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2003 Matilda Carnival Queen Jessica Weatherhead (centre) along with Runner-Up Kristen Keyes (left) and Miss Congeniality Caitlyn Markell were chosen on Jan. 11 from the largest field of hopefuls the pageant has seen in many years.

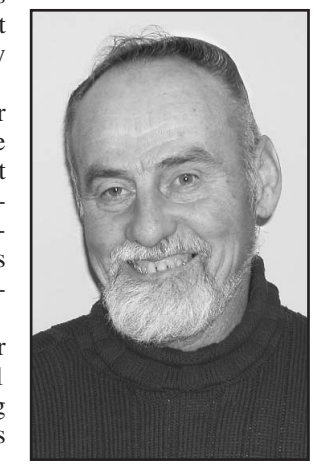
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Two candidates for mayor

Runnalls enters race

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — There are now two candidates who have officially put their names forward to run for the position of North Dundas mayor this coming November. Deputy mayor Alvin Runnalls filed his nomination papers at the township office last Friday (Jan. 10).



Alvin Runnalls

Runnalls joins councillor Roger Cole in the race for the township's top job. The fact that they both declared candidacy so quickly after nominations opened on Jan. 2, bodes for an exciting election campaign in the fall.

First elected in the former Winchester Township Ward 1 in the election preceding amalgamation, Runnalls has served two terms on council.

Alvin and Dawn Runnalls first moved to Winchester in 1973, dairy farming until 1992 before they switched their operation to cash crop and feedlot. Their children are Rachel and Gretchen.

Before beginning his career in municipal politics, Runnalls spent 15 years as a provincial director of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. He was on the OFA executive for three and a half years. "It was almost like council, representing the 40,000 farmers in Ontario," he said.

An interest in social infrastructure and economics drew Runnalls to municipal politics. With council shrinking by four members in the next election, Runnalls hopes his presence will fulfil a balance in leadership. "I know there is concern out there among farmers that there will be no farmers on council, although townspeople are telling me the towns might not have representation," he said.

"Whoever is on council, you have to be ready to work with them," he added. Runnalls said he'd like to focus on a far-reaching infrastructure program. "I would love to see everything in good shape. It's a lot easier to repair a road that's in half decent shape."

Runnalls said he'd also like to see a new council work through the recommendations of a visioning exercise report it participated in creating last year, and then left on a shelf. "Probably with the large council it was impossible to deal with," he said. He hopes that with fewer members, council will be less likely to deadlock over ideas for the future of the township.

Deadline looming for ethanol plant

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A special general meeting to discuss the future of the Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-operative will be held at the Winchester Arena next Thursday (Jan. 23).

"I believe we're going to have good news," said co-op president Bud Atkins. He said the purpose of the meeting is to update the 2,800 members of the organization on where financing stands on the proposed ethanol plant to be built in Cornwall.

The meeting in Winchester is being held only one week before the City of Cornwall's threatened deadline to buy back the land the co-op purchased for the ethanol plant. The land was purchased six years ago and construction of the plant has still not begun. Cornwall has a long-standing rule that construction on city property should begin within a year of that property being sold, otherwise the property can be bought back at 90 per cent of cost.

Atkins acknowledged the deadline at the end of January imposed by Cornwall, essentially forcing the ethanol co-operative to start building or abandon the project. The total cost of the project planned for Cornwall's industrial park is $30.

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Big boost to Renewing the Vision Campaign



Royal Bank donates $50,000

Celebrating the $50,000 Royal Bank donation to the WDMH Renewing the Vision Campaign at the Winchester branch on Jan. 10 were: In front, from left, Iroquois Royal Bank manager Kathleen Knezeuic, CSR in Winchester Andrea MacLellan, Winchester Royal Bank Personal Finance Services manager Brenda Buzzell-Wilson, co-chair for the WDMH Renewing the Vision Campaign Bill Smirle, and WDMH CEO André Rodier. In back, from left, Royal Bank sales and marketing representative for eastern Ontario Robert Gosselin, chairperson of the Hospital Board Brian Mann, RBC retirement investment specialist Scott Armstrong and WDMH foundation co-chair Dwayne Holmes. This latest substantial corporate donation brings the campaign total to $11.6 million. In addition to the corporate pledge, RBC's employees in Winchester and Iroquois are doing their part for the campaign through initiatives such as $2 scrubs Fridays. The campaign goal is to raise $15 million. "The community has shown tremendous support and this is just one example of another business organization which is behind us," said WDMH CEO André Rodier.

Press Photo — Bosma

OPP: ND roads are dangerous

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Winter road conditions in North Dundas Township have been specifically identified as hazardous by the OPP. SD&G sergeant Linda Bootsma agreed with members of council during her Jan. 13 report, that road clearing standards in North Dundas are significantly below those in neighboring areas.

"When you reach a boundary area, you encounter different road conditions," said Bootsma, noting the sharp contrast between roads in North Dundas and areas to the north. And describing a recent drive along County Road 43 in the township, she mentioned the further problem of inconsistent road conditions along the main artery. "I encountered areas that were bare, areas that were wet, and areas that were icy."

Bootsma described inconsistent road conditions as being more dangerous than consistently poor conditions. "When people are driving 100 km/h on bare roads and come to a portion of ice, that's when we get the collisions," she said.

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WDMH gets five stars for patient care

by Gerrit Bosma
Press staff

WINCHESTER — When it comes to acute care, Winchester District Memorial Hospital is considered one of Ontario's best among patients.

Last week staff at WDMH got a flattering surprise when the rural care facility received a five-star rating from a province-wide independent patient survey and report. The patient survey and hospital report conducted by the University of Toronto and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), measured 92 acute care hospitals in Ontario.

WDMH was one of only seven hospitals province-wide to receive a five-star rating.

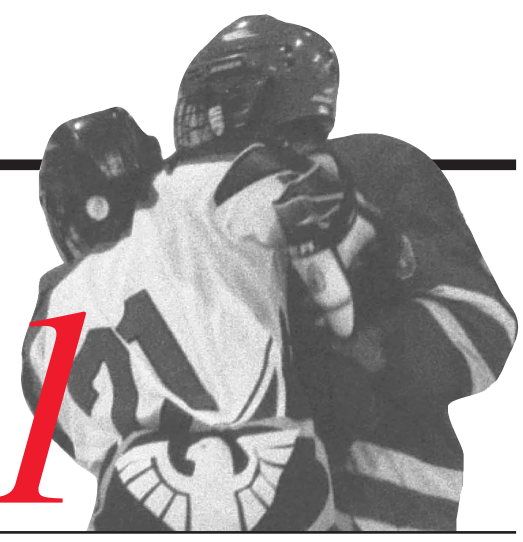
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This week in the *Press*

Dundela rink was packed on Sunday during the Matilda Winter Carnival. 8



Winchester forward Chris Thompson (#21) was tied up on this play but picked up a goal and an assist in Sunday's 4-3 loss to the Rangers. 11



Full weekend at Morewood Carnival

Events are scheduled all day on Saturday (Jan. 18) in Morewood for the village's annual Winter Carnival. A pancake breakfast starts the day, followed by hockey, log sawing, sleigh rides, a spaghetti supper, glow skating and fireworks.

Continued from the front page...

Ethanol

Over the co-operative's long, frustrated history, securing the necessary loans to finance and insure the ethanol plan has been a chronic problem.

"Our outlook is still positive," said Atkins. He said new information to be brought forward at the Winchester meeting will change the imminent deadline for construction. Atkins also said investors have recently become much more interested in ethanol projects following the Canadian government's approval of the Kyoto Protocol.

Investors in the ethanol project will also have to evaluate how the $16 million they've already invested has been managed. Approximately $8 million of the investment has already been spent.

Atkins said the current dollar value of members' investments will not be a surprise to anyone. Among the initial expenses of the project was $3 million of design and engineering work to plan the ethanol plant. Subsequent expenses have included more than 30 insurance policies, necessary even through construction hasn't started.

"There's no way around it, unfortunately," said Atkins, describing the process of putting together a multi-million-dollar deal. The costs incurred by the co-op to date have regularly been reported to the membership in its financial reports.

At next week's meeting, Atkins said ethanol plant officials will ask members for their opinions on what they should do next. He also said that the outlook of the majority of members is still hopeful.

Roads

The discussion of road clearing took place during the monthly OPP report at the regular meeting of North Dundas council. Bootsma came especially prepared to discuss roads, following earlier communications with councillor Al Armstrong.

"This was something we were told was going to change," said Armstrong, referring to a series of previous discussions at the counties council level. The upper tier municipality is responsible for county roads 31 and 43. "We really need some satisfaction from the county roads department," said Armstrong.

"Well, it's not for a lack of hounding," said mayor Claude Cousineau, commenting on why answers haven't been forthcoming. He said a week earlier he'd been so frustrated with county road conditions that he phoned counties roads superintendent D.J. McDonald to ask what the problem was.

Instead of an explanation, Cousineau said the roads superintendent wasn't helpful. Councillor Keith Fawcett concurred that his own calls to McDonald have only resulted in unanswered questions and unreturned phone calls. "If he won't return your phone call, there's something wrong," said Fawcett.

A simple explanation of why roads in the amalgamated Ottawa are better tended than in North Dundas was given by public works director Arden Carruthers. He explained Ottawa runs two shifts of plows while the counties only run one. "That's the only way you're going to get around it, more money," he said.

Armstrong insisted that the United Counties wasn't maintaining North Dundas roads to a minimal standard, with the roads never being bare. "I don't care how Ottawa does it. I'm not requesting a long explanation," he said. "What I ask is that when motorists are commuting to work that the roads be bare. If that costs more money, fine."

WDMH

As a rural based care facility, it was also one of only three of the 65 community hospitals to earn a prestigious five-star patient satisfaction record on its report card.

"We are obviously very, very proud with this positive result," said Lynne Wilson, WDMH foundation and communication director. "One of the main reasons of doing this report is to help hospitals to identify areas which need to be improved. To get a five-star rating from an independent patient survey shows we are doing well."

Results of the patient survey which earned WDMH a perfect rating across the board, were based on patients' overall satisfaction, satisfaction with health care and services, bedside care and physician care. The report also marked hospitals on: what patients said about their stay; how the staff looked after patients; how the hospital managed its resources; and how it coped with change. Despite the contentious national issue of procedure waiting lists and emergency congestion, Wilson said because the survey was independent she isn't sure if such topics were included in the report.

André Rodier, WDMH Chief Executive Officer, was ecstatic with the favorable news of earning the highest possible marks.

"To achieve this rating in the patient satisfaction quadrant is the greatest recognition and compliment our hospital could receive as these rankings are awarded through random interviews with our patients," Rodier said. He credited all efforts at WDMH for the high rankings, from physicians and nurses to support staff and volunteers.

"From the onset of the Renewing the Vision capital campaign, we have told our donors and supporters that Winchester District Memorial Hospital offers our community first-rate healthcare," added Rodier.

Wilson echoed these sentiments and believes high-rated accountability is exactly what the community deserves. "Patients are grateful of the job we are doing to put patient care first," Wilson said. "Now we can take these results to the public and ask them to invest in us, which is good quality healthcare. The benefits of the Renewing the Vision campaign will make care even better."

Along with patient satisfaction, other dimensions of the 2002 independent hospital report gauged clinical utilization, outcomes, financial performance and condition. WDMH exceeded the provincial average and got top ratings in all categories.



In the running

North Dundas deputy mayor Alvin Runnalls entered the race to become mayor of the township last Friday (Jan. 10). He submitted his nomination papers to municipal clerk Jo-Anne McCaslin in council chambers, looking forward to elections in November. Press Photo — Zabel

Correction

In the Jan. 2 *Press,* the article Protecting Family and Environment incorrectly identified a member of the Dundas Environmental Awareness Group. The chair of the DEAG, shown in photo, is Karen Switzer-Howse.

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Nor-Dun fundraiser

Music for transportation

by Gerrit Bosma
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Attention music fans — the Nor-Dun Senior Support Centre has the fundraising event for you.

On Fri. Jan., 24, the Nor-Dun centre is holding an evening of music and dance at the Chesterville Legion Hall, at 7 pm, as a fundraiser for their new transportation van. Nancy Gibson, director of the Nor-Dun centre, said fundraising for the much-needed bus is close to meeting its $10,000 goal.

"We are about $1,000 off our goal and hope fundraising wraps up if the music and dance event goes well," Gibson said.

The Nor-Dun centre has raised funds through numerous small fundraisers and cheque donations. Nor-Dun is to share the $70,000 price tag and usage with the North-Stor and South-Stor support centres. When all three centres' fundraising is complete, it leaves another $29,000 owing on the bus, which Gibson says, they hope will be contributed by the provincial ministry of health.

The entertainment on Jan. 24 will include four bands of the country, bluegrass and gospel style: Best of Friends Trio, Nation Valley Blue Grass, Roma McMillan & Mostly Bows, This Old Heart & Country Comrades.

"It is a night of entertainment," Gibson said. "People can dance or come and just listen to the music.

Gibson said usage of the van has been moderate and has received kudos from the seniors who frequent it. With a capacity of 12 individuals, including two wheel chairs, the van operates at the Nor-Dun centre on Tuesdays, every second Thursday, and as required for medical appointments.

While medical needs take priority, Gibson said seniors can also use the bus for attending social events or organizing other trips. The centre currently has drivers, but needs more. The Nor-Dun centre is encouraging individuals to sign up as drivers by covering the costs of van class level license training for those interested persons who require it.

The senior support centre in Winchester can be reached by calling 774-6109.

Ladies Aid begins year

by Betty Larmour

WINCHESTER — The Ladies Aid met in the hall of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Winchester on Jan. 6.

President Debra Ann McBride welcomed all present, beginning with two readings, one of them titled Discipleship.

Rev. Carol Bain installed the new executive. The president is Debra Ann McBride, Carol Guitard secretary, and Betty Larmour treasurer. Margaret Johnstone is in charge of catering and Norma Duncan is in charge of cards and gifts.

The hymn The Lord of the Sea and Sky was sung, accompanied by pianist Helen Kerr. Secretary Guitard read the December minutes, followed by the year report. Treasurer Larmour also gave her annual report.

Rollcall was answered by 21 members, each telling the animal they'd most like to be and why.

The decision was made to have an auction in March. Doris Baker asked the blessing, then lunch was served by Norma Duncan and Helen Kerr.

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Election of the 2003 Executive and eight county directors will take place during the Annual Meeting.

Everyone welcome! See you there!

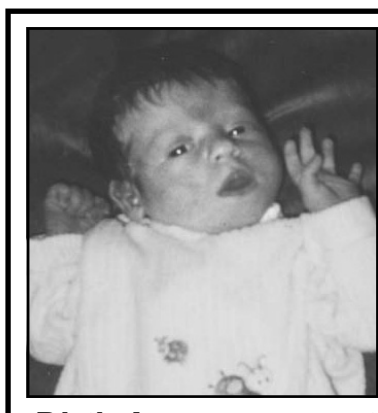
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Birth Announcement

Josephine Christy Grant

Proud parents Robert and Shirley, along with big sisters Jennifer and Sarrah are pleased to welcome Josephine Christy, born Saturday, January 4, 2003, weighing 8 lb., 12 oz., 21" long. Loving grandparents are Andrew Grant (Lisa), Linda Grant-Simmons (Bill), Jean Guy Bernier (Pauline) and Marie Bernier. Many thanks to Dr. Darbyshire and the nursing staff at WDMH and the doctors and nursing staff at the Ottawa Civic Hospital for all the excellent care.



Birth Announcement

McNaughton

Troy and Shelly (nee Liston) were thrilled to celebrate the new year with the birth of their first child, Ella Joyce, on December 31, 2002, weighing 7 lb., 5 oz. Proud grandparents are Dale and Dorothy McNaughton of Winchester, Ontario, and Chuck and Donna Liston of Kingston, Ontario.

