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***Plant food?***

Carrie Fawcett learns the hazards of sharing the stage with a people-eating plant in *Little Shop of Horrors*, a musical being performed at North Dundas District High School this week. The show starts at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Press Photo— Robinson

# Motorcycle track angers neighbors

**Kim Robinson**
*Press staff*

DUNBAR — Off-road motorcycling has been stirring up controversy in Williamsburg Township since a local track owner sought approval from the municipality.

Last month, a public meeting was held to amend the township's zoning bylaw to include off-road motorcycling among permitted uses. The track in question, located along County Road 7 between Elma and Dunbar, initially served as a personal trail for its owner, Dale Adams, but in the past few years he has allowed others to ride on the property for a small fee in order to pay for maintenance of the site.

Adams says he was trying to follow the rules by telling the township about the track. However, some neighbors feel he didn't make enough of an effort to inform them of his plan, which includes holding off-road meets.

"We realize that all they (the township) were obligated to do was to put the ad in the paper" says Bert Loucks, who lives across the road from the track. "But I would have appreciated at least a phone call from my neighbor."

Apparently, many others feel the same way. A letter of complaint that was submitted to the *Winchester Press* this week had close to 50 signatures. Concerns outlined in the letter include dust and noise levels, and Loucks adds that jumping dirt bikes could be a dangerous distraction for motorists along that curvy section of highway.

He says he's upset that there could be three to four meets a year with around 100 riders on the property.

Adams says his neighbors haven't let him know about their worries.

"I can't deal with grievances if I don't know they exist," he says.

He contends that his neighbors' concerns are based on a lack of information. He says racing regulations take care of a lot of the problems they identify, noting that according to Canadian Motorcycle Association rules the bikes have to meet street standards of noise levels.

As for dust, Adams says, "I've created more dust putting barley in than I have with a motorcycle."

He says race officials are strict about dust levels for safety reasons.

"They're the first ones to shut me down," he says.

The township's decision to amend the zoning bylaw is currently being appealed and residents may bring a delegation to the next council meeting on Tuesday night.

# Theatre changes hands marking end of an era

**Liz Edwards**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER —The end of an era for one business is a new beginning for another in Winchester.

Some time this year, the 47-year-old, 413-seat Winchester Theatre will become a hardware store.

Alan and Elaine Freeland, owners of Winchester Hardware, Radio Shack and Color Your World, bought the theatre from Winchester resident Art Knapp a few weeks ago. They will move their business from its location on St. Lawrence near Main St. to the theatre, also on St. Lawrence St. across from the hospital.

They've rented their store at its present location for 10 years. Though they will have to renovate, the new location is bigger and has better parking, says Elaine.

She adds it will also be accessible for people with strollers and the elderly. They will open at the new store later this year.

The building has been a landmark for a number of decades, opened in 1949 by village resident Walter MacDonald. MacDonald hired Knapp as a projectionist and he bought the theatre 14 years later.

The theatre showed movies every day except Sunday for approximately 30 years. When audiences dwindled, Knapp cut movies back to Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Movies were about a month behind their premieres in larger centres and about half the price of a regular show.

In 1991 Knapp decided to sell the theatre but continued to run movies while it was on the market until February 1994. After injuring his hip in a fall, he decided to close for good.

The Freelands' store will be in an excellent location, says Knapp, though he admits he was a little sorry that it will no longer be a theatre. It almost was sold to theatre owners in Smiths Falls last summer, says Knapp.

The place also holds a bit of nostalgia for the Freelands.

Elaine, who came from Russell, says she remembers going to the theatre as a child and so does her husband, who grew up in Winchester.

# Mountain of shoes sober reminder

**by Derek Puddicombe**

METCALFE — Students at Osgoode Township High School are taking off their shoes for the Canadian Red Cross.

The students are preparing a mountain of shoes as a reminder of the victims killed or injured by antipersonnel landmines.

The school was contacted by the Red Cross last week to take part with other high schools in a campaign to bring attention to the victims of landmine accidents.

The Red Cross estimates almost 24,000 people are maimed or killed by landmines each year.

Doug Welsh and Kilah Allen are two OAC students co-ordinating the event for OTHS.

"I took it on because I think it will help make a difference," said Welsh. "Each pair of shoes represents a person killed in a landmine explosion."

So far the school has received 30 pairs of shoes but that's an acceptable response considering the size of the school and the time it has had to get the word out said Welsh.

At noon on May 8, OTHS brought the shoes to Parliament Hill where they will be stacked with shoes from other schools in the region.

Once the celebration is finished all the shoes will be donated to the Salvation Army.

The event marks World Red Cross Day and the birthday of the organization's founder Henry Dunant.

"This may be a sombre celebration but it gets the public thinking about those who suffer most in wartime," said Gilles Sandre, International Services Director with the Canadian Red Cross.

# Nurses protest on Hill in fight for health care

**Liz Edwards**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — Winchester nurses will be among those in Ottawa tomorrow saying the quality of health care is in jeopardy.

Thursday an estimated 1,000 nurses will rally at Parliament Hill from 10 am to 2 pm to protest any cuts to funding to the provinces. There will be about 30 from the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, says Madeline Bourbonnais, a registered nurse and president of the hospital's local for the Ontario Nurse's Association.

Provincial cuts have already meant that hospitals and health organizations are replacing registered nurses with less expensive nursing assistants and it can jeopardize the quality of care as registered nurses are better trained, says Bourbonnais, adding that the patient will be the one to suffer.

Registered nurses have a broader knowledge as they must have completed a college or university course while assistants have a year of education, she explains.

"We are a very important factor in the solution to health care problems but the government refuses to listen to its Ontario nurses," she said in a letter she sent to the *Press*.

While the numbers are significantly larger in Ottawa hospitals, the equivalent of 5.3 registered nursing positions may be cut from the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. However, Acting President Roy Glassford says these figures are not final.

Hospital officials announced last March that the hospital would have to close 11 beds and cut the equivalent of 12 staff positions. They were two of the ways chosen to balance its budget after the hospital took a 3.16 per cent cut from its provincial government funding. The cut took $361,500 from a budget that hovered around $13 million.

The hospital board hasn't taken a stand on the nurses' rally as board members probably didn't know about it at their last meeting, says Glassford. But he says the board is always concerned about keeping an appropriate number of staff.

The protest is directed at the government not the hospitals, says Bourbonnais, adding that nurses are also concerned about early discharges and the lack of funds available to community health services which support these discharged patients.



***Infusing funds***

The Chesterville Legion Branch 434 has bought a $5,200 dual intravenous pump for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Here Sandra Jennings, nurse manager for critical care, shows Legion president Cecil Hatt, left, and Brian Markwick, first vice-president, the features of the machine which can provide two different medications to a patient at once. The money for the pump was raised through the Legion's Nevada ticket sales.

Press Photo— Robinson

# Councillors trying to close loopholes on road allowances

**Kim Robinson**
*Press staff*

MOUNTAIN — On Monday night Mountain Township Council worked at closing up past loopholes in its policy on unopened road allowances.

The council looked at two such cases that night, hearing first from Ken Hutt and Gary Kerr, who had recently been told they would have to remove a trailer from their woodlot because a neighbor had sent a written complaint to the municipality. Regulations do not permit such a structure on land accessible only by an unopened road allowance.

While council members told the men they sympathized with their situation and couldn't see the harm in having the trailer at the site, they added that the men had to comply with regulations.

"When you get a written complaint, and somebody did complain, we don't have a lot of options," said Deputy Reeve Don Johnston.

The council has learned this over the past year in its dealings with the issue of the Mountain Trail Blazers clubhouse. As several members of council have admitted,

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### Road allowances

they gave the club unwritten permission to locate the building along an unopened road allowance and that decision came back to haunt them when, as in this more recent case, a neighbor complained.

That issue was still being discussed at this recent meeting, as the next delegation involved the road allowance leading up to the club. John Havekes, who owns the land where the Trail Blazers located their clubhouse, was asking council if he could leave the road in its current state to maintain access to his land. In response to the neighbor's complaints about the club's activities, the Trail Blazers had promised to return the road to its original state.

The general message to Havekes was that he should work on reinstating the road as it was, and council didn't want to know anything more about his activities there. When he began to pose another question to council he was told not to say anything more.



### Country crafts

A number of local crafters' wares are featured in a new store in the Morrisburg Village Plaza, Turn of the Century Crafts Unlimited. Present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony last week were, left to right, Linda Bowers, Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce president, United Counties Warden Charles Barkley, owners Lola McEvoy and Michel Corriveau, Karen Gorrell, longstanding chamber member, Morrisburg Reeve Gord McGregor, and Morrisburg BIA co-ordinator Earl Baker. Press Photo— Robinson

## News in brief

### Bereaved Families to meet

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

For more information please call the office at 936-1455.

### Why Not Marathon upcoming

CORNWALL — Why not be one of 100,000 Canadians to carry the Canadian Paralympic torch during the Royal LePage Why Not Marathon for Paralympics.

From May 29 to July 24, the marathon will cross Canada before heading to Atlanta for the Aug. 15 opening of the Paralympic Games. You can walk, run, rollerblade or participate in a wheelchair to raise funds for people and athletes with disabilities. The run will journey through Cornwall on July 5.

### Area MNR officer recognized

KEMPTVILLE — David Arbour of the Kempville District was one of two Ontario conservation officers awarded the prestigious Shikar-Safar International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award for outstanding achievements in wildlife conservation in Ontario.

The award recognized Arbour and James Abbott of the Timmins District for their accomplishments in dealing with crimes against wildlife through the Crime Stoppers Program in Ontario.

The two officers have worked jointly since 1991, actively promoting Crime Stoppers in their respective areas and across the province. In 1994, the two were invited to join the Ontario Advisory Board of Crime Stoppers as MNR provincial representatives.



### High fashion

This classy example of high fashion was part of the intermission entertainment at the recent fashion show presented by the Kenmore UCW. In less formal attire the model pictured here is easily recognized as Ken Kingsbury. Press Photo – Quail

## Police blotter

### Osgoode break-ins

OSGOODE TWP. — A Gregoire Road resident in Osgoode Township returned home on Tuesday, April 30 to find that the house had been broken into. That same day, there was an attempted break-in at a Darcy Street home in Greely and a door was kicked in at a 9th Line Road home, activating an alarm system. In the latter cases, nothing was taken.

