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Steeles marshal Parade of Lights

WINCHESTER — Seven years ago Joel Steele approached Winchester Santa Claus parade chairman John Adams with a novel idea.

"I will never forget it. It was a Friday night in July of 1997. Joel called me at home and said he had a seen in a magazine that a town in the United States had held a parade of lights. That particular parade was made up of farm machinery and held at night, of course. Well, Joel thought it was a hell of an idea and said Winchester could do that instead of our traditional Saturday afternoon parade," explained Adams.

Adams recalled that two weeks later he read about the new Christmas parade of lights in the *Press*. He said at that point he realized he had better get serious and get to work. By September a group of local business people had met, watched a video of the American parade, and set the wheels in motion for the first annual Winchester Country Christmas Parade of lights.

"We met in September and we held our first parade of lights that December," added Adams.

This year, Joel Steele and his wife Rhonda, now retired after 31 years of owning and operating the CountryBoy Shop in Winchester, will serve as parade marshals.

"The parade committee agreed that it would be outstanding to ask Joel and Rhonda to be our parade marshals," Adams said. "For the 30 years they were in business, they were always involved in the old Santa Claus parade, as well as many other events in town."

Adams also reported that Friday's (Dec. 5) seventh edition of the parade of lights has attracted in the neighborhood of 80 entries. That number does not include the six bands, the Leitrim Cadet color party and several other attractions.

"We have more floats than we were originally looking for (around 65 to 70), but the numbers indicate our parade is still very popular," noted Adams.

Entries for this year's procession are asked to arrive early at the marshalling yard, behind the old Ontario Hydro/Dundas Food Bank building, and T. R. Leger School on St. Lawrence St., where Kathy Hardy and her volunteers will number and arrange the floats.

The parade will leave the Hydro yard via Henderson Crescent at 7 pm. There will be no access to Main St. after 7:30 pm so parade watchers are urged to arrive in Winchester as early as possible and park on residential streets, away from the route. There will be handicap parking available at Parcoll and Winchester Print on Main St.

Stock School Transport is again offering a bus shuttle from the Country Kitchen Restaurant to the IDA Pharmacy.

Children can visit with Santa at the Royal Bank from 5 until 6:45 pm. Letters to Santa can also be mailed at the Royal Bank.

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Snuggly
Among the Christmas items for sale at the Hallville Recreation Association bazaar on Saturday (Nov. 28) was a selection of snowmen in different sizes made from wool and fleece. Hallville resident Jennifer Boggett-Carsjens was a first-time vendor.
Press Photo — Zabel

Brownell puts forward heritage holiday bill

TORONTO — Jim Brownell, newly elected Liberal MPP for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, is introducing a private member's bill in the legislative assembly of Ontario this week. The bill is entitled "An Act to proclaim Ontario Heritage Day and to amend other Acts to include Ontario Heritage Day as a holiday."

The Heritage Day bill was introduced previously by Dominic Agostino, MPP for Hamilton East, in May 2003, but it didn't get past its first reading. Brownell approached him and asked if he could bring it up again. "Heritage is near and dear to my heart," said Brownell, who hopes that with a majority Liberal government the bill will now get further along.

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Riding PCs will vote "Yes" on merger with CA

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

MORRISBURG — At the Tory convention in Ottawa on Saturday, the eight delegates from Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh will be voting "Yes" in the merger vote. The slate of delegates was elected last Saturday (Nov. 29) at the Morrisburg Legion.

About a dozen people turned out for the delegate selection meeting, out of roughly 130 paid members of the Progressive Conservative riding association in S-D-C. Everyone in attendance was in favor of merging the federal PC Party with the Canadian Alliance. The meeting took about 15 minutes and a unanimous show of hands elected the proposed slate of "Yes" delegates.

There was no lobby mobilized in the riding against the two parties merging. The selection meeting was chaired by Eldon Horner, the director for South Dundas in the PC riding association. "I haven't heard any dissension, and have not heard from anyone who is opposed to the merger," said Horner.

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Community spirit rescues carnival

by Bonnie James
Press staff

DIXON'S CORNERS — The call for volunteers to organize the Matilda Winter Carnival has been answered. When news spread that the carnival wouldn't go ahead without a fresh infusion of enthusiasm from new volunteers, a dozen community members stepped up to the challenge.

Last year's carnival was organized by the two remaining members of the Matilda Recreation Committee and they decided that they could not continue on their own. A new committee has been formed, strictly to look after the carnival. "It's just a bunch of us that wanted the carnival to keep going. We didn't want to lose it," explained committee member Brenda Geurkink. A committee chair was selected at Tuesday's (Dec. 2) meeting.

The 29th edition of the Matilda Carnival will take place on Jan. 9, 10, and 11, a slightly shorter schedule than in years gone by.

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Dundas drivers take first storm in stride



Plow operator Tom Laplante and the full North Dundas Township roads crew were called into action on Saturday (Nov. 29) to clean up after the region's first snowstorm. The 5.6 centimetres of snow was blown around by 70-kilometre winds. Icy road conditions contributed to 57 accident reports across SD&G. There were nine fender-benders in Dundas County.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

DUNDAS COUNTY — The first major snowstorm of the winter did not create havoc on roads in Dundas County. Only nine fender-benders were reported to OPP on Saturday (Nov. 29), when high winds served to make the snowfall more treacherous.

OPP senior constable Al Lummiss reported on Monday that there were nine accidents on Saturday in the county which were probably weather related. Two were in North Dundas, two in South Dundas and five on Highway 401. Lummiss said there were no serious injuries.

"Overall, it was not too bad for the first storm of the season," said Lummiss.

Dundas County motorists fared much better than drivers on roads to the north. Ottawa police responded to about 170 accidents on Saturday before the storm wound down in the early evening. About a quarter of those accidents required paramedic attention, but most people were treated on-scene and few were taken to hospital.

There is traditionally a spike in accidents during the first major storm of the winter season. "It takes drivers some time to adjust to the change in road conditions," said Lummiss. He added that the number of local accidents could have been higher, if the first storm had come on a weekday, with the regular volume of commuter traffic.

Lummiss reminded drivers that road conditions in the winter can change rapidly, and drivers cannot assume they will be safe as long as they are following the speed limit. "In some cases, driving below the speed limit would be safest."

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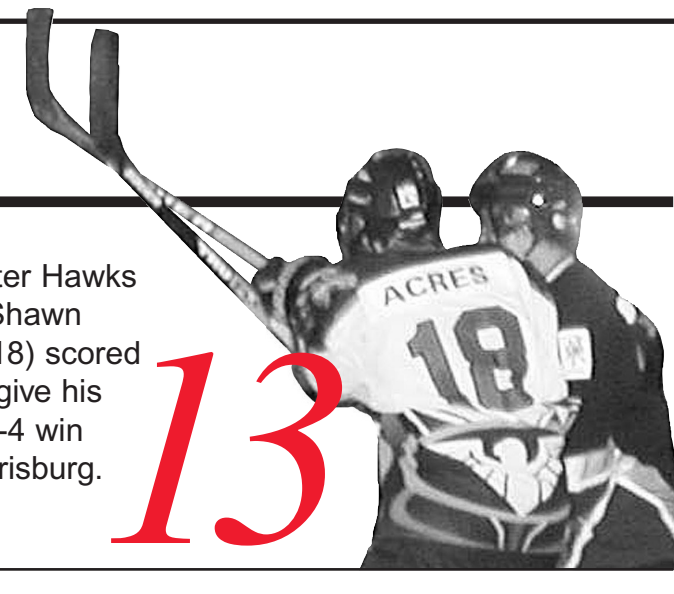
Metcalfe artist Heather Cheslock joins "Arts for All" show. **3**



Winchester Hawks captain Shawn Smail (#18) scored in OT to give his team a 5-4 win over Morrisburg. **13**

Light the way to parade
Help guide Santa into Winchester on parade night (Fri., Dec. 5). "Chimney Lights" are available for $2 each or three for $5 at various village businesses and will be available up until parade time. Proceeds are used to meet parade expenses.

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Parade

Entertainment at the corner of Main and St. Lawrence streets will begin at 5 pm. Dana Medveduke will kick things off and Mary Lambert will take over the spotlight with a family Christmas program at 6 pm.

Beavertails, Three Sweet Guys (candy floss and hot chocolate) and the Olie Bollen Express will offer warm refreshments in the Main Corner Food Court.

Hot, hearty homemade food will be served beginning at 4 pm with a chili dinner at the United Church Hall, the Jr. "B" Hawks spaghetti supper at Henderson Hall (Church St.), soup and sandwiches at the Wesleyan Church Hall on Main St., ham and bean supper at the Lions Hall (at 5 pm) on Mill St. and Greg's Quality Meats hot dog and sausage barbecue at the Baptist Church.

The Winchester Curling Club is again holding its open house and wing night and everyone is welcome to warm up after the parade.

During the parade, live commentary will be offered by Hugh Fawcett and Leslie Ault at the corner of St. Lawrence and York St. and by Linda McMahon and Mark Guy at the intersection of Main and St. Lawrence.

CHIMNEY LIGHTS

"Chimney Lights" glow stick souvenirs are on sale at various village businesses and will be available up until parade time on Friday (Dec. 5) night. They are selling for $2 each or three for $5. All proceeds from the sale of the lights go to offset parade expenses.

Sandie Puddephatt reported at the final committee meeting on Tuesday (Dec. 2) morning that with donations and the money generated by the sale of the Chimney Lights, this year's parade will run on budget.

Heritage Day

Brownell has long been involved in the preservation of local history, including being a major force behind the Lost Villages museum near Ingleside. "I believe the people of Ontario deserve a day to focus on their heritage," he stated.

"It's really just luck of the draw that I got an early chance to do this. Most rookies would pass it up because so much research is needed," said Brownell. Since the bill has been tabled before, the background and research have already been completed.

Last week was also a busy one for Brownell. He made his debut in the assembly by raising questions about tobacco smuggling, and Winchester District Memorial Hospital during question period, and then commenting on the beef crisis in his member's statement. "As a rookie, it was unbelievable to be speaking three times in a week," said Brownell.

Brownell is tackling his new position with enthusiasm. Speaking to the *Press* on Fri., Nov. 28, he noted that it had been exactly a year since his nomination. "I'm so anxious for my community to benefit," he said about being at Queen's Park.

Merger

Discussion at the brief meeting centred around one of the names proposed on the "Yes" slate, naming eight delegates and three alternates. It was pointed out that Guy Lauzon ran for the Canadian Alliance in the last federal election and is the CA's current candidate for the next election.

"I just worry about the optics. It doesn't look good," said one member present. "We should be stating that the PCs support this."

The final slate accepted includes Dwight Gilmer, who was at the meeting in Morrisburg and agreed to attend the Ottawa convention. Lauzon was reassigned to the role of an alternate delegate.

The original slate of delegates was assembled by S-D-C riding association president Michael Bailey. Neither he nor Lauzon was able to attend the delegate selection meeting.

Following the meeting, Lauzon said that he'd been honored to have been considered as a delegate to the PC merger vote, and had no problem with being assigned as an alternate. "If I had been at the meeting, I probably would have agreed with the decision," he said. Lauzon has been an active supporter of the PC Party at the provincial level, and there is no rule stating someone can't be a member of more than one political party

The delegates who will vote in Ottawa on Saturday are Dwight Gilmer, Marguerite Lafaver, Leslie Ault, Robert Bailey, Erik Waddell, and Lenard Jones; and youth delegates J.J. Hollister and Joanna Franklan. Alternates are Joel Cote, Guy Lauzon and Samantha Boone.

The "Yes" delegates were selected from among active members in the riding association who are known to support the merger with the Canadian Alliance. There is nothing formally binding, however, preventing delegates from changing their minds once they are at the convention.

The PC delegates from each riding across Canada will be voting at 20 regional conventions, alongside a large number of PC party officials. Present and former MPs, as well as candidates and other dignitaries, have an automatic vote in the ratification process.

Carnival

All of the key events will remain, including the Carnival Queen pageant. The pageant will be held on Fri., Jan. 9 at Matilda Hall and applications from contestant are now being accepted by Geurkink.

Carnival Queen contestants must live in South Dundas and be between the ages of 15 and 18. Past contests have followed a format that included a personal interview with the judges, making a speech, and then answering a question drawn at random in front of the audience, as well as appearing in casual and then semi-formal attire. Last year's contest saw nine young women participate.

The Carnival Queen's duties include serving pancakes to Carnival-goers on Sunday morning. The last day to register is Dec. 12. Call Geurkink at 652-2908 for an application form. Only the first 10 applications will be accepted, but as of Fri., Nov 28, none had yet been submitted.

A car and snowmobile rally will be held on Sat., Jan. 10 and a dance will take place in the evening. A pancake breakfast, a show by Little Ray's Reptiles, sleigh rides at Ron Smail's farm, and an ecumenical evening church service are scheduled for the Sunday.

The committee has enough people to organize the events, and offers to help out during carnival weekend have been forthcoming. "It's all flowing together really well," said Geurkink.

Harper packs them in at breakfast rally

CORNWALL — Canadian Alliance party leader Stephen Harper braved icy roads to join over 500 constituents of S-D-C for breakfast at the Nativity Hall in Cornwall on Saturday morning (Nov. 29).

The event was organized by local CA candidate Guy Lauzon and the Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh riding association.

The meeting gave people of all political stripes the opportunity to hear Harper speak on the proposed merger of his Canadian Alliance party with the Progressive Conservative Party.

When introduced as the main architect of the new Conservative Party of Canada, Harper was met with the first of many standing ovations. After personally greeting guests, Harper delivered a passionate speech explaining why he believes strongly that uniting the two parties will finally put an end to Liberal rule.

Although Harper did not confirm he would be a leadership candidate for the new Conservative Party, he made it clear that he would reduce taxes and replace the billion-dollar gun registry if he became prime minister.

Harper's four-year-old daughter Rachel insisted she accompany her father on his second visit to Cornwall. The four-year-old wanted to visit the birthplace of her favorite teddy bear, which she received after the leader's February visit to the riding.

The local riding association had given Harper's wife a hockey jersey for seven-year-old son Ben, and a teddy bear for Rachel which she promptly named "Cornwall." Lauzon reported she stole the show at Saturday's breakfast when he presented her with a new Christmas teddy bear.



Canadian Alliance leader Stephen Harper (left) brought his daughter Rachel to a breakfast meeting in Cornwall on Saturday (Nov. 29) where he met with local CA candidate Guy Lauzon.

Mayor-elect Phil Poirier, and SD&G warden-elect Dennis Fife presented gifts to Harper on behalf of the City of Cornwall and the United Counties. A large number of current and former members of city and county councils in the riding attended the breakfast. Harper was pleased with the large number of youth in attendance, as well as the enthusiasm members of the riding showed for the proposed new party.

In his closing remarks, Lauzon thanked Harper for the leadership and courage he exercised in bringing conservative-thinking Canadians together. The local Alliance candidate agreed with Harper that a united Conservative Party would put an end to Liberal rule.

