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Paul Skanes, founder of The Mini Donut Factory Inc., has purchased the property where Holmes Bakery stands on Main Street, Winchester. He plans to hire 15 to 20 people next week. Press Photo -- Culliton

## Donut factory rolls into town

### New business bites hole in unemployment

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — Mini donuts are getting set to take a giant bite out of Winchester's unemployment rolls.

The Mini Donut Factory Inc. is coming to town and bringing as many as 20 jobs with it!

Paul Skanes, founder of The Mini Donut Factory Inc. has offered to purchase the property owned by Karen Holmes of Holmes Bakery on Main Street, Winchester. Holmes agreed to sell and papers were signed on Tuesday (May 12).

Skanes announced that he plans to hire between 15 and 20 people by next week and the mini donut operation is expected to be up and running by May 27. The operation will run 24 hours per day with three continuous shifts. A 'help wanted' ad appears in the *Press* this week.

Skanes and Holmes had been in talks since January. Their's is a business relationship, Skanes stressed, not a partnership.

The bakery will continue to operate as Holmes Bakery until August and Holmes will stay on until then, Skanes said.

"I want to learn about the retail bakery industry and Karen will be here to teach me and my staff," Skanes told the *Press*.

In mid-August the deal will be finalized and Holmes Bakery will close its doors to reopen as The Mini Donut Factory Eatery.

"We want to become involved in the community and make this a business the town can use," Skanes said. "I want to become a part of the community." He plans to move his family to the Winchester area as well, he said.

Skanes explained that when he saw the Holmes business for sale he realized that retail would be a good addition to his company. Currently the mini donut company operates donut kiosks within the stores of Skanes' clients. His clients include department stores such as Zellers, Costco and Independent Grocer.

"I started the business in August 1995," Skanes said. "I started out with just me and a donut kiosk. Since then we have built it into an operation of approximately 40 employees."

He revealed that, since he struck a deal with Costco this past winter, there has been an unbelievable volume, with a demand for up to a quarter of a million donuts each week.

Skanes said he chose a community south of Ottawa because of his shipping points, as he deals with Ottawa and the Costco in Montreal.

Holmes said she was happy with the deal and glad to see a new business coming into Winchester.

## Safe return from space for Williams

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

WILLIAMSBURG — Talk about a happy Mother's Day, and a week early to boot.

Isobel Williams of Williamsburg celebrated an early Mother's Day by watching her son land in a spaceship after having spent more than two weeks in space.

Her son, Dave Williams, 43, is the Canadian astronaut/neurophysiologist who participated in the most recent mission on the space shuttle Columbia.

The mission's purpose was to gather information on how humans and animals adapt to space and their ability to live in a microgravity environment for an extended time.

Isobel Williams flew to Houston, Texas in April to see her son off. "The take off was a magnificent sight, just taking part in it was wonderful," she said.

And was she nervous about seeing her son shoot into space?

"I had complete confidence in the mission," she said. "Dave wasn't worried, so I decided I wasn't going to be worried, either."

Williams watched the launch on April 17, 8.5 miles from the launch pad. After the launch she returned to Houston with her daughter-in-law, Cathy, and her two grandchildren. She taped the activities shown on television every day and watched news conferences about the mission.

The landing on Sun., May 3 went very smoothly, she said.

This time, family, friends and supporters were able to stand closer to the runway to view the landing of the shuttle.

"The ship was much larger than I'd thought," she said. "We were standing along the runway, and it was just magnificent to see it land."

She could have seen her son about eight hours after the landing, but she had a plane to catch. She spoke to Dave on the phone later in the week.

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## WDMH's fate to be revealed

CORNWALL — The long-awaited announcement by the Ontario Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) for health care in SD&G and Prescott-Russell is to be made this morning (May 13).

The decision regarding health services restructuring will be announced in Cornwall at the Parkway Inn at 9 am.

The announcement has been anticipated by the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The hospital has made moves to update and redirect its services in the past year in a pledge to avoid the closure of the hospital. The restructuring commission has closed hospitals in other parts of Ontario.

WDMH has plans to direct its services towards more ambulatory care and day patient treatment, and has made efforts to attract specialists to the hospital in order to provide clinics in areas such as geriatrics and orthopedics.

"I don't believe they are going to close any more hospitals," WDMH administrator Joseline Sikorski said Monday.

"We'll just have to wait and see."

## Russell teen fights for Hep-C compensation

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

RUSSELL — Don't call him the 'Hep-C posterboy". He's just a guy fighting for his rights and the rights of thousands of others.

Fifteen-year-old Joey Hache of Russell is still adjusting to his instantaneous fame that came about just over two weeks ago. The hepatitis-C victim got involved with the national controversy when he decided that politicians were political prisoners if they were forced to toe the party line and vote against the Reform party's motion to give compensation for all hepatitis-C victims.

Hache contracted the virus through one of the regular blood transfusions he requires due to a rare blood disorder called Diamond Blackfen Syndrome. He receives blood transfusions every four to six weeks.

Where he contracted the disease is unknown. He was diagnosed in 1991, but the family had moved around a lot and he had been to numerous hospitals.

The Osgoode Township High School student got involved in the issue when his father, Joe Sr., spoke to columnist Dave Brown at the Ottawa Citizen about his son's question regarding political prisoners. CJOH picked up on the story and interviewed the teen.

When the TV reporter asked the junior Hache if he was going to talk to Liberal backbenchers about the vote that was to take place the following day, Hache decided that was a good idea.

On Tues., April 28 Hache stood on Parliament Hill and spoke to MPs as they walked into the building. He held signs that read, "I'm 15 and have Hep-C. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs! I don't give in to peer pressure! Will you?" and "My question: Are you going to toe the party line or vote your conscience as an individual?"

Hache sat in the gallery of the House of Commons during the vote that day, and was appalled to see his representative, MP Don Boudria, laughing during the vote.

Once the vote had been made and the motion defeated, Hache stood.

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Fifteen-year-old Joey Hache of Russell spoke about Hep-C compensation with Ontario Premier Mike Harris last week, moments before the budget.

## Chipwagons pay user fees

WINCHESTER — Mobile chipwagons setting up for business in the Township of North Dundas this year will be subject to a traders fee, to the delight of mayor Claude Cousineau.

"This is great," Cousineau said at the last council meeting (May 4). "Everyone has been asking this council for money, and this is the first chance we've had to make some money."

The issue came to light when it was mentioned that a number of requests had been made to start chipwagon businesses in Winchester and the former Mountain township.

All four wards that make up North Dundas township (Winchester village, Winchester township, Chesterville village and Mountain township) previously held different bylaws on this issue.

"We need to decide — do we need a licence and fee charged to these businesses," Cousineau asked council. "Some wards have charged in the past; others have not."

The fee in Chesterville and Mountain township was previously $200. But in Winchester the fee was decided on a case by case basis, council was told. There are various classes for residents and non-residents.

"Restaurants pay a large tax base and these things take away from local businesses," the mayor said. "A chipwagon can set up for a couple of days and then move on. A fee will cover health insurance and gas issues."

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**Scrum**

After he was ejected from the House of Commons for applauding the Hep-C vote Joey Hache found himself in the middle of a large media scrum.
Courtesy Photo

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### Chips

In a recorded vote it was decided that, for this year, council will enforce the former Winchester policy in the township, with some revisions, and revisit the issue next year. The recorded vote saw all councillors vote 'yes' with the exception of Bob Riddell.

A bylaw is expected to be passed at the next council meeting on May 19.

### Hache

"I just stood up and started clapping my hands slowly, sarcastically," he says, demonstrating. "And then I was kicked out."

As he was escorted out by a security guard, the opposition party gave Hache a standing ovation. Other protesters began throwing streamers onto the floor of the house; they were ejected as well.

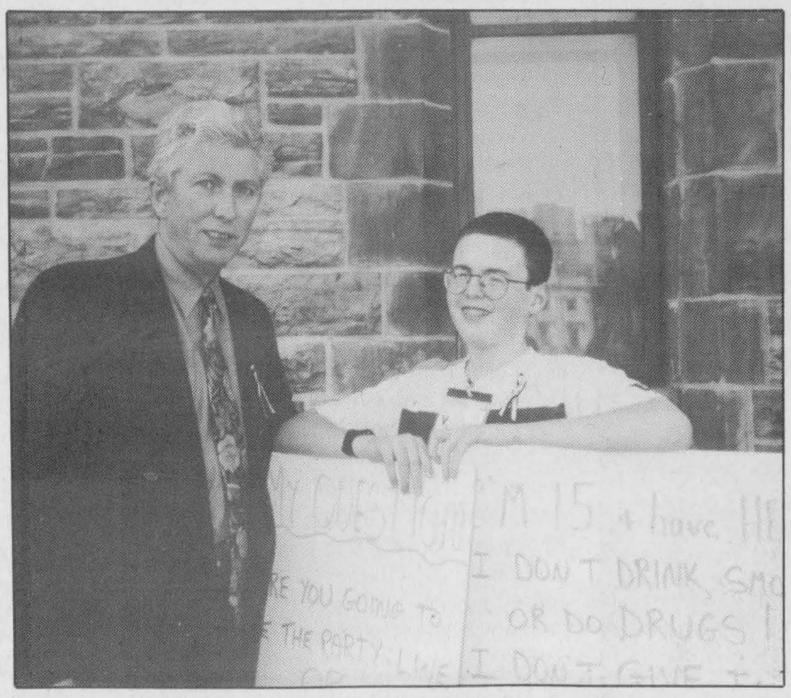
As Hache walked out of the House of Commons, a media circus surrounded him and he calmly, coolly, answered their questions.

"The next day I watched Question Period and I got a question of my own for (Prime Minister) Chretien," Hache says.

So he wrote down his thoughts and Reform MP Grant Hill asked the question on his behalf in Question Period on Thurs., April 30.

His query: "Mr. Chretien: You said that you would rather spend money on pensions for young Canadians that might not get one when they retire, rather than giving money to compensate hepatitis-C victims. Did it ever occur to you that some young Canadians like myself might not make it to retirement age because of hepatitis-C?"

This comment was also read in the House: "Mr. Chretien: You made a comment yesterday in the House to the effect that even though we might be compensated, we still have the health care system to fall back on. I went to that health care system to have a lifesaving blood transfusion in the first place — look where that got me... You forced your members to succumb to peer pressure and not vote their conscience. You won that battle.



**Powerful allies**

Hep-C victim and spokesperson Joey Hache speaks with Bloc Quebecois leader Gilles Duceppe outside of the House of Commons.
Courtesy Photo

"But I am your conscience and I will not go away until all victims of Hep-C are compensated!"

To that, the Prime Minister said that Joey Hache should speak to Premier Mike Harris about compensation.

Hache's father was to be in Toronto on business on Tues., April 5 and Hache asked to tag along. Two hours before the Ontario budget was released, Harris made time for Hache.

"He told me that he doesn't like the way the federal government is handling the situation so he is taking matters into his own hands and giving compensation from the province," Hache reveals. "I thanked him for that."

Last Friday (May 8) Hache returned to the House of Commons with another message for the Prime Minister. This time, NDP Leader Alexa McDonough read it.

It read, "Last Thursday in the House, Mr. Chretien said that I should go to Queen's Park and talk to Premier Mike Harris. I did. I was going to ask about putting more money towards Hep-C victims but he had already done that prior to our meeting. Now I'm asking you as leader of the country, yes or no, will you also take a leadership role in resolving this issue?"

To that, Health Minister Allan Rock responded that meetings are being arranged and that he is waiting to see the position of the other provinces.

The Haches have discovered that Joey is eligible for compensation. However, Joey Hache isn't going anywhere. He plans to be "Chretien's conscience."

"I think it seemed to shake Chretien after the questions were asked," Hache says.

The Grade 10 honor student says he had never been interested in politics before now. He enjoys playing hockey and playing with his computer — he's a regular kid.

"Actually, he's pretty quiet," Joe Sr. points out. "A lot of people in Russell were really surprised when Joey spoke out — they couldn't believe this was the same kid."

What next?

"I guess now we wait and see what the government does," Hache says. "I think Chretien should take a leadership role on the issue. He should lead by example.

"I want all Hep-C victims compensated."

### Hep C background

Hepatitis C was unidentified until 1989. It is a viral infection spread by direct blood-to-blood contact.

Screening has kept hepatitis C out of Canada's public blood supply since 1990. The main sources of infection include injection drug use or sharing personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes and razors or body piercing.

There is no vaccine and most victims never show symptoms while some suffer flu-like illness. Others experience tiredness, appetite loss, vomiting, fever and soreness in the abdomen and joints.

Studies estimate that within two decades of the onset of infection 15 to 20 per cent of victims will develop cirrhosis or scarring of the liver and half of those will develop liver cancer.

In 1989 the hepatitis C virus was identified. In 1990 the Canadian Red Cross started screening for the virus, but bad blood products still reached some patients. In 1993 Justice Horace Krever was appointed to investigate the contamination of public blood in the 1980s.

In 1997 Krever released his report, citing the Red Cross and governments for ignoring warnings as HIV and hepatitis C transmissions continued. He called for no-fault compensation. He found that 85 per cent of about 28,600 hepatitis C infections from blood infusions between 1986 and 1990 could have been avoided.

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### Astronaut

"They were continuing to do sleep studies after they landed," Williams said of her son's experiments. While in space, the astronauts became their own subjects as they tested sleeping patterns on each other.

**CONFIDENT CREW**

Prior to the launch a party was held for the astronauts and their families. "We had to have a medical first, before going to the party, in case we were carrying germs," Williams explained. "It was a good party. I met all of the crew — they were all so confident and intelligent and relaxed."

There has been talk of the crew going into space again in the fall, Williams said, but she put that down to speculation.

"I think it's probably a political thing on the American's part that they don't want the crew to go again in the fall," Williams said. "But I think that if the same crew did go again this year it would save a lot of time and money because of all the training they have to go through — they'd already be trained."

Whether this year or sometime in the future, her astronaut son has a chance of being chosen for another mission, Williams pointed out. "They're going to do more life sciences missions and there are not that many who are trained in life sciences so there is a good chance he'd be picked again."

Eight families from the Williamsburg area travelled to Houston for the launch as guests of Dave Williams. All were excited and enjoyed the trip, Williams said.

"Dave is interested in talking to kids about space," the proud mother said. "He hopes that he will inspire some child to have his dream of becoming an astronaut. He says he'd like to see a Canadian on the first trip to Mars."

**MOM'S FAME**

Williams discovered a fame of her own as a result of her son's adventures. When she returned home after the shuttle landing there were messages on her machine from the BBC in London, England and the Discovery Channel. She has also been featured in area newspapers, including the Ottawa Citizen.

Dave and his wife, Cathy, were able to keep in touch while he was in space, also, Williams said. Cathy is a First Officer with Air Canada and had to fly to Los Angeles. She received a phone call from her husband in space at her hotel in LA.

