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Council clashes over fibre-optics

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — At the first official full-length meeting of the new South Dundas council, councillors Ron Delegarde and Sandra Bailey tabled a motion to dissolve the South Dundas Communications Committee.

The Communications Committee was responsible for securing the $1.7 million grant from Industry Canada to expand the township's high-speed Internet network and bring access to the rural areas. Since that funding announcement in late October, the committee has continued to work with Industry Canada to move forward on the project.

The township's fibre-optic network was a major election issue, with both Delegarde and Bailey campaigning on the promise to put an end to the use of township money to support it. The other councillors, Charles Barkley and Johnny Whitteker, are generally supportive of the project, though are in agreement that the costs need to be significantly reduced. This leaves mayor Van Allen with a divided council, and his vote as potentially the deciding factor.

After introducing his motion at the Dec. 16 meeting, Delegarde said that council was spending too much money on the fibre-optic system. "If I'm going to be responsible, I don't want to go through a committee. I want to be hands-on. I want everyone on council to be hands-on," he said.

Bailey expressed her disappointment that in its last days the previous council had added three new people to the committee. "They probably shouldn't have done that," she said.

"To dissolve this committee tonight is premature," stated Barkley. He also pointed out that council was scheduled to meet with the committee two days later for an information meeting.

"Like Charles, I think you're jumping the gun," said Whitteker. He also brought up the $1.7 million grant as a consideration, suggesting that the fibre system could end up being revenue neutral as a result.

The motion to dissolve the committee was deferred until after the information meeting.

The council chamber was packed two days later for council's information session with the Communications Committee on Dec. 18.

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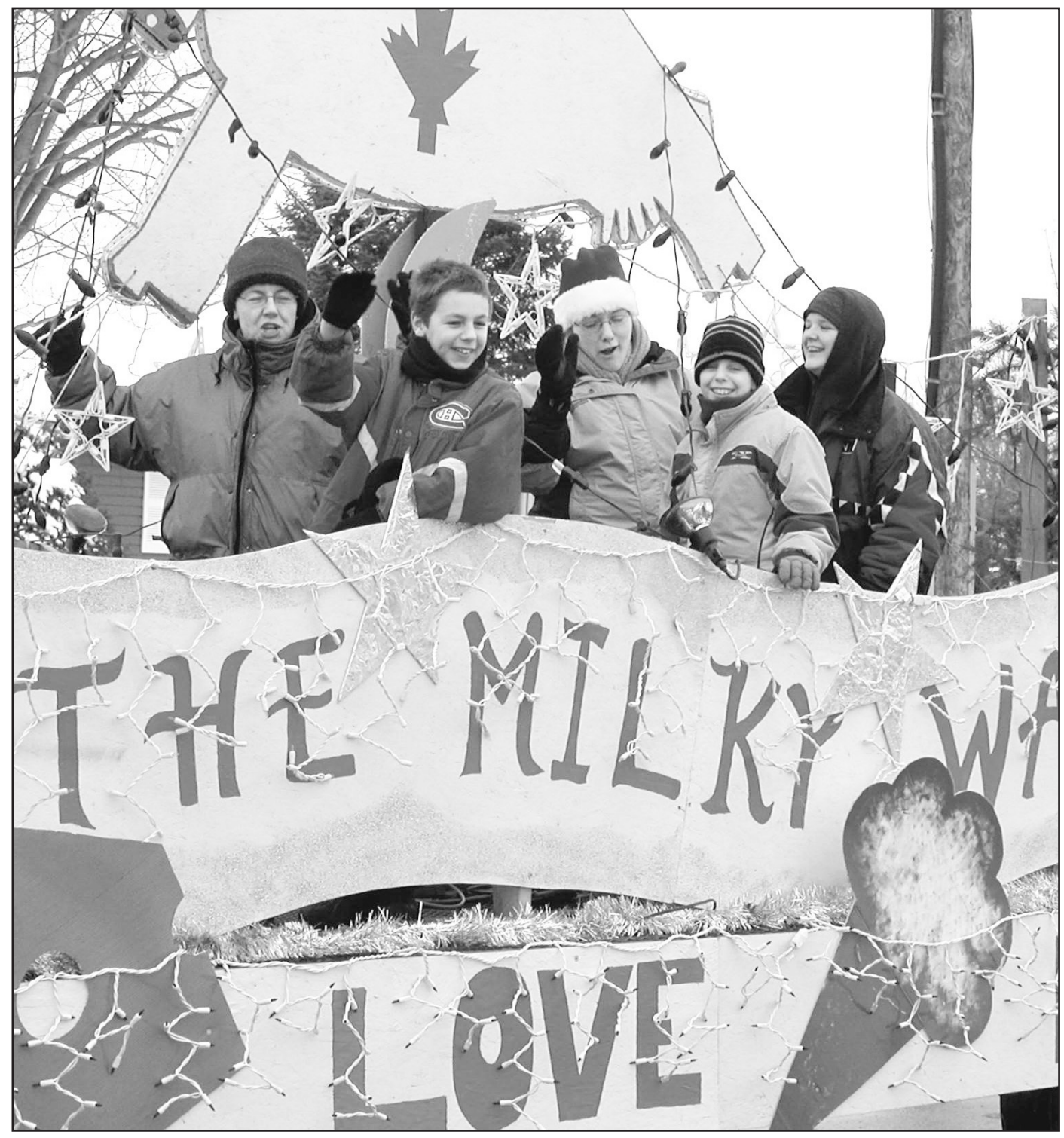

Drink milk, love Christmas

These young Dundas dairy farmers took some time away from their chores to celebrate the holiday during the annual South Mountain Santa Claus Parade on Sun., Dec 21. Photo – Burgoone

Cancer Society needs drivers

WINCHESTER — Volunteers for the Canadian Cancer Society's transportation program are currently stretched to the limit in the Winchester area. A group of three drivers is now struggling to meet the needs of local cancer patients with regular hospital appointments in Ottawa.

"The problem is my drivers are only supposed to be driving once a week, or once a month," explained Leslie Geurts. Since September, she has been the transportation convener for the Winchester area.

Geurts now only has three active drivers, and they are now each making two trips a week into the city. Geurts explained that in the current situation, a single full-time patient with treatments scheduled five days a week, can take up all the available driving resources.

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ND chamber gears up for member drive

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Membership fees for the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce will remain at $75 in the new year. The Chamber began planning for its January/February membership drive during a breakfast meeting on Dec. 17 at the Country Kitchen in Winchester.

"We're still in a building mode right now. We don't want to go any higher," said president Gerry Boyce. Discussion among the 15 members at the meeting agreed that the Chamber shouldn't make membership a large investment at this point in its development.

The main item of business at the meeting was a preliminary discussion of budgets for 2004. Registrar Owen Shortt said he would need a budget for the annual membership drive at the start of the year. For the past two years, the Chamber has conducted a mail-out drive with invitations to a wine and cheese party in January.

This year's event is tentatively planned to be held at the Winchester Lions Hall on Jan. 28.

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Advent project

Grade 6 students at St. Catherine's Catholic School in Metcalfe helped to load boxes of food that the school had collected for the Osgoode Emergency Food Cupboard. As part of their Advent project, the 209 students in the school collected 1,270 food items. It's the third year the school has donated to the Food Cupboard. Pictured on Dec. 18 are: Marissa Pandel, left; Christianne Bartoszewicz, teacher; Denise Herbert, Osgoode Emergency Food Cupboard administrator; Melissa Prevost; and Celina Thibeault. Press Photo — James

Runnalls, Smirle oversee river, libraries and health

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

CORNWALL — Following November's municipal elections, representation at the upper-tier SD&G counties council level is now set. When committee meetings begin in the new year, North Dundas will have representatives overseeing tourism, health, libraries and the St. Lawrence River.

When Alvin Runnalls was elected mayor, and Bill Smirle deputy-mayor, their responsibilities included representing the township at counties council. Each of the six townships in SD&G sends two representatives, making for a 12-member council to guide upper-tier municipal services.

Runnalls and Smirle have already made three trips into Cornwall to the counties building on Pitt Street. There was a full-day training session on Dec. 1 for all mayors and deputy mayors. As part of the training they received a manual outlining how the United Counties government operates.

The North Dundas representatives were in Cornwall again for the instalment of the new United Counties warden Dennis Fife on Dec. 12. The mayor of South Stormont will fill the warden position for the next year.

The first formal meeting of the new counties council was on Dec. 15. At this meeting, the 12 councillors were appointed to their respective committees.

Runnalls is one of four councillors who will sit on the board of directors for the SD&G Libraries system. Runnalls said he's always been interested in libraries. The board meets eight times a year, overseeing the operation of 20 branches. The board also has three non-council members, including former South Dundas councillor Cam Martel.

Runnalls is also the single council member who will sit on the St. Lawrence River Institute. The institute monitors environmental issues concerning the river.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) board of directors will have the guidance of Smirle. There are two councillors on the board, the other being South Dundas councillor Johnny Whitteker. They will both have a hand in guiding the EOHU offices in the United Counties, including the one in Winchester.

Smirle is also the sole council member who will work with the Cornwall/Seaway Valley Tourism Association. Also of interest to North Dundas residents is that former councillor Keith Fawcett will sit as a public member of the Cornwall and Area Housing Committee.

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This week in the *Press*



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8 Grade schoolers across region show their talent to celebrate the season.



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Communications

Committee members, business users of the fibre-optic system, and rural residents interested in gaining high-speed Internet access were all present. Word had gotten out about the motion to dissolve the committee, piquing interest in the meeting.

Cam Martel was the committee's spokesperson for the meeting, and before he gave his presentation, he registered his disappointment that there was no advance warning of the motion to disband the committee.

One of Martel's main points was that the proposal which earned the township the grant from Industry Canada is a solid one. While he admitted that some of the numbers are inflated, he pointed out that this is common practice when applying for funding, to try to get as much money as possible for the project.

In order to be selected for the Industry Canada funding, the township's proposal was examined by 24 outside agencies. Martel also explained that Industry Canada is continuing to study the plan, picking apart every detail. "You think this project isn't under scrutiny?" he asked rhetorically.

Martel told the members of council that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) needs to be signed soon by all the partners participating in the joint venture in order for the project to proceed. "We don't have months," he said. He asked that council get its own people to scrutinize the finances and the plan. "That's all we're asking. We can't be playing games with it," he went on.

When it came time for questions, Bailey had several with regards to the financial numbers on the grant proposal. She wanted to know about the administrative fees and about the capitalization of expenses, implying that all was not legitimate. "WorldCom got in a lot of trouble for doing basically the same thing," she said, referring to the accounting scandal that company suffered.

"The plan was flawed in that it didn't go out and seek customers first," said Bailey, referring to the existing network. She also pointed to the user fees that will be coming into effect for the township's water system and suggested that the business users should be paying for the fibre-optic system in a similar user fee fashion.

Delegarde alleged that the committee had been engaging in some misinformation of its own with regard to the number of jobs that the current system has created in the township. He read several quotes where the number of new jobs was said to be 500 and even 700. He then pointed to the more recent economic impact study which found the total to be 63 new jobs. Martel responded that those hundreds of jobs had never been directly linked to the fibre-optic network.

Misinformation circulating about various types of high-speed Internet was also on Delegarde's mind. "It doesn't matter how you get the speed," he said.

When asked about the future use of rural high-speed, Martel answered that the committee's interest study had shown 107 people were willing to sign up.

The meeting ended with the mayor asking Martel if the committee could guarantee that once the expansion to the rural areas was complete the system would be self-sufficient. Martel responded that the committee had every reason to believe that it would.

Drivers

"A full-time patient leaves no drivers for other patients," said Geurts. There are many local cancer patients who need rides into Ottawa for routine checkups. "It would be nice to have a couple of extra drivers I can rely on."

Almost anyone with an available vehicle can volunteer for the Cancer Society's transportation program. The main stipulation is that volunteer drivers must have a clean driving record. A background check with the OPP is conducted on all volunteers before they enter the program.

Geurts said that typically, a volunteer might be called on once or twice a month. She said cars are preferred over trucks for use in transporting patients, because a truck can be difficult for a patient to get in and out of.

Often a patient's spouse will accompany them on the trip to the hospital. This is helpful if the patient is experiencing side-effects on the drive home.

Geurts said that the average amount of time a volunteer will spend making a run is three to four hours. It's often simple for a volunteer to run errands in the city while the patient is receiving medical care. "I've never had a driver go in and be tied up for the whole day," said Geurts.

The Cancer Society supports its transportation program so that volunteering doesn't cost people any money, only their time. Drivers receive mileage payments for the distances they cover.

Drivers also receive a car window sticker identifying them as volunteers and exempting them from parking fees. If a driver has to pay for parking, that money will be reimbursed. In addition, if a driver is "trapped" in Ottawa due to weather conditions, hotel accommodations can be arranged at no cost.

"Ideally, we like to plan trips a week in advance," said Geurts. As the person who schedules the volunteer drivers in the Winchester area, she said she would never ask someone to drive with less than 48 hours notice.

The aim of the Canadian Cancer Society national community-based organization of volunteers is to improve the quality of life of people living with cancer. Transportation is free to anyone living with cancer. Quarters are available in Ottawa for full-time cancer patients; however, these facilities can never be as comfortable as a person's home.

The Cornwall office of the Cancer Society unit for SD&G and Prescott-Russell can supply extra drivers to the Winchester area in an emergency. But the program is designed to work through community support. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Janie Grimes at the Cornwall office at 800-669-4181.

ND Council

The SD&G counties council participates in a total of 11 committees. All of the appointments that were made last week are for the next three years. Committee meetings will start in January.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Smirle. "It's a fast learning-curve, but I'm excited about that too," he said.

The regular meetings of counties council take place on the third Monday of every month, beginning at 10 am. Following the new council's first meeting last week, Runnalls said everyone on council is concerned about new water testing requirements being introduced by the province. "This is really scary," he said. "They're really lowering the boom on us. The costs could be phenomenal."

Runnalls said he is looking forward to February when he will continue working on the issue of clean water at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) convention. He is also keen to work with MPP Jim Brownell, the new representative for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh at Queen's Park.

Chamber

The wine and cheese will start around 7 pm, preceding the first meeting of the year. It was agreed at last week's meeting that this was the best way to offer a "pain free" introduction to what goes on at a regular Chamber meeting.

Every business in North Dundas can expect to receive an invitation to the introductory meeting in the upcoming weeks, along with an outline describing the benefits of membership. A budget was also approved to advertise the membership drive in the Coming Events sections of local newspapers.