Lauzon reminded the crowd that the national debt went from $491 billion to $565 billion under Finance Minister Paul Martin. He also pointed out that health care payments to the provinces were reduced by more than 40 per cent under Martin's watch.

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Arts for All brings new talent to light

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — For the second year, the Arts for All sale at the Winchester Curling Club offered a high level of quality to holiday shoppers. There were 16 vendors offering their arts and crafts on Saturday (Nov. 26), six of them new to the show.

"At this show it's not about quantity. It's about the calibre of the work being produced," said Larry Michaud, the event's main organizer. "And because of the way we set up the sales, you're never going to get the same grouping of artists." Personalized pencil drawings were among the items offered for the first time at last weekend's sale.

Heather Cheslock has been drawing since she could hold a pencil, and has been selling pencil sketches as a business for the past year. "Bring in your photos and I'll transform them into beautiful works of art!" is how she advertises her skill.

A graduate of Township of Osgoode High School in Metcalfe, her talent was recognized early when she won the school's art award. She has since completed the foundations in art and design course in Durham College in Oshawa.

Cheslock currently has a studio in Metcalfe. She spent this past fall gradually building demand for her drawings by keeping a booth at the Metcalfe Farmers' Market. Working from photographs brought in by clients, she can draw a realistic portrait of any subject offered to her.

Although she's focused on realism, Cheslock tends to regard photographs as boring. Her skill with pencils lets her bring out the character behind the face. Many of her recent commissions have been portraits of animals, and memorials of pets. She's also found people are interested in engagement portraits.

"If it's not detailed, I don't like it," said Cheslock. While bent on realism, she doesn't fail to add personality to her subjects. Her most recent cat portraits have experimented with a cropping technique that works to capture the character of each animal.

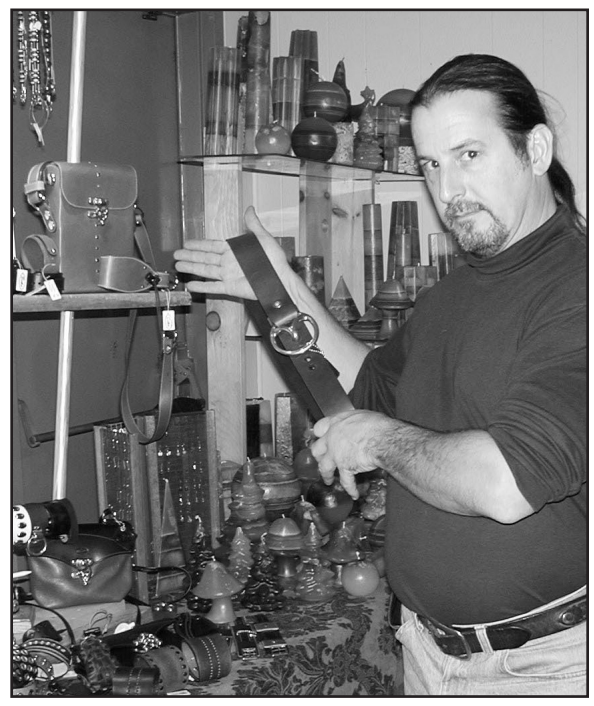
When she's drawing, Cheslock uses a set of nine pencils. She prefers a soft lead, most often drawing with 4B to 5B pencils, using a 9B for shading dark areas.

The final product she offers is produced with the assistance of Debbie Lyall at Lyall's Custom Framing in Greely. Lyall builds creative mattes for the drawings. A memorial for a pet, for example, can include space for a name, designed with appropriate symbols recalling a pet's life. "The finished product looks more like art, instead of a photograph," said Cheslock.

At the Arts for All show on Saturday, Cheslock displayed examples of her work, featuring a portrait of her family's late dog, Finnigan. She said she plans to finish the piece by mounting the dog's collar along with the drawing.

Cheslock sells her personalized artwork starting at $50 for a small drawing, with options ranging to $250 and up for a large matted drawing. She will be at the Metcalfe Farmers' Market Christmas sale on Dec. 13, and plans to continue showing her work at local sales.

The Arts for All show has been recently established by a loosely organized co-operative of artisans in the North Dundas area. The same group of artists also organizes the On Common Ground studio tour which takes place every fall. For more information on the organization, contact Larry Michaud at 774-9983.



Groovy belts

Leather-worker Larry Michaud was showing some of his latest work at the Arts for All sale on Saturday at Winchester Curling Club. His latest inspiration is thick '60s-style belts with large buckles.



Working from her studio in Metcalfe, Heather Cheslock produces pencil sketches for clients who bring her photographs. She prides herself on being able to reproduce characteristics of her subjects that "boring" photography misses.
Press Photos—Zabel

Chamber of Commerce prepares for busy holiday season

by Eric Duncan

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — You better believe it folks — it's that time of the year again. Christmas is less than a month away. Before long, you will be in stores again, fighting to get that good deal and finding the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy person.

The North Dundas Chamber of Commerce is reminding the community to shop locally this holiday season. There are over 275 businesses in the Township of North Dundas, many of them offering great holiday gifts and deals. A great variety will serve your different needs, supplying anything from a small holiday gift to that long-overdue vacation for you and your family.

"People don't realize the quality and number of stores and businesses in our township", said president Gerry Boyce. "The businesses here have many of the same products as larger stores, with good prices as well. It's probably even cheaper to shop local, including the money you'll save on gas to the larger urban centers," Boyce added.

Local business owners stressed the need to support your local community, since many businesses depend on the holiday rush as a main component of their economical success. As the coalition of local businesses continues to research new ways of reinvigorating community shopping, many Chamber members simply believe that the best way to start is word of mouth.

Although many chambers of commerce in other municipalities attempt to get more business through aggressive ad campaigns, the North Dundas group is starting off with the approach of working with each other and the community to spread the good word. "When a person recommends a business in their village, it all adds up in the end," said Boyce. "They may not realize it, but it helps them out so much."

Whether it be a small gift basket that you are looking to buy, or that new car you have been needing for years, take a look at the local business in your area first. And as you begin your preparations for the 2003 edition of the Christmas holiday season, remember that there are many different businesses in the area that are waiting to serve you and all of your holiday needs.

Breakfast with Santa

CHESTERVILLE — Everyone is invited to have breakfast with Santa at the Chesterville Legion between 8 am and 12 noon on Saturday (Dec. 6). The tasty breakfast will include eggs, sausage, ham, home fries, toast, juice and coffee. The cost will be $15 per family, or $5 for adults, $3 for children, and free for kids under six.

Activities will include a visit from Santa, crafts, storytelling, face-painting, and more. There will also be a bake sale sponsored by the board of stewards of the United Church, and local schools and community organizations.

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Legion auxiliary warms holiday shoppers with chili and stew

by Jason Burgoone

WINCHESTER -– What started as a small fundraising project took another huge step on Saturday towards establishing itself as one of Winchester's most recognized events of the Christmas season. The Winchester Legion Ladies auxiliary held their second annual bazaar at the Winchester Lions Hall on Nov. 27.



Dawne Korteweg and her team of volunteers raised almost $2,000 for the WDMH Renewing the Vision Campaign. Seated (left) Dawne Korteweg, Joan Holmes, Martha Donaldson. Back (not in order) Sue Kennedy, Bev Ibbetson, Christine Mercier, Joyce Francis, Nancy Benoit, Leona St. John, Sue Kennedy. Missing: Lorrie Munro, Lee Anne Munro, Laurie Holmes, Kelly Streng, Bev Back. Press Photos — Van Bridger

Despite poor weather conditions and a growing list of annual charity and volunteer work, the Winchester Legion ladies and local volunteers welcomed Christmas shoppers and bargain hunters alike for an afternoon of warm food and friendly faces to start off the holiday gift hunt.

Event organizer Dawne Korteweg had the idea for the bazaar last year, as a way for raising money to aid Winchester Legion's pledge to Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The branch has pledged $10,000 per year for the next five years to the Renewing the Vision Campaign.

Volunteers at the bazaar got everyone into the Christmas spirit by taking the time to decorate the Lions Hall before the crowds started arriving shortly after 10 am.

Something new was the lunch portion of the day's event. Lunch consisted of your choice of chili or chicken stew in a bread bowl for only $5. Proceeds from the lunch were added to the day's revenue.

"Last year we raised just over $2,000 dollars," said Korteweg. This year's total was only slightly less, almost certainly due to Saturday's poor driving conditions.

Icy road conditions failed to scare off shoppers, as many visitors had only a short distance to travel for the weekend event. "We had a good deal of visitors coming from the seniors' centre around the corner," noted Korteweg.

A few of the vendors weren't so lucky, and due to poor driving conditions were unable to attend. The remaining seven vendors were offering everything from baked goods to handmade Christmas decorations to winter weather wear.



Students from North Dundas District High School assisted the Winchester Legion Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar volunteers on Saturday. Ryan Staal (left), Bretney Holmes (seated, left), Ashley Waters, Matt Holmes, Ryan Patterson and Jason Catellier collected their mandatory volunteer hours while supporting a worthy community project.

Eight North Dundas District High School students took the opportunity to collect a portion of their mandatory volunteer hours, and to show their community pride during the bazaar.

Korteweg and her crew of 11 volunteers were very happy with the day, recognizing a sense of community spirit as the main factor in the event's continuing success.

The Winchester Legion Ladies auxiliary will attempt to ride their wave of success and already are planing their next event: a spring Easter egg hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Korteweg extended an open invitation to anyone who would be interested in volunteering.

"You don't have to be a Legion member to get involved," said Korteweg. For more information, leave a message for Korteweg at the Winchester Legion at 774-3694.

Police blotter

Remote rage

MORRISBURG -– Following an investigation by members of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP into a domestic-related incident which occurred on the evening of Nov. 26, a charge of assault with a weapon (remote control unit) is pending against a 33-year-old Morrisburg woman.

She was released following her arrest, and is scheduled to appear in provincial court in the Village of Morrisburg on Jan. 6 to respond to the charge.

Two for one

NORTH DUNDAS -– Police began an investigation on Nov. 30 into the theft of a grey 1989 GMC pickup truck which occurred during the night. It was taken from a private residence located along Levere Road in North Dundas Township.

At the time of the theft, a light-green 1999 ZR600 Arctic Cat snowmobile was in the box of the truck. Neither vehicle has been recovered. Constable S. Lecuyer is investigating this incident.

Vandalism

CHESTERVILLE -– Police received a report of vandalism in the Village of Chesterville on Nov. 29. Between the hours of 12 midnight and 2:30 am, a street sign was smashed through the passenger side window of a black 1999 Oldsmobile Alero. The car was parked along King Street in the downtown area. Constable J. Hatch is investigating this incident.

CD player stolen

IROQUOIS -– Police received a report involving the theft of a Pioneer CD player unit on Nov. 26. It was taken overnight from a motor vehicle which was parked at a private residence in the Village of Iroquois. Constable K. Kendrew is investigating.

Thunder rolls

CHESTERVILLE -– Police attended the scene of a break and enter, which occurred on Nov. 26 at a private residence in the Village of Chesterville. Forced entry into a work shed at the property resulted in the theft of a 2000 Arctic Cat Thundercat snowmobile. Constable D. Hardy is investigating the incident.

RIDE program

WINCHESTER — The holiday season is almost here, and the Ontario Provincial Police want to remind the motoring public of the danger of mixing alcohol with driving. From Nov. 28 to Jan. 2, the OPP will team up with police services across the province for the annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.



Chalmers–Skuce

Erwin and Betty Skuce are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Noreen to Jarrett Chalmers, son of Micheline Chalmers and Edward Couldery of Welland, Ontario. The wedding took place on Saturday, October 18, 2003 at Winchester United Church. The happy couple resides in Ottawa, Ontario.



Berg–Skuce

Erwin and Betty Skuce are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Corinne to Michael Berg, son of Aubie and Andrea Berg of Burlington, Ontario. The marriage took place on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at MacKay United Church in Ottawa. The happy couple resides in Orleans, Ontario.

Hydro One presentation sparks Dixon's Corners students' interest

by Penny Levesque, vice-principal

DIXON'S CORNERS — Another month is almost finished and we are still having balmy weather. I guess we should not speak too fast, snow is on the way!

Hydro One came to Dixon's Public School and gave an excellent presentation on the power of electricity. The students were fascinated by the experiments and safety issues. Our teachers were impressed with the quality learning experienced by all the students.

Remembrance Day was held in the Dixon's gym on Nov. 11. Each class participated in the assembly by reciting poems and Mrs. Swerdferger lead the choir with songs of remembrance for those who died in past and current wars. Mr. Elliott spoke to the students and parents about the importance of Remembrance Day.

The monthly assembly on moral character was held on Nov. 14. First a story was read that related to the topic of empathy, conscience or self-control. After a brief discussion, awards were handed out for Terrific Kids and Student of the Month. The assembly then watched a video related to the three moral intelligences. Students were in groups of three (Grades 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6) with the Grade 5/6 student as recorder and group leader. Each group leader led a discussion and then filled in a worksheet related to the video.

Report cards are finished and interviews begin. Interviews will be held Thursday evening (Nov. 27) from 3:40 until 8 pm and Friday morning from 8:30 am until 12 noon. Parents and students will attend by appointment, where student-led conferences will be held. Teachers will be on hand to facilitate each conference when needed. Enjoy your conference. It is a great way to experience first-hand what your child has learned this term. We look forward to seeing you!



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EDITORIAL

Pushing it

Every year it happens a little sooner. You know what we're talking about. The Christmas push. It's a combination of corporate interests looking to extend the buying season ever further, and regular folks hoping to capture the holiday magic and string it out.

We're used to seeing the festive decor in stores the second that the Halloween trimmings are gone. "Yeesh!" we always groan collectively. But what was once solely the domain of pushy department stores, is now creeping among the general public. Outdoor lights appeared on local houses one by one in early November this year.

We understand the desire to put the outdoor Christmas lights up before the temperature drops to shiver-inducing lows, but it used to be that people had the good decency to wait until the calendar hit December before lighting up the night. Some of us were still raking our leaves when the first Santa and reindeer displays appeared outside many homes.

While we're on the topic, we feel the need to point out that the lengths to which some people have taken yard and outdoor home decoration is bordering on the ridiculous. The last six years or so have seen increasing strides towards holiday outdoor opulence.

We blame those gosh-darn icicle lights. For decades we existed with simple strings of Christmas lights. Sure, they came in different colors, but that's generally where the creativity ended. They went on a tree in front of the house, or along the eaves. Some people had more and some people had less, but we all had the same lights. Then there were mini-lights, an exciting change in holiday decorating options. So some had more, some had less, and some had smaller lights.

It was icicle lights that marked the beginning of the madness. Their first year on the market, they were sold out everywhere as people clamored for something new. And they were such a success that the next couple of years brought us rope lights, net lights, swag lights, and more recently, lights that come already shaped into stars, angels, and reindeer.

Perhaps people spend so much cash on their outdoor lighting, inflatable snowmen, crèches, and other decorations that they feel the need to get as much use out of them as possible. What this proliferation of outdoor decor items has done, however, is create yet another "keeping up with the Joneses" cycle. We've got to have the latest. We've got to have the greatest.