"She also received an e-mail from him on one of her trips and the pilot read the message on the public address system," Williams recalled. "The passengers all clapped and whistled for her."




**Proud mom**

Isobel Williams of Williamsburg holds a photograph of her son, Canadian astronaut/neurophysiologist Dave Williams and a picture of a space shuttle launch. She was in Houston to see her son blast into space last month and saw him land about two weeks later.
Press Photo — Culliton

### Nor-Dun Centre yard sale set for June 12

WINCHESTER — The Nor-Dun Seniors' Centre is gearing up for its annual yard sale, which is scheduled to take place on Fri., June 12 from 1 pm to 4 pm and Sat., June 13 from 8 am to 1 pm at the centre.

The cost to rent a table at the sale is $5. For additional information, call 774-6109.






Back, left to right: Lorna Kerr, Joanna Kerr, Juli Kerr. Front, left to right: Tracy Barkley, Bruce Kerr, Joanne Moran.

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# Army returns to North Dundas to show off new vehicle, say thanks

by Sandy Bierworth
*Press staff*

MAPLE RIDGE — There was an interesting sight in the parking lot beside North Dundas District High School on Wed., May 6. Beneath the dozens of students climbing, gawking and jumping was a new, hi-tech army vehicle, brought to the school by the Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

They are the same Petawawa-based soldiers who had bunked in the school's gymnasium while helping local residents during January's ice storm.

About 10 soldiers visited NDDHS to show students the vehicle and to say thanks for the hospitality.

"You're thanking us for all we've done for you?" one student asked a soldier. "You made us lunch and you were a big help. We should be thanking you."

The Dragoons are spending two weeks in Almonte training to go to Bosnia.

NDDHS was presented with a picture of the Reconnaissance Squadron including nearly every soldier who had stayed at the school. A small plaque bears the inscription: "North Dundas District High School, from Recce Squadron RCD, For your hospitality, Ice Storm '98."

The LAVE Coyote, a reconnaissance vehicle, has eight large wheels and looks like a tank.

The multi-million dollar vehicle weighs 15 tons and travels between 80 and 100 kilometres per hour.

A large and very powerful gun rests on top, controlled by two soldiers inside through a series of digital measurements of distances and a viewfinder.

The driver sits in an opening at the front, with dozens of switches, controls and levers in the small space around the seat.

The most interesting part of the vehicle is at the back, where a large tower, about the size of a telephone pole, extends about 12 feet above the top of the vehicle.

Attached at the top was hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of hi-tech video, radar and surveillance equipment.

Corporal Jim Rose said the video monitors would be used in combat to spy on the enemy and report back to the brigade. Movements could be recorded on small video tapes, and the video scanner was able to turn completely around and zoom in close enough to read a license plate on a car across the parking lot.

A laser target gives a digital measurement of how far away a target is. It can scan a target up to 24 kilometres away and can track up to 100 targets at a time, Rose said. NDDHS students had fun spying on their friends on the other side of the school.

Rose said Canada is the only country in the world to own such hi-tech equipment.

Corporal Troy Cleveland said a lot has changed in the four months since the ice storm.

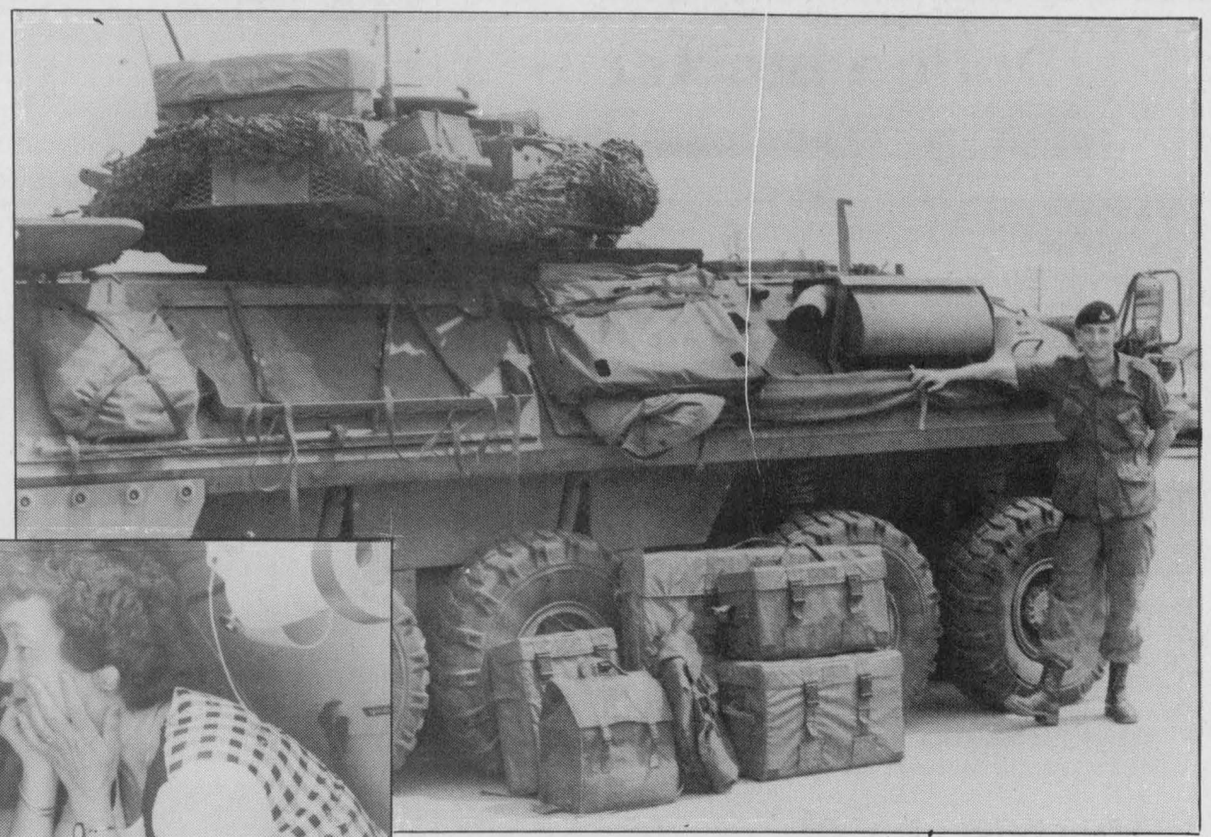
"It's a lot nicer now," he said. "I really think people's attitudes have changed toward the army. It's nice to be back."

Grade 9 student Morgan Morrow was among the hundreds of youths impressed with the vehicle.

"It's big," he said. "There's lots of space inside. It's pretty cool."

Ryan Genier, also in Grade 9, agreed.

"It's cool," he said. "It's pretty different from what I thought it would be."



Master Corporal Trevor Thorn stands beside the new army reconnaissance vehicle, the LAVE Coyote, outside NDDHS on Wed., May 6. The army returned to the school to show its appreciation for letting the troops set up headquarters in the school's gym during the ice storm.
Press Photo — Bierworth



Vice-principal of NDDHS Nancy Farley and principal Connie Provost examine the hi-tech surveillance in the back of the LAVE Coyote, a new army vehicle brought to the school by the same soldiers who had bunked in the gym during the ice storm. The army returned to say thanks to the students and teachers for their hospitality.
Press Photo — Bierworth

# Nominations open for board

DUNDAS — The Board of Directors of the Canadian Mental Health Association's SD&G and Prescott/Russell Branch is seeking interested people to join the board or to become a member of one of the board committees.

Special skills, community roles and expertise are sought in several areas, including: community members from Dundas, Prescott and Russell counties; law and family medicine; family member of a person experiencing serious mental health problem; marketing, public relations and fundraising.

Board terms are usually for two years. Elections are held at the annual meeting in June. Enthusiasm, a willingness to learn and work in a group and an ability to assume responsibilities required of a Board member are essential.

Board committees are as follows: Dundas County and Prescott-Russell Advisory Committees, Programs, Finance, Personnel/Nominating, Fundraising, Public Education and Relations, Social Policy and French Language Services.

If you are interested or wish to nominate a person, contact the office at 613-933-5845 or toll-free at 1-800-493-8271.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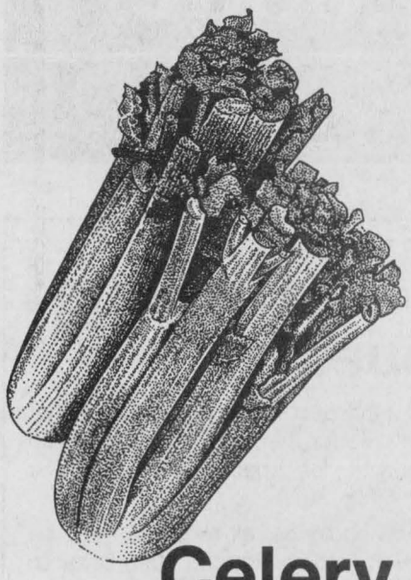

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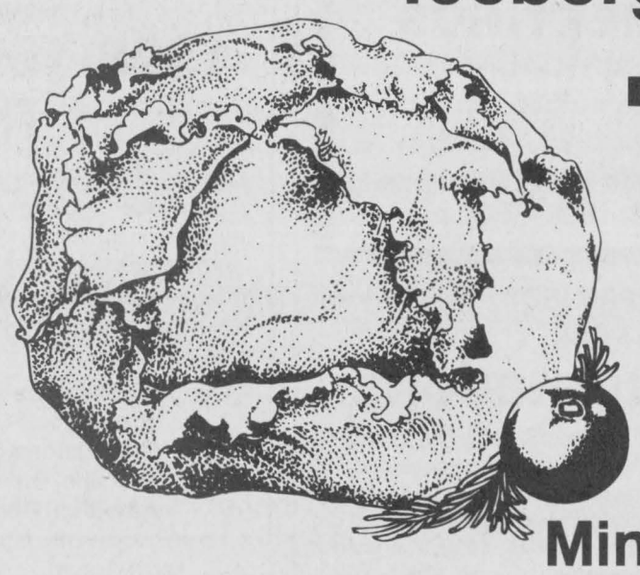

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# Police blotter

During the past week police officers in Dundas County responded to 89 calls for service.

## Car theft

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — On Sat., May 9 OPP received a report of the theft of a motor vehicle from a private residence in South Mountain. Overnight, a white four-door 1992 Plymouth Acclaim was taken from a Main Street residence in the village. The vehicle has not yet been recovered. Constable J. Morier is investigating the incident.

## Electric tools stolen

MATILDA TOWNSHIP — On Mon., May 4 police were called to the scene of a break and enter which had occurred at a private residence in the former Matilda Township. A forced entry had been made to a garage at the Gilmour Road residence and a number of tools were taken.

A McCulloch model 6000 3209 chainsaw, a Dewalt circular saw, a Dewalt drill and an electric stapler were stolen.

Approximately $100 in damages was sustained to the garage in the incident. Constable M. Tereschuk is investigating.

## Trespassing on roof

WINCHESTER — Two people were charged with trespassing after OPP investigated a report of people on the roof of Winchester Public School on Thurs., May 7. The fine for offences under the trespass to property act is $55.

## 911 emergency calls only

WINCHESTER — While the new 911 system for SD&G does provide for a single point access to emergency services in the tri-counties, it should be used in conjunction with the existing 1-888-310-1122 number for contacting the OPP.

The 1-888 number should still be used when it is necessary to make a report to the police that is not an emergency; for example, calls for information, reporting incidents that had taken place earlier and are not 'in progress' or making reports for insurance purposes are not emergencies.

The 1-888 telephone stickers are available at local OPP detachments.

## Marine patrols return

MORRISBURG — This past weekend saw the return of the OPP Marine Patrols to the St. Lawrence River. Constable Harvey Blokland oversaw the weekend patrols which will be continuing throughout the summer. Officers will be on the water to enforce boating regulations, liquor laws, the Criminal Code — impaired operation applies to boats as well as vehicles — and to provide assistance and information to other boaters.

Watch for them this summer as the OPP take to the water.

## Aggressive driving campaign

WINCHESTER — Throughout Ontario in 1997 a total of 70,423 collisions were investigated by OPP. In these collisions 614 people were killed and over 24,257 were injured. Aggressive driving was the major factor in these collisions.

Aggressive driving encompasses a broad range of driving habits: speeding, following too closely, failing to yield the right of way, unsafe lane changes and passing and disobeying traffic signs and signals. These habits increase the risk of collisions and the injuries and deaths associated with them.

The message "drive friendly" is the focus of this year's aggressive driving campaign conducted by police services across Ontario from May 15 - 29. OPP officers remind all drivers that controlling your actions behind the wheel will help make our roads safer and reduce the costs for us all.

## Railway barriers

WINCHESTER — In the past week there were two incidents reported relating to railway crossing barriers being down across St. Lawrence Street in Winchester.

A few years ago the existing warning lights were replaced by a system which now has barrier arms to protect the crossing. The addition of barriers to the crossing has changed the onus placed on drivers when confronted with the situation of a barrier being down and no apparent train approaching.

The Highway Traffic Act prohibits the driving around or under these barriers and carries a fine of $90 for the violation. However, the potential danger presented by crossing the tracks in this situation is far greater.

If you encounter a barrier down and have concerns as to the length of time it has been down or the apparent lack of an approaching train, report it and consider an alternate route. Do not take chances with your safety or the safety of your passengers.



### *Prehistoric art*

Nationview Public School Grade 1 student Ashley St. Pierre shows off a dinosaur during the school's open house held Wed., May 6. The open house was just one of the events held at the school in celebration of Education Week. Press Photo — Fetterly

# Power out, party on

METCALFE — The village of Metcalfe is honoring those who broke the ice and gave their time during the ice storm with the Power Out, Party On celebration this weekend.

The Metcalfe Community Centre and surrounding fairgrounds will be bustling with family activities throughout the weekend, with official ceremonies beginning at 5 pm on Sat., May 16 to honor the army, who will be returning for the event, Hydro workers, fire department volunteers and five members from each of the Greely, Vernon, Metcalfe, Kenmore and Mitch Owens Road shelters.

Following the ceremony will be a dinner, which will begin at 6 pm. No more tickets will be sold in advance for the awards dinner. There are only 80 tickets remaining for the dinner and they will be sold upon arrival at the Metcalfe Community Centre between noon and 4 pm on May 16.

Tickets for the family supper on Sun., May 17 will go on sale on Wed., May 13 at the Metcalfe Fire hall and at the Township hall. Tickets for this event will also be available throughout the weekend at the Community Centre and will cost $2 per person.

Ice storm survival pins will be sold throughout the weekend for $2 each and an ice storm survivor scroll will be handed to each person who joins in the events.

Throughout the days on Saturday and Sunday, baseball tournaments will be held for families. Players can register upon arrival and challenge neighbors to a friendly game.

The arena will be swinging and bopping on Saturday night after two dances get under way at 7:30. Teenagers will shake up the Community Centre while an age-of-majority dance rocks the ice surface of the arena. Both dances will end around midnight.

