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Four-year-old Nathan Derick of South Mountain was obviously pleased to tell Santa Claus in person what he wants for Christmas. Santa visited South Mountain on Sun., Dec. 18. His parade was preceded by a firemen's breakfast at the agricultural hall. See more photos on page 20.

Photo — Barbour



Merry Christmas

Countervail to boost Canadian corn prices

WILLIAMSBURG — The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) made a preliminary determination on Dec. 15 that US grain corn imports are dumped in Canada at below market prices and are subsidized by the US government. Under CBSA's decision, provisional anti-dumping and countervailing (AD/CVD) duties totalling $1.65 US (approximately $1.90 Cdn) per bushel have been imposed to prevent further injury to Canadian corn growers. Canadian corn growers have been suffering from extremely low market prices — $2.50 to $3 per bushel.

"We can only speculate on what it will do to the price," said Williamsburg's Steve Byvelds, the Ontario Corn Producers Region One representative. He explained that the price of Canadian corn should rise, though not by the same amount as the duties. "It'll never go up that much," he said.

Byvelds noted that Canada has a good supply of corn right now, because the Canadian harvest has just finished and some stockpiles of corn had already been imported before the duty took effect. As a result, there has not been an immediate effect on the price of corn in Eastern Ontario.

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Drop off your Christmas tree for chipping

WINCHESTER — The township will again be operating Christmas tree depots at five locations from Dec. 27 to Jan. 11. Residents can drop off their trees at the Winchester Arena, the Chesterville Arena, the Morewood Recreation Centre, the South Mountain Fire Hall, and the Hallville Recreation Park.

"It worked very well last year," said Doug Froats, North Dundas Township's director of waste management. "And I didn't see any trees in the ditch. We're using the same process again this year." The trees will be chipped by township staff and used as compost at the Boyne Road landfill site.

The drop-off depots helped reduce operating costs last year, when compared to the curbside pickup the township provided previously, noted Froats. He estimated about 700 Christmas trees were collected at the depots.

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WTO: Least-worst outcome?

HONG KONG — Farm leaders from Canada, the United States and the European Union alike have criticized their negotiators' trade proposals. The farm leaders declared trade liberalization and the World Trade Organization (WTO) a proven failure for farmers and rural communities all over the world on Dec. 15, just two days after negotiations at the ministerial conference started.

Supply management maintained

Canada's minister of agriculture, Andy Mitchell, and his parliamentary secretary Wayne Easter, however, were able to fend off attacks against marketing agencies at the WTO talks. The two, along with trade negotiators and farm leaders from several Canadian commodity groups and organizations, were able to hold onto the Canadian Wheat Board and supply management.

NFU women's president Colleen Ross, of Iroquois, called the Hong Kong talks a failure, but noted that the outcomes for Canadian farmers could have been even worse.

"In terms of helping developing nation farmers, there's not much here," she said. "The promise of the Doha development agenda, if it ever was real, is largely dead. Canadian farmers gained little or nothing in Hong Kong. But at least we seem to have come out of this round of talks with farmers' marketing agencies in tact."

At the opening of the WTO ministerial conference, Canada's minister of international trade, Jim Peterson, said that he is "prepared to reduce our support for agriculture in a way that is very real, and would actually cut into our domestic programs."

"We (Canadians) are prepared to reduce tariffs on agricultural goods," Peterson said, making no exemption for supply management, and stating that Canada would remove all government financial support for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Peterson said that trade deals over the past ten years have contributed to low net farm incomes. "Has this caused certain problems for some of our producers? Of course it has," said Peterson. "Is it worth it as part of our contribution to global liberalization and development? Absolutely."

Peterson's comments at the opening of the talks raised the ire of many Canadian farmers.

"Canadian farmers have just come through two of the worst net income years ever, with average per farm losses of between $10,000 and $20,000," said NFU president Stewart Wells.

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Saxy serenade

North Dundas District High School's senior jazz band rocked the house on Wed., Dec. 14 during the school's annual Christmas concert. The saxophone line-up included Peter Buma (left), Tara McCadden, Megan Lummiss, Christina Lillico, Lauren Casselman, and soloist Adam Martin.

Press Photo — James

Municipal election on the horizon

WINCHESTER — With a federal election campaign under way, the fact that 2006 is also a municipal election year may be overlooked. However, North Dundas township has started preparing.

Township clerk JoAnne McCaslin recommended at the Dec. 12 council meeting that the township use the same election method for 2006 as it did in 2003. In 2003, residents voted via the touch-tone telephone and Internet election services of CanVote Inc. There were no paper ballots.

"Did we actually save money using that method?" asked councillor Martin Schoones.

McCaslin confirmed that the cost was less than the conventional paper ballot election method, but not by much. The savings stemmed from fewer staff hours and not having to rent halls for polling stations, she explained. She noted that voter turnout in 2003 was nearly 50 per cent, whereas previous municipal elections had a turnout of only 33 to 35 per cent.

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Countervail

"We'll end up being in our own little corn world for a while," he said. The new market price will have to be negotiated between producers and buyers. Some producers were already locked into sales contracts for December and January. Other producers will have to decide at what price they will be willing to sell their corn.

"These duties will provide some relief to the dire conditions facing our nation's corn farmers," said Brian Doidge, spokesperson for Canadian Corn Producers (CCP).

While the duties will likely have some effect on the 2005-2006 crop year, Byvelds said the true impact will be apparent for the 2006-2007 crop year. By next summer corn will be in shorter supply in Canada.

"We'd like to see [Canadians] supply more corn, especially in Western Ontario" said Byvelds. He pointed out that Ontario corn production is down from a peak of 2.1 million acres to 1.5 or 1.6 million. Many producers have opted for crops that require less input cost than corn because grain and oilseed prices have been so low over the last several years.

"This is just the preliminary duty phase," said Byvelds. "This is not done by a long shot."

A CCP press release stated that the organization is looking forward to the final phase of the legal proceeding which entails CBSA refining its calculations of AD/CVD duties in a final determination due March 15 and the CITT conducting a full injury inquiry (culminating in a hearing mid-March) and making its final decision on injury by April 15. If the CITT makes a final injury finding, the "provisional" duties will become "definitive" and payable on all subject goods until the CITT's AD/CVD order expires (usually after five-years).

"Our anti-dumping and countervail duty action is symptomatic of a deep financial crisis afflicting all Canadian grain and oilseed producers," said Doidge, putting the recent CBSA decision in context. "Canadian net farm income from the marketplace has been negative in five of the last six years. This crisis is caused by low commodity prices artificially depressed by foreign market interference, in particular illegal subsidies provided to US producers under decades of successive US farm bills."

The application of these duties is disappointing to many in the ethanol, livestock, and corn processing sectors.

WTO

"Yet our trade minister is willing to increase the pain for Canadian farmers." He said that cutting domestic support and gaining increased market access for exports, will not magically turn into higher net incomes for farmers.

"Canadian farmers have been hearing this for 20 years," he said, "and guess what? Our incomes from the marketplace are at record lows. Why do other Canadian farm organizations keep accepting or promoting this rhetoric? We have the Canadian data from 20 years experience – record low net incomes from the marketplace for farmers, and record profits for agribusiness."

About 50 farmers, trade unionists, and representatives of other organizations protested the opening of the ministerial meeting on Dec. 13.

"The WTO has had more than ten years to alleviate global poverty and create a level playing field, but farmers and society at large have not benefitted from liberalized trade," said NFU women's president Colleen Ross. "On the contrary, farmers are continuing to slide further into poverty as they are displaced from their land in growing numbers. The big winners are transnational corporations that dominate global trade."

Ross said the protest experience was nerve-wracking, but added it was important to put the farmers' message front and centre on the global stage.

In addition to addressing public forums on such issues as supply-management and Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (GURTs), NFU President Stewart Wells and Ross took part in twice-daily briefing sessions for Canadian delegates. Meanwhile, thousands of farmers from around the globe who are not able to be accredited are holding creative protests from Victoria Park in downtown Hong Kong.

On December 16, Ross was one of several farmers who participated in an "inside" action, a skit portraying WTO Director General Pascal Lamy as a magician creating the illusion that free trade would benefit farmers. Ross and Wells were in Hong Kong until Dec. 18, when the WTO ministerial meeting came to an end.

Christmas trees

The township is making strides in several areas to reduce the amount of material going into the landfills. Froats pointed out that the township has been recycling fluorescent tube lights since the summer. The lights can be dropped in a special container at the Boyne Road landfill. Collecting the lights prevents small amounts of phosphorus and mercury from entering the landfill.

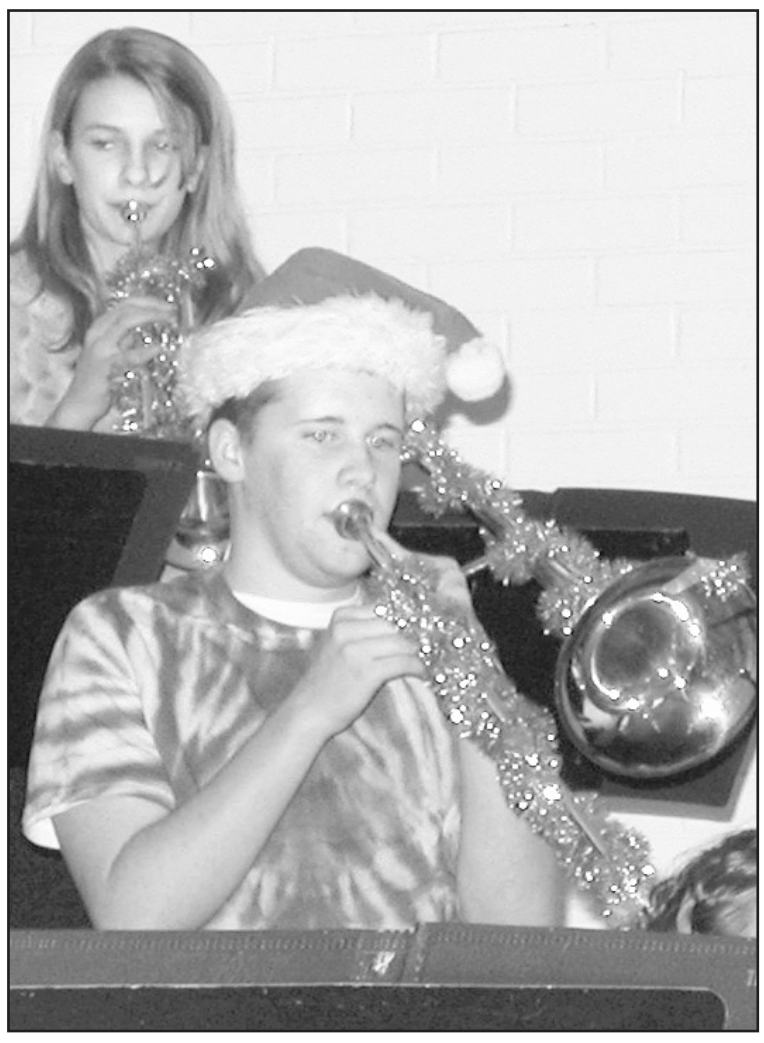
The township also diverts plastic bale wrap from being buried in the landfill. Farmers can drop off their bale wrap at the Boyne Road landfill site, and staff will bundle it up. One of the township's goals is to find a market to recycle it, said Froats.

Froats noted that a big project will be the diversion of compost from the landfill, which he said he thinks the township will pursue over the next several years.

Municipal election

"I think since we've been through it once, this time will be that much smoother," said McCaslin.

Deputy-Mayor Bill Smirle questioned McCaslin about the possible change from a three-year term to a four-year term that the province had considered mandating. McCaslin contacted MPP Jim Brownell's office to pursue the issue, but did not receive any information. It is therefore assumed that a three-year term will again apply.



Rockin' around the Christmas tree

With tinsel topping his trombone and a Santa hat perched on his head, Adrian Petry was in the Christmas spirit as he took part in the senior jazz band's performance at North Dundas District High School's Christmas Band Concert on Dec. 14. In the background is Sonje Bols.

Press Photo — James

Christian Heritage Party offers traditional choice

ST. ANDREWS – The latest addition to the local election race is Christian Heritage Party (CHP) candidate Carson Chisholm of St. Andrews. The 58-year-old real estate broker and auctioneer was born and raised on a farm and has been married to his wife Julie for 24 years. The couple has six children and lives on a hobby farm with 10 horses.

Chisholm explained that he discovered the CHP after becoming disillusioned with the Conservative party over the issue of abortion. He said Conservative Leader Stephen Harper would not let delegates discuss abortion at the policy convention in Montreal after the last federal election.

"I am honored to represent the Christian Heritage Party –- the only federal pro-life, pro-family party in Canada," he said. "Ultimately politics will not save our nation. Only a restoration of faith in the God of the Bible can do that. What politics can do is work to stop the government and the courts from behaving like enemies of the culture upon which Canada and indeed western civilization was built."

Chisholm was not able to take part in the agricultural all-candidates meeting in Winchester on Dec. 12 as his candidacy was not yet official. He did attend the meeting and distribute information about the CHP's agricultural platform, which is committed to feeding the nation while protecting the family farm.

For more information on the Christian Heritage Party visit www.chp.ca.

Campaign to slow over holiday

WINCHESTER – While the coming federal election may be the topic of conversation at many Christmas dinners this year, residents of the Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry riding will have at least a few days of campaign-free holiday time. The candidates will be taking some time off.

Liberal candidate Tom Manley and incumbent Conservative MP Guy Lauzon will suspend all canvassing activity from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1.

"This is time for us to spend with friends and family," said Manley.

Likewise, Doug Beards of the Green Party and Carson Chisholm of the Christian Heritage Party will also refrain from campaigning. NDP candidate Elaine MacDonald's team will be taking a break too, though MacDonald –- a full-time school teacher — expects to be canvassing again on Dec. 27 to take advantage of the holiday school closure.

"As a working person, I seem to be disadvantaged in comparison to the other candidates, but that criterion makes me truly representative of working Canadians," she said.

There will be three weeks in January for campaigning before the election on Jan. 23.

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Council notes from North Dundas

A break for big tarp structures

WINCHESTER — Director of planning Calvin Pol recommended to council that the township should adopt a sliding scale for the cost of agricultural tarp structure development charges. There are presently 33 agricultural tarp structures in the township.

The current bylaw includes a building permit fee of at least $50 for these structures, with the cost increasing as the size of the building goes up. There is no development fee for the first 500-square feet and beyond that there is a 10.8 cent per square foot cost.

Pol reported that he's had about four complaints in the past four years about the development fees being too high. He explained that the size of agricultural tarp structures has been going up.

The development fee funds are kept in a special account and are used only for fire services. They are further earmarked for the growth of fire services, not replacement of current equipment or vehicles.

Pol noted that he expects the new bylaw to give owners a break on the development charges if a tarp structure is over 2,500 square feet. A motion to adopt a sliding scale for tarp structure development charges will be brought forward at the next council meeting (Jan. 9). A public meeting will have to follow at a later date before the bylaw can be amended.

Mileage rate increase

Council voted to increase the rate for mileage claims to 40 cents per kilometre for 2006. The rate was previously 37 cents. The change did spur some discussion at the council table.

"It's an expense," said Mayor Alvin Runnalls about all the driving council members do. He pointed out that the price of gas is higher, adding to the expense.

"I feel that when I'm going out on council's behalf there should be something (compensation)," said councillor Estella Rose.

Though there is a bylaw allowing for council members and staff to claim mileage, council members rarely do.

"It's included in the bylaw that you can charge mileage, but everyone is afraid to be the first," suggested Runnalls.

Councillor Al Armstrong pointed out that if anyone had trepidation about claiming mileage, they probably shouldn't be claiming it.

"I think there should be written criteria — not just left to an individual's discretion [when to claim mileage]," said Armstrong.

Clerk JoAnne McCaslin will meet with members of council in the future to draft a written mileage policy.

Doctor grant approved

Council unanimously supported an incentive grant to help attract another doctor to North Dundas. The grant is the same $40,000 incentive to be paid out over four years that has been used twice in the last two years to attract new family physicians. The grant is a first-come, first-served offering.

"I understand a new doctor is coming — midway through next year," reported Runnalls.

$10 million Lighthouse Program

New funding formula boosts rural students

QUEEN'S PARK — A $10-million lighthouse program, a new "rural experience" emphasis in the curriculum, and $3.5 million for a new e-learning pilot project are all parts of the Ontario government's new Rural Student Success Program.

"The [program] demonstrates fresh thinking and flexible strategies that enhance and expand the educational programming offered in small, rural high schools, ensuring the students' well being," said Grace McGartland, chair of Ontario's Coalition for Small Schools.

Last spring, the coalition made five recommendations to the provincial government addressing the gaps and issues faced by rural schools.

"The lighthouse program reflects a shift in the thinking within the ministry," said Greg Yantzi, a member of the coalition. "The focus is now on the education of students—by meeting their individual needs, not just a number-based funding formula. The ministry has finally recognized the importance of a rural school funding formula."

Greg Pietersma, Upper Canada District School Board trustee for Dundas County, said that the funding is a good step, but might not be enough.

"The continued recognition of the special needs of our students in small rural schools is welcomed," he said. "But with the details presented, it looks like only 25 to 50 schools across the province will benefit from the funding. We have nearly 20 schools (in the Upper Canada District) that need this funding. Let's hope they add more money."