A special thank you to Aunt Cindy, Dr. Darbyshire and all the maternity nurses at WDMH for all their support and wonderful care.

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Metcalfe couple receives matrimonal certificate 60 years later

By Gerrit Bosma
Press staff

METCALFE — Just days after celebrating their sixtieth anniversary, Albert and Phyllis McKeown received a long lost marriage certificate. To them, it was both mystery and a miracle.

Actually, the certificate from 1942 wasn't being looked for. Albert and Phyllis didn't know it existed when it arrived in the mail from Vivian Thomson of Pinawa, Manitoba.

Thompson had found the flower painted certificate behind a picture frame her aunt Edna Reaney sent her for her own artwork. After phone calls to Thompson's brother, Allen Trick in Kemptville, the McKeowns were contacted by phone by Vivian with a big surprise.

The Metcalfe couple was astonished.

"It shows it is a small world, and a miracle," said Phyllis, who is still in disbelief. "I don't know how it got there, we had never seen it before," Albert said. "We were very surprised."

Thomson's brother had talked to his Metcalfe co-worker Douglas Woods who confirmed the McKeowns' name and got their phone number. The rest, as they say, is history.

The McKeowns celebrated 60 years of matrimony in November 2002, but never expected such an astonishing and puzzling gift. Yet, Phyllis's sister remembers signing her name to the marriage certificate during the McKeowns' wedding ceremony at the United Church minister's manse in Metcalfe in 1942.

"I guess I'm finally tied down," laughed Albert, looking at the certificate.

The 83-year-old retired farmer and his wife Phyllis, 79, are still perplexed where the stylish document was lying for the half-century before it came into the hands of the Manitoba resident. Albert said he thinks the woman's uncle, Wib Reaney, probably purchased the old frames the certificate was in at an auction or yard sale.

In mint condition and relatively unchanged by light or wear damage, Phyllis says she likes the mysterious matrimony certificate more than the smaller, less decorated original. She believes it was from the United Church. "I plan to put it up in a frame somewhere in the house," she said. "I have taken the certificate around to show people and no one has ever seen one like it. It is also in perfect shape."

Another pleasant surprise for the McKeowns was the picture and small letter they received from Queen Elizabeth II, after a request by one of their daughters. Though the stylish marriage license document is a special gift they couldn't have fathomed.

The McKeowns' four children were also amazed by the discovery and one son even joked that it was nice to know his parents' marriage was finally legal. Albert and Phyllis have four children, Willis, Carolynn, Irene, and Roy. The couple is also well known in their community, as Phyllis was a travel agent for 27 years, and Albert served various terms in Osgoode-Rideau municipal government.

They still can't get over the strange course which the bounding document of their love has travelled these last six decades. The new-found marriage certificate will be framed on their wall as a memento to their 60 years together.

And advice to young couples on how to make your marriage last.

"Keep living one day at a time to the fullest," Albert said. "Take things as they come and get over the problems. Don't get too down, just keep on going."



Phyllis and Albert McKeown with their long lost marriage certificate.

Council notes from South Dundas

Planner's power sparks debate

WILLIAMSBURG — Mayor Johnny Whitteker defended his decision to back a county planner, Joanne Haley, for land severance approval, while two councillors adamantly voiced their concerns.

Councillors Charles Barkley and Rowdy Gillard had reservations about one person at the county level having the authoritative power on United Counties official plan decisions, which used to go to a land division committee.

"I have made it clear I don't like the county system in the first place," Gillard said. "We are not getting any service from our counties, unless we do it here ourselves."

Currently the approval of authority for consents will be delegated to the County Planner, and no land division committee hearings scheduled on a monthly basis. Final decisions will be made by the county planner.

Barkley agreed with Gillard and stressed his disapproval of one county planner. "Even with all the provincial guidelines and official plan, she (county planner) has the power as one person," Barkley said. "That's not right"

Both Gillard and Barkley said with local input from the land division committees, there was more knowledge of specific areas being discussed for severance.

"This is not set in stone," responded Whitteker. "But in following the official plan this is the way I believe we have to go. She will listen to the advice of three committee members and take their comments into consideration."

Deputy Mayor Cam Martel said the county planner reviewing suggested comments is meant to make the land severance system more efficient.

Condo granted another extension

After an in-camera meeting of council, the developers of the River Pointe Condominium were given yet another extension, following the Dec. 31 deadline review. After the closed session, mayor Johnny Whitteker told the media that council would revisit and talk publicly on the offer to purchase the old Iroquois Golf Club house, at the next council meeting on Jan. 23.

Chief Administrative Officer said the partners in the development were "rethinking the development." Whitteker said the developers would have until the next meeting to complete their offer. Part of the offer to purchase to the township was to pre-sell 80 per cent or 20 of 25 units of the condo complex. Whitteker said this has yet to be met.

Whitteker told Tim Cassell, spokesperson for the golf club road concerned citizens, council would answer their questions openly at the Jan. 23 meeting. The contentious issue has been controversial from its beginning and has raised questions of conflict of interest as one of the developers, Eldon Horner, is also a solicitor for the Township of South Dundas in the deal. The other developers are Rick Leroy and Jack Notman.

Heritage coordinator job specs

Job specifications for South Dundas Township's heritage coordinator were discussed at the Jan. 9 meeting. The heritage coordinator is to work 35 hours a week; develop a business plan; construct a budget which meets council's approval. The heritage coordinator is also to consult with the Chief Administrative Officer, Andrew Brown, before issuing any formal press release announcements. Such releases must meet the CAO's approval.

No compensation for killed bison

A compensation application by the Township of South Dundas for Karl Deamond's Eatwell Farm's bison, was rejected by officials at the Ministry of Agriculture. Deamond claims wolves killed his $4,000 bison. Council discussed the matter and decided many wolves were being seen and shot in the area. Due to the fact the township only compensated farmers for livestock killed by dogs, council decided to pursue by asking the ministry for a review of the livestock claim.

North Dundas boosts skate-a-thon at Navan

NAVAN — The Cumberland Skate-a-thon Association is holding its annual fundraiser for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario this Friday and Saturday (Jan. 17-18).

The annual event is in its 17th year and has raised over $150,000 to date. Every cent of the money raised is donated to CHEO.

A special guest at the opening of the skate-a-thon this year will be Ryan Williams, a Winchester youth suffering from an extremely rare blood vessel disorder. Through a series of operations to fight the disease, Williams has become intimately familiar with the facilities at CHEO. Williams will skate a few laps when the skate-a-thon begins, and will return for the closing.

The event takes place at the Navan Memorial Centre on Friday at 6 pm, with the skating surface open until 11 pm. The skate-a-thon continues on Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm.

People collecting pledges have a maximum of 14 hours to skate. Pledge forms allow sponsors to pledge hourly rates, challenging skaters to stay on the ice as long as possible. North Dundas residents may already have sponsored a skater, as pledge forms were distributed at Maple Ridge Senior Elementary School last week.

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United Counties alarm program raises questions

By Gerrit Bosma
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The United Counties false alarm program has raised some scepticism.

The false alarm bylaw which took effect in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry on Jan. 1, requires home and business owners to pay $36 for a three-year registration for each alarm site. Councillors at the Jan. 9 South Dundas Township council meeting debated the stipulations and impact the new bylaw will have.

Councillor Rowdy Gillard felt fines for false alarms will deter many seniors from operating security systems. Gillard said many citizens will simply disconnect them to save them the trouble and money.

"I don't agree with this program personally," Gillard said. "With too many seniors it comes down to dollars and cents. Most people will just rip them out of the wall."

While fines will be applicable to everyone, senior citizens ages 65 and up are exempt from paying the $36 registration fee.

Kelly Lackey, SD&G false alarm coordinator, said the new bylaw is in the beginning stages and OPP will be lenient for the first two to three months to accommodate owners. While Lackey has heard both negative and positive comments on the registration, she says most people understand.

"Once you tell people it works out to only one dollar a month they calm down," Lackey said.

Yet, individuals who own security systems which continue to sound off erroneously will pay the price. After registration, users are allowed one false alarm, after that fines are $25, $50, $100 and more. Any alarm after four false occurrences will result in suspension of police response for one year. As well, a false alarm call from a non-registered or suspended user will result in a $200 fine.

Lackey said once the alarm company corrects system difficulties with the user, any suspension of police services will be ceased. Though, she admitted the details of the program have yet to be advertised in local newspapers.

"And what happens if after four false alarms and a suspension of response, there is an actual crime occurring at home and business?," asked councillor Bill Ewing. "Will they say sorry but we can't respond.

Lackey said although it hasn't been stated, if there is indication of a crime in progress, regardless of any suspension, OPP will respond.

With 1,742 responses by police to false alarms in 2001, and 1,550 in 2002, costs for police time and equipment was roughly $200,000 a year. Lackey said such funds would be better utilized to enhance police presence in county communities. However, she couldn't give an estimate of how much the database registered alarm system program would cost. Lackey did say the cost would be substantially lower than the savings and collection fees, but said the police services board is not ready to release any specific information at this time.

While councillors Charles Barkley, Gillard and Ewing raised queries of the program, deputy mayor Cam Martel supported the bylaw's philosophy.

"We are talking about saving $200,000 of tax payer's money which could be used for other services for police," Martel said. "It's not fair for everyone else to pay other's costs."

Gillard asked Lackey if there was one security system which was causing most of the problem and asked the companies be advised to improve their instructions to customers on proper use of alarms. Alarm companies will be targeted and will be required to pay a $100 registration fee. Lackey said they will also be encouraged to insure their systems are installed correctly in county communities.

"We also want to make companies more responsible for their security systems," Lackey said. "Most of the problem seems to be from alarm systems not being installed properly."

Though, it remains to be seen if the contentious bylaw will have positive results.

Lackey said she would return to South Dundas council to report on early database statistics on the program in four months. Thus far, there have been about 50-60 security systems registered, and Lackey said comments have been both positive and negative. She said the police services board is meeting to resolve current glitches in the process.

Copies of the Registration form, brochure and the Security Alarm Bylaw can be obtained through the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry website at www.sdgcounties.ca. Registration packages can be obtained at the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Office, local municipal offices and SD&G police offices.



Family fun

Family skating and games at Dundela rink was part of the Matilda Winter Carnival last Sunday (Jan. 12). Four-year-old Jacob Baelde received valuable tips from Paul White during the softball toss. The object was for the ball to land and stay in an apple basket. Photo — James

Police blotter

Teenager arrested for robbery

South Dundas – A teenage male has been arrested in connection with an armed robbery at a Hainsville store last week.

On Jan. 7, an SD&G OPP investigation led to the arrest of a 15-year-old South Dundas male, who appeared in provincial court in Cornwall on Jan. 8. The youth was charged for being the lone gunman in a robbery at Nick's Garden Centre and General Store during the evening of Jan. 6.

The masked suspect made off with 20 packages of cigarettes. The youth is being charged with robbery with a firearm, using a firearm during the commission of an offence, disguise with intent, and breach of probation. OPP are still looking for information on the suspect vehicle, light grey in color, and the vehicle's driver.

Morrow remanded until March 4

CORNWALL — A former employee of a Chesterville business charged for allegedly embezzling more than $5,000 from the company's books has been remanded for court appearance until March 4, at the Morrisburg Provincial Court.

Sue Morrow, 40, was removed from the business on Nov. 28 by members of the SD&G OPP, following an investigation. Morrow was charged with an indictable offence of theft over $5,000 for allegedly stealing company cash.

Gunman's case waived again

MORRISBURG — The man who initiated an 11-hour stand-off with OPP in Chesterville in October has had his court case remanded until March 4, in Morrisburg court.

Doug Brown, 45, was arrested and later granted bail after he barricaded himself in a Chesterville social services office armed with a lighter and gas can. He allegedly threatened to burn the building down.

Stolen vehicle found on trail

SOUTH DUNDAS — Police began an investigation into the theft of a motor vehicle from a Lakeshore Drive residence in South Dundas Township, on Jan. 11.

Overnight on Jan. 10 - 11, a 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 quad cab, pick-up truck, was taken from the Mariatown property. The vehicle was later recovered on the afternoon of Jan. 11, abandoned near a snowmobile trail at the east end of the Village of Morrisburg. The investigation by Constable M. Burton is continuing.

Break and enter

MAPLE RIDGE — Police were called to the scene of a residential break and enter, which occurred in North Dundas, on Jan. 9.

During the morning, a forced entry into a Maple Ridge Road home resulted in the theft of home entertainment items from the residence. Constable R. Benoit is investigating.

Shepherd Talk

by Bud McKibbon

Highways highlight modern faith

Once upon a time, as you travelled late at night on Highway 401, you were often the only vehicle around for several miles. In fact you could drive with your high beams on for quite some time. No longer is this possible. Those small communities along the 401 have grown in population, lighting and traffic density. New refuelling stations have popped up in the previously blackened gaps beside the 401 highway.

A friend of mine is a "trucker." Perhaps for this reason I have become more conscious of the volume of rigs on the 401 at night. Almost an uninterrupted stream of trucks travels the 401. A great amount of our nation's economy in running on wheels . . . especially in the very early hours. Our society depends greatly on this mobile community of people. They are men and women like you and I, and yet I feel that most of us couldn't do this kind of work . . . at least not for long.

Whether we're driving cars or trucks, everyone on the highway shares a community with each other. We all want to be safe so that we arrive at our destinations. We all want to do this in a timely fashion. Whether travelling for business or pleasure, we share common responsibilities. We hold expectations for our mutual well being. We trust that the other driver is alert and intends to abide by the rules of the road. We trust that this other driver will remain in their lane, obeying speed limits. We trust that the driver has not consumed alcohol or abused drugs. It seems that for a secular society, we still seem to have a lot of required faith in each other.

Sometimes this faith is misplaced and somebody or something disappoints our trust.

A long time ago a man named John the Baptist fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy: "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God." When questioned, John said he was the voice of one calling in the desert, "Make straight the way for the Lord." John was of course speaking about Jesus Christ. John said to the people, I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Life is indeed like a highway and we are on it: 24/7/365. As members of society, we can be a community of faith putting our faith in God. We have an opportunity wherever we travel to prepare a way for the Lord, to be the best that we can be for others to see God at work in our lives, to point the way to God through Jesus our Saviour. Jesus said, "Trust in God, trust also in me."

This column is provided courtesy of the North Dundas Ministerial Association

Lions deliver Christmas baskets

Helen Porteous

METCALFE — The Metcalfe and District Lions Club handed out 11 food baskets over the holidays. Food collected from the Metcalfe parade was taken to the Osgoode Emergency Food Cupboard in Enniskerry just in time to help families during the Christmas holidays.

Even without the radio station to hear our call, we still have people that donate money, new toys, and other items every year.

Many thanks to Mike at Metcalfe Variety for helping put the baskets together again this year, and to all the people and groups that make this possible.

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New Matilda Queen kicks off carnival fun



Erin Hendriks, 16-year-old
Grade 11 student from Brinston



Kristen Keyes, 17-year-old
Grade 12 student from Hulbert



Sarah Robertson, 18-year-old
OAC student from Iroquois



Sally Dentz, 16-year-old Grade
11 student from Iroquois

by Bonnie James

DIXON'S CORNERS — Those who arrived late were out of luck, as it was standing room only by the time the Matilda Carnival Queen pageant got under way last Saturday evening at the Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners.

It was the largest field of contestants in many years, with nine young women present to compete. Before the pageant began, South Dundas mayor Johnny Whitteker officially opened the 28th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

In the end it was 18-year-old Jessica Weatherhead who wore the crown. Jessica is the daughter of John and Colleen Weatherhead of Iroquois and spent the first part of her life in Australia. She's an artist and plans to study medicine after high school. She wore a stunning red dress with faux-fur collar for her semi-formal attire. When judges asked her, "What could the Township of South Dundas do to improve life for your age group?" she handled the question with poise and passion, after taking a moment to think about her answer.