The executive of the Chamber will remain in place for a second year. Currently heading the group are president Gerry Boyce of Amaro Water in South Mountain; vice-president Connie Gruich of Thom Travel in Chesterville; secretary Sandie Puddephatt of Winchester Video/Paddletales in Winchester; treasurer Danielle Byers of Crazy Loonies in Winchester; and registrar Owen Shortt of Winchester Travel. Byers was accepted as the Chamber's new treasurer at last week's meeting, replacing Sandra Vasey of Muriel's Flowers in Winchester.

The Chamber will be approving an advertising budget in January. There is already a committee at work, looking for ways to use a limited budget to put North Dundas forward as a prime area for development.

Also discussed was an annual budget for events sponsored by the Chamber. Shortt brought up the issue of this need, recalling the three all-candidates meetings the Chamber organized before last November's municipal election in North Dundas. The series of meetings attracted large audiences and was hailed as a great success.

"But we couldn't see a year in advance," said Shortt. He described how the meetings came together very well, despite the fact that only $100 or $200 was spent in each case, and that money hadn't been budgeted for at the beginning of the year.

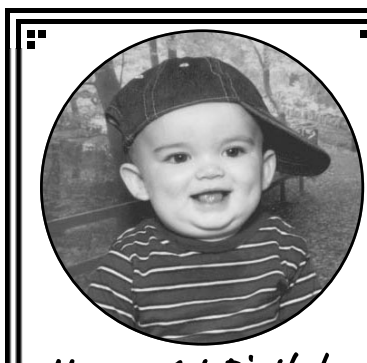
The other main event at last week's breakfast meeting was a presentation by councillor Martin Schoones. He was in attendance representing North Dundas council along with deputy-mayor Bill Smirle.

Schoones presented a planning kit currently being promoted by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, designed to help rural communities maintain their economies. This was the second meeting where Schoones showed a short video outlining the Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) program. Schoones explained to the Chamber that the basic kit only costs $2,500; however, implementation costs would likely be in the neighborhood of $35,000.



The gift of cookies

Members of the Winchester United Church Youth Group baked 45 dozen cookies to be distributed in this year's North Dundas Christmas Fund baskets. This was the third year the group spent one of its regular meetings baking and decorating treats for others. Taking part in the project were leader Valerie Flowers (left), Shawn Kelly, Nick Zubatuk, Tamara Pemberton, Jessica Switch, Tara Fawcett, leader Carol Zubatuk, Mellisa Riddell, and Sue Calhoun. Absent are Tyler MacDonald and Mallorie Blaine.



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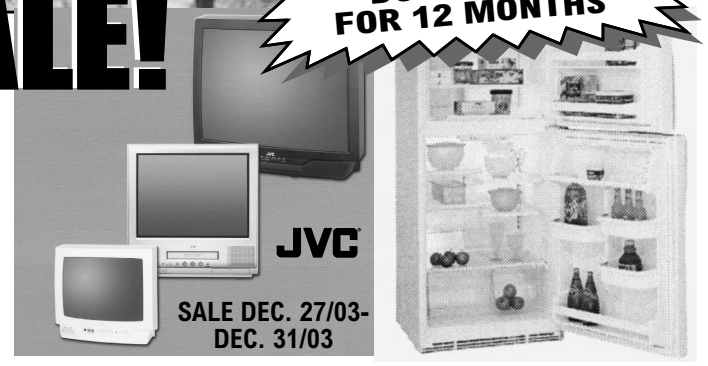

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From Queen's Park
by Jim Brownell
S-D-C MPP



Season's greetings from your MPP

TORONTO — First and foremost, I would like to wish all residents of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh a merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

It has been an exciting and humbling couple of months serving as the newly elected Member of Provincial Parliament for our area. Since Oct. 2, I have been traveling throughout our riding, attending events, heeding our citizens' concerns, and bringing our community's concerns and needs to Queen's Park in Toronto.

In this first session of the 38th Parliament, I have been fortunate enough to be able to ask two member's questions, state one member's statement, meet and mingle with members from the Liberal caucus (including a notable meeting with Minister of Health George Smitherman), and bring forward my first private member's bill. To say the least, it has been a busy and exhilarating couple of weeks!

In the first week of sitting, I was able to bring forward the issues of cigarette smuggling, and the precarious situations at our hospitals, both in Cornwall and Winchester, by means of question period.

In both questions, I was contented with our government's responses. Minister of Finance Greg Sorbara assured that there will not be a resurgence of "smugglers alley" because of the staged approach to pricing increases to the national level. And Minister Smitherman committed to come and tour hospitals to witness our health care concerns first-hand.

With my first member's statement, I was able to congratulate the South Stormont Cattleman's Association for all its hard work and dedication this year, particularly during the mad cow (BSE) crisis.

Being at Queen's Park and having the opportunity to bring forward our community's concerns is the most rewarding experience for any member of Parliament. Taking part in caucus meetings and being member of a cabinet committee (Community Affairs and Policy) has allowed me opportunities that past backbench members were not afforded. Past government backbenchers were not able to sit on cabinet committees.

Moreover, I was overjoyed to learn last week that I was appointed vice-chair for the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Justice and Social Policy. I attended my first meeting with this committee last week.

Just last week, I was also able to introduce my first private member's bill — an act to proclaim Ontario Heritage Day, and to amend other acts to include Ontario Heritage Day as a holiday. As my first private member's bill, I wanted to introduce something close to both my community and my heart.

Doing something to preserve Ontario's natural and built heritage, while assisting Ontario's hospitality and tourism industry, was the perfect solution. The bill was approved in principle, and has been turned over to the Standing Committee on General Government, chaired by Jean-Marc Lalonde, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

Parade receives a warm welcome

by Jason Burgoone

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – An early morning snowfall and perfect packing conditions made for a few nervous float drivers as children lined the parade route, unable to resist an easy target during the annual South Mountain Santa Claus Parade on Sunday (Dec. 21).

The large crowd wasn't disappointed as the 24 entrants in this year's Christmas parade took to the streets, starting at Nationview Public School and finishing at the old Mountain Fire Hall. Children waited patiently as the floats drew closer. Many anxious onlookers knew they would be accompanied by fist-fulls of candy from generous parade participants.

After arriving at the old fire hall, children had the opportunity to visit with Santa and notify him of any last minute changes to Christmas wish lists. Parents were warmed up with complementary hot chocolate, coffee and donuts while children waited for their turn on Santa's knee.

Local donors, parade volunteers and committee members were able to send each child who visited with Santa home with a goody bag full of chips, suckers and chocolate. Volunteers prepared 240 grab bags and noted only a few dozen remained following the conclusion of this year's parade festivities.

Organizing this year's event were the Mountain Fire Department's captain Terry Foley, chief Gary Martin, deputy-chief Gerry Boyce and firefighter Ed Duncan. The parade received sponsorship from the Mountain Township Agriculture Society, the Mountain Trail Blazers snowmobile club, the Mountain Township Lions Club and the International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 428.

This year's event marks just the second year both the Firefighters' Breakfast and the South Mountain Santa Claus Parade have run in conjunction. Captain Foley also used the opportunity to promote fire prevention over the holiday season. All of the event organizers were extremely happy with this year's result and plan to carry on the new tradition for years to come.



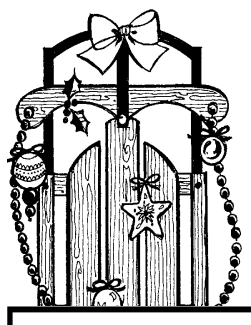
Sandy Row Golf Club and Golf O Max represented diehard golfers across the township to prove even the worst condition can't keep them at home.



The St. Daniels Knights of Colombus proudly showed off their traditional uniforms and sense of community during this year's South Mountain Santa Claus Parade.



D.R. Stitt and Sons Construction grabbed some attention from local residents with a beautiful horse-drawn carriage. Photos — Burgoone



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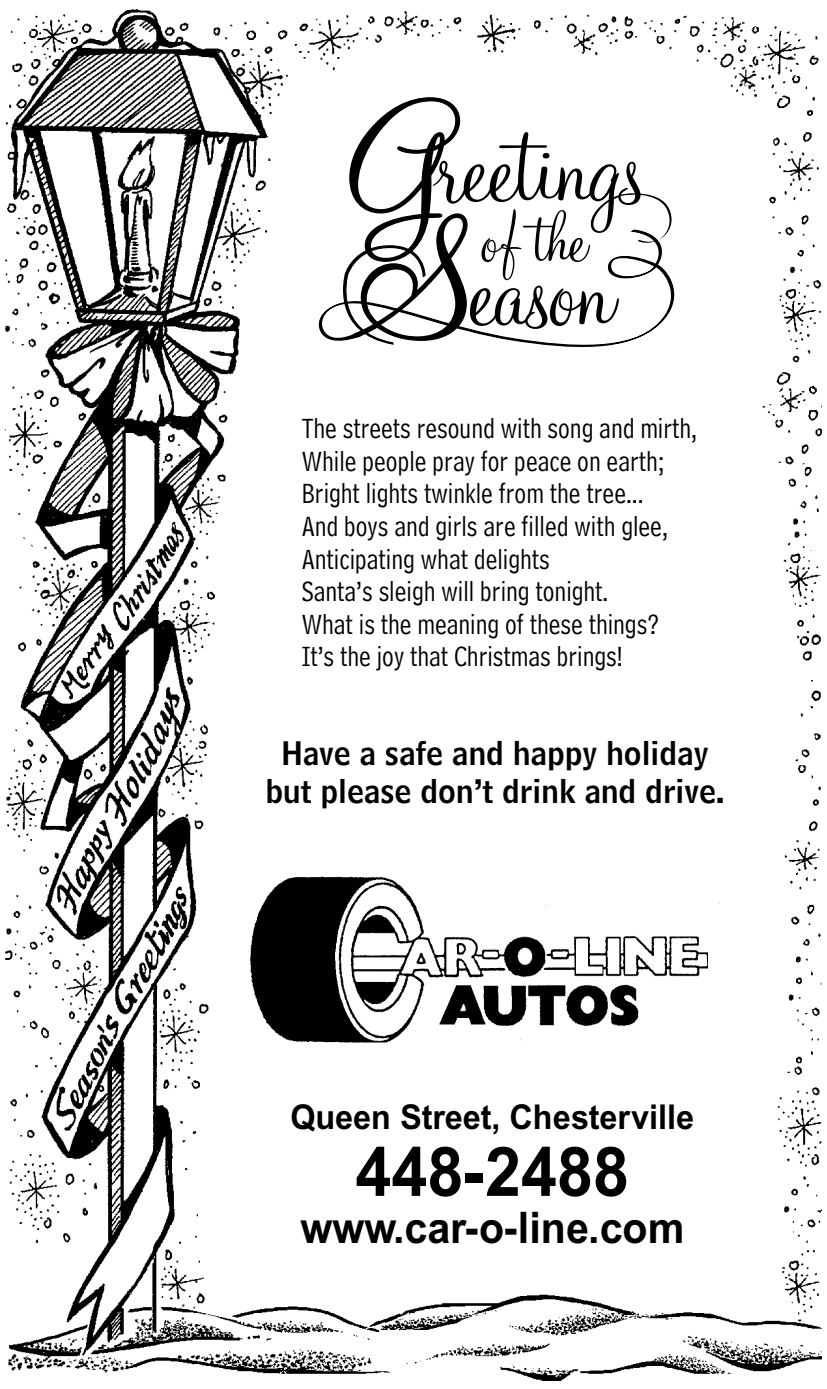

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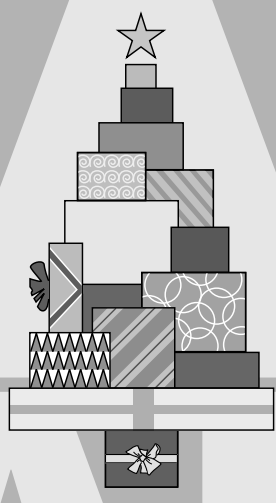

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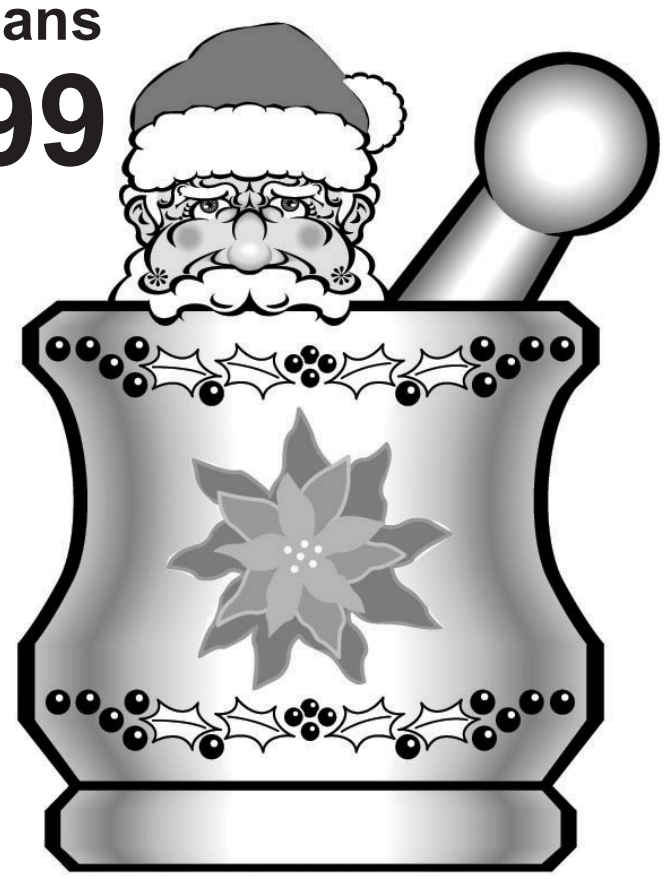



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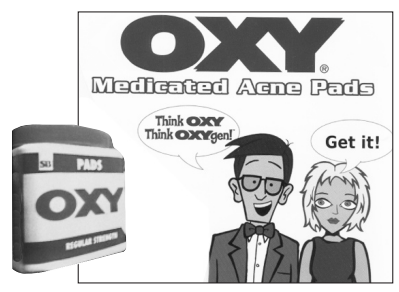

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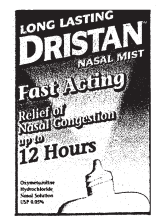

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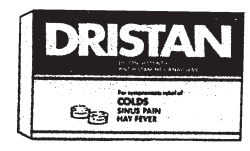

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Drainage superintendent Brent Copeland was honored by North Dundas council on Dec. 8. Retiring after 16 years of service to North Dundas Township, former mayor Claude Cousineau presented Copeland with a print. Copeland was chair of the Eastern Ontario Drainage Superintendents for 10 years. After beginning his career in Gloucester Township in 1976, he was hired by the former Winchester Township in 1988.

Press Photo — James

Deer hunting season: Eighty-six charges laid

KEMPTVILLE — The Kemptville District Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) laid 86 charges during the recent deer hunting season.