It's not just the visual holiday displays that push the season upon us too quickly. This year, the country music radio station Y105 began its "all holiday music, all the time" programming in the last week of November. Apparently the listeners didn't freak out, but come on. How long can you feasibly dream of a white Christmas or jingle your bells?

The Christmas television specials have also already begun and the grocery store has eggnog, holiday cookies and fruitcakes on the shelves. Many children have already sat on Santa's knee.

Christmas is a magical time of year, there's no denying it. The roots of the season set the tone. For Christians, the birth of Christ is an awe-inspiring miracle. The tale of angels, and wise men, and the Son of God couldn't be more magical. Note that Advent, the spiritual preparation for the coming of Christmas, does not begin until the end of November.

The secular part of the holiday also has enchantments, such as the look on a child's face as they see a pile of presents under the tree Christmas morning, the smell of a real evergreen in your living room, and yes, even the sparkle of Christmas lights as they glisten off the snow. But if we had these moments all winter long, they would cease to be enchanting and become mundane.

What are we trying to accomplish by extending the amount of time that we surround ourselves with holiday trappings? Are the rest of our lives so void of magic and miracles that we rush towards Christmas in order to lift our moods? Perhaps we need to slow down rather than rush forward. There are reasons for joy in everyday life.

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'Hi, I'm Sheila Copps, welcome to Wal-Mart!'

Above is the item listed number-two in a "Top-10 Reasons to Vote Yes!" list, circulated at Progressive Conservative delegate selection meetings during the last week. The PCs have called out members in all 301 riding associations in Ontario, asking them to vote on whether they support a merger with the Canadian Alliance.

Card-carrying PCs have been attending local rallies, where they were asked to vote Yes or No on the merger. The idea was that the association meetings would provide both sides the opportunity to argue their case, in support of opposite slates of eight convention delegates. The selection system allowed that the percentages of the Yes/No vote would determine the number from each slate who will attend regional conventions on Saturday (Dec. 6)

Winchester, Canada
by Chris Zabel



Eight delegates from Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh will be attending the regional convention in Ottawa on Saturday, all in support of merging the Progressive Conservatives with the Canadian Alliance. This will be one of 20 mini-conventions organized nationally in order to stage a "virtual" national convention on the merger issue.

The PC association in S-D-C held its delegate selection meeting last Saturday (Nov. 29), upstairs at the Morrisburg Legion. Twelve people showed up, during Saturday's snowstorm. Almost all were elderly gentlemen, who probably wouldn't mind being referred to as the Tory bedrock in eastern Ontario.

There wasn't a "No" lobby present at the meeting, or a proposed slate of "No" delegates. Everyone in the room was more or less amenable to the merger. The list of "Yes" delegates, which was accepted almost in its entirety, was assembled by riding association president Michael Bailey.

Upstairs at the Morrisburg Legion, the party members present questioned a few things about the delegate selection process. One person said he expected the hall would have been crowded for the vote. The local riding has roughly 130 members who have paid their $10 for 2003. Other questions were raised over why only two of the eight delegates on the affirmed Yes slate turned out for the meeting, and none of the affirmed alternates.

There was good reason for the marginal turnout at the delegate selection in Morrisburg. At the same time on Saturday, CA leader Stephen Harper was speaking at a breakfast meeting in Cornwall at Nativity Hall. The event had sold-out over 500 seats two weeks earlier, undoubtably attracting the attendance of many stalwart Tories, looking to inform their merger opinions.

Riding president Michael Bailey, the author of the Yes slate, wasn't at the meeting in Morrisburg because he was in the Maritimes, fulfilling his duties as a legislative assistant to PC leader Peter MacKay. For the past two years, Bailey has worked for MacKay.

Call it coincidence, but right-wing politics in the local riding offers a nice mirror of the national scene. Assuming the conservative merger goes forward, the united right-wing in S-D-C is going to have to choose a candidate who will face Liberal MP Bob Kilger in next spring's federal election.

The local merger vote was something of a non-event, unanimously supporting the Yes slate without any serious debate. When it comes time for the proposed "Conservative Party" to select a candidate in S-D-C, the meeting will undoubtably attract a much larger crowd.

Guy Lauzon was among the eight candidates Bailey proposed to send to the official vote in Ottawa next Saturday. Lauzon ran for the Canadian Alliance in S-D-C during the 1999 federal election, placing second behind Kilger. He was formally re-elected as the CA candidate for the riding in October, and has declared his interest in representing the riding in the next federal election.

Bailey also ran in the last federal election, holding the torch for the PCs in the riding. He attracted a respectable number of votes, in one of many ridings where a split right-wing served to elect a Liberal MP. It's reasonable to expect that Bailey may be considering another run.

The local Tory scene is bound to heat up once S-D-C digests the significance of the probable PC/CA merger. There will be a deadly serious ideological fight waged over who faces Bob Kilger next spring.

This week in...
by Bonnie James



1923

The annual Women's Christian Temperance Union parlor meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beach. Reports were heard from members who had travelled to conventions at the counties and provincial level. The secretary, Mrs. Flora, reported sending the *Press* contact information to union headquarters to facilitate the insertion of temperance literature into the paper. Members were encouraged to fight for the retention of the Ontario Temperance Act, as well as its enforcement. The meeting raised $30 to be put towards this end.

1933

A new municipal council had just taken office in Winchester, with J. H. Ross being acclaimed for the sixth time as reeve. The *Press* encouraged the new council to find a way to provide work for those in town who were unemployed. Men with families were unable to pay their bills and look after their children, through no fault of their own. They were ready and willing to work, but there was no work to be had. The *Press* pointed out that while there were not many in a state of actual want, there were enough to be concerned about and it was time to share and share alike. The first duty of the new council was to find some way to provide work.

1943

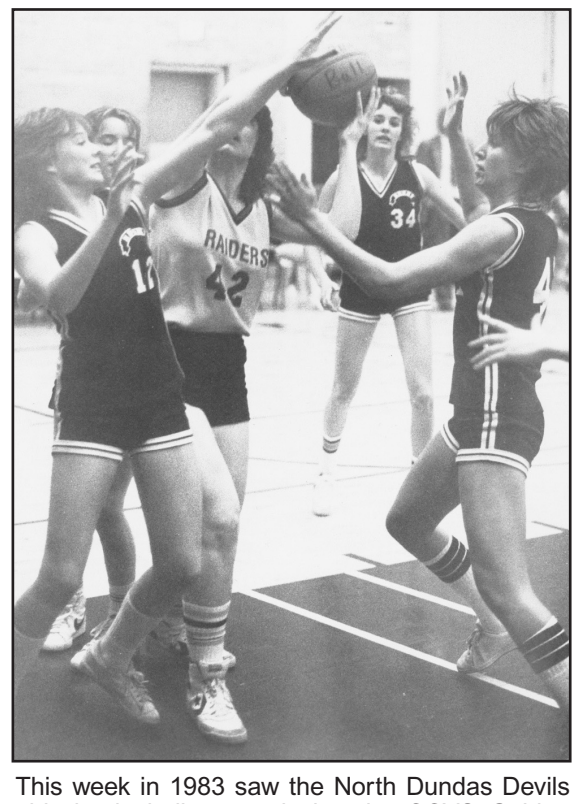
The local junior hockey scene was suffering due to the number of young men serving in the war. Five teams were to comprise the Central Ottawa Valley Junior Hockey League that year. They were from Winchester, Chesterville, Inkerman, Morrisburg, and Cardinal. Winchester residents were able to take in the most hockey, as both Inkerman and Chesterville used Winchester as their home rink. The Chesterville Arena had been condemned and was not open. Many of the players were very young and playing organized hockey for the first time. However, the important thing was that Winchester had a team and the hockey banner was kept flying with hopes of a brighter hockey future ahead when the war ended.

1963

Morrisburg voters rejected Sunday sports and Sunday movies in a plebiscite. The sports issue was voted down 338 to 301 and the movie question rejected 301 to 244 in a light turnout of voters. Interestingly, Morrisburg voters accepted a ballot the previous year providing for licensed lounges and liquor with meals.

1973

The Winchester Lions Club presented an ice resurfacing unit to the Winchester Arena. The Zamboni brand machine and a John Deere tractor were purchased used, but in fine working condition, for a cost of about $5,000 from the Richmond Community Centre. It was estimated that the speedier ice cleaning would allow an additional 10 hours of ice rental time per week. An added advantage was that the machine would keep the ice at the proper thickness for efficient ice plant operation.



This week in 1983 saw the North Dundas Devils girls basketball team playing the CCVS Golden Raiders in the season semi-finals. In this photo, Tracie McVey (left), Donna Koekkoek (right), and Norine Milne (no. 34) converged on a Raider player. The Devils wound up losing the game 57-46.

1983

Two local barn fires destroyed 84 head of cattle and thousands of hay bales. Metcalfe firemen were called to the farm of Bryan McLean to battle flames. Neighbors were able to rescue 20 head of cattle from the barn. Two days later, the Winchester Fire Department responded to a blaze at the farm of Gordon Stewart, RR2, Winchester. While Stewart lost two barns and a granary, the milkhouse and milking equipment were saved.

1993

Winchester's Murray Link raced to a fourth-place finish out of 90 in the junior men's division of the Canadian cross-country championships in Vancouver. In doing so, he secured a spot on the Canadian team that was heading to Budapest, Hungary the following spring for the world championships. The 17-year-old North Dundas student raced the eight-kilometre course in Vancouver's Stanley Park in 25:54, a personal best. Link ran for the Ottawa Lions Track Club.

Bazaar brings Hallville baseball diamond one step closer



Cindy Laneville has been developing her crafting abilities for the past three years. She designs lampshades using techniques of cutting and piercing the shade. And she has a talent for covering almost anything with mosaic designs using glass.

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Following a Christmas bazaar on Saturday (Nov. 29), the Hallville Recreation Association is a step closer to building a baseball diamond. Vendors filled 26 tables upstairs at the Winchester Arena, and HRA volunteers worked the kitchen, supplying a hot lunch.

"All of the vendors were extremely happy. We'll definitely be organizing the event again for next year," said secretary Robyn Beaudry.

Organizers of the bazaar said they were surprised at the number of people in North Dundas who were interested in renting a table at the event. Crafters at the event included several first-time vendors with innovative Christmas gift items. The entire selection included baked good, books, pottery, tole painting and woodworking.

Doing their part, the HRA volunteers staffed a lunchtime tea room at one end of the hall. Featured on the menu were two types of chili: the winners of the chili cook-off at the last Hallville Winter Carnival. An classic-style chili was prepared by treasurer Mary Cook, and a chicken chili by Joyce Kent.

This was the first Christmas bazaar organized by HRA, one of a series of fundraisers run by the group recently. Hallville has an ambitious plan to build new sports and recreation facilities on the empty 12-acre park at the centre of the hamlet.

The first thing that needs to be done is tile draining the 12 acres of land. The cost of doing this is estimated at approximately $10,000. Mary Cook said the proceeds of the bazaar, once they are totaled, will push the amount raised to date well past the halfway mark.

Last June, HRA president Kevin Kent presented a seven-year recreation development program to North Dundas council. The plan has a new facility being built each year, including a volleyball court, a soccer field, walking paths, a baseball diamond, a tennis court and a picnic area.

The list of desired facilities was determined in a community survey. The most requested item was the baseball diamond, which also happens to be the most expensive item on the list. Cook expressed confidence that diamond could be the first facility built, as it would certainly be used a great deal.

North Dundas council supported the Hallville project in principle last summer. The possibility of a dollar-matching agreement was deferred to next year's budget deliberations.



After recently selling her flower shop in Cardinal, Barb Lough has turned her talents to incorporating candy into artful arrangements. She was showing her Christmas creations at the Nov. 29 bazaar. Press Photos — Zabel

Letters To The Editor

McGuinty guilty of religious persecution

The Editor:

My, how things change.

Just a few months ago, Dalton McGuinty promised to end the politics of division.

But now, he has cancelled the tax credit to every single faith-based school; however, the Catholic school system (McGuinty's personal school of choice) still receives full funding.

This is religious discrimination, and it should end now.

What's worse, Dalton McGuinty is confiscating the money already given to parents of Muslim, Jewish and Christian students this current year.

Either McGuinty wants to resurrect religious persecution or he's paying back favors to the teachers' union in both the public and Catholic boards.

Shame on you, Mr. McGuinty.

During the holiday season, you should give the gift you and your family have generously received, publicly funded faith-based education.

Richard Zandbergen
Iroquois

OPINIONS

The *Press* welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the community.
Letters must be signed and include the writer's telephone number. Letters may be edited for length, grammar and libellous statements. The *Press* also reserves the right to reject any letter deemed unsuitable for publication.

Wedding Announcement



Joan Steele and Doug Shirreffs exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, October 11, 2003 in Ottawa. We would like to thank our families and friends for sharing this special day with us. Special thanks to our children, Rob, Brad, Darren and Jessica, for their part in our wedding.

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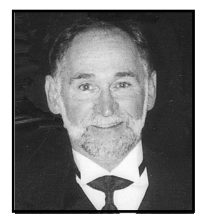

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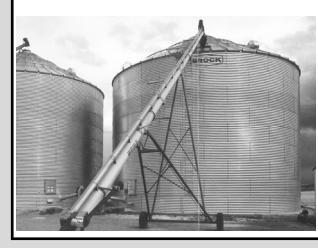

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Above: Catherine Dykstra, Huguette Burns, and Valerie Flowers were enjoying an evening of holiday shopping. At left: Linda McMahon found some poinsettias to purchase during Ladies Night at Geggie's on Nov. 26. Press Photos—James

250 enjoy Geggie's special night

WINCHESTER — The parking lot was packed and festive energy high as women from all around the area stopped in at Geggie's Home Hardware on Wed., Nov. 26 between 7 and 10 pm. They were taking advantage of the store's annual Ladies Night pre-Christmas event.

Every sort of holiday decoration imaginable was beautifully displayed, making shoppers feel as though they had stepped into a Christmas wonderland. The store was featuring lights of every sort, wreaths, cuddly snowmen, ornaments for trimming the tree, and items for setting a seasonal table, among other things. As it was a special occasion, there were six door prizes awarded.

Appetizers and coffee were provided by Winchelsea Farms, and many ladies took the opportunity to gab with neighbors, sitting on the couches and mattresses in the furniture portion of the store. The few men in attendance could also be found in the furniture area with their feet up, waiting for their better halves to finish perusing the aisles.

"It was a very successful evening," said store owner Bob Geggie who hosted the event with his wife Lorraine. Attendance was up from last year, with upwards of 250 shoppers. Geggie believes it was the biggest crowd ever for the annual extravaganza. "We must have welcomed 125 women in the first 10 minutes, and they stayed," said Geggie. "It's really a social evening," he continued. Ladies arrived from all around the countryside, including Ottawa, Greely, Iroquois, Morrisburg, and Cornwall.