Runner-up was Kristen Keyes, who was arguably the best public speaker of the group. The bubbly Caitlyn Markell was selected Miss Congeniality by her fellow candidates.

The emcee for this year's event was 103.7 The Point's Dan Wylie and while he confessed it was his first pageant ever, he acquitted himself well and seemed to enjoy the evening. The three judges who had the unenviable job of selecting the pageant winners were North Dundas councillors Estella Rose and Gail Parker, along with Andy Brown, CAO for the Township of South Dundas. They interviewed each of the entrants before the on-stage proceedings began.

Backstage the nine contestants were all atwitter as last minute makeup checking was done and hugs traded with boyfriends, best friends, and family members. The nerves were still apparent as they took the stage for the first time dressed in their choice of casual wear to offer brief introductions of themselves, but they soon settled into the pomp and ceremony of it all.

The young women who were vying for the Carnival Queen crown this year were Jill Link, Jennifer DeVries, Sally Dentz, Caitlyn Markell, Lindsay Whitteker, Kristen Keyes, Jessica Weatherhead, Sarah Robertson, and Erin Hendriks. All are students at Seaway District High School.

After a more detailed speech from each hopeful outlining their achievements and future plans, a parade of semi-formal wear, and each young lady answering a question drawn at random, the judges had a difficult task ahead of them. This was a very accomplished group, with many holding down part-time jobs, volunteering within the community, and spending time participating in creative and/or athletic activities, from piano and visual arts to baseball and basketball.

While the judges performed their duties, the audience was treated to a number of local singers (Victoria Riddell, Callie Pittico, Jaquie Vandermuelen, and Marcie and Lacey Venema) and some accordion tunes from Billy Sypes. As well, the Matilda Recreation Garry Shaver Memorial Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Blanche Fulton by last year's winner, Lorne Strader. Last year's Carnival Queen, Marcie Venema, and runner-up, Jenna Murphy, were present to assist in handing out door prizes as well as to wish luck to this year's candidates.

At the end of the night, each contestant received a rose, a gift certificate for cosmetics, a cheque and pin from the township, as well as a heritage medallion. After the winners were announced, there was much hugging and picture taking and it was clear that the 2003 Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant had been a great success and a fabulous start to the week-long carnival.



2003 Matilda Carnival Queen
18-year-old Jessica Weatherhead



Caitlyn Markell, 16-year-old
Grade 11 student from Morrisburg



Jennifer DeVries, 16-year-old
Grade 11 student from Toyes Hill



Jill Link, 16-year-old Grade 11
student from Irena



Lindsay Whitteker, 18-year-old,
OAC student from Dixon's Corners



Jessica Weatherhead, 18-year-old
Grade 12 student from Iroquois

Christmas party

by Marjorie Baker

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — A large number of Mountain Township Seniors attended a catered Christmas dinner at the Mountain Agricultural Hall on Dec. 11. Grace was given and the meal was enjoyed by all.

After the dinner members were entertained by Lorne Beach and his band, with several Christmas carols and some old-time music. Mavis Graham thanked them for their entertainment and the meeting was brought to a close.

Prior to the Christmas gathering, the seniors held their regular meeting on Nov. 27 with Ralph Rodger in charge. With Lenora Barkley at the piano, everyone sang O Canada and repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Ralph Rodger welcomed everyone and minutes were read and approved, followed by the treasurer's report.

Audrey Gibson read the nominating report. A decision on the seniors euchres was to hold them in the afternoon starting at 1 pm, beginning on Jan. 6 and continuing until the end of March. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas cards were sent to shut-in members. It was decided to pay the Nor-Dun Seniors Support Centre $50 for the newsletter that the group receives.

Birthdays and anniversaries were honored and grace was given by Ruby Boyd. A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed.

After the meal, the program followed with a performance by the Nationview Public School choir, which was very well received. Margaret Hyndman, Hilda Kirkby and Lenora Barkley gave a presentation with music and poems on remembrance of old time school days, which proved to be comical and interesting. The meeting closed with piano music by Hilda Kirkby.

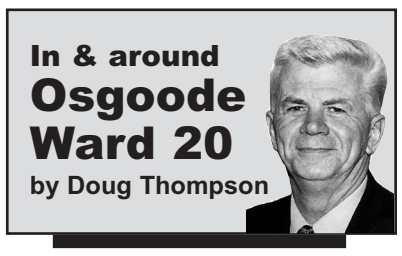
Seniors play euchre

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Seniors played euchre on Wed., Jan. 8. White Card winners were Gladys Kyle, George Baker and Peggy Thompson. Yellow Card winners were Dwain Hess, Graham Pemberton and Ed Thompson.

Door prize winners were Muriel Miller and Phyllis Scott. Draw winners were Jean Beckstead, Jean Christie, George Baker (2), Bob Dawson and Enid Dalrymple.

The next euchre will be held on Wed., Jan. 22. Everyone welcome.

Relief fund set up for Scrivens family



Greg, Patti-Anne, Jonathan, and Christopher Scrivens of Metcalfe lost their home and belongings in a tragic fire on Sun., Dec. 15th. In support of their loss the following plans have been organized:

Fundraising Dance & Silent Auction: Greely Community Centre, Fri., Jan. 17, 7 pm to 1 am (Families welcome.) Come early for sleigh rides donated by Gary Scharf (6:45 – 8 pm).

Trust Account: has been set up at the Royal Bank in the name of P & G Scrivens Family Trust, Account #1001627 – Transit #3062 (Monetary Donations Only).

For more information contact Mike Preston – 821-4074, Suzanne Hendrikx – 821-2729 or Doug Thompson – 580-2490.

Vernon Christmas Decorations

Congratulations to Erin and Mary Franey, 4125 Broadway Ave., (First), Larry and Darlene Alexander, 4253 Boyd Road (Second), Brian Dunmall and Brenda Ladouceur, 7853 Lawrence St (Third) in the decorating contest sponsored by the Friends of a Greener Vernon.

Osgoode Village Carnival

The great people of Osgoode are in for a tremendous Winter Carnival. Carnival Convenor, Jim Devenny and the Osgoode Lions Club have some wonderful events planned. Sat., Jan. 18th – Eddie May Murder Mystery (tickets, call 826-1248). As well, the ever-popular Snowball Tournament on Sat., Jan. 18th. Call Phil Byrnes at 826-0672 to register your team. Other Carnival events are, Jan. 19 – Euchre; Kids Fun Night – Jan. 21; Spaghetti Supper at St. Paul's Anglican Church and Osgoode Legion Bingo, both on Jan. 23. A Pre-Teen Dance for ages 12 and under on Jan. 24 will get things hopping. Next Sat., Jan. 25, we will be able to enjoy a Pancake Breakfast, a Cribbage Tournament, Costume Skating and a Carnival Supper. Sounds like a great time for all.

Greely Winter Carnival

Details next week.

POLITICAL

Client Service Centres: This is great news. City Council votes 20 – 2 in favor of keeping the Rural Client Service Centres open at their existing hours of operation and service level. Thanks to all who emailed and called our office in support of our Client Service Centres.

Official Plan Ward Meeting: On Mon., Jan. 20, 7 pm at the Metcalfe Town Hall, the Osgoode Ward Advisory Council will host an Official Plan Review Meeting. The Draft Official Plan is now available. The new Official Plan, expected to be passed by Council early this summer, will direct the development of the entire city over the next 20 years. Business leaders, builders, developers, farmers, recreational enthusiasts and other residents are invited to come out to listen and express their feelings.

Osgoode Rural Communities Association General Meeting: On Wed., Jan. 22 at the Metcalfe Town Hall. Contact John Foliot, 821-0328 for more info.

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Beef lobby deteriorating

There was a murmur of surprise at the Dundas Cattlemen's Association meeting last week, when Arden Schneckenburger absolutely declined to continue as county representative to the Ontario Cattlemen's Association. It was clear to everyone present that he was so frustrated with how the OCA bureaucracy is operating, that he couldn't stand to be a part of the organization any longer.

The DCA met in Winchester at the Country Kitchen last Thursday (Jan. 9). In attendance were approximately the same 15 members who have attended annual meetings in recent years. Elections for the association's executive were held early in the meeting, and the present membership was surprised to learn that no one was prepared to step forward as the provincial representative.

The crisis was deferred, to be resolved following the presentation of guest speaker Dick van der Byl, OCA past president. He explained where the provincial association currently stands with its organizational review. Last year the OCA hired a consultant to advise on a complete revision of the present board structure. The OCA board of directors has reportedly endorsed the majority of recommendations proposed by the consultant, whose work was substantially funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The main item in OCA's restructuring agenda is drastically reducing the membership of its decision-making body. Currently there is a board of eight executive members, responsible to 49 directors representing the counties of Ontario. Under the structure OCA is proposing, board membership will be increased to 12, and the 49 county directors will be relegated to an advisory role.

The new board structure will include three cow/calf producers, three feedlot producers, one backgrounder, two members at large, and one member from each of southern, northern and eastern Ontario. The primary source of local contention is that the Ontario Veal Association is being allowed to petition the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission for independent status as a commodity group.

"In my opinion, we do not have a unified voice," said Schneckenburger. After having witnessed first-hand how the last year unfolded at OCA, none of van der Byl's presentation was news. "White veal, maybe; but red veal, no," said Schneckenburger.

Comments from the audience suggested that Ontario's beef industry is being cut into three pieces: the Ontario Veal Association, and the OCA split in half between cow/calf producers and feedlot producers. Schneckenburger added, "They had to do something; the industry was tearing itself apart."

The result is the dismantling of the Ontario beef lobby. The OCA is currently struggling to meet its goals as a lobby group, when technically the three main sectors of the Ontario beef industry are technically still lobbying with one voice.

Before the meeting ended, the DCA put a provincial delegation in place. Second-term president Jim Shaw took on the job of county director and secretary. Ron Wilson accepted the job of alternate director.

Although interest in the executives of some agricultural groups is low, Dundas farmers are ready to rise to political challenges. It was only last November that a bus picked up dairymen in Dixon's Corners and Winchester for a protest on Parliament Hill. At the same time, the formal grassroots political lobby is slipping away.

OMAF acknowledges that the beef industry will be hardest hit with costs by Ontario's Nutrient Management Act. And it was only last year that the main topic at the DCA annual meeting was the Canadian Cattle Identification Program, which now requires all cattle leaving the farm to have a registered bar-coded ear tag. A lot of new government regulations seem to be coming all at once.

Also, this spring the federal government plans to pass the Agricultural Policy Framework into law. Anyone basically familiar with the APF will have noticed that it doesn't offer any encouragement to the typical small beef producer. Operations that aren't growing, by working with bio-technology companies or value-added food producers, will find that they don't have their government's full attention.

The existing beef industry in rural Ontario seems to be in a great amount of jeopardy. And the DCA seems to be breaking down.
C.Z.

Every month is the cruellest month

Shades of Grey
by Lori Gillespie



January. The month of recovering from your New Year's hangover, or realizing with disappointment that you haven't actually had a New Year's hangover in five years because you consistently fall asleep at 10 pm.

The month of returning Christmas presents that were the wrong size, shape or taste for you, and discovering that for years you've been sending Christmas cards to your husband's cousin and his wife, who, as it turns out, is not named Jenny.

It's the month of watching weather warnings in order to drive across town to pick up the mail. Not to mention shovelling your driveway three times a day and taking a break to lean on your shovel and gaze jealously at the neighbor who is waving to you as he cuts neat, straight lines in the snow with his maximum power snow blower.

January. The month of always having to search for your gloves. And your scarf. And your hat. And struggling to slip on your winter boots, only to find that they're still damp from the last time you shovelled the driveway — two hours ago.

It's also a month for gaining six pounds because you can't bear to drag yourself outside into the cold, swirling snow once more, and decide instead to hibernate in front of the TV in your pyjamas, buried under three blankets and pacified with consecutive bowls of chips and dip.

We all love January, don't we?

Actually, in Canada, I don't believe we really love any month. No matter what time of year it is, somebody isn't happy.

It's too cold.

It's too hot.

It's too snowy.

I wish it would rain already.

Where is the sun?

We're never completely happy with the weather, no matter what it's doing out there. Personally, I think we're lucky to have such a broad range of weather.

Think about it — there's always something to talk about around here.

When you run into an acquaintance you haven't seen in three years and whose mother's name you can't remember to ask after, you've always got the weather to talk about.

And it doesn't have to be witty, either. You can go right ahead and state the obvious, and there will still be plenty to discuss.

"Lotta snow we've been getting, huh?"

"Yup. Lotta snow. I think it's gonna keep on snowing, too."

"Yup. It always seems to snow at this time of year, doesn't it?"

See what I mean? We Canadians may be cursed with weather, but we're blessed with conversational abilities.

At this time of year I groan just to think about going outside in the snow. Driving in it is worse, but it's better than walking in it.

In fact, I think the only thing snow is really good for is excuses.

Yes, excuses. For instance: I can't take down my Christmas decorations because they're covered in snow, and it just won't stop snowing.

For another instance: I can't go skiing because my skis are in the shed, which is blocked in by snow and ice. Darn, I'll have to go and vegetate by the TV.

And for one more instance, for those who are still in school in Grey and Bruce counties: I can't get to school because my bus has been cancelled due to all that snow. Oh well.

I especially loved that last one during exam time. Growing up in Grey-Bruce, you could always count on at least one extra day of study time, thanks to that blessed snow.

See? There's always a light at the end of the tunnel, no matter how dim.

So get out there and enjoy January. It's a great conversation piece; it's wonderful for excuses for things you don't want to do and it's a superb reason to work on that butt-form on your couch.

And remember, it could be worse. Next month is February.



This week in...
by Gerrit Bosma

1923
A local elementary school teacher in Winchester learned not to use herself as an example while teaching her class. The teacher was embarrassed after teaching her class how to spell the word "orphan" and tried to get the students to guess the definition of the word. "I am an orphan she said." One young scholar guessed the significance: "It's someone who wants to get married and cannot get a husband."

1933
Two young men from Ottawa were pursued in a high-speed chase from Winchester to Cloverdale after not paying for their gas at a Winchester Springs service station. The men tried to escape justice from provincial constable Garnet McLean. After taking off from the pumps of Fraser Bolton's gas station, the owner called police in Winchester. The high-speed chase ceased when the thieves were blocked past Whippet. The 14 and 16-year-old males were arrested. To make matters worse, one of the boys had apparently stolen his father's car.

1943
A junior hockey league in Dundas County was to be formed after considerable interest. The league would include the famous Inkerman Rockets franchise. Other teams in the inaugural league included Morrisburg and Iroquois squads. The Inkerman team was to play its home games in Winchester. In an exhibition game Inkerman was defeated 5-3 against Morrisburg.

1963
One of the most modern fire trucks in eastern Ontario was purchased by the Village of Williamsburg. To meet the needs of advanced fire fighting equipment, Williamsburg celebrated the arrival of a new American Marsh Fire Truck. The state-of-the-art truck was equipped with a 220 horsepower engine, a multi-stage fire pump, and it could pump 625 imperial gallons per minute. The several thousand dollar machine also had a 500-gallon tank and was fitted to carry 2,000 feet of hose.

1973
Voters said a resounding yes to liquor and ended Winchester's long status as a dry zone. After somewhat confusing questions on a ballot four years previous, ratepayers had voted no to licensing booze in restaurants and lounges. However, the archaic liquor laws were scrapped in the latest plebiscite, with a 648 to 263 yes vote in favor of dining lounge licences, and a vote of 628 to 278 in favor of lounge licenses. Despite a stringent prohibitionist campaign, Winchester voted to be wet and advance with the times. Sadly, the vote attracted 76 per cent of eligible citizens, higher than municipal, provincial or federal elections.