A lighthouse program highlights the schools with the best practises in public education, and gives those schools extra funding to share those teaching tactics with other schools. For example, schools with exemplary teachers and programs would be given funding to hire supply teachers so that the highlighted teachers and programs could be spread around to other schools.

The lighthouse program will provide between 25 and 50 rural high schools with $100,000 to $200,000 of additional annual funding for a two-year period. It is the latest instalment in the provincial Liberal government's education program, which includes $20 million provided earlier this year, and now represents over $200 million in targeted rural schools funding since 2003.

The rural program is part of the provincial government's $1.3 billion Student Success Strategy — now in it's third phase — to increase the accomplishments of all Ontario high school students.

A new Specialist High-Skills Major (including a farming and rural option) has been added to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), allowing students to complete a minimum bundle of courses in specific areas of concentration.

Expanded co-operative education programs and increased partnerships with business and community organizations, as well as dual credit programs will allow students to earn several credits outside the classroom, including through the 4-H program.

Dual credits will allow high school students to bundle certifications such as first aid, CPR, WHMIS, fall restraint, equipment specific certifications for credits toward their diploma.

"I am extremely pleased to bring this news to the rural communities of the region," said Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh MPP Jim Brownell. "Providing these measures through rural schools will make it easier for our rural youth to get the education they need."

Legislation has been introduced that, if passed, will require students to stay in the classroom, in an apprenticeship, or in a workplace training program until the age of 18 or graduation, instead of being allowed to drop out at age 16. The strategy also sets high graduation targets — 85 per cent of high school students by 2010 — up from 68 per cent when the government took office and 71 per cent in 2004-05.

"We're putting rural high schools on an equal footing with their urban counterparts to ensure greater success for Ontario's 75,000 rural high school students," said education minister Gerard Kennedy.

Pietersma said he is pleased that the minister continues to adopt the recommendations put forward by the Upper Canada District School Board's white paper about small high schools, but is still uneasy about the funding efforts.

"I continue to be concerned on the ministry's policy of allocating additional funding to specific areas within our budget," he explained. "They assume they know what our priorities are. They should just increase our funding and allow us to spend it as our communities and schools see fit."

RIDE stop in Ingleside nets over 100 pounds of marijuana

INGLESIDE — SD&G OPP conducted a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program in South Stormont on Thurs., Dec. 8 when at about 4 pm, a 2003 black Ford Expedition was stopped and the officer questioned the driver.

Due to the vagueness of the driver's answers, the officer investigated further and searched the vehicle. In the rear of the SUV, the officers found 104 pounds of marijuana with a street value of about $850,000. Along with the drugs, officers also seized the vehicle.

The driver, 59-year-old Kenneth Wise from Ingleside, was arrested and faces the following charges: possession of a controlled substance, schedule two, cannabis marijuana — over 30 grams, and possession for the purpose of trafficking, schedule two — over three kilograms. The driver was held in custody and appeared in Cornwall court on Dec. 9 for a bail hearing to answer to the charge. Const. D. Brisson is investigating this matter.

On the same day, at approximately 7:30 pm, SD&G OPP stopped a 2005 Ford Harley Davidson pickup truck on Cornwall Centre Road in South Stormont. As a result of police investigation, a quantity of cocaine and cash were located and seized.

The driver a 28-year-old male from Godmanchester, Que., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, schedule one — Cocaine. As a result of the arrest, officers also seized the Ford truck.

The driver was released and is to appear in court on Jan. 9, 2006. Const. R. Latreille is investigating this matter.

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Council asked to direct funds to initiatives highlighted by Rural Summit

OTTAWA — Bob McKinley, chair of the Rural Summit task force, made a presentation to members of Ottawa City Council as part of their 2006 budget deliberations on Fri., Dec. 9. On behalf of the task force, McKinley recommended spending priorities for the $2 million earmarked annually for rural initiatives.

"It will take a concerted effort between rural residents and businesses and city hall to turn the results of the Rural Summit into meaningful change with lasting benefits to rural citizens," said McKinley. "The mayor, City managers and senior staff have been very supportive, laying the foundation for today's request that council continue with its support of this initiative."

The task force recommends using the $2 million fund toward priorities identified in the two-day summit, including the creation of a rural affairs bureau, led by a dedicated rural affairs director.

McKinley's spending recommendations also suggested broadening the mandate and increasing staff support of the City's agricultural and rural affairs standing committee, and reinstating the agriculture and rural affairs advisory committee.

McKinley also proposed training programs so that City staff can better provide responses to rural inquiries and requests for service, as well as funding and promotional support to rural fairs and farmers' markets.

"While the City can do some things without a supporting budget, many of the issues that concern rural residents will take money to address," added Glyn Chancey, task force spokesperson. "Improving roads, providing dedicated staff at City Hall to deal with rural affairs, and other actions are all important, and require annual budget allocations to make real progress."

In addition to the list of budget items McKinley presented to council, dozens of long-term concerns are being addressed, which will be further developed over the coming months.

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Budget, WTO discussions finish off 2005 session of legislature

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



QUEEN'S PARK — With this being my last riding report for 2005, it is time to reflect on the past year, and to give encouragement and support to those who continue to hope and dream for the future of the riding of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh.

The year 2005 was one of much joy and serious turmoil in the riding, and it was indeed a challenge to work on each and every one of the issues that surfaced.

We were encouraged by the news of a new Community Health Centre for the riding, and the final word from the minister of health and long-term care, George Smitherman, that the St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre would be constructed on York Street in Cornwall. To those who worked and those who continue to work on health care projects in the riding, including the Winchester District Memorial Hospital expansion, I extend my encouragement and support. With some hospital projects in the province not proceeding to construction in the next five years, due to budgetary constraints, the riding is fortunate that the minister has included our riding's projects in the five year plan. The citizens of our community have embraced the need for health care transformation, and the financial support for our local capital projects is appreciated.

Much anxiety has been created in the riding over the closure or impending closure of such industries as Nestlé Canada Inc. in Chesterville, Gildan in Long Sault, and Domtar Fine Papers in Cornwall. At Queen's Park, I have had many opportunities to work with my caucus colleagues and cabinet ministers in addressing the issues in the industrial sector. Retraining concerns have been brought to the attention of the minister of training, colleges and universities, Chris Bentley, and he has assured me that his ministry will work diligently to meet the challenges in the riding.

Recently, I had the opportunity to arrange a meeting between Cornwall Mayor Phil Poirier and other officials and the minister of economic development and trade, Joe Cordiano, and the minister of natural resources, David Ramsay. Following this meeting, an inter-ministerial meeting was arranged to tackle the economic problems in the riding.

Locally, on the economic front, I have had several discussions and meetings with Poirier and city officials; Alvin Runnalls, the warden for the United Counties; MP Guy Lauzon; and those who work in various support agencies in the constituency. We recognize that many challenges lie ahead, but we are fiercely determined to meet the challenges head on. I challenged my caucus colleagues two weeks ago — I mentioned to them that if I knocked on their door once during the past year, I am now knocking a second time, for many economic issues and opportunities have been presented to the government. I have been working tirelessly to bring some of these projects to fruition, and hopefully, we will see results in the near future: courthouse expansion; ethanol project; and tourism opportunities, among others.

The 2005 budget was the provincial government's education budget, with our commitment to opportunities for post-secondary students and for the educational institutions that provide for this level of education. As a retired educator, I have been a strong supporter of educational opportunities at all levels — elementary, secondary and post-secondary. From smaller class sizes in the primary grades, to greater learning opportunities in both urban and rural secondary schools, and more grants and financial supports for students in post-secondary education, the provincial government continues to make valuable investments in education.

The minister of finance, Dwight Duncan, invited me to join four of my caucus colleagues in an informal discussion on Nov. 15, concerning the 2006 budget. I was pleased to have been given this opportunity to express concerns for this riding, and I outlined the financial challenges faced by those who have lost jobs and those with disabilities. As well, I discussed the challenges faced by those who work and volunteer in the agencies that support the social structures in the community. At that meeting, I encouraged the minister to consider the challenges faced by the less fortunate as the budget is being crafted.

As I prepare this final report for 2005, I reflect on the World Trade Organization ministerial meeting in Hong Kong and the role of the minister of agriculture, food, and rural affairs, Leona Dombrowsky. I was privileged to join with all members of the Ontario legislature to support a motion for the minister to vigorously defend supply management at the WTO talks. Farmers have faced several challenges in the last year, and it was encouraging to see all parties support the minister.

BEST WISHES

With Christmas and a New Year just around the corner, I join with my constituency and Queen's Park staff, Julie, Francine, Jeremy, Craig, and Kerry, in wishing all constituents a Merry Christmas, season's greetings, Happy Hanukkah, and all the best in 2006.

Police blotter

Snowmobile theft

HALLVILLE — Overnight between Dec. 18 and 19, a snowmobile was stolen from a residence on Church Road in North Dundas Township. The vehicle is described as a 1999 Bombardier MXZ 440, yellow, unplated. Const. Derek Hardy is investigating.

Windows smashed

HALLVILLE — Between 3 and 8 pm on Dec. 19, two windows were smashed, possibly in an attempt to break-in, at a residence on Loughlin Ridge Road in North Dundas. No entry was gained. Const. Alicia Burtch is investigating.

Pack of possessions

SOUTH DUNDAS — SD&G OPP responded to a residence on Sat., Dec. 17 after a call regarding some unwanted persons on the property. At the scene, the officers were advised that the people had just left, driving a 1992 grey BMW. The vehicle was soon stopped and officers began speaking with all six occupants.

Officers observed open alcohol in the vehicle, which led to a search of the car. Officers then located several personal items, believed to be some of the items that were reported stolen the previous day when several vehicle break-and-enters occured.

All six males were then arrested for possession of property obtained by crime and taken to the Morrisburg detachment.

Officers charged a 16-year-old male from Morrisburg with possession of property obtained by crime under $5,000, possession of a controlled substance, schedule two, cannabis marijuana — under 30 grams, and two counts of failure to comply with a sentence or disposition (separate incident).

A 24-year-old male, 17-year-old male, and 22-year-old male, all from Carleton Place, were each charged with one count of possession of property obtained by crime under $5,000, while a 19-year-old male from Carleton Place faces charges possession of property obtained by crime under $5,000 and two counts of breach of probation (separate incident).

A 20-year-old male from Beckwith was also charged with one count of property obtained by crime under $5,000.

All were released and will appear in court in January to answer to the charges. Const. D. Canham investigated this incident.

Multiple charges

MORRISBURG — An investigation into a reported vehicle theft, on the morning of Dec. 13 in Iroquois, has resulted in criminal charges against a local resident. A 33-year-old South Dundas man has been charged with breach of probation, public mischief, and failing to remain at the scene of a collision, and is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Morrisburg on Jan. 10.

Drug seizure

CHESTERVILLE — A RIDE program traffic stop during the early morning hours of Dec. 15 in Chesterville resulted in the seizure of a quantity of marijuana and a charge of possession of a controlled substance against a 19-year-old Chesterville-area male. Court is set for Feb. 6 in Morrisburg.

RIDE update

SMITHS FALLS — The Eastern Region OPP have completed week three out of five in its annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program. Between Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, OPP officers across Eastern Ontario checked 14,469 drivers during stationary and roving RIDE check points. Officers issued 14 12-hour suspensions, charged four drivers for driving impaired, and laid 83 other charges.



A 12-metre high osprey nesting platform was raised along the South Nation River in Crysler on Dec. 10.

Nesting platform erected in habitat enhancement effort

CRYSLER — To accommodate the growing number of ospreys within the South Nation Watershed, South Nation Conservation's Fisheries Advisory Committee, along with members from the National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club of Ottawa, installed a new osprey nest along the South Nation River in Crysler. This adds to the network of osprey nests built along the South Nation River over the last several years.

Ospreys (Pandion haliaetus), whose diets consist solely of fish, have a wide distribution because they are able to live almost anywhere there are safe nest sites and shallow waters with abundant fish.

Ospreys hit the water with great speed and sometimes disappear under the water's surface. If the bird has been successful, it will take its catch back to the nest, carrying the fish in its talons to share with its family.

Ospreys are sensitive to many contaminants and may be a valuable indicator species for monitoring the long-term health of large rivers, bays and estuaries.

Ospreys are not listed under the Endangered Species Act. They are, however, protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Act.

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Quizzing the candidates on employment

Candidates queried on plan to preserve and/or encourage employment in the SD&SG riding

WINCHESTER — In an effort to help residents compare the five federal election candidates for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, the *Press* issued the following question to each: The riding of SD&SG has lost, and is in the process of losing, many jobs. What steps will you take to preserve the industries remaining and attract new employers to the riding?

Doug Beards, Green Party

With the demise of much of the industry in the area, the riding of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry (SD&SG), including Cornwall, is at a crossroads. The Greens of SD&SG propose a bold course of action to invigorate the local economy and brand this riding as the "Green Capital of Canada," identifying it globally as a choice destination for other green industries.

There are four main thrusts to the Green proposal: agriculture and food processing, energy production, eco-tourism, and remediation of former industrial sites. These are identified because they are areas of growing local and international importance, and because they build on existing significant assets of SD&SG.

The St. Lawrence River, which runs the length of SD&SG, is an under-utilized and under-promoted world-class eco-tourism destination. We will work to promote, develop, and protect it, and in so doing, reap the economic benefits of a healthy tourism industry.

The river also plays an important role in production of renewable energy. As world oil prices continue to rise, local industries, including agriculture, will continue to suffer and fail. We will work to develop local energy sources in the form of wind, solar, ethanol (corn, etc.), and hydro electric, to provide affordable energy for local use and export.



Doug Beards
Green Party

Agriculture is extremely important to SD&SG, and international demand for organic products is growing rapidly and offering farmers opportunity for greater profit. We will nurture and promote this niche market, while vigorously protecting and expanding existing support programs for all of our farmers.

Industries that have closed have left behind facilities and land that require remediation before they can be used again. We have an opportunity to develop the technologies associated with this, and to use them here and market them abroad.

Canada's first Green MP would have significant stature and influence in a minority government, and would focus almost exclusively on implementing this plan.

Carson Chisholm, Christian Heritage Party

The Christian Heritage Party's (CHP) position is that the government should serve as a facilitator in bringing provincial authorities, labor, finance, and capital in line with long-term national goals and capital work projects; in furnishing statistics; and in making the latest government-sponsored scientific research and development available to industry.

We affirm that the primary function of government is not to provide grants, devise grant-related social programs to create temporary employment or assume the role of job creator and employer. Any government involvement must proceed with due consideration for long-term economic development benefits and ecological factors.

National self-sufficiency and control in essential commodities such as food, water, energy, medicine and medical technology, construction materials, machine tools, and electronics should be kept in focus when formulating government policy relative to business and industry.

In general we should strive for elimination of tariff duties insofar as economic stability and national security are not threatened. A tariff review board should monitor major economic factors (eg. foreign government subsidies, oppressive labor conditions, unfair competition and environmental mismanagement) which contribute to the low price of those foreign commodities competing with Canadian-made products.



Carson Chisholm
Christian Heritage Party

The CHP's Infrastructure Program suggests interest-free loans direct from the Bank of Canada to provinces, municipalities, and other local authorities for roads, highways, bridges, port facilities, airports, urban and inter-urban passenger and rail services, educational, and sewage and water treatment facilities would create many long lasting, high paying jobs.

The stimulus to the economy as well as improved access to resources and markets would create increased revenues to allow repayment of those loans and Canada's much-needed infrastructure renewal would benefit everyone.

The Employment Insurance funds from which Ottawa has looted $48 billion to create phony "surpluses" and to bribe voters with their own money should be used to fund retraining and for the funding of employee-owned startups.

Guy Lauzon, Conservative Party

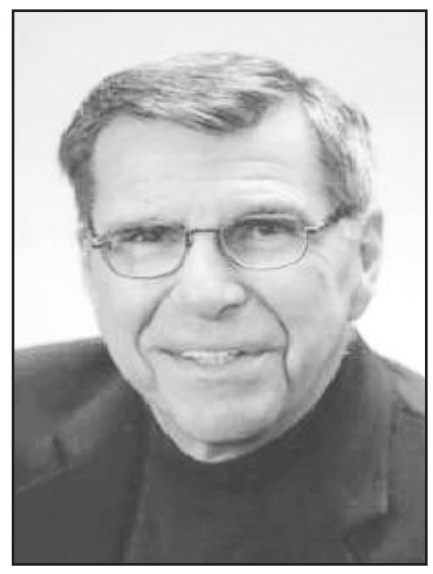
Under a federal Liberal government, SD&SG has seen plant closure after plant closure. These job losses create a tremendous impact on our economy and are devastating area families. Unfortunately, the current Liberal government has done nothing to help industry stay in Canada.

Those Canadians that have jobs say they are working longer and longer hours but finding it harder and harder to get ahead. A Conservative government will create more opportunity for individuals, families, and small businesses to get ahead. Under the Liberals, high taxes and red tape have held back growth and prosperity. A new government must reduce taxes on middle-class families — starting with the GST, lower taxes on small business, and help our farmers and resource industries to compete in the world.

The Conservative Party's plan for the economy includes a cut to the GST to 5 per cent: an immediate reduction to 6 per cent, and further cuts to 5 per cent over the next five years. We will provide tax incentives for young Canadians to learn skilled trades as apprentices, and for businesses to hire new apprentices. A Conservative government will stand up for Canada's farmers and resource industries such as forestry, fishing, and mining by ensuring a level playing field with our trading partners along with negotiating fair trade deals.

