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Angel departing

After nearly 10 years as the pastoral director at House of Lazarus in Mountain, Shirley Nichol (centre) retired on Dec. 23. Among the group of friends wishing her well were House of Lazarus board chair Edith Jenkins (left) and board member Gayle Hartling.

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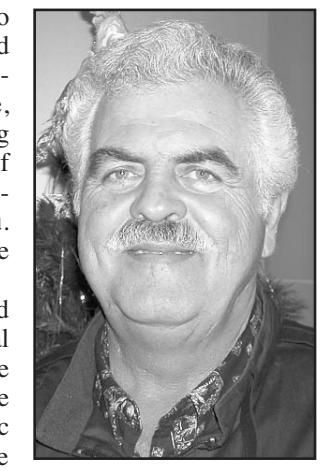
New location solid decision

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

North Dundas

WINCHESTER — "The biggest item is purchasing the hydro building," said North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau, beginning his year-end roundup with the local media. "A lot of people call it the Taj Mahal," he said, recognizing his detractors.

But the mayor stands firmly behind the decision to move the township's municipal offices to a more spacious facility. The former Hydro One building at the south end of the village cost the township $400,000 to purchase, when originally the building cost in the neighborhood of $6 million. "Now the ratepayers own it," said Cousineau. "They should be proud of the facility."



Claude Cousineau

And where the second floor of the former municipal building was too small for the township staff, it's an ample size for the Winchester Public Library. It used to be that one of the busiest branches in the SD&G system was housed in one of the smallest facilities. "Now it's second to none. It's one of the most modern libraries in SD&G," said Cousineau of the spacious facility.

Cousineau does not, however, remember the past year as a string of unbridled successes. "I've been hounded, and hounded and hounded to no end," he said, referring to his reasons for ending his municipal political career in 2003. "Thirty years is enough," he said.

Before serving the first two terms as mayor of the amalgamated North Dundas Township, Cousineau served seven terms on Winchester Township council — three terms as reeve, two as deputy reeve and two as a councillor.

"I'm going to miss it all," said Cousineau, "the staff here and at the county level, all the people." He described taking pleasure in being able to fix things. "Through consultations, and with phone calls, you can get things done." But he is also aware that his municipal involvement has taken a toll on his upholstery business in Morewood, and he plans to dedicate more time to his business in the future.

Seeing how the electricity market has developed in Ontario this winter, Cousineau said he is glad council decided to sell its hydro infrastructure to Hydro One. "I certainly wouldn't want to be in that business," he said.

The township received $4 million in the sale. Part of the total was spent paying down the township's water and sewer debts. The remaining portion of roughly $3 million is being kept as a heritage fund for Winchester and Chesterville. "The two villages will be able to use the interest," said Cousineau. "And hopefully they will always have it there. We're in a good financial position."

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Thompson fighting for rural voice in Ottawa

by Doug Thompson
Osgoode Ward councillor

Osgoode Ward

METCALFE — The second year of our amalgamation into the new City of Ottawa, has certainly had a multitude of newsworthy happenings. In this "year in review" I will focus on Osgoode Ward events that are shaping our future.

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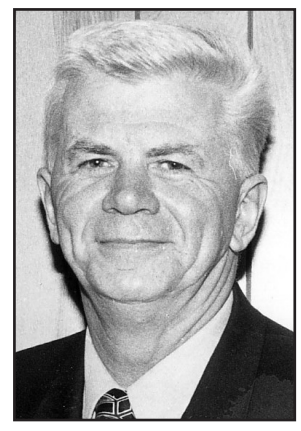
We now have ambulances stationed in Metcalfe and Osgoode villages 24 hours a day. The City of Ottawa is now responsible for ambulance dispatch.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

The villages of Osgoode, Greely, Metcalfe and Kenmore are now served by high-speed Internet. Work is progressing on servicing all areas of the ward.

LIBRARIES

I am very pleased to report that all four Osgoode Ward branches — Vernon, Metcalfe, Osgoode, and Greely — are now served by Lirico. All branches have 30-metre towers that enable all library users to access over 2.4 million books, periodicals, magazines and journals. The amount of library use is up by over 60 per cent.



Doug Thompson

HAYWEST

Special thanks to so many Osgoode Ward residents and farmers who donated hay, equipment, time, and money as part of the humanitarian effort to send over 100,000 bales of hay and raise more than $1 million for drought stricken prairie farmers.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

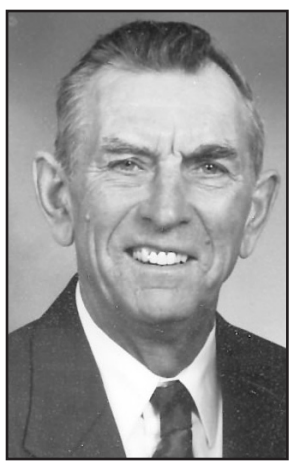
Greely and area residents said no to OC Transpo Bus Service. This message was taken to city council where it was reluctantly supported. After just four months of service in other rural areas of the city, we look very wise in turning this plan down. The plan is just not working in most rural areas.

METCALFE CLIENT SERVICE CENTRE

The Metcalfe Community Police Office moved into the Old Town Hall. Constable Mark Scharfe has an office there and volunteers keep the public office open five days a week.

The lower level has been converted into a very busy educational centre, housing a Success by Six program. Over 250 moms, dads and children visit each month.

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Johnny Whitteker

Whitteker considers staying in politics

by Gerrit Bosma
Press staff

South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG — "Let's just say I've got my toe in the door," said South Dundas mayor Johnny Whitteker. "Once the door is closed, you can't get it open again."

Whitteker was responding to questions on his aspirations for the municipal election in November 2003. He says he will make his intentions known to the public six months prior to the election.

As for the obstacles and important projects tackled in the past year, Whitteker referred to a number of issues, beginning with the interest in South Dundas's heritage. He feels the unveiling of six murals was a huge step in celebrating the township's past, in a more efficient and lower costing way than preserving historic homes. The mayor expects seven more murals depicting the area's rural history to be erected this summer.

"After these latest murals go up I think we will have a booklet to accompany them and a tour of the heritage of South Dundas. I think it will draw a lot of tourists to the area."

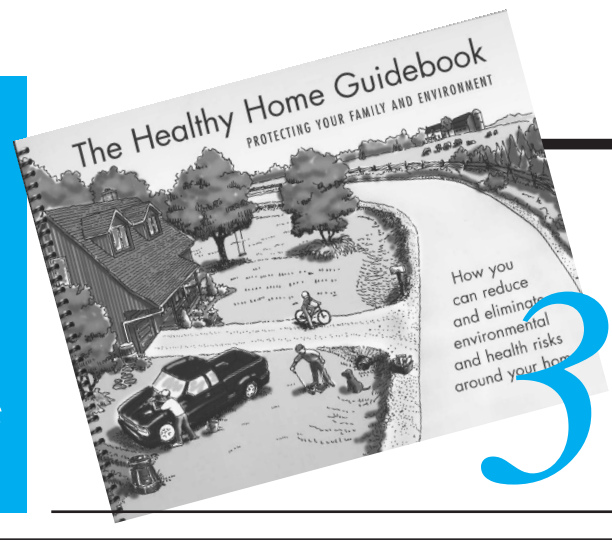
As for the controversy of where the Antique Festival will be this summer, Whitteker expects it will return to Matilda, but says the South Dundas Heritage Committee will make that decision.

Business-wise, Whitteker was pleased with the development and growth of the township's fibre-optics venture which helped bring new businesses to Morrisburg in 2002, including a Canadian Tire, Giant Tiger, Pilot Insurance and Tim Hortons.

"The reason for growth is linked to our fibre-optics. Before the fibre-optics, businesses wouldn't consider coming and there would be no new jobs. I believe what we have now is drawing business here. Industries need to be provided fibre-optics or they will go where they can get it.

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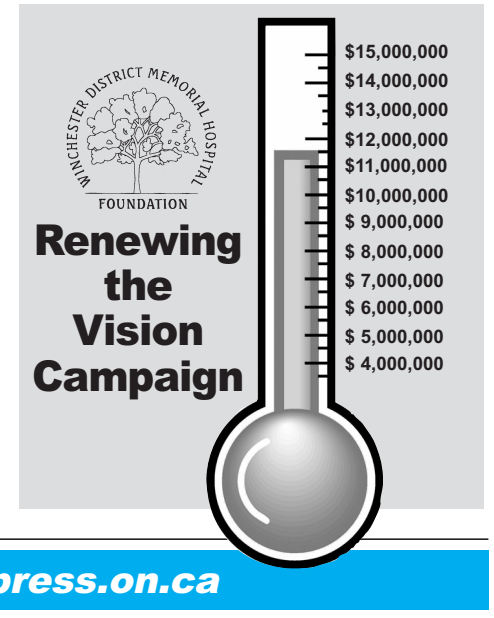
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North Dundas

The biggest challenge Cousineau said he's faced during the current term has been the downsizing of council. In the next election, only four councillors will be elected, reducing the size of council from nine to five. "There was a lot of debate over the decision, and it's still going on," he said.

Cousineau said council has suffered growing pains since the decision was made to change its make-up. "There was visible dissension," he said, "But in the last six months, they've learned to start working together."

Appreciating the larger picture, Cousineau wanted to offer congratulations to council for achieving its current level of co-operation. Looking forward to this year's election, he expects the new council will have a more distinct North Dundas Township identity.

Cousineau confirmed that two members of council have unofficially revealed their intentions to run for the position he'll be vacating. The mayor suggested that he might have a place as moderator at public meetings preceding the election. "And I hope there are lots of them. I'd like to see one in every village," he said.

Smoking is an issue the mayor anticipates will be a problem future councils will struggle with. "People are going to smoke. Where do you draw the line?" he asked. "If there was a demand for a non-smoking business, it would have happened a long time ago."

A smoker himself, Cousineau said he doesn't see a problem with businesses enclosing well ventilated areas for smokers, as an option to keep clients who smoke. "I'm not going to interfere with somebody's business," he said. "And I don't think too many people on council want [a smoking ban]."

And Cousineau said residents will probably see a small increase in taxes this year. "I think, if anything, it will likely be inflation. It's ludicrous to think you can go on with no increase," he said.

Osgoode Ward

Our hope is that the Client Service Centre will at least retain its current level of service. City council will vote on Wed., Jan. 8 as to the status of the Metcalfe Client Service Centre.

NO PESTICIDE BAN

City council has supported a proposal not to ban pesticides. Rather, we will continue to work with residents on the environmentally safe ways of dealing with lawn care.

MOBILE SKATEBOARD PARK

The former Township of Osgoode purchased a mobile skateboard park to serve the youth in our communities. This has proven a great investment and has seen over 1,000 youth taking advantage of the mobile facilities.

WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

The plan to redraw City of Ottawa ward boundaries has become a very complicated, nasty issue. In February of 2002, a ward boundary review committee was assembled to make recommendations on changing boundaries to adjust average ward population numbers to between 25,000-50,000.

Yet, when the ward boundary review report was brought to council, one rural ward disappeared and other rurals, including Osgoode Ward, would see their populations quickly rise to over 50,000 within six years.

The four rural councillors — Eastman, Brooks, Stavinga, and myself — voted against the report, but the rest of council voted to implement the new ward boundaries.

Angry rural residents quickly organized rural community associations in West Carleton, Rideau and Osgoode Wards. These three groups appealed the city ward boundaries bylaw to the Ontario Municipal Board. As of this date, the bylaw is still under appeal and is the subject of numerous court challenges. It is quite likely Osgoode Ward will keep its existing boundaries for the 2003 municipal elections.

NEW WEB SITE

I am very pleased to announce a great addition to our office. Please visit my Web site at www.dougthompson.ca. Hopefully you will find it informative.

South Dundas

Whitteker says as more businesses use the township's fibre-optic services he expects the township will begin seeing a revenue. Yet, he expects the real benefit to the township's economy will come from the expanding job market.

Another big project which loomed through 2002 and will increase in action this year will be the new water system, expected to be built by Dec. 31, 2003. With concerns over the quality of water in Morrisburg and Iroquois, which has been taken from the St. Lawrence Seaway for the last 50 years, Whitteker sees it as an important project.

"Right now we are in the process of trying to purchase property, as currently the land we have for the system isn't big enough and concerns were raised. In case we have to grow, there isn't any room."

Whitteker says he expects more details on the project will be known for a public meeting sometime during the middle of January.

As for the need for a sewage treatment system, the mayor says the township can't move forward until all the phases of the water system are complete. Most major capital projects like the water system require funding from federal, provincial and municipal governments, which leads to a long process.

The mayor, who has served more than 40 years in municipal politics, also touched on the Nutrient Management Act. He has attended meetings with other United Counties representatives on the environmental cleanup act which will impact area farmers. Whitteker feels, like Quebec, Ontario farmers should receive subsidies of 70 to 80 per cent for the environmental improvements they make to their land.

"It is important for government to tell farmers how much they will receive in subsidies so when they go to the bank to borrow a half-million dollars, they will have an idea how much they will get back. I would hope something will be in place by the end of next year."

And what will South Dundas township have in its pockets to spend? Well, Whitteker says he doesn't expect the administration to be ready to present the budget to council until the first of March.

"I hope we can hold the tax rate where it is, but I don't think we can decrease it with the $700,000 commitment to the WDMH over the next 10 years." Whitteker said he also feels 2002 was good year for corporate assessment tax dollars with new businesses in the township such as Canadian Tire, Giant Tiger and Tim Hortons.

Then there is the smoking issue — to ban or not to ban, that is the question.

Whitteker admits he himself doesn't like to be around smoke and believes a ban on public smoking is the wise natural progression, for the sake of the health of non-smokers.

"I think we will have to wait to see the province deal with this. But don't hold your breath, because it's not the popular thing to do."

Whitteker applauds the decision to form a committee to survey the township's businesses and public on a possible smoking ban, and it is his hope that they will recommend council proceed in supporting a "butt-out" on smoking.

"If they recommend a smoking ban, I would hope council would go along with it."

As for the annual issue of road conditions and snow removal, Whitteker believes South Dundas is holding its own. While he admits some county roads have had their problems with snow removal, the mayor says things are improving, and says he hears few complaints with the roads in South Dundas. He is once again a member of the United Counties road committee and is happy to return.

"People appreciate good roads more than anything we do and I think we are doing very good here in South Dundas."

Whitteker also touched on the recent topic of a change of assessment procedures and said he would hope they are done fairly among all former townships and counties. He also said the municipality may gain some needed revenues if the five per cent commercial assessment cap is relaxed. He also said residential assessments should be conducted at market value and agreed with the sentiments of councillor Charles Barkley that many property owners are over assessed.

As assessments for South Dundas continue to rise, he says tax rates will remain stable: good news for his constituents.

Finally, Whitteker spoke on the contentious ward versus at-large issue. He expected the people to support keeping the ward system for the 2003 election, but he feels by the next election citizens may feel more comfortable moving to at-large.

"Once it goes at-large I believe it will stay that way, and I don't expect any problems."

The only question is if the rural municipal political pioneer will still be at the council table by then.

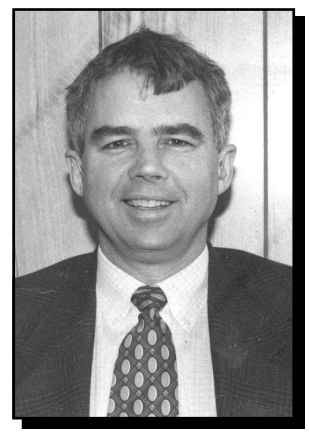


For the birds

A cage containing exotic fowl and fastened to the roof of a pickup truck was an interesting addition to the South Mountain Santa Claus Parade. The cavalcade rolled through the centre of the village on Dec. 22.

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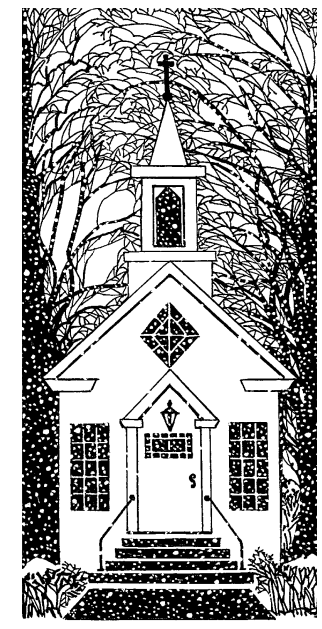
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Western holiday customs are an important part of the English language lessons children are taught in Shenyang, China. Dave and Diane Wade have both been challenged to find ways of communicating basic ideas about Santa Claus and what he looks like.