1983
Bad icy conditions forced transportation officers to keep school buses off the roads. The cancellation of bus transportation affected 10,000 students in the SD&G County Board of Education jurisdiction. Police reported several accidents as vehicles skidded into ditches and slipped all over roads, but no injuries were sustained. Two transports were involved in accidents, one of them flipping over on its roof in the ditch just south of the Shanette-Whitteker Road junction. Fortunately no one was injured in the tractor-trailer mishap.

1993
Statistics were making headlines showing smokers were being hooked on their habit earlier than ever. According to numbers compiled by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, regular smokers were taking their first puffs between the ages of 12 and 14. Local health educators planned to attack the problem at its root during National Non-Smoking Week in late January. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit was going to go directly to vendors who sell cigarettes, along with making their usual presentations in schools.

Bottled water

In this Corner *Maurice Tougas*


Maurice Tougas

I have in front of me a sparkling glass of clear, odorless, tasteless tap water. I also have in front of me a sparkling glass of clear, odorless, tasteless Aquafina demineralized water from the Pepsi-Cola company, a name synonymous with highly sugared, carbonated beverages the world over.

I have smelled both, sipped both, gulped both, even gargled both just to be on the safe side. Admittedly, my palate is uncultured, dulled by years of lousy coffee and cheap beer. But the only detectable difference between eau Aqualta and Aquafina was price. A 710 ml bottle of tap water costs pennies. Aquafina costs 99 cents. Plus deposit.

One might safely assume that only a sap would buy obscenely overpriced bottled water.

One might be right, but one should also know that there are hundreds of millions of saps in the world.

According to an article in the National Post, 13 billion litres of bottled water are consumed in North America every year. The industry is worth nearly $7 billion in North America alone, and sales are rising at a rate of 10 per cent a year. Supposedly sophisticated Europeans are even bigger suckers; 90 per cent of French and Italians drink bottled water. There are some 700 brands of bottled water worldwide, and market experts expect that within three years bottled water will pass coffee as the second most consumed beverage, after tap water.

All this for a drink that is for the most part indistinguishable for a product you can get instantly, for virtually nothing, almost everywhere in the world. Worse yet, millions of people buy bottled water that is almost identical to common tap water.

Take the aforementioned Aquafina, or for that matter rival Coca-Cola's product, Dasani. The 99 cent bottle of Aquafina (plus deposit and GST) is, the label says, "demineralized water by reverse osmosis." Translation: it's conditioned tap water, people. Better yet, in the case of Aquafina, that water comes from Mississauga, Ontario. Ah, Mississauga . . . your very name says purity!

In the interests of fairness, I should mention that not all bottled water is just tap water put through one more filter and bottled for the benefit of suckers. Just 25 per cent of it is. Plenty of bottled water is positively exotic in origin. There's France's Perrier, the mother of all bottled waters. (And it comes in a pretty bottle!) Evian is the top selling bottled water in the world, a product whose very name says "I'm better than you". (It is also naive spelled backwards.) From lowly Newfoundland comes the hip H2O, Iceberg Water that comes from stray chunks of iceberg -– maybe even the one that sank the Titanic! But there are other waters that make Evian look as common as water out of a garden hose.

There's Fiji Water, which claims to come from rain that fell 450 years ago on the South Pacific island. There's Lurisia, which is melted Italian snow water that bubbles up from a volcanic rock grotto, discovered by Marie Curie in 1918 while she was looking for uranium. Had she known how much people would pay for the water she found, she would have been onto something really valuable.

My favorite, however, is a modest little vintage called Cloud Juice, which guarantees 800 drops of Tasmanian rainwater per bottle. I'm a little suspicious. Last time I had some Cloud Juice, I didn't detect any more than 650 drops of Tasmanian rainwater, 700 tops.

The insatiable lust for bottled water proves a long held belief of mine, which goes something like this . . . millions of people have way too much money.

Maurice Tougas is a multiple-award winning columnist and journalist with more than 20 years experience. He has worked for the Edmonton Examiner, the Edmonton Journal, the Canadian Press and the Red Deer Advocate. He lives in Edmonton with his wife and three sons, aged 17, 15 and 11.



Doris Hart flipped flapjacks for the Snowarama Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 11 to raise money for the Easter Seals Society.

Photos — James



Girls on Snow

Members of the Nation Valley Snowmobile Club turned out to the Snowarama Pancake Breakfast for the Easter Seals Society at the Morrisburg Fire Hall on Jan. 11. In back, from left to right: Ruth McLaren, Bernice Speck, Elaine Whitteker, luc Whitteker, Jean MacDougal, Bev Montgomery, Bea Duncan, and Heather Erwin. In front on snowmobiles, Debbie Strader, Cody Shaver, and Scott MacLellan.

Snowarama pancakes raise money for Easter Seals

by Bonnie James

MORRISBURG — The annual Snowarama Pancake Breakfast was held this past Saturday morning (Jan. 11) at the Morrisburg Fire Hall to benefit Easter Seals. Though it was determined that there was not enough snow to groom trails for the Nation Valley Snowmobile Club's Snowarama "Girls on Snow" rally to take place, a new date of Jan. 25 has been set for the event.

Many snowmobilers still showed up last weekend, however, to munch on some pancakes and sausages in between the fire engines. The total amount raised for the Dundas County District Council of Easter Seals by Snowarama, with pledges for the snowmobile rally, pancake sales, and other donations, was $3,500.

Easter Seals ambassador Kayleigh Boyd and her parents Dean and Terry were at the fire hall to talk with the public and the press about what Easter Seals has done for their family. Kayleigh, who has Rett Syndrome, is fifteen years old and attends Nationview Public School.

One of the manifestations of her syndrome is seizures, which she began experiencing when she was five. Her parents are now very attunded to her symptoms. They can sense when a seizure is on the way and have a protocol for dealing with them. Kayleigh, who uses a board with symbols to communicate, is thriving at school, and is learning new things all the time, her mom says.



Ambassador

Kayleigh Boyd, 15, was selected as the Easter Seals Ambassador for this year's Snowarama fundraiser. Easter Seals has assisted Kayleigh and her family with her struggle against Rett Syndrome.

Easter Seals has helped the Boyds for many years with wheelchairs, a standing frame, specialized computer equipment, and by sending Kayleigh to camp. Terry Boyd commended Easter Seals on supporting new technologies as they become available and the Boyds are very pleased to have some of the same computer equipment at home that Kayleigh uses at school.

In a time of school budget cutbacks and low government support, Terry says they "need to find ingenious ways to cope." This is true now more than ever as the family looks a few years into the future to when Kayleigh will have graduated from school.

Terry Boyd is the Eastern Ontario Rett Syndrome Association Chapter president and is involved at the provincial level as well. The Boyds are outspoken about the need for programs like Easter Seals to help families like theirs. They have a long history of working with Easter Seals, and in fact Kayleigh was one of the first non-speaking ambassadors for the organization, helping to highlight a whole range of communication issues that many Easter Seals kids deal with.

With Kayleigh and some other youths helped by Easter Seals present, the pancake gobblers could certainly see whom their donations were helping. A cheque for $1,000 was presented to Snowarama by Debbie Strader on behalf of the South Dundas Snowmobile Club to add to the tally. Have fun snowmobiling on the 25th, ladies!

Everybody gets back on schedule

NDDHS Notes

by Kathryn Leyenaar



MAPLE RIDGE — It's hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone, and a new year has begun! With only seven school days until exams, students are finishing their final projects and starting to study.

Over 90 North Dundas students have applied to university online, as the deadline for university applications is today (Jan. 15). Most students are encouraged to apply to at least three programs of study; this costs $80, with $25 for each additional program to which one applies. If someone applies to five or more programs, this can get quite costly! Many of the remaining students will be gearing up to apply to college by Feb. 1.

During the final week before the holidays wrapped up, several Christmas projects were completed. The Christmas food drive brought in 670 cans of food, which adds to our total of 2,600 cans of food between both the Halloween and Christmas food drives.

The graduating class's Christmas concert, put on by Grade 12 and OAC students, was a huge success; one teacher commented that it was, "one of the best Christmas concerts she had seen in her 10 years at North Dundas." Talent numbers, skits, and songs performed by the choir and band made the show very upbeat.

Also, Mme. Leduc's Grade 12 French class decided to collect funds for a local family who lost their home in a fire a few months ago. The class collected money for two days and brought in $251.29! I'm sure the class was pleased to financially help this family during the holidays.

ON THE ARTS AGENDA

Later this year, North Dundas will perform Fiddler On The Roof, our first ever staff-student production. This musical will include teachers in many of the adult roles that might be more difficult for students to portray. Auditions were held last Thursday night, and again on Monday and Tuesday. Practices will soon commence and will be held three times a week until the actual performance, which is tentatively scheduled to run from April 9-12. This is an exciting opportunity to display the multi-talented staff and students at NDDHS.

IN THE SPORTS ARENA

Unfortunately, the senior boys basketball suffered one of their first losses this season, as CCVS beat them 68-48 last week. The team participated in a tournament over the holidays and just had a home-game against Char-Lan yesterday. The junior boys team also battled hard, but came up short when they played General Vanier last week.

Congratulations to North Dundas archers who competed in trials at the Canadian Winter Games in Toronto on Jan. 4. Diane Wicks and Mandy Wicks made the Recurve girls team, and Amanda Smith-Millar is alternate for the compound girls team. All the best to the archers as they train for the upcoming games in New Brunswick this March!

Chesterville & District Agriculture Society

Annual Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, January 18th, 2003 -

12 Noon

at the Nelson Laprade Centre, Chesterville

Topic This Year:

Well Water Education ~ 1pm

Annual Meeting to follow

The Eastern Ontario Water Resources Committee will be speaking about protecting your Well & Water Source. It is intended to inform well owners of the hazards of poor well and septic conditions.

Anyone wishing to attend Lunch, please contact Shirley Dillabough at 448-3092 or Phil Gasser at 448-1947 by January 16th, 2003. Cost of Lunch is $10. a person and includes Beef Bourguignon and Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Everyone welcome to attend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Residents looking for answers to proposed condo development

The Editor:

We would like to thank all the people who have called and written words of encouragement, the groundswell of support from the community is growing (with regard to Iroquois Golf Club Condo development). Also the support and information you have brought forward has been very helpful to our cause.

We find it disheartening, that a taxpayer is intimidated and verbally abused, by council members when asking questions regarding matters that affect them and the community. Why would a council member state it "was a waste of time" as quoted in the local paper? Why would a member of the council take this matter so personally, as to cause that member to yell at a citizen, unless he is personally involved? If this is the case, is this not a conflict of interest?

Some more questions surfaced after the most recent council meeting on Jan. 9, 2003. Why would council even consider entertaining an extension to the condo deal? Was it not closed Dec. 31, 2002? Is this not a new deal? Would it not be the responsible action for council to put this issue to rest, or up for tender once more? What did Andrew Brown (South Dundas CAO) mean when reporting, that the condo developers are "rethinking the development?" What is the big secret? Why is this not public knowledge? What is their intent for this public property — hotel, homes, restaurant, etc..?

Do we as taxpayers not get a reasonable time to voice our opinions, before council votes on this very important matter?

Tim Cassell

Spokesperson for the Concerned Citizens of Golf Club Road

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Dundela rink hosts outdoor activities



Far left: The winning team of the golf-ball-on-a-spoon relay race was awarded with trophies following their victory at the Dundela rink on Jan. 12. Family skating and games were scheduled as part of the second day of the Matilda Winter Carnival.

Sisters Jessie, 13, and Allison Moore, 9, pictured at left, took part in family skating in Dundela on Jan. 12. Earlier in the day, the Matilda Winter Carnival schedule included a pancake breakfast and a reptile show in Dixon's Corners.



Slap the biscuit

The hockey shootout was popular with young people taking part in the second day of the Matilda Winter Carnival. Eight-year-old Randy Doherty wound up for a shot on the ice in Dundela on Sunday (Jan. 12). Photos — James

OBITUARIES

Mabel E. Link

Mabel E. Link died peacefully at Dundas Manor in Winchester, surrounded by her family, on Jan. 10, 2003. She was 87.

She was the beloved wife of the late Delbert Link. She was born on Nov. 8, 1915 in Grantley to Mason and Edna (nee Countryman) Robinson. She was loving mother of Graham (Kim) Link of Winchester and Brenda Ingratta (William) of Guelph.

She is survived by grandchildren Martha Link-Horvath (Steven), Margaret Link (Jeff), Murray Link, Marten Link, Mark Ingratta, Leslee Ingratta, sister-in-law Natalie Robinson of Chesterville and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by infant daughter Margaret, brother Wilburn Robinson and sister Marion Robinson.

Mrs. Link spent her early years in Grantley where she attended public school, high school in Chesterville, and later graduated from Ottawa Normal School. She taught for three years at her first school in Aultsville, before moving to Cass Bridge. Here she met and married Delbert Link, on Aug. 7, 1943.

After several years as a mother and housewife, she returned to teaching, at Cloverdale and Hess Factory Schools. She was a lifelong member of the Winchester Women's Institute, and the United Church Women at Winchester United Church.

She always enjoyed reading, playing cards, welcoming into her home her many friends and visitors, as well as "the girls" who stayed with her overnight during the last several years, before she moved to Dundas Manor in July 2002.

The funeral was held on Jan. 13 in the chapel of the Winchester Funeral Home, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were Martha Link-Horvath, Margaret Link, Murray Link, Marty Link, Mark Ingratta and Leslee Ingratta.

Goldie Pansy McMillan

Goldie Pansy McMillan died peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Jan. 8, 2003 in her 70th year.



She was the beloved wife of the late Elmer Alexander McMillan. She was born in Chesterville on Feb. 27, 1933 to Cecil and Pearl (nee Billings) Shay.

She was the loving mother of Richard (Penny) of Berwick, Alan (Karen) of Ottawa, Charles (Jean) of Ottawa, Mark of Chesterville, Shirley (Wayne) Dillabough of Chesterville, and Kathy (Elliott) Brown of Mississauga. She was grandmother of Scott, Jaime, Aimee, Amanda, Chad and Adam, and great-grandmother of Jesse.

Mrs. McMillan is survived by siblings Larry Shay of Ottawa, Richard (Susan) Shay of Chesterville, Lyle Shay of Ottawa, Perry (Teresa) of London, Shirley Loucks (Lyle) of Chesterville, Patricia Booth (Lenny) of Fort Erie, Jewel Barkley (Harry) of Prescott and Lila Gibeault (Gerald) of Chesterville.

She was predeceased by brothers Stanley (Shirley) of Smiths Falls, Francis (Evelyn) of Ottawa and sisters Gloria Shay of Chesterville and Linda Hill (Clifford) of Winchester.

The funeral service was held on Jan. 10 at in the chapel of the Chesterville Funeral Home.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

I enjoyed a rather different Christmas this year. I went to Texas for the holidays. My son and his wife have a new house on the outskirts of San Antonio where I had a chance to meet my American grandson, Weston (age 12) and we were joined by my son from Vancouver.

It was difficult to realize what month or date it was as we sat on the back porch in 78F deg.(25C) weather. We did manage to tough it out, however, when the temperature dropped overnight to 40F (4C.) There were some things the same, though - it was difficult to find a parking spot around the big stores in the days leading up to Christmas and the returns and sales started the next day. We, along with a lot of others, enjoyed shopping in the craft stores and, as a tourist area, there were many of them.

So many things are big in Texas. Most people seem to drive big trucks, I know 'cos I was in one, where it is impossible to get into the cab without the help of running boards and handles. In restaurants, too, portions are huge. In between the turkey and ham eaten at home we went to one restaurant and had chicken-fried steak (to die for and not on any diet sheet,) and went to the Tokyo Steak House where the meal was prepared in front of us along with flourishes, flashing knives and flames.

We did manage to work off part of that meal when we went walking along the famous River Walk. It was beautiful with all the Christmas lights.

