



Slated for closure

The South Mountain Branch of the SD&G County Library is scheduled to be closed on April 1. The branch is currently open four days a week for a total of 11.5 hours, and is located on Lough Road across from the South Mountain Fairground. Members of the community are mobilizing to save the branch. Press photo — Zabel

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Library

Denham said that with so many branches, many books tend to spend a lot of time in transit rather than with readers.

North Dundas councillor Alvin Runnalls is a member of the library board. At council's meeting on Monday (March 8), he gave reasons for his vote in favor of the closures. He defended his vote explaining that the decision to close branches was made solely on the basis of usage. "In the rest of North Dundas, the branches in Winchester and Morewood are booming," he said.

Councillor Estella Rose wanted to know why the decision to close the South Mountain branch was made so abruptly, not giving the community a chance to work toward boosting local use. "Why were we not told?" she asked. "We could have come up with a 'friends of the library group,'" she said.

Runnalls answered that the SD&G County Library has found in the past that efforts to rally around library branches in small communities generally peter out after less than a year. He said records of use show that activity at the South Mountain branch has dropped by half in the last eight years.

At the request of Rose, council voted on and supported a motion to have the library board and counties council review the decision to close branches. All four councillors voted in favor and Runnalls abstained.

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Council notes from North Dundas



New park for Winchester

WINCHESTER — The new subdivision planned for the south end of Winchester will include a park. Council agreed on the need for new parkland when it accepted a list of revisions for the plan for Davidson Heights. Township planner Calvin Pol brought a number of changes to the plan for the subdivision to council's attention on March 8.

The new 32-unit subdivision will be built adjacent to St. Lawrence Street, close to the railroad tracks running through the village. Last month, when council first reviewed the subdivision plan, the inclusion of a one-lot park area was questioned. It was suggested that the developer might offer money in lieu of the park land, and that money could be used to improve existing parks in the village.

Winchester currently has three municipal parks: one on May Street, one on Beach Street and the large park at Winchester Arena. Township planner Calvin Pol has been negotiating with the developer of the subdivision, Eastern Engineering Group of Brockville, and it's been decided that the park should stay.

Pol explained how the lots in the subdivision could be arranged so that the park could be expanded as additional phases are added. "When the subdivision grows, we can get more pieces of land to make it big enough for something like a soccer field," said Pol.

Council agreed that the southern portion of the village will benefit from park space. Councillor Bill Smirle suggested that it's too much to expect children under the age of 10 to walk up St. Lawrence Street to the public school or the arena.

Another concern addressed over the new subdivision was separation from neighboring farm land. A six-foot fence will be installed to help ensure children don't wander onto farmland that's in operation. It's yet to be decided whether it will be a board fence, or a chain-link fence accompanied by a cedar hedge.

SD&G official plan

Council renewed its opposition to North Dundas being included in a United Counties of SD&G Official Plan (OP). The document, which has taken several years to develop into its current draft form, has been an ongoing concern for the township.

Township planner Calvin Pol said that the latest draft of the OP still contains passages stating that elaborate studies will need to be done by foresters for any development affecting significant woodlands. The United Counties is calling any woodland larger than 10 hectares a "significant woodland." North Dundas has been arguing that the regulations surrounding woodlands are ridiculously strict, and not appropriate to North Dundas.

Back when the OP process began, the intent was that plan would be created for all of SD&G, and then each of the six townships could use the plan as a model for individual OPs. This began as a cost-saving measure, but council voiced concerns that this original vision has been forgotten.

"All we were agreeing to was saving money. We need to suggest that we only want a local OP," said councillor Martin Schoones.

North Dundas has been the most active of the six townships in voicing complaints over the draft OP. Last year, North Dundas brought a motion before counties council asking that it opt out of the OP. At this week's meeting, council asked Pol to ensure North Dundas is not being forced into the plan.

"Who gets approval authority? Has that changed at all?" asked councillor Al Armstrong. "Because with this OP there would be very little purpose for the lower-tier municipality. We'll have lost control of our planning."

Recreation inventory

Recreation director Mark Guy was given permission to move forward with a planned study and inventory of North Dundas recreation facilities. The study will be contracted at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000.

"I think this is the most important thing that should be done for recreation in the township," said councillor Al Armstrong. "We need a handle on things before we start handing out money."

The study will produce a comprehensive list of everything the township owns that's associated with recreation. It will go on to study how these resources are being used, and which areas should be priorities for future spending.

Guy is also in the midst of developing a system for awarding annual grants to recreation associations in the township. Council currently supports RAs in all of the communities in the township, including Winchester Springs and Marionville, which are only partially in North Dundas. Guy wants to evaluate what the associations accomplish in their communities, so township grants can be used to the best effect.

Delegarde suit to go to trial

MORRISBURG — The conflict of interest suit brought against South Dundas councillor for Iroquois, Ron Delegarde, will continue with a meeting before Justice Paul Cosgrove this Thursday (March 11).

Delegarde was in court in Cornwall on Fri., Feb. 27 to face the conflict of interest suit filed by Morrisburg businessman Andrew Bowers. Delegarde's solicitor asked for the matter to be dismissed, but Justice Cosgrove determined that there was enough merit for it to proceed.

Bower's application asked the court to find that Delegarde has contravened the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. He works for Bell Canada and has not declared a pecuniary interest when council has voted on communications issues, specifically the township's broadband Internet system.

The application also asked for an order directing the Township of

South Dundas Council to vote again on any matter in which Delegarde, by casting a vote, had contravened the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and for an order directing Delegarde to comply with the act. Failing the last two requests, the application asked for an order declaring Delegarde's seat on council vacant, and disqualifying him from being a councillor for seven years.

Because the application asked something of the Township of South Dundas, the judge determined that in order for it to proceed, the township would need to be served with the proper paperwork and officially brought into the litigation. Otherwise, the reference to the township needed to be removed.

"I inadvertently added the township to the mix," said Bowers. Bowers included the request for council to re-vote on commu-

nications issues because he doesn't necessarily want Delegarde to lose his position, just to abide by the rules of the act. Bowers will submit an amendment to the court that removes any mention of the township.

"It removes the township from the confusing part of the action," said Bowers about the new paperwork. Bowers said that he understood council had been uneasy about dealing with communications topics as a result of being mentioned in the conflict of interest application. "Now they are free to vote on communications," he added.

The updated paperwork is to be completed and served to the proper parties by March 11, when the two sides will again meet with the judge. If all is in order, a pre-trial date will likely be set for some time in April. If Bowers is successful in his application, Delegarde will have to vacate his council seat.

Delegarde did not respond to a call asking for comment.

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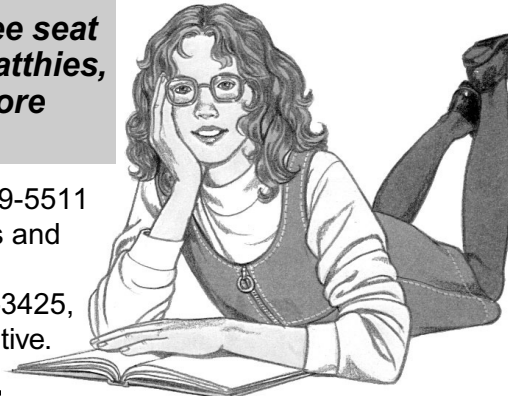
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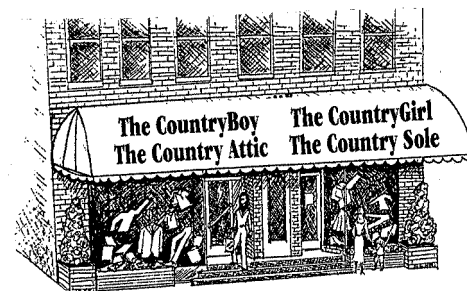
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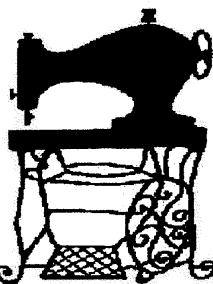
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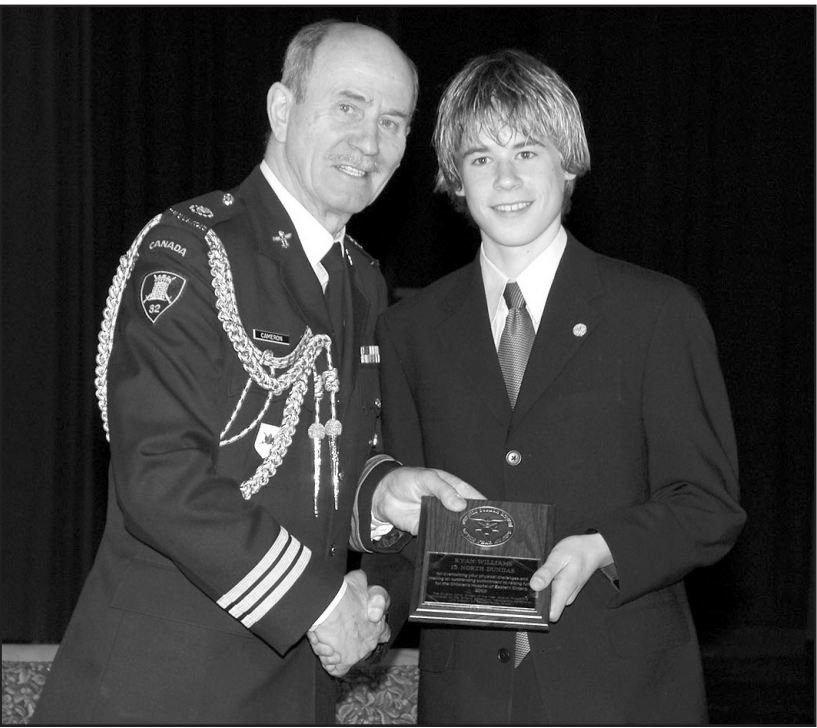
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Winchester resident Ryan Williams was in Toronto last weekend to receive the Junior Citizen of the Year Award from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association. The award was presented by Aide-de-Camp Sandy Cameron, who was filling in for James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario. Photo — Tim Chevrier

Junior Citizen of the Year Williams receives award

TORONTO — Suffering from a rare and painful blood disorder might slow Ryan Williams down a bit, but it certainly does nothing to quash his spirit and desire to help others. He has committed his time and efforts to raise thousands of dollars for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, co-hosting the CHEO fundraising telethon, selling goods at schools, and brokering creative deals with sponsors.

Williams was nominated for the Junior Citizen of the Year Award by Joanne Notman, the secretary at Inkerman Public School where Williams attended. He and his family spent last weekend in Toronto (March 5-6) where he received the

prize at the annual spring convention of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA).

OCNA awarded 12 young people in Ontario with the Junior Citizen of the Year Award. The program gives recognition to a dozen young people who have distinguished themselves by becoming involved in worthwhile community service; special young people who are contributing while living with a physical or psychological limitation; or individuals who have performed acts of heroism or bravery. Award recipients may also be "good kids" who show a commitment to make life better for others and do more than is normally expected of someone their age.

Township wants to see existing businesses grow

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The best advice development specialists have to offer rural municipalities is that it's easier to keep existing businesses than to attract new ones. North Dundas considered this philosophy at a special meeting on March 2.

The entire North Dundas business community was invited to hear representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. They presented a model called Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E). It's actually a step-by-step kit that municipalities can purchase. BR&E is designed to mobilize a team of volunteers in a community to develop an action plan, looking for ways local government can assist its businesses.

"You can't go to trade show after trade show and expect to recruit Microsoft," said Maurice Poulin. He was the economic development officer for Prescott-Russell when the counties worked through the BR&E model between 1998 and 2000.

Poulin explained that there is a huge amount of competition between communities wanting to attract large corporations, in the hope that a new factory will suddenly creates hundreds of new jobs. He stressed that municipalities have found their efforts are more productive if they focus on a smaller scale, and on helping protect the businesses they already have.

Councillor Martin Schoones has been promoting the BR&E plan to council since last October when he saw a presentation on the model. The special meeting of council last week was publicized by the North Dundas Chamber of

Commerce, and about 20 local business people were in attendance.

When it was used in Prescott-Russell, BR&E was being tested as a pilot project. First, a task force was created, including members of council and the chamber of commerce. The counties had roughly 2,500 businesses at the time. It was decided that the manufacturing industry was the sector that they knew the least about, so it was targeted to be surveyed.

"We had never visited them before. We decided to really address that sector and see what its needs were," said Poulin.

The BR&E package costs \$1,000 and includes training material and surveys. The surveys can be tailored to address the needs of particular areas. In Prescott-Russell, a group of 40 volunteers was recruited and then trained to visit businesses.

Poulin stressed that the program does not ask volunteers to invest large amounts of time. The initial training session only takes two hours. "The training is important because it builds professionalism, and ensures the process will gather valid information," said Poulin. He added that the training is typically lots of fun, involving role playing and videos.

In Prescott-Russell, teams of two were then assigned two businesses each to survey. One member of the team asks questions and the other records the information. Poulin said that on the project he worked on, 54 of 59 businesses were willing to participate in the survey. They were all manufacturing businesses, and ranged in size from 10 employees to 600.

The survey is designed to discover what the general needs of the business community are. Volun-

teers don't cold-call at businesses with the survey, but rather initiate communication through the mail, and then set up an appointment. The survey also identifies "red flag" issues, problems that businesses are having that need to be addressed immediately.

The surveying process in Prescott-Russell took a week. What was discovered was that three businesses were thinking about closing, representing a loss of 250 jobs. Two required access to capital, and another wanted to relocate to expand. "If we hadn't done the survey, we never would have found out about these problems, and the businesses would have left," said Poulin.

The BR&E package comes with software that helps compile the data collected in the survey process. In the case of Prescott-Russell, the action plan that was developed included establishing a venture capital fund, and contracting an employee to develop export markets for the area. Employee training was a big problem, so work was done with colleges in the area to develop programs to assist local businesses. People wanted improved Internet access, and now there is a wireless system in place.

North Dundas is about one seventh the size of Prescott-Russell and doesn't have the same access to staff as an upper-tier municipality, but Poulin suggested that BR&E is actually designed to work on a smaller scale. Since it was developed, the program has been used in dozens of communities in the province. Some municipalities have spent as little as \$2,000 implementing the strategy, buying the kit, and then hosting a volunteer appreciation party at the end of the process.

If North Dundas goes ahead with purchasing the BR&E package, Poulin suggested that the best strategy would be to survey a cross-section of businesses in the township. "Each individual program can be adapted to the realities of the community," he said. What's most important is that new relationships begin being formed between businesses and the municipality as a whole.

"If it's a collection of community groups organizing it, the program gains credibility," said Poulin. "Eventually you gain a critical mass of community leaders who want to do something." He said his experience was that moving through the survey process quickly is important, to get to the development of an action plan. He recommended against North Dundas contracting staff to oversee a portion of the project. "Save your dollars for the actions you're going to implement," he said.

Once goals have been established, there's really no limit on the investments it would be possible for council to make to support local business. Many communities have made substantial progress with simple things like planting flowers in the village core and improving signage. Poulin recommended the township initially plan the project over a period of six months.