On Sunday, the winners of the township talent search will be announced on the ice surface of the arena at 3 pm. From 3:30 to 4 pm, the official closing ceremonies and 'march off' of the service and utility representatives will take place.

# Computer camp awarded funding for this summer

WINCHESTER — The TR Leger School is offering their popular Computer Day Camp to local children again this summer, during the months of July and August.

The week-long camps will be scheduled across the United counties and located in the TR Leger satellite campuses in Morrisburg, Winchester and Alexandria.

The camp has, for the second year, been awarded funding from Industry Canada through the Information Highway, Science and Entrepreneurship (ISE) Camps initiative in recognition of exemplary programming. The funding to be received this year is twice that granted last year. The TR Leger camp is one of only 35 camps to be awarded funding nationally and one of only 10 Ontario camps to be so honored.

TR Leger Dean of Program and Camp Co-ordinator, Brenda King, reports that "all funding will be committed to the salary of camp counsellors."

Brendan Shane, a graduate of North Dundas District High School and presently enrolled in the concurrent education program at Queen's University, has accepted the role of Lead Counsellor.

His work developing and teaching the camp's innovative curriculum for the last three summers has been a large part of the camp's success in this community.

Each camp week is designated as either a "Kids Camp" or "Cyber Teen Camp" and the Internet component of the camp has been dramatically increased as accessed in the TR Leger state-of-the-art Pentium labs.

Additional information on registering a camper or applying for a position as a counsellor can be received by calling the TR Leger School in Winchester at 774-0222.

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# The Township of Osgoode

## *What's News*

AGENDA • MEETINGS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

TOWNSHIP HALL, METCALFE
Council Meeting - May 19, 1998 - 7:30 pm
Committee of Whole - May 26, 1998 - 7:30 pm
Council Meeting - June 1, 1998 - 7:30 pm
Committee of Whole - June 8, 1998 - 7:30 pm

TREE PLANTING PROJECT
OSGOODE VILLAGE

### Request for Quotations

The Township of Osgoode is accepting quotations for a tree planting project in the Village of Osgoode. Individual quotes are requested for Phase I and Phase II of this project. Phase I will proceed immediately upon award of contract. Phase II may proceed as well, but will depend on funding availability. Work to be completed by **June 15, 1998**. The lowest or any quotations will not necessarily be accepted.

Quotes must be received no later than **12 noon, Friday, May 22, 1998**.

Quote information can be picked up and will be received at:

**Township of Osgoode**
**8243 Victoria Street**
**Metcalfe, ON, K0A 2P0**
**Attention: Recreation Services Department**

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OSGOODE
### DESTROY WEEDS

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, RSO 1990, Chapter W.5, Section 3, 16 and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of the Township of Osgoode are destroyed by date of June 30, 1998 and throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the costs against the lands, as set out in the act.

*The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.*

**Wayne Robinson, Clerk**
**Paul Hutt & Scott Campbell, Weed Inspectors**

TOWNSHIP OF OSGOODE

### 1998-1999 Ice Booking Requests

As the 1997-1998 ice season is closed, we are requesting that you consider booking your ice time for the upcoming 1998-1999 season, including your requests for special events and/or tournaments.

To complete our schedules and bookings, all requests must be submitted in writing no later than **Friday, May 22, 1998 prior to 4:30 pm.**

All requests should be submitted to the following address:

**Township of Osgoode**
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**Attention: Recreation Services Department**

### *A Message from...*
### *ROADS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES*

**Brush Pick-up**

Residents are advised that Community Centre brush depots are closed effective May 9, 1998. Brush may be taken to the Roads Garage site at 2481 Scrivens Drive for disposal.

**Leaf and Yard Waste**

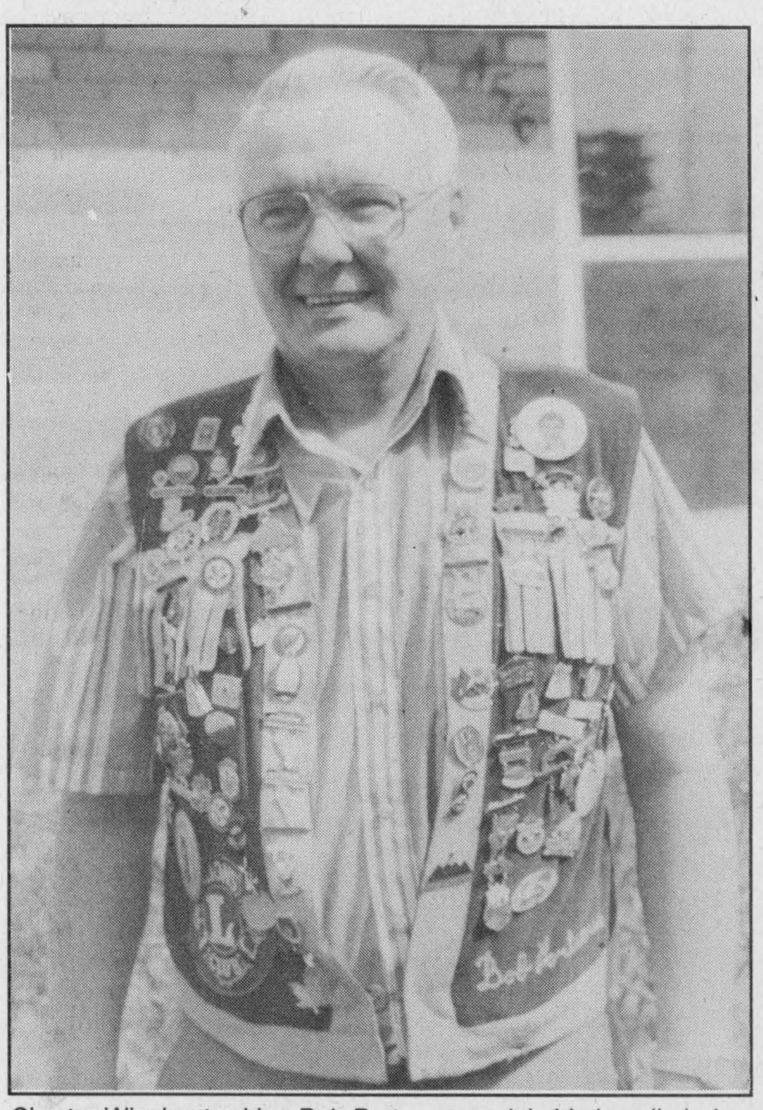
Material is to be placed in brown compostable bags or reusable containers; no plastic bags. Brush is to be bundled in four foot lengths, not to exceed 50 pounds. Collection day will be on Saturdays as follows:

If your garbage pick-up day is Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, your collection day will be Saturday, May 30 in the spring and Saturday, October 31 in the fall. If your garbage pick-up day is Monday or Friday, your collection day will be Saturday, June 6 in spring and Saturday, November 7 in fall. No tags required.

**Bulky Items Collection**

All residents will receive one collection of bulky items in the spring. Collection day will be on Tuesday, June 2, 1998 for those objects that currently cannot be picked up as part of regular collection. No tags required. One landfill site pass is available for each household for use at the Springhill Landfill Site.

# Winchester Lions celebrate 30 years of community service



Charter Winchester Lion Bob Porteous models his heavily laden Lions vest, decorated with memorabilia pins from area Lions clubs and conventions. The Winchester club began 30 years ago.
Press Photo — Culliton

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — In March 1968, 28 Winchester men got together and started the Winchester Lions Club. Thirty years later, the club is still going strong and four of those original members are still working with the Lions as leaders in the community.

Charter member Bob Porteous of Winchester says the Lions club was conceived in 1917 in Chicago by a man named Melvin Jones. The club became international several years later. Today there are more than 114 countries involved with the Lions and there are 1.5 million Lions worldwide.

"The club works under the idea of helping those less fortunate," says Porteous. "We help our community, our state, our province and our country. The club fosters good relations in the community and helps to knock down old barriers. It's non-denominational, non-political, non-ethnical and non-discriminatory."

In 1973 Winchester decided that a hall was needed in the village and turned to the Lions to do something about it. The Lions club purchased the old lumber yard office on Mill Street and officially opened the hall in June, 1976.

The Lions hall is used for Lions meetings, seniors meetings, a weekly Lions bingo, Women's Institute meetings and it is rented out for weddings and conventions.

When the club began it was not without controversy. In several editions of the *Press* in 1968, editorials were written expressing the belief that a Lions club was not needed in the village. Ten years later, another editorial was written with an apology.

At present, there are 32 members of the Winchester Lions club. Porteous recalls membership having been as high as 49. The other three charter members are Al McRoberts, Elzeon Raistrick and Walter Shadbolt.

**BECOME A MEMBER**

To become a Lions member, Porteous explains, you must be invited by a current member. There are rules to be followed, including attendance and participation standards.

"The rules have eased over the years because of the fast-paced world we live in today," Porteous says.

If you are invited to join the club, you attend a meeting and one of the more senior members explains to you what is expected of a member. There are costs, including two dinner meetings each month, as well as annual dues of about $50. As well there are 50/50 draw tickets sold and there are get-together activities with other Lions clubs, such as golfing or card tournaments for example.

Members are also expected to participate in a number of committees, work at bingos or at the Lions concession booth at the Winchester arena and at car rallies.

"When the Lions raise money from the public it goes back to the public," Porteous says. "It goes back into the community in some way, whether to the hospital, the arena, fire victims, Scouts, hockey, the Cancer Society, the Red Cross or Multiple Sclerosis Society. There are many charities who request donations from us."

The club also gives to the Ottawa Heart Institute, CHEO and the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy fund each year. As well, they are regular donors to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).

"The CNIB involvement goes back to 1936 when Helen Keller (who was blind and deaf) approached the Lions and made a challenge at the international convention," Porteous says. "Because diabetes causes blindness, that too is one of our special projects."

On average the Winchester Lions raise about $30,000 each year. Most of that money is given out to causes, while some is kept for future endeavors.

"The fundraising levels go with the economy," Porteous says. "In the past five years it's been down. The bingos used to be much bigger. We lose customers, therefore we lose money. But the community is a big supporter."

**MEMBER BENEFITS**

"You get a lot from being a Lion," Porteous says. "You learn to plan projects, document finances and make reports. It's a good education and the things you learn in the club can be used in other parts of life."

He says members also learn how to present their point of view in front of a group. "It's hard at first, but experience helps," Porteous says. "That's the big thing that I've gotten out of Lions. I ended up being asked as emcee at wedding receptions and other events, and I credit the Lions with helping me to do that."

But despite the benefits from being a Lion, the Winchester club — and other clubs around the world — finds itself dwindling in membership. There seems to be a difficulty in attracting new, young people to the club.

**BREAKING WITH TRADITION**

"The average age of the club is 50," Porteous says. "I joined at the age of 30. Now it's difficult to get 30-year-olds to join."

He adds, "I think that today, jobs are not as secure... that's part of the reason. But all of the clubs are suffering. South Ottawa once had 75 members. Today it has 14. There are serious concerns about the future of the club."

Tradition and a tendency to be unbending in the rules may be part of the problem, Porteous suggests. "I think also that young members don't like the jackets," he adds. "So now the Lions are trying to figure out how to attract new members. I think we need to stop thinking like it's 1917 and start looking ahead to 2000 and beyond. That might change the club somewhat, but that's fine — change is good."

With an eye to the future, Porteous has no plans of slowing down in his club participation. "I believe in contributing to the community and I've always been involved in something," he says. "There have been many things I've been involved in but I've always enjoyed the Lions most, through friendships, helping the community, and the social aspect."



## NDDHS NOTES

by Sam Cullen

MAPLE RIDGE — Another exciting week at North Dundas has gone by.

Last week our graduating students were presented with the opportunity to spend an evening at Canada's Wonderland. Sixty North Dundas students and 30 Seaway District High School students will ride a "big yellow" school bus to Toronto and spend the night there, from 9 pm that night until 5 am the next morning. They will be braving the rollercoasters with a couple thousand other graduating students from all over Ontario.

Good luck to all the members of the track team. On Tues., May 12 our athletes competed at the SD&G track meet and many will continue on to EOSSA which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (May 19 and 20).

If any of our competitors are looking for something to do at the end of track season they could enter the American National Rotten Sneaker Championships. They are held every year at Mt. Montpelier, Vermont.

## Clock keeper

MORRISBURG — When the ice storm hit, the clock atop the Morrisburg Plaza quit. And until recently, the time was not fixed. After this inappropriate delay, Morrisburg resident Gordon McGregor announced to South Dundas council that he will be the "keeper of the clock" at no charge.

## Correction

In an article featured in last week's Press entitled, "Musical love keeps organist going 60 years later (May 6)" the grandson of Joye Loucks (nee Dillabough), Robin, was incorrectly identified. We apologize for the error.

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# This week in...

### 1948

Purchases of equipment for the newly constructed Winchester District Memorial Hospital were reported by the purchasing committee at a meeting of the hospital board. Plastering operations had been started and everything possible was being done by the contractors to rush the completion of the building, directors were told.

The Community Theatre in Chesterville advertised its upcoming show "Ramrod" starring Joel McCrae, Veronica Lake, Preston Foster and Charlie Ruggles in the story of a two-gun trouble shooter of the Old West.

Reynold's Meat Market in Winchester, phone 85, advertised weekend specials including butter for 69 cents per pound and pure raspberry jam, a quart size, for 42 cents. Also on sale was Clarks pork and beans 20-ounce cans, two for 35 cents or two 15-ounce cans for 25 cents.

### 1958

Spreading at high speed, a flash fire levelled the huge modern barn of Dudley Smail near Brinston. Loss was estimated at $35,000. Lost in the blaze were 17 cows, 12 of them purebred Holsteins, 17 pigs, more than 50 hens and a vast quantity of hay, feed and grain. By the time volunteer firefighters arrived, it was too late to save the barn or its contents.

Winchester High School Cadet Corps, more than 225 strong, wound up preparations for its annual inspection. With a company of both girl and boy cadets and a smart, 30-piece band all decked out in colorful uniforms, the show was expected to equal previous efforts which had always been well attended by parents and friends.

In a very decisive fashion, Williamsburg Township voters went to the polls to say that they didn't want liquor outlets in any way, shape or form. The township was already served with a hotel licensed to serve beer in ladies' and men's beverage rooms.

### 1968

Winchester District Memorial Hospital continued to improve its service. The hospital was encouraged to note that area service clubs had taken pride in being associated with these advancements and contributed generously towards making them possible. Another donation from the Morrisburg Lions Club was used for the purchase of operating room instruments.

Two families were left homeless by a disastrous fire that destroyed an old Metcalfe landmark. The fire threatened to spread to major proportions, but fire chief Art Benson, realizing the danger, summoned help from the neighboring towns of Russell and Osgoode.