### Eastern Region Headquarters

SMITHS FALLS — OPP Commissioner Thomas B, O'Grady has announced that Smiths Falls will be home to OPP's new Eastern Region Headquarters. The new office, which will be located in the former administration building of the Rideau Regional Centre, will house a range of policing administration and support personnel. The Eastern Region is one of six regions which administer provincial police services under the new OPP organizational structure, established in February 1995. The OPP began the transition from its former structure of 16 to six regions just over a year ago. The Eastern Region will incorporate former OPP Districts 9, 10 and 11.

## Band results

CORNWALL — North Dundas District High School musicians set a gold standard at the recent Kinsmen Music Festival in Cornwall. On May 1 and 2, the Senior and Junior Concert and Jazz Bands' performances were rated gold by festival judges. As well, the senior class earned a silver designation. Local listeners can catch a band performance on the evening of Wednesday, May 22, just before the Senior Concert Band leaves for a national competition in Toronto. The concert begins at 7 pm and tickets are $3.

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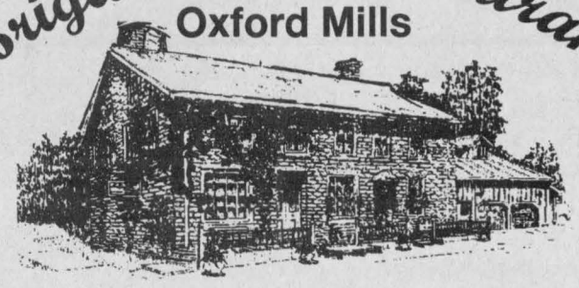

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## Residents asked to pitch in

WINCHESTER — Ontario's largest anti-litter initiative, a project of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is slated to hold its march through neighborhood parks, back yards, school yards and along stream banks and roadsides this week.

In its 18th year, Pitch-In will see participation from over 400 communities in Ontario. Pitch-In participants include conservation clubs, school children, community service groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, retail employees and municipal fire departments.

For further information or for a list of groups participating in the project contact the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Communications Specialist Mark Holmes or Dave Webb at 705-748-6324 or fax 705-748-9522, or e-mail to ah@oncomdis.on.ca.

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# Eastman publishes second book

**Liz Edwards**
*Press staff*

NORTH GOWER — Puppies have kept Isobel Eastman's muse on the run.

When her son's Airedale gave birth, Eastman decided it was time to write another book.

"They (the puppies) sort of stimulated the imagination a bit," she says.

And out came the children's book that had been stewing in Eastman's mind for the past several months. The recently released *When We Were Just Born* is a simple tale about three mothers —a human, a dog, and a cat, who tell their offspring a bedtime story about the day they were born.




**Second work**

Isobel Eastman of North Gower holds her second book *When We Were Just Born*. Eastman is marketing the book around the area.

Press Photo — Edwards

It was the type of story Eastman of North Gower always requested as a child and her mother would always begin it the same way.

"It was a beautiful summer day. The sun was shining and the birds were singing when you were born," says Eastman.

All her mothers in the book begin their stories with these lines. Young children like repetition in books, she says.

"It's almost like a little secret. They know it, they're in on it," she says.

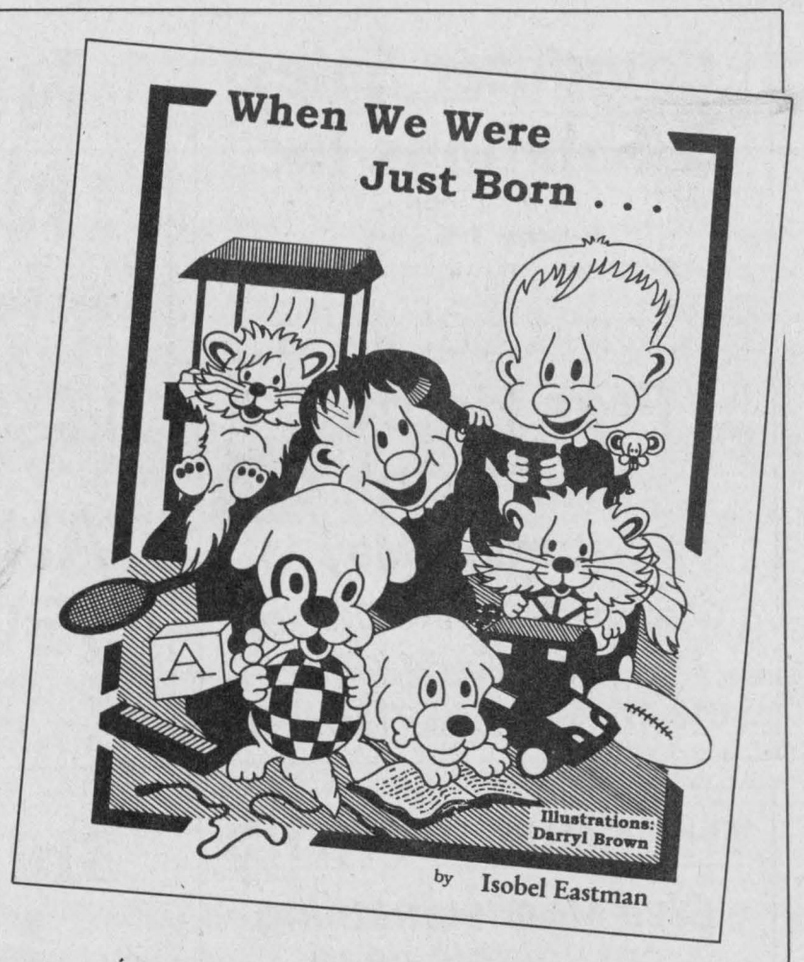
It is her first children's book though not her first book concerning children. She wrote *Out of the Mouths of Babes* last fall, a collection of quirks and quotes she heard from her students during her 30 years as a Kindergarten teacher at North Gower-Marlborough Public School, and so far has sold 16,000 copies by marketing it herself around the Ottawa and valley-area. She even sold a few to bookstores in North Carolina when she was on holiday.

"This was memory lane," she says, referring to the first book. "(The second) was perhaps a little more creative."

Though she loved to write in high school, she didn't attempt writing a book until after she retired. But her experience has some kind of edge.

"I've read a million stories to kids so I sort of know what they like. I know what they don't like," she says.

The characters in the book are named after her grandchildren though she changed one name from Paul to Polly. Paul didn't seem right for a kitten, she explains, adding the young ones love hearing their names in the book.




Both of her books were published by Cumberland Communication Concepts and illustrated by Darryl Brown. Eastman loves his work and believes they have made her books special, especially the second. A book for young children needs good pictures.

The children's book was finished in February and came out in March, a turn of events that surprised even Eastman who initially wasn't sure she had time to write the book while in the middle of marketing her first.

Her days since retirement last year have been filled. A lined school book is full of appointments Eastman jots down so she won't forget them. She spends a lot of time taking her books to local bookstores including Winchester's Corner Books and Crafts, contacting the media, arranging interviews, even speaking and reading at local churches, groups and schools. She's always on the road.

"I'm always a little reluctant at pushing myself, marketing myself but if you want to get it sold, you'll do that," she says.

# Area volunteers lobby for change in tobacco laws

CORNWALL — Over the last few months local volunteers with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and Prescott-Russell Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society have taken on new roles: lobbyists in support of change in federal legislation that could ultimately affect the way tobacco products are marketed and sold in Canada.

"Cigarette smoking is responsible for about 30 per cent of all cancers and about 85 per cent of all lung cancers, and with one in seven Canadian children smoking we are very concerned. We have to pursue new ways to prevent this tragic loss of life and health," says Janet Allingham, a health promotion volunteer concentrating on tobacco issues.

In December 1995 the federal government announced details of proposed legislation in the document *Tobacco Control: A Blueprint to Protect the Health of Canadians*. The blueprint, once put into law, will replace the Tobacco Products Control Act, which was struck down by the Supreme Court of Canada in September 1995. The objective of the legislation would be to "reduce tobacco consumption among Canadians and the resultant adverse health effects to the extent possible."

Allingham stresses that the document does not suggest an increased tax on tobacco products. It does however propose complete bans on advertising, restrictions on promotion, sponsorship, and access, as well as changes in packaging and labeling requirements. It also proposes a reduction in the toxicity of cigarettes as well as tougher reporting standards for tobacco manufacturers, distributors and importers. The Canadian Cancer Society has strongly endorsed the blueprint, which it says helps to maintain Canada's position as a world leader in tobacco control. The society is also lobbying for plain packaging, a proven deterrent for young smokers.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit reported that smoking rates for local adolescents increased significantly from 19 per cent in 1988 to just over 24 per cent in 1994. The same report also showed that about 11 per cent of boys and girls in Grades 7 and 8 reported daily use of cigarettes.

Many of the society's volunteers have written to their MPs, the Prime Minister, and the Minister of Health to express support for the blueprint.

"Our volunteers are actively engaged in helping their neighbors deal with this disease on a daily basis," says Allingham. "They know only too well what the long-term effects of smoking involve and their support for this document is founded on those experiences."