Getting home again was interesting. In San Antonio airport, my shoes twigged the alarm and I was invited to sit down and take them off. I am pleased to report I didn't have holes in my socks. Anyway, after verifying it was only my shoes, I was allowed to proceed. Unfortunately, I missed my connecting flight in Chicago by 15 minutes and had to wait almost three hours for the next plane to Ottawa. By getting home later, when it was dark, I did have an extra bonus. As we flew over the countryside all the Christmas lights were lit in the towns and villages – a beautiful sight.

Holidays are great and I had a good time, but there is something comforting about being in one's own home again and eating more moderate portions. Anyway, I hope y'all have a good New Year in 2003.

Seniors celebrate Christmas season

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Seniors held their Christmas meeting with 20 members and six visitors attending. Following a warm welcome by president Ruth Casselman, and grace, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings for the festive season. Enid Dalrymple was in charge of entertainment, and she conducted a contest. Christmas readings were presented by several members, and a singalong of Christmas tunes was accompanied by Mary Osborne on the piano.

The program at the January meeting will be furnished by the Barkleys and Don Morrell.



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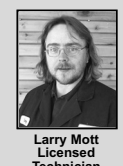
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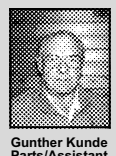
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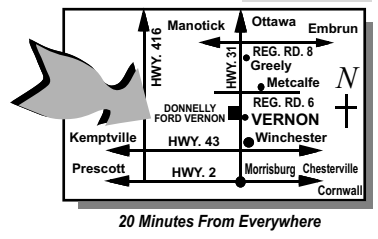

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Five years later: memories of the 1998 Ice Storm

by Gerrit Bosma
Press staff

WINCHESTER — "Quite an inauguration." This is the response of North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau on the ice storm which devastated the region five years ago.

Cousineau had just been sworn in as mayor of the first North Dundas Township council, when the ice storm of 1998 hit. The extreme weather knocked out power to about 6,000 homes in the county, and played havoc with trees, houses, cars and power lines.

"The inauguration meeting was Monday night, and by Wednesday I had to declare a state of emergency," Cousineau said. "It sure was a real early test."

A challenge, Cousineau feels, the newly amalgamated community of North Dundas passed with flying colors.

Cousineau himself, spent the first days of the emergency in a command centre organizing help efforts for 32 hours. As one of the commanders-in-chief, the mayor said he witnessed unbridled support from neighbors all over the county.

"The event really brought North Dundas together as one community," Cousineau said.

He remembers vividly the endless support from streams of volunteers, volunteer fire fighters, and farmers helping farmers in the outlying areas. Although electricity had failed, like Kingston rockers Tragically Hip coined it with a 1998 album title, a Phantom Power of the human kind existed in eastern Ontario. "A lot of praise goes to the army and hydro workers and they deserve it," Cousineau said. "But without all the effort of all the community volunteers it would have been a disaster."



Canadian military personnel moved into Winchester over the weekend of January 11-12 five years ago, responding to emergencies caused by the ice storm. There were more than 200 soldiers from an armored division stationed between North Dundas District High School, Winchester Public School and Ontario Hydro in Winchester.

After spending the first four days in the command centre, the mayor had the opportunity to fly in an OPP helicopter and was stunned by the devastation the ice storm had wrought all over the region. For 12-and-a-half days North Dundas was under a state of emergency, and Cousineau said his government has learned much from the crisis.

He said North Dundas now has a secure emergency preparation plan in place which the municipality continues to update and improve with consultants on a regular basis. If another such ice storm hits the region, Cousineau said North Dundas would be ready to react.

Senior constable Al Lummiss of the Winchester OPP was working as media officer during the 1998 ice storm. He remembers OPP from around Ontario coming to the region for support and to conduct the door-to-door checks police made to assist people trapped indoors by the extreme weather.

He also remembers the unfortunate need for officers to investigate crimes such as stolen generators by people who took advantage of the crisis conditions. "It was a very stressful time for everyone," said Lummiss.

Numerous families stayed with relatives and neighbors where generators or wood stoves provided heat as there were 50,000 homes affected by blackouts across eastern Ontario.

South Dundas didn't escape the chaos, yet reflecting on the situation, mayor Johnny Whitteker said it could have been worse. Like Cousineau, Whitteker's first act of the new South Dundas Township council was to call a state of emergency.

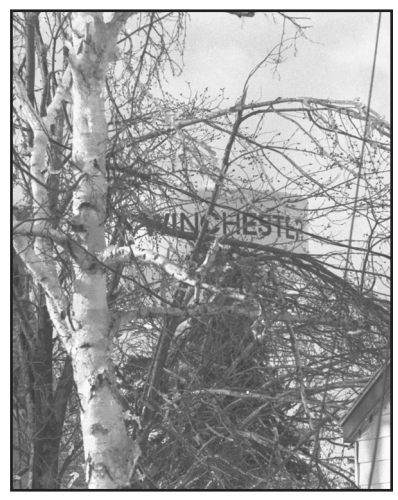
"There was a potential for disaster, and we were fortunate no one died," Whitteker said. "Many elderly people said they had lived without power before and wouldn't leave their homes. We were lucky there was little cold weather or snow during the blackout."

The South Dundas mayor also remembers the hardships for farmers who required big generators to milk their cows and feed their livestock. A farmer himself, Whitteker said he had to milk his cows by hand, something the animals weren't used to.

Whitteker admits South Dundas wasn't ready to respond to such an emergency and says communication between personnel was the difficulty.

"We had little or no communication with power down throughout the township. A lot of farmers were stranded."

The mayor said South Dundas would is better prepared if harsh weather strikes the region again. Unlike 1998, the township now has its own official emergency plan. Overall, Whitteker said, the entire crisis brought South Dundas together with endless displays of fellowship.



Shambles

Those who lived through the ice storm five years ago will recall waking up on Jan. 8 to find branches and even entire trees had collapsed around the village. Chainsaws and chippers were soon on site to begin clearing away the debris.

Farm update

Executive contemplates changing name of OCA

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A plan to change their name to Beef Farmers of Ontario was endorsed by the executive of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association (OCA) last month. When the Dundas Cattlemen's Association met in Winchester last Thursday (Jan. 9), members weren't impressed by the idea. Comments offered by the membership suggested the group is feeling railroaded by changes to the beef lobby at the provincial level.

OCA past president Dick van der Byl spoke to a small group of Dundas cattlemen, and explained the restructuring plan endorsed by the OCA executive.

Under the reorganization, the size of the OCA board will be reduced from 49 members representing the counties of Ontario to 12 members. The 49 county directors would be retained as an advisory council. This council would meet with the board two or three times annually to provide input on issues.

Another recommendation is that the Ontario Veal Association explores the possibility of petitioning the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission for independent status as a commodity organization.

The items in the OCA organizational review were complied by a consultant hired by the OCA and OMAF. Several small items besides the provincial body's name change irritated DCA members.

The OCA is contemplating a voluntary $100 three-year membership fee. This fee would be separate from the checkoff fees producers pay to the OCA every time they sell an animal.

DCA secretary Ron Wilson questioned the usefulness of a voluntary membership fee. "What's someone going to say?" he asked, "I think I haven't given you enough money through checkoff, so have another $100."

Van der Byl explained that although the membership fee is voluntary, it would be mandatory for a producer to have voting status within the organization. The words "blackmail" and "coercion" were mentioned around the room. DCA members also objected to the possibility of people not producing beef being able to purchase OCA membership.

Discussion of the Nutrient Management Act brought more bad news to beef producers. Van der Byl explained that consultations on regulations for the act will enter their third and final phase this spring.

It was commented that, at least on the surface, the meetings reviewing the legislation have been reasonably meaningful; however, beef producers are still concerned by the potential for huge capital costs being required by the act. Phase three of consultations will include the regulation of cattle access to water sources.

DCA member Alvin Runnalls asked how increased production costs in Ontario will affect competition with other provinces such as Alberta. OCA executive member Richard Kidd answered that there is no guarantee of equality. "It's going to be a checkerboard across Canada," he said.

The DCA was encouraged to take advantage of the new Quality Starts Here program. Organized by the OCA and OMAF, two on-farm food safety co-ordinators have been hired and will begin offering training workshops this winter to beef producers across Ontario. They will assist producers in the development of on-farm standard operating procedures, records and documentation.

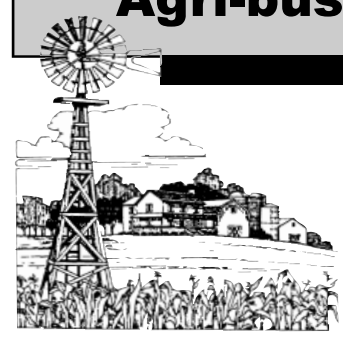
DCA elected its new executive for the year. Jim Shaw will continue as president. Bonna Oosterhof is vice-president. Treasurer is Nancy Woeldike. Ron Wilson is secretary. The OCA director is Jim Shaw, with delegates Henry Van Den Broek, Cora Van Dan Broek and Ron Wilson.



New executive

The Dundas Cattlemen's Association elected a new executive at its annual meeting in Winchester on Jan. 9. Jim Shaw (front left) is president. Nancy Woeldike is treasurer. Bonna Oosterhof (back left) is vice-president and Ron Wilson is secretary. Press Photo — Zabel

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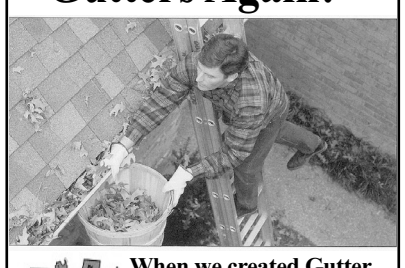
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7 pm Sharp — **FAMILY BINGO** in the Community Centre - Admission $1, refreshments available - Sponsored by the Morewood Firefighters

Friday, January 17

6-7:30 pm — **CHILDREN'S GAME NIGHT** at the Community Centre - Bring your games for family fun

7:30-10 pm — **PRE-TEEN DANCE** for kids Grade 8 and under - Admission $1, refreshments available

Saturday, January 18

9 am-12 noon — **PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** in the Community Centre - Children $2, Adults $3 - *Sponsored by the Morewood RA*

HOCKEY SCHEDULE - (FULL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED)

10-10:30 am — **Ages 5-8** - *Contact Steve Mattice, 448-2643*

10:45-11:30 am — **Ages 9-11** - *Contact Steve Mattice, 448-2643*

11:30 am-12:15 pm — **Ages 12-14** - *Contact Steve Mattice, 448-2643*

12:15-1 pm — **Ages 14 and up** - *Contact Steve Mattice, 448-2643*

1:30-4:30 pm — **OPEN ICE**

1:30 pm — **LOG SAWING COMPETITION** - Men's and Women's teams - *Contact Tom MacGregor, 448-3350*

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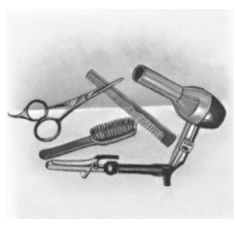
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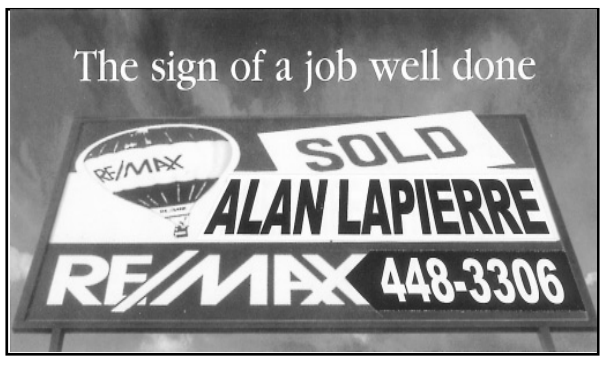
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Losing string stretches to six

Hawks need a miracle to make playoffs

WINCHESTER — Winchester's play-off hopes are disappearing faster than a snowman in April. Following another pointless weekend, the Hawks are now winless in 2003 and have extended their Rideau - St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League losing string to a season-high six games.

"Mathematically we are still in it (hunt for fourth and final playoff berth). Emotionally we are spent," offered a harried Hawks head coach Dave Corkery on Monday morning. "The players have to want it as individuals. They have to say I want to win. We, the coaching staff are very disappointed because we have felt all along we had the talent."

Friday night (Jan. 10) Corkery reported the Hawks team bus was involved in a traffic accident (no injuries) in Kemptville. After a four-hour stint on the bus the team faced off in Westport against the Rideaus at 9:30 pm. The home team blasted the road-weary Hawks 4-0 in the first period, but had to hold on for a 6-5 win.

"I give the guys credit for fighting back and making a game of it. We also had enough chances to win it. Trenholm (Darren) hit three goal posts himself," noted the coach.

Sunday afternoon the Hawks lost a 4-3 battle with the Rideau Division's South Grenville Rangers, who out-hustled and outshot their hosts 39-28 right on their own ice.

"There was no excuse for Sunday's loss. We skated in spurts and made too many mental errors. South Grenville wanted the win. They want to make the playoffs. We had no drive and just went through the motions. There was no killer instinct," said the coach.

What mystifies Corkery is the fact that after a team meeting last Wednesday (Jan. 15), the veterans decided they wanted to remain in Winchester and give making the playoffs 'a shot'. "Some had asked about being traded. And my phone rang off the hook up until the Friday deadline. Teams from all over the league wanted our top players. But we stuck together and decided not to make any changes. Now those players have to realize they have a chance of making the playoffs — but only if they win."

The Hawks made some subtle roster adjustments prior to the Jan. 10 deadline moving the injured Mike Santerre (his request) to Buckingham. They released Steve Rumeninski and Jon White (signed with the Smiths Falls Jr. "A" Bears). After using their final card on a Jr. "A" player for next year the Hawks learned they had miss reacquiring Dylan Graveley, who had been released by the Brockville Jr. "A" Braves and then picked up by the Akwesasne Wolves as a free agent.

BIG GAMES

Friday night (Jan. 17) the Morrisburg Lions (13-20-1-2) are in Winchester at 8:15 pm. Saturday (Jan. 18) the Hawks travel to Cornwall Island to tangle with the Akwesasne Wolves (15-13-3-1), the team they must catch to move on to the post season. Following those games the Hawks will have nine left in their regular season.

After falling behind 4-0 in the first 20 minutes of Friday's game in Westport, the Hawks closed the gap to 6-3 in the second but came up one short losing 6-5 to the Rideaus (19-13-1-2).

Gregg Griffith got the start, but was lifted after the fifth Westport goal. Mike Robillard allowed one goal. The Hawks out shot the Rideaus 44-40.

Trevor Helliker (PPG), Shawn Smail (PPG) and Matt Groulx netted Winchester's second-period goals. Darren Trenholm (PPG) and Dave Gallant cashed in the final frame. Nik Paas (2), Colin Bowie, Brad Casselman, Alain Michaud, Kevin Laverdiere Smail and Trenholm drew the assists. Dan King, James Thomas, Mike McKenna, Greg Kerr (PPG), Steve Biscaro (PPG) and Ryan Carty (PPG) replied for Westport.

Coach Corkery praised the efforts of Gregg Griffith in Sunday's 4-3 loss to South Grenville and reported the line of Brad Casselman, Alain Michaud and Chris Thompson was his top unit. But added overall the team looked flat.

Winchester led 1-0 after a period and it was even (2-2) after 40 minutes. The Rangers broke a 3-3 tie with 4:10 on the clock when Adam Lawrence blasted in his second of the game.

Chris Thompson (from Casselman and Michaud at 12:36 of first), Michaud (from Thompson at 7:12 of second) and Trenholm (PPG from Paas and Helliker at 6:06 of third) recorded the Winchester goals. Adam Lawrence (2), Drew Lawrence and Kevin Walsh scored for the Rangers. Former Hawks Jared Whelan and Liam Tyrell now skate for South Grenville.



