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2004 ambassador

Twelve-year-old Iroquois resident and Easter Seal recipient Alexander Smellink greeted local snowmobile riders and residents of Morrisburg at this year's Snowarama Easter Seals fundraiser at the Morrisburg Fire Hall on Saturday (Feb. 7). This year's event raised over $4,800 for Easter Seals in Dundas County. Photo — Burgoone

Water tests safe at Mountain rink

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — The annual Mountain Winter Fun Day will go ahead as planned, thanks to a clean well water test at the hamlet's outdoor rink facilities last week. Township recreation director Mark Guy reported to council on Monday (Feb. 9) that a second consecutive clean test shows the water is safe for drinking.

The township has been struggling to meet the water testing requirements of the new provincial Safe Drinking Water Act. The eight recreation facilities in the township now need to have weekly water tests. Negative results require water supplying sinks and washrooms to be shut down.

Council struggles with water rules

Guy said the annual event organized by the Mountain Recreation Association will now go ahead as planned. "Organizing their food would have been the biggest thing. They wouldn't have been able to have a hot lunch," said Guy. Health guidelines are strict that hot water for washing hands has to be available wherever food is being served to the public.

While water service has been restored at the outdoor rink in Mountain, water service at the rink in Inkerman will remain shut off indefinitely. Council passed a motion at Monday's meeting to decommission the well at the rink after repeated negative water tests.

Signs have identified the water at the Inkerman rink as being non-potable for a number of weeks now. Water is only being used to flood the rink surface.

Guy reported that he isn't aware of any annual events that are organized in Inkerman that will be affected by the decommissioned well. Whether it will be possible to supply the rink with drinking water in the future is a matter that council will address. "It's something we'll have to speak to the community about, and see what they can live with," said Guy.

Council first discussed water quality problems in Mountain and Inkerman in January. New provincial legislation requires tests which will cost between $6,000 and $10,000 each year per facility to administer. Discussion at council has questioned whether the township can afford to pay for these tests, let alone any capital upgrades that negative tests might require.

Why the two rink wells returned negative tests hasn't been determined. Guy pointed out that the negative tests in these cases only identified high bacteria counts in the water, not more dangerous material such as e.coli or chloroforms. "The results could have been the result of runoff water, or the result of water sitting stagnant for a long period of time," said Guy.

Weekly tests at the township's community facilities are being conducted by the local Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA). The township is continuing to work with OCWA to find inexpensive ways to maintain the activities community groups have staged in the past. The concern is that if recreation associations can't hold barbecues and the like to raise money, recreation in the township will be severely curtailed.

Ethanol plant funding announcement Friday

OTTAWA — Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh MP Bob Kilger has announced that a press conference on the Ethanol Expansion Program will be held at the Winchester Arena on Fri., Feb. 13 at 1:30 pm. John Efford, Minister of Natural Resources, and Bob Speller, Minister of Agriculture, will both be in attendance.

"This announcement should prove instrumental in the solidification of the Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-operative plans to build an ethanol plant in Cornwall," said MP Bob Kilger.

Kilger hosted a pivotal meeting in Ottawa on Jan. 7 with Efford and Speller. United Counties Warden Dennis Fife, Cornwall Mayor Phil Poirier and Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh MPP Jim Brownell also attended the meeting.

"Each representative at the meeting helped deliver a specific message on the importance of securing funding for this project and seeing it become established within our region," said Kilger.

The Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-operative has been attempting to get the Cornwall ethanol plant built for nearly a decade. The province has contributed $3 million in funding. As well, millions of dollars have been invested by local shareholders, mainly cash crop producers. It is expected that the federal government's contribution will be at least $10 million and will be enough to kick-start construction.

Credit union open for business

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The new Ottawa Carleton Credit Union (OCCU) in Williamsburg is the group's first branch in rural Ontario, part of a new push to install credit unions in communities deserted by banks. The new credit union, under the friendly sounding name Your Credit Union, opened for business on Feb. 3 and the ribbon was officially cut on Feb. 5.

"It's been a little bit of a rush. A lot has happened in the last couple of months," said OCCU CEO John Ebsary to the approximately 35 people gathered at the grand opening. The credit union worked quickly to open its doors after the Bank of Montreal vacated the building. The BMO branch closed on Oct. 10.

The Williamsburg community worked hard to get another financial institution to locate in the village. John Dalrymple and Dave Lapier were two of the community leaders singled out for praise at the opening. "Let's make it work," said Dalrymple to his fellow residents.

Bruce Corbett, a member of the credit union's board of directors, was also in Williamsburg to mark the branch's opening. He spoke about how credit unions have been picking up the rural bank branches that have closed because they were not making enough money. "We're here for the long run," he said, pointing out that the credit union purchased the building. "And the money stays here in eastern Ontario."

Eventually a council of local members will be elected to oversee the branch, explained Corbett. Anyone can join the credit union by purchasing a single share for $50. Members, who are also shareholders, are entitled to dividends on their shares and have a say in how their financial institution is run.

Your Credit Union offers a full range of personal and business financial services including loans, mortgages, investments, wealth management, and financial planning.

The opening was also a chance for local politicians to say a few words. MP Bob Kilger and MPP Jim Brownell were both present to show their support. South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen thanked the credit union for coming to Williamsburg and praised those in the community who worked to make it happen. The township has demonstrated its commitment to the new credit union by switching all township business over from the BMO.

"When the bank closed, it took the heart out of the community. Now on a beautiful day we're putting the heart back in," said Williamsburg councillor Johnny Whitteker to members of the press. "I encourage all the people to use it," he added.

Your Credit Union is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 noon to 4 pm, Thursdays from 12 noon to 6 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.



The ribbon was cut to officially open the new Ottawa Carleton Credit Union in Williamsburg on Feb. 5. From left to right: Credit Union staff member Doreen Henderson, MP Bob Kilger, MPP Jim Brownell, OCCU board representative Bruce Corbett, Mayor Lyle Van Allen, OCCU CEO John Ebsary, and branch general manager Kelly MacDonald.

Missing Prescott couple has South Mountain connection

PRESCOTT — Police in Prescott are seeking the public's assistance in locating a couple who has not been seen since Saturday (Feb. 7).

Police responded to a reported break and enter Monday morning at a Russell Street residence. When they arrived, they found the apartment had been vandalized and the occupants were missing.

Missing is 30-year-old Wayne Puddy and his partner Christine Armstrong, also 30 years of age.

It is unknown where the couple may have travelled to. According to police chief Bryan Somerville, the couple is believed to have ties in the Kemptville and South Mountain communities.

Armstrong is an employee at the Kemptville and District Hospital, but has not reported as scheduled for work since last Thursday. Neither of the missing people has had contact with family members in several weeks.

They may be travelling in a red 1993 Nissan van bearing Ontario licence plates ASRB 329. Anyone with information is asked to call Prescott police at 613-925-4252 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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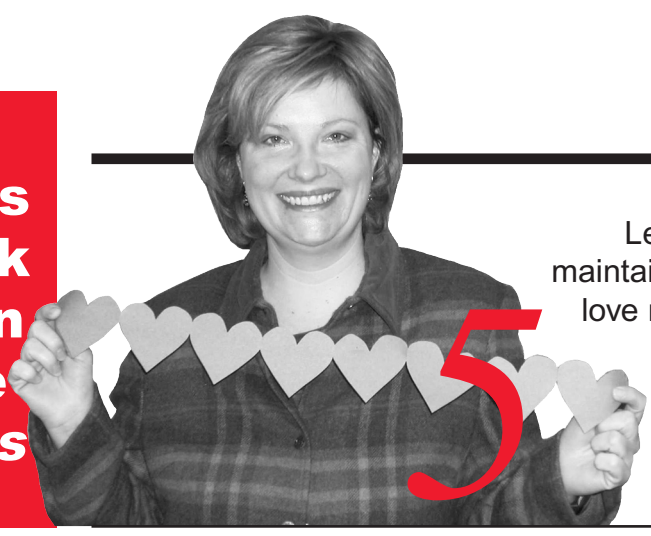
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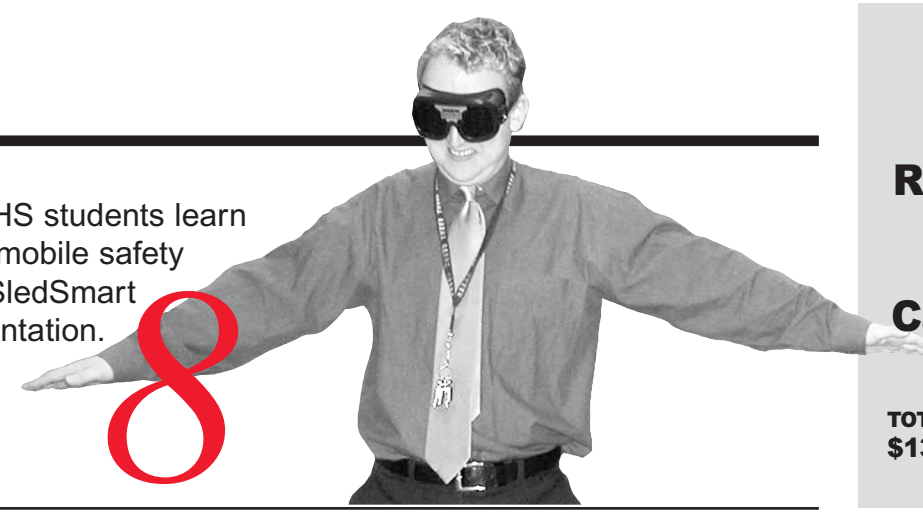

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Snowarama raises $4,800

by Jason Burgoone

MORRISBURG — The Dundas County Easter Seal Society and the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association joined forces on Saturday (Feb. 7) in Morrisburg for what turned out to be a profitable fundraiser for the local Easter Seal organization.

Dundas County Easter Seal Society ambassador Alex Smellink, 12, was on hand at the Morrisburg Fire Hall to welcome both riders and hungry residents to Snowarama. Adults were served up a hearty plate of pancakes and bacon for a mere $5, while the children ate for an affordable $2.50.

Margaret Reynolds, chair of the Dundas County Easter Seal Society, was also in attendance. "We're hoping to raise around $4,000 this year. So far we've raised $3,600," she said regarding early fundraising totals.

The pancake breakfast served as a send-off for the second half of the event — an afternoon trail ride organized by the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association's Girls On Snow group. The ride finished at the McIntosh Inn.

Fundraising for the Easter Seal Society will continue in Dundas County with a curling bonspiel in Morrisburg on Feb. 28, and a blooper ball (slow pitch) tournament sometime in June.

The total amount raised at this year's Snowarama was over $4,800.

Visioning the future

WINCHESTER — At the end of Monday night's North Dundas council meeting, Deputy Mayor Bill Smirle used the Council Concerns portion of the agenda to insist council start making plans for a "visioning" meeting. The need for the township to have long-term goals that it can work toward has often been mentioned around the council table, and often came up during last fall's election.

"Am I the only one who thinks we should timeline this and set a date for a meeting?" asked Smirle. Mayor Alvin Runnalls agreed that a date will be set for a visioning exercise to map out the township's future at the special meeting of council this Friday (Feb. 13).

Among the topics that have often come up in connection with steering the township's future is a Business Retention and Expansion kit available through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Both Smirle and councillor Martin Schoones have promoted the value of council working more closely with members of the township's business community.

Preserve heirloom photos, documents

MORRISBURG — Morrisburg and District Historical Society archivist Susan Peters will be conducting a workshop on the care and handling of photographs and paper-based heirlooms on behalf of the society.

Peters, who has been trained in archival technology, operates a consulting business on the care and maintenance of heirlooms.

Those interested in how to preserve documents and photographs are encouraged to attend the workshop, on Sat., Feb. 21, 1 to 4 pm. It will be held on the first floor of the former Morrisburg High School on Ottawa Street, south of the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic. Cost is $20, with proceeds going to the historical society.

To register call Susan Peters at 613-543-2830 or e-mail at susanr-peters@familyjewelsarchival.com.



Council notes from North Dundas

Anglicans watching water

WINCHESTER – Another public meeting at Monday's council meeting attracted the concern of the local Anglican parish. The meeting was to rezone the former Presbyterian church in South Mountain to become a residence. This worried the neighboring Anglican Church because the two buildings have long shared the same well.

Township planner Calvin Pol explained that municipal rules can't force a property owner to produce a well study before a routine rezoning is allowed. He did offer the assurance that if the well went dry, the residence would be responsible for drilling a new one. The best Pol could recommend was for the Anglican Church to refer to the original well agreement between the two churches.

"Those details are buried in 100 years of history," said Rev. Brian Kauk, who services the Anglican parish. "And the agreements may even have been verbal."

Council decided to defer passing a bylaw to rezone the former Presbyterian church until its next meeting in March. In the meantime, more information on the shared well will be gathered.

Budgeting for RAs

North Dundas recreation director Mark Guy reported to council that a number of community recreation associations have been approaching him with requests for township funding. As council approaches budget season, Guy suggested that having a funding system formally in place would help him respond to requests.

"We have to work on some policy for when we're approached by these groups," said Guy. He said he'd last been approached by the Morewood Recreation Association with a request for $1,000 to cover expenses from its winter carnival. Other requests have come from the Winchester Springs Recreation Association and Mountain Township Floor Hockey.

Council agreed that developing a recreation association funding formula would be included in its budget deliberation process.



Ethanol lobby

MPP Jim Brownell (left), MP Bob Kilger, SD&G Warden Dennis Fife and Cornwall Mayor Phil Poirier met with Natural Resources Minister John Efford and Agriculture Minister Bob Speller in support of the Cornwall ethanol project on Jan. 7.

Smitherman confirms WDMH tour

WINCHESTER — Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care George Smitherman today confirmed he will be touring two hospitals in Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh on March 16.

"I am anticipating the minister's visit, and look forward to presenting him first hand the needs of both our Cornwall Community Hospital and Winchester District Memorial Hospital," said MPP Jim Brownell. "This is a great opportunity for the minister to meet, and hear the concerns of our community."

Smitherman will tour the two facilities during the afternoon on March 16.

Pro-Delegarde flyers circulate in South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG — South Dundas council made it clear at its meeting on Feb. 3 that it had nothing to do with two flyers that have been circulating in support of councillor Ron Delegarde. Delegarde is facing a conflict of interest suit filed by Morrisburg businessman Andrew Bowers.

The flyers claim that the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce and the township's communications committee, which support the township's fibre-optic Internet system and want the township to accept funding to expand it, are pitting themselves against Delegarde. Delegarde, the flyers say, is trying to get the township out of the fibre-optic business and cut the monthly losses the high-speed Internet system has been incurring.

One of these documents names businesses that it claims support Bowers in his legal action. It also accuses members of the Chamber, by name, of "trying to run and dictate how and when and what our council will do."