Since being elected 18 months ago, I have been working to bring a federal government department to SD&SG. We are perfectly situated between Montreal and Toronto. We have a skilled, bilingual workforce ready to take advantage of this opportunity. This is a very real long-term solution to the current job losses in our area. I am pursuing this avenue aggressively.

The Conservative Party's plan for the economy will help industry grow and prosper in Canada. By ensuring a favorable economic climate through the actions of a Conservative government we will bring high paying jobs back to SD&SG.



Guy Lauzon
Conservative Party

Stand up for change! Stand up for Canada! On Jan. 23 vote for Guy Lauzon and the Conservative Party.

Elaine MacDonald, New Democratic Party

Job retention and job creation are not just election issues; nor are they city versus farm issues. They've been burning issues for all of us ever since we ratified NAFTA in 1994. Since August last year, about 100,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost, most of them in Ontario, and this readership needs no lesson on what stresses our farms are facing. Rapid globalization and pressures on our agricultural base, such as we see at the current WTO talks, impoverish some of us and leave the rest of us feeling very insecure.

In the immediate short term, an NDP government would address the current temporary stressors that are stripping our communities of their manufacturing base. These stressors are high energy costs and a high dollar. Temporary crises respond to temporary fixes. Subsidies, special grants, and low-interest loans can make the difference, here and now, between survival and collapse.

But temporary fixes haven't worked for Nestlé in Chesterville, Prescott Shirt Factory in Prescott, the Playtex plant in Arnprior, and Domtar in Cornwall. For these communities, I, along with the NDP caucus would aggressively attract new investment and encourage startups that will pay the same family-support wages. The place to start is with the ethanol plant. It's a win-win for farmers who produce the grain, for workers with the transferable industrial skills, for the environment, and for Eastern Ontario.

For long-term revitalization, we have to think into the future. For example, Ontario just announced its Advanced Manufacturing Investment Strategy, which will see no-interest multi-year loans extended to companies that are developing value-added manufacturing, or using innovative technologies. Locally, we have the workers and we have the will. All levels of government must work together to create the next wave of manufacturing and support our rural communities. An NDP caucus will make it happen.



Elaine MacDonald
NDP

Tom Manley, Liberal Party

There is little doubt the riding has lost a large number of well paying jobs with the recently announced closures of some generational employers in our area, such as Domtar and Nestlé.

These losses present two challenges for us:

1. Helping people who have lost their jobs to prepare for a new career which is compounded by the fact that many of these people have only known one employer and are nearing retirement age.

2. Identifying the best options for new employment in SD&SG and ensuring these employers are aware of these opportunities in our region and aware of our resources.

I have always subscribed to a made-in-SD&SG solution when it comes to addressing our issues. So let's look at some possible scenarios to help ease unemployment and the loss of industries.

One of the largest challenges facing employers today in determining their bottom line is high energy costs. We have the resources to help lower those energy costs by developing solar energy, wind energy, and/or micro generation. The technology is in place, all that is needed is the renewed entrepreneurial spirit that has existed in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry in previous generations to prove that it is viable.

By lowering energy costs we will give small, medium, and large industries a decided market advantage in their production costs. This same approach can be applied to local farm operations, corner gas bars, and institutions such as our schools and hospitals.

Alternative power generation can be marketed throughout our community, giving us a decided market advantage and enhancing our reputation as a great place in which to work, live, and play.

As an MP, I am prepared to work with new and existing industries to explore government partnership and support in lowering energy costs as a means to help preserve and create new jobs in our region.



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EDITORIAL

Lighthouses can't always cut through the fog

The current Liberal provincial government stands firmly on a platform of education: revamping the current system to make sure kids stay in school longer and teachers get the respect they deserve. But one has to wonder whether the government's funding is in the right place.

The province announced just last week that with it's third phase of the Rural Student Success Strategy comes a $10-million lighthouse program, a new "rural experience" emphasis in the curriculum, and $3.5 million for a new e-learning pilot project.

A $10 million lighthouse program looks nice on paper, but only 25 to 50 schools across the entire province will benefit. There are nearly 20 rural schools in the Upper Canada District alone that could use some help. Money will be given to schools that are performing well, but are under-funded. So what schools will actually be chosen is hard to say. We fear the funding may not end up with the schools that need it most.

A lighthouse program highlights the schools with the best practises in public education, and gives those schools extra funding to share those teaching tactics with other schools. Schools with exemplary teachers would be given funding to hire supply teachers so that the highlighted teachers could be sent to another school that needs a boost. For example: A school has one of the highest enrollments in physical education in the province. The lighthouse program would give funding to that school in order to share that best practice — to "free up" the brilliant teacher so that he or she can go spend time in another school.

The provincial government says this program will make success contagious, but that's a hard pill to swallow. What will happen to the successful school when, even if just for a little while, its adored teacher is taken away — replaced with a supply teacher? (Especially in an education system that doesn't have enough qualified supply teachers available.)

And who's to say that it's one special teacher that makes a school a success story; it could be several circumstances, including socio-economic factors. One teacher, or one innovative program, may not be able to significantly help a school.

Nothing can be taught methodologically to someone who doesn't want to learn, or doesn't feel that learning is necessary. Mr. Phys. Ed. may, indeed, be at a school full of jocks — put him at another school and he may not be able to accomplish much at all.

Every school needs the same tools and conditions to succeed. Rural schools, which sometimes suffer because of a grid-based enrolment funding formula, should be given funding to spend where they need it most.

Would North Dundas District High School be chosen as a lighthouse school? Even though only a few schools will be selected, NDDHS has a good chance of grabbing some of this funding, with its innovative programs and teachers. But what will happen to our local youth when, even if for a little while, their best teachers are sent to another part of the district or the province to "spread the wealth"?

In a perfect world, last week's provincial funding announcement would have included an overhaul of the funding formula, which has been dubbed an inappropriate "one size fits all" approach and has seen high schools with declining enrolment suffer through declining grants.

We agree that some special teachers have a lot to offer, and learning never stops, right? If the government wants our children to keep learning, perhaps our teachers should keep learning, too. But instead of sending in one lighthouse teacher or program from one lighthouse school, which may or may not be able to help out a different school, we should be giving our teachers better opportunities to bounce ideas off one another in a much broader sense.

In Ontario, there are four professional development days a year for secondary school teachers. Two of those are devoted to student report cards. The other two are legitimate development activities for the teachers. Are two days enough?

Don't take the good teachers out of their environment, just ensure that those teachers get a chance to speak with, or work with, other teachers in board-wide – or province-wide – leadership and professional development camps that will give all teachers the same opportunities. It may sound hokey, but it works. We have to foster greater and better learning opportunities for all of our teachers — simple interaction is a giant step.

A $10 million lighthouse program? Yeah, right. Spread that money around to schools that need new books and better equipment — maybe spend a little on professional development activities — but don't take exceptional teachers out of the environments in which they thrive.

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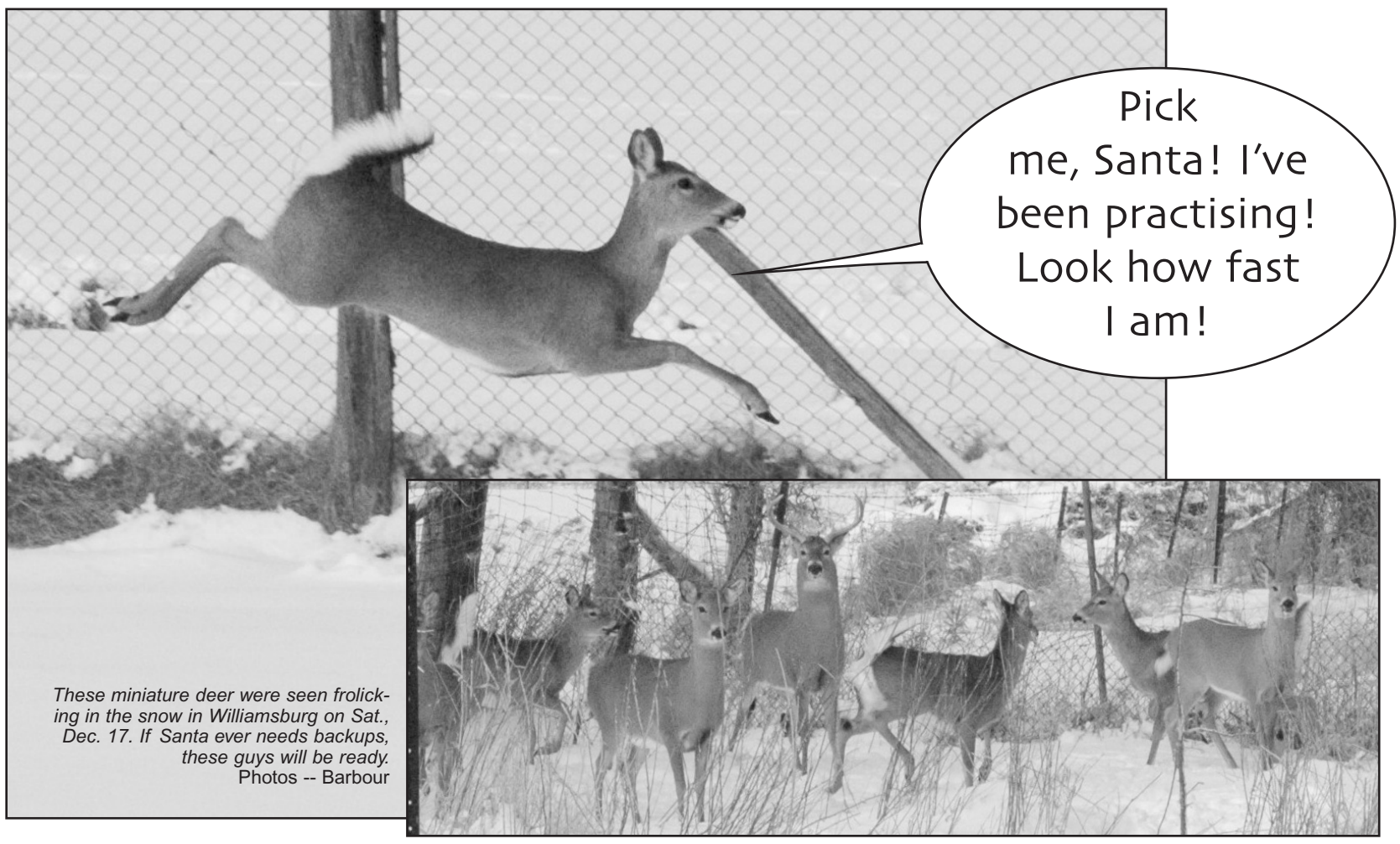

These miniature deer were seen frolicking in the snow in Williamsburg on Sat., Dec. 17. If Santa ever needs backups, these guys will be ready.
Photos -- Barbour

Year of the Veteran reminds us of 1914 Christmas Truce

Christmas holds a different meaning to everyone.

Perhaps Christmas brings back memories of childhood, or of family gatherings. Some people think of faith and religion. Others think of community.

This year, as the Year of the Veteran comes to an end in Canada, we can't help but think of a man from Scotland named Alfred Anderson.



From the Other Side
by Jeffrey Morris

Ninety-one years ago, Anderson took part in an event that defined the power and love of Christmas as well as any event in history since the birth and life of Christ himself.

On Christmas Day in 1914, young Alfred Anderson heard a profound silence that would always stay with him. Anderson was a soldier in the British Black Watch regiment on the Western Front. He was a batman for Captain Fergus Bowles-Lyon, who was the brother of the Queen Mother Elizabeth.

The Great War was young then. The excitement of war was not yet fully replaced by the horrors of war. This was a war for politicians and kings, and the soldiers had not yet developed hatred for their enemies. This hatred would come, and it would pave the way for another great war a generation later. This war would escalate in 1915 and 10 million lives would eventually be claimed.

For a day, however, the guns would be silenced. The Christmas Truce of 1914 was not planned. It just happened. For each area along the 500-mile front, it differed. In some areas, officers with white flags approached the enemy and met in no-mans land. For many, the truce began as an opportunity for men from both sides of the front to retrieve bodies and hold proper burials. In many areas along the front, the trenches were only 30 yards apart. Many regiments were close enough to their enemies to shout insults and be clearly heard.

Christmas Day on the Western Front was as cold, wet and muddy as any other morning, but it was silent.

The informal truce began that morning. At some points on the line, German soldiers would begin singing Christmas carols, and British soldiers would often join in. As the day went on and the soldiers cautiously emerged from the trenches, they found a special bond as they met each other. They shared Christmas gifts with each other — everything from buttons, to cakes and puddings, to cigarettes.

As the morning went on, the soldiers had fraternized and made friends among enemies. In many places, soccer balls were brought out and the Germans and British enjoyed playing in "friendlies" or "kick arounds."

"I remember the silence, the eerie sound of silence," said Anderson in the Scottish newspaper *The Observer* last year. "All I'd heard for two months in the trenches was the hissing, cracking, and whining of bullets in flight, machine-gun fire, and distant German voices… But there was a dead silence that morning, right across the land as far as you could see. We shouted 'Merry Christmas,' even though nobody felt merry. The silence ended early in the afternoon and the killing started again. It was a short peace in a terrible war."

While Anderson's regiment went back to war that afternoon, many regiments did not. For some, the truce continued into the night and for some it even stretched into Boxing Day.

The high command of both the Germans and the British disapproved of the truce, worrying that getting to know the enemy would take the fight out of their men. Such a truce would never happen on Christmas Day again.

Alfred Anderson served until 1916, when he was injured by shrapnel. Capt. Bowles-Lyon, meanwhile, was killed at the Battle of Loos in 1915.

Like many veterans were, Anderson became haunted by the war. He would say that he often thought about his friends who lost their lives in battle, but that it was so sad that he tried not to think about them too much.

"I felt so guilty meeting the families of friends who were lost," he said to the British media last month. "They looked at me as if I should have been left in the mud of France instead of their loved one. I couldn't blame them, they were grieving, and I still share their grief and bear that feeling of guilt."

About a month ago, on the morning of Mon., Nov. 21, Alfred Anderson passed away in his sleep. He was 109 years old and was the oldest man in Scotland.

Alfred Anderson was the last survivor of the Christmas Truce of 1914.

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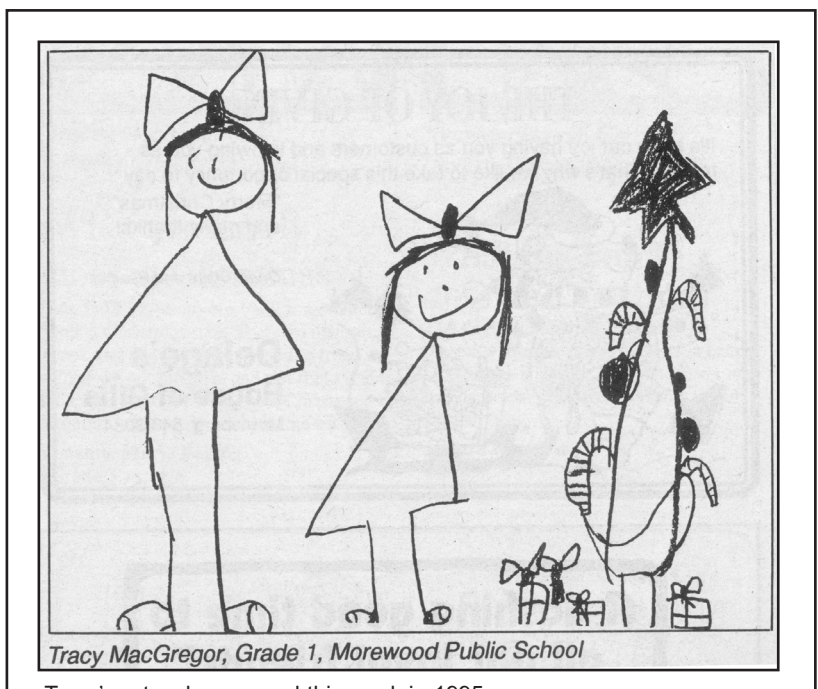
Tracy MacGregor, Grade 1, Morewood Public School

Tracy's artwork appeared this week in 1995.

This week in…
by Meghan Duncan



1945

Winchester's Town Hall was packed for the annual high school commencement ceremonies, which took place on both Thursday and Friday nights — despite the fact that many of the students were unable to attend because of the flu. There were many last-minute adjustments to the ceremony's agenda making the program much shorter, including the cancellation of the students' play, Sister Sue, because of several flu-inflicted cast members.

1955

M.E. Bradden, Ontario Hydro's rehabilitation officer, spoke at the Winchester 100 Club's December meeting. His presentation was all about how the Village of Iroquois move was progressing. At that point, 65 homes had been moved to the new village location immediately north of the old site. Bradden said he expected the village move, which would make way for the expanded St. Lawrence Seaway, would be complete by the summer of 1956. Over 30,000 acres of land between Iroquois and Cornwall were to be flooded.

1965

Junior hockey was about to make its return to Winchester. A team consisting of players from the village, as well as from South Mountain, Kemptville, and other areas would play at the Winchester and District Arena. The KSMW Combines would compete against teams from Russell, Perth, Prescott, Cardinal, and Haddo in the St. Lawrence Junior "B" League. The Combines' first home game of the season would be against Russell on New Year's Day.

