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Water worries top mayor's agenda

2003 ROUNDUP



North Dundas mayor Alvan Runnalls

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Looking at the year ahead, the issue that has newly elected mayor Alvin Runnalls most concerned is how municipal water can

North Dundas is already required to conduct regular tests at all of its municipal buildings. There will add up to thousands of dollars, and Runnalls said he is willing to make tough decisions to control costs. "Possibly we'll have no water at some facilities. It could be shut off," he said.

The mayor's outlook, however, was not all "doom and gloom" — far from it. Runnalls said he is excited to start working with his newly downsized council, where five members are taking over the work formerly done by nine.

"People say we will be awfully busy, but I'm not sure that will be the case," said Runnalls. With the ward system a thing of the past, he said he will be encouraging councillors to represent the township as a whole in their roles.

"I'm a little concerned that the balance on council is tipped towards the east," was the big concern Runnalls mentioned. Councillor Estella Rose is the only member of the new council who actually resides in the western half of North Dundas, in the former Mountain Township.

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Cast of characters

The Dundas County Players cast of *Cinderella* gathers on stage for a group shot after finishing Sunday's third performance at the Old Town Hall in Winchester. There are three more performances of *Cinderella* still to come. This Friday and Saturday (Jan. 2 and 3) shows start at 7:30 pm. The final performance will be on Sunday (Jan. 4) at 2:30 pm.

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Van Allen wants to be warden

2003 ROUNDUP



South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — In his year-end interview with the *Press*, South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen shared his thoughts and hopes for the year ahead and revealed that he wishes to seek the nomination for United Counties warden for 2005.

The nomination, which is always made a year ahead, was deferred until February's counties council meeting because there were so many new councillors at the table after the election. Before amalgamation, when Van Allen was reeve of Williamsburg Township, he had been in line for the warden position. At that time, wardens were groomed by serving several years, chairing the various United Counties standing committees. "It's just something that I'd like to see through," said Van Allen. He has not been appointed to any counties-level committees at this time.

The new mayor is gearing up for a busy year. There are several large issues that need to be dealt with, including the future of the township's high-speed Internet system and the completion of the Morrisburg and Iroquois water project, which will be followed by sewer work. "My biggest bugaboo is the tax assessment though," said Van Allen.

"It's ridiculous," he said about the methods used by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to determine property values. He is of the opinion that municipal politicians need to get together and go to the province. Van Allen pointed out that the counties paid more than $800,000 last year to MPAC for assessment and voters list services, and neither service has been satisfactory.

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Parmalat Canada tight-lipped on fraud

WINCHESTER — While Parmalat Finanziaria SpA is being accused of conducting one of the largest and most brazen corporate financial frauds in history, little has changed at the Parmalat plant in Winchester.

Management at the Winchester plant could not comment on the unfolding story where an estimated $4 billion has been identified as missing. The Winchester plant is referring all media to a spokesperson in Toronto. Parmalat has issued a general statement:

"Parmalat operates independently in North America and continues to conduct business as usual, meeting all of its obligations to customers, employees and suppliers within normal timelines and conditions.

"The leadership team of Parmalat in North America is hard at work and the company: continues to produce and distribute its products to its customers as usual; continues to work with its suppliers to ensure their ongoing support; and with the ongoing commitment of its employees, continues to produce and sell its products across North America in the ordinary course of business."

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Osgoode Ward holds the line

2003 ROUNDUP



Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

METCALFE — Maintaining the current boundaries of Osgoode Ward was the most significant news story that came out of the southern-most part of the City of Ottawa in 2003. "That was the newsmaker of the year," said Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson, looking back at the past 12 months.

The Ontario Municipal Board ruled in favor of the rural lobby which opposed enlarging Osgoode Ward to take in parts of South Gloucester. "If the changes had gone through we would have almost become an urban ward," said Thompson.

Thompson admitted that the issue of municipal boundaries will inevitably come up again, as the city looks for ways to evenly distribute its population among its wards. It's been Thompson's hope since amalgamation, however, that the boundaries will remain intact at least for the first two terms of the amalgamated council.

Last November's municipal election marked the 10th campaign that Thompson has run. It was also the second time the former mayor of Osgoode Township has been acclaimed to office.

He said he didn't take his quest for a seat on the second amalgamated council lightly. "It wasn't a free ride. I registered to run on Jan. 2," he explained.

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Vision campaign tally tops $13 million mark

WINCHESTER — Terry MacLellan, chairman for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation, has announced that the Renewing the Vision Campaign has surpassed the $13 million mark. The total now stands at $13.1 million.

"This is a great way to end 2003," said MacLellan. "The Vision Campaign is essential to getting our new facility built and we are now at $13.1 million. We still have active campaigns ongoing in several communities, including Iroquois and the Metcalfe/Osgoode area."

MacLellan praised the Vision committee that had continued to work until October of this year. "I can't speak highly enough of the leadership and the efforts that Bill Smurle and Mike McInnis brought to this campaign. They recruited an excellent campaign cabinet and these people, in turn, brought on first-rate volunteers to spearhead door-to-door canvassers, special events, and special one-on-one requests for support."

The Vision committee wound down its activities in October and the responsibility to raise the balance of the funds now rests with the foundation's fundraising committee, chaired by Nancy Wilson. The fundraising committee has recruited some familiar faces from the Vision cabinet, including Mike McInnis, Dr. Duane Justus and Marion Byers.

"This committee is doing an excellent job in following up on the work of the Vision committee," said MacLellan. "They are developing plans to ensure that we reach our $15 million goal. As well, they are planning special events, such as another gala for spring 2004. For now, we are happy to have crossed that $13 million mark and we want to thank everyone in the community who has been so supportive and generous to this fundraising project."

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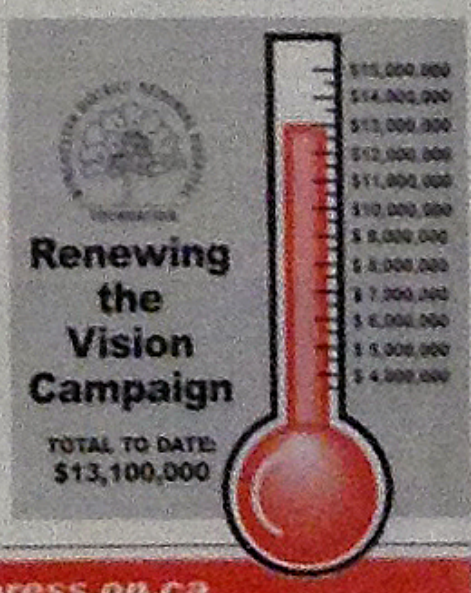
9 Members of the Metcalfe Jr. "B" Jets alumni tangled with the Senators alumni to raise money for WDMH.





BMO staff holiday raffle

The Winchester branch of the Bank of Montreal held a raffle during the pre-Christmas season for a gingerbread house and a series of decorative snowmen. They raised about $150 for the staff's Fountain of Hope fund. Barbara Lough of South Mountain, centre, was at the bank on Dec. 24 to pick up the snowman prize. Staff members Hershell Pemberton, left, and Muriel Whiteker are also pictured. Whiteker made the snowmen.

Pantomime production hilariously performed

by Jason Burgoyne

WINCHESTER — Dundas County Players gave families in Winchester an afternoon of laughter on Sunday (Dec. 28) with their rendition of the children's classic *Cinderella*.

The local cast carries on the successful DCP comedic tradition with the funny, family-oriented story of a girl named Cinderella (Sara Savard) who is finally seen for her inner beauty and not judged for her outwardly poor appearance.

Cinderella (or Cinder) is accompanied throughout the play by scene-stealer Buttons, played by Andrew Johnson. One of the youngest cast members, Johnson acts as an intermediary between the crowd and the cast, giving the production a unique take on the classic fairy tale.

Director Caroline Roberts began forming the cast after auditions in early September, and continued rehearsals until the production's opening on Dec. 27. Despite having several cast members coming down with the flu only a couple of weeks prior to opening night, everyone recovered just in time to finalize preparations for opening night.

Cinderella's financially strapped father, Baron Hardupp, is played convincingly by Alvin Runnalls who ends up meeting a wealthy baroness while away on business. The couple end the trip with a marriage.

The baroness returns with her two daughters, Asphyxia (Rick Ventrella) and Euthanasia (Bill Steele), who move into the Baron's home, Stoneybroke Manor. When the baroness finds her new husband has a daughter, she is not pleased.

With very little stage experience, both Ventrella and Steele kept the sold-out crowd filled with both laughter and "boos," following each new way they find to torment Cinderella, broker Tong (Tony Glen), and Amette (Brian Kask).

Dayna Redekopp plays the love-struck Prince Charming in convincing fashion, despite an obvious gender gap. Court entertainer Tristan Glen appears in the second act when the action is moved to the ballroom.

Glen's juggling scene on a unicycle was a showstopper. He used both his natural ability and his crowd savvy to bring children and parents to their feet. Victoria Riddell plays Dandini, Prince Charming's good friend and royal servant, to perfection.

The fairy godmother (Caroline Redekopp) helps Buttons, who is also madly in love with Cinder, see the good in what he can provide for Cinder if he is unable to have her for himself. And Frank Cavaleno makes a sound appearance as the Major Domo during the ballroom scene in the second act.

There are three more performances of *Cinderella* still to come. This Friday and Saturday (Jan. 2 and 3) shows start at 7:30 pm. The final performance will be on Sunday (Jan. 4) at 2:30 pm. Anyone looking to purchase tickets, especially families, should do so early as blocks of seating may be hard to find.

The Dundas County Players pantomime production of *Cinderella* is well orchestrated and hilariously performed. *Cinderella* is recommended to either families or just anyone looking for a few good laughs.

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Runnalls

Runnalls said he expects the legacy of the ward system will continue to fade, and that the new dynamic at the council table will be a benefit. "I think it will be lively," he said.

Among the new challenges faced by the mayor are his responsibilities at SD&G counties council in Cornwall. He'll be attending meetings on the third Monday of every month along with deputy-mayor Bill Smirle. Both are new to the upper-tier municipal level.

"I have a manual a foot high that I'm wending my way through," said Runnalls, following a day-long training session in Cornwall earlier this month. "There's a lot to digest there." Runnalls said he realizes the importance of representing the township at the upper tier, seeing how 43 per cent of municipal taxes go directly to the United Counties government.

Having already attended his first counties council meeting, Runnalls said he was impressed with the amount of discussion that goes on at a regular meeting. He also commented on the size of the council. With two representatives from each of the six townships in SD&G, he said it's more difficult to be heard than at the North Dundas table.

Recalling commitments made during the election campaign, Runnalls commented on the idea of creating an agricultural committee to direct the township on farm issues. This was an idea put forward by the Dundas Federation of Agriculture during the election, and Runnalls was one of the candidates who supported the idea.

"It might even be an SD&G farm advisory committee. It might be larger," said Runnalls. He said there was a six-member farm advisory committee in place during the last term of council, which commented on issues such as the construction of new hog farms.

Considering taxation over the next three years, Runnalls said he can't promise there won't be increases. "You've got to look at inflation," he said. While he said he can see a time when the township might be able to offer tax cuts, he said it's reasonable to assume small increases will be needed over the next few years.

Parmalat

The daily financial press continues to report on Parmalat Finanziaria SpA's financial situation internationally, and the arrest of its founder last weekend.

Parmalat Canada was created in 1997, and now employs about 4,300 workers. Speculation is that the business would be worth as much as $1.6 billion if it were sold off as a whole. Several potential purchasers have been named, including cheese maker Saputo Inc. in Montreal, and farmer-owned Agropur Co-operative Agro-Alimentaire of Granby, Quebec.

Thompson

Thompson started knocking on doors and talking to constituents last spring. "I probably did more campaigning than people who ran full campaigns," he said.

The passing of the new official plan for Ottawa was another victory for rural residents this past year. The rural wards retained the ability to develop country estate lots. These are subdivisions built outside the core of rural villages, generally on lots measuring a few acres which aren't useful for farming. Although the development of country estate lots spreads rural development over larger areas, Thompson said this strategy has proven the most effective means of building new residences.

The proposed tax increase of 6.5 per cent in May immediately drew the ire of Osgoode Ward residents. The increase was quickly eliminated when council was able to cut $20.2 million from its budget.

Residents of Osgoode Ward haven't seen their taxes increase for the past 10 years, and in an election year, Thompson had no intention of supporting a tax hike. "I'd already printed my campaign brochures which listed "no tax increase" as one of my accomplishments," he said.

In terms of humanitarian accomplishments, the addition of 30 beds to the Township of Osgoode Care Centre (TOCC) was a major success. "The goal of raising $1.5 million to pay for the addition was achieved and surpassed," recalled Thompson. The new beds in Metcalfe were immediately filled and the waiting list for rooms at TOCC has been greatly reduced.

The work of the TOCC board of directors was honored in August during the annual Osgoode Ward Volunteer Appreciation Awards night in Vernon. All 12 members of the board received awards. "That's a trademark of our community. There are just an incredible number of volunteers in the ward," said Thompson.

As the BSE crisis in the livestock industry drags on and intensifies, Osgoode Ward producers can take heart that their non-farming neighbors are on their side. When Greely held its Great Canadian Beef Barbecue, more than 650 people attended. "It shows the strength and support the agricultural community has," said Thompson. The barbecue in Greely was the largest in a series of beef barbecues which were staged across the City of Ottawa.

Thompson also fought to maintain rural representation in the municipal government this year. When the suggestion surfaced that Ottawa's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee could be eliminated as a money-saving measure, Thompson quickly helped make sure it would remain. He currently serves as the vice-chair of the committee.

"It was a very exciting year, very fruitful. We accomplished a lot," said Thompson. Anticipating budget discussions for the new year, he said maintaining current taxation levels will be a priority. "I campaigned on no tax increase, and one way or another, we'll achieve that in 2004."

Van Allen

"I think vandalism is out of control," said Van Allen when asked to comment on other issues that he would like to address in the coming year. "There have to be consequences for your actions." The Iroquois and Morrisburg plazas have been suffering from vandalism.

The suggestion by OPP officer Julie Cyr at the last council meeting that meetings be set up with business owners, police, school officials, and kids to address the vandalism problem is a step in the right direction, thinks Van Allen. He doesn't buy the excuse that vandalism is a result of kids having nothing to do. "It infuriates me," he said of that idea.

"It's not just kids," he said, pointing to littering along the roadways that he feels is a type of vandalism.

Van Allen was also ready to speak about the fiery fibre-optic topic which may split his council down the middle, including the $1.7 million grant to expand the system to bring high-speed Internet to the rural areas of the township. "I don't care if it's federal or provincial, it's still taxpayers' money," he said about wanting to make sure the expansion project is feasible before moving forward.

"I'm not willing to make a wholesale decision on something I don't know enough about," he added.

As he said throughout his campaign, Van Allen would like to get an informed independent opinion on the current system and the expansion proposal. "Hopefully I'll get the support of council for that," he added. He also promised not to leave the Internet network's current users in the lurch.

"I wish everyone a tremendous new year," he said, adding hopes for success and health for all.

