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Wake up call

Twisted metal and charred debris is all that's left of the Meldrum residence on Liscumb Road after a 2 am fire on Monday (Jan. 3).

Press Photos – Duncan

Early morning fire claims life

Meghan Duncan
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Len "Lenny" Meldrum, 52, died in an early morning blaze on Liscumb Road, Jan. 3. Lenny lived with his father, Robert, who managed to escape the flames.

SD&G OPP were called to the scene just before 2 am, where members of the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department were already battling the fire.

The fire was reported by Tony Armstrong, a neighbor, who woke up to a knock on his door from Robert, saying his home was on fire. The flames were visible from the Armstrong home, about 90 metres away.

"It's been very, very tragic," said Barbara Wicks, Lenny's sister. "It's been very hard."

After the fire, Robert was having trouble breathing. He was taken to Winchester District Memorial Hospital and was treated with oxygen for an hour before being released. He is now staying with one of his daughters.

The OPP crime unit was on scene during the day, Jan. 3. The Ontario Fire Marshal's office is also investigating the fire, along with the SD&G criminal investigation unit.

The cause of the fire is still unknown, but it is not considered to be suspicious, according to senior constable Al Lummiss of SD&G OPP. The Meldrum residence is left completely gutted by the fire.

"I couldn't believe that we didn't [wake up]," said Sharon Sharkey-Holmes, a Liscumb Road resident. She spoke of other fires that have occured and the smell that generally alerts neighbors. "It's unbelievable we didn't smell it."

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SD&G Red Cross overwhelmed by tsunami relief donations

CORNWALL — The SD&G branch of the Canadian Red Cross is being inundated with donations. Following the earthquake and tsunami which devastated parts of southeastern Asia on Dec. 26, over $80,000 has been generated locally to supply relief efforts.

"It's been phenomenal!" said Susan Carter, district branch manager. The office has had to bring in volunteers to help handle the volume of calls the office is receiving. Volunteers and staff agree that this has been the most incredible outpouring of assistance the office has ever experienced.

"Our community has a rich cultural diversity and each and every one of us feels the heartache and anguish of the people affected by the disaster in southeast Asia," said volunteer Don Daugherty.

Over 600 individuals had either phoned or contacted the local branch in person as of Jan. 2. The Canadian Red Cross has made a national appeal through the media for aid donations.

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Runnalls reflects on 2004, looks ahead to challenges

MOREWOOD — North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls is looking forward to a busy year. Last month he was sworn in as warden of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Comparing notes with former wardens, he anticipates appearing at upwards of 250 public events in the next year.

"I expect it will be something you get used to once you get yourself organized," said Runnalls. He'll be meeting his municipal constituents at fairs, festivals and new business openings. He'll also have greater access to the provincial and federal levels of government while participating in the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus. The Ontario wardens east of Toronto will meet eight times this year to co-ordinate their lobby efforts.

At the local level, the mayor and council have several major achievements from last year to be proud of. Efforts to establish a new doctor's office in Chesterville's old town hall are moving forward. Chesterville is currently without a physician in the village. With plans in place to establish a clinic ready and waiting for a doctor, it's hoped Chesterville can attract a medical school graduate this year.

Consolidation and assurance that existing facilities are well used was a theme in Runnalls' year-end chat with the media.

"We've got infrastructure all over the place," he said. Council will focus this year on developing a strategic plan, identifying which facilities are needed or expendable.

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Van Allen pleased with council year

WILLIAMSBURG — Without making any lofty New Year's resolutions, South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen is pleased with the past year. With one full year as mayor complete, he hopes 2005 will be just as good.

"Augusta Street looks pretty nice," said Van Allen, speaking about the water meter and pipeline installation project in Morrisburg and Iroquois. He was concerned about the many side streets that were torn up because of the heavy equipment, though.

"Quite frankly, I'm concerned about the residents of Morrisburg and Iroquois because they're going to get hit pretty bad financially because of all this," Van Allen said. "But we need water, and we have no choice. The province gave us a deadline."

Van Allen said that although G. C. Toshack and Thompson Rosemount Group (TRG) Construction are doing an excellent job on the project, he would have liked to see a tendering process to decide who would get the construction contract.

"I always like to see a tendering process. It keeps everyone honest," he said, but he doesn't want to change horses midstream. "I think they do good work."

In the end, Van Allen is pleased with the outcome of the project.

"For the most part I think the water project went very well," he said.

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New Year's baby an early riser

WINCHESTER — The first baby of the year came bright and early on New Year's Day at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Hannah Veinotte was welcomed by proud parents Karrie Veinotte and Victor Turcotte of Morrisburg at 4:29 am.

It was a memorable holiday season for the young couple who became engaged on Christmas Day. After wearing her diamond ring for less than a week, mom was loath to take it off before arriving at the hospital for the delivery. (The hospital policy is no jewellery during labor).

WDMH's first baby of 2005

"I didn't want to take off the ring, but I had to leave it at my mother's," said Karrie. Hannah's holiday arrival was considerably ahead of schedule. Due on Jan. 10, the WDMH maternity staff didn't even place her in the running for New Year's honors. The delivery went smoothly, however, and Hannah started off at a healthy 7.1 pounds.

Karrie has lived in Morrisburg all her life. When she and Victor met the *Press* on Jan. 2, they had the additional assistance of close friend Stacey Shaver. Shaver had her first child eight months earlier and was able to help the new parents with basic training tips. The first project was understanding the intricacies of operating the car seat to take Hannah home in.

Studying their tiny daughter, Karrie and Victor could immediately see evidence of her lineage. Her light brown hair included a reddish hue, not unlike the color of Victor's beard. Hannah remained happily oblivious to all of the action taking place around her, even when the Welcome Wagon arrived with a huge basket of gifts.



First in line

Karrie Veinotte and Victor Turcotte were the parents of the first baby born at Winchester District Memorial Hospital in 2005. Hannah Veinotte was born on Jan. 1 at 4:29 am.

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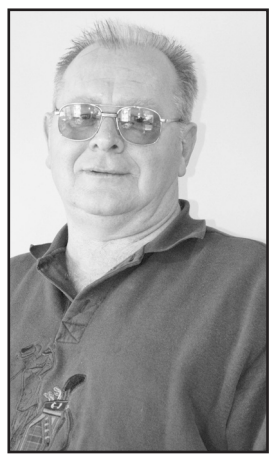
Van Allen

He spoke of the generous residents on Augusta Street who provided dinner for the construction workers on more than one occasion.

With the new pipeline and metering system, council members are hoping that water use in Iroquois will be reduced by as much as 15 per cent.



Lyle Van Allen

"It really scares me what the province might do to rural Ontario," Van Allen said. "This water testing is going to hurt them big time."

The new water plant was scheduled to be completed by April 2005, but may be delayed until almost 2006.

"Our next big hit will be this ATV business," he said. "I think council is in a no-win situation."

The province of Ontario passed legislation allowing ATVs on roads, leaving it up to each individual township to decide what roads they would allow these vehicles on.

As far as economic development is concerned, Van Allen said that the ATV policy is a plus, because ATVs are outselling snowmobiles.

"But I don't want them on unmaintained roads," he said. "I don't want them in road ditches. That's under the traffic act."

If a speed limit is placed on the ATVs, for example, allowing them only to travel 50 km/h where other vehicles are permitted to drive 80 km/h, it will cause even more problems.

"Do you want slow-moving vehicles on roads when it's dark?" Van Allen asked. He also was adamant that ATVs are for off-roading only. "It says right in the manual: not for road use. We can adopt all of the bylaws we want, but I think in a lot of cases it won't matter. They'll go where they want."

He said that he hopes council will come to a decision in the next two months.

As far as the adoption of an official plan for all of SD&G, Van Allen is still unsure.

"I haven't made up my mind yet," he said.

He will meet with the counties planner to get a better understanding of it all. Though Van Allen is concerned about giving authority to the upper tier of municipal government, he said that he would rather that than to hand it over to the provincial government. Also, having one official plan would save the township money.

"It's going to be an interesting vote at counties council," he said.

A decision on whether or not to keep or combine the ward system in South Dundas has to be made by the end of 2005. A public meeting will be held regarding the issue, so that South Dundas residents can make their concerns known.

"By law we have to do that," said Van Allen of the meeting.

At the time of amalgamation, Van Allen did not want to go to the ward system. "I never liked it," he said. "Shouldn't the people have the right to elect a deputy-mayor?"

Van Allen described the ward system as each candidate or councillor fighting for their own slice of the pie, but he would prefer a popular vote, where everybody can vote for anybody.

Another impending issue for council is having to reduce garbage going into landfill sites by 60 per cent in the next few years.

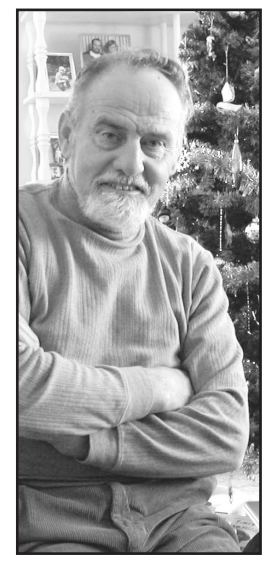
"How are we going to do this?" asked Van Allen. "It's going to be hard."

Overall, Van Allen is pleased with the council and decisions made over the last year.

"We all have our differences of opinion and we all have backbone to stand up for what we believe in," he said. "There's nothing wrong with that."

He's looking forward to the year ahead.

"I just want to wish [everyone] a very happy new year and that we have a community that we can be proud of," he said. "I knew I was going to be busy in SD&G. I consider this a volunteer position, but I don't think many people realize the amount of work involved."



Alvin Runnalls

Runnalls

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The community effort that saved the South Mountain library branch from closure last year was another success Runnalls pointed to. He sits on the SD&G County Library Board and a year ago he initially voted in favor of closing the branch. Runnalls was impressed, however, at the lengths community members went to, lobbying to keep the facility open. "It was wonderful what happened in South Mountain once people got revved up," he said. The debate over whether SD&G is best served by many small library branches or a few large ones will be reviewed annually in the future.

Culture and recreation remain high priorities for the mayor. Campaigning for his job more than a year ago, he mentioned the possibility of an indoor pool for the municipality. He believes this is still a possibility, if the township could find a partner for the project. The township plans to open a public exercise facility in partnership with North Dundas District High School next month.

And Runnalls is hoping the new year will bring better fortune for the local agricultural community. A cattle producer himself, he knows the damage the BSE crisis has done. In the past year, he sold 40 head for less than $10,000. Before the U.S. border closed, these animals would have been worth $45,000. "The federal and provincial governments certainly have given us something, but nothing compared to what the Americans would have done for their producers if they were in our position," he said.

Lauzon wants you to tell him how he's doing

WINCHESTER — MP Guy Lauzon invites constituents of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry to attend one of a series of town hall meetings taking place throughout the riding in the month of January. Constituents are asked to attend the meetings and provide their MP with their thoughts on issues affecting them.

The first town hall meeting will be at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg on Mon., Jan. 10. Lauzon will then be at the Winchester Community Centre for another meeting on Tues., Jan. 11.

"This is his first attempt at doing this so we really don't know what to expect," said Julie-Anne Miller, Lauzon's executive assistant. At each of the meetings, the floor will be completely open to whatever concerns residents want to bring forward.

Miller said she doesn't know what size of crowds to expect, although each of the halls where meetings will be held can hold over 100 people. Residents will have the chance to line up at the microphone and ask their MP anything they want.

"I campaigned on a promise to work for the people of S-D-SG. I want to bring your views to Parliament, and town hall meetings are one way to achieve that goal," said Lauzon. To date, he has received a great deal of useful feedback from constituents with his monthly newspaper column, and from his quarterly household mail-outs. Lauzon also has a live call-in show on COGECO TV at 8 pm on the third Tuesday of every month.

All the town hall meetings will start at 7:30 pm. With the mid-evening start time, the hope is that farmers will be through their daily routines and have a better opportunity to take part.

"I am looking forward to discussing issues that matter to the constituents of S-D-SG at these meetings and I urge everyone to attend," said Lauzon. For more information, check Lauzon's website at www.guylauzon.ca or call his Cornwall office at 888-805-2513.

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Fire

Sharkey-Holmes spoke of how the money being sent overseas for tsunami relief efforts is needed here, too.

"Right now people are sending money off to Asia, but the community should be standing behind Bob and others who need it," she said.

A memorial visit will take place on Fri., Jan. 7 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Winchester Funeral Home, with a memorial service in the chapel at 1 pm. The burial will take place in the spring at Ormond Cemetery.

Red Cross

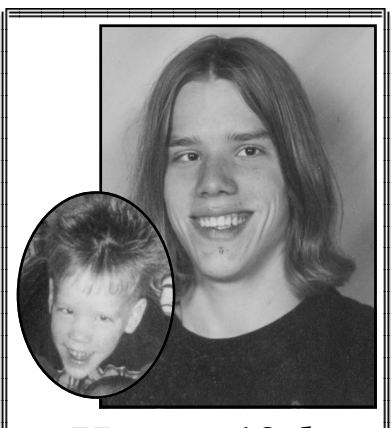
Timing is critical right now because the federal government has agreed to match all donations made before Jan. 11.

"The dollars will flow from our national office directly to offices in the affected countries," said Carter. The money will be spent on needed items including water bottles, water purification supplies, material for shelters, food and medical supplies. All spending will be approved by the Canadian Red Cross national office.

"The scope of this is so huge, I literally don't have time to explain everything we're doing," she said. Two plane-loads of supplies have already been sent, one leaving Canada on Dec. 27 and the other on Dec. 29.

The Red Cross office in Cornwall extended its hours of operation during the holiday weekend. Many groups across SD&G have begun organizing independent fundraising initiatives. In Dundas County, Dixon's Corners Public School and Harmony Community Church have both contacted the *Press* to publicize their appeals for aid donations.