Both flyers are anonymous. They asked for people to phone members of council in support of Delegarde and to attend the Feb. 3 council meeting.

The conflict of interest suit charges that Delegarde has voted on township matters that involve Internet communication when he should have declared himself in conflict. He works for Bell Canada, a business that offers Internet and communication services. The matter is scheduled to be in court on Feb. 27.

Mayor Lyle Van Allen read the following statement at the Feb. 3 council meeting. "Council was not aware of the preparation and distribution of these documents, nor does council condone any such actions. The documents do not represent the position of this council or any municipal employee."

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Winchester subdivision wins council's approval

WINCHESTER — A new 32-unit subdivision is being planned for Winchester. At a public meeting on Monday (Feb. 9) North Dundas council approved a development project put forward by Eastern Engineering Group of Brockville.

The new subdivision is planned for an area of farm land which is now in use for crops. The area is located on the east side of St. Lawrence Street, roughly across from the municipal building. The subdivision project has three phases, with 13 units to be built initially.

SD&G counties planner Michael Otis was in attendance at the public meeting to report on what comments the subdivision plan has attracted from various agencies. The most significant feedback came from South Nation Conservation (SNC). The Reynolds Branch Drain runs near the property and SNC has identified the drain as a potential spawning habitat for pike. Fish studies will be completed in the spring.

More significant were questions over the safety of locating a residential area next to land that is actively being farmed. "I know from experience that the liability is very high, and a six-foot fence doesn't stop kids from getting on a property," said councillor Estella Rose.

Hugh Fawcett owns the farm property directly north of where the new subdivision will be built. "There's no advantage to me with having 32 families move in next door," said Fawcett. "I only ask that you keep them away from me."

The subdivision plan calls for residences and adjoining farm land to be separated by fencing. Fawcett stressed that safety will be a serious concern, explaining that on his property farm vehicles are often in operation during all hours of the day and night. He also mentioned that he doesn't want to start hearing complaints about the manure produced on his farm.

Township planner Calvin Pol explained that the counties' official plan calls for the area surrounding the new residential properties to eventually be developed as well. "It's a gradual process," he explained.

The subdivision plan also includes a small park. Councillor Martin Schoones recommended that the developer, instead, could contribute the value of the park to township recreation development. That way, recreations facilities such as playing fields will stay in centralized locations.

J'aime Lire encourages daily reading



J'aime Lire

The Ontario Early Years Centre in Winchester held its first J'aime Lire session at the end of January. Two of the families participating in this French reading program were David Leonhardt with daughter Chantalyne (left) and Meaghan-Lina Arel with mom Cheryl. Behind are Tobi Giles, the centre's family resources co-ordinator, and Denise Lalande, Tri-County Literacy's J'aime Lire co-ordinator. Press Photo—James

WINCHESTER — The Ontario Early Years Centre in Winchester held its first J'aime Lire session at the end of January and had an excellent turnout. The program, organized by Tri-County Literacy, is the French counterpart to Fun with Books. Both programs are aimed at the parents and caregivers of kids up to the age of six and encourage daily reading with children.

J'aime Lire co-ordinator Denise Lalande explained that the program gives parents tips on reading to their kids and suggestions for how to include reading as part of every day. She was pleased with what she termed a "huge turnout" for the first session at the Winchester centre. A second session will take place on Feb. 26 and a third one some time in March. Lalande said she hopes to continue the program in Winchester as long as there is a demand for it. Children get a free book at each session, a different book each time.

J'aime Lire isn't the only new thing going on at the Early Years Centre. The centre has launched a Mother Goose program to help parents and caregivers of infants learn songs and nursery rhymes. The centre's family resource co-ordinator, Tobi Giles, noted that in many cases the new generation of parents wasn't brought up with these songs and rhymes and the program emphasises the value of sharing this type of activity with a young child. Mother Goose takes place on Mondays at 2 pm and pre-registration is necessary.

Also on the schedule for February is a "Be my Valentine" early learning activity tomorrow (Feb. 12) and a winter science early learning activity on Feb. 19. These activities are for children aged 3 to 6 and there is limited space so it is important to register beforehand. A Fun with Books session is scheduled for Feb. 17.

Parents and caregivers should note that a special evening workshop will take place on Feb. 24 at 7 pm. Called "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" the session will include making a felt story board to take home. Participants will cut out the needed felt shapes and learn how to use them on a felt story board for interactive storytelling.

The Early Years Centre is located at 547 St. Lawrence Street in Winchester and can be reached at 774-5487.

Petition opposes Boucks Hill pig farm expansion

WILLIAMSBURG — The expansion of a Boucks Hill hog farm has inspired a local resident to circulate a petition of opposition.

Trevor Tolley has distributed over 500 petition flyers to residents in the Village of Williamsburg as well as those in the RR1 and RR2 areas.

He wants residents to join together in asking council to hold a public meeting to inform citizens of the construction of factory hog operations in the township, as well as demand changes which would address nutrient management issues in the township and protect wetlands.

The farm in question is located on County Road 18 and the property owner has secured a building permit from South Dundas Township to build two additional barns and a manure storage tank. This expansion could increase the farm's number of pigs from 2,000 to up to 5,000.

Tolley is primarily concerned that the structures are located too close to the adjacent Hoasic Creek wetland. Tolley took his concerns to South Dundas council on Jan. 6, where he was informed that the request met all criteria and so the building permit had to be issued. The owner has manure agreements in place with local farmers to spread the waste produced. No manure will be spread on the hog farm property. Of potential interest is the fact that councillors Charles Barkley and Johnny Whitteker are among those farmers who have agreed to take the manure.

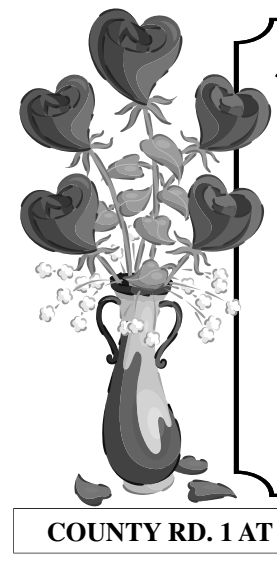
Township planning director Don Lewis explained at the meeting that the township did make an effort to be particularly thorough, having the application checked over by an OMAF consultant, the United Counties planning department and the township's solicitors.

The property owner has filed an official nutrient management plan, though he was not required to do so. Because the application was made the day before the new Nutrient Management Act (NMA) came into effect, the farm is not legally bound to the NMA until July 2005. The property owner has also agreed to move the location of the manure storage facility 10 metres further away from the wetland area, although he is not legally required to do so.

Tolley felt that council should have had a public meeting before issuing the permit. His petition asks that council hold a public hearing in the immediate future. It asks that council pass a bylaw establishing a local committee to address nutrient management issues in the municipality, and that council develop an official plan and appropriate zoning bylaw to protect the prime wetlands in the township.

Township clerk Brenda Brunt confirmed that some of the signed petition forms have been received at the township office. She was unable to say exactly how many, but said it was "a few."

Tolley's petition also asks that residents contact MPP Jim Brownell with regards to changing the Nutrient Management Act, which he says designates factory farming as normal farm practice.



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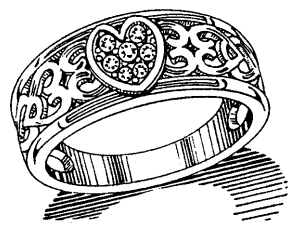
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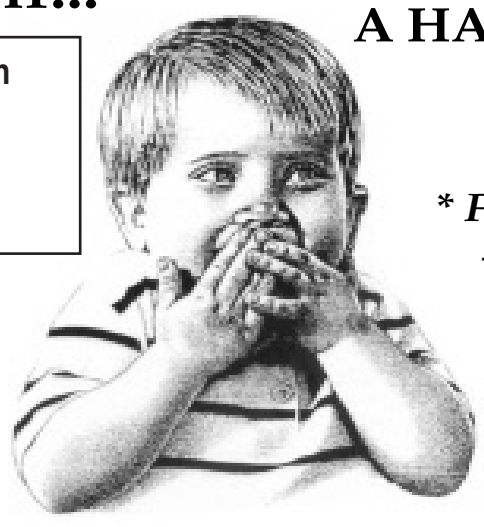
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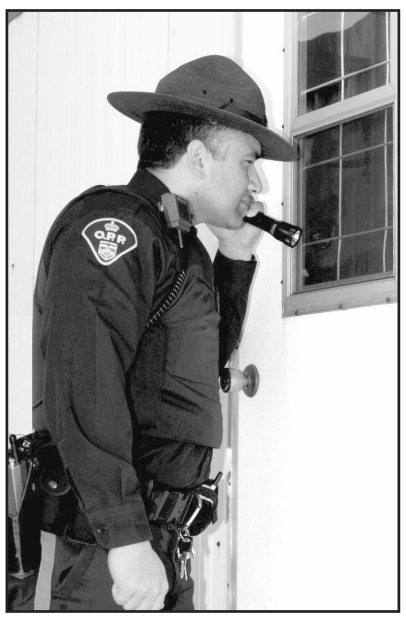

The owners of home alarm systems in SD&G are now required to register their alarms with the United Counties. OPP responding to an alarm that isn't registered will fine the owner $200.

SD&G reduces false alarms in bylaw's first year

WINCHESTER — The Police Services Board of SD&G is hopeful that the new year will bring a reduction in false alarms for the OPP to respond to, and fewer fines for residents of the three United Counties.

False alarms have become a major problem for police forces throughout the province. The dramatic increase in home and business security alarm systems in recent years has meant a similar increase in false alarms for police to deal with. Many municipalities, including SD&G, have found it necessary to adopt security alarm bylaws in response to the problem.

SD&G OPP respond to each alarm dispatch request to the police service. A false alarm means that officers find no evidence of an offence or attempted offence after completing an investigation of the alarm site. Depending on the location and circumstances, an alarm investigation can take an officer up to 60 minutes to complete. Considering that 99.25 per cent of the 1,342 alarm calls in 2003 were false, it translates into a tremendous and costly drain on police resources.

"False alarms are costly, not only financially, but in terms of police resources", says inspector Mike Hopkins, detachment commander of the SD&G OPP. "A false alarm can delay an officer's response in the case of a real emergency, and take officers away from other important police work, such as break-and-enter prevention, patrols, etc."

The Counties' Security Alarm Bylaw came into effect on Jan. 1, 2003 and already has shown promising results. Police responded to 256 fewer false alarms last year than in 2002 –- a reduction of 16 per cent. The figures may also mean that alarm owners have become more efficient at canceling police dispatch in the case of operator error, which is also a positive indication.

The challenge has been in getting owners to register their alarms. Less than half of the alarm owners in SD&G have registered. Dave MacDonald from the Police Services Board stressed the importance of registering.

"This new bylaw enhances protection of people's property," said MacDonald. As part of the registration, vital information is being gathered to assist police officers in responding should there be a triggered alarm. All unregistered owners are now in violation of this bylaw and are facing a $200 fine. Immediate registration is required to avoid this fine."

Alarm owners face an escalating schedule of fees, based on the number of false alarms police respond to. There is no charge for the first false alarm, a $25 charge for the second, $50 for the third, and $100 for the fourth and any subsequent false alarms. An unregistered alarm is subject to a fee of $200, which will include registration.

The registration cost is $36 for a three-year period for residential and business alarm systems. There is no fee for senior citizens over the age of 65, schools, municipal offices and churches, but the alarms must still be registered. Registration packages can be picked up at the United Counties office at 26 Pitt St. in Cornwall, at local municipal offices, or at SD&G OPP offices. Forms can be downloaded from the United Counties Web site at www.sdgcounties.ca.

For more information on the false alarm program and how to register, call alarm co-ordinator Kelly Lackey at 613-543-2223.

Seniors host euchre party

WILLIAMSBURG — Winners at the Williamsburg Seniors' euchre on Feb. 4 were as follows. The White Card winners were Everett Froats, Keith Scott and Jean Sutton. The Yellow Card winners were Hubert LaPierre, Muriel Miller and Harold Gallinger.

The door prizes were won by Peggy Thompson and Graham Pemberton. The draws were won by Ed Thompson (2), Irene Carr, Betty Barkley, Keith Scott, Dwain Hess, Enid Dalrymple and Faye Hanes.

The next euchre will be held on Feb. 18 and everyone is welcome.

Police blotter

Stolen truck recovered

MORRISBURG — Police began an investigation into the theft of a 1994 Chevrolet S10 pick-up truck on Feb. 7. The theft had occurred overnight from a private residence in the Village of Morrisburg.

Shortly before 10 am on Feb. 7 the vehicle was recovered, abandoned in a parking area near Morrisburg Public School. No damage had been sustained to the vehicle, and no arrests were made at the time of its recovery. Constable D. Ferguson is investigating this incident.

Generator grab

WILLIAMSBURG — Police began an investigation into a break and enter that occurred at a property located along County Road 7 in the former Williamsburg Township on Feb. 4.

Between Feb. 1 and 4, entry into a storage shed on the property resulted in the theft of a 1500-watt Honda generator and a Briggs and Stratton water pump. Constable E. McGraw is investigating this incident.

Last seen southbound

WINCHESTER — Police were alerted to a theft of a 1991 Ford Aerostar van shortly before 4 pm on Feb. 4. The theft occurred a short time before at the Hydro One parking lot in Winchester.

The vehicle was last seen being driven southbound on St. Lawrence Street in the village. The vehicle has not yet been recovered. Constable P. Como is investigating.

Bail violation

SOUTH DUNDAS — Following an investigation by police into an incident involving the violation of bail conditions in South Dundas Township on Feb. 2, Marvin Ladouceur, 55, of Cornwall has been charged by OPP. Charges include breach of probation (residency conditions) and breach of undertaking (non-association condition); and providing a false address. A show cause hearing was scheduled to be held in the City of Cornwall.

Winter driving tips

WINCHESTER — What happens if you should have a breakdown along the highway this winter? Will someone know where to look for you? Will you know how to summon help? What do you do until help arrives?

Firstly, don't panic, and stay in your vehicle.

"Call Police" signs are available at your local OPP office and provide an easy way to alert passing motorists that help is needed. A cellular telephone is also a perfect tool in case of problems along the road.

In the winter, an emergency kit is also a good idea. A kit that includes ice scrapers, blankets, extra winter clothing, food, a first aid kit, booster cables helps to deal with many emergencies and may get you back on the road sooner.

If you know you will be traveling in remote areas or in bad weather, let someone know which route you will be taking and when you expect to arrive at your destination.

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

MOUNTAIN — Heads up fellas. In case any of you have forgotten, Sat., Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day. I can imagine some of the comments: "We don't make a big thing out of it," or, "She knows how I feel about her."