A number of questions from the audience asked details about BR&E. Mayor Alvin Runnalls said his main concerns were keeping costs low, and making sure there are enough potential volunteers in the township to get the project off the ground. Representatives from the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce agreed to develop a list of volunteers at their next meeting and return to council.

Chicken Soup for Morrisburg Canadian Club

MORRISBURG — The co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul*, Janet Matthews, will be the keynote speaker at the March 17 meeting of the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club at the Morrisburg Legion at 7 pm.

Matthews first became involved with *Chicken Soup for the Soul* in 1997, when she produced and edited *Chicken Soup for the Parent's Soul*. When she was given the opportunity to co-author *Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul* with fellow Canadian Raymond Aaron, she jumped at it. The book, published in 2002, contains 84 stories of ordinary Canadians and national heroes.

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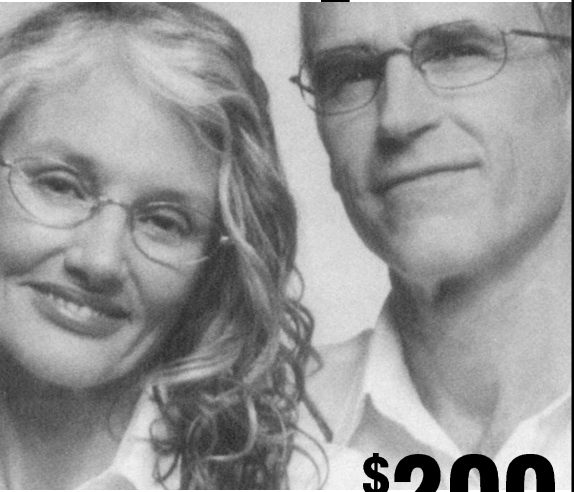
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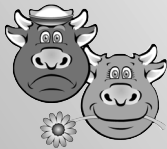
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Press Photo — Zabel

Police blotter

Vandalism

DUNDAS COUNTY — A number of incidents of vandalism were reported to police in Dundas County over the past weekend. The rear plate of a parked vehicle was painted black on County Road 2 in South Dundas on March 6. A mailbox was damaged on Maple Ridge Road in North Dundas, also on March 6. And windows were smashed at St. Cecilia Separate School in Iroquois on March 7.

Charges

SOUTH DUNDAS — As a result of a routine traffic stop on Rowena Road during the afternoon of March 6, a 20-year-old South Dundas man was taken into custody. He will face a charge of failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking (non-association) when he appears in court in Cornwall for a show cause hearing.

Break and enter

SOUTH DUNDAS — Police were called to the scene of a residential break and enter which occurred in the Pleasant Valley area of South Dundas Township on the afternoon of March 6. The extent of theft, if any, resulting from a forced entry into a garage at the residence, has not yet been determined. Constable J. Morier is investigating this incident.

Commercial break-in

NORTH DUNDAS — Police were called to the scene of a commercial break and enter on March 3, at a property located along County Road 3 in North Dundas Township. A forced entry into a garage did not apparently result in the theft of any items from the building. Constable K. Heaphy is investigating.

Vehicle theft

WINCHESTER — Police began an investigation on March 3 into the theft of a green 1995 Plymouth Acclaim, four-door. The vehicle had been taken overnight from a private residence on Main Street in the Village of Winchester. This vehicle has not yet been recovered. Constable K. Heaphy is investigating this incident.

Domestic incident

SOUTH DUNDAS — An investigation into a domestic incident in South Dundas Township on the evening of March 4 resulted in charges of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm (two counts) and assault (two counts) against a 38-year-old Ottawa man. He was held in custody following his arrest and appeared in court in Cornwall the next day for the purposes of a show cause hearing.

Teen charged

MAPLE RIDGE — Following an investigation by members of the SD&G OPP into an incident which occurred on March 2 at North Dundas District High School, a 17-year-old Russell female is facing charges of assault and uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm. A youth court date has been set in Morrisburg on May 4.

Don't throw snowballs

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — An investigation into a report of youths throwing snowballs at residences in South Mountain resulted in the arrest of a 14-year-old South Mountain male and the seizure of a small quantity of marijuana. The incident will be resolved under the alternative measure provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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The rural voice goes from frustrated to angry

GREELY — Rural residents really outlined their feelings about the City of Ottawa last week in Greely. There were 450 residents packed into the Greely Community Centre on March 1 at the ward budget meeting. The frustration of three years of city "life" boiled over as speaker after speaker blasted those city councillors who supported a tax increase for 2004.

The frustration turned to anger in support of de-amalgamation or separation from the city, as suggested by Joe Pacholik of River Road. The speech by Joe has unleashed a torrent of support across the rural wards to return to our former rural municipal structure.

A rally of rural residents and other supporters of a no tax increase budget will be held Wed, March 10 from 4 to 6 pm at Ottawa City Hall on Elgin Street.

BUS TO THE RALLY

We have arranged to have a bus to take people to the rally. The bus will pick you up at Greely Community Centre at 3 pm on Wednesday afternoon (March 10). It will leave

City Hall at 6 pm and return to Greely Community Centre. The cost is \$3 per person. If you wish to take the bus, please RSVP by calling 580-2424 ext. 30228.

GREELY LAND USE

A public meeting dealing with Greely land use study and the Shields Creek Watershed study will be held on Thurs., March 11 at 7 pm at the Greely Community Centre. Please try to attend if you live in Greely.

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Free seminar will teach stress-busting techniques

WINCHESTER — A seminar on Stress: The Effects and Management will be presented at Winchester Baptist Church on Thurs., March 18 from 7 to 9 pm. The seminar leader, Pauline Pratt, is the senior facilitator and seminar leader for the Anxiety Disorders of Ontario group, as well as the pastoral director for the House of Lazarus.

Everyone is affected by the stress of daily living, even without the added stress of current world events.

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This seminar will present helpful and encouraging information. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no admission fee and light refreshments will be served. For more information call Mollie McKibbin, lay pastor of Winchester Baptist Church at 989-6078.

Dogs chasing deer can be shot

KEMPTVILLE — The Ministry of Natural Resources reminds dog owners that it is illegal and dangerous to allow dogs to run loose and chase deer during the non-hunting season.

"It's very difficult for deer to run in deep snow and being chased by a dog can cause stress, exhaustion and even death," said Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay. "There's also the danger that dogs may be hurt or that deer being chased may run across roads and cause traffic accidents."

Deer have adapted to winter conditions in Ontario by maintaining a balance between reduced metabolism, energy conservation and

behavioral changes. That balance can be seriously affected if deer must run through deep snow or in severe cold to escape dogs.

Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, it is illegal to let a dog run at large in an area inhabited by deer, moose, elk, caribou and bear during the closed season. The ministry's conservation officers are authorized to destroy dogs found chasing deer, and dog owners may be charged under this legislation.

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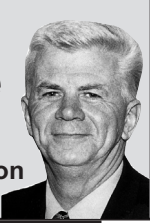


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ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

The churches St. John's (Stagecoach Road) and St. Brigid's

(River Road) are holding a St. Paddy's Dance and Silent Auction this Saturday (March 13) from 7:30 pm to 1 am at the St. John's hall. Tickets at the door are \$12 each. Advanced tickets for \$10 are available by calling Shirley Vidoni at 821-4982, Marg MacKenzie 826-0839, or Peter Kelly 692-3082.

OTTAWA FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

The next Ottawa Federation of Agriculture meeting will be held on Thurs., March 25 at 8 pm at the Metcalfe Client Service Centre.

GREELY PLAYERS

It's the Greely Players' 15th anniversary and this spring's production is the 1950s Broadway musical Bye Bye Birdie. The production will run from March 31 to April 4. For additional info contact producer Anne Peterson at 821-4107.

QUOTABLE

Goal setters are go-getters.

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

PROTEST BUS LEAVES IN TWO WEEKS

MOUNTAIN — As you have no doubt heard, the SD&G Library Board is considering closing a number of libraries as an economic measure. One of those slated for closure at the beginning of April is the branch in South Mountain.

A delegation of those who are opposed to such a motion will be attending the library board meeting in Cornwall on March 25. As well as petitions which are circulating locally, there will be a bus provided, free of charge, for those who would be interested in showing their support by attending the library board meeting.

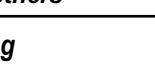
This bus will be leaving the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain at 5 pm on Thurs., March 25. So that organizers will have some idea of how many will be taking the bus, please contact either Sue Matthies at 989-5514 or Shirley Mills at 989-5610 as soon as possible, or by March 18 at the latest.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Laurena Matthies of the Mountain area. She scored a goal for the South Dundas Lions hockey team when they were playing at the Corel Centre on March 6.

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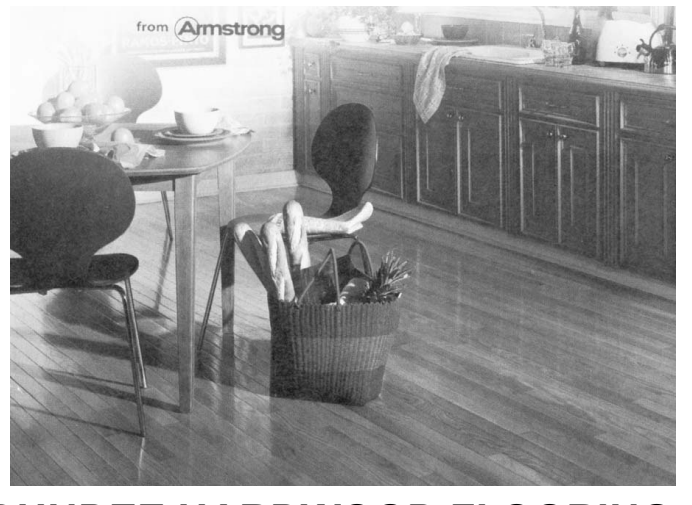


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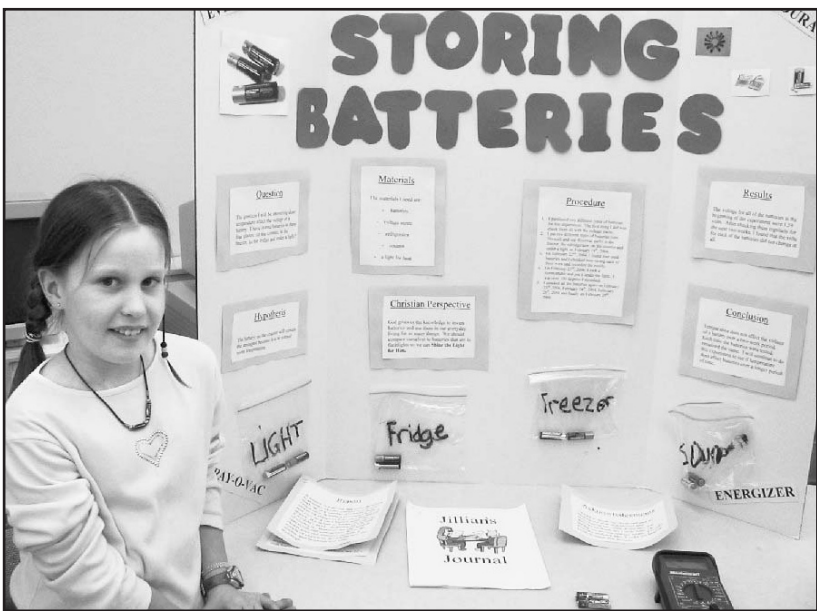


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Charged up

Grade 5 student, Jillian Vedder of Metcalfe had one of the top projects in this year's science fair at Community Christian School in Metcalfe. Her experiment attempted to determine the best place to store batteries. In her two-week trial, she found batteries worked just as well whether they were stored in the fridge, freezer, under a heat lamp or at room temperature. There were 38 students participating in Community Christian School's annual science fair. Thanks go to judges Harold Freeburn of Osgoode and Chris Cooke of Orleans.

Council notes from South Dundas



OPP tackles problem youth

WILLIAMSBURG — OPP Sergeant Patterson presented the OPP's local plan for 2004 to South Dundas council at the March 2 meeting. It includes four commitments in different areas of policing, including problem youth.

The commitments for 2004 include the enhancement of road safety through proactive enforcement. The OPP has 14 personnel assigned to traffic and they will target highways and built-up areas. As well, there will be two vessels on the St. Lawrence River. The STOP officer program will also continue on snowmobile trails in 2004.

Decreasing crimes against property and persons is another focus. A third commitment involves the investigation of domestic violence. The OPP is stressing the importance of making sure domestic violence victims are treated with the necessary care and that the needs of victims are met.

The fourth commitment is to reduce the number of youth complaints. OPP will focus on the Iroquois and Morrisburg plazas and on the issues of drugs and alcohol. They plan to increase the number of patrols by officers in uniform and those in plainclothes. They will also conduct more presentations in high schools. The OPP plans to work with the schools, the Chamber of Commerce and other community groups to resolve the youth problems in South Dundas.

The problems involving youth have been a topic of conversation several times at the council table this year. The OPP has asked council to consider passing a bylaw appointing the OPP as the township's agent on township property. This will give the OPP the authority to act under the Trespass to Property Act or any bylaw of the municipality. Currently, the OPP must wait for a complaint from the property owner. A draft of the bylaw was circulated at the March 2 meeting for input from council.

OPP Inspector Mike Hopkins was at the meeting to comment. "Our kids are excellent," was the first thing he stressed to council. "The problems are with certain individuals." Care must be taken not to paint all kids with the same brush, he emphasised. Hopkins explained that the proposed bylaw allows officers the latitude to not necessarily charge people, but to direct them to leave. Officers would be able to issue provincial offense tickets for trespassing, however, if the situation requires.

School sponsors foster child

MAPLE RIDGE — The snow is not quite out of sight yet and spring sports are already starting at NDDHS. This is a good sign that winter is coming to an end. Tryouts for lacrosse, badminton, and track and field are under way and many students are excited at the prospect of signing up for their favorite sport.

The finals of the winter sports season have been exciting. The senior girls volleyball team was the SD&G champion and the curling team went to the provincials.

Prom tickets are being sold to graduating students for the next two weeks. Tickets will then be made available to students from other schools and grades. It is important that every graduating student will be guaranteed a seat at their own prom. This year's prom is being held in the elegant banquet hall of Capone's restaurant on Industrial Drive in Ottawa.

Foster Child Week is in progress! The aim of this week is to inform students that the school sponsors a foster child. His name is Jean Carlos and he lives in Los Copeyes, Dominican Republic.

Not only do the funds that are sent from North Dundas assist him, they also help his family and his whole community.

Jean Carlos lives with his mother Juana and his father Cruz and attends preschool. He is just like many other children of his age; he loves drawing pictures, playing with friends, and being part of a loving family. Student donations will assist him to have a better future.

This year the funds will be raised by a competition. Each class will have a week to bring in the most money. Proceeds will be totalled and the winning class will receive a doughnut brunch to thank them for their great generosity.

NDDHS Notes

by John Irvén



Handbell choir has room for more ringers

WINCHESTER — In moving to Chesterville in 2001, never in his wildest dreams did Robert Jones imagine that Winchester United Church would own a set of handbells. And, a set of handbells made by his favorite manufacturer!

How did he come to Winchester United? One of the congregation's bell ringers was talking to a cousin in Sault Ste. Marie and mentioned that Winchester United was looking for someone to direct its handbell choir. The cousin mentioned that the former handbell director at her church was now living in Chesterville.