Teaching in China

Merry Christmas from Wade family

by Diane Wade

SHENYANG, CHINA — All's well here, and Shenyang is gradually being introduced to Santa, Christmas trees, Rudolph, and music not unlike any big city in Canada. Everyone, it seems, enjoys the commercial side of the Christmas Season, but here people work on Christmas Day the same as every other day. So do we!

Arched across the streets are series of huge red air-filled tubes. Dancing gaily above them are large red and golden silk lantern-shaped balloons. Evergreen branches, bows and flowers deck the shop doorways. Music fills the air.

There are Christmas trees and the odd Santa Claus, but much of the decoration is really for the Chinese New Year, celebrated at the end of January and in early February. That's when the school children get a week holiday. Sidewalk vendors offer hot roasted chestnuts among the variety of nuts, fruits, candied fruit and candy. They may in fact be hazel nuts, as I wouldn't recognize a chestnut if I saw one, but it sounds poetic.

Bookshops are crowded, and it seems the treat and gift exchange is gaining popularity. Games, small planes, and huge teddy bears are abundant. I avoided the rush this year. I shopped last summer, wrapped the gifts in September, and hid them away for a December delivery.

For the past month Dave and I have been singing Merry Christmas to You, Rudolph, and a variety of other seasonal songs. Many children are not familiar with the image of Santa Claus and have never heard of Rudolph. Luckily I brought a calendar picture of a one-horse open sleigh. Neither seem familiar here, although I did see a small horse and cart on the street one day.

We are preparing the children for a Christmas/New Year's program for their parents. My biggest challenge has been a play recitation of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. The lovely big book picture version I have at home in Russell would have been ideal, but to explain the words, the story, and St. Nicholas with just a piece of chalk is a major problem. At least for me it is. The solution was a much-used series of hand drawn pictures and lots of sound effects.

They enjoyed Santa's whistle from "to his team gave a whistle" so much everyone had to practise and that was the end of that. Words without meaning are just so much noise, and my hat's off to the hard working French teachers who dedicate their efforts to making another language come alive.

Between us, Dave and I have 21 short class programs to prepare. Dave is immensely pleased his children are merrily singing the correct tunes. This was no mean feat, as he accomplished this without CDs or cassette taped songs to help him. Together with the other teachers the activities stretch from Dec. 23 to Dec. 29. I'll be disappointed if Santa doesn't make an appearance.

Dave and I hope to attend a Chinese Christian service of Christmas Eve. A variety of religions are respected here. Moslems have just recently completed their celebration of Ramadan. Happiness fills the air. To each of you, may the joys of the Christmas season be abundant, and the New Year prosperous.

David and Diane Wade left Russell to teach English as a second language to Chinese students in Shenyang, China from Oct. 27, 2002 to Oct. 27, 2003.

Protecting family and environment:

DEAG guidebook now in libraries



At the launch of The Healthy Home Guidebook at the Winchester Public Library, librarian Gail Storing (right) accepted a copy for the branch from Dundas Environmental Awareness Group member Carrie Laflamme.
Press Photo — Zabel

WINCHESTER — Many people do not realize there are possible risks in and around their homes, which can affect their family's health, their home environment and the quality of their water. Knowing about the risks today may help prevent costly clean-ups, repairs and legal troubles in the future.

To assist rural landowners, the Dundas Environmental Awareness Group (DEAG) has worked in collaboration with several partners to produce a tool for families to evaluate their homes. The Healthy Home Guidebook is designed to lead users through ways to reduce and eliminate environmental health risks around their homes.

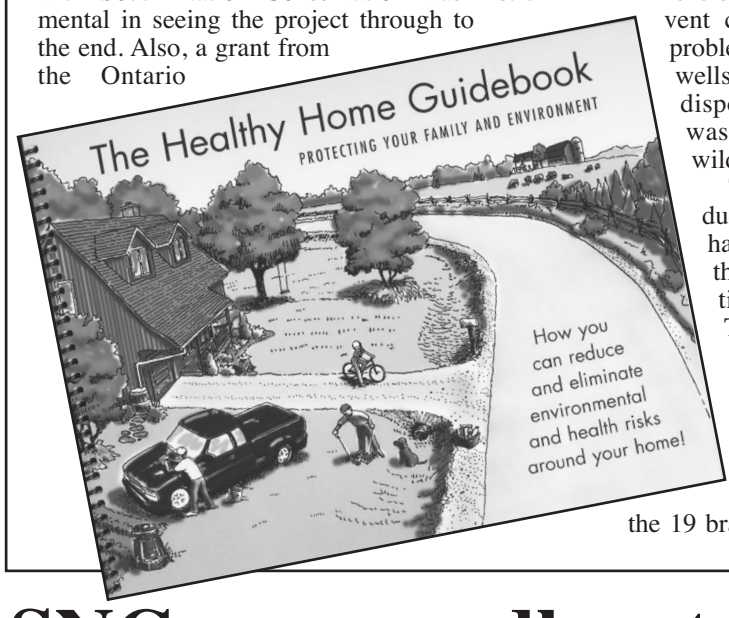
The DEAG is a surprisingly small group to produce locally a 70-page illustrated text. DEAG is a local grassroots organization, formed in the spring of 1990 when a group of Dundas County residents got together to discuss environmental issues and what they could do locally to help conserve, protect and improve the environment.

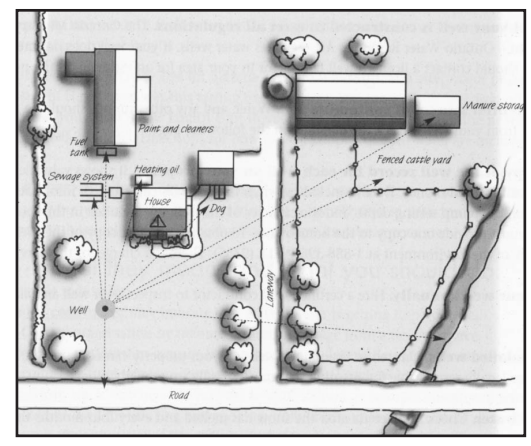
The Healthy Home Guidebook was formally launched on Nov. 20 at the Winchester branch of the SD&G County Library. DEAG member Carrie Laflamme explained that a partnership with South Nation Conservation was instrumental in seeing the project through to the end. Also, a grant from the Ontario Trillium Fund helped the book be published.

"The collaborative working arrangement helps even small groups accomplish a lot," said Laflamme. "This is often the case with all environmental protection projects."

The guidebook is designed as a workbook for rural property owners to rate how their activities affect their land and their health. Each chapter explains possible risks based on a household topic and why people should be concerned. By completing the assessment in each chapter, you will become aware which activities are good home care practices and which activities need changing.

Many people do not realize there are possible risks in and around their homes. Identifying risks before there is a problem can prevent costly clean-ups or future legal problems. Topics include maintaining wells, maintaining a septic system, disposing of hazardous household waste products, and maintaining wildlife habitat.





The Ontario Water Resources Act lists specific distances that a drinking water well must be from potential sources of pollution.

The first printing of the book produced 900 copies, most of which have been distributed at no cost through South Nation Conservation in Berwick to rural residents. The target audience is people whose properties are large, but not active enough to require an environmental farm plan.

At the guidebook's formal launch, DEAG presented 19 copies to be made available in the 19 branches in the SD&G library system. Copies were also presented to representatives from Dundas public schools which have active environmental groups interested in improving their grounds.

SNC says goodbye to 2002 HRDC trainees

BERWICK — The holiday season and the end of the year also mark the end of another successful Human Resources Development Canada sponsored job training program under the auspices of South Nation Conservation.

"We benefit immeasurably from these programs," said SNC acting director Mary-Ann Wilson. "A lot of work gets done under HRDC that can't be performed by regular staff because of time limitations."

The fact that some people who come into the program already have well-honed abilities from past careers can prove particularly useful. "We've been plagued by computer viruses lately and it's been very helpful to have among the HRDC trainees an expert in the field."

It's a two-way street, Wilson said, with individuals seeking retraining and work experience under the program picking up a lot of skills which can, and do, lead to employment. "One trainee has become very interested in a future in conservation because of the experience with SNC."

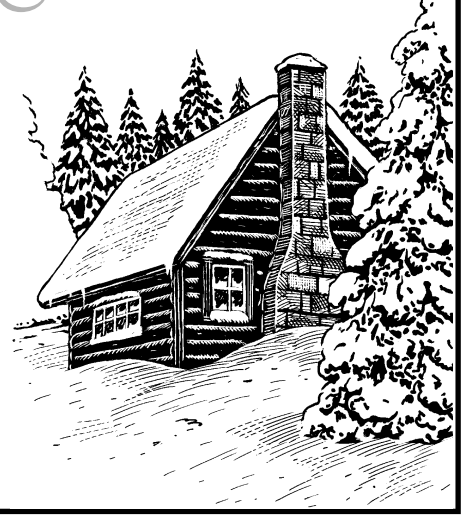
Pointing out the HRDC team undertook several successful projects in 2002, co-ordinator Bob Cordell said he anticipates that another environmental and recreational enhancement program will be launched under SNC in the new year.

Some of the areas where trainees contributed include technical and office help, field work, watershed assessments, communication, and promotional support in connection with a book of historical photos released by SNC.

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Police blotter

Assault follows RIDE investigation

MORRISBURG — Police were set up for a RIDE program on Dec. 21 in the area of an establishment situated on Fifth Street, Morrisburg. Once there, a vehicle was observed attempting to leave the parking lot, but upon noticing the police, pulled back into the lot.

At this time the male driver fled from his vehicle while being followed by police. The man then entered a business at this location. Once inside, as police attempted to speak with the driver, an altercation occurred as patrons of the establishment confronted police.

As a result of this incident, several charges were laid. The 23-year-old male driver of the Morrisburg area was charged with impaired driving, assault with intent to resist arrest and escaping lawful custody.

A 23-year-old Dundela man and a 20-year-old Iroquois man were arrested and charged with obstructing and resisting police, and assaulting a peace officer. A fourth male, 20 years old from the Iroquois area, was charged with obstructing and resisting police and theft under $5,000. All charges are contrary to the criminal code. The accused are to appear in court on Feb. 4.

A 23-year-old Glen Becker man and a 20-year-old South Mountain man also face charges of being intoxicated in a public place as a result of the incident. Constable J. Brodie and constable M. Lalonde are investigating.

Nativity scene vandalized

WINCHESTER — A suspicious car was spotted outside a Winchester home on Dec. 22. After hearing a loud noise, residents discovered that one piece (Mary) of a 10-piece nativity set was missing. It was discovered that several more characters had already been loosened and were apparently ready to be taken.

Spot check leads to drug bust

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — While conducting RIDE spot checks in the South Mountain area on Dec. 23, police had opportunity to stop a vehicle being operated by a South Mountain man. As a result of this vehicle stop, the 24-year-old driver was charged with impaired driving, blowing over .08, possession of cannabis resin and possession of marijuana. He was further charged with driving a motor vehicle with an open container of liquor.

The 49-year-old passenger, also of the South Mountain area, was charged with possession of cannabis resin and possession of marijuana. Constable J. Moores is investigating.

Drug charges laid

SOUTH DUNDAS — SD&G OPP executed a drug warrant on a residence situated on County Road 5, South Dundas Township on the afternoon of Dec. 20. As a result, several marijuana plants and articles for production were seized. A 23-year-old South Dundas male was charged with production of a substance contrary to the CDSA. Constable C. Oneil is investigating.

Theft of gnomes

SOUTH STORMONT — Culprit(s) attended the area of County Road 35, Long Sault and removed several gnomes from the area during the evening of Dec. 21. These items are described as being made out of plywood, and measure up to four feet tall. These gnomes are valued at $60 each. Constable D. Budzinski is investigating.

Police have received numerous complaints of Christmas lights and decorations being stolen from people's residences or destroyed. This is an ongoing problem in all areas. Anyone having information relating to these thefts or acts of vandalism are asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Charges laid after domestic dispute

SOUTH DUNDAS — Police were dispatched to a residence on Riverside Drive in South Dundas on the evening of Dec. 24, with regards to a domestic dispute. On arrival police found the accused being restrained outside the residence. As a result of this incident a 30-year-old South Dundas man has been charged with three counts of assault, three counts of uttering threats, two counts of mischief under $5,000 and one count of forcible entry. The accused will appear in court on Feb. 4. Constable J. Moores is investigating.

Pastoral director retires

by Chris Zabel
Press staff

MOUNTAIN — After nearly 10 years as pastoral director at House of Lazarus, Shirley Nichol retired last week. Friends gathered at the United Church mission in Mountain to wish her well on Dec. 23.

Nichol began working at House of Lazarus in the summer of 1993 when the mission was located in South Mountain. A year later, she became pastoral director and took over from Lynn Edwards.

House of Lazarus offers inexpensive used clothing to people in need, living in the Seaway Valley. The facility also operates a food bank. The main job for the pastoral director, however, is meeting with clients and offering emotional support.

Before she became a licensed lay preacher, Nichol worked for 18 years as an accountant. She said her early career choice was a strange one because she didn't like accounting and doesn't recall being particularly good at it. "I'm awful at balancing my cheque book," she said.

When she began working at the House of Lazarus, it was supposed to be a temporary situation until she could be placed with a church. "But by the time they found a church for me, I didn't want to go," said Nichol. "I felt like I'd be deserting the ship. I realized this was my ministry."

"It's much more rewarding than accounting," she added.

Looking back over her years of service, it's the success stories of the people she's met that stick in her mind. Nichol remembers many instances of meeting with people in her office when they were at their lowest, and then meeting the same people again years later when their lives were in order.

Angels have always played an important part in Nichol's ministry. Beneath her office window she has a shelf lined with miniature angels, and she often gives these angels to clients who need a lift. Friends are continually giving her angels, so the supply never seems to run out.



In her office at the House of Lazarus, pastoral director Shirley Nichol kept a collection of angels which she often gave to people who came to her needing support. Nichol retired on Dec. 23 after nearly 10 years at the mission. She said she'd leave the angel shelf there for the new pastoral director, Pauline Pratt.
Press Photo — Zabel

Over the course of her time at House of Lazarus, Nichol has written about many of the success stories and small miracles that have occurred through the mission. She has written two books, Angels on My Window Sill and The Angels Continue to Appear. The latter is her most recent work, and it is still for sale locally.

With retirement stretching before her, Nichol said she didn't feel too sad to be leaving, realizing that her time had come to step down. Her immediate plans include writing a book for her grandchildren. She's also looking forward to using a new treadmill and a new whirlpool, which were retirement gifts from her husband and herself. Eventually she plans to return part-time to her ministerial role, probably working at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Crimestoppers seek information

SOUTH DUNDAS — Each week Crime Stoppers highlights a crime that has been committed in the area. Crime Stoppers is reminding the public they need information on all crimes, no just the crime of the week.

Sometime between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1, a shed on the Whipperwill Lane in South Dundas was broken into. A red and white 2001 Honda CBR motorcycle license 2S131, a 2001 John Deere utility tractor serial number LU4100H312426 and attachments (a 60-inch midmount mower serial number M060CAS021986 and a front-end loader serial number W00410X012106) were stolen.

Crime Stoppers is asking for information, not your name. Callers will remain anonymous and will not have to appear in court. You may also be eligible for a cash reward. Anyone with any information on this crime or any other crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or long distance at 1-800-222-8477.

Male held for bail violation

WINCHESTER — While on foot patrol in the Winchester area on the afternoon of Dec. 26, police arrested a 32-year-old North Dundas man found to be violating his bail order conditions.

The male was charged with breach of recognizance, and has been held for a bail hearing scheduled for Dec. 27. Constable M. Burton is investigating.

Keeping Health In Mind

"Keeping Health In Mind" is a monthly newspaper column made possible with the help of the Lannin Business Centre, the Winchester Press and the clinical staff of Tri-County Mental Health Services, a community program of the Cornwall General Hospital.