Only international charities raising money are eligible for the federal dollar-matching grant. The Canadian Red Cross is the only international charity in SD&G that has a permanent branch office. Donations can be made with a credit card by calling the office at 613-932-0231. Donations can be made in person at the office by either cash or cheque. And beginning yesterday (Jan. 4), all major bank branches will be accepting donations on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross. Tax receipts will be provided for all donations.



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Devastated Tamil communities to benefit from church service

Harmony congregation rallies to support tsunami survivors

WINCHESTER — A special service to support the Tamil Christians of Sri Lanka and India will be held at Harmony Community Church at 7 pm on Sunday (Jan. 9). The service will be to pray for people affected by the devastating tsunami and earthquake on Dec. 26 and to raise funds for disaster relief.

In the Tamil regions of southern India and northern Sri Lanka there are an estimated 40,000 dead and hundreds of thousands displaced and homeless. The speaker at the special service will be Ariyanayagom (Ari) Justin, an elder in the Ottawa Tamil Church who is comfortable speaking to audiences in English. There will be special music and reports provided by Tamil people from both India and Sri Lanka.

Harmony Community Church was instrumental in establishing the Ottawa Tamil Church four years ago, and maintains a close relationship with the congregation. "Everybody has lost someone. It's an entire church in some form of mourning," said Rev. Bruce North.

The Ottawa Tamil Church originated when North started a Bible study class at Harmony for several Tamil students from the Toronto area. The students were attending school in Ottawa. North was friends with a Tamil pastor in Toronto who asked if Harmony Church could provide support for these young people. "From there, we ended up starting a Tamil church," said North.

For the first two years, North preached to the Tamil congregation through an interpreter. Now the church has 80 members and its own pastor. "It's bigger than my church congregation at times," he said.

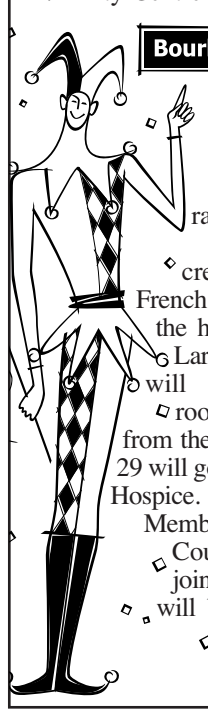
Donations made at Sunday's special service will go to Hope International, a Christian humanitarian organization administered by the Canadian Tamil Church. Harmony Church was also instrumental in setting up Hope International and registering the charity in both Canada and Sri Lanka, not an easy task because the Sri Lankan government tends to be suspicious of Christian organizations. By a great stroke of fortune, Hope International was successfully registered last November, not long before this latest desperate need for aid.

"We will now be able to get help to areas where help is not forthcoming from government agencies," said North. A major problem is anticipated over the upcoming months with western aid being diverted from the people it was intended to assist. This will be a special problem for minority Christian Tamil communities. Decades of civil war have been fought between the Buddhist Sinhalese and Tamil separatists. North said a relief shipment intended for Tamil communities has already been diverted to Sinhalese areas favored by the government.

North said members of the Ottawa Tamil community are currently overwhelmed with grieve and stories of hardship from their ethnic homeland. Many Christian churches were destroyed in the natural disaster. North said he hopes his congregation can support those churches that remain. He said he knows trustworthy pastors through his network in the Tamil community who will ensure donations of aid are well used.

Harmony Church has already collected over $1,000 for distribution through Hope International. For more information, contact the church at 774-5170.

Make sure you have a date for the ball, and a ticket



WINCHESTER — Tickets for the first-ever Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball planned for Winchester are almost half sold out. The capacity of the Winchester Community Centre is 330 and the $10 tickets are selling quickly. And plans for the ball continue to grow more elaborate.

"I'm going to recreate an authentic French Quarter upstairs in the hall," said organizer Larry Michaud. "This will be a dolled-up room!" All proceeds from the event on Sat., Jan. 29 will go to Dundas County Hospice.

Members of the Dundas County Players have joined the effort. They will be in their fanciest dress adding ambiance to the evening. Michaud is also now promising a juggler and a fire breather for the event. This is in addition to the oyster shucker, tarot card reader and the musical entertainment that has already been promised. The Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo Combo is reputedly the best zydeco band in the Ottawa area, and it wasn't easy for Michaud to book them right at the beginning of the Mardi Gras season.

Mardi Gras accessories will be another part of the event. The price of admission to the party includes a mask and a string of beads. A beadswap booth will be open for guests to upgrade their costumes. For anyone wanting to plan in advance, Lola's Emporium in Winchester will have a full selection of Mardi Gras materials on display beginning this week.

Anyone interested in supporting the hospice is invited to volunteer their time getting ready for the ball. Michaud said several people who have recently lost loved ones have already come forward, wanting to be involved. The busiest day will be the day of the ball, and anyone with a spare hour is welcome. The business community in Winchester is also pitching in to make the event a success. Loads of items are being donated for a silent auction.

An entire culture has been developing for centuries around Mardi Gras. Because the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, was one of feasting, it came to be known as Fat Tuesday, or as the French would say, Mardi Gras. The holiday is always scheduled 47 days preceding Easter. The traditions that have evolved are incredibly elaborate. Mardi Gras even has its own vocabulary — Mardispeak. Following are a few important terms so people can start brushing up.

Ball: The French and Spanish colonizers of New Orleans loved music and dancing, and began holding fancy-dress masquerade balls in the 1700s. Collectively known as the French Balls, these became racy affairs with a strong connection to the city's red-light district. Elite carnival organizations began staging parades that ended at the theatres where the balls took place.

Court: The court is the make-believe royalty of a carnival organization. In accordance with traditions established in the latter half of the 19th century, groups act out aristocratic fantasies by carrying on in the style of the royal courts and palaces of Old Europe. The queen and her maids are young debutantes. The queen's mock spouse is traditionally an older prominent civic leader. Dukes are customarily eligible bachelors.

Go-cup: Drinking alcohol in the streets is legal in the Big Easy, just as long as it's in a plastic cup. In New Orleans you can ask any bartender for a go-cup. (Don't bother asking for a go-cup in Winchester).

To continue building your Mardi Gras vocabulary, go to www.mardigrasunmasked.com or any one of many similar sites. To purchase tickets for the ball, go to Lola's Emporium or Shadbolt's Stedmans Store in Winchester, Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Chesterville, or Sandy Row Golf Club in South Mountain. For more information or to volunteer, call Michaud at 774-6076.

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Slow speed of high-speed: SD internet in final stages

WILLIAMSBURG — "I'm disappointed," said South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen with regard to the township's broadband Internet agreement with Industry Canada.

The agreement states that the Township of South Dundas will establish high-speed Internet access to Brinston, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Upper Canada Village and Williamsburg by constructing required wireless, open-access infrastructure.

The project was officially effective on June 6, 2003 and was to be completed by March 31, 2005. Right now, the agreement is in its final stages and will be finalized and fully operational by August 2005. Two towers have been installed, one in Brinston and the other in Williamsburg, and another two towers will be installed where required.

Van Allen thinks the situation could have been handled differently.

The original study of the township's current broadband Internet network, conducted by Lanark Network Associates and Howard Allan was to take six weeks to complete and should be have been finished by March 2004, he said. The study cost around $20,000.

"It's the end of the year, and where are we?" he asked.

The township filed a proposal with Industry Canada for a grant to help finance the installation and construction of the system.

"It was supposed to be a $1.7 million grant, but I don't think it ever was a $1.7 million grant," he said. The estimated cost of the project was just under $1,450,000. It would be funded by Industry Canada, the Township of South Dundas, the sale of the old Internet system to W3 Connect, and in-kind or user contributions.

Van Allen said he hopes that spending on the project will soon stop.

"Hopefully that will all be over soon," he said. "I wish it was [over] yesterday. I can't see it being that much longer."

W3 Connect will buy the old system before the new system is complete.

"It's all a go," said Van Allen, who was upset with the way things started out with the proposal. "Industry Canada really nickelled and dimed us as far as the proposal was concerned."

The cost to residents for high-speed Internet service will be $49.95 per month, and the $149.95 start-up cost will be subsidized by $250,000 from the government.

In the end, the township will be left with a negative balance in its bank account.

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Police blotter

Truck pillaged

SOUTH DUNDAS — Police began an investigation on Jan. 1 of the theft of property from a transport truck. The vehicle was parked on County Road 2 in South Dundas. A CD player, satellite radio, and a combination TV/VCR were taken from the truck. Constable E. McGraw is investigating this incident.

Starved for entertainment

NORTH DUNDAS — Police began an investigation on Jan. 1 into a break and enter which occurred sometime during the day of Dec. 30 at a residence on County Road 1 in North Dundas. Entry into the property resulted in the theft of a television, CD player and VCR. Constable A. Burtch is investigating this incident.

Party never stopped

SOUTH DUNDAS — Police were called to a residence on Riverside Drive in South Dundas on Jan. 1 to deal with an intoxicated young person. As a result, a 17-year-old male was charged with consuming liquor under age, contrary to the Liquor License Act. Constable S. Cork is investigating this incident.

Foot race

MORRISBURG — SD&G OPP officers on patrol in the town of Morrisburg on Dec. 28 observed a vehicle on Ottawa Street with a male passenger known to them as being wanted for breaching conditions of release from a previous incident. As the officers approached the vehicle to arrest the suspect, he fled on foot. A short foot chase was initiated with the male being apprehended a short time later on Orchard Way Crescent.

The 17-year-old from Morrisburg was held in custody, pending a court appearance in Cornwall. He faces charges of resisting a police officer and three counts of failing to comply with conditions. Constables J. Dorsey and S. Lecuyer are investigating.

Probation breached

SOUTH DUNDAS — SD&G OPP Constable E. McGraw had the occasion on Dec. 30 to stop a vehicle for speeding on County Road 31 in South Dundas. Investigation revealed a quantity of marijuana in the vehicle. The 17-year-old driver from Brinston was arrested and faces charges of possession of a controlled substance and breach of probation. He will appear in court Feb. 1.

Verbal altercation

NORTH DUNDAS — SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence on Spruit Road in North Dundas. A verbal altercation was taking place on Dec. 18 between occupants of the residence. Investigation revealed a warrant was outstanding for a 35-year-old male involved. The warrant was for failing to appear in court on an unrelated incident. He was arrested and held in custody pending a court appearance in Cornwall. Constable F. Michel is investigating.



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Delegarde suit to go to trial

CORNWALL — Iroquois ward councillor Ron Delegarde, who faces a suit under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, will appear in court on Jan. 10.

It was almost a year ago, last Feb. 27, that Delegarde stood before Justice Paul Cosgrove in Cornwall court to face the conflict of interest suit filed by Andrew Bowers of Morrisburg.

It was on this date that Cosgrove decided that the trial should proceed.

Delegarde works for Bell Canada and did not declare a pecuniary interest when South Dundas council voted on communications issues, specifically the township's broadband Internet system.

Bowers' application asked the court to find that Delegarde had violated the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and to order council to vote again on any matter in which Delegarde contravened the act. If these requests are not met, the application asks for Delegarde's seat on council to be vacated, and that he be disqualified from council for seven years.

Bowers said at the time of his first court appearance that he didn't want Delegarde to lose his position, just to abide by the rules of the act. Bowers did not respond to requests for comment.

Since the suit began, Delegarde has left the room during South Dundas council meetings whenever council has discussed communications matters, especially the broadband Internet agreement. He could not be contacted for comment.

The trial will take place at the Provincial Offences office on Pitt Street in Cornwall. Jan. 10-15 has been set aside for the trial.

South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen, *Chesterville Record* reporter Nelson Zandbergen and others have been subpoenaed as witnesses in the trial.

OPP officers stop close to 2,500 during Festive RIDE

UNITED COUNTIES — The SD&G OPP continued their festive RIDE initiatives throughout the three United Counties.

From Dec. 27 to Jan. 2, OPP stopped a total of 988 vehicles at RIDE checkstops. Investigation led to three people having their license suspended for 12 hours and two people being charged with impaired driving.

OPP stopped a total of 1,496 vehicles at RIDE checkstops from Dec. 13 to 19. Investigations led to three people having their license suspended for 12 hours and no one being charged with impaired driving.

Further investigation led to one driver being charged with possession of marijuana. A driver was also charged with two counts of driving while in contravention of his G1 driver conditions.

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Community saves lockmaster's shed

IROQUOIS — The community has reacted favorably to the challenge of saving the lockmaster's shed at the old canal site. Donations have been received from local institutions and concerned individuals, and staff of the Galop Canal Marina Project is hopeful that others in the community will be forthcoming with more support.

In December, Steven Smellie and Andrea Cartier presented an outline of the project to the Iroquois Matilda Lions. The president invited the project staff to keep the Lions updated, and to present to them again in the spring. Smellie is confident that the Lions Club and other service groups in South Dundas are committed to the revitalization of the waterfront area.

In late December, the Galop Canal Marina Project received news that the building would be secured so it will remain intact until construction can proceed.