1975

North Dundas District High School students Julie Holmes, Rose Hauch, and Kathy Workman had a more than solid showing at an Ottawa track and field meet. Holmes matched the set standard twice in the day, covering the 50-metre course faster than any other competitor, male or female, in 6.6 seconds, and also placed well in the 300-metre. Hauch set a personal best with a 12.48-metre shot put throw. Workman, known for her speed in hurdle events, won the 50-metre sprint in 6.9 seconds. The three would head to Montreal in the new year before competing at various meets in the United States.

1985

With the hiring of a social worker to co-ordinate the project, plans to establish a shelter for abused women in Winchester took another step forward. Carol Thompson, manager of Cardinal Youth Employment Services, was selected from 30 applicants for the five-month position.

Before OSAID (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving), North Dundas District High School had a strong SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) chapter made up of 30 students.

1995

The McDiarmid brothers, David, Craig, Trevor, and little Garrett, all sent their wishes to Santa Claus, and shared their letters with the *Press*.

David said that he liked Christmastime because the cows were in and there was more time to play; he was wishing for a pog holder, and an army set with army planes. Craig wanted a TMR mixer like his uncle Dan's. He let Santa know that there would be peanut butter balls waiting on Christmas eve, "but nothing for the reindeer. They can't come in the house."

Three-year-old Trevor was wishing for some candies and puzzles and Playdoh and skates, but wasn't as generous toward his new baby brother, Garrett.

"He can have some socks," the letter read.

Being frugal pays off: the freecycling advantage

Far from our expenditure-based society is a world of exchange without cash — or credit. Freecycle.org members can give away and get anything and everything. The point? Acquire it free of charge, get rid of your extra material belongings, and keep good stuff out of landfills. Local resident Stepheny Vautour has brought the global phenomenon to Winchester, and already has over 50 captivated followers.

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

WINCHESTER — As the A Channel's resident "Super Saver," Winchester's Stepheny Vautour knows how to save a buck — and she's found a way to spread the wealth.

Vautour, who appears frequently on the A-Channel's Consumer Report segment of the news, recently launched a website: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WinchesterFreecycle/.

"It has been officially up and running since late October, and currently there are 58 members," she explained. "It's growing slowly."

The Winchester Freecycle group is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, a piano or an old door, any item can be posted. The website is also open to anyone looking to acquire something. Local organizations and not-for-profit groups are also welcome to participate.

"Groups can post items that they are in need of," said Vautour. "We've had people post Jacuzzis, cars, winter tires, you name it."

There is only one rule for using the service: everything posted must be free.

Vautour said she came across freecyling by fluke.

"I just sort of fell into it; I'm always looking for the good deals and ways to save money," she said, explaining that the Winchester Early Years Centre has generated quite a few local freecyclers — kids grow up and out of things quickly, and freecycling allows people to get more use out of items.

As the site's mediator, Vautour said that her job is to make sure everything posted on the site is legal, and that there are no "spam" users, or abusers.

"I had to go through an application process," she said. "Not just anyone can start a freecycle site."

She said that the site is supposed to be impartial, but that it's difficult, sometimes.

"You're not supposed to specify why you need the items," she explained. "I posted a couple of snowsuits, and you get lots of e-mails; you hear everyone's story. There's no way you can give one [snowsuit] to everyone. That's the hard part."

Vautour moved to Winchester about a year ago. "Since then, we have fallen in love with this little town," she said. "I've found it [the freecycle group] a great way to get to know people in this community."

The Winchester Freecycle group is part of The Freecycle Network, a not-for-profit organization made up of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills. In the neighboring Ottawa freecycle group, there are over 7,000 members.

There are also groups in Morrisburg and Cornwall, as well as a brand new group in Kemptville. Globally, there are almost two million members in more than 3,300 communities. Check out freecycle.org for more information on the organization.

E-mail Vautour at WinchesterFreecycle@yahoogroups.com for more information about the Winchester site.



Pretty paper

People dropping into Loughlin's store in Hallville on recent Saturdays were able to have their Christmas gifts wrapped for the price of a donation to the Hallville Recreation Association. Association vice-president Cheryl Smith was at the wrapping table. The service was offered Dec. 10 and 17 and is available next Saturday (Dec. 24) as well, from 10 am to 2 pm. *Photo — Barbour*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lab funding problems a disappointment

The Editor:
It is very disappointing to learn that the ministry of health and long-term care is not providing adequate funding to the Hospitals In Common Laboratory (HICL) in Winchester. The Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) and HICL have enjoyed a public/private relationship that has improved laboratory services since 1997.

My wife and I both require blood work on a regular basis. Our family doctor prescribes the blood tests for us and we can attend the HICL as "community patients." Our OHIP-funded visit to the lab is usually between 10 to 15 minutes -– in and out.

Now, thanks to Dalton McGuinty and his pledge to save us from any form of private health care, the services provided by HICL may have to be transferred to WDMH. In order to avoid longer waiting times the hospital may have to hire more unionized lab technicians and probably expand its lab administration due to the increased workload. No matter how you slice it, it will cost the taxpayers considerably more to achieve the present level of service. In addition to increased costs, the waiting time will also expand due to the bureaucratic delay inherent in any government-run institution.

I'd like to thank Premier McGuinty, George Smitherman, minister of health and long-term care, and MPP Jim Brownell for increasing our health care costs while simultaneously extending our wait times. Perhaps their campaign slogan for the next election should be "Longer waits and higher costs." Thanks guys!
Nick Gruich
Disillusioned taxpaying pensioner
Chesterville

Shepherd Talk

by Rev. Mary Lou Shortill

The gift of presence

CHESTERVILLE — My friend, Maureen, died suddenly in August.

"We are in the season of anticipating and waiting for birth, so what has death got to do with Advent?" you may wonder.

I became very conscious of the reality that birth and death are so intricately connected when, 18 years ago, my mother's funeral was on Christmas Eve. If there had been no gift of a loving presence surrounding the birth of Jesus, there would have been no death and resurrection promising mother the gift of eternal life.

My friend, determined to live life to the fullest in spite of disability caused by a tumor of the brain, gave the gift of herself, a treasure of the heart. Her presence lit up any room with her gift of joy, of laughter, of music, of friendliness, of courage, and of faith in a loving God. Her presence was such that members of the choir to which we both belonged still miss her and speak lovingly of her.

How more Christ-like could one possibly live? As Jesus knew that his life would be short, so did Maureen, and each gave the gift of their personal presence. The gifts of Jesus were not material possessions. Rather, they were and are treasures of the heart. Faith in Jesus, whose birth, once again we await, helps us in our struggles with a belief in our self, of inner healing, of peace of mind, compassion, forgiveness, dignity, and justice. This loving presence lives on in us and is, or should be, the central focus of Christmas gift-giving.

What greater gifts could we share than those that reflect the great love we have known through Emmanuel, "God with us." Advent is a good time to be more conscious of sharing the gift of our presence. May you become more aware of Emmanuel's presence within you and through you to warm the lives of others and to allow the gift of others to warm your life as well. It is in both giving and receiving that we meet God.

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Education edibles

The North Dundas District High School co-op students hosted an appreciation breakfast for their business counterparts on Wed., Dec. 7. The students provided french toast and sausages. Grade 1 teacher Jane Acres (left) was a mentor to Terra Fawcett at St. Mary's Catholic School.

Teachers Ray Bougie (left) and Aaron Banford joined Frank Heerkens of Dundas Powerlines and co-op student Evan Cowell for a bite of breakfast.





Pete Collins (above left) has been showing Justin Fawcett the ropes of his construction business, PC Enterprises. After the breakfast, the students showcased their work experiences at a co-op fair for the rest of the student body. Brad Bowman's display, at right, provided information about his co-op term with the Futures class at NDDHS. *Photos — James*

Rewarding experience

Angels in the wings at St. Thomas Aquinas

RUSSELL — There are angels among us and some of them go to St. Thomas Aquinas High School. This year, the school launched a Christmas Angel program in partnership with its parishes of St. Mary's in Chesterville, St. Bernard's in Finch, and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Russell.

"It's a program designed to do two things: help those in need and teach students the true value of Christmas giving," said school chaplain Brenda Reinkeluers.

The angel program is being sponsored by and supported by the students, their families and the school staff. Each homeroom class was assigned an "angel" which could be a child or a parent for whom to purchase a gift. The class was aware only of the person's age and gender in order to maintain confidentiality. The class then raised funds to purchase the gift and some classes have shopped for the gift(s) together.

"This program has been a most rewarding experience for our school and teaching the youth that we are people of God, transforming the world," summed up Reinkeluers. "This act of kindness and generosity is a true example of transformation, not only for those receiving the gifts but also, and perhaps more importantly, for those giving the gifts."

If you have the flu… Health Unit says 'Shoo'

WINCHESTER — The Eastern Ontario Health Unit and Winchester District Memorial Hospital are asking for support in helping to prevent an influenza outbreak in the hospital during the winter months.

Visitors and families pose a risk for transmission of infections to patients and staff alike. In an effort to protect patients, health-care workers and visitors, the hospital is asking community members not to visit if they are feeling unwell or feverish.

The following visitor procedure aims to balance infection control and health-care requirements while respecting the importance of family presence: Two visitors per patient at one time for in-patients and at the discretion of the nurses in the intensive care unit and the emergency department; Visiting hours for most areas are from 11 am to 8 pm; Visitors are required to follow infection control precautions and the instructions of hospital staff.

Send your hospitalized loved ones your best wishes and love, not germs and viruses!

Senior students stage Christmas concert, original scripts will provide lots of laughs

NDDHS Notes
by Nathalie Gillen



MAPLE RIDGE — Hey there, and season's greetings! All around us the holidays are present — from the lights on people's houses to the music playing on the radio, it's all screaming: CHRISTMAS! Is it just me, or has time started going faster? It seems like there aren't enough hours in a day to finish summatives, study for tests, do homework, and get Christmas shopping for friends and family done.

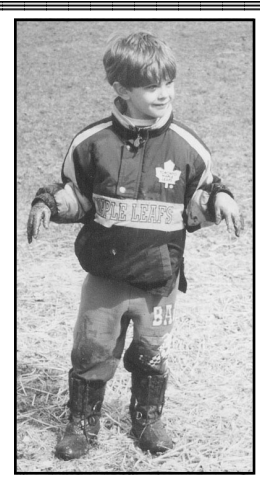
After Dec. 23 there will be a lot less of that stuff to worry about because that is the last day of school for all North Dundas students. Everyone gets two weeks off to spend with friends and family, to celebrate, and to relax. I think that last one is what most of us are most excited about. Students are expected back at school on Jan. 9 and then it's back to work. But let's not worry about that now, right?

The big news this week is our Christmas concert. The Christmas concert is a show put on by students for students. The students in Grade 12 and some in Grade 11 have written their own scripts for the holiday show, and some of the highlights are such skits as, Canada's Next Top Model, Santa vs. Hulk Hogan, Simple Life North Pole, and Revolving VP. There will also be special performances by our own jazz band, Dean Desarmia, James Kirkwood, and Colin Campbell and, believe it or not, Kaley Guy and myself doing a duet.

ALL ARE WELCOME

There will be a premiere of the Mullet Boys' film so it's sure to be a great show and full of laughs. If anyone who does not go to North Dundas is interested in attending, come out to the school on Fri., Dec. 23. The show is expected to begin at 1 pm. It's a great time for relatives to see their grandkids or nieces and nephews in their natural habitat. After that it will be Christmas!

So, all I have to say now is Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! You'll hear from me in the new year, but until then, have some great holidays!



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Sabourin area trustee with Catholic school board

KEMPTVILLE — Trustees of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario acclaimed Ron Eamer as chairperson at the board's inaugural meeting in Kemptville. The board's boundaries were recently restructured.

Eamer, trustee for Cornwall-Glengarry, is entering his 25th year as a Catholic school trustee and is now in his fifth consecutive term as chair.

"I'd like to thank all trustees for allowing me to be chairperson again this year," he said. "I often think back to those wonderful, wise people dedicated to Catholic education who have crossed my path. I look around the table and I can honestly say that my fellow trustees in this board share the dedication of those whom I have met along the way."

Nancy Kirby, trustee for Lanark was elected vice-president, while trustees, including Stormont-Dundas trustee Denis Sabourin, Prescott-Russell trustee Sue Wilson, Cornwall-Glengarry trustee Gerald Samson, Grenville trustee Brent Laton, and Leeds trustee Robin Reil, were all blessed at the inaugural meeting.

"I think we have some of the happiest and most productive schools in the country and the most dedicated staff," said Eamer. "Because of that you can't help but feel that it's one Catholic family, and I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support and dedication."

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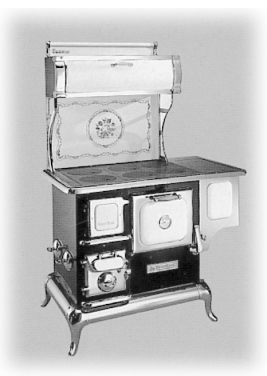
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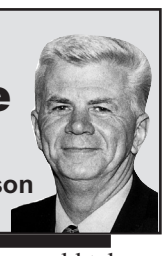


Following almost 65 hours of public consultation and council debate, we will be approving the 2006 City of Ottawa budget this week. This has probably been the most difficult of the 23 municipal budgets with which I have dealt. There are many parts of the budget where I lobbied to have spending successfully reduced. While I firmly believe we are making headway in getting our City finances in order, there is still a long way to go. I will have a full report in next weeks' column.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

I will be in the Metcalfe Client Service Centre on Wed., Dec. 28 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If an emergency arises at any other time, please send me an e-mail or call me at home (821-2000).

A REMARKABLE LADY

Shock and disbelief shook our community as word spread of the sudden passing of Audrey Pinkham. Audrey, a long-time resident, was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, and much, much more. She was a deeply religious person, church choir leader, an excellent curler out of the Metcalfe Curling Club, and probably one of the best female baseball players in Ontario. In her "spare time" Audrey organized the Christmas carol singing in Victoria Park in Metcalfe. I remember her well, asking if it was okay to use the park for this type of event. She knew she didn't need my OK, but Audrey always liked to make everyone feel important. Our community has been so enriched by the bubbly, energetic wonder woman whose loving smile melted any cold heart. To her loving husband, Harvey — who said the only time he got a little upset with Audrey was when she would take so long to get ready when they were going out, but admitted the wait was really worth it because she looked so beautiful, to Julie, a remarkable lady like her mother, and the grandchildren, Kelsey and Mikayla, our deepest sympathies.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

The Greely Royal Canadian Legion is proud to host its annual New Year's Eve Bash at 8021 Mitch Owens Road. Tickets are $30 per person, and include a famous roast beef dinner with dessert, a light midnight lunch, and all party favors. Cocktails will be served at 6 pm, dinner served at 7 pm, and the dance will begin at 9 pm featuring The WRD Band. Advance tickets only: call Linda Wyman at 822-0233 or Shirley Sinclair at 774-3260.

A STYLISH NEW YEAR'S

The Fabulous Edsels — a seven-piece band — will perform at this evening presented by the Greely Lions Club. The evening will include a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, prime rib roast beef and dessert, complimentary wine for dinner, complimentary champagne, as well as "top-of-the-line" party favors. Tickets are $125 per person. Call Ric Olivieri at 821-3930 or Phill Potter at 821-1948 for tickets or more information.



Scrupulous scholars

Eleven Maple Ridge Senior Public School Students are prestigious members of the 80 per cent club — Principal Larry Poirier noted the Ministry of Education has set higher standards for Grade 7 and 8 students, making it more difficult to achieve these higher grades. Pictured are: Principal Larry Poirier (front, left), Katey Churchill (81.3 per cent), Shelby Allison (82.3 per cent), Carly Doe (83 per cent), Celine Jaquemet (84.8 per cent), Leah Zollinger (80.5 per cent); Lauren Dingwall (back, left, 84.5 per cent), Jenna Beaudoin (80.6 per cent), Hayden Moher (84 per cent), Jenna Wouters (81 per cent), Tyne Gove (82.9 per cent), and Jacob Luimes (84 per cent). *Press Photo — Duncan*

Winchester euchre winners

WINCHESTER – The winners at the Winchester Seniors' euchre held Dec. 8 were as follows: The cream cards were won by Jean Sutton, Kay Holmes, and June Armstrong. The blue cards were won by Mary Hoy and Betty Holmes.

The door prize winners were Mary Hoy and Muriel Merkley. The draw was won by Jean Sutton and Joyce McIntosh. Everyone had a fun-filled evening of cards, followed by a lovely lunch. The next euchre will be held on Thurs., Jan. 12 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Happy holidays!

Williamsburg euchre results

WILLIAMSBURG — The winners at the Williamsburg Seniors' euchre held Dec. 7 were as follows: The white cards were won by Jean Hutt, Eldon Turner, and Everett Froats. The yellow cards were won by Keith Scott, Hubert Lapier, and Graham Pemberton.

The door prizes were won by Bob Dawson and Betty Barkley. The draw winners were Bob Dawson (2), Sheila Crowder, and Keith Scott. The next euchre will take place today (Dec. 21).