Aviation humorist chronicles fun side of corporate flying



MERRICKVILLE — Happy Landings Publishing has released the latest book by Canada's most entertaining aviation writer, Garth Wallace. *If Clouds Could Talk* regales readers with madcap accounts during a rare, inside look at the little-known, private world of business aviation.

If Clouds Could Talk is Wallace's eighth book and his sixth in a successful series of funny flying stories. They are written in an easy-to-read, comfortable style that is both humorous and heartwarming.

Wallace has a special connection to the Village of Winchester, where he worked for nine years as editor of *COPA Flight*, the monthly newspaper of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association. The paper is produced in the offices of the *Winchester Press*.

The author worked for 19 years as a bush pilot, flying instructor and corporate pilot from various bases in Ontario before switching to full-time journalism in 1990. He now lives and writes in Merrickville.

In *If Clouds Could Talk,* readers ride with Wallace as he flies eye-to-eye past the Statue of Liberty, attempts to follow instructions from a rhyming radar operator and learns aerobatic flying from a sadistic mortician.

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All of Wallace's books are available at independent bookstores, selected gift shops, aviation museums, pilot supply shops or mail order from the publisher, Happy Landings.

A book launch party for *If Clouds Could Talk* is being held in Merrickville at the Sam Jakes Inn on Dec. 6 between 1 and 4 pm. The media and the public are invited. The author, artist, publisher and a few special guests will be introduced at 2 pm. Autographed copies of the new book will be on sale at a one-time discount.

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NDDHS Notes

by John Irven

Hop aboard the train

MAPLE RIDGE — NDDHS is always coming up with new ways to increase its donations to the local food bank. Student council is on board with the "Canned Food Train." Each period-two class is being challenged to bring in the most canned food. Each box to be filled is decorated as a boxcar, and once put together, will form a train full of canned food.

The Winchester County Christmas Parade of Lights is this Friday (Dec. 5) and the student council executive is honored to have been asked to walk the parade route with other members of the community. Our role will be to collect cash donations for the Dundas County Food Bank.

Battle Month has come to an end! After all the exciting activities, the girls have defeated the boys! At times it was very close but the gals pulled ahead in the final giant Twister game. It was a great month full of activities planned by Minister of Athletics Meagan Kittle.

The citrus order has arrived. Everyone who ordered oranges or grapefruit is now enjoying their fresh Florida fruit. The profits from this campaign will be used to improve the school for its students.

Gabi Slavik, co-deputy premier, was the organizer of the selling of Flo Sport and Violet Muse clothing at NDDHS. Her great idea has raised over $300 for spring carnival. With these extra funds it should be better than ever! We are always looking for new ideas for events that will improve our students' time at NDDHS.

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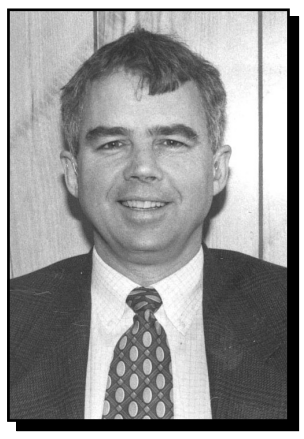

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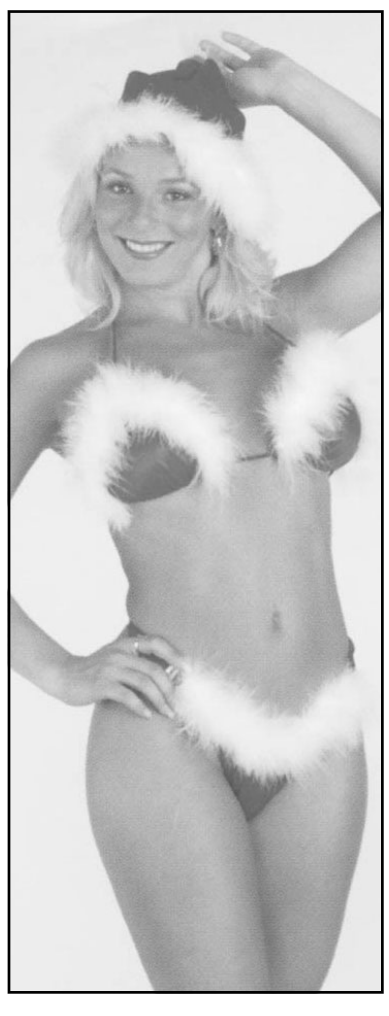

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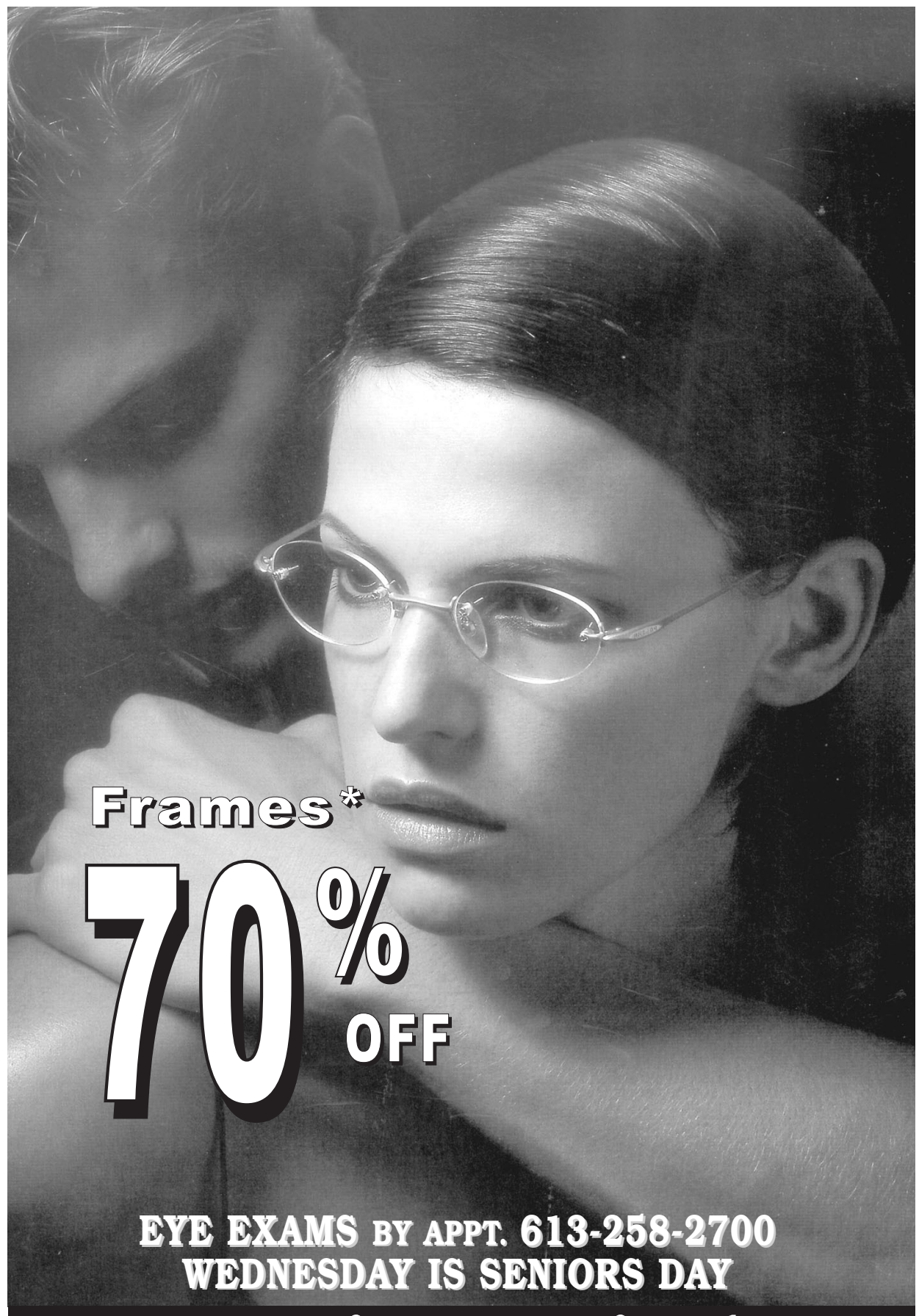

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Shepherd Talk

by Rev. Bob Williams

Riching the rich, pooring the poor

It's happening again, to the extent that the national news on television ran a lengthy story on it this past week. The rich are getting richer again, and the poor are getting poorer again. Why is this tendency not altered by the affluent saying, "Enough! We have enough!" The unfortunate truth is that our economic system is set up to make such magnanimous denial a lot harder than sharing the wealth of society, than being your brother's keeper, or than by doing unto others as one would be done by.

There is a little encounter between the prophet Nathan and King David of Israel that is found in 2 Samuel 12:1-7. It concerns Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. And the story concerns David, the king who committed adultery with Bathsheba and had Uriah killed by sending him unsupported and unprotected into battle. Uriah died. Then the Lord sent Nathan, the prophet of Israel, to David, the king of Israel.

Nathan told a story to the king. There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a great many flocks and herds. But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb, which he bought and nourished. And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him. Now a traveler came to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd, to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him. Rather, he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die. And he must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

Nathan then said to David, "You are the man!"

Of course, the story Nathan told King David is an allegorical tale, the story of the beloved ewe lamb. But there is a profound lesson for modern society to relearn after the two or three millennia since the prophet Nathan sat down and challenged King David, the titular ruler of Israel.

There is presented to King David a situation of injustice; blatant inequality already in existence is compounded by the utter greed and unwillingness of the rich man in the allegory. In the present time, the wealthy economies of the world correspond to the rich man. Closer to home, the most well-to-do in society might impose on themselves self-restraint and a magnanimous spirit. That would result in a more equitable sharing of the vast wealth of today. In fact, the news reports reveal new scandalous deeds of greed and presumptuous arrogance every day, by those reaping the greatest financial benefits from society. Rather than lessons in humility and sharing, we are being treated to embarrassing displays of unbridled self-indulgence that is antisocial to the point of undermining the very economic institutions that we depend on.

Still, urban myths focus on the poor downtrodden schemer who subverts some social program or other. Such infrequent acts lend ammunition to those who would totally negate their social responsibilities. The less fortunate exhibit greater social responsibility than their detractors.

Do not forget that the undergirding of society and the economy is a foundation of trust that grows from the very value system that is challenged and chipped away piece by piece with each and every display of flagrant misuse of privilege. Not only are the values flowing from our biblical faith being eroded, but even the liberal noblesse oblige has come into disrepute.

What and how we believe and live our faith has broad implications on the way we nurture one another, especially in the forum of the economy. Yet faith demands that we do not see ourselves detached from one another. In Christ, there is neither rich nor poor. In the economic there already exists a drift of wealth accumulation, resulting from existing unequal distributions of savings and incomes.

The rich are set up to get richer because of past income and saving patterns. If this socioeconomic corrosion is to be avoided, and a greater degree of social stability is to be attained, there needs to be intentionality of purpose and resolve. This can only come from faith. It will never come from the "market," because the "market" is not intended to bring about just distributions. It is intended to produce wealth and it has done that very well.

People of faith and their institutions are intended to bring about justice through their worship, prayers, deeds and advocacy. Nathan the prophet of God demonstrated this to even the greatest of human kings, David of ancient Israel.

The famous Scottish theologian William Barclay summarizes the economics of Jesus in his commentary on Luke, specifically in his treating of the Magnificat of Mary, the mother of Jesus. He says, "A Christian society is a society where no man dares to have too much while others have too little."

This column is provided courtesy of the North Dundas Ministerial Association



Tea time

The United Church hall was the place to be in Winchester during Saturday afternoon's snowstorm. People were able to warm up with a cup of tea and purchase some homemade baked goods. The annual tea and bake sale was well attended despite the blustery weather and slippery roads. Enjoying some refreshments were Norma Wylie (left), Sybil Curtis, Doris Holmes and Percy Armstrong. Press Photo — Van Bridger

OBITUARIES

Olive Barkley

Olive Barkley died at Dundas Manor nursing home in Winchester on Nov. 24, 2003. She was 89.

She was born in the former Williamsburg Township on April 8, 1914 to the late Flo (nee Whitteker) and Bernice McIntosh. She was wife of the late Reginald Barkley, whom she married on July 20, 1940 at the Williamsburg United Church manse.

She worked as a school teacher. She enjoyed teaching, and working with her husband in managing the Williamsburg Hydro books.

A lifetime resident of the Williamsburg area, she had moved to Dundas Manor six months earlier.

She is survived by sister Gladys Kyle of Williamsburg. She was predeceased by brother Harold; brothers-in-law Don Kyle, and Egerton Barkley (Helen); and sisters-in-law Helen Smith (Harold), and Hilda McMartin-McDermid (Don McMartin and Callum McDermid)

She will be fondly remembered by several nieces and nephews. She was sister-in-law of Jean McIntosh of Morrisburg.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Nov. 26. The funeral was at the funeral home on Nov. 27 with Rev. Sandy Macpherson officiating. Interment was at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg.

Pallbearers were Ralph Smith, Neil McMartin, Doug Miltimore, Bill Lang, Robert Barkley and Gregg Miltimore.

CPR Holiday Train traverses country in fight against hunger

WINCHESTER — Canadian Pacific Railway's Holiday Train program takes its magnificent rolling display of festive lights and music on the road starting Saturday (Dec. 6), to help local food banks as they gear up to meet heavy demand this holiday season. The train will leave from Sainte-Thérèse, Quebec on Saturday, and will travel 5,500 kilometres in Ontario and Western Canada, finishing its journey Dec. 20 in Port Moody, B.C.

The Holdiay Train is scheduled to pass through Chesterville and then Winchester on its first day of travel. It will likely pass through Dundas County sometime between 7 and 8 pm, on its way to Smiths Falls for a stop scheduled at 9 pm.

The engineer usually slows the Holiday Train down while passing through small villages such as Winchester and Chesterville. This usually depends on whether there are groups of people gathered to see the train, and whether the train is running on time to reach its next scheduled stop.

Illuminated by thousands of Christmas lights, the Holiday Train will visit communities, staging special events to raise money and support for the thousands of Canadians who turn to food banks each month. Well-known Holiday Train entertainers will team up with some exciting new talent this year to provide live holiday music at event stops from the General Electric stage car.

Tom Wilson and Kelly Prescott will join Clint and Bob Moffatt, and Tracey Brown and Randall Prescott to entertain crowds in southern Ontario. Tom Jackson, Beverley Mahood, Amanda Stott and Brad Johner will perform at all other Canadian shows.

The performance in Smiths Falls will run from 9:15 to 9:45 pm. People attending are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for donation to food banks. The Canadian Association of Food Banks has reported a staggering demand at many local food banks this year. Low-income families are among the 800,000 people who turn to food banks for help each month. Alternately, cash donations can be made at any BMO Bank of Montreal branch.

CPR will donate $160,000 to local food banks in addition to the food and money collected along the way. Holiday Train sponsors, including Hudson's Bay Company and Consolidated Fastfrate, will also make major contributions.