It is expected that after study, the blueprint will move on to become draft legislation later in the spring. Individuals or groups who wish to have copies of the executive summary or other related information are encouraged to contact the society through its Cornwall office.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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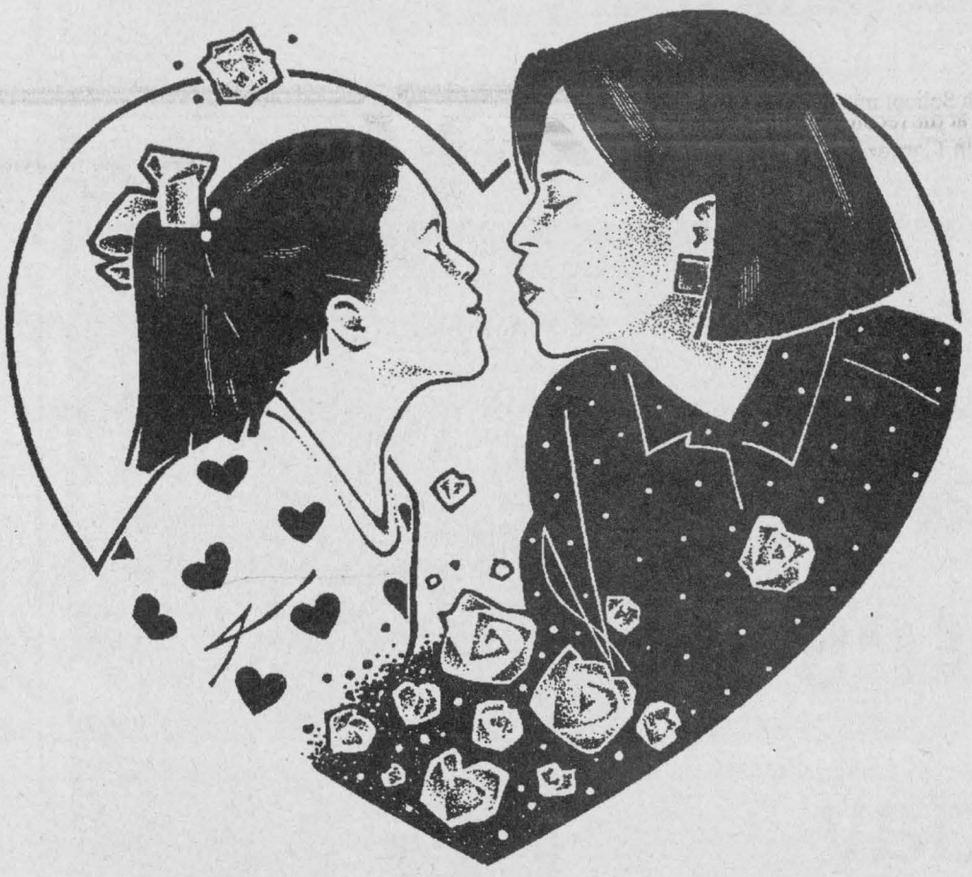

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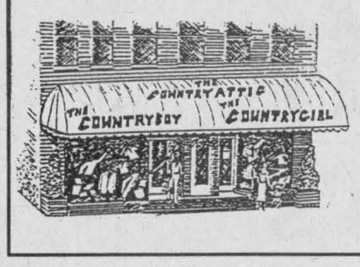


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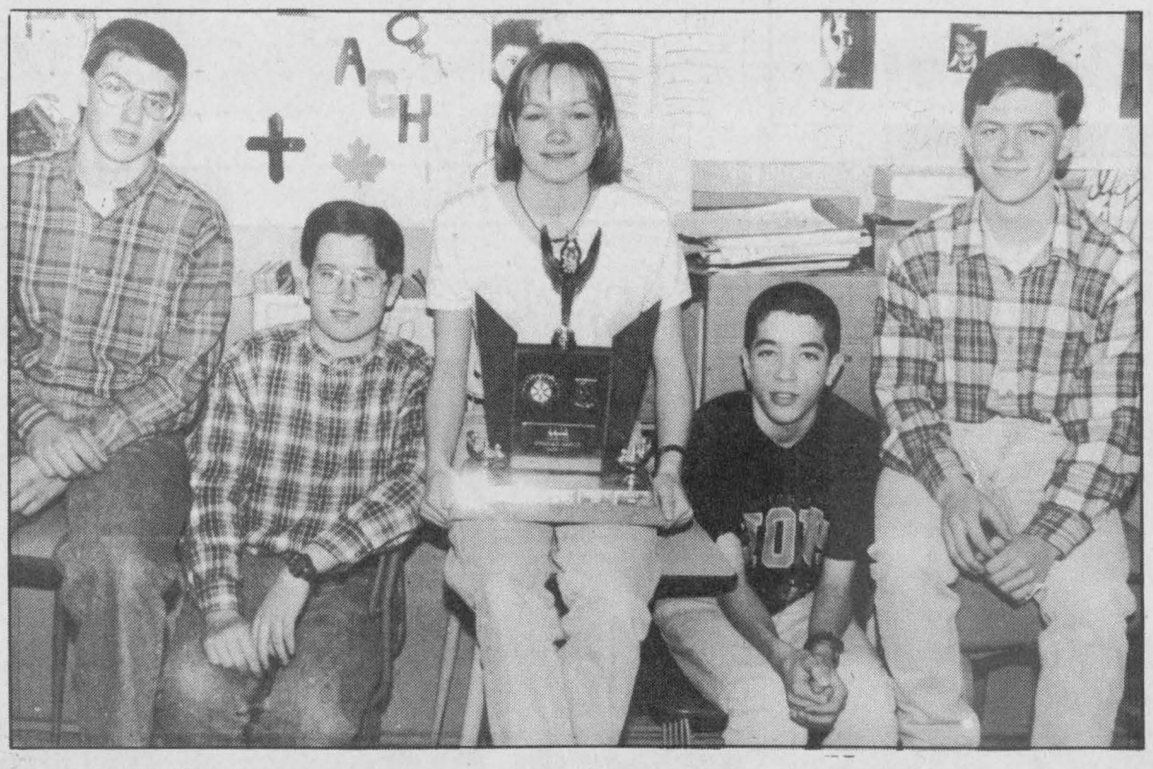


## Canada Quiz champs

Both the senior and intermediate teams from North Dundas District High School took first place at the recent Canada Quiz competition in Cornwall. Above, the intermediate team includes, from left to right, Dan Schuler, Tyler Patterson, Moira Klein-Swormink, Peter Fisher and Gordon Dean.

This is the second year in a row that the intermediate group has taken the top spot. Below are members of the senior team, from left to right: Don Fisher, Owen Sarrazin, Heather McGuire, Tonya Chapman, Erin Sheedy and Matt Girard.

Press Photo— Robinson



# Students take on teaching role give seniors high-tech lesson

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — Computer technology offered some interactive possibilities when a group of seniors visited Nationview Public School last Thursday.

As they left the school's computer room following the afternoon session, many of the seniors who had taken part thanked principal Jack Barkley for an interesting afternoon.

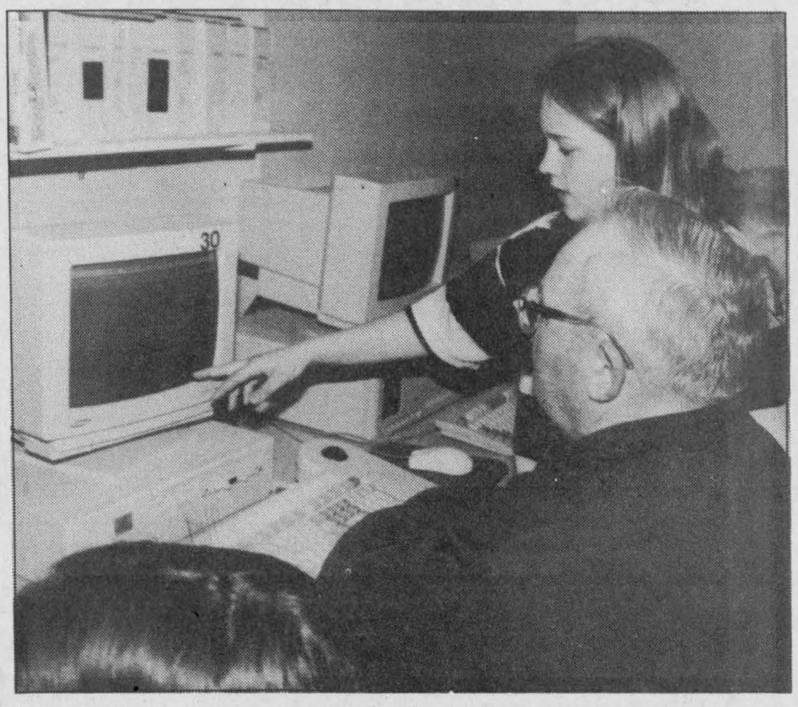
Barkley says the school encourages activities like this where students and seniors get a chance to mix.

During this school year, Nationview students have performed a Christmas concert for the South Mountain Seniors and made decorations for their Easter and Thanksgiving luncheons. Some seniors have been returning the favor, helping students with activities such as reading and shop work. Barkley looks forward to an increased program of seniors and student interaction in the fall.

"I've always been a big advocate of having seniors helping in the school," he says. "Any interaction between them and students helps instill respect for seniors."

Working at a computer with Grade 8 student Jen Mooers, Marion Graham said she was glad to have this opportunity to discover what use she might make of a personal computer.

"I don't feel shy," Graham said. She complimented her partner on making her feel comfortable.



Jessica Turner, a Grade 8 student at Nationview Public School, spent an afternoon with Del Zehr checking out educational programs on the computer.

Press Photo— Robinson

# Good vocals, capable cast carry Little Shop of Horrors

**Kim Robinson**
*Press staff*

MAPLE RIDGE — There's plenty of talent on display on the storefront set of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The North Dundas District High School musical is well-stocked with impressive music, voices and acting, all supported by the solid technical crew needed to pull off a prop-heavy production.

At a preview staging Monday, drama teacher Terry Green said there were still a few bugs to work out in the sound system as this was the last element to be set in place, but he was confident this would be in sync with the show in time for public performances later this week.

One wouldn't want to lose some of the good sound coming from the stage, such as Carrie Fawcett's vocal performance in the lead female role.

Like many of the cast members, Fawcett took part in last year's production of *Charlie Brown* and the experience shows. The cast as a whole is a very capable one. Of particular note are Ray Besharah as the nerdy botanist Seymour and Mark Hutchinson as the flower shop owner, Mr. Mushnik. As Mushnik, Hutchinson shows he's up to the challenge of playing a character much older than himself.

One character that's hard to overlook is Audrey II, the massive, man-eating plant that Seymour cultivates. Though he's not seen until the curtain-call, Don Fisher has an important role inside Audrey II, making sure the plant comes alive for the audience. He's helped in this effort by teacher Gerry Jean, who provides the booming, Barry White-style voice of the plant.

Audrey II and the rest of the cast may be seen and heard in three evening performances this week. *Little Shop of Horrors* runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 9 to 11, at 7:30.