South Grenville goaltender Devin Payne proved to be a real pain in the neck for the Winchester Hawks during Sunday's (Jan. 12) Rideau-St. Lawrence Jr. "B" Hockey League game. Payne held the host Hawks to three goals, as he and the Rangers registered a very important 4-3 victory. In the photo he turned aside Brad Casselman's attempt with Hawks' Robyn Sadler (#15) looking for a rebound.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Jets snap six-game losing string, win pair

METCALFE — A pair of weekend wins put the brakes on a six-game losing skid the Metcalfe Jets had been in and moved the Metro-Valley Junior "B" Hockey League team four points closer to vacating the Metro Division basement.

Adam Gebara cracked in a pair of goals, as the Jets knocked off the team they are chasing, the Clarence Creek Beavers 5-2 Friday night (Jan. 10) at the Larry Robinson Arena. Sunday afternoon (Jan. 12) in Ottawa, Stephane Boudreault was a two-goal shooter, as Metcalfe moved to within a game of the 500 mark (14-15-2-1) by beating the host Ottawa West Canadians 7-5, right in their own barn.

Their weekend's work moved Colin Zappia's squad to within three points of the fourth-place C.C. Beavers (33 pts.) and seven back of both the South Ottawa Canadians (18-11-0-2 = 38 pts.) and Buckingham (17-12-3-1 = 38 pts.). Ottawa West (23-10-0-1) tops the division with 47 points. Metcalfe has eight games left in the regular season including Friday night's (Jan. 17) home-ice encounter with the South Ottawa Canadians and Sunday's (Jan. 19) road game in Clarence Creek.

Veteran goaltender Charlie McTavish was in the Jets cage for both weekend wins allowing Clarence Creek just two goals, one in the first by Jaeme Gloyn and the other in the final frame by Chad Huffner — both shooters are former Metcalfe Jets.

Mike Cerilli (from Kyle Chabot and Dustin Sullivan at 17:22) and captain Tyler Kerfoot (from Steph Ethier and Steph Boudreault at 16:31) scored in the first period to put the Jets up 2-1 on the Beavers. Gebara (from Jason Vajda and Sullivan at 2:19) netted his first in period two. Gebara's second (from Marshall Merkley and Boudreault) opened up the final frame at 16:02. Sullivan finished it scoring from Vajda and Finney 5:50 before the buzzer.

Metcalfe drew eight and Clarence Creek seven minor penalties.

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Metcalfe jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on the first-place Ottawa West Golden Knights in Sunday's contest and held on for a 7-5 victory. It was just the 10th loss in 33 starts for the division leaders.

Jon Finney and Adam Gebara cracked in first-period shots to put the Jets up 2-0 after 20 minutes. Steph Boudreault and Andrew Decristaforo found the target in period two to make it 4-2, Metcalfe. Vajda, Boudreault and Tyler Kerfoot provided the third-period markers. Boudreault's unassisted shot 8:26 before the final buzzer proved to be the winner.

Marshall Merkley (3), Boudreault (2), Brett Carriere, Mike Cerilli, finney, Gebara and Kerfoot all collected assists.

J.D. Jacobs (2), Ryan Velcich, Steve MacMillan and Sammy Majic counted the Knights goals. Matt McEvoy was in the nets. The Knights drew five and the Jets nine penalties.



Zone champs

Phillip Klein-Swormink has skipped a Winchester rink to three victories and the 2003 Mixed Bantam Zone "A" side championship. Winchester defeated an Ottawa Curling Club team, Shane Latimer's Winchester team and the Maulding foursome from Navan in a playdown hosted by the Russell Curling Club on Jan. 4-5. Winchester will represent their zone in the Regionals in Kingston this weekend (Jan. 18-19). Zone champs: Second Andrew Dings (left), skip Phillip Klein-Swormink, lead Kelsey Erwin and vice Liz DeSerres. Press Photo — Van Bridger

Seniors drop first game, CCVS dominates 70-48

CORNWALL — In their first four SD&G boys high school basketball games the North Dundas "AA" Senior Devils dominated their opponents while cruising to a 4-0 record. In their first outing in 2003 the Devils were forced to squeeze the shoe on the other foot as the undefeated "AAAA" CCVS Golden Raiders trimmed them 70-48.

The first league loss for Deanna Corbett-White's squad dropped them to 4-1. Over that span North Dundas has still outscored the opposition 333-208. In their first four encounters the Devils held a 285-130 margin in points.

Craig Adams drained a game-high 21 points in the 70-48 loss to CCVS while the winners received 13-point efforts from both Mike Rasenberg and Mike Creig. Mike Lalonde put down a dozen.

The same afternoon (Jan. 8) the North Dundas Junior Devils absorbed their second loss to go to 3-2. The General Vanier Junior Vikings posted a 41-34 decision over Peter Onstein's Devils.

This week (Jan. 14) the Devils closed out their January schedule hosting the Char-Lan Crusaders. The regular season finishes up in February with the Devils travelling to Cornwall to meet the St. Joe's Panthers on Feb. 6 and hosting the Seaway Spartans on Feb. 11. The SD&G championship will be decided on Feb. 21.

Levere, Merklinger rink win trip to Switzerland

WINCHESTER — Winchester's Leslie Levere, a first-year student at Ottawa University, will be curling in Switzerland next month. Levere, vice on the team, will join skip Lee Merklinger, second stone Lisa Weagle and lead Breanne Merklinger on an 11-day trip to Switzerland in February.

The Merklinger foursome, members of the Winchester Curling Club for the last three years where they hold numerous training sessions, won the excursion topping a 24-team field in the Toronto Curling Association Junior Bonspiel.

Merklinger was curling in the junior competition for the fourth time as a representative of the Granite Curling Club in Ottawa. They won their pool and advanced to the semi-finals against 2002 provincial champion Julie Reddick of Oakville. Merklinger maintained control throughout the 10 ends and were up two coming home and ran Reddick out of rocks. That win put the Granite team into the final against a Swiss rink. They needed an extra end to gain the win and claim the trip.

While in Switzerland the Merklinger foursome will play eight games, including a Swiss junior women's bonspiel.



Vice Leslie Levere (second left) of Winchester and her Granite Curling Club teammates, skip Lee Merklinger (left), second Lisa Weagle and lead Breanne Merklinger, won a curling excursion to Switzerland by capturing top prize in the Toronto Curling Association Junior Bonspiel. The team will curl eight games in Switzerland in February. Coach Bruce Merklinger (back) has been working with the team for four years.

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week (Jan. 7-12) Levere and her mates were competing in the Ontario Junior Men's and Ladies Playdowns at the Brant Curling Club in Brantford. The winner of this competition will represent the province in the Canadian Juniors being held in Ottawa in February.

There was a field of eight contenders and Merklinger had her team in second place and sporting a 5-2 record after the round robin.

In the semi-final Merklinger and her Granite rink faced three-time junior provincial champion Julie Reddick of Oakville for the second time. Merklinger took a 1-0 lead in the second, Reddick tied it in the fourth but fell behind 3-1 after six and 5-2 after eight. Oakville closed the gap to 5-4 taking a deuce in the ninth but dropped a 6-4 decision when Merklinger stole one in the 10th end.

Stephanie Gray's Palmerston rink went 7-0 in round-robin play and went on to nip Merklinger 7-6 in the championship game, which was tied 3-3 after five ends and 6-6 after eight ends. The ninth was blanked and Gray clinched the Ontario title with one in the 10th.

Merklinger and Gray have met several times in the past with Merklinger beating them in an extra end to win the 1999 Bantam Provincials. The following year Gray took the extra end to become the 2000 Bantam champion.

While curling with Merklinger at the junior level, Levere has been part of a bronze medal effort in 2001, a fourth place finish in 2002 and this year's silver medal performance.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Jr. "B" Hockey League Rideau - St. Lawrence

RECENT RESULTS:

Jan. 8: Brockville 6 - Alexandria 3
Gananoque 6 - Kemptville 1
Jan. 9: Akwesasne 8 - South Grenville 5
Jan. 10: Westport 6 - Winchester 5
Alexandria 6 - Athens 3
Gananoque 7 - Morrisburg 5
Jan. 11: Westport 2 - Char-Lan 1 OT
Alexandria 2 - S. Grenville 2 OT
Jan. 12: South Grenville 4 - Winchester 3
Kemptville 3 - Brockville 2
Char-Lan 6 - Athens 3
Gananoque 11 - Akwesasne 6

Note: Teams losing in OT earn a point.

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Brockville	23	5	4	191	117	51
Gananoque	22	11	3	207	173	47
Westport	19	13	1	149	136	41
S. Grenville	17	15	2	130	152	37
Athens	15	15	3	183	176	36
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Alexandria	19	10	3	159	135	43
Kemptville	17	10	4	168	156	42
Char-Lan	19	14	2	169	144	41
Akwesasne	15	13	3	147	152	34
Morrisburg	13	20	1	165	193	29
Winchester	10	19	3	118	148	25

Top Scorers (Inc. Jan. 11):	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
Chris McCann, Athens	43	53	96
J.B. Ryan, Bro.	27	41	68
Casey Reilly, Bro.	32	35	67
Greg Kerr, West.	24	39	63
Ryan Carty, West.	27	33	60
Tom Dickson, Gan.	22	27	49
Chris Lowe, Athens	18	29	47
Tom Riley, Athens	17	28	45
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Adam Sprik, Kempt.	38	32	70
Pat Johnson, Char.	20	42	62
Steve Jarvo, Char.	30	30	60
Charlie Froment, Morris.	32	27	59
Wayne Garlough, Morris.	24	32	56
Andrew Miller, Kempt.	15	38	53
Darren Trenholm, Win.	28	23	51
Derek Duval, Char.	17	32	49
Shawn Smail, Win.	15	31	46

Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS:

Goulbourn 7 - South Ottawa 5
Ottawa West 6 - Buckingham 3
Buckingham 9 - South Ottawa 0
Metcalfe Jets 5 - Clarence Creek 2
Metcalfe Jets 5 - Ottawa West 5
Ottawa West 4 - Clarence Creek 1

Teams losing in OT receive one point

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	23	10	0	140	94	47
South Ottawa	18	11	0	154	123	38
Buckingham	17	12	3	156	140	38
Clarence Creek	15	14	2	124	123	33
Metcalfe Jets	14	15	2	128	131	31

Metro Top Scorers:	G	A	PTS
Bryan Rueckwald, SO	43	37	80
Ryan Velcich, OW	32	29	61
Luc Nault, SO	19	38	57
Eric Lavoie, Buck.	25	27	52
Kevin Sousa, Buck.	21	27	48
Eric Lanthier, Buck.	11	34	45
Pat Brisbois, SO	24	20	44

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Jan. 7: (Week 13):
Winchester Flyers 5 - C.K. Cyclones 2
Boyd Rams 1 - Ben's Rangers 0 (default)

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ben's Rangers	8	2	3	59	41	19
Winchester Flyers	7	4	2	97	55	16
Boyd Rams	4	6	3	54	89	11
C.K. Cyclones	2	9	2	52	77	6

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Dereck Holmes, Flyers	26	14	40
Chris Van Bridger, Flyers	19	20	39
Gary McInnis, Flyers	12	23	35
Brad Quaile, Flyers	15	14	29
Mark Guy, Rangers	14	8	22
Chad Brownlee, Flyers	15	6	21
Wes Cory, Rams	14	7	21
Derek Byrd, Rams	9	12	21
Josh McLean, Rangers	9	11	20
Kevin Williams, Cyclones	8	11	19

Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks 2002-2003 Team Scoring

(after 34 games)

NO.	PLAYER	G	A	PTS.
10	Darren Trenholm	29	23	52
18	Shawn Smail	15	31	46
19	Nik Paas	15	11	26
9	Brad Casselman	11	12	23
8	Colin Bowie	5	17	22
22	Trevor Helliker	7	13	20
11	Alain Michaud	8	6	14
15	Robyn Sadler	7	7	14
4	Travis Rowe	1	10	11
23	Andrei Katchmar*	3	7	10
17	Stefan Gravelle	2	7	9
5	Bill Henderson	0	8	8
16	Nick Sylvestri	0	8	8
25	Steve Rumeninski*	1	6	7
24	Kevin Laverdiere	0	7	7
23	Mike Santerre*	4	2	6
21	Chris Thompson	2	4	6
7	Matt Giroux	2	3	5
20	Trent McBain*	1	3	4
6	Derek Vingerhoeds	2	1	3
14	Dave Gallant	1	1	2
12	Jon White*	0	1	1
AP	Ben Collins	0	1	1
AP	Ben Baker	0	0	0
AP	Travis Armstrong	0	0	0
AP	Travis Leach	0	0	0
AP	Devon Kelly	0	0	0
AP	Mitch Scott	0	0	0

Goaltenders

30 Gregg Griffith 87 GA, 9 wins, 387 GAA
31 Mike Robillard 10 GA, 0 wins, 4.50 GAA
AP Craig Moran
Josselin St. Pierre* 33 GA, 1 win, 4.83 GAA
*No longer with team

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Jan. 12 (Week 13)
Ryan's Reds 3 - Double Beauty 2
CountryGirl 3 - Stewart Classics 3
Andy's Foodland 2 - Annable's Blues 0

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ryan's Reds	11	1	1	44	10	23
Double Beauty	9	3	1	38	24	19
Andy's Foodland	5	6	2	23	20	12
Stewart Classics	3	7	3	23	40	9
CountryGirl	2	7	4	17	38	8
Annable's Blues	3	9	1	20	33	7

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Sandy Roy, RR	13	9	22
Jen Manley, RR	2	16	18
Maggie Stewart, DB	12	5	17
Amy Fraser, DB	9	4	13
Kathy Kerr-Moore, DB	5	8	13
Julie Cyr, RR	4	7	11
Shannon Vidal, DB	3	8	11
Diane Downey, CG	5	5	10
Catie Clapp, CG	7	2	9
Kelly Cummins, RR	6	3	9
Susan Marsden-Whelan, AF	4	5	9

Metcalfe Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Jan. 12: Wallace Bruins 6 - Sentinel Blues 2
Johnston Pens. 7 - McVey Leafs 2
Hicks Wings 4 - Cont. Stars 0

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Hicks Wings	10	4	3	68	32	23
Wallace Bruins	8	6	3	54	46	19
Johnston Pens	8	6	3	53	46	19
McVey Leafs	6	8	3	51	67	15
Sentinel Blues	7	10	0	52	71	14
Cont. Stars	5	10	2	44	60	12

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Brian Downey, Bruins	11	17	28
Dave Boyd, Wings	14	9	23
Steve Corlyon, Blues	8	15	23
Dale Poirier, Pens.	11	11	22
Bob Kemp, Wings	12	9	21
Darryl Warren,Leafs	9	12	21
Steve Wade, Wings	9	12	21
Tyrone Franey, Bruins	10	9	19
Pete Holmes, Stars	10	9	19
Dave Sheldrick, Blues	7	11	18
Dave Warren, Leafs	6	10	16

Osgoode Hockey League

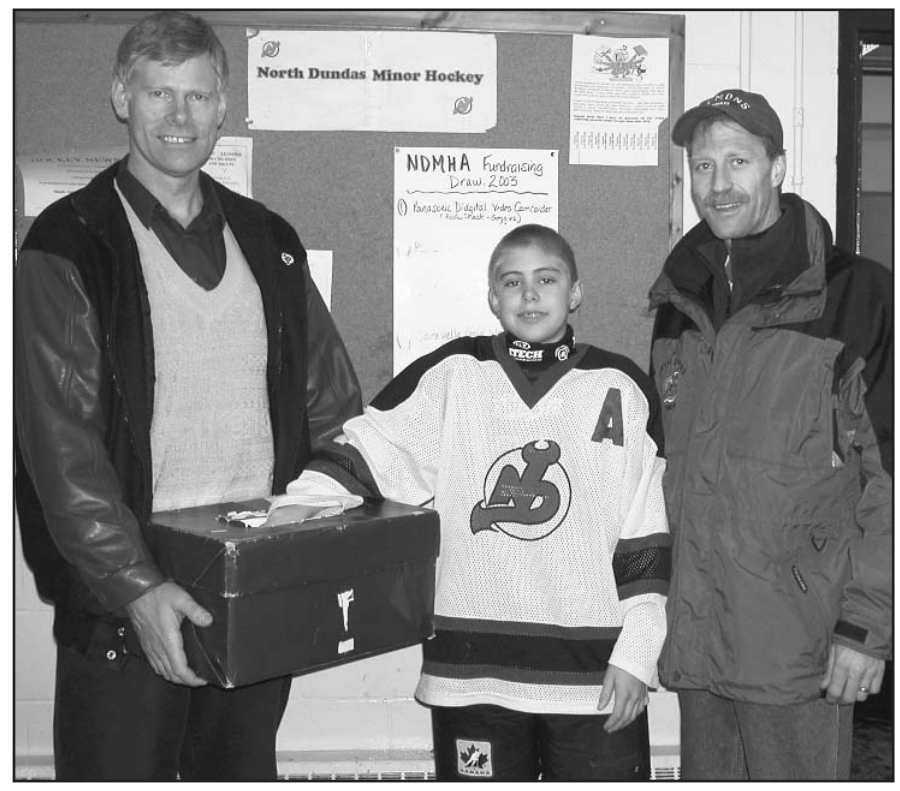
RECENT RESULTS:

Scores not available.