Healthy Families

One thing we all have in common is that we are all part of a family. No other time of year brings families together more than the holiday season. Having good relationships within our families throughout the entire year, not just during the holidays, is central to our overall sense of happiness and emotional well being. This article explores some of the qualities or characteristics of healthy, functional (versus dysfunctional) families.

It is important, within a family, to recognize and be attentive to each person's needs, including the parents, as well as the children. It is not uncommon today for parents to exhaust themselves co-ordinating their children's extracurricular activities, leaving very little time or energy for their own interests, hobbies and friendships. Making time for the relationship is also crucial, as the parents' relationship is the foundation of the family. Love and respect shown between parents provides a sense of harmony and safety for all family members.

Children learn by example. How parents handle conflict and emotions such as anger has an impact on how children get along with others, including brothers and sisters. It is important to encourage open discussion of feelings. When it comes to discipline, punishments need to be fair and appropriate. Parents also need to be willing to negotiate, to compromise and to apologize.

Accomplishments, however small, should be noted and celebrated, whenever possible. Our sense of self-esteem or self-worth is shaped within our families. We all need to hear that we did a 'good job' and that others in the family are proud of us. Individual differences also need to be recognized and encouraged: for example, one child may be athletic and the other artistic. Each needs equal time and opportunity to develop their skills and talents.

If you are interested in reading more about family life, child care, adolescence, etc., you may wish to access information on the Child and Family Canada website: cfc-efc.ca.

Trisha Barkley, M.S.W., R.S.W., Social Worker, Tri-County Mental Health Services

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Here comes Santa

Santa's sleigh was pulled through the streets of South Mountain by a team of heavy horses on Dec. 22. Bringing up the rear in the parade, young people along the route eagerly anticipated his appearance.

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Christmases of years past were recalled in the South Mountain Christmas parade with public school students dressed in old tyme outfits. The parade started at Nationview Public School and continued to the South Mountain Fairgrounds.



There were lots of horses in the South Mountain Santa Claus parade in South Mountain on Dec. 22. Many of the animals were specially dressed for the occasion.



Warmly dressed and full of Christmas enthusiasm, the young people in the South Mountain Santa Claus parade never lost interest in waving to onlookers. The parade took more than half an hour to complete its route through the centre of the village.

Shepherd Talk

by Rev. D.B. North

Break free in 2003!

I have made Break Free in 2003 the theme in my congregation for this new year and I thought it was worthy of sharing with the greater community.

How many of us continue to be bound by destructive forces and attitudes that are eroding our souls faster than the road salt is eating away my Volvo's undercarriage? The truth is that Jesus Christ came into this world to bring us freedom. He is the greatest emancipator of all time and yet most of the world, including many who call themselves Christians, live enslaved existences.

Jesus said that it is the devil who has come to "steal, kill and destroy" (enslave); but He declared, "I have come that you might have abundant life!" John 10:10. I'm not just talking about a new year's resolution to lose 15 pounds or to quit smoking. I mean to decide you are going to experience real freedom — the kind that Jesus offers to His church.

Most of you remember Church as that building down the road where your grandparents used to worship, or that place where you go to make holidays a more complete experience. According to our See You at Church Sunday results, there were 1,000 people meeting in Protestant worship on Oct. 27. Together with our Catholic friends, this means that there were still not much more- than 10 per cent of the population of North Dundas township who participated in the public worship of Jesus Christ.

Census results from 2001 list the population of North Dundas as 11,015. However, surveys continue to indicate that there is a growing spiritual hunger in our nation, and a high percentage of people who believe in God.

I know there is a great number of people out there who not only believe in God, but also know the Lord loves them and has a plan for their lives; however the busyness of life and changing values around them have eroded their concept of community celebration. Many don't realize that the Christian community was created to be a healing community where the freedom that Christ offers is to be taught and experienced.

Perhaps our low turnout is partly because many of those who do attend Church are not themselves experiencing the continuing freedom that Christ has made available to them: that is the "abundant life" that He has promised to those who are His followers.

I would encourage everyone, both those who are part of Christian faith communities and those who are not active, to Break Free in 2003. Don't let the darkness in this world cloud your mind or prevent you from experiencing the light and life that is found in Jesus Christ. The world around us may have changed, but the truth has never changed. Jesus said, "If you hold to my teachings you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. . . . If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:32, 38).

This column is provided courtesy of the North Dundas Ministerial Association

Valley humor contest opens

SPENCERVILLE — The 2003 Joker is Wild competition for humor writing is now open. Entrants must live within a 100 kilometre radius of Ottawa.

The Joker is Wild ninth Annual Humor Contest is organized by the Valley Writers Guild. Prizes available are $100, $25, $10 as well as three honorable mentions in two categories

Entries may be prose, fiction or nonfiction. Prose entries should be no more than 1,000 words, double-spaced.

Verse, rhyming or free verse entries should be no more than 40 lines, single-spaced. Entries must be in English and unpublished.

Send two copies, one with author identification and one without, and a fee of $4 per entry payable to Valley Writers Guild. There is no limit on the number of entries a person may send.

Prizes will be presented at the annual literary awards in Ottawa, at the National Library in April, so all entrants must be within commuting distance of the capital.

All 12 winners will be published in The Grist Mill Vol. 12 and will receive a free copy. Send entries to: The Joker is Wild, c/o Valley Writers' Guild, Box 32, Spencerville, Ontario, K0E 1X0.

The deadline is March 7. For further information contact joyhm@ripnet.com or petrus.delepper@sympatico.ca.

Christmas theme for WI meeting

by Ilene Robinson

WINCHESTER — President Ilene Robinson wished 26 members a Merry Christmas as the Winchester WI met for the final time in 2002, on Dec. 17.

The Lions Hall was the scene of the gathering which featured a Christmas dinner served by Barbara Davidson and her committee.

Following the meal the president thanked Davidson and opened the meeting with the WI Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Rollcall was taken and several members took shut-in gifts to former members.

A Christmas program of reading and singing was done by the president and accompanying members. One reading was composed by former member Hazel Merkley.

Door prizes were won by Debra Ann McBride and Lula Hanes.

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– Al McRoberts

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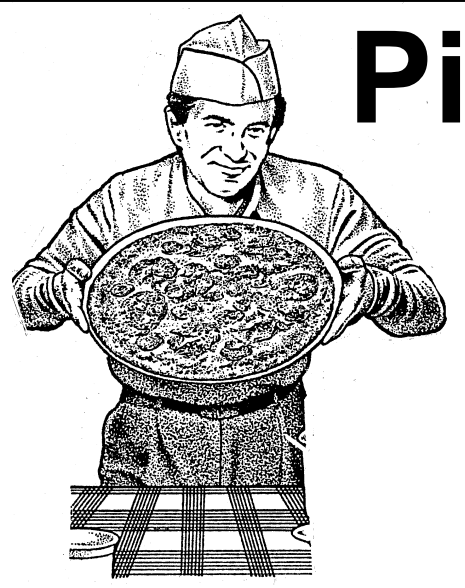
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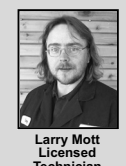
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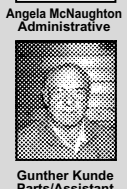
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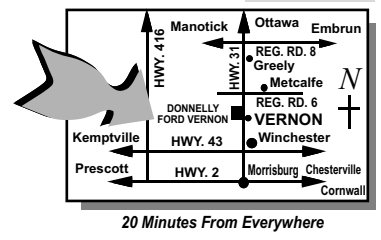
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A great year for North Dundas

Winchester and the township should be pleased as a community, looking back over the accomplishments of the past year.

When Winchester District Memorial Hospital hired a fundraising consultant firm to help organize the Renewing the Vision Campaign, it was estimated that the community might be able to raise $8 million. So far, over $11.5 million has been raised.

The campaign goal to revitalize the infrastructure at WDMH has now been set at $15 million, and it seems possible that total can be reached before the campaign concludes in June. Every week produces more news of donations.

This week alone, the *Press* has learned of a $25,000 donation from the Finch area, and an $800 donation from a church group that held a one-day donut sale in Marionville. Both donations are a little astounding.

This year's Winchester Country Christmas Parade of Lights was the largest in the event's history. One hundred entries lit up the village streets, which had been darkened by volunteer Hydro One employees who switched off the streetlights for the event. Participants in the parade reported that they had never seen the crowds so thick.

Most local residents agree that, as Ottawa continues moving south, at some point Winchester is going to become an appealing bedroom community for the city. The current building boom in North Dundas may signal the beginning of this trend.

There were 61 new homes built in the township this year, compared to 37 last year. There were 200 building permits issued this year, compared to 131 last year. And $13 million was spent on development this year, up from $8 million last year. It's a big jump in just one year. There are currently five subdivisions in development in the township.

Local businesses have been expanding. Natunola in Winchester has been attracting considerable attention to itself, becoming the world's first flaxseed de-hulling plant. Local producers have organized to supply flaxseed to the plant. The uses for the seeds are virtually limitless, not the least of which is junk food that's high in fibre and incredibly healthy. There seems to be no limit on how large the local flax industry could grow.

Several projects were completed this year upgrading the municipal recreation facilities in the township. The pools in both Winchester and Chesterville have been upgraded and will be in top shape this summer.

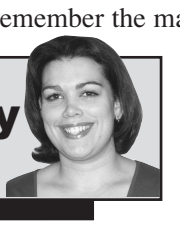
Accessibility to the Winchester Community Centre has been dramatically improved, allowing easy access to all members of the community. The facility may not be quite fancy enough to be ideal for wedding receptions; however, sports clubs have been finding new uses for the space. The Winchester Karate Club has been using the hall for slightly more than a year and its membership is continually growing. And a course in belly dancing will begin in the new year.

Similarly, the Old Town Hall in Winchester has been renovated and is ready for township residents to find ways to use it. The Dundas County Players showed the potential of the new theatre in the fall with its production of Noel Coward's play Blithe Spirit.

And if there's a true barometer to predict the vitality of a community, it's probably whether people are paying their taxes. In his year-end round-up, mayor Claude Cousineau was pleased to report that the township is $200,000 ahead of last year's total of taxes collected by the end of the year.
C.Z.

'Twas the month after Christmas

Shades of Grey
by Lori Gillespie



Well, another Christmas has passed, and although it didn't seem quite possible, it appears that DH (Digesting Husband) and I were even more spoiled than last year by our families, and by each other.

Each year, it seems everyone always claims to be "cutting back" on their Christmas shopping, but when Christmas morning rolls around, it just isn't so. Not that I'm complaining, of course. Judging from my stack of presents last week, I was a very good girl this year.

Looking ahead to the next year, things are looking rosy. There's nothing like the dawning of a new year to make everything seem promising and optimistic.

Of course, when it comes to January 1 and your Hangover of the Year has you down, I'm sure things can look a bit less optimistic.

But I'm feeling extremely optimistic as we head toward 2003, and I hope you are feeling just as good about the new year.

To you and yours, from DH and I, we wish you a Happy New Year, and we hope it will be a good party for you.

But on a lighter note, with thanks to the unknown author, I believe we all can relate to the following ditty.

Especially since the turkey is likely still fresh in our minds, and we're still working on finishing the last of the dips, cheese balls and Christmas cookies.

'Twas The Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house,
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibble, the eggnog I'd taste,
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the grocery store (less a walk than a lumber),
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared,
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese,
And the way I'd never said, "No, thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt,
I said to myself, as only I can,
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So, away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie — not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore!
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!



This week in...
by Gerrit Bosma

1922
A bylaw vote on the provision of the supply of water for fire protection was to be held, and was expected to be passed unanimously. The Press said no property owner could justify voting against it, as the bylaw would secure the protection of citizens' property against fire. It was said this was the only protection people had against fire. Hand buckets filled from local wells were the only protection available, and if the bylaw was defeated there was concern insurance companies would raise rates.

1932
Dr. Clayton Seymour, well-known Dundas County veterinarian, died suddenly at his Chesterville home on Christmas morning. The 52-year-old Inkerman native had a successful practice which extended into the Grenville, Russell, Dundas and Stormont regions. The popular vet was also a member of the Chesterville high school board and a member of the well-known Chesterville Oddfellows' quartet.

1942
An east-blowing sleet storm wreaked havoc in Dundas County and caused substantial damage, especially to hydro and telephone lines. Hundreds of poles fell and the lines were heavily covered in ice, and snapped at several points. Tree branches also smashed into wires, leaving 50 homes without power or telephone usage. Services were not expected to be restored for several days. Large and small tree branches were scattered across the sidewalk and road, and broken wires hung from the poles up and down Main Street in Winchester.

1952
The family of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Servais and their two small children lost everything they owned in a house fire just before Christmas. The Servais had all their belongings destroyed by the blaze that consumed their small home north of Winchester. The Servais had been visiting relatives at the time of the fire. Coming to the aid of the family were the local Red Cross Unit, the 100 Club and a fundraising campaign on the CFRA radio station. Announcements of the family's plight were also made in local churches.

1962
While these days Ottawa merchants seemed hesitant to use the word Christmas, a Press columnist called the national capital Canada's "Christmas City." The press article referred to city's picturesque evening scenery during the Christmas season, beset with the icy blue back drop of the Ottawa river. The columnist wrote "beneath the row of snow-laden pines that line the shore, it is easy to think of yourself entering into the glossy photograph of a Christmas greeting card."

1972
Ontario tenants and homeowners were reminded to apply for tax credits in the new year when they filed their 1972 income tax returns early in 1973. The provincial residential property tax reduction program of the previous four years was replaced by a new property tax credit plan. The new plan was to more equitably distribute the property tax burden among homeowners and tenants, through the personal income tax system.

1982
Winchester Township Council flexed its muscles at an Ontario gas supplier, for failing to consult the village before stalling a post regulator on Queen Street. The Northern and Central Gas Corporation Ltd. regulator reduces line pressure in the gas distribution system. Council asked Northern and Central Gas to move the regulator to a less noticeable location, at company expense. The gas corporation admitted the regulator was visually disturbing, but said it was necessary to cut the existing pressure to about 30 pounds. The plastic pipe system happened to be on Queen Street and operated at 100 pounds.

A disturbing sports trend

'n this Corner *Maurice Tougas*


Maurice Tougas

An item from the Potentially Disturbing Trends Department: In Madrid, soccer player Francisco Gallardo has been disciplined by the Spanish soccer federation for his, um, "unique" method of celebrating a teammate's goal.

Here's the story: after striker Jose Reyes scored an especially scintillating goal, Reyes fell to the ground and was immediately swarmed by teammates, as is customary. Gallardo, coming to the party a little late and finding all the good spots taken, bent down and took a playful nibble at Reyes' (warning to men: cross legs now) . . . um, let's just say it's a peninsula south of the equator.

At this point, I should point out that in soccer, players do not wear protective cups, otherwise Gallardo might have chipped a tooth.

Asked about his unusual method of expressing appreciation, Gallardo brushed it off as "nothing at all." Reyes, the nibbled, said he only felt a "bit of a pinch," and his biggest concern is that he was going to be teased by his teammates.

That's very magnanimous of Reyes, but I have some more substantial concerns.

I'm afraid this incident may trigger the elevation of the sports celebration into a whole new, frightening area. How will Gallardo's teammates react the next time one of them scores a dazzling goal, and Gallardo only pats him on the back? ("Geez, Francisco, you nibbled Jose's (insert own crude, not-for-family-publication term here) when he scored, and all I get is a pat on the back? What gives?")

The bar has been raised, or lowered, as it were. Where do we go next?

Not too many years ago, professional athletes acted like, well, professionals, when they did their job, whether it was scoring a goal, a touchdown, or a homerun.

The CBC runs vintage Grey Cups every November, and they made for fascinating viewing. When Jackie Parker scooped up the notorious "Hunsinger fumble" and ran it back for the winning touchdown, he casually walked back to his bench, looking like a man who just went to the corner store for a package of smokes (which, in Parker's case, was probably close to the truth).

That was not uncommon. Back then, a touchdown celebration was usually limited to a hearty handshake, or perhaps a pat on the back. Anything more demonstrative — say, a hug -– would have been reason to wonder if your teammate was one of those "funny boys" your dad warned you about.