However, from a woman's point of view, it can be a big deal if it is missed entirely. This doesn't mean you have to provide a lavish, expensive outpouring of affection, although that would be acceptable. Simply show your appreciation to your partner. So, go for it. At least buy a nice card.

WINTER FUN

There will be a big Winter Fun Day in Mountain on Saturday (Feb. 14). Admission is $1 per person with a maximum of $5 per family. There will be dog sled team demonstrations and rides between 11 am and 2 pm with 40 to 60 dogs in 10 teams.

The mutt race, for dogs over 20 pounds in weight, takes place at 11:30 am, and various children's games and races start at 11 am. In the afternoon, from 2 to 4 pm, there will be horse drawn sleigh rides.

It is also possible to eat well with homemade soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, chili, desserts and more. It sounds like a full day.

TRAIL BLAZERS

And if you are going snowmobiling, don't forget the Mountain Trail Blazers are serving breakfast at the clubhouse on Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) from 9 am to 1 pm.

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



Ethanol a priority

TORONTO — Firstly, let me express my sincere best wishes this winter to the constituents of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh. The House adjourned on Dec. 18 and since then I have been busy with constituency issues, and keeping in contact with my counterparts through the Eastern Ontario Caucus.

Made up of Liberal MPPs from the region, the caucus has provided an excellent opportunity to promote issues on a regional level, and I made a presentation to the caucus on Jan. 9. As well, a presentation was made by the Seaway Valley Energy Co-operative, through its president, Bud Atkins.

It was also a pleasure to accept MP Bob Kilger's invitation to meet with Canadian government officials on Jan. 7 to discuss the Federal government's commitment to ethanol production, and the allocation of a total of $60 million for ethanol in this fiscal year. A decision will be made regarding this very soon.

Locally, the issue of birth certificates has caused concerns and frustrations; however, my office will work diligently to resolve issues that are of an urgent nature. In our world today, it is of utmost importance to provide the greatest degree of security possible, and these greater security checks have created backlogs in the department.

With almost 71,000 birth certificate applications waiting to be processed as of Jan. 17 last year, more personnel have been hired at the Thunder Bay office. Hopefully, this will alleviate some of the pressures in the department. Birth certificates, required on an urgent basis, may still be obtained in Toronto, but now require two days for processing.

Many constituents have approached my office concerning issues relative to property assessments, and their concerns with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). These same concerns have been expressed by MPPs throughout Ontario, and we know that much more work is required to resolve issues between the corporation and government.

I attended an MPAC forum in Ottawa on Jan. 24. This forum was open to the public, and was organized by Minister of Consumer and Business Affairs Jim Watson, and by City of Ottawa councillor Alex Cullen. As well, I continue to question the inequity in business and industrial assessments across Ontario. In eastern Ontario, we have some of the highest assessments in these sectors, and we must find solutions to the inequities that have been demonstrated for so long.

Regarding Ontario's energy, the Liberal government under Dalton McGuinty is moving forward to protect the interests of Ontarians by addressing its commitment to phase out coal-fired plants by enhancing Ontario's supply of renewable energy. The government is seeking new electrical generation capacity, supporting conservation targets of five per cent by 2007, and working to increase renewable energy capacity.

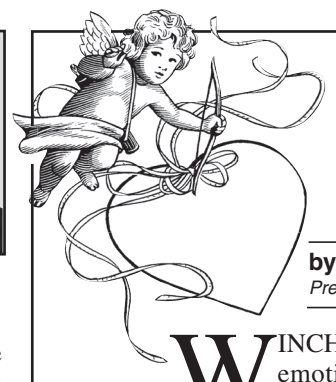
The government will immediately seek a technical advisor to oversee a competitive contracting process for new capacity. With a need to find solutions quickly, this advisor will be asked to draft requests for proposals for new electrical capacity and to oversee the process.

The McGuinty government has made a commitment to consult with Ontarians as it develops plans for the future. As we work toward the government's first budget, forums and town hall meetings will be held throughout Ontario.

The residents of eastern Ontario and the riding of S-D-C are being encouraged to participate. In the next few weeks you will read about opportunities to dialogue with government and I encourage residents of the riding to participate.

As well, the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care seeks information from residents and their families. The ministry knows that it needs openness, transparency and accountability in our long-term care system, to protect residents and enable them to be informed and active participants in their health care. For these reasons, the ministry has launched a toll-free phone number (800-434-0144) to make it easier for Ontarians to comment, ask questions, and make comments on their care. We must do all we can to ensure the long-term care residents live in dignity, with zero tolerance for abuse and neglect.

If you have questions or concerns, or are seeking information on any provincial matter, please make sure to contact my office. We are here to help and represent you at Queen's Park, where my office can be contacted at 416-325-0710. Or call the constituency office in Cornwall at 613-933-6513.



'Every day should be Valentine's Day'

Show your partner appreciation to keep your love on track

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Being emotionally connected to your partner and showing that you appreciate them are two of the keys to maintaining a healthy romantic relationship, according to local couples counsellor and psychotherapist Debora Dudley.

Dudley has a master's degree in psychology and has been practicing family counselling for more than 10 years. She has specialized in couples counselling for the last three years and currently runs a private practice called Family Matters Assessment, Counselling, and Consulting.

"Staying emotionally connected: in a nutshell that's the most important thing in our love relationships," surmised Dudley. Couples need to build a friendship. "It sounds basic, but it's tough," she continued. You've got to spend time with your mate, learning their likes and dislikes, finding out what their dreams and goals are.

With work and child rearing taking up so much time, it's easy for couples to become disconnected. "People will come into the office, and they love each other, but have lost that connection," said Dudley. "Maybe they haven't had a date with each other in months or years," she added.

"It's easy to know what children need and our needs don't change as adults," said Dudley. We still need a sense of safety and security and to feel wanted. Ask yourself what your partner needs, she recommends. Often we already know. We just need to do it.

It's not enough to be emotionally connected to a mate, you must actively support them. By asking for and respecting each other's opinions and supporting each other's goals, couples will develop a healthy interdependence.

Being generous with affection and appreciation on an ongoing basis will build up an "emotional bank account" to draw on in times of conflict. Working at creating and maintaining a sense of safety and security within the relationship adds to the bank account too.

"When there is an argument, that's when you need to be most gentle," said Dudley. Individuals need to put aside their own agenda as best they can. It's easy to get caught up in defending one's position. The goal should be to make both partners winners. And time outs aren't just for kids. Take a break if an argument gets heated. Just make sure that the issue gets revisited and resolved at a later time.

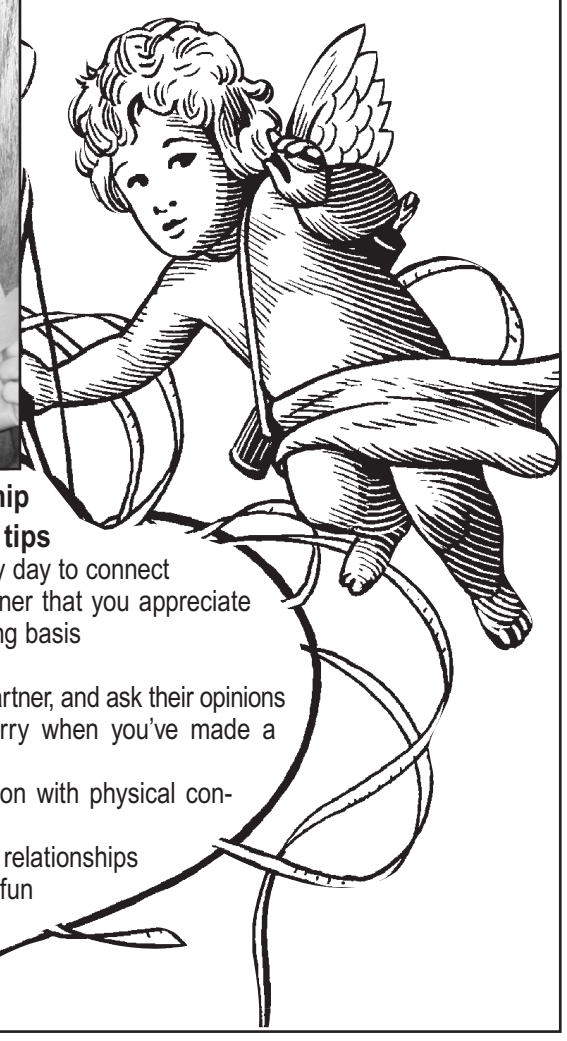
"Valentine's Day is a nice reminder," said Dudley. It encourages us to think about what we love and admire about our partners and then let them know. "Every day should be Valentine's Day," she added.

Dudley has office space in Winchester's Nor-Dun centre on evenings and weekends. "It's quiet, comfortable, and private," she said. Confidentiality is especially important in a small community, she pointed out. Dudley will see a couple together and maybe as individuals as well if needed. She also counsels children, teens, and families.

She is supervised by a registered psychologist, which allows her services to be covered under many health insurance plans. She will also consider a sliding scale of payment to assist those in low-income situations. An appointment with Dudley can be made by calling Family Matters at 989-4500 or by e-mailing familymatters@on.aibn.com.



Local resident Debora Dudley, MA Psych. has a private counselling practice through which she assists couples and families.



Relationship maintenance tips

- Plan time every day to connect
- Show your partner that you appreciate them on an ongoing basis
- Plan date nights
- Listen to your partner, and ask their opinions
- Say you're sorry when you've made a mistake
- Show affection with physical contact
- Have fun, relationships should be fun

No more 'mushy stuff'

NDDHS Notes
by John Irven



MAPLE RIDGE — Second semester at North Dundas District High School starts with a bang. This Fri., Feb. 13 (hope you're not superstitious), we are holding a dance. The student council has decided to make the theme of this dance "Anti-Valentine's" for all those people who can't stand that "mushy stuff."

This means that you do not need a sweetheart with you to attend and have a good time. If you wish to fit the theme, remember to dress in your darkest clothing. Students can invite friends from other schools but they must sign them in before Wednesday. The cost is $7, or $6 with the donation of two cans of food for the food bank.

Student council is also catering to the romantic types at our school. We will be selling roses all next week that will be delivered on Friday. Students can purchase a rose and send it anonymously or they may attach their name or a sweet, original poem to show their creative side.

The "I Flurts" results are in! The results have been tabulated and matches determined. Students can purchase their results this week for $2, and at the same time support the student council. The list of best matches is just in time to help you find a sweetheart for Valentine's Day – if you don't already have one. If you already have a special someone, it is still interesting to find out your "best friend" matches, your most opposite matches, and the many other interesting facts that can be found on your printout.

Students are glad to have M. Jean back teaching at our school. He retired last year and everyone really missed him last semester, but now he has returned and another group of students will get to experience his lively and interesting French classes. It seems that he just could not stay away!

NDDHS has a few new students this semester who have either moved into the district or have transferred from other schools. We would like to welcome them to North Dundas and are sure that they will have a great time over the next few months.

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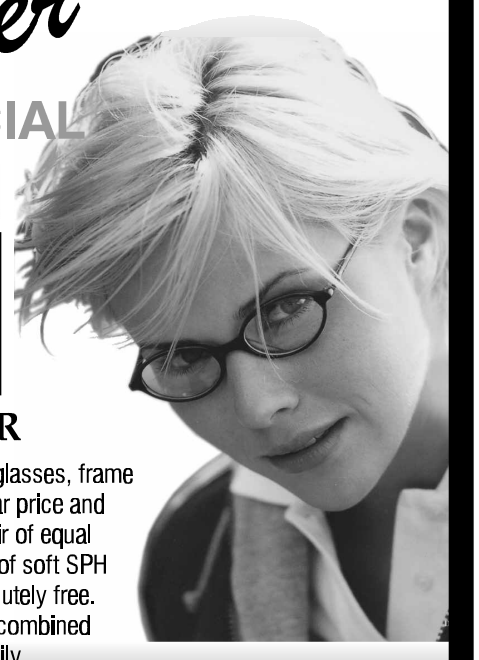

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Feel-good banking

The new credit union that opened last week in Williamsburg is exciting not only for the village, but for all of North and South Dundas. A credit union is a new choice of financial institution that we didn't have locally before. Choices are good.

Credit unions got their start in Europe: England and Germany in particular. The first North American credit union was in Levis, Quebec, where Alphonse Desjardins organized La Caisse Populaire de Levis in the year 1900. Desjardins was a court reporter who became incensed at the high interest being charged by loan sharks, and organized the credit union to provide relief to the working class.

The credit union idea is a simple one; people should be able to pool their money and make loans to each other. It sounds like a good plan, and it is. To become a member, you must buy at least one share. That's $50 in the case of the new Williamsburg credit union. When you get a loan, you are borrowing from yourself and the other members. By being a member, you are supporting the new homes, new cars, and new businesses of your fellow members. All the money stays in the area. It's community banking at its best.

Credit unions subscribe to the principle of fairness. Every member is treated equally. As well, community involvement is a priority. A credit union is run by a board of elected members. As a member, you have the ability to help guide the future of the credit union.

The Credit Union Central of Canada is the national trade association and central finance facility for credit unions in Canada. According to its Web site, it has 607 credit unions and affiliated caisses populaires with combined assets of over $70.5 billion, serving 4.6 million members.

Credit unions have started trends that have been beneficial to customers of all financial institutions. According to Bruce Corbett, a member of the Ottawa Carleton Credit Union board of directors, credit unions began the practice of paying daily interest on accounts. They were also the first institutions to provide the option of twice-monthly mortgage payments.

One of the exciting products that the new credit union offers is Ethical Fund mutual funds. This group of 14 funds, begun in 1986, allows people to invest in a socially responsible manner. You can grow your retirement or your children's education savings and be sure that you're not supporting companies that exploit child labor, or profit from tobacco or weapons of mass destruction. And Ethical Funds do support companies that are making an effort to protect the environment.

Through a shareholder action program, the Ethical Funds Company engages senior managements and boards of directors to press for changes within companies. We must be socially responsible in all that we do, investing included. Be an activist and invest for your family's future.

The new credit union will only survive if local people support it. Kudos to the Township of South Dundas for making the credit union its choice for day-to-day banking. That's a big account that will help ensure its success.

The community-minded values of a credit union are a good fit for a small village like Williamsburg, and for the community-minded people of South and North Dundas.

B.J.



The Park Lane Crafters always have a quilt on the go. Clockwise from left: Norma McIntosh, Hilda Garlough, Jean Casselman, Helen Casselman, Doreen Empey, Irene Carr, Evelyn Coleman and Margaret Rutley.

Tories make membership easy

Winchester, Canada
by Chris Zabel



Anyone with a lapsed membership in the former federal Progressive Conservative Party probably heard from Belinda Stronach late last week. In the race to become the leader of the new Conservative Party of Canada, Stronach is currently ranking in second place. She does, however, have an aggressive campaign in operation to attract support.