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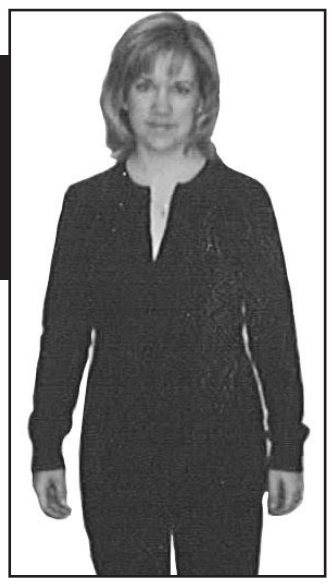

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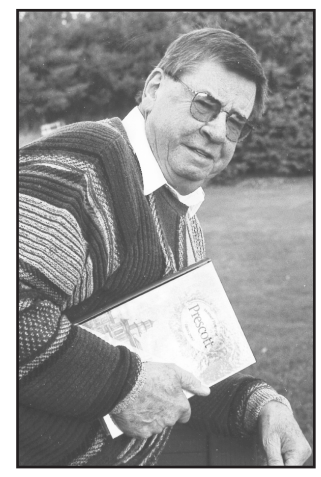
2004 - Snapshots of the year gone by



MARCH 31: Bearing signs proclaiming their need for, and love of, the South Mountain library, Melissa (left) and Alanna Matthies were among those who boarded the bus and headed to the SD&G County Library Board meeting last week to try and keep their branch from closing. *Press Photo — James*



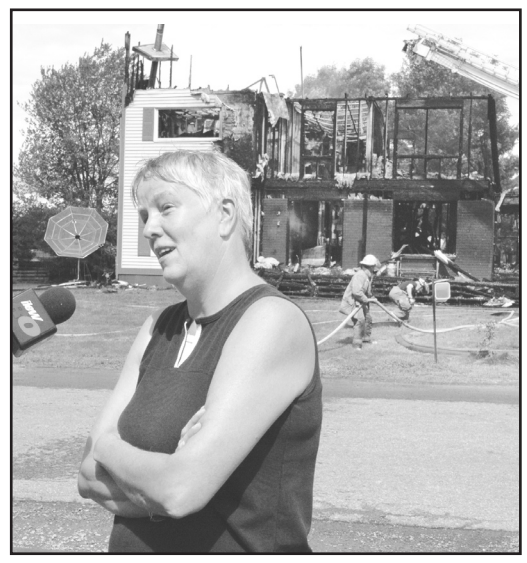
MAY 26: Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper was in Cornwall on Monday (May 24) where he spoke to a rally of more than 800 supporters at the Ramada Inn. *Press Photo — Zabel*



JUNE 9: Longtime publisher John A.H. Morris passed away peacefully June 5 after a lengthy illness. Morris, in his 69th year, had owned the *Winchester Press* as well as six other community newspapers.



JUNE 30: After winning the seat in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, Conservative Party candidate Guy Lauzon arrived at the Ramada Inn around 11 pm Monday night. Entering with partner Frances Lafave, he met a boisterous crowd of supporters. *Press Photo — Zabel*



AUGUST 18: The owners of a home in Kenmore were on vacation last Wednesday when a fire destroyed the building. Neighbor Heather Leduc reported the fire to 911 and said she was shocked at the length of time it took firefighters to arrive. *Press Photo — Zabel*



NOVEMBER 10: Cheese grader Rejean Galipeau demonstrates his craft in the cheese grading room at Parmalat Winchester. The local plant won five firsts at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto last week. *Press Photo — Zabel*

Dixon's Corners school begins Asian relief drive

by vice-principal Penny Levesque

DIXON'S CORNERS — Welcome back to school. We hope that everyone had a safe and healthy holiday. A newsletter has been sent home listing January's activities at Dixon's Corners Public School.

Southern Asia was hard hit by a tsunami. The staff and students at the school want to help by sending aid via the Red Cross. Over 100,000 people, one third of whom were children, have been killed and many others are still unaccounted for. Dixon's Corners wants to gather donations to help the victims in this devastated area.

The public is asked to send cash donations to the school to help support relief efforts. The Red Cross will look after the distribution of funds to areas in high need. Contributions must be received by Mon., Jan. 10 for the federal government to match the donations. The Red Cross will supply tax receipts for donations.

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Where did the holidays go?



NDDHS Notes
by Ashley MacNaughton

MAPLE RIDGE — It's back to business as usual — and two weeks sure flew by quickly. Hopefully most students were ready for the first day back, but as for anyone I know, it was a pretty dismal Monday morning. With the New Year finally in, students at North Dundas District high School will no doubt be stressed and up to their necks in final projects and studying for exams.

It's not like going back to school is all that bad, however. After the holidays, most people were glad to see their friends again, and get back to the routine. School activities will be calming down for this month, considering that the first semester is slowly but surely coming to an end. December's school spirit was enough to carry on into the next school year!

The last week before the holidays was a flurry of excitement and anticipation for the break to begin. For the last two periods of Fri., Dec. 17, students were invited to attend the Senior Christmas Concert. The show itself turned out to be a huge success for the student body. And as for everyone who took part in the show, you did an amazing job!

Student council wishes to thank all the participants for their hard work and outstanding dedication to the Christmas concert, and thank you to all those in the audience who cheered us on!

Well, as far as my reporting goes, the school was pretty quiet for the last two weeks. I'd describe the darkness of the hallways, or maybe the locker patterns, but I think it's time to say goodbye for this week! I hope everyone had a great holiday and that getting back into waking up on time for the bus doesn't come as too much of a hassle for anyone. Work hard North Dundas, the exam countdown is on.

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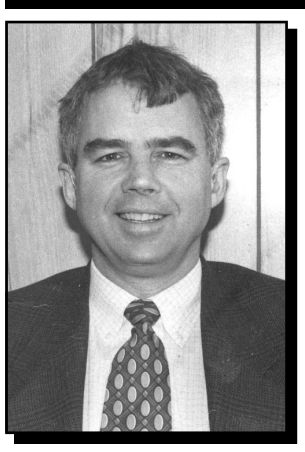
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EDITORIAL

The mad cows are multiplying

What a terrible way to start off the new year for the farm community. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced on Monday that it was successful in discovering a third case of BSE. By cracking down and redoubling its efforts, the CFIA tracked down mad cow number three. It wasn't an easy job.

In this latest case, federal inspectors discovered an eight-year-old cow on a hobby farm in Alberta. It wasn't being milked. Reportedly kept as a pet, it was euthanized and did not enter the human or animal food chain. The animal posed no risk to anyone, but the CFIA was right there with its red flags.

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association predicted from the start of the BSE scare that increased testing was bound to find another sick animal somewhere: which it did, further confusing border relations with the United States. Why the U.S. has said it's going to let this third case slide and continue with plans to open the border to live cattle in March is mind-boggling, looking back on the obstinacy displayed over the past 19 months. It seems too good to be true.

These are the times to remember. There's going to come a point when a strong majority of urban residents lose any connection at all with the rural areas where their food comes from. Without any frame of reference, they'll believe anything they hear. It can't be stressed enough times; BSE poses no threat to humans unless people eat large quantities of brain and spine material from infected animals.

Admittedly, people used to eat animal brains all the time. It's called headcheese and is still widely available in grocery stores alongside other quaint, gross meat products. We now know that in addition to being disgusting, eating animal brains poses specific health risks, so people shouldn't eat this stuff. That would be a good job for the CFIA, patrolling deli counters.

The Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) is doing a much better job than the CFIA of serving the county's agricultural population. In December, the DFA held its first meeting at its new headquarters, downstairs at the Nelson LaPrade Centre in Chesterville. It's a great room, which will hopefully become a permanent home for the DFA's 500-plus membership, as well as all other local farm groups. The DFA recently vacated space at the former town hall in Chesterville after only three years, making space for a planned doctor's office.

Mayor Alvin Runnalls mentioned the DFA's new quarters in his annual year-end interview with the *Press*. He has an idea for a wall of fame in the new meeting room. The space has a large wall that would be perfect for a collection of portraits and plaques, recording the accomplishments of local agricultural leaders. Lots of people who are active in the agricultural community must have loads of significant items in storage. Displaying a collection would ensure that the importance of these items isn't eventually forgotten. If these things sit in attics, their meaning could be forgotten within a generation.

The first item in the DFA display area is a tipped-over trophy cabinet. Inside are the glories of the Dundas Junior Farmers, a group that remains active in the county. No one has a key and the case had to be very delicately tilted to get it into the room. This cabinet will be straightened up in short order. And there's lots more space for similar items to be displayed.

Meeting with the *Press* last week, DFA director Gord Smith stressed that this meeting hall is open for use to any local agricultural group that needs a place to meet. The DFA anticipates it will have to absorb the entire rental cost of the space because it's the largest local group, acknowledging that all other active farm groups are operating with very meager budgets.

The DFA doesn't have much money either. The only reason the organization is so well-equipped with tables, chairs and audiovisual equipment is because it inherited everything from the meeting room at the former OMAF field office in Winchester, which closed in 1999. This location was being used for more than 200 farm meetings a year at the time. When this central location that had been in place for decades closed, the DFA saved all the equipment from being shipped back to Guelph, promising it would stay in use. It really hasn't been used very much because since the OMAF meeting room closed, many groups seem to have stopped holding regular meetings.

The active membership of the DFA doesn't have a cumulatively young age. Within 10 years, the group is in danger of lacking strong new leaders. Building the new meeting hall into something to be proud of would be a step in stemming the tide of rural decay. And the wall of fame is a great idea.

C.Z.



Young people just can't say no to the challenges posed by the toboggan hill behind the Winchester Arena. The west side of the hill is the steepest, allowing for those descending to generate enough speed to demonstrate spectacular jumps. Shown is Edward Shortt, 13, of Mountain.

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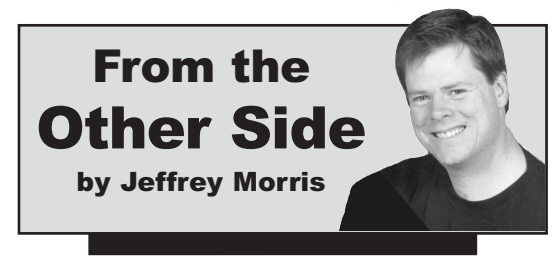


With the dawning of a new year, we can't help but marvel about how quickly the world around us has changed in the past 12 months. Do I need a cel phone with countless options I can't figure out how to use? Are we so impatient that we need faster high-speed connections?

Does my self-esteem need to be squashed when I get dusted by my eight-year-old in every video game we play? Does he not know and respect that in the 1980s I was Space Fighter Jeff, ruler of the arcade? I just can't keep up with it all.

But while we talk about the technology we can't keep up with, the language is even harder to keep up with. For example, a random press release arrived in the inbox announcing that the Merriam-Oxford Dictionary Word of the Year was "blog." A blogger is, obviously, one who blogs. For those of you who don't know the term, blog has nothing to do with what happens to your heart when you go off the Atkins Diet. Blog is short for weblog.

A blog is an online journal that has become a tool allowing anybody with an e-mail address to become a website host. They have redefined communication and even journalism at many levels. The Dan Rather mess was unearthed by bloggers almost immediately. Mark Cuban, who owns the Dallas Mavericks, communicates daily with fans through his blog. Cuban made his billion-plus as a dot commer, which is also a new addition in this year's dictionary.

Looking at this release, I tried to think back over the year to recall all of the new words that were given regular rotation status in my vocabulary.

As many conversations start here, we will begin with Paris Hilton. She is America's "pre-achievement celebrity," a term describing someone famous though she has not done anything yet. You may have seen the famous "MPeg," which is also a new term in the dictionary, but we want to remain PG. If Paris Hilton were the party date of a gay man, she would be nothing but "arm candy."

Speaking of gays, the term "gaydar" also found its way into many conversations. Gaydar is one's ability to detect whether or not someone is "skating on the other side of the ice," which we heard frequently as a Canadian term for someone who is gay. Gays are getting married now, which has some conservatives thinking that marriage has been cheapened and is no longer meaningful.

Then again, the term "serial bride" worked its way into our vocabulary. I would think Jennifer Lopez and Britney Spears, both notorious serial brides, have done more to harm the concept of marriage than two gay people ever could.

One way I like to butcher the English language is to "verbify" a person. For example, a girl would get kicked out of school if she Janet Jacksoned in the school play. Janet Jacksoning is inappropriate behavior in public, unless you are out Flames girling on the Red Mile in Calgary after a hockey game.

If your golf game has "Tiger Woodsed," that would mean that you just got married, lost your touch, developed a hitch, and added five strokes to your handicap. Like my pal Steve Czaban on Fox Sports Radio says, no man has ever announced that his golf game has improved after getting married. That was probably a very inappropriate and ignorant thing for me to say. I didn't mean to Carolyn Parrish you.

And as for that faster Internet connection? Well, you'll be glad to know that DSL (digital service line) is also being added to the 2005 Oxford dictionary.

Now if you'll excuse me, I am going to look for a sponsor for this column who will grossly overpay me for little or no work. Do you know anyone who might Chretien-up? Or maybe I'll just start a blog. You know, there are still some people out there who do not know what a blog is. They are so 15 minutes ago.



1925

The vote on church union throughout Canada (Methodist, Congregationalist and Presbyterian) showed a majority of almost 10 to one in favor of union. In the Brockville area presbytery, however, four congregations including Winchester voted against the union, while Hallville was the only congregation to support it.

1944

All five sons of Mr. And Mrs. George Marquette of Winchester were serving in the second world war. Clifford, Joseph and George were on active duty in Italy while Cecil was in Holland and Willis was stationed in Halifax, N.S.

1955

For the first time ever, Winchester High School was offering night classes to anyone who wanted to "improve their educational standards." Courses were offered in typing, sewing and woodworking. Typing was the most popular course, with 20 students, but there were 51 people enrolled in all three courses combined.

1965

Abraham and Albert St. Pierre had an exciting moose hunt as they brought home a bull and a cow weighing more than 2,000 pounds combined. It was a bumpy 700-mile ride home all the way from Hurst in Northern Ontario. The two huge animals were loaded in the back of the pickup truck, which seemed to bend and hit bottom at every bump under the staggering weight. It would have been a challenge to consume the animals before the next hunting season.