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Outlaws	9	1	5	80	63	23
Chiefs	7	2	4	57	44	18
Blackhawks	6	6	3	66	55	15
Snipers	3	6	5	59	61	11
Stingers	1	9	3	33	64	5

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Not accurate due to incomplete gamesheets			
Ryan Couch, BH	14	14	28
Jeff Ricci, Snipers	11	17	28
Brian Downey, Out.	11	14	25
Mark Patterson, Out.	10	11	21
Andy Brian, BH	10	10	20
Bruce Buckland, Chiefs	9	11	20
Kevin Collins, Met.	11	8	19
Dale Poirier, Out.	8	11	19
Rob Melenhorst, Out.	8	11	19
Bob Kemp, Out.	10	7	17



Draw made

The North Dundas Minor Hockey Association conducted its fundraising draw on Fri., Jan. 10 at the Winchester Arena. President Gerald Beuman (left), Pee Wee "B" captain Jordan Barkley and vice-president Dwayne Fawcett officiated. Rejeanne Baldwin claimed the first prize - Panansonic digital video camcorder, M. McSheffery the second - Playstation 2, John and Kristi Dick of Peterborough were the third-prize winners - four Senators' tickets. Peter VanGurp won a Caravelle gold watch - fourth prize and Brian Koekkoek a $200 meat voucher - fifth prize. Press Photo — Van Bridger

Flyers gain ground on Rangers

WINCHESTER — Ben's Gas Bar Rangers didn't have a goaltender for their Winchester Town Hockey League game with the Boyd Rams and that lack of recruiting cost them two points in the standings.

The Rangers (8-2-3) forfeited the Jan. 7 game to the number-three ranked Rams (4-6-2) while the second-place Winchester Flyers (7-4-2) gained two by beating the 2-9-2 Country Kitchen Cyclones 5-2 in the late half of the Tuesday night twin bill. The Rangers top the standings with 19 points, three up on the Flyers (16). The Rams have 11 and the Cyclones six points.

Chris Van Bridger and Craig Holmes each potted a pair of goals helping the Flyers to their seventh win of the season.

Brad Quaile put the Flyers into a 1-0 lead, connecting on a feed from Van Bridger and Gary McInnis at 17:35 of the opening half. Tylor Copeland put the Cyclones on equal footing when he put an Al Christophersen relay into the mesh at 11:09. Van Bridger's first of two and 18th of the year resulted from a play formulated by Chad Brownlee and McInnis 4:21 before the intermission.

Two minutes into the second half, Van Bridger netted his 19th after taking a pass provided by McInnis and Craig Holmes. Holmes increased the Flyers lead to 4-1 when he scored on an unassisted effort at 20:08.

Copeland tallied his second of the game after receiving a pass from Christophersen and Hugh Thompson at 14:02 and sliced the Cyclones' deficit to 4-2 but the Flyers made it a 5-2 final when Holmes converted a Doug Rigby clearing pass into his second of the night 2:35 before the final buzzer.

Hicks Wings blank Stars for 10th victory

METCALFE — Mike Preston was unbeatable in the Hicks Insurance nets as the first-place Red Wings whitewashed the sixth-place Continental Mushroom Stars 4-0 for their 10th win in 17 Metcalfe Town Hockey League games.

Sunday's (Jan. 12) victory improved the Red Wings' first-place record to 10-4-3 (23 pts.) and left them four points ahead of both the Wallace Service Centre Bruins (8-6-3) and the Allan Johnston Sales Penguins (8-6-3) who have collected 19 points each.

Tony Boulay (2), Derek Burleigh and Steve Porteous were the Hicks goal getters. Steve Wade (2), Bob Kemp, Kevin McIssac, Shane Patterson, Boulay, Burleigh and Porteous picked up assists. It was 2-0 at the half.

Brian Downey collected five points (3-2-5), leading the Wallace Bruins to a 6-2 decision over the Sentinel Prop Management Blues (7-10-0). Downey's two goals gave the Bruins a 2-1 lead at the half. Scott Broadhurst tied it up for the Blues at 20:46 of the second half but Pete Goulet cracked in back-to-back shots at 19:41 and 14:54 to push the Bruins into a 4-2 lead.

Downey (2), Goulet (2), Tyrone Franey and Jeff Hope netted the Bruins' goals. Greg McLaren (3), Downey (3), Ron Casselman (2), Vince Seguin and Goulet picked up the assists. Bill Jamieson worked the nets. Broadhurst and Dave Sheldrick replied for the Blues. Assists went to Humberto Meidieros (2), Steve Corlyon and Sheldrick.

Dale Poirier provided the offensive power, leading the Johnston Penguins to a 7-2 verdict over the McVey Brothers Insurance Leafs. Poirier bagged three goals and earned an assist as the Pens claimed win number eight.

Rick Downey, Jim Kerfoot and Dave Vandergt popped in the other pucks. Vandergt (3), Kerfoot (2), Steve Quinn, Downey and Poirier collected assists. Wayne Widenmaier posted the win. Todd Wallace and Darryl Warren were the Leafs' marksmen. Brian Johnston, Joe Scott and Darryl Warren were the set-up men.

Havekes nets deciding goal

MORRISBURG — Matthew Havekes came up with the game-winning goal as the North Dundas Demons doubled the host Morrisburg Lions 2-1.

The Upper Canada Minor Hockey Pee Wee House League game was played in Morrisburg on Sun., Jan. 12.

Morrisburg grabbed a 1-0 lead at 9:02 of the first period when Brian Theoret took a feed from Joe Streit and Matt Hanson and fired into Todd Lynch's net. That was the only shot Lynch didn't stop.

North Dundas knotted the count at one with 6:35 left in the frame. Josh Byvelds made it 1-1 using a pass provided by Toni Labossiere. Period two was scoreless setting the stage for Matthew Havekes to break up the 1-1 tie. Nathan Crump and Trever Havekes assisted on the game-winning goal with 7:09 left on the clock.

North Dundas picked up one minor penalty and the Lions were whistled for two infractions.

Borutski, Wyman collect hat tricks in Tween victory

OTTAWA — Alex Borutski and Kristin Wyman helped the Metcalfe Tween "C" Hornets open the 2003 portion of their National Captial Region Ringette League season on a positive note.

Borutski and Wyman each fashioned hat tricks in the Hornets' Jan. 5 10-2 victory over Ottawa. Lisa Sullivan, Allison Ritchie, Christine Brown and Caitlin Brown supplied the single goals. Wyman added three assists to her three goals. Katherine Heatherington (2), Robin Van Schie, Grace Valentine, Borutski, Danielle Somers and Ashley Kelly all collected assists. Goalie Brooke Phillips blocked 15 of the 17 shots fired at her.

The Petite "C1" Hornets opened the new year on Jan. 8, dropping a 3-1 decision to Ottawa on home ice in Metcalfe. The Hornets were down 1-0 after the first half but evened things up early in the second when Jessica Morrow took a pass from Jessica Pushka and Emilie Brenning and tied it up. Ottawa fired 35 shots on Metcalfe goalie Brianna Sullivan and finally left town with a 3-1 victory.

Hornets collect NCRRL victories

METCALFE — Jamie Sheridan netted five goals and led the Metcalfe Novice "C2" Hornets to a 9-4 National Capital Region Ringette League victory over the home town Nepean Ravens on Jan. 5.

In addition to Sheridan's five goals the winners received three from Patrick Sullivan and a single from Heather Mackenzie. Meghan Mackenzie (3), Patrick Sullivan (2), Micheala Wichers, Jamie Sheridan and Kate Adamson collected the assists. Caitlyn Roberts tended the nets and posted the victory.

Metcalfe's Petite "C1" Hornets wrapped up the first half of their season on Dec. 30 taming the West Carleton/Kanata Tigers 9-2.

Kelly Ross and Lauren Brown emerged as the team's scoring stars netting three goals each. Kelsey Nyentap, Jessica Morrow and Jessica Pushka snapped in the single shots. Picking up assists were: Nyentap (2), Pushka (2), Morrow (2), Katrina Leach, Brianna Bekkers, Ross and Brown.

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Novice 'C' No. Two Demons dominate Embrun competition

EMBRUN — It was strictly no contest as the North Dundas No. Two Demons crushed the rest of the field in the 2002 Embrun Minor Hockey Novice "C" Tournament.

In three encounters it was all Demons as they demolished Casselman 6-0, Embrun 10-0 and Casselman No. Two 8-0 on their way to the competition's "A" division championship.

Goaltender Spencer Corkery registered three consecutive shutouts in the Dec. 29 competition while his mates outscored the opposition 24-0. North Dundas' offence was led by Ryan Byers who cracked in eight goals and drew three assists. Jordan Cooper was the number two shooter, collecting eight points on seven goals and one assist. Joshua Freake scored five times and added one assist for six points.

Period one of game one against Casselman was scoreless but North Dundas took over in the second taking a 2-0 lead on goals by Jordan Cooper (from Ryan Byers and Garrett Milne at 2:15) and Ryan Byers (from Breanna Peters at 1:42). The Demons pumped in four more pucks in the third stanza to secure a 6-0 win. Byers (from Joshua Freak and Colton Stitt at 8:02), Cooper (unassisted at 7:00), Paul Gibson (from Cooper at 6:08) and Freake (from Peters at 5:36) netted the final four shots.

It was more of the same in the "A" semi-final round as the Demons blasted the Embrun Panthers 10-0. Ryan Byers paced the offence, scoring four and setting up one goal. Jordan Cooper bagged three goals and Joshua Freake potted a pair. William Burgess snapped in the single. Breanna Peters and Dan McSheffery earned assists. North Dundas led 2-0 after a period and 8-0 after two.

A 5-0 first-period converted into an 8-0 victory over Casselman No. Two in the "A" final. Unassisted goals by Joshua Freake, Ryan Byers, Paul Gibson, Dan McSheffery and Jordan Cooper opened up that early lead. Colton Stitt connected in the second. Freake and Cooper completed the picture adding third-period goals. Peters, Byers and Gibson each earned an assist.

North Dundas played one penalty-free game and drew three minor penalties in the other two matches.



The North Dundas No. Two Novice "C" Demons proudly displayed the Embrun Tournament championship banner they captured on Dec. 29. Front (left): Daniel McSheffery, Paul Gibson, Josh Freake, Ryan Byers, Craig Christophersen, Alex Porteous. Middle (left): Breanna Peters, Garrett Milne, William Burgess, Spencer Corkery, Colton Stitt, Tabitha Thompson, Kayne Williams. Back (left): Al Christophersen - trainer, Kevin Byers - coach, Jeff Taylor - ass't coach. Missing: Shaun Buma, Jordan Cooper.
Courtesy photo

Demons 'B' finalists in Athens tournament

ATHENS — A 3-1 semi-final victory over the Morrisburg Lions qualified the North Dundas Atom "C" Demons for the "B" championship in the 2003 South Grenville Minor Hockey Tournament in Cardinal.

Unfortunately for the Demons, they ran into a powerful Cobden/Muskrat Voyageurs in that game on Jan. 4 and suffered an 8-1 defeat. Paul Erickson netted the lone Demons' goal, scoring from affiliate player Greg Collins with 5:26 left in the game. The Voyageurs led 3-0 after a period and 6-0 after two.

Symington Cameron scored with 3:34 left in the game as the host South Grenville Rangers edged the Demons 2-1 in the opening round. Paul Erickson was the lone scorer, netting North Dundas' goal on a play started by Collins at 9:19 of the second. The shot gave the Demons a 1-0 lead.

North Dundas bounced back from that one-goal loss by eliminating the Morrisburg Lions 3-1 in the "B' semi-final. Goaltenders Sheehan Jordan and Thomas Giles shared the win.

Brandon Oosterhof (from Alex Hendsbee at 2:25) scored in the first period. Greg Lynch (from Oosterhof at 5:20) connected in the second session while Martin Touchette (from Collins at 2:34) cashed in the third-period goal.

Prior to the South Grenville tournament the Demons played in both the NGS (Maxville) and Athens competitions.

Greg Lynch (from Oosterof) counted the lone Demons' goal on Dec. 14 as North Dundas opened the NGS tournament with a heart-breaking 1-0 decision to the NGS Braves. Another one-goal setback knocked North Dundas out of the event as the Athens Aeros posted a 3-2 victory. The Aeros cracked in all three of their goals in the first period and held on for the win. Martin Touchette and Alex Hendsbee scored the Demons' goals. Greg Lynch and Mackenzie McMillan picked up the assists.

North Dundas closed out 2002 by skating in the Athens tournament on Dec. 27. The Muskrat Voyageurs whitewashed the Demons 8-0 in game one and the NGS Braves eliminated them with a 4-2 verdict in the "B" semi-finals.

Greg Lynch cracked in both goals after taking passes sent his way by Oosterhof. The game was tied 1-1 after a period and the Braves led 3-2 after two.

LEAGUE PLAY

Sheehan Jordan and Thomas Giles shared the shutout as North Dundas and Morrisburg battled to a scoreless tie in an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game on Dec. 22. Simon Thomas registered the Lions shutout.

The same two teams met again in Morrisburg on Jan. 5 and the Lions' claimed the rematch downing the Demons 5-2. Alex Hendsbee and Paul Erickson cashed in the North Dundas markers.

Atom 'B' Demons split shut-outs

MORRISBURG — Adam Tindal counted four of the Lions' six goals as Morrisburg blanked the visiting North Dundas Atom "B" Demons 5-0 in an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game played on Jan. 4.

Tindal fired in a pair of first-period goals before opening the second period by cranking in shots 11 seconds apart to make it 4-0 for the Lions. Jordan McCaslin supplied the fifth and final goal before period two was over. The final frame was scoreless. Eric Heldens (3), Nicholas Tupper (3) and Kyle Saunders drew assists and Kyle Gallinger posted Morrisburg's shutout.

The next day (Jan. 5) the Demons were on Cornwall Island to visit the Potsdam Moose and on this occasion were on the other end of the shutout, skating to a 2-0 victory.

Coady Findlay cashed in a pass provided by Josh Stubbings and Dylan Fawcett for what would prove to be the winning goal with 4:30 left in period one. Stubbings made it 2-0 completing a play engineered by Derek Simms at 5:41 of period two. Kyle Greer registered the goose egg.

North Dundas took one and Potsdam two minor penalties.