### 1978

Despite the township's success in holding the line on the municipality's share of the 1978 tax bill, increases in county and school levies meant an 11.7 mill hike for residential public school supporters in Williamsburg. Councillors at their regular meeting were told that for the second year in a row, school levies were the major culprit in the tax increase.

A 20-year-old Iroquois man was killed when the motorcycle he was driving was involved in a head-on collision on County Rd. 2 near Dixons Corners. Fred William Geurkink died after his motorcycle collided with a car driven by Ronald Mudde of Brinston. Mudde was treated for injuries at Winchester District Memorial Hospital and released. Charges were pending while investigation by OPP constable John Steele of the Morrisburg detachment continued.

A committee to study proposed cuts in teaching staff at Metcalfe Public School was formed after a parents' advisory group told Carleton Board of Education trustees the move could eliminate specialty programs at the school. The committee, made up of parents, trustees, the school principal and the area superintendent, was to meet to study the effect of staffing cuts at Metcalfe. Recommendations were to be presented to the board at its regular meeting.

Black House compiled 291 points to win the first Intermural Track and Field meet to be held at North Dundas since 1972. Red House finished a close second with 285 points, the Gold Squad was third at 241 and Green Machine was fourth with a 192 total. No one was able to remember why the annual event had been dropped back in 1972, but if it was because of a lack of interest, that ill seems to have been cured.

### 1988

Taxes were up 9.2 per cent in Winchester after council finalized its budget. Although Winchester council kept its budget expenditures down in 1988, even lower than in the previous year, the school boards' increases were largely responsible for the jump in property taxes. The average tax bill for public school supporters on an assessment of $4,200 had climbed by $78 to $1,192. Separate school supporters would pay more. Their average bill would increase by $95.

Patients and staff at Winchester District Memorial Hospital were preparing to be told to butt out. The hospital board was planning to ban smoking and a policy was to be approved at the board's next meeting.




Board chair Clare Brown said the board was unanimously in favor of the proposed ban.

OPP in Winchester investigated the second incident in a month in which a man pulled down his pants and exposed himself to a female passerby. Police believed the same man was involved in both incidents. The latest occurred along a road between Ormond and Marionville. The man exposed himself to a 20-year-old Winchester woman who was bicycling past his car parked along the roadside ahead of her. She was able to give a detailed description of the man and police drew up a composite sketch.

Osgoode Township High School's Panthers track team had 11 of its 35 members place in the top three at an invitational track and field meet in Kanata at A.Y. Jackson High School recently. Joanne Dignard led the way for the Metcalfe school, scoring first place finishes in both the junior shot put and javelin. Dignard also earned silver in the discus.

## EDITORIAL

### Two weeks — 30 new jobs!

Hooray for Winchester!

On the front page of the last two editions of the *Press*, there has been a good news story about a new business coming to town and bringing with it a number of new jobs.

Just what the village needs. Finally some good news.

First, last week Dr. Nam Fong Han announced he will begin construction in just a few weeks on his new Natunola plant which will manufacture skin care products.

In fact, not only has this businessman chosen Winchester as his plant's site, but he has brought his business here as a spin-off of yet another industry on its way to Winchester — the soybean crushing plant that is now nearing completion.

The hiring process is expected to take place in the fall for Natunola, as there will be about 10 new positions opening with the plant.

And this week, the closure of one business means the opening of another one — and a large one at that.

Holmes Bakery on Main Street, Winchester, has been for sale for some time. Yesterday (Tuesday) it was announced that the property has been bought by The Mini Donut Factory Inc.

And it brings with it between 15 and 20 jobs — next week!

Last week's announcement by the Ontario government that the unemployment rate has plummeted seems to be true, at least in Winchester. What a boon for the village, and for the Township of North Dundas.

### Heroic measures

He won't agree that he's a hero, but 15-year-old Joey Hache has become a hero in the eyes of many in the past couple of weeks.

He's the boy who decided to take a stand and speak out against the bureaucrats in Ottawa in light of the unfair ruling against compensation for all hepatitis C victims.

Hache is just a regular kid. He likes to play hockey with his friends and he's a good student.

And he has a point. He says that Liberal MPs who were forced to vote the way the Prime Minister told them are political prisoners.

Even more heroic is the fact Hache now knows that he is eligible for compensation through the federal government. Many people would back down their fight once they got what they wanted.

But Joey Hache is not out for himself. He is fighting for the thousands and thousands of people who were infected with bad blood because of the government's negligence — people whom the government does not want to feel responsible for.

Congratulations, Joey. Don't give up.

L.C.




# So long, *Seinfeld*, yada yada yada

**But seriously...**

**by Lori Culliton**

It's been a good trip. *Seinfeld*, the sitcom that defeated all others in the ratings war, the show that defined the 90s, as some say — is calling it quits.

As if you didn't know that already.

I mean, one would have to have been on the moon to not know that *Seinfeld* is going off the air this week.

Pictures of the show's characters are plastered on every magazine cover, on the front page of national newspapers and they're all over the television. It is estimated there will be viewers in the tens of millions on Thursday night as *Seinfeld* bows out.

Yada yada yada.

Believe me — our friends Jerry, George, Kramer and Elaine will live on in syndication.

You thought *Gilligan's Island* stuck around for a long time? How about *Three's Company*?

That's nothing, baby.

With the viewers and the advertising dollars brought in by this foursome of losers, they're not going anywhere.

It's funny. They are four of the most vindictive, conniving, vengeful and unlikable people you would ever want to meet.

And yet, oddly, we're drawn to them week after week.

And their language has taken over ours. They gave us catch phrases like 'master of your domain', 'bra-less wonder', 'yada yada yada' and 'the boys'. Not to mention 'the big salad', 'no soup for you', 'the manssiere' and 'Mulva'.

These phrases don't need any explanation. The majority of the population recognizes these utterances that have become part of pop culture, and many of us use them every day.

"What's that all about?"

"No soup for you!"

"I'm sorry, you're not sponge-worthy."

The show has drawn fans from all walks of life. Originally, I think, pointed at 20-somethings, it quickly attracted an audience of all ages.

I don't know — maybe it's because the characters, so bold, so brash, so.... unlike anyone we could be in real life, we are fascinated by them and how they go on from day to day.

Imagine building a space beneath your desk so you could nap during the day without being caught by the boss.

Imagine having a neighbor who helps himself to your food, your television, your clothes, your razor and never says thanks.

Imagine dating one person after another, finding some kind of fault with each one in order to avoid a relationship.

Imagine getting out of your wedding by killing off your wife-to-be with the glue off cheap invitations.

These are the things we silently wish we could do but know we never could. But somehow it's comforting to step into the world of *Seinfeld* and friends every week.

My college roommates and classmates gathered at a friend's place every Thursday night to see what catch-phrase we could use this week, and to see what antics these losers were up to.

Our language picked up on the catch phrases, and we could spend hours doing the 'remember the show when this happened' or watching reruns and reciting the lines.

In fact, *Seinfeld* fills a large part of my memories of my college days. That was right smack in the middle of *Seinfeld's* nine prosperous years.

So how do you say farewell to these old friends? How do you end nine years of fun, laughter and horror at their antics?

I say we celebrate.

Yes, we should celebrate. How about with festivus?

Festivus, because life goes on for the rest of us.

Giddyup.

# School throws open doors

by Sandy Bierworth
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — Education Week celebrations rang out across the province from May 4 to 8, and students at Winchester Public School honored the event in style: outside of the classroom.

A series of presentations and events filled the five days as students strutted their stuff and sang their way through the week with pride.

WPS Principal George Hollingdrake said Education Week helps give parents an understanding of what is being taught inside the classroom while students show off their projects.

"We like to think that eduction is every week," he said. "It's a province-wide celebration that gives students a chance to show parents what they do."

The celebrations began a little early for WPS students as more than $4,000 was raised during the annual Jump Rope for Heart. Children in Grades 3 to 6 skipped all morning on Fri., May 1 and kicked up awareness for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Education Week got to a furry start on May 4 when a vet from Dundas Veterinary Services brought some small animals to visit Grades Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3. This event helped students celebrate Animal Health Week.

And there were no bugs to work out on Tues., May 5 when students from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 3 performed a musical presentation of Going' Buggy. The sight of the children buzzing around in bug costumes flew into the hearts of the crowd of parents and friends who had come to watch the play.

Later that day, WPS held an open house with a bake sale and a used book sale. A 'Jelly Bean Guessing Contest' was held, along with raffles for videos and an autographed NFL football, which was won by student Keith Fox. Proceeds from the sales went toward the school's Naturalization Project.

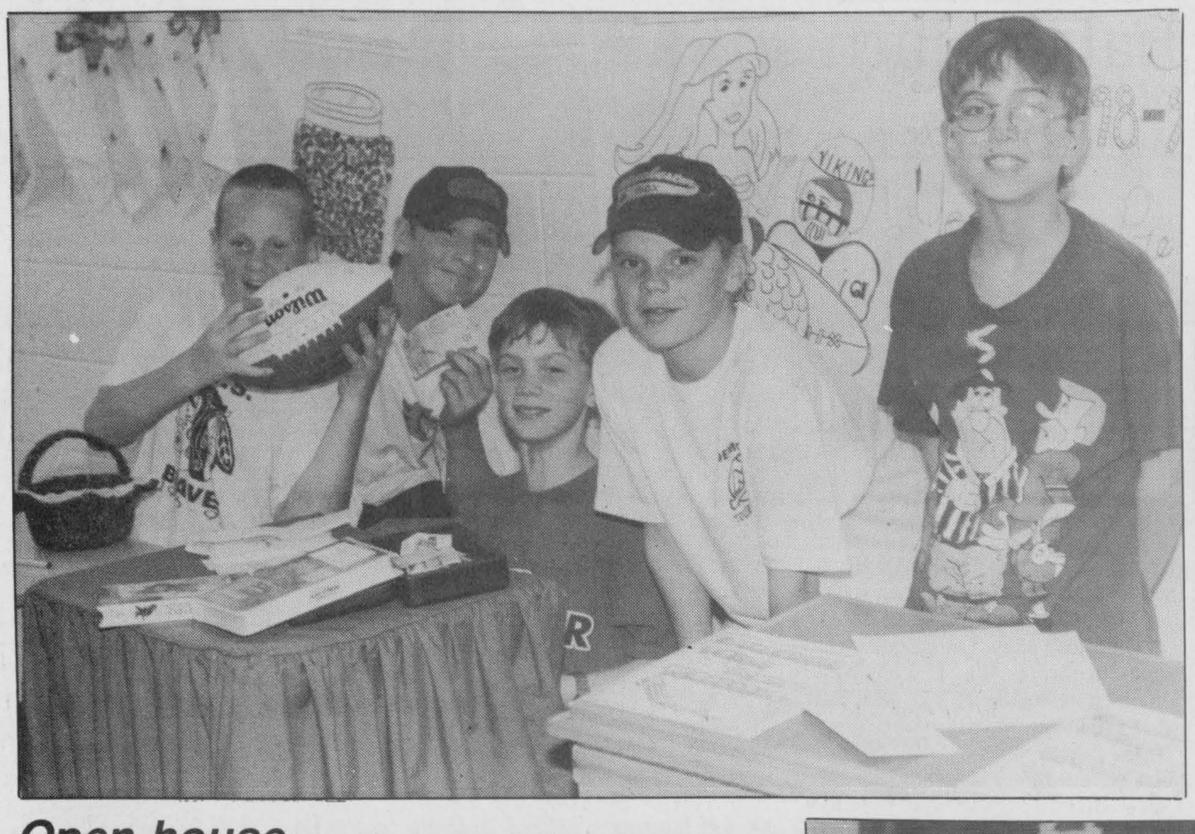
Yearbooks for the 1998 school year were sold on advance sales for $12 each. After Sept. 1, the price will jump to $14.

On Wed., May 6, the school held 'Show and Share Day' during which students visited each other's classes and explained what they are working on.

On Thurs., May 7, seven murals were displayed at Brookdale Mall in Cornwall. Each mural had been mounted on a four by four foot sheet of plywood and was designed by students in various grades.

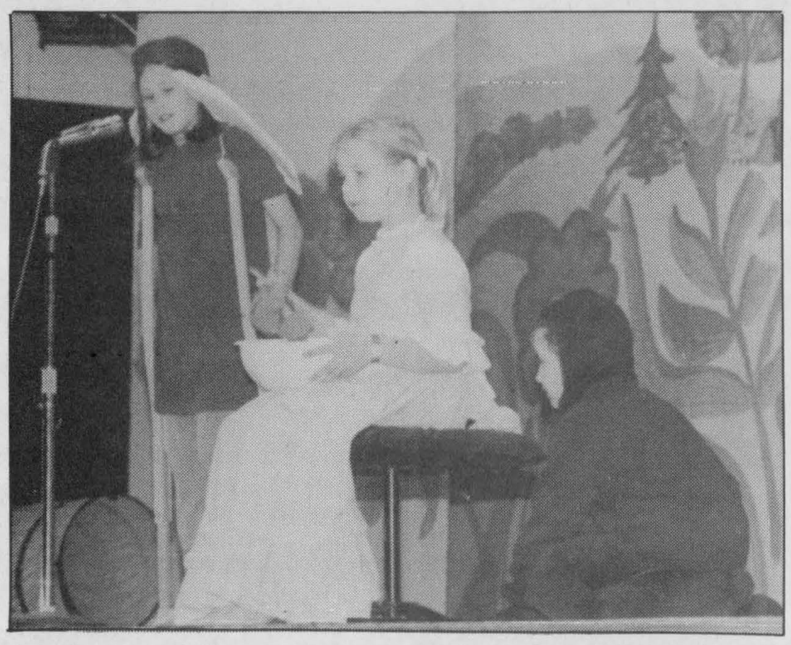
Also on May 7, a choir presentation was held in the gym, during which many students belted out duets and solos to the crowd of parents.

Education Week ended on Fri., May 8 with Junior Track & Field Day.



## *Open house*

Winchester Public School held an open house on Tues., May 5 to show parents and friends what the students have been working on. At the same time, a bake sale and a used book sale was held. These youngsters, from left Troy Stewart, Brad Switch, Kyle Pelkey, Travis Armstrong and Shawn Kelly, worked the front desk and sold yearbooks and raffle tickets. Press Photo — Bierworth



As part of their Goin' Buggy presentation, Winchester Public School students acted out the rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet'. Kaitlin Lange gobbled curds as Muffet and Ryan Prince spun a great web as the spider. Narrating the story was Laura Miskiman.
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A line of 'buggy' students at Winchester Public School were a hit during the presentation of Goin' Buggy. The musical event was held on May 5 by students from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 3. The presentation was part of Education Week.
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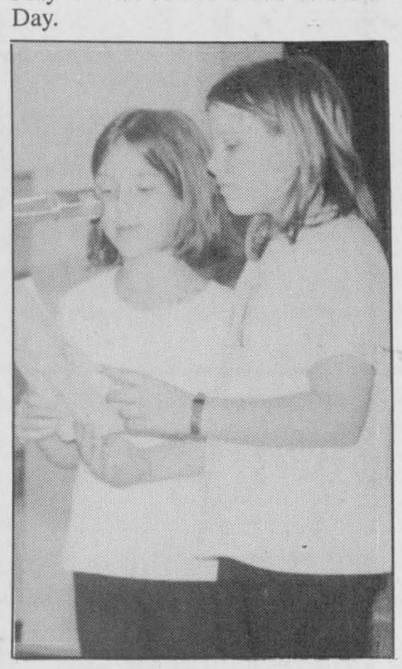

## *Dynamite duo*

Gillian Erickson and Kristen Cowell, both Grade 5 students at Winchester Public School, sang a duet during the school's choir presentation on May 7. The event was part of the school's Education Week celebrations.
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# Boy injured by vehicle

MOREWOOD — On Tues., May 5 police responded to a pedestrian-car collision that had occurred on County Road 7 approximately half a kilometre south of County Road 13 in Morewood.