1975

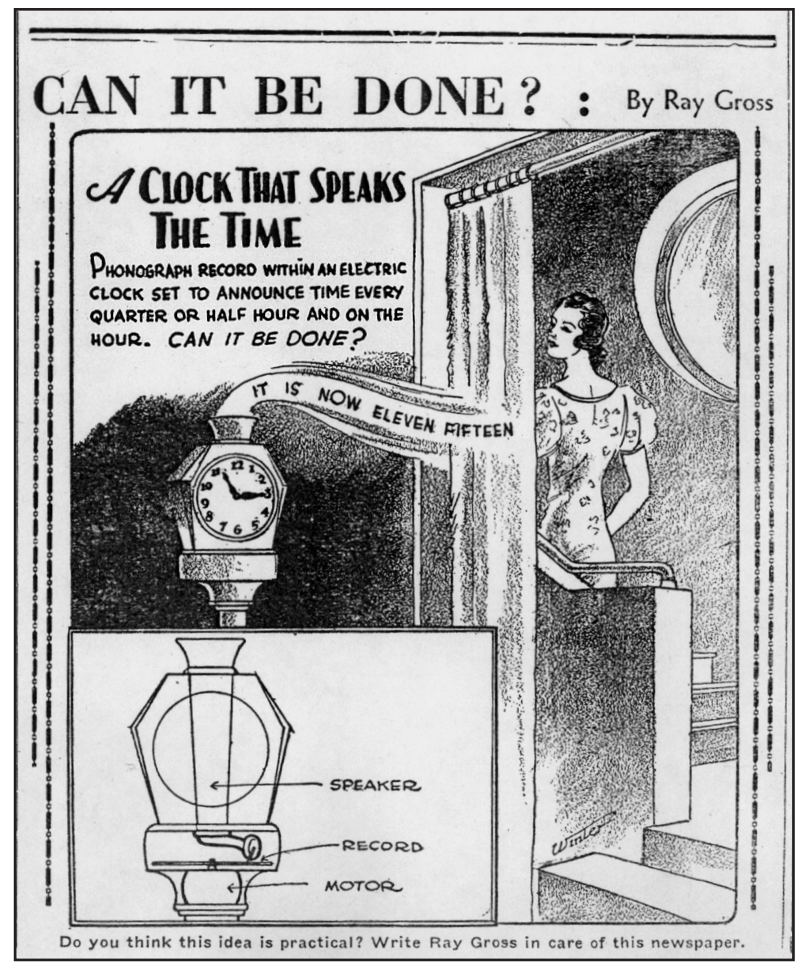
Metcalfe Jet Bryan Cochrane posted the shutout over Winchester Hawk netminder Mike Stanton in a close-checking St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League contest in Metcalfe. Marty Kelly and Ron Gravelle, scored as the hometown Jets prevailed in the Sunday afternoon game by 2-0.

1985

Joe Rowan, at age 69, with 18 years of experience at the *Press*, retired. Rowan was known as the cigar-chomping reporter who would do just about anything for a story and a picture, including climbing on rooftops. His lasting claim to fame was the seventh column, a collection of jokes, local happenings, and pearls of wisdom. "I've got an empty trophy case," he lamented. "You hear about these geniuses who are overlooked. Well, I'm one of them."

1995

After two overtime periods, the North Dundas Bantam "C" Demons rose as champions of the NDMHA tournament "A" division. Steve Wyman and Nigel Guerin were responsible for the two overtime goals, bringing the score to 3-1 against Osgoode-Rideau One. Demons' goalie Scott "House" Miller, the happiest player on the ice, stoned both Osgoode shooters he had to face.



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DFA opens doors to new meeting hall

CHESTERVILLE — The Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) is welcoming the public to its new meeting room in Chesterville. The group's fully-equipped headquarters is now located downstairs at the Nelson LaPrade Centre. The DFA executive is hoping for a big turnout to hear what everyone thinks of the place, tonight (Jan. 5) at 8 pm.

This is the third move for the DFA in the past few years. The group recently agreed to move out of the former town hall in Chesterville to make room for a new doctor's office. Before that, the DFA and many other farm groups met in the OMAF field office in Winchester before it closed in 1999.

"The farm community is shrinking. We're hoping to revitalize some of the groups by having this meeting room available," said DFA director Gord Smith. The DFA has over 500 members and is the largest agricultural group in the township, which is why it has taken a leadership role in securing the new meeting space. Smith stressed that by no means will the new room "belong" to the DFA.

DFA members met several times with North Dundas staff to negotiate for a meeting place similar to the one it had before. One of the two downstairs rooms at the Nelson LaPrade Centre was identified as a municipal property that was greatly under used. It had been for Chesterville scout and guide programs, but they haven't been active for a number of years.

The DFA's new room has a 125-person capacity, more than the group needs. It has two washrooms, a refrigerator and a hookup for a stove. Smith said the facility is adequate for any type of meeting the DFA might hold.

All furnishings that the DFA has moved in technically belong to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. When OMAF closed its Winchester office, a collection of chairs, tables, shelves and audiovisual equipment was left surplus. "Everything was going to be packaged up and shipped back to Guelph," said Smith. The DFA organized a deal to be the custodian of all the equipment.

North Dundas is currently asking the DFA pay $150 per month rent for the room. Smith said the DFA will also have to pay for cleaning costs. Hopefully the expense can be reduced.

The DFA plans to approach South Dundas council, asking that the municipality pay a portion of the costs. Although the Dundas County farm community tends to be centred in North Dundas, the DFA serves the entire county and Smith said he hopes the southern municipality will pay a fair share. There's also a hope that other groups using the room will be able to contribute what they can toward expenses.

Although completely open for use to agricultural groups, Smith said the DFA doesn't want to open the room up for use by any organization. The DFA is responsible for all the equipment that will be kept there. And there's a plan that's been discussed to start a collection of local agricultural memorabilia in the hall. Pictures and plaques could grow into a "wall of fame." Because farm groups would donate these items, it's assumed that farm groups would ensure they are safely maintained.



The Dundas Federation of Agriculture has already met once in its new meeting hall in Chesterville, downstairs at the Nelson LaPrade Centre. DFA director Gord Smith shows a portrait he took of last year's executive which will be hung on the soon-to-be wall of fame. *Press Photo — Zabel*

Sign up for the Agri Tour

CANNAMORE — There has never been a North Dundas Agri Tour, although tours of interesting farm operations have been successful in neighboring areas. Dennis Taylor of Cannamore Orchard is currently talking to producers asking whether there is enough interest to start a local tour. He's hoping to enlist 10 or 15 interested parties.

For the last nine years, Taylor has participated in the Prescott-Russell Agri Tour. A group of farms organizes a route from one farm to the next, and welcome the public to tour their facilities. It's been a perfect fit for Cannamore Orchard, which offers pick-your-own strawberries, apples and pumpkins. Taylor is one of few producers who has taken part every year.

Last year there were three North Dundas farms that took part in the Prescott-Russell tour. All located close together, it was convenient to visit all three. The other farms that took part were the Domaine Du Cervin winery, and Les Artisan de Gaïa producer of herbs, goats, ducks, and cheese.

"It worked out very well for the three of us because people didn't have to drive," said Taylor. Organizing a separate tour for North Dundas and the surrounding area was a natural idea. A group of 10 farms could put a tour together. Not many more than that would take part — with too many farms, people wouldn't visit them all.

"The big idea is to draw out the people who have never been to a farm before," Taylor explained. The key to generating attendance would be to tap into the Ottawa market. Farms that would benefit most from holding a weekend open house are those that incorporate retail sales, although the tour wouldn't be restricted to such operations. Lots of urban dwellers would probably be fascinated to see what goes on in a dairy barn.

Taylor said he doesn't have a set idea in mind of how the tour would be organized. "We won't know the direction it will take until everyone sits down together to discuss it," he said. The tour wouldn't necessarily be restricted to North Dundas. Farms in the Metcalfe area could certainly be included.

Taylor estimates six months would be needed to organize all the details. Farms involved need to consider things like parking, washrooms, hand-washing facilities, and what to do if it rains. Participants would incur costs for advertising, signs, and other promotional material. A map directing visitors to each farm would have to be produced.

"It's something that's becoming more common in the province," said Taylor about such tours. Artisan studio tours continue to be successful every year, so he doesn't see why it couldn't work for agriculture as well. And an added benefit is that any time new people are attracted to the township, all local businesses tend to benefit from the increased activity.

Taylor wants to hear from market gardeners, bee keepers, sheep farmers, rabbit farmers, apple growers, or anyone interested in his idea. Although the Prescott-Russell tour is over two weekends, a North Dundas tour might just be for one weekend in its first year. For more information call Cannamore Orchard at 448-3633.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send the premier back to school

The Editor,

As the new year starts, each of us turns a page of life looking for some kind of inspiration. Maybe Premier Dalton McGuinty's promise to add honesty, character, and integrity to the curriculum in Ontario's high schools might be an inspiration for us all.

My first thought is that these human qualities are best left to families to teach their children. On additional reflection, I hope McGuinty keeps this promise.

After the course material is compiled, maybe McGuinty and his cabinet could take the training, then Ontarians could judge the value of the curriculum. We could evaluate the improvement in the honesty, character and integrity of the premier and his colleagues. If there is marked improvement, great! Then the rest of Liberal caucus could attend classes.

Maybe next December we will not have to read interviews with backbenchers stating that they are proud of their government's record, when in fact they should be ashamed!

Now if this works, the next step would be to develop a program to teach clear decision making as a central tenant to leadership. Who would I suggest as candidates for this program? Well the "Ditherals" in Ottawa lead by Paul Martin, our dithering prime minister and his cabinet. Maybe we could benefit from some social engineering after all!

Barry Millett
Summerstown

OPINIONS

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

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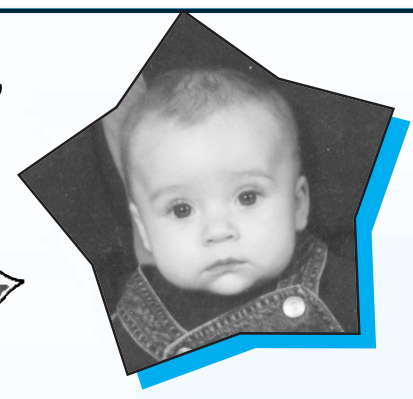


Ethan Martinus Logtens
August 22, 2004
Son of Jeremy and Terri-Lynn Logtens.



Alexander Theodore VanDelst
October 31, 2004
Proud parents: Mark and Carolyn VanDelst.



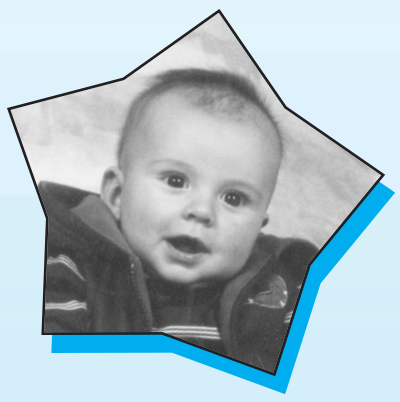
Ella Christine Geertsma
May 28, 2004
A second beautiful granddaughter. Love Grama.



Coby Van Bridger
September 28, 2004
Son of John Van Bridger and Emily Birtch.

A Winchester Press presentation...

BABIES of 2004



Noah Zachary John Tessier
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Hailey Elizabeth McAllister
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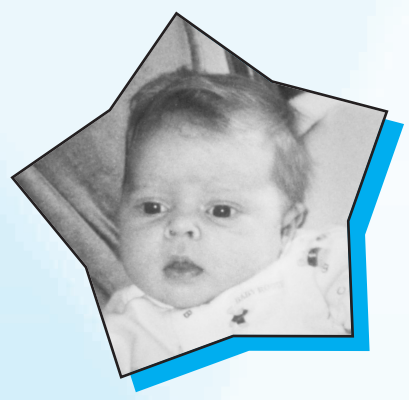
Daughter (little Angel) of Michael and Stephanie (St. Pierre) McAllister.



Paige Julia Duncanson
September 15, 2004
Merry Christmas, love Papa (Bryan), Grandma (Joann) Helmer. Daughter of Michelle and Greg. Sister of Cole.



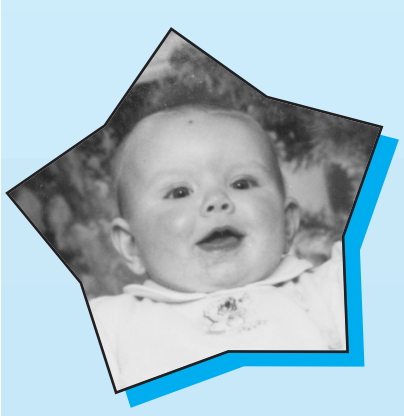
Seth Hutson Plumb
November 19, 2004
Proud parents, Julie and Trevor Plumb.



Joel Justus van Noppen
June 30, 2004
Every good and perfect gift is from above. Dave and Rebecca van Noppen.



Avery Madelen McDonald
July 17, 2004
Daughter of Adam McDonald and Jen Danby McDonald.



Madison Ann Margaret Coughlan
May 18, 2004
Daughter of Patrick and Tina Coughlan.



Jeana Kimberly-Lynne Mason
August 1, 2004
Daughter of Bruce and Jennifer Mason.



Ella Marie Holmes
June 8, 2004
Daughter of Clinton and Rebecca Holmes.



Olivia Grace Zandbelt
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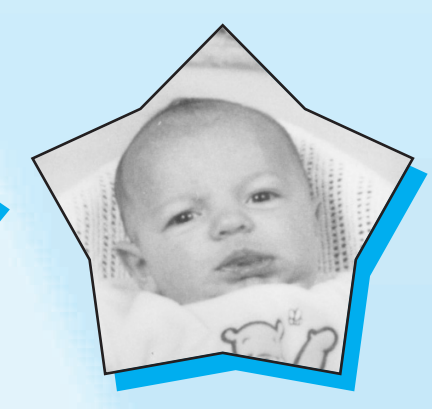
Daughter of Louis and Lisa Zandbelt.



Dryden Ralph Buter
September 27, 2004
Son of Randy and Kelly Buter. Little brother of Kendra and Katie.