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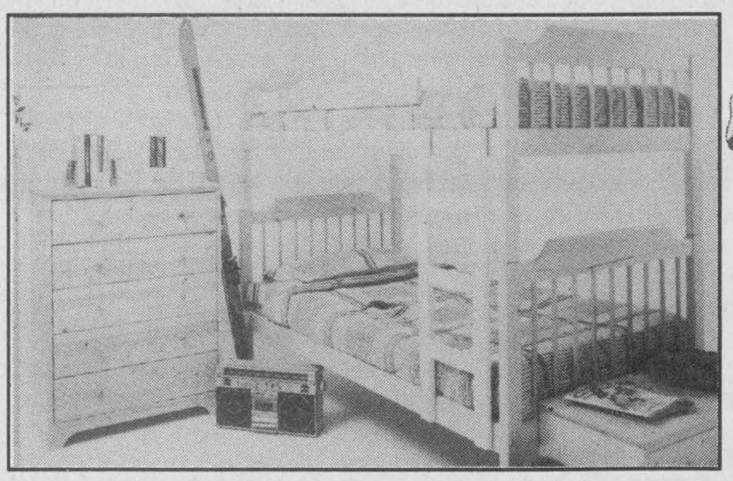

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## EDITORIALS

### Awareness week

At a community newspaper, hardly a week goes by without an organization or charity sending a press release proclaiming this week, this month or this year to be significant because it is the time they promote awareness of their causes.

There are some fairly well-known ones. February is Heart Month, April is Cancer Month. Then there are the ones that are a little more obscure. Sometimes they are worthy of local note and sometimes not.

May 5 to 11 is simultaneously Drinking Water Awareness Week and Education Week. There could be others but if there are, they haven't notified the *Press*.

The proclaiming of these weeks is, of course, a way to gain publicity. They could be any week of the year. Still these are two subjects close to the hearts of Winchester and area residents.

Water is a constant concern here and a few more tips about its use are never ill-placed. The Minister of Environment and Energy reminds municipalities and their residents to take steps to conserve this precious resource. If you haven't already done so, consider fixing a leaky faucet. One drop per second wastes 10,000 litres a water a year. Use a rain barrel to catch water for lawn and gardening use. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator to avoid running the cold tap.

Avoid pouring hazardous substances down the drain. Local Girl Guide members have taken the time to paint yellow fish beside manhole covers as a reminder. These materials will end up in the South Nation River.

Usually schools schedule some sort of activity for parents and members of the public to attend but don't wait to be invited. Your child's education is too important.

There's countless opportunities in the next couple of weeks. Attend a sporting event, a school play, volunteer to help out and see what students are doing.

Their capabilities and talents are surprising.

### Bye Kim

This week is significant for another reason. Kim Robinson, who has reported for the *Press* for more than a year, is leaving to pursue her Masters in English. We wish her well and thank her for her hard work.

# This week in...

### *1946*

Winchester Council petitioned the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to have midnight and early morning trains stop at Winchester Station on being flagged. The company had decided to end this service to the local community.

Zane Grey appeared to be the most popular author among local library patrons. Eleven of the 41 books recently purchased for the library were written by Grey, bearing wild west titles like *The Mysterious Rider* and *30,000 on the Hoof*. Grace Livingston Hill was the second most popular author, with five titles on the list.

### *1956*

A sharp increase in education costs made taxes rise for Winchester ratepayers. In 1955, education cost the village $23,016 while in 1956 it would cost $27,178.

Federal and provincial agriculture officials attended the official opening of the Ontario Cheese Producers' Marketing Board's cheese curing and storage plant (the Winchester Cheese building). Situated near the CPR station, the reinforced concrete structure was built to store nearly six million pounds of cheese.

### *1966*

The Winchester Township School Area Board accepted a tender of $123,941 on the construction of a new five-classroom public school at a location close to North Dundas District High School. Board officials did not expect construction to be completed for the next school term. Nine one-room schoolhouses in the southern portion of the township would close with the opening of the new school.




### *1976*

Students at North Dundas District High School were protesting SD&G Public School Board's decision to cut back on bus service. The board was ending late busing, which students said would limit their access to activities like band practice and athletics.

Canada's first female Lutheran pastor, Pamela Jo McGee, was to be ordained at Morrisburg in an impressive ceremony conducted by Rev. Dr. Otto Rable, president of the Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. Following ordination, the 29-year-old McGee would assume her post as pastor of the combined parishes of St. Paul's, Morrisburg, and St. John's at Riverside Heights.

### *1986*

Williamsburg Township was taking immediate steps to upgrade its waste disposal site on County Road 8 following an inspection by the Ministry of Environment. The township was to make improvements at the site, including keeping a locked gate during closed periods and implementing rodent control procedures. Problems at the site were not new to council, the township had been fined in 1984 for not adhering to regulations.

Anthony Glen of Winchester was busy creating architectural miniatures of historic buildings such as those found in Upper Canada Village. The tiny replicas were on sale at the village and in Merrickville. Glen was also looking at a project with the Billings Estate Museum in Ottawa.

# Catholic bishops relax stand on condoms

So the Roman Catholic Church is waking up, eh? Maybe. Or maybe not.

While the church has been sleeping in a terrible vacuum as the rest of the world progresses, it does occasionally seem to stir from its slumbers long enough to notice that there are problems in the world that it doesn't much like discussing and can't ignore any longer.

The latest difficulty to raise its ugly head is AIDS — or, more accurately put, its prevention.

Here is how the whole thing got started. The church doesn't like birth control. So it outlaws the use of condoms. They're deemed taboo. The only problem is, the vast majority of Catholics don't listen to this advice. Polling surveys consistently show that they blatantly ignore the advice of the church on this subject, consider its views outdated, and use their own consciences in the matter. Good thing, too.

But now the church has a new problem: what do you tell your flock if you don't like using condoms for birth control but you know they will keep the lid on AIDS? And, since Catholics seem to have sex just as much as other people, how do you keep banning the use of condoms when you know they work?

This poses a nifty little dilemma for the clergy. But there is a way to deal with it. You become bold and outspoken. You defy the Vatican. You take a stand. You tell your parishioners they should use condoms.

That is exactly what the chairman of the French Roman Catholic bishops committee suggested in a report published a week or so ago suggesting that the use of condoms could be justified to prevent the spread of AIDS, contradicting the Vatican's general condemnation of most methods of birth control.

"Many competent doctors maintain that a condom of reliable quality is today the only means of prevention," wrote the chairman, Bishop Albert Rouet of Poitiers, in his discussion of the report on AIDS by the Social Committee of the French episcopate, the highest authority of the church in France on social issues. "As such, it is necessary."

Finally. Hurray!



**Meanwhile**
**by Fred Sagel**

After the bishop made that statement, several experts in France and abroad said his assertion that condom use could be justified was an important break with the official Roman Catholic position.

Other bishops in other times have gotten themselves into hot water with discussions like this. An administrative board of American Roman Catholic bishops approved the mention of condoms in AIDS education programs in 1987 but John Cardinal O'Connor of New York later called the statement a "grave mistake," and a later statement by the full conference of American bishops dropped the reference.

But if the report is indicative of what many Catholics now see as an imperative issue, things are moving along nicely. At least there is a rendez-vous with reality taking place.

Thomas C. Fox, editor of the National Catholic Register, an American weekly, and the author of "Sexuality and Catholicism," added this: "I see this statement as a very welcome development. It was necessary — it had to happen, because church teaching is so incredible that people were just walking away from it."

Bishop Rouet's report noted that public health campaigns sponsored by French Government authorities have gone to great lengths to expose young people to the idea that using condoms could help keep them from being infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. "After a very long reaction time, it appears that young people are using them more often," he wrote. "Public health authorities endorse this use. The church, thought to be opposed to it, sees itself accused of promoting death."

*"Sees itself accused of promoting death."*

Doesn't that say it all? Doesn't that really show that the church, in this policy as well as in many others, is completely out of step with the times? Not to mention being out of step with the majority of its adherents, in western countries at least.

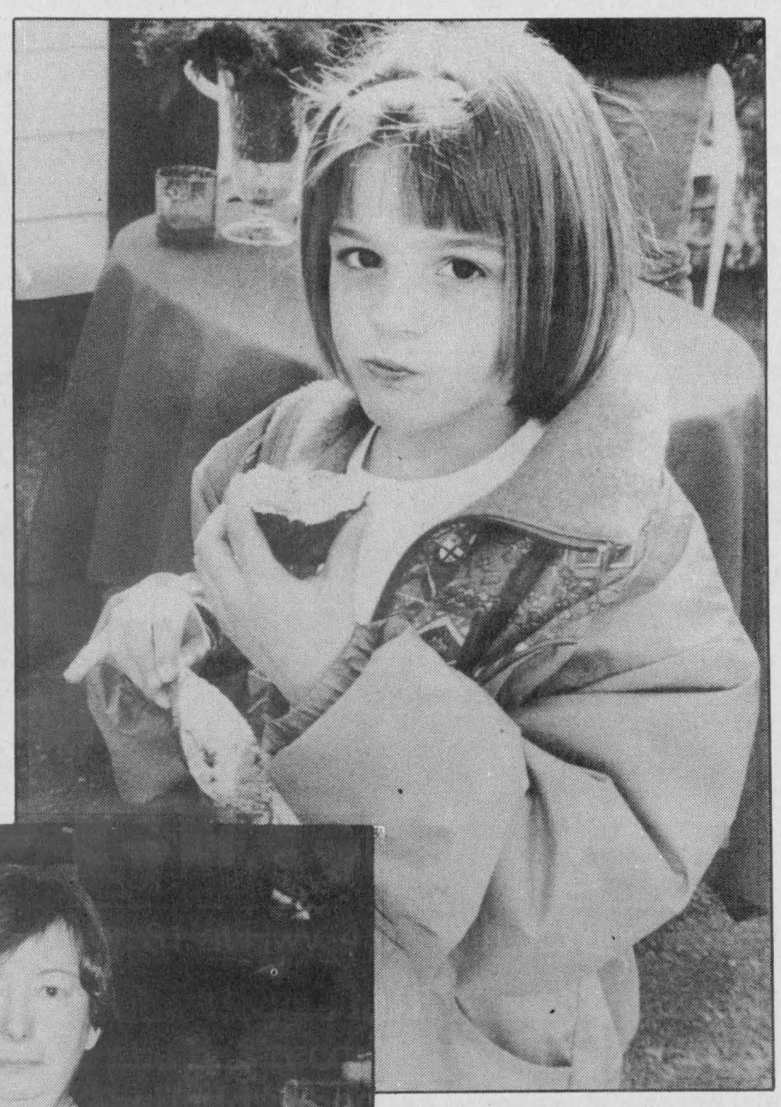
That is why this report is so refreshing. It talks about modern reality. It doesn't disguise the fact that Catholic adolescents, like others, have sex. And it wants to do something to stop these young people from dying. So, instead of burying its head in the sand and calling for abstinence, which is really a good policy but an unrealistic one, it calls for prevention.