Around 5 pm a 1983 Dodge Charger driven by Dana Gagne, 46, of Chesterville was southbound on County Road 7 when it collided with a bicycle being ridden eastbound across the road by Justin Gibeault, age 10, of Morewood. The youth was taken to CHEO as a result of injuries sustained in the collision.

No charges were laid as a result of the investigation conducted by Constable A. Gagnon.

According to police, the collision in Morewood reinforces concerns of residents relating to the speed of vehicles in built-up areas.

Speed-related incidents have been reported throughout the area, according to police. Residents have recognized the dangers presented by drivers in built-up areas where small children and other pedestrians are more abundant. Police report that a number of traffic tickets were issued in the Hallville area when radar was used there in response to concerns of the public.

Drivers must be aware that posted speeds are the maximum speeds allowed and that in many areas considerations such as pedestrians, children and play areas may necessitate speeds slower than what is posted in the interest of safety. The onus for accident prevention rests on the shoulders of pedestrians as well as drivers and both must be aware of the potential dangers and do what they can to put safety first, say the OPP.


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## WDMH retirees

Hospital retirees at a party in the Winchester Lions Hall on May 7. Back, left: Ann Cross, Moira McLeod, Audrey Saunders, Lois Palmer, Joyce McIntosh, Alma Stewart, Mary Chisholm, Jean Baldwin, Eleanor Douglas, Erva Cummings. Middle, left: Jean Sloan, Fay Coons, Jean Porteous, Bert Larocque, Karl Trautmans, Zeta Godard, Jean Keyzer, Lorna Dixon. Front, left: Jean Larmour, Mae Walters, Viola Richardson, Carrie Guy, Roma McMillan, Duncan Levere.



## Retirement Party

Recent hospital retirees gathered in the Lions Hall on May 7 for a party. Back row, left: Lila McMillan, Edie Whittaker, Norma Stillson, Doris Michels, Mary Semzen, Vera Mitchell, Anna Somerville, Lois Moran. Middle row, left: Judy Dalgleish, Connie Brown, Lillian Bjergso, Eunice Plummer, Isobel McDiarmid, Marion Robinson, Alice Cross, Kay Forsythe. Front, left: Janet Rutley, Kay Sharkey, Muriel Hay, Marg Tullis, Hilda Elliott, Ruth Smith, Joan McIntosh. Press Photo — Bierworth



## Hospital retirees

An afternoon party was held in the Winchester Lions Club hall on May 7 for hospital retirees. Back, left: Irwin Prunner, Bill Langabeer, Stan Marriner, June Armstrong, Ruth Johansen, Mary Stewart, Bessie Clarke. Middle, left: Orma Prunner, Mabel Carkner, Edith Baker, Vivian Campbell, June Gibson, Myrtle Dawley. Front, left: Leila Helmer, Marie McMonagle, Corinne Wilson, Marjorie McMillan, Grace Mulloy, Mary Biccum. Press Photo — Bierworth

# False alarms plague Manotick OPP

MANOTICK — Officers from the Manotick detachment of the OPP responded to 99 calls for service during the week of May 4 to 10. Police responded to 14 false alarms, 12 thefts and six motor vehicle accidents.

On Mon., May 4 police received a report of a vehicle that had been broken into at a residence on Good Street, Greely. Sometime overnight a vehicle was entered and cash and numerous compact discs were taken.

On the same day police received another report of a vehicle broken into, this time at a residence on Highway 31 in Osgoode Township. Sometime overnight a red Honda was entered and a stereo, two speakers and numerous CDs were stolen.

On Tues., May 5 at around 11:30 pm police were called to a break and enter at a residence on Malakoff Road, Rideau Township. A Labatt's Blue Light sign was stolen. Nothing else in the house appeared to have been disturbed. An older model white vehicle and an older model black vehicle were seen near the residence.

On the evening of Wed., May 6 police received a report of a theft of a boat motor from a property on Edgewater Drive, Manotick. Stolen was a 25 hp outboard Mercury motor, serial number 7210169.

Sometime overnight on Thurs., May 7 a vehicle was stolen from a residence on Shadow Ridge, Greely. Stolen was a 1979 Chev Monte Carlo, silver and black, bearing Ontario marker 501FHP.

On May 8 police received a report of a break and enter to a residence on Mitch Owens Road, Osgoode Township. The victim had a window to the residence broken and had a cover to a boat slashed.

On May 10 police were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Bankfield Road, Rideau Township. Police located a single vehicle in the ditch with the male driver still buckled up. The driver was found to have been under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for impaired care and control of a vehicle and with having more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

On May 10 police received a report of a stolen boat motor from a residence on Island View Drive, Manotick. Stolen was a blue and white 9.9 hp outboard Evinrude motor, serial number 4096608.

Throughout Ontario in 1997 a total of 70,423 collisions were investigated by the OPP. In these collisions, 614 people were killed and over 24,257 were injured. Aggressive driving was the major factor in these collisions.

Too many drivers defy the rules of the road with no concern for safety. There are drivers who, for some reason, change into a monster behind the wheel and drive aggressively and it's not always the other driver.

The message of Drive Friendly is the focus of this year's aggressive driving campaign conducted by police services across Ontario from May 15 to 29. OPP reminds all drivers that controlling your actions behind the wheel will help make our roads safer.

Driving friendly will drastically reduce these collisions. Aggressive driving costs all of us.

# Perennial exchange set in Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG — Williamsburg's second annual Perennial Plant Exchange is ready to go, rain or shine.

The event will take place at the South Dundas Municipal Office in Williamsburg on May 30 from 9 am until 11 am.

The community is invited to exchange the perennial plants they split this year for something new. Any extra plants will be up for sale from 11 am to noon only. Donated plants are welcome.

A representative from "The Master Gardener" will be on hand to display information and answer questions.

When bringing plants in for the exchange, it would be helpful if the plants were labelled with the following information: name of plant, flowering time and color, height and growing specifications (sun, shade, etc.).

Proceeds will go to the WCA Facelift Committee, specifically to purchase flowers for the planter boxes around Williamsburg.

For more information call Wendy Casselman (535-2096), Dianne Lapier (535-2264) or Claire Locke (535-2269).

# Support night

CORNWALL — The Cornwall and Area Chapter of Bereaved Families of Ontario will hold its monthly Support and Share Night on May 14 at 144 Pitt St. from 7 pm to 9 pm. Anybody who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. Sharing may make a difference. Dr. Margot Emory, PhD, will speak about when an adult loses his or her mother. Refreshments will be served and the extensive lending library on grief will open at 6:30 pm.


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People First

# Group works to educate public about disabilities

by Lori Culliton
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — "Everybody has a disability of some kind, and I find that interesting. If somebody looks at you funny or says something that's okay because you know that they have a disability too."

These are the wise words of Michelle Van Kessel of Chesterville, president and public relations co-ordinator of People First, a group that promotes equality and stability for those with disabilities.

Many times, the disability of People First members are not evident. Members' disabilities include developmental disabilities, mental, physical and learning disabilities; some suffer from epilepsy. Most live in group homes or institutions.

Van Kessel has been in neither a group home or an institution; she lives at home with her parents in Chesterville.

"People First members talk to groups about what we've been through and how to deal with disabilities and discrimination," she says.

The 25-member group meets once each month to discuss their concerns and to talk to people operating area group homes, Van Kessel explains. The group has been in Dundas County since 1982. It began in British Columbia in 1974 and became a worldwide organization. Besides in Winchester, there are groups in Cornwall and Ottawa.

People First consists of regular members, a board of directors and two advisors who are there to offer advice and leadership when needed. The group plans outings and holds four dances each year. Van Kessel recently planned her first dance.

Group members also are able to attend conventions where they listen to speakers and participate in exercises. At a convention coming up, Van Kessel says, they will hear a speaker tell them about how to get a job, how to make their dreams come true and how to adjust to life on their own.

A big part of the group's goal is education. Not only educating themselves, but teaching the public about disabilities and tolerance.

"We teach communities about the rights of disabled people," Van Kessel explains. "We teach that it is okay to be disabled — we're not going to turn into a monster or something. This is a part of life that we have to deal with."

To educate the group itself guest speakers have been invited to meetings. Recently North Dundas councillor Gail Parker visited the group to answer questions about the newly amalgamated municipality.

Through People First members gain self-confidence. They learn to understand each other, and to comfort each other when they're sad.

"I've been in the group for the past year," the 23-year-old says. "And since then I've become more outgoing — I used to be very shy. The group helps me to see that there are others like me, people who understand me."

Van Kessel was adopted at six months old. It was several years later that her parents discovered she had a learning disability.

"I couldn't hold a pencil, talking was difficult and my eye-hand coordination was off," she recalls. "I was a very slow learner. My worst subject was math; the easiest addition or multiplication question was very hard for me."

When she graduated from high school she went on to college. "But I couldn't handle the work at that level, I needed more help," Van Kessel says.

However, Van Kessel says she never felt discriminated against.

"I would get the odd stupid remark or teasing in high school, like 'you were given up for adoption because you're stupid', but I never believed what kids said," she says. "I ignored their comments, but it was hard to make friends."

The struggle in high school sent Van Kessel into a shell; she was shy and insecure and didn't socialize much. In the year that she has been involved with People First, however, she has spoken to four group homes, made friends, and was even surprised to find herself as president.

"I do everything that I can now, but I take life one day at a time," she says. "I used to plan my day out specifically and followed that schedule. Now I don't do that, I just take it as it comes.

"I'm very comfortable at the place I'm at in my life now. It's very comforting."



People First, an organization for people with various disabilities, held its monthly meeting recently. Members of the new executive for the organization are, front, left: Elizabeth Stacy (past-president), Michelle Van Kessel (president), Gord Collingridge (vice-president). Back, left: Dawna Miller (group advisor), Denise Libiron (sergeant-at-arms), Kenneth Hutton (treasurer), Diane Scott (secretary) and Patti Guy (group advisor).
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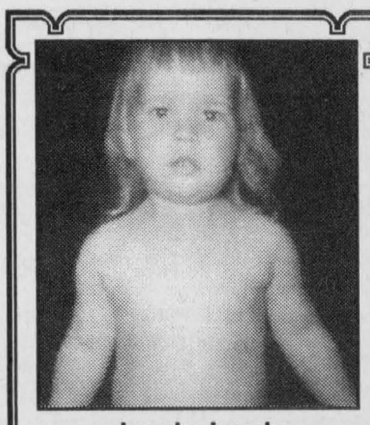

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Previously, mail from this area was forwarded to the Ottawa Mail Processing Plant and then returned for delivery. With these changes, only mail destined for outside the local area will be forwarded to Ottawa.

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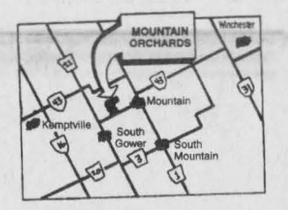

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## OBITUARIES

### *Erwin Cumming*

Erwin Fredrick Cumming of Bayfield Manor, Kemptville, died on Tues., May 5 at Kemptville District Hospital following a brief illness. He was 92.

Formerly of Ormond, Mr. Cumming was a retired dairy farmer, farming until the age of 80. He was born in Ormond on April 12, 1906 to the late John H. and Mary (nee Dewar) Cumming.

He was predeceased by his wife, May (nee McDonald) whom he married on his birthday in 1932 in Ormond.

Mr. Cumming will be missed by his daughter Pamela Cumming of Montreal and son James (Sandra) Cumming of Winchester, as well as grandchildren Shawn, Amanda, Michael and Patricia.

He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Ball of Ottawa. He was predeceased by sister Jennie McLean.

Mr. Cumming received his education up to Grade 8 at Ormond School. He was a member of the Ormond Baptist Church, and a past member the church choir.

A funeral service was held at Winchester Baptist Church on Sat., May 9. Pastor Stephen Neil officiated. Interment was at Ormond Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Van Haren, Leo Van Haren, Brian McLean, Ken McDonald, Steven Little and Rolland Hebert.

### *Dwane Hutt*

Dwane Eldin Hutt, a lifelong resident of Morrisburg, died on Tues., May 5 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 75.

A mechanic in the automobile industry, Mr. Hutt was the beloved husband of Bonnie May Hutt, whom he married at St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg on April 22, 1961, officiated by Reverend Leonard C. Scott.

He was born in Morrisburg on Feb. 15, 1923 to the late Garnet Hutt and Elda Mary Mattice.

Mr. Hutt was loved by numerous nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by sisters Colette Burton and Arlene Moulton and brothers Isador, Beaumont and Sparling.

He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from September 1942 until May 1946. He loved playing hockey and thoroughly enjoyed his 20 years of working as an auto mechanic at the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. In later years he enjoyed spending time at Upper Canada Motors.

He was a member of St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg.

Friends were received at Parker Funeral Home on Thurs., May 7. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Fri., May 8. Reverend Bill Byers officiated. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ed Shaver, Ralph Black, Ian and Gordon Fairbairn, Fred Laforge and nephew Terry Merkley.

### *Pauline Turner*

Pauline Edna Turner of Chesterville died on Mon., May 4 at Ottawa Civic Hospital. She was 65.