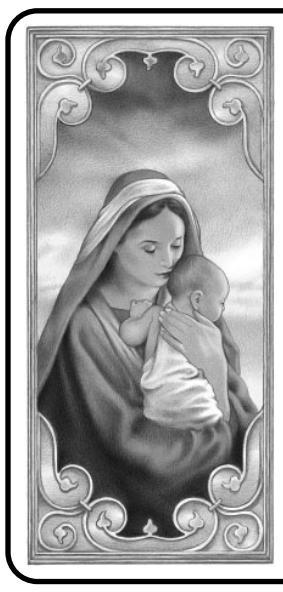
Ladies deliver Christmas cheer

By Norma Wylie

WINCHESTER – Janice Hyndman welcomed the Winchester United Church Women to the Christmas potluck dinner on Dec. 12. Rev. Bob Williams said grace. Donella MacIntosh introduced Freda Armstrong and Joan MacIntosh, who led the group in a sing-along of Christmas carols.

A short business meeting was held and a planning meeting will be held on Jan. 2 at 7 pm. The next regular meeting will be on Jan. 17 at 7:30 pm. The ladies planned to pack and deliver Christmas cheer baskets to the shut-ins today (Dec. 21).

Orma Earl used angels as the theme for the worship service. "Come thou long expected Jesus" was sung and scriptures from Psalm 77 and Matthew 11 were read. The meditation was entitled "The Story of the Littlest Angel Who Went to Heaven." An advent prayer was said and the meeting was closed by singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."



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Brown bags are back!

North Dundas District High School's Ontario Sutdents Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) chapter has once again organized the brown bag campaign. Students from local public schools including Winchester, Elma, Morewood, Nationview, and Chesterville, were invited to draw anti-impaired-driving art that would then be glued to LCBO bags to help remind customers not to drink and drive. Over 150 bags were decorated, and are now being given out at both the Winchester and Chesterville LCBOs, while supplies last. The OSAID chapter is also running its annual KISS (Keep It Safe and Sober) campaign, and will be handing out chocolate kisses around the township at various holiday gatherings and New Year's parties. Pictured are Winchester Public School Grade 5 students Kelsey Ellis (front, left) and Marissa Imrie; LCBO customer service representative Crystal Roy (back, left), NDDHS OSAID co-treasurer Dana Kittle and vice-president Erin Armstrong, and OSAID teacher advisor Cindy Steele.
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Christmas dinner ends golden year

By Roberta Giberson

WINCHESTER – Winchester Golden Years president Betty Cooke welcomed 77 members, 11 new members, and six guests to the November meeting. "O Canada" was sung, the Lord's Prayer was said, and guests were welcomed.

Betty read a poem about yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Doris Cross played piano after the acknowledgement of birthdays and anniversaries for November were read. Reports from the choral group, euchre, bridge, bus trips, and card committees were heard. Rev. Anita Goulet said grace before a potluck lunch was enjoyed. Marjorie Shadbolt introduced Emma Guy, who gave an interesting talk and showed slides about Ireland. Freda Armstrong thanked Emma.

The Golden Years members would like to thank the Lions Club for the delicious roast pork Christmas dinner they served on Dec. 7. Thanks also to Doris Cross for arranging the entertainment of Freda Armstrong and Joan MacInstosh with a sing-along of Christmas carols, and Tony Wouters and Laura Lee Erratt who did a singing skit dressed as Sonny and Cher.

Loucks-Boothby

Lynn and Gisele Loucks of Morewood are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Carl Kevin, to Julie Ann, daughter of James and Joan Boothby. The wedding took place on Sept. 24, 2005 in Perth. They now reside in Perth.



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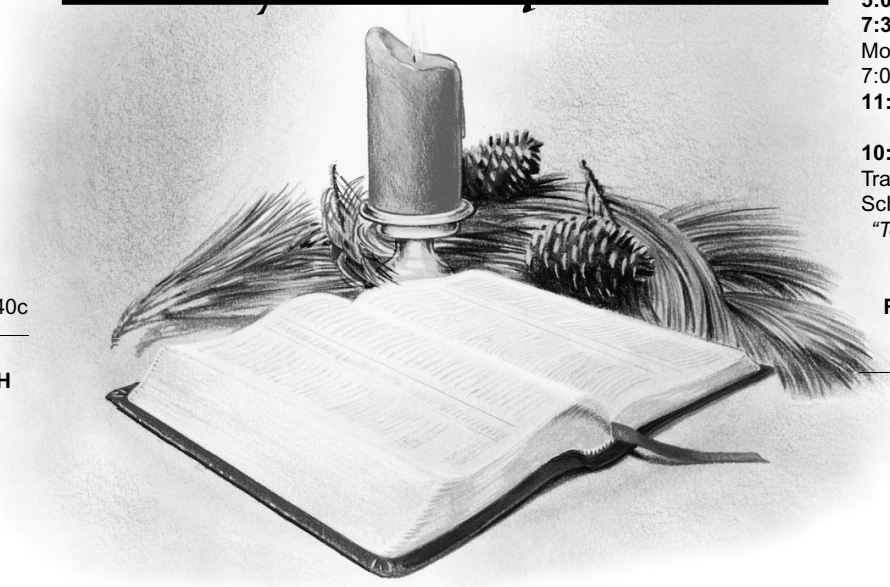

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Farmers want candidate commitment before vote

TORONTO –- Ontario farmers want candidates in the Jan. 23 federal election to declare their support for Ontario agriculture before voting day.

"We need to know which candidates are willing to work with and support our industry before we cast our ballot," said Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) president Ron Bonnett.

In the weeks leading up to voting day, all candidates in rural and urban ridings in Ontario will be given a card seeking their commitment to agriculture. Those prepared to make that commitment will sign the card and that commitment will be recorded on OFA's election 2006 website.

"This way, all voters will be able to identify candidates who support Ontario farmers and their agriculture industry and cast their vote on that basis," said Bonnett. "After the election, those signed cards will be used to hold MPs accountable for their actions."

OFA, its network of county federations, and its partners in the Unified Voice and their affiliated farm organizations are working together to put this strategy in place.

"Not only will it help identify candidates who understand and support Ontario agriculture, it will give us an opportunity to increase public awareness of our industry and the causes of the ongoing financial crisis.

"Our farmers are efficient and progressive producers of food, but they cannot compete with the subsidies paid to farmers in the United States and European Community. Those subsidies have driven down the world price of commodities our farmers sell making it impossible for us to operate our farms at a profit," said Bonnett.

Ontario commodity organizations have developed risk management and production insurance programs that will provide protection for Ontario farmers from these distorting foreign subsidies. "Now we need government acceptance of these programs, and getting a commitment of support from candidates is a critical step in the process," said Bonnett.

Those interested in tracking the "commitment to agriculture" cards will be able to find the information at www.ofa.on.ca as that information becomes available. As of press time, candidates in the riding of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry had not received their cards.

Dekalb customers stack the deck with $21,890 to support 4-H Ontario

GUELPH — The efforts of 2,189 Dekalb customers from across the province have helped raise $21,890 to support 4-H Ontario.

The money is being donated by the Dekalb brand to honor a pledge made to customers who entered the Stack the Deck contest this past summer at Dekalb brand growers' tour days and Canada's Outdoor Farm Show. For every completed contest entry form, Dekalb pledged to donate $10 to 4-H Ontario.

"Back in the spring we asked our dealers and retailers what Dekalb could do to help support our grower customers, their families and communities and everyone agreed that contributing to 4-H was an excellent choice," said Jamie Rickard, marketing manager for Dekalb brand products.

"When growers buy our leading, innovative Dekalb seed products, we believe they are stacking the odds of success in their favor. That's how we came up with the idea for the Stack the Deck contest," explained Rickard. "We thought our customers would also like to help stack the odds in favor of 4-H's success and the role it plays in supporting the future of farming and rural communities."

Shirley Steed, president of the Ontario 4-H Council, is very excited about the tremendous financial support the Stack the Deck contest has generated for the organization.

"We're very grateful to the Dekalb brand and its grower customers for their support," said Steed. "With support from initiatives such as this, 4-H Ontario will continue to play a strong role in the personal growth of young people who will contribute greatly to the future of rural communities and agriculture."

Growers who entered the contest were also be eligible for the Stack the Deck grand prize — a John Deere HPX Gator all-terrain vehicle. The grand prize was won by Peter Nanne from Pakenham.

4-H Ontario celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2005. In 2004, more than 6,500 young people between the ages of 10 and 21 participated in more than 12,000 different 4-H projects. 4-H Ontario is dedicated to the personal growth of young people by developing their self-confidence and teaching them skills in leadership, public speaking and team building.

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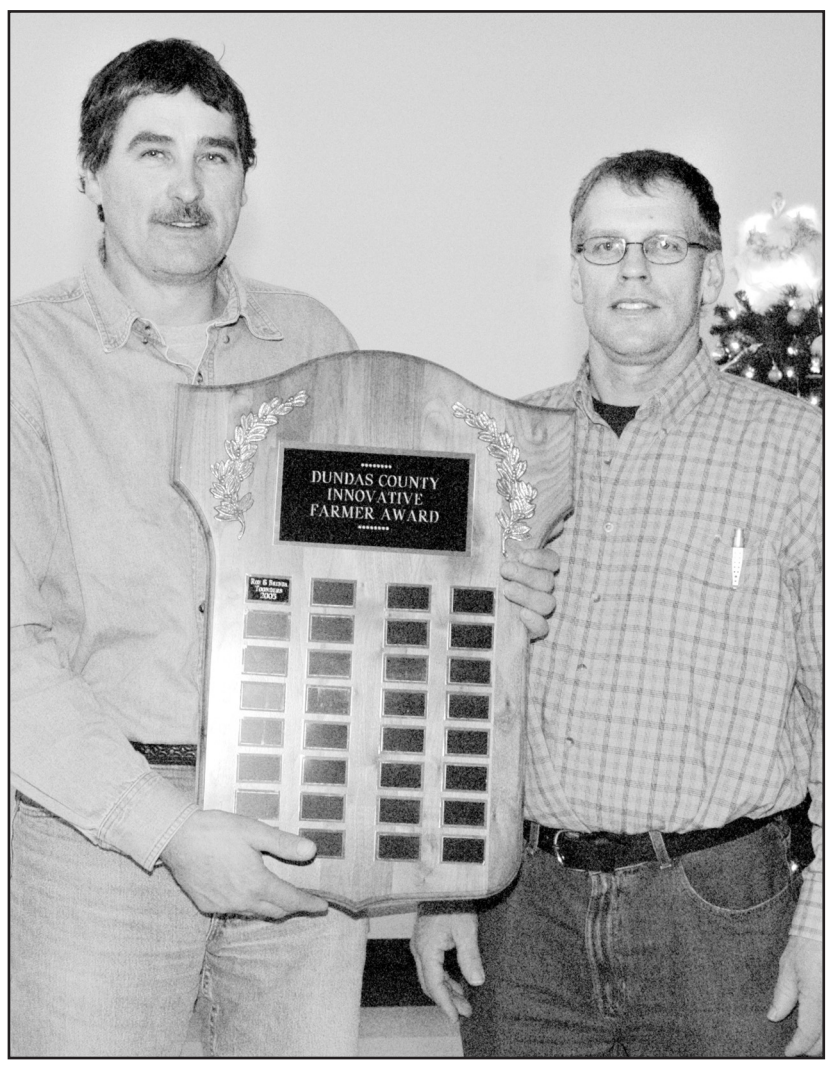
Dundas County Soil & Crop Improvement Association awards



Innovation in agriculture

The DSCIA Innovative Farmer Award was presented to Ron and Brenda Toonders of Williamsburg. The award recognizes new practices or on farm research. Yolanda Farms Ltd. produces corn, beans, and alfalfa, using no-till method, and also uses an Aerway with a manure distribution system that ensures the manure gets into the ground rather than lying on top, to stop some nitrogen loss. The Toonders also run a dairy operation with robotic feeding and robotic milking. Pictured are: Ron Toonders of Yolanda Farms Ltd. in Williamsburg (left), and DSCIA award co-ordinator John Devries.



Award of Merit

The 2005 Dundas County Soil and Crop Improvement Association Award of Merit was presented to former dairy farmer and now cash cropper Gordon Smith (left), who has been involved in the Dundas Milk Committee, the Dundas Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the Dundas Farm Safety Association, the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, and the Dundas Agricultural Community Group, among others, and received the Dundas County Farmer of the Year award in 1990. Presenting the 2005 Award of Merit is Charles Farlinger. *Press Photos — Duncan*

Local crop doctor new Hyland Seeds sales manager

WINCHESTER — Hyland Seeds is pleased to announce the appointment of Cliff Metcalfe, of Winchester, as district sales manager for Eastern Ontario regions of Frontenac, Leeds, Lanark, Renfrew, Ottawa-Carleton, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont, Glengarry, Prescott, and Russell Counties.

"Cliff brings valued agronomic and sales experience topped with enthusiasm to the Hyland team, and will be an asset to our Hyland dealers and customers in Eastern Ontario," said Ivan Warriner, sales manager of the Hyland Seeds Division.

Cliff's professional career includes over 25 years experience in fertilizer management, animal nutrition, and the seed industry. Most recently, he is self-employed in an agricultural consulting business based out of Winchester known as the Eastern Crop Doctor.

Metcalfe is pleased to announce that Tom Nicol (CCA), will now be sharing the responsibilities of the consulting business to allow for the integration of Cliff into the position of district sales manager with the Hyland Seeds group. Cliff and his wife Joanne and family reside near Winchester.

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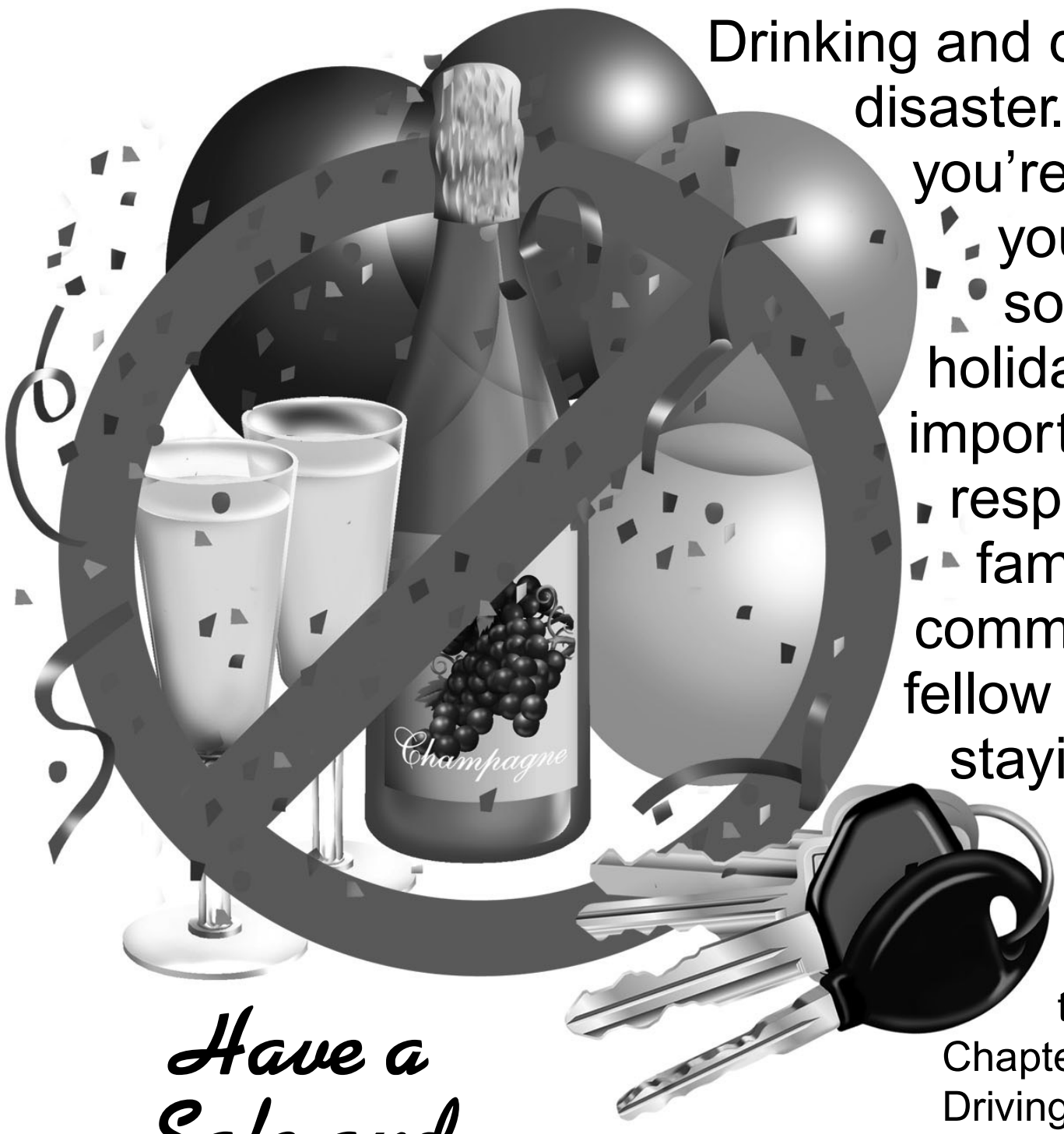
Drinking and Driving: You Can't Have It Both Ways.



Drinking and driving is a one-way street to disaster. Stay on the right track– if you're drinking, arrange for a ride; if you're driving, stay sober. With so many celebrations during the holiday season, it's especially important to remember your responsibility to yourself, your family, your friends and your community. Keep yourself and fellow motorists out of danger by staying sober behind the wheel.

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Neville solid backing under-staffed Hawks

GANANOQUE — Rookie goaltender Kyle Neville had just a dozen skaters to support him but still managed to help his club earn a point in a 2-2 draw.