Last Saturday marked an important deadline for the new Conservative Party. At the grassroots level in the riding associations, candidates for the next federal election will be selected on Feb. 28. These are the prospective MPs who the united forces of the merged parties will work for in an expected election this spring.

Party rules require that voting members must have paid their $10 and registered three weeks before the vote, and the deadline was last Saturday.

Stronach's team was on the phones selling memberships up to the last minute. Similarly, anyone who has recently been on a Canadian Alliance mailing list was likely contacted by the Stephen Harper team. The two front-running candidates wanted to sign up members, because these same card-carriers will also be able to vote for either of them as federal leader on March 16.

Campaigners phoning on a Saturday afternoon to ask a series of questions, comparing your views to those of Belinda Stronach, is a lot to absorb. Unsolicited party rhetoric can be annoying. Would you like to stop the federal gun registry? Do you agree the federal debt shouldn't be a burden to future generations? Would you like to see a federal sex offender registry?

If you get at least two out of three questions "right," they offer you a membership. The $10 is payable by credit card or cheque. The matter of a contribution also comes up. A gratuity isn't required, but offers some peace of mind that a membership card will arrive promptly in the mail.

The system operates as a bit of a "shakedown," but it works. The new CP follows the democratic election process used by the parties that formed it, where every member has an equal vote. The only requirement is that you need to have purchased a membership ahead of time.

A lot of money is spent on political campaigns. Cold-callers are irritating because they talk to you like a target group. And the questions they ask aren't especially probing. Agreeing that you're "against" the national debt doesn't move Canadian politics any closer to a solution.

Still, deadlines are coming fast and furious as the CP attempts to organize in the space of only a few months. And most of these cold-callers selling memberships and lining up support are volunteers. For everything negative that gets said about "big-money" political campaigns, they actually do work fairly well.

LOCAL RACE SHAPING FOR ACCLAMATION

Any new candidates for the Conservative Party only have until Saturday (Feb. 14) to enter the contest in SD&G. As it stands, Guy Lauzon is the only candidate who has stepped forward.

Lauzon has a special connection to Winchester, as a co-owner of Tri-County Protein, located next to the railway tracks in the village. He was the Canadian Alliance candidate in the riding in the last election and came within 2,900 votes of incumbent Liberal MP Bob Kilger. He declared his intentions early, first earning the Canadian Alliance nomination last fall and then joining the new party.

Early reports were that there was going to be a race shaping up for the nomination in SD&G. Michael Bailey, 34, was the PC candidate in the last federal election. There was hope Bailey would carry the old Tory ideology into the local nomination debate.

Bailey has since decided not to seek the nomination, which is too bad. As legislative assistant to former national Tory leader Peter MacKay, Bailey's presence would have made the race interesting. Another rumored candidate who also won't be running is Ron MacDonell, an auctioneer from Bainsville and former United Counties warden. A three-way race could have become exciting.

Lauzon has always been the most obvious candidate for the job of running in the next federal election, largely because of his strong finish last time around. However, an acclamation won't be healthy for the merged party. As the new party forms, debate is needed, but it looks as though there will be a candidate in place with a solid chance of winning.

This week in...

by Bonnie James



1924

There was an accident at the Maple Ridge gravel pit in which a 21-year-old man lost his life. The gravel pit was owned by the township and the gravel was used to maintain local roads. A group of men were loading sleighs to draw gravel out of the pit when an overhang of earth collapsed and struck William McCraig. McCraig was an orphan who had been brought overseas eight years previous, to find a home and career in Canada. He lived at the home of Gordon Baldwin. Some other injuries also resulted from the accident. An inquest was to be held into the death to determine if there was any negligence.

1934

Maybe you thought girls hockey was a modern day development, but in 1934 local ladies were ripping up the ice. The girls high school WildCats defeated the Winchester Hurricanes by a score of 3-1. Eileen Melvin, Phyllis Henderson, and E. Stewart scored for the high school. Carrie Duncan scored the lone goal for the Hurricanes. A rematch game the same week saw the final score tied at 1-1. Alice Singleton scored for the town team and Helen Van Bridger for the high school.

1944

The previous year, local Red Cross volunteers placed a note in a pair of socks knit for the Red Cross by Mrs. William Steele, aged 94. A year later, a letter was received from an English soldier in Italy expressing his appreciation to the knitter.

1954

Cheddar cheese production in SD&G in 1953 increased tremendously over the previous year, according to statistics compiled by the dairy division of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Production in Stormont was the highest, followed by Dundas. Dundas factories output 4,453,183 pounds, up about 400,000 pounds. Overall production for Ontario had increased by seven per cent.

1964

A busy weekend in the local area saw many winter carnivals take place. South Mountain, Hallville, and Winchester all hosted carnival queen pageants and the winners were as follows. In Winchester, NDDHS student Kathryn Summers took the crown. The week before Summers had won the Metcalfe Winter Carnival pageant. Nancy Simser was the winner of the Hallville Carnival Queen contest, and Mary Lennox became queen at the South Mountain Winter Carnival.

1974

Pam Blaine was elected president of the Dundas Junior Farmers at the group's annual meeting. Retiring president Ted Ceelen welcomed over 75 guests and members to the meeting at Winchester's Country Kitchen. The other top officers elected were Bill Havekes, first vice-president, and Bob Volks, second vice-president. Marie Arcand was the secretary and Rena Beuman was treasurer.



Kathy Summers was awarded the Winchester 100 Club trophy and crown as queen of the Winchester Winter Carnival in 1964. A packed audience of 1,500 took in the pageant. Summers won the Metcalfe Carnival Queen crown as well in that year. Also pictured are Judy Coons and Annette Duncan.

1984

The Winchester Winter Carnival cleared about $15,000 in profit. Some of the funds were to be used by the recreation board to upgrade the park and the community centre parking lot. About 300 people attended the carnival queen pageant where Rhonda McIntosh was crowned queen. At the Fun Bonspiel at the curling club, 144 curlers made up 36 teams. The winners were skip Jack Rennison, Lloyd Dixon, Jack Hume, and Elliott Rushton.

1994

A provincial grant of $51,000 was to help Winchester Village residents get a start on water conservation. The funds were to facilitate the distribution and installation of conservation kits, which included toilet dams, low consumption shower heads, and aeration nozzles for taps. Deputy reeve Sandra Laneville said the council estimated a 30 per cent cut in water consumption would be achieved by the installation of the kits and the initiation of a new water metering system.

Busy Crafters pass fundraising milestone

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — Every Thursday the Park Lane Crafters can be found busily working at the Park Lane Senior Support Centre in Williamsburg. The group not only contributes to the homey decor of the centre, but is also one of its major fundraising arms.

The crafters have been meeting since the centre opened in 1991. In that time, the quilts and crafts that the group has produced have raised $10,000 which the crafters have turned back over to the support centre.

With a donation of $1,000 on Jan. 29, the crafters formally passed their fundraising milestone. The group always has a number of projects on the go, not all of which are focused on fundraising.

"We're going to be decorating the tables at the centre for Valentine's Day. We try to have things to represent the seasons," said Betty Locke, chair of the crafters group. They also make special holiday crafts that can be sent out with Meals on Wheels deliveries.

The crafters are also responsible for the cozy atmosphere in the respite centre room upstairs at the support centre. "We thought it looked too plain, so we kind of dolled it up," said Locke. Besides adding things like curtains, they also purchased an air conditioner and a reclining chair.

Quilting is a focus with the crafters. Over the years, they have created dozens of quilts which have then been raffled off to fundraise for charitable groups. Their current quilting project will be raffled in support of Dundas County Hospice.

The handiwork of the crafters is always on display at the senior support centre, on a table in the main sitting area. New members are always welcomed in the group.

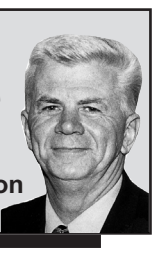


Quilting for dollars

The Park Lane Crafters donated $1,000 to the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre on Jan. 29, making for a total of $10,000 they've donated since the centre opened. In the photo are Lois McPherson, centre co-ordinator Janet Levere, Betty Locke, Ruth Algire, Patricia Casselman and Isobel Williams. Press Photo — Zabel

Huge stockpile of tires concerns Greely residents

In & around Osgoode Ward 20
by Doug Thompson



GREELY — Over 50 concerned residents attended the Greely Community Centre on Feb. 5 to hear an update on the Tyretek Recycling Business at 6431 Bank Street. There are over 225,000 tires on site and area residents are concerned about the potential danger. City of Ottawa staff, Ministry of the Environment officials and myself are working to resolve the issue. Please feel free to contact my office for further information.

TELETHON

Wow, $3,856,033, what a total! What a great cause! Ottawa and area residents again showed just how generous they really are with their contributions during the University of Ottawa Heart Institute Telethon. As well, I was pleased again to spend some time on Saturday (Feb. 7) along with many other Osgoode Ward residents, answering the phones for the telethon. Thanks to all who supported this great cause.

VIOLA LATIMER'S 80TH

Family, friends and neighbors helped the Queen of Edwards, Viola Latimer, celebrate her 80th birthday last Sunday at the home of her granddaughter Laurie Brind'Amour. Latimer has spent all her life in Edwards and the community is proud of all she and her family have accomplished. I was pleased to bring greetings on Sunday, and look forward to being at her 90th birthday celebrations.

GREELY GARAGE SALE

Donated items may be dropped off on March 19 from 9 am to 8 pm at the Greely Community Centre for the Giant Greely Garage Sale. Sale day is March 20 from 9 am to 2 pm at the centre. For more information, call Angela or Jeff at 821-0173.

SOCCER IN KENMORE

Soccer will be provided to children five to 12 years old at a cost of $20 per child. Registration will take place in April and run through May and June. More information to follow.

BURNING PERMITS

Last Wednesday night, over 70 residents attended a public meeting at the Metcalfe Town Hall to discuss a new open-air fire bylaw. There were some legitimate concerns raised at our meeting and at other meetings in the rural areas. A new open-air fire bylaw will come into effect soon. Open-air burning in the rural areas may be in jeopardy. The use of things such as chimneys, burning pits and backyard barbecue pits may be prohibited in most villages in Osgoode Ward.

A joint meeting of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and the Emergency and Protective Services Committee is being held to discuss this proposed bylaw on Thurs., Feb. 12 at 9:30 am at Ottawa City Hall. The public is invited to attend this meeting to listen to and/or participate in the discussion.

I would suggest that you contact the members of those committees to express any concerns about the restrictions contained in the draft Open-air Fire Bylaw. Committee members include Diane Deans, Jan Harder, Rick Chiarelli, Gord Hunter, Rob Jellett, Jacques Legendre, Shawn Little, Maria McRae, Doug Thompson, Glenn Brooks, Eli El-Chantiry and Peggy Feltmate.

TOURISM WORKSHOP

A must-attend event will take place at the Nepean Sportsplex on Feb. 26. The deadline for early-bird registration for the Rural Tourism Conference Series is Feb. 20. To register, contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food at 877-424-1300. Or, visit the conference Web site to download a registration form at www.gov.on.ca/omaf. A fee of $50 per person includes lunch, refreshments and many door prizes.

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Genius without education is like silver still in the mine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth calls 911, saves mother

The Editor:
A young lad in Vernon by the name of Travis Wyatt deserves to be recognized for possibly saving his mother's life.

At the time Karen was recognized as having diabetes in 1999, Travis was only six years old. Many things had to be adjusted as Karen had to change her everyday habits.

Karen, being a very busy lady who runs her own hairdressing business from her home, would not take the time to stop and eat. Instead she would just grab some so-called junk food, or whatever was handy, and eat on the run, or would not eat at all. She soon found out she had to change her everyday habits and get onto the healthy way of eating. She had to stop and eat and drink when she was supposed to, plus take her insulin, or she could be in trouble.

Still, she ran into trouble on Jan. 16. Thanks to Travis, however, she is living and working today. Karen taught Travis when he was six what to do if she went into a seizure. He used to give his Mom the injection of insulin and he has helped her many times.

Karen had a seizure on Jan. 16 and he immediately called 911 and gave them all the information. The operator said he was calm, clear and precise with all the information. He is one fine young lad.

The police and ambulance arrived at her home in only two minutes, and in five minutes the air ambulance arrived. In short order, she was whisked away in the ambulance to the hospital. Travis is a fine young lad and deserves to be recognized as his Mom's hero.

I hear he is supposed to be presented with an award in Ottawa on Feb. 24. Congratulations Travis, we are very proud of you.

Daisy Robinson
Vernon

Shepherd Talk

by Rev. Jevon Hawboldt

Oh, for a little bit of salt

Over the past week or so, we've had a couple cases of bad weather, resulting in some less than ideal driving conditions. I had the "pleasure" of driving on the roads before they were cleared.

To be honest, I didn't feel totally comfortable in the situation. I remember thinking to myself how nice it would be if there was some salt on the road, so that I could see the yellow line and at least have some guidance for my drive home.

The Bible tells us that we are the salt of the earth. Just like road salt melts the ice and shows the yellow line so that travellers may stay safe, we have a similar job. We are here on earth and are called to show those around us the only safety that is available to them — Jesus Christ.

If road salt were to not do its job, lives would be lost. If we don't do what we are called to do, souls will be lost. The Bible makes it very clear that Jesus is the only hope we have in this life. We who have a relationship with Jesus need to melt through the lies and deception of Satan and let those around us see the safety that is found in Jesus.

Next time you find yourself looking for salt on the icy roads, just think — are you being salt to the people you meet each day?