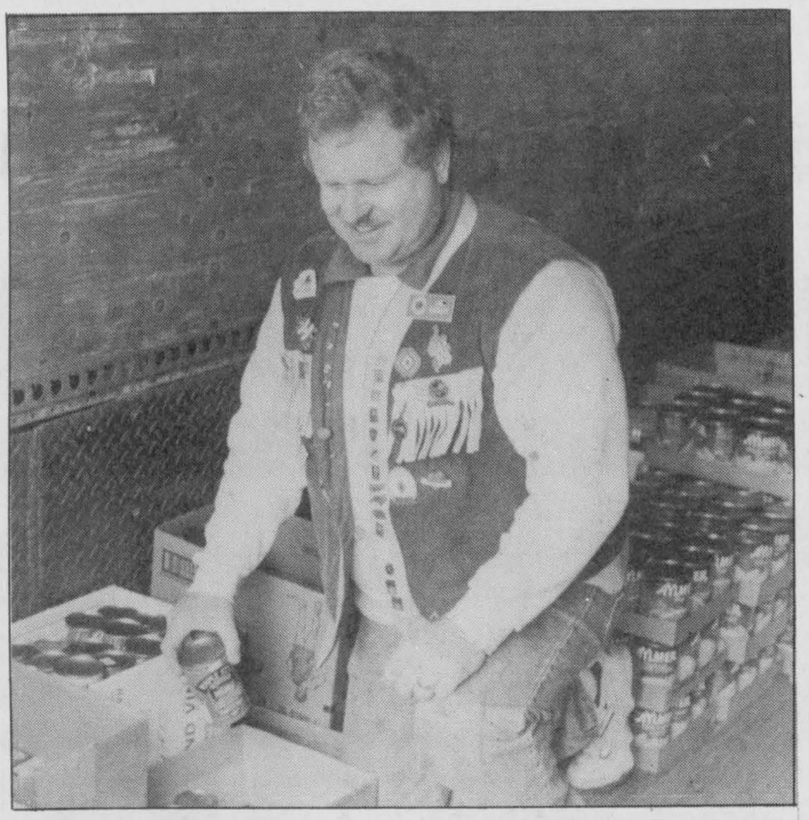
The loving wife of Ronald Turner, Mrs. Turner was the operator of a craft store in Chesterville. She was born in Bay City, Michigan, on June 6, 1932 to the late George Wood and Gertrude Beedle.

She was the dear mother of Linda (Jack) Brandhurst of Florida, Mary LaForest of Finch, Gerald LaForest of Indiana, Greg LaForest (fiance of Lee Berry), John (Barbara) LaForest, Calvin LaForest, Jesse (Kim) LaForest, all of Michigan, Debbie Pittsford (fiance Lynn Harper) of New York and Gina (Dan) Moggo of Michigan. She will also be fondly remembered by 27 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and her father-in-law Kingsley Turner.

Mrs. Turner was the dear sister of Francis Arciagg, Josephine Borton, Gertrude Wood and Paul Wood, all of Michigan, and Bill Hollenbeck of New York.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chesterville where a mass was celebrated on Thurs., May 7. Father Stan Alanen officiated. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mrs. Turner's sons Jesse, John, Greg, Calvin, Jerry and son-in-law Lynn Harper.



### *Edible deposits*

Jack Barkley, a member of the Morrisburg Lions Club, helped collect food and financial donations to the Dundas County Food Bank in Winchester and House of Lazarus in South Mountain during a benefit drive at the Morrisburg plaza on May 9. Press Photo — Bierworth

# Upper Canada Village opens with salute to Queen Victoria

MORRISBURG — Upper Canada Village has awoke from its hibernation and is gearing up for a fun-filled season of historical entertainment and drama. The village will officially open for its 38th season on Sat., May 16.

The drop sheets and dust mops have been put away and festivities have been planned for the entire family. On the program are a militia muster, athletic games and demonstrations, a fire engine trial, an infantry encampment and a special patriotic ceremony.

On Sun., May 17 and Mon., May 18, visitors will be able to join the village townsfolk in honoring Queen Victoria on her birthday. Following invigorating historical speeches by village dignitaries, visitors will be ready to join in the singing of "God Save the Queen."

During the afternoons, there will be plenty of opportunity for children of all ages to experience the past. Parents and youngsters are invited to attend the ever popular "Temperance Society Meeting," watch the sedentary militia muster and the fire engine trial (on Sunday only) with the village's flashy hand-pumping engine called "The Queen" and lace up for foot races and many other games taking place at the village fairgrounds.

Visitors will want to make time for browsing through the village store, which is stocked with several new crafts, products and village souvenirs.

Admission to the village is $12.75 for adults, $11.75 for seniors, $9.25 for students and $6.25 for children five to 12 years of age. Children four and under are admitted free of charge. Visitors may want to take advantage of three great specials: people can come back the next day for free (with receipt), save by purchasing a family day pass (10 per cent discount) or purchase the new Ambassador Pass.

Garden enthusiasts should mark May 23 and 24 on their calendars to be sure not to miss the village's Heirloom Plant Sale.

Upper Canada Village is open daily from May 16 to Oct. 12 from 9:30 am to 5 pm.

The village is located 11 km east of Morrisburg.

For more information about the new and upcoming events, call 1-800-437-2233 to obtain the village's event planner.

# Healthy message to eat on

WINCHESTER — A new kid-inspired healthy message is bound to really hit home — via your front door. Laminated placemats promoting smoke-free environments, created by Grade 3 students in Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell, will be delivered to local homes with restaurant delivery orders.

About 15 businesses solicited in each county are participating in the anti-smoking initiative leading to World No Tobacco Day, May 31.

"The placemats are a colorful and friendly reminder to adults that smoking around children, such as in the home, is a real health hazard," said Sandra Labelle of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, which co-ordinated the campaign. "We're really impressed with the students' creativity and by their enthusiasm for the idea. They're hoping their artwork will help adults think twice about lighting up around children."

Second-hand smoke or Environmental Tobacco Smoke is known to trigger a range of childhood ailments including ear infections and asthma.

"Participating businesses deserve the community's support in this campaign," said Labelle. "Their involvement proves they share their clients' values, namely children and health."

For more information about tobacco issues, call the Health Line at 1-800-267-0852.



**40th Anniversary**

The family of

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**2-4 pm**

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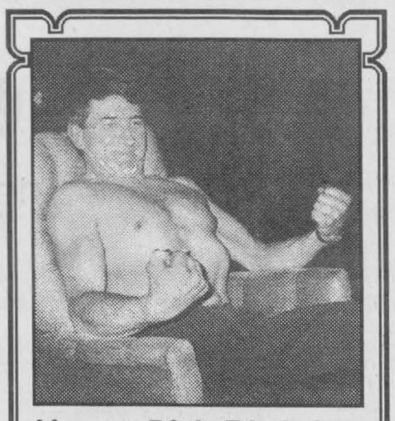
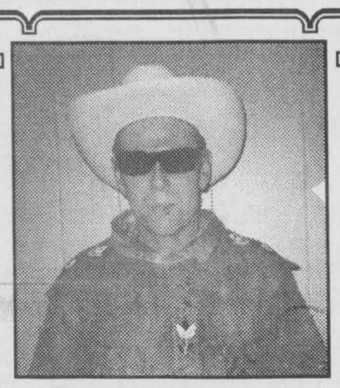


**Happy 50th Birthday**

**Muscleman**

**(May 18)**

*Love Amber*



**Happy 75th Birthday Poppa Christie**

**May 16**

*Love your granddaughters Cynthia and Ashley*

# Mountain Musings

**by Shirley Mills**

Traditionally, the holiday weekend is the time to think of planting - when all danger of frost has past. (We certainly hope we have had all the frost we're going to get this winter.) So that everyone can be prepared, on Sat., May 16, the Inkerman United Church is sponsoring a plant sale, with both perennials and annuals, plus baked goods and yard sale items. This will run between 9 am and 2 pm in the church basement and any donations may be dropped off on Friday afternoon or evening.

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This is advance notice that the Agricultural Society is sponsoring country singer George Fox in concert on Fri., May 22. This will be held in the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain with the concert starting at 9 pm. It will be followed by a dance and Marlene Fawcett will take part in this part of the entertainment. Tickets (in advance) are $20 per person and can be obtained at the local stores in South Mountain or by calling Kevin Scott at 989-2979.



### *Brown–Smith*

Colin Brown of Greely is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of his only daughter Karen Linda to Matthew Brent, son of Gale and Shirley Smith of Kingston. Wedding to take place in Manotick, August 1998.



**Happy 40th Anniversary**

**John and Toni**

**May 17, 1998**

*Love, your family*



### *Marriage Announcement*

### *Petersen–Ace*

Cindy Ace and Paul Petersen were married April 6, 1998 in Ottawa. Cindy is the daughter of Wally Ace and Barb VanBridger, stepdaughter of John VanBridger. Paul is the son of Jes and Mary Petersen. The private ceremony was followed by a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic. Congratulations to the happy couple!

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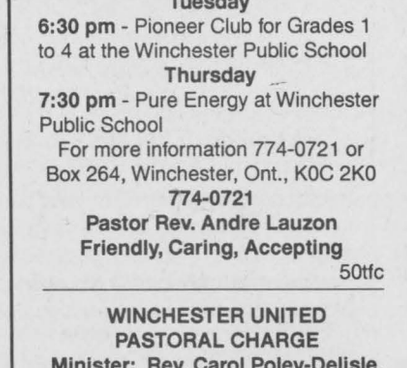

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**Manse: 774-1546**
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**11:00 am** - Worship Service and Sunday School
**Tuesday**
**12:45-1:15 pm** - Prayer Circle
**WINCHESTER SPRINGS UNITED CHURCH**
**9:30 am** - Worship Service and Sunday School
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**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF WINCHESTER, CHESTERVILLE, CRYSLER AND SOUTH MOUNTAIN**
**Sunday, May 17**
**7:45 am** - South Mountain
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**448-3262**
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**9:00 am & 11:00 am** - Sunday
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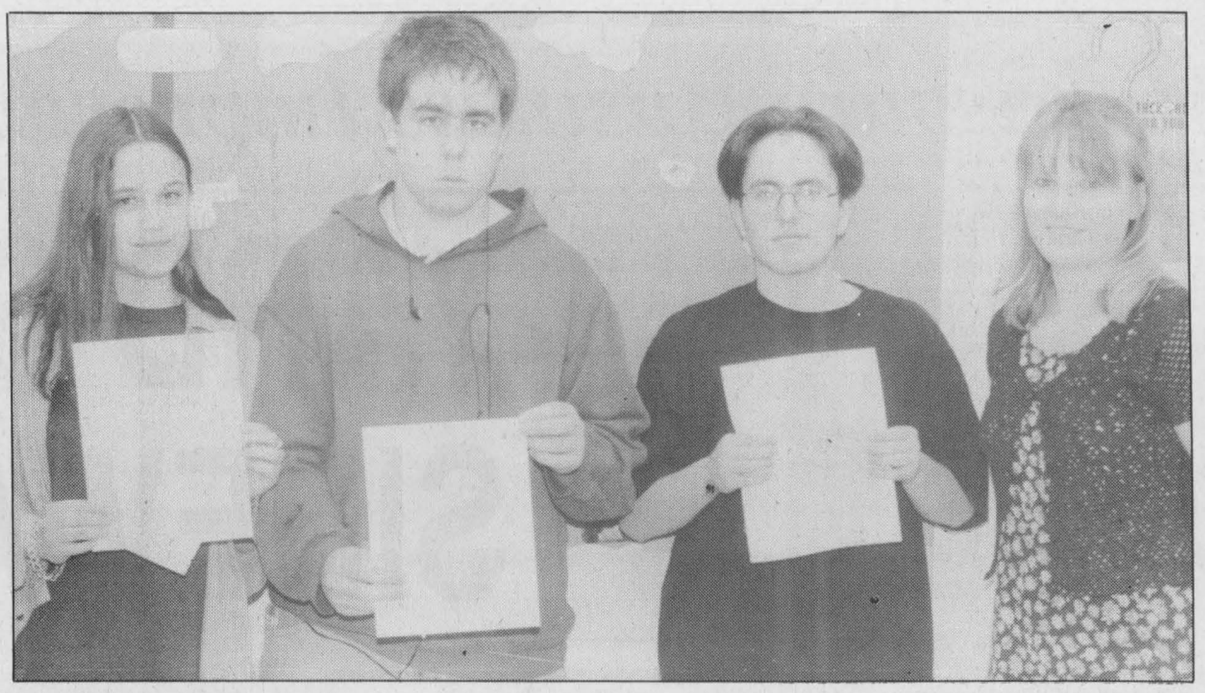
**Everyone is invited to attend this interdenominational prayer time every Tuesday from 12:45-1:15 pm at the Winchester United Church Hall.**

# Winning reunion poem

MAPLE RIDGE — The following poem won first place in North Dundas District High School's reunion poetry contest. The contest was held as a way of allowing students a way to get involved with the 35th reunion, which is taking place on Sat., May 16. An open house will be held for former graduates at the school on Sun., May 17.

**North Dundas: Aiming for Future Perfect**
by Livia Sumegi

*So many different faces walking past*
*Throwing youthful smiles at each other*
*Each one so different from everyone else*
*Each with their own special future*
*An atmosphere of happiness engulfs the school*
*Songs of laughter ring through the halls*
*Then the bell rings*
*And slowly silence falls*
*Beneath the outer crust*
*Strong emotions lie about*
*First loves, heart breaks,*
*Depression, frustration and stress cry out*
*But through it all we grow and mature*
*Learning and improving with every small step we take*
*And just remember that here at North Dundas*
*Our future is ours to make.*



## Poetry winners

Winners of North Dundas District High School's reunion poetry contest from left: First place winner Livia Sumegi took home $25, second place winner Brandon Erratt brought home $10 and third place winner Aaron Allison received $5 in Taz bucks, which is the school's personalized cash. With them is teacher Holly Plumb. The contest was held to give students a chance to get involved with the upcoming 35th reunion, which will be held this weekend. Honourable mention goes to Adam Byron. All the winners were Grade 9 students.

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## Nationview players

Senior students at Nationview Public School in South Mountain performed "The Price We Pay" for visitors to the school's open house last Wednesday evening. The play, written by Nationview teacher Kevin Cooper, is going on the road this week and will be performed at a drama festival in Cornwall next month. Cast and crew of 'The Price We Pay' are, from back, left to right: Cynthia Marcino (coach) Amy McKeen, Melissa Ruyf, Amanda Smith-Millar, Sodonia Leslie, Jennie Simpson. Third row: Alex Fetterly, Marie Hoogenboom, Shayla Stoodley, Kim Pollock (coach). Second row: Devin Heggison, Chelsea Ault, Paul Norgaard, Front: Melanie Hansma, Andre McConnell, Jennifer Blundell, Sarah Adamson, Anne Brown.

# WI holds craft workshops

by Vivian Fawcett

WILLIAMSBURG — The fourth annual Dundas District Women's Institute educational workshops were held in Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg on Sat., April 25.

WI members and friends from Grenville, Stormont, Prescott and Dundas districts, 45 in total, registered at 9 am for the day's workshop and enjoyed coffee and muffins.

Irene Broad, District President, welcomed everyone.

Mary Bowrin, of Kemptville, explained how to set up looms and had those who wished to practise on her four looms.

Cathy Hunt, of Chesterville, showed her expertise of stained glass and donated a piece of her work as a door prize.

Lunch of bunwiches, fillings, muffins, tea and coffee were provided.

Tole painting by Diana Saunders, of Williamsburg, let participants take part in painting a small heart.

Metcalfe's Debbie Luce, who owns a herbal garden, gave pointers on skin care.