Jones also plays at two churches in Ottawa. And in August, he goes to Iqaluit, Nunavut for a week to teach handbells at the Iqaluit Music Society's summer music daycamp.

Jones is very pleased to be helping out in Winchester. There are two handbell choirs: a children's choir that rehearses on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am, and an adult choir which rehearses from 10:45 am to 12 noon.



Ring those bells

The children's handbell choir at Winchester United Church has begun practice under the direction of choir master Robert Jones. Practicing last Saturday morning (March 6) were Mackenzie Allison (left), Sydney Steele, Alicia Summers, Shelby Allison, Ribley Steele, Tara Fawcett and Mason Steele.

As well as learning to ring the bells, music theory is being taught so that the ringers can read the music and know when to ring their part. "If I may be so bold, ringing handbells develops your musicianship perhaps at a higher rate than singing in a vocal choir," said Jones. "This is because in most vocal choirs there is more than one person on each vocal part. If one

person misses it, or is absent, another person is there."

In a handbell choir, each ringer is responsible for at least two bells (and nobody else is going to ring them for them). Vocal choir directors dread the thought of a tone-deaf person being in their choir. That is one advantage of a handbell choir — being tone-deaf won't be a problem!

The mandate Jones has been given at Winchester United is to develop the handbell choirs, teaching the basic skills and techniques of handbell ringing, and instilling a level of confidence in the ringers so that they can ring accordingly.

It is also hoped that, perhaps down the road, one of the bell ringers can conduct. Sunday morning duties in Ottawa prevent Jones from directing the bell choirs for Sunday morning services in Winchester.

"I have been very pleased with the results so far. We started at 'ground zero' and the progress has been quite good," said Jones. Right now

the children's bell choir needs four or five new members, preferably in Grade 4 or above. This would give the church two complete bell choirs.

Additional ringers can also substitute if another ringer is absent.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with choir master Jones at 448-1647.

Minister Smitherman to attend 'Winter Warm-Up' fundraiser

CORNWALL — Minister of Health and Long-Term Care George Smitherman is teaming up with local MPP Jim Brownell and the Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh Provincial Liberal Riding Association for a dinner and cocktail event entitled Mid-March Winter Warm-Up, to be held at the Best Western Parkway Inn in Cornwall on March 16.

"Following a day of touring the riding and hearing our community's concerns, the minister will be socializing with event participants, and getting to know our community first hand," stated Brownell. "We are elated that the minister will be touring our community and are looking forward to a great visit."

Cocktails will begin the event at 6 pm, followed by a dinner at 7 pm. Tickets are \$100 per person, and the contribution portion of the ticket will qualify for a tax credit. Tickets may be purchased by contacting riding association president Ruby Antle at 613-933-8104.

The minister will be touring both the Winchester District Memorial Hospital and the Cornwall Community Hospital during the afternoon of March 16.

"This event will no doubt be the end of a great day in our community, and we are eager to illustrate the health care needs of our community first-hand to the minister on March 16," added Brownell.

Tories to hold sugaring-off party

MOOSE CREEK — The Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry Conservative Riding Association will hold a sugaring-off party at the Sand Road Sugar Camp, at 6 pm on Saturday (March 13).

The special guest will be Walter Robinson, community advocate, columnist and former president of the Canadian Tax Payers Federation. Familiar to many as the moderator of the recent conservative leadership debates, Robinson is also the Conservative nominee for the riding of

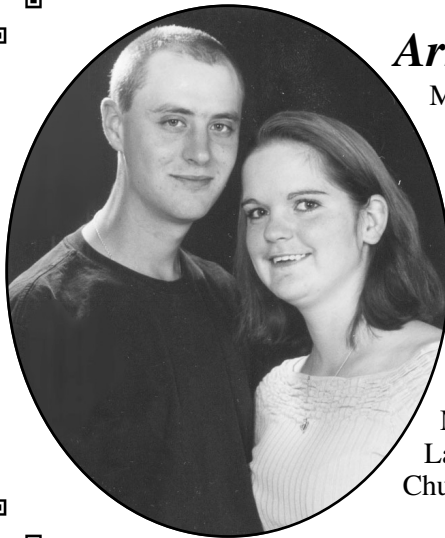
Ottawa-Orleans.

A long-time crusader of health care reform and the elimination of government waste, he has been described as the very best of a new generation of leadership.

Fun and games for federal Conservative members and supporters will include a taffy pull and beef dinner. The Sugar Camp is located on the Sand Road, off Highway 138, near Moose Creek. For more information contact Guy Lauzon at 613-932-4080.

Armstrong-Coons

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Armstrong and Ms. Ellen Cole, along with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Coons, are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Charlotte Armstrong and Jason Coons on May 15, 2004, at the Lakeshore Drive United Church, Morrisburg, Ontario.



Cardinal-Tamblyn

Suzanne St. Pierre of Russell, and Paul Cardinal of RR3 Navan, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angelique, to Rob Tamblyn, son of Bob and Sheila Tamblyn of Lansdowne.

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Library patrons prepare for battle

Within a few days of hearing they could lose their library, the community of South Mountain started planning a bus trip to the next meeting of the SD&G County Library Board. A vocal protest has been mobilized. The next meeting of the library board isn't until March 25, which leaves plenty of time for the issue to be debated.

The Press visited the South Mountain branch last Saturday during its hours from 10 am to 12 noon. It's a lovely facility, located near the fairground, across from the new Mountain Fire Hall. It's small, but still shows its currency with Harry Potter posters on the wall, and SD&G County Library pamphlets offering additional titles to people who really enjoyed the Lord of the Rings books. And the branch is within bicycling-distance for young people in the village.

At the level of the library board, members have expressed regret over the decision to close four branches in SD&G. Branches will be closed at the beginning of April in South Mountain, St. Andrews, Maxville and Moose Creek. The library board is made up of seven members from counties council and three from the general public, all of whom are people with an interest in libraries. They all understand the cultural issues at stake in closing a library.

The closings are not to save money. Libraries actually received a modest increase in funding when counties council passed its budget last week. The issue is use. Use of the South Mountain library has dropped by half in the last eight years. During the 11.5 hours it's open each week, the branch serves an average of six patrons an hour, while other branches in SD&G serve 19 people.

The last time the library board wanted to close the South Mountain branch was in 1998. At that time, as is the case now, the community was outraged and a protest movement was assembled. Six years ago the South Mountain library was saved, but it's clear that the burst of enthusiasm didn't last and use soon resumed its decline.

North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls is a new member to the SD&G Library Board, having attended only a few meetings. He was kicked around fairly well Monday night at the regular meeting

of council, for his part in the decision to close the South Mountain facility.

Councillor Estella Rose was the main proponent of saving the library. She accused the United Counties of springing the closure on the community, not allowing time for a "Friends of the Library" group to be assembled. Councillor Al Armstrong was also a strong supporter of the library. He complained that the upper-tier is willing to spend money on heritage projects, while ignoring the needs of basic literacy in a large portion of the township.

Runnalls is a library supporter himself, which was why he wanted to serve on the library board in the first place. He didn't back down from his support of the closing, even when his council tabled a motion asking the library board to reconsider closing the branch in South Mountain. Council then voted unanimously in favor of the closure being re-evaluated.

But concessions have already been made by the library board to its smallest branches. There were originally five branches slated for closure. The branch in Williamsburg was dropped from the closure list because there's been an increase in usage over the last six months. The branch is located in the same building as the South Dundas municipal office and it's a fine facility.

The library board has explained that its busier branches will benefit from the reallocation of resources. The branch in Winchester will benefit from longer hours and additional staffing. The issue becomes drive time; how far is it reasonable to expect a resident to travel to get to a library?

The South Mountain library has one computer and a small stack, and it's located in a small building. The Winchester branch moved into spacious quarters in the old township building two years ago, with room for more books and computers. The South Mountain library is now only open for two hours over the weekend. Is it better to have a local small facility, or a bigger library with longer hours and better staffing?

C.Z.



The SD&G County Library branch in South Mountain is busy Saturday mornings during hours of operation from 10 am to 12 noon. It will

depend on the efforts of citizens in the community to prevent the facility from being closed on at the end of March.

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Township and Chamber joining forces

It was councillor Martin Schoones who first brought North Dundas council's attention to Business Retention and Expansion. He saw a presentation by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on this program last October. He was so impressed by how applicable it seemed to North Dundas that he's been championing the plan ever since.

Business Retention and Expansion (spelled BR+E) is basically a kit that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is making available to municipalities. It's a step-by-step guide, complete with support materials, including computer software and support staff from the ministry.

The guiding principal is that it's far easier for a township to help existing businesses survive and grow, than it is to attract new businesses to a rural area of Ontario. What's more, while there are no corporations beating down the door to locate in North Dundas, there are active groups already in place working to maintain the community.

Interest from the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce was the reason for the special meeting of council last week, to hear a presentation from two provincial representatives on the BR+E package. The Chamber invited all business people in North Dundas to attend, and attracted a reasonable audience of about 20.

The BR+E plan is a resource that is currently squirrelled away in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. It was actually developed in the late '90s by OMAFRA, back when Rural Affairs was paired with Agriculture. The plan was designed with rural villages in mind.

This special meeting of council was remarkable because it's the first time that the Chamber of Commerce, in its new form, has worked with the township to such an extent. This level of engagement is a new phenomenon in North Dundas.

Everyone at the meeting basically agreed that the BR+E plan would serve their mutual needs. Township council is in a position to plan its spending to help its tax-paying businesses succeed; for council to make the right decisions, councillors have to know what's going on in the business community.

To follow the BR+E plan, on a six-month timeline the township would put together a task force of municipal and business leaders, then assemble a team of volunteers who would poll the business community. About 30 or 40 should be enough. All that the volunteers have to do is attend a training session, then work in pairs to deliver a survey to two businesses in the township. The BR+E plan has a good track record for energizing communities.

The BR+E kit costs \$1,000, which is a reasonable government request considering development of the plan and the availability of support staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Some municipalities have spent only \$2,000 putting the plan to work, with their only other main expense being a wine and cheese party to thank the volunteers who did the surveys.

The goal is to collect opinions from either a cross-section or a sector of the business community. The surveys are geared toward asking for general answers about whether a business owner is satisfied or dissatisfied in their relationship with the township and the community. The surveys are used anonymously and get fed into a computer program to collect results.

The most pointed questions at the BR+E meeting came from council. The mayor asked the audience whether it is realistic to expect that the local business community can field 40 volunteers. Although all of council has spoken in favor of the BR+E model, the consensus is also that council cannot lead the volunteer effort.

While councillors might seem as though they're campaigning if they arrive with a survey, business owners have a great deal in common with other business owners. It's these people who have to get the process started. Chamber of Commerce registrar Owen Shortt answered for the organization, and said possibilities for recruitment will be discussed at the next Chamber meeting.

The need for council to have foresight couldn't be plainer in Winchester. The township certainly has no control over the bankruptcy of Parmalat Finanziaria SpA, for example, but it would obviously be easier to keep a milk processing plant in the village, than to find something new to replace it. And the same is true for every other business in the township.

Winchester,
Canada
by Chris Zabel



1924

Vernon's new Baptist Church was formally opened. The cornerstone of the building had been laid the previous July by Sir Robert Borden. The cost of the new building was \$18,245, of which \$16,530 had been subscribed, provided in work, cash and pledges. Large congregations attended both of the official opening services where the Osgoode Baptist choir performed. The services were conducted by Rev. H. B. Coumans of Toronto.

1934

Summer's Sunday School with John A. Carkner as superintendent handed out its attendance awards to the following pupils: Helen Steinburg, six years perfect attendance; Lloyd Steinburg, six years perfect attendance; Albert Steinburg, five years; Ada Steinburg, four years; Thelma Holmes, three years; Winnie Holmes, two years; Stewart Holmes, two years; Gordon Steinburg, one year; Ethel Holmes, one year; and Helen Holmes, one year. The Holmes and Steinburg families were obviously a hearty and devout lot.

1944

The Inkerman Rockets were on a roll, having won the Seeley Trophy as the champs of the COVJ League. They then knocked Brockville out of the Ottawa and District Play-Downs and the Ottawa Pirates in round two. The Rockets beat the Cornwall Silkworms in two games straight (7-6 and 9-5) to win the Citizen Shield. The next task was a best of three series against the University of Ottawa team, the best Junior squad in the capital. Tickets for the first game were available at the Press office, Colonial Bus Stop in Winchester, Allison's Store in Inkerman, and Hamel's Barber Shop in South Mountain.

This week in...
by Bonnie James



showed a membership of 1,156, up by 100 over the previous year. The hospital report for the month of February indicated 124 admissions, 119 discharges, and 28.5 pints of blood used. The group was planning a garden party for June, where there were to be booths selling plants, home baking, aprons, handicrafts, and attic treasures.

1964

Maurice "Rocket" Richard was in Winchester as the guest speaker at the Jack Dawson Memorial Banquet. Richard told many stories from his years in the NHL. The banquet was in honor of the late Jack Dawson who had passed away as a result of an injury sustained in a Bell Canada hockey game in Ottawa the previous year. Dawson played all his minor hockey in Winchester. Dawson's widow presented the Jack Dawson Memorial Trophy to Keith Carkner of the Winchester Junior Hockey Club to be used for annual competition.

1954

Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood presided over the regular meeting of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary where 48 members representing eight units were present. The treasurer's report



The NDDHS curling team brought home the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association championship in 1974. Doug Cochrane (skip), Kim Smith, Donald Anderson and Noreen Byers made up the team.

1974

The North Dundas District High School curling team won the EOSSAA championship by defeating Kingston and Almonte in the tournament held in Cornwall. The eastern Ontario champs were skipped by Doug Cochrane; Kim Smith played third; Donald Anderson played second; and Noreen Byers was the lead. The team had previously won the top spot in a bonspiel in New York state.

1984

CN offered Williamsburg Township \$1,000 per acre to purchase a site fronting the St. Lawrence River and located west of Upper Canada Village. CN wanted the 8.3-acre site for construction of a guide tower as part of a multi-million dollar microwave telecommunications system linking Toronto and Montreal. CN offered to construct an access roadway, and pay legal fees and survey costs. One councillor had concerns about the tower being an eyesore for nearby residents, but deputy reeve Glen Cunningham said that the price was the best the township could expect to get for the land as he didn't consider it saleable commercial property.

1994

An attempted robbery at the Winchester branch of the Royal Bank didn't amount to much. A man entered the bank and passed a teller a note demanding money. He left the bank shortly after without receiving any cash. No one was injured. The attempted robbery was the first for the Winchester location.

Hope is the inspiration behind annual sale

by Alison Bell

GREELY — Four years ago, Megan Hayward was diagnosed with leukemia. She received weekly chemotherapy treatments at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario for two and a half years. She was six then; now she's 10.

Megan and so many other children like her are the driving force behind the third Annual Gigantic Greely Garage Sale for CHEO.

After Megan completed her chemotherapy in April 2002, her parents, Angela and Jeff Hayward, looked for an inventive way to say thank you to an institution that had become a very special part of their family. As a result, the Gigantic Greely Garage Sale was born. The couple are committed to organizing the event until Megan is considered cured, which they believe will happen in April 2007.