Hockey was the same. Watch a clip of Rocket Richard, or any other great star from the black-and-white era, when he scored a goal. Richard would raise his arms briefly, then lower them almost immediately, looking almost embarrassed to have been so boisterous.

Sometime in the more liberated 1960s, the celebrations became more outgoing. Lost in the mists of time is the epochal moment when a player patted a teammate on the bum. He was not immediately punched out, signaling the beginning of the Celebration Era (and bringing into question the sexual leanings of athletes for years).

From there, things have gotten out of control. It's New Year's Eve every day.

A goal between Nashville and Anaheim in the middle of February is celebrated with all the fervor of an overtime winner in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup finals. Football players devise group dance routines after touchdowns that would have made Busby Berkley jealous. Quarterback sacks are marked by a King Kongish display of chest thumping. Celebrating soccer players run at full tilt around the field, as if being chased by wolves, while stripping off their shirts –- and let's hope it stops right there.

So, who's to say the Gallardo method won't catch on? No doubt it was the talk of locker rooms worldwide, and somewhere somebody is plotting a similar celebration, but just as a joke. But what begins as a joke can escalate into a fad, then a trend, then common practice.

Maybe it's time soccer players started wearing cups after all.

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OBITUARIES

Sharon Eva Barbe

Sharon Eva Barbe of South Mountain died at home on Dec. 26, 2002. She was 45.

She was wife of Dominique Barbe, whom she married on Jan. 25, 1975 in Ottawa. She was born on Sept. 17, 1957 in Cornwall to the late Raymond Mayhew and surviving Margaret Sparling.

She was a member of the United Church. She worked at Wouters Egg Farm and previously at Berry's Egg Farm.

She is survived by children Tracy and Jessica and grandson Nicholas. She was sister to Heather (Boyd), Roger (Teresa), Fay (John), Alan (Carmen), Cindy Landry (Mike) and Brenda (B.B.).

The funeral was at Byers Funeral Home chapel on Dec. 28 officiated by Rev. Mary Lou Shortill. Interment will be in the spring at South Gower Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roger Mayhew, Alan Mayhew, Mike Landry, Albert Barbe, John Rondeau and John Thompson.

Dennis H. Blaine

Dennis H. Blaine of Mountain died on Dec. 20, 2002 at Ottawa Hospital General Campus. He was 51.

He is survived by his wife Susanne Winter whom he married in Hallville on Oct. 11, 1975.

Mr. Blaine was born in Winchester on Jan. 8, 1951 to the late Ralph Blaine and surviving Marjorie Coleman. He worked as a surveyor with John Kennedy Land Surveyors. He was a member of the United Church.

He was father of Ryan and Mallory. He is survived by brother Richard. He was son-in-law of Heinz and Mathilde Winter.

The funeral was at Byers Funeral Home chapel on Dec. 21, officiated by Rev. Mary Lou Shortill. Cremation followed.

Pallbearers were Eric Winter, Karl Winter, Ronnie Winter, Willis Kerr, Norm Ritchie and George Bryan.

Harold Coulthart

Harold Coulthart died peacefully at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Dec. 23, 2002, in his 86th year.

He was born on March 25, 1917 to William and Ethel (nee Edgerton) Coulthart in Winchester Township.

He was the beloved brother of Ralph (late Maisie Eamer) of Morrisburg. He was loving uncle of Angela, Stephen and William (Carol), all of Nepean, and Gary (Rozie) of Morrisburg.

He was predeceased by his parents; sisters Nelda Lapierre (Harry) and Jean Kelly (Clifford); and brother Donald Coulthart.

There was no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date followed by interment of cremated remains at the Morewood Presbyterian Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Chesterville Funeral Home.

Gunther Giese

Gunther Giese of Chesterville died on Dec. 25, 2002 at Ottawa General Hospital. He was 70.

He is survived by wife Ilse Giese (nee Fischer), whom he married on July 20, 1956, at the Ottawa Court House.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1932 in Germany to the late Karl Giese and Erna (nee Schwerdtfeger). He worked as a clerk at CarQuest in Ottawa for 24 years before retiring. He lived at his Chesterville address for the previous 26 years. He enjoyed gardening and training standard-bred race horses.

He was born and raised in Germany. He immigrated to Canada in 1951 and settled in Ottawa. In the late 1950s he and his family moved to Navan and they lived there until 1976, when they moved to RR#2 Chesterville.

He is survived by children Derry (Vera) Moke of Chesterville and Cindy Wolfe of Williamsburg. Also surviving are siblings Waltraut Kaiser, Ruth Elbers and Siegrid (Lothar) Hanf, all of Germany.

He was predeceased by brother Eckard.

He will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Jesse Wolfe and Amber Moke. Also surviving are nieces and nephews.

There was no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Pierrette Prentiss-Lloyd

Pierrette Prentiss-Lloyd died peacefully in hospital on Dec. 24, 2002 in her 81st year.

She was the beloved wife of William Lloyd. She was predeceased by her first husband Edward Prentiss and by her daughter Carol. She was step-mother of Susan Mazerall. She was predeceased by nine sisters.

Friends called at the Garden Chapel of Tubman Funeral Homes on Dec. 27. Funeral service was held on Dec. 28. Interment was at Capital Memorial Gardens.

For those wishing, a donation to the Elizabeth Bruyere Health Centre would be appreciated. Tributes, condolences and donations may be made at tubmanfuneralhomes.com.

Nettie Hutt

Nettie Hutt of Morrisburg died on Dec. 15, 2002 at Ottawa General Hospital. She was 72.

She was born on Dec. 4, 1930 in Brinston. She was a housewife until Angela was born. She then took a job at the drugstore in Arnprior. After moving back to Winchester, she worked as a receptionist for Dr. Byers and Dr. Wells for a period of time before taking a job as executive secretary to the nursing supervisor at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She retired from the hospital in 1986.

Her family moved to Morrisburg when she was three years old and she went to school and grew up in Morrisburg. She and Don lived in Arnprior, Winchester and Iroquois, before returning to Morrisburg three years ago. She wanted to spend her remaining years in Morrisburg where she felt most at home.

Her parents were the late Alfred Gamble and Grace Gamble (nee Pemberton). She is survived by her husband Donald Hutt, whom she married on June 12, 1950 at the Lakeshore Drive United Church Manse.

She is survived by children Debbie (Don) Mabo of Morrisburg, Robert of Morrisburg, Brian (Dawn) of Ottawa, Barry of Kingston and Angela (Mike) Holmes of Morewood. Also surviving are brother Dick Gamble (Doris Marcellus) of Johnstown and sister Joyce McIntosh of Winchester.

Brothers and sisters-in-law include Raymond McIntosh of Winchester, Francis (Elaine) Hutt of Kingston, Norbert (Diane) Hutt of Winchester and Doreen (Gay) Alexander of Kemptville.

She was predeceased by great-grandson Joshua Mabo-Hummel; brother Alfred; sisters Betty MacDonald, Irene McIntosh and Shirley Eastman; and brother-in-law Gordon McIntosh.

She will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Tanya, Amanda, Amber, Tobi, Colin and Hunter; and great-grandchildren Cassie, Julenea, Mia and Maddison.

In her earlier years, Nettie enjoyed swimming, skating, playing sports (especially ball), and fishing with her Dad. Fun and recreation in the 1940s and 1950s could be found every Saturday night at Casselman's Dance Hall which is where she met her husband Don. After she and Don were married, Don went away to the Korean War and he returned in December of 1951.

After marriage, sports for Nettie centred around bowling and later in life lawn bowling. She played an active role as hockey-Mom for the Winchester Hawks Jr. "B" team, never missing a game in eight years. Her love of sports continued through the years and she attended all of her children's and grandchildren's sporting events.

One of the greatest thrills for her came when her granddaughters Tanya and Amanda Mabo broke the norm and played boys hockey. In the past few years, her love of sports continued by watching sports on TV. Over the years there were many changes, but one thing that never changed was her love for her family, and she will be dearly missed by each member of her family.

A private family funeral service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Dec. 18, followed by cremation. The service was officiated by Rev. Mark Ehlebracht. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Rhonda Kinnear-Hoftyzer

Rhonda Kinnear-Hoftyzer of Pendleton passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 14, 2002. She was born on Nov. 30, 1976. She was the wife of Stuart Hoftyzer, whom she married on Sept. 21, 2002.

She graduated from Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. She also graduated from St. Lawrence College as an animal care technician and from Kemptville College, University of Guelph, in food and nutrition management. It was while attending Kemptville College that she met Stuart, who was also a Kemptville graduate. She was a respected dietary aide at the Maxville Manor, and owner of Rhondale Jerseys. Her loves were Stuart, Jerseys and making chocolates.

She was an active member of the Maxville Curling Club and a member of Jersey Canada. She had the opportunity to represent the Jersey Association as Jersey Princess, Jersey Ambassador for the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair, and youth exchange delegate. Titan Basketball and 4-H were also highlights of her short life. She will be sadly missed by her husband Stuart, parents Don and Isabel (Blair) Kinnear, her brother Blair (Julie Proulx) and Stuart's family: Bill and Jo-Anne, Eileen, Kathryn and Philip Hoftyzer.

She was treasured by two special grandmothers, Eunice Hill (Guy Smith) of Pendleton and Joan Zandbergen of Brinston. She will be fondly remembered by many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and college classmates.

Funeral services were held at Munro and Morris Funeral Home in Maxville and at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg on Dec. 18, with Rev. George Rowaan officiating and Rev. Gail Christie reading Scripture. Pallbearers were Blair Kinnear and Julie Proulx of Aurora, Dan VanGilst and Dan Schuler of Chesterville, Connie Barton of Vankleek Hill and Mike Visser of Owen Sound.

Special music was provided by Trevor Baker, Fred and Mattie Zandbergen, Pam DeJong and Heather Douma. Hilda Wylie of Kanata spoke about Rhonda's life and reminded everyone: "Just one memory brings back the beauty of wonderful moments shared."



La fiesta

Students from Elma Public School visited the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre in Williamsburg on Dec. 19. The students performed musical numbers from a Christmas pageant they had performed at their school the night before. Students in Grades 3 and 4 recreated a Mexican holiday celebration. Press Photos — Zabel



Season of hope

The Christmas pageant at Elma Public School celebrated the year-end holiday traditions of cultures from around the world. Students took their show on the road on Dec. 19 to share their musical messages at the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre in Williamsburg.

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To: Our Customers
From: All Of Us

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Happy New Year

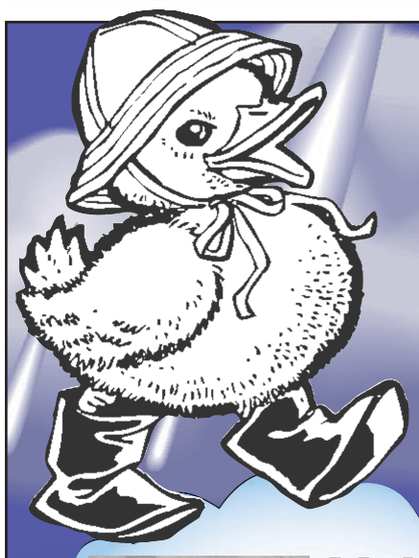
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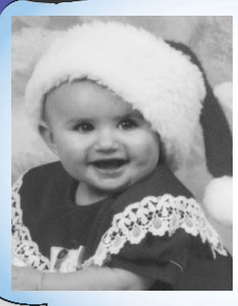
NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

At this festive time of year we'd like to take time out to express our sincere gratitude and warm wishes to all our patrons and friends. Thanks!

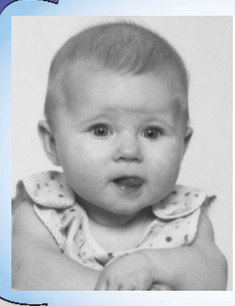
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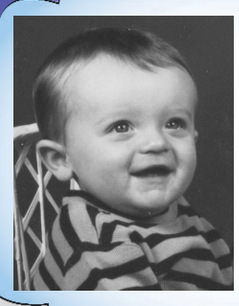




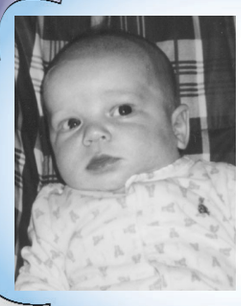
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May 1, 2002
Daughter of Chris and Dawn Hart.



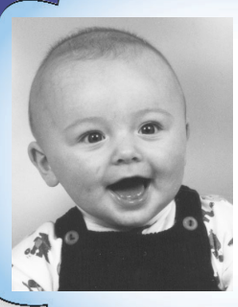
Rory Elizabeth Andrews Stanley
Dec. 16, 2001
Daughter of Rob and Cherie Stanley.



Owen Brett Richardson
Feb. 10, 2002
Son of Brett and Ann Richardson.



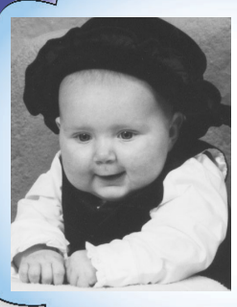
Mason Erwin Marcellus
July 19, 2002
Son of Donnie and Sharon. Grandson of Dale and Jeannine.



Spencer Myles Rombough
March 19, 2002
Son of Owen and Jennifer Rombough.



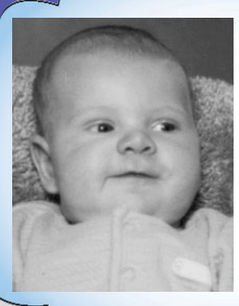
Grace Kelly Mayo
April 22, 2002
Daughter of Bill and Kelly Mayo.



Chloe McAuley
July 28, 2002
Daughter of Tom and Heather.

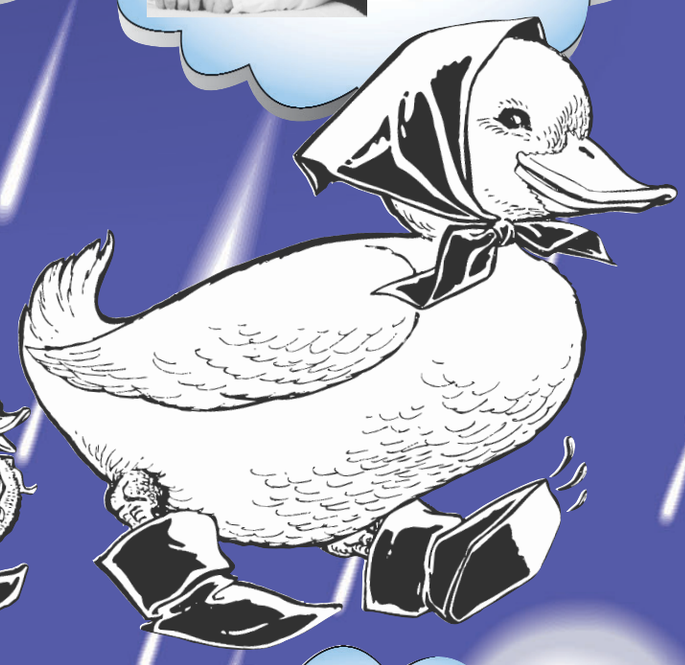


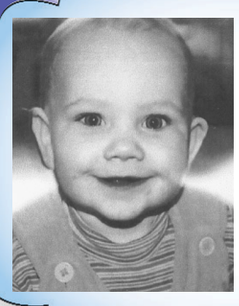
Nakita Komori Lee Steele
March 24, 2002
Proud parents Cindy and Kyle. Sister to Tyson and Cordell.



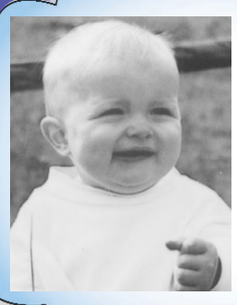
Dawson Lawrence Givan
June 1, 2002
Mommy, Daddy and proud big brother Jackson would like to say welcome to our family. We love you little "D".



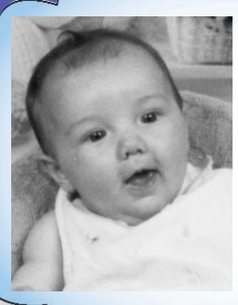




Chloe Anne Nagerl
Jan. 24, 2002
John and Leslie Nagerl's little princess.