From Nov. 3 to 22, MNR Kemptville District conservation officers checked more than 800 hunters, issued 116 warnings, and laid 86 charges. Officers seized six deer, 12 firearms, and a spotlight.

Safety-related violations included firing a gun from and having a loaded gun in a vehicle, hunting at night, having an unencased firearm at night, possessing a loaded firearm on a roadway, and careless hunting.

Other violations included hunting without a license, trespassing to hunt, improperly tagging deer, failing to notch deer seal, making a false statement to a conservation officer, and possessing more than one license.

Some hunters failed to wear blaze orange, and operated ATVs without helmets or license plates.

Conservation officers worked with the Ottawa Police to conduct joint patrols in Marlborough Forest and road checkpoints throughout the City of Ottawa's rural areas. They also worked with Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers to jointly investigate a number of violations.

In Kemptville district, 19,280 antlerless deer seals were issued this year. Another 11,320 additional antlerless deer seals were available for use during gun or archery season in WMUs 63B, 64A, 64B, and for archery only in WMUs 65, 66A, 66B, 67 and 69B.

In addition, eight new landowners joined the Lanark County Stewardship Council's "Making the Connections" program, making an additional 1,063 acres of land available for hunting in Lanark County.

Hunting is a useful tool for managing deer populations. Crop damage, the number of deer-vehicle accidents, and the long-term health and sustainability of the population are all considered in determining deer quotas.

Every year, the ministry sends survey cards to hunters asking how many days they hunted and how successful they were. Over the next few weeks, hunters will be returning their postcard surveys. This data will be analyzed provincially and used to help determine next year's quotas. Hunters who purchased an additional seal are reminded to return their 2003 Additional Seal Deer Hunt Report to the Kemptville office.

Kemptville district covers the counties of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Prescott and Russell, and the City of Ottawa.

If you see natural resource-related violations, contact your local MNR office or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



Wearing whiteface last week were Stephanie Sproule (left), Jamie Taylor, Emily Vingerhoeds, Martina Zollinger, Martina Bols, Jessica Marcellus and Megan Pelletier. The Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving Club reminded everyone to drive safely over the holidays.

Press Photo — Zabel

Don't become a memory implore OSAID members

MAPLE RIDGE — Dressed in black and wearing white face paint, members of the Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) Club became ghosts for a day. The event was meant as a pre-Christmas warning against drunk driving.

This was the first time the OSAID group at North Dundas District High School staged a whiteface event during the Christmas season. Eight members of the club sat together in the cafeteria at a table closed off with yellow caution tape on Dec. 18.

Participants went the entire day without speaking to anyone. Their only communications were stories taped to their shirts. These stories described how they "died," in various alcohol-related traffic accidents.

The OSAID club at NDDHS has about 20 members and has been planning regular events at the school for more than five years. The club also organizes OSAID Week in the spring, with events staged every lunch hour for five days.

Police blotter

Stolen vehicle

WILLIAMSBURG -– Police began an investigation into the theft of a light-blue 1993 Dodge W250 pickup truck on Dec. 17. It was taken overnight from a private residence located along Pinkus Drive in the Williamsburg area. This vehicle has not yet been recovered. Constable Sylvain LaMarche is investigating this incident.

Thin ice

WINCHESTER —The Ontario Provincial Police in the Eastern Region want to remind winter enthusiasts that although there have been a few cold days, the ice on open bodies of water is not solid enough for skating or for supporting motorized snow machines.

In different areas, people have been observed on rivers and lakes. Please use caution. Make sure you check the ice conditions before you go out. Don't play around locks and dams. The water will never be thick enough and the currents can be deadly.

Assault

WILLIAMSBURG -– As a result of an investigation into a family related incident which occurred in the Williamsburg area on Dec. 12, a 16-year-old Williamsburg youth is facing a charge of assault.

The youth was released following his arrest, and is scheduled to appear in young offenders court in the Village of Morrisburg on Jan. 6 to respond to the charge.

Elf gives gifts to Mountain Seniors

by Nancy Rodger

MOUNTAIN — The Mountain Seniors were greeted with hugs and handshakes from a jolly Santa at their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 10. A diminutive elf with a small gift for everyone added to the fun.

President Ralph Rodger welcomed all guests and members before saying grace. The ladies from Heckston United Church severed up a delicious hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings and topped off the feast with homemade pie.

Following the dinner, Rodger made a special presentation to Evelyn Francis for the work she does in organizing euchres throughout the years. Treasurer Mavis Graham presented Lloyd Hyndman with a plaque to celebrate his recent 90th birthday.

A host of door prizes were distributed. The winners of the draws were Doris Scharf, Myrtle Allen, Charlene McCargar, Marjorie Baker, Minnie Pelton and Doris Belanger.

Muriel and Oscar Milne volunteered to deliver another trunk full of goodies that the seniors donated to the local Lions Club for their Christmas baskets.

Huguette Shaver introduced the entertainment for the afternoon. It was a group based in Osgoode and each of their 14 members plays the cello. Their repertoire ranged from Pachelbel to the theme from the Friendly Giant, to some familiar holiday favorites. Their presentation was well-received and an appreciative audience gave them a standing ovation. Bravo!

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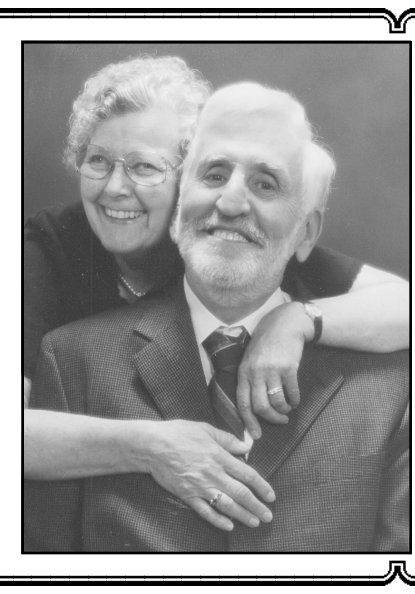

EQAO results released for Grade 9 math

BROCKVILLE — The Upper Canada District School Board has released the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results for Grade 9 mathematics administered in January, May and June 2003.

Results show a seven percentage point improvement for Upper Canada students since the EQAO test was first written in 2001 for applied math. The results for academic math have improved by 10 percentage points since 2001, but there is a six percentage point shortfall in this year's results compared to 2002.

"We have dedicated more resources to support our students and teachers in preparation for these tests, including the introduction of a math focus group and manipulative material. However, we must continue to analyze our results to improve upon them, especially for our academic math students," said director of education Gino Giannandrea.

The provincial government has announced that it intends to review the mathematics curriculum for applied mathematics students.

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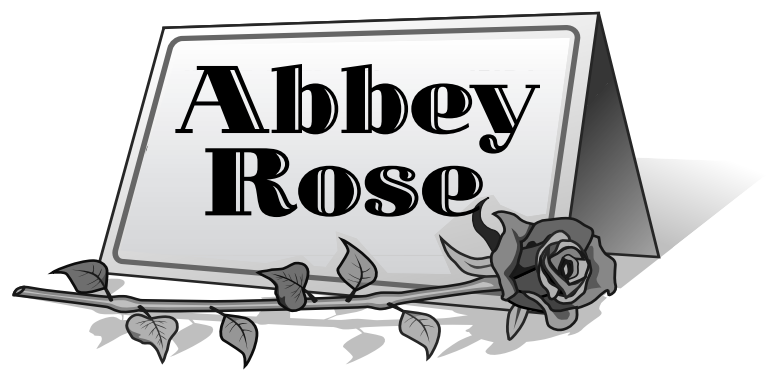

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Chamber needs help to grow

The North Dundas Chamber of Commerce has a considerable membership, about 80 businesses, but there's only a core group of about 20 people who regularly attend meetings. This was the case at the most recent meeting, on Dec. 17 at the Country Kitchen. This trend in attendance, however, is probably going to change over the next year.

New faces around the table at the past two meetings have been newly elected deputy-mayor Bill Smirle and councillor Martin Schoones. They are both following through on election promises made last October and November, when they said they hoped council and the Chamber could work more closely together. What they're also bringing to the table is an action plan.

Winchester, Canada
by Chris Zabel



In its present state, the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce typically attracts 15 of its core members to regular meetings. It's not a high-pressure "networking" environment, although meeting lots of new people is the result, with everyone eating breakfast together.

The Chamber is currently a vibrant and growing entity. Its present form began developing three years ago when members of the dormant Winchester Chamber of Commerce elected an executive and began holding regular meetings.

Discussion at the first meetings questioned the mandate of a Chamber of Commerce, and what it was likely to be capable of achieving. The most significant early decision was that the new movement would be township-wide, creating the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce.

When merchants receive their annual invitations to the Chamber wine and cheese recruitment party in January, they will also receive a list of accomplishments and benefits of membership in the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce.

"The message is — come and make it grow," said registrar Owen Shortt at last week's meeting. "Come and make it change; there are no hard and fast rules." The regular meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month, alternating 7:30 am and 7:30 pm. The location of each month's meeting is advertised in community newspapers.

The fresh interest council has taken in the Chamber is significant because the involvement of municipal politicians will bring a clearer focus to what the organization is trying to accomplish. The Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) plan that Schoones is promoting has the potential to give the Chamber real power in the community.

The kit that Schoones is hoping council will purchase has been developed for Ontario through OMAF and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Schoones showed a short video at last week's meeting which outlined some of the benefits BR+E brought to Brockville.

One example was of a business with a minor problem with its storefront sign. The sign was slightly too large, and was in breach of a zoning bylaw. Following the BR+E model, the insignificant problem was efficiently solved, without the merchant having to appear before council.

On a larger scale, the BR+E model was successful in solving problems at the marina in Brockville when rowdy boaters were causing problems. The use of security guards and an increased police presence solved the problem.

Schoones explained that the concept behind the system is that businesses having problems can be identified and assisted, before they are in serious jeopardy. "If there's a business that's teetering, that goes before council to look at ways of saving it," said Schoones. The system is designed to work on all businesses in the community, from large ones to the smallest. "Every business that can stay in operation, that's five jobs that stay in the area," he said.

If BR+E is implemented in North Dundas, it will be essentially a volunteer-driven effort. The system depends on task groups that will gather business information in the community. The Chamber will be the prime organization to start bringing merchant volunteers together.

This week in...
by Bonnie James



1923

The first issue of *The Scholastic*, a magazine published by the Winchester High School Alumni Association, was to be ready for the group's annual Christmas banquet. It was to be over 70 pages and had contributions from a number of graduates, as well as others who had otherwise been connected with the school.

1933

The Christie Cup was retained by Winchester curlers after winning a battle against a rink from Metcalfe, by a score of 12-10. Winchester had won the trophy from Morrisburg curlers in the previous season. The Winchester team was skipped by W. J. Cass, and consisted of D. H. Weir, W. Johnston, and T. O. Van Bridger. The challengers from Metcalfe were R. K. Runnells, Earle Dowser, E. Scrivens, and Dr. Gaukrodger.

1943

The Picadilly Theatre in Williamsburg was planning a New Year's Eve midnight showing to entertain locals looking to celebrate the arrival of 1944. The movie was *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*, starring Allan Jones, Gloria Jean, and Donald O'Conner. The theatre regularly showed films Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as having matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3 pm.

1963

Winchester reeve, G. H. Reynolds made the first official dial phone call in town. Bell had just converted Winchester from an outdated system where an operator had to handle every call to direct dialing. There were a few kinks still being worked out, including one which had the town's fire siren sounding periodically, as a short circuit in the phone system triggering the alarm was tracked down.

1973

Lorne Henderson of Brinston was named Farmer of the Year at the annual Dundas Soil and Crop Association meeting. The meeting's speakers included a representative from the Crop Insurance Commission, who reviewed program changes for the following year. Bob Kelly, an agricultural engineer, then gave a presentation about tile drainage in Dundas County. The amount of tile laid in 1973 surpassed two million feet. Kelly indicated that due to a shortage of plastic, the cost of plastic tile would be increasing.

1983

PC candidate Noble Villeneuve won by a landslide in the SD&G byelection, winning at 99 of the riding's 120 polls. Liberal Johnny Whitteker came in a distant second, Rudi Derstroff of the NDP was third, and John Turmel, an Independent, rounded out the results. Whitteker, 57 at the time, said he would not run again.

1993

Williamsburg had been given the go-ahead to build 31 non-profit housing units by the Ontario Housing Ministry. The local project was co-ordinated by the Williamsburg Non-Profit Housing Corporation, which ran the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre and Park Drive Villa. At least 70 families or individuals were on a waiting list for the 31 units, some of which would have subsidized rent. The corporation still had several more hurdles to clear, but it was hoped that construction would begin the following spring.



Windows of Christmas was the name of the production put on by Winchester Public School students and staff in this week of 1983. The two-hour performance was composed of 15 different musical numbers, including this chorus, and attracted some 400 spectators.

Council notes from South Dundas

Township switches to credit union

WILLIAMSBURG—South Dundas council passed a motion to switch the township's day-to-day banking from the Bank of Montreal to the Ottawa Carleton Credit Union for a five-year term. The Williamsburg branch of the Bank of Montreal closed in October. The Credit Union will open in mid-January. CAO Andy Brown explained to council that township staff collected bids from the three local banks, as well as the new Credit Union.

"Our concerns were about technology," said Brown. However, the Credit Union is able to handle Internet and telephone banking. It will also make it possible for people to pay their taxes monthly using auto-withdrawal.

Approximately one week of lost time per year would be incurred in travel time if the township was to do its banking in Morrisburg.

Preventing mischief

OPP Constable Julie Cyr was in attendance at the South Dundas council meeting on Dec. 16 to discuss the problem with youth mischief at the malls in Iroquois and Morrisburg. Cyr stated that many of the incidents occur over the lunch hour and involve high school students. She told council that she wants to develop an action plan by bringing together business owners, the OPP, school representatives (principal or teachers) and students.

There was some discussion of possible solutions. Johnny Whittaker, councillor for Williamsburg, suggested that increased police presence would do a lot to resolve the issue. "The key is giving the kids ownership," said Cyr. Mayor Van Allen agreed, and both he and Cyr shared stories of other communities where youth had been involved in beautification projects, which subsequently cut down on vandalism problems.