Mackai May Robinson
March 28, 2004
Daughter of Brad and Karen Robinson.



Riley Stirling Bishop
January 22, 2004
Son of Chris and Jessica Bishop.



Heather Melissa Droogh
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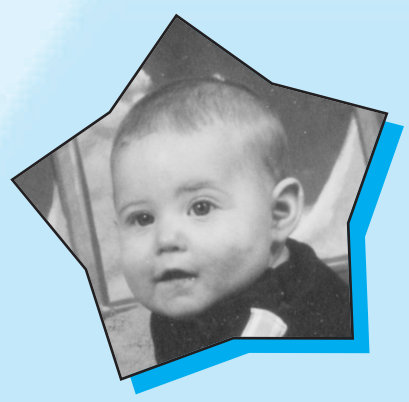
Daughter of Steven and Laurie Droogh.



Spencer Billings
May 17, 2004
Son of Albert and Kristie Billings.



Nolan Bruce Lyall Belanger
May 17, 2004
Son of Craig and Crystal (nee Hummel) Belanger and brother to Reagan.



Sebastien Cole St. Pierre
September 16, 2004
"Ha! Ha! Ha! I keep Mom and Dad up all night." Son of Karen and Mark St. Pierre.



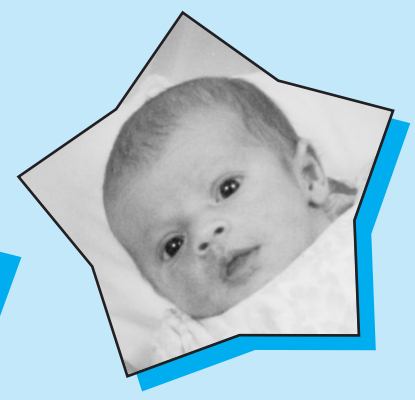
Tyler Dale Stewart
January 28, 2004
Son of Chris and Cindy Stewart. Am I not the cutest little scrooge you've ever seen?

Merry 1st Christmas
from Grandma and Grandpa Garlough



Ella Catherine Flegg
June 13, 2004

Clayton Michael Scebenski
June 21, 2004



Mélodie Natasha Roy
January 16, 2004
Daughter of Josée and Paul Roy.



Lawson James Windsor
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Son of Trent and Tracey Windsor.



Kira Jade Windsor
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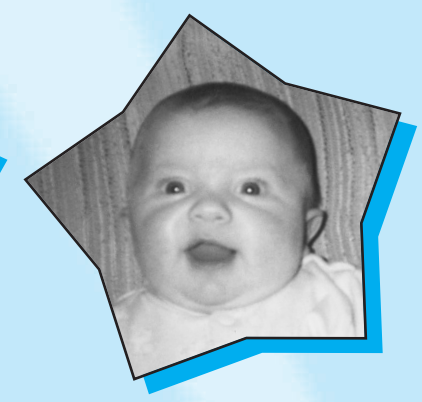
Daughter of Derk and Krista Windsor.



Faith Carly Jorgensen
August 3, 2004
Proud parents Amanda and Mark Jorgensen and big brother Brady.

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Harrison James Stewart
November 9, 2004
Son of Chris and Melannie Stewart. Welcome beautiful boy.



Jonah Denis Klein Swormink
August 15, 2004
Son of Mike and Tanya Klein Swormink.



Brett Thomas Lyall Esnard
March 31, 2004
Much loved brother of Olivia and son of Cory and Angela.



Brooke-Lynn Madison Brennan
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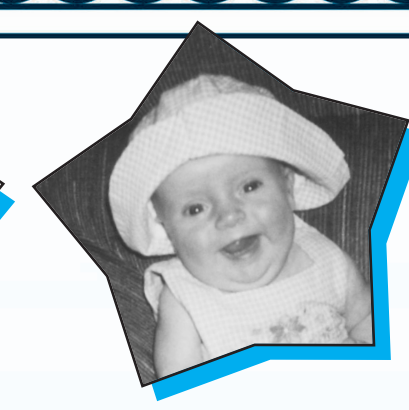
Daughter to Perry and Tracy Brennan.



Gabrielle Rose Armstrong
May 16, 2004
Eric and Joshua's little sister.



Tyler Rutley
September 16, 2004
You are a blessing from God and loved dearly by your grandparents and Aunt Tracy.

BABIES of 2004

...featuring the littlest stars of 2004



Chase Richard Edward Berube
September 20, 2004
Son of Bill and Judy and baby brother to Austin and Brady Berube.



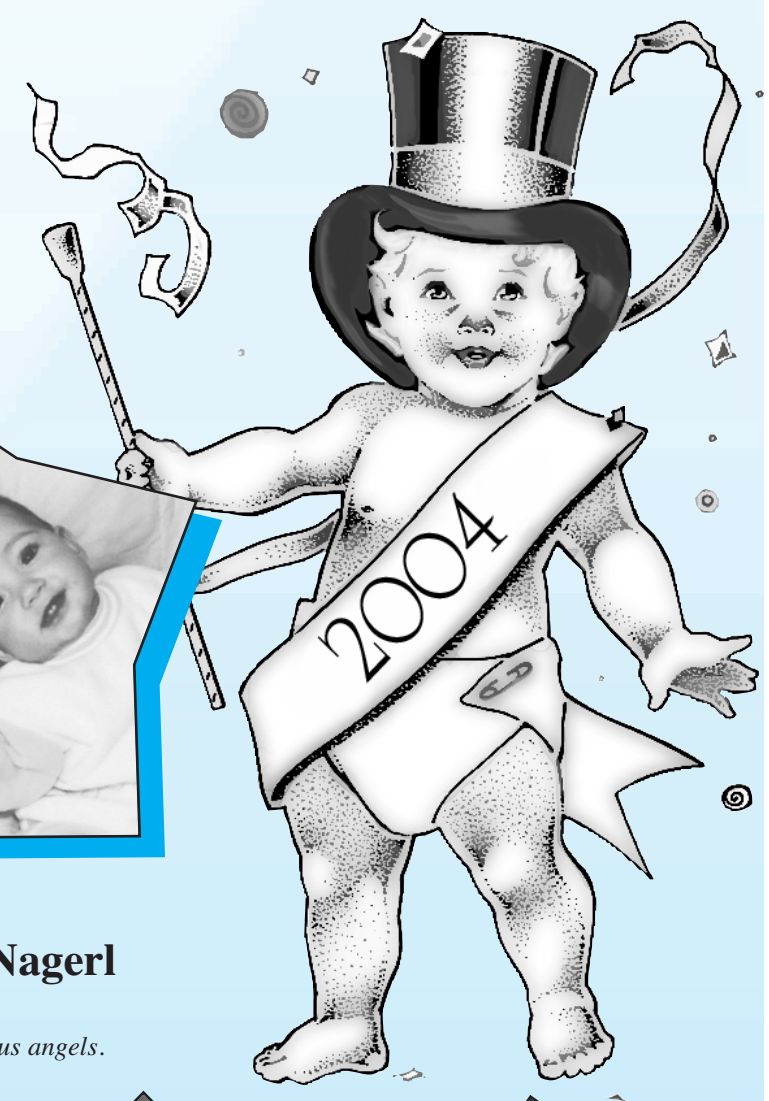
Katherine (Kate) Anne McEwen
February 22, 2004
Daughter of Cheryl Cooper and Hugh McEwen.



Jacklyn Mae Bryson
November 17, 2004
Daughter of Bonnie James and Shane Bryson.



Kayla and Paige Nagerl
April 6, 2004
John and Leslie Nagerl's precious angels.



Danica *(right)* **& Kieran** *(left)* **MacQueen**
February 27, 2004
Daughter and son of Tina and Eric.



Zena Sharol Rashad (Bowman)
July 16, 2004
Daughter of Shannon Bowman and Ayman Rashad.



Olivia Grace Kelly
April 3, 2004
Love Mommy and Daddy Gary and Corrie Kelly.

Bianca Reaney Ibarra
October 4, 2004
Daughter of Chrystal and Pedro. Granddaughter of Merle and Pat Reaney and Rene and Leonor Ibarra.

Alia Jade McNaughton
October 11, 2004
Daughter of Troy and Shelly McNaughton.



Sawyer Arrington Stewart
April 9, 2004
Son of Kirk Stewart and Wendy Casselman.



Rebecca Lynne Rubinoff
May 8, 2004
Daughter of Anne McEwen and David Rubinoff. Grandchild of Marion and Lynden McEwen.



Sarah Elizabeth Mae Carkner
July 26, 2004
Daughter of Mark and Shannon Carkner.



Cassidy Mary Lynn Porteous
May 17, 2004
Daughter of Ian and Tracy Porteous, sister to Bruce.



Olivia Lee Mudde
March 30, 2004
Daughter of Ian and Tammy Mudde.



Damian Griffith Streng
November 23, 2004
Son of Bill and Kelly. Brother of Whitnie and Kyra. "Lots of love."



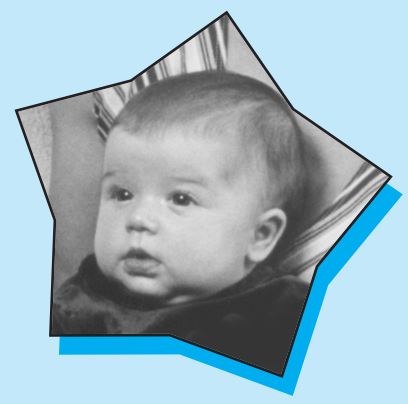
Frannie Mae Richardson
November 6, 2004
Daughter of Brett and Ann Richardson.



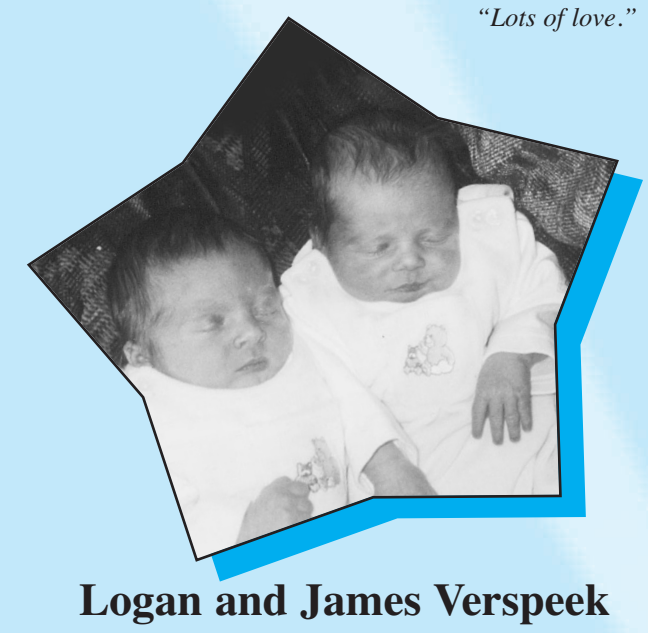
Silas Sebastian Marvan
Aprl 22, 2004
Son of Laura and Mik Marvan.



Sadie Ella May Thompson
March 12, 2004
Hugs and kisses from Gramma Linda.



Julia (Lia) Sarah-Jane McIntosh
July 18, 2004
Daughter of Brian and Tammy McIntosh.



Logan and James Verspeek
December 6, 2004
Twice as much to love. Sons of Peter and Charmaine. Love from sister Mikayla and brother Jacob.

Draft budget ready for public commentary

OTTAWA — The City of Ottawa's $2 billion plus budget is now open for review and comment. City council in November voted 13-9 to set a draft budget based on a three per cent tax increase. Council is presently in the second round of public consultation. My second public budget meeting will be held on Thurs., Jan. 20 at 7 pm at the Greely Community Centre.

DESIGN PLAN FOR GREELY

The Village of Greely is the fastest growing unserviced village in the City of Ottawa. A Greely community design plan has been developed and will go the city planning development committee on Feb. 8 at 9:30 am. The Greely Community Association and various individuals in the village are reviewing the contents of the draft plan and are reporting back to me by Jan. 30. If you are interested in reviewing the Greely community design plan, call me at 580-2490 or e-mail doug.thompson@ottawa.ca.

HOLDING AND SEPTIC TANK OWNERS

A report is coming to the Planning and Development Committee meeting on Jan. 11 that will recommend a significant increase in the cost of hauling septic waste from private septic tanks and holding tanks. In Osgoode Ward, there are 40 businesses with holding tanks and 6,600 residences on private septic systems that will be impacted by this proposed increase. We welcome your comments on this issue. Please forward comments to Ken Brothers at 580-2424 extension 22609 or to my office.

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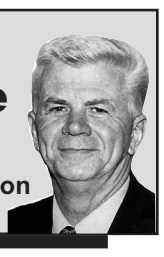

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MAGIC LANTERN SHOW

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GREELY GARDENERS

The Greely Gardeners Group will hold its monthly meeting today (Jan. 5). The Guest Speaker will be Patti Pokorchak of Down to Earth Gardens in Merrickville. The topic will be planning a flower bed from scratch. For further information contact Bob Stanley at 821-1847.

WINTER CARNIVALS

We are looking forward to the fun and festivities that come with our Village Winter Carnivals. Next week, the column will outline the dates and events for each winter carnival in Osgoode Ward.

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Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for children and there's a $12 maximum cost for a family. For more information call the museum at 613-258-3415 or check online at www.eobm.ca.