The Holiday Train program has helped raise 73 tons of food and nearly $900,000 for North American food banks since its launch in 1999.

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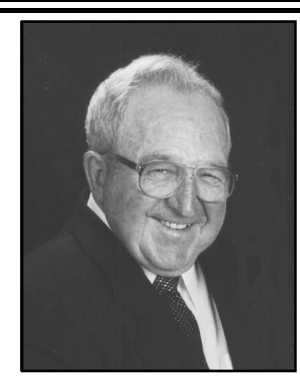
The Holiday Train's schedule is subject to change. Check the CPR Web site at www.cpr.ca/go/holiday-train for the latest information.

Seniors play euchre

WILLIAMSBURG — Winners at the Williamsburg Seniors Euchre on Nov. 26 were as follows. The White Card winners were Everett Froats, Graham Pemberton and Bessie Locke. The Yellow Card winners were Hubert Lapier, Keith Scott and Ruth Casselman.

Door prizes went to Enid Dalrymple and Stella Casselman. The draw winners were Jean Christie (2), George Baker, Eldon Turner, Marian Fawcett and Graham Pemberton.

The next euchre will be held on Dec. 10 and everyone is welcome.



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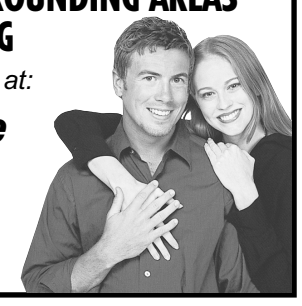

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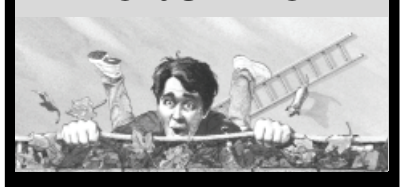

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Foodgrains speakers sow seeds in Brinston

by Bonnie James
Press staff

BRINSTON — Solving world hunger was the topic of the day at a Canadian Foodgrains Bank information meeting held on Fri., Nov. 28 at the Brinston United Church. Two speakers from the Foodgrains Bank head office in Winnipeg were present to talk about their areas of specialization. Rob Finlay, logistics officer, spoke about the details of delivering food overseas. Then Dan Wiens, hunger education co-ordinator, talked about the root causes of hunger, and getting youth involved in ending it.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which is marking its 20th anniversary this year, is a Christian-based food aid and development organization supported by 13 national churches. The organization collects donations of grains from Canadian producers, and uses cash donations to purchase and distribute additional food to hungry communities in developing countries. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) matches donations to the Foodgrains Bank by a ratio of four to one, up to $16 million per year. Over the past five years, donations have averaged $3.4 million in cash and $2.9 million in grain.

Finlay has been with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank for 11 years. As logistics officer, he is responsible for purchasing grain and booking freight for food shipments. In his presentation, he went over some of the numbers for the Foodgrains Bank's current programming year, which is just over the half-way point. Over 10,000 metric tonnes of food have already been distributed in nations such as Zimbabwe, North Korea, Eritrea, and Afghanistan.

Once a project is approved, Finlay's job begins. He went over the process of procuring Canadian grains, which uses a tendering method. He is then responsible for making sure the product has been put into Foodgrains Bank packaging, loaded into freight containers, and delivered to the port of export. He arranges ocean freight and employs marine surveyors to receive the shipment at the other end. The surveyors are physically present at the unloading to make sure that no losses have occurred. They also take a quality sample. Land travel may have to be organized to get the shipment to its final destination.

Finlay explained how the organization determines whether to ship food from Canada, purchase food locally in the region of the needy communities, or arrange a swap, where Canadian grain is sent overseas and then traded for a another product which is then distributed to the hungry. "We want to provide what makes sense to the people," he pointed out. In some cases, Canadian products are very different from what the people normally use. As well, sometimes making a local purchase can provide more food for less money, when compared to shipping Canadian product.

The timeline for shipping from Canada is necessarily longer than making a local purchase, so sometimes a combination of methods is used to respond to a need. A local purchase can address an emergency situation, and a Canadian shipment can follow up with additional food.

The number of local purchases that the Foodgrains Bank can make is limited, however, by the regulations attached to the CIDA funding; 90 per cent must be used to purchase and ship Canadian food products. Finlay and David Mayberry, one of the Ontario co-ordinators of the Foodgrains Bank, told those present that the Foodgrains Bank is asking CIDA to bump up the amount that could potentially be used for local purchases. They asked everyone to consider what would be an acceptable ratio to both remain true to the basis of the Foodgrains Bank, which is Canadian grains feeding the world's hungry, and allow the organization to get the most bang for its buck with the cash that is donated.

The meeting's second presentation was by Dan Wiens, hunger education co-ordinator. He spoke about the root causes of hunger and debunked some of the myths. "Hunger is not inevitable, there are structured reasons why people are hungry," he said. "Informed citizens are key," he added.

The Foodgrains Bank has been developing school curriculum materials about world hunger. It has also launched a youth program called "In Exile — For a While," which challenges youth to spend one day as a refugee. Delousing, landmines, and forced marches are a part of many refugees' lives. "It gives kids a really visceral experience," said Wiens. Video and print packages are available to schools, churches and youth groups to help them plan their own event.



Yvonne Willis, Brinston United Church's student minister, stands with Rob Finlay of Winnipeg, the Foodgrains Bank logistics officer.
Press Photo — James

As a nice complement to having the meeting hosted by their church, the congregation of Brinston United participated in its first Foodgrains Bank grow project this year. Yvonne Willis, the church's student minister, explained that members of the congregation had been interested in becoming involved with the Foodgrains Bank for several years. Williamsburg United had their own grow project, and then put out feelers to see about expanding. Brinston United was one of the churches that jumped on board.

In total, eight South Dundas churches pooled their resources and planted 14 acres of corn on Carmen Road, near Iroquois. The bumper crop was recently harvested. The representatives will meet in the spring to evaluate the project and look at continuing or expanding and perhaps finding some more churches to join them.

In addition to contributing to the grow project, Willis noted that the Brinston United Church children had a garden plot this year where they grew potatoes. The spuds were sold and the money donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Hydro rate increases will cost ag sector $42-million

TORONTO -– In a joint statement, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association (OFVGA) have expressed disappointment and dismay at the Liberal government's decision to arbitrarily raise hydro rates, which will lead to a $42-million impact on the agricultural sector.

The Liberal government announced Mon., Nov. 24 that rates will rise next April, from the hydro cap of 4.3 cents per kilowatt hour (kwH) to 4.7 cents per kwH for the first 750 kilowatts and 5.5 cents per kwH for everything else used.

"We met with Energy Minister Dwight Duncan, explained the position agriculture would be placed in if the rates were suddenly increased, and left thinking that something could be worked out. As it appears, that just wasn't the case," said Ron Bonnett, OFA president.

Murray Porteous, the chairman of the OFVGA, said the government's decision regarding the hydro rate increase has very little to do with conservation or improving the supply and flow of electricity.

"This is a huge blow to agriculture. Hydro is an essential component in agriculture, utilized by farms across the province for a variety of needs: greenhouse operation, cold storage, livestock (either heating or lighting), or just the everyday function of maintaining a business," said Porteous. "We fought long and hard to ensure that agriculture was, and should remain, as small businesses when determining future rates –- and this decision takes none of that into account."

OFA and OFVGA, in a presentation to the minister, called for a realistic rate based on the actual cost of power used by agriculture and other identifiable sectors. The presentation noted that farms use most of their electricity at lower cost, off-peak times.

Bonnett said that each 0.1-cent increase costs agriculture $3.5 million –- at a time when net income for farms is falling.

"We're not asking for a freeze, or for the cap to remain in place," he said. "We understand the realities in that the price of electricity should more closely reflect its true cost and that the current cap, given the deficit, is unsustainable. We also agree that the price be regulated to avoid the chaos and price spikes that ran rampant under the earlier spot price marketing. But, farmers genuinely cannot afford an increase in power costs at this time."

Porteous said challenges in agriculture are always present, but this year has been a particularly difficult one in terms of issues, problems, and crises across the industry.

"I was particularly disappointed in the minister's announcement that there were no plans arrived at for the conservation of energy, just a huge increase that comes at the expense of anyone who actually uses hydro as a lifeline in business –- like agriculture," said Porteous.

Both agricultural organizations are seeking a joint meeting with minister Duncan and Steve Peters, the minister of agriculture and food, to discuss future options for the sector and its farmers.

"There are a number of ways that we can work together to uphold the interests of the province while maintaining the economic stability of our farming community," said Bonnett. "While we are disappointed, we certainly want to work on solutions that benefit all.

For more information, contact Ron Bonnett at 416-706-1646 or Murray Porteous at 519-428-4727.

Winchester vet elected councillor to Ontario College of Veterinarians


Dr. Michele Dutnall

GUELPH — Dr. Michele Dutnall has been elected a councillor of the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO). The college is the provincial regulatory and licensing body for Ontario's 3,700 veterinarians.

Dutnall graduated from the University of Guelph in 1983. She worked in a mixed practice for two years before opening Dundas Veterinary Services in Winchester with her husband, Dr. Willy Armstrong.

For 19 years, she was managing partner as the practice expanded to include three hospitals, two offices, and 10 veterinarians. She and her husband sold their practice in 2002. Dutnall has been a locum practitioner since that time.

This is Dutnall's first year on council. The council consists of 13 vets elected by their peers through regional elections, as well as four members of the public. In addition to her council responsibilities, she will serve on the Discipline Committee for CVO.

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Press Photo — Van Bridger

WINCHESTER — Standing a dozen points away from a berth in the playoffs, the Winchester Hawks Jr. "B" Hockey Club made an executive decision.

After they had absorbed their 13th loss in 20 games the Winchester management decided to replaced head coach and general manager Dominic Menard. His dismissal came 20 games into his first stint as a head coach.

"I decided something had to be done. We needed a change. I didn't like the way things were going so I did something about it," said Craig "JB" Smith, the St. Lawrence Division club's assistant coach/general manager/linchpin.

Menard's tenure was terminated following last Wednesday's (Nov. 26) home ice 6-2 loss to the Akwesasne Wolves.

Saturday night (Nov. 29) Smith and assistant coach Doug Armstrong were on the bench for a 6-1 loss to the Wolves on Cornwall Island. The same combination, with off-ice assistance from Tylor Copeland and Dale Murdoch, watched their squad nip the Morrisburg Lions 5-4 in OT on Sunday (Nov. 30).

The point earned by Morrisburg (5-15-1-3) moved them into a share of fifth-place in the St. Lawrence standings with the Hawks (6-14-1-1). Both teams have 14 points, 15 back of the last playoff berth and the Akwesasne Wolves (13-7-1-2).

Tonight (Wed., Dec. 3) the now all-too familiar Akwesasne Wolves are in Winchester, again, for an 8:15 pm game. Saturday (Dec. 6) night the Hawks travel to Williamstown to take on the second-place Char-Lan Rebels (16-4-0-2). Next Wednesday (Dec. 10) the Hawks will host the Alexandria Glens.

The coaching staff who will work with the club for the rest of the season will consist of former assistant Doug Armstrong and Tylor Copeland, who was an assistant with former coach Dave Corkery. Dale Murdoch, another Corkery assistant is also coming back on board.

"Of course my number one priority is the midget ("B" Demons) team. When the schedules don't conflict I will be with the Hawks," said Murdoch. "We also have now affiliated eight midget Demons with the Hawks and they will start playing junior after the Silver Stick."

Murdoch added that he and his players are pleased with the affiliation.

Doug Armstrong is excited about the opportunity to coach with Tylor Copeland. "We wanted Tylor to be involved from the start. And I want it to be a co-coach situation with Tylor. And I'm also very happy to have Dale with us. He knows our local players so well," he said.

Armstrong noted the club is in a fragile state right now. But a new chapter has begun. "We are optimistic. We have some good guys and we want to get them back to the basics, just doing the simple things the right way."

Armstrong also pointed the solid work of 17-year-old rookie goaltender Matt Bouchard in Sunday's OT win over Morrisburg. Forward Aaron MacDonald (1-3-4) was also tagged for a big effort. As well he announced that Chesterville defenceman Kelly "Rubber" Beckstead joined the Hawks late last week after being acquired in a trade with the Morrisburg Lions for South Mountain defender Brodie Spratt.

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Jets soar into top spot

METCALFE — A pair of home-ice victories and a sizzling hot 11-2-0 streak have launched the Metcalfe Jets into first place in the Metro Junior "B" Hockey League standings.

Friday (Nov. 28) night James Thomas rang up three goals leading the Jets to a 7-3 route of the Valley Division's first-place Carleton Place Kings (11-8-1-1) and Sunday (Nov. 30) afternoon Jeremy McLeod drew assists on three goals in a 6-4 victory over the Ottawa West Golden Knights (13-6-1-0), the number three ranked team in the Metro Division.

This week the Jets will host a rare Wednesday (Dec. 3) night game at 8:30 pm before hitting the road for games against the Royals in Stittsville on Friday (Dec. 5) and Shawville on Sunday (Dec. 7). The only other Jets home game in December is set for Fri., Dec. 12 when the Stittsville Royals pay a visit.

With their weekend victories the Jets' record inflated to 15-4-1-0, which converts to 31 points, two better than the second-place Gatineau Mustangs (13-5-1-2) who have 29.

A 4-2 loss in Clarence Creek on Nov. 23 seems to have jolted the Jets back into a positive mind set.

"I think the guys realized after the loss to Clarence they really hadn't show up for the game. This weekend they played two good games. Defensively they cut back on the scoring chances they were giving up. And, they realized they have to be ready every night. It was a much better effort," explained Jets head coach Darrell Warren.

Warren also reported veteran Brad Nixon is back from the injury list and the team is healthy once again.

Metcalfe led Carleton Place 3-2 after a period and 4-3 after two. James Thomas scored twice and Jason Vajda once to salt the 7-3 win away in the final frame. Thomas (3), Stephane Ethier, Ryan Quinn, Scott Nicholson and Vajda did the scoring. Andrew Decristoforo (4), Ryan Clark (2), Ethier (2), James Mahoney, Jon Finney, Quinn, Thomas, Nicholson and Vajda set up the scoring plays. Matt Gauthier posted the win.

Andrew Decristoforo (unassisted at 6:06) and Stephane Ethier (empty net from Jeremy McLeod at 0:09) cashed in third-period goals in Sunday's 6-4 win over Ottawa West.

Mike Cerilli (2), Nicholson, Vajda, Ethier and Decristoforo notched the Jets goals. McLeod (3), Ryan Clark (2), Blair Nicholson and Thomas picked up the assists. Gauthier registered another win.

Froats fires in pair

Midget 'B' Demons post 11th win

WINCHESTER — Travis Froats potted a pair of goals, including the winner, as the North Dundas Major Midget "B" Demons held on for a slim 4-3 victory over the Alexandria Glens.

Froats' second tally and ninth of the season was set up by Tyler Fawcett at 13:09 of the third period of Monday's (Dec. 1) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League contest. The shot put the Demons up 4-2 and proved to be the difference as the Glens closed the final gap to 4-3 on late powerplay goals by Pierre Luc Marleau and Chad Ladouceur.