Vision

The Renewing the Vision Campaign is the major fundraising drive for Winchester District Memorial Hospital's capital redevelopment project. When completed, the hospital will have a new emergency department, expanded day surgery and operating suites, a new ambulatory care department, upgraded building systems and renovated patient rooms.

Council notes from South Dundas

Assessment mess

WILLIAMSBURG — A letter from an irate resident led the council to discuss property assessments at their last meeting. CAO Andy Brown explained to council that the township office had just recently received its assessment rolls and the staff would set to work to determine average increases, as well as conduct other analysis. The summary will be ready for council's meeting on Jan. 6.

"We've been talking about this all year," said Charles Barkley, councillor for Matilda. He said that the municipalities need to band together in order to affect change with the province, which is responsible for how the assessments are conducted. "They (municipalities) are all up in arms. Now is the time," agreed Whiteker.

"Council is going to have to do something quicker than dealing with MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation)," Barkley predicted.

Lockmaster's House lease to end

Council voted to provide 60-days notice to end the township's lease on the Lockmaster's House at Iroquois Point. The group DIAMONDS had been subletting the house from the township and using it as their base of operations, as well as a heritage museum and tea room over the past couple of years. However, in September, DIAMONDS ended its sublet, leaving the township on the hook for the building's rent and utilities, which amounted to over $700 per month. Charles Barkley was opposed to ending the lease.

Council did ask to be kept informed of the building's status by its owners, Seaway Management Corporation. "I would hate to see this building demolished," said Van Allen, pointing out that the area lost so many heritage buildings with the construction of the Seaway.

Economic development officer spared

In a narrow vote of three to two, council has extended the contract of economic development officer Anne Marie Waddell on a month-to-month basis. Her current contract expires at the end of December. She had been contracted through the South Dundas Economic Commission. The commission is no longer active as the two councillors who sat on it are no longer in office.

Sandra Bailey, councillor for Morrisburg, wanted to know if Waddell's position was a duplication of services available to the township from the counties level. CAO Brown explained that the counties do economic development at a macro level and are not familiar with local sites.

In his report on the issue, Brown stated that the economic development officer handles day-to-day functions that the township staff would not be able to manage given its existing resources. He also told council that he is in the process of completing an operational review of the entire municipal organization, including economic development, and encouraged council to wait for this review before changing the existing structure.



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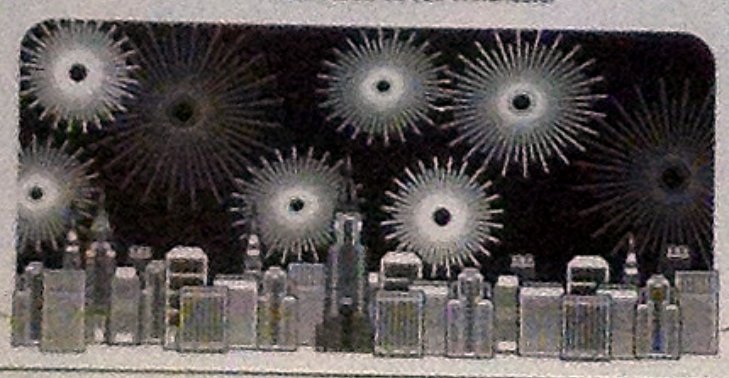

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Coroner to consider response times of ambulances in Osgoode deaths

by Derek Puddicombe

METCALFE — Dr. Andrew McCallum, regional supervising coroner for eastern Ontario, is launching an investigation into the deaths of two Osgoode Ward women and what role medical response times may have played in those deaths.

The families of Alice Martin and Nayfe Gebara, as well as Osgoode councillor Doug Thompson, say that the ambulance took much too long to arrive and assist the patients. All want to know if the ambulance's late arrival was a contributing factor.

Martin died en route to hospital after waiting 20 minutes for an ambulance to arrive at her Greely home, and another hour to transport her to hospital on Oct. 14.

The woman had a heart condition and was experiencing a shortness of breath that evening when the first ambulance that was dispatched to her residence was diverted to a second call.

Last month, Nayfe Gebara, a Metcalfe mother of four, collapsed at home and waited about 20 minutes for an ambulance to arrive. The Gebara residence is only a short distance from the Metcalfe Fire Hall where a city ambulance is based.

These complaints are almost identical to the one received after Jerry O'Malley, also of Osgoode Ward, died en route to hospital, on Sept. 17, 2001.

Thompson, who sits on the city's Emergency and Protective Services Committee, has been so disturbed by the deaths that earlier this month he wrote a letter to the Ontario chief coroner, asking him to investigate the most recent deaths. He is pleased that there has been a quick response to his letter and an investigation is under way.

"This is exactly what I wanted to see," said Thompson. "I want to know if the response had anything to do with their deaths." He added that he feels confident that when the coroner has completed the investigation, the current ambulance response times will be found unsuitable.

"Hopefully, now that they are looking into this, the families will get what they want and what I thought all along is true," said Thompson after receiving the letter of intent from Dr. McCallum. "That (response times) may have caused their deaths."

In the letter dated Dec. 12, McCallum acknowledged an investigation is under way. "I can confirm that investigations are under way in the deaths of Alice Martin and Nayfe Gebara," he wrote. "I note that you have requested information from the City of Ottawa as to ambulance service. I can assure you that the information regarding the question of ambulance response time will be incorporated into the investigation of the deaths."

In a recent interview, mayor Bob Chiarelli said that ambulance response times have actually improved in both the rural and urban centres, but conceded there is always room for improvement.

One possible explanation the mayor offered was that there has been an increase in the number of citywide calls, attributed to the growth in the city's population.

Officials from the city's paramedic service seem to mirror Chiarelli's observation and have been quoted recently saying that city ambulances respond to about 80,000 medical calls a year.

Thompson doesn't recall, prior to amalgamation during his time as township councillor and mayor, of a time he was concerned that a death of one of his ward residents could possibly be linked to a poor response time. For now, he is pleased the coroner is willing to take the time to investigate the Martin and Gebara deaths. "This is good news," said Thompson.



Holiday bounty

Students at Nationview Public School in South Mountain collected over 1,000 food items which were distributed in North Dundas Christmas Fund baskets. Students brought food items from home, along with a total of $125 cash. Around the tree in the school lobby on Dec. 19 were the students from each class who brought in the most food including Nevan Thurler, Bethany Puddy, Mitchell Melenhorst, Lauren Bogart, Nevin Guy, Colton Stitt, Jarrett Melenhorst, Chelsey North, Ryan Rumohr, Natalie Gibson, Katie LeClair, Shaun Pietarinen and Brodie Boulanger.

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Springhill dump nets $585,466 for city

OTTAWA — Tomlinson Environmental Service, which manages the landfill site at Springhill in Osgoode Ward, was very pleased to present a cheque for $585,466 to the City of Ottawa on Dec. 19. This represents the city's share of the profits from the public-private partnership (P3) between Tomlinson Environmental Services and the City of Ottawa, covering the period from Nov. 1, 2002 to Oct. 31 2003.

This marks the seventh year of Tomlinson Environmental Services (TES) working with the former Township of Osgoode and now the City of Ottawa. The P3 project has generated approximately $2 million in revenue for the municipality.

At a press conference for the announcement, TES president Ron Tomlinson said he is excited about the future this arrangement. "While we are very proud of this partnership with the city, we see the potential for even greater financial and environmental gains for the overall city and Osgoode Ward residents," he said.

Osgoode Ward councillor Doug Thompson said he is elated about this funding. "I am truly amazed by the success of this P3 project. We have a professionally managed landfill that is generating substantial financial revenues for the city."

Thompson went on to explain some of the background behind the P3 partnership. In the late '90s, the former Township of Osgoode was experiencing major difficulties with the Springhill Landfill site. On top of this, the township was spending approximately $225,000 of taxpayers' money annually to operate the facility.

The municipality signed a contract with TES to manage the site in 1997. Within a year, the Springhill Landfill site had returned a profit of $176,740. This resulted in a net benefit of over $400,000 to the municipality. In addition to this, TES spent over $500,000 of its own money in 1997 to bring the site into compliance.

"I truly believe that this public-private partnership between Tomlinson Environmental Services and the City of Ottawa is an excellent example of how a municipality and private firm can work together, bringing both financial and practical benefits to the city and its residents," said Thompson.

Over the course of the seven years of this partnership, TES has returned approximately $2 million to municipal governments. The annual returns have grown to $585,466.



Landfill loot

Osgoode ward councillor Doug Thompson (left) and Steve Kanellakos accepted a cheque for $585,466 from TES president Ron Thomlinson on Dec. 19. Thompson said these profits for the municipality are an excellent example of how P3 projects can work.

Officers issue more charges than last year

WINCHESTER — The OPP in eastern Ontario has completed week three of its five-week Festive RIDE Campaign. During the week of Dec. 12 to 18, officers across eastern Ontario checked 15,837 drivers during stationary and roving RIDE checks.

There were 39 12-hour license suspensions issued. There were 21 impaired driving charges issued. And 192 related charges were made. Two deaths during week three were due to drinking and driving.

There was an increase of impaired charges and 12-hour suspensions over 2002 for the same week. Last year during week three, 16,521 vehicles were checked. During this time, the number of 12-hour suspensions issued was 37, and 13 impaired charges were laid.

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Parkinson's support group forms locally

WINCHESTER — There are over 7,000 people in the Ottawa area suffering from Parkinson's disease. For people living with Parkinson's and their caregivers, coping can be emotionally, physically, and sometimes financially overwhelming. In the new year, the Parkinson Society of Ottawa is beginning a support group in Winchester to help meet the needs of local people.

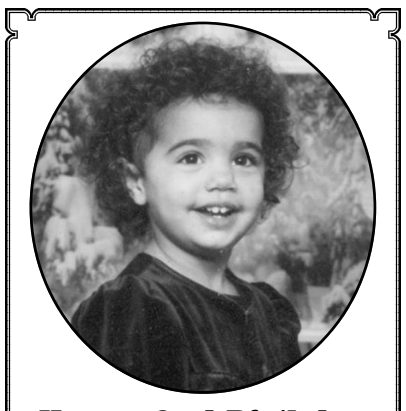
Parkinson's is a progressive, neuro-degenerative disorder that is characterized by tremors, slowness and stiffness, impaired balance, and rigidity of the muscles. Secondary symptoms include fatigue, soft speech, writing problems, stooped posture, constipation, and sleep disturbance. It results from a deficiency of the chemical messenger dopamine, which is produced by the brain, and influences the initiation, planning, and execution of movements.

The cause is unknown, and there is no known cure. Although the main treatment for Parkinson's is drug therapy, the management of the disease requires a holistic approach that covers all aspects of the affected person's life. Patients, their families and caregivers are encouraged to participate together in exercise, education and other initiatives that enable them to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

The purpose of the Parkinson's support group is to provide a group experience for people who experience similar concerns or difficulties in coping with social, psychological or physical problems or situations related to Parkinson's. They deal with these problems, conditions, or concerns in ways they decide are most fruitful and appropriate. Through mutual sharing of experiences, members of support groups provide one another with emotional support and understanding, as well as practical information, which can help them to deal effectively with their individual situations.

Support groups run by the Parkinson Society of Ottawa are facilitated by professional social workers, who can help a family to sort out the complex emotions and challenges. Social workers are very knowledgeable about community resources, including home care, respite care, housing options, transportation, and legal and financial assistance. They are familiar with the eligibility criteria, and can help families get through the maze of services and red tape.

The Winchester support group will meet monthly. The first meeting will be Mon., Jan. 5 from 1 to 2:30 pm at the Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre at 517A Mill Street, Winchester. Anyone living with Parkinson's is invited to attend. This includes people with Parkinson's and family members. There is no fee to attend.



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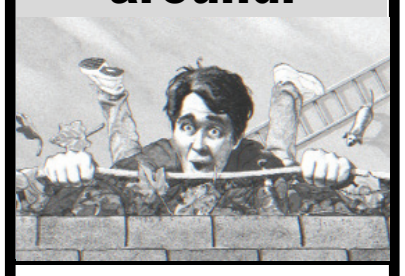

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Mountain firefighters say thanks with breakfast



Captain Terry Foley, left, and Mountain firefighter Edwin Duncan show off the recently finished sanitation section in the now completed Mountain Fire Hall. Photos – Burgoone

by Jason Burgoone

SOUTH MOUNTAIN –- Mountain firefighters thanked their community on Sun., Dec. 21 with an all-you-can-eat breakfast at the old South Mountain fire hall prior to this year's South Mountain Santa Claus Parade. Jason Schoenfeld, Firemen's Breakfast chairman and local firefighter, was pleasantly surprised with the turnout, noting around 300 to 400 people attended this year's event.

Nearly 20 firefighters were joined by their spouses to ensure everyone in attendance received a warm breakfast before attending the annual parade. Pancakes, bacon, eggs and toast were served up thanks in part to three generous local businesses.

Schoenfeld recognized everyone who had donated either time or money to this year's event, emphasizing a sense of community spirit as the main factor for the event's continuing success. Loughlin's Country Store, Inkerman Store and Wouters Poultry Farm each played a major role in supplying product for the enormous breakfast.

This year's breakfast was the second year in a row where organizers co-ordinated efforts with South Mountain Santa Claus Parade committee members.

Terry Foley, fire department captain, was on hand to guide local residents on a tour of the new fire hall and educate youth on the importance of fire prevention. Captain Foley and his crew of firefighters also shared some helpful tips for those in attendance for a happy and fire-free holiday season.



At the Mountain Firemen's Breakfast on Dec. 21, event chairman and local firefighter Jason Schoenfeld, right, got a helping hand from fellow fireman and pancake artist Raymond Sherrer.

Police blotter

Indecent act

SOUTH DUNDAS — SD&G OPP officers responded to a report of an indecent act at approximately 6 pm on Dec. 25. The incident occurred in an apartment on County Road 2 in South Dundas. A 55-year-old male faces an indecent act charge after exposing himself to a female. Constable D. Ferguson is investigating.

Dope bust

SOUTH DUNDAS — Members of the Project Centrum street-level drug enforcement team, in conjunction with members of the SD&G OPP, executed a search warrant at a private residence located along County Road 1 in South Dundas Township during the early morning hours of Dec. 19. A total of 17.9 pounds of marijuana buds, having a street value of approximately $129,935 were seized by police.

Charges of possession for the purposes of trafficking, and possession of a substance are pending against two males, aged 47 and 27, who are occupants of the property. Both men were released following their arrest and are scheduled to appear in provincial court in Morrisburg on Feb. 3 to respond to the charges.

Assault charges

WILLIAMSBURG -– Following an investigation into a domestic related incident which occurred on Dec. 22 in the former Williamsburg Township, a 54-year-old South Dundas man is facing charges of assault, and breach of probation. Court will be held in the Village of Morrisburg on Feb. 3.

Doing doughnuts

MAPLE RIDGE -– Officers on patrol had occasion to check a vehicle being operated erratically in the parking lot at North Dundas District High School on the evening of Dec. 19. The check resulted in the seizure of a quantity of marijuana from the vehicle, and a charge of possession of a substance against an 18-year-old male from the former Mountain Township area of North Dundas. Court is set for Feb. 3 in Morrisburg.