The Gigantic Greely Garage Sale allows the entire community to participate. Community support over the last two years has raised more than \$11,000.

Megan continues to grow cancer

free, however very close family friends have not been so fortunate. Eleven-year-old Kim Oswick was first diagnosed with leukemia shortly after Megan, and her chemotherapy treatments ended in spring 2003.

Kim and her family, knowing the importance of CHEO, have been active participants in the Gigantic Greely Garage Sale.

This past fall Kim's cancer returned and since then she has been very ill and in a constant struggle for her life. As the medical staff at CHEO work to keep Kim's cancer in remission, a desperate search for a bone marrow donor is under way.

In addition to raising funds for CHEO, organizers of the garage sale hope to bring attention to the need for people to join the World Wide Bone Marrow Registry. The third Annual Gigantic Greely Garage Sale is dedicated to Kim Oswick and her family.

The garage sale will take place March 20 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Greely Community Centre. Donated items can be dropped off on March 19 from 9 am to 8 pm. For more information, call the Haywards at 821-0173.



Sales staff

The families of Megan Hayward and Kim Oswick are key organizers of the Gigantic Greely Garage Sale which raises funds for CHEO. Both girls have relied on CHEO for cancer treatments. Shown at the first Gigantic Greely Garage Sale in 2002 are the girls and their sisters: Shauna Oswick (left), Megan Hayward, Lydia Hayward and Kim Oswick.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

House of Lazarus low on food

The Editor:

It has been a busy, challenging but rewarding winter at the House of Lazarus. So much so, that we are in great need of several food items at this time. Since the first of December 2003 to the end of February, we have gratefully received over 3,412 items of food; however, in that same time period, we have given out 7,136 items, creating a deficit of 3,724 items.

It has been a very hard winter for several families in our surrounding communities. Unemployment, high heating costs and unexpected illnesses have brought several families to our mission for assistance, many for the first time. It is very hard to ask for help when we need it and some never will. That is a tragedy.

There is so much we can do and so many ways we can support each other through this journey called life. Asking for help, for some, is

almost impossible to comprehend, but when parents see that their children are suffering by their current circumstances, they are often compelled to seek help where they wouldn't otherwise.

At the House of Lazarus, we are able to help with clothing, household items and, of course, food supplies. Along with this, we offer pastoral, financial and other counselling, advocacy and referrals to appropriate agencies. This is often just the little bit of help needed by most families to get through an occasional rough spot.

Like the families we serve, we too hit our difficult times where we have empty shelves in our food bank. At this time, we are in great need of canned vegetables of all kinds, canned juice, tomato paste, sugar, canned tomatoes, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, chicken noodle and vegetable soups, margarine,

and condiments. For kids' lunches, we are in need of cookies, granola bars and jams.

We are moving forward in our mission ministry, redefining our in-house and outreach programs, assessing and striving to meet the changing needs of the communities we serve. As part of our transformation process, we recently held a logo challenge inviting interested local high school art classes to take part. We are pleased to announce that the recipient of our appreciation grant is Jen Cummings of Seaway District High School. Our congratulations go out to her along with our best wishes for her future. And many thanks to all who participated. We hope to unveil our new logo by the end of April.

We will once again have our annual yard sale on May 1. The bargains will be for sale from 8 am to 1 pm. Funds raised though this sale are used to purchase food for

the food bank. Watch for more information on this popular event in the near future.

New this year is our five-kilometre walk for food and raising awareness of rural poverty. This event exploring the history of the House of Lazarus will take place on Sat., June 12 and is sponsored by the Mountain Lions Club. Come and join us to raise food and awareness and have fun too. We will be launching this campaign in a few weeks so watch for details.

For information on these or any other question you may have, please call the House of Lazarus at 989-3830. The staff and volunteers would like to thank the public for its generous support. It is only through you that we are able to minister to those in need, and for that we are truly grateful.

Pauline Pratt
Pastoral director

Thanks for the ice time

The Editor:

The staff and students at Inkerman Public School wish to thank several people for installing and maintaining the ice surface at the rink in Inkerman. Steve Crowder has worked tirelessly to prepare the ice, with assistance from Dave Coleman, Owen Cunningham and Gerald Roy Crowder. The students enjoyed a great season of skating during lunchtime, recesses and during gym periods! Thanks from the students and staff at Inkerman Public School.

Joanne Notman

Office administrator

Inkerman Public School

True Christmas Spirit

The Editor:

On Christmas Eve, my husband and I were on Highway 31 headed for Ingleside to spend the next two days celebrating Christmas with our daughter and son, their spouses and children, and five great-grandchildren. Just outside Winchester the heater failed. The car stalled at the main intersection in the village. The water pump had given up. The car was loaded with Christmas presents.

Two gentlemen pushed the car up on the sidewalk. They saw the trouble under the hood. They said it probably would not be repaired that day. However, they gave us a tow to

Kelly's Garage. They located a water pump in Morrisburg. In the meantime they got the car ready for the exchange.

By this time, our son-in-law came up from Ingleside and took us to lunch. When we got back to the garage, our car was ready to travel again. All this happened while the mechanics should have been with their families enjoying Christmas.

We want to thank the wonderful people who took the time to help a couple of older seniors on Christmas Eve 2003. May God bless you all!

Evelyn Caldwell
Gloucester

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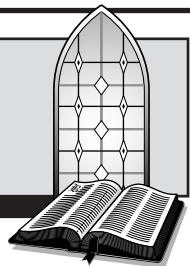


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Shepherd Talk

by Rev. Walter Lynett



Is Jesus a quick fix?

If we read the New Testament we discover Jesus of Nazareth performing some pretty marvelous deeds. He saved a big wedding party from being a flop by changing quite a few gallons of water into very good wine. He took a few loaves of bread and a few small fish and fed a huge crowd of very hungry people.

Right on the spot, He cured a number of people who were suffering from some awful diseases. He even brought a guy named Lazarus back to life after he had been buried four days. He restored the loose-living gal from Magdala into a very respectful and loving lady. He made a lot of people feel a lot better about themselves. No doubt about it, he applied the "quick fix" to a lot of people in need when he walked the roads of Palestine.

But how about today? We know this same wonder-worker Jesus died an ignominious death as a criminal by being crucified. The New Testament tells us He didn't stay dead. The crux of Christian faith lies in what we call the Paschal Mystery — through suffering and death to newness of life.

We believe that this resurrected Jesus had the same body that was seen by His contemporaries, but we also believe that this same body is quite different. It is no longer restricted by the physical laws of space and place and time. His body now very often takes on the strange form of human beings. In other words, He lives and operates in this world today through you and me, if we allow Him.

But does He work these great miracles now through others? Is He still the quick fix for people in distress today? Is He able to bring fast, fast, fast relief to folks who are ailing from one thing or another? I believe the answer is yes, and no.

Mighty miracles are still being performed by the risen Jesus, but I believe He does not act as a solver of problems on demand — as some would have Him. He would rather have us learn how to acquire newness of life in a much more gradual way — the process of learning how to leave self behind daily: learning how to die to self.

For our supermarket shoppers of religion, I am sure He is urging us to turn from distractions, trivia and the sensational, in order to learn the value of the present moment in our lives. That does not mean expecting to be cured of all that bothers us right here and now. What it does mean is He is urging us to get out of the rut of living in the past only, or living in the future only. He is urging us to discover the gift of our being by appreciating the only real time we have — the present.

Living in the present can be the great antidote to the stress we experience from our jobs. We can discover Jesus as the quick fixer over a long period of time in which we learn to be still and silent in His presence. In other words, He fixes us with the best medicine of all — inner peace. Let's try this.

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Agriculture has long been one of the most dangerous industries in Canada. Broadly speaking, two out of three farm fatalities (60.2%) tend to be the owner-operator. The remaining farm fatalities tend to be: a child of the owner-operator (15.0%); a hired worker (11.6%); a relative – perhaps a brother or parent (8.2%); or the owner-operator's spouse (2.9%), with the remaining (2.1%) being other visitors, according to the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program.

These are shocking statistics that demonstrate the importance of making workplace health and safety part of the overall business strategy for every farm and ranch. It is important to realize farm safety is a choice, not an act of fate. One of the critical aspects of agricultural hazards is that they are almost always predictable; and if something is predictable, it is also preventable. With this in mind, all workers – whether hired or family – need to be informed and trained about safe choices on the farm. It's up to the owner-operator to make sure this training happens. Here are a few suggestions:

1. As owner-operator you must lead the way by showing that safety is a priority on your farm. Always set a good example of safe practices. As you are doing various jobs explain the dangers and why things are done in a particular way to make the situation safer. Encourage workers to ask questions.
2. Get the information you need from a credible source. If you need information on fire prevention, go to your local fire department. If you need information on welding safety, take a course, read a book or go on the Internet to get more information. If you need information on farm safety, visit Web sites, www.cfa-fca.ca or www.casa-acsa.ca.
3. Acknowledge and specify your current safety practices to all workers and clearly indicate the expectation for worker compliance. Simply state – and always show by example – the safe practices expected, like blocking wheels on

wagons, turning machinery completely off before working on problems, never allowing extra riders, and telling someone where you will be working and what time you expect to be back.

4. Likewise, ask workers if they see hazards on your farm that you have not noticed. Recognize their contribution to your farm's safety by fixing the hazard if possible, or by formulating a safety plan on how you and your workers will deal with this hazard.
5. Do a 'Farm Safety Audit' on your farm. There are many farm safety audit resources available on the Internet by doing a Canadian Google search of "Farm Safety Audit" or visit the CASA Web site at www.casa-acsa.ca.
6. Put your new farm safety plan into action by providing education and awareness to workers through skill building and training, and by investing the time and resources to make the necessary safety improvements in your workplace.
7. Safety and workplace wellness is an ongoing challenge. Always know that there is room for change and improvement for both short-term and long-term goals. A seasonal review of your audit will help you gauge what is working and what is not, to better prepare you and your farm workers for safety and wellness on your farm.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture along with the Farm Credit Canada, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada want to remind Canadian farmers and ranchers that "Farm Safety Means Farm Safety".

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To do things safely and correctly is the mark of a wise, not a timid person.

To ignore safe practices is not an indication of bravery but of stupidity.

~Unknown

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Ian Powell (centre) of Wenallt Holsteins in Crysler accepted the reserve premier exhibitor honors at the Stormont Seed and Forage Show. The presentation was made by Barbara-Ann Glaude (on behalf of the Cas-selman Co-operators Insurance representative, who was not present) and Carl McMahon of the Bank of Montreal in Finch. The top premier exhibitor was Jean Paul Forgues of Crysler, who was not at the show to accept his award.

Forgues declared premier exhibitor in both seed and forage categories at Stormont Show

CRYSLER — The 47th annual Stormont Seed and Forage Show saw Jean Paul Forgues of Crysler take the top prize in both the premier seed exhibitor and premier forage exhibitor categories. He also won the overall premier exhibitor award. The show was held in conjunction with the Crysler Farm and Machinery Show at the Crysler Community Centre last week (March 4 and 5).

Seed show organizer Barbara-Ann Glaude pointed out that there were a few more entries this year, with a total of 86 exhibits. “We’ve got some good quality stuff here and we hope that Stormont does well at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show,” she said. The top exhibitors move on to the Ottawa event. Glaude also noted the many sponsors that provide their support to the event by donating prizes.

This year’s reserve premier exhibitor was Crysler’s Wenallt Holsteins. The farm also won reserve seed exhibitor. Reserve forage exhibitor was Gaudale Farms of Berwick. The premier first-time exhibitor was Bill van Loon of Finch and reserve first-time exhibitor was Barry Smith of Berwick.

The first local farm show of the year drew decent crowds and a variety of exhibit booths, including some new to the show. The OPP had a booth for the first time and was sharing tips on rural crime prevention, including securing gas pumps with locks, installing additional lighting, and marking tools and equipment with a permanent identi-

fication number. The OPP has rural and agricultural crime teams with agricultural and forestry experts. The east regional team is based out of Smith Falls.

Somerville Farm Supplies of Perth and Herfkens Service Centre in Crysler were sharing a booth to promote their new local partnership. Somerville now has a sales office at

Herfkens and Herfkens is qualified to perform service on the lines of equipment that Somerville sells, including Valtra tractors. Scott Somerville pointed out that about 100 Valtra tractors have been sold in the local area. Previously the closest warranty service and parts option was at Somerville’s location in Perth.

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The Harvex booth was another popular stop at the farm show where the Outback Guidance global positioning system was being shown off. GPS is becoming more and more common on the farm as operators use it to monitor spraying, fertilizing and other field tasks, resulting in fewer passes and straighter rows. “It’s very popular with eastern Ontario farmers,” said sales associate Anita Gilmer.

One of the selling points of the Outback system is that it is easy to install and can be moved from vehicle to vehicle without wrenches, bolts, or drilling. The Harvex locations in Crysler and Oxford Station are the eastern Ontario distributors for the Outback Guidance system and the company also offers services such as field mapping and soil sampling.



Johnny Herfkens (left) of Herfkens Service Centre in Crysler sits with Chesterville-based Somerville Farm Supplies sales representative Steve Brown, and owner Scott Somerville, at the Crysler Farm Show on Fri., March 6. The two companies have struck up a partnership with a Somerville sales office now located at Herfkens Service Centre. Herfkens is qualified to handle warranty service and parts for all of Somerville’s equipment lines.

Beef Day discussions to include BSE fallout

WINCHESTER — Eastern Counties Beef Day will take place on Saturday (March 13). With the beef industry still in the midst of the BSE crisis, there will be no shortage of topics to discuss. Three speakers have been lined up for the event which is expected to attract several hundred cattlemen to the Winchester Arena.

The first presentation of the day will be a beef industry overview with Charles Gracey, the longtime head of the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association. He is a specialist with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal and was one of the main organizers of Canada’s National ID program for cattle.

Event organizer Ron Wilson said that Gracey is probably one of Canada’s top experts on the beef trade with the United States. He’ll be able to answer very specific questions in connection with current and potential ramifications of the BSE crisis in North America.

After lunch, the topic will be cost of production. Joanne Handley, a provincial beef cattle geneticist with OMAF in Guelph, will compare the

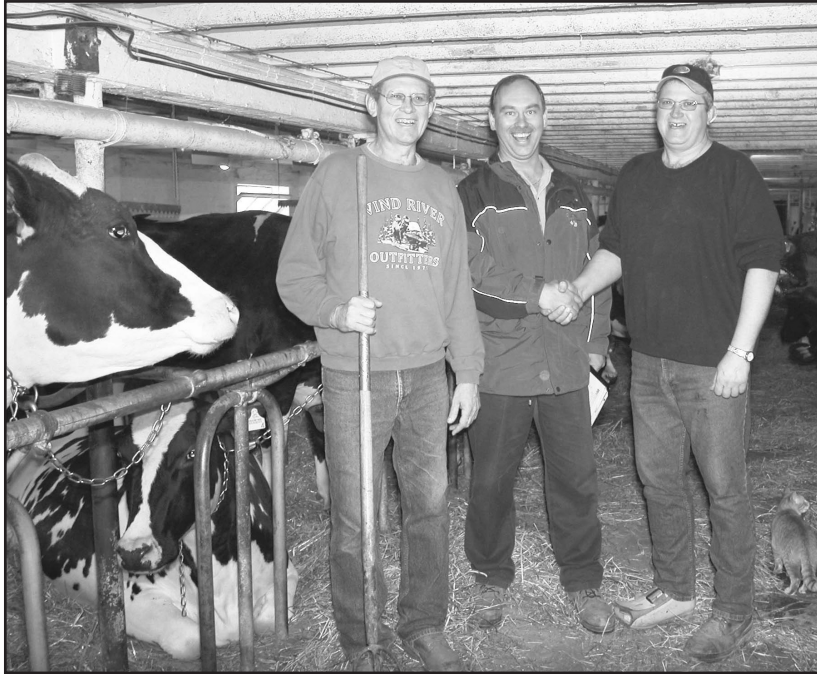
costs of raising beef in different areas of the province.

