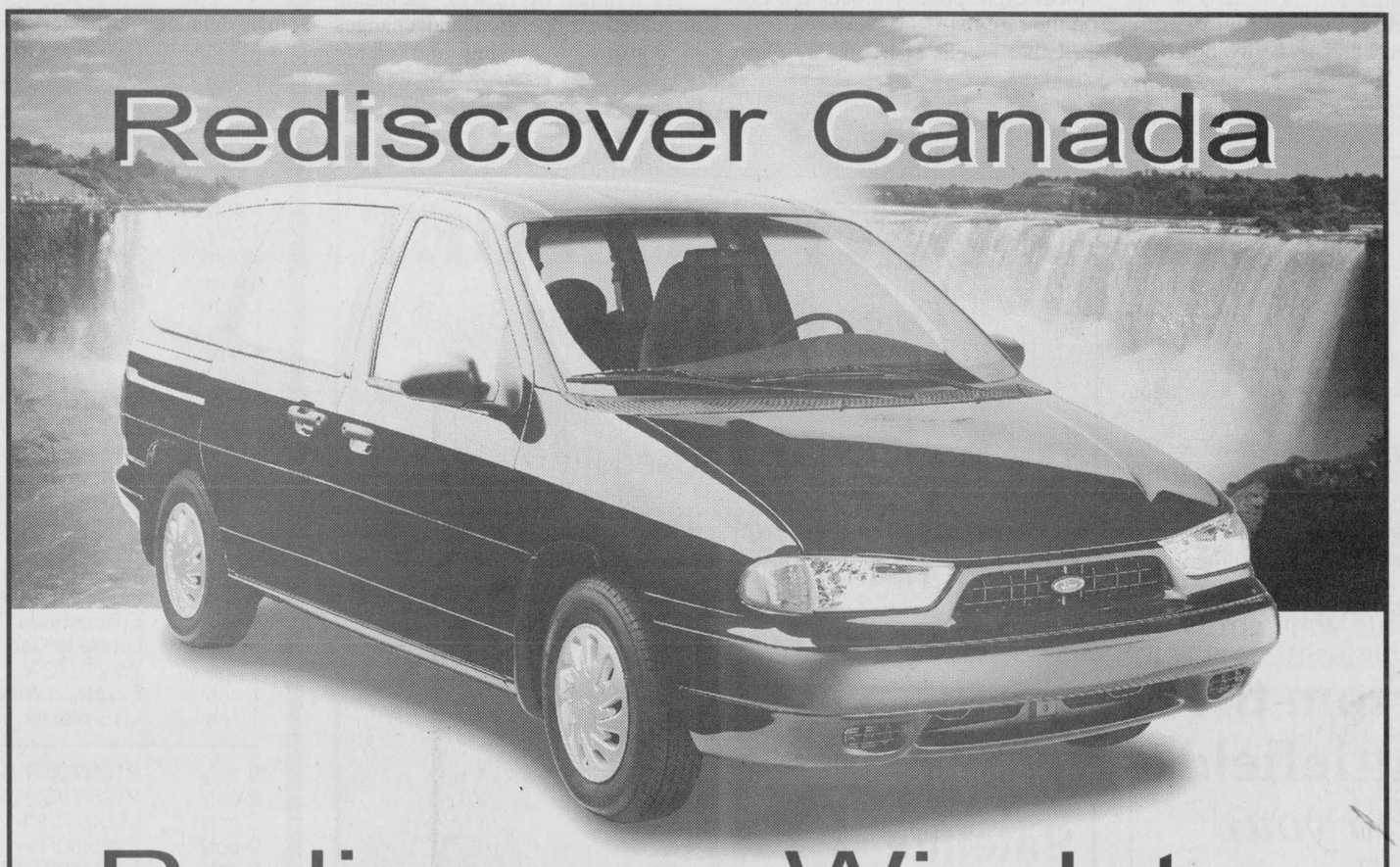

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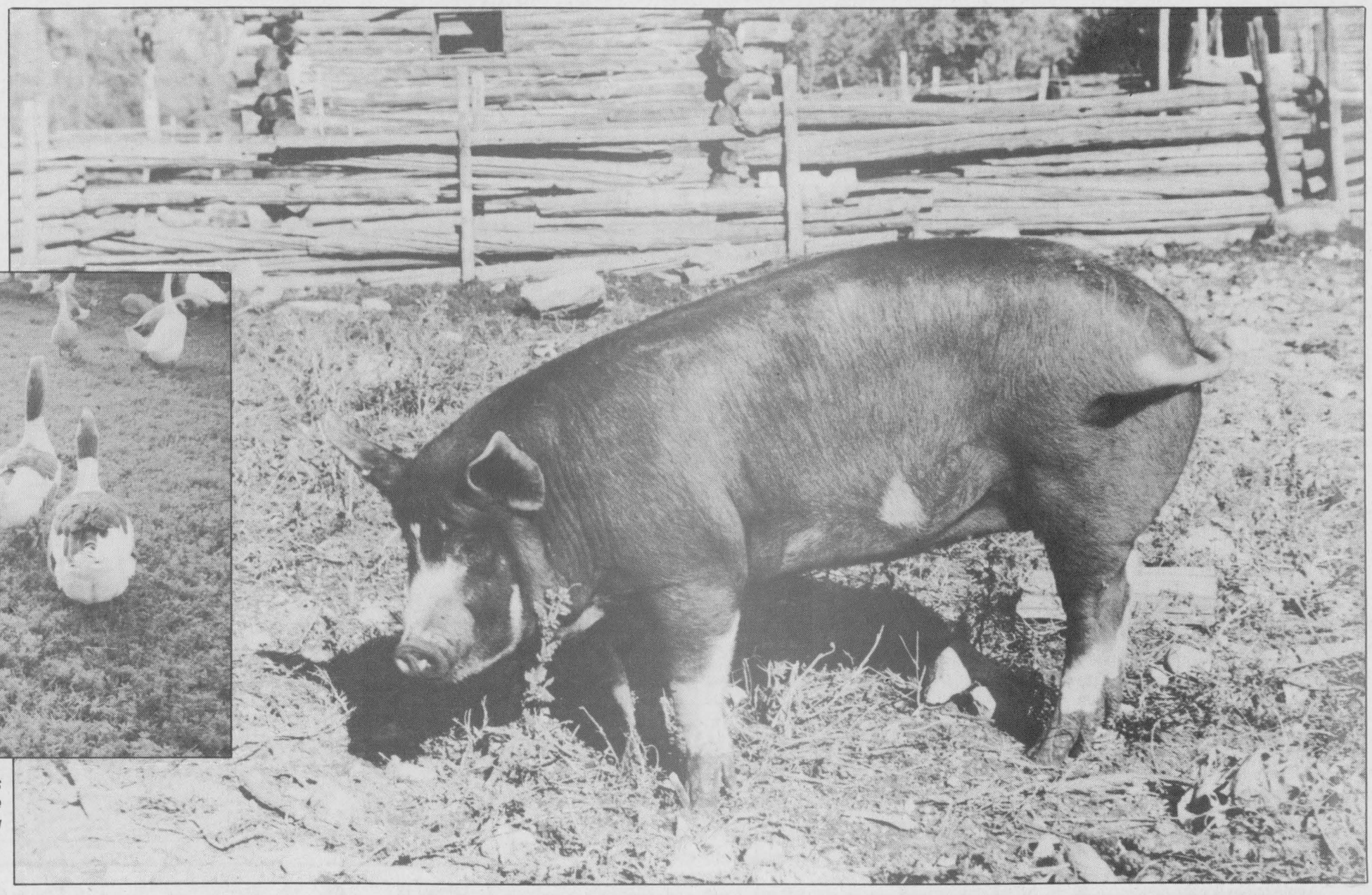
Farm update





Farm animals of yesteryear, such as the Saddleback Pomeranian Geese (pictured above) and the Berkshire pig (right) are rarely seen on today's farms.

No rare breeds? In a pig's eye!

Group working to preserve endangered farm animals

by Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Rare Breeds Canada recently launched a public awareness campaign to ensure endangered breeds of farm animals don't become extinct.

"We want to raise awareness (that there are livestock breeds in danger of becoming extinct)," said Rick Jansen, vice-chair of the Rare Breeds Canada Eastern Ontario Chapter.

Rare Breeds Canada is a charitable organization dedicated to the conservation and study of rare, endangered and minority breeds of livestock and poultry. According to the organization, a number of breeds of cattle, sheep, swine, horses and ponies and poultry are in danger of becoming extinct.

Cattle, such as the Ancient White Park, the Kerry and the Dutch Belt are all on the organization's rare list as are Newfoundland, Barbados Blackbelly, Black Welsh Mountain, Cotswold, Jacob, Tunis and St. Croix sheep breeds. The Berkshire, Tamworth, Gloucester Old Spot, Large Black and Chester White swine as well as the Lac LaCroix and Newfoundland ponies, Suffolk Punch and Shire horses, round out the list of rare livestock breeds. About eight poultry breeds are also on the rare list.

Other breeds of livestock, whose numbers have dwindled over the past few years are named as insecure or vulnerable (heritage).

With so few of the rare breeds left, it is extremely hard to find animals for breeding stock. And with outbreaks of diseases such as Mad Cow Disease, importing certain animals for breeding purposes has become difficult, said Jansen, a part-time farmer in the Iroquois area.

A number of factors, including increased competition and changes in consumers' buying and eating habits have contributed to the decline in population of many of the breeds now on the endangered list.

The Tamworth and Berkshire swine are just one example of how changes to the industry have resulted in declining populations of some of these older animal breeds.