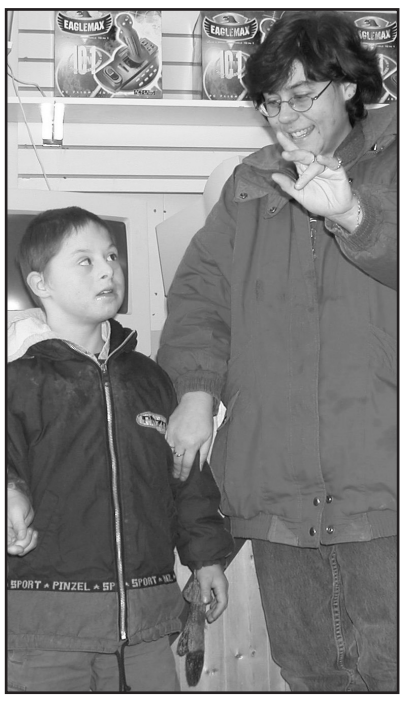
The council agreed to assist the OPP in co-ordinating a meeting of affected parties in mid-January.

Broader mandate for Gardner?

Kirsten Gardner, heritage co-ordinator for South Dundas outlined to South Dundas council what her office has done in the past year. She pointed out that she handles more than just heritage issues, often branching into the areas of tourism, recreation, and children's programming.

Gardner had some recommendations for her office's future role. These include the creation of a community service department, an official partnership with the recreation department, the creation of a youth mandate, the creation of a beautification committee, and a review of children's programming and services.

Van Allen inquired about planning something to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Seaway's construction, something he had already discussed with Jim Brownell, MPP. Gardner assured him that she was also interested in working on this.



An early gift

Alex Lanoux of Hallville received an early Christmas present when The Computer Shop in Winchester donated a refurbished Pentium to help out with his schooling. Lanoux, who has Down's syndrome, uses a computer at school, but did not have a machine at home. Also pictured is Lanoux's babysitter Laura Billings.

Press Photo — James

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fee so small — rewards so great

The Editor:

We are disturbed by the way people try to avoid the parking fee at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. We feel that we are so blessed to have a hospital in our town and we should all be happy to pay the small fee for an indefinite time of parking. Some people say they park on the street and others try to get through the gate while someone else pays the price.

We should all feel very fortunate that we have such a great hospital here and do not have to drive to Ottawa for all of our treatments. Some people do not like to drive to the busy city with all the traffic, or are unable to drive at all due to advanced age. Plus, you have the expense of the parking there based on the time spent at the hospital.

Thanks to Winchester District Memorial Hospital from all of us who have benefitted from its care.

Carl and Elaine Levers
Winchester



Crafting charitable donations

Winchester craftsman Bill Crummy attended this year's Mountain Lions Club Christmas craft show at the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain on Dec. 6 to show off some of his newest woodwork. Proceeds from this year's event are being used for holiday charity work. Photo — Burgoone

Slapstick Cinderella plays Old Town Hall

WINCHESTER — The story of Cinderella will be told on stage in Winchester as the new year turns over. The Dundas County Players (DCP) are staging the fairy tale in pantomime form at the Old Town Hall on several dates in late December and early January.

Pantomime is an English tradition of theatre and consists of slapstick humor and exaggerated characters. Cinderella's step-sisters will be played by men in drag, true to outlandish characterization of pantomime. "It has almost a circus type feel to it," said DCP member Caroline Roberts. "It's an art form unto itself," she continued.

"This type of community theatre is very much alive in England," Roberts said, explaining that pantomime is historically very community oriented. And true to the art form, the DCP have pulled in some well-known local community members to add to their ranks for this production, including new mayor Alvin Runnalls. Adults and children will both take to the stage, and Roberts stresses that this show is fun for the entire family.

Along with the gags, there will be some songs, and opportunities for audience participation. Spectators are encouraged to "boo" the villains, for example.

The DCP was conducting the dress rehearsal on Sunday afternoon (Dec. 21). "It's quite challenging to do this at Christmas time," admitted Roberts. However, the actors will be ready to take to the stage for their first performance on Sat., Dec. 27 at 2 pm. There will also be a 7:30 pm performance. Additional showtimes are Dec. 28 at 2 pm, Jan. 2 and 3 at 7:30 pm, and Jan. 4 at 2 pm.

Tickets are still available. The cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children 16 and under. Tickets can be purchased at Stedman's in Winchester, or by calling Roberts at 448-3534.

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It's December in our town

A delightful portrayal of December celebrations from around the globe was presented by students in Grades 3 to 6 at Morewood Public School on Dec. 10. At right, Miranda Carruthers (Santa) and Savannah Distasio were at the forefront for part of the show's closing number. Below right: Grades 3 through 5 supplied the chorus for the many songs.

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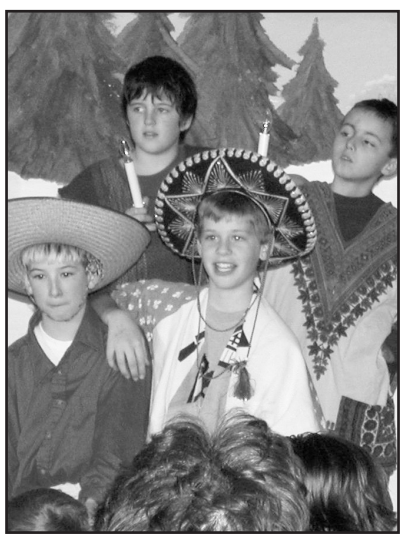

Some of the Grade 6 students donned sombreros for the Mexican fiesta at Morewood Public.









Talking turkey

These chefs brought out the Christmas turkey during the Nationview Public School Christmas concert on Dec.10. In no particular order are Jodie Mohr, Cameron Wenner, Trevor Havekes, and Michael Petit. All the concert participants turned in excellent performances. At left: The Grade 5 class brought warm thoughts to mind with its Hawaiian-themed song. Top left: Jordan Havekes arrived at the end of the concert as the New Year baby.

Press Photos — James



A Castor Christmas

Students at Castor Valley Public School were rehearsing for their annual medieval concert on Dec. 10. Grades 6 to 8 participated in the show. The school has a very strong music program, which is headed up by Carol Ann Stewart, who is the vocal and instrumental music teacher.



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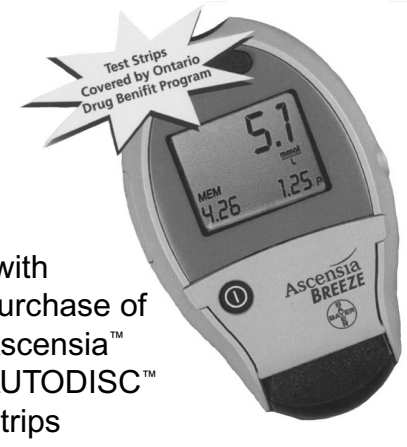

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Amended Ag Policy Framework goes ahead

by Bonnie James
Press staff

TORONTO — Ontario has signed an agreement to implement the Canadian government's Agricultural Policy Framework (APF), tipping the balance required to make the framework official. Ontario and Saskatchewan had been hold-outs, but after concessions were made by the federal government on some elements of the safety net system, Ontario put pen to paper on Dec. 11

The APF is a huge agricultural framework for the nation, comprised of five main pillars: food safety, the environment, renewal, science and innovation, and business risk management. The new APF programming for the first four pillars is valued at about $233 million for Ontario. The risk management funding will be demand-driven. The APF brings together long-term federal and provincial funding, on a 60/40 cost split, and will replace many programs currently in place.

The business risk management plank was the deal-breaker that had Ontario refusing to sign. The province's farm groups wanted changes to the proposed Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization program (CAIS), which will replace the current NISA (Net Income Stabilization Account) and disaster programs.

One amendment agreed to by the feds included increasing the program caps under CAIS from $975,000 to $3 million for individual operations. As well, the program now proposes protective coverage for up to 60 per cent of a producer's negative margins, as long as certain conditions are met. Ottawa now has to go back to the other provinces and territories to ensure that these amendments will fly with them as well.

"We were able to get some provisions that were otherwise not on the table," said Geri Kamenz, Ontario Federation of Agriculture vice-president, about the lengthy negotiations by the province. Kamenz farms near Spencerville. "We held out as long as we could," he continued. With regards to the risk management issues, Kamenz said these were particularly important as there are a lot of farmers experiencing financial difficulties in both the red meat, and grains and oil seed sectors.

"At the end of the day, producers in Dundas will be farther ahead than if we had signed the initial agreement," he said.

Morrisburg area farmer Arden Schneckenburger pointed out that while the new risk management program appears to be good for livestock producers, the verdict is still out on whether the product insurance aspect is as good as what the province already had. "We have the best crop insurance in all of Canada and didn't want it watered down," he said.

During their recent election campaign, the provincial Liberals promised not to sign the APF until farm groups were satisfied. Ontario farm groups told the province not to sign until all their conditions were met. "We got some, but not all," said Schneckenburger, admitting that he is not entirely pleased with how the province negotiated on his behalf.

The Agricultural Policy Framework is so new that many of its details still need to be worked out, and therefore its true effect on producers is difficult to predict. "It's still an unknown," said Sneckenburger. "But time will tell."

Unfortunately, producers have to begin making decisions before all the kinks are worked out. The deadline for NISA contributions is Dec. 31, pointed out Schneckenburger. He suggested that deadline may have to be extended.

"It's very large, very complicated and it will take some time for producers to wrap their heads around," said Kamenz about the APF. "I suspect there will be a bit of a time lag into January, while the federal and provincial players agree how to get the information out," he added. He predicted that sometime over the next 30 days, information sessions will be scheduled to help farmers decipher the CAIS.



Lauded for conservation

Three Soil and Water Conservation Awards were handed out at the annual Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association meeting on Dec. 11. These awards recognize farmers who practice excellent soil and water management as well as provide a high profile to the basic principles of conservation. This year's recipients are Tom and Janet MacGregor, David and Carolyn Hendrick, and Norm and Brian Tinkler. Pictured are MacGregor, left, Brian Tinkler, and Hendrick. Press Photo — James

Press wins Award of Merit



The Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association honored the Winchester Press *on Dec. 11, by presenting the paper with an Award of Merit. The award is presented annually to persons who have shown a genuine concern for, and who have made an outstanding contribution to, the general welfare of agriculture within their community. Press reporter Bonnie James accepted the award from Norm Tinkler.*

Reindeer no longer just for Santa

by Jason Burgoone

ARCTIC — Reindeer have been a symbol of the Christmas season for generations of children across North America and around the world. For such an enormously popular breed of mammal, very little factual information is actually known of the mythical animal.

The first misconception is that reindeer are capable of flight. Science has never proven this isn't possible, but few or no cases have ever been documented attesting to this capability.

Another misconception is that reindeer come from the North Pole. Although these animals can be found in the upper northern hemisphere, many experts feel reindeer and caribou are the same species.

Caribou are large, elk-like animals that are predominately found above the treeline in arctic North America and Greenland.

Reindeer are slightly smaller and were domesticated in northern Eurasia between 2,000 and 5,000 years ago. The largest number of domesticated reindeer can be found in Russia where the population is approximately 2.25 million strong.

Reindeer were introduced into Alaska and Canada in the 19th century, but most attempts at ranching failed. Native peoples in North America still prefer to hunt the larger breeds of caribou, rather than herd reindeer.

Many other cultures in the northern hemisphere still depend on the reindeer for almost everything in their economy including food, clothing, traditional shelter and transportation.

Reindeer and caribou pelts are made up of unique hair that traps air, acting as the perfect insulator. Their fur also helps keep them buoyant in the



water. Reindeer are very strong swimmers and can move quickly across wide rushing rivers and large bodies of water in near freezing temperatures.

The popularity of reindeer has grown quite quickly in recent years forcing the breeding industry to use proper testing to prevent contractible diseases between breeding stocks.

ReputAbel Game Farm owners Ken and Dawn Abel have been raising reindeer in northern British Columbia since February 1990. Noted as one of the top reindeer breeding farms in Canada, the Abels pride themselves on clearing the stringent medical testing necessary with each live birth.

ReputAbel Game Farm has been a certified disease, tuberculosis and brucellosis-free farm since 1990. And it's taken part in the provincial chronic wasting disease program since the beginning of this year. ReputAbel Game Farm's main focus is live reindeer sales, antler sales, live animals for display, advertising photos, a reindeer producer manual and photo greeting cards.

Equally supportive of proper breeding procedures, the Reindeer Owners and Breeders Association (ROBA) was established in 1992 as an organization dedicated to the advancement of public awareness regarding reindeer. ROBA also supplies its membership with reindeer education, research, and conservation information. These goals help to develop and enhance the abilities of members to maintain healthy herds, and reindeer business operations. ROBA has members in both Canada and the U.S.

Although interest in reindeer breeding has been increasing in recent decades, the most dominate demographic in reindeer interest comes from children. There's no better discussion of the mythical qualities of reindeer than in *Flight of the Reindeer* by American author Robert Sullivan.

The "true" story of Santa Claus and his Christmas mission is directed at both adults and children. Interesting facts include that Rudolph is the only one of Santa's reindeer that Santa didn't name himself, and that Rudolph is only used on Santa's team in bad weather and to cope with city smog.

As for the existence of flying reindeer, one breed has theoretically been proven to be capable of flight. The Peary caribou, the smallest of all the breeds at 150 pounds, is almost pure white in color. Sullivan uses meticulous research gathered from scientists, historians and other experts to support his claims. The story is complete with eyewitness accounts to support his position.

Even if he doesn't convince readers, the evidence he presents is sure to leave them entertained and wondering.

