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Man shaken, angry after violent assault

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — A Winchester man is angry and wants North Dundas council and police to do something about it after he was violently attacked by youths in the village.

Ted Mead was an undeclared delegation at Monday night's council meeting to relate to councillors an incident which occurred on Fri., April 10.

"A couple of weeks ago my daughter was bringing a friend home to stay over," he began nervously. "She called from downtown and said she wanted me to take her to get her friend because there were kids swearing and making comments to her."

Mead said that after he had accompanied his 13-year-old daughter to her friend's home and then returned with them, he decided to confront the youths in question, who were congregated in front of the Becker Milk store on St. Lawrence Street.

"I confronted one kid at Becker's and then I went over to the school yard (Winchester Public School) and found some kids drinking beer there," he said. "I told them they should clean up their language, and they threatened to beat me up."

As Mead began to leave, a van pulled up in front of the school and four males jumped out of the van and assaulted him.

"Luckily I wasn't hurt much, and I went home," Mead told council. "A little while later that evening, I was at home licking my wounds and a chair flew through the living room window."

That was when he called police.

OPP constable Al Lummiss told the *Press* two 17-year-old youths were charged in relation to that occurrence. One was a Winchester resident and the second had an Ottawa address. They were both charged with assault and are awaiting court appearances.

"I've spoken with several neighbors who are afraid to go out at night," Mead told council. "This is Winchester, not Detroit. People should not be scared to go out after dark. This raises an alarm bell for me that if nothing is done, things will get much worse."

He told council about one young girl who had been offered $5 to take her clothes off by boys hanging out near Becker's. When the girl's mother confronted the boys, they threatened to beat her up.

"This is not acceptable," Mead said.

He said that last summer there were Friday night incidents when cars were racing through Winchester streets and teenagers were screaming and making noise.

"This is only April and it's starting already," he said.

Mayor Claude Cousineau suggested that council speak to OPP about patrolling the area when Constable Peter Valiquette visits council on May 4.

"Neighborhood Watch is a good thing, but it doesn't intimidate these kids," Mead said. "What I'd like to see is more patrolling by the police, and maybe have them get out of their cars and walk around town more often."

Constable Lummiss said that there may be a problem arising with youths in Winchester, adding that "we'll find out soon" how big the problem is.

"We haven't had many calls yet this year about disturbances," Lummiss said. "But we know it's not just young people. However, we're keeping an eye on the problem."



Chipping away

Andre Johnson, Township of North Dundas Roads Department, was part of a seven-person crew chipping up Ice Storm '98 debris on Caleb Street here in Winchester last week. The clean-up crew reported they were filling seven to ten tandem trucks each day. After four days of work here the operation moved to Chesterville this week.

Press Photo – Van Bridger

Complex volunteer decisions

WINCHESTER — Should Ice Storm '98 volunteer appreciation plaques be displayed in public places in each ward of North Dundas? Should thank-you scrolls from Premier Mike Harris be handed out to individuals? Should individuals be invited to pick up scrolls at the municipal office and present them to the volunteers they think deserve recognition?

North Dundas council wrestled with these questions at Monday night's meeting.

Mayor Claude Cousineau told council that he had a list of close to 30 places that plaques or framed scrolls provided by the Ontario government should be displayed, including service clubs, firehalls, community centres, agriculture halls, post offices, businesses and the hospital.

He said that there was the possibility of having each scroll framed on a wood background for about $20 each.

It was suggested that once a list of all of the volunteers from January's ice storm was compiled, presentations could be made.

"Do presentations personally?" Ward Two councillor Estella Rose asked. "I think that's a mistake because you'll miss people."

It was suggested that the scrolls be given to associations in the township to allow the groups to present the scrolls to their own members.

Rose replied, "Some individuals did more than anyone will ever know. I say no to personal presentations. If we don't get everyone (recognized) there will be complaining."

"I'd rather see 300 people recognized and miss a few than not recognize anybody," the mayor retorted.

There are no names written on the scrolls. A message of appreciation is inscribed on each scroll, and they are rolled and tied with ribbons. The scrolls were presented to municipalities to be dispersed when Premier Harris visited the area last month.