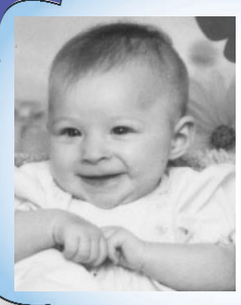
Cam Aron Sherrer
"New Years Day"
Jan. 1, 2002
Son of Aron and Darlene. Brother of Tyson and Taylor.



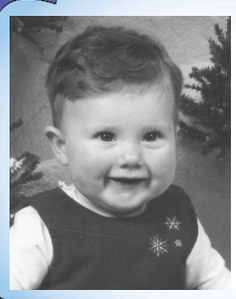
Jada Dean Ouellette
April 18, 2002
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Hannah Jean
Dec. 27, 2002
Happy 1st birthday, from Grama. Daughter of Wendy (Castle) and Danny Geertsma.



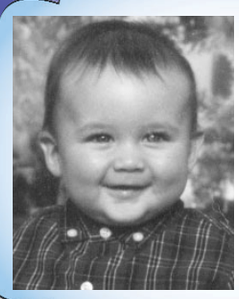
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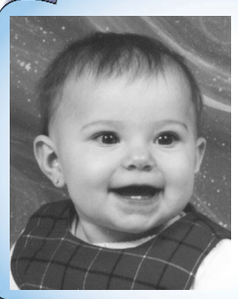
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April 16, 2002
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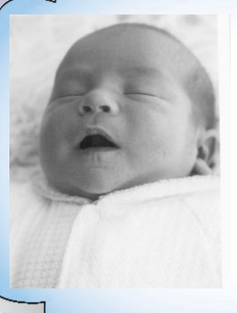
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July 26, 2002
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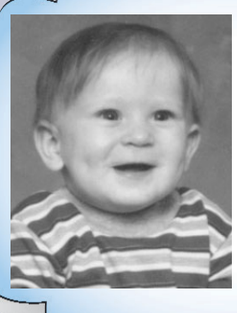
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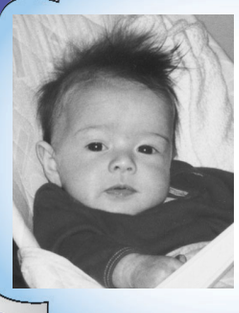
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March 5, 2002
Daughter of Craig and Crystal Belanger.



Michael Richard Clelland Hamilton
Dec. 2, 2002
Love from Gramma and Poppa Hamilton.



Austin Derek Hutchinson
Jan. 16, 2002
Son of Blair and Karen Hutchinson.



Madison Laurin Elizabeth Crober
July 23, 2002
Daughter of Wendy and Rob Crober. Sister of Marina.



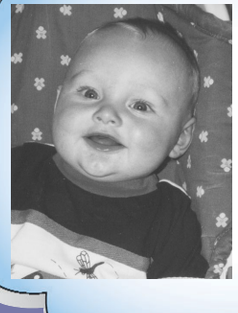
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Daughter of Sonya and sister of Sam.



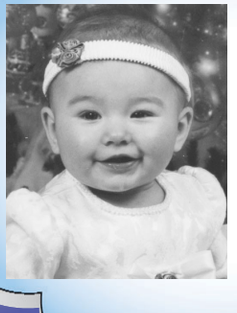
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Wed., Dec. 18, 2002
Son of Danielle Kennedy and Tim Cowan.



Cole Duncanson
Nov. 27, 2002
Son of Greg and Michelle (Helmer).



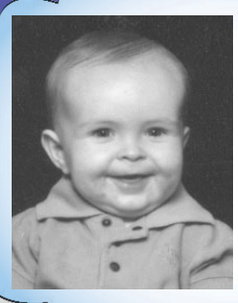
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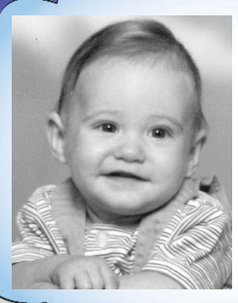
Mackenzie Rei Scheepers
April 16, 2002
Daughter of Scott and Stacey Scheepers.

2002 Shower of Babies





Joshua Jamieson Helmer
Jan. 22, 2002
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Warren Michael Amsing
March 6, 2002
Son of Mike and Lyann Amsing.



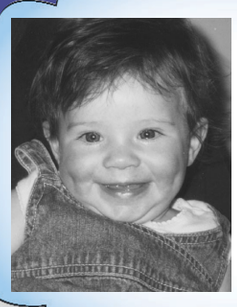
Nathan Gerald Robidoux
June 1, 2002
Precious son of Mike Robidoux and Corinne Wicks.



Cadence Audrey Logtens
Oct. 16, 2002
Daughter of Terri-Lynn and Jeremy Logtens.



Ethan Renny VanGilst
Nov. 7, 2002
Son of David and Melissa VanGilst.



Katherine Amanda Redmond
Feb. 9, 2002
Kate is the daughter of Stephanie VanGilst and Tim Redmond.



Graham Jeffory Matte
Dec. 29, 2001
Happy 1st Birthday. Son of Jason and Julie Matte.



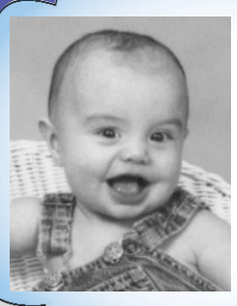
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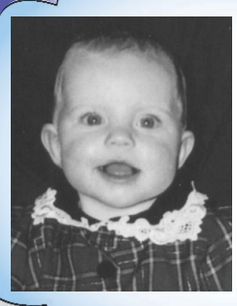
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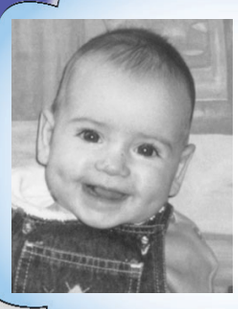
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April 16, 2002
Daughter of David and Rebecca, sister to Mercedes and Zachary.



Bruce Henderson Porteous
May 17, 2002
Son of Ian and Tracy Porteous.



Emily Lauren Cook
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Daughter of Shawn and Julie Cook.



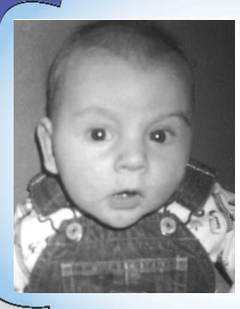
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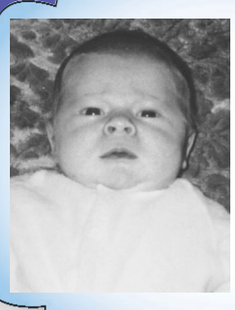
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Veronica Leigh Laird
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Daughter of Tracy Acres and Scott Laird.



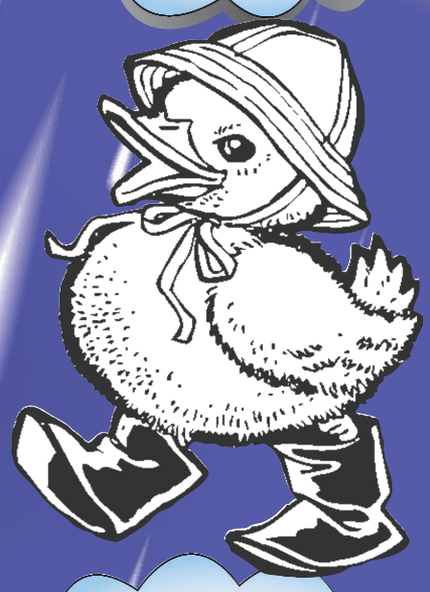
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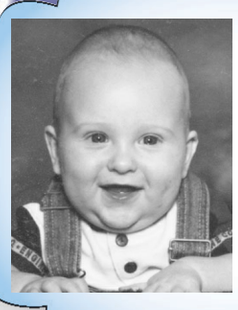


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March 27, 2002
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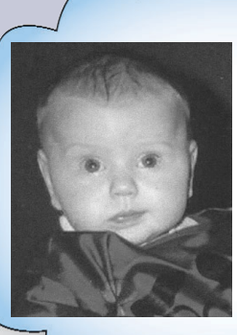




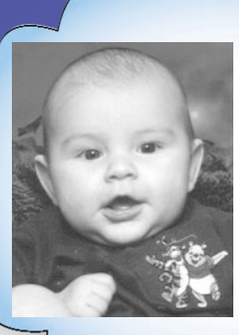
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Dec. 23, 2001
Son of Jeff and Jennifer Rutters.



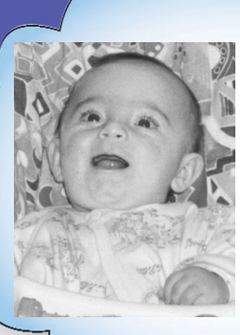
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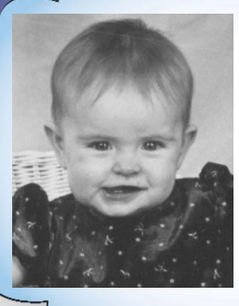
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Connor Jordan Elliott
May 25, 2002
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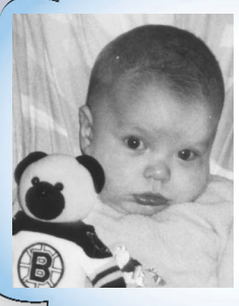
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May 17, 2002
Son of Dave and Anna Don. Little brother to Angelica.



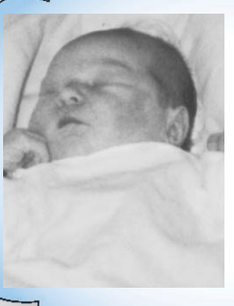
Sarah Karina Don
Feb. 28, 2002
Precious daughter of Derrick and Emily Don.



Ethan Albert Guy
Nov. 21, 2002
Love Mommy and Daddy, Nevin and Owen.



Liam Lewis Hill
July 13, 2002
Son of David and Melanie Hill. Little brother to Noah Hill.



Kiara Ault Vandemheen
Dec. 22, 2002
Daughter of Scott and Sharlene Vandemheen.

Canada disappointed with WTO dairy decision

Farm update

OTTAWA — Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Pierre Pettigrew, International Trade Minister expressed disappointment with the Dec. 20 decision by the World Trade Organization (WTO) Appellate Body that Canada's approach to the export of products made from commercial export milk constitutes an export subsidy.

Given that the Appellate Body emphasized that the WTO consistency of Canada's domestic supply management system was not at issue in these proceedings, exports of dairy products produced within the supply management system, can continue but must comply with Canada's WTO exports subsidy commitment levels.

"Dairy industry stakeholders, the provinces and the Government of Canada have worked to ensure Canada's approach is consistent with our WTO obligations and it's tough for all of us to see those efforts go unrecognized by the WTO," said Vanclief. "However, we have to continue to work together to determine where we go from here, and I am committed to continue working with industry and the provinces to establish the best way to comply with this decision."

"I am disappointed with the WTO's conclusion, especially given the changes made to our dairy sector since 1999," said International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew. "While we believe we had removed all links to government in export activities when the market-based commercial export milk transactions were developed, we recognize the importance of clear, enforceable rules governing international trade and we fully intend to abide by this decision."

Following an initial loss before a WTO panel in 1999, the federal government and the dairy industry implemented major changes to the way exported dairy products are marketed. Not satisfied with these changes, the United States and New Zealand requested a WTO Compliance Panel to examine the issue further. The panel ruled that Canada's commercial export milk approach confers export subsidies. Canada appealed the ruling, and on Dec. 3, 2001, the Appellate Body concluded there was insufficient evidence to determine whether Canada was violating its WTO obligations. This year, the complainants launched a third challenge against Canada leading to another WTO Compliance Panel ruling against Canada in July.

The Dec. 20 Appellate Body decision was the result of an appeal which Canada filed on Sept. 23. The Appellate Body's report will be presented to the WTO Dispute Settlement Body for adoption in January. The WTO dispute settlement process provides for the possibility of compensation or retaliatory measures. Should this process proceed, such measures must be approved by an arbitrator. This process can take up to 60 days to complete.

WTO DAIRY CHALLENGES THE WTO RULINGS

In 1999, as a result of World Trade Organization (WTO) Panel and Appellate Body decisions regarding Canada's dairy export pricing practices, major changes were made to the marketing of Canadian dairy products destined for export. These changes involved the deregulation of milk for commercial export transactions by the federal government and the nine affected provinces.

However, in early 2001, these changes were deemed unsatisfactory by the governments of New Zealand (NZ) and the United State. Following a request by these two nations, a Compliance Panel to further investigate Canada's dairy export pricing practices was established. In July 2001, a Panel report confirmed that Canada's policy remained WTO inconsistent. This ruling was then challenged by an Appellate Body Report which stated that the U.S. and NZ had not adequately proven their case. As the panel did not make findings on some key factors, the Appellate Body was unable to find whether Canada had violated its WTO obligations. Consequently, the complainants sought and received another compliance panel. It is the report of this second Compliance Panel, which ruled against Canada (July 26, 2002), that Canada appealed.

The Appellate Body ruling of Dec. 20, upheld the Compliance Panel findings, indicating that Canada's commercial export milk (CEM) practices constitute export subsidies. Specifically, they found that producers sell CEM at prices below their cost of production (i.e. "payments" are being provided) and that governmental actions regulating the domestic market have the effect of financing these payments.

CANADA'S MEASURES

As a result of the 1999 WTO ruling, Canada changed the way milk destined for exported dairy products is marketed. Based on the ruling, and following consultation with the provinces and industry, governments at both the federal and provincial levels have removed themselves from export activities and this milk for export is now bought and sold in accordance with market demands. Commercial export milk markets in nine provinces were operational on Aug. 1, 2000. Despite these changes, the United States and New Zealand remained of the view that Canada is not in compliance with its WTO obligations and initiated a WTO Compliance Panel.

Arbitration process (retaliation/compensation): The WTO Dispute Settlement Body has established an Arbitration Panel in response to requests by the United States and New Zealand for authority to retaliate. The arbitration process remains suspended and can only commence once the report has been adopted. The report is expected to be adopted in early January 2003.

In consultations since the beginning of this WTO challenge, the federal government has closely consulted with the provincial governments and dairy industry stakeholders in the preparation and presentation of Canada's defence. Provincial officials have attended all WTO hearings as observers, as part of the Canadian delegations. Dairy industry representatives were also in Geneva to provide expert advice to the delegation. In addition to several conference calls, special federal/provincial/industry consultation sessions were held in Ottawa in preparation for all of the Geneva hearings. In preparation for the Appellate Body hearing, close consultations were undertaken to ensure provincial and industry input into Canada's defence.

Eastern Ontario Beef Day returning to Winchester

WINCHESTER — The County Cattlemen's Association in eastern Ontario (Leeds to Quebec border) has organized a second Eastern Ontario Beef Day, building on the huge success of its first effort which saw about 200 participate last year.

Beef Day 2003 will be held on Sat., March 8 at the Winchester Arena. Three noted speakers — Mike Buis, Dr. Steve Miller and Dennis Martin — will be featured during the day.

Mike Buis is a feedlot operator near Chatham in Kent County, and is also President of OCA. He will outline his buying criteria: what he looks for when selecting stockers for his feedlot. His address will cover vaccination protocols as well as animal types.

Dr. Miller is a researcher at the University of Guelph. He will outline the development of the school's research cow herd. He will describe where the focus is on breeding for quality and production efficiency, as well as what lies ahead.

Dennis Martin is an OMAF employee working out of Clinton. His address covering predictions for profit using a calculator/computer program could provide valuable information to assist deciding whether to buy, sell or retain ownership.

There will be adequate time for questions and discussion following each presentation.

The event begins with registration at 10 am and includes a catered lunch for those who register and pay in advance. Companies and organizations will have on-site displays during the day. The speaker portion of the program will run from 10:30 am to 3 pm.

Registration fee will be $10 for all participants. Those registering and paying in advance by Feb. 28 to their local county cattlemen's association will have lunch included, but there will be no limit on attendance (subject to the capacity of the facilities).

Those not sure of who to contact in their local county may call Ron Wilson at 613-543-2784, by fax at 613-543-2457 or e-mail at r.d.wilson@symatico.ca.