Both the Tamworth and the Berkshire pigs were originally bred for fat as well as meat production. But with the realization that a high fat diet is not healthy, today's consumer demands a leaner pork — forcing farmers to switch to other swine breeds, explained Jansen.

However, abandoning the older livestock breeds for more "efficient" breeds, has members of Rare Breeds Canada worried.

Small white pigs, Suffolk Dun and Alderney cattle are just a few of the breeds of livestock now extinct.

However, a number of projects setup by Rare Breeds Canada are helping to maintain remaining breeds. A breeding program for endangered breeds of heritage poultry; a gene resource collection; publication of book and brochures on rare breeds; international networking with similar groups; and the host farm program are methods the organization uses in attempts to preserve endangered livestock.

Under the host farm program, members with a farm or some acreage can establish their own breeding program for an endangered breed.

Many of the older "heritage" breeds are actually quite easy to care for because they practically "look after themselves and are very hardy," said Jansen.

Jansen himself, keeps a couple of breeds of rare poultry including the Light Sussex and the White Wyandotte. He also has a Newfoundland pony mixed with another breed.

Rare Breeds Canada has existed for approximately 10 years, however government cuts over the past few years has set the organization back. Rare Breeds Canada welcomes new members to help raise awareness and become involved in the preservation of endangered breeds of farm livestock and poultry. Membership fees go toward maintaining programs.

For further information or to become a member contact Rare Breeds Canada at General Delivery, Campbellford, Ontario, K0L 1L0; telephone: 705-748-1634.

LOCAL CONFERENCE

The Eastern Ontario Chapter of Rare Breeds Canada is holding a conference and annual general meeting on Sun., May 4 at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology. Cost is $10, including lunch. Registration is at 10:30 am in the Parrish Building.

Keynote speaker is David Trus of the Animal Industry Division of Agricultural Canada. He will discuss "Survival of the Fittest Breeds".