Pot party

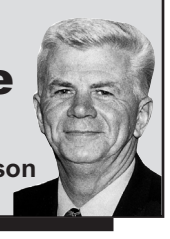
MORRISBURG -– A check made by officers of a group of youths at the Morrisburg Public School on the afternoon of Dec. 21 resulted in the seizure of a quantity of marijuana, and a charge of possession of a substance against a 21-year-old Morrisburg male. Court will be held on Feb. 3 in the Village of Morrisburg.

Holiday vandalism

IROQUOIS — Three incidents of vandalism were reported to police in South Dundas Township over the weekend of Dec. 19 to 21. Damage was found to have been done to Christmas decorations in the Village of Iroquois on Dec. 20. Damage to a nativity scene in the Village of Morrisburg was done overnight on Dec. 20. And the tires slashed on a vehicle parked at plaza in the Village of Iroquois on Dec. 21.

Hockey Night in Metcalfe raises funds for WDMH

In & around Osgoode Ward 20
by Doug Thompson



METCALFE — What a great night! An arena nearly full of hockey loving fans, some of the National Hockey League's retired greats, and many of Metcalfe Jets Alumni, many who probably could have played in the NHL. Organized by Bill Buckland as a fundraiser for the Renewing the Vision Campaign at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, this all-star game lived up to its billing. Fast skating, exceptional plays and some rather healthy tugging, holding and body checking.

Special thanks to all the hockey players, as well as Jim Wynn, Sean Franey (time-keepers box), Steve Corlyon (former NHL official), Sean Boulerice (referee), Steve James (auctioneer), Brian Robinson, Les Robinson (coaches of the Metcalfe Jets Alumni), Grace Buckland, Jim and Ena Meloy (cashiers and ticket takers), and Bill Buckland (organizer) for such a tremendous evening.

90TH BIRTHDAY

Surprise, surprise, surprise. The Bowman family organized a surprise birthday party for Grant Bowman at the Metcalfe Community Centre's Ray Wilson Hall last Sunday afternoon (Dec. 28). Family, friends and neighbors filled the hall to celebrate the milestone 90th birthday of a much-loved businessman, politician, community supporter and family man.

Bowman owned and operated the general store in Kenmore. He served the Township of Osgoode as a councillor. He is proud husband of Frances; father of Jim and John; and grandfather of six grandchildren. As well, he has always been a big supporter of local sports in the community. Best wishes on reaching such a great milestone: 90 years young.

FUNDRAISER

Steven Curry of Kenmore has been suffering from cancer for nearly a year. With the support of his family, he is fighting a brave battle. Jim Wynn and I have decided to organize a fundraising dance for Steven and his family on Sat., Jan. 31 at the Greely Legion hall.

SYMPOSIUM

The Rural Health Program of the City of Ottawa and the Nepean Community Resource Centre have organized two grief and bereavement symposiums. The first will be held Thurs., Jan. 15 from 7 - 9 pm at the Osgoode Community Centre. The second will be on Mon., Feb. 16 from 7 - 9 pm at the Manotick United Church.

Speakers will discuss the symptoms and stages of grief, surviving the loss of a loved one by suicide, anticipatory grief/palliative care, and the role of faith and hope in grieving.

Speakers will include Julie Tubman of Tubman Funeral Homes, Lorna McFarlane of Survivors of Suicide, a representative from the Palliative Care Program of Algonquin College, Dr. Margaret Farncombe, Rev. David Chesney of St. James United Church (for the Osgoode evening) and Rev. Shawn Ketcheson of Manotick United Church (for the Manotick evening).

For more information, call Barbara O'Brien-Litten, Osgoode public health nurse at 724-4122 ext. 26173.

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Overpayment fraud:

New twist on old Nigerian e-mail scam

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Throughout Canada and the United States, letters concerning a "request for urgent business transaction," usually the transfer of millions of dollars, are being sent out to consumers and businesses via mail, e-mail and fax transmission.

The letter asks for the recipient's bank account information so that money can be deposited into their account. Some letters ask for an advance fee to show good faith. These letters are commonly referred to as Nigerian Letter Scams or West African Fraud Letters.

OVERPAYMENT FRAUD

There is a new variant of the Nigerian E-mail Scam that cheats consumers who sell goods online. The overpayment fraud works when the person receiving the cheque is actually owed money for goods sold.

The seller receives a counterfeit cashier's cheque from the "purchaser." The amount of the cheque is in excess of what is owed. The seller is then asked to deposit the cheque and wire the balance of excess funds immediately back to the sender/purchaser. The deposited cashier's cheque is subsequently returned as counterfeit and charged back to the seller's account.

There are many known scams, and new ones are invented every day. Learn how to recognize a scam and avoid being caught by one. Remember, criminals will say anything to part you from your hard-earned money.

Lost stroller

WINCHESTER -– Police received a report involving the loss of a blue Cosco two-seat stroller on Dec. 19, which had been inadvertently left along St. Lawrence Street near the offices of the *Winchester Press* during the late morning hours of Dec. 19. If anyone has located this stroller they are asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 to arrange to have it returned to its owner.

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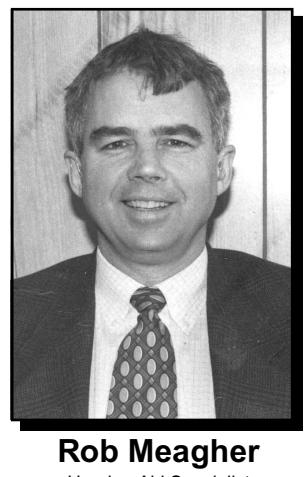

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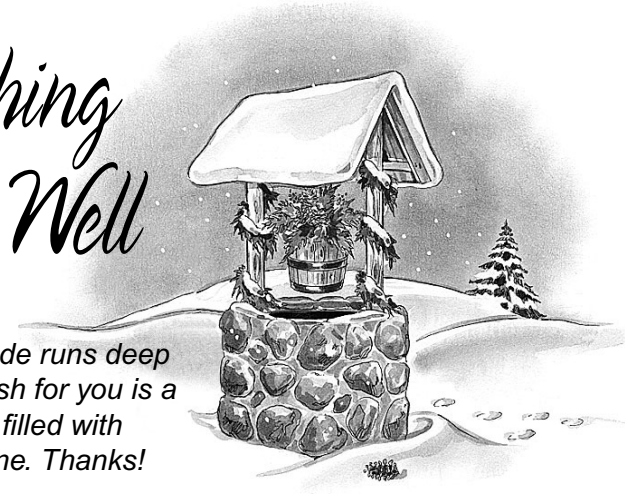

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Toddlers to learn science of colors

WINCHESTER — The new year will have a busy start at the Winchester Early Years Centre. The facility continues to provide unique programming and resources for children and parents. On the schedule for January is a science of colors session.

In the science of colors program, children will learn about the primary and secondary colors through a variety of games, crafts, and activities. The session is for children aged three to six and will take place on Jan. 13 from 1:30 to 3 pm. Space is limited for this Early Learning Activity, so those interested should register ahead of time.

Also in January, the centre is starting an indoor fitness program for parents, to take the place of the stroller fitness sessions which have lost their appeal due to winter weather. Half-hour slots have been set aside on the mornings of Jan. 16 and 30 for parents to exercise along with a video, while the kids are amused by the centre's toys and activities.

The centre held a traditional French Canadian Christmas celebration late in December. Party-goers learned about French Canadian traditions, sang some French songs, and made a craft. A sampling of French Canadian cuisine was also shared, including tasty maple sugar candy.

The Winchester Early Years Centre is closed for the holidays, but will re-open Jan. 5. A monthly schedule of events is available for pickup at the centre. A family literacy day on Jan. 27 and winter cooking fun on Jan. 22 are some of the other programs scheduled for the coming month.



Les petites étoiles

Children at the Winchester Early Years Centre's French Canadian Christmas party on Dec. 18 made shiny stars to take home. Back row, left to right: teddy, Meaghan-Lina Arel, Chantalyne Leonhardt, Amy Proulx, and Toni Steele. Front row: Sam Horner, Jessi Zandbelt, Myra Miller, and Nakita Steele.

Grandmother bakes to fight cause

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE — A bake sale at the Scotiabank branch in Chesterville raised money and awareness before Christmas for a truly terrible and little-known disease. Prader-Willi Syndrome is an uncommon disease, which afflicts staff member Gail Robinson's grandson.

Robinson organized the bake sale on Dec. 18 to fundraise for the Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association. She lives with her eight-year-old grandson, Brody Froats, and his parents in Chesterville.

"He will never be independent and can't be left alone," said Robinson. "He will require a lifetime of care."

The bake sale at Scotiabank sold out three of four tables of treats before lunch. Robinson said her fellow staff members at the bank have been enormously supportive of her personal campaign.

The main symptoms of Prader-Willi include delayed mental and physical development. The part of the disease that is most debilitating is that a missing chromosome affects the brain, preventing the individual from realizing when they are not hungry. "So they think they're hungry all the time, and weight is a very big issue," said Robinson.

Prader-Willi is a genetic disease. Because slow physical development is a characteristic of the syndrome, the eating disorder becomes doubly damaging. The body doesn't process food well, so the weight problem is compounded.

Robinson's grandson was diagnosed when he was five months old. In caring for him, the biggest problem his family faces is managing his hunger. Robinson explained that they have to keep food locked away, because Brody simply cannot control his desire to eat.

The extreme nature of the eating disorder caused by Prader-Willi was seen in Ottawa last August when a young adult with the disease was arrested. Robinson explained that the youth had been going to all-you-can-eat buffets, and then leaving without paying. He was completely out of control, and was briefly arrested because the police didn't understand what was causing his behavior.

In supporting the Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, Robinson said she realizes a cure for the disease is not possible in the foreseeable future. "There is only trying to work with the behavioral problems." Medication is used to help patients deal with the anxiety caused by being hungry all the time, and to help them sleep.

The Prader-Willi Association is also looking for new medications to help patients manage their weight, and growth hormones to help them develop physically at a normal rate. People with the syndrome typically do not grow more than five feet tall. Their life expectancies are also shortened. The syndrome can be fatal in itself, and also leads to diabetes and heart disease.

The bake sale at Scotiabank is one in a series of fundraisers the staff have supported. They have held two breakfasts to raise money to fight the disease, and also planned a potluck lunch. Scotiabank will also match any funds raised by the staff in support of the Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association. Robinson said she had special help in planning the bake sale from fellow staff members Lynn Thorne and Nancy Edgerton.



A bake sale at the Scotiabank branch in Chesterville raised money for the Ontario Prader-Willi Syndrome Association on Dec. 18. Gail Robinson (right) has a grandson with the disease. Lynn Thorne was one of the staff members who assisted with the event. Press Photo — Zabel

Winchester hospital CEO leaving

WINCHESTER — Winchester District Memorial Hospital board chairman Bill Smirle announced lasy week that André O. Rodier will leave his position as chief executive officer effective March 31, 2004 to become the full-time CEO at Hawkesbury & District General Hospital. Currently Rodier serves as the CEO for both hospitals.

"The board is sad to see this happen. Mr. Rodier has given our hospital excellent executive leadership. He has overseen the development of our master plan that will see our facility redeveloped. He has steered us through the SARS crisis; he has worked tirelessly to ensure that we received our three-year accreditation," Smirle said.

"The board sees his leaving as a challenge. However, on the positive side we have the time to conduct a thorough candidate search. Our hospital is in a sound financial and operational position, and we have a strong organizational and management structure in place."

The boards of both WDMH and Hawkesbury & District General Hospital established a relationship in 1999 to share a CEO. The objective was to optimize administration costs and promote system integration in the context of the rural hospital networks. Both boards agreed to closely monitor how this innovative arrangement met their executive leadership needs.

Since then, each hospital has expanded services within their respective communities and has undertaken plans for major development. In addition, during the last few years the management of hospitals has become increasingly complex, addressing ongoing human resource shortages, implementing reporting procedures for greater public and ministerial accountability, and coping with the fallout of SARS.

"The task of managing two hospitals is definitely more challenging than it was at the time our hospital and Hawkesbury entered into our shared agreement," Smirle noted.

Recently, both hospitals decided that it was time to revisit the agreement in light of the changes and challenges affecting hospital management needs today. Each hospital decided that they need to have a full-time CEO in place.

"This has been a tough, personal decision for me," said Rodier. I enjoy working with the physicians, the staff and the volunteers here. I have always been very proud of the quality of service delivered to our patients and it has been a pleasure to work in a community that is so wholly supportive of what we do here and where we are going with our redevelopment plans."

"Between now and the end of March," Smirle said, "it is business as usual at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Mr. Rodier will continue to work on the key issues, such as hospital redevelopment, follow-up on our accreditation report, and our strategic plan, as well as provide the day-to-day leadership required to keep this hospital moving forward on all fronts."

All other existing shared arrangements between Winchester District Memorial and Hawkesbury & District General Hospital remain in effect. WDMH has already begun the search process to find a new chief executive officer. Rodier has been CEO of WDMH since September 2000.

Call to book your ice time

WINCHESTER — As many of you probably have some time off during the next week, you might want to consider taking in the Dundas County Players production of *Cinderella*. A British tradition, the Christmas panto means lots of silliness and laughter.

Apparently, you'll never think of *Cinderella* the same way again. The final productions of the show run Jan. 2, 3 and 4 at the Winchester Cultural Centre. Call 448-3534 for times and ticket information.

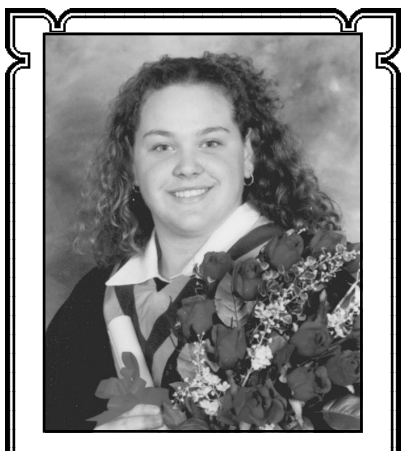
Remarks

by Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture



The outdoor rink project at the arena in Winchester is still in progress. The weather forecast for this week is not encouraging. I'm still hopeful it will be in working condition before the holidays are over.

There is ice available for rent during the next weeks mostly during the day. Up until Jan. 2 please call the arenas directly to book ice or to cancel ice. Phone the Winchester Arena at 774-2006 or the Chesterville Arena at 448-3267.



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The year that was

As we ring in the new year, it is standard practice to review the last 12 months and take stock of the highs and lows, and what stands out in our minds as important. In the spirit of that tradition, here are a number of local news stories and newsmakers that stick out as noteworthy to us for 2003.

Going back to last January, the Matilda Carnival Queen pageant enjoyed a revival, with nine young women participating — the most the event had seen in many years. They were all lovely and well-spoken, making the decision difficult for the judges, but they chose Jessica Weatherhead as the deserving winner. After this success, news came in September that the Matilda Carnival was in danger of disappearing without a new infusion of volunteers. Community members did step up and the 29th edition of the carnival will take place Jan. 9, 10, and 11.