Another councillor suggested that the opportunity be presented for farmers and other residents who received help during the ice storm to pick up scrolls at the municipal office and personally present them to the people they think deserve recognition.

No decision was reached by council.

Williamsburg mom sees son blast off

HOUSTON, TX — Canadian astronaut Dr. Dave Williams blasted into space with fellow scientists and an array of bugs and rodents on space shuttle Columbia last Friday (April 17).

Williams, the sixth Canadian astronaut to fly into space, is the son of Isabelle Williams of Williamsburg, who was in Houston to watch the blast-off.

One purpose of the mission is to gather information about how humans and animals adapt to space and their ability to live in a microgravity environment for an extended time.

Williams is an emergency medicine specialist and will be studying the effects of microgravity on the nervous system.

Blast-off had been scheduled for Thurs., April 16 but was delayed until the following day.

The flight is expected to last 16 days.

Area hospital restructuring heads agenda

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

MORRISBURG — Hospital restructuring was the hot topic last Wednesday (April 15) at the spring conference of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario, Region 9. The Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was the host of this year's conference.

Greetings were expressed by WDMH Auxiliary president Joan Farlinger and South Dundas mayor Johnny Whitteker.

One guest speaker at the day-long session was Joseline Sikorski, WDMH administrator. She spoke to the crowd of about 150 auxiliary members about coping and problem solving after hospital restructuring.

"Change in health care is confusing, and it leaves people wondering 'will there be a bed in the hospital when I need it?'" Sikorski began.

She explained that Canada is not alone in its health care restructuring — the U.S., England, New Zealand and other European countries are all going through it.

"Why?" she asked. "Somebody has to pay for care. Costs are escalating and we have to figure out a better way."

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Playground plans

The students of Elma Public School are another step closer to the restructuring of their playground. A cheque for $2,500 was presented to students and the school council by the Morrisburg and District Lions Club. Taking part in the presentation were, from left, Lion Brian Quart (president), Jennifer Charlebois (school council), Adam Davidson, Danielle Charlebois, Mackenzie Allison, Shelby Allison, Victoria Allison (school council), Lion Earl Woods and Lion Blake Cruickshank. Press Photo — Culliton

Draft budget good news for residents

By Jeff Brownlee

OSGOODE -- It's not the expected great news many politicians were hoping for, but the first draft of Osgoode Township's 1998 budget is still good news for ratepayers.

Despite a $1,079,175 shortfall from the province, the township won't be reaching any deeper into residents' pockets this year, but a projected decrease in the municipal portion of the tax bill isn't on the books — so far.

"My initial reaction is that I'm a little disappointed," says Coun. Dale Harley, just minutes after reviewing the document for the first time. "I was hoping for more good news."

The news Harley refers to is a municipal tax decrease as much as six per cent from revenue generated by the private management of the landfill site and the controversial tag-a-bag program.

But taxpayers can blame, at least in part, last year's late spring and early fall for the absence of a tax decrease.

The township overshot last year's $390,000 winter control budget — snowplowing and snow removal and road salting — by almost $157,000.

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Arena sale bigger, better

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Arena will be bursting at the seams with merchandise this weekend as local businesses gear up for the 10th Annual Arena Sale.

The doors open at 6 am on Sat. April 25 and shoppers have until 4 pm to pick up goods at 50 to 75 per cent off regular prices.

Joel Steele, of Country Boy in Winchester, is helping to organize the event which he said will be even bigger than sales in previous years.

"There's more than we've ever had before," he said. "The arena will be very full. It's going to be good stuff at a really good value."

Breakfast and lunch will also be served.

New to the sale this year is sporting goods, provided by M&T Sports and Advertising in Chesterville, and a bigger selection of fishing gear.

Other merchandise displayed will include men's and ladies' shoes, cars and trucks, videos, men's and ladies' clothing, gifts, jewellery, books and ladies' bridal party attire.

"It's going to be worth getting up there for," said Steele.