Very few of the Ancient White cows remain. Unfortunately, a couple calves were destroyed in the Central Experimental Farm fire last year.



Upcoming conference

A member of Rare Breeds Canada, Rick Jansen is promoting a conference to be held at the Kemptville College this Sunday. Things get under way at 10:30 am in the Parish Building.

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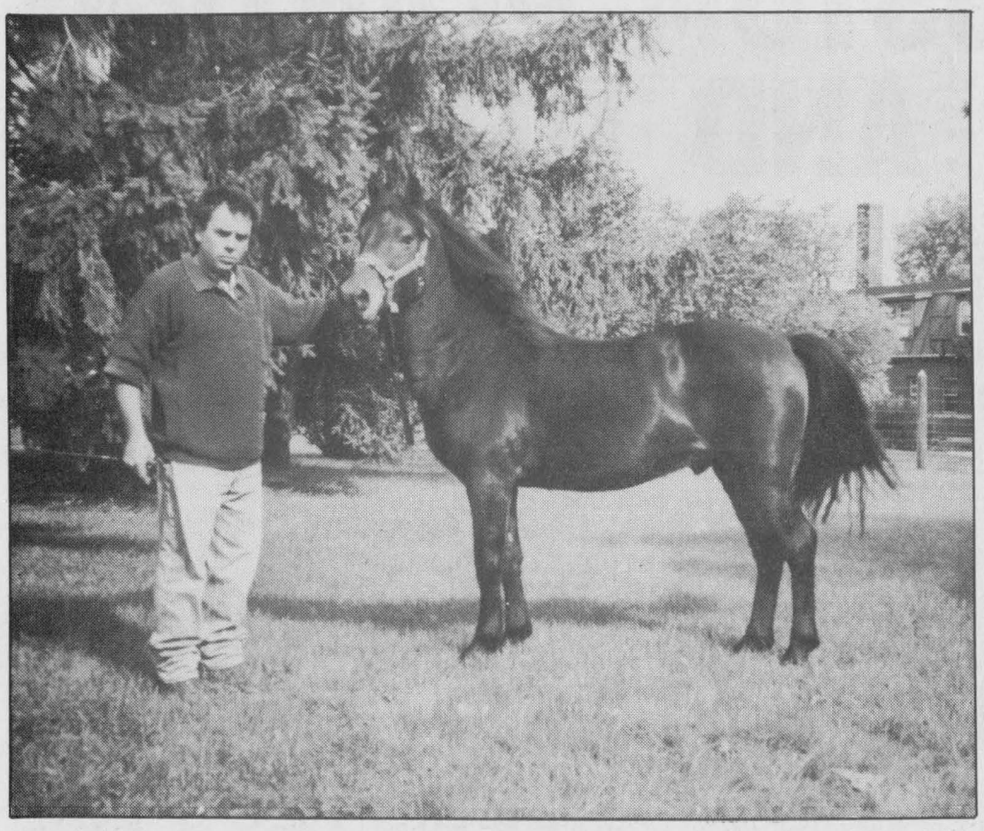

The Newfoundland Pony is one of about seven horse and pony breeds on the endangered list.



A number of traditional sheep breeds, including the Horned Dorset, are now endangered.

Farm debt act passed

OTTAWA — The Farm Debt Mediation Act (FDMA), designed to simplify the mediation process for insolvent farmers and creditors, has been passed by the federal government.

The FDMA replaces the 10-year-old Farm Debt Review Act (FDRA) and aims to streamline the mediation process. Only one mediator will be required and an expert may assist with complicated cases. A board member and two panel members were required under the (FDRA).

The act results from regional consultations held across the country with farmers, producers groups, financial institutions and provincial governments.

under the FDMA insolvent farmers will have access to the same help as they had under the FDRA and more. They will have a stay of proceedings, an expert consultant to do a financial review and prepare a recovery plan, and a mediator with additional experts made available as needed.

A new provision of the act allows insolvent farmers and creditors to appeal an administrator's decision regarding the granting, extension or termination or stays of proceedings. For this purpose, a non-judicial appeal board will be established.

The Farm Debt Review Board will continue operating until the new Farm Debt Mediation Service and the Farm Consultation Service can be implemented this summer.

Applications for the new services will be available from any Farm Debt Review Board office, the Farm Credit Corporation and the regional offices of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.



Spring is here

Grade 2 students from Metcalfe Public School visited the Meadow Greens Nursery located on the Boundary Road, north of Marionville on Wed., April 16. Pictured, nursery owner Jane Hendrikx explains to the children how to be a master gardener. Members of the Master Gardener program provide gardening advice.

Press Photo — Wolfe

Additional spotters required for South Nation RiverWatch

BERWICK — Since 1993, South Nation Conservation's RiverWatch program has monitored water quality at 30 different sites with the help of volunteers.

This year, about half a dozen are taking a well deserved break.

"We need about 10 new volunteers to fill in and to expand our coverage," said Naomi Langlois, RiverWatch co-ordinator. "There are sites available on the South Nation River and its tributaries from Spencerville to Plantagenet. We would especially like to cover the north east area of our watershed. Volunteers can cover areas our staff can't visit on a regular basis."

Training is usually done in the early summer.

Volunteers monitor a site close to their homes from spring to fall. Once a month, they test for nitrates, turbidity, pH and phosphate. The kits are supplied by the SNC. Results are entered into a database and used by the SNC in water quality publications.

If you are interested in volunteering for the RiverWatch program, please call Naomi Langlois at 613-984-2948.

From Moo to You...

by Rachel Westenbroek
Dundas Dairy Educator

Milk, including milk products, is one of the most important foods for small children. It is their main source of calcium and vitamin D, two elements essential in the formation of bones and teeth. Milk is also an important source of protein and energy.