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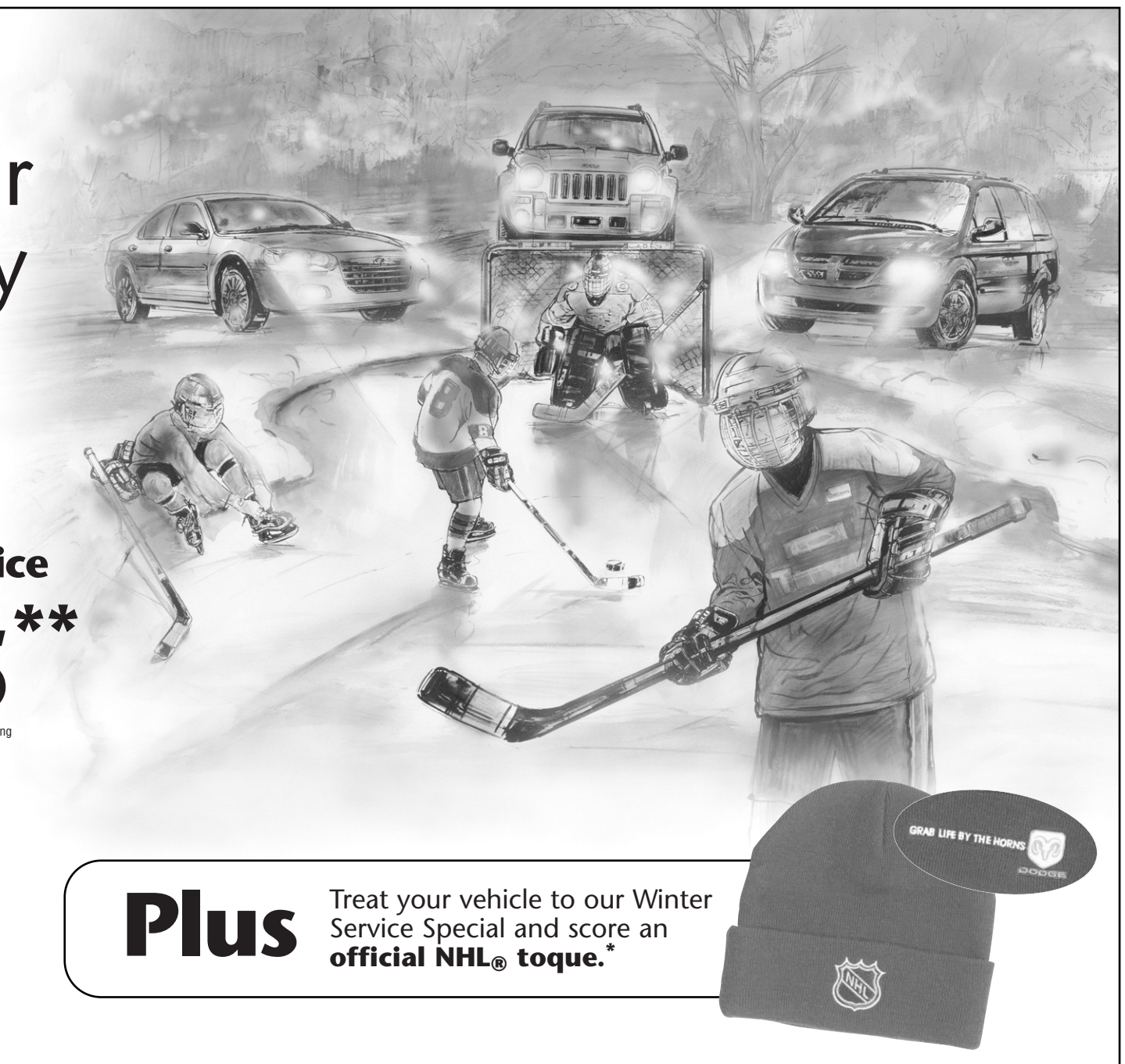

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The SledSmart team made a presentation on snowmobile safety to NDDHS students on Feb. 2. Back: SledSmart team member Adam Brooks (left), OFSC District 1 manager John Boals, and SledSmart's Jon Blaicher. Front: students Brentley Summers (left), Cindy Coyne, Nick Honey, Travis Winter, and Neil Smith. Press Photo—James

High school students learn to be SledSmart

by Bonnie James
Press staff

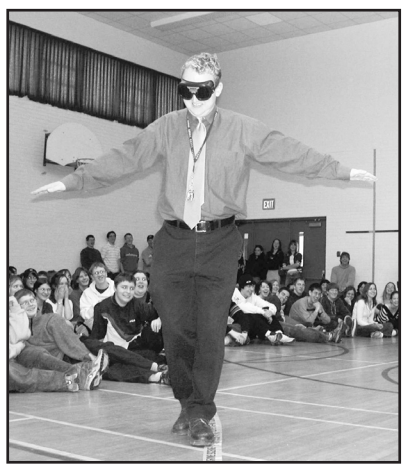
MAPLE RIDGE — Although it's tonnes of fun, snowmobiling is an inherently risky activity and riders need to take precautions. That was the message the SledSmart eduction team brought to students of North Dundas District High School on Feb. 2.

SledSmart is an educational program run by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Based out of Barrie, two teams of young people visit schools, snowmobile clubs, and events throughout the province promoting snowmobile safety. The visit of SledSmart team members Jon Blaicher and Adam Brooks to NDDHS was the only presentation to high school students in eastern Ontario so far this year, and was organized by OFSC District 1 manager John Boals of Morrisburg.

The pair showed students a video highlighting concepts such as zero tolerance for alcohol and drugs while riding and the importance of controlling riding speed, particularly at night when it is easy to outrun the headlights on a sled. The speed limit on all trails is 50 kilometres per hour, unless otherwise posted.

Blaicher and Brooks did their best to engage students in a question and answer period by handing out safety whistles as prizes. In an amusing exercise, volunteers were asked to don goggles simulating the visual impairment of a blood alcohol amount twice the legal limit and then walk along a straight line marked on the floor. Those who attempted it were wobbly and slow in their attempts.

One of the key messages of the presentation was safety on the ice. "If you're going to ride on the ice, be prepared to go through," said Brooks. A floatation snowmobile suit, ice picks, rope, and a firestarter kit are things you should invest in if you're going to be snowmobiling on ice. While hypothermia can be fatal once you get wet in the cold, drowning is a much more common cause of death when riders go through the ice. The cold will make you gasp and potentially take in water.



Physics teacher Sean Addis makes his way along a straight line wearing goggles that simulate the visual impairment produced by alcohol. The demonstration was part of the SledSmart presentation at NDDHS on Feb. 2.

A regular snowmobile suit can weigh an extra 50 pounds when waterlogged and will drag you down. A floatation suit provides a much better chance of survival and ice picks can help you pull your way out of the water. You should then roll away from the opening to safe ice. Wring as much water out of your clothing as you can and then try to start a fire to get warm.

At least five inches of new, clear, hard ice is necessary before a snowmobile can be supported with any certainty. The SledSmart team pointed out that ice thickness is generally not uniform and if you encounter a soft or slushy patch while riding, keep going; don't stop. If you're following someone and notice that they have hit a slushy spot, keep going and choose a different path.

Responsible riding and knowing what to do in treacherous situations will help keep snowmobiling safe and enjoyable for all riders. Ontario has the world's largest snowmobile trail system and there is now plenty of snow to take advantage of them.

TAX TIME:

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Your retirement plan: more than just money

WINCHESTER — The number of investors reaching retirement age is expected to multiply by 140 per cent by the year 2030. It is expected that by the year 2015, half of the Canadian population will be over the age of 40. If you are like many Canadians, you've been diligently contributing to your retirement savings plan each year, and feel secure in the knowledge that you will have enough money to fund your lifestyle when you join the ranks of the retired. But will this be the case?

PERSONAL ISSUES

John and Sheila plan to retire at 55, which is about 10 years from now. They are both successfully employed, have two grown children (age 23 and 19) and a comfortable lifestyle. The financial planning that John and Sheila have put in place, however, does not reflect some of the changes they are now facing.

Kari, their oldest child, has just returned home after attending an out-of-town university. Due to the economy, Kari has not been able to find a job suited to her education, and has taken a cashier position at the local grocery store while she continues her job search. In addition, John's mother Edna recently suffered a severe stroke. While Edna is recuperating at a care facility that is funded by federal health care, John's father is living at his home.

The question now is whether John's parents should move in with John and Sheila, or if a senior's residence is a better option. In any event, the responsibility for the intergenerational family structure is weighing on John and Sheila, and is forcing them to look again at their long-standing retirement plan.

IMPACT OF AGING

In 20 years it is predicted that there will be three times as many senior citizens in Canada as there are today. John and Sheila have not factored a changing society and the changing economy into their lifestyle. If Edna and Jim become dependent on John and Sheila for even a short time, their dream of retiring at 55 may have to be extended to 65.

HOW TO PREPARE

There are steps you can take to protect you from future surprises. That protection will be in the form of financial security, and you should ensure you have an adequate plan in place. Here are two actions you may wish to consider:

- Get professional help. Discuss your situation with a financial advisor to ensure that you are prepared for any lifestyle changes that you or your family may face. A professional advisor can provide options and solutions that you may not be aware exist.
- Find out as much as you can. Talk to a financial advisor, look for information on the Internet, or read newspapers and books on finance and planning. The more you know, the more prepared you will be.

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Sheila's age	43	48	53	63
Kari's age	23	28	33	43
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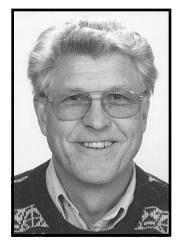

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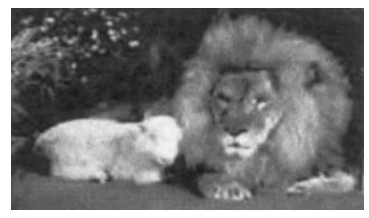

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OCPA executive

Members of the Ontario Corn Producers' Association held their annual general meeting in Chesterville on Jan. 30. This year's executive for Region 1 was elected, representing SD&G and Prescott-Russell. The executive includes secretary John Roosendaal (back left), provincial delegate Jeff Guy, provincial delegate Marcus Haerle, provincial director Steven Byvelds (front left), and chair Alain Leduc. Press Photo — Zabel

Register for CAIS info meetings: two upcoming in eastern Ontario

CHESTERVILLE — Producers are being encouraged to attend one of a series of information meetings detailing the new Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program. A meeting is scheduled in Kemptville on March 11 and another in Chesterville on March 18.

The deadline to register for CAIS is April 30. CAIS is the main safety net feature of the federal Agricultural Policy Framework (APF). When Ontario signed the APF last December, mechanisms were set in motion to replace the old safety net programs, such as the Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) program and the Ontario Farm Income Disaster Program.

Because all farmers in Canada are affected by the changes under the APF, preregistration is being required for the information meetings. "You might end up with 30 people or 300 people," explained Kerry Carnegie, the OMAF regional information co-ordinator who will chair the event in Kemptville.

If demand for the presentations on CAIS is high enough, Carnegie said more meetings will be organized. The sessions will be three hours in length. A local OMAF information officer will open each meeting, introducing two CAIS specialists from the OMAF office in Guelph.

"Either talk to an accountant or come out to an information meeting," said Carnegie. He stressed the importance of producers becoming familiar with the details of CAIS as soon as possible. To participate in the program, farmers have to open a CAIS bank account and make a deposit before April 30. An additional incentive to meeting this deadline is that registration before April 30 qualifies farms for coverage in both 2003 and 2004.

The NISA program officially ended on Dec. 31 last year. Producers who have made contributions to the program will receive notification through the mail of how much money they have in their accounts. Farmers who have not participated in federal safety net programs in the past will receive brochures in the mail describing the options that have been introduced with the APF.

The CAIS information meeting in Kemptville will be held in Purvis Hall at Kemptville College on March 11 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The information meeting in Chesterville will be at the Chesterville Legion on March 18 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Chesterville meeting is being led by regional information co-ordinator Michel Moisan from the OMAF office in Alfred. To preregister for either meeting, call 877-838-5144.

4-H CANADA update

'C' Team elects officers

by Andrew Bunda

VERNON — The Vernon Calcium Team had its first meeting of the year at the farm of Helen McDonald on Feb. 1. There were 12 members present, along with leaders Helen McDonald and Jane Conn.

The "C" Team held an election of officers and the club's president is David McDermid. The vice-president is Brad Acres and the secretary is Stacy Acres. William and Andrew Bunda are the press reporters.

After the election, the team had a discussion on calcium and how a body needs calcium to develop strong bones. The team members then washed their hands and moved to the kitchen where they made delicious Mexican salad, yummy vegetable pizza, and great nachos.

The "C" Team is part of the "Milk makes it better" 4-H program.

Seed Growers use OVFS to support beef producers

OTTAWA — With just over a month to go until the 77th Ottawa Valley Farm Show (March 16-18) at Ottawa's Lansdowne Park, organizers have announced that the event will support the beef industry which is suffering the ongoing fallout of two North American cases of BSE.

Directors of the Ottawa Seed Growers Association, which sponsors the show, approved two measures at its Jan. 19 meeting. The association will donate Canadian beef to be used in show food concessions operated by Lansdowne contractor Aramark, as well as at the annual banquet, reducing the price to customers. In addition, the association will provide a coupon with every $6 admission, good for $2 off the price of a special show hamburger, thus twice reducing the price.

"The farm show is one of the largest annual agricultural gatherings in this part of the country," said Seed Growers president Bill Halpenny. "And we're in the city, a perfect opportunity to showcase the devastating impact of BSE on our members and on the farming population in general."

The coupon, Halpenny noted, will allow the association to give something back to supporters of the farm show, while at the same time rallying behind beef producers.

Show organizers will work closely with the Support Our Beef Committee of Renfrew County where economic loses blamed on BSE are estimated at about $20 million. The committee has been invited to set up – at no charge – an information booth at the show, said general manager Tom Van Dusen.

"Some of our exhibitors were forced to pull out this year because BSE cut into their bottom lines," Van Dusen said. "So the impact is very tangible." Despite the setback, he noted the show is once again sold out, with about 300 new and long-standing exhibitors booking space. Renfrew beef farmer Bob Dick, an executive member of both OVSGA and SOB, said the committee appreciates the support, and the opportunity to highlight the impact of the crisis.

In other business, the association will contribute $300 to l'Union des cultivateurs Franco-Ontarians to help the French-language agricultural organization cover costs of its 75th anniversary celebrations.

For more information, call Tom Van Dusen at 613-445-3407.

Dairy Day

Water quality, marketing, robots on agenda

KEMPTVILLE — The Kemptville Dairy Day program will feature a group of well known speakers giving presentations centred around the theme "Challenges Ahead: Water Quality, Milk Marketing, Environmental Concerns, Labor." The conference will take place Wed., Feb. 18 in the W.B. George Centre at Kemptville College beginning at 10:30 am.

Water quality will be the topic of George MacNaughton, director of farm policies and programs for the Dairy Farmers of Ontario. What do the results of the water quality testing on the farm mean to you as a dairy producer?

MacNaughton will talk about the results of the province-wide testing program and the implications to dairy operations of the requirements for potable water on dairy farms. As well, he will talk about the implementation of time temperature recorders. Kemptville College will provide display materials and advice on how individual producers might solve problems with water quality on their farms.

Milk marketing in the future will be the area discussed in the presentation "Balancing Supply and Demand; Milk Market Versus Returns to the Producer." How will producers address structural surpluses? John Core will address these issues that will affect the gross and net incomes that you will receive as a dairy producer.

Core is chairman of the Canadian Dairy Commission and past chair of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and Dairy Farmers of Ontario. He is well known for his direct style, and his ability to tackle issues head-on. He is also eminently qualified to talk about marketing issues that face the dairy industry today. Producers who are concerned about how their milk will be marketed should not miss this presentation.