One of the most important on-going stories of the year has been the rapidly changing face of agriculture. With the BSE crisis, the Nutrient Management Act, and the recent signing of the national Agricultural Policy Framework, long-time farmers must feel as though they have stepped through the looking glass and into an upside-down world simply by doing what they've always done, which is provide the country with food. We are impressed with the stoic, chin-up attitude that local producers have shown. They are resilient and will follow the learning curve to more prosperous times.

Another on-going story that deserves a special mention is the continued success of the Renewing the Vision Campaign for Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The total has reached $13.1 million, inching ever closer to the $15 million goal. The hospital has been the charity of choice for so many individuals and businesses, and every service organization in the area has found a way to contribute. We especially liked the playhouse lottery conducted by the Lions Clubs. Hospital foundation co-ordinator Lynne Wilson has remarked from time to time on the number of calls she gets from other hospitals wanting to know the secret to WDMH's fundraising success. It's simple — people who care.

It was quite a year for young women in the news. North Dundas District High School student Jamie Taylor wowed us with the more than 700 volunteer hours that she completed in the first three years of her high school career. Sprinter Bailey Lewis made everyone proud with her gold medal performances at OFSAA and the Ontario Track and Field Championships, and as a member of the Canadian Junior team. Diane Wicks' accomplishments in archery and Heather Purnell's success as a gymnast were also high points for young women in athletics this year.

It wasn't just the girls filling the news pages either. Fourteen-year-old Ryan Williams made headlines by organizing several successful CHEO fundraisers generating thousands of dollars towards the purchase of a medical laser. And we loved the Dundas 4-H Clown Club, the members of which were at so many community events this year spreading cheer and smiles.

All around the area, health and safety-related services were improved and expanded. WDMH opened a four-station hemodialysis unit at the end of March. There were 30 new bed spaces officially opened at the Osgoode Care Centre in June. Also new this year is that the SD&G OPP have defibrillators to carry to emergencies. A shiny new fire hall in South Mountain opened a few weeks ago and a new ambulance station in Winchester is nearly ready for use.

In 2003 we experienced election overload. With municipal voting following hot on the heels of the provincial election, there seemed to be no end to the campaigning. It sure made it easy to fill the newspaper though. Liberal Jim Brownell is keen and enthusiastic about his job as S-D-C MPP and we hope he holds onto his excitement as his term progresses. The arrival of new North Dundas mayor Alvin Runnalls was nearly eclipsed by the prolonged farewell to retiring mayor Claude Cousineau, but at least it was all friendly.

We could easily go on, but this is probably enough to induce a few memories of the year that was. Don't let anyone tell you that the rural landscape lacks newsworthy people or events. It's more than enough to keep us busy.
B.J.



Mayor Runnalls ready to take reins

Winchester, Canada
by Chris Zabel



It's a holiday tradition that the North Dundas media sits down for a year-end interview with the mayor of the township. It's a chance for a relaxed conversation, looking back at the past year, and talking about what's shaping up for the future.

It's less than two months ago that the November municipal election placed Runnalls at the head of the North Dundas council table. He's still in the process of moving into his new office at the township building on St. Lawrence Street in Winchester. Talking to the press, he recalled his campaign.

"I got to meet a lot of people," said Runnalls. He estimated that he stopped at 3,500 homes during the campaign. "And boy, you get to hear a lot of ideas." Runnalls said voters seemed impressed when he told them he was planning to do the best work he could as mayor. "They didn't want promises. They would have laughed me out the door if I'd been talking about promises," he said.

The new mayor brings many assets to the job. Before he became a North Dundas councillor six years ago, when the township was amalgamated, Runnalls was prominent in the community as a leader within local agricultural associations. He's a past president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture and a past provincial director. He's also a former dairy farmer, who now raises beef.

Runnalls is certain to use his position to lobby in the best interests of livestock producers during the current BSE crisis. He's also sure to stand up for farmers while the Nutrient Management Act is being revamped by the Dalton McGuinty Liberals. "I'm not an opponent of big farms; you just have to have a place to spread your manure," said Runnalls. He described how the potential exists for the NMA to become damaging to farms if farmers aren't active in shaping how it is implemented.

The mayor of North Dundas doesn't have direct access to power at Queen's Park. The township can gain influence, however, through Jim Brownell, newly elected Liberal MPP for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh. Runnalls also mentioned he is looking forward to the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association convention in February. At the ROMA convention, municipal representatives have direct access to cabinet ministers.

Looking forward to his three-year term, Runnalls didn't forget to mention the Renewing the Vision Campaign at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. "We've given over our first cheque, that shows our commitment," he said. Earlier in December, council gave $70,000 to the hospital, as the first instalment of a $700,000 pledge over 10 years.

Preparing for his new role, Runnalls specifically mentioned that he doesn't plan to focus on large flashy projects. He said his first priority will be maintaining the "nuts and bolts" operations of the municipality. But what's obvious from talking to Runnalls is that he also has a plain interest in local culture.

Taking part in the Cinderella pantomime, which the Dundas County Players are performing again this weekend, Runnalls is obviously interested in making use of the new theatre in Winchester's Old Town Hall. And he doesn't take himself too seriously.

An equal interest that Runnalls has described is in township recreation. "People who take part in sports will be healthier," he said. An indoor swimming facility is a project which has attracted a lot of interest among residents. A former marathon runner himself, Runnalls' vision for the future includes building a healthier population by providing facilities for exercise and athletics.

As mayor, Runnalls will be involved at the upper-tier United Counties level. Among the new duties he has taken on is a seat on the board guiding the 20 branches of the SD&G library system. Runnalls said he has always been interested in libraries. He also describes himself as an omnivorous reader, with a particular interest in political biographies. "It's fascinating to read about politicians, but disgusting too, seeing how people change once they get into power," he said.

Runnalls is unlikely to be seduced and corrupted by his new status in North Dundas. He was elected with a strong majority last November, nearly doubling the number of votes received by his rival candidate. And he's ready to hit the ground running in January.

This week in...

by Bonnie James



1933

Winchester was the home to the only surviving veteran of the American Civil War living in Canada. Philip Hitsman, then 89, enlisted with General Grant's army in New York state at the age of 18 and saw action in several battles. When the war was over, he moved to Winchester and had lived there since.

1943

The Central Ottawa Valley Junior Hockey League was about to get under way. Winchester's team was being managed by Gerald Helmer and Herb Watson, and was coached by Lloyd Kenney. Winchester's first game was to be against Chesterville. Fans were asked to check the *Press* for game schedules as the printing of posters for all public events where an admission was charged had been banned by the printing administrator. The general public was also advised that it had become unlawful to post advertisements for events where an admission was charged in any public place. The ruling did not apply to churches or charitable organizations.

1964

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of its home decoration competition. The winners were the Fetterlys who resided on Main Street West. Their efforts included a religious scene on the lawn, including choir boys, a large angel on the verandah, Santa on the roof of the porch, and many strings of lights intertwined with pine boughs. They were awarded a $10 prize. In second place were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan, who won the contest the previous year. In third were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Summers. The contest was so close for second and third prizes, that the names of four homeowners were placed in a hat and the winners drawn at random. The other two names in the hat were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson.

1974

Two baby boys arrived early in the new year at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Iroquois welcomed their baby, Simon, at 4:45 am. Mr. Wilson was a teacher at NDDHS. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Shephard of South Mountain were also delighted with the birth of their baby boy at 9:20 am. Both babies were delivered by Dr. Howard Justus.

1983

Winchester village council was going to borrow up to $400,000 in 1984 to revamp the water and sewage systems. Council was waiting for the final design of a $1.5 million sewage lagoon and expanded sewage service. Construction was to begin the following summer. Phase one of a two-phase project to expand the village's water supply had already begun. The province was picking up 75 per cent of the tab for these improvements, leaving the village to cover the remainder.

1993

The Dundas County Environmental Resource Centre was cash strapped and looking to market its waste management expertise in order to survive. Federal funding had dried up and the group was approaching municipalities in Dundas County with the idea of assisting them in dealing with environmental issues in return for financial support. The deal on the table for Winchester Village was $1,000 per year. Council was cool to the idea, having already initiated projects in many areas the environmental group was offering to assist with, including launching a blue box recycling program.



In looking back over the year 1973, the *Press* included this highlight picture from the Winchester Winter Carnival alumni game between the Inkerman Rockets and the Winchester Juniors. Taking the face-off for the Rockets was Edwin Duncan, and for the Juniors, "Big" Doug Casselman. Dropping the puck was 1973 carnival queen Heather Saunders. The game featured some of the most exciting action that the brand new arena, which was officially opened in late December 1972, had seen.

Anonymous donors benefit CCS students

by Marie Cooper

METCALFE — Christmas came early to Community Christian School in Metcalfe. In mid-November, two anonymous donors gave the school just over $34,000 to be used for the purchase of a new playstructure.

"It's really quite incredible" said Hank Vedder, current chair of the school's board of trustees. "We had to tear down our old playstructure on Labor Day weekend because we knew it didn't meet current CSA standards, but we never dreamed we would be replacing it this year. In fact, we thought it would be two or three years before we could replace it."

Because the donation was only made recently, parents had to fly into action in order to get the structure installed before the ground was frozen. A committee was formed, headed up by Dave Wyngaarden of Metcalfe, a parent and chairman of the school's facilities committee. Also on the committee were Mary Ruth Downs, the school's kindergarten teacher, and parents John Staff of Greely, Grace Carpenter of Osgoode and Nancy and Chuck Schoenmaker of Greely.

"The committee was great," said Wyngaarden. "John Staff and Grace Carpenter had previously been on playstructure committees, so they knew a lot about the process and Nancy Schoenmaker did a tremendous amount of the phone calling required. Mary Ruth, being a teacher, knew what kids would like best."

After several meetings, the committee decided on a play equipment company based in Paris, Ontario called Belair Recreational Products Inc. Then came the delightful task of choosing a model most suitable for the JK to Grade 8 independent school.

"I don't think I've ever enjoyed being on a school committee as much as this one!" remarked kindergarten teacher Mary Ruth Downs. "The model we finally chose can accommodate over 30 children at once and has a wide variety of things to do. The kids are simply going to love it."

Belair Recreational Products is the same company that is installing a new playstructure in Shadow Ridge in Greely, so the same crew and truck came up for both jobs. "They've been a great company to deal with", said Wyngaarden. "And they even threw in a free swing set to boot!"



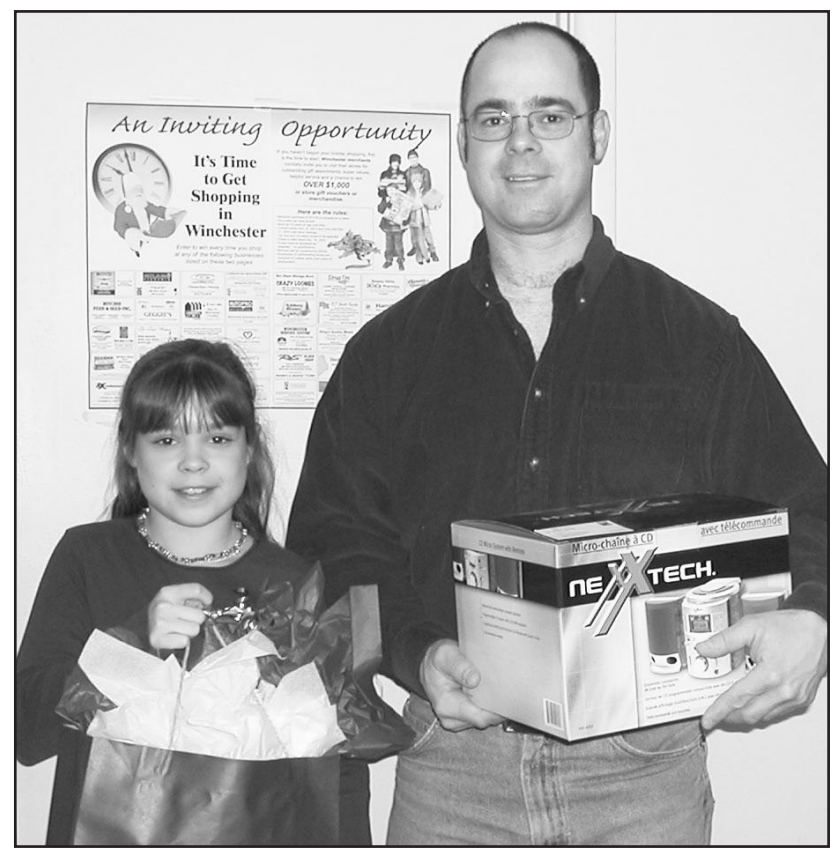
Students at the Community Christian School in Metcalfe now have a new playstructure in their schoolyard, thanks to two anonymous donors. Without the generosity of the community, the school wouldn't have been able to afford the equipment for at least several years. Shown are Daniel Vedder (left), Aaron Vedder, Neil Cooper, Tristan Staff, and (standing) Rita Cooper.

The playstructure and swings will benefit all the children in the neighborhood, many of whom play in the Christian schoolyard after school hours or on the weekend.

There was, however, some concern about where to put the new equipment. Current CSA standards require that a playstructure is surrounded by a nine-foot safety zone, filled with an energy absorbing material like pea stone. This means the total area required for this structure is 41 feet by 75 feet. Considering the school is planning on adding a gymnasium in the near future, space is starting to get tight.

"In the end, we chose not to put the structure at the back of the school where the old one had been," said Wyngaarden. "Instead, it's going to be at the front of the yard, just off Glen Street. This way it won't interfere with construction of the gym and it will also be in plain view of everyone passing by."

Community Christian School is now a little over one year into its three-year capital campaign to raise funds for the gymnasium. "Although it certainly wasn't in our budget to replace the playstructure because we are so focussed on trying to raise funds for the gym, we are just delighted individuals have come forward to make this happen. It's been a tremendous morale booster for everyone in our school association and a wonderful Christmas present for the children," said Vedder.



Christmas draw winners

First prize winner Tony Fraser of Winchester, with daughter Emma, above, received $1,500 in merchandise and gift certificates in this year's Winchester merchants' Christmas draw. The second prize of $600 worth of certificates and merchandise went to Barbara Vienneau of South Mountain. Marilyn Ceelen of Kemptville received the third prize, worth $400. North Dundas mayor Alvin Runnals pulled the three lucky tickets on Fri., Dec. 19 from over 5,000 ballots entered. Press Photos — Rushford



Barbara Vienneau



Marilyn Ceelen



Diamond ring winner

Gary Annable of Annable's Jewellery presented Pauline Sharkey of Winchester with a diamond ring (retail value $499), which she won as part of an in-store promotion. The draw was held Fri., Dec. 19.

Press Photo — Rushford

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

New Year's resolutions. We usually think of them at this time of year even if, like good intentions, they often get sidetracked. When thinking about them, however, I realized that many of the same hoped-for improvements appear annually. With me, the list usually includes losing weight; exercising and getting fit; organizing and stopping procrastination; writing or visiting friends more often; and learning new things and having fun.