“When the market is down, you have to look at costs,” commented Wilson. OMAF has recently conducted a cost of production survey and Handley will be sharing the results.

The final presentation of the day will be on the federal Agricultural Policy Framework and the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program. OMAF representative Eric Lawlor will centre his discussion on how CAIS will work in the beef industry.

In the future, all support programs for agriculture may be designed to work through CAIS, meaning that producers who aren’t signed up would not receive support payments. With producers now losing money due to BSE, participation in CAIS could be critically important.

Participants can register at the door at Winchester Arena starting at 9 am, before the first presentation at 10 am. The cost is \$15, although last minute registration will not include lunch. For more information contact Ron Wilson at 543-2457.



Dairy Day

The Dundas Holstein Club held its annual Dairy Day at Helmcrest Holsteins on March 4. Hosting the afternoon event were brothers Richard (left) and Paul Helmer. They were recognized as Master Breeders by Holstein Canada in 2003. The guest speaker at the event was Paul Oosterhof from Dundas Feed and Seed.

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Albert and Rosemary Sanders relax after a busy Sunday morning breakfast rush at the Sanders Maple Products pancake house near Finch. The Sanders tap about 50 acres of trees each year. Photo — Burgoone

March 2004: Sap running, taxes rising

by Jason Burgoone
FINCH – Maple syrup producers in the province have found themselves in a sticky situation this year after receiving a surprising tax increase when the Municipal Property Tax Assessment Corporation (MPAC) moved what many people view as an agricultural-based business into the industrial tax bracket.

“There was no letter sent, not even a phone call,” noted Albert Sanders, co-owner of Sanders Maple Products near Finch. Sanders and his wife Rosemary own and operate a pancake house, as well as the tree tapping aspect of their small business, which they feel made them an easy target for

MPAC. The Sanders family taps about 50 acres of trees each year. This year they have installed about 3,000 spiles, which will produce enough sap for between 400 and 800 gallons of syrup.

“I just don’t understand how they can call us an industry,” said Sanders. “We’re only open for a bit more than two months out of the year.” Sanders worries this could spell the end of a long local tradition of families visiting the farm for maple syrup and pancakes.

At the present time, the Ontario Maple Syrup Producer Association is in the process of appealing the increase, but is not likely to hear of any decision until sometime in the late spring or early summer.

Lanark-Carleton MPP Norm Sterling has lent a helping hand to the Ontario Maple Syrup Producer Association’s fight by forming a draft bill which he plans to introduce in late March once the legislature resumes.

“It’s the least we can do to protect this vital tradition,” noted Sterling in a news release issued March 4. Sterling is hopeful he can obtain all-party support for the bill when it’s introduced.

MPAC justifies its decision by outlining the fact that maple syrup producers process the sap harvested on site, which means the these operations are an “industrial” operation and not an “agricultural” based business.

The production process is one that would offer little financial benefit to a larger company. Sanders also argues the processing or evaporation procedure is one which grain producers also use after harvesting their yield. This has Sanders wondering why the grain farming industry hasn’t also been shifted into the industrial tax bracket.

“I think they were hoping to start with us and nothing would be said,” said Sanders regarding the tax increase.

The Sanders Maple Products sugarbush and pancake house is open weekends from 8 am to 5 pm and weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm until April 25.

Farm accidents have financial costs too

CHESTERVILLE — A study by the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program found that the total cost to the Canadian economy for agricultural injuries is estimated at between \$200 and \$300 million annually. Farm safety week is March 10 -17 and the theme this year is “Farm safety makes Sense.”

An important part of maximizing profits is minimizing losses. The losses that can result from a farm injury or death are substantial. The average cost of a farm injury is \$10,000. Everything from an ambulance trip to the hospital to hiring additional labor to fill in for an injured worker has a price tag. Don’t forget the hidden costs, which can include insurance deductibles if product or equipment has been damaged, time spent by farm family members caring for an injured person,

and the time involved in processing claims and related paperwork.

It makes good business sense to minimize losses through injury prevention. This can be achieved by conducting a farm safety audit, keeping all machinery in good repair with safeguards in place, having adequate accident insurance, training workers in safe practices, leading by example, and making safety a priority on the farm.

It can be easy to take the farming lifestyle for granted, but remember, farmers are five times more likely to

be killed through an occupation-related accident than workers in all other industries. Agriculture also has the highest rate of disabling injuries among all other industries. On average, 114 people are killed and another 1,499 are seriously injured by farm-related incidents in Canada each year.

The Dundas Farm Safety Association works to remind farm families and other rural residents of the dangers that come along with a farming lifestyle. Stop by the association’s booth at the Dundas Farm Show in Dixon’s Corners on March

11 to see what sort of resources they offer.

“We’re always looking for more people to join the local association,” said president Keith Durant. This year the group will work on revamping the farm safety day camps that it holds for kids. In the past, older children have not been getting as much as they could out of the activities. One possibility is to hold separate camps for different age groups to better target activities that will connect with older youth.

Durant pointed out that the association has access to lots of videos and other media, as well as activities such as a safety Jeopardy game. The association would be happy to prepare safety presentations for youth groups or other community organizations. Call Keith Durant at 448-3146 for more information.

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Mountain Seniors start planning for 30th anniversary

by Huguette Shaver
MOUNTAIN — The February meeting of the Mountain Seniors took place with 40 members present. O Canada was sung and the Lord’s Prayer was recited.

President Muriel Milne welcomed everyone and minutes of the last meeting were approved. The treasurer’s report was presented by Evelyn Francis and was seconded by Ralph Rodger.

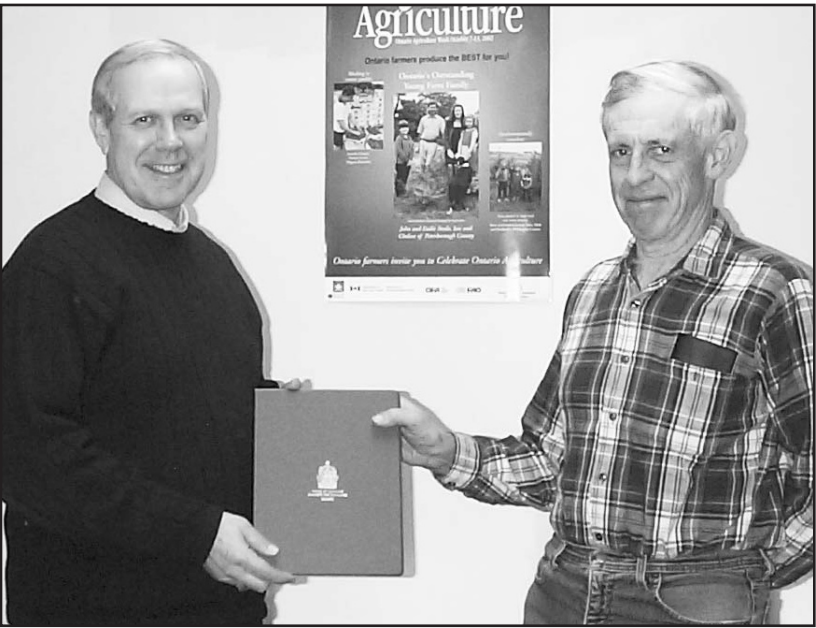
Correspondence from the Alzheimer Society was acknowledged. Hilda Kirkby and Meurla Timmins thanked the group for cards received.

Keith Fawcett reported that renovations are being considered for the Mountain Community Center in the next few months.

President Muriel Milne mentioned that the provincial government wants to cancel the drug plan for seniors. A letter of petition to our MPP was being forwarded by members, we thank her for bringing this serious matter to our attention and for her enthusiasm.

Milne also mentioned that Mountain Seniors is celebrating its 30th anniversary this coming June, and that an executive meeting will be set up for planning shortly. Happy Birthday was sung for Margaret Hyndman. Nancy Rodger said grace and a wonderful potluck followed.

Mountain and Inkerman will be the host for the March 31 meeting at 11:15 am.



Provincial rep honored
At the annual general meeting of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, Gord Garlough (right) was honored for his years of work supporting agriculture at the provincial level. Bob Kilger, MP for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, presented him with a plaque from Minister of Agriculture Bob Speller.

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Novice team battles hard

WINCHESTER — A reminder regarding the March Break children’s crafts workshops. Sandra Pym from Everlastings will be offering this program at the Winchester Community Centre in the upstairs hall starting Mon., March 15. There will be one workshop per day from 9 am until 10 am. Children ages six years and up are encouraged to register. Registration can be made at the township offices Monday through Friday. For more information give me a call.

The Mountain Agriculture Society is hosting a teen dance during the March Break on Thurs., March 18 at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall. The dance will be held from 7 to 11 pm. The music will feature Ambush. The dance is for ages 12 to 18 years. The cost is \$10.

My Novice team’s venture into the playoffs ended this past weekend. After eliminating South Grenville, we were up against the number-one ranked team from Kemptville. We lost the first game 5-3, but last Friday (March 5) played an unbelievable game and certainly deserved better than a 1-1 tie thanks to the opposition goalie. On Sunday, needing a win to stay alive, we came up short losing 1-0. Our team battled hard and gave them all they could handle.

Remarks

**by Mark Guy,
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Demons pressure

North Dundas rallied from a 2-0 deficit to edge the Alexandria Midget “B” Glens 3-2 in the opening game of their Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division semi-final series Friday (March 5). The teams skated to a 2-2 draw in

Alexandria on Sunday (March 7) setting the stage for what could be the clinching game in Winchester tonight (Wed., March 10) at 8:30 pm. Demon assistant captain Devin Kelly pressured the Glens’ Press Photo — Van Bridger

North Dundas leads series 3-1

Midget “B” Demons hosts Alexandria Glens tonight

WINCHESTER — Defenceman Mitch Scott finished off a powerplay engineered by fellow blueliner Bobby Little and captain Tory Baldwin at the 9:53 mark of the third period to give North Dundas a 2-2 tie with the hometown Alexandria Glens.

The Midget “B” Demons posted the tie Sunday (March 7) in Alexandria and gained a 3-1 advantage in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division four-point semi-final series.

North Dundas opened the series scratching out a 3-2 win in Winchester last Friday (March 5).

The third instalment is set for the Winchester Arena tonight (Wed., March 10) at 8:30 pm. A win or a tie will qualify the Demons for a berth in the East Division final against the winner of the South Dundas - South Grenville series.

“If we come to play hockey we should win the series and go ahead to the final,” speculated head coach Dale Murdoch.

Tyler Fawcett returned from the injured list and scored North Dundas’ first goal on an unassisted play with 30 seconds left in the opening session of Sunday’s game. The Glens responded with a pair of second period goals by Shawn Borris and Corey Poulin and carried a 2-1 lead into the third period. Mitch Scott’s PPG eventually tied it up at 2-2.

“It was close all of the way and not as chippy as Friday’s game,” explained Murdoch. “Devin Kelly, Travis Leach and Tory Baldwin put shots off the posts and the crossbar and we also missed a couple of open nets. So we had plenty of chances to score.”

Murdoch reported that goaltender Matt Bird made a couple of critical saves to keep the team in the game.

“We have two quality goaltenders (Bird and Craig Moran) so I rotate them. We are confident with either of them in there.”

North Dundas trailed the Glens 1-0 after a period of Friday’s opener and were down 2-0 after Richard Bellefeuille put one behind Craig Moran at 9:09 of period two.

Key the comeback. Travis Armstrong crammed in a Scott Bradley rebound at 8:21 to cut the deficit to 2-1. He struck again at 2:32 firing a feed from Bradley and Tory Baldwin into Chad Besner’s net to tie it up 2-2. A rush by Scott Bradley resulted in the winning goal at the 11:46 mark of the final frame. Baldwin and Mitch Scott engineered the 3-2 marker.

Colin Moran will return from suspension (one game) and Scott Bradley will go on suspension (one game) for tonight’s third game. Travis Froats remains on the injured list.

Jets control Metro Division final

METCALFE — They control their own destiny. A win in their own rink tonight will hand the Metcalfe Jets the 2003-04 Metro Jr. “B” Division championship.

Tonight’s (Wed., March 10) fifth game is an 8:15 pm start at the Larry Robinson Arena.

Metcalfe knocked off the Gatineau Mustangs 5-2 right in their own corral Monday (March 8) to gain a 3-1 lead in the series. Jason Vajda and James Mahoney cracked in goals in the final four minutes to secure the win.

“We controlled the first and

third periods. Gatineau pressured us in the second but other than that I felt we were in control,” Jet coach Darrell Warren said.

“We sure would like to wrap it up at home and get some rest,” offered the coach.

Metcalfe took the first two games by 4-3 scores before losing 6-4 in Metcalfe on Sunday (March 7).

“Gatineau outplayed us in the first period on Sunday, but after that we held them to six or seven shots,” said the coach.

Panthers edge Novice Demons 1-0, Kemptville wins series in three games

KEMPTVILLE — Brendan Keating’s unassisted goal was scored with 5:56 left in the first period and held up for the entire game as the Kemptville No. One Panthers nipped the North Dundas Novice House Demons 1-0.

Kemptville goaltender Christopher Nelson drew the praise of North Dundas coach Mark Guy as the key ingredient in the Panthers’ winning the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League series five points to one.

“We had our chances but couldn’t beat their goalie. He was the difference in the final

two games,” said Guy. “We were close in both of the those games. It could have gone either way. But it was the first time our kids had been involved in the play-offs, so it was exciting for them.”

North Dundas finished the season in fifth place, eliminated fourth-place South Grenville Rangers (4-4, 3-3, 5-4) four points to two in round one to qualify for their round-two test with Kemptville.

The Panthers took the opener 5-3 on home ice on March 2. Brendan Keating (3) and Dan Monk (2) took care of the Panthers scoring while Nevin Guy

(from Braydon Drouin), Mark McRae (unassisted) and Nicholas Howarth (from Aaron Burns) counted the North Dundas goals.

Game two, played Friday (March 5) in Winchester, was a real barn burner which ended in a 1-1 draw. North Dundas captain Nevin Guy turned a break-out pass from Andrew Findlay and Aaron Burns into a 1-0 lead at 2:21 of period two. Dan Monk salvaged the tie and a point, tying it up for the visitors with 5:58 left on the clock.

That game set the stage for Sunday’s (March 7) 1-0 win by the Panthers.



Denied!