Dr. Larry Satter has influenced the dairy feeding and nutrition industry through his teaching and research at the University of Wisconsin and the Dairy Forage Research Centre. He is a specialist in the area of protein nutrition.

In recent years, Satter has turned his attention to reducing excess phosphorus and nitrogen in dairy cow diets to prevent excess in the environment and for more economical milk production. Will reduced phosphorus and nitrogen adversely affect production and reproduction? Satter has spoken around the world on this subject and will address the topic "Balancing Dairy Rations for Performance, Profit, and Less Manure Nutrients."

The day's producer panel will talk about how they have dealt with the labor involved in milking cows. Experiences with mechanized milking will feature one producer who operates a large milking parlor to milk cows efficiently. The other producer has invested in an automated milking system and robot to milk his cows.

Producers will be able to take advantage of their willingness to share their reasons for developing their systems the way they have now, how they use labor versus mechanization, and how they manage cows in their systems. Experience is the best teacher. Learn from the experiences of Chris Schouten and Wayne Edwards in the panel presentation. As well, Jim Fisher will present information from a Kemptville College study of labor and efficiency on robotic farms versus parlor farms.

The Kemptville Dairy Day program is not the only attraction. A large trade show is also part of the day offering the latest information and products. Kemptville Dairy Day is a non-profit event organized by local dairy producer committees, breed groups and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food for the information of dairy producers and industry in eastern Ontario.

For more information on Kemptville Dairy Day, contact Norma Smith at 613-652-4006.

Celebration of food freedom

WINCHESTER — Canadian grocery shoppers had something to celebrate last Saturday (Feb. 7). The country marked Food Freedom Day — the day of the year by which the average Canadian has earned enough income to pay for the entire year's groceries.

Figures from Statistics Canada indicate that Canadians spend 10.5 per cent of their income on food. Compare that with Mexico where 23.9 per cent of income is spent on food to feed the family, or France at 14.4 per cent and Japan at 14.7 per cent.

Besides the great financial value Canadian consumers find in stores, Canadian farmers are recognized around the world for producing some of the safest food available. Add to this the top quality of Canadian food, and you have a compelling reason to celebrate Food Freedom Day in Canada.

"While it's not a national holiday, Food Freedom Day must make a lot of Canadian consumers happy," says Ron Bonnett, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. To find out more about what the OFA is doing to lobby in support of agriculture, contact Bonnett at 416-706-1646.

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Program Theme: Sustainable Management and Protection of Private Woodlands

Morning Program:

9:30 - 9:45 am — ***Welcome and Opening Remarks***
Jonathan Morgan, Associate Director, Kemptville College Campus - University of Guelph
Bill Gooch, Mayor, Municipality of North Grenville

A) Selection Management of Private Woodlots Upland Hardwoods

9:45 - 10:25 am — ***Selection Management***
Cathy Nielsen, Forest Specialist, Southern Region, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

10:25 - 11:05 am. — ***Landowner Experience with the Application of Selection Management*** - 2 Profiles

B) Taxation of Private Woodlands

11:05 - 11:35 am — ***Managing Your Woodland with Reasonable Expectation of Profit -*** Gary Connolly, Connolly & McNamara Chartered Accountants, Stittsville

11:35 am - 12:05 pm — ***Managed Forest Tax Program***
Wade Knight, Executive Director, Ontario Woodlot Association

12:05 - 12:30 pm — ***Update from National Forestry Conference on Stewardship of Private Forest Lands***
David Neave, Chair, Private Woodlands Strategic Initiative Canadian Model Forest Network
Peter Demarsh, President, Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners

12:30 - 2 pm — ***Lunch and Viewing of Commercial and Technical Exhibits***

Afternoon Program: Two Concurrent Sessions:

Session A: — ***Harvesting, Sale and Burning of Fuelwood***
Moderator: Dave Chapeskie, R.P.F., Agroforestry Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food
Fuelwood from Managed Woodlands - Some Technical Considerations - Clarence Coons, Agroforestry Consultant, Kemptville
Modern Wood Burning Stoves, Fireplaces and Inserts - Mel Shannon, Director, The Stove Store, Spencerville
Outdoor Wood Furnaces - Keith Seaboyer, Furnace and Sales, Peterborough
Making High Value Products from Low Quality Trees - Speaker TBA

Session B: — ***Forest Health: Protection of Ontario's Forests Against Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALHB) and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)***
Moderator: Jack Henry, Stewardship Coordinator, Grenville Stewardship Council
Biology of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALHB) and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
Dan Rowlinson, Provincial Forest Health Technician, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Taylor Scarr, Provincial Forest Entomologist, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Sault Ste. Marie
Public Awareness, Containment and Control Strategies for Asian Longhorned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer
Taylor Scarr, Provincial Forest Entomologist, Sault Ste. Marie Todd Leuty, Agroforestry Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food
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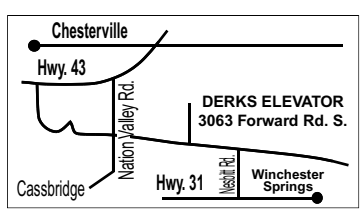

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11:00	Balancing Price, Supply, and Surplus Removal in the Future Milk Market John Core Chair, Canadian Dairy Commission
Noon	Lunch Visit Exhibits
1:15	Balancing Dairy Rations for Performance, Profit, and Less Manure Nutrients Dr. Larry Satter, University of Wisconsin
2:15	Panel: Experiences With Mechanized Milking Robotics: Wayne Edwards, Navan Parlour: Chris Schouten, Richmond Summary of Study of Robotic/Parlour Systems: Jim Fisher, Kemptville College
3:15	Adjourn

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14:30-15:00	***Visit the trade show***			
15:00-16:10	**–I–** **Growing Organic Strawberries** John Wise, Wise Acres	**-J-** **The Calcium Connection** Ross Stone A&L Laboratories	**-K-** **Serious Organic Egg Production** Gerry Poechman Poechman Family Farm	**-L-** **Edible Nut Trees on Organic Farms** Diana Beresford-Kroeger
16:10-16:30	***Visit the trade show***			

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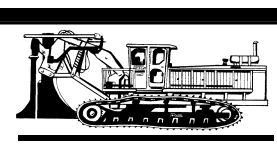
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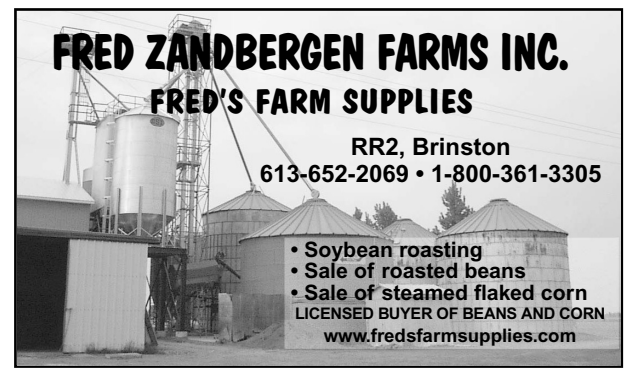

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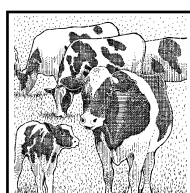
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Saints sink Junior Devils with late bucket

MAPLE RIDGE — Trailing by seven points with under four minutes to play, the North Dundas Junior Devils looked as if they weren't in position to win their SD&G boys high school basketball game. But with 18 seconds left on the clock, the home team had battled back to tie it up 36-36 and give themselves the opportunity to steal a win.

Unfortunately for NDDHS, victory was denied when St. Lawrence converted an untimely turnover in the Devils' paint into the game-winning basket, seven seconds before the final buzzer.

That late reverse layup dissolved the 36-36 stalemate, and not only lifted the SLHS Saints to a 38-36 victory, but snapped a two-game win string that the Devils had been on. The result also lowered Jevon Hawboldt's team's record to 2-5.

The Senior Devils weren't slated to play on Feb. 5, but were in action yesterday (Feb. 10) hosting the CCVS Golden Raiders. Both teams will finish the regular season on Feb. 19 with a trip to Cornwall to take on the Patriotes at ESLC.

North Dundas, seeing their first game action since Jan. 15, looked a little rusty in the first quarter and turned the ball over on enough occasions to fall behind 8-0 half way through the opening eight minutes. Steve Pietarinen dropped in a pair of foul shots to finally get the Devils' offence going. Jason Catellier followed with a single before Joe Mayette and Pietarinen drained back-to-back buckets to close the gap to 11-7. Phil Jutman knocked down a single at the 17-second mark to make it 14-8 at quarter time.



It really wasn't a battle between good and evil, but last week's SD&G boys high school basketball game did pit the NDDHS Devils against the St. Lawrence Saints and it was the Saints who eventually prevailed by a basket, 38-36. Joe Mayette (#11) used teammate Colin Campbell as a screen as he attacked the Saints' defence.

St. Lawrence used the long ball on three occasions in the first period to account for nine of their 14 points.

Colin Campbell dropped in four points and Leigh Bequette and Dave Lillico each swished singles to pull the Devils into a 14-14 tie by the 4:27 mark of the second quarter. But from that point on, the Saints took over and were able to construct themselves a 25-14 cushion by half time.

North Dundas returned to the court for the third quarter looking more composed and turned the game around, going on a 9-0 run through the first six minutes and 18 seconds. Joe Mayette put down four points to spark his team's rally and finished the period with six. Colin Hickman also contributed four points but the Devils were still down (27-25) after three quarters.

RALLY TIME

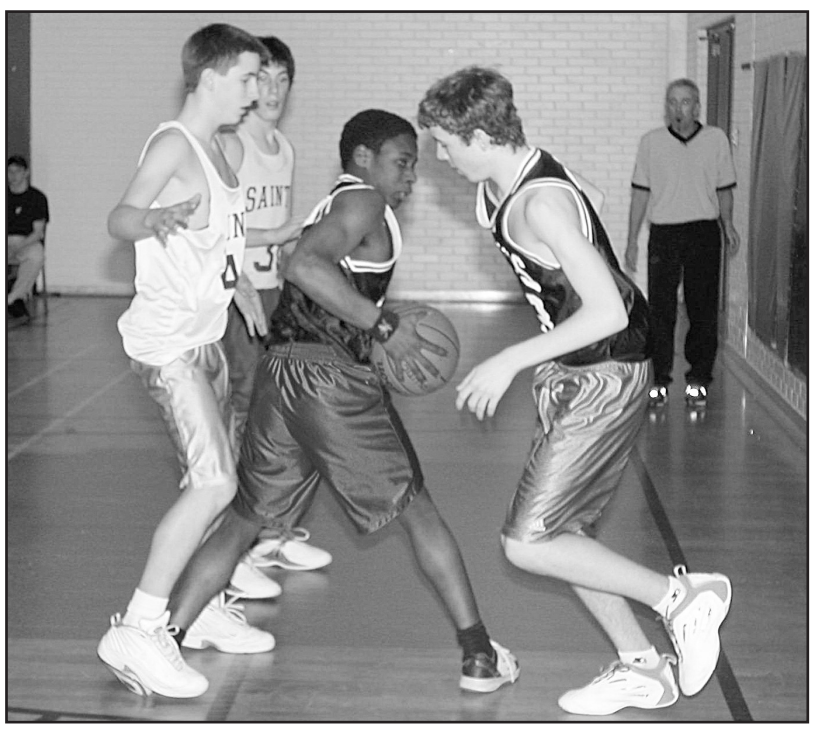
The final frame started on a positive note for the host school when Colin Hickman stripped the ball from a defender and laid in a deuce to tie it up 27-27, 18 seconds into the period. The Saints replied with a three-point bucket and worked their way into a 34-27 lead by the four minute mark.

North Dundas successfully held the Saints off the board while ringing up some offence, and by the time the clock indicated there was 1:47 to play they had closed the gap to a single point — 34-33. Singles by Hickman, Campbell, and Pietarinen narrowed the difference to 34-31. Hickman threw down a deuce on a free throw miss to make it 34-33. Mayette went to the line and pulled the Devils to within two (36-34) with 51 seconds left, and set the stage for Campbell's jumper which tied it 36-36 at the 18-second mark.

St. Lawrence then had two points waved off for a travelling violation, but were still able to drain the winning layup with seven seconds to play.

GAME NOTES

The Saints nailed 15 points from three-point land to power their attack while the Devils didn't connect from the rim. Had North Dundas not missed 17 times from the foul line they would have been able to extend their win string to three games.



Will Johnson (left) and Steve Pietarinen worked the ball low in the first half.



Left: Chad Kennedy paused to let the Saints' defence collapse before attempting this shot. Below: Stephen Laneville (#24) of the Devils provided the 'D' on this second-half play.

Press Photos – Van Bridger



Concrete makes for easy-maintenance ice

by Jason Burgoone

ORMOND — Just outside the tiny community of Ormond, one local family has managed to take full advantage of consistently cold temperatures in North Dundas, turning their love for the great Canadian game into a family affair.

With more than 31 years of heavy construction behind him, Gerald Beuman came to the conclusion: what better way was there to spend some quality time with his wife Nancy and two sons, Andrew and Michael, than to build a rink for them to play on?

In winters past, the Beumans have flooded a section of the lawn beside their house, allowing both the boys and their friends an opportunity to lace up their skates. This worked well, but weather conditions had to be perfect. The biggest problem with the grass rink was the ground would bulge through in some areas leaving large yellow spots on the surface, noted Beuman.

After a few years of unusually mild winter weather, Beuman decided to invest in a larger project that he'd been thinking about for a while, a backyard rink.

"I came home one day and said to my wife Nancy, 'You know what? I think we're going to put a slab in the backyard so the kids can play on it'," said Beuman.

Used as an ice rink throughout the winter, the area also doubles as a basketball court, a tennis court and a spot to play ball hockey during the rest of the year.

Beuman hired contractors to do the concrete work, but did the rest of the work himself. A drainage system was also installed during construction to eliminate water build-up during the summer months.

"You have to remember that with a concrete slab like that, there's frost protection you have to worry about," said Beuman, regarding the necessary steps taken in order to prevent damage to the surface of the concrete.

Once the project was complete the ice surface was approximately 30 feet by 90 feet. Beuman usually starts getting the rink ready around November, in anticipation of the rain.

Preparing for the winter season is fairly simple. The boards and fencing are installed, then the drains are plugged. After that, it's just a matter of waiting for rain. "Usually we get about two inches, this year we were up to around four," said Beuman.

"There's not very much upkeep, we basically clean off the snow and it's good. If it gets really chopped up we just get out the hose and flood it," said Beuman.

No chemicals are used at any point during the preparation of the ice surface. Beuman prefers rainwater.

Combined with his do-it-yourself attitude, and wife Nancy's sense of family, the couple look back on the investment as money well spent which has brought the immediate family closer.