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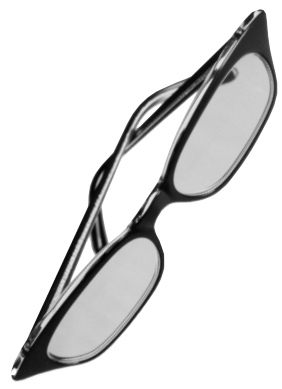

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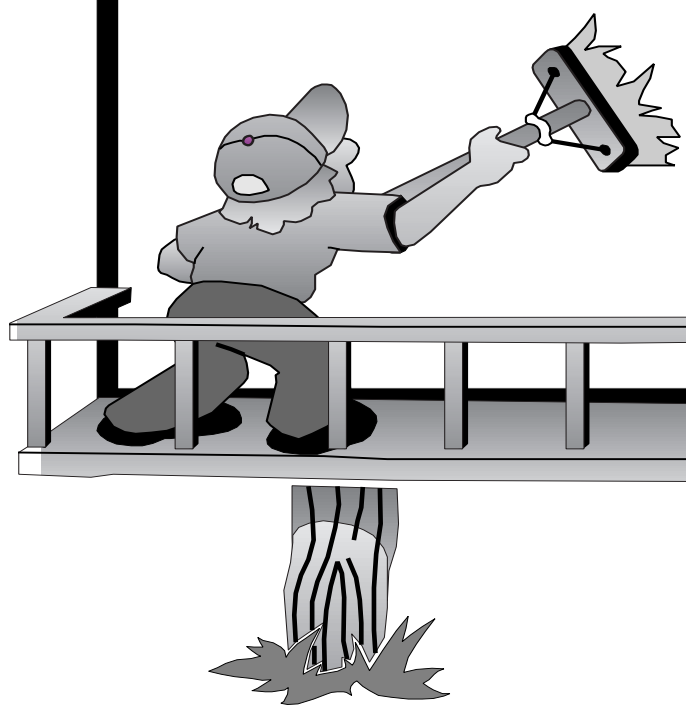

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Demon forward Adam Schofield deflected a Jarrod McNaughton - Will Johnson relay in behind Lions' goaltender Jared Dallas at 3:45 of the third period of Monday (Jan. 3) night's UCMHL Midget "B" contest. The goal, which proved to be the deciding shot in North Dundas' 2-1 victory.

Press Photos — Van Bridger

Demons tame Lions 2-1

Kennedy solid in nets, Schofield nets winner

WINCHESTER — North Dundas goaltender Chad Kennedy had to be at his acrobatic best Monday night. The Inkerman backstop was given a 2-1 lead to protect and managed to do so as his Midget "B" Demons held on for a slim 2-1 victory over the visiting South Dundas Lions.

"It wasn't very pretty", noted Demons head coach Marty Little after Monday's (Jan. 3) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League encounter. "But the boys managed to get the job done."

The victory followed hard on the heels of a 5-2 loss to the host Glens in Alexandria on Sunday (Jan. 2). "That was a close game, 2-2 until late in the third. We make some good plays and then we make some not so good plays. Hopefully this win (over the Lions) will get us going again," added the coach.

Two games into 2005, North Dundas sports a record of 8-4-1 and a goal differential of 43-32. The Demons opened the season with a 6-0-0 run but have gone 2-4-1 in their last seven starts.

Monday's match was the third meeting of the season between the Dundas County rivals and the Demons' 2-1 victory gave them a 2-1 series lead.

Derek Skuce capped off a play started by Travis Froats at 14:10 to put the Demons up 1-0 on the Lions. It was Skuce's second goal of the season.

North Dundas gained a 2-0 lead converting a powerplay opportunity. Will Johnson started the play, keeping the puck in the Lions zone at the right point. His pass went to Jarrod McNaughton, parked low in the right circle. McNaughton floated a pass into the front of Jared Dallas's goal crease and Adam Schofield shovelled the biscuit home for his fourth goal of the campaign.

There were 54 seconds left in period two when the Lions' Sheldon Beckstead picked up a Dave Patterson rebound and slid the disc in under Kennedy to cut the deficit to 2-1.

South Dundas pressed for the equalizer through a scoreless third period put weren't able to beat Kennedy who preserved the 2-1 victory.

Liz DeSerres, Winchester rink going to Switzerland

TORONTO — Winchester's Liz DeSerres is going to Switzerland to take in the sights and do some curling.



Liz DeSerres

DeSerres, a life-long member of the Winchester Curling Club, is now part of a team made up of girls from around eastern Ontario. Throwing lead rocks, DeSerres is on a rink composed of skip Jaimee Gardner of Ottawa, third Jenn Donavan of Brockville and second Emily Hoekstra of Navan. Denise Hoekstra is the coach. The team was formed at an orphan camp in September and now calls Winchester its home club for zone competitions and practice facility.

The Winchester foursome earned its overseas trip while competing in the Toronto Curling Association's Junior Bonspiel (Dec. 29 - 30). First round victories over Erin Morrisey of the Rideau Curling Club, Ashley Wall of Peterborough and Rivington out of the Huntley club qualified Winchester for the semi-final match which resulted in a win over Leslie McCormick of the North Halton Curling Club.

The victory over McCormick was the clincher. Because a Swiss team had won the other semi-final, the trip to Switzerland went to a Canadian club, which happened to be Winchester.

Winchester and Switzerland then squared off in the championship match which turned out to be a nail-biter. The Swiss skip needed a hit and stick to win and was able to pull off the championship shot.

The Winchester foursome will fly to Zurich on Feb. 13 for their 10-day (Feb. 13 - 23) excursion. The team will be billeted in the city of Zug and the trip will include competition in friendly bonspiels, sightseeing and watching the Swiss national curling championships.

DeSerres is the second WCC member to earn a similar prize after Leslie Levere, a member of Lee Merklinger's team, made the trip to Switzerland in 2003.



North Dundas captain Jeff Picco (right) and his teammates celebrated his unassisted goal 2:32 before the final buzzer of Monday's (Jan. 3) match. The marker was a timely one because it gave the Pee Wee "B" Demons a 4-2 lead and then enabled them to earn a point after Akwesasne rallied for a 4-4 tie. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Pee Wee "B" Wolves rally for 4-4 tie on Demons ice

WINCHESTER — North Dundas had two points in their grasp. But with 1:27 left in the game the visiting Akwesasne Wolves began a desperate comeback and before time had expired they had found the back of the Demons net a second time. That tally, scored with 31.5 seconds on the clock, tied the score 4-4.

Brodie Thompson sliced one goal off the Wolves deficit finishing a play started by Storm Adams and Eric Mitchell with 1:27 left in Monday's (Jan. 3) Upper Canada Minor Hockey League contest. Trey Smoke then cashed in a Mitchell - Iothore Wheesk rebound with 31.5 seconds to play and the 4-4 result was solidified. Brodie and Evan Thompson had earlier scored for the visitors.

North Dundas tied the count at 1-1 with an unassisted shot fired by Dylan Fawcett with two minutes left in period one. Cam Shaw used a feed from Dustin Tinkler and Branden Pfanner to put his team up 2-1 at 13:02 of the second session.

Dylan Giberson then opened up a 3-2 lead scoring on a play created for him by captain Jeff Picco at 13:20 of the final frame. Things looked even better for the Demons with 2:32 left on the clock when Picco won the draw to the left of Wolves goaltender Sakowihe Thompson, danced around a check and shovelled the puck into the net to hand his team a 4-2 lead on an unassisted play.

But it would turn out the Demons' 4-2 lead wasn't quite large enough as the Wolves rallied for the tie.

Latimer rink curling in Teranet Ontario Junior Championships

WINCHESTER — Skip Shane Latimer and his Winchester Curling Club foursome are testing their skill against some of the best junior curlers in this province. The North Dundas District High School student and his rink are currently in Peterborough where they are taking part in the 2005 Teranet Ontario Junior Curling Championships.

Latimer and second stone Andrew Dings, who hail from North Dundas Township, have joined forces with a pair of London Ontario curlers, vice Jared Collie and lead Adam Ozvald for the provincial bonspiel. Based in Winchester the Latimer rink took on the Annandale Country Club squad in game one of the four-day event on Wednesday (Jan. 5).

A winning record in seven opening round games will qualify the locals for a shot at the Ontario junior championship and a trip to the Teranet Canadian competition in Fredericton, New Brunswick in February. The Canadian titleholder will then travel to Italy in the spring to take part in the World Championships.

Sue Cushing, organizing committee co-chair, announced a "first" for junior curling last week (Dec. 27) when she reported COGECO Cable TV will televise both men's and women's final games from the Peterborough Curling Club on their network on Sun., Jan. 9. Another revolution for the sport at this level is the fact veteran curling commentator Vic Rauter (TSN), John Badam (KRUZ Radio 980) and Ray Bushfield of Ottawa will work on the broadcast.

"This is amazing for junior curling," noted co-chair Dave Farnell.

Cushing added, "This is a very exciting opportunity for young people. How many sports events can result in competition at the world level?"

Following their opening game, the Winchester foursome will play two games on Thurs., Jan. 6 against Sarnia Golf and Curling Club (8:30 am) and Port Carling Curling Club (4:30 pm). They also have two games on the slate on Friday (Jan. 7) when they will challenge representatives from the Oakville Curling Club (12:30 pm) and Carleton Heights (8:30 pm). A pair of Saturday (Jan. 8) draws against Highland (8:30 am) and Blue Water (4:30 pm) complete their schedule.

GETTING THERE

Latimer and Dings were members of the WCC bantam boys team that claimed Provincial Championship and Ontario Winter Games gold-medal status in the 2003-04 season. Their teammates, Phil Klein-Swormink and Geoff Spruit, were still eligible for bantam competition and decided to remain in that age bracket following the season. Since they had graduated to the junior level Latimer and Dings went looking for two junior-aged players.

Collie and Ozvald, members at the Highland club in London, were in that same situation, looking for a new team. Collie had been a member of the Gore Mutual Schoolboy team from Highland that won the provincial championship in 2003-04. Ozvald was a member of Highland's Bantam Mixed team which finished second at the Ontario final the same year.

Latimer, Dings and Collie first met at the provincial Schoolboy final in Galt. Ozvald entered the picture while all four were playing in the Ontario Winter Games. After a players/coaches/parents meeting in Winchester in July the team was formed. It was decided that to save on travel costs, Nick and Charlotte Collie would host the team for southern Ontario events and Rick and Sandy Latimer would host the boys eastern Ontario competitions.

The team, including coach Brian Clement (WCC) and co-coach Anne Chapman (HCC), set goals prior to the season. They have been competitive in the Ontario Junior Curling Circuit and qualifying for the provincials (Teranet). In their first six weekends at cashspiels in Brampton, Brantford, Oakville, Ottawa, Brockville and London the new team qualified for finals and won money four times.

Coach Clement is pleased with the team's progress noting the lack of practice time together. "They practice and work hard during the week apart. We are pleased with the commitment shown by the boys. They all obviously have great individual curling talents but we are amazed at how well they get along off the ice, and at their communication on the ice which has developed very quickly," he said.

QUALIFYING ROUND

Winchester began its search for a berth in the provincials in Peterborough by taking part in the Ontario Curling Association's (OCA) Teranet Zone 1 playdowns (Nov.19-21) at the Cumberland Curling Club. Latimer drew a first round bye, defeated Delage of Navan 12-4 in six ends and doubled Reilly of Navan 10-5 in nine ends to claim the Zone 1 "A" side title.

Their Zone 1 victory advanced Winchester to the Regionals at the Huntley CC in Carp (Nov. 27-28). Latimer opened with a 10-5 win in eight ends over Attfield of the Royal Kingston. A last rock, 7-6 (10 ends) loss to Bushfield of Brockville dropped Winchester into the "B" side of the double knockout event.

Since a loss would have eliminated them, the Latimer team went out and produced three consecutive wins and qualified for this week's competition in Peterborough. In their final day of play, Winchester defeated Manotick's Sinclair rink 8-3, Attfield 7-5 (10 ends) and Bushfield 6-5 with a steal of one in the 11th the end.

On behalf of the team Clement thanked parents, siblings, fans from the WCC as well as sponsors: HD Fripp and Sons Insurance, Ottawa; First Star Sportswear, London; EcoWater Canada Ltd., Mississauga; Performance Brushes, Trois-Rivières; and R&S Glass, Winchester for their substantial support.

Vets come through again, lead Winchester to fourth straight win

MORRISBURG — Winchester's veteran offence produced big-time numbers again as the second-place Hawks registered the club's fourth consecutive Rideau - St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League victory by drubbing the Lions 8-3.

Overage forward Shawn Smail potted a pair of pucks and picked up two helpers in the Sunday (Jan. 2) afternoon matinee in Morrisburg. Smail's work, in part, helped the Hawks improved their record to 17-11-2-2, which converts to 38 points, six fewer than the St. Lawrence Division-leading Alexandria Glens (21-0-8-2).

Sunday's ice storm wiped out the Kemptville 73s - Akwesasne Wolves meeting and that postponement left the third-place 73s (17-8-1-0) with six games in hand on the Hawks and five on the Glens as well as the fourth-place Wolves (14-15-1-1).

"We have nice little streak going. It matches our longest one of the season. Hopefully we can keep it going this weekend," offered Hawks head coach Dale Murdoch.

The fifth-place Char-Lan Rebels (13-13-1-1) come to Winchester Friday (Jan. 7) for an 8:15 pm game and on Sunday (Jan. 9) the Hawks are in Alexandria to tangle with the Glens at 1:30 pm.

"We have been scoring goals and playing well of late. And it seems everyone has bought into our team defensive system, which I would say is key to our recent success," added Murdoch.

Winchester skated into a 2-0 lead on the Lions only to find themselves tied 3-3 early in the second period. Darren Trenholm then snapped the tie, scoring from Stephen Swan and Andrew Beuman with 11:29 on the clock. Smail followed up with a powerplay goal at the 6:06 mark. Paas and Swan engineered that play.

Period three was a 3-0 win for the Hawks who got goals from Steve Cameron, Swan and Trenholm to ice their ninth win in their last 15 games (9-5-1).

Bruce Hamelin, Smail and Paas hit the mesh in period one.

"Morrisburg had played two games over Christmas and won them both, so we were a little nervous before the game," noted the coach. "They (Lions) always play us tough but after we let them back into the game we didn't fold and kept battling back."