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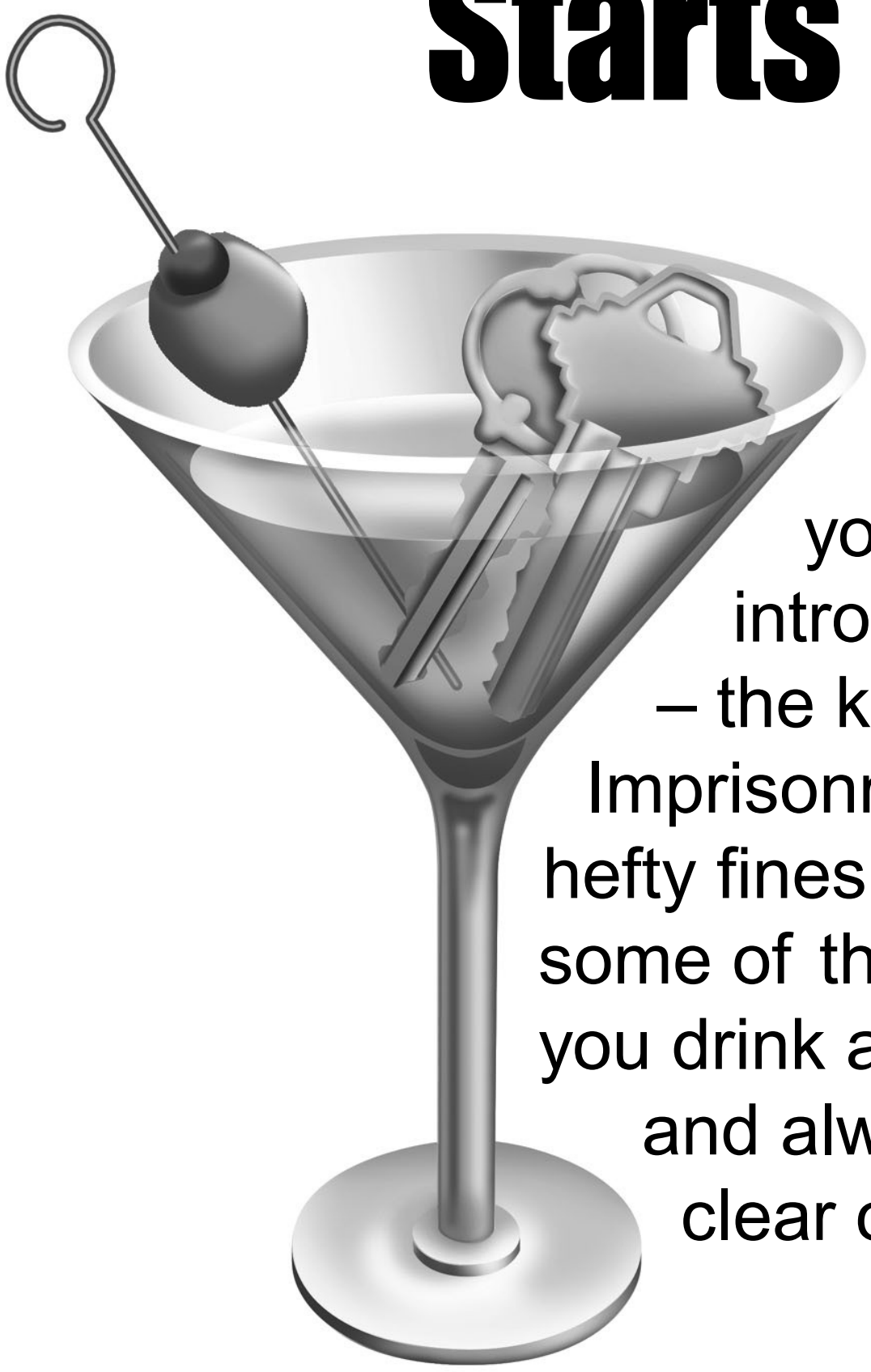

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Hawks drop into basement, trail Lions by two

WINCHESTER — After hanging on by a thread, the Winchester Hawks have finally dropped into the St. Lawrence Division basement. A pair of weekend loses to the Brockville Tikis and Gananoque Islanders, coupled with the Lions' 7-6 OT victory over the Westport Rideaus, knocked them into sole possession of sixth place.

On home ice on Friday (Dec. 19) the Hawks were trailing the Rideau Division leading Brockville Tikis (17-8-1-2) by one (5-4) late in the second period, then gave up a goal with 34 seconds left in that frame and wound up getting ripped 9-4. Sunday (Dec. 21) in Gananoque, Winchester couldn't muster a goal during an 8-0 waxing by the Islanders (14-11-2-2).

Winchester's Rideau - St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League record after 28 games stands at 6-20-1-3. The Morrisburg Lions (6-20-1-3) are two points ahead with 16 but have played two more games than the Hawks. The fourth and final playoff berth is out of reach and is held by the Akwesasne Wolves (15-9-1-3) who have 24 points.

This weekend the Hawks travel to Westport on Saturday (Dec. 27) before playing host to the South Grenville Rangers in a Sunday (Dec. 28) matinee at 2:15 pm.

Brockville's Derek Wilson opened Friday's encounter, scoring the first of his three goals at 18:10. Winchester answered at 13:15 when Stefan Gravelle tipped in Scott Bradley's powerplay drive from the point. Marc Andre Fournier used a feed from captain Shawn Smail to put his team up 2-1, netting his 13th at 10:12. But the Tikis rebounded and gained a 4-2 lead before the period had ended.

Chris Thompson scored from affiliates Tory Baldwin and Ben Baker at 13:53 and Gravelle potted his second and 10th of the year at 5:14 after taking a pass from Smail and Bill Henderson. Once again the Tikis answered and carried a 6-4 lead into the final frame. Jon Cross' tally scored with 34 seconds left in the second, broke the Winchester team's as they were outscored 3-0 in the final frame.

Hawks manager Craig Smith said that late goal just deflated the troops. "It seems that one goal at the wrong time just knocks the wind out of the boys."

Midget "B" affiliate Craig Moran got his first start in Junior "B" hockey. Tory Baldwin, Ben Baker and Scott Bradley also joined the Hawks for Friday's game.

Tylor Copeland and Dale Murdoch handled the bench with Doug Armstrong missing the game due to sickness.



Craig Moran got his first Rideau - St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League goaltending start Friday (Dec. 19) against the highest scoring team in the Rideau Division, the Brockville Tikis. The first-place Tikis added nine to their stats skating to a 9-4 victory. Winchester defender Nick Sylvestri was helping Moran keep an eye on Tiki forward Dave Durant on this play. Stefan Gravelle netted two goals for the Hawks.

Press Photo — Van Bridger

Rangers rally to tie Demons 4-4

PRESCOTT — Allan Robertson's second goal of the game, scored with 6:48 left on the clock, completed a rally for the South Grenville Rangers who battled the visiting North Dundas Demons to a 4-4 tie.

The Dec. 16 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Major Midget "B" contest between the top two teams in the Eastern Division left the first-place Rangers undefeated and sporting a 13-0-1 record and the Demons in second place with a 13-1-1 mark.

North Dundas was first to score as Darrell Moore turned a play started by Travis Froats and Colin Moran into a 1-0 lead at 14:51 of the first period. The Rangers answered with a pair of goals to grab a 2-1 lead. Allan Robertson and Matt Hayes fired the biscuits in behind Demons' Matt Bird.

The Demons skated into a 4-2 lead after Travis Leach scored on a Tory Baldwin relay with 6:39 on the clock, and Devin Kelly pounded in a pass from Moore 2:29 before the final buzzer. But South Grenville got one goal back when Logan Gillard found the range 29 seconds left in the period. His marker set the stage for Robertson to tie it up 4-4 with 6:48 left on the clock.

North Dundas returns to action on Mon., Jan. 5 when they play a rematch with the Rangers in Winchester at 8:30 pm.

The Demons' top five scorers at the Christmas break are: Tory Baldwin 13-19-32; Ben Baker 17-11-28; Travis Leach 13-13-26; Travis Froats 9-5-14; Darrell Moore 7-7-14.

Carleton Place hosts 30th annual Junior "B" Boxing Day tourney

CARLETON PLACE – Eight teams have qualified for the 30th annual Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League (EOJBHL) Boxing Day tournament.

For the first time in the history of the post-Christmas classic, the Carleton Place Kings of the Valley Division will host the single knockout event.

Two teams from each of the league's four divisions will take part in the tournament that begins at 9 am on Fri., Dec. 26. The championship game is slated for 8 p.m. All games will be played at the Carleton Place and District Community Centre on Neelin Street.

Participating teams normally qualify by being in either first or second place in their respective divisions on the first Sunday of December, approximately the halfway point of the EOJBHL season. The host team gains automatic entry but the Kings would have qualified anyway because they were in first place in the Valley Division at the cutoff.

The South Ottawa Canadians, who switched to the Valley Division this season from the Metro loop, had qualified by being in second place on deadline day. But withdrew and left the door open for the Valley's Arnprior Packers.

Also taking part are Metcalfe Jets and Ottawa West Golden Knights of the Metro Division, Brockville Tikis and Westport Rideaus of the Rideau Division, along with Kemptville 73s and Char-Lan Rebels, representing the St. Lawrence Division.

The event features four preliminary round games, with the winners meeting in the semi-finals and the two survivors facing off in what promises to be an entertaining tournament final.

Action will begin at 9 am (all start times are approximate) when Kemptville will tangle with Ottawa West. Game 2 (10:30 am) will feature Brockville and Arnprior. In Game 3 (12:30 pm) host Carleton Place will do battle with Westport.

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'Carkner's Christmas' a hit in Cleveland

Baron defenceman has the spirit

MOREWOOD — This year's Christmas visit to their home in Morewood will be a brief one for Matt and Kary Carkner — probably less than 48 hours to enjoy the season with family and friends. But the American Hockey League defenceman and his wife have had the Christmas spirit for some time.

Thanks to "Carkner's Christmas" Carkner's team, the Cleveland Barons have made some children's Christmas wishes come true. Earlier this month (Dec. 17-18) the Carkners presented much needed and wanted gifts to children at three Cleveland schools, Alfred Benesch Elementary, Mary Bethune and Bolton Elementary Schools.

The Carkners worked in conjunction with the Cleveland Big Brothers Big Sisters, to organize the program that provides needy children who lack the necessities needed for day-to-day life with gifts. Barons players and staff members all adopted children and bought them a variety of gifts that fulfill each child's needs and wants. The presents included mattresses, socks, CD players, a bike, clothing certificates and a briefcase. The children's parents were also on hand for the presentations.

Carkner said, "Seeing the impact our gifts and visits had on these children was very special."



Carkner's Christmas

Kary Carkner (back, left) Matt Carkner, Santa Claus and the Cleveland Barons helped the Cleveland, Ohio Big Brothers and Big Sisters organize the "Carkner's Christmas" program which provides Christmas gifts for city elementary school students who lack the necessities for day-to-day life.

Cleveland Barons Photo

"To have Matt come forward and run with this speaks volumes about his character and is a reflection of the mission of the Barons as an organization," said Michael T. Lehr, president of the Cleveland Barons Hockey Club.

The Carkner and Baker families of Morewood stumbled upon their children's' Christmas project while visiting the Cleveland Barons website last week. Neither Matt or Kary had informed their families about their community work.

Janice Cook of Chesterville, who will soon marry Matt's older brother Philip, said both families were proud that Matt and Kary were so giving during the holiday season, "not to mention so modest and humble about their good deeds."

Dennis Carkner said he will see his son and daughter-in-law very briefly over the holidays. They will arrive on Dec. 23 and Matt will return to the United States later on Christmas Day.

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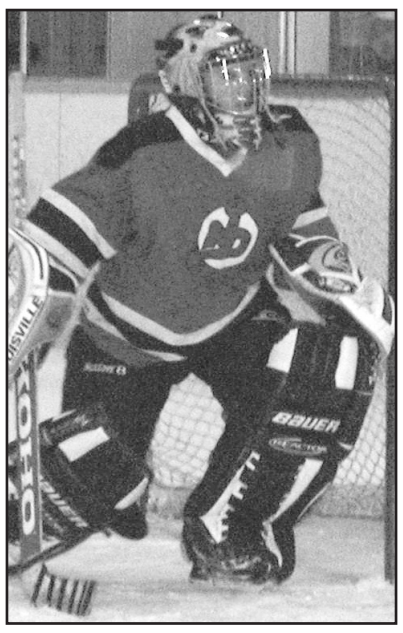
Greaves leads Midget House Demons rally against Glens



Lone stopper

Tyler Johnson has shouldered the goaltending chores for the Major Midget House Demons and has helped his UCMHL club establish a first-place record of 13-1-1. He also posted three shutouts in the NDMHA's 2003 Mega House Tournament.

CHESTERVILLE — Down 2-0 to the Alexandria Glens, the North Dundas Parmalat Midget House Demons used a three-goal effort by Patrick Greaves to rally and defeat the visitors 6-4 in their final game of 2003.

Greaves' first goal at 11:11 of the second period got the Demons going in the right direction. The Glens, however, weren't easily discouraged and tied the Dec. 16 encounter at 3-3 before the session was over. Greaves connected for his second and third at 7:39 and 2:49 of the final frame to tie it up 4-4 and then win it. Justin Vantfoort's shot 2:22 before the final buzzer iced the 6-4 victory.

"The boys have been playing so well. Maybe they weren't taking Alexandria seriously, but they (Glens) scored two quick goals and forced us to work hard for the win," explained coach Gary Johnston.

Johnson said he was proud of the way his team was able to turn the game around and noted the win improved his squad's Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Eastern Division record to 13-1-1. The Demons, with 27 points, hold a 10 point lead over the second-place Morrisburg Lions.

"We have a good hockey team," said the coach. "We have had players out sick and hurt and still won. We don't play now until early January so everyone should have time to get healthy."

Greaves (unassisted at 11:11), Vantfoort (from Dan Lapier and Norm Merrifield at 8:29) and Devon Carruthers (from Vantfoort and James Corkery at 8:21) registered the Demons' second-period goals.

Greaves scored from Kyle Dearing with 7:39 left in the game to knot the count at 4-4. He then netted the winner after taking a pass from Jonathan Sloane and Zarley Hutt at 2:49. Vantfoort finished off the comeback tucking in a feed from Carruthers and Lapier 2:22 before the final buzzer.

Tyler Johnson, the club's only goaltender, registered his 13th win in 15 starts.

PERFECT TOURNEY

Johnson was aided by his team's defensive work and fashioned three consecutive shutouts during the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Mega House Tournament (Dec. 11-14). The Demons outscored their opposition by a 14-0 margin to earn the event's "A" Division championship.

Zarley Hutt cracked in what would prove to be the winning goal with 1:25 left in the first period of North Dundas' opening 3-0 win over the Osgoode-Rideau Senators on Dec. 11. Devon Carruthers and Jon Sloane assisted him on the play. Carruthers (from Nick Honey and Sloane at 2:20) connected in the second period. Honey (from Carruthers and James Corkery at 9:14) made it a 3-0 final, scoring in the final frame.

Two-goal efforts by Devon Carruthers and Nick Honey sweetened the Demons 7-0 win over the Nepean Raiders in game two (Dec. 13). Justin Vantfoort registered the winner scoring from Carruthers and Pat Greaves with 4:52 left in period one. It was 6-0 after two sessions. Vantfoort, Brodie Lutz and Sloane were the other goal scorers. Dearing (2), Greaves, Hutt, Merrifield, Corkery, Adam Guy, Honey, Carruthers, Lutz, Kyle Loverin and Vantfoort all collected assists.

Johnson's third zero was registered as North Dundas whitewashed the South Dundas Lions 4-0 in the championship tilt.

All of the scoring was done in the second period as Kyle Dearing hit for a pair of goals while Carruthers and Corkery supplied the singles. Adam Guy and Brodie Lutz engineered Dearing's winner at 8:28 of the period. Guy (2), Kyle Loverin, Honey, Lutz, and Tyler Johnson all earned helper points.



With Tyler Johnson stopping pucks at one end of the ice the North Dundas Major Midget House Demons poured the pucks at the Nepean goaltender at the opposite end. The net result was a 7-0 victory in the NDMHA's 2003 Mega House Tournament. Jon Sloane (#5) netted one goal for North Dundas in the Dec. 13 decision over the Raiders.