"This way the kids are right in the backyard," noted Nancy Beuman.

Despite both Andrew and Michael's dedication to their minor hockey teams and busy schedules, Beuman still enjoys getting out back on the weekends for a quick game of pick-up with his boys.

"The kids are all older now so it gets used less and less," said Beuman. "The biggest thing is you know where your kids are. They're not wandering in town on the streets."

"We used to do New Year's Eve parties for our kids here," said Nancy. "On past New Year's Eves we've had about 20 or so kids out there skating all night long."

Despite the age of their two teenaged sons, the Beumans plan to carry on their backyard tradition and noted the privacy and convenience of having their own rink more than make up for the amount of work required to maintain the ice surface.



Eric Beuman (left) joins his cousins Michael and Andrew Beuman in a friendly game of pick-up early on a Saturday morning. They have the luxury of a backyard rink built on a concrete slab.
Photo — Burgoone



Rinks: A backyard tradition

Home-ice advantage

Linda Klein-Swormink and her three children, Holly, Peter and youngest daughter Hope, gather in the front yard for quick game of shinny with friends and family at their home rink. Photo — Burgoone

Winter best spent at home

by Jason Burgoone

MOREWOOD -- The saying "time best spent is with your family" has taken on a very real meaning for one Morewood family. With the help of his wife Linda, Gary Klein-Swormink has now been following that philosophy for more than eight years.

Since adding an outdoor ice rink in the yard, family time for Holly, Peter and youngest daughter Hope has been something nobody argues with. "When the kids jump off the bus they usually just throw on their skates and jump on the ice," said Klein-Swormink.

Despite the rink having originally been built for their children, the parents have found themselves making as much time as possible to either be on the ice, or simply at home with their three puck-junkies.

The kids have an easy time keeping the rink active. Family, friends and some of the kids from the neighborhood come over once in a while, noted Klein-Swormink.

A little bit of initiative and some ingenuity were the two most important keys to Klein-Swormink carrying on the winter tradition from one year to the next.

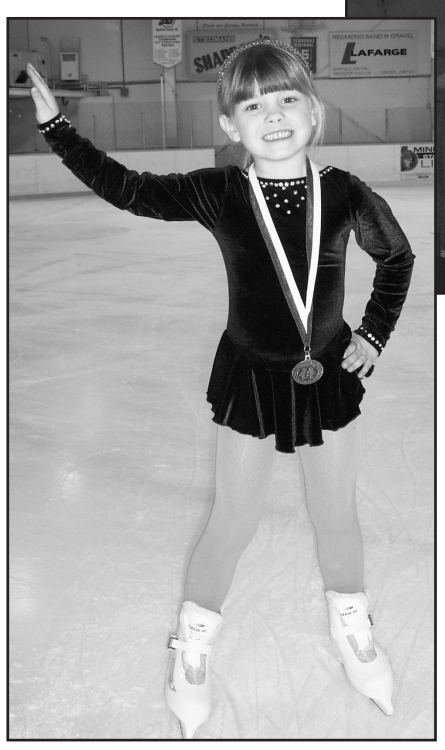
The bedding of the rink is lined with a thick plastic sheet, then the rink is framed with pressure treated wood. After the framing is complete, Klein-Swormink pumps creek water into the framed section and then waits for the cold.

"This year we were on by Dec. 3," said Klein-Swormink. "Usually we can skate until mid-March."

The Klein-Sworminks recently added a set of lights to the winter rink, which made it the perfect setting for a New Year's Eve party.

WSC displays talent at Precious Edges





Winchester Skating Club members had a great day in Brockville competing at the recent Precious Edges invitational held on Sat., Jan. 24. The medal tally for Winchester was five gold, four silver and six bronze, along with 10 fourth-place ribbons. Above photo: Juniors taking part in the event included (front) Kianna Fawcett. Back row, from left: Brittany Cooper; Katey Churchill (fourth - Stage VI Freeskate), Josie Vanderlaan (gold - Introductory Similar Pairs, bronze - Introductory 'B' Freeskate), Jannah Vanderlaan (silver - Improv Category I CanSkate 'A').
Photo at left: Alyssa Cooper was the only Winchester CanSkater to compete in Brockville. She finished the day with a bronze medal in the CanSkate Stage II Freeskate division.



Senior skaters vying for medals at the annual Brockville invitational included, front row, from left: Samantha Paquet-Clapin (silver - Improv Category II 'B'), Jessica Vanderlaan (fourth - Pre-Preliminary I 'C' Freeskate), Hilary McQuaid (gold - Preliminary I 'B' Freeskate, gold - Improv Category III 'C'). Back row: Kiersti McMillan (silver - Preliminary Similar Pairs), Taylor Shelp (gold - Pre-Preliminary II 'C' Freeskate, silver - Preliminary Similar Pairs), Leah Ann Smith.



WSC was well-represented by these Intermediate skaters at Brockville Figure Skating Club's Precious Edges Competition. Front row, from left: Samantha Shelp (fourth - Introductory 'B' Freeskate, fourth - Introductory Similar Pairs), Alicia Angus (gold - Introductory Ladies 'B' Freeskate, bronze - Improv Category II 'B', fourth - Introductory Similar Pairs), Blythe Armstrong (fourth - Pre-Preliminary I Ladies 'B' Freeskate, fourth - Introductory Similar Pairs, fourth - Improv Category II 'B'). Middle row: Megan Dudley, Beverley Hope (fourth - Pre-Preliminary II 'C" Freeskate, fourth - Improv Category II 'B'), Victoria Gibson-Crowder (gold - Introductory Similar Pairs, bronze - Introductory 'B' Freeskate), Alison Wheeler (silver - Introductory 'B' Freeskate, fourth - Introductory Similar Pairs, fourth - Improv Category II 'B'), Bailey Milne. Back row: Sarah Fawcett, Elizabeth Gibson-Crowder (bronze - Pre-Preliminary I 'C' Freeskate), Valerie Roberts (bronze - Improv Category II 'B'), Julia Smith.

Hawks split weekend games, last home stand this Friday

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks will be glad to see the end of this season, but to their credit, they have continued to battle. They split last weekend's games, with a loss against Kemptville and a win over Morrisburg.

The game against the 73s was an 8-0 stomping in front of home town Winchester fans. It was all too familiar, as the Hawks had lost 8-0 to Kemptville the week before as well.

The game against the Lions in Morrisburg on Sunday (Feb. 8) was a bright spot, with the Hawks coming out on top of a 5-3 score. Matt McMillan struck at 6:22 of the first period to open the scoring, using a feed from captain Shawn Smail and Marc-Andre Fournier. The game was tied at the first intermission.

The Hawks were hot in the second, with goals from Nick Silvestri, Jonathan Murray (on the power play, unassisted) and Shane Barnes to put them ahead 4-2. Assists were earned by Ian Redpath, Liam Tyrell, Murray, and Robyn Sadler.

Murray scored his second of the game at 15:14 of the third stanza to add a cushion. The play was engineered by Travis Rowe and Sadler. The Lions scored once more in the middle of the period to finish the 5-3 final tally.

The refs were kept busy, whistling 18 penalties on the Hawks and 20 on the Lions. All of Morrisburg's goals were scored on the power play.

"It's been a tough year for the boys, but we're proud of them," said Hawk coach Doug Armstrong. "Next year we'll flip the team back on its feet again," he promised.

The final Hawks home game is Friday (Feb. 13) against the Char-Lan Rebels. In appreciation of the local fan support, the team's executive has decided that all proceeds from Friday's game will go to Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The team's final game of the season is Sun., Feb. 15 against the Alexandria Glens. The Hawks play tonight (Feb. 11) in Williamstown to make up for a game that was previously postponed against the Rebels.

Loggie earns gold test in skills

WINCHESTER — Katrina Loggie joined an elite group of skaters after passing her gold test in skills at Winchester Skating Club's intermediate/high test day on Fri., Jan. 30. A gold test is the highest level of achievement in Skate Canada's StarSkate program. Skills, a discipline which involves skating intricate patterns to music, replaced figures several years ago. To earn a gold test level requires many years of dedication to the sport.

Other tests passed this season by Winchester Skating Club members are as follows:

WINCHESTER TEST DAY
FRI., JAN. 30
Leah Ann Smith – Ten Fox;
Stephanie Crump – Keats, Silver Interpretive;
Lindsay Johnston – Harris, Senior Bronze Elements;
Jessica Calder – American, Senior Bronze Skills;
Meaghan Mackler – Quickstep;
Katrina Loggie – Quickstep, Argentine.

MORRISBURG TEST DAY
WED., JAN. 14
Taylor Shelp – Preliminary Elements and Freeskate;
Jessica Vanderlaan – Preliminary Elements and Freeskate, Baby Blues, Fiesta;
Josie Vanderlaan – Dutch Waltz;
Elizabeth Gibson-Crowder – Dutch Waltz;
Victoria Gibson-Crowder – Dutch Waltz;
Kiersti McMillan – Baby Blues;
Alison Wheeler – Baby Blues;
Alicia Angus – Baby Blues;
Samantha Paquet-Clapin – Swing.

MORRISBURG TEST DAY
FRI., DEC. 12, 2003
Lindsay Johnston – Junior Silver Skills.

KEMPTVILLE TEST DAY
SAT., DEC. 6, 2003
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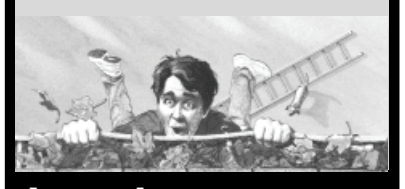

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Fourth-degree black belt

Mike Lecuyer of Winchester (left) recently received his fourth-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do in front of Grand Master Tae E. Lee, founder of the Ottawa Tae Kwon Do Club. Tae E. Lee is also the only ninth-degree black belt in North America. After working at several locations, Lecuyer is currently focusing his attention on the operation of 25-year-old Maple Ridge Tae Kwon Do Club (located at Maple Ridge Public School) where new members are always welcome. Courtesy photo

Demons blank Panthers

KEMPTVILLE — Flawless goaltending by the tandem of Justin Diederich and Spencer Corkery backstopped the North Dundas Atom 'B' Demons to their fifth consecutive Upper Canada Minor Hockey League victory.

In their five-game run, the Demons have utilized their stellar goaltending and solid defence to engineer four wins by shutout. At the same time, their offence has been red hot, putting together a goal differential of 36-1.

The Demons whitewashed the Panthers 5-0 in Kemptville on Feb. 1 by taking a 4-0 lead in the first period. William Fawcett opened the flood gates netting the first of his two goals after taking a pass from Peter Klein-Swormink and Tanner Casselman at 7:55. Captain Josh Stubbings then made it 2-0 scoring unassisted at the 3:57 mark. Francis Laplante was next to find the mark, scoring from Dustin Tinkler with 2:59 left in the period. William Fawcett cracked in his second of the period 35 seconds after the Laplante goal and North Dundas carried a 4-0 lead in the second session.

Stubbings completed the scoring ringing up his second of the game 5:21 before the end of the second period. Tinkler drew his second assist of the game on the play.

North Dundas picked up two of the game's three minor penalties.

Winter fun in Mountain

MOUNTAIN — The Mountain Recreation Association's annual Winter Fun Day on Sat., Feb. 14. Festivities begin at 11 am at Mountain Park.

Featured events include dog sled demonstrations and rides, horse-drawn sleigh rides, children's skating races, plus curling, ice bowling, an egg toss and more! There will be a great lunch provided, as well as door prizes and a 50/50 draw.

Remarks



by Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture

The hockey season is nearly finished, therefore some ice time is starting to open up at the arenas. Give me a call at 774-2105 to book.

Here's an update on my local Novice team. After a busy past week, in which we played three games and won two, the team's record stands at 12 wins and 11 losses. One game remains before the playoffs begin.

Our team will also be taking part in the Hockey Day In Canada pond hockey extravaganza on the Rideau Canal on Feb. 21. There will be 110 shinny hockey games going on at the same time to set a new world record and our kids will be part of it.

Finally, a special thanks to Sandy Johnston and the Winchester Fire Department for flooding the ice at 100 Club Park. For those who don't know, the outdoor rink is located on Sox Field.

Loss doesn't affect Jets' ranking

METCALFE — The Metcalfe Jets knew they had first place sewn up in the Metro Division before they played their last regular game of the Metro - Valley Jr. "B" Hockey League season. They lost that game 5-1 to the Ottawa West Golden Knights on Feb. 6 at the Larry Robinson Arena in Metcalfe.

With first place in the division, the Jets earn a bye for the first playoff round. Their post-season action will likely begin on Feb. 18 or Feb. 20 in Metcalfe. Their opposition is yet to be determined. Clarence Creek and Stittsville are engaged in a best-of-five series for the honor of meeting the Jets in the semis.

The Jets were down 4-0 before Jason Vajda snapped in a shot to put his team on the board in their final regular season game. The play was set up by James Thomas and Tyler Akeson. Ottawa West scored twice in the first period, and twice in the second, before Vajda broke the goose egg at 15:57 of the third. The Knights scored once more before the final buzzer.

The game was a bruiser with the Knights whistled for 16 infractions and the Jets pegged with 19. "There were some fights," admitted head coach Darrell Warren. "I think both teams knew that the game didn't matter," he continued. "They got out some of their frustrations." Matt Gauthier suffered the defeat in nets.

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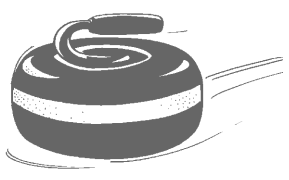

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Winchester Town Hockey League

Holmes, Van Bridger score winning goals

WINCHESTER — Dereck "Wendell" Holmes and Chris "Sid" Van Bridger netted the game-deciding goals in last week's Winchester Town Hockey League games.

Holmes cracked in his 33rd goal of the season after taking a feed from Sean Audet at 19:34 of the second half as the number-two rated Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar Rangers doubled the top-ranked Boyd Chrysler Rams 6-3 in their bid to earn the WTHL pennant.

The Country Kitchen Cyclones used Van Bridger's 12th of the campaign to snap a 4-4 tie and nip the Winchester Flyers 5-4 in the late game of the Tuesday night (Feb. 3) twin bill. Van Bridger's shot dented twine with 52 seconds left on the clock. Linemates Johnny Morrow and Jeff Scott set up the play which allowed the Cyclones to open up a three-point lead on the fourth-place Flyers.

With just two dates left in the regular season, the feature battle will be between the first-place Boyd Rams (13-4-2 = 28 points) and the second-place Pioneer Rangers (12-4-3 = 27 points) for regular season title and the Royal Bank Trophy. The fourth-place Flyers (4-14-1 = 9 points), with two wins could still possibly knock the Cyclones (5-12-2 = 12 points) out of third place. The first round of the playoffs are slated to open on Tues., Feb. 24.