Winchester travelled to Gananoque on Sunday night (Dec. 18) with just 14 players for their interlocking Rideau - St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League match with the host Islanders and returned home with a point and an overtime tie on their record.

2-2 tie in Gananoque

"It was a battle of the short benches," noted Hawks coach Todd Marcellus. "They (Islanders) had four guys suspended the night before in Char-Lan and were missing bodies."

It was the second point of two the Hawks earned over the weekend. Friday night (Dec. 16) the Brockville Tikis broke out of a seven-game losing streak by stealing a valuable point in a 6-5 overtime victory on Winchester ice.

"Actually it wasn't too bad. I can live with going to Gananoque short so many players and still getting a point. Granted it wasn't a win but it was a point," said the coach.

Hawks GM Craig "JB" Smith noted the club has collected seven of 10 points in its last five games and has earned 29 points in 29 games. "Which isn't bad considering we have nine rookies in our line up and have players injured and sick."

Smith also noted that this week the Hawks will also be under staffed as they go into Westport on Friday (Dec. 23) to face the red-hot Rideaus who have a 25-4-0-0 record and the most points in the entire EOJBHL — 50.

"The boys will have to stay out of the penalty box or they (Rideaus) will bury them," offered Smith.

Things don't get any easier for the fourth-place Hawks (12-12-4-1-0) as they travel to Alexandria to face the St. Lawrence Division leading Glens (18-8-2-0-0) on Wed., Dec. 28.

First home-ice action for the Hawks is set for Fri., Dec. 30 when they play host to the sixth-place Akwesasne Wolves.

TIED UP IN GAN

Shawn Prince gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead when he converted a pass provided by "AP" Colin Shay and Chad Vriend into a goal at 18:49 of the first frame. Steve Cameron found the back of the Gananoque net with 1:28 left in period two and put Winchester up 2-0. Nik Paas and Travis Armstrong picked up assists on the play.

The Islanders finally solved Neville in the final minute of period two when Alex Wing scored at the 54-second mark and Eric Hebert dented twine six seconds before the end of the frame.

Neither team found the net in a either the third period or in overtime.

"We had a terrible second period. Chased them around for 20 minutes. Watched them dangle and cycle the puck," reported Marcellus.

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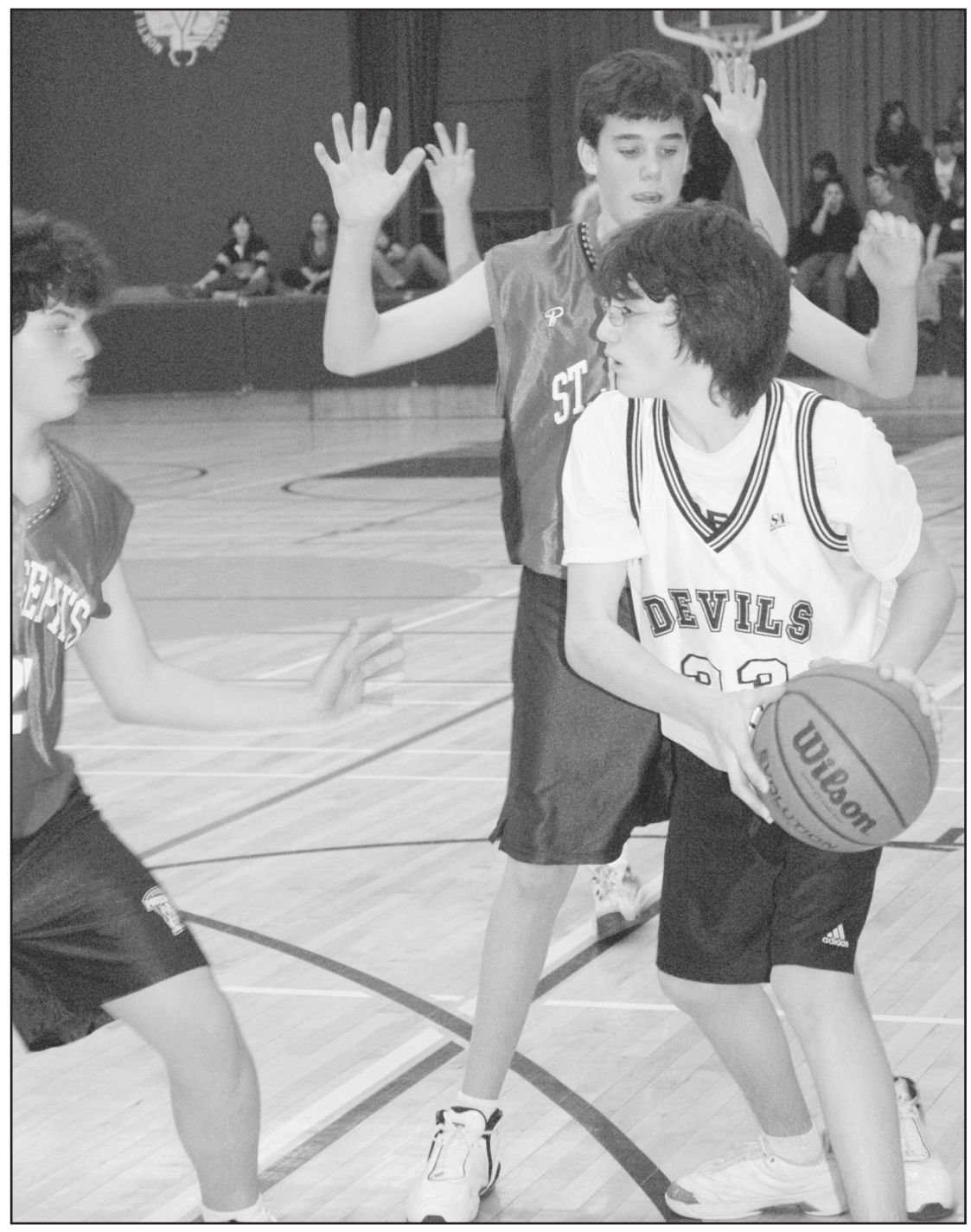

Boxed in

Nolan Winter, surrounded, ran out of options when he was looking to dish the ball off during Monday's (Dec. 19) SD&G "AA" boys high school basketball game against the undefeated St. Joe's Panthers. Nic Lewis swished seven and Winter six points as the Junior Devils lost their fifth straight game by a 67-17 count. Earlier the same afternoon, the Senior Devils record dropped to 1-4 following a 56-11 loss to the first-place and undefeated Panthers.

Press Photo — Van Bridger

Bantam "B" Demons fall to Braves, Royals

CORNWALL — Back-to-back losses have out the North Dundas Bantam "B" Demons into their first losing skid of the 2005-06 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League campaign.

A third-period rally fell one goal short as the Demons dropped a 3-2 decision to the visiting NGS Braves on Dec. 14. It was the Winchester-based team's first loss since they were dumped 5-2 on Nov. 7 by the hometown South Dundas Lions. Three days later (Dec. 17) Dale Murdoch's squad was in Cornwall where they were administered a 7-2 defeat by the Royals. The double setbacks moved North Dundas' East Division record to 8-4-2.

Tonight (Wed., Dec. 21) the Alexandria Glens will be in Winchester for a 7 pm meeting with the Demons.

BRAVES BY ONE

"I don't know what the guys were thinking about, but it sure wasn't hockey," offered coach Murdoch. "Their heads weren't in the game that's for sure — although they played better in the third period."

NGS captain Blake McDonell scored to put the visitors up 1-0 at 12:05 of the first period. Jordan Sanders then banged in back-to-back shots at 12:06 and 10:56 of the second period of the Dec. 14 encounter.

Kyle Sobering was finally able to the Demons back in the game when he cut the deficit to 3-1 by finishing off a play started by Karl Henike and Philip Duncan at 13:35 of the final frame. Duncan then combined with Sobering and Henike and made it a 3-2 final, scoring 11:08 before the final buzzer.

North Dundas trailed Cornwall 3-1 after a period and 5-2 after two on their way to a 7-2 loss in the Seaway City.

Duncan netted the Demons' opening goal scoring from Henike at the 10-minute mark of period one. Jeff Picco counted the second and final marker when he finished off a play started by Tyler Jones with 4:40 left in period two.

North Dundas drew 11 third-period penalties in a game that produced a total of 35 infractions.

Glens, Lions representing St. Lawrence on Boxing Day

ROCKLAND — The Alexandria Glens and Morrisburg Lions will represent the St. Lawrence Division in the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League's 2005 Boxing Day Tournament.

The junior hockey Christmas classic is slated for Mon., Dec. 26 and is being hosted by the Metro Division's Clarence Creek Castors but will be played in the Jean-Marc Lalonde Arena, 1450 du Parc Avenue, Rockland, Ont.

The tournament will open with the St. Lawrence Division's Alexandria Glens taking on the Metro Division's Ottawa West Golden Knights at 9 am. The Valley Division's Carleton Place Kings will meet the Rideau Division's South Grenville Rangers at 10:30 am. The host Clarence Creek Castors and the Morrisburg Lions will clash in the 12:30 pm match. The fourth and final game of the opening round is set for 2 pm and will feature the defending tourney champion Westport Rideaus and the Valley Division's Perth Blue Wings.

Game five at 4 pm will pit the winners of the first game against the second game while the second semi-final at 5:30 pm matches the winners of games three and four. The championship game will be played at 8 pm.

For more information go to the new EOJBHL website at www.eojbhlhockey.com.

Carisse goal gives Jets 4-3 win and split with Knights

METCALFE — A pair of veterans hooked up and scored the game-winning goal for the Metcalfe Jets. Centre Mike Cerilli provided the pass and left winger Ryan Carisse buried the biscuit with 5:06 left in the game as the Metcalfe Jets nipped the visiting Ottawa West Golden Knights 4-3.



Ryan Carisse

Friday's (Dec. 16) 4-3 victory enabled Metcalfe to gain a split in back-to-back games with the second-ranked Ottawa West squad after the Golden Knights registered a 3-1 win at the Barbara Ann Scott Arena the night before (Dec. 15).

Carisse netted the only goal in the 3-1 loss and currently leads the Jets offence with 18 goals, 19 assists and 37 points.

Metcalfe holds a record of 14-9-2-2 and with 32 points shares third-place in the Metro Junior "B" Division standings with the South Ottawa Canadians (14-11-0-4). The Clarence Creek Castors (22-4-1-0) still hold first with 45 points. Ottawa West (18-6-2-1) is next with 39. The Gatineau Mustangs (9-17-1-1) are fifth with 20 points.

Friday night (Dec. 23) the Jets will tangle with number-one ranked Clarence Creek Castors at the Larry Robinson Arena in an 8 pm contest. Next home game for the Jets is set for Fri., Jan. 6 when the Gatineau Mustangs come to town. Jets fans are reminded that children receive a coupon for a free small french fire with their admission ticket.

SPLIT WITH KNIGHTS

Carisse converted a feed from Aaron McLeod into a 1-0 lead at 16:48 of the first period one of game one in Ottawa. Metcalfe netminder Andrew Syrett was able to protect that slim advantage until the 11:36 mark of the final frame. That's when Knight captain Jamie Begin tied it up on an unassisted, short-handed play.

Paul Tremblay then ripped in the game-winner at the 8:05 mark, finishing off a play started by Sammy Majic and Mike Wallace. The same trio iced the victory when Wallace scored from Majic and Tremblay 3:22 before the final buzzer.

Ottawa West led the rematch in Metcalfe 2-1 after the opening 20 minutes and 3-2 after two periods.

Cerilli capped a drive instigated by Kory Churchill and Corey Roberts with the tying goal 6:31 before the final buzzer. That play set the stage for Cerilli to set up winner by Carisse with 5:06 to play in the game.

Adam Clarke (from Churchill and Jordan Mackenzie at 16:51) counted Metcalfe's first-period goal. Curtis Nooyen (from Roberts and Brett Holmes at 5:43) connected in period two.

Dan Baird (1-2-3), Sammy Majic (1-1-2) and Mike Wallace (1-1-2) collected points for Ottawa West.

Russell wheelchair basketball tourney attracts 47 teams

by Matthew Barbour

RUSSELL — Over the weekend (Dec. 17 and 18), the Prescott-Russell Basketball Association (PRBA) took its sport to the community at a somewhat different level — play was closer to the court and on wheels.

It was a three-on-three wheelchair basketball tournament, open to the anyone from the general public who could form a team. It was also an opportunity for able-bodied people to appreciate for what it is like to be disabled.

"We did this to raise awareness of wheelchair sports and it was a fun thing. Maybe we'll set aside time for more competitive groups next year," said coach Craig Salmon of the PRBA.



Eight-year-old Emily VanDommelen (left) took a shot at the basket on Sat., Dec. 17 in a wheelchair basketball tournament at Russell's St. Thomas High School. She was being watched by her teammates, Jessica Salmon and Jessica VanDommelen, both 10. Photos — Barbour

A total of 47 teams participated in the event, which was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Russell. The teams were made up of PRBA members and people representing various businesses and groups in and around Russell. Three interesting and entertaining matches included a team made up of volunteers from the Russell Fire Department.

The firefighters, who appeared confident going into the games, were defeated in every match — despite a considerable amount of leniency in the rules and some questionable playing techniques on the part of the firefighters. In their final game, they took on two wheelchair athletes from Ottawa — Corey Smith and James Marshall. The firefighters started with four players and were permitted to add a fifth player later in the game. Despite the three man advantage, the firefighters were trounced 64 to 13.

"Corey Smith is a member of the Canadian Junior National (Wheelchair Basketball) Team and is one of the top players in Canada," explained Salmon.

Salmon said the school's gym could have accommodated 128 teams over the two days. He expects more involvement in the 2006 tournament and hopes to see more spectators as well. There was no fee to participate in the weekend games, but players were asked to bring non-perishable food items for the local food bank.

Salmon, an information technology consultant who works from home, founded the PRBA in 1999 with 17 youngsters, aged 11 to 13, and the program has become more popular and more inclusive over the years.

However, the association experienced some growing pains last year. The program had been expanded to include children from 9 to 15, but due to space constraints at Russell Middle School, where practices were held, membership had to be capped at 67.

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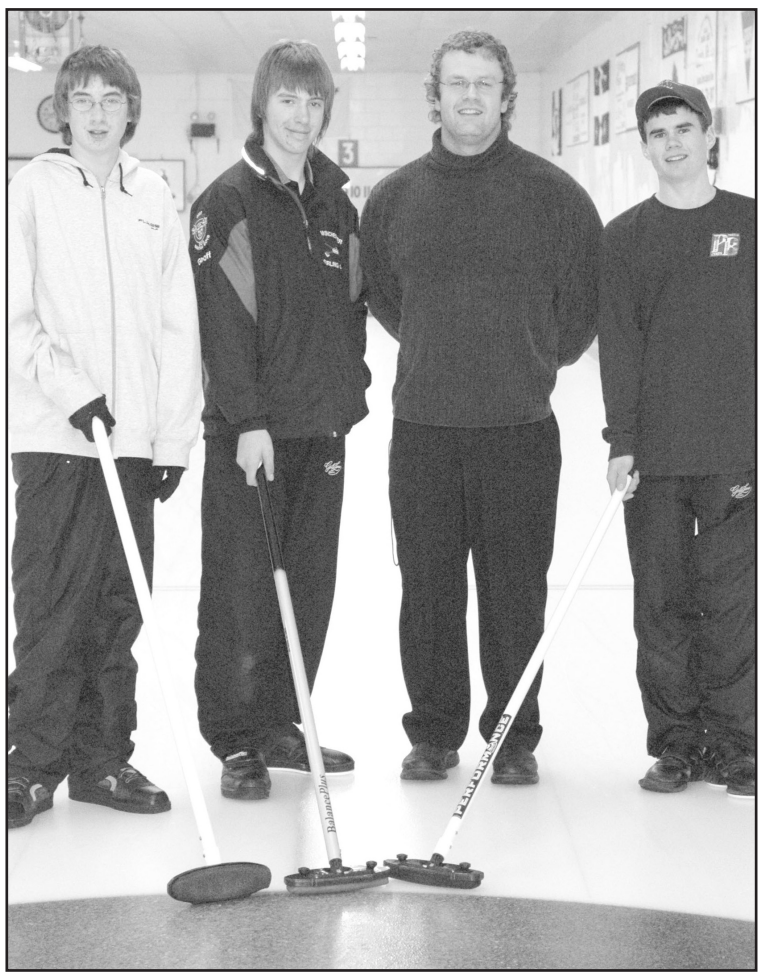

Zone 1 champions

North Dundas District High School claimed the Zone 1 Gore Mutual School Boys curling championship defeating Carleton Place High 5-4 in an extra end on Dec. 9. North Dundas will now represent this zone at the Gore Mutual Regional event in Arnprior (Feb. 4 and 5). The 2005 champions are: Lead Matt Spruit (left), third Geoff Spruit, coach Ian Wilson, skip Dave Lillico. Missing second Cailen Arnold. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

Zandbergen scores winning goal for South Dundas Midget Demons

KEMPTVILLE — Kristyn Zandbergen converted a play started by Courtney Thompson and Kassie Whitteker into the game-winning goal as the South Dundas Lions edged Smiths Falls 2-1.

The victory was the first of three games the Lions played in Saturday's (Dec. 17) Kemptville Midget House Girls Hockey Tournament. South Dundas then dropped a 4-3 decision to the Kemptville No. 1 Panthers and were eliminated following a 3-0 loss to Perth.