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Palmer nets tying goal for CountryGirl

WINCHESTER — Sherry Palmer used a pass provided by Jane Hendrikx and Megan Lamont as ammunition as she fired in the tying goal with just 30 seconds left on the clock.

Palmer's marker handed the CountryGirl Gold Diggers (3-5-3) a 2-2 tie with the Andy's Foodland Maroons (4-3-4) in one of three Winchester District Ladies Hockey League games played on Sunday (Dec. 21) morning.

In the other two encounters, the first-place Double Beauty Stylists (9-1-1) defeated the Stewart Classics (4-5-3) 4-1 and the Ryan's Restaurant Reds (4-3-4) bounced the Annable's Jewellery Blues 5-2.

With 11 games in the books, Double Beauty still leads the circuit with 19 points. The Ryan's Reds and Andy's Maroons are deadlocked for second with 12 points. Stewart Classics are next with nine. They are followed by Annable's Jewellery Blues who have four points.

Andy's Foodland took a 2-0 lead on the CountryGirl Gold Diggers on goals by Laura McDonell, who scored from Kim McDiarmid at 11:30 and Shirley Velthuis who beat Roxanne Backes on an unassisted play 3:15 before the intermission. CountryGirl sliced a goal off of their deficit at 13:40 of the second when Gerry Verspeek connected from Sherry Palmer and Megan Lamont. Palmer finally came through with the tying shot putting a pass from Hendrikx and Lamont in behind Carrie Nolan 30 seconds before the final buzzer.

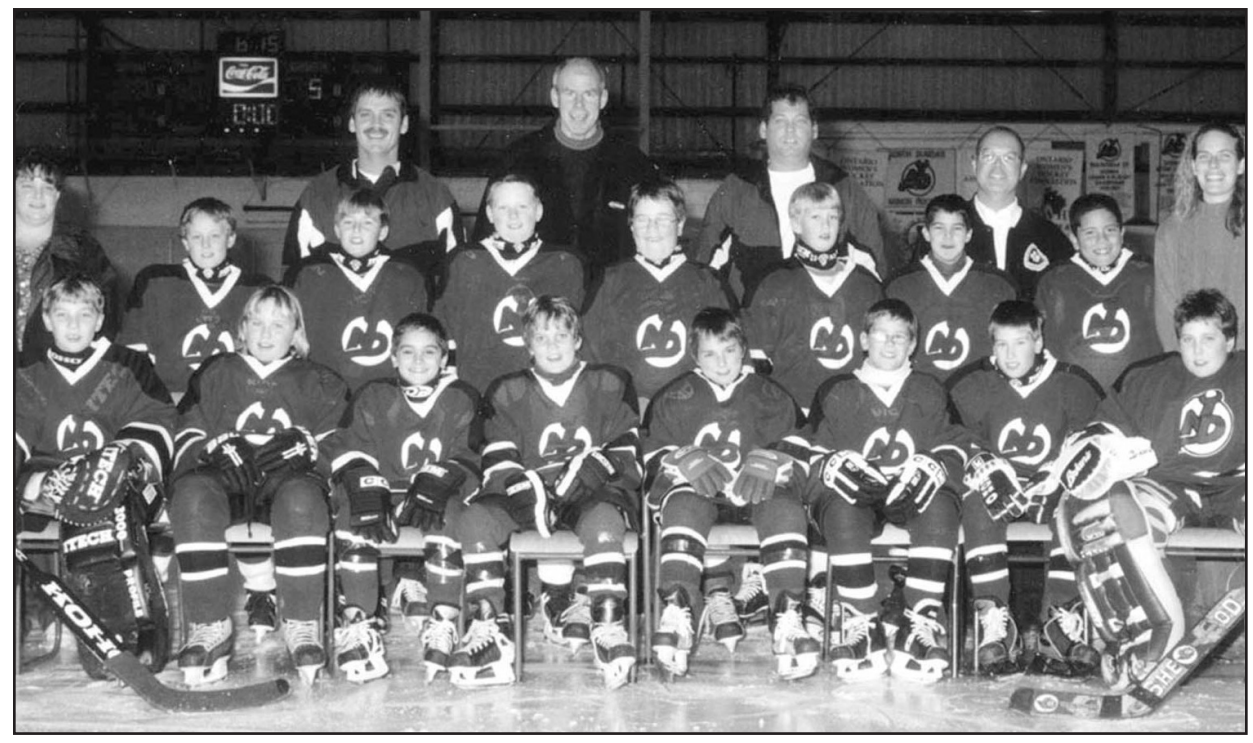
Kathy Kerr-Moore was the scoring wizard netting three goals and picking up an assist in Ryan's Reds 5-2 victory over Annable's Jewellery Blues. Moore's second marker was engineered by Julie Cyr and Kelly Francis 37 seconds before half time and proved to be the winner.

The Reds led the Blues 3-2 at the half. Kerr-Moore's third goal was set up by captain Jackie Boulanger 25 seconds before the final buzzer and made it a 5-2 final.

Kerr-Moore (3), Cyr and Stewart did the scoring. Boulanger, Kim Campbell, Francis, Cyr, Kerr-Moore and Stewart drew the assists. Joanne Saunders posted the win.

Kelly Zeron and Stacey Van Boxtel answered for the Blues. Jennifer Manley, Heather McDiarmid and Gail Smith Rutley set up the goals.

Karla Marshall combined with captain Diane Downey to give the Classics a 1-0 lead at 11:10 of the first half, but that was the only shot they would put into Barb Wigney's net. Double Beauty stormed back and took the lead on goals by Shannon Vidal (from Anita Gilmer at 7:13) and captain Amy Fraser (from Joanne MacMillan at 2:15). Fraser's marker would prove to be the winner. Nancy Pothier (from Vidal and Benoit at 10:00) and Vidal (from Heather Erwin and MacMillan at 6:36) connected in the second session to push the final total to 4-1.



Tourney champs

The North Dundas Atom "C" House No. Two Demons posted three victories on their way to the "A" Division championship in the 2003 North Dundas Minor Hockey Association Mega House Tournament (Dec. 11-14). The Demons blanked Athens 5-0 in the title match. Front (left): Chase Beaudry, Amanda Carkner, Francis Lebrun, Tyler Gagnon, Patrick Speagle, Cory Stone, Ryan Desnoyers, Cody Cooper. Middle (left): Kelly Read (team mom), Jordan Cooper, Zachary Sloane, Edward Findlay, Colton Stitt, Nicholas Read, Patrick Lauriault, Kane Williams, Tracy Helmer (team mom). Back (left): Michel Lebrun - trainer, Terry Sloane - coach, Rob Cooper - ass't coach, Michel Lauriault - manager. Courtesy Photo

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 17: Alexandria at Brockville PPD
Dec. 19: Brockville 9 -Winchester 4
Morrisburg 7 - Westport 6 OT
Alexandria 3 - Kemptville 3 OT
Dec. 20: Gananoque 7 - Char-Lan 5
Brockville 4 - Akwesasne 3 OT
Kemptville 3 - S. Grenville 3 OT
Dec. 14: Westport 5 - Alexandria 2
Char-Lan 9 - Athens 2
Gananoque 8 - Winchester 0
South Grenville 6 - Morrisburg 1

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Brockville	17	8	1	132	109	37
Westport	15	10	1	123	114	34
Gananoque	14	11	2	118	116	32
S. Grenville	13	12	1	118	110	29
Athens	6	14	4	100	138	19
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Char-Lan	22	5	0	145	98	46
Kemptville	20	7	2	145	78	42
Alexandria	17	7	3	124	100	39
Akwesasne	15	9	1	128	101	34
Morrisburg	6	20	1	97	160	16
Winchester	6	20	1	67	143	14

*Teams losing in OT receive one point

Top Scorers	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
A.J. Howe, Bro.	19	20	39
Ryan Carty, West.	16	22	38
Tom Dickson, Gan.	21	16	37
Jacob Wiley, S.G.	17	20	37
Steve Biscaro, West.	20	16	36
Greg Kerr, West.	15	21	36
Steve McGlade, Athens	13	20	33
Brandon Kelley, S.G.	18	14	32
Alex Rees, S.G.	6	25	31
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Pat Johnson, Char.	18	34	52
Scott Leppard, Kempt.	22	29	51
Jeremy Synott, Akw.	17	32	49
Dominic Lamarche, Alex.	28	16	44
Alex Vidoni, Kempt.	16	27	43
Sam Raymond, Akw.	20	21	41
Darcy Smith, Kempt.	10	28	38
Steve Jarvo, Char.	20	17	37
Derek Duval, Char.	13	23	36
Brett Brady, Kempt.	18	17	35
Mathieu Desnoyer, Alex.	12	23	35

EOJBHL Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 16: South Ottawa 10 - Perth 1
Stittsville 4 - Carleton Place 2
Dec. 18: Ottawa West 6 - Arnprior 2
Dec. 19: South Ottawa 5 - Perth 1
Arnprior 7 - Renfrew 6
Shawville 3 - Carleton Place 2
Gatineau 7 - Metcalfe 1
Dec. 21: Metcalfe 9 - Stittsville 4
Gatineau 5 - Clarence Creek 3
Renfrew 6 - Shawville 3
Perth 5 - Arnprior 4

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Metcalfe	20	5	2	155	94	42
Gatineau	18	10	1	173	125	40
Ottawa West	19	7	1	163	89	39
Clarence Creek	14	13	1	122	122	30
Stittsville	7	20	0	102	150	15

Metro Top Scorers:	G	A	PTS
Sam Majic, O.W.	33	29	62
Pierre Luc Chenier, Gat.	29	28	57
Jason Vajda, Met.	21	31	52
Maxime Quesnel, Gat.	17	35	52
Mike Wallace, O.W.	24	27	51
A. Decristoforo, Met.	19	26	45
Kevin Sousa, Gat.	20	23	43
Darrell Arvai, O.W.	12	30	42
James Thomas, Met.	15	24	39

Metcalfe Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Week 13 (Dec. 21):

Scores not available at press time

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Canadians	10	2	0	53	27	20
Blues	6	5	1	38	36	13
Stars	5	4	3	35	36	13
Penguins	4	6	2	50	52	10
Senators	4	5	2	37	39	10
Leafs	3	8	0	34	57	6

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Peter Holmes, Pens	14	4	18
Bob Kemp, Canadians	7	13	20
Brian Downey, Blues	12	7	19
Rick Downey, Leafs	9	10	19
Dale Poirier, Canadians	8	10	18
Dale Carson, Pens	4	14	18
Dave Warren, Stars	6	11	17

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Week 12 (Dec. 16):
Ben's Rangers 3 - Winchester Flyers 1
C. K. Cyclones 4 - Boyd Rams 2

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ben's Rangers	8	2	2	61	40	18
Boyd Rams	8	3	1	71	43	17
Winchester Flyers	3	8	1	38	63	7
C.K. Cyclones	2	8	2	50	73	6

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Dereck Holmes, Rangers	21	17	38
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	18	13	31
Chris Williams, Rangers	13	15	28
Mike Buller, Rams	12	13	25
Wes Cory, Rams	11	14	25
Chad Valcour, Rams	15	9	24
Scott Baldwin, Cyclones	10	12	22
Derek Rintoul, Rams	6	14	20
Grant Brown, Rams	8	10	18
Chris Van Bridger, Cyclones	9	6	15
Jeff Scott, Cyclones	3	12	15

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 12 (Dec. 21):
Ryan's Reds 5 - Annable's Blues 2
Double Beauty 4 - Stewart Classics 1
CountryGirl 2 - Andy's Foodland 2

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Double Beauty	9	1	1	34	13	19
Ryan's Reds	5	4	2	32	18	12
Andy's Foodland	4	3	4	14	13	12
Stewart Classics	4	5	2	19	23	10
CountryGirl	3	5	3	13	26	9
Annable's Blues	2	9	0	15	34	4

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Julie Cyr, RR	11	4	15
Shannon Vidal, DB	6	9	15
Sandy Roy, DB	7	7	14
Nancy Pothier, DB	8	5	13
Maggie Stewart, RR	8	5	13
Kathy Kerr-Moore, RR	6	6	12
Carrie Gilmour, SC	10	0	10
Megan Lamont, CG	2	7	9
Amy Fraser, DB	5	3	8
Diane Downey, CC	3	5	8

Boxing Day

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The final opening round game will pit Metcalfe against the Char-Lan Rebels.

The Kemptville-Ottawa West match-up promises to be a thriller. Ottawa West are the two-time defending league champions, while Kemptville is the perennial St. Lawrence Division winner.

In the 36-year history of the EOJBHL, the 73s have been overall league champions twice and they have been finalists on four other occasions.

The Golden Knights won the 1985 league crown and they are three-time winners of the Boxing Day tournament. Their last title came at Metcalfe in 1994. The 73s have been in the Boxing Day final on four occasions, including three straight from 1998-2000 — but have yet to win.

Game two will see Brockville and Arnprior face-off. League statistics show that neither team has won the EOJBHL crown, although Tikis have been in the final on four occasions, including last yeear. Arnprior has been in the tournament final on three times and won the post-Christmas classic in 1981.

From a statistical point of view at least, Carleton Place will faceoff against a formidable opponent in game three. Westport Rideaus have a decided edge on the host side in terms of championship experience. The perennial Rideau Division winners have one overall league title (1998) to their credit and were runners-up twice. Westport has won all three Boxing Day finals they have appeared in. On the other hand Carleton Place has three division titles but have never appeared in the league final. They have claimed the Boxing Day title once, in 1977.

The final preliminary contest will feature Char-Lan and Metcalfe. Both have a number of divisional titles to their credit. The Jets have made a league record eight appearances in the EOJBHL final and are tied with the Renfrew Timberwolves for the most wins with five. Metcalfe has been in the tournament final twice, winning it in 1996. Char-Lan has appeared in the league championship series three times, winning the crown in 1986. They have also made it to the Boxing Day final four times, winning back-to-back titles in 1985 and 1986.

The tournament game format is a two, 20-minute, stop-time period setup. Should the opponents be tied after regulation, a five-minute overtime will follow. If the tie still isn't broken, a shootout will decide the winner.

Last year's event was played in Winchester and Alexandria Glens defeated the host Winchester Hawks in an all-St. Lawrence Division final.

Tournament passes are $10 each in advance or $12 at the door. The ticket price covers admission to any or all of the games.

Breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be available in the upstairs hall of the Carleton Place and District Community Centre on tournament day. There will also be afternoon entertainment provided by well-known Ottawa hockey trivia expert Liam Maguire.

Non-perishable food items brought to the arena on tournament day will be donated to the Lanark County Food Bank.