The Rams and Rangers were deadlocked 2-2 at the half of their match, but a four-goal outburst after the break powered the gas bar boys to their 12th win of the season.

Troy McNaughton was top shooter for the winners, bagging three goals. Sean Audet, Chris Williams and "Wendell" Holmes whipped in the singles. Holmes also picked up three assists. Hugh Thompson (2), Audet and Williams also helped set up goals. Craig "JB" Smith posted the win.

Chad Valcour netted two of the three Ram goals. Derek Rintoul scored the other and assisted on both Valcour markers. Jamie MacIntosh, Jason Picard, Jeff Hennessy and Dwayne Backes also drew assists. Doug Rigby work the nets.

CYCLONES 5 - FLYERS 4

Jeff Scott handed the Cyclones a 2-1 lead on the Flyers scoring two of his three goals in the opening half. John Guy and Chris Van Bridger assisted on the first at 10:15 while John Nadobny and Van Bridger engineered the second 1:57 before the intermission. Mark Van Delst had tied it up for the Flyers clicking on a play created by Scott Rintoul and Claude Towne at 3:43.

Scott (from John Morrow and Gary McInnis at 8:44) and John Guy (from Aaron Sherrer at 7:34) cracked in goals to open up a 4-1 lead for the Cyclones but with 5:01 left on the clock the tide turned against them.

The Flyers got one goal back when Andrew Barrie beat Jeff Moore after taking a feed from Rintoul and Van Delst at 5:01. With 2:46 on the clock Derek Byrd closed the gap to 4-3 netting a Van Delst rebound. With just 1:06 on the clock Barrie tied it up, with help from Towne and Adrian Price.

A faceoff to Kent Pilon's right created the opportunity for the Cyclones to score the winning goal. John Morrow took the draw and moved the puck behind the net. There was a short relay to Scott who put it out in front to Van Bridger who snapped home a four-foot wrist shot to win it with 52 seconds left on the clock.



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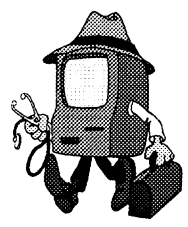

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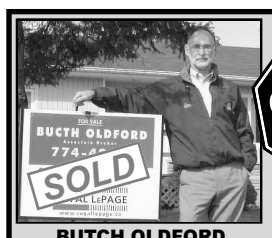

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Pequegnat Canadian Time wall clock "Berlin", pre-1916; oak extension table with leaves; highback sideboard with mirror; dining room set with extension table, 8 upholstered chairs, large china cabinet, ebony finish; dressers with mirrors, some refinished; parlor tables; washstands; chests of drawers. W. Doherty antique pump organ; pressback piano stool, swivel and glass feet; butcher block on turned legs; walnut coffee table; pressback rocking chair; antique 3-piece bedroom set; wooden table with leaf; nursing rocker; child's dresser; dough box; 2 older spool beds; cedar-lined blanket box, dove-tailed; trunks; maple hutch; quality maple kitchen set; coffee table and end tables; French Provincial chesterfield, loveseat and chair; burgundy La-Z-Boy recliner; magazine stand; medicine cabinet; piano bench; children's beds; bedroom set with king size bed, nightstands and dresser with mirror; quality hide-a-bed; Ultramatic power bed; assorted contemporary furniture; wicker patio set; Woods 8 cu. ft. freezer; Mynott set of dishes; assortment of depression glass; silverware and chest; cups and saucers; assorted crystal pieces; good assortment of glassware; silver pieces; Waltham pocket watch; bull's eye lamp; 2 coal oil lamps; grain cradle; lantern; crocks; dairy can; cheese box; nail keg; bells; copper horse weather vane; 3 broad axes; neck yoke; whiffle trees; horse collar; 1916 Parliament Hill Burning picture; many other assorted collectibles.
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Evelyn Marion Craig
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A Loving Tribute

Evelyn was born at the farm in Ormond, Ontario, the daughter of John and Katie MacDonald. She was the youngest of eleven. As a young child on the farm she loved the little downy chicks and enjoyed strawberry picking.

Evelyn grew up with a love of music, especially classical music. She received her degree from the Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She returned home and taught at all of the local schools. She won first prize at the first Russell Music Festival.

On December 27, 1948, she married G. Dudley Craig. She helped him run Vice and Craig Funeral Home in Chesterville, by answering the phone and greeting people at the door with her warm smile. Evelyn was a caring, devoted, loving wife and mother. She was an 'at-home' mother to Mary Ellen and Kathryn Anne. She was great to help the girls with their homework and of course, taking piano lessons. Both are Registered Nurses, working in Brockville.

Dudley and Evelyn enjoyed retirement at the cottage near Kemptville, known as 'Little Chesterville on the Rideau'. This is where the girls learned to swim and water-ski. Evelyn's two grandsons, Craig and Mark Dawson, also love to water-ski. 'Nana' was an excellent cook and taught Craig how to cook too. Everyone enjoyed her homemade cakes, pies, cookies and squares.

Evelyn spent her last seven years at Bayfield Manor Nursing Home, suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. This dreadful illness steals one's memory, however, she always knew 'her Dudley' with 54 years of marriage. She was also robbed of her speech and thoughts, but could still say things like, 'Dudley is a nice, nice guy!' and she told Mary she was going to have a daughter, when Mary told her Craig was getting married to Catrina in 2002.

Evelyn had a great faith. Her parents raised her in a loving Baptist home. She and Dudley became members of the United Church in Chesterville. Mary likes to say that not even Alzheimer's could separate her from the love of God and finds great comfort reading from the N.I.V. Bible, Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Everyone will remember Evelyn most for her music. She played the piano for the Chesterville UCW and the Rotary Club. Countless people still tell Mary and Kathy, "Your mother taught me music."

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Funeral Directors Barry Brownlee, Bill MacDonald and Dave MacDougall and Grant Brown for all their kindnesses and support. Everyone at Bayfield Manor and Dr. Leahy are thanked for their excellent care of Evelyn during the last seven years.

Evelyn's funeral service was held December 24, 2003 at Grant Brown Funeral Home in Kemptville. Officiating clergy were Rev. Mary Lou Shorthill of Chesterville United Church and Pastor Craig Peters of North Gower. They were of great assistance and comfort to the family. Marj Patterson played lovely hymns and had also been taught music by Evelyn. Evelyn's resting place is at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

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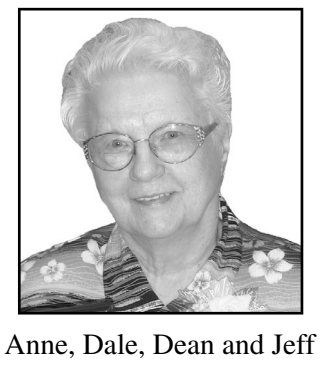

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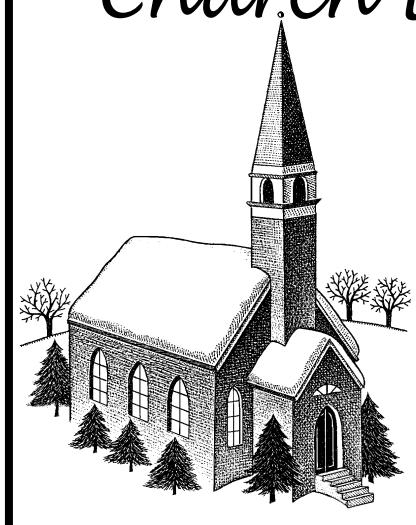

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She was born in Oenkerk, the Netherlands on March 29, 1941 to the late Ritske Sikma and Jeltje (nee Venema).

She lived in Holland until 1979 when she and her family immigrated to Canada and bought their farm in South Mountain. They lived on the farm for 22 years. After their son Oscar moved to the farm, they moved to the new home they built on the Brinston Road between Brinston and South Mountain.

She is survived by children Ellen (Rick) Douma of Dixon's Corners, Oscar (Linda) DeVries of South Mountain, Rick (Tanya) DeVries of Kemptville, Garner (Dorean) DeVries of Westport and Tina (Rob) Zersch of South Mountain. Also surviving are brother Piebe, and sisters Jantje, Tetje, Griet, and Metje, and nephews and nieces.

She was a loving beppe to Christopher, Craig, Nicole, Ryan and Jenna Douma; Curtis, Jack, Lindsay, and Sean DeVries; Rourke, Slate and Laird DeVries; Morgan, Jared, Karly, Sierra and Joel DeVries; and Connor, Taylor, Abby and Carter Zersch.

She was Frank's soul mate for 43 years. She was a loving and dedicated mother and the ultimate beppe (grandmother). She was a walking example of God's love, always willing to give, whether it was visiting the elderly, preparing meals, or any other acts of kindness. She enjoyed long brisk walks, appreciating nature. She had a gift for making flowers and plants flourish. She was an active member of the Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners.

Friends called at the Community Christian Reformed Church on Jan. 27. Arrangements were entrusted to Marsden and Mclaughlin Funeral Homes. The funeral was held at the church with Clarence Witten officiating. Interment was at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston.

Pallbearers were Rick Douma, Oscar DeVries, Garnet DeVries, Rick DeVries, Rob Zersch and Piebe Sikma.

Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre or Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

William Duncan Thatcher

William "Bill" Duncan Thatcher of Morrisburg died peacefully at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Jan. 26, 2004. He was 72.

He was the beloved husband of Lillian (nee Fitzpatrick). He was loving father of Steven (Pauline) of Black Lake, Saskatchewan; Nancy (James) Perry of Orleans, David (Tracey) of Chesterville; and Brian (Lesley) of Metcalfe.

He was dear grandfather of Billy Jack, Carrie, Mark and Joshua Thatcher of Black Lake; Rebecca, William and MacKenzie Thatcher of Chesterville; Korby and Darby Thatcher of Metcalfe; and Christopher and Matthew Perry of Orleans.

He was cherished brother of Robert (Barbara) of Toronto, and Allan (Gladys) of Kent Bridge; and brother-in-law of Joan Thatcher of Chatham. He will be sadly missed by numerous nieces, nephews and long-time friends Gordon (Nan) Lennox of Ottawa, and William (Bev) Kearns of Clayton Lake. He was predeceased by brother Jay.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 7 at the Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg with Rev. Jean Udall officiating. Spring inurnment will be at Hope Cemetery in Ottawa.

Memorial donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society, or Royal Canadian Legion Branch #48 will be gratefully acknowledged.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg. Condolences or donations may be made at parkerfh@personainternet.com.

Jasper's now offers meals delivered

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE — Jasper's Fine Dessert Caffe in Chesterville has added a new service to its menu. The restaurant has a reputation for serving the next best thing to a home-cooked meal, and now their meals are available for delivery to seniors in the community.

"Eating well makes us healthier, more energetic and happier. Give our home delivered meals a try," said owner Heather Parent. She's applying her 31 years of professional cooking experience to developing a tasty and nutritious menu.

Monday through Friday, Jasper's offers lunch between 11 am and 1 pm, delivered anywhere in the North Dundas area. The cost for seniors is $6.90 with tax included for one meal, or $34.50 for a week.

The meals are also available to people who aren't seniors, at a slightly higher cost. "It's for anyone who's tired of cooking," said Parent.

The meal changes every day, and the menu from week to week. A typical lunch might be cheesy cauliflower soup, cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, sauteed peas, and a rhubarb muffin. Each meal includes soup or juice, an entree and dessert.

The service that Jasper's is offering is similar to Meals on Wheels. The difference is that people don't need to have a specific medical condition to qualify, as Meals on Wheels requires. Jasper's meal delivery service is for anyone who isn't eating a nutritious lunchtime meal.

Clients ordering meals by the week pay the delivery person for five days on Monday. On Tuesday they receive the following week's menu, and on Thursday or Friday submit their order for the following week.

Parent encourages people who might be interested in the service to drop by the restaurant for lunch one day to see whether they like the selection.

There's still time to sign up for this Friday's lunch: cream of mushroom soup; mushroom, ham and green onion quiche; seasonal salad; and blueberry roly poly with butterscotch sauce. To arrange for delivery, call 448-2598.



Jasper's Fine Dessert Caffe now offers a noon meal delivery service to North Dundas and surrounding communities. Heather Parent prepares the food and husband Gerry delivers. Press Photo — Zabel

WI hears stories of Lithuania

by Norma Duncan

WINCHESTER — President Ileen Robinson and Vivian Fawcett conducted the January meeting of the Winchester Women's Institute. There were 23 members in attendance.

Treasurer Marjorie Shadbolt reported an increase in the fees that are due in April. Annie Jones will be working in Chernobyl, Ukraine this spring. She requested that donations of gifts and school supplies for children be brought to the February meeting, and she will take them to Chernobyl.

Convener Anne Lyons was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, although her committee carried on. Muriel Merkley read a poem called Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, then a comical reading called A Rope was read by Mary Luykx.

Muriel Merkley introduced the speaker, Bob Carkner. He chose Lithuania as his topic. He has travelled in Europe, the United States and Canada during his hockey career and during his employment at Ault Foods.

A delicious lunch was served at the nicely decorated tables. The meeting closed with the singing of God Save the Queen.

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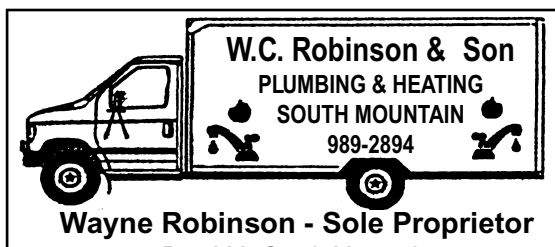

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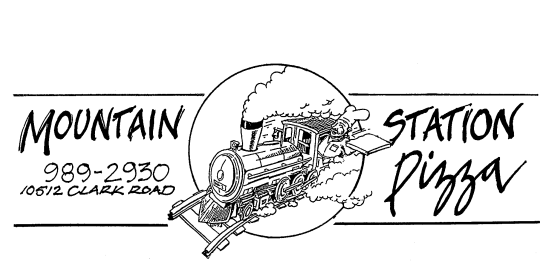

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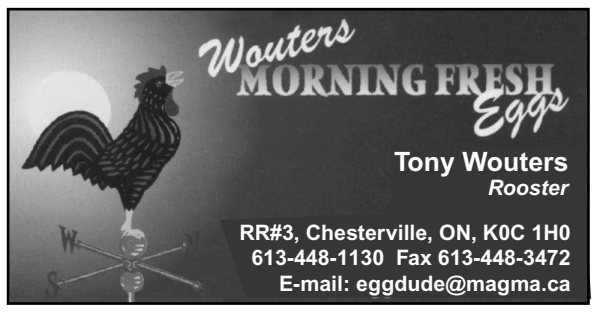

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