North Dundas came up against a hot goaltender in Kemptville’s Chris Nelson, who held them to just one goal in the final two games of their Novice House semi-final series. Nelson held the Demons to one goal in Friday’s (March 5) 1-1 tie and shut them out 1-0 in game three on Sunday (March 7). North Dundas’ Dylan Comeau (#18) wasn’t able to bury this shot in game two. Press Photo — Van Bridger

Latimer rink slides to silver against EOSSAA competition

MAPLE RIDGE — It wasn’t gold, but the prize the North Dundas District High School curling team brought back to Maple Ridge was still a very precious metal.

Skip Shane Latimer, vice Phil Klein-Swormink, second Andrew Dings and lead Dave Lillico came up a hit and a roll short, losing 5-4 to Carleton Place in the 2004 EOSSAA boys high school curling gold-medal match in Brockville last week (March 1-2).

What made the loss to the 2003-04 Ontario Bantam Boys Ontario champions even tougher to chew was the fact they had hammered the Carleton Place foursome 10-3 in a game earlier the same day.

The heart-breaking 5-4 setback was the only loss in the two-day, five-game competition played at the Brockville Country Club.

Devils coach Ian Wilson said he cautioned the team on being over-confident going into a game against a team they had defeated on at least five occasions this season.

“We were all disappointed. The boys had worked so hard all year. There might have been a little over confidence, especially after beating the same team so handily in the morning. But they can learn from the experience,” explained coach Wilson.

Wilson felt North Dundas got caught playing a junk game, something Carleton Place enjoyed, instead of playing it clean. “They (Carleton Place) weren’t great take-out shooters, and as it turned out they didn’t have to throw any weight.”

Wilson was frustrated by the rules which don’t allow for any timeouts during the game. There is one coaching consultation allowed after four ends. “As coaches we just have to sit and watch, which was hard to do.”

TREMENDOUS YEAR

Wilson told the team that they should be proud of their silver medal because it indicated NDDHS was the second best team in the six regions of eastern Ontario.

“The boys had a great year. They did a tremendous job. They were Zone champions in the Gore Mutual

School Boys and finished fifth against the top senior high school teams in the province. They also won the SD&G gold and EOSSAA silver medal — that’s quite a list of accomplishments,” noted the coach who also pointed out three of the boys — Latimer, Dings and Klein-Swormink — were also on the Winchester Curling Club’s Ontario Bantam Boys championship team.

The experience gained with the trip to EOSSAA will be invaluable for the Devils. All four are eligible to return to high school competition next season because Klein-Swormink is in Grade 9, Lillico in Grade 10 while both Latimer and Dings are Grade 11 students.

EXTRA ENDS

NDDHS also represented the tri-counties board in the two other “AA” categories at EOSSAA. The Devils girls and mixed teams went to Brockville as this year’s SD&G champions.

The Devils mixed team lost their third game to the eventual silver-medal winners from Renfrew Collegiate Institute. Neil Dougal skipped, Ainsley Glassford threw third rocks, Neil Smith played second and Gina Porteous led for North Dundas.

Skip Sam Behm, vice Kelsey Erwin, second Chris Robinson and lead Kaitlyn Lecours also played three games at EOSSAA. North Dundas was eliminated by St. Mary’s of Brockville who went on to claim the girls gold medal.

Wilson reported the Devils were up 2-0 in that third draw only to have St. Mary’s score five on a phenomenal shot which turned the game around. “For a Grade 9 team, the girls certainly held their own. They are a very talented team that could win EOSSAA in a couple of years.”

Recalling the NDDHS trip to Galt to take part in the Gore Mutual School Boy Ontario final, the Devils won their first match and dropped the next two to finish fifth.

“The boys were Bantam-aged, players curling against high school seniors and they still weren’t out of their league. A little change in strategy, tweak a few things and they will be competitive at that level,” said Wilson.

Patterson lights it up for Devils in SD&G final

MAPLE RIDGE — They didn’t capture the 2003-04 SD&G “AA” senior boys high school basketball championship; in fact the North Dundas Devils lost a 23-point decision to the La Citadelle Patriotes, but still the Maple Ridge hoopsters considered it a moral victory.

The final outcome of the March 1 semi-final, played in Cornwall, was 64-41 for the host school. The Patriotes opened with a 13-point lead after the first quarter and were up 38-21 at the half. The victory netted the Pats the SD&G “AA” gold and the Devils runner-up silver status. La Citadelle advanced to represent their board at EOSSAA in Renfrew.

La Citadelle went 4-3 in league play (2-0 against “AA” schools), finished first and drew a semi-final round bye. North Dundas finished with a 2-5 record (0-2 against “AA” schools) and had to take on Dundas County’s perennial basketball power Seaway in their semi-final. They

dominated the Spartans in that meeting, posting a 20-point victory to qualify for a trip to the championship game against La Citadelle.

The 2003-04 campaign was a struggle for North Dundas. It was a rebuilding year for the Devils who had one player (Andrew Clark) return as a senior this season. The rest of the roster was built on first-year players. The squad then lost coach Brad Holland, who moved on to teach at CCVS at the beginning of the second semester. Veteran bench boss Deanna Corbett-White stepped in and was on the sidelines for the title match in Cornwall.

“It was an accomplishment for the boys to score 40 points against La Citadelle. I thought it was a moral victory,” said Corbett-White.

The coach said the Devils were within four points in the first half, but La Citadelle got on a roll and went up by 10 or 12 and that’s when things started to fall apart for her



Sr. Devils out early at EOSSAA tournament

CARLETON PLACE — Five members of the North Dundas District High School senior girls volleyball team will have to recall their 3-1 victory over the La Citadelle Patriotes as the highlight of their final season.

Last week’s (March 5) trip to Carleton Place for the 2004 EOSSAA “AA” championships will not be a fond memory for graduating players Emma Bowie, Kaley Cochrane, Meagan Kittle, Sara Volks and Terri Lacelle.

A late arrival for a 10 am game against second seed Renfrew Collegiate Institute Raiders (UOVHSAA champs) left the Devils with no prep time and out of sync. The result was a 2-0 (7-25, 19-25) loss. Two hours later North Dundas was on the floor against the fifth seed North Grenville Knights from Kemptville. The Devils dropped the opening set 18-25, bounced back to tie it up with a 25-11 win only to drop a 13-15 decision in the tie break.

The back-to-back losses eliminated the Devils and ended their season.

For Bowie, Cochrane, Kittle, Volks and Lacelle the two-and-out result in Carleton Place marked the conclusion of their high school court careers.

“It is a disappointing way for those girls to finish. But the highlight should be winning the SD&G gold medal,” explained coach Patti Hall.

NDDHS was seeded fifth in the six-school EOSSAA field. Ernestown was seeded first, Renfrew second, Carleton Place third, North Grenville fourth, North Dundas fifth and Hawkesbury sixth.

Hall said what added to the team’s disappointment was the fact they had defeated North Grenville in exhibition play and the rest of the field couldn’t be described as overpowering.

“Winning EOSSAA was attainable — had we been on our game. But we weren’t consistent. We had our moments, but just didn’t play the way we did against La Citadelle. But beating La Citadelle the way we did to win the SD&G championship was exciting. It was our highlight — for sure,” said the coach.

Hall figures with six girls eligible to return to the team, next season could also be a successful one for NDDHS.

The coach was back on duty this week (March 9) guiding the Midget Devils through the SD&G championship tournament which was held at North Dundas. Hall said the Devils are in solid position to grab a medal having finished fourth, one point out of first, during the regular season. She also noted the little Devils suffered only one 2-0 loss in the two earlier tournaments.

Ranked first in Canada

Olympic test takes Purnell to Athens

by Alison Bell
METCALFE — Metcalfe’s Heather Purnell is in perfect position to leap on board the Canadian Olympic gymnastic team. The 17-year-old gymnast is competing for Canada at an Olympic test event in Athens, Greece (March 13 to 23).

The Grade 12 student at Gloucester High School is currently ranked first in Canada. With her experience at the PanAm Games and Worlds last year, coach Tobie Gorman says she is an Olympic prospect.

At the national gymnastic competition this year, to be held in Mississauga in June, the national coach will name a pool of athletes for the second Olympic trial scheduled for July in Toronto. Gorman said Purnell should earn a place in this pool and definitely has a good shot at making the 2004 Olympic team.

In December, Purnell defended her all-around title at the Elite Canada women’s gymnastics competition, totalling 36.925 points and qualifying for all four event finals with the best scores on vault and beam.

“Heather showed she is definitely a step ahead of the others,” said Lise Gosselin-Simard, women’s program director for Gymnastics Canada about Purnell’s performance at Elite Canada. “She brought in new routines and presented a polished and professional performance.”

The competition in Greece will feature the top 12 countries in the world. Purnell will be joined by Ottawa Gym Club teammate Melanie Banville, a sixteen-year-old Grade 11 student at Gloucester High.

“Greece will be an amazing opportunity for these girls to gather

information and gain more international experience,” said Gorman.

Both gymnasts are members of the Canadian National Senior High Performance team and will participate in a one-week preparation camp the week before the Olympic test event, to be held at the Ottawa Gym Club.

The young gymnasts will be joined by Lydia Williams of Toronto, Kylie Stone of Calgary, Melanie Tham of Mississauga, and Amelie Plante of Montréal. “This is another step closer to Heather’s Olympic dream,” said Gorman.



Metcalfe gymnast Heather Purnell (above and left) is in Athens to participate in an Olympic test event. The 17-year-old is currently ranked first in Canada, and is viewed as a 2004 Olympic prospect. Courtesy Photos

Demons advance to final, oust Selects

CHESTERVILLE — It took three games but the North Dundas Atom “B” Demons have disposed of the South Stormont Selects and have advanced to the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division championship series.

Tanner Casselman and captain Josh Stubbings each potted a pair of pucks Monday night (March 8) in Chesterville as the Demons put the finishing touches on their four-point series with South Stormont by white-washing the Selects 5-0. The victory gave Gary Klein-Swormink’s team a 5-1 margin of victory.

It was the fourth shutout in five post-season games for the Demons’

goaltending tandem of Justin Diederich and Spencer Corkery. North Dundas has outscored their playoff opposition 25-1.

Josh Stubbings counted what would prove to be the game-winning goal when he scored from Peter Klein-Swormink and Brent Simms at 4:03 of period one. Dustin Tinkler made it 2-0 connecting from Tanner Casselman and Derek Simms with 50 seconds left in the session.

Casselman (from Brent Simms and Stubbings at 8:41) cashed in the lone goal of period two.

Stubbings netted his second at 7:15 of the third, finishing off a play started by Casselman and William

Fawcett. Casselman then cracked in his second after taking a feed from William Fawcett and Derek Simms at 6:40.

North Dundas opened the second-round series blasting the Selects 8-0.

Game two in Long Sault on March 6 finished in a 1-1 tie when Dustin Tinkler (unassisted) scored late in period three. South Stormont had broken up the scoreless contest with 7:24 left in the second period after Clarke Veenstra had netted his team’s only goal of the series.

North Dundas whipped Akwesasne 6-0 and 5-0 to sweep their first-round series 4-0.

Flyers stay alive in Melvin Cup race

WINCHESTER — Gary McInnis whipped home a relay from John Nadobny 27 seconds into overtime as the third-place Country Kitchen Cyclones upset the number-two ranked Boyd Chrysler Rams 5-4 to qualify for the final round of the Winchester Town Hockey League playoffs.

The Cyclones (6-12-3) finished 13 points behind the Rams (13-6-2) in regular-season play, and according to regular season stats, it shouldn’t have even been close. The Rams won the seven-game set 5-2 and outscored the Cyclones by 20 goals (48-28) but those numbers went out the window in the playoffs as the Cyclones swept the best-of-three series 2-0, posting 3-2 and 5-4 (OT) victories.

There was another surprising result posted last Tuesday (March 2) as the last-place Winchester Flyers (5-15-1) survived a late rally and defeated the pennant-winning Ben’s Pioneer Gas Bar Rangers (13-4-4) 5-4. That decision tied the series 1-1 after the Rangers had shot down the Flyers 4-1 in the opener on Feb. 24. That series, considering the regular-season figures, should belong to the Rangers who defeated the Flyers 5-2 and outscored them 32-18 in those seven meetings.

The third and deciding game in the Rangers - Flyers series was played last night (Tues., March 9). Game one of the best-of-three championship series is set for Tues., March 16.

CYCLONES SWEEP

It was a do-or-die game for the Rams following a 3-2 loss to the Cyclones. And they opened game two (March 2) taking a 2-1 first half lead.

Derek “Ace” Rintoul put both pucks into Gregg Griffith’s net, scoring from Chad Valcour at 14:08 and from Mike Buller at the 9:22 mark. The Cyclones had tied it up at 11:57 when Chris Van Bridger beat Doug Rigby after taking a feed from Johnny Morrow.

The Cyclones took the initiative in the second session knotting the count 2-2 at 22:42 as Morrow struck from Van Bridger and Jeff Scott. Three minutes later Scott put the Cyclones up 3-2 finishing a play involving John Nadobny and Robert Jordan. The gap widened to 4-2 after Craig “Bud” Holmes used a breaking pass from Aaron Sherrer to set up his goal with 11:40 left in regulation time.

That’s when things got tense. The Rams rallied, applied pressure, and scored twice in the final 1:18 to force overtime. Chad Valcour con-

ected on a rebound created by Grant Brown and Dwayne Backes at the 1:18 mark and Brown jammed in a loose puck in under Griffith with just 0:04 on the clock to make it 4-4. Jason Picard picked up an assist on the tying marker.

Just 27 seconds into OT the Cyclones took advantage of a face-off in the Rams’ zone and converted it into the game and series winning goal by Gary McInnis who put John Nadobny’s relay into the mesh to stop the clock.

ALL TIED UP

First-half goals by Dave Ralph and Dan Audet handed the favored Rangers a 2-0 lead on the Flyers in game two of the “A” semi-final set. But it was the Flyers who dominated the second half as they soared into a 5-2 lead.

As it turned out, the Flyers’ three-

goal lead wasn’t enough as the Rangers ripped in two shots in the final 2:13 to close the final gap to 5-4. Thanks to a couple of late stops by Kent Pilon the Flyers lived to play another day.

Claude Towne (unassisted at 22:44), Jay Holmes (unassisted at 20:21), Derek Byrd (from Scott Rintoul at 16:40), Towne (from Adrian Price at 14:20) and Jeff Holmes connected for the Flyers. Holmes scored the winner by finishing a sharp three-way play started by Byrd and Hal Thompson with 10:11 left on the clock. His shot beat Craig “JB” Smith and gave the Flyers the opportunity to win.

Dave Ralph and Troy McNaughton cracked in the Rangers’ late goals to make it close. Dereck Holmes (2), Dan Audet (2), Hugh Thompson, Al Christophersen and McNaughton earned assists.