Losing weight came off the list about three years ago. It was rather a fluke. Discovering an intolerance to lactose, I cut out those foods, and apparently these items had also been high in fat. The weight might not be a problem now, but the distribution could be improved. It's all very well to have thin hands and feet, but I would rather see it disappear from around the middle area. So to exercising. I have bought all the books which are gender and age specific and I will get at them as soon as I get organized.

Sometimes I think organization is over rated. For instance, this Christmas I did my shopping early, and with all the preparations done by mid-December, I really missed all the last minute rush and excitement. I must admit, though, that Christmas morning with three young grandchildren more than made up for any previous lack of excitement. And procrastination isn't a big deal. If you miss the garbage truck, you only have to wait another week for it to be picked up.

The thought of contacting friends more often usually occurs while doing Christmas cards, and you include the phrase, "I'll write more fully later." This carries you over for quite a few months. Visiting with friends can be awkward. Everyone seems to have such a busy life, and with my reluctance to drive at night, it's not always easy to schedule lunch dates. This is a pleasant problem to have, however, and I'm working on it.

I always thought it would be interesting to learn new things. Since my husband passed away 18 months ago, I have had to jump into new experiences. I am pleased to report that I can now change the filter in my furnace; check the oil in my car; maintain the above-ground pool (a job with a a very steep learning curve); move furniture; and have my kitchen cabinets painted. I even babysat the sump pump one night until I could call for help at a more respectible time. These things gave me satisfaction. For fun I took ceramic classes, which I adore, and which solves the problem of gifts for family and friends.

It's good to think about all these life improvements at least occasionally. If we got them all done, however, what would we have to put on next year's list? We may not be perfect, but I hope 2004 is a good year for all of us.

Letters To The Editor

Guider appreciates local support

The Editor:

I would like to thank the community for its support during the Girl Guides of Canada 1st Williamsburg Pathfindiers raffle ticket blitz on Dec. 13. Your generous support will enable the young ladies to attend winter and spring camps. Congratulations to all the winners: Mark Roode, Reg LaPorte, Jeff Moore, Penny Murton, Helen Zewuster and Bonnie Lanthier.

Louise Vachon, Guider
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OBITUARIES

Audrey Muriel Durant

Audrey Muriel Durant of Chesterville died at home on Dec. 28, 2003. She was 79.

She is survived by husband Doug Durant, whom she married in Crysler on Oct. 12, 1946.

She was born in Finch on Dec. 19, 1924 to the late Frank Carruthers and Nelda (nee Presley).

She is survived by son Keith (Lynn); and grandchildren Courtney, Evan and Justin. She was aunt of Ruth (Wayne) Pollock. She is also survived by sister-in-law Gladys Carruthers of Crysler.

Mrs. Durant was predeceased by daughter Carol, by brother Delburn Carruthers, and by nephew Hugh Carruthers.

She worked as a registered nurse at Cornwall General Hospital and Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She attended nursing school in Cornwall. She worked as a farmer and housewife.

She was a member of the Morrisburg Chapter #83, Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of Trinity United Church.

The funeral was held at Byers Funeral Home in the chapel on Dec. 30, officiated by Rev. Mary Lou Shortill. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery. The pallbearers were Wayne Pollock, Kevin Darling, Stan McBain and Lyle Byers.

Allan MacKenzie

Allan MacKenzie passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Ottawa General Hospital on Dec. 23, 2003 following a brief illness.

He was born at North Nation Mills in Quebec on March 1, 1920. His family moved to the farm on MacKenzie Road in South Dundas Township when he was just three months old, and he resided there for his entire lifetime.

He joined the army in 1939 and he served overseas from 1939-1945 as a member of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. Following his time in the army, his careers included farming, heavy machinery operator, and school custodian. He especially enjoyed his job as custodian at Elma Public School where he was well known for his good-natured teasing of the staff. Throughout his life, he enjoyed travelling in Northern Ontario and Quebec, and he especially enjoyed taking long walks through the woods.

He will be sadly missed by his wife of 47 years, Jean Barkley; his daughters Helen Burke of Kingston and Bonnie MacKenzie of Kitchener; his granddaughter Christine (Christopher) Wright of Peterborough; his sister Evelyn Marker of Smiths Falls; and many nieces and nephews throughout the country.

Interment of creamated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital or a charity of choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg.

Gregory Charles Pearce

***". . . And men are, that they might have joy."* 2 Nephi 2:25**

At home with his family, Greg (Oct. 13, 1956 - Dec. 29, 2003) died quietly of cancer at age 47. He is survived by his wife Elaine; sons Richard, 10, and Noel, 5; by his mother Audrey; and by six siblings.

Greg filled his life with family, friends, laughter, church and hard work. He was a valued leader of Winchester Cubs and Timberwolves, and proud member of his community.

The family would like to thank all his many neighbors and friends, including members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; the Milano family; the lovely nurses at St. Elizabeth Health Care and Winchester District Memorial Hospital; and Dr. Chande and the devoted Dr. Slowey.

The world is now short one wonderful son, brother, husband, father, uncle and friend. Greg was one of the good ones.

Jean Margaret Van Bridger

Jean Margaret Van Bridger of South Mountain died at the Township of Osgoode Care Centre on Dec. 25, 2003. She was 78.

She was born in the former Winchester Township on Dec. 2, 1925 to the late Fred Gibbons and Elsie (nee Smith).

She married the late Ted Van Bridger in Morrisburg on August 9, 1944. He died on March 28, 1999.

She is survived by children John (Marilynn) of Cardinal, Don (Janet) of Florida, Mary Meerakker (Willy) of South Mountain, and Karen McNicol (Don) of Carleton Place. She was grandmother of Shannon (Mark), Greg, Cindy (Paul), Kim (Ian), Jamie, Kelly, Lauren, Krista and Angela. She was great-grandmother of Brittany and Bailey. She was sister of George Gibbons and Hilda Hamilton. She was predeceased by daughter Beverley Jean.

She worked as a housewife and homemaker. She was a member of St. Peter's Anglican Church in South Mountain.

The funeral was at the Byers Funeral Home chapel on Dec. 29, with Father Brian Kauk officiating. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Don McNicol, Willy Meerakker, Terry Hamilton, Greg Van Bridger, Jamie McNicol and Ian Streight.



Helping to power food bank

Technician Jorris Zubatuk handed a $400 cheque over to the Dundas County Food Bank on behalf of the Power Workers' Union and employees of Hydro One on Dec. 19. Food bank co-ordinator Judy Hilson accepted the cheque. The donation was organized by Glenn Dawson.

Press Photo — James

OBITUARIES

Mary Thelma Sommerville

Mary Thelma Sommerville of Winchester passed away after a brief but courageous battle with cancer at the Janet MacDonnel Pavilion in Cornwall on Dec. 22, 2003. She was 75.

She was born in Cornwall on Dec. 28, 1927 to the late Arthur Baker and Harriet (nee Tabram).

She was loving mother of Jamie (Arlene) of Winchester, Chris (Cathey) of Chesterville, Jennifer (John Deschamps) of Cornwall, Jancis of Iroquois and Julie of Ottawa.

She was cherished grandmother of Katie, Sean, Andrew, Caroline, Jonah, Olivia, Liam, Taegan, Becky and Gracie.

She was dear sister to Stewart (Audrey) Baker, Doug (Helen) Baker, Bev (Rheal St. Jean), Maureen Guitard, Sharon (the late Don Mullin), the late Ronald Baker, Mike (Betty Anne) Baker, and the late Gary Baker.

She will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

The visitation was held at the Chesterville Funeral Home on Dec. 23. The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on Dec. 24 with Father John Gillis officiating. The pallbearers were Stephen Mullin, Stuart Mullin, Kevin Baker, Ricky St. Jean, Ray Shannon, and Jim Cafferty. Cremation followed the service. There will be an inurnment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Chesterville in the spring.

Donations to either the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Canadian Cancer Society would be grateful acknowledged by the family.

Ella May Whitteker

Ella May Whitteker of RR 2 Brinston died on Dec. 22, 2003 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 77.

She was born in the former Williamsburg Township on April 9, 1926 to the late Henry Barkley and Effie (nee Gordier). She was a lifetime resident of the Williamsburg Township area.

She was married to the late Harry Whitteker on October 28, 1948 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church manse in Williamsburg.

She is survived by son Russell (Pat) of RR 2 Brinston; and brother Garnet (Audrey) Barkley of Williamsburg.

She was predeceased by sisters Agnes Beckstead, Mildred Beckstead, Viola Noble; and brothers Silas Beckstead, Glen Barkley, Orlin Barkley, Henry Barkley, and Fred Link.

In her early years, she worked at Woods' Restaurant in Williamsburg and as a mother's helper. After marrying, she became a wife and mother who not only completed her domestic duties on a daily basis, but was very helpful and capable when it came to doing farm chores. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and quilting.

She will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Eric (Angie) Whitteker of Winnipeg; Douglas Whitteker of Chesterville; and great-grandchildren Haylee Jade Whitteker-Jensen and Erin Marie Whitteker-Jensen. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Friends called at Marsden and Mclaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Dec. 26. The funeral was at the funeral home on Dec. 27 with Rev. Mark Ehlebracht officiating. Interment of created remains will be at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston.

Donations to the Children's Wish Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

WDMH Auxiliary honors volunteers

by Marjorie Phillips

WINCHESTER — The December meeting of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was the kind that members all love. Held at the Lion's Hall in Winchester on Dec. 12, it provided the opportunity to honor and celebrate the five members who had received the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO) awards. It also provided the opportunity to pay tribute to 11 other people who help make the Auxiliary what it is.

Receiving pins for their special service were the following: Frankie Burton has worked for 10 years and looks after ordering and making sure the Gift Shop has the necessary sundry items which patients require. Marguerite Fawcett has been active in the Gift Shop for 28 years and is responsible for keeping the shelves stocked with goodies and providing many people with their "sweet fix." Doris Holmes, now retired, gave many, many years of loyal service. Doris Mills is an active cheerful volunteer working with the Sunshine Circle. Gerry McSheffrey has given many years of dedicated service in the Gift Shop.

Receiving Outstanding Service Pins were the following: Marian Carkner has been a very involved and active worker, having served two terms as president, and she is also president of the Winchester Unit. Virley Edwards has played an active role in the Gift Shop for 20 years by organizing and monitoring the crafted articles that may be purchased there.

Joan Farlinger is the current auxiliary president as well as a past president. She has been active in all aspects of volunteering at the hospital, for 17 years doing a yeoman job, currently working as one of the principal buyers for the Gift Shop. Elinor Jordan has been very active with the Morrisburg Unit for 15 years, and for six years in the Gift Shop. She and Farlinger are amazing with their talent for purchasing items of interest. Both these ladies have a passion for keeping the Gift Shop what it is.

Honorary Life Membership Awards were presented to two members of the hospital staff, Chris Cross and Jean Holmes. Both of these ladies have supported the auxiliary in so many different ways. Their continued help and support are greatly appreciated by the auxiliary members.

Congratulations to the two winners of the Gift Shop Santa raffles. They are Flora Barton from Iroquois and Ruth Golden from near Morrisburg. Well done ladies!

A special thanks is extended to Lynne Wilson, hospital foundation co-ordinator, for her help in organizing the lovely luncheon and meeting held in December. There is no monthly meeting in January, but anyone interested in seeing what the auxiliary is all about, is welcome to attend February's meeting, scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 12 at 1:30 pm in the conference room of the hospital.

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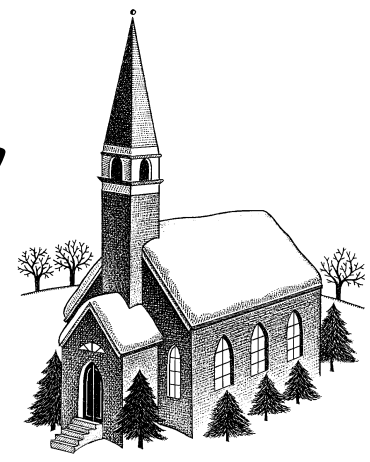

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Local Metcalfe Junior "B" Jets hockey legends and members of the Ottawa Senator alumni played an exhibition game for a good cause on Dec. 27. The evening at the Larry Robinson Arena could raise as much as $5,000 for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign. Photos: The current coaches of the Metcalfe Jets, Bruce Buckland (left) and Darrell Warren were in action. Above - Senators goalie Gerry Armstrong at work; Senators' Frank St. Marseilles and mates during the anthem.
Photos — Burgoone

Jets and Sens alumni take to the ice for WDMH

by Jason Burgoone

METCALFE — Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) received a healthy dose of community help when the Ottawa Senators Alumni visited the Larry Robinson Arena on Saturday night (Dec. 27) for the annual Metcalfe Jets vs. Senators alumni fundraising event.

Organizer Bill Buckland was at centre ice for the official puck drop, then joined the crowd during the post-game auction. Over $2,600 was raised from items donated then purchased by the fans.

"We're hoping to raise at least $5,000, that's what we're striving for," said Buckland regarding his event's sizable donation to the WDMH project. Buckland will have to wait a few more days for the final total of funds raised, but appeared very happy with the event's overall success.

For the opening face off, the Jets more recent half of this year's alumni squad started the game, finishing the first of two periods down 1-0.

A second and final 25-minute period saw the 1970/80 alumni squad taking to the ice and finishing the game with two goals, making the final score 2-2. Tim Oshier scored both goals for the Jets. After the game, Senators and Jets fans alike gathered in the arena hall for post-game activities, including the fundraising auction benefiting the WDMH.

A personally autographed Larry Robinson Ottawa Senators jersey gathered an impressive $650 while the remaining items brought in another $1,950. Some of the other items up for auction were golf passes for Cloverdale and Emerald Links. There was also a Roger Neilson portrait donated by Home Hardware in Manotick. Many other local businesses also donated to the auction portion of the evening.

Larry, Les and Brian Robinson were all in attendance while the 800-plus crowd cheered on the hometown Jets, despite being matched up against NHL alumni greats Brad Marsh, Rick and Doug Smith, Fred Barrett, and of course, Larry Robinson.

With the success of this year's event, a similar event looks to be in the works for next year, led by Buckland and his gang of fundrausers.

Kemptville shoots down Jets in Boxing Day Tourney final

CARLETON PLACE — After settling for runner-up status in four different years, the Kemptville 73s can finally boast of being the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League's annual Boxing Day Tournament champions.

The Ottawa West Golden Knights defeated Kemptville in the 1984 tournament final in Winchester, the 73s then settled for the silver in three consecutive years: losing to the Winchester Hawks in Ottawa in 1998, the Westport Rideaus in Alexandria in 1999 and the Rideaus again in Perth in 2000.

The worm finally turned for Kemptville on Dec. 26. They were able to shoot down the Metcalfe Jets 5-1 in the finale to earn their first Cy Easterbrooke Trophy.

Kemptville (21-7-2-0), currently standing second in the St. Lawrence Division standings, opened the event nipping the Metro Division's Ottawa West Golden Knights 2-1. They then waxed the Valley Division's Arnprior Packers 6-0 in the semi-final to qualify for the championship game at 8 pm.