Emily Corkery put the Lions on the board scoring from Kristen Phifer at 8:12 of the first period of game one. Smiths Falls tied it up scoring at 4:38 of period three. Zandbergen then won it, scoring with one second left on the clock.

Stephanie Neville and Chelsea Drew split the goal scoring as Kemptville edged the Lions 4-3 in game two. Whitteker (unassisted at 8:44) and Karina Johnston (from Zandbergen at 0:50) scored in period two to knot the count at 2-2.

Melissa McLeod closed the gap to a goal when she finished off a play engineered by Johnston and Karen Stevens at 2:04 of the final frame but the Lions couldn't get any closer than 4-3.

South Dundas also dropped a 3-0 decision to the Nepean Wildcats in OWHA league play on the weekend.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

Rideau - St. Lawrence Division

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 14: Alexandria 5 - Brockville 4
Dec. 16: Brockville 6 - Winchester 5 OT
Westport 10 - Morrisburg 3
Kemptville @ Alexandria PPD
Dec. 17: Char-Lan 6 - Gananoque 5 OT
Athens 15 - Akwesasne 9
South Grenville 8 - Kemptville 3
Dec. 18: Westport 5 - Alexandria 3
Char-Lan 10 - Athens 6
South Grenville 6 - Morrisburg 5
Kemptville 9 - Brockville 5
Winchester 2 - Gananoque 2

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Westport	25	4	0	222	107	50
S. Grenville	21	6	0	171	90	42
Brockville	11	14	2	132	115	25
Gananoque	10	14	2	140	136	24
Athens	6	21	0	112	194	13

St. Lawrence:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Alexandria	18	8	2	138	106	38
Morrisburg	18	10	0	172	123	36
Kemptville	17	9	0	159	135	35
Winchester	12	12	4	117	132	29
Char-Lan	9	14	2	128	153	22
Akwesasne	1	23	1	79	194	3

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
Scott Leppard, West.	38	49	87
Matt Steele, West.	31	40	71
Bill Donaldson, West.	32	38	70
Steve Biscaro, West.	22	32	54
Julien Francis, SG	19	24	43
Tim Thomas, SG	19	21	40
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Steve Jarvo, C-L	37	28	65
Pat Turcotte, C-L	17	48	65
Cory Gove, Morris.	34	29	63
Mike Moher, Kempt.	28	33	61
Dylan Graveley, Morris.	21	40	61
Tyler Rasa, Kempt.	27	32	59
Peter Barnett, Morris.	22	36	58
Nik Paas, Win.	18	39	57
Steve Cameron, Win.	26	29	55

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Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 15: Ottawa West 3 - Metcalfe Jets 1
Dec. 16: Metcalfe Jets 4 - Ottawa West 3
Clarence Creek 8 - Gatineau 2
Perth 10 - Shawville 2
Stittsville 7 - Arnprior 1
Dec. 18: Clarence Creek 4 - South Ottawa 2
Carleton Place 3 - Stittsville 2
Perth 4 - Renfrew 1

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Clarence Creek	22	4	1	156	81	45
Ottawa West	18	6	2	130	86	39
Metcalfe Jets	14	9	2	114	115	32
South Ottawa	14	11	0	127	126	32
Gatineau	9	17	1	115	147	20

**Teams losing in OT receive one point*

METRO TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Mike Wallace, OW	24	26	50
Martin Paquette, CC	18	29	47
Kevin Sousa, Gat.	24	20	44
Sammy Majic, OW	16	28	44
Corey Thibaudeau, SC	14	28	42
Mark Mitchell, CP	21	19	40
Dan Sauve, CC	9	31	40

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 18: Classics 2 - Annable's Blues 0
Maroons 5 - Double Beauty 1
Reds 3 - CountryGirl 1

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Andy's Maroons	5	2	3	24	13	13
Classics	5	2	3	18	12	13
Reds	5	3	2	15	12	12
Blues	5	4	1	14	13	11
DB Stylists	2	6	2	18	27	6
CountryGirl	2	7	1	12	22	5

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Sandra Clouthier, Maroons	8	4	12
Dianne Downey, Maroons	3	9	12
Edith Dagenais, Classics	6	4	10
Carrie Gilmour, DB	6	2	8
Amy Darling, Maroons	3	5	8
Shannon Thompson, DB	3	4	7
T. Klein-Swormink, Maroons	5	1	6
Courtney Barkley, DB	1	5	6
Allison Wigney, Classics	0	6	6
Laura McDonell, Blues	4	1	5
Sonia Clement, DB	3	2	5
Jen Manley, Maroons	2	3	5

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 13: Cyclones 5 - Rams 5
Flyers 5 - Rangers 4

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Bud's Cyclones	6	0	3	54	35	15
Currie's Rams	5	0	4	44	31	14
Willy's Flyers	1	6	2	32	50	4
Blake's Rangers	1	7	1	28	39	3

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Robyn Sadler, Cyclones	14	15	29
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	15	13	28
John Guy, Cyclones	10	8	18
Scott Baldwin, Rams	10	7	17
Stef Gravelle, Rams	9	7	16
Mike Deighton, Cyclones	4	12	16
Francis Dagenais, Rams	6	9	15
Will McLean, Flyers	6	8	14
Josh McLean, Rams	6	7	13
Spencer Dawson, Rams	4	9	13
John Drew, Flyers	1	12	13
Darrel Moore, Flyers	9	3	12
Tory Baldwin, Rangers	3	9	12
Al Christophersen, Rangers	7	4	11
Travis Rowe, Rams	2	8	10

EOJBHL

Rideau-St. Lawrence Division
Winchester Jr. "B" Hawks
Home Game
Fri., Dec. 30
8:15 pm
Akwesasne Wolves vs. Hawks

Metro Division
Metcalfe Jr. "B" Jets
Home Games
Fri., Dec. 23
8 pm
Clarence Creek Castors vs. Jets
Fri., Jan. 6
8 pm
Gatineau Mustangs vs. Jets

Cloutier hat trick powers Maroons

WINCHESTER — Sandra Cloutier potted a pair of first-half goals and added another in the second session as Andy's Foodland Maroons rolled to a 5-1 victory over the Double Beauty Stylists.

Defeat Maroons 5-1

Sunday's (Dec. 18) victory improved the Maroons' Winchester District Ladies Hockey League record to 5-2-3 and left them in a tie for top spot in the rankings with the Stewart Classics (5-2-3), who posted a 2-0 win over the fourth-place Annable's Jewellery Blues (5-4-1). Palmer's Reds (5-3-2) moved into third spot on the strength of a 3-1 decision over the sixth-place Country Girl Gold Diggers (2-7-1).

Andy's Foodland and the Classics top the rankings with 13 points, one more than the Reds who have 12. The Annable's Blues have earned 11 while the Stylists and CountryGirl trail the pack with six and five points, respectively.

The WDLHL now breaks for Christmas and New Year's and returns to action on Sun., Jan. 8.

MAROONS 5 - STYLISTS 1

Cloutier's first tally was set up by Dianne Downey at 7:18 of the first half. Her second came at 3:41 of the same frame and was also engineered by Downey. Cloutier and Downey then teamed up and helped Tanya Klein-Swormink make it a 3-0 game 3:03 before the half.

The Stylists ruined Sylvie Renaud's shutout when Courtney Barkley used a feed from Shannon Thompson to make it a 3-1 game at 18:14 of the second session.

Cloutier's third goal was created by Nancy Pothier and put the Maroons up 4-1 at 15:03. Klein-Swormink iced the decision when she completed a play started by Amy Darling with 4:36 left in the game.

CLASSICS 2 - BLUES 0

Carrie Nolan registered the shutout in the 8 am contest backing the Classics in a 2-0 win over the Annable's Jewellery Blues. All of the scoring took place in the opening half as Susan Marsden-Whalen counted the winning goal after taking a pass provided by Cathy Lee Shaw and Eleanor Robinson at 14:54. Robinson pumped in the insurance shot 3:28 before the half using an Edith Dagenais relay as ammunition.

REDS 3 - COUNTRYGIRL 1

Sandy Roy scored twice, once on a penalty shot, in the first half and led Palmer's Reds to a 3-1 victory over the CountryGirl Gold Diggers. Shealyn Summers rounded out the offence when she opened up a 3-0 lead after taking a pass from captain Sherri palmer 8:56 before the final buzzer.

CountryGirl Cheryl Hamilton dashed Kristie Wade's shut out when she scored from Tanya Katsoulis with 6:19 left in the game.



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Hawks

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The coach said the team played a solid third period and had three glorious chances to net the winning goal but couldn't finish. He also remarked on the fact that the team took just two minor penalties.

"The guys skated hard in the third period and finished their checks and stayed away from penalties. I made sure to point out (to them) that they can play tough and still stay out of the box," explained the coach.

PENALTIES HURT

It was another two-gamesheet night for the minor officials in Winchester as they recorded the another Hawks parade to the penalty box.

An infraction for leaving the sin bin too early in OT cost the Hawks the winning goal by Brockville's Matt Quigley who made it 6-5 with 1:46 left in the fine-minute session.

"The game wasn't lost in overtime," offered Marcellus. "It was lost in the second period when we took so many penalties (10). The penalty killers got tired, the rest of the players got cold and weren't into the game."

Friday's match was tied 2-2 after 20 minutes. Brockville led 4-3 after two sessions thanks to quick goals by Kyle Gundy (2:51) and Jason Crooke (2:06).

Brent McFaul tied it up finishing off a play started by Shay and Denis Gauthier at 10:26 of the third. Brockville took a 5-4 lead when Patrick O'Neil beat 'tender Jon Thornton with 9:31 left on the clock. Winchester rallied for the 5-5 tie with 6:26 left in regulation when Shawn Prince scored from McFaul and Cameron to send it into OT.

McFaul (2), Prince (2), and Cameron cracked in the Winchester goals. Assists went to Darren Trenholm (3), Cameron (3), Alex Campbell, Shay and McFaul.

MISSING IN ACTION

Winchester's weekend list of MIA's included Nik Paas (Friday - school exam), Darren Trenholm (Sunday - injured), Matt Walsh (Sunday - family reasons), Nick Enright (Sunday - injured), Alex Krumins (both games - health reasons), Mitch Scott (Sunday - sick), Brent McFaul (Sunday - penalty), Nick Cox (both games - left team permanently for personal reasons), Chris Thompson (remains on IL), Bruce Hamelin (remains on IL), J.P. McEvenue left team on Sunday to return home (Mount Forest) for Christmas.

Basketball

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This season, the association moved its activities to St. Thomas Aquinas and now boasts a membership of 79 youngsters, ranging in age from 7 to 17. The program teaches fundamentals to younger players and advanced skills to those with more experience.

For one week each year, the PRBA obtains wheelchairs through the Royal Tip-Off program of the Ottawa Carleton Wheelchair Sport Association and members can get some sense of what it is like to be a disabled athlete. Wheelchair basketball is open to able-bodied people as well as the disabled.

This year, students at St. Thomas Aquinas benefitted from the PRBA activities. Since the wheelchairs were available for an entire week and were dropped off at the high school, the physical education department used them in its programs. In addition, four students were selected to spend the school week in wheelchairs and they were asked to turn in reports on their experiences.

Salmon has a deep and abiding love for the game of basketball. He started playing the sport in high school and then at Algonquin College where he made the varsity squad three years in a row. Before moving to Russell in 1998, he helped develop a program similar to PRBA in Queenswood Heights, a community in Ottawa's east end.

The fee for joining PRBA is $55 per year for each individual. Salmon said the cost was kept down due to a grant from the Village of Russell. Membership includes one night of practise each week during the season, two trips a year to Carleton University to watch basketball games — with pizza afterward, and an end of season barbecue and a T-shirt for each member.

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Selects snap Pee Wee "B" Demons' win string

LONG SAULT — John Cleary's fourth goal of the game ruined a four-goal, third-period rally the Pee Wee "B" Demons had going and provided the South Stormont Selects with an 8-7 victory over North Dundas.

South Stormont stormed into a 4-1 lead over the visiting Demons and enlarged their lead to 7-3 after 40 minutes, but needed Cleary's fourth goal of the Dec. 15 contest to pull off their one-goal victory.

The setback snapped a three-game winning string the Demons had going and moved their Upper Canada Minor Hockey League, East Division, record to 9-4-2.

North Dundas launched their week posting a 6-2 home-ice victory over the visiting South Dundas Lions on Dec. 12.

Cleary netted his first two markers in the first frame as the Selects gained a 4-1 lead. Derek MacDonald and Mike Poapst supported him with single shots. Dylan Giberson answered for the Demons scoring on a play started by Derek Simms and Paul Gibson at 4:16.

Peter Klein-Swormink connected on a feed from Braydon Schenk at 9:18 of the second session and captain Dylan Fawcett scored unassisted at 7:04, but the Demons came out of period two down 7-3. Clark Veenstra had two of the Select goals and Cleary the other on a power play.

The Demons found their legs and the back of the South Stormont net in the final stanza and out scored their hosts 4-1 in the third but came up short on the scoreboard losing 8-7. Brent Simms (from Giberson and Derek Simms at 14:41), Joshua Freake (from Fawcett and Ryan Byers at 13:59), Giberson (from Derek Simms at 11:04) and Matt Jarvis (from Schenk at 5:32) supplied the final four North Dundas goals.

Each team picked up a pair of minor penalties.



North Dundas captain Dylan Fawcett (left) and linemate Joshua Freake each scored a goal in the Pee Wee "B" Demons 8-7 loss to the South Stormont Selects in Long Sault on Dec. 15. That decision moved North Dundas' UCMHL, East Division record to 9-4-2. During the Christmas break the Demons will take part in the Gananoque tournament (Dec. 28).

Press Photo — Van Bridger

DEMONS 6 - LIONS 2

North Dundas held the South Dundas Lions off the score sheet until the third period of their Dec. 12 meeting and cruised to a 6-2 win over their county rivals.

Fawcett, Giberson and Derek Simms rattled off first-period goals as the home town Demons rolled into a 3-0 lead. Byers and Giberson drew the only assists issued in the period.

Simms nailed his second tally of the game scoring from Eric Prusila at 11:06 of period two. The Lions closed the gap to 4-2 when Gareth Cochrane (12:46) and Ryan Burns (11:17) snapped in a pair of quick goals.

But North Dundas responded with two late tallies to ice the 6-2 win. Jarvis finished a play started by Brent Simms 1:34 before the final buzzer and Klein-Swormink struck string with 31 seconds left on the clock. Jarvis engineered the final scoring play.

Craig Holmes scores late, keeps Cyclones' undefeated string alive

WINCHESTER — Craig "Bud" Holmes transformed a scramble involving Aaron Sherrer and Robyn Sadler into a game-saving goal as the top-ranked Bud's Cyclones came back to tie the number-two rated Currie's Rams 5-5.

The Rams cashed in three straight shots fired by Stef Gravelle, Travis Rowe and Wes McLeod to take a 5-4 lead in the opening game of the Tuesday (Dec. 13) Winchester Town Hockey League twin bill only to have Cyclone captain "Bud" Holmes tie it up with 1:11 left on the clock.

A short-handed goal scored by Will Gallagher at 24:10 of the second half of the second game was the downfall of the seven-man Blake's Rangers troop as they suffered a 5-4 loss at the hands of Willy's Flyers.

Nine games into the 2005-06 WTHL slate Bud's Cyclones (6-0-3) and Currie's Rams (5-0-4) remain undefeated and one point apart (15 to 14) in the standings. Willy's Flyers (1-6-2) moved one point ahead of the Rangers (1-7-1) following the battle of the cellar-dwellers.

Robyn Sadler pegged a pair and Craig Holmes the single as the Cyclones finished the first half of their game against the Rams with a 3-2 lead. Josh McLean and Stef Gravelle cracked in the Ram tallies.

John Guy buried a short shot at 22:22 of the second session and put the Cyclones ahead 4-2. Gravelle keyed the Rams' rally scoring at 16:44 of the second session. Rowe connected at 14:40 and McLeod hit the mark with 10:51 left in the game to give his team a 5-4 edge, which held until Holmes tied it 1:11 before the final buzzer.

Spencer Dawson engineered four goals for the Rams while John Nadobny, Jamie McIntosh, Scott Baldwin, McLean, Rowe and McLeod also drew assists. Chris Currie tended the nets.

Holmes and Sadler each collected two assists in aid of the Cyclone cause. "Pip" Davies-Lyn, Sherrer and Mike Deighton were the other set-up men. Gregg Griffith guarded the string.

FLYERS 5 - RANGERS 4

Will Gallagher's short-handed goal was the difference as Willy's Flyers registered their first win of the season, a 5-4 decision over the short-staffed Blake's Rangers.

Darrell Moore and Will McLean each potted a pair of goals as the Flyers opened up a 4-3, first-half, lead on the Rangers.

Tory Baldwin had given the Rangers a 1-0 lead scoring from Al Christophersen at 22:37 of the first half but it took late tallies by Paul Pilotte and Christophersen to get the difference to one before the intermission.

Gallagher's marker opened up a 5-3 lead for the Flyers but Victor Blake got his team to within a goal (5-4) scoring from Scott Reaney and Justin Heuff with 16:42 left in the game.

John Drew (2), Kevin Williams, Trevor Morozuk, Kelly Beckstead, McLean, Moore and Gallagher drew Flyer helper points. Colin Ion posted his first win.