Carkner

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The Barons are busy this Christmas. They played in Toronto against the Roadrunners on Dec. 21, moved on to Rochester to tangle with the Americans on Dec. 23 before going to Milwaukee to meet the Admirals on Dec. 27.

"Matt's lucky to get home at all, most of the players won't have the time," said Dennis. "We will be glad to see them, for sure."

The elder Carkner said the entire family was indeed proud of the "Carkner's Christmas" program and their children's involvement in the community.

On the ice the 6'4" 230 lb, defender leads the Barons in plus/minus with a plus seven. He has picked up four assists and drawn 66 minutes in penalties while playing in all 26 games.

The former Peterborough Petes captain's father reports his son has recovered from his knee injury and is steadily improving. "He is working hard and is tops on the team in plus/minus. He is also getting a lot of shots (39) but just can't bury them."

With 26 games in the books, the Cleveland Barons sported a record of 11-9-3-3 and were tied for fourth place in the AHL's North Division with the Manitoba Moose at 28 points, one back of Rochester and three behind the second-place St. Johns Maple Leafs. The Hamilton Bull Dogs (18-9-2-1) top the division with 39 points.

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Blackhawks hold slim lead in standings

OSGOODE — Jamie Fauteux's second goal of the game, set up by Corey McGree and Jim Kelso with 6:48 left on the clock was a huge shot. The tally snapped a 4-4 tie and handed the Blackhawks a 5-4 victory over the Outlaws.

The Dec. 11 decision improved the Blackhawks' record to 10-4-0 and gave them sole possession of first place in the Osgoode Hockey League standings. The Osgoode Snipers (9-3-1) are second with 19 points, and the Outlaws (7-4-3) are third with 17. The Stingers (5-6-2) are next with 12 points, while the Thunder (4-9-1) and Metcalfe Chiefs (1-10-3) still haven't reached double digits.

Play in the OHL resumes in the new year when the Thunder and Blackhawks square off on Tues., Jan. 6.

Jim Kelso put the Blackhawks up 1-0 on the Outlaws, scoring from Steve Dale at 23:01 of the first period of their Dec. 11 match. Jamie Fauteux and Steve Dale cracked in two more shots in the second session, while Tim Cavan (from Bob Kemp at 14:12) and Dale Poirier (from Grant Anderson at 1:28) answered for the Outlaws.

Greg McLean pulled the Outlaws into a 3-3 tie, scoring from Anderson and Dave Boyd at 16:47 of the third period, only to have the Blackhawks take a 4-3 lead at 15:04. Poirier (unassisted) put the Outlaws on even terms making it 4-4 with 11:28 to play. But once again the Blackhawks responded. This time Fauteux used a relay from McGree and Kelso to put his team ahead (5-4) to stay.

In the other half of the Dec. 11 twin bill, Ron Dunse provided both goals as the Snipers shot down the Stingers 2-1. Craig Stanley returned fire for the Stingers.

In the other December meetings, the Snipers blasted the Blackhawks 9-3, the Stingers edged the Chiefs 3-2, the Outlaws and Thunder battled to a 3-3 tie and the Thunder nipped the Chiefs 6-5.

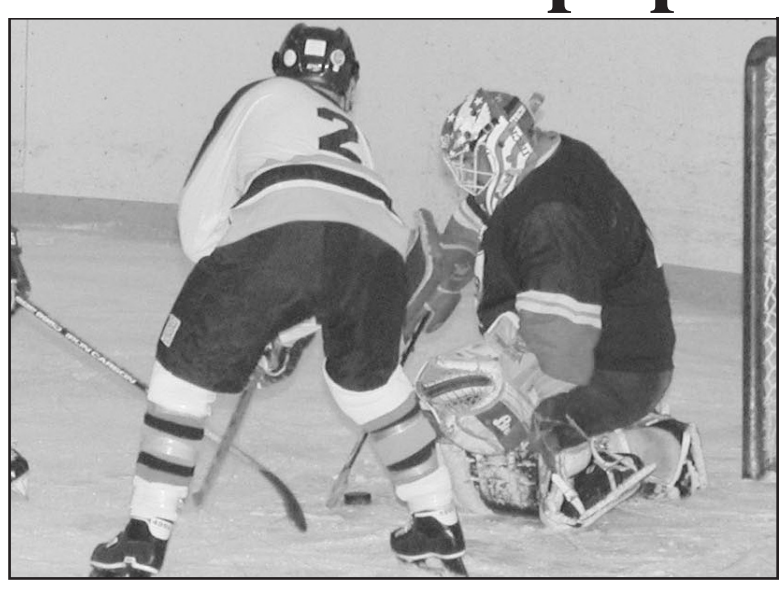
Rangers slide back into top spot

WINCHESTER — Craig "JB" Smith did double duty working both ends of last week's Winchester Town Hockey League's twin bill. Smith tended nets for his Pioneer Rangers in the opener and backed them in a 3-1 victory over the Winchester Flyers. The Chesterville goaltender then went back out and turned in a stellar effort, backing the fourth-place Country Kitchen Cyclones in a 4-2 win over the former first-place Boyd Chrysler Rams.

Results from the Dec. 16 sked moved the Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar Rangers (8-2-2) into first place with 18 points, one more than the Boyd Chrysler Rams (8-3-1). The Winchester Flyers (3-8-1) are third with a one-point edge over the Country Kitchen Cyclones (2-8-2) who have six points.

The Rangers and Flyers were tied 1-1 through the first half of their encounter. Jason Valcour gave the gas bar crew a 1-0 lead scoring from Dereck "Wendell" Holmes and Chris "Willy" Williams at 10:04 and the Flyers answered at 5:04 when Jay Holmes beat "JB" Smith 5:04 before the intermission.

Both Smith and Flyers' Kent Pilon played shut-out hockey until there was just 7:10 left on the clock. Sean Audet took a feed from Williams and Holmes and snapped in the winner at 7:10. With 1:03 to go Williams made it a 3-1 final connecting from Hugh Thompson and Holmes.



Craig "JB" Smith was a busy man last week. Regular goaltender for the Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar Rangers, Smith played both ends of the WTHL's Tuesday night (Dec. 16) twin bill. He first backed his Rangers to a 3-1 win over the Flyers and then helped the C.K. Cyclones win their second game of the season, a 4-2 decision over the Boyd Rams.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

CYCLONES BY TWO

Craig "Bud" Holmes provided the offence, netting three of the Cyclones four goals and "JB" Smith supplied solid goaltending, subbing for Gregg Griffith as the fourth-place Country Kitchen squad won for just the second time, beating the Boyd Rams 4-2.

Chad Valcour and Travis McGahey supplied the two Rams goals using passes provided by Mike Buller and Dwayne Backes to beat Smith at 15:42 and 3:23.

Craig Holmes put two shots into Doug Rigby's cage finishing plays started by Aaron Sherrer and John Guy at 7:14 and by Jeff Scott and Gary McInnis at 41 seconds.

McInnis used a pass provided by Robert Jordan and Scott to crack the tie at 22:22 of the second half. His goal would stand up as the winner. Holmes completed his hat trick, scoring from McInnis at 15:19 to make it a 4-2 final.

Metcalfe receives recognition as top course

ººMETCALFE — Two years after marking its 25th anniversary the Metcalfe Golf and Country Club has received recognition as the eastern region's top course.

Earlier this month the 18-hole family-owned course located just north of Metcalfe at 1956 8th Line road was presented with the National Golf Course Owners Eastern Ontario/Outouais Chapter Member of the Year.

The award is given to the club which has gone to great lengths to promote the game of golf in the Eastern Ontario/Outouais region by providing programs for golfers to be introduced to the game or ensuring that golfers of all abilities enjoy their game.

Jim Thompson, president of the chapter, cited the Metcalfe Golf and Country Club's exceptional service, their commitment to developing golf and their support for NGCOA initiatives.

MGCC owners, Tom and Gloria Welch, according to the association, have demonstrated a commitment to the mandate of the NGCOA to promote golf, supported NGCOA programs and is involved in the ongoing efforts of the NGCOA.

As examples, Thompson pointed to Metcalfe's successful Kids Play Free program and their recent Canadian Landmine fundraiser dinner, which raised $1,100.



Eight members of the local branch of the NGCOA were honored at the organization's 2003 Golf Business Conference Gala dinner at the Museum of Civilization. Among the recipients were Gib Patterson (fourth from right) owner of Emerald Links and Cloverdale Links, and Tom Welch (second from right) of the Metcalfe Golf and Country Club.

During the presentation at the NGCOA Golf Business Conference Gala Dinner at the Museum of Civilization, Thompson recognized Metcalfe owner Tom Welch's commitment and work in developing the owners association over the past 10 years.

"Tom was always willing to welcome a new member and share ideas to develop the game of golf," he said.

In addition to the Club of the Year, Welch was recently recognized as one of the eight founding members of the National Golf Course Association.

Welch and local course owners Gib Patterson (Emerald Links and Cloverdale Links) along with Don Ferne (Manderly) were presented with founders awards. Each of the eight foundation members made donations to kick-start the NGCOA which now has over 1,200 members country-wide.

The original nine-hole Metcalfe layout was carved out of Alfred Welch's dairy farm and opened in June 1976. A few years later the course expanded to 13 holes and eventually in the mid-eighties to 18. Plans are now being completed to open a new nine holes in July of 2004.



The Metcalfe Golf and Country Club was recently named course of the year for the Eastern Ontario/Outouais chapter of the National Golf Course Owners Association. MGCC owners, Tom and Gloria Welch (left), were accompanied by Pam and Rob Howell (course general manager), accepting the award. Courtesy Photos

Rockets roar in tourney

IROQUOIS — Inkerman Public School claimed top prize in the 2003 Dundas County junior elementary co-ed volleyball championship tournament defeating Nationview in the title match.

This year's competition was played in Iroquois on Dec. 10.

Inkerman claimed East Division honors in the round-robin portion of the tournament collecting, five points by defeating Morrisburg and Dixon's Corners Public School and splitting sets with South Mountain's Nationview Reds.

Competition in the West Division was tight as Elma took top spot nipping Winchester Public in the final tabulations.

In semi-final action Inkerman eliminated Winchester and Nationview ousted Elma to create another Inkerman - Nationview encounter, which Inkerman won to earn the championship trophy.

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With Justin Diederich and batterymate Spencer Corkery supplying perfect goaltending on Dec. 15, the Demons rolled on to the 3-0 victory. Captain Stubbings also played a key role in the win, supplying the passes on all three scoring plays.

His first relay went to Dylan Fawcett who ripped in the winning shot at 8:14 of the second period. Pass number two was sent to Tanner Casselman with 1:41 left in the same frame and he used it to make it 2-0. The third and final feed wound up on the tape of Jarrett Melenhorst's stick and he promptly pumped the biscuit into the string to make it a 3-0 final just 18 seconds before the end of the same frame.

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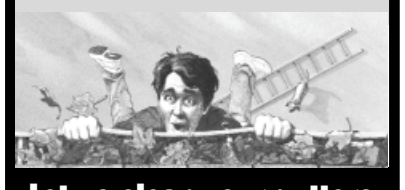

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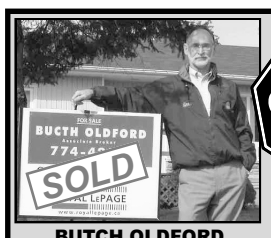

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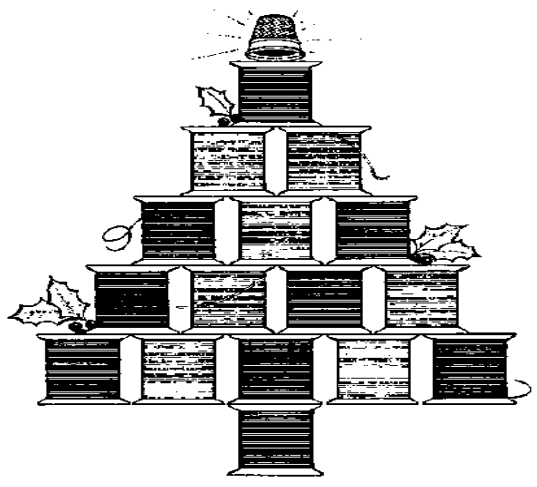

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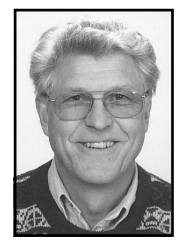

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7:30 pm - Evening Service with Rev. Wieger DeJong
Wednesday, December 31
7:30 pm - New Year's Eve Service with Rev. Wieger DeJong
Thursday, January 1
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Pack the rink on Saturday night

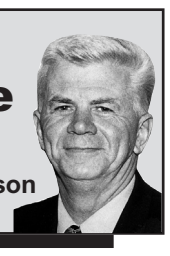
METCALFE — Let's get together on Saturday (Dec. 27) at 7:30 pm and pack the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe. Bill Buckland is organizing what will perhaps be one of the most rewarding hockey nights that Metcalfe has ever seen.

The Metcalfe Jets Alumni will take to the ice against the Ottawa Senators Alumni. Players will be available at 7 pm for autographs.

Following the game, a charity auction and pub night will be held upstairs in the arena hall. Tickets are $10 and can be bought at the canteen in Metcalfe, at the Metcalfe Variety Store, or call my office. Tickets would be a great Christmas Gift. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Renewing the Vision Campaign at Winchester Memorial Hospital.

Let's make this a memorable event and pack the rink. Thanks to Buckland and all others involved. It is a tremendous event.

In & around Osgoode Ward 20
by Doug Thompson



PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held in Metcalfe on Tues., Jan. 13 to discuss the 2004 City Budget. The meeting will be held at the Metcalfe Client Service Centre beginning at 7 pm. As most people are aware, this is a most critical year for our municipal finances. Service cuts, program cuts and any other cost saving scenarios will be open for discussion.

This meeting will be organized as a video conference, so we can ask senior city staff questions from the safe, friendly comfort of the Metcalfe Town Hall. Please put this on your calendar. Your comments are very important.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of myself, and executive assistants Anne-Marie Faubert-Preston and Carol Andrew, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We really appreciate your support, your kindness, as well as your patience.

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Quite a load

Winchester Lions Allen McRoberts, left, and Don Erwin picked up a truckload of donated food from Maple Ridge Public School and North Dundas District High School on Mon., Dec. 16. The food was used by the Lions to create Christmas baskets for those in need. Press Photo — James

TCS has fun in December

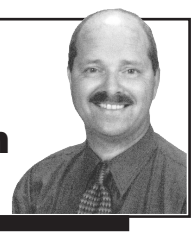
WILLIAMSBURG — The month of December, always short of teaching days, is never short on business! Lots of interesting things have been going on at Timothy Christian School.