She has been giving courses for four years. This brought an enjoyable day to a close.


**Council Members Needed**
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The **Ottawa-Carleton Rural Stewardship Council** has two vacancies on its council.

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- **A rural resident of Ottawa-Carleton interested in land management issues.**
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- **Able to work well in a team environment.**
- **An effective communicator.**
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A short covering letter and resume must be received by **May 29, 1998,** at the following address:

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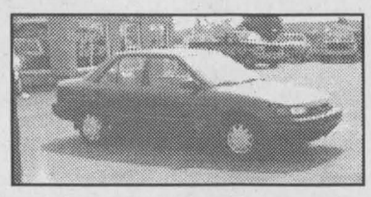

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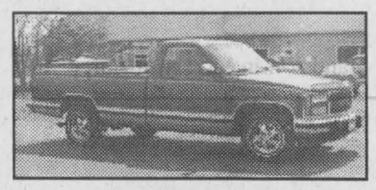

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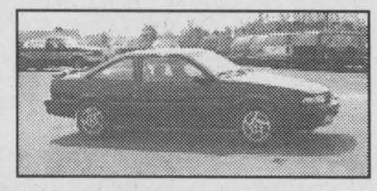

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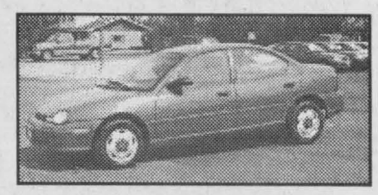

**1996 Dodge Neon Highline**
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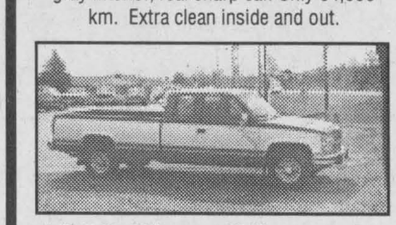

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# Farm update

## Eastern Ontario crops go in ahead of schedule

**Dianne Fetterly**
*Agricultural editor*

WINCHESTER — Despite intermittent showers, farmers have managed to get in most of the cereals as well as a good portion of the corn crop — and they're still ahead of schedule.

"There's a lot (crops) going in... Forages, corn and cereals are still about seven days ahead of normal," said Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs soil and crops advisor Gilles Quesnel.

According to Quesnel, cereal crops are now at the four-leaf stage and are progressing well with good color. Herbicides could be applied any time, he added.

The early-seeded fields of alfalfa are already at the first trifoliate — the optimum time to spray for broadleaf weeds, explained Quesnel. Alfalfa can be sprayed from the one to three trifoliate stage, but he recommends spraying closer to the first trifoliate since alfalfa is more tolerant to the herbicides at that stage.

"We normally never spray new seeding this early in the season, but things are moving along very quickly this year. And we don't want to pass the perfect time (for spraying)".

**CORN GOING IN**

While some farmers haven't started planting corn yet, others have already finished, said Quesnel, who estimates about 60 - 65 per cent of the crop is in and early-planted fields are already emerging.

And since the window of opportunity is closing quickly for pre-emerge sprays, Quesnel advises farmers wanting to use pre-emerge herbicides to get them applied now. However, if it becomes too late to apply pre-emerge, farmers can consider post emergent herbicides, he said.

Most farmers haven't started planting soybeans yet. Quesnel estimates only about 10 per cent of this year's crop has been planted to date.

All crops planted so far are coming along very nicely, he added.

## Dairy judging conference planned for Cobden in July

COBDEN— This year's Dairy Judging Conference for eastern Ontario will be held Fri., July 3 at the fairgrounds in Cobden.

This is the only date for a judging conference in eastern Ontario in 1998 so all dairy enthusiasts are encouraged to attend. The organizing committee has agreed to combine the 'open' and 'official' schools on a one-year trial basis. However, only those people who agree to giving reasons at the time of registration will have a summary of their results maintained. The conference is organized annually with the purpose of educating breeders, 4-H members and all individuals interested in learning about judging techniques, proper conformation, showmanship and breed trends. Participants will not be required to give reasons unless they wish to do so.

Coaches of 4-H judging teams planning to compete at the 1998 Inter-County 4-H Dairy Judging Competition to be held in Uxbridge on Aug. 5 are also encouraged to participate with their teams.

A showmanship judging clinic will be included in the program.

There is a registration fee of $10 for everyone over the age of 21; no charge for 4-H members. Lunch can be ordered at the time of registration.

The conference will run from 10 am - 3:30 pm on July 3.

## Budget upsets ag groups

TORONTO — 'The Farmers of Ontario', a coalition representing 37 farm organizations is disappointed with the provincial government's budget released last week.

According to the coalition, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario has not lived up to its election promise to retain government support for agriculture.

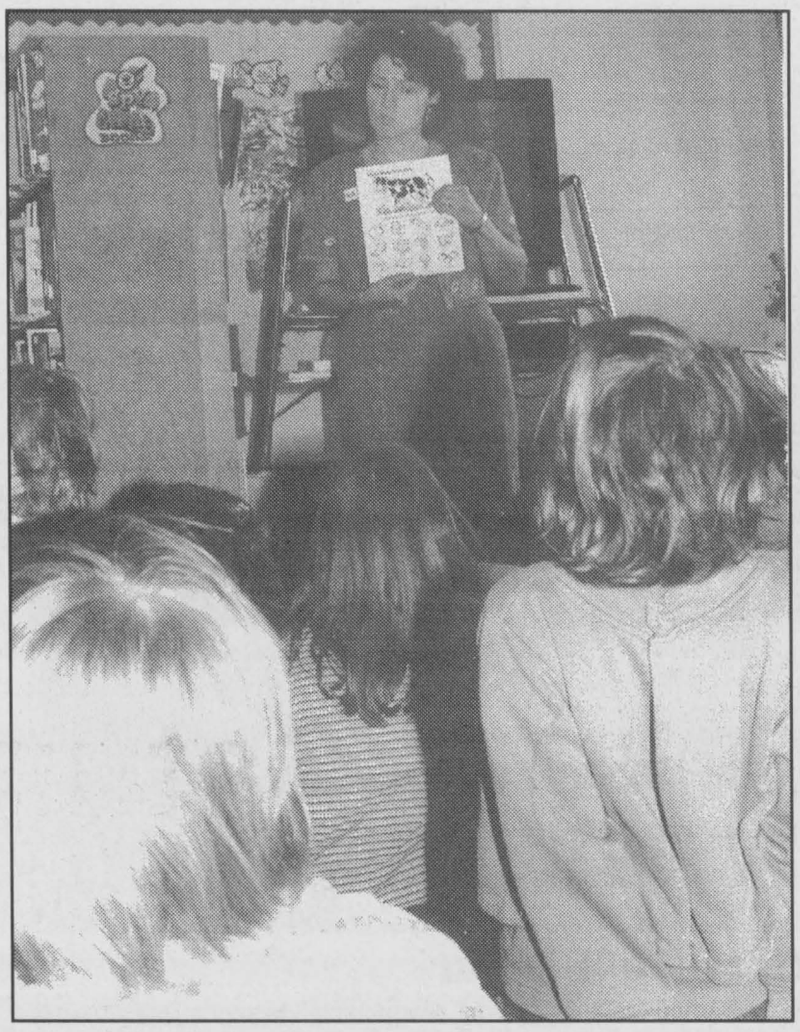
"We called on our government to restore agriculture and reinvest in its core programs, such as research, marketing, environmental initiatives, food inspection and safety nets, but they failed to deliver," stated Wayne Newman, co-chair of The Farmers of Ontario campaign and chair of the Ontario Agricultural Commodities Council.

Since the beginning of the year The Farmers of Ontario group has been lobbying the Ontario government to allocate more funds to agriculture.

"We know they heard our message — we also know they chose to ignore it," commented Ontario Federation of Agriculture president Ed Segsworth, following the budget announcement May 5.

Segsworth also pointed out that the industry has been built upon a foundation of entrepreneurial farmers backed by strong government support for core agricultural programs.

According to The Farmers of Ontario, since 1991-92, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) annual expenditure levels have dropped by 35 per cent — from $453 million to the current $293 million.



### An education in milk

Dundas County Dairy Educator Rachel Westenbroek is currently making her annual visits to county schools to educate students on milk and where milk comes from. Pictured, Westenbroek talks with Grade 1 students at Inkerman Public School.

## Second safety camp coming

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — In efforts to increase safety awareness for children, the Dundas Farm Safety Association (DFSA), in co-operation with the Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) is presenting its second Child Safety Day Camp.

The camp, planned for Sat., June 13 at the South Mountain fairgrounds, runs from 10 am to 2 pm. The program is aimed at farm and rural children from seven to 12 years of age and is designed to teach participating children and the friends who come to visit them, some safety basics, says camp co-ordinator Dawn Runnalls.

Farm machinery keeps getting bigger, faster and more powerful and it's important that kids know the dangers associated with this equipment, explains Runnalls.

And to paraphrase an old roadside sign, "Children aren't being careless, they're just carefree," she says.

This year's camp features six stations for children to visit: tractor/PTO safety; grain flow/auger safety; emergency first aid; safety game; poison look-alikes and fire safety.

The Dundas Farm Safety Association saw a need for a second day camp for children following the overwhelming response to the first one held two years ago. Over 100 children participated in the county's first-ever child safety day camp.

**REGISTER EARLY**

Since registration is limited to 100 children, anyone interested in participating in the camp is asked to pre-register before Mon., June 1. The registration fee of $5, made payable to the Dundas Farm Safety Association, may be dropped off at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs office in Winchester or sent to Dawn Runnalls, RR2, Winchester, K0C 2K0.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch, however milk and ice-cream will be provided.

"Bernie" the St. Bernard and his friend the cat are the provincial mascots for the Rural Child Safety Day Camp program. The Dundas day camp will reinforce Bernie's slogan "Stay alert, don't get hurt".

For further information contact Dawn Runnalls at 613-448-3425.

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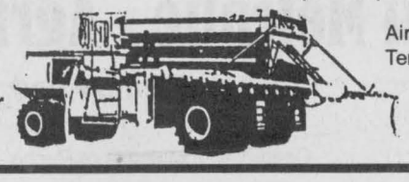

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# Employers get grants to provide summer jobs

WINCHESTER — Youth looking for a summer job may want to take note of a program recently announced by the provincial government.

On April 16, the Ontario government announced a summer jobs service program to provide youth with information, knowledge and skills to find a job; provide employers with access to youth who are ready and willing to work during the summer; and provide employers with a $2 per hour wage subsidy to hire youth in the summer.

To be eligible for the program, youth must be 15 to 24 years of age, up to 29 if disabled; planning to return to school in the fall; be residents of Ontario; hired by a person to whom they are not related; not currently working for the employer working for the subsidy. The exception is youth applying whose part-time job is 24 hours per week or less will be increased to full time at 35 hours per week or more while they are on the program.

Eligible employers must:

— operate a business in Ontario and be offering a job in Ontario;

— be in the private, non-profit or broader public sector, such as municipalities, schools, universities, colleges, hospitals;

— not be related to the person they are hiring;

— have not hired the youth before applying to the program (same exception as above applies);

— not displace existing staff with a youth hired through this program.

Under the program, employers are eligible for a grant of $2 per hour for a maximum of 35 hours a week to a maximum of 16 weeks employment.

Farm and rural employers can apply for this wage grant through the local Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs offices. Clients applying to the program can receive instant approval when their completed application is returned in person to the OMAFRA office. Another option is to fax or mail the completed application to the OMAFRA office and receive approval within 24 hours of receipt of application.

Fax numbers for the local OMAFRA offices are as follows: Alfred, 613-679-0929; Avonmore, 613-346-2689; Kemptville, 613-258-8392; Nepean, 613-828-6083; Winchester, 613-774-3283.

For further information contact Phyllis MacMaster at the OMAFRA office in Winchester at 774-2313 or 1-800-267-7603.



**Growing interest**

Blake Barnhart looks at a plant as a potential Mother's Day gift while Gillian Wall explains the care involved with that particular type. Wall hosted a plant sale on Caleb Street in Winchester on Sat., May 9 outside of the Bed & Breakfast. The sale included several types of perennials and Mother's Day floral arrangements.

Press Photo — Bierworth

# Wildlife centre swamped with orphaned animals

OTTAWA — Area residents finding what appears to be orphaned baby wildlife may want to take advantage of a hotline set by up the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre.

According to Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre president Donna Dubreuil, calls to the centre have jumped by 48 per cent. She cites January's ice storm as well as an increase in urban development as contributing factors to the rise.

"As development encroaches on wildlife habitat, animals are forced to seek shelter and denning sites close to or on human property," she explained.

And with the birthing season for raccoons, squirrels, skunks, rabbits and groundhogs now in full swing, these animals will sometimes seek out attics, garages and areas under decks and sheds in which to have their young.

After finding these unwanted animals, some homeowners want them removed. But removal of a mother animal can have serious consequences, not only for the babies, but for the homeowner as well.

If the mother animal is removed, the homeowner is left with a multitude of problems, including the possibility of the babies falling between the walls and starving, says Dubreuil.

As well, wildlife removal of both the mother and her young, is not the answer either, she added.

"Often species such as raccoons will only be able to take one or two of their young given the difficulty of quickly finding an alternative site, leaving homeowners with the unpleasant task of dealing with the orphans left behind."

A non-profit volunteer organization, the wildlife centre takes in over 1,000 orphaned animals each year. However, due to the number of orphans that arrive at the centre, they are unable to take 'created' orphans — babies that are left when a mother animal is removed.

Therefore, Dubreuil suggests homeowners give the mother and her young a temporary "grace period" until they are mobile enough to move to a more natural setting. This more progressive approach saves thousands of orphaned wildlife from having to be euthanized each year, she added.

After the animals have vacated the premises, homeowners should "animal-proof" all areas where the animals gained access. The centre's hotline service can give free advice on how to humanely encourage the animals to leave, how to do the animal proofing and what materials to use.

Rose Hennin of the Dundas Veterinary Services in Winchester, says the clinic has been getting a number of calls from area residents concerned about abandoned baby wildlife. DVS wants people to know that the hotline exists and is referring callers to the number.

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# update

## Taffy Ducks cook with maple syrup

**by Julia Deeke**

ORMOND — The Ormond 4-H Taffy Ducks held the third meeting of the Maple Syrup Club on April 15.

At the meeting, 'Tapping trivia', discussion topics included the following: where the tap is in the tree; which side should be tapped; what if the tree has been tapped before; how many tap holes in a tree; does tapping hurt a tree; buckets or tubing; sap collection and storage.

Leonard Sheldrick demonstrated how to tap a tree and everyone was given a chance to try it. Youth leader Stephanie Sheldrick prepared a weather game. We prepared delicious pancakes with maple syrup.

The club's fourth meeting was held at the home of Monique Sheldrick on April 15.