Meanwhile, the Metro Division's first-place Metcalfe Jets (20-6-2-0) dispatched the St. Lawrence Division leading Char-Lan Rebels (24-6-0-2) 5-3 in their opening game at 2 pm. They then needed overtime to oust the Westport Rideaus 3-2 in the 5:30 semi-final. After a short intermission the Jets faced Kemptville who rolled to their 5-1 championship victory.

Metcalfe has one tournament title on its resume. The Jets defeated the Clarence Creek Beavers in 1996 and were runners-up to the Ottawa West Golden Knights in 1994.

The Renfrew Timberwolves have taken the most Easterbrooke trophies — four. The North Leeds/Westport Rideaus and the Ottawa West Golden Knights have each won on three occasions.

Last year in Winchester the St. Lawrence Division was featured in the title match which the Alexandria Glens won by defeating the home town Hawks.

TOURNEY TALES

2003 EOJBHL Boxing Day Tournament played at Carleton Place:

Game One - Kemptville 73s 2 - Ottawa West Golden Knights 1;
Game Two - Arnprior Packers 3 - Brockville Tikis 2;
Game Three - Westport Rideaus 5 - Carleton Place Kings 1;
Game Four - Metcalfe Jets 5 - Char-Lan Rebels 3;
Game Five - Kemptville 73s 6 - Arnprior Packers 0;
Game Six - Metcalfe Jets 3 - Westport Rideaus 2 OT;
Championship Game - Kemptville 73s 5 - Metcalfe Jets 1.

Hawks now in free fall, blasted by Rangers, Rideaus

WINCHESTER — Christmas 2003 hasn't been a jolly time for the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks. Old St. Nick delivered two more embarrassing losses to the St. Lawrence Division hockey team over the past weekend and things don't seem to be looking much brighter for the 2004 portion of their season.

Saturday (Dec. 27) nine skaters and rookie goaltender Michel Bouchard were ripped 10-3 by the number-two ranked Rideaus (16-11-1-3) in Westport. Sunday afternoon (Dec. 28) on home ice, the fourth-place South Grenville Rangers (14-13-2-1) rolled into town and routed the still-reeling Hawks 10-1.

"It is so discouraging for everybody right now," offered the Hawks' acting general manager Craig Smith. "We had five players call between 4:30 and 5:30 pm on Saturday to say they couldn't go to Westport. We played with nine guys. It's sad. I really feel sorry for those guys on the bench (Doug Armstrong and Tylor Copeland). They have to stand there and take it. But really what can they do? The players are discouraged. Something goes wrong and they all get down."

Sunday the Hawks were right with South Grenville through a spirited first period. But just 20 seconds after the Hawks missed converting a breakaway, the Rangers went down and took a 1-0 lead. Before the period was over the Hawks hit a goal post and went to the room trailing 3-1. That was the only puck the home team would put in behind winner Ben Knapp.

Saturday night the Hawks trailed Westport 4-1 after a period and 7-2 after two sessions. The Hawks' overworked goaltender, Michel Bouchard, allowed 10 goals, but still manage to stop 53 shots.

Coach Doug Armstrong said the players are so bewildered that tempers are growing shorter.



Not Knapping

Nick Sylvestri was the only Hawks shooter to put a puck into "Big" Ben Knapp's net on Sunday (Dec. 28) afternoon. Sylvestri converted a power-play pass from Shawn Smail and Marc-Andre Fournier into the lone Winchester goal late in the first period. Knapp and the South Grenville Rangers cruised to a one-sided 10-1 win.

Press Photo — Van Bridger

"Really I can't make much of a comment," said Armstrong. "It is so frustrating for the players, for Tylor and myself. It seems there isn't a lot we can do, or say."

Smith says the club will do damage control, clean up this year's mess and try to establish a strong foundation for next season.

The fact that Hawks' associate coach Dale Murdoch had his Major Midget "B" Demons playing in the Hershey Tournament in Smiths Falls over the weekend left the Hawks with no option for calling up players.

"We will give the midgets a chance to play. They want to play so we will bring them up. But we can't ruin their chance of winning their championship either," added Smith.

If members of the current roster continue to go missing, the Hawks may affiliate with the North Dundas Juvenile Demons. Several members of that squad have played with the junior team in the past.

RANGERS ROCK

Nick Sylvestri scored Winchester's lone goal in Sunday's 10-1 loss to the South Grenville Rangers. Captain Shawn Smail and Marc Andre Fournier engineered the power-play marker at 1:41 of the first period. The loss left the Hawks with a record of 0-10-1-1 in their last dozen games.

Steve Brown led the Rangers with four goals. Alex Rees (2), Braden Miller, Cahl Cerow, Peter Veltkamp and Jacob Wiley netted the others. Wiley also drew five assists.

The Armstrong brothers faced each other in the game. Mark is an assistant coach with the Rangers and Doug was on the Hawks bench. Their father, Dave — a former head coach with the Hawks — was on hand for the game.

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The 1978-79 edition of the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks claimed the *Winchester Press* Challenge Cup for finishing first in the St. Lawrence Division. Front (left): Dave Sullivan, Brad Sullivan, Peter MacLeod, Bruce Jones, Rudy Grisel, trainer - Barry Hutt. Centre (left): Paul Beckstead - ass't coach, "Big" Doug Casselman - coach, Glen Mackler, Ken Sullivan, Gary McMillan, Terry Cross, Marty Little, Mike Armstrong, Kevin Cochrane, Don Hutt - G.M. Back (left): Brian Moran, Dan Lee, Barry Casselman, Al McLean, Mike Moran, Doug Duncan. Missing: Lorne Cook, Steve McIntosh.
Press Photo – Van Bridger

Alumni lineups selected for Hawks reunion

WINCHESTER — Winchester's Terry Carkner, an NHL defenceman with 13 years service, is among the over 60 players returning to play in the Winchester Junior "B" Hawks Alumni Game.

Carkner, who played with the Hawks as a bantam-aged defenceman before going on to the Peterborough Petes and eventually the NHL, will suit up on Fri., Jan. 16 as the Oldtime Hawks take on this year's squad. The evening will also include draws, a sports memorabilia auction, shoot-to-win a Chevy Blazer contest, a special presentation, as well as a pub night.

The on-ice officiating crew will be headed up by Bob Carkner and include Don Swerdfeger and Bryan Helmer.

The Over 40 Hawks will be coached by the original bench boss Joel Steele, his assistant Bill Hogaboam and the club's most successful coach, "Big" Doug Casselman. The goaltenders will be one of the originals — Kevin Baldwin, and Bruce "Killer Whale" Quaile. Darrell Shelp, Peter Marriner, Barry Casselman, Keith McRoberts, Marty Little, Al McLean, Tom Kirkwood, Dean McIntosh, Jeff Summers, Mike Moran, Brian Moran, Curtis McMillan, Mike "Goose" Guy, Larry Moore, Kevin Cochrane, Rudy Grisel, Bruce Barker, Al Van Bridger, Bill "Moon" Mullin, Reg Hyndman and James Duncan complete the opening period line-up.

The 30-40 year-olds will skate in the second stanza. Rob Carkner and Steve "Bear" Johnston will tend the nets for the Fred Street connection — Terry Carkner, Brent Carkner, Dolton Henry, Kevin Henry, Bourke Boyd and Scott Gibson. Chris Williams, Keith Moore, Jeff Holmes, Terry Barkley, Kirk Tallman, Vince Cousineau, Derek Brennan, Chad Brownlee, Bruce Casselman, Mark Smith, Trevor McClatchie, Brad Holmes and Mark Guy will also play. Dennis Casselman, Peter DeRooy and Larry Berry are the coaches.

The most recent Hawk retirees will play the third period. Lindsay Selleck, Peter Guy and Dave Corkery will work the bench and Gregg Griffith will tend the nets. The Holmes brothers — Dereck, Clinton and Warren will play along with the club's one-season scoring leader — Chris Neilsen. Craig Holmes, Tylor Copeland, Steve Mattive, Justin Heuff, Rob "Razor" Raisnick, Sean Williams, Andrew Holmes, Dwayne Penney, Bill Griffith, Dave Summers, Danny Adams, Phil Brisebois and Jason Desormeaux complete the roster.

Rams, Cyclones move up in standings

WINCHESTER — For the second time in three games, Doug Rigby was unbeatable. The Boyd Chrysler Rams captain posted his second shutout of the month on Dec. 23 when he whitewashed the Ben's Pioneer Gas Bar Rangers 2-0. On Dec. 9 the Kemptville puckstopper waxed the Winchester Flyers 5-0.

With their last win before Christmas, Rigby's Rams regained sole possession of first place knocking the Rangers into second. The Rams (9-3-1) held first with 18 points, one better than the Rangers (8-3-2).

In the other half of the Tuesday night twin bill, the Country Kitchen Flyers (3-8-2) also moved up a notch to third by beating the Winchester Flyers (3-9-1) 6-2.

Both Rigby and his counterpart, Craig "JB" Smith, played a flawless first half. The game remained scoreless until Dwyane Backes took a pass from Derek Rintoul and Wes Cory and shattered the goose eggs. His shot, fired with 16:26 left in the game, proved to be the deciding marker. Chad Valcour then added the insurance connecting from Jason Picard and Derek Rintoul at the 14:27 mark.

CYCLONES 6 - FLYERS 2

Craig "Bud" Holmes snapped in his 19th and 20th goals and picked up an assist on Chris Van Bridger's 10th as the Country Kitchen Cyclones won back-to-back games for the first time.

The Cyclones used the two points to climb out of the basement and take a one-point lead on the Flyers.

Van Bridger (from Holmes at 13:14) and Holmes (from Van Bridger and Aaron Sherrer at 7:04) scored to put the Cyclones up 2-0. The Flyers sliced one goal off of their deficit when Andrew Barrie ripped in his first of three goals. Jeff Holmes provided the pass 6:13 before the half.

Jeff Scott (from Scott Baldwin and Gary McInnis at 23:45), Holmes (unassisted at 23:09) and Baldwin (from McInnis and Kevin Williams at 21:46) tucked in three early second-half goals to put the Cyclones into a 5-1.

Barrie (from Hal Thompson and Steve Norton at 18:14) cut the deficit to 5-2 with his second tally but Scott (from Kevin Williams and Aaron Sherrer at 10:55 connected to hand the Cyclones a 6-2 edge. Barrie completed his hat trick finishing off a play setup by Chris Hart and Thompson 2:18 before the final buzzer to make it a 6-3 final.

Gregg Griffith posted the win and Tyler Johnson, subbing for Kent Pilon, took the loss.

Grove's third goal gives Demons win

MORRISBURG — Mitchel Shay and Ethan VanKoppen provided the pass, and Steve Grove buried his third biscuit of the game with 3:48 on the clock, to hand the North Dundas Bantam "C" House Demons a 4-3 win over the South Dundas Lions.

North Dundas played the Dec. 20 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League contest penalty free. The host Lions drew just one minor penalty.

Lion Curtis Corry did his part for his team scoring all three goals, but his effort fell just a little short. The game was tied 1-1 after a period and 2-2 after two.

Grove tied it up 1-1, scoring for North Dundas on a pass provided by Nolan Winter with 6:53 left in period one. He netted his second marker after taking a feed from Winter and Ian Henderson at 14:19 of the second session only to have Corry knot it up 2-2 for the Lions at the 8:05 mark.

VanKoppen cashed in a Grant Boyce relay with 12:05 left in the game to put the Demons ahead 3-2. Grove completed his hat trick with 3:48 on the clock to make it a little more comfortable at 4-2. Corry's third tally came with 3:03 to play and made the final difference 4-3.

The day before (Dec. 19) in Chesterville, North Dundas battled the visiting South Stormont Selects to a 2-2 tie.

Ethan VanKoppen used a feed from captain Dan Beach to put the Demons up 1-0 scoring at 12:20 of the first period. The Selects answered with a Cole Cameron marker at 6:08 of the same frame. With 16 seconds left in the second Mike Helmer found the range and gave the visitors a 2-1 lead, which they held until VanKoppen tied it up with his second goal. Justin Moran provided the pass on the play 11:10 before the final buzzer.

Joey Kenney and Donnie Volrath share the Demons goaltending duties.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 23: Char-Lan 4 - Akwesasne 2
Brockville 6 - Morrisburg 3
Dec. 27: Westport 10 - Winchester 3
Akwesasne 4 - Athens 0
Gananoque 5 - Morrisburg 3
Alexandria 6 - South Grenville 5
Brockville 7 - Char-Lan 4
Dec. 28: South Grenville 10 - Winchester 1
Gananoque 4 - Akwesasne 2
Kemptville 7 - Brockville 5
Char-Lan 5 - Westport 1
Morrisburg 10 - Athens 5

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Brockville	19	9	1	150	123	41
Westport	16	11	1	134	122	36
Gananoque	16	11	2	127	121	36
S. Grenville	14	13	2	134	117	31
Athens	6	16	4	105	152	19
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Char-Lan	24	6	0	158	108	50
Kemptville	21	7	2	152	83	44
Alexandria	18	7	3	130	105	41
Akwesasne	16	11	1	136	109	36
Morrisburg	7	22	1	113	176	18
Winchester	6	22	1	71	164	14

*Teams losing in OT receive one point

Top Scorers	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
A.J. Howe, Bro.	21	23	44
Tom Dickson, Gan.	23	19	42
Greg Kerr, West.	16	25	41
Steve Biscaro, West.	21	19	40
Jacob Wiley, S.G.	18	22	40
Ryan Carty, West.	16	22	38
Pat Doyle, Athens	21	16	37
Brandon Kelley, S.G.	19	16	35
Steve McGlade, Athens	13	22	35
Alex Rees, S.G.	6	25	31
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Scott Leppard, Kempt.	24	32	56
Pat Johnson, Char.	18	34	52
Alex Vidoni, Kempt.	18	31	49
Jeremy Synott, Akw.	17	32	49
Dominic Lamarche, Alex.	31	17	48
Sam Raymond, Akw.	21	21	42
Steve Jarvo, Char.	20	18	38
Dan Lefave, Char.	19	19	38
Darcy Smith, Kempt.	10	28	38
Jason Denio, Morris.	12	23	35

EOJBHL Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS
Dec. 23: Ottawa West 3 - South Ottawa 1
Renfrew 2 - Carleton Place 1
Dec. 28: Perth 2 - Metcalfe 0
Clarence Creek 5 - Ottawa West 1
Renfrew 5 - Arnprior 2
Gatineau 7 - Shawville 4

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Metcalfe	20	6	2	155	96	42
Gatineau	19	10	1	180	129	42
Ottawa West	20	8	1	167	95	41
Clarence Creek	15	13	1	127	123	32
Stittsville	7	20	0	102	150	15

Metro Top Scorers:	G	A	PTS
Sam Majic, O.W.	33	30	63
Pierre Luc Chenier, Gat.	29	28	57
Jason Vajda, Met.	22	34	56
Maxime Quesnel, Gat.	18	37	55
Mike Wallace, O.W.	24	28	52
Eric Lavoie, Gat.	17	29	46
A. Decristoforo, Met.	19	26	45
Kevin Sousa, Gat.	20	23	43
James Thomas, Met.	15	27	42
Darrell Arvai, O.W.	12	30	42