Rombough goal hands Reds 3-2 over Stylists

WINCHESTER — Christina Rombough converted a pass provided by Sandy Roy and Jackie Boulanger into the game-winning goal as the first-place Ryan's Restaurant Reds nipped their closest competition, the Double Beauty Stylists, 3-2.

Rombough's marker came with 2:15 left in Sunday's (Jan. 12) Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League game and gave the Reds a 3-2 victory over the Double Beauty squad. The decision put the Reds (11-1-1) solidly in first place with 23 points, four better than the number-two ranked Stylists (9-3-1).

Kelly Cummins and Sandy Roy potted the other Reds' goals. Julie Cyr (2), Jackie Boulanger, Jen Manley and Roy picked up assists. Barb Wigney registered her 11th win.

Maggie Stewart snapped in her 11th and 12th goals to take care of the Stylists' scoring. Anita Gilmer, Kathy Kerr-Moore and Cheryle Shurtliffe earned assists and Louise Lapointe worked the nets.

The CountryGirl Shop Gold Diggers (2-7-4) and the Stewart Classics (3-7-3) battled to a 3-3 draw in the 8 am game. Silvia Speck, Jane Hendrikx, Jada McNaughton and Suki Beavers collected points for the Classics. Kathy Vandemheen, Meghan Horsman and Jane Sachs cracked in the Digger tallies. Janice Casselman, Marilyn Collins, Vicki Tetley and Gail Smith-Rutley drew assists. Sharon MacDonald (Diggers) and Roxanne Backes were the opposing goalies.

BUTER PERFECT

Kelly Buter posted her fourth shutout of the season, backing Andy's Foodland Maroons (5-6-2) in a 2-0 victory over the Annable's Jewellery Blues (3-9-1).

Tracey Morrow and Diane Downey fired in the goals while Susan Marsden-Whelan, Carrie Gilmour and Downey set up the plays.

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McKEOWN – In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandma, Muriel, who passed away January 20, 2001.
We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
In each passing day,
Missing you is the heartache,
That never goes away.
– Remembered with love
– Harold and Pat, Bill and Norma and family
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SALTER – In loving memory of our dear dad and grandpa, Franklin, who passed away January 17, 2000.
God took him home, it was His will,
But in our hearts we love him still.
His memory is as dear today,
As in the hour he passed away.
We often sit and think of him,
When we are all alone,
For memory is the only friend,
That grief can call its own.
– Sadly missed
– Dianne, Hugh, and family
43c

MELDRUM – In loving memory of a dear aunt and sister-in-law, Joy Eileen who passed away January 16, 2002.
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But in our hearts, you are always there.
To hear your voice and see your smile,
To sit with you and talk awhile,
To be together in the same old way,
Would be our greatest wish to-day.
– Miss you
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MELDRUM – For a dear sister.
One year has passed since that day I held your hand
When you were called into eternity
That bright and better land.
You were the first of eight siblings to be taken and I miss you, Joy.
Until we're all together again the circle on earth has been broken.
Oh how patient in thy suffering,
When no hand could grant thee ease.
God the helper of the helpless,
Saw thy pain dear sister and gave thee peace.
– We love and miss you
– Marlene, Butch, Frazer and Cassey
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HUTT – In loving memory of our dear father, Ken, who passed away on January 21, 1995.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.
– Keith, Sheila and Betty
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PALMER – In memory of my parents and brothers, Walter, Evelyn, Lloyd and Carl.
– Forever remembered, Audrey
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MELDRUM – Joy Eileen. In loving memory of a special sister and friend who passed away January 16, 2002.
Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.
The gates of memory will never close,
We miss you more than anyone knows.
With tender love and deep regret,
We who love you will never forget.
– Sadly missed by
– Wayne and Jennie Fern
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DILLABOUGH – In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Betty, who passed away January 19, 2001.
We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain.
To walk with us throughout our lives,
In each passing day.
Missing you is the heartache,
Thank never goes away.
– Forever loved and remembered
– Ralph, Janice, Steven and families
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SALTER – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Franklin who passed away January 17, 2000.
Remembrance is a golden chain
Death tries to break but all in vain;
To have, to love, and then to part
Is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.
Time may wipe out many things,
But this they wipe out never.
The memory of those happy days
When we were all together.
– Verna and family
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In Memoriam

CRAIG – In loving memory of Elwood, who passed away January 15, 1992.
Forever in our hearts
– Ida, Barb, Chris and Justin
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IMRIE – In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Gladys, who passed away January 15, 1999.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it everyday.
Missing you is the heartache,
That never goes away.
– Sadly missed by George (Jud) and family
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MELDRUM – In loving memory of a dear sister Joy, who went to be with Jesus, January 16, 2002.
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EUCHRE
Thurs., Jan. 23 at 8 pm. in the Lions Hall, Winchester. Sponsored by Golden Years Society. Prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome.
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AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND DANCE
At the Chesterville Legion, Fri., Jan 24, starting at 7 pm. **Entertainers:** Best Of Friends Trio, Nation Valley Blue Grass, Roma McMillan & Mostly Bows, This Old Heart & Country Comrades. $9 advance ticket or $10 at door. Call 774-6109 for tickets.
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Fri., Jan. 17, Grade K-Grade 5 from 6-8 pm; Grade 5-8 from 8-10 pm. Admission $3. Snacks available. Parent supervision.
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Mountain Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club Sat., Jan. 25. To register or for more information, call Dave, 989-2053 or e-mail: mtbdvrtrng@aol.com
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ANNUAL MEETING
Metcalfe Agricultural Society will be holding its annual meeting at the **Metcalfe Community Centre, Ray Wilson Hall,** on Sat., Jan. 25 at 1:30 pm. All directors and members are invited to attend. Please note change of location from previous years.
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Thanks to Chesterville Funeral Home, Father John Gillis for his comforting words, and everyone who participated in the Mass. Thank you to St. Mary's helping hands for the lovely lunch. We are comforted in knowing that the prayers and love of others are with us.

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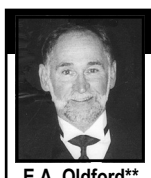
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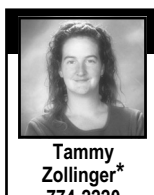


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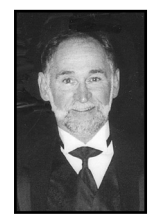
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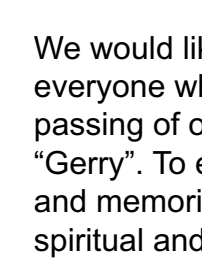
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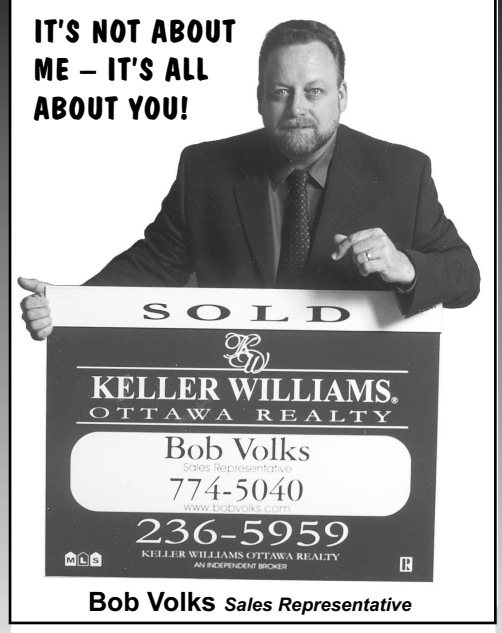
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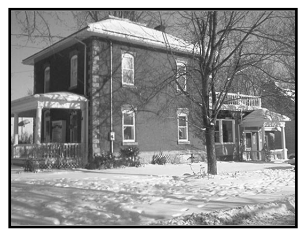
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BELL CANADA CUP

Jets win prestigious award

by David Kemp

OTTAWA — An exciting 2-0 victory capped a successful Ottawa International Hockey Festival for the Metcalfe/Russell Minor Atom Jets. The victory over the Kanata Blazers made the Jets the only Ottawa-area team to capture a division title in the 2003 Bell Canada Cup.

The championship game, played on Corel Centre ice on Jan. 6 was an exciting match in which the boys were pitted against the powerful Kanata Blazers. Unfazed by the spectacular location, the players came out flying and had numerous great scoring chances over the first two periods although the game remained scoreless. Many Kanata offensive rushes were stopped short by the strong play of the defencemen and the backchecking forwards. When the opposition did get through, goaltenders Martin Baillargeon and Justin Haddad were solid between the pipes.

The scoreless tie was finally broken in the third period when Scott Turner bulged the twine with a hard shot from the right side. The shot inspired the troops and the hard work paid off when Mason Nowak scored the insurance goal on a nice pass from Scott Fleming. As the horn sounded to end the game the players swarmed their goalie and the celebration began. Nowak was awarded the game's first star and centre Connor McLaren received the second star award for his strong play during the game. The team finished the on-ice celebration with a victory lap around the ice with their well-deserved trophy.

The team played extremely well throughout the tournament winning all six games they played. During the round-robin portion of the event they defeated Brampton, Canterbury Gold and Sudbury. In the quarter-final game they won a nail-biter 1-0 against the Goulbourn Rams before defeating Woodstock 5-2 in a hard-hitting semi-final match.



The Russell/Metcalfe Minor Atom "A" Jets were the only local team to win a division championship in the prestigous 2003 Bell Canada Cup. Front Row (L to R): Martin Baillargeon, Jamie Quinn, Ryan Kemp, Daniel Vedder, Jesse Brown, Justin Haddad. Middle Row: Scott Fleming, Kibby Pollak, Connor McLaren, Scott Turner, Jesse Ross, Doug Harvey, Dustin Wichers, Connor McGrath, Mason Nowak, Cameron Bakker. Back Row: Jeff Dewan, David Kemp, Jim Quinn, Mike Nowak.

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Metcalfe Bantam Jets strike silver in 'A' tournament

METCALFE —Metcalfe's Minor Bantam Rep "B" Jets traveled to Toronto over the Christmas break (Dec. 27-29) to take part in the Vaughan Regional Silver Stick Tournament.

The Jets finished first in their division posting a 3-0 record. They defeated Cooksville 3-1, Vaughan 4-3 and Nepean 4-2. Metcalfe then met up with the Nepean Blazers again in the semi-final game. The Blazers advanced to the

semi-finals via the fourth-place wild card. The Jets eliminated Nepean, sending them home early Sunday morning.

That victory put Metcalfe into the championship game which was a hard-fought battle against the Erinsdale Spitfires. Scott Downey was the only Jet who could break through the Spitfires' strong defence. The end result was a 2-1 Spitfires victory.

The Jets accepted the silver medal, finishing second out of 12 of the top "A" teams from across the province.

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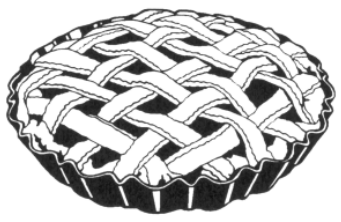
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Paul Hendrik Luimes received his Ph.D. at McGill University last October. Paul attended Timothy Christian School and Redeemer Christian High School. He received his B.Sc.Agr. (Honors) and his M.Sc. at the University of Guelph. Paul did his Ph.D. research at the Dairy and Swine Research and Development Centre of Agriculture and Agri-Food at Lennoxville, Quebec. He is currently commencing a post-doctoral research position in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Vermont. Paul and his wife Kathryn and son Hemmo live in Essex Junction, Vermont.

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Teaching in China

Absorbing Chinese culture as wedding guests

by Diane Wade

SHENYANG, CHINA — We awaited Thursday with eager anticipation. We've met a fellow Canadian who was married that day. His Chinese bride is observing traditional customs.

In China, once a TB test, and blood work's completed, the would-be couple receives certificates of permission. Being a foreigner, our friend needed a rather extensive physical as well. Once the certificates are received, filing them in the appropriate office can take place any day the couple chooses. They each receive a little red book, much like a passport, which contains their pictures and other pertinent information. This actually makes the marriage official. The wedding is a celebration of love and good wishes.

Chinese weddings usually take place on the weekend, but in this particular case when the name of the groom was given numerical value it did not make a lucky combination with the weekend date, thus the Thursday wedding. His bride spent the night in her parent's home. The groom came for breakfast and escorted her to the wedding party. The wedding time was set for 10:58 am since 10 is a much more auspicious number than eleven, and eight is considered very lucky for men.

About a week ago the groom treated me to a handful of candy. This, he explained, was to spread sweetness and goodness around. In a manner of speaking, what goes around comes around, or to put it more elegantly, "You reap what you sow." I, in turn, shared it with those around me. Plenty of candy was also available at the wedding. This sounds like a wonderful custom to me. Later, when I met the bride, she too offered me candy.

Thursday dawned bright and sunny. Equipped with a paper to show the taxi driver where to deliver us, we hailed a cab. (Yes, I was also smart enough to have another paper to show where to bring us home.) The school secretary Xiao Wang accompanied us. She is a delightful girl who patiently explained the activity and the speeches.

Upon arrival we were greeted by the happy couple, who promptly introduced us to their family. We became the groom's friends from Canada and a curiosity. We were honoured by being included in many of the photographs. Red and gold banners decorated the hall. Red is the color for happiness.

The bride and groom wore beautiful red silk jackets. A phoenix was delicately embroidered on the bride's jacket, while dragons wound their way down the front panels and across the back of the groom's jacket. These animals symbolize queen and king. Nothing they had on had ever been worn before. This signifies a new beginning to their wedded life. The groom pulled up his pant leg to show us new red underwear he sported beneath his black satin pants. The bride wore a long black satin skirt with open sides. New black boots for the groom, and lovely red boots for the bride completed their outfits. They also wore red flowers pinned in the centre of their chests.

For the ceremony a karaoke video machine played Here Comes the Bride, while the couple walked among the tables welcoming their guests. The bride and groom stood as the maitre de talked about their meeting, and then instructed them to honor each other with wishes for happiness, long life and success. With each wish they bowed deeply to each other.

They presented each other a gift. The bride received a gold ring stamped with a phoenix and a dragon that matched her husband's. The phoenix represents female, the dragon male. The groom received a gold necklace. Apparently loud noise also signifies a happy relationship, and the couple was directed to stomp on a huge pile of balloons. As they stamped the popping balloons sounded like exploding fireworks. The bride's relatives, feeling the noise was not exuberant enough, joined in to help increase the volume.

As the remaining candy and sunflower seeds were removed from the tables, they were gradually replaced with a banquet of food. The tables were round with a large lazy susan that covered the centre. The dishes included marinated beef slices, meat pieces served on sticks, roasted chicken and fish served whole, pork hocks, rice, minced pork balls similar to tortiere, Coca-Cola, beer, and alcohol (52 per cent).

Dave and I planned to work on our chopstick skills but it wasn't long until we were presented with a fork and knife. People were very friendly. Everyone delighted in serving up food on each other's plate with the admonition, "Eat up." Glasses were continually topped up. I soon found it was impossible to empty or even drink down my beer glass, so I concentrated on the Coca-Cola glass.

Another interesting custom involved cigarettes left on each table. The bride offered each guest a cigarette and the groom lit it. I couldn't find the significance, but was told it was practiced at most weddings. (Maybe like a peace offering?) At any rate everyone complied and dutifully held it to their lips before putting it out.

Guests continually went from one table to another making toasts. The toast glass was to be emptied on each occasion. Guests arrived and departed as the day progressed. We left about 2:30 pm as we had classes at 5. We both had an absolutely delightful time. Thank you Philip and Josie.

David and Diane Wade left Russell to teach English as a second language to Chinese students in Shenyang, China from Oct. 27, 2002 to Oct. 27, 2003.



Wedding day

The bride and groom at a traditional wedding in China wear red silk garments for luck. While teaching English in Shenyang, Diane and Dave Wade from Russell were invited to the wedding of a friend from Canada who was marrying a Chinese woman. Courtesy Photo

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