We recently reviewed our vision statement at the fall membership meeting: "In harmony with families and their churches, Timothy Christian School seeks to develop the Christian minds of children by providing a biblically based, quality education which helps students to understand God's world and their place in it, guided by committed teachers who know Jesus Christ as their Savior." This is what we try to do every day and we ask for God's blessings daily in this task. That all sounds quite serious, and it is, but we also have a lot of fun at TCS. For instance . . .

Students are just wrapping up the annual chocolate bar sale and for the first time ever, the junior and senior kindergarten class actually won the class competition! On average, each student sold about $86 worth of chocolate. They handily won over their nearest competitors, Grade 6, clocking in at about $77 per student. The current top three sellers are Lucas VandenBroek (JK), Emma Brunsveld (6) and Dylan DeJong (6).

The Grade 4/5 class sang and a Grade 8 quartet played recorder at the recent Seaway Singers concert at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

Notes from Timothy Christian
by Gary Postma



The school society recently decided to develop an endowment fund. This will be a fund that will help TCS out greatly in the future. The challenge right now is building it up, especially when we all know there are other things in our school's budget that require financial support. Nonetheless, we're convinced of the long-term importance of the endowment fund, which we have set up through Christian Stewardship Services.

The TCS fundraising committee has the SCRIP program up and running and so far it has raised over $500 for the school. Everyone is excited about the possibilities of this program, which involves buying swipe cards and gift certificates through the school which can then be used in a wide variety of stores.



Open for business

The LCBO franchise store at Rick's Gas Bar in South Mountain is now open for business. Inside the beer fridge, owner Rick Cauvier was still organizing his initial stock of 775 cases on Dec. 19. He said he's been trying to open an LCBO outlet for the last 10 years. Press Photo — Zabel

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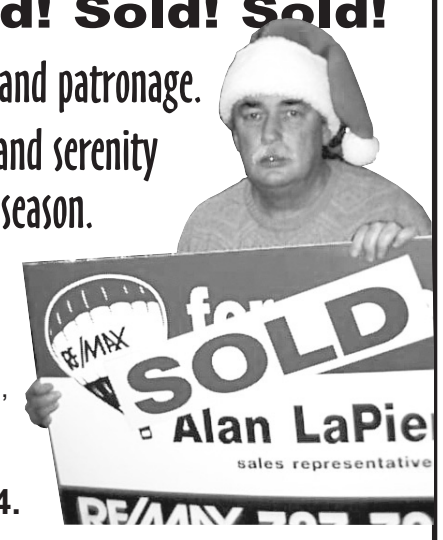

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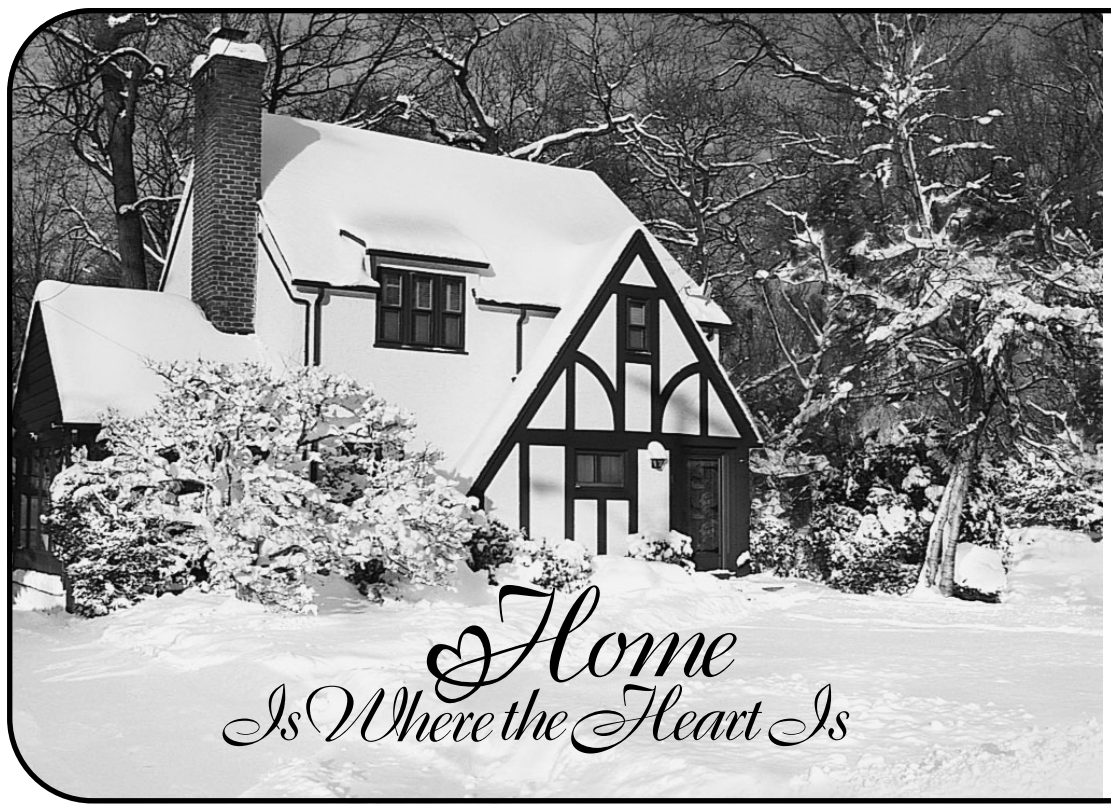

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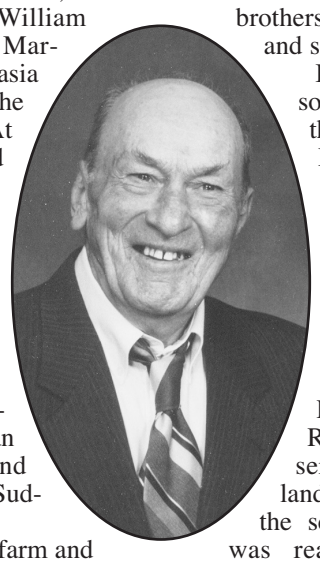
OBITUARIES

Nelson James William Leach

Nelson James William Leach of Spencerville died peacefully in his home on Nov. 30, 2003. He was 82 years old.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1921 in Owen Sound to William James Leach and Margueritta Barnes Anastasia Emes. He grew up in the Muskoka region. At the age of 19 he joined the Navy during the Second World War.



While in the Navy, he met his wife of 38 years, Lucy Strickland. When the war ended, he pursued his dream of becoming an engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railway, and moved his family to Sudbury.

Later, he bought a farm and moved his family to Ventnor Road in Spencerville. He and his wife raised a large family and their home was known to all as "the farm." Many happy hours were enjoyed by family, friends and neighbors alike. There was always music and card games being played. He was a gifted fiddler and his sons John and Tom inherited his musical talents.

He is survived by his former wife, Lucy (Strickland) McLean of Maitland; his children Shirley Dyks (John) of Prescott, Karen Dykes (Russ) of Arizona, Bill (Lois) Leach of Spencerville, Lucy Maichen (Bob) of Edmonton, John (Donna) Leach of Winchester, Tom (Valda) Leach of Spencerville, Stanley (Carrie) Leach of Edmonton and Violet Chase (Randy) of Oxford Mills. He will be remembered by 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sisters Dawn Hilliard of Midland, and Lorna West of Mississauga, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father and mother; infant son Nelson; twins Milton and Marion; son Jim; brothers Milton and Stanley; and sister Oneida.

In celebration of Nelson's life, friends called at the Grant Brown Funeral Home Purcell Chapel in Spencerville on Dec. 3, where members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 604 gathered for a service.

The funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on Dec. 4 at 2 pm with Bill Rabey conducting the service. Miriam Woodland was the organist for the service and the eulogy was read by granddaughter Linda Powers.

Memories of their grandfather were also shared by grandson Johnny Dyks and granddaughter Kathy Phillips. Nelson's sons John and Tom paid tribute to their Dad by playing some of his favorite songs and also played the fiddle as the funeral procession left the funeral home.

Pallbearers were grandsons Johnny Dyks, Craig Leach, Mitch and Dusty Leach and Tyler and Travis Leach. The honorary pallbearers were his grandchildren Linda Powers, Kathy Phillips, Valeria Maichen, Myranda Collins, Sarena Strader, Katrina Leach, and Amber, Ruby, Donald and Jamie Duncan. Interment was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

A reception followed at the Spencerville Legion. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of choice would be gratefully acknowledged.

Lillian Pearl Smith

Lillian Pearl Smith (nee Marshall) died peacefully at St. Catharines Extendicare on Dec. 17, 2003. She was 102.

She was the beloved wife of the late Donald McConkey Smith. She was dear mother of Allan (Mary), and Edward (Stephanie). She was loving grandmother of Simon (Alison), Kerry (Judy), Alissa (Steve), Christopher and Andrew. She was great-grandmother of Michael, Declan, Kendall, Avery, Griffin, Joel and Liam.

She was predeceased by brother Albert and sister Susanna. She will also be remembered by her great-nieces and great-nephews, especially Earl and Shirley.

Friends were received at the Donald V. Brown Funeral Home in Stoney Creek on Dec. 18 and 19. A funeral service was held at St. James the Apostle Anglican Church on Dec. 19. An additional service was held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Bearbrook on Dec. 20. Interment was at Bearbrook Cemetery.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated by the family. The family wishes to thank the exceptional staff of Extendicare, the Red Cross and the VON.

WI learns about Cyprus

by E. Ruth Algire

WILLIAMSBURG — The meeting of the Williamsburg Women's Institute held on Dec. 9 in the Senior Support Centre was attended by 14 members and one visitor. President Isobel Williams opened the meeting with the motto "It is better to give than to receive."

The rollcall by members who stated a fact about Cyprus and a map of the country was displayed, as well as a picture of the flag. Cyprus is the largest island in the East Mediterranean Sea. The island declared its independence in 1959. Conflict between Turkey and Cyprus has necessitated the presence of a peacekeeping force on the island ever since.

The White Gift donations amounted to $112, which will be given to a local charity at a later date. The Rose Program was discussed and it has been proposed that we arrange for a meeting on depression, which will be open to the public. A spring quilt show was discussed and plans will be made in January.

An auction sale of donated articles was ably conducted by Lynn Gilmour and Doreen Henderson and proved very entertaining as members competed for bargains. Some of the popular items were home-made cookies and candy, candles, earrings, and a mystery gift.

A well-stocked buffet of treats and tea were enjoyed by all at the close of the meeting.

Euchre winners

WILLIAMSBURG — The winners at the Williamsburg Seniors' Euchre held on Dec. 10 were as follows: The White cards were won by Bertha Christie, Bessie Locke, and Ruth Casselman. The Yellow Cards were won by Evelyn Schwerdtfeger, Glen Pemberton, and Ray Casselman.

Jean Beckstead and Dwain Hess were the door prize winners. Winners of the draw were Keith Scott, Campbell Robertson, Evelyn Schwerdtfeger, Graham Hess (2), Jean Beckstead, and Stella Casselman.

There will be no euchre until Wed., Jan. 7 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Merry Christmas.

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- Stonehenge
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Jake and Wendy Geertsma of Chesterville wish to announce the wedding of their daughter Debbie to Sanjay, the son of Dr. Jay and Donna Bhatt of Brockville. The couple were married on September 10 in Las Vegas. A reception was held in Brockville on November 8, 2003. The happy couple resides in Brockville, Ontario.



Christmas draw

Township of North Dundas mayor Alvin Runnalls pulled three lucky tickets on Dec. 19 to mark the completion of the Winchester Merchant's Christmas 2003 Draw. *Winchester Press* co-publisher and advertising manager Donna Rushford, who organized the promotion, assisted in the proceedings. Tony Fraser of Winchester was the first of the 5,000 ballots pulled. He won $1,500 in gift certificates and merchandise. Barbara Vienneau of South Mountain claimed the second prize of $600, and Marilyn Ceelen of Kemptville picked up $400 in certificates and merchandise. Forty village businesses took part in the promotion which ran from Nov. 12 to Dec. 19.
Press Photo — Van Bridger

Metcalfe Lions receive donations for basket drive

by Helen Porteous

METCALFE — The Metcalfe Lions Club cheered in the season on Dec. 10 at Ladies Night with special guest Paul Mussell. They had also started to receive donations toward the annual Christmas basket drive.

There is one group that has donated toys for the kids and money for Christmas baskets every year. This year, they went above and beyond by donating $500 towards the baskets. The Road Gang are very special people and the Lions thank them again.

The help of groups like the Road Gang, Friendship Clubs and loyal families, it help put a day's supply of food on the Christmas table for needy people in the area. Thanks to all the donators, as well as Metcalfe Variety and Lions Club members. These baskets will be priceless to people in need.

Thank you one and all for your kind donations and have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Shepherd Talk

by Rev. Bert deBruijn

What would you value most?

Imagine that you could receive any gift you asked for. Something like a Christmas "Aladdin's Wonder Lamp!" What would be your wish?

When you think about it, your thoughts will likely not dwell too long on commodity items. Their value is little compared to, say, good health and relief from pain.

But when you think a little longer your attention may go to more valuable gifts. Perhaps you might think something like, "I wish my son would come home for Christmas," or "I wish that my sister would write me this Christmas."

Then, for some it would go a bit deeper still, reaching deeper into their soul. "I wish I could overcome my bad habit."

How many of us would ask for the turmoil in our hearts to end?

How highly would you value inner peace?

The wonder of Christmas is that the Christ Child came because so many people don't have that gift of inner peace. He came to offer a remedy for people's deepest need –- no peace with God. To be reconciled with God and to live in harmony with Him is the most valuable gift a person can ever receive.

The change this brings about within a person's heart brightens every other aspect of life.

Jesus came at Christmas as God's gift to the world, because through the Lord Jesus every person can receive peace with the Almighty. This Christmas gift from heaven is offered freely to all people of "good will," who are willing to have their hearts and lives changed, so that they can welcome Jesus in.

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$165 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$15,488



2001 PT CRUISER
$190 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$17,888



2001 CAVALIER
$105 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$9,888



2002 COROLLA
$138 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$14,888



2002 TAURUS SE
$175 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$16,488



1999 RANGER XLT
$126 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$11,888



2001 F150 S/C
$286 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$26,888



2000 WINDSTAR
$169 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$15,888



2003 GRAND CARAVAN
$229 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$21,488



2000 TAURUS
$145 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$13,688



1999 SABLE LS
$105 BI-WEEKLY*
130 PAYMENTS
$9,888



*Payments based on a bi-weekly (130 payment 60 month purchase) with $2,000 down, plus taxes, administration, 7.99% APR, OAC. Prices are plus admin and taxes. Example: $10,000 at 7.99% over 60 months + $299 admin fee and 15% taxes, $2,000 trade or down payment = total cost $12,092.60 with $2,171.75 COB @130 payments of $93.02.

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