With the one-goal decision figured in, Dale Murdoch's Demons head to the annual Silver Stick tournament in Pembroke this weekend (Dec. 5,6,7) with an 11-1-0 record.

Murdoch reported the club has gained the services of defenceman Scott Bradley from the Junior "B" Hawks. Bradley will join the team for the Silver Stick but remain on the Hawks' roster. Travis Leach and Ben Baker missed Monday's match and were replaced by affiliates Adam Dillabough and Colin Shay.

Tory Baldwin opened the scoring with his 12th at 7:49 of the first period. Shay with his sixth and Froats with his eighth connected in period two. Froats added his ninth in the final frame. Devin Kelly, Bobby Little and Tyler Fawcett picked up the assists. Matt Bird was in the nets for the win.

Craig Moran was perfect guarding the string for the Demons in their 3-0 win over the NGS Braves in Maxville on Nov. 27.

Ben Baker's 15th goal of the season, engineered by Tory Baldwin with 7:38 left in the first period, stood up as the winner. Baldwin (unassisted at 10:27) scored in the second and Shay (from Fawcett at 14:45) in the third period to take the final total to 3-0.



Goal!

Referee Jason McDonald signalled a second-period goal by Travis Froats during Monday's (Dec. 1) UCMHL Major Midget "B" match between North Dundas and the Alexandria Glens. Froats potted a pair of pucks for the victorious Demons. The 4-3 win improved North Dundas' record to 11-1-0. Press Photo — Van Bridger

Tagwi takes SD&G title

CORNWALL — Tagwi's Midget Warriors basketball squad completed their seven-game SD&G midget girls high school season with a perfect record.

The Avonmore school defeated the St. Joe's Panthers 25-12 in the championship game on Nov. 19. The loss to Tagwi was the only loss the Panthers suffered in the 10-school, three-tournament playdown.

Tagwi finished with a 7-0-0 record and the 2003 championship. The Warriors earned 14 points (two for each win) and 28 more for each half won, for a total of 42 points. St. Joe's (6-1-0) was next with 35.

North Dundas District High School won both of its games in Cornwall on Nov. 19 and earned a third-place finish with a 5-2-0 record and a total of 30 points.

The Seaway Spartans (4-3-0) collected 22 points, Glengarry (3-4-0) 19, Rothwell/Osnabruck (3-4-0)17, St. Lawrence (2-5-0) 17, La Citadelle (2-4-1) 14, Char-Lan (2-4-1) 13, and General Vanier (0-7-0) four points.

North Dundas wound up their campaign trimming the R/O Lancers 33-16 and sacking the St. Lawrence Saints 42-20. Rebecca Bowie threw down 19 points in the two wins. Laura Porteous drained a dozen and Kayley Guy swished 10.

Hawks mark 35th season with reunion night, alumni game



In the fall of 1968 the Winchester Hawks appeared on the Junior "B" hockey scene wearing NDDHS uniforms and playing their home games in Morrisburg. This 1970-71 squad used the Kemptville Arena as home base. The 1970-71 Winchester Hawks: Front - Kim Baldwin (McInnis) stick girl; Second row (left) - Tom Kirkwood, Don Swerdfeger, Dave Van Bridger, Doug Vasey, Joe Marriner. Third row (left) - Kevin Baldwin, Jeff Johnston, James Duncan, Pierre Lauzon, Lester Carkner; Back (left) - Joel Steele - coach, Don Thompson, Bob McClintock, Cornel Dobie, Bill Byers, Rae Armstrong, Bill Hogaboam - ass't coach.

WINCHESTER — Former Hawks stickboy and now hockey club executive member, Jason Wagner has been working on a special project for over two months. His efforts have resulted in a special event to mark the 35th anniversary of the Winchester Hawks Junior "B" Hockey Club.

Wagner and his crew of volunteers have rounded up 60 former members of the Hawks, former coaches, team officials, old referees and are now inviting local fans to come out for a Hawks Reunion Night and Alumni Game on Fri., Jan. 16.

The game will pit former stars in the 21 to 30 age bracket against this year's Hawks squad in the first period. The 30 to 40-year-olds will face the current Hawks in the second period. However, the best will be saved for the third period. That's when the over 40s and over 50s, including several original members of the 1968, team will skate the weary present-day juniors into submission.

Wagner reports he and former Hawks coach Jeff Johnston have a list of 60 old Hawks ready for action. The team's original head coach, Joel Steele and his assistant, Bill Hogaboam, will also take part in the contest. The coach who guided the Hawks to two Gill Cup championships, "Big" Doug Casselman will also return to the bench.

One of the highlights of the night will be the appearance of former NHL defenceman, Winchester's own Terry Carkner. Carkner, who skated with the Hawks in 1981-82 as a 15-year-old before rising throught the Junior "A" ranks to play over 800 games in the NHL, is going to suit up for the match and will play defence with his younger brother Brent. Terry's older brother Rob and his father Bob, who will help referee, will also be part of the on-ice action.

A pub will be held in the upstairs hall where an auction by Hugh Fawcett will take place. Items have been contributed by Bryan Helmer of the Pheonix Coyotes, Matt Carkner of the Cleveland Barons, Todd Marcellus of the Tulsa Oilers and Terry Carkner. There will also be special prizes and draws for NHL tickets and many other items. A car supplied by Johnston Chev-Geo-Olds could be won in a special puck shooting contest.

"We hope there will be a big crowd come out. It will be a chance to see some of the old players and have some fun and visit. So far everyone we have talked to likes the idea," said Wagner.

Invaders ice four competitive hockey teams

RUSSELL — The Russell District Girls Hockey Association got underway this year icing four competitive teams. Registration was a great success and the association is extremely pleased with the growth of girls hockey in the area.

Following is an update on two teams with more news on the others to follow in the coming weeks.

Russell's Bantam "B" team consists of 15 players: Rachel MacLaurin - goalie; forwards - Chelsea Barr, Renée Boivin, Michelle Bouwhuis, Kaitlin Deavy, Taryn Hunt, Shannon Kemp, Brittany Risto, Cara Waddell, MacKenzie Wylie; defence - Victoria Brownlee, Christine Dy, Kascha Senk, Amanda Rylaasdam, Carleigh Wensink. The coaching staff consists of Chris Risto - coach, Jim MacLaurin, Peter Hunt, Bill Boivin, Lynda Kemp - assistant coaches and Hans Dy - trainer.

The Bantam "C" Invaders consists of 16 players: Erika Vandekemp and Katherine Heatherington - goalies; forwards - Brianna Moore, Cassandra Dresch, Jennifer Quinn, Jessica Grisel, Kaitlyn Ross, Laura Craig, Marin Burton, Natasha Jamieson, Samantha Eisener; defence - Alexandra Shane, Allison Ritchie, Courtney Preston, Kristyn Winges and Olivia Woods. The coaching staff consists of Susan Ritchie - coach, Doug Ritchie, Rudy Grisel, Ron Winges - assistant coaches and Debbie Heatherington - trainer.

The Bantam "B" Invaders played in the Gloucester/Cumberland tournament during the weekend of Nov. 22 and came home with the championship. The first game was played against Gloucester/Cumberland. The score was 3-0 for Gloucester before Chelsea Barr scored Russell's first goal assisted by Kasha Senk. Cara Waddell then scored on a pass from Lynda Kemp. Russell trailed by a goal going into the third, but came up on the short end of a 4-2 count. Russell's player of the game was Kascha Senk.

The Invaders defeated the Brampton Canadettes 5-1 in their second game. Coach Risto decided to switch his lines around. With his new lines in place, Hunt, who had been playing defence until this game, went to the net and received a pass from Bouwhuis only 48 seconds into the first. Russell's second goal came from Barr with assists going to Wensink and Wylie. The third goal was Bouwhuis from Wylie, and the fourth goal came when Boivin passed it to Barr who passed it back to Dy at the blue line, who then lifted the puck over the mass of players and into the net. The fifth goal went to Waddell unassisted. With only seven seconds left on the clock, Brampton finally beat goalie MacLaurin. The player of the game was Taryn Hunt.

Russell then nipped the Embrun Panthers 2-1 in the semi-final round. Embrun's Gabrielle Bourdeau scored from Caroline Savage and Valerie Savage in the first period. Facing elimination from the tournament and with only 28 seconds left in the game, Russell lifted their goalie and went with six attackers. The move paid off as Barr put one in from Deavy and Dy to tie it up. Then with nine seconds left Brownlee fired the puck from the point to win it 2-1. The win put the Invaders in Sunday's final. Player of the game award went to Kailin Deavy.

The championship final was against Gloucester/Cumberland. It was a scoreless hard-fought game through three periods. It looked as if it was going to sudden death overtime, with only 1:01 left in regulation, Barr scored the championship goal. The but 1-0 decision was a big win for the team as they had never beaten Gloucester. Player of the game honors went to goalie Rachel MacLaurin. The Unsung Hero award for this tournament was picked by the coaches and went to Carleigh Wensink for her devotion.

BANTAM "C" INVADERS

The Bantam "C" Invaders have had an exciting run of it these past few weeks including a win against Morrisburg. The game was exciting for the players who have struggled against the three strongest teams in the league early in the season. The score was tied at zero heading into the third period when the Invaders got the break they were looking for. It came on a play started by Moore to Burton to Grisel who found the net with 3:49 left on the clock. Hopes were nearly dashed when Morrisburg scored 18 seconds later but with time winding down, Jamieson netted the game-winner on a pass from Eisener.

Riding the momentum from their win over Morrisburg, the girls then faced Kemptville the next night. The game ended in a 2-2 tie. At 8:54, Craig took a relay from Moore who was fed by Grisel. Then at 1:25 Quinn and Grisel worked together and put the puck past Kemptville's goalie and tied the game.

On a roll, Russell then attended the Kanata tournament this past weekend Nov. 29-30). Unfortunately their first game against Perth was a 6-0 loss. But the girls bounced back with a 3-1 win over Lakeshore. Burton scored early on a play made possible by her defence at 9:09 of the first period. Shane and Winges drew the assists. In the third, Grisel made it 2-0 on a feed by her linemates, Quinn and Craig. Lakeshore scored at 3:01 to make the game a tense one, but Burton wanted to secure the win and she got help from Moore and Dresch. It was a hard-fought battle but Lakeshore won the rematch, 4-2 in the quarter-final match. Russell's goals were both scored by Burton with an assist by Preston on the first. Both Vandekemp and Heatherington were solid in the nets. The Hustler awards for the tournament went to Quinn, Burton, Woods and Heatherington.



Metcalfe's Petite "B' Hornets dropped a one-goal 4-3 decision to Ajax in the championship game at the 16th annual Nepean Ringette Tournament on the weekend. The silver-medal winners: Front (left) - Caitlyn Roberts, Lauren Brown, Emily Grisel, Jodi Gallinger, Tabitha Smith. Second row (left): Megan Branchaud, Melissa Nyenkamp, Alison Sullivan, Megan Vriend. Third row (left): Kelsey Nyentap, Brianna Bekkers, Lindsay Donoghue, Katie Nolan. Back row (left) ass't coach - Marc Branchaud, trainer - Suzanne Grisel, manager - Linda Roberts, coach - Kevin Nolan. Courtesy photo

Hornets strike silver in Nepean

NEPEAN — Metcalfe's Petite "B" Hornets qualified for the gold medal game at the 16th annual Nepean Ringette Tournament but had to settle for silver.

Ajax edged the Hornets 4-3 in the championship match and handed the silver medallists their only loss in four games.

Metcalfe made the final round registering three victories and outscoring the opposition by a 23-5 margin.

The Hornets jumped into a 3-0 lead against Ottawa in their opening game. Ottawa roared back into contention closing the gap to 4-3. The Hornets were able to take a 5-3 lead in the final minute of the first half, but Ottawa answered with their fourth goal 12 seconds into the second half. But 5-4 was as close as they would get. Metcalfe sealed their victory netting three unanswered goals. Katie Nolan paced the offence scoring the hat trick. Melissa Nyenkamp (2), Emily Grisel, Tabitha Smith and Kelsey Nyentap snapped in the others. Smith (2), Megan Branchaud, Lindsay Donoghue, Brianna Bekkers, Nyentap and Nolan drew assists. Jodi Gallinger tended the nets.

It was no contest in game two as the Hornets blitzed Ottawa West 10-0. Gallinger registered the shutout while Grisel, Bekkers, Nyenkamp, Lauren Brown, Smith, Nolan, Nyentap and Roberts took care of the scoring. Alison Sullivan, Nolan, Bekkers and Branchaud provided the passes.

Gallinger turned in another strong effort in the nets and Nyenkamp continued her scoring streak with a pair of goals as Metcalfe trimmed Nepean 5-1 in their final opening round match. Nolan, Nyentap and Roberts cracked in the other goals. Donoghue, Smith, Megan Vriend, Nolan, Grisel and Branchaud set up the scoring plays.

The Hornets scored first in the championship tilt with Ajax when Nolan connected from Nyentap. Ajax tied it up two minutes later converting a powerplay chance into their first goal. They added two more and carried a 3-1 lead into the second half.

In the final three minutes of the game Nyenkamp ripped a high hard shot into the Ajax cage after taking a pass from Nyentap to cut the Metcalfe deficit to 3-2. Twenty seconds later Gallinger made a great stop only to have Ajax stuff in the rebound to open up a 4-2 lead.

The Hornets weren't finished and closed to within a goal at 4-3 when Nyenkamp scored unassisted with 1:59 left on the clock. Despite holding a territorial advantage in the dying minute the Hornets weren't able to tie it up and grabbed the silver medal.

Nolan, Saunders post shutouts

WINCHESTER — Carrie Nolan and Joanne Saunders each recorded their second shutout of the nine-week old Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League on Sunday.

Nolan and the number-three ranked Andy's Foodland Maroons (3-3-3) whitewashed the second-place Stewart Classics (4-3-2) 1-0 in the 10 am game on Nov. 30. Captain Jane Sachs broke the scoreless tie scoring on an unassisted play at 12:40 of the second period.

Saunders had more offensive support as she and Ryan's Restaurant Reds (3-4-2) blanked the CountryGirl Shop 6-0. The victory moved the Reds into a share of fourth place with the Gold Diggers (3-4-2). Julie Cyr paced the offence, scoring twice. She also picked up an assist as the Reds took a 3-0 lead in the first half. Kelly Francis, Kathy Kerr-Moore, Sarah Grady and Maggie Stewart fired in the other goals. Kim Campbell (2), Christina Rombough, Jackie Boulanger, Cyr, Francis, Stewart and Kerr-Moore earned the assists.

Double Beauty improved to a league-leading 8-0-1 with their 4-1 win over the last-place Annable's Jewellery Blues (1-8-0). Barb Wigney missed the opportunity for her third zero of the campaign when the Blues' Stacey Van Boxtel took a pass from Kelly Zeron and Jennifer Manley and beat her with 7:10 left in the game. Shannon Vidal cracked in a pair of first-half shots to put the Stylists up 2-0. In the second session, Vidal turned to playmaking and assisted Anita Gilmer and Amy Fraser on their markers. Nancy Pothier (2), Vidal (2), Wigney and Gilmer picked up the assists.