LAST YEAR

The Beef Day held in Winchester last year was such a success that it has been awarded by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association (OCA).

Each year the OCA recognizes the best producer education programs and consumer education programs organized by producer groups. The Eastern Ontario Beef Day Committee was honored for putting together the second best producer event in the past year.

Over 200 producers packed the Winchester Community Hall last spring. Ron Wilson, secretary of the Dundas Cattlemen's Association, reported that everyone attending last year's event enjoyed the program. Also, attendance at the eastern Ontario event was much greater than similar events in other areas of the province.

Wilson also commented that local press coverage of last year's Beef Day contributed to the success of the event. The OCA was impressed by the high level of communication between local cattlemen's associations and the community media.

Wilson is a member of the organizing committee for this year's event, and said two meetings have already been held. Members of the Dundas Cattlemen's Association can pre-register for Beef Day at a reduced price of $5, in a special incentive to increase Dundas participation.

4-H update

4-H'ers learn icing skills

by Stacey Acres

VERNON — The Vernon Batter's Up! club held its final three meetings at the home of Helen MacDonald. At these meetings, the group began with rollcall and the 4-H pledge, as usual.

The first meeting of the three was entitled Let Them Eat Cake. We learned to make egg foam and conventional cakes. After our instructions, we divided into groups. Group one made cheddar cheese loaf; group two made butter cake; group three made buttercream icing; and group four made angel food cake with fruit filling. All enjoyed the meeting.

The second meeting of the three was entitled Easy as Pie. At this meeting we learned important pie-making skills, like different methods of making and blending pastries. We made and enjoyed Cornish pastries, tea biscuits, and apple pie.

The next meeting, which was held on Dec. 14, was a combined meeting, in which we made cookies and then learned to decorate cakes. We made old favorites like chocolate chip, peanut butter, and raisin cookies, and we also experimented with applesauce oat squares and gingerbread cookies.

In the second half of the meeting, Doris Baker, a very talented cake decorator, volunteered her time in showing us how to decorate a cake. We each got a turn at piping and smoothing icing on the cake, which was in the shape of Santa holding a wish list. Once we were done the cake, we had a draw to see who would take the cake home. The winner was Craig McDiarmid. We'd like to thank Doris for taking the time to teach us cake decorating skills.

Now that our club is complete, we'd like to thank Helen and Jane for being our club leaders. We really appreciate all the time you took out of your busy schedules to teach us baking skills.

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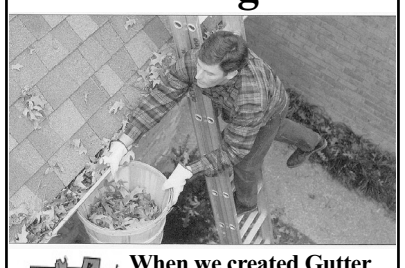
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Hawks settle for silver in Jr. "B" tourney

WINCHESTER — The fact that the Winchester Hawks were the tournament hosts and not legitimate contenders was in the back of most hockey fans minds as the 29th edition of the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League's Boxing Day Tournament unfolded on Dec. 26.

How would the Winchester Hawks, sporting the worst record in the entire league, compete against the strongest clubs the eastern Ontario circuit had to offer?

When the hour reached 10 pm on Boxing Day the answer was, very well, thank you very much.

The Hawks and the St. Lawrence Division's first-place Alexandria Glens battled through some very talented opposition to meet in the gold-medal match.

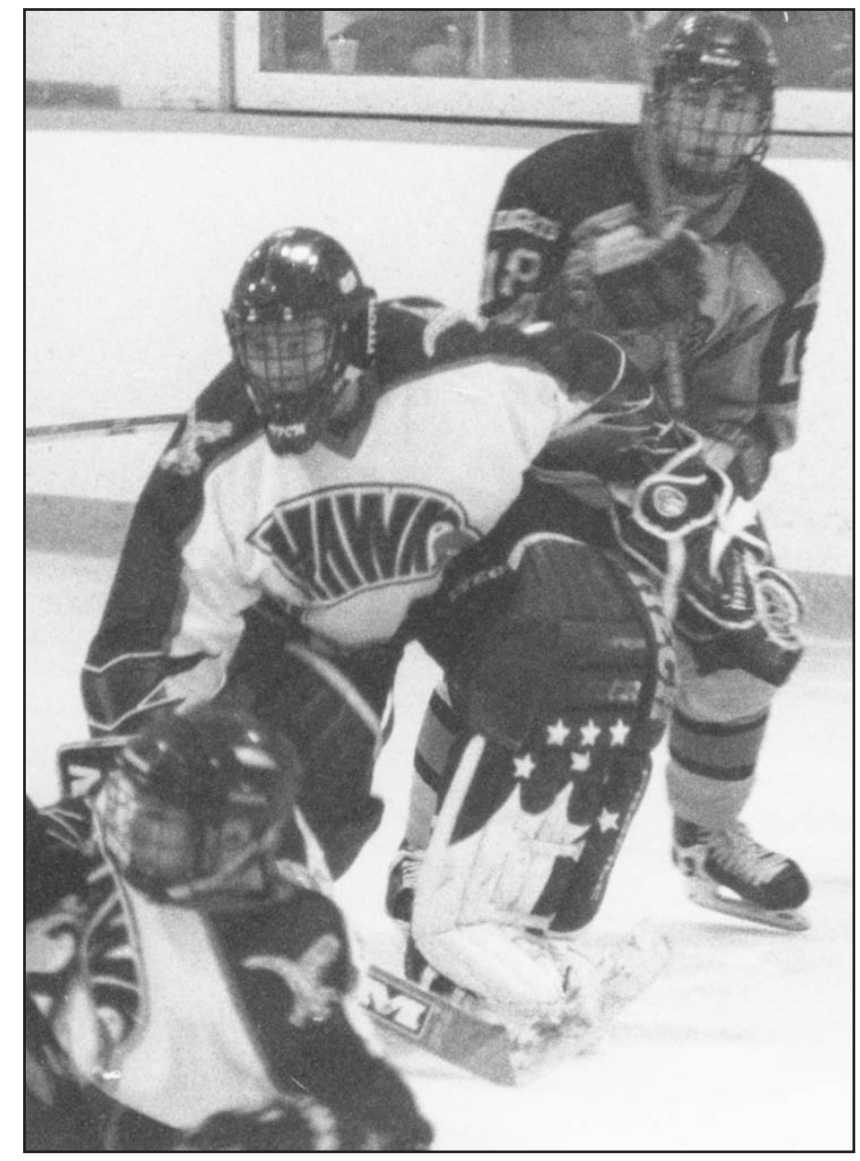
"All along I said we have a good hockey team. I guess we proved it today," remarked Winchester Hawks head coach Dave Corkery. "We beat two first-place teams but ran into some penalty trouble and out of gas in the final against Alexandria."

The Hawks opened the competition at 12:30 pm by facing the best team in the Metro Division, the Ottawa West Golden Knights. They jumped out to a 3-0 first-half lead and held on, thanks to some stellar netminding by Gregg Griffith, for a 3-2 victory and a berth in the semi-final round.

There was plenty of drama in that match as Winchester took a 2-0 lead on the first-place team in the Valley Division, the Goulbourn Royals and eliminated them with an overtime goal by Brad Casselman.

Meanwhile the St. Lawrence Division's top squad, the Alexandria Glens opened by doubling the number-two (Valley Division) Carleton Place Canadians 4-2 in the 9 am encounter. In their semi-final match the Glens registered another 4-2 result as they eliminated the Rideau Division-leading Brockville Tikis.





It was a day of highlights and disappointments for the host Winchester Hawks who lost 5-2 to the Alexandria Glens (left) in the gold-medal match of the Junior "B" Boxing Day Tournament. A solid effort by game MVP Gregg Griffith (above) helped the Hawks eliminate the Ottawa West Golden Knights 3-2 in the opening round. Press Photos — Van Bridger

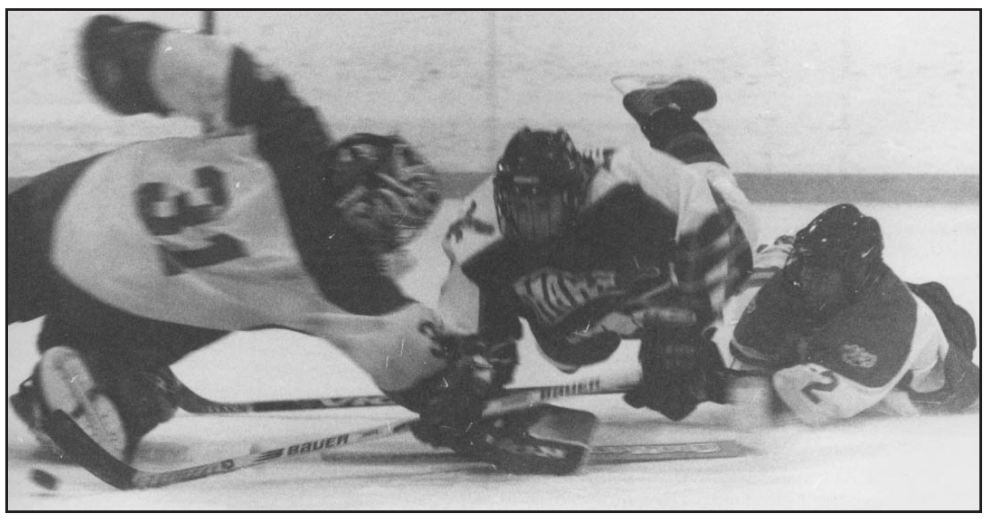
CHAMPIONSHIP TILT

Alexandria, with a two-and-a-half hour rest — as opposed to the one-hour break the Hawks had, jumped into an early 3-0 lead and held on to defeat Winchester 5-2 and capture the Cy Easterbrook Trophy.

Winchester took three consecutive minor penalties to open the championship game and the well-rested Glens potted themselves a 3-0 lead. Francis Longtin (19:07), Ben Desnoyers (15:05) and Luc Lanthier (1:46) cashed in on those first three opportunities.

Two of the first three goals were the result of just good luck. The Longtin marker hit a player in the leg and went in and Desnoyers was credited with the second after the puck hit his waist-high stick and flipped, end-over-end, in over Gregg Griffith, who for the second straight time had no chance at making the save.

Dimitri Toupikov (0.57) made it 4-0 just before the half.



A highlight-reel goal by Brad Casselman gave the Winchester Hawks a 3-2 overtime victory over the Goulbourn Royals in the semi-final round of the Boxing Day Tournament.

Winchester finally cracked Felix Limoges' goose egg at 16:58 of the second half when Darren Trenholm fired a centring pass from Colin Bowie in over his glove. Glens' Steve Owens chased starter Gregg Griffith when he made it 5-1 at 10:50. Mike Robillard relieved the overworked Griffith and held the Glens off of the board.

The Hawks managed one more marker when Trenholm beat Limoges on a similar setup 2:05 before the final buzzer. Brad Casselman and Colin Bowie picked up the assists on the play.

Following the game, Alexandria received the Cy Easterbrook trophy and the championship banner while Hawks assistant Bill Henderson accepted the Boxing Day Finalist silverware from ODHA commissioner, Dwaine Barkley. Hawks Darren Trenholm was named the Hawks' game MVP.

Winchester coach Dave Corkery said he and the coaching staff were proud of the team and the fact that the St. Lawrence Division placed both teams in the championship games.

"I think the people saw today that our division is as good as any in the league. The boys played well and should be proud of what they accomplished today," said Corkery.

Assistant coach Dale Murdoch added that, hopefully the club would be able to build on the tournament as it battles down the stretch in search of a berth in the playoffs.

BIG SUCCESS

As far as the Winchester Hawks Hockey Club was concerned, the countless hours of preparation was worth it.

"It has been a success," offered Hawks president John Douma. "We had lots of good comments. I don't know the final numbers but there was over 600 in paid attendance. I also want to thank the businesses who helped sponsor the tournament and all of the people who worked. And I think everyone saw some pretty good hockey."

Craig Smith, a first-year member of the executive, reported the Lions Club was also extremely happy with the day in the arena canteen, noting they sold over 1,600 hot dogs and sold out of several other items. He said the Hawks' soup kitchen and bar also had their stocks depleted and pointed out that the 50/50 draw netted $637.

"There were only a couple of snags. Otherwise it was a super day. I was at the rink for 20 hours but if the club could make a profit like we did, it was worth it. I told some of the executive I would do it every year," said Smith.

TOURNEY TALES

In the opening round the Alexandria Glens doubled the Carleton Place Kings 4-2 at 9 am. At 10:30 am the Brockville Tikis ousted the South Ottawa Canadians 4-1.

ODHA and league officials were introduced and the official opening faceoff was performed by North Dundas Township mayor Claude Cousineau just prior to the Hawks - Ottawa West 12:30 pm match. Colin Bowie, Mike Santerre and Shawn Smail netted the Hawks' goals in the 3-2 win. Darren Trenholm, Smail and Santerre earned assists. Smail was named game MVP. Gregg Griffith posted a solid win. Ryan Velcich and Paul Marshall replied for the Golden Knights who closed the gap to 3-2 on Marshall's powerplay goal 9:46 before the final buzzer.

The final opening-round game saw the Goulbourn Royals roast the Gananoque Islanders 5-0. Jason Rafuse posted the shutout.

SEMI-FINALS

The Brockville Tikis took a 2-1 first-half lead on the Alexandria Glens on goals by Chris Jackson and Steve Brown but wound up on the short end of a 4-2 score and were eliminated.

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Losses follow stellar effort on Boxing Day

WINCHESTER — A sparkling team effort against the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League's top teams in the annual Boxing Day Tournament couldn't be converted into Rideau - St. Lawrence Division points.

The Winchester Hawks played three solid games on Dec. 26 and faced the Char-Lan Rebels the next evening in Winchester. Perhaps a bit fatigued, the home team dropped a 5-2 decision to the fast-rising Rebels. Sunday afternoon (Dec. 29) the Hawks had to face the first-place Glens in Alexandria and suffered another defeat, this time by a 4-1 count.

Three days earlier Alexandria had bested the Hawks 5-2 in the gold-medal match of the 29th annual Junior "B" Boxing Day Tournament.

Hawks head coach Dave Corkery said that the "too tired" excuse could be applied to Friday's home-ice loss to the Char-Lan Rebels but not to Sunday's 4-1 loss in Alexandria.

With the losses mounting, the Hawks chances of making the playoffs are slowly dissipating. There are 15 games left and Winchester (10-15-3-2) stands sixth, two points back of the Morrisburg Lions (12-18-1-2) and seven behind the fourth-place Akwesasne Wolves (14-11-3-1) and the final play-off berth.

"Our fate is in our own hands. We proved to everyone on Boxing Day that we are a good team, that we belonged and that we weren't a joke. Now we have to prove it every game — every time we go out on the ice. The guys dug down and did the little extra things on Boxing Day that were needed to win. That is what has to be done for the next 15 games. We can't afford many losses," explained Corkery.

ANOTHER BIG TASK

This weekend, as every weekend has been and will be, the Hawks are facing a huge task. On Friday (Jan. 3) the Rideau Division's first-place Brockville Tikis (21-4-3-1) come to Winchester and on Sunday (Jan. 5) the Hawks travel to Gananoque to take on the number-two ranked Islanders (18-10-3-0).

"Once again we have a very important weekend coming up. We have to play two top teams. We did it in the tournament and have to do it again," said the coach.

But Corkery and his staff are facing what could be a pivotal weekend without as many as seven players — Mike Santerre (shoulder - gone for season), Travis Rowe (leg), Kevin Laverdiere (knee), Robyn Sadler (death in family), Bill Henderson (away), Chris Thompson (away) and Dave Gallant (away).

"Nobody said it would be easy," offered Corkery.

EFFORT THERE

Despite losing both games Corkery gave his team credit for working hard in both contests.

"The work ethic was there. Friday the guys played well but our specialty teams fell down. Char-Lan scored both on the powerplay and on the penalty kill. We had the same referee (Chris Kit) that gave us a hard time in the tournament in Alexandria and we ended up with 18 penalties. It was crazy. We couldn't get any flow going. But when we did their goalie (Felix Limoges) stood on his head. I think we had the edge in play — when we were at even strength," reported the coach.