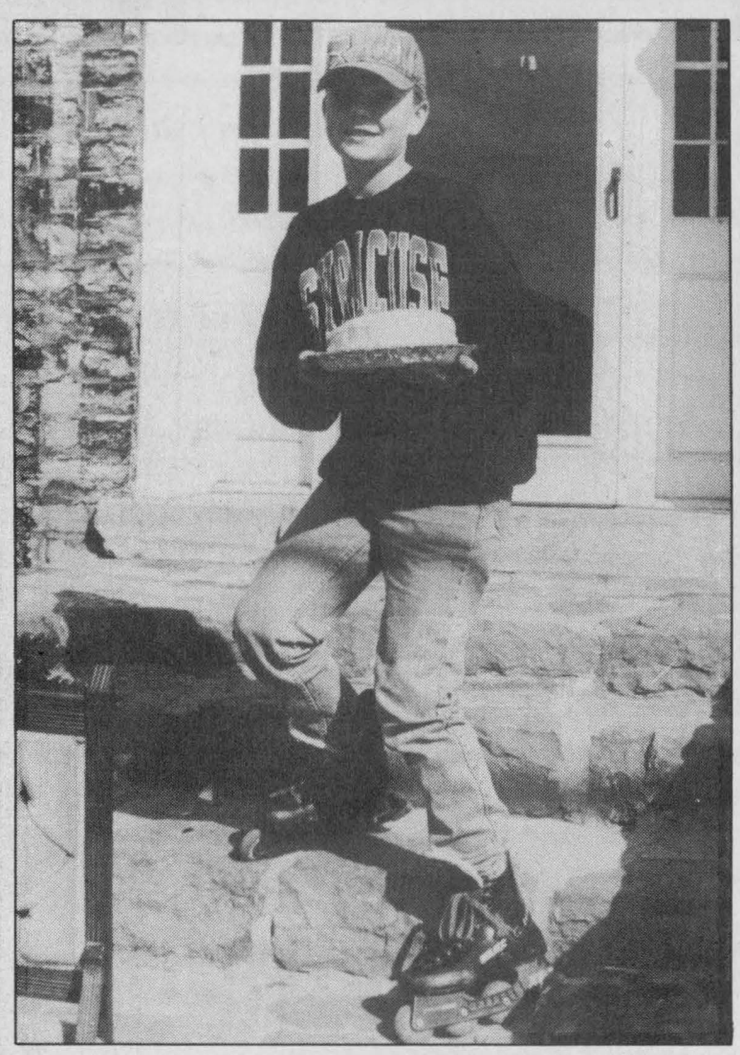
"Advising young adolescents to use condoms, far from helping them to understand their sexual identity, confines them to the power of their desires."

Ahem.

*Fred Sagel is a lawyer, columnist and political analyst, presently doing postgraduate studies at the University of Toronto.*









**For sale by the yard**

*Yard sales are popular this season and none more so than the Williamsburg Giant Yard Sale last Saturday. Clockwise from the top left corner are Marlene Lewis of Brinston Country Flowers arranging a display, Chelsea Joldersma enjoying a cupcake, Diane Leighton posing with her doll display and Parker Locke displaying his cake walk winnings. A yard sale in Chesterville, also on Saturday, benefited the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.*
*Press Photos -- Robinson*

# Benefit dance organized for burn victim

**Garnet Quail**
*Press Staff Reporter*

KENMORE – April 23 will forever be remembered as a black, if not the blackest day in the history of Kenmore's Ross family. Maurice and Elburna have been the local anchors of the clan for a full two generations but, these days, the minds of local residents are more closely keyed to the fate of their youngest son, Greg.

On that terrible day (April 23) Greg, known as one of the finest paint and body men in the Ottawa-Carleton area, was at work in his shop. As the day wore to a close, he decided to do some work with a torch, cutting some metal in preparation for one more of the masterpieces he has come to be known for.

Suddenly a massive explosion, ostensibly sparked by fumes from a can of paint thinner and sparks from the torch in Greg's hands, totally engulfed the shop.

Alone, and instantaneously shrouded in flames, Greg screamed and fought; his basic instinct to save his own life drove him on. Today he lies in the Ottawa General Hospital, a victim of third degree burns to 40 per cent of his body.

At home in Kenmore, his wife Kathy, two small children and a third on the way, wait patiently for good news from the hospital. And the news is getting better. For the first few days following the mishap, good news meant that he had 'made it' through another night.

For the past 20 years and more Greg and all of the Kenmore 'boys' have played softball, broomball and hockey and have always gotten together to enjoy themselves in their leisure activities.

In the spirit of that camaraderie, the 'boys' have decided to stage a benefit party and dance to assist Greg's young family as they face the weeks and months of rehabilitation on their horizon.

That get-together is slated for the Vernon Recreation Centre on Friday, May 24. Details for the evenings' activities are still being finalized but we are told that donation boxes will be placed at the door, there will be plenty of good music and the Kenmore Women's Institute has graciously agreed to provide a late evening lunch.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Donors for Kristy thanked

**The Editor:**
All funds have now been received by the Committee for Kristy Dawn and we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who made the bone marrow donor clinic a success.

Thank you to all the local businesses, service organizations, members of the supportive community and area who volunteered time, effort, food, prayers and money for such a worthwhile cause.

After clinic expenses, excess monies will be sent to the Red Cross Society for further DR/DNA testing, to the Nurses Education Fund of 4 East at CHEO, to St. Catherine Separate School in Metcalfe to build a trophy case for the Kristy Dawn Award and to Camp Trillium, which is a summer camp for children with cancer.

The Donors In Memory of Kristy Clinic could not have happened without the support of our community before, during and after the event. Everything used for the clinic, without exception, was donated.

On behalf of the Donors for Kristy Committee, I thank you.
**Melanee Happy-Stanley**
**Chairperson, Metcalfe**

## Bike track disturbs neighbors

**The Editor:**
Just to set the record straight about the obnoxiously noisy dirty bike track that our knowlegeable township council has allowed in our once quiet, peaceful Williamsburg Township, we the undersigned would like you to know that there is more than just one extremely upset taxpaying neighbor.

Apparently their only obligation to directly affected families is to advertise a meeting in the newspaper, but with something of this magnitude you would have thought that they could have notified the less than 10 directly affected neighbors by mail, or at least by word of mouth. They make sure at election time that they stop and talk to as many of their constituents as possible. Not everyone reads everything written in the paper as was obvious when only one out of eight or nine people showed up at the public meeting. Even without our attendance, we would have thought that the council we elected to represent our best interests would have been as considerate to us as the other township councils that have turned down all other applications for our bike track. What do we mean to our township as taxpayers? Obviously not very much.

Our reeve and councillors could not have spent much time in our once peaceful and quiet neighborhood, nor did they talk to anyone in the surrounding area to ask what our position was. In other words they did not do their homework before granting permission for this track.

Maybe they should sit outside in our neighborhood for a quiet Sunday afternoon of rest and relaxation with friends. They could then listen to bikes riding around for hours or try to sleep when on shift work and have a constant buzzing outside their bedroom window.

Drivers nearby are curious and when they see bikes jumping in the field their attention is not always on where they are going. This particular curve in the road has a reputation of having a few accidents in the past. If something isn't done with all the extra cars, trucks and trailers, it could be a potential hazard, causing a serious accident or even worse.

We wonder if our elected officials were really thinking about their taxpayers when they allowed this venture. Why was it not allowed in any other surrounding townships. Maybe they care more about their residents than the Township of Williamsburg care about its residents. Obviously our concerns and feelings mean nothing to them because they were ignored.

Some of us have been here for more than 20 years. We paid our taxes and never caused any trouble. Things have been peaceful and quiet. We would like it to continue that way. We elected our reeve and councillors to look out for our best interests, but now we feel betrayed by the very people we depended on and trusted.

**Linda Loucks**
**H. Bert Loucks.**

*Editor's note* A petition including more than 40 names accompanied this letter.

**OPINIONS**

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# Throwing away privileges

**NDDHS NOTES**
by Carrie Vandewint



Sometimes, I just don't understand. Perhaps I'm alone. Perhaps everyone else out there completely understands all teenagers all the time. All I know is that sometimes I don't understand what some people are thinking when they do certain things.

Take for instance the picnic tables at our school. Student council decided last fall to spend our money building five new good quality picnic tables. They were painstakingly made by our shop classes, and the time was definitely well spent. Finally, when spring arrived, they were placed outside on the lawn for everyone to bask in the sun's warmth on or to finish last-minute homework on, it doesn't matter. What really matters is that they were made by us, for us.

And yet, after just two days, three picnic tables have been defaced with decorative profanity. What I just don't understand is why. Why would someone destroy their own property? I could maybe understand if these persons had (in a fit of madness) ventured out in the middle of the night all dressed in black to another school and vengefully scribbled all over their picnic tables. But no... we had to go and deface our own tables. We had to devalue our own property. It is the property of the students at North Dundas; where do you think some of the student fees at the beginning of the year go?

Perhaps someone might say these people just don't like going to school and therefore want to destroy the school itself, piece by piece. If this is indeed true, I think these people just don't realize how very lucky they are.

We in Canada have the privilege (yes privilege) of going to school every day and receiving an education. We have the privilege of being able to voice our own opinions in class without fear. We have the privilege of accessibility to thousands of books, many computers, and wonderful teachers. The same cannot be said for millions around the world, who live in poverty and dream of an education that will probably never be.

Now I know this may be stretching the picnic table issue a little bit too far, but I really do think that it just shows how seldom we sit back and think about what we're doing and why. We have so many privileges that we're so very eager to throw away.

# Time travel with passports

MORRISBURG — Passports to the Past are now available at Upper Canada Village as well as Fort Henry in Kingston.

Individual memberships are good for one year and will allow passport holders entry to these sites. A 20 per cent discount, valid at the retail stores at both locations, is part of the membership.

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Nurses Linda Johnson, Reta Lalonde, Karen Lydiatt and Patricia Haley are helping out with Morrisburg's first car rally for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

# Nurses gather pledges for upcoming car rally

MORRISBURG — Representatives of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club recently became aware that WDMH nurses Linda Johnson, Reta Lalonde, Karen Lydiatt and Patricia Haley along with their mystery driver, Annie, have been working hard to collect pledges for the upcoming car rally.