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PLAYOFF RESULTS

RIDEAU - ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION
PLAYOFF RESULTS
St. Lawrence “A” Division Semi-Finals:
Alexandria Glens - Akwesasne Wolves
Alexandria wins series 4-2

St. Lawrence “B” Division Semi-Finals:
Char-Lan Rebels - Kemptville 73s
Char-Lan wins series 4-3

ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION FINAL SERIES
Char-Lan Rebels vs Alexandria Glens
Rebels lead series 2-1
March 2: Char-Lan 3 - Alexandria 2
March 6: Char-Lan 6 - Alexandria 5 (2 OT)
March 7: Alexandria 9 - Char-Lan 2
March 9: Alexandria at Char-Lan 8:15 pm
March 12: Char-Lan at Alexandria 8:30 pm
March 13: Alexandria at Char-Lan 7:45 pm
March 14: Char-Lan at Alexandria 1:30 pm

RIDEAU DIVISION

Rideau Division “A” Semi-Final Series:
Brockville Tikis - South Grenville Rangers
Brockville wins series 4-0

Rideau Division “B” Semi-Final Series:
Westport Rideaus - Gananoque Islanders
Westport wins series 4-2

RIDEAU DIVISION FINAL SERIES:
Westport Rideaus vs Brockville Tikis
Tikis lead series 3-0
March 3: Brockville 5 - Westport 0
March 6: Brockville 6 - Westport 5 OT
March 7: Brockville 4 - Westport 2
March 9: Brockville at Westport 7:30 pm
March 10: Westport at Brockville 7:45 pm
March 12: Brockville at Westport 8:15 pm
March 14: Westport at Brockville 7:15 pm

EOJBHL Metro Division

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Quarter-Final Series (Best of Five):
Clarence Creek defeats Stittsville 3-1

“B” Semi-Final Series (Best of Seven):
Gatineau Mustangs vs Ottawa West
Gatineau wins series 3-2

Feb. 26: Gatineau 3 - Ottawa 2 (2 OT)

“A” Semi-Final Series (Best of Seven):
Clarence Creek Beavers vs Metcalfe Jets
Jets win series 4-0

METRO DIVISION FINAL SERIES
Gatineau Mustangs vs Metcalfe Jets
Jets lead series 3-1
Feb. 29: Metcalfe 4 - Gatineau 3
March 5: Metcalfe 4 - Gatineau 3
March 7: Gatineau 6 - Metcalfe 4
March 8: Metcalfe 5 - Gatineau 2
March 10: Gatineau at Metcalfe 8:15 pm
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Winchester Town Hockey League

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Semi-Final Series “A” (Best of Three):
Feb. 24: Ben’s Rangers 4 - Flyers 1

March 2: Flyers 5 - Ben’s Rangers 4
Series tied 1-1

March 9: Game three 7:30 pm

Semi-Final Series “B” (Best of Three):
Feb. 24: C. K. Cyclones 3 - Boyd Rams 2

March 2: Cyclones 5 - Boyd Rams 4 OT
C. K. Cyclones win series 2-0

Melvin Cup Final (Best of Three):
Tues., March 16
Tues., March 23
Tues., March 30

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Round One, Quarter-Final (Feb. 29):
Annabelle’s Blues 5 - Andy’s Foodland 2

Stewart Classics 2 - CountryGirl 1

Round Two, Semi-Final (March 7):
Stewart Classics 2 vs Ryan’s Reds 1 (SO)

Double Beauty 4 - Annabelle’s Blues 2

Championship Game (March 14):
Stewart Classics vs Double Beauty, 9:30 am

FINAL STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ben’s Rangers	13	4	4	99	63	30
Boyd Rams	13	6	2	119	76	28
C.K. Cyclones	6	12	3	111	103	15
Winchester Flyers	5	15	1	67	116	11

STANDINGS:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Double Beauty	17	1	2	66	18	36
Ryan’s Reds	10	5	5	48	23	25
Andy’s Foodland	6	8	6	20	60	18
Stewart Classics	7	10	3	40	45	17
CountryGirl	6	11	3	22	56	15
Annabelle’s Blues	3	14	3	29	58	9

Marion goal moves North Dundas into final

CHESTERVILLE — Justin Marion’s solo effort resulted in the game-winning goal with 6:05 left in regulation time. The shot snapped a 2-2 tie and lifted the North Dundas Bantam “C” House Demons to a 3-2 victory over the visiting NGS Braves.

North Dundas trailed the Braves 1-0 after two periods and was able to turn things around with a three-goal thrust in period three. Sunday’s (March 5) victory gave Todd O’Brien’s team a two-game sweep of the four-point series and qualified it for a shot at the 2003-04 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division championship.

The Demons are currently waiting for a winner of the Kemptville

- South Stormont series to be crowned.

North Dundas finished the regular season in third place and has moved through the post season, first sweeping the Kemptville No. Two Panthers and most recently NGS.

Demons captain Nolan Winter scored from Justin Marion and Mike Gore at 6:55 to give his team a 1-0 lead over the Braves in game one (Feb. 29). Ethan Vankoppen then cracked in back-to-back goals at 9:12 and 8:37 of the second session to make it 3-0. His first was unassisted and the second set up by Dan Beach. Ian Henderson finished off a play started by Joel Laplante and Jordan Holmes with

6:54 left in the same frame to complete the scoring. NGS added one goal in the third but came up short, losing 4-2.

Down 1-0 in Sunday’s second and final match, North Dundas rebounded in the final period to take the series with a 3-2 win. Steve Gore tied it up on a play started by Harrison Dustan and Ian Henderson at 10:50. Just 28 seconds later Dan Beach used a feed from Ethan Vankoppen to make it 2-1. Julien Maynard of the Braves connected at 8:29 and tied it up 2-2, setting the stage for Marion’s unassisted winning goal 6:05 before the final buzzer.

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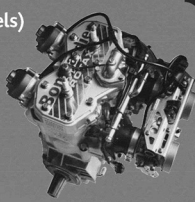


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Stewart Classics win shootout

WINCHESTER — It will be David taking on Goliath when the fourth-place Stewart Classics face off against the number-one ranked Double Beauty Stylists for the 2003-04 Winchester District Ladies Hockey League championship.

The sudden-death championship match, set for Sunday (March 14) with the puck dropping at 9:30 am, will pit the fourth-place Classics (7-10-3) against the pennant-winning Stylists (17-1-2) who finished 10 wins and 19 points ahead of their opponents during the regular season.

The Stylists and number-two ranked Ryan's Reds drew first-round byes while the Classics eliminated the fifth-place Country-Girl Gold 2-1 and the sixth-place Annable's Jewellery Blues ousted Andy's Foodland Maroons 5-2.

Sunday's (March 7) semi-final games saw Double Beauty move to the title match with a 4-2 victory over Annable's Blues and the Stewart Classics earn the other berth by upsetting the Reds 3-1 in a shootout.

There wasn't any scoring done in the Classics - Reds encounter until the 10:09 mark of the second half. That's when Tanya Klein-Swormink fired a Dianne Lapiere relay into Joanne Saunders' net to put the Classics up 1-0. There was just 2:47 showing on the clock when the Reds tied it up on a goal by Christina Rombough. Julie Cyr engineered the play which sent the game into overtime.

The 1-1 stalemate wasn't solved in the five-minute OT session so the format went to a shootout which the Classics won



Annable's Jewellery Blues goalie Louise Cyr tracked the puck as Double Beauty captain Amy Fraser jammed the net during Sunday's WDLHL semi-final game. Sandy Roy provided three goals for the Stylists who eliminated the Blues 4-2 to qualify for the championship game on March 14. The Stewart Classics will provide the opposition in the 9:30 am contest.

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2-0. Carrie Gilmour, who counted 20 goals during the regular season, cracked the tie on her opportunity and Klein-Swormink followed with the insurance marker which made it a 3-1 final. Sharon MacDonald turned away all of the Reds' attempts for the win.

ROY WRECKS BLUES

Sandy Roy figured in on all four scoring plays as the Double Beauty Stylists survived early pressure by the Blues to post a 4-2 victory.

Roy netted an unassisted goal at 19:52 and a pass from Cheryl Shurtliff at 12:31 to put the Stylists up 2-0. At the other end of the rink the Blues were all around Barb

Wigney's net but couldn't coax the puck to cross the line.

With 3:25 left in the opening half, Nancy Pothier opened up a 3-0 lead finishing off a play started by Roy and Joanne MacMillan.

Kelly Zeron used a pass provided by Gail Smith-Rutley and Stacey Van Boxtel to put the Blues on the board at the 13:49 mark of the second session only to have the Stylists answer with Roy's third marker. Shurtliff set up the play at 10:15.

Zeron cut the Blues' deficit to 4-2 when she finished off a play created by Van Boxtel and Heather McDiarmid four minutes before the final buzzer, but that was as close as they would get.

Zone titles for WCC teams

WINCHESTER — Two rinks represented the Winchester Curling Club in the 2003-04 Regional Mixed Curling championships in Hawkesbury.

Skip Shane Latimer, vice Mandy Peddle, second Neil Smith and lead Ainsley Glassford earn their Zone "A" championship defeating the McLean foursome out of the Ottawa Curling Club 9-8 in Metcalfe on Feb. 29. Winchester drew a first-round bye and defeated McLean to qualify for the regional event in Hawkesbury (March 6-7) on the weekend where they made it to the quarter finals before being eliminated.

Winchester also had a rink entered in the Regional Bantam

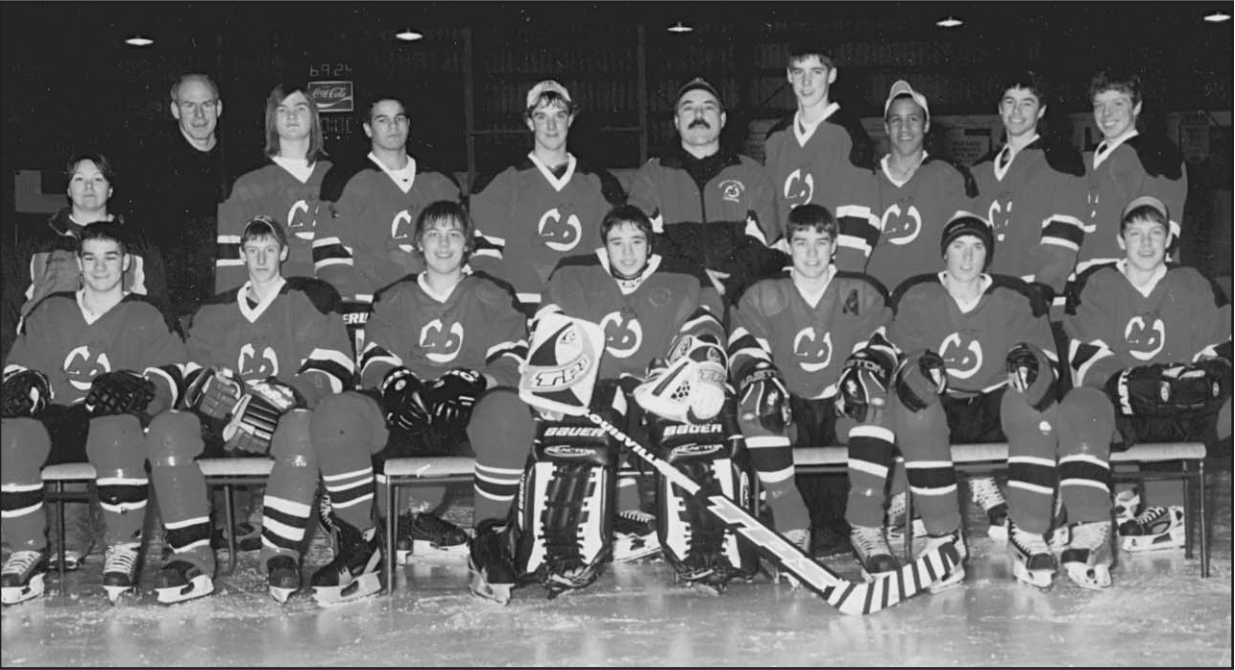
Mixed competition in Hawkesbury on the weekend. Skip Phil Klein-Swormink, vice Liz DeSerres, second Andrew Dings and lead Kelsey Erwin finished the event with a 2-2 record defeating the Bushfield rink and a team from Kingston, and losing to Brockville and the same Bushfield team in their final match.

To get to the Regionals in Hawkesbury, the Klein-Swormink team won the "B" side title in the Zone playdowns at the Metcalfe Curling Club on Feb. 29. They defeated Hoekstra of Navan in game one, lost to Fleischhaker of Ottawa in game two and dropped into the "B" event where they posted four consecutive wins to qualify for the

Regionals. Klein-Swormink bounced back with a win over RCMP, and back-to-back wins over a pair of Winchester clubmates, Dave Lillico and Curtis Byrd. A victory over the Skinner rink from the Ottawa Curling Club clinched the "B" side win.

WCC coach Linda Laverie reported the club sent a total of four bantam teams to Metcalfe. In addition to Phil Klein-Swormink's squad, Dave Lillico, Wade Hetherington and Curtis Byrd also skipped teams.

"All of the kids played well. Dave Lillico made it to the "B" semi-final. Wade Hetherington and Curtis Byrd did very well for their first year in this event and should improve in the future," she said.



Pennant winners

The 2003-04 edition of the North Dundas Major Midget House Demons has gone undefeated in four tournaments along with earning the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's East Division regular season championship posting a 19-3-2 record. The Demons earned a first-round bye in the playoffs and are currently taking part in the semi-final round. Front (left) -

Kyle Dearing, James Corkery, Justin Vantfoort - captain, Tyler Johnson, Zarly Hutt, Adam Guy, Dan Lapiere. Back (left) - Amanda Johnson - manager, Terry Sloane - trainer, Kyle Loverin, Pat Greaves, Devon Carruthers, Gary Johnson - coach, John Sloane, Norm Merrifield, Nick Honey, Brodie Lutz.

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Stingers upset Blackhawks in second round

OSGOODE — The Stingers made the second round of the Osgoode Hockey League playoffs as the wildcard team, but became the upset team as they shocked the first-place Blackhawks 8-5 in the opening game of their four-point series.

The Blackhawks (15-4-0) collected 28 points and finished first while the Stingers (8-8-3) settled into fourth place during the regular sea-

son. The Stingers and Osgoode Outlaws each won a game in the opening round but had to settle for wildcard status to move on.

The Blackhawks swept the Metcalfe Chiefs (2-0) to advance while the Snipers silenced the Thunder (2-0) to become the fourth team to qualify for round two. The Stingers posted their 8-5 win over the Hawks on March 4.

Game one (March 2) of the Outlaws - Snipers series ended in a 3-3 tie when the Snipers scored with 16 seconds left on the clock.

The Blackhawks - Stingers rematch was played Tuesday (March 9) while the Snipers and Outlaws will renew acquaintances tomorrow (March 11).

This year's OHL title match is set for 7:30 pm on Thurs., March 25.

Stars lead MTHL post-season round robin

METCALFE — Dave Warren's unassisted goal was the difference as the Stars edged the Leafs 3-2 to remain undefeated in the Metcalfe Town Hockey League's post-season round robin playoffs.

Sunday's (March 7) victory improved the Stars' record to 2-0 and left them as the only undefeated team, with one game to play. The Leafs, Canadians, Senators and Penguins all own 1-1-0 records while the Blues (0-2-0) remain winless.

Ray Vidal, Darrell Warren (from

Joe Scott and Scott Soule) and Dave Warren (winning goal) cashed in the Stars' goals while Steve Corlyon put both Leaf goals in behind Nick Pora. Jay Dewan drew the lone assist.

Bruce Kerfoot and Dale Poirier were the marksmen firing in the Canadians' goals as they evened their post-season record at 1-1 with a 2-0 victory over the Blues. Ron Flanagan assisted on both scoring plays while Poirier and Bob Kemp also helped out. Wayne Widenmaier posted the shutout.