Corkery said he finds it hard to ask his team for more but he and his staff will ask them to dig a little deeper over the final 15 games.

Char-Lan took a 1-0 lead in Friday's encounter on a powerplay goal by Pat Johnson. Hawks' rookie Darren Trenholm answered with two minutes left in the frame netting his 24th on a play created by Shawn Smail and Nik Paas.

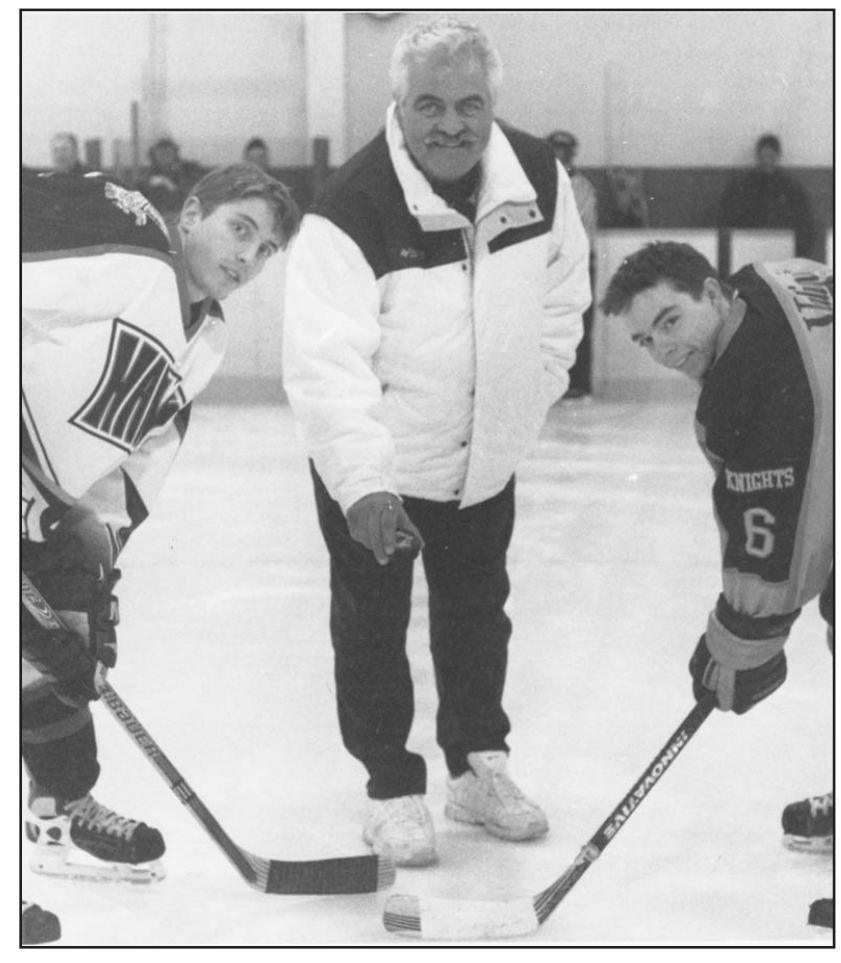
Trevor Helliker handed Winchester a 2-1 lead connecting from Trenholm and Smail at 19:40 of period two. But from that point on it was all Rebels. Mike King tied it up 30 seconds later. Danny Lafave cracked in the winner at 16:36 and Derek Duval made it 4-2, 2:44 before the end of the period. Danny Lafave iced it with his second of the game at 6:16 of the final frame.

Mike Robillard got the start in the Hawks net. Steve Lacelle posted the win.

Darren Trenholm's 25th goal of the season resulted from a powerplay created by Nik Paas and Jon White at 11:02 of the second period of Sunday's 4-1 loss in Alexandria.

The Glens led 1-0 on Dimitri Toupikov's powerplay goal at 11:00 of the first period. Simon Langevin's PPG at 19:37 made it 2-0 and proved to be the winner. Nicholas Adams upped the lead to 3-2 scoring at 5:01 and Ben Desnoyers completed the picture making it 4-1 3:23 before the end of the second session.

Hawks Gregg Griffith and Glens Felix Limoges were perfect in the third stanza.



Opening face off

North Dundas Township mayor Claude Cousineau was called upon to officially open the 29th annual EOJBHL Boxing Day Tournament. Winchester Hawks captain Shawn Smail (left) and Ottawa West Golden Knight captain Kyle Miller (right) represented their respective clubs.

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Ladies Hockey League

Diggers tie Andy's on Green goal

WINCHESTER — Alexis Green's first goal of the season was a big one. Green used a pass from Meghan Horsman to tie the game at two. She scored with 5:38 left on the clock and her tally provided the CountryGirl Gold Diggers with a point in the Winchester and District Ladies Hockey League standings.

Andy's Foodland Maroons opened the Dec. 29 contest when Sandy Whitworth cracked in her first goal of the season on a play manufactured by Carrie Gilmour at 13:49 of the first half of the 8 am match. The Gold Diggers evened it up at 1-1 at 13:51 of the second stanza with Catie Clapp's fifth of the season. Janice Casselman assisted on the play. Foodland grabbed a 2-1 lead at 11:28 when Sherry Palmer scored on a pass provided by Whitworth. That play set the stage for Green's tying shot 5:38 before the final buzzer.

Oonagh Enright worked the Gold Diggers' net while Kelly Buter tended the Maroon's cage.

The tie put the CountryGirl's fifth-place record at 2-6-3 and Andy's third-place mark at 4-5-2.

In the morning's other contests, the second-place Double Beauty Stylists (8-2-1) posted their eighth win, a 5-3 decision over the Stewart Classics (3-6-2) and the top-ranked Ryan's Restaurant Reds (9-1-1) maintained their two-point lead on the Stylists, blanking the Annable's Jewellery Blues (2-8-1) 6-0.

First-half markers by Jamie Meisner, Karen Benoit and Cheryle Shurtliffe gave Double Beauty a 3-2 half-time lead on the Classics. Maggie Stewart completed the win slapping in her ninth and 10th at 18:30 and 6:23 of the second session. Louise Lapointe picked up the win while Amy Fraser, Kathy Kerr-Moore and Stewart picked up assists.

Jane Hendrikx netted two of the Classic goals. Nancy Beavers scored the single. Silvia Speck drew an assist. Roxanne Backes worked the nets.

ROY ROCKS

Since she returned to action Sandy Roy has rocketed into the WDLHL scoring race lead. On Sunday (Dec. 29) she scored four times, three in the first half, leading Ryan's Reds to a 6-0 win over the Annable's Blues.

Roy's four goals inflated her personal stats to a league-leading 11 goals, seven assists and 18 points. Maggie Stewart of the Stylists dropped to second at 10-5-15. Jen Manley, Roy's teammate picked up three assists in the 6-0 win and shares second with Stewart with two goals, 13 assists and 15 points.

Barb Wigney posted her league-leading sixth shutout after holding a 3-0 lead at half time.

Roy (4), Karla Marshall and Kelly Cummins potted the pucks while Manley (3), Alison Banford, Julie Cyr and Cummins provided the passes.



Tourney officials

The 29th annual Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League's Boxing Day Tournament was hosted by the Winchester Hawks of the St. Lawrence Division. Attending the opening ceremonies on Dec. 26 were: Richard Sennott, executive director of the ODHA (left); John Shorey, president of the Rideau-St. Lawrence Division; Roger Thibault, president Metro-Valley; Dwaine Barkley, EOJBHL commissioner; Mike Valcour, 1st vice-president ODHA and North Dundas Township mayor Claude Cousineau.

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Finalist trophy

Assistant captain Bill Henderson accepted the EOJBHL Boxing Day Tournament Finalist Trophy on behalf of injured captain Shawn Smail and the Winchester Hawks, from league commissioner Dwaine Barkley. The Hawks were defeated 5-2 by the St. Lawrence Division-leading Alexandria Glens in the championship game on Dec. 26.

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Hornets post pair of victories

RUSSELL — Goalies Brianna Sullivan and Kristin Wyman turned in solid efforts as the Metcalfe Petite "C1" and Tween "C" Hornets registered a pair of National Capital Region Ringette League victories on Dec. 22.

Sullivan tended the nets in Russell and backed the Petite "C1" Hornets in a 5-3 victory over Gloucester-Cumberland. Lauren Brown took care of business at the other end of the rink scoring three goals. Katrina Leach and Kelly Ross cracked in the singles. Allison Welk assisted on three goals while Jessica Pushka set up a pair. Ross also picked up a helper point.

Wyman was in nets and faced Ottawa as she and her Tween "C" mates skated to a 4-1 victory. Allison Ritchie and Mikayla Micomonaco wristed in the first two goals as the Hornets carried a 2-1 lead into the second half. Ashley Kelly (assisted by Ritchie and Caitlin Brown) and Robyn Van Schie netted the next two markers to make it a 4-1 final.

Hawks

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Dimitri Toupikov put the Glens on the board with his first-half marker. Luc Lanthier, Francis Longtin and Dominic Decoeur followed with the clinching shots.

Winchester faced the first-place Goulbourn Royals in their semi-final test and played them to a 1-1 first-half tie. Darren Trenholm (from Brad Casselman and Colin Bowie) scored to put the Hawks up 1-0 at 7:55. The Royals tied it on a power-play marker by Troy Rasa 2:03 before the intermission.

Winchester regained the lead on a powerplay goal by Nic Paas (from Smail and Trevor Helliker at 18:24 of the second half. Ryan Kennedy tied it up when he scored with four minutes left in regulation time.

The game went into a sudden-death overtime (played four-on-four) period. There were 25 seconds left in that session when Brad Casselman took a long feed from Steve Rumeninski, broke in on the Royals' net, out-muscled a defender and slid home the winning goal. Colin Bowie also picked up an assist on the play. Gregg Griffith was named the Hawks' game MVP.

Those semi-final wins by Alexandria and Winchester set up their meeting in the championship game.

HAWKS HAPPENINGS

The tournament cost the Hawks the services of defenceman Travis Rowe (leg), Mike Santerre (shoulder) and captain Shawn Smail (knee). Rowe and Santerre were knocked out in the first game while Smail was hurt in the final. Santerre's shoulder injury has put him out of action for the rest of the season.

Kevin Laverdiere and Dave Gallant didn't play in the first game but were in action for the last two. Defenceman Derek Vingerhoeds missed the tournament because of a back ailment.

Jon White and Steve Rumeninski joined the Hawks for the tournament.

Winchester has now finished as tournament finalists in 2002, 1992 (lost to Vanier in Renfrew) and 1989 (lost to Renfrew in Kemptville). The Hawks claimed the championship banner in Ottawa in 1998 with a 4-2 win over the Kemptville 73s. Winchester has hosted the Boxing Day Tournament five times — 2002, 1997, 1995, 1984 and 1981.

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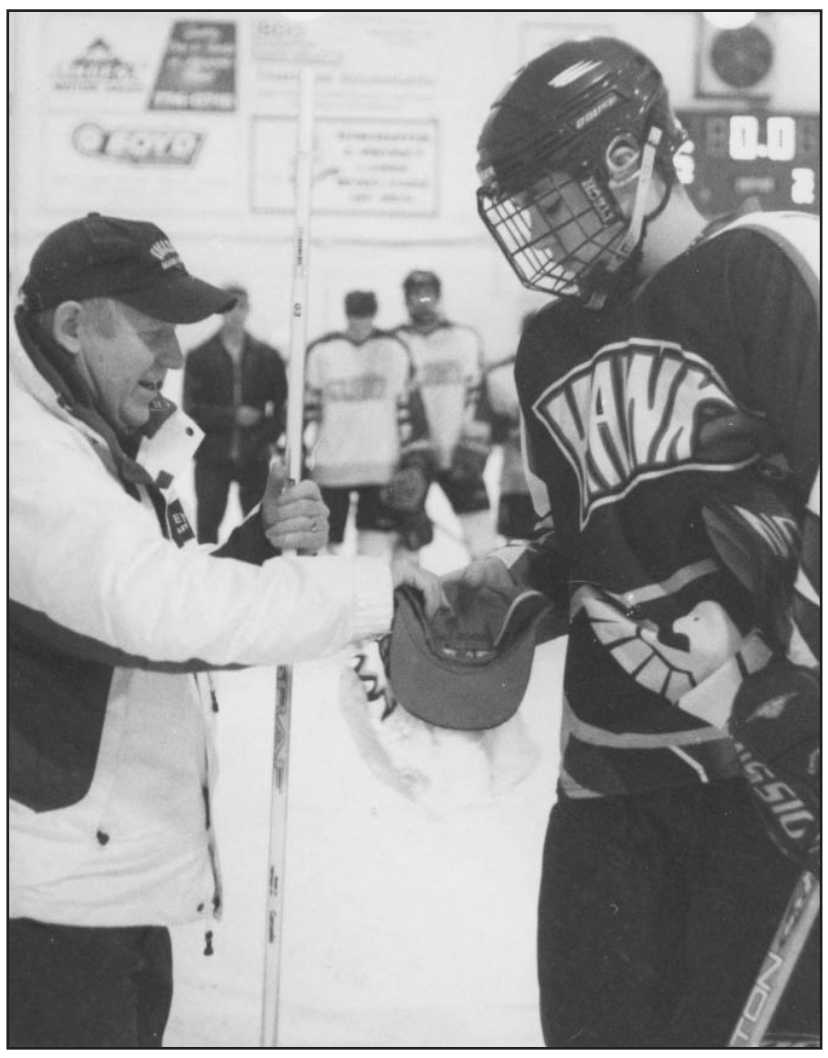
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Game MVP

Rideau-St. Lawrence Junior "B" Hockey League president John Shorey presented Winchester Hawks forward Darren Trenholm with game MVP prizes following the championship game of the 2002 EOJBHL Boxing Day Tournament. The host Hawks were defeated 5-2 by the Alexandria Glens in the gold-medal match. Trenholm netted both Winchester goals.

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Froats leads Kings to victory

PRESCOTT — Winchester's Derek Froats took care of the scoring and Michael Lalande provided solid goaltending as the Rideau St. Lawrence "AA" Atom Kings knocked off the Eastern Ontario Flyers 3-2 in ODMHA action.

The pre-Christmas match took place on Dec. 22 and gave the Kings a 2-1-0 record in a span of three days. Their sked began on Dec. 19 in Embrun with a 6-1 loss to the Flyers. On Dec. 21 the Kings hosed down the Kanata Blazers 5-3 and finished up with their 3-2 win over the Flyers the next day.

The Flyers blasted into a 2-0 lead on the Kings in the return match on Dec. 22 but from that point on the visitors couldn't put anything behind Lalande.

The Kings came alive in the third period as Derek Froats and his linemates, Jordan Moran (also of Winchester) and Cody Johnson started to click.

Froats did the shooting while Moran and Johnson did the passing as the Kings pulled off the 3-2 win on Froats' third goal in the dying seconds.

Another Winchester player, defenceman Cameron Armstrong and partner Lee Charlebois also came in for special recognition for a solid effort on the blueline.

A day earlier the Kings posted a 5-3 win over the Kanata Blazers. Kanata took the lead but the Kings replied when Johnson connected from Froats and Ryan Vincent. The Blazers grabbed a 2-1 lead and carried that difference into period two. Moran evened things up scoring from Froats and Johnson in the second session. Lance Hodgson hit for the next tally scoring on a pass from Eric Morotti and Josh Pitt. The final frame belonged to the Kings as Jason Harmer and Morotti (empty net) cashed in goals. Tyler Gallinger was the winning goaltender.

On Dec. 19 the Kings were in Embrun where they absorbed a 6-1 defeat. Josh Pitt scored on a feed from Eric Morotti to put the Kings up 1-0 but that was the only time the visitors enjoyed a lead.

Jets hit turbulence, drop three

METCALFE — Three consecutive losses wasn't the ideal way to end the 2002 portion of their Metro-Valley Junior "B" Hockey League season but the Metcalfe Jets did just that losing a 3-1 decision to the Blue Wings in Perth.

Friday's (Dec. 27) loss in Perth followed a pair of home ice setbacks to Buckingham and South Ottawa. Buckingham defeated the Jets 8-5 on Dec. 20 and the Canadians blasted them 8-3 on Dec. 22.