VETERAN "O"

Divisional scoring leader Nik Paas led Winchester's veteran scorers and improved his numbers to 29-39-68 collecting a goal and four helpers against the Lions. Smail (2-2-4) and Swan (1-3-4) each supplied four points while Trenholm pumped in a pair to take his goal total to 35. Paas, Trenholm, Swan and Smail have now combined for 25 goals, 33 assists and 58 points in the Hawks last four wins.

Hamelin (13th) and Cameron (6th), who return to action after a long stint on the injured list, counted the other goals.

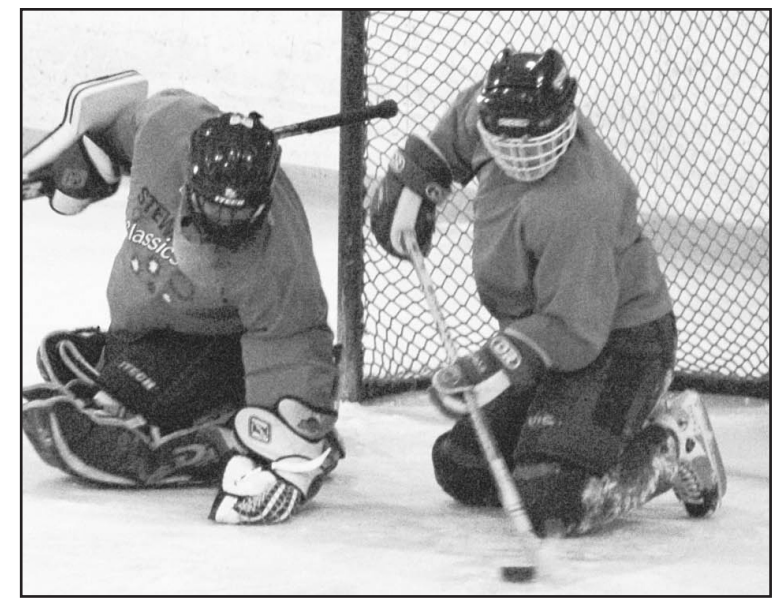
John Thorton got the start in net and posted the win.

"John was solid. He made some big saves when he had to. It is good to have both guys (Thorton and Tyler Bond) playing well," reported Hawks GM Craig "JB" Smith.

Defenceman Travis Rowe and Robyn Sadler didn't play against the Lions.

Tyler LaFortune, Matt Walsh and Justin Elliott counted the Morrisburg goals. Former Hawks Andrew Pearson got the start but got the hook in favor of Matt VanEgmond. Assists went to Cory Gove, Jamie Gadway, LaFortune, Chad Galipeau and Kent Nugent.

GM Smith said the club has a few irons in the fire as the Jan. 10 player signing deadline approaches but declined to elaborate on any moves the Hawks may make.



Double stop

Stewart Classics' goalie Sharon McDonald received some on-the-spot support from Jackie Boulanger on this play during the late stages of Sunday (Jan. 2) morning's Winchester District Ladies Hockey League game. Powered by Amy Fraser's two-goal effort and Carrie Nolan's shutout, the Double Beauty Stylists posted a 2-0 victory. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Baldwin goal gives Rangers ninth victory

WINCHESTER — Scott Baldwin's 10th goal of the campaign stood up against a late rally by the Boyd Chrysler Rams and proved to be the difference as the Pioneer Gas Bar Rangers registered their ninth win of the Winchester Town Hockey League season.

Baldwin's unassisted shot struck string with 17:21 left on the clock in the Dec. 28 encounter, and put the first place Rangers into a 5-2 lead on the Rams. Trevor Morozuk closed the gap to 5-3 connecting from Jeff Hennessey at 14:24 and Mike Buller sliced the deficit to 5-4 when he scored on a play created by Bill Henderson with 8:26 left on the clock, but that was as close as the Rams would get to recording their fourth win of the season.

The Rangers led 3-2 at the half on goals by Craig "Archie" Beckstead, Jeff Scott, and Andrew Barrie. Henderson and Morozuk counted the Ram tallies. Goals by Kelly "Rubber" Beckstead (21:42) and Baldwin (17:21) then opened up the 5-2 lead for the Rangers.

Baldwin, Kelly Beckstead and Hal Thompson collected assists for the winners. Craig "JB" Smith registered the win. Hennessey, Buller, Henderson and Morozuk drew helper points for the six-man Rams squad. Jay Bullied tended the net.

Game one of the final Tuesday night twin bill of 2004 wasn't played. The Winchester Flyers picked up two points by default when the C.K. Cyclones couldn't ice a team (no goaltender).

Heading into the last seven games of the 2004-05 schedule the Rangers (9-4-0) top the rankings with 18 points. The Winchester Flyers (8-4-1) are one back with 17. Third place belongs to the Cyclones (5-7-1) who have 11. Fourth place is held down by the Boyd Chrysler Rams (3-10-0) with six points.

Kevin Deavy nets winning goal

Metcalfe Atom "B" Jets open 2005 with 3-1 victory

CUMBERLAND — Kevin Deavy converted a pass provided by David Ritchie and Jake Reid into the game-deciding goal as the Metcalfe Atom "B" Jets opened the 2005 portion of their ODMHA schedule with a 3-1 over the host Cumberland Lightning "Six".

Adam Sloan cracked in Cumberland's only goal to put his team up 1-0. But from that point on, Jet goaltender Travis Smith proved to be unbeatable and held the opposition at bay until his mates could start scoring. Anna Uberig tied it up scoring from Samantha Van Rens in the second period. Deavy then teamed up with Reid and Ritchie and put the Jets ahead to stay at 2-1. Ritchie then used a feed from Reid to make it a 3-1 final.

It was a penalty-free game.

BELL CAPITAL CUP

The Jets completed 2004 taking part in the prestigious Bell Capital Cup tournament which attracted 407 teams to the nation's capital last week.

Metcalfe played three games and suffered three losses dropping a 4-1 decision to the West End Lightning, and a 4-0 verdict to the Osgoode Silver Sens, before finishing with a 3-1 loss to the Nepean Bandits.

Alex DiRaimo counted both Metcalfe goals in the competition.



Five members of the Metcalfe Atom "B" Jets earned individual awards, either MVP or Hard Worker, while playing the Bell Capital Cup tournament in Ottawa (Dec. 30 - Jan. 2): Front (left) - Travis Smith and David Ritchie; Back (left) Alex DiRaimo, Alex Seguin, Kevin Deavy.

Courtesy Photo

Several members of the Jets picked up individual awards for their efforts in the Bell Capital Cup. DiRaimo also earned MVP status in the Jets first game while Kevin Deavy was named the Hard Worker Award winner. In game two, goaltender Travis Smith earned MVP status for stopping 27 shots. Defenceman Alex Seguin was tagged the Hard Worker. Smith picked up his second MVP award in Metcalfe's third and final match while Ritchie received the Hard Worker Award.

Koekkoek leads Kings to Bell playoffs

OTTAWA — Winchester's Slater Koekkoek was the top shooter for the Rideau St. Lawrence Atom "AA" Kings as they played their way into the quarter-final round of the playoffs of the Bell Capital Cup Tournament.

The Kings were part of the competition which attracted 407 minor hockey teams and over 7,000 hockey players to Ottawa over the new year's weekend.

Koekkoek, a graduate of the North Dundas Minor Hockey Association, enjoyed the experience and the competition registering a total of 10 goals and four assists in the Kings five tournament games. His biggest production came in a 9-1 win over the Peterborough Nationals when he fired in six markers.

The Kings finished the round robin with three wins and a tie and advanced to the quarter finals where the Littleton Hawks of Colorado eliminated them 7-2. Koekkoek scored one of the Kings two goals and drew an assist on the other by Adam Douma.

A 2-1 win over the Prince Edward Island Falcons opened proceedings for the Kings. Koekkoek netted the first goal finishing a play started by Joey Sargeant. He then set up the winner by Chris Moss.

Rideau St. Lawrence and the Chicago Young Americans then squared off in game two and played to a 4-4 draw. Joey Sargeant potted a pair of goals for the Kings while a pair of Winchester shooters Koekkoek and Tanner Casselman snapped in the singles. Assists went to Willy Fawcett, Moss and Koekkoek.

Game three was the 9-1 blowout win over Peterborough. Koekkoek (6), Casselman (2), and Douma counted the goals while Fawcett (2), Koekkoek, Casselman, Sargeant, Cal Laforty and Spencer Lee collected assists.

LaForty engineered the Kings only goal scored by Koekkoek in a 1-0 victory over the North Jersey Avalanche which concluded round-robin play.

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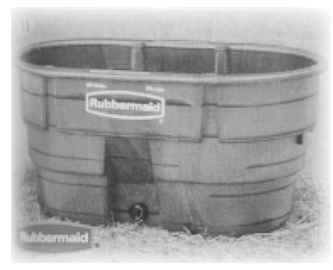
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Andy's Maroons battle CountryGirl to 1-1 draw

WINCHESTER — A 1-1 tie with the first-place CountryGirl Gold Diggers has extended the undefeated string Andy's Foodland Maroons has going to six games.

A goal by Tara Verney, set up by Janice Casselman at the 17-minute mark of the first half of Sunday's (Jan. 2) Winchester District Ladies Hockey League game, handed the Maroons a 1-0 lead. The slim advantage disappeared at 11:53 when the top-ranked Gold Diggers pulled even with Laura McDonell burying a feed from Kathy Kerr-Moore and Sandy Roy. The count remained deadlocked at 1-1 as goalies Sandra Brunner (Maroons) and Roxanne Backes (Gold Diggers) played flawlessly through a scoreless second half. The Maroons undefeated record improved to 3-0-3 with the result.

With six weeks remaining on the regular-season schedule, the Gold Diggers (7-1-3) continue to lead the standings with 17 points. Ryan's Reds (7-3-1) are second with 15 points, one more than the Double Beauty Stylists (6-3-2). Andy's Maroons (3-4-4) are fourth with 10. Annable's Jewellery Blues (1-7-3) and Stewart Classics (0-6-5) currently share the basement with five points.

A pair of first-half goals by Amy Fraser stood up for the Double Beauty Stylists as they skated to a 2-0 victory over the Stewart Classics. Fraser scored from Judy Littau and Laurie Marriner at 18:41, and again after taking a pass from Cheryl Cooper at 16:11. Carrie Nolan protected the 2-0 first-half lead and posted her sixth shutout of the season.

Cheryl Hamilton cracked in all three goals and lead the Ryan's Reds to a 3-1 victory over the Annable's Jewellery Blues in the morning's 10 am encounter. Hamilton's hat trick inflated her league-leading total to 13 goals, seven assists and 20 points. Stacey Van Boxtel drew assists on all three goals while Karen Cooper helped out on the first goal, which came with three minutes left in the first half.

The lone Blues marker was scored by Sheri Richer with 5:46 left on the clock. Nicki Henry set up the play.

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Demons undefeated in Maxville Atom "B" tourney

MAXVILLE — Backed by the solid play of goaltenders Cam Hunt and Ryan Romans and their defensive crew, the North Dundas Demons rolled through the opposition and captured the 2004 Maxville Atom "B" Holiday Tournament championship without losing a game. A well-rounded team effort enabled the Demons to outscore their opponents by a sizable 19-3 margin.

The Dec. 28 competition attracted five teams who could earn a total of five points (one point for winning a period and two for winning the game) in each game. North Dundas edged the Cornwall Royals 3-2 in their opening match and then whitewashed St. Isidore 8-0 in their second contest. They collected eight of a possible 10 points in those encounters and moved on to the championship game for a rematch against Cornwall.

Ryan Switzer, Josh Freak and Ryan Romans represented North Dundas in a skills competition. Romans emerged from the event as the fastest skater.

In their first meeting with Cornwall, North Dundas ripped open a 3-0 first-period lead and then held on for a 3-2 victory. It wasn't even close in the title match as the Demons posted period leads of 1-0 and 3-0 before blasting in five third-period markers.

Ryan Switzer opened the championship game putting North Dundas up 1-0 scoring after taking a pass from Nevin Guy and Garrett Milne with 5:03 left in period one. Brandon Cousineau (from Austin Carruthers and Josh Freake at 1:59) and Guy (from Switzer and Dan McSheffery at 0:24) popped in late second-period shots to give their team a 3-0 lead.

Cornwall sliced their deficit to 3-2 with a Jesse St. John tally at 9:41 of the final frame, but that was the only time they would find the range. North Dundas responded 19 seconds later when Cousineau capped off a play started by Carruthers and Paul Gibson and handed his club a 4-1 advantage. From that point on, the Demons cruised to the "A" championship slapping in four unanswered goals.

Mark McRae (8:10), Patrick Speagle (5:55), William Burgess (4:55) and Ryan Byers (2:53) pumped in the final four pucks to make the difference 8-1. Dylan Comeau (2), Burgess (2), McSheffery (2), Milne and Switzer earned assists on the last four scoring plays.

ROUND ONE

North Dundas established a 3-0 first-period lead on Cornwall in their opening contest. Switzer cracked in a feed from Patrick Speagle and McSheffery to get things going at 5:48. Freake was quick to make it 2-0 when he cashed in a pass from Gibson and Burgess at 3:44. Guy finished a play established by Milne and McSheffery with 1:23 left in the session and his goal would end up being the winner.

Cornwall got one goal back in the second and another in the final frame but weren't able to tie the game up. Matt Morin counted both Royal markers.

A flawless defensive effort figured in an 8-0 triumph over the St. Isidore Eagles in game two. North Dundas got the only goal they needed when Burgess completed a play started for him by Freake and Byers at 7:33 of the first period. A huge six-goal offensive in period two put the game out of reach.

Burgess, Comeau and Scott Jones each potted a pair of goals for the Demons. Byers and Gibson snapped in the singles. Assists went to Gibson (4), Freake (2), Byers (2), McRae, Carruthers, Comeau and Burgess.