The women have been working so hard that they have already received in excess of $800 in pledges and are now challenging all car rally participants to raise $1,000 per car.

Organizers of the first annual Morrisburg and District Lions Club Car Rally have received excellent support from residents and businesses throughout the entire region served by the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Generous contributions from various businesses in Iroquois, Morrisburg and Winchester have already been pledged.

Major sponsors for the rally include MacEwan Petroleum, the Brister Group and Thom Realty. The rally will begin at 12 noon from the Morrisburg Arena on Sat., May 11. Registration time is 9 am to 11:30 am on Saturday. For information contact Chuck Irvine at 543-2568 or Randy Veinotte at 543- 3753.

# Lions to try again

INKERMAN — After an encouraging start in Hallville, the community watch program being organized by the Mountain Township and District Lions Club has bogged down a bit in Inkerman.

A meeting a week ago in Inkerman had a disappointing turnout of 18 people. However, Brian Telford, a Lions Club member helping to organize the program, says those who did show up were very enthusiastic and will be out in the community asking their neighbors to show up for a second meeting at 7:30 pm, May 29 at Inkerman Public School.

The club is also pushing on into other areas of the township. A meeting will be held in Mountain next week. The location for this meeting, set for Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 pm, is the Stage West Restaurant.

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# Timothy Christian makes impression

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"Making an impression" is the theme for the week, which includes an open house at the school today, May 8, from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Visitors can take in the school's exciting science fair.

Later this week, the school will hold a Grandparents' Day. Grandparents can visit the school Friday, May 10 between 9 am and 10:30 am. Also on Friday, the school is putting on a musical, *The Story Tellin' Man*, at the Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixons Corners at 7:30 pm.

# Gold Rush draw

CORNWALL — Tickets for the Big Brothers and Sisters Gold Rush draw are now on sale at the Cornwall office or from board members and members of the fundraising committee.

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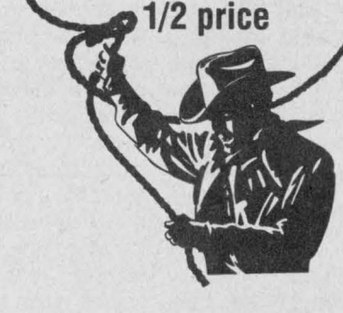

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## OBITUARIES

# *Eva M. Arbuthnot*

Eva Mary Arbuthnot of Russell died suddenly on April 26. She was 80.

Born Oct. 31, 1915, she was the daughter of the late Ernest McConnell and Florance Rainey of Winchester Township. She married Cecil M. Arbuthnot who predeceased her in January, 1978.

Mrs. Arbuthnot is survived by son Mac Arbuthnot (Donna McWilliams) High River, Alberta and daughters, Mabel McWilliams of Orleans, Lorna Harrison (Gordon) of Bradenton, Florida and Judy Anderson (Allan) of Russell. She was the sister of the late Mildred McLaughlin and Robert McConnell of Morewood, Ontario.

She had 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

A member of the Morewood Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Arbuthnot's funeral was held at Duncan's Funeral Home on April 30 at 2 pm with Rev. B. deBruijn officiating.

Pallbearers included grandchildren Wyatt and Wayne McWilliams, Mac Thompson, Erik Therkelsen, Chris Griffith and Lloyd Griffith.

Interment will be at Springhill Cemetery in late May.

# *Dwight J. Baker*

Dwight J. Baker, a resident of Inkerman for 16 years, died at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 73.

A former dairy farmer and resident of Nation Valley for 57 years, he was born March 18, 1923 to the late Irwin Baker and Mae Atchison.

He was the husband of Marjorie Baker (nee Whitteker) whom he married at the Lutheran Church in Williamsburg on July 24, 1958. Mr. Baker is also survived by his children Sharon Annable (Ron) of Inkerman, Trevor (Jennifer) Baker of Riceville and Isla Hooper (David) of Inkerman as well as his grandchildren Sarah, Amanda, Travis, Rebecca and Ashley.

Mr. Baker will be fondly remembered by his sister Nelda Lagrove (Alton) of Brockville as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Winchester Wesleyan Church. A service was held at Daniels Funeral Home in Winchester on April 25 with Pastor Thurland Brown officiating.

Memorial donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were Morris Korr Vaar, Doug Cheney, Doug Merkley, Pastor Jim Warrington, Terry Seim and Steven Schwerdtfeger.

# *Ralph Henry Baldwin*

Ralph Henry Baldwin of RR1 South Mountain died April 30 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 73.

A farmer, self-employed and a maintenance man with the Ministry of Government Services, he was the husband of Doris Lillian Tuttle whom he married on May 17, 1943 in Dundela, Ont. He was born on Dec. 3, 1922 in Inkerman to Earl Baldwin and Hattie Fetterly.

As well as his wife, he is survived by his daughter Suzanne Thompson (Joel) and his grandchildren Jason and Amanda. He is also survived his sister Olive McIntosh (the late Sam) of Morrisburg and brother Harold (Jean) of Inkerman. He was predeceased by his brother Ray and his wife Bonnie as well as his sister Lilah. Mr. Baldwin was the brother-in-law of Agnes Marriner (the late Gordon) of Cardinal, Margaret Millward (Lloyd) of Paris, Ont. and Donna Becksted (Glenn) of Stittsville. He will be remembered by several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the United Church in Inkerman.

A service was held at Byers Funeral Home Chapel on May 2 at 1:30 pm with Rev. Fred Milnes officiating. The soloist was Rev. Marion Milnes.

Pallbearers included Lyall Holmes, David Baldwin, Kevin Baldwin, Harvey McIntosh, Ray Boyd and Irvin Simpson. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

# *Forrest Hilton Hill*

Forrest Hilton Hill (retired RCAF and NCC) died on April 6 after a courageous battle of cancer. He was 75.

The son of the late Robert Hill and Margaret Ann Windsor, he was the husband of Kathaleen Reid.

Mr. Hill was the loving father of Constance (Boris Woloschuk) of Ottawa, Terrence (Nicole Welsh) of Greely, Rhonda (Jean-Marie Guitard) of Kingston, Robert (Suzanne Mayer) of Winchester and Annie Laurie (Brian Alderson) of Australia).

He was the cherished grandfather of Quentin, Nicholas and Alexandra Woloschuk, Sean and Katrisha Muller, Alexandria Guitard, Shannon, Robert and Michael Hill, Amanda and Kristy Anderson.

He is lovingly remembered by Jeanne, Nancy and Jim Welsh.

He was the devoted brother of Iva Presley (Albert).

The funeral was held at the Duncan Funeral Home Chapel on April 9 with Rev. K.C. McKibbon officiating.

There was a special tribute by Connie and Quentin.

Interment will be at a later date at Westminster Cemetery, Pendleton.

# *Harry Zeron*

Harry Zeron of Morrisburg died April 29 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 70.

He was born Aug. 18, 1925 in Matilda Township to Eileen Zeron (nee Myers) and the late Wilfred Zeron.

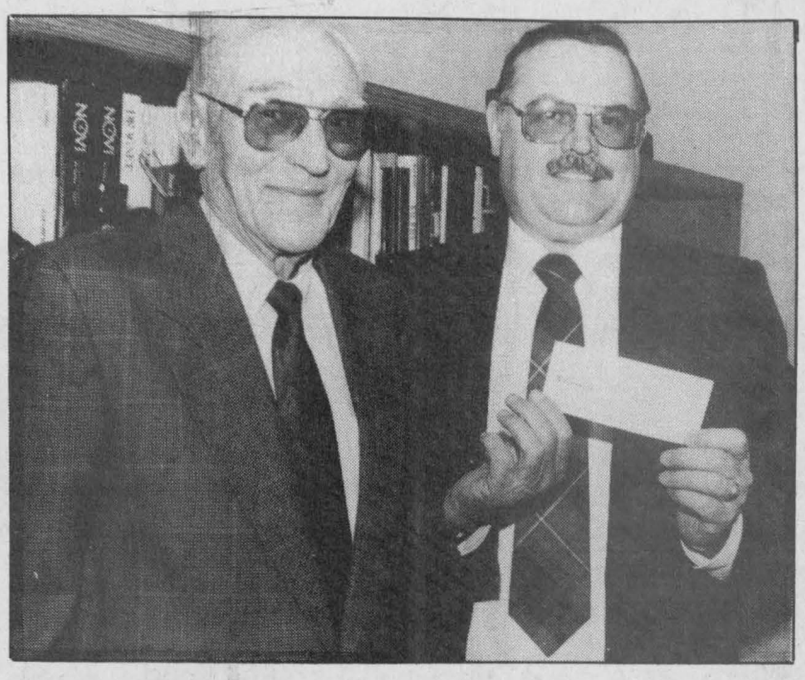
As well as his mother, Mr. Zeron is survived by his children Rick (Joyce) of Oakville, Harry Jr. of Buffalo, New York, Jo-Anne of Texas, and Audrey of Vernon.

He is also survived by his brothers Calvin (Edna) of Mariatown, Jim (Gail) of Oxford Mills, Sanford (Doreen) of RR1 Cardinal and Jack (Carolyn) of RR1 Morrisburg. Mr. Zeron was the brother of Irene Marin of Cardinal, Betty Zeron of Morrisburg and Carolyn (Mrs. Ernie Bellmore) of Osnabruck Centre.

He was predeceased by his sisters Evelyn Gibson and Marguerite Myers as well as a brother Peter. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Jerrica, Jennifer, Jade and Scott Zeron, many nieces, nephews and friends.

A former resident of Winchester for 19 years, Russell and Mariatown, Mr. Zeron was a race horse owner, driver and trainer his entire life. He was a former member of the Canadian Trotting Association, the United Harness Horsemen Association, the Ontario Racing Commission and the Quebec Racing Commission. Mr. Zeron, his brother Jim and his uncle John raced in the very first harness race ever held at Connaught Raceway in Alymer, Quebec in 1952.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. A service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on May 1 with Rev. Jack Urquhart officiating. A cremation followed the service.



**Seniors donate**

Ed Thompson, left, president of the Williamsburg Senior Citizens Group presents a $500 cheque for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital to acting hospital president Roy Glassford. The seniors raised the money through euchres, raffles and bake sales.