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Auxiliary

Sikorski said that within Canada, Ontario is the last province to make changes in health care. "All of the other provinces were forced to change fiscally several years ago," she pointed out. "We need to understand that we're catching up, but we're also doing things a little differently."

She continued, "We knew that change was coming. It had to happen. The Ministry of Health had to come up with a way. So they developed a restructuring commission and looked at the number of beds and the need for beds, and they determined what actually was needed."

There are now 2,265 fewer beds in the Ontario system today, Sikorski revealed. To deal with that shortage, she explained, hospitals have to do things differently.

"In Ontario, other reviews are being done at the same time, for example long term care, laboratory services, community and home care issues," she said.

Sikorski told the auxiliary members that one of the challenges in restructuring health care is the Canada Health Act. She said that $2.5 billion is to be removed over four years.

"The ministry is looking at ways of making it successful by doing things differently," she stressed. "They've reduced the number of beds required in health care because of technology. Most surgery can be done on a day care basis, so that fewer patients remain in hospital and fewer beds are needed. That has helped the system to move forward."

Sikorski added, "But now we need the costly technology to make that happen. The challenge to each hospital is to raise enough capital dollars so that it can have that technology. Drugs are also expensive."

In terms of coping strategies, Sikorski stated that status quo is not an option.

"We cannot stay the same," she said. "That is not a reality. We are fooling ourselves if we think that we can stay the same. That is sure failure."

She explained that hospitals need to look at quality improvement, creating value and improving services. "It's an ongoing approach," she added.

The hospital administrator described one solution as developing linkages and partnerships with neighboring hospitals.

"We will hear more about partnerships in the near future," she said. "We can't pull out so many beds and expect each hospital to do it all by themselves. We have to build linkages and alliances with other hospitals."

Sikorski encouraged consumer feedback, stressing that hospitals need feedback from the communities in order to know what community needs are.

"It's important to highlight the things that we are all dealing with," she said in conclusion. "These directions will impact all of us. In the next five years we will have the reality of a regional system. Hospitals can't be all things to all people with the resources at hand."

Shirley Pilon of the Ottawa Civic Hospital then spoke about measuring and managing quality in the new health care environment. The luncheon speaker was Harvey Geddes of Synergetics Consulting Inc. He spoke to auxiliary members about the new Blood Transition Bureau which will replace the Canadian Red Cross.

A business meeting was held following the speaker presentations.

Budget

"That just blew us away," Harley says. "Unfortunately, that's an uncontrollable expense."

Other highlights in the draft include an operating budget of approximately $200,000 less than last year. In 1998, Osgoode will spend just under $7 million.

There aren't any major capital projects on the books this year, just a few housekeeping duties including money earmarked for the completion of the new Greely fire hall.

Residents will be happy that Osgoode is planning to fix and pave a few roads. The township is expected to spend a total of $459,000 in road resurfacing and reconstruction, including $110,000 repairing Grey's Creek Road and an addition $89,000 worth of reconstruction to Gough Road. Manotick Station Road will also see $60,000 worth of repairs while Osgoode village's Taylor Way will get a $10,000 overhaul.

There aren't any proposed wage increases for staff and politicians, but the salary envelope will increase by approximately $60,000 as a result of the municipality's pay-equity legislation.

Last year, the township's payroll topped $2,034,340 while it will reach the $2,093,315 mark in '98.

Osgoode's costs incurred during the ice storm aren't equated into this year's budget because those costs will hopefully be recouped from the province. At last tally, the municipality's bill topped $1 million.