Add up the amount of milk and milk products your child consumes by the day or week, including desserts, soups, and other milk-based dishes. At this age (two to five), children need 500 to 750 ml (16 to 24 ounces) of milk or the equivalent in milk products per day.

Following are tips to encourage your child to drink more milk:

offer small servings of milk, but don't insist; juice is out of place at lunch or supper, make it a sort of house rule that "we drink milk with our meals"; set an example by drinking milk yourself; flavor the milk with fruit; serve cream soups, milk desserts, yogourt and cheese more often; prepare oatmeal with milk; and offer a piece of cheese or some yogourt at snack time.

Early birds lucky winners

METCALFE — The Metcalfe Agricultural Society held its Early Bird Draw for the upcoming Tumbleweed Ball to be held May 3, 1997 at the Larry Robinson Arena.

Lucky winners of the limousine ride to and from the ball were Mike and Sue Brousseau from Vernon. Roy and Loretta Mosher from Metcalfe won complimentary dinners at the Metcalfe Fair and McVey Insurance won free passes to the fair.

The Tumbleweed Ball is a dress-up western affair with all the proceeds going towards the operation of the Metcalfe Fair. Tickets are still available for the ball and can be purchased from any Metcalfe Fair director or at the Metcalfe Fair office.

For more information about the Tumbleweed Ball call 821-0591.

Captein awarded DHIA gold seal

In a story in last week's *Press* "Producers recognized with seals", Nicolaas and Agnes Captein of Mountain were inadvertently missed on the list of gold seal winners.

Gold seals are presented by the DHIA to producers whose herd average is 20 points or more above the provincial average (composite BCA of 211 or more). The Captein's composite BCA was 223.

The Dundas Dairy Herd Improvement Association apologizes for the oversight.

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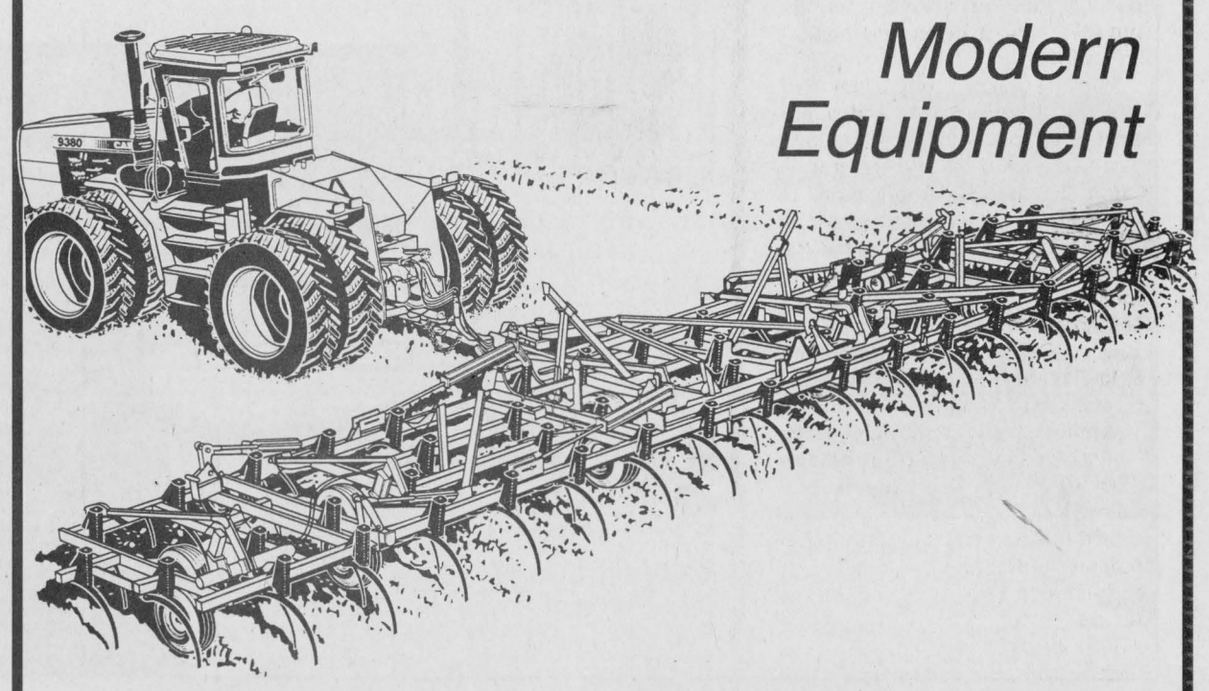

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Speaker headed to finals

METCALFE — Metcalfe Public School's Kanwal Nabi is off to compete with the best.