Press Photo— Robinson

# *Dance Like A Butterfly* to play at high school

**Kim Robinson**
*Press staff*

MAPLE RIDGE — *Dance Like a Butterfly*, a one-woman show about aging, has a lot to offer seniors and teens alike.

"It's about a senior, but young people should see it too," says Nahum Ravel, whose wife Aviva wrote the play.

She and actor Miriam Samuels were in the Ottawa area earlier this week and will be coming to North Dundas District High School on Tuesday, May 21. The production has toured for two years in western Canada and Ontario.

Students, seniors and people of all ages are invited to the play, presented by the Park Lane and Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centres.

Park Lane co-ordinator Janet Levere says the play looks at the many lifestyle decisions people have to make as they age, and it's all done with a touch of humor.

*Dance Like a Butterfly* is set in a hospital geriatric ward, where the sole character, Tillie, is recovering from an operation. She looks back at her life and ahead to her future, taking the audience on an exploration of many seniors' issues.

The play begins at 1:30 pm and tickets are $2. Tickets may be reserved by calling Park Lane at 535-2924 or Nor-Dun at 774-6109. They will also be available at the door.

# Library friends meet

**by Derek Puddicombe**

METCALFE — Osgoode Township libraries discovered last week it has a lot of friends.

More than 30 residents concerned about the future of the libraries attended the first meeting of the Friends of the Osgoode Township Public Libraries at the township hall on April 30.

"We discussed what we needed to build on and where we wanted Friends to go," said library friend Carol Barnes.

There are three spheres of influence in the township affecting the libraries. The library board, the librarians and now friends, said library board member Art Conn.

"Each one is distinct and Friends is in place to help with any potential conflict that may arise," Conn said.

The primary function of Friends will be to raise money, battle illiteracy, and to take on a consulting role, he explained.

The group arose out of the chance that two of the libraries could be closed.

As part of its 1996 budget, and a way to battle provincial cuts, the Township of Osgoode Library Board introduced the possibility of closing two of the four branches.

It was an idea that was met with much resentment by the residents, as a result the group formed.

As part of the meeting an executive was chosen and residents were asked to sign up as members of Friends. Everyone who attended signed up and paid a $5 per family membership fee Barnes reported.

At the meeting Georgina Heggart of Osgoode was elected president and was pleased with the support at the meeting.

The executive will be meeting soon to discuss fundraising activities and its role along side the library board.

Also elected to the executive were vice president Cindy Hewitt, secretary Dave Farrell and treasurer Louise Melbourne.

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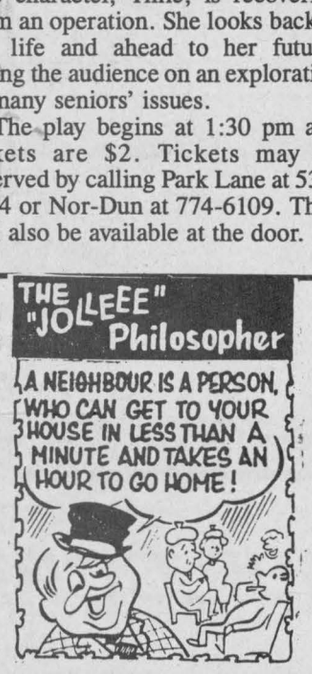


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# update

## Club to visit Experimental Farm

OTTAWA — The Dundas Sheep Club will be visiting the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa on May 18 as part of their second and third meeting.

Members should meet at the farm of Ann and Richard Berube at 9 am on May 18.

## Vet Club beginning

WINCHESTER — The first meeting of the Vet Club is scheduled for May 21 at 7:30 pm in the OMAFRA Boardroom in Winchester.

Dairy Clubs to hold second meetings

The second meetings of the Dundas East and Dundas West Dairy Clubs are slated for Tues., May 21.

The Dundas East Club will meet at the farm of Drew Merkley while Dundas West is meeting at Neil Kittle's farm. Both meetings get under way at 7:30 pm.

## Beef Club members discuss nutrition

**by Patty Duke**

MORRISBURG — Members of the Dundas Beef Club met for the second time May 2 at 7:30 pm at the farm of leader Ron Wilson.

This year's topic of beef nutrition was discussed along with items to look for when judging a class of beef heifers.

The meeting continued with elections of officers. Results were as follows: Jonathan Wilson, president; Patty Duke, vice-president/press reporter; secretary will be a joint duty of all club members. Remaining members include: Lynn Oosterhof, Warren Schneckenburger and Jessica Weatherhead.

Our third meeting will be held May 29 in conjunction with a judging workshop for first and second year 4-H members.

## Dundas Sheep Club begins

**by Rebecca Berube**

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — The Dundas Sheep Club held its first meeting at the home of Richard and Anne Berube on April 30 at 7:30 pm.

At the beginning of the meeting we went outside where Richard showed us how to flip a sheep, check its teeth and hooves, and how to keep a sheep calm with one finger in its mouth.

We returned to the house and Rebecca started the meeting with the 4-H pledge. We held our elections with officers chosen as follows: president, Angela Berube; vice-president, Brent Leclaire; secretary, Lindsay Barton; treasurer, Tyler Panchuk; press reporter/snack organizer, Rebecca Berube.

We also discussed fundraising ideas such as abarbecue, 50/50 draw, bake sake, lemonade sale and bottle drive. We decided on a barbecue with lemonade, bake sale and 50/50 draw.

We are still accepting new members until May 18.

Rebecca served cupcakes, squares and drinks. The meeting was adjourned.

## Ormond Fit Folks kick up heels

**by Marc Sheldrick**

ORMOND — At 7 pm on April 23 the Ormond Fit Folks kicked up our heels at the Winchester Community Centre with some line dancing.

And we were out of our cowboy boots and into our rubber boots on April 27 as the Ormond Mellow Yellows helped the South Nation River Conservation Authority plant over 100 trees.

Finally, we removed our rubber boots and slipped into our aerobic gear on April 30 as all members enjoyed a one-and-a-half hour workout.

Our next meeting will take place on May 14 at 7 pm at the home of Rhonda Mark.

## Ormond Club discusses travel

**by Patty Duke**

ORMOND — The Ormond Doing It Right Club held its sixth meeting on April 12 at the home of Joanne Toonen.

Our leaders Joanne and Linda Toonen and Tammy Duke discussed how to prepare for traveling, with items such as remembering the first aid kits, checking over the car, and how to pack clothing to prevent wrinkles.

Youth leader Jonathan Wilson gave members emergency phone lists for their homes and Sara Howse lead the group in a few games of Pictionary pertaining to the meeting.

Achievement Day is set for June 8 in conjunction with the Dundas Farm Safety Association's Child Safety Day Camp at the Chesterville Fairgrounds.

# Ag Society ball takes on western flavor

**Garnet Quail**
*Press Staff*

METCALFE — The 1996 edition of the Metcalfe Agricultural Society Ball held May 4 is being touted as a huge success.

More than 350 people attended the ball with the western theme *Saddles and Strings*. Agricultural society president Betty Eastman attributed the event's success to all the volunteers and members of the community who supported the organization by attending the ball. Eastman also thanks Denise Gregg, John and Bea Gregg and the decorating committee for a job well done.

The ball began with an early evening social hour with guest sporting their finest western garb. A wonderful roast beef dinner with all the trimmings was served by AJ's Valley Food Services and a band called "Spur" was set up for the evening of dancing to follow. That band, from the Cobden area, was fronted by a multi-talented young lady by the name of Becky Childerhose. She played fiddle, keyboard and was lead vocal on most of the band's numbers.

Childerhose had a great opportunity to display her fiddling talents when she provided music for the Kind'a'Klassy Steppers, a step-dancing foursome from the Russell area.

One of the main attractions of the evening was the draws for major prizes.

Winners of the Early Bird Draw, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Moss arrived by limousine, courtesy of Greg's Limousine Service, while six other winners split $1,500 in prize money: $100 each went to Lisa Dow, Carolyn Hill, Scott Patterson, Al Argue and Judy and Doug Hicks; and the $1,000 grand prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Scharf of Metcalfe. Door prizes supplied by Molson's were awarded as well. Other sponsors of the evening included A.J.'s Valley Food Services Inc., Continental Mushroom, Print Ability, Osgoode Confectionery.

The funds raised from the ball will help to defray the costs of Metcalfe's annual fall fair slated for Oct. 3 - 6.

The next fundraiser is a mixed 3-Pitch Tournament planned for June 8.

# Farm update



***Kind-a-Klassy***

The Kind-a-Klassy steppers show why their name is so appropriate. The four talented young ladies from the Russell area strutted their stuff as part of the entertainment at the Metcalfe Agricultural Society Ball.

Press Photo — Quail

## Scholarships offered

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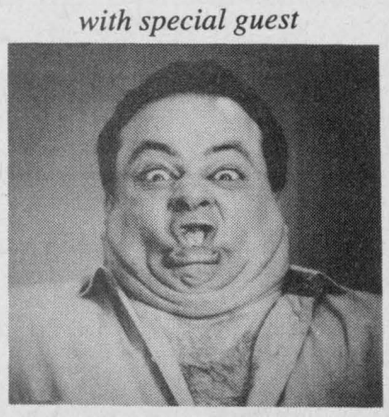
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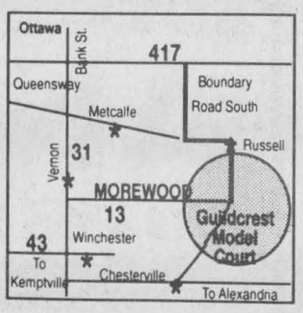

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# Area farmers itching to get on the land

**Dianne Fetterly**
*Agricultural editor*

WINCHESTER — With May already under way, and larger than normal acreages of corn to plant this year, area farmers are finally able to get on the land.

Last year by this time, farmers had over half the corn crop already planted. But despite nearly a week of warmer weather, some fields are still too wet to work. We'll need about 10 days of warm, dry conditions to get things really moving, says Gilles Quesnel, crop advisor with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Normally, a fair amount of manure and fertilizer is spread by this time of year as well. However this spring, the rush for fertilizer just got under way over the past week or so.

The season's not overly late, but the high price of corn has prompted growers to designate a larger percentage of their acreage to the crop, says Quesnel. And corn planted after May 15 can suffer slight yield reductions, he added.