Reaney (2), Heuff (2) and Christophersen assisted the Ranger marksmen. Barrett Brundige suffered the one-goal set back.



Volleyball champs

Maple Ridge Senior Public School girls' volleyball team returned home with their team name on a trophy on Tues., Dec. 6 — the girls won the Eastern Regional Championships held at Seaway District High School in Iroquois. Pictured are Lea Zollinger (front, left), Emma Fraser, Lauryn Dingwall, and Emily Hilborn. Jenna Wouters (back, left), Tyne Gove, Jessica Norman, Kirsten Milne, Kaylee Steele, Tania Diaz, and coach Kim Williams.

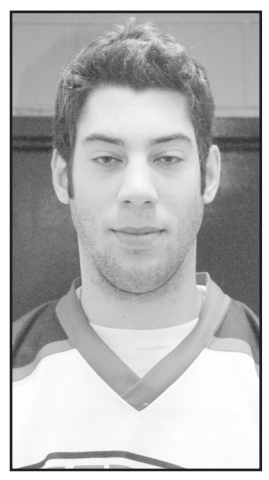
Press Photo — Duncan

Ottawa West Wild doubles Tween "B" Hornets 4-2

METCALFE — The Metcalfe Tween "B" Hornets closed out their pre-Christmas National Capital Region Ringette League season dropping a 4-2 decision to the West Ottawa Wild.

The Wild scored first connecting 10 seconds into Saturday's (Dec. 17) contest. They snapped in two more markers and carried a 3-0 lead into the second half. Metcalfe's offence finally started to produce and registered a pair of markers, both by Meghan Kelly, who finished off plays created by Jessica Morrow. Christine Kalyn guarded the Hornets' net.

Meet the Hawks



Chad Kight

No. 9, Defence

Chad Kight is in his sophomore season with the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks. Because the 19-year-old can play both defence and forward he is considered to be Winchester's utility man. The 6' 3'', 200 pounder finished his minor hockey career with the Capital Midget "A" Crusaders and is currently attending Algonquin College. In 21 games Kight, who shoots left, has collected three assists and 122 minutes in penalties. Kight wears Hawks jersey No. 9.

Russell Atom River Rats collect six of eight points

RUSSELL — Russell posted a pair of wins and tied two other ODMHA games and added six of eight points to their team total.

The Major Atom rep River Rats opened their four-game slate tying the Nepean Reds 2-2. Next they trimmed East Ottawa 5-1 before battling West Carleton to a 1-1 draw. A 2-1 win over the Nepean White Raiders rounded out the four-game string.

Wade Kropp and Jordan Shelderick netted the goals while Travis Smith worked the nets in the 2-2 tie with the Reds. Eamon Colvin picked up the lone assist.

Owen Stewart potted a pair of pucks in Russell's 5-1 win over East Ottawa. Adam Guilbault, Kropp and Eric Smith snapped in the single shots. Kropp (2), Colvin, Guilbault, Dylan Arnone and Mathieu Lussier earned assists. Travis Smith was the winning goaltender.

Colvin cracked in the only Russell goal of the game as West Carleton came from behind to tie the Rats 1-1. Kropp and Smith set-up the Colvin goal.

The Colvin and Eric Smith combination provided both goals as the River Rats nipped the Nepean White Raiders 2-1.

Russell outscored their opponents 10-5 over the four-game stretch with netminder Travis Smith compiling a 2-0-2 record.

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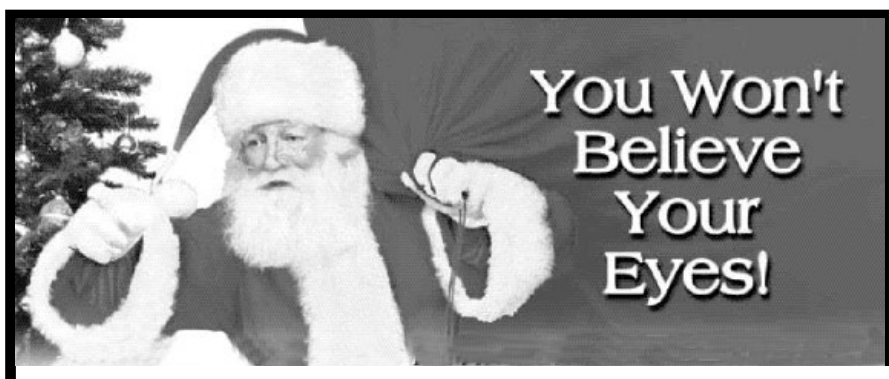

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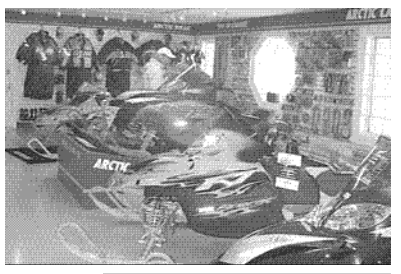



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That we love and miss you dearly,
And wish every day
That you were still here.
– Love, John, Don, Karen, Mary and our families
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And the day God made you mine.
I remember the day I lost you
And I will to the end of time.
With all my tears and heartaches
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That you chose me to share with you
The wonderful 49 years we had.
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– Brian, Joy and staff

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS

Township of South Dundas

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meetings for January 2006 of the Council of the Township of South Dundas will be held January 10 and 24 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers.
Everyone welcome.

Brenda M. Brunt, AMCT
Clerk

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RESIDENT NOTICE: CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Please be advised that Christmas trees ***WILL NOT*** be picked up at the curb.

Trees can be taken, at **NO CHARGE**, to designated tree disposal sites within the Township of North Dundas commencing **December 27 to January 11**.

The sites are:
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Christmas trees should be unbagged and free of decorations.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

Doug Froats
Director of Waste Management
774-5157

Thank You

On behalf of all the residents at Dundas Manor, we would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who came in throughout the year. We would also like to thank the many entertainers, friendly visitors and ministers for your acts of kindness. We are so fortunate to have so many caring people in our community. Merry Christmas and God bless you in 2006.
– Jennifer Hill and the Activity Team

The residents and staff at Dundas Manor would like to extend our appreciation to the following local business owners who came i nand set up ***'AN AFTERNOON AT THE MALL'*** for our residents: Shadbolt's Dept. Store, Jamie Shadbolt and Anne Lyon; Fawcett's Jewellery & Gifts, Jennifer and Danny Lecours; Annable's Jewellery, Diane and Mable Annable; Crazy Loonies, Danielle and Donna Byers; Seaway Valley IDA Pharmacy, Hughette Burns; Cottage Cove, Wanda Feeley. Also thank you to Kate Garlough and Jane Watson for their giftwrap expertise.

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WINCHESTER PRESS

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Please note our office will be closed Mon., December 26 to Fri., December 30 inclusive.

The Wed., December 28 issue will be distributed and available in stores.

The deadline for the January 4, 2006 edition will be Mon., January 2, at 5 pm.

Happy Holidays
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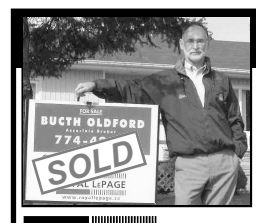

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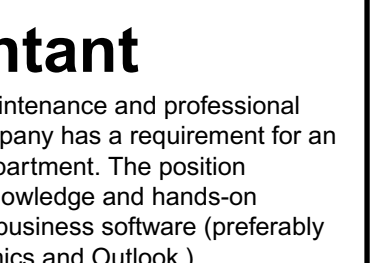

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OBITUARY

Helen Marjorie McIntosh

A lifetime resident of the Dunbar area, Helen Marjorie McIntosh passed away at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, December 10, 2005. She was 81.



Helen was born into the Barkley family at home in Elma on November 26, 1924. She was the second child and eldest daughter of Stanley and Blanche (nee Froats) Barkley. Her parents belonged to the United Church in Elma, where Helen was baptized and later confirmed. Stanley and Blanche raised Helen on the family farm together with her older brother, the late Emerson Barkley, her younger sister Vaughn, and late brother Dalton.

Helen completed public school in Elma, and then went straight to work on the farm. Helen was a hard-worker, not only did she help with the chores at home, but she also helped bring in wood and sap from the bush. In her spare time, she worked as a waitress in a little restaurant in Williamsburg and she also did housekeeping for people when they needed extra assistance. It was at the restaurant in Williamsburg that she met Douglas McIntosh, a farmer from Winchester Springs, whom she married on October 26, 1944. After the wedding, the two continued farming together in Dunbar where Helen resided until she passed.

Helen was a very active woman and in addition to working on the farm she picked apples in season, did housecleaning for people, put in a huge garden, did canning and preserving, made pies and jams, and made quilts for her family.

In November of 1957, Helen and Doug joined St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dunbar and since then she has been an active member. Helen always made certain that both she and the children faithfully attended worship and Sunday school, which her daughters Marie and Betty taught for a while. She will be sadly missed by her Lutheran family because she was a tireless worker not only at home for her family, but for her church, and her community, as well. She was a woman whose deep inner strength and physical endurance was matched only by her spiritual stamina.

Helen knew how to have fun. She was full of fun – young at heart – a real joy to be around. When she was 60 years old she was still climbing around on the monkey bars. She was determined to live life to the fullest, and always according to her own set of standards and values. But, for all her fun-loving joy of living, she was always ready when help was needed.

During one of the most difficult periods of her life, she cared for her husband Doug, whose farming days came to an end when he developed Alzheimer's disease. For many years she looked after Doug at home, with the help of her children and church family, and many friends and neighbors. Following Doug's death in 1997, Helen remained at home on the farm in Dunbar and continued to be an active member of her Church and community in addition to being a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

In addition to her home and church activities, Helen was also an active member of the Dundas Rebekah Lodge # 387 for over 42 years, where she served as chaplain.

Helen is survived by her children Marie (Adrian) Barkley-Vingerhoeds of R.R.# 2 Chesterville, Betty McIntosh of Orleans, and Allan (Connie) McIntosh of Ottawa, her sister Vaughn (Reg) Burd of Berwick, her grandchildren Naomi, Mark, Julie, Mike, Pam, Jeff, Kristie, and great-grandchildren Nathan, Rheann, Kyle, Madeline, Jessica, Dredann, Britney, Spencer, and Simon. She was predeceased by her parents Stanley and Blanche (nee Froats) Barkley and brothers Emerson and Dalton. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg, on Tuesday, December 12 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm. A Rebekah Lodge service was held on Tuesday evening at 8:45 pm. The funeral service was held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dunbar, on Wednesday, December 14 at 11 am. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Pallbearers were Allan McIntosh, Jeff Armstrong, Mike Barkley, Mark Barkley, Steven Burd, and Blake Henderson. Honorary pallbearers were Reg Burd and Bert Geertsma.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Thank You

The family of the late Graham Smith wishes to sincerely thank everyone for their many expressions of sympathy; the numerous charitable donations; messages of condolence; flowers, food and phone calls. Thanks to the care and kindness of Dr. Archibald; Linda and Michelle of Bayshore Home Care; personal caregivers Florence and Sarah; Rev. Mary Lou Shortill for her comforting message; Grandson Geoffrey for his great eulogy; the Trinity United Church Choir for hosting the reception at the LaPrade Centre following the burial. These many acts of kindness are deeply appreciated.

– Gladys, Barbara, Robert & Brenda

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To our many friends, neighbors and family for the words of comfort, cards, memorial donations, food and phone calls we received on the loss of my dear sister Helen McIntosh.

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Ronald B. Lewis
RBL Financial Services

Township of South Dundas

PUBLIC NOTICE

Christmas Office Hours

The Municipal Office will be **CLOSED** on the following days: **December 23, 2005 at noon, to January 2, 2006 inclusive.**

Garbage Tags/Bags

Effective **January 1, 2006**, garbage tags will no longer be valid. Excess garbage must be put into "Township" ***clear blue bags*** available at the Township Office, Pokey's Place, Mustard's Variety and Brinston General Store.



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NOTICE

The Township of North Dundas Municipal Office at 636 St. Lawrence Street will be closed as of Monday, Dec. 26 and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006 at 8:30 am.

For Road Emergencies, please call 229-3552 or 223-1520
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Happy Holidays from the Council and Staff of the Township of North Dundas

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Holiday Closures

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Doug Froats
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Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005 Edition

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Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005 at 5 pm
News and display advertising deadline
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005 at 5 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006 Edition

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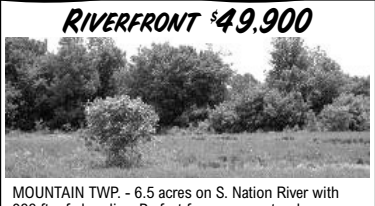

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Faces of a parade











Above: Santa Claus visited South Mountain on Sun., Dec. 18. At right: Three-year-old Justin Schoenfeld smiled for the camera, while Devon Dumoulin, 5, had his eye on the candy that was being handed out during the South Mountain Santa Claus parade. Below: Ray Sherrer, a volunteer firefighter, flipped flapjacks at the Firemen's Breakfast.



Kevin Barkley of Inkerman walked the parade route handing out candy. He was followed by a float he built for his children to ride on.

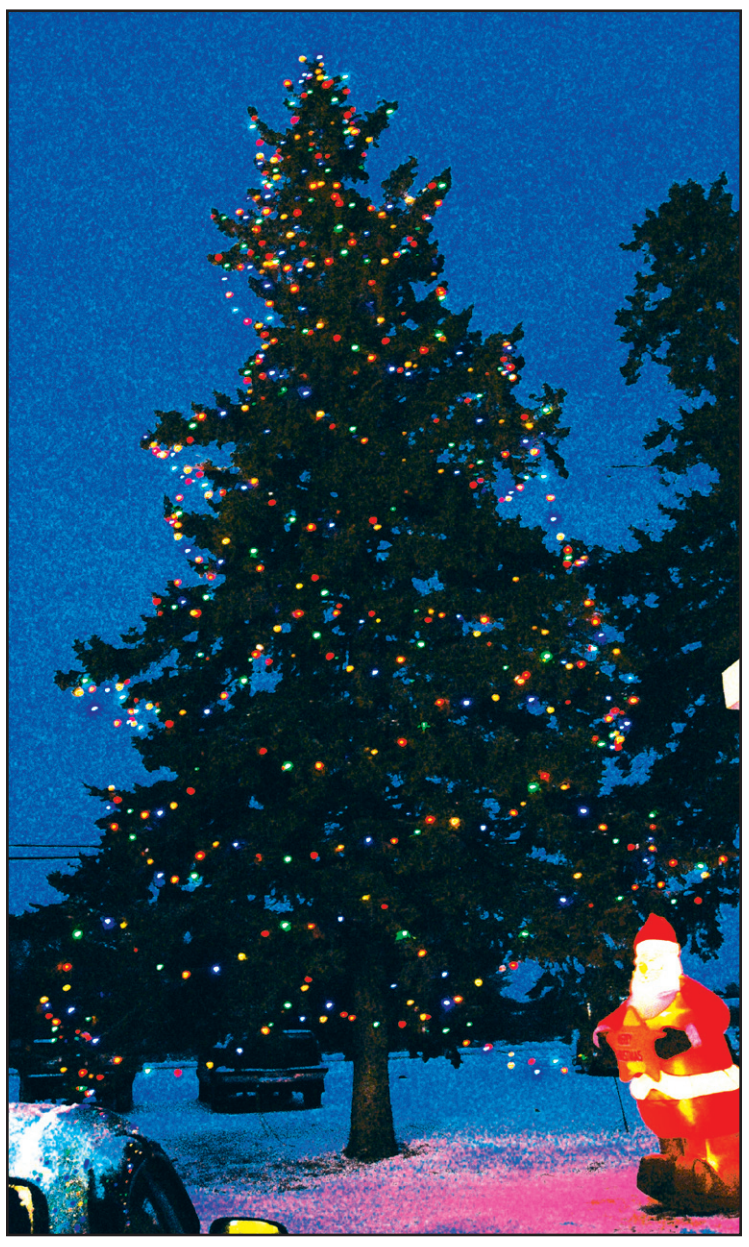
Photos — Barbour



Above: Dylan Barkley, (left) 4, and Madison, 6, waved to people from a parade float built by their father, Kevin. At left: Two-year-old Chayce Hyndman and her dad, Jeff, were among the spectators. At right: Two-year-old Xander Pilotte of Winchester received a bit of tidying up from his mother Julie after eating at the Firemen's Breakfast on Sun., Dec. 18 in the South Mountain Agricultural Hall. There was a steady flow of people through the hall from 9 am until the Santa Claus parade started at 1 pm.



Above: Family and friends from Sandy Row Golf Course sang Christmas carols as they travelled the South Mountain parade route on Sun., Dec. 18. Pictured are: Michelle Arthurs (left), Cindy Arthurs, Leighann Coons, Patti Dulmage, Mark Dulmage, Chuck Arthurs, and Donna Arthurs. The dog's name is Jacob.



Christmas beacon

A new beacon signalling the Christmas season began shining at Winchester's southern entrance the first week of December. A 60-foot spruce tree located at Blanchard's Winchester Service Centre was decorated with 38 strings of lights in recognition of this festive time. Owner Ron Blanchard reports motorists have made a point of stopping and remarking on what an impressive sight the twinkling lights on the towering conifer are. *Press Photo — Van Bridger*

BOXING WEEK SALE

CLEARANCE STARTS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 AT 8 AM

TUESDAY 8 AM DOOR CRASHER SPECIAL
18 Volt King Craft Variable Speed Reversing Drill
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