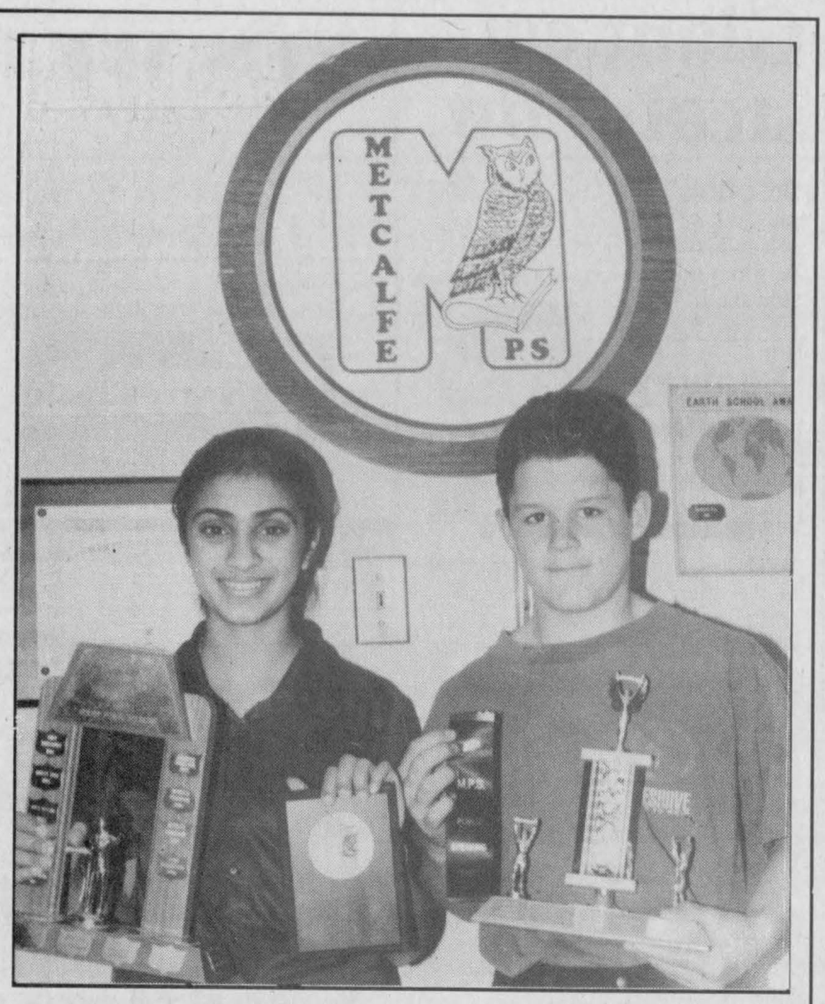
The Grade 8 student will represent the central area at the Carleton Board of Education Public Speaking finals on Tues., May 6.

In mid-April, Nabi won the intermediate finals at her school with her speech on human cloning. She then advanced to the central area intermediate finals in Nepean on April 22 where she defeated five competitors to win the central area title.

On May 6, she will compete at the Carleton Board of Education championships in Ottawa.

"It's an honor to represent my area," Nabi said. "Last year, I just made it to the school finals. I'm practicing every day now."

Josh Andrews, a Grade 6 student at Metcalfe Public School, won the junior finals at the school with his speech on "The Inventor of Skidoos". He advanced to the division finals at Osgoode Public School on April 23 where he placed second.



Trophy winners

Kanwal Nabi (left), a Grade 8 student at Metcalfe Public School, will compete in the Carleton Board of Education Public Speaking finals on May 6. Josh Andrews placed second at the division finals at Osgoode Public School. Both students placed first in the competition held at their school.

Press Photo — Wolfe

Crummy wins prestigious award

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — Shari Crummy has always known she wanted to be a teacher.

Crummy, a 19-year-old OAC student at North Dundas District High School was recently awarded the Phi Delta Cappa Prospective Educator's Award.

"At different times I've thought of different things, but I've always come back to it (teaching) because I like helping others, especially kids," noted Crummy.

When Crummy applied for the award, references from teachers, employers and friends were required, along with an essay on 'Why you should preserve public education.'

"That was a tough one," said Crummy of the essay.

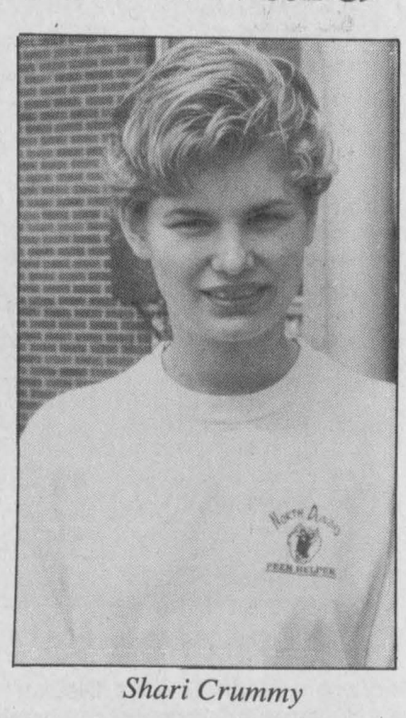
Crummy has applied to the concurrent programs at Queen's and Trent universities as well as McMaster for kinesiology.

"I like biology, the movement of the body and coaching and you can go into teacher's college with your kinesiology degree," she said.

Crummy said her experience as a swimming instructor has given her a lot of necessary experience in dealing with children.

"That first took me into the kids factor.. it let me know I could do the instructing part (of teaching)."

Along with being a swimming instructor, Crummy is currently volunteering as a peer helper; has been a peer tutor for the past three years; helped coach the midget girls volleyball team this past season; is active in various other school clubs and is currently taking her second co-op course associated with child care.



Shari Crummy

NDDHS bands take home gold medals

CORNWALL — It was a music festival lined with gold for the bands of North Dundas District High School.

The Junior and Senior Concert bands, as well as the Junior Jazz and Jazzmanian Devils were awarded gold standings at this year's Kinsmen Music Festival in Cornwall which was held on April 24 and 25.

The Senior Concert band has also been given the prestigious honor of being invited to the Concert of the Stars.

"For the first time since I've been here (eight years) we were recognized as being the best band in the board by being invited to the Concert of the Stars in Cornwall," added NDDHS band leader Greg Prest. "They try to represent each major category and invite those performers they deem the best."

Prest was also elated by one of the comments made by an adjudicator: "It was a real feast for the ears!" which Prest says "is really great from an adjudicator because they can be pretty picky."

Before the senior band heads to Cleveland on May 8, the musicians will be holding a Play-a-Thon in an attempt to raise more funds.

"They'll be going around town looking for supporters. It's like a walk-a-thon, just the musical kind," noted Prest.

On May 21, the junior band will be participating in the Nationals in Ottawa.