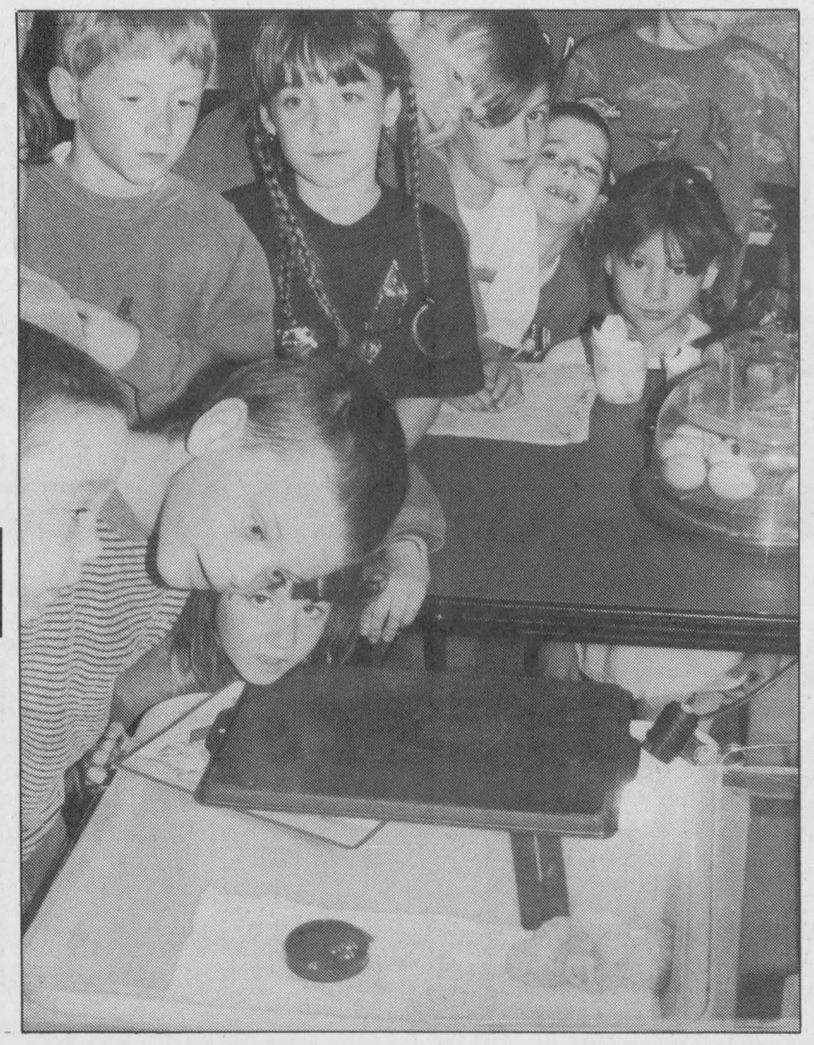
But the ice storm did wreak havoc on this year's budgetary process, delaying it a few months. This, coupled with the uncertainty over downloading numbers from the province made this year's budgetary process a nightmare, says Harley.

"This has been the most difficult budget I've been involved with," says the second-term councillor.

Councillors will sit down with sharp minds and even sharper pencils as they juggle numbers around in an effort to give Osgoode residents tax relief.

"We're not done yet," Harley reassures.

Politicians were briefed on the budget for the first time April 21. The public is invited to comment on the draft document April 28 at a public meeting at the town hall.



New arrivals

There was a lot of excitement at Winchester Public School last Thursday afternoon as some new chicks had hatched overnight in Pat Elliott's Grade 2 classroom. The eggs were in an incubator for several days and students had been waiting patiently for them to hatch. Pictured, children crowd around the newly hatched arrivals.

Press Photo — Fetterly

Osgoode gears up for storm celebration

OSGOODE -- Power Out/Party On, eh?

That's what many Osgoode Township residents will be doing this Victoria Day Weekend during the municipality's ice storm bash in Metcalfe.

Castor Valley Elementary students Melanie Cyr and Liana Dupre's recommendation for the name of the event was chosen out of 39 others that were submitted in a competition.

Over 60 military troops will call Metcalfe home between May 16-17 for the celebrations that will feature many events including opening ceremonies featuring Ottawa Citizen publisher Russell Mills and CJOH news anchor Max Keeping.

Only 600 tickets, at $2 each, will go on sale for the gala dinner that follows the opening ceremonies on Saturday.

Other events include a petting zoo, slo-pitch and fastball tournaments, pony rides and a pancake breakfast.

The military is also planning a unique raffle that would see the winner drive a Leopard tank over two old cars.

Osgoode Township plans