Shane Patterson and Steve Wade each potted a pair of pucks, leading the Penguins to their 6-2 win over the Senators. The result left both clubs with 1-1-0 records. Pete Holmes and Humberto Medeiros snapped in the single shots to support Mike Preston's win. Reg Fisher (2), Dale Carson, Jeff Raven, Steve Porteous and Holmes earned the assists. Kevin McManus and Paul Devertvil answered for the Senators, scoring on plays engineered by Dave Sheldrick, Steph Rawlings and Paul Roy.

Demons face sudden death elimination

CHESTERVILLE — Chris Currie was between the pipes and turned in a flawless performance backing the North Dundas Juvenile Demons in a 3-0 victory over the Leitrim Hawks at the Barrett Arena.

An unassisted effort by Kyle Kloosterman netted the Demons a 1-0 lead with 1:58 left in period one of Sunday's (March 7) playoff game. Period two was scoreless and it wasn't until the final two minutes of the game that any more scoring was done. With 1:43 on the clock Aaron Kelly increased his team's lead to 2-0 scoring on an unassisted effort. Wayne Smirle pumped in a pass provided by Josh McLean and Nathan Thompson 28 seconds later to make it a 3-0 final.

The win came in the second round of the 417 Midget/Juvenile Hockey League playoffs and qualified North Dundas for round three, which is also a single knock-out format.

The Demons put together a 1-2-1 record in the round robin portion of the playoffs tying Sandy Hill 3-3 and losing back-to-back 4-3 decisions to Russell and Richmond. An 11-3 triumph over the NGS Braves in Winchester on March 3 moved the Demons into round two.

Aaron Kelly (4-2-6) held the hot

stick in that game collecting four goals and six points. Kyle Kloosterman (2), captain Bill McRoberts (2), Spencer Dawson, Brett Bird and Josh McLean supplied the other markers. Scott Baldwin (3), Wayne

Smirle (3), John Drew (2), winning goalie Mike Beuman (2), McLean, McRoberts (2), Kelly (2), Mike Zubatuk, Chris Kelly, Bird, Dawson, and Kloosterman all collected assists.

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The Singers spring concert will be presented Fri., April 30 at 7:30 pm in the Christian Reformed Church, east County Road 18 in Williamsburg. The concert will be in support of WDMH VISION 2000 and will feature a variety of music to please all tastes. Tickets are \$10 and will be available from choir members, WDMH, and business outlets.

CANADIAN CLUB OF MORRISBURG AND DISTRICT
Third dinner meeting, Wed., March 17 at 7 pm, at the Morrisburg Legion. Speaker: Janet Matthews, co-author "Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul" speaking on "History, Heritage, Heroes and Heart." Individual tickets: \$20. Contact: George Edwardson 774-2407 or Doug Grenkie 543-2922.

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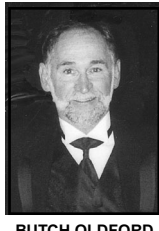
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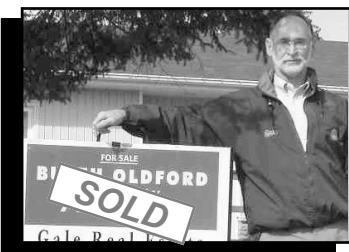
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OBITUARIES

Graham Barkley

Graham Barkley of RR2, Chesterville died at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Feb. 29, 2004 after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born on July 31, 1930 on Weegar Road in the former Williamsburg Township. He was the eldest of four sons born to Arthur and Mary Barkley (nee Weegar). He received his education at S.S. # 8 in Williamsburg Township, Chesterville High School, and then, following high school, he attended normal school.

After graduating with a teaching certificate, he began his career at S.S. # 8 Beckstead School. It was a wonderful old one-room school house where he taught every subject. He left S.S. # 8 and went to teach in Arnprior where he taught for four years.

After four years in Arnprior, he moved to Ottawa where he taught at Hillson Avenue Public School, J.H. Putman, and he spent his final two years teaching at Cambridge Street school before retiring in 1985. Early during his tenure in Ottawa he attended night school and summer school to complete his bachelor of arts degree at the University of Ottawa.

Every weekend, he drove back home to his parents' farm, attended worship at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dunbar, and returned to Ottawa after supper on Sunday night. This was his routine for some 35 years until his retirement in 1985.

He had the "gift of the gab," as he himself would readily admit, and on most of his trips home for the weekend he would come bearing tales of his week in school. Graham could be firm, but he was always fair. When he wasn't teaching 66 kids every day, he was marking their work at home on weekends.

Every month he would bake and decorate a special cake for his students so they could celebrate each other's birthdays. The cake would be cut into precise portions using a ruler to measure each square, and there was a special cake in June for summer birthdays.

During his final year of teaching, he gleefully threw away his lesson plans, and had absolutely no intentions to supply teach. Upon his retirement, he said that he would never wear a tie again. When it was pointed out to him that it would be the first time in 50 years that he wouldn't return to school in September, he laughed and said, "I won't miss it one bit!"

He simply moved on. He moved back to the Weegar Road, to a house directly across from where he was born. For the past 19 years, he occupied himself with the joys of gentleman farming — that is raising a multitude of cats, a dog, a few chickens, and a duck that he hatched from an egg.

It was good to be home. He loved

to be near his family. He loved to be near his church. He loved loud shirts, wild colors, flowers, birds, cats, food, knitting, poetry, bowling, volunteering, playing bingo, and entertaining. He loved to try new things — like hitching up behind a snowmobile with a pair of waterskis, also known as "snurfing," and rollerblading down the Weegar Road.

He was a kind and very generous man. He always gave freely of his time, energy and resources, ensuring that, if he couldn't do something himself, somebody else would be given the opportunity to do it in his place.

He loved being out in God's creation. But the sunshine in his life wasn't limited by the weather. For nearly 20 years he had been going into Winchester District Memorial Hospital every Tuesday morning to brighten the days of the patients in the complex care wing by participating with a group called the Sunshine Circle.

He served as treasurer of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for nearly 15 years and was recently honored as a lifetime member of the Ontario Hospital Auxiliary Association. He was a dedicated volunteer, always willing to help out with any activities involving the CNIB, WDMH, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or the Canadian Cancer Society.

He had been the chairperson of St. Luke's Lutheran Church for over 30 years. He was a lector, Sunday school and confirmation class teacher, worship assistant and steward of visitation. He regularly made up the weekly church bulletin, annual reports, etc. His involvement in many community activities and events will certainly be missed.

He is survived by his brothers O. Lee (Edna) Barkley of R.R.# 2 Chesterville, and Lorne (Edna) Barkley of Burritts Rapids; nephews Garry (Diane) Barkley of Vernon, David Barkley of RR 2 Chesterville; niece Sandra (Rev. Jo) Barkley-Probst of Morrisburg; great-nieces Angela and Meghan Barkley of Vernon; and nephew Adam Barkley of Vernon. He was predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Mary, and brother Donald Barkley.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on March 2. Funeral service was held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dunbar on March 3 with Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst and Rev. Mark Ehlebracht co-officiating.

Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ray Dillabough, Barry Elliott, Garry Elliott, Gordon Elliott, Denis Madore, and Bob Dillabough. Donations to St. Luke's Lutheran Church or the Ontario Veterinary College Pet Trust Fund would be appreciated by the family.

Anatole Gauthier

Anatole Gauthier passed away on March 2, 2004 at the age of 81. He was the son of the late Alexis Gauthier and Eva Tessier.

He was beloved husband of Irene Gibeault. He will be grieved by his children Cécile (Denis Laplante), Jacques (Rachelle Cousineau), Réjean (Lucille Bériault) and Lucille (Yves Manning). He also

leaves behind nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers Norbert and Floriant.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lafleur and Robert Funeral Home Ltd. in Emburun. The funeral service was held on March 5 at the Ste-Thérèse d'Avila Church in Marionville.

Keith Gordon Hutt

Keith Gordon Hutt passed away suddenly on Feb. 25, 2004 at the age of 62, in Hope, British Columbia.

He was born in Winchester on Sept. 22, 1941 to the late Ken Hutt and Lola (nee Belway).

He had spent the previous 42 years in B.C., where he worked for B.C. Hydro and various other construction companies.

He is survived by his son Barry and daughter Amber, both of B.C.; and sisters Sheila Coligan (Dwight

Deacon) and Betty (Bill) Farrell of Iroquois. He was nephew to Margaret Johnstone, Lorraine Hutt, Kay Hutt and Ruth Hutt of Winchester. He was uncle to Charlene Coligan (Tim Caselman) and great uncle to their son Spencer and to Sean Coligan. He is also survived by several cousins.

A private service will be held at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville at a later date. Donations can be made to Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Winnifred Thompson

Winnifred Irena Thompson passed away at home on Feb. 25, 2004 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 77.

She was born in Osgoode Township on Sept. 21, 1926 to Irena (nee Allen) and the late James Kelso. Known to many as the Farmer's Wife for her newspaper column that appeared in local papers, she was predeceased by her husband Trevor Thompson, The Farmer.

She is survived by sons Laurie (Kim Raycroft) of Prescott and Joel (Suzanne) of Hallville; and grandchildren Sarah, Darcy, Shannon, Jason and Amanda. She is also survived by her mother Irena Kelso of Winchester and was predeceased by her sister Jean. She was a member of St. Andrew's United Church in Hallville.

She began her working career at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Kemptville prior to her marriage to Trevor in October 1945. After her marriage, she was employed with the *Kemprville Advance*, the *Winchester Press* and the *Prescott Journal*.

In later years she was bookkeeper and secretary/treasurer with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, until she retired in 1984. During this time, she also completed the municipal administration program to become an accredited member of the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

By her own admission, she "loved life and doing things, never sitting long in one spot," and she

shared that passion for life with family and friends as they participated in many activities together like square dancing, snowmobiling, camping, travelling and canoeing.

After retirement, she also added crafts, art, yoga and flower arranging to her activity list. During her entire life, she was an avid reader and writer. She began her writing career freelancing for the *Family Herald*, the *Eastern Ontario Farmer*, the *Country Roots*, and *Camping World*. Her column, The Farmer's Wife, was published for 30 years, appearing first in 1967 in the *Prescott Journal* and later in the *Chesterville Record*.

Visitation was held at the Grant Brown Funeral Home in Kemptville on Feb. 27, followed by the funeral in the chapel on Feb. 28, officiated by Rev. Blair Paterson. Music was provided by organist Dave Loyer with soloist Brenda Whaley-Christensen singing *I Believe*. Interment will be in the spring at the South Gower Cemetery.

The family will gratefully acknowledge memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Red Cross to the donor's charity of choice.

~ DEATH NOTICE ~

PROVOST, Constance Freda, 'Connie'

Retired Principal, North
Dundas District High School

At the Kingston General Hospital, Kingston, in the arms of her husband Jack on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, after a brief illness. The former Constance Freda Cooke, in her 58th year. Beloved wife of Jack Provost. Cherished stepmother of Jennifer Burton and her husband Steve of St. Thomas. Proud grandmother of Kerry, Katie and Emily. Dear sister of Marian Stewart and her husband Dr. Fred Stewart of Smiths Falls, Irene Hunter and her husband Jim of Toronto and Joyce Owens and her husband Jim of Whitby. Much-loved niece of Jim and Dorothy Wilson of Cataragui. Fondly remembered by the Provost family, as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Harold and Jessie Cooke. Rested at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataragui Chapel (Counter Street at Highway 2), Kingston, where service was held on Saturday, March 6, 2004 at 10:30 am. The Reverend Elaine Smith officiated. Cremation with a private inurnment in Cataragui Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations made to North Dundas District High School would be greatly appreciated by her family.

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~ DEATH NOTICE ~

MORROW, Mervin

At the Hawkesbury General Hospital, on Saturday, February 28, 2004, after a lengthy and valiant struggle with emphysema, Mervin Morrow, formerly of Mille Isles, Quebec, in his 75th year. Son of the late Myrtle McCullough and Davey Morrow. Sadly missed by Nancy de Hamel of Hawkesbury, Ontario. He will be fondly remembered by his many cousins and friends. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service at the Mille Isles Presbyterian Church (from Lachute: Route 329 north, right on Riddell Road, right on Mille Isles Road), on Saturday, May 1, 2004 at 2:00 pm, followed by interment at Mille Isles Protestant Cemetery. In memoriam donations to the Hawkesbury and District General Hospital Foundation, 1111 Ghislain Street, Hawkesbury, Ontario, K6A 3G5, would be appreciated. For expressions of sympathy to the family, by fax: 613-678-2045 or by E-mail: hillcrest.fn@sympatico.ca. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Hillcrest Funeral Home, 151 Bond Street, Vankleek Hill, Ontario, 613-678-2002.

Fred Winston Churchill

Fred Winston Churchill passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side in Guelph on March 4, 2004. He was 53.

He is survived by daughters Tammy (Dan) McIntosh of Rockwood, Stacey (Raymond) Lee of Halifax, and Laura Taylor of Nanaimo, British Columbia; and grandson Ryan McIntosh. He is also survived by sister Helen Allen of Peterborough and several nieces and nephews.

Thanks are extended to companion Vera Terkildsen for her unwavering care, love and support. He lived his life to the fullest and will be dear-

ly missed by family and friends.

He was predeceased by parents Almon and Laura (nee Whiteside) Churchill, brother James A. Churchill and sister Lillian Paterson. He was formerly of Winchester.

He rested at the Winchester Funeral Home where family received friends on March 7. The funeral service was held in the chapel of the funeral home on March 8, followed by interment at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Kidney Foundation of Canada would be appreciated.

Donald M. Garlough

Donald M. Garlough of RR 2 Winchester died at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on March 4, 2004 following a one-week illness. He was 81.

He was born in Williamsburg Township on Oct. 27, 1922 to the late Mert Garlough and Myrtle (nee Watson). He was a lifetime resident of the area.

He was predeceased by wife Nellie (nee James), whom he married on August 26, 1946 in the Prescott Lutheran Church manse. He was primarily a farmer, but in his earlier years he had worked at Pinkus Tire and Ross Beckstead's farm equipment dealership.

He is survived by children Donna (Leonard) Stewart of RR 2 Winchester, Linda (Garry) Stewart of RR 2 Chesterville, Donald (Cindy) of Cardinal, Chuck (Kathy) of Frankford, and Archie (Jeannette) of Berwick.

Also surviving are siblings Beatrice Head of Calgary, Grace Stewart of RR 1 Iroquois, Shelia Scarbo of

Iroquois, Ginger (Ray) Angel of Tara, Lonnie (Blanche) of Glen Becker, Rodney of Oshawa, and Mahlon of RR 1 Winchester.

He was predeceased by sisters Clara Tousaw, Marie Ostrander, Emma Hollister, Patsy Garlough and Flossie Garlough; and brothers Dalton, Raymond, Lee, Gerald and Jay.

He was beloved Popoe to 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on March 5. The funeral took place at the funeral home on March 6 with Rev. Mark Ehlebracht officiating. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Pallbearers were David Stewart, Richard Stewart, Bill Garlough, James Garlough, Kent Garlough and Chad Garlough. Donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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