Pitch-In

PETERBOROUGH — Thousands of Ontario residents and millions of Canadians are poised to 'Pitch-In' for the environment May 5-11, participating in what has become the country's largest anti-litter initiative.

In Ontario, Pitch-In activities will take place in over 205 communities where 738 organizations are involved and 393 co-ordinators are organizing about a million volunteers.

Pitch-In participants come from all walks of life with many of the volunteers being Girl Guides, Scouts, schools and church groups. Conservation clubs, service clubs and businesses are also very active in the event.

Pitch-In, now in its 19th year, has attracted upward of two million volunteers in Ontario. The massive anti-litter effort removed tones of waste from the environment and, if charged to the taxpayers, Pitch-In would cost $30 million a year.

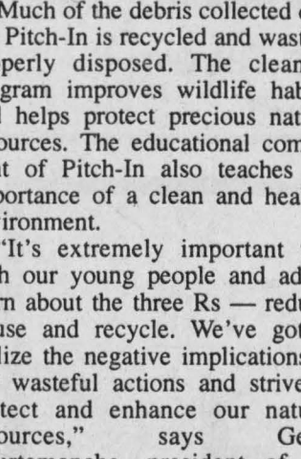
Much of the debris collected during Pitch-In is recycled and waste is properly disposed. The clean-up program improves wildlife habitat and helps protect precious natural resources. The educational component of Pitch-In also teaches the importance of a clean and healthy environment.

"It's extremely important that both our young people and adults learn about the three Rs — reduce, re-use and recycle. We've got to realize the negative implications of our wasteful actions and strive to protect and enhance our natural resources," says Gerry Courtemanche, president of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).

In Ontario, Pitch-In was initiated by, and remains, an OFAH program in partnership with Pitch-In Canada.

Pitch-In National Co-ordinator Allard VanVeen says that despite government cutbacks, Canadians remain dedicated to a cleaner environment, and he predicts this year's Pitch-In will continue to be a huge success.

For more information about Pitch-In and groups participating in your area, contact OFAH Communications Specialist, March Holmes, or Communications Liaison Dave Webb at 705-748-6324; E-mail address <ofah@oncomdis.on.ca>.



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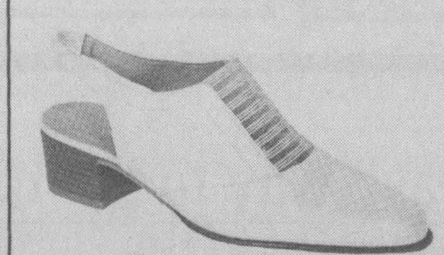

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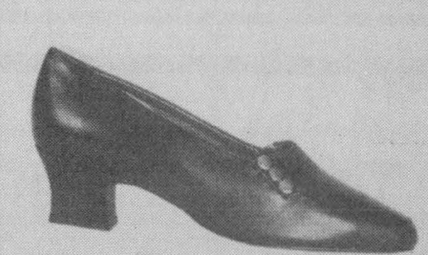

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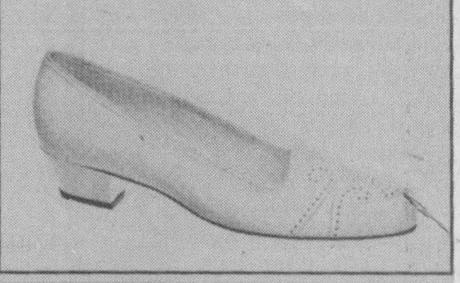

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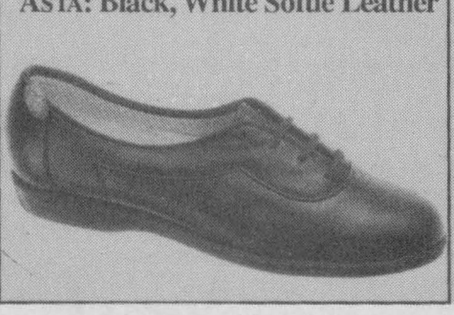

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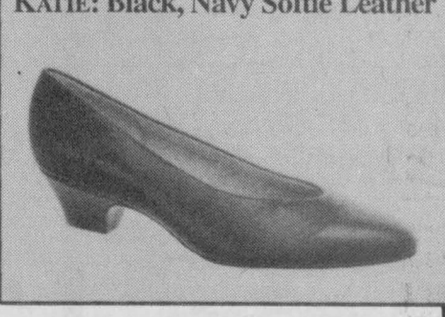