Heading into the new year Metcalfe (12-13-2-1) had settled into fifth place in the Metro Division standings with 27 points. The Clarence Creek Beavers (14-12-2-1) are four better at 31. The Ottawa West Golden Knights (20-9-0-1) lead the rankings with 41 points. The South Ottawa Canadians (18-9-0-2) stand second with 38 and Buckingham (15-11-3-1) third with 34 points.

The Jets don't return to the friendly confines of the Larry Robinson Arena until Fri., Jan. 10 when they will host the Clarence Creek Beavers at 8:15 pm. This weekend Metcalfe will travel to Buckingham on Friday (Dec. 3) and Clarence Creek on Sunday (Jan. 5).

Metcalfe forwards Jon Finney and Jason Vadja hold down ninth and tenth places in the Metro Division scoring race. Finney has 14 goals, 22 assists and 36 points, one better than Vadja's 18-17-35. South Ottawa's Ryan Rueckwald leads the parade with 41 goals, 35 assists and 76 points.

The Jets goaltending tandem of Ian Dams and Charlie McTavish share fourth in the division having allowed 114 goals in 27 games for a GGA of 4.22. Ottawa West's puck stopping duo of McEvoy and Cunning sport a division leading GAA of 2.75 after 29 matches.

Buckingham owns the most penalty minutes total with 1,115. The Jets are next with 1,021 minutes.

Sports Scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Jr. "B" Hockey League Rideau - St. Lawrence

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 27: Westport 6 - Athens 5
Brockville 10 - South Grenville 2
Char-Lan 5 - Winchester 2
Alexandria 3 - Morrisburg 0

Dec. 28: Gananoque 6 - Athens 6 OT
Akwesasne 5 - Brockville 4 OT
South Grenville 5 - Kemptville 3

Dec. 29: Gananoque 6 - South Grenville 1
Alexandria 4 - Winchester 1
Char-Lan 6 - Akwesasne 5
Kemptville 6 - Morrisburg 5 OT

Note: Teams losing in OT earn a point.

STANDINGS:

Rideau:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Brockville	21	4	3	174	104	46
Gananoque	18	10	3	172	152	39
Westport	16	12	1	133	121	35
South Grenville	16	13	0	113	128	33
Athens	13	13	3	166	157	32
St. Lawrence:	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**	**PTS**
Alexandria	18	8	2	145	120	40
Kemptville	15	9	4	153	137	37
Char-Lan	16	14	2	150	132	34
Akwesasne	14	11	3	128	130	32
Morrisburg	12	18	1	152	180	27
Winchester	10	15	3	105	126	25

Top Scorers (Inc. Dec. 28):	G	A	PTS
Rideau Division:			
Chris McCann, Athens	39	48	87
Casey Reilly, Bro.	30	32	62
J. B. Ryan, Bro.	24	38	62
Greg Kerr, West.	22	38	60
Ryan Carty, West.	24	28	52
Chris Lowe, Athens	17	27	44
St. Lawrence Division:	**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Adam Sprik, Kempt.	33	26	59
Pat Johnson, Char.	17	40	57
Steve Jarvo, Char.	29	25	54
Charlie Froment, Morris.	28	25	53
Wayne Garlough, Morris.	21	31	52
Steve Jarvo, Char.	26	23	49
Darren Trenholm, Win.	24	22	46
Derek Duval, Char.	15	28	43
Andrew Miller, Kempt.	13	30	43
Pascal Gallant, Akwe.	12	29	41
Jason Denio, Morris.	21	19	40
Shawn Smail, Win.	14	26	40

Winchester Town Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 17 (Week 12):

Winchester Flyers 8 - Ben's Rangers 1

Boyde Rams 7 - C.K. Cyclones 4

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ben's Rangers	8	1	3	59	40	19
Winchester Flyers	6	4	2	92	53	14
Boyd Rams	3	6	3	53	89	9
C.K. Cyclones	2	8	2	50	72	6
TOP SCORERS:				**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Dereck Holmes, Flyers				26	14	40
Chris Van Bridger, Flyers				17	19	36
Gary McInnis, Flyers				12	20	32
Brad Quaile, Flyers				14	14	28
Mark Guy, Rangers				14	8	22
Wes Cory, Rams				14	7	21
Derek Byrd, Rams				9	12	21
Chad Brownlee, Flyers				15	5	20
Josh McLean, Rangers				9	11	20
Kevin Williams, Cyclones				8	11	19

Winchester & District Ladies Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 22 (Week 10):

Double Beauty 4 - Andy's Foodland 2

Ryan's Reds 6 - Stewart Classics 1

Annable's Blues 3 - CountryGirl 0

Dec. 29 (Week 11)

Double Beauty 5 - Stewart Classics 3

Ryan's Reds 6 - Annable's Blues 0

CountryGirl 2 - Andy's Foodland 2

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ryan's Reds	9	1	1	38	7	19
Double Beauty	8	2	1	33	19	17
Andy's Foodland	4	5	2	20	17	10
Stewart Classics	3	6	2	19	34	8
CountryGirl	2	6	3	12	32	7
Annable's Blues	2	8	1	17	30	5
TOP SCORERS:				**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Sandy Roy, RR				11	7	18
Maggie Stewart, DB				10	5	15
Jen Manley, RR				2	13	15
Kathy Kerr-Moore, DB				5	7	12
Amy Fraser, DB				7	2	9
Julie Cyr, RR				4	5	9
Shannon Vidal, DB				3	5	8
Sandra Brunner, SC				7	0	7
Catie Clapp, CG				5	2	7
Kelly Cummins, RR				4	3	7

Metro Division

RECENT RESULTS:

Perth 3 - Metcalfe Jets 1
Buckingham 4 - Ottawa West 3
Ottawa West 6 - Clarence Creek 4

Teams losing in OT receive one point

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Ottawa West	20	9	0	120	80	41
South Ottawa	18	9	0	149	107	38
Buckingham	15	11	3	139	132	34
Clarence Creek	14	12	2	116	110	31
Metcalfe Jets	12	13	2	110	114	27

Metro Top Scorers:	G	A	PTS
Bryan Rueckwald, SO	41	35	76
Luc Nault, SO	19	38	57
Ryan Velcich, OW	24	24	48
Eric Lavoie, Buck.	22	24	46
Scott Luchak, SO	14	30	44
Eric Lanthier, Buck.	11	33	44
Kevin Sousa, Buck.	19	22	41
Pat Brisbois, SO	23	17	40
Jon Finney, Met.	14	22	36
Jason Vadja, Met.	18	17	35

Metcalfe Hockey League

RECENT RESULTS:

Dec. 22: Wings 5 - Blues 0

Leafs 3 - Stars 3

Penguins 3 - Bruins 1

STANDINGS:	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Hicks Wings	9	3	2	59	26	20
Wallace Bruins	6	6	2	42	39	14
McVey Leafs	5	6	3	39	58	13
Johnson Pens	5	6	3	37	42	13
Sentinel Blues	6	8	0	44	56	12
Cont. Stars	5	7	2	43	46	12
TOP SCORERS:				**G**	**A**	**PTS**
Brian Downey, Bruins				9	16	25
Dave Boyd, Wings				13	9	22
Steve Wade, Wings				9	11	20
Steve Corlyon, Blues				5	15	20
Pete Holmes, Stars				10	9	19
Bob Kemp, Wings				12	7	19
Pete Holmes, Stars				9	9	18
Tyrone Franey, Bruins				9	8	17
Dale Poirier, Pens.				7	8	15
Darryl Warren, Leafs				6	9	15

Klein-Swormink named to Canada's under-22 team

CALGARY — Winchester's Becky Klein-Swormink has been named to the Canadian women's under-22 hockey team roster.

Klein-Swormink is a member of the National Women's Hockey League's Calgary Oval X-treme and has been residing and training in Calgary for four years. She has been described as a strong forward, with a big shot, who doesn't shy away from her defensive duties.

After being one of the last two cuts from the Under-22 training camp last August, Klein-Swormink has finally landed a spot on the roster and will soon begin preparations to take part in an international tournament in Salzgitter and Hanover, Germany on Feb. 6-8. Canada will face teams from Germany and Switzerland and will be coached by Margot Page, a former national women's team player and present the coach of the Niagara University Purple Eagles.

As a member of the Oval X-treme, Kelin-Swormink has represented Alberta in the national women's championship tournament in Sydney Nova Scotia, Sumerside, P.E.I. and last year in Arnprior, Ontario. The 21-year-old trains on a regular basis with members of Canada's Olympic gold-medal winning hockey team,and is working toward earning a spot on that team and the opportunity of representing Canada in international competition.

Becky is the daughter of John and Heather Klein-Swormink, formerly of Winchester, now of Calgary.



WCC gives

Just before Christmas the Winchester Curling Club asked for donations to the Dundas County Food Bank. The canned food drive also netted some toy donations. All of the items turned in at the clubhouse were sorted and delivered to the local branch by WCC executives Kim McInnis and Doug Blaine.

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Hicks Red Wings blank Blues 5-0, Preston perfect

METCALFE — Dave Boyd potted a pair of goals and Mike Preston played a perfect game between the pipes as the Hicks Insurance Red Wings blanked the Sentinel Prop. Management Blues 5-0.

The Dec. 22 victory improved the Wings' first-place record in the Metcalfe Town Hockey League standings to 9-3-2. Their 20 points are six better than the number-two ranked Wallace Service Centre Bruins (6-6-2) 14.

The third-place McVey Brothers Insurance Leafs (5-6-3) battled the Continental Mushroom Stars (5-7-2) to a 3-3 tie in the 10 am game. At 11 am on Dec. 22 the Allan Johnston Sales Penguins (5-6-3) iced the Wallace Bruins (6-6-2) 3-1.

First-half goals by Shane Patterson (from Reg Fisher and Pete Bishop at 13:51), Dave Boyd (unassisted at 7:58) and Ron Flannagan (from Tony Boulay and Boyd at 3:47) staked the Hicks Wings to a 3-0 first-half lead over the Blues.

Boyd made it 4-0 connecting from Bishop and Kevin McIssac at 17:14 and Fisher made it a 5-0 final, scoring on a pass provided by Bob Kemp and Patterson 7:21 before the final buzzer.

Pete Holmes knotted the count at three, scoring on a play created by Mark Docksteader and Scott Reaney with 24.6 seconds left on the clock as the Stars battled the Leafs to a 3-3 draw.

Doug Warren supplied the first two Continental goals scoring on a solo effort and on a pass from Kevin McManus. Nick Pora worked the Mushroom squad's net.

Randy Prot, Dave Warren and Darryl Warren were the Leafs marksmen. Goaltender Cory Wallace, Chris Kelly, Todd Wallace, Steph Rawlings and Dave Warren all picked up assists.

Wayne Widenmaier came within a goal of registering a shutout as the penguins bounced the Bruins 3-1. MTHL scoring leader Brian Downey ruined the shutout bid firing in his ninth goal of the year.

Jeff Raven, Jim Kerfoot and Rick Downey cracked in the Penguin goals. Rick Downey and Dave Vanbregt engineered Kerfoot's winner. Ray Vandregt, Willis Stevens and Dale Poirier picked up helper points.

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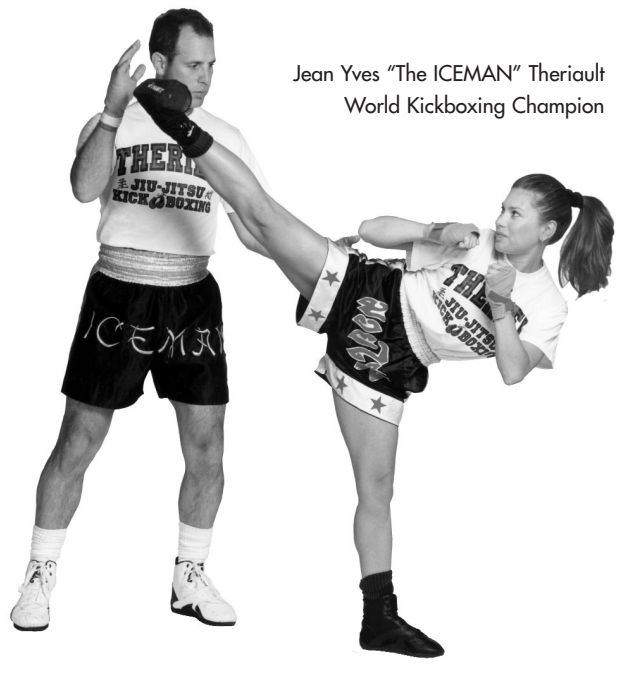
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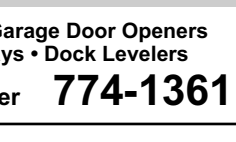
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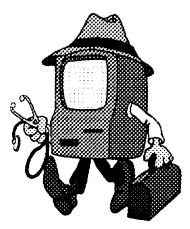
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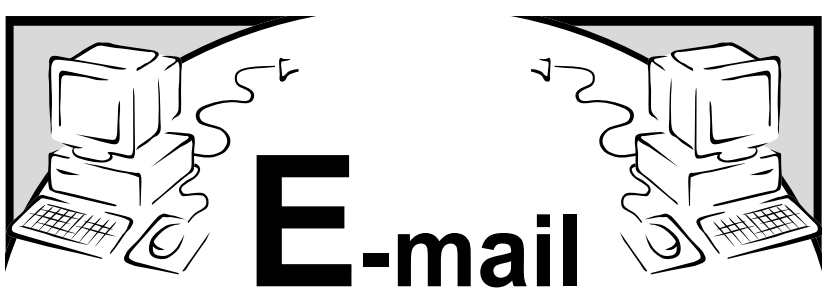
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SCHAAFSMA – Mark and Cynthia are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, Tristan Ross, on Sunday, November 24, 2002, weighing 8 lb., 15-1/2 oz, at General Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Proud grandparents are John and Susan Nicolson, Hilton Beach, Ontario and Albert and Lois Schaafsma, Winchester, Ontario.
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THOMAS – Garth and Linda are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Maddison Mekeila, on Wednesday December 18, 2002, weighing 7 lb., 10 oz. at Pembroke General Hospital. Proud grandparents are Albert and Lois Schaafsma, Winchester, Ontario and Larry and Bonnie Thomas, Peterborough, Ontario.
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Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who showed their support following Rhonda Kinnear-Hoftyzer's death. To all who sent food, cards, flowers, memorial donations and those who took over the farm chores, you touched us all. Thank you to Munro and Morris Funeral Home, Reverend George Rowaan for his comforting words; everyone who participated in the services and the delicious food before and following the service in Williamsburg. We are comforted in knowing that the prayers and love of others are with us.
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– Ted Broeren
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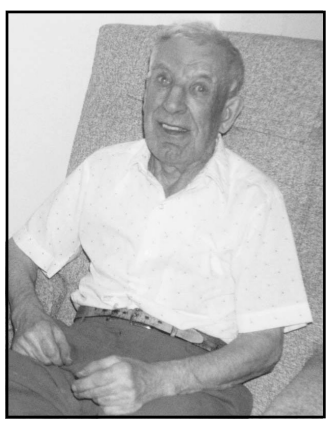
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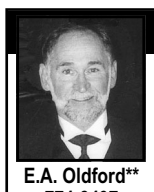
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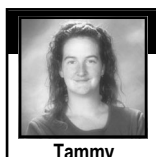


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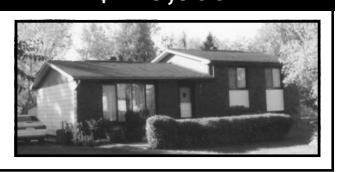




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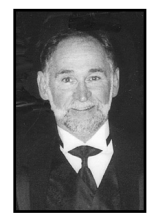
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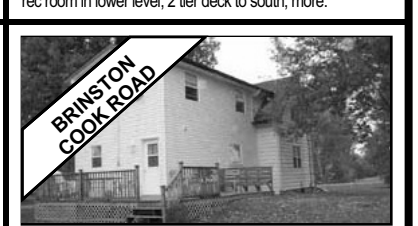
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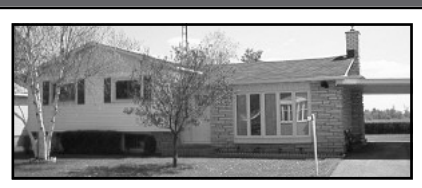
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