Hawks

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Armstrong also reported veteran goaltender Rock Briere didn't play Sunday and is waiting for a trade. Midget "B" Demons goalie Matt Bird was Bouchard's back-up.

"We want to change direction and work toward next season. The idea is to salvage what we can of this year for both the fans and the players. The fans have been great and hopefully the players can still have some fun," offered Armstrong.

Last Wednesday (Nov. 26) Robyn Sadler (from Ian Redpath and Chris Thompson) and Shawn Smail (unassisted at 0:31) scored in the second period of the 6-2 loss to Akwesasne. The Wolves held period leads 2-0 and 4-2.

In the rematch Saturday (Nov. 29) on Cornwall Islands the led 2-0 after 40 minutes en route to a 6-1 win. Marc Andre Fournier (from Sadler and AP James Kirkwood) recorded the lone Winchester goal.

Sunday afternoon (Nov. 30) the Hawks led 3-2 after a period and 4-3 after two. Lions' Jason Denio tied it up 4-4 with 4:05 left in regulation. Winchester captain Shawn Smail won it shovelling in his own rebound behind Jeff McIntyre with 55 seconds left in OT. Stefan Gravelle assisted on the play.

Bill Henderson, Gravelle and Jon Murray cracked in the first three Winchester goals. Aaron MacDonald scored in the second and Smail in OT. MacDonald (3), Gravelle (2), Smail (2) and Travis Rowe had the assists. Bouchard posted the win. Smail (14-8-22), Gravelle (6-10-16) and Marc Andre Fournier (10-5-15) are Winchester's top scorers. MacDonald (1-6-6) has six points in six games.

Jason Denio (2), Justin Elliott and Chad Gailapeau scored for the Lions.

Burleigh, Blues blast Canadians

METCALFE — After going 8-0-0 the Canadians have hit the wall. Paced by Derek Burleigh's four-goal effort, the Blues blasted the first-place squad 8-3 and extended the Canadians' losing string to two games.

Sunday's (Nov. 30) loss left the Canadians (8-2-0) still in first place in the Metcalfe Town Hockey League standings, but just three points ahead of the Stars (5-2-3). The third-place Blues (5-4-1) moved a game over the 500 mark with their win. The Penguins (3-5-2) defeated the Stars 5-2 and the Senators (3-5-2) kept pace by blanking the Leafs (2-8-0) 4-0 in the other two matches.

Burleigh's four goals set the pace for the Blues who received two goals from Brian Downey and singles from Todd Wallace and Stu Patterson. Ken Quaile (2), Patterson (2), Jeff Hope, Downey, Tyrone Franey and Ron Casselman provided the passes. Kent Holmes posted the win.

Brian Johnston potted a pair of goals for the Canadians, while Pete Bishop snapped in the single. Ron Flanagan (2) and Bruce Young drew the assists.

Tony Boulay used a feed from Stephan Rawlings at 9:00 of the first half and his shot stood up as the winner in the Senators 4-0 win over the Leafs. Rawlings (from Wayne Burke at 21:16), Jim Kerfoot (from Kevin McManus at 17:20) and Pete Goulet (from Rawlings at 1:44) netted the second-half markers.

Dale Carson put together a two goal, three-assist game leading the Penguins to their 5-2 win over the number-two ranked Stars. Reg Fisher recorded the winner, scoring from Carson and Pete Holmes at 13:04 of the second half.

Holmes also cracked in a pair of pucks and collected a pair of assists to take over top spot in the MTHL scoring race with 14 goals, four assists and 18 points.

Dave Boyd, Fisher and Humberto Medeiros collected the other assists. Mike Preston was the winning goaltender.

Darrell Warren pegged both goals for the Stars. Todd Hay (2) and Jason Jervais picked up helper points.

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Tourney champs

North Dundas recently claimed the "A" championship at the 2003 Smiths Falls Pee Wee House League Tournament defeating Smiths Falls' King Cole Cleaners 3-1 in the championship match. The Demons zapped Zeller's Flyers 5-2 in their opening game. A 3-2 shoot-out win over Holland Valley in the semi-final round put North Dundas into the title match.

Courtesy photo

Rams take over top spot

WINCHESTER — There has been a shift of positions in the Winchester Town Hockey League standings.

The Winchester Flyers shocked Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar Rangers 5-3 for their second win of the nine-week old season and that upset coupled with the 11-3 shellacking the Boyd Chrysler crew administered to the short-handed Country Kitchen Cyclones in the other half of the Tuesday (Nov. 25) twin bill shook up the rankings.

The Boyd Rams (7-2-0) slid into first place, one point ahead of the Pioneer Rangers (6-2-1). The Flyers (2-6-1) vacated fourth place and took over third with five points while the Cyclones (1-6-2) dropped into the bottom spot.

A 2-0 first-half lead didn't hold up for the Rangers as they suffered their second loss of the campaign. The Flyers buzzed back with three goals knotting the score 3-3 by half time. Defenceman Steve Norton (from Jeff Holmes) snapped in what would prove to be the winning goal at 12:09 of the second session. Flyer captain Jeff Hyndman insured his team's second win by connecting on a feed from Scott Rintoul 9:39 before the final buzzer.

Chris "Willy" Williams potted the first pair of Rangers goals and Al Christophersen counted the third 8:04 before the intermission. Dave Ralph drew his team's only assist.

Jeff Holmes (from Derek Byrd at 15:07) cracked in the first Flyer goal. Claude Towne struck for the next two getting help from Jeff Hyndman at 12:07 and Hal Thompson at 4:36. That set the stage for the Norton and Hyndman markers in the last half of the match.

Kent Pilon posted the win and Craig "JB" Smith took the loss.

Pilon also registered a win in the opening game of the two-game card, backing the Boyd Rams in their 11-3 win over the Cyclones.

The Rams led the seven-man Cyclones crew 6-1 at the half. Chad Valcour paced the offence scoring three times. Mike Buller (2), Grant Brown (2), Jason Picard, Wes Cory, Dwayne Backes and Derek "Ace" Rintoul poured in the other pucks. Travis McGahey (3), Rintoul (3), Cory (3), Kent Pilon, Buller and Picard collected helper points.

Craig Holmes, Scott Baldwin and Chris Van Bridger replied for the Cyclones. Jeff Scott (2), John Nadobny, Holmes and John Guy picked up assists.

Demons suffer loss

WINCHESTER — A five-game winning string the North Dundas Demons had going was snapped Sunday night. The Kanata No. One Blazers handed Bruce Currie's crew a 4-1 loss in Chesterville and the Nov. 30 result lowered the Demons 417 Juvenile Hockey League record to 5-1-0.

Aaron Kelly was the only North Dundas shooter to find the back of Kanata's net and did so after taking a pass from Dave Gallant and Kyle Kloosterman with 6:57 left in the second period. Kanata led 2-0 after a period and 3-1 after two sessions. Kenny Iob (2), Zac McLean and Jason Roose scored for the visitors.

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Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Nov. 26: South Grenville 9 - Brockville 7
Athens 6 - Gananoque 1
Akwesasne 6 - Winchester 2
Nov. 28: Brockville 8 - Westport 3
Kemptville 9 - Alexandria 1
Morrisburg 9 - Akwesasne 6
Nov. 29: Gananoque 8 - S. Grenville 7 OT
Char-Lan 4 - Alexandria 1
Akwesasne 6 - Winchester 1
Nov. 23: Winchester 5 - Morrisburg 4 OT
Westport 4 - Athens 2
Kemptville 4 - Char-Lan 0

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Brockville	12	7	1	101	90	27
Westport	12	9	1	101	94	27
Gananoque	11	9	1	87	93	25
S. Grenville	10	11	1	98	93	24
Athens	5	11	3	81	112	16
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Kemptville	18	5	0	119	56	36
Char-Lan	16	4	0	109	74	34
Alexandria	13	5	2	86	76	30
Akwesasne	13	7	1	104	78	29
Winchester	6	14	1	57	103	14
Morrisburg	5	15	1	74	118	14

*Teams losing in OT receive one point

Top Scorers	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
Jacob Wiley, S.G.	16	19	35
A.J. Howe, Bro.	17	17	34
Ryan Carty, West.	15	19	34
Tom Dickson, Gan.	19	13	32
Steve Biscaro, West.	18	14	32
Brandon Kelley, SG	16	12	28
Alex Rees, S.G.	5	23	28
Brian Johnson, Athens	9	16	25
Justin Wiley, SG	14	11	25
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Pat Johnson, Char.	18	28	46
Jeremy Synott, Akw.	11	28	40
Scott Leppard, Kempt.	17	28	39
Alex Vidoni, Kempt.	15	24	39
Dominic Lamarche, Alex.	20	13	33
Steve Jarvo, Char.	18	15	33
Sean Flanagan, Akw.	14	19	33
Darcy Smith, Kempt.	8	25	31
Sam Raymond, Akw.	17	14	31
Kyle Laurie, Kempt.	10	21	31

EOJBHL Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS
Nov. 27: Ottawa West 6 - Gatineau 1
Nov. 28: Metcalfe 7 - Carleton Place 3
Renfrew 6 - Shawville 3
Clarence Creek 7 - Gatineau 6 OT
Arnprior 10 - Stittsville 3
Nov. 29: Stittsville 7 - Shawville 2
Nov. 30: Metcalfe 6 - Ottawa West 4
Arnprior 5 - Perth 4 OT
Stittsville 5 - Clarence Creek 3
South Ottawa 5 - Shawville 3
Renfrew 6 - Carleton Place 5 OT

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Metcalfe	15	4	1	108	63	31
Gatineau	13	5	1	127	91	29
Ottawa West	13	6	1	127	68	27
Clarence Creek	13	10	0	107	102	27
Stittsville	7	14	0	86	104	15

Metro Top Scorers:	G	A	PTS
Sam Majic, O.W.	20	25	45
Pierre Luc Chenier, Gat.	22	21	43
Mike Wallace, O.W.	20	20	40
Maxime Quesnel, Gat.	15	19	34
Darrell Arvia, O.W.	11	23	34
Sebastien Trembaly, C.C.	12	22	34
Eric Lavoie, Gat.	10	23	33
Andrew Decristoforo, Met.	13	19	32

Metcalfe Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Week Ten (Nov. 30):
Blues 8 - Canadians 3
Penguins 5 - Stars 2
Senators 4 - Leafs 0

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Canadians	8	2	0	43	24	16
Stars	5	2	3	32	27	13
Blues	5	4	1	34	31	11
Penguins	3	5	2	39	44	8
Senators	3	5	2	32	32	8
Leafs	2	8	0	25	47	4

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Peter Holmes, Pens	14	4	18
Dale Poirier, Canadians	8	8	16
Dave Warren, Stars	6	10	16
Bob Kemp, Canadians	5	11	16
Darrell Warren, Stars	12	2	14
Brian Downey, Blues	10	4	14

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Week Nine (Nov. 25):
Winchester Flyers 5 - Ben's Rangers 3
Boyd Rams 11 - C.K. Cyclones 3

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Boyd Rams	7	2	0	60	35	14
Ben's Rangers	6	2	1	47	29	13
Winchester Flyers	2	6	1	30	49	5
C.K. Cyclones	1	6	2	34	57	4

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Dereck Holmes, Rangers	16	11	27
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	13	8	21
Chris Williams, Rangers	11	10	21
Wes Cory, Rams	9	11	20
Derek Rintoul, Rams	6	14	20
Chad Valcour, Rams	12	7	19
Mike Buller, Rams	10	9	19
Scott Baldwin, Cyclones	7	10	17
Derek Rintoul, Rams	5	11	16
Grant Brown, Rams	8	8	16
Victor Blake, Rangers	2	11	13

4Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week Nine (Nov. 30):
Ryan's Reds 6 - CountryGirl 0
Andy's Foodland 1 - Stewart Classics 0
Double Beauty 5 - Annable's Blues 1

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Double Beauty	8	0	1	29	11	17
Stewart Classics	4	3	2	17	13	10
Andy's Foodland	3	3	3	11	11	9
Ryan's Reds	3	4	2	21	15	8
CountryGirl	3	4	2	11	21	8
Annable's Blues	1	8	0	10	28	2

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Sandy Roy, DB	7	7	14
Nancy Pothier, DB	7	5	12
Shannon Vidal, DB	4	8	12
Carrie Gilmour, SC	10	0	10
Julie Cyr, RR	8	2	10
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Amy Fraser, DB	4	3	7
Megan Lamont, CG	2	5	7
Kathy Kerr-Moore, RR	3	3	6
Diane Downey, CC	2	4	6
Anita Gilmer, DB	2	4	6

Jones and McRae score twice in victory

CORNWALL — Tyler Jones and Ryan McRae each potted a pair of goals as the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons cruised to an 8-2 Upper Canada Minor Hockey league victory over the visiting Alexandria Glens.

The home-ice victory on Nov. 17 was the fifth straight for Eldon Baker's squad and improved the Demons' record to 6-2-0. North Dundas has outscored their opposition 42-31 in eight games.

Jones and McRae opened their two-goal performances netting back-to-back goals in the opening period. McRae and Chris Embury assisted Jones at 14:15 and then McRae connected on a pass provided by Jones and Taylor Johnston at the 5:24 mark. Alexandria put a shot into Kyle Greer's cage with 1:36 left in the opening session.

Jones (from Embury at 11:49), McRae (from Jones and Mike Cross at 7:54) and Cross (unassisted at 1:29) scored second-period goals to put the game out of reach at 5-1.

North Dundas secured the decision netting three more in the final period. Justin Comeau (from Philip Duncan at 12:21), Brandon Buma (from Justin Hanes at 5:57) and Duncan (from Jeff Picco at 1:30) provided the final three markers. Josh Collard counted the final Glens goal with 6:48 to play.

Each team drew four minor penalties.

DEMONS 3 - ATHENS 1

Ryan Hay came within a goal of registering a shutout on Nov. 22 as the Demons posted a 3-1 exhibition win over the Avalanche in Athens.

Period one of the match was scoreless but period two produced three goals, two by the Demons. Brett Baker converted a feed from Mike Cross into a 1-0 lead for North Dundas. Athens tied it up 54 seconds later when Mitchell Chartrand found the back of Hay's cage. That was the only shot which eluded the North Dundas netminder.

Justin Comeau cranked in an unassisted shot 10 seconds before the end of the period, and his marker stood up as the winner. Brandon Buma used a pass from Comeau to make it a 3-1 final at 12:08 of the final frame.