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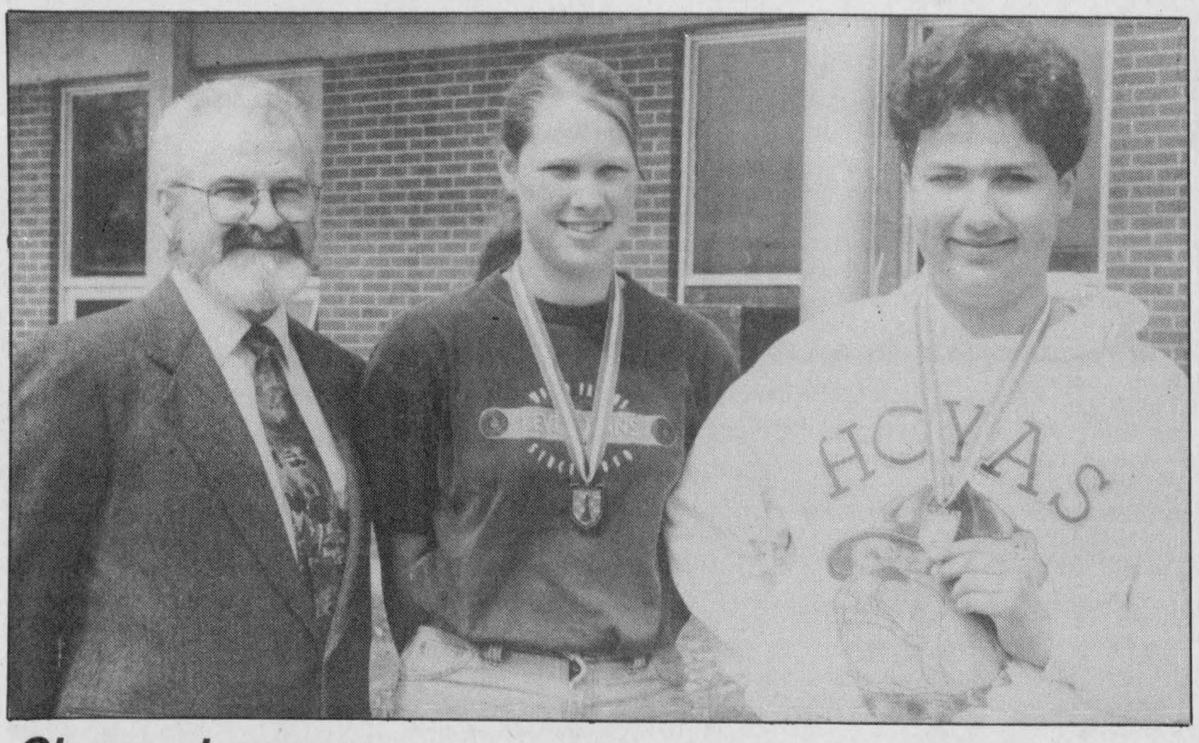

Chess champs

Two of North Dundas District High School's top chess players recently competed at SD&G Chess Challenge '97 held in Cornwall. Jason Swerdfeger won gold at the challenge and is currently ranked fifth provincially while his teammate Katherine Dings, came in second at the challenge and is sixth seed provincially. Left: Douglas Carroll (teacher/coach), Katherine Dings, Jason Swerdfeger.

Press Photo — Dillich

New voters face tough decision

MAPLE RIDGE — As you've probably no doubt already heard, there'll be a federal election Monday, June 2. This election will be the first time I and my fellow senior students will get to exercise our democratic right to choose a government. I can only see one problem: who the heck is worth voting for?



NDDHS NOTES
by
Daniel Sahl

For starters, take the Liberals. To be fair, I'll admit that they've done some good during their term in office. They lowered the deficit, brought in a few jobs and didn't rob us blind. However, these accomplishments do not completely hide the fact that they came within a hair of losing Quebec.

I also get the feeling that the Prime Minister doesn't think much of Canadian intelligence. I could've sworn, last election, I heard him proclaim "I will scrap de GST," yet, four years later, he insists what he really said was "I will unwrap dis BLT."

Now, I'm not just picking on the Liberals. The Conservatives have shortcomings too. First and foremost, their leader — with his rosy cheeks and curly locks — doesn't appear mature enough to lead a troupe of Boy Scouts let alone a country. And, don't forget, though the Liberals failed to kill the GST, the Conservatives invented it in the first place.

The Reform Party, our other right-wing contender, has its failings as well. Namely, Preston Manning. No matter how hard this man tries (new hairdo, contact lenses) he doesn't inspire feelings of leadership in me. Really, can you imagine this guy negotiating head to head with the Americans on issues like the economy and the environment? PEI would become a nuclear waste dump before the gel in his hair set.

It also seems as if some Reformers have no problem with minorities being a part of their party or this country... so long as they retire to the back of the room whenever someone with money is made uneasy by their presence.

The NDP, conducted by the only female leader, Alexa McDonough, really faces only one problem — obscurity. Who are they anyway? The only time you ever hear from them is when someone cuts a social program.

It's possible that the New Democratics are the lesser of the four evils in this election. But until I figure out what a New Democratic actually is, I'll be skeptical.

Naturally I'm not even going to bother mentioning the Bloc Quebecois, and it's not just because they want to destroy the country — they simply don't have a candidate in our riding.

So there you have it. My humble, humorous look at this year's choices. Before I go, however, I would like to add that although our democratic system of government may be far from perfect, it's still way better than the alternative.

Reaney teacher of the month

CHESTERVILLE — North Dundas District High School teacher Scott Reaney has been chosen Teacher of the Month for April.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation has selected Reaney for his involvement at both NDDHS and Char-Lan District High Schools and the neighboring communities.

Reaney has received glowing accolades from students, parents and fellow staff members alike for his enthusiasm, versatility, work ethic, co-operativeness and willingness to meet challenges head-on.

In the classroom, Reaney is popular because of his spirited nature and keen sense of humor. He teaches a variety of subjects such as history, English, mathematics, and science from Grade 9 to OAC.

Rather than making his job less enjoyable, Reaney says he thrives on the challenges he has had to face.

"Actually, I think the diversity keeps you very fresh and aware of possibilities that you wouldn't otherwise see," he says. "The variety can produce new insights about students' learning and interests. You learn more about what teaching strategies work or don't work in different subjects and in different years."

Along with his classroom work, Reaney is involved extensively in the school community. During his first two years of teaching, he has been involved in coaching, assisting in the production of a musical, supervising daily extra-curricular tutorial sessions, organizing school multicultural activities and helping to co-ordinate school fundraising, among other activities.

While surprised and honored to have been named teacher of the month, Reaney emphasizes he is "sort of embarrassed about this because I've worked with so many seasoned teachers in this board who have contributed so much to their students and their schools, and without much recognition asked for or received.

"I just think it's important that people realize that what I do is the general rule of practice for teachers, and not any exception to it. These people have set the standard for years. I'm just trying to find the energy to keep up with them!"