Metcalfe Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Week 14 (Dec. 28):
Canadians 4 - Stars 2
Blues 5 - Leafs 5
Senators 4 - Penguins 2

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Canadians	12	2	0	66	29	24
Blues	6	5	3	46	44	15
Stars	6	5	3	42	42	15
Senators	5	7	2	43	46	12
Penguins	4	7	3	55	59	11
Leafs	3	10	1	39	71	7

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Brian Downey, Blues	13	10	23
Rick Downey, Leafs	12	10	22
Bob Kemp, Canadians	7	15	22
Peter Holmes, Pens	16	5	21
Dale Poirier, Canadians	12	8	20
Steve Corlyon, Leafs	7	11	18
Ron Flanagan, Canadians	6	12	18
Dale Carson, Pens	4	14	18
Dave Warren, Stars	6	11	17
Dave Boyd, Pens	5	11	16

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS
Week 13 (Dec. 23):
Boyd Rams 2 - Ben's Rangers 0
C. K. Cyclones 6 - Winchester Flyers 3

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Boyd Rams	9	3	1	73	43	19
Ben's Rangers	8	3	2	61	42	18
C.K. Cyclones	3	8	2	56	76	8
Winchester Flyers	3	9	1	41	69	7

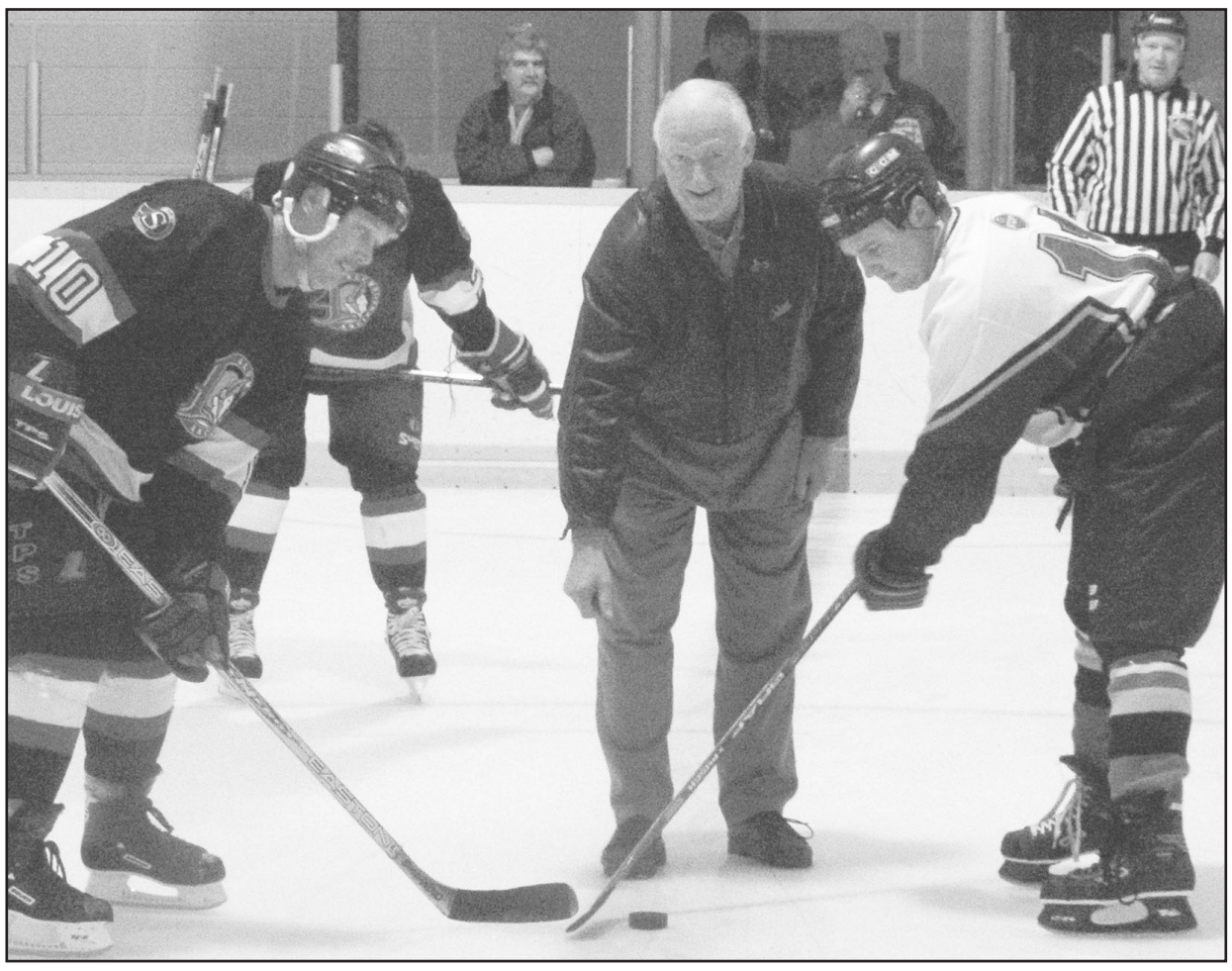
TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Dereck Holmes, Rangers	21	17	38
Craig Holmes, Cyclones	20	14	34
Chris Williams, Rangers	13	15	28
Wes Cory, Rams	11	15	26
Chad Valcour, Rams	16	9	25
Mike Buller, Rams	12	13	25
Scott Baldwin, Cyclones	11	13	24
Derek Rintoul, Rams	6	16	24
Grant Brown, Rams	8	10	18
Chris Van Bridger, Cyclones	10	7	17
Jeff Scott, Cyclones	5	12	17

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:
Week 12 (Dec. 28):
Ryan's Reds 1 - Andy's Foodland 0
Double Beauty 4 - CountryGirl 0
Annable's Blues 2 - Classics 2

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Double Beauty	10	1	1	38	13	21
Ryan's Reds	6	4	2	33	18	14
Andy's Foodland	4	4	4	14	14	12
Stewart Classics	4	5	3	21	25	11
CountryGirl	3	6	3	13	30	9
Annable's Blues	2	9	1	17	36	5

TOP SCORERS:	G	A	PTS
Shannon Vidal, DB	8	9	17
Julie Cyr, RR	12	4	16
Nancy Pothier, DB	8	6	14
Sandy Roy, DB	7	7	14
Maggie Stewart, RR	8	5	13
Kathy Kerr-Moore, RR	6	6	12
Carrie Gilmour, SC	11	0	11
Amy Fraser, DB	6	4	10
Megan Lamont, CG	2	7	9
Diane Downey, CC	3	5	8



Official face off

Alumni night organizer Bill Buckland performed the official face-off duties just prior to Saturday night's (Dec. 27) exhibition hockey game between the alumni teams of the Metcalfe Jr. "B" Jets and Ottawa Senators. Kevin Collins (right) took the draw for the old Jets. Photo — Burgoone

Poirier leads Canadians to 12th victory

METCALFE — Dale Poirier potted a pair of pucks leading the number-one ranked Canadians to their 12th win in the 14-week old Metcalfe Town Hockey League season. Poirier's performance gave him a dozen goals and moved him into the league's top five scorers.

Dennis Dalgleish used a power-play pass provided by Bruce Young to snap a 2-2 tie the Canadians (12-2-0) had going with the second-place Stars (6-5-3) 8:51 before the final buzzer of the Dec. 28 game. Poirier's second tally of the match went into the empty net with 40 seconds on the clock. Bob Kemp picked up the assist on the play. Ron Flanagan was the other goal scorer. Kemp (2), Young and Willis Stevens gathered assists and Wayne Widenmaier posted the "W".

Scott Soule and Geoff Ross answered for the Stars. Todd Hay, Ray Vidal and Gilles Paquette were the set-up men.

The Blues (6-5-3) moved into a tie with the Stars when they were able to collected a point in a 5-5 tie with the sixth-place Leafs (3-10-1). Tyrone Franey and Brian Downey sparked their team's offence matching one goal, three assist efforts. Ron Casselman, Derek Burleigh and Doug Reaney snapped in the single shots. Stu Patterson and Casselman also collected assists. Kent Holmes tended the nets.

Rick Downey bagged three goals for the Leafs to inflate his total to 12. Steve Corlyon ripped in his sixth and seventh to complete the scoring. Sean Wallace (2), Doug Warren, Jason Robinson, Chris Miner and Rich Corlyon provided the passes. Cory Wallace worked the cage.

Stef Rawlings scored on a solo effort with 12:28 left in the game to hand the Senators (5-7-2) a 4-2 decision over the Penguins (4-7-3). Paul Devertevil's second goal of the game, set up by Wayne Burke and Jim Kerfoot two minutes before the final buzzer, insured a 4-2 victory.

Burke provided the other goal. Kerfoot (2), Carson McVey and Burke picked up assists.

Shane Patterson and Dave Boyd were the Penguin marksmen. Kevin McIsaac, Steve Porteous, Jeff Raven and Boyd were the relay men.

Hornets blank West Ottawa 2-0

METCALFE — Jodi Gallinger put together a perfect performance while working the Metcalfe Petite "B" Hornets nets and went on to registered a 2-0 National Capital Region Ringette League victory over West Ottawa No. One.

Kelsey Nyentap cracked in the winning goal in the first half and Melissa Nyenkamp added the insurance marker scoring from Emily Grisel in the final three minutes of the Dec. 20 encounter. Gallinger and her defence did the rest to insure the victory.

Metcalfe's Junior "B" Hornets closed out their pre-Christmas schedule dropping back-to-back decisions to GCRA and GCRA No. One.

Grace Valentine took a long pass from Caitlin Brown and scored late in the first half to put her team on the board at 4-1 on Dec. 17. GCRA added one second-half marker and clinched a 5-1 win.

Three days later (Dec. 20) goalie Brianna Sullivan battled bravely but found herself facing a 5-1 deficit by the end of the first half. The final difference rose to 8-2. Robyn Van Schie (from Lisa Sullivan) and Grace Valentine (from Kristin Wyman) recorded Metcalfe's goals.

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McRoberts, Drew lead Demons to 8-3 victory

CHESTERVILLE — Captain Bill McRoberts and John Drew each potted a pair of goals as the North Dundas Demons rolled to an 8-3 victory over the Kemptville Panthers.

With the Dec. 21 decision figured into their record, the Demons took their 417 Midget - Juvenile Hockey League stats to 7-1-0. In those eight games North Dundas have put together a goal differential of 53-26.

North Dundas was up 3-0 before Kemptville's Deiter Colfe put a puck behind Mike Beuman. John Drew had opened the scoring, netting a pass provided by Morgan Jackson and Jon Bradley at 13:20. Scott Baldwin made it 2-0, connecting from Bradley at 10:02, and Bill McRoberts opened up a 3-0 gap, finishing a play started by Kyle Kloosterman and Aaron Kelly at the 6:20 mark.

A four-goal second period extended the Demons' lead to 7-2. Shots by Spencer Dawson (from Drew and Nathan Thompson at 12:25), Wayne Smirle (from Josh McLean at 10:21), Drew (from Kloosterman at 8:29) and McRoberts (from Thompson and Smirle at 6:26) found the back of the Panthers' cage in that order.

Jon Bradley completed the scoring notching the seventh North Dundas goal at 13:35 of the final frame. Kloosterman picked up his third assist of the game on the play.

Cory Tatarciuc and Jesse Foster supplied Kemptville's other two goals.

The North Dundas Demons' top five scorers (unofficial) after eight games: Aaron Kelly 12-8-20; Kyle Kloosterman 4-11-15; Scott Baldwin 6-4-10; Dave Gallant 6-3-9; John Drew 5-3-8.

Squad triumphs in New York

MALONE, NEW YORK — John McGlashen scored three times and drew an assist on a four goal as the North Dundas Pee Wee "B" Demons recorded a 7-5 exhibition victory over the Malone Huskies.

Coach Eldon Baker had just goaltender, Kyle Greer, and six skaters available for the Dec. 20 contest in New York and was quick to praise the efforts of his skeleton crew.

North Dundas led Malone 3-1 after a period and 6-4 after two sessions.

McGlashen put the Demons up 1-0, scoring his first of three on an unassisted play at 13:44 of the opening stanza. He then cashed in a feed from Jeff Picco and Taylor Johnston at 11:38 to make it 2-0. Brett Baker's unassisted shot made it 3-0.

Malone's Mark Miller finally put his team on the board, netting his first of four goals 2:38 before the end of the session.

Baker's second unassisted marker got the Demons started in period two. Ryan McRae followed, recording an unassisted tally at 12:32. Chris Embury cashed in a pass from McGlashen at the 6:32 mark and opened up a 6-2 lead but Miller closed the gap to 6-4 for the home team, netting unassisted shots before the end of the period.

Miller's fourth goal came at 14:42 of the third stanza and closed the difference to 6-5, but an unassisted goal by McGlashen at 7:19 handed the Demons their final 7-5 margin of victory.

North Dundas was successful in killing off three minor penalties in the final 9:20 of the game.

Hawks

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Also in attendance were former Hawk forwards Nick Paas and Colin Bowie, both now with the Smiths Falls Bears. Former Hawk affiliate Ben Collins, now a member of the Pembroke Lumber Kings, also dropped into the matinee.

RIDEAUS ROLL

Outshot 53-25 and outscored 10-3, the nine-man unit Winchester was able to ice in Westport wasn't much of a test for the Rideaus who got three goals from captain Greg Kerr, a deuce each from Bobby MacMillan and Steve Biscaro, and singles from Kris Crawford, Travis MacLean and Scott Morrison. Crawford and Morrison also collected four assists apiece. Kerr picked up two helpers.

Tyler Kenney allowed a first-period goal by Stefan Gravelle (from Marc-Andre Fournier) and second-period marker by Robyn Sadler (PPG from Fournier and Gravelle), and one in the final frame by Shane Barnes. It was the first Junior "B" goal for Barnes who scored from Gravelle and Fournier at 15:54 of the final frame.