The North Dundas Atom "B" Demons outscored the opposition by a 19-3 margin and went on to claim the NGS Atom "B" Tournament championship Dec. 28 in Maxville. Celebrating their championship were: Front (left) - Ryan Romans, Cam Hunt; Kneeling (left) - Austin Carruthers, Daniel McSheffery, Brandon Cousineau, Dylan Comeau, Will Burgess, Garrett Milne; Standing (left) - Patrick Speagle, Mark McRae; Back (left) - coach Jeff Taylor, Paul Gibson, Ryan Switzer, Nevin Guy, Ryan Byers, Josh Freake, trainer Tammy Walkden, coach Kevin Byers; Missing - ass't coach Mark Guy, Jordan Cooper, Scott Jones.

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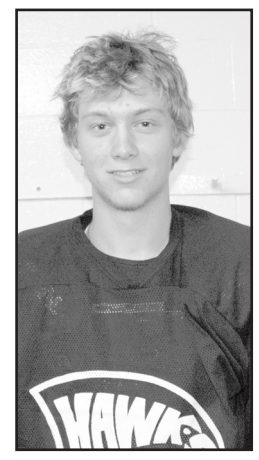
Meet the HAWKS



No. 20 Steve Cameron

Rookie Steve Cameron has had a rough start to his Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League career. Injuries have kept the Russell native out of the Winchester lineup for 21 of the St. Lawrence Division club's 32 games. The six-foot forward scored a goal in his first game back in action which was the first of 2005, an 8-3 win in Morrisburg. The former member of the Gloucester "AA" Midget Rangers has recorded (6-5-11) six goals and 11 points when able to play. Steve Cameron wears Hawk jersey No. 20.
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Canadians burn Leafs 5-2

METCALFE — Five different shooters hit the target as the Metcalfe Men's Town Hockey League-leading Canadians burnt the Leafs 5-2 for their eighth victory of the season.

Jeff Gill, Todd Wallace, Dave Boyd, Vince Seguin and Don Gamble cracked in goals helping the Canadians open 2005 on a positive note by beating the Leafs on Jan. 2.

Gill (3), Ron Flanagan, Tony Boulay, Boyd, and Wallace earned assists and Wayne Widenmaier registered the win as the Canadians improved to 8-2-4. The Leafs (5-6-3) got goals from Chris Kelly and Rob Stanley as they remained in a three-way tie for third place with the Blues (5-6-3) and Stars (4-5-5). Peter Holmes and Steve Quinn set up the Leaf markers.

The Stars (4-5-5) and sixth-place Senators (4-8-2) battled to a 2-2 draw in the 10 pm game. Jim Kerfoot and Joe Scott tallied the Star goals while Jason Robinson and Shane Patterson connected for the Senators. Ray Vidal (Stars), Paul Devertevil (Sens), Robinson and Jim Brown (Sens) collected assists.

Sunday's three-game card opened with an unusual scoreless tie between the number-two ranked Penguins (4-3-7) and the Blues (5-6-3). The draw was the seventh in 14 starts for the Pens.

A total of nine points now covers the six-team circuit as the Canadians lead with 20. The other five squads, the Pens (15), Leafs (13), Blues (13), Stars (13) and Senators (11), stand just four points apart.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League
Rideau - St. Lawrence Division

RECENT RESULTS:
Dec. 28: Napanee 6 - Gananoque 4
Morrisburg 5 - Char-Lan 4 OT
Dec. 29: Morrisburg 5 - Brockville 3
S. Grenville 8 - Amherstview 4
Dec. 30: Brockville 3 - Picton 2
Jan. 2: Winchester 8 - Morrisburg 3
Akwesasne at Kemptville PPD
Char-Lan 8 - Westport 6
Gananoque 5 - Picton 4 OT
S. Grenville at N. Frontenac PPD
Athens at Amherstview PPD

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
S. Grenville	25	3	3	177	82	53
Brockville	22	9	1	146	107	46
Gananoque	17	15	0	163	152	35
Westport	11	19	0	146	166	23
Athens	3	26	0	78	182	7
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Alexandria	21	8	0	127	106	44
Winchester	17	11	2	164	141	38
Kemptville	17	8	1	132	94	35
Akwesasne	14	15	1	130	128	30
Char-Lan	13	13	1	125	115	28
Morrisburg	7	23	1	118	184	17

*Teams losing in OT receive one point

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
Tom Dickson, Gan.	30	35	65
Matt Steele, West.	25	28	53
Steve Biscaro, West.	24	23	47
Derek Rupert, SG	20	26	46
Lenny Horst, Gan.	25	20	45
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Nik Paas, Win.	29	39	68
Darren Trenholm, Win.	35	29	64
Stephen Swan, Win.	19	45	64
Dylan Graveley, Akw.	14	40	54
Patrice Brunet, Alex.	19	31	50

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League
Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS: NOTE – No new information available as of Tues., Jan. 4.

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	21	4	1	139	79	44
South Ottawa	16	5	0	141	105	36
Metcalfe	17	10	0	131	99	34
Gatineau	13	15	1	120	175	29
Clarence Creek	10	12	2	131	121	25

*Teams losing in OT receive one point

METRO TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Maxime Quesnel, Gat.	23	26	49
Mike Berry, OW	18	30	48
Mike Wallace, OW	17	31	48
Sam Majic, OW	23	23	46
Pierre Chenier, Gat.	16	25	41
Mike Cerilli, Met.	14	27	41
Martin Paquette, CC	16	23	39
Cory Thibaudeau, SO	13	24	37

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Dec. 28:
Winchester Flyers 1 - Cyclones 0 (default)
Ben's Rangers 5 - Boyd Rams 4

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ben's Rangers	9	4	0	45	48	18
Winchester Flyers	8	4	1	47	41	17
C.K. Cyclones	5	7	1	62	55	11
Boyd Rams	3	10	0	47	56	6

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
***Note: Stats for first two games N/A**			
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	12	11	23
Scott Baldwin, Rangers	10	9	19
Chad Valcour, Rangers	10	8	18
Dave Summers, Cyclones	7	10	17
Al Christophersen, Rams	8	8	16
Wes Cory, Flyers	7	8	15

Metcalfe Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Jan. 2:
Penguins 0 - Blues 0
Stars 2 - Senators 2
Canadians 5 - Leafs 2

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Canadians	8	2	4	46	31	20
Penguins	4	3	7	35	32	15
Leafs	5	6	3	41	49	13
Blues	5	6	3	39	45	13
Stars	4	5	5	42	39	13
Senators	4	8	2	34	38	11

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Ron Flanagan, Canadians	13	7	20
Jeff Gill, Canadians	4	14	18
Stefan Rawlings, Blues	6	11	17
Ray Vidal, Stars	8	8	16
Brian Downey, Sens	7	9	16
Peter Holmes, Leafs	7	9	16

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Jan. 2:
CountryGirl 1 - Andy's Maroons 1
Double Beauty 2 - Classics 0
Ryan's Reds 3 - Annable's Blues 1

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Gold Diggers	7	1	3	27	8	17
Ryan's Reds	7	3	1	25	17	15
D.B. Stylists	6	3	2	13	8	14
Andy's Maroons	3	4	4	14	16	10
Annable's Blues	1	7	3	11	30	5
Stewart Classics	0	6	5	12	23	5

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Cheryl Hamilton, RR	13	7	20
Sandy Roy, GD	10	7	17
Gail Smith-Rutley, GD	4	7	11
Stacey Van Boxtel, RR	1	9	10
Laura McDonell, GD	5	4	9
Amy Fraser, DB	7	1	8

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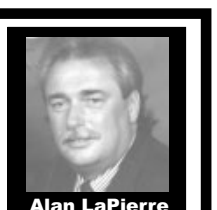

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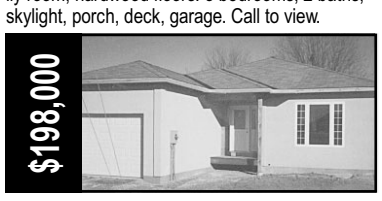

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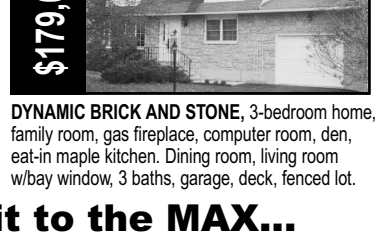

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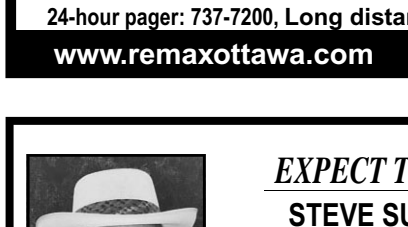

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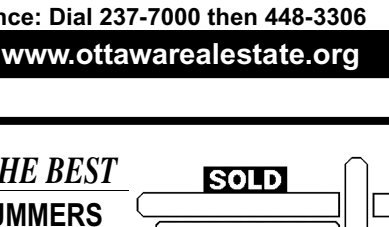

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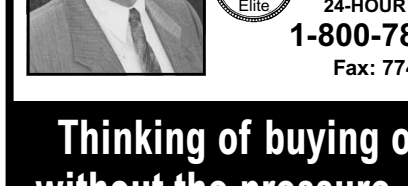

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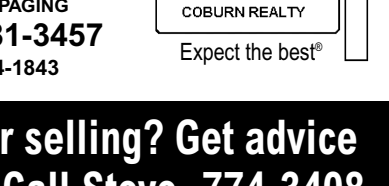

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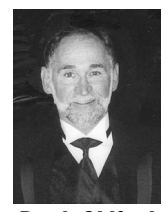

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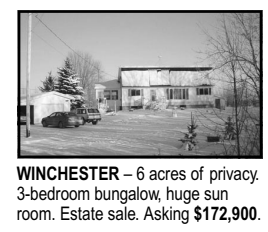

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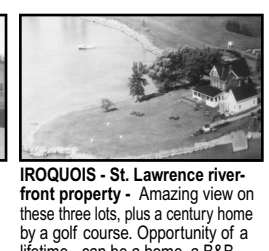

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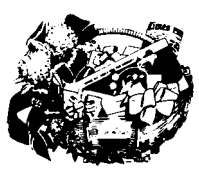
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OBITUARIES

Bill Langabeer

Bill Langabeer of Winchester passed away suddenly on Dec. 28, 2004 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 64.



He is survived by wife Ann (nee Crawford) whom he married on June 20, 1964 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Chesterville. He is survived by brothers and sisters Carman (Ruth) of Finch, Angus (Carolyn) of Belleville, Edward, and Barbara Smith of Winchester. He was predeceased by a brother Jim. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

He was born on June 14, 1940 in Smiths Falls to the late Walter and Ruth (nee Reddick) Langabeer. He was a lifetime resident of the area and lived in Winchester for the last 14 years. He worked as an orderly at Winchester District Memorial Hospital for 33 years. He was a dedicated member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and was a member of the choir for many years.

He enjoyed sewing, upholstering and gardening. He was a very talented tailor and he made many nice pieces of clothing during his lifetime. He was a man of precision and his attention to detail was evident in all of his daily activities. He was a regular participant in Sunshine Circle at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Dec. 30. The funeral was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Chesterville on Dec. 31 with Rev. Bert deBruijn officiating. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Pallbearers were Sam Hummel, Rob Erath, Bassam Alsabeh, Charles Hummel, John Langabeer and Joe Baker.

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Murray Steinburg

Murray Steinburg passed away peacefully with his wife Jean (Campbell) of 67 years by his side. He was 95. He was born in Morewood on Aug. 15, 1909.

He was the very proud father of Carl (Karen) and grandfather of Darren (Cara) and Shelley-Anne. He was a very special great-grandfather to Jacob. He will be sadly missed by his brothers Gordon (Betty) and the late Lyle (Gert) Steinburg; sisters Erla (Hank) Keyser and the late Muriel (Carmen); as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the Brownlee Funeral Home in Finch on Jan. 3. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Jan. 4 followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Thank You

Our thanks to all who supported MTAS on New Year's Eve. Thanks to Shari Martin and Joyce Boyd (Joy to Share Decorating); door prize sponsors Ed & Bea Duncan; Kevin & Carolyn Barkley; Wendy's Beauty Salon; Rick's Gas; Francine Payne, This & That, Iroquois; King's Pizza; Gerry & Lorna Boyce; Glen Stevenson (donated meatballs). Thanks to everyone who helped decorate, serve, clean up and sell tickets.

New Year's Eve Committee
Gerry & Lorna Boyce
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A Special Thank You

Yes Virginia, there is a Christmas Spirit. It is alive and well and living in the hearts of the people of Winchester.

After the recent loss of our home and most beloved dog Bailey, so many people opened their homes, businesses and hearts to help us in our time of need, during what can already be such a chaotic time of year. We are fortunate to have such caring neighbors, friends and family.

We would like to extend our thanks to:
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- The Winchester division of the OPP
- The Winchester Lions Club
- Alistair Hensler of the Canadian Red Cross
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We would also like to thank Judy Somerville & Larry Michaud and Greg, Loretta & Melissa VanDellen for opening their homes to us.

An extra special thank you to the many merchants and residents of Winchester and the surrounding areas that donated food, clothing, furniture and personal items during the days following the fire.

Sincerely,
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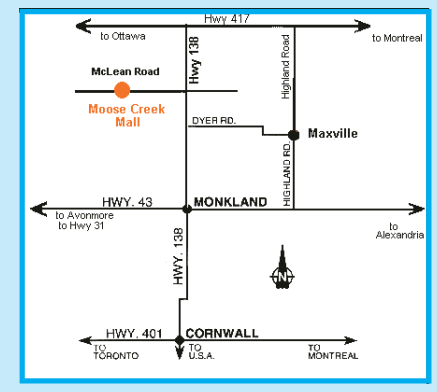

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