Giant cats steal show

IROQUOIS — On Tuesday, Seaway played host to Claude Haggerty, the self-billed "Master of Illusion" and performer of "Canada's largest illusion show."



Seaway This Week
by
Sarah-Jane Whittaker

The first of two shows was held in the afternoon for students only, while the evening performance was open to the public. Although the audience was impressed with Haggerty's illusionary skills, the cats — Shayla a Siberian tiger, and Simba, a male cougar — stole the show. The most impressive part of the performances, however, was the portion of ticket sales that Seaway received.

Seaway's junior and senior bands travelled to St. Lawrence College in Cornwall on Thursday to compete in their categories in the Kinsmen Music Festival.

The junior band performed exceptionally well against North Dundas to win silver in its division. Meanwhile, the seniors also performed extremely well against Rothwell-Osnabruck to win silver in its category.

Congratulations to Kristine Flaherty and all band members for an excellent showing.

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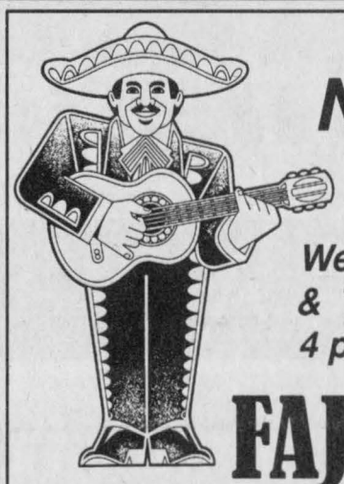
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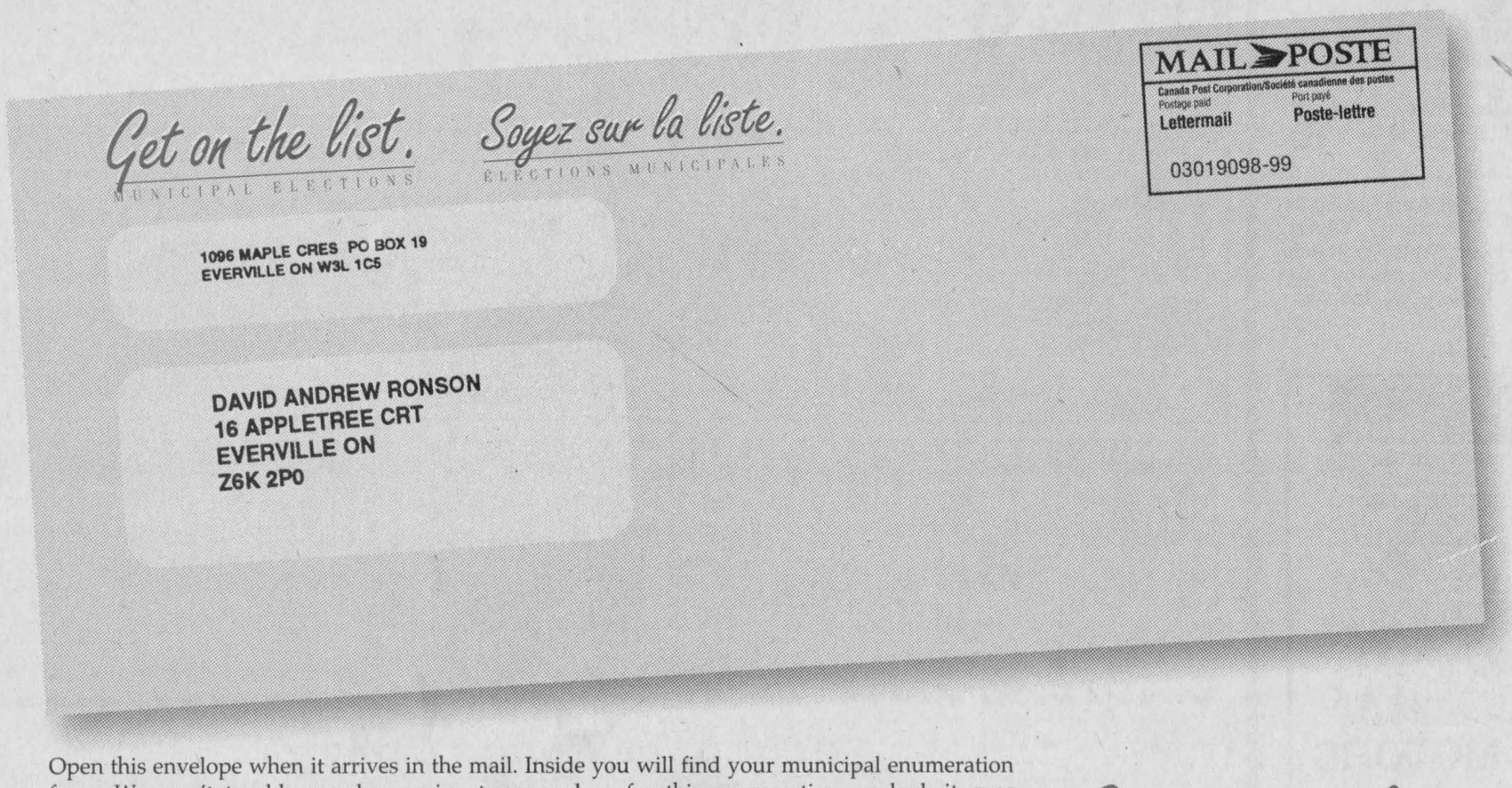

Open this envelope when it arrives in the mail. Inside you will find your municipal enumeration form. We won't trouble you by coming to your door for this enumeration, so look it over carefully and make any necessary corrections. Then send it back to us as soon as possible, even if there aren't any changes. Filling out and returning this form is the quickest and easiest way to get your name on the voters' list for the November municipal and school board elections. And getting on the list is one of the best ways you can influence what goes on in your community.
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