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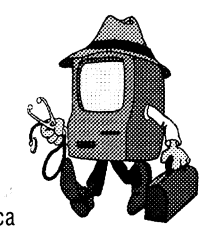

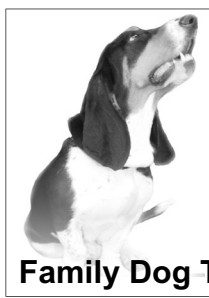

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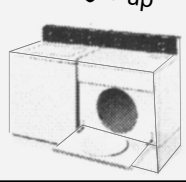

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– Meyer Baelde
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CARD OF THANKS – The family of the late Olive Barclay would like to express their sincere appreciation to all her friends, relatives and neighbors for their messages of condolences, flowers and gifts to the various charitable organizations in her memory. Special thanks to The Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home and to the ladies of Williamsburg United Church for the luncheon. Thank you for your kindness.
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In Memoriam

SHELDRICK – In loving memory of a dear father Harold, mother Mary, and brother Leslie, who passed away August 30, 1978, December 5, 1999 and June 6, 2002 respectfully.
Gone are the days we used to share,
But in my heart you are always there.
The gates of memory will never close,
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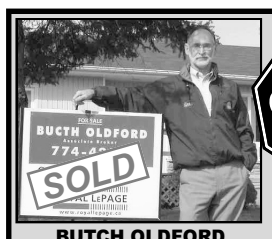

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
9 pm-2 am, Morewood R.A. Center. DJ: Shad's Disco, light lunch, party favors, Red Nose service (designated driver). Admission $10.
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PRE-TEEN DANCE
Hosted by the Senior Band at NDDHS Gym, Fri., Dec. 12. Grades K-6, 6-8 pm; Grades 6-8, 8-10 pm. Snacks available. Parent supervision.
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Thursday, December 11
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Parsonage: 448-2084
Pastor: Rev. Ralph Juthman
Tuesday
6:30 pm - BG Kids Club
Saturday
7:30 pm - Praise and Prayer
Sunday, December 7
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Morning Worship
7:00 pm - Community Carol Service at Trinity United Church
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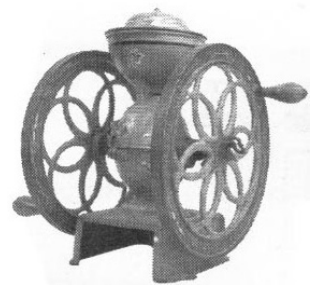

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- co-ordinate staff scheduling and act as liaison between staff and the Executive Director

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Keeping Health In Mind

"Keeping Health In Mind" is a monthly newspaper column made possible with the help of the Lannin Business Centre, the Winchester Press and the clinical staff of Tri-County Mental Health Services, a community program of the Cornwall General Hospital.

Book Review: 'Elder Care for Dummies'

'Elder Care for Dummies' was written by Rachel Zukerman, Ph.D., who is a gerontologist, social worker and associate professor of social welfare in the United States. The book is published by Wiley Publishing, Inc. In reviewing this book, it becomes apparent that the author has experience as well as training in dealing with the elders of our community and their caregivers.

The book is designed to assist caregivers and elders to cope more effectively with legal, financial and medical issues. It can also be used as a guide to assess an older person's needs, to enhance quality of life. It also is helpful in planning care at home and in long-term care facilities. The book covers issues of aging in an informative and very easy format to read.

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2) How to get your elder to accept help; for example, approach gently and be understanding, but express your concerns firmly, explain how assistance increases independence, ask your elder's opinion about the best way to handle the situation.
3) Getting the most out of your doctor's appointment; for example, bring in all your prescribed medications and over-the-counter medications, bring along a concise list of questions and concerns.
4) Family meeting ground rules; for example, do not speak for others by saying 'We think' or 'My family thinks'. Do not interrupt, do not allow blaming or criticizing.

These are only a few examples provided in the 'cheat sheets'. Suggestions are practical and user-friendly.

This book has the right balance of narrative presentation mixed with a light tone that doesn't trivialize issues. My only criticism is that it is not Canadian and that some of he services in the legal and long-term care are not representational of our system. However, the basic approach and principles of elder care are generic and well-presented in this book. Enjoy!

PS:

Here is a list of a few contacts or information re: long-term care, legal and financial issues in our area:

1) Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, 1-416-598-2656
2) Ministry of Health Information Line, 1-800-665-9092
3) Canada Pension Plan, 1-800-668-0128
4) Income Security, 1-800-277-9914
5) Ontario Seniors Secretary: 1-416-326-7076
6) Community Care Access Centre: 1-800-267-0852
7) TCMHS (Psychogeriatric service): 1-800-465-8061
8) Veterans' Affairs: 1-888-998-9460
9) Legal Aid Ontario: 1-800-463-9437

If you should require additional information, do no hesitate to contact any of these services listed above.

Paule Gauthier, B.S.W., R.S.W., Social Worker, Tri-County Mental Health Services

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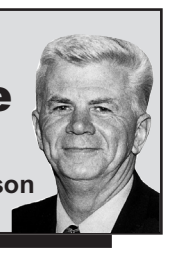
In & around Osgoode Ward 20
by Doug Thompson



OSGOODE — The community was shocked by the loss of a much loved and admired member last week, Dick Blanchfield. A devoted family man, businessman and outdoor enthusiast, Blanchfield was a vibrant citizen of Osgoode Ward. Among some of the local activities that he enjoyed organizing and participating in were the Osgoode Township Fish, Game and Conservation Club, the family ball tournament, and the Osgoode Trade and Home Show.

He was a true sportsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and sometimes just travelling through rugged rural terrain. A very passionate man, Blanchfield spent many hours as part of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, as well as speaking at various bylaw harmonization meetings about the discharge of firearms.

Yet Blanchfield's greatest passion was his family. I know his wife Sandy. His children, Lynne, Tracey and J.R., are very proud of his life and legacy. We, the community, thank you, the family, for allowing Dick to share his life with us as well. We will all miss him, but your loss is much greater. We are all much better off for knowing such a tremendous person.

FISH AND GAME

The annual banquet of the Osgoode Township Fish, Game and Conservation Club was held last Saturday (Nov. 29) in Greely. Over 300 people attended this caterer's delight, where delicacies such as beaver, squirrel, moose, wild turkey, bear and alligator were enjoyed by all.

The community and city are honored to have such dedicated men and women who truly understand about the natural environment and protecting wildlife.

Thanks to the 2003 club executive: Tony D'Aviero, Gord Hill, Chris Spring, Randy Nelson, Bruce Magee, Dave Craig, Paul Mussel, Jim McDonald, Bret Hamilton, Jeff Laniel, Gord Atkinson and Roger Deschamps.

Dick Blanchfield was also an executive member. The club executive would like to extend its deepest sympathy to his family, after he passed away on Nov. 22. Blanchfield was an active member and contributor to the club for many years. He will be fondly remembered.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Last Saturday night constable Mark Scharfe and I were very pleased to honor members and spouses of the Osgoode Policy Advisory Committee, the Metcalfe and Osgoode Policing Centre volunteers, and the Osgoode Ward Advisory Council. Osgoode Ward residents should be proud of the dedication these men and women provide to enrich our lives.

Osgoode Police Advisory Committee Members are: June MacDonell, Hank Hansen, Earl Phair, Rev. Votary, Sue McIntosh, Bea Emery, Renee Devenny, Bill Shepheard, Mark Scharfe and Doug Thompson.

Osgoode Ward Advisory Council Members are: Joe Banks, Andrea Banks, Ron Eastman, John Foliot, Bev McConnell, Archie Sayant and Pamela Stroud.

UNIVERSAL PROGRAM REVIEW

Staff tabled the City of Ottawa's Universal Program Review (UPR) report to the Program Review Subcommittee of council on Nov. 28. Staff has spent approximately five months detailing every service and program offered by the City of Ottawa in this 3,000-page report. The report will enable dialogue among politicians, residents and businesses about community priorities and values. Together we have to decide what services the city is going to provide now and in the future.

Last June, the outgoing council recognized that Ottawa was facing a significant budget challenge in 2004 and directed staff to prepare a review of each service the city provides. The final report reveals the impacts of 5 per cent, 10 per cent, 15 per cent, 20 per cent and 100 per cent expenditure reductions for each of the city's 105 service areas, and the capacity within each to absorb these reductions.

The UPR describes the impacts of reductions in terms of service to residents, legislative requirements, Ottawa 20/20, management issues and competitive advantage. The scenarios are presented in response to council's request for information about the specific targeted levels of reductions. They are not recommendations.

"We have reached the point where we can no longer sustain current services at existing service levels," said acting Ottawa city manager Steve Kanellakos. "We have not had a property tax increase in 11 years and it is clear we can no longer absorb the on-going budget pressures caused by growth, inflation and the shift in the tax burden from the province."

The UPR will be an important tool as council puts together a financial plan for 2004. It presents councillors and the public with a clear picture of the current state of affairs and provides a basis for the critical dialogue that will take place between now and March when the budget is approved. The UPR will enable both council and residents to identify services or programs that may be reduced in order to meet the city's operating budget targets.

"Cities across Canada are facing similar budget challenges due to the outdated way cities are funded," said committee vice-chair Janet Stavinga. "The new premier of Ontario has acknowledged it and so has the next prime minister of Canada, but the City of Ottawa is not waiting for solutions from Queen's Park or Parliament Hill. We are tackling this problem head on."

BUDGET PROCESS

On Dec. 10, city staff will provide council with three key documents to help them consult with residents and to develop a draft budget: the budget guidelines report, the UPR document and the UPR opportunity log.

The budget guidelines report outlines the city's budget pressures, provides a number of scenarios council could use to address these pressures, outlines the impact each scenario would have on residents, and summarizes the city's 2004 operating budget estimates.

The UPR opportunity log is a collection of ideas generated through the UPR process that, if implemented, could result in improvements to program and service areas, or increased revenues and efficiencies.

Using this information, city council will choose its preferred scenario(s) to address budget pressures and ask staff to develop draft operating and capital budgets based on these scenarios.

In January 2004, council will begin community consultations with the public for the budget process. During these consultations, Ottawa residents will be asked to provide their input on the reduction scenarios, and their feedback on budget priorities using the UPR.

In February 2004, council will receive a staff report summarizing the public's feedback on budget priorities as well as the draft operating and draft capital budgets. Following this, councillors will begin a second round of public consultation, providing Ottawa residents with an opportunity to provide their feedback on the draft budget.

While the UPR does not set out recommendations for program or service reductions, it will play a significant role in the development of the city's 2004 budget. Specifically, the document will be an important tool to help the new council identify residents' priorities, including the programs and services that are important to them, their families and their community.

If you would like more information about the UPR or to view the report online, please visit the city's Web site at www.ottawa.ca and click on program review.



New ambulance garage

The new ambulance garage in North Dundas went up almost over night, just south of the municipal building in Winchester. The floor was poured and the outside shell completed on Nov. 27. The garage is likely to be finished well before paramedics will be moving in on Dec. 31. The $127,000 building will be owned by the township. Press Photo — Zabel

Park early on parade night

Remarks
by Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture



WINCHESTER — This Friday our 7th annual Country Christmas Parade of Lights will take place. The parade begins at 7 pm, but get into town early to get parked and set up for the parade. Don't forget there is a host of places to take your family out to eat before the parade begins. Check the *Press* for more information. Handicap parking will be set up in front of Winchester Print and Parcoll. Come out and enjoy one of the nicest events in our community.

The Hallville Recreation Association held their first annual Christmas Craft Sale and Tea at the Winchester Community Centre, on Saturday (Nov. 29). Too bad the weather put a damper on their crowd because they did an excellent job at organizing the event. The organizers had many craft vendors attend and provided a great lunch for those who did come out. Congratulations on a job well done.

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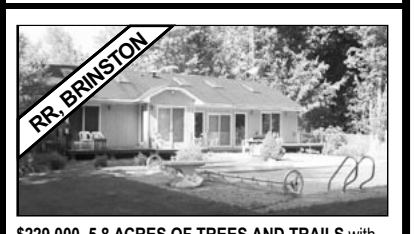

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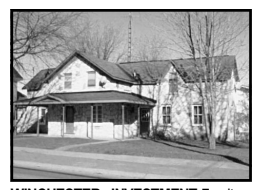

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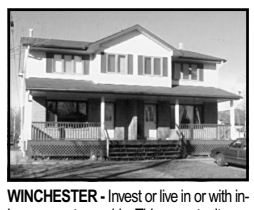

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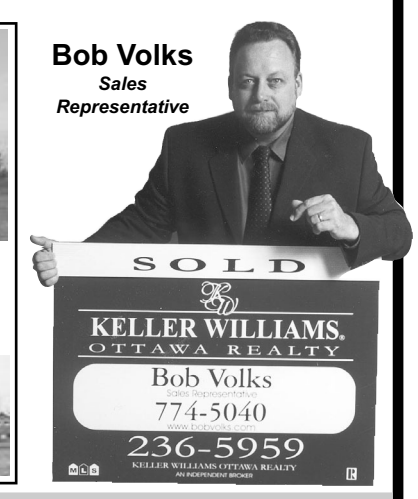

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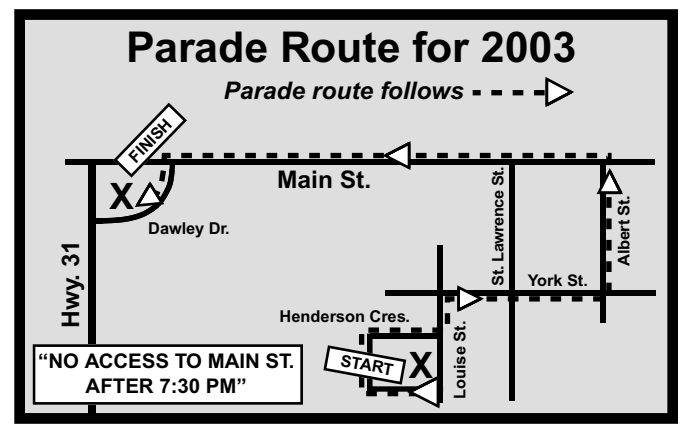

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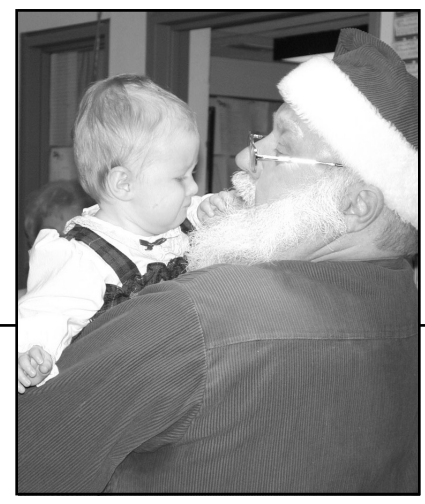

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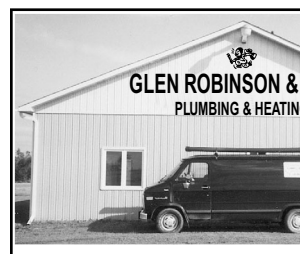

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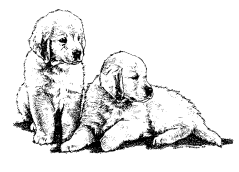

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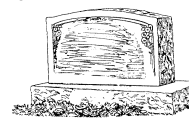

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