However, Quesnel says with today's larger machinery it only takes about two weeks of good working conditions to get the bulk of the crop in.

**HAY LATE**

Hay, pastures and lawns are also about a week to a week-and-a-half behind normal. But the warmer weather will bring them along nicely, says Quesnel.

As well, planting time for Spring Wheat is becoming crucial. Quesnel says he likes to see the wheat in by the last week of April, however, if planted by the first couple weeks of May yields shouldn't be greatly affected. Many farmers are getting the cereals planted this week.



***Under way***

After a slightly slow start, farmers are now creating a flurry of activity in area fields. Pictured, Bill Lillico plants corn at his farm near Mountain.
Press Photo — Fetterly

# WRED changes to WINning name

IROQUOIS — The Women and Rural Economic Development (WRED) has a new name.

The group has decided on the name Women in networking (WIN) because members felt it would be more catchy and better reflect the purpose of the group.


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Researcher Bill Langenburg with one of his plants at the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology greenhouses.
Press Photo — Fetterly

# Kemptville research puts spuds on table

**Dianne Fetterly**
*Agricultural editor*

KEMPTVILLE — One of the most popular potatoes with local gardeners was introduced to the area by Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology.

The yellow-fleshed Yukon Gold was introduced by Bill Langenburg, a researcher and lecturer with the college. Langenburg and his colleagues perform variety and other trials on a number of fruits and vegetables including corn, asparagus, tomatoes, strawberries, blueberries and raspberries.

But according to Langenburg, the Yukon Gold was difficult to get established in Eastern Ontario. While Europeans are used to yellow potatoes and enjoy varieties like the Yukon Gold, North Americans prefer a white potato. They had difficulty accepting the Yukon Gold despite its favorable flavor, he explained.

The Yukon Gold is fairly soft-fleshed and cooks down nicely for mashed potatoes, claims Langenburg. However, it prefers a sandy soil and doesn't perform well in the heavy clay soils.

However, a Dutch potato, similar to Yukon Gold, is gaining popularity with area potato growers because it performs poorly in sandy soil but does very well in clay.

And for those still preferring a white-fleshed potato, Superior is a good one says Langenburg. But there is a bit of a problem with the potato's skin turning green. Langenburg also says he's pleased with a new cultivar developed in Guelph, called Eramosa.

**PERFORMANCE TRIALS**

During the variety performance trials, researchers begin harvesting the tubers on July 9, checking potato size, to determine the earliest varieties.

In his trials, Langenburg found Superior to be the earliest variety followed by Eramosa and Yukon Gold.

Trials also determined the Colorado Potato Beetle to be the biggest threat to potato production in Eastern Ontario. The striped beetle lays eggs on the underside of the leaf, damaging the plant. And since it has become immune to some sprays, picking the beetle is the best defense, especially in small gardens.

Scab is also a problem with potatoes grown in lighter soils. To prevent the problem,

Langenburg recommends planting in a moderately acid soil or picking scab-resistant varieties. The Yukon Gold is particularly susceptible to scab.

Potato blight, a fungus that starts on the leaves and eventually causes the tubers to rot, can also cause problems. However, the problem can be reduced by planting the potatoes in steep hills in a north-south direction. This will allow the sun easier access to the plants and help dry off the leaves where the fungus begins.

For those wanting to store their potatoes over winter, they should wait until the foliage is dead before harvesting. Anyone who can't wait for the foliage to die off can clip off the tops of the plants with the trimmers, wait two weeks, and then harvest, says Langenburg.

## Heat and rainfall report

For the week of May 1-4, 1996

| | Rainfall | Accum. to date | Heat Units | Accum. to date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CHESTERVILLE | 1.8 | 1.8 | N/A | N/A |
| MORRISBURG | 2.4 | 2.4 | N/A | N/A |
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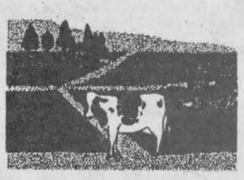

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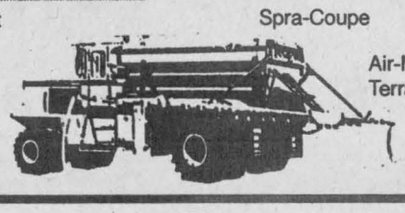

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# Cabins built at area campsite

MORRISBURG — The Parks of the St. Lawrence have added something new to their long list of attractions.

For the first time ever, visitors are being offered all the features of traditional camping with the added luxury of roofed accommodations. Camper cabins are now available at Riverside-Cedar Campsite along the St. Lawrence River.

For a relaxing, peaceful and fun filled vacation and all the comforts of home, campers can reserve an extended-stay campsite today and save 40 per cent off the regular camping fees.

The parks operated by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission offer clean facilities, no-hassle pre-registration, water access, great beaches and good swimming, comfort stations, service sites, close proximity to major centres and a variety of activities: fishing, boating, walking, paddle boating, canoeing (rentals) and cycling.

The following destinations will open for the season on May 17: 1000 Islands - Ivy Lea Campsite (including wilderness sites), Brown's Bay Picnic Area; Crysler Park - Riverside-Cedar Campsite (near Upper Canada Village), Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary Nature Campsite (near Ingleside); Long Sault - McLaren, Woodlands and Mille Roches Areas (Long Sault Parkway), Glengarry Park (near Lancaster).

Crysler Beach will open June 15 with refreshments available during the season. Crysler Park Marina, which opened on April 15, features new barbecues and will host the inaugural Antique Boat Show on June 15.

In addition, Upper Canada Golf Course is scheduled to open May 4, weather permitting.

While camping at the commission's parks, visitors are just minutes away from fabulous historical sites like Upper Canada Village near Morrisburg. The Upper Canada Golf Course, adjacent to the village, boasts a reputation as the Seaway Valley's finest 18-hole public golf course. Boats can be launched at the nearby Crysler Park Marina, giving direct access to the St. Lawrence river. Visitors to the area can also enjoy the diversity of plays staged at the Upper Canada Playhouse and walk through the world of dinosaurs at Prehistoric World.

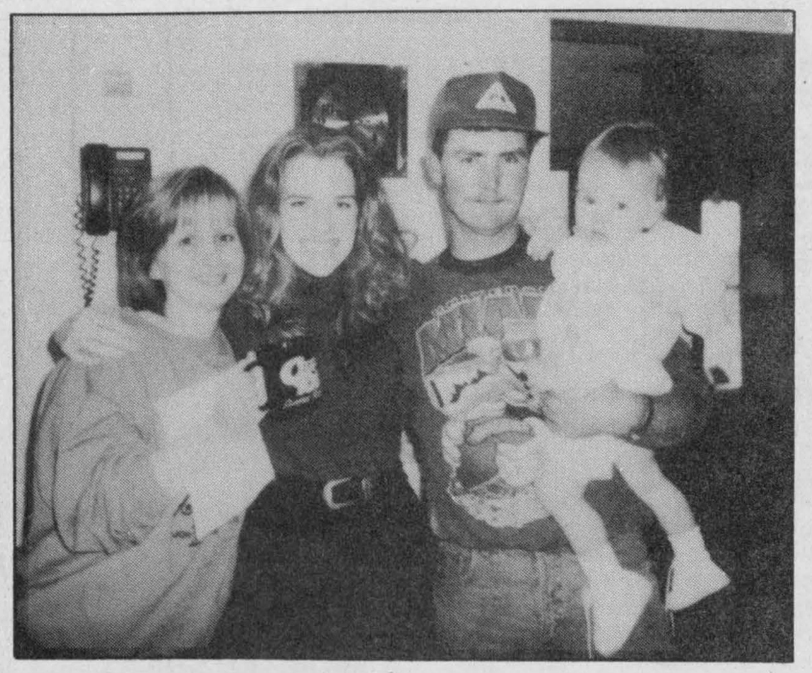
For more information on the opening of facilities operated by the Parks of the St. Lawrence, a schedule of events or for reservations call 1-800-437-2233. For campsite reservations call 613-534- 8202 (Crysler Park and Long Sault) or 613-659-3057 (1000 Islands).





## *Retirees reunion*

Seventy Winchester District Memorial Hospital retirees met for their annual reunion at the Winchester Lions Hall last Thursday. They had a luncheon which began with an English prayer read by Irene Broad.



## *Eagles winners*

Pete and Amy DeJong had a pleasant surprise last week when Janice Dean of CHEZ 106, centre, showed up at their RR4 Winchester home to give them a pair of tickets to an upcoming Eagles concert in Ottawa and a chance to win a trip to see the band perform in London, England. The DeJongs' daughter Tara joins them in this picture.

Press Photo— Robinson

# Hearing Society to visit schools

DUNDAS —During May the Canadian Hearing Society will visit area schools to provide students with information on hearing safety and hearing conservation.

Rogers Cable and the Canadian Hearing Society have teamed up to produce "Hearing Awareness", a program about our community and the effects and programs for deaf, deafened and hard of hearing individuals. The program will be aired the week of May 13.

On May 27th, the Canadian Hearing Society will be providing a workshop on "Communicating with the Hard of Hearing" at Chateau Cornwall, 41 Amelia St. at 6:30 pm. This workshop would be beneficial to anyone who works with seniors, who has a hearing loss or has a family member with a hearing loss or operates a business. For further information please contact Tammy Donnelly at the Canadian Hearing Society at 930-2062 (voice) or 930-4861 (TTY).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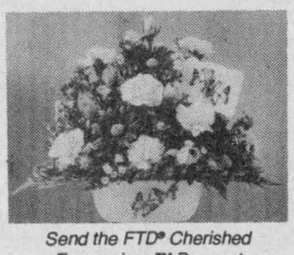

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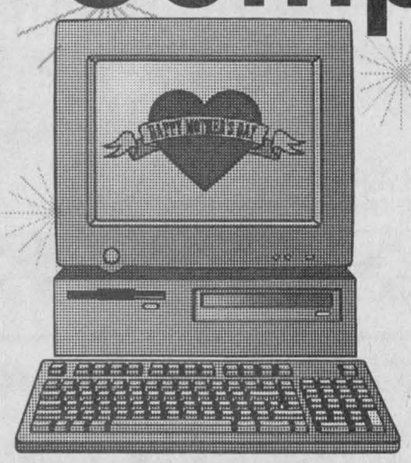

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