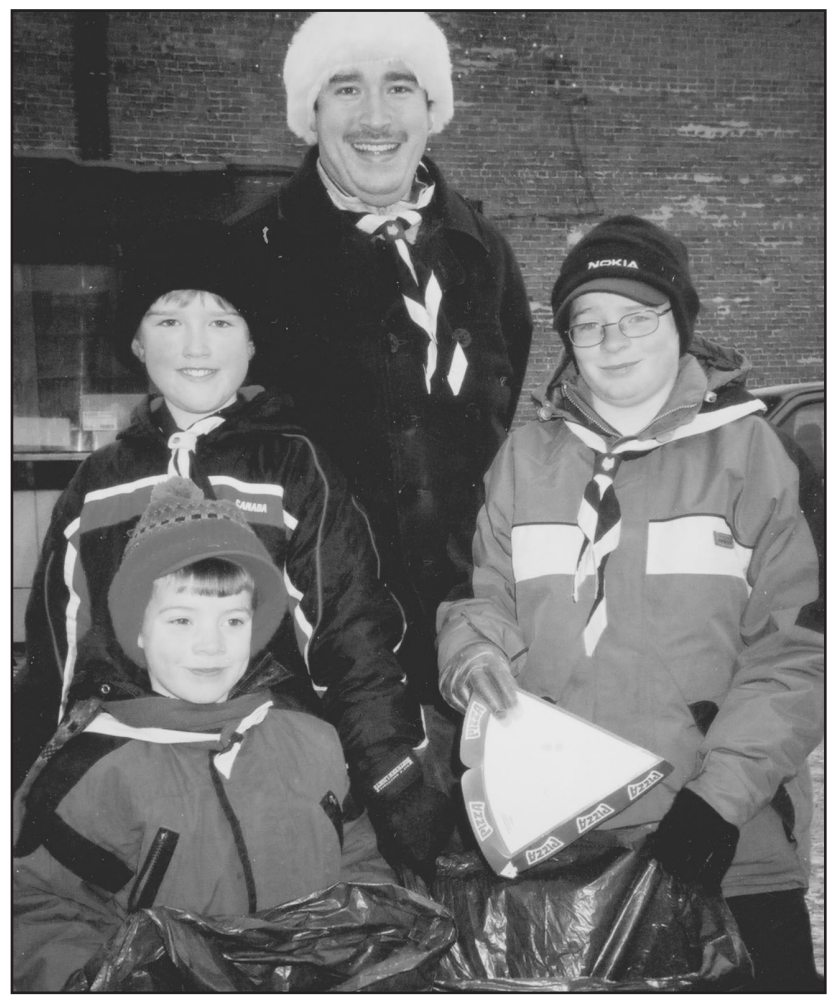
Shawn Smail 14-14-28; Marc Andre Fournier 13-9-22 and Stefan Gravelle 10-12-22 are Winchester's top three scorers.

Following the weekend losses, the Hawks were winless (0-8-0-0) in December and were outscored 60-14.

THREE GAMES

As if the schedule could get any tougher for the Hawks. This Friday (Jan. 2) the Kemptville 73s come to Winchester for an 8:15 pm game. Saturday (Jan. 3) the Hawks are slated for a trip to Athens and Sunday (Jan. 4) they travel to South Dundas to take on the Morrisburg Lions in a 2:15 pm start.

Hope Winchester had for making the playoffs is all but gone, not mathematically but probably. However, this weekend could go a long way in determining if the Hawks can finish out of the basement.



Spic and span

Scouting groups in Winchester worked to clean up litter in the village following the Parade of Lights on Dec. 5. The project was co-ordinated with assistance from the Winchester Legion. Clockwise from bottom: Otter Noel Pearce, Timber Wolf Nathan Clark, Timber Wolf leader Greg Clark and Timber Wolf Richard Pearce.

Kings win two of three games

OTTAWA — A three-point effort by Winchester's Jordan Moran highlighted a 3-2 ODMHA victory by the Rideau - St. Lawrence Minor Pee Wee "AA" Kings.

Moran netted one of his team's goals and drew assists on the ones netted by Josh Pitt and Casey Crooke in the 3-2 effort against the Gloucester Rangers in their final league game before the Christmas break. Another Winchester skater, Dylan Casselman picked up two assists in the win.

The Kings dropped a 4-2 decision to the visiting Seaway Valley Rapids on Dec. 21. Shayne Morden and Josh Pitt were the goal scorers while former North Dundas Demons Cameron Armstrong and Jordan Moran each drew an assist.

A day earlier in Kanata, the Kings played the league-leading Blazers to a 2-2 tie. Jordan Moran and Casey Crooke scored for the Kings. Assists went to North Dundas Township players Derek Froats, Jordan Moran and Dylan Casselman.

Saunders registers fourth shutout

WINCHESTER — Joanne Saunders registered her fourth shutout of the Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League campaign, and her effort, coupled with Julie Cyr's 12th goal of the season, were enough to hand the Ryan's Reds sole possession of second place.

With Sunday's (Dec. 28) 1-0 victory over Andy's Foodland, the Reds' record improved to 6-4-2 and moved them to 14 points, two ahead of the Maroons who levelled off at 4-4-4.

The Reds put the game-winning goal on the scoreboard 5:34 before the half. Cyr took the biscuit from captain Jackie Boulanger and put it in behind Carrie Nolan to make it a 1-0 final.

The 8 am encounter saw the sixth-place Annable's Jewellery Blues (3-10-1) battle the fourth-ranked Stewart Classics (4-5-3) to a 2-2 draw.

Carrie Gilmour put the Classics up 1-0 netting her 11th goal of the year on and unassisted play at 14:40 of the opening half. Lila Lapier then inflated it to 2-0 finishing an unassisted effort at 12:40 of the same frame. Emily McDonell used a pass from Heather McDiarmid to get the Blues on the board at 2-1, 1:45 before the intermission. Gail Smith-Rutley salvaged a point for the Blues notching an unassisted marker 2:46 before the final buzzer. Sharon MacDonald (Classics) and Louise Cyr (Blues) were the opposing goalies.

Barb Wigney turned in her third shutout performance in the 10 am contest, backing the first-place Double Beauty Stylists (10-1-1) in a 4-0 verdict against the fifth-place CountryGirl Gold Diggers (3-6-3).

Double Beauty captain Amy Fraser's sixth goal of the season was engineered by Karen Benoit at 17:17 of the first half and proved to be the deciding shot. Fraser then teamed up with Nancy Pothier to give Shannon Vidal the first of her two goals, 57 seconds before the intermission.

Cheryle Shurtliff expanded her team's lead to 3-0, connecting on an unassisted play 4:14 before the final buzzer. Vidal's second tally of the game and eighth of the year was set up by Shurtliff with 1:18 to play and made it a 4-0 final.



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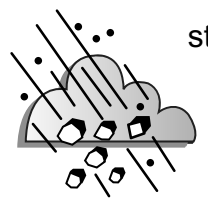

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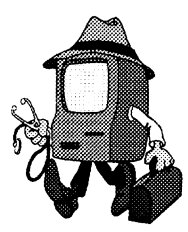

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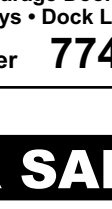

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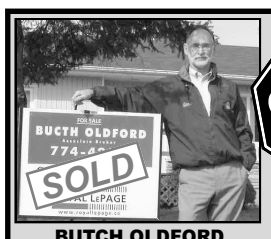

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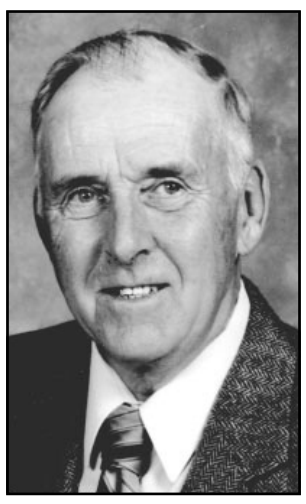

In Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness on Monday, December 22, 2003, Norman Walsh of Russell in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Eunice Sutherland for almost 60 years. Dear father of Earl (Judy) of Berwick, Bill (Mae) of Russell, Dennis (Annette) of Crysler, Brian (Flora) of Myronne, Sask., Wendy Lennard and Betty, both of Russell. Loving grandfather to Christopher (Amanda), Angela, Sharon (Gordon Sheldrick), Randy, Richard (Trish), Brandi, Vickie Lanthier and Donnie Lennard. Sadly missed by great-grandchildren Ashley and Cassandra Sheldrick, Daegan and Colby Walsh and Alex Walsh. Dear brother of Vera Auld of Ottawa, Milly Walsh-Dubue of Russell, and the late Celestia James, Hattie Kennedy, Margaret Maher, Bertha Boudreau and Edward.

Norman was born March 24, 1923, was raised in Vars and came to Russell after his marriage to Eunice in 1944, where he worked as a farmer, carpenter and in later years, as a custodian at the Russell Public School. He will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives.

The funeral was held at the Duncan Funeral Home on December 24, 2003 conducted by Rev. Keith Brown. Pallbearers were Darcy Boudreau, Ken Ion, Steven Hynes-Ion, George Norton, Gordon Sheldrick and Lynn Thompson. The interment will be at St. Andrew's and St. Paul's United Church Cemetery in Russell in the spring.

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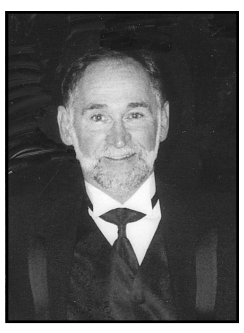

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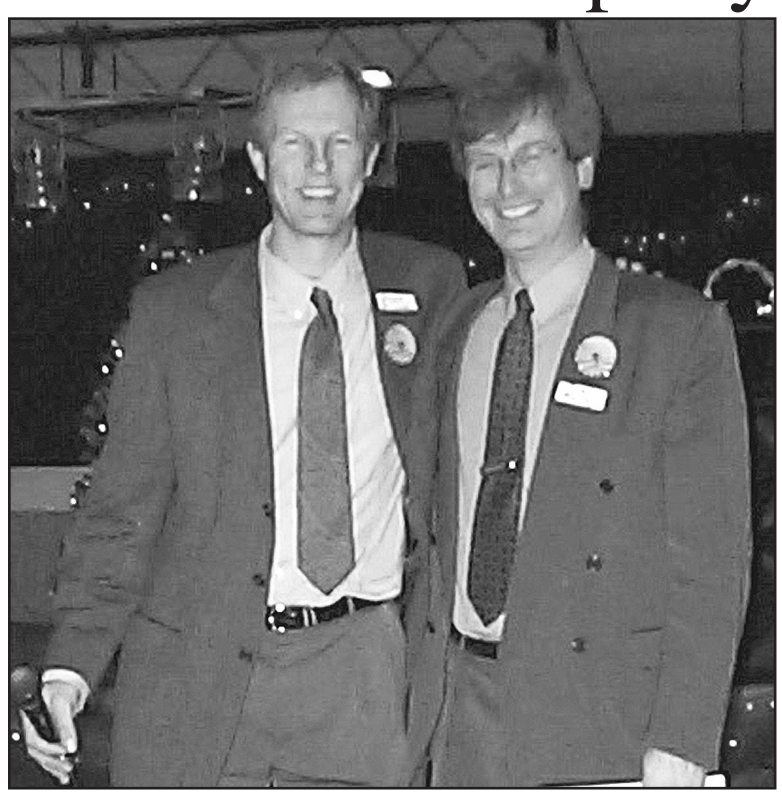
De Jong addresses annual party

AVONMORE — Frank de Jong, leader of the Green Party of Ontario, spoke at the Christmas fundraiser for the Greens of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh on Dec. 12. The Green Party association hosted about 60 supporters at the Avonmore Community Centre while raising funds for the federal election expected next spring.

"This is one of the larger and more successful fundraisers I have seen across Ontario," said de Jong, congratulating the Green team in S-D-C. "I travel the province meeting wonderful people as we build the Green Party. Some people think that I help them by attending their events. On the contrary, your commitment and enthusiasm give me great courage and conviction. The Green Party is out of the fringes; I no longer feel abnormal in a political wilderness. Any time I or any other Green Party candidate enters a room, we now receive respect and recognition."

De Jong has also assumed the responsibilities of chairing the council for the Green Party of Canada. The Green Party of Canada, with the help of recent provincial electoral results in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, is hoping to make significant gains in the upcoming federal election.

"Canada is in political turmoil. The right wing has united and Liberals have new leadership. Both the Conservatives and Liberals have similar visions and they play a game of power politics. Old party loyalties are stressed. The Green Party, guided by a vision of sustainability and positive human values, will reap amazing support next spring," said de Jong.



Provincial Green Party leader Frank de Jong (left) was a special guest at the annual S-D-C Green fundraiser. He was welcomed by Tom Manley, the local Green candidate in the recent provincial election.

In addressing the crowd, Tom Manley, recent provincial candidate and president of the joint S-D-C provincial and federal Green Party associations, described how the party is growing. "We are building a house. Our values and platform give us a clear and distinctive blueprint. Our leaders and candidates provide the architecture. Our members and volunteers are the artisans to spread the word. Our financial supporters lend us the bricks and mortar to get the job done."

In his speech, Manley officially opened the search for a federal Green Party candidate in S-D-C for 2004. "People in this room and in your personal networks are able and willing to carry a vision for a better way to live. I invite those people to come forward and seek the nomination for the Green Party. Please spread the search for a candidate, in view of a nomination meeting this winter."

HERITAGE SOCIETY

Williamsburg group chases parkway

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The Williamsburg Heritage Society has been pursuing a dream. The group wants to have County Road 2 between Lancaster and Brockville named the Heritage Parkway to encourage motorists to pass through the Seaway communities rather than speed by on Highway 401.

Heritage Society president, Isobel Williams, explained that the quest began a year ago in January with letters sent to all of the communities along the old Highway 2. An initial proposal sent to the provincial ministers of tourism and transportation included 12 pages detailing the historical sites and tourist attractions found within these riverside communities, including the South Dundas murals. Those ministers, since replaced, wanted letters of support from the municipal level.

"Since the completion of the 401, businesses have closed along County Road 2," explained Williams. By getting appropriate signs and making travellers aware of what the area has to offer, that trend could possibly be reversed.

The plan has support at the counties level, with SD&G having already allocated money to buy signs. There is also support from Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism. Williams said that while all the involved municipalities have approved the idea, she's waiting to receive copies of all the resolutions before heading back to the province.

What is really needed to make the idea fly is signs along the 401. And Williams wants more than those piddly blue attraction signs; what she wants is a large overhead sign that would really catch people's eyes, something like what advertises the Thousand Islands Parkway.

When asked if the group had found support from local provincial politicians, Williams replied, "Jim Brownell is certainly behind the whole thing."

"It's going well," she continued, "We just have to tackle the provincial government." Once the paperwork is in hand, the Heritage Society is going back to the ministries of tourism and recreation, and transportation.

New minister confronts BSE

by Bonnie James
Press Staff

OTTAWA — The nation has a new federal minister of agriculture and agri-food, and he has been thrust into the BSE spotlight recently vacated by his predecessor Lyle Vanclief. Bob Speller has been called into action by the discovery of a BSE-infected cow in Washington state, which the U.S. has indicated likely came from Alberta.

Speller was meeting with Shirley McClellan, Alberta's minister of agriculture, on Tues., Dec. 30 to discuss the situation.

In a news release on Dec. 27, Speller said, "I am pleased to report that I have spoken to secretary Veneman (U.S. ag secretary) today and she has committed that the United States will work cooperatively and expeditiously with Canada on DNA testing." The DNA testing will help determine the origin of the infected cow.

"Regardless of the outcome of this investigation, Canada will continue to work closely with its U.S. counterparts on the management of BSE in the context of an integrated North American market," the release continued.

Speller was first elected to the House of Commons in 1988 and represents the Ontario riding of Haldimand-Norfolk-Brant. He has chaired the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food, and was a member of the sub-committee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment.

He served as chair of the Prime Minister's Caucus Task Force on Future Opportunities in Farming, and as chair of the Liberal Rural Caucus. Speller was the parliamentary secretary to the minister for international trade, and held membership in the Parliamentary Steel Caucus and Joint Inter-Parliamentary Council.

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