How long can you wait before boiling sap; details about the evaporator; how much sap does it take to make one pop can of maple syrup; when is the syrup done; what makes the syrup color; and judging maple syrup were among the topics discussed.

The Ormond 4-H Taffy Ducks held their fifth meeting, 'Maple marketing', on April 25. Discussion topics included the difference between maple syrup and maple syrup substitutes and where maple products are sold. Members prepared delicious cooked ham, scalloped potatoes, maple glazed carrots, Johnny cake and maple popcorn in the oven.

Meeting six was held at the home of Joanne Toonen on April 25. Members discussed maple products, how maple products are used, storing maple syrup and the nutritional value of maple syrup.

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Achievement day will be held on June 8.


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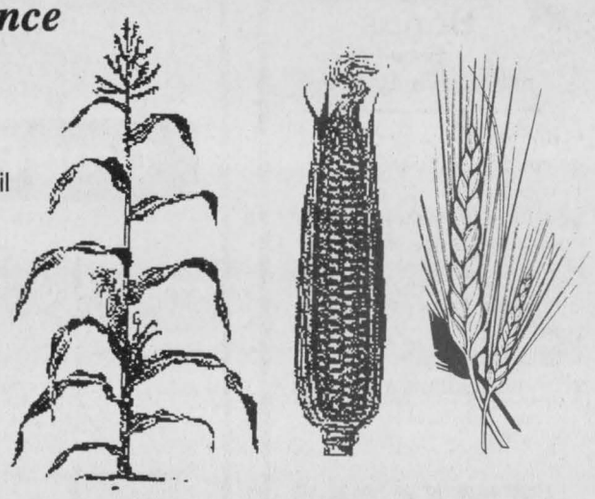

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# Take a stroll down your own garden pathway

**Ask a Master Gardener**

by Eileen Johnston

A pathway can be the invitation extended by our garden. An invitation that winds invitingly to the front door, beckons us to the far side of the garden or entices us to see what botanical treasures lie around the bend.

As inviting as pathways are, their main function is to provide us with a firm, dry access from one place to another. They save our lawns from being trodden down, especially in wet or frosty weather.

A good pathway can be one of the backbones in a garden scheme — it provides a framework and sets the mood and feel of the garden through your choice of materials used in the pathway.

A pathway can be as short as several feet or a long, gently curving one connecting key areas of the garden. Its construction can be as simple as setting log rounds, small concrete pavers or flat stones a stride's width apart into the existing sod.

The Cruickshanks, whose property overlooks the St. Lawrence River midway between Morrisburg and Iroquois, opted for large limestone stepping stones to form the curving pathway that connects a patio area close to the house and a gazebo sited further down the lawn. To make maintenance a breeze, the stones are set deeply enough in the sloping lawn to be mowed over.

While a curving pathway is inviting, it must be logical. A straight path especially in a small garden leaves little to the imagination. It must be curved for a reason — perhaps around a tree, boulder or bed that disappears behind a cleverly placed shrub that piques our curiosity and encourages visitors to investigate what comes next in the garden.

A path's width should be dictated by existing space or the path's intended use. A short, simple path can be fairly narrow, but not less than two feet. For strolling, a garden path should allow for two people to walk comfortably, or four to five feet across. Visitors pace through the garden can be subtly controlled by use of width. Narrow sections encourage movement while wider sections, especially if benches or rocks for perching are placed alongside, can encourage people to slow their pace and pause.

Deciding on an appropriate surface material is perhaps the hardest decision. An incredible number of options are available. In deciding what to use, consider the mood you wish to create, the cost, the installation, maintenance required and any special needs by your family and friends who might use the pathway.

Materials suitable for an arranged "formal" garden path might include concrete, brick, cut stone or flagstone. In a natural looking, informal setting materials that recall paths in nature such as gravel, mulch, natural stone or even mown grass are more suitable. More formal materials can be integrated into informal settings by widening spaces between pavers and planting them with low growing plants such as creeping thymes or softening hard edges with billowing or trailing plants.

Whatever material you choose, pathways in the garden can have a greater purpose than simply getting from point A to point B.

## MAKING THE PATH

Path building in the garden can be a project the whole family can enjoy or something left to the professionals. The choice largely depends upon the type of materials you choose to make the pathway out of.

The simplest of paths consists of a mown strip between flower beds or perhaps through an area of higher, rougher grass farther from the house. A lawn path can be a lush, alive green swath upon which to walk barefoot. It can be narrow or a wide implied pathway between other clearly defined areas in the yard. However, to maintain a nice lawn path requires constant mowing, edging, raking, fertilizing and watering during dry spells.

An easier lawn pathway to create is one through an existing meadow or wooded area in the yard. It is perhaps most successful on large properties. Close neighbors of ours, the Porters, wanted a place to take their children and dogs for a walk, unhindered by brambles and tangled undergrowth. They simply set the rotary blades of their riding lawnmower high and mowed pathways through a wooded area and the fields beyond their house.

Within the boundaries of their property, following the contours of the land and the existing vegetation they created a number of pathways that interconnect and offer choices around every bend. That was 15 years ago. The paths have changed over the years, reflecting growth of trees, shrubs and wildflowers the Porters have planted. It remains a delightful, inviting pathway useful at all times of the year.

Other choices for informal paths are gravel or mulch. Gravel pathways are easy to make, offer a wonderful crunching sound underfoot and once packed down, easy to walk on. Gravel paths are most successful when made deep in an excavated bed lined with geotextile landscape fabric to prevent weeds from growing through. Small pea gravel or stonedust work best as these can be packed down for a firm footing, but edges are required to keep the gravel in place. Gravel pathways are not appropriate next to pool areas or areas of the yard that tend to be muddy as the gravel will stick to muddy shoes or wheelbarrows. Gravel stuck to little feet is definitely not welcome in swimming pools!

Mulches such as bark, wood chips or pine needles make unobtrusive pathways, especially appropriate in relation to informal areas of gardens. Wood chips are the material of choice for most of our own garden paths. They can usually be obtained free from your local municipal compost sites or for a small fee by the truckload from your local tree maintenance company. They should be in good supply this year after the ice storm cleanup is complete.

We have found the most successful mulch paths are those which have been prepared first by removing the sod, laying down several inches of crushed stone on top of a good quality geotextile landscape fabric, then topped with several inches of wood chips. They are soft and quiet to walk upon but not without maintenance. Large chips can pack down slowly and the paths require topping up every few years. Mulch pathways are most appropriate in woodland gardens or in areas of naturalistic plantings of trees, shrubs and perennials.

Pathways of brick, concrete pavers and cut stone are usually associated with more formal gardens. They are typically installed by landscape companies but not out of the question for do-it-yourselfers. They can be relatively expensive but are easy to maintain, easy to walk upon and come in almost an infinite array of colors, textures and patterns to complement any home. They are an excellent choice of material if you have elderly or wheelchair-bound family members or friends as they will provide a slip-proof, firm, smooth footing.



To integrate more formal materials into a more informal garden, consider adding gentle curves or allowing mosses and other small creeping plants to grow between the bonds. By leaving out the odd brick, small plants can be used to soften the hard edges of these materials.

Concrete, like gravel, is underrated. We tend to view it as too contemporary, too boring because it is used everywhere in public places. With a little imagination, it can be used effectively and inexpensively. Concrete can be tinted, small pebbles, glass or pottery can be embedded in it while it is still wet to create designs, and with a variety of walk-maker molds on the market, you can even create your own brick or cobblestone paths.

Free form concrete pavers can be made in molds of damp sand, impressing the still damp surface with large leaves such as hosta or rhubarb or with more delicate leaves such as ferns. Once the concrete has dried, the foliage will disintegrate leaving behind a delicate print.

Flat rocks and cut flagstone can be both formal or informal and suit almost any garden. Expensive, if purchased, but inexpensive if you take the time to seek appropriate permission and search for your own flat rocks along road sides, in old fence lines or quarries.

I am presently collecting flat rocks the slow way until I have enough to cover a five-foot wide grass path close to my home. The plan is to space the rocks close together down the center of the path where most of the traffic will be but with more spaces towards the edges so that creeping herbs from the adjacent beds can spill over the raised rock edges on either side of the path and fill in the spaces between the stones.

Eventually the plants will grow into one another creating a tapestry of foliage and flowers. Thus each footstep down the path will release different fragrances — a spicy, citrus scent from the lemon thyme, a fresh clean scent from Roman chamomile or the cool refreshing scent of corsican mint.

My goal — making that trip down the garden path to the garbage cans a little more delightful.



## Carnation crazy

Gord Lutz filled his car with over 100 bouquets of carnations on May 7, 8 and 9 for the annual MS Society Carnation Campaign. Lutz delivered the pre-ordered bouquets to residents in several local villages for the payment of only a donation to the MS Society. Press Photo -- Bierworth

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WILLIAMSBURG — The Dundas County Heart and Stroke Appreciation Night will be held on Tues., May 19 at 7 pm at the Park Lane Senior Support Centre in Williamsburg.

The annual event is held to thank the volunteers and friends of the Heart and Stroke Foundation for their special efforts.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Peter Stys, a neurologist with the Ottawa Civic Hospital Loeb Research Institute. Dr. Stys, who is a leader in examining the effects of oxygen shortage to the brain, has been awarded a 5-year $275,000 grant by the Heart and Stroke Foundation to pursue his studies of spinal cord injury and stroke.

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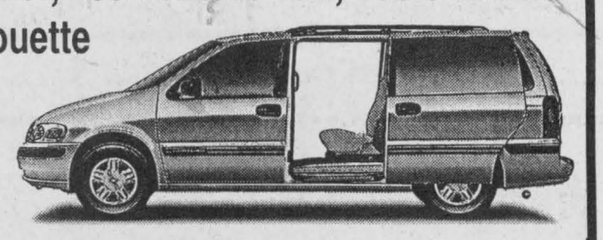

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# United Empire Loyalists hold meeting in Hallville

MORRISBURG — The St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada held its annual meeting on May 3 at the St. Andrews United Church in Hallville.

Members and friends attended from Ottawa, Cornwall, Williamstown, Morrisburg, Grimsby, Toronto and Prescott.

president Allison Prosser opened the meeting following the presentation of the Loyalist Flag by John Gordier. Secretary Doris Ferguson read the minutes of the last annual meeting and dealt with business arising and correspondence. Vice-President Michael Eamer gave the treasurer's report and auditor's report in the absence of treasurer Mary Van Ryswyck.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is holding its National Convention from June 11 to 14 at Queen's University in Kingston. The president will join four executive members and two alternates to attend as delegates for the St. Lawrence Branch.

Gina Chester read the history of St. Andrews Church, followed by Lynne Cook, who gave some history of the former Mountain Township. She informed the gathering that in 1842, the township had a population of 1,316 and in 1846 there was an Episcopal Church, one grist and four saw mills. Cook also gave the genealogy report, stating that people have been coming to, phoning and writing to the Loyalist Resource Centre for genealogical information. She informed the group that the Loyalists are still trying to get the land records for Dundas County.

Cook announced that on July 1, as part of the 40-year celebration of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, a reunion party from the new township of South Stormont will be hosting a genealogy day at Rothwell Osnabruck Secondary School in Ingleside. The Loyalists' genealogy day will be held on Sat., August 8 at the Morrisburg Civic Centre.

Chaplain Mildred Leitch, assisted by Peggy Barkley, conducted an In Memoriam for recently deceased members. Director Clifford Hart gave the nominating committee report, then introduced and installed the new executive.

Belleville's John Chard is the new honorary president; Sandra Shouldice of Johnstown is the president; vice-presidents are David Anderson of Williamstown, Michael Eamer and Gary Cote, both of Cornwall; secretary is Doris Ferguson of Williamstown; and treasurer is Mary Anderson VanRyswyk of Cornwall.

The new genealogist is Lynne Cook of Morrisburg, with assistants Mabel MacLean of Summerstown and Duncan MacDonald of Brockville.

The new directors are Clifford Hart of Cornwall, Stanley McNairn of Long Sault, Archie MacDonell of Williamstown, Mildred Leitch of Cornwall, Mabel MacLean of Summerstown, Brig. Gen. W.J. Patterson of Kingston, Violet Hare of Iroquois, Lynne Cook of Morrisburg and Peggy Barkley of Cornwall.

Elected to handle publicity were Clifford Hart and Michael Eamer, both of Cornwall.

Mildred Leitch is the new chaplain, and flag bearers are John Gordier of Ottawa and Mahlon Cook of Morrisburg.

The pianist is Lee Gordier of Ottawa and entertainment is in the hands of Marion Prosser of Ingleside.

New president Shouldice presented Prosser with a gift and Hart presented him with the 'Past President's pin'. Shouldice said she and her sister joined the St. Lawrence Branch in 1982. She also discussed her meeting with Upper Canada Village, proposing June 19 as the date for the first Ontario Loyalist Day. Vice-president Eamer's letter was read in the House of Commons as they debated Loyalist Day.

Roy Lewis, president of the Col. Jessup Branch in Prescott, and Myrna Fox of Toronto, brought Loyalist greetings from Jessup Branch and headquarters. St. Lawrence Branch's Charter Night Banquet will be held on Sept. 19 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Williamsburg. The fall meeting will be held Oct. 25 at the Church of the Wildwood, St. John the Evangelist in Lancaster. A potluck meal will follow the church service, followed by a "Show and Tell" program.

Shouldice informed the group of the summer picnic for the branch at Clifford Hart's cottage, on the Long Sault Parkway on June 28, and promised to inform members of the Ontario Loyalist Day on June 19 once plans are completed. Gordier retired the flag and refreshments followed the meeting. A video of the relocation of Iroquois was shown.



North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau presents an appreciation plaque to Lieutenant-Colonel W.J. Natynczyk of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Petawawa, for the help of Natynczyk's troops during Ice Storm '98. The Lieutenant-Colonel returned to Winchester for a visit on Tuesday (May 12). Press Photo — Culliton

# Army receives plaque

**by Lori Culliton**
*Press staff*

WINCHESTER — Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Natynczyk of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Petawawa, made a return visit to Winchester on Tuesday to receive a plaque from North Dundas township.

North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau presented the plaque to Natynczyk as members of council looked on.

The plaque read: "On behalf of the council and citizens of the Township of North Dundas we extend this heartfelt appreciation for your assistance and support during Ice Storm '98. Your undaunted and tireless efforts during our time of urgent need played a significant role in the restoration of our community. The continued presence and professionalism of your military team lifted our spirits and provided a sense of security and comfort to all of our citizens."

Natynczyk accepted the plaque, saying that his soldiers were proud to help North Dundas and Canadians.

"It's not often we get the chance to help our fellow Canadians and we appreciate it," he told Cousineau. "We would like to thank North Dundas for the tremendous hospitality shown to all of our soldiers in January and again today."

He presented Cousineau with a coin commemorating the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Natynczyk commented on the admirable way that the new council of North Dundas came together in January moments before the lights went out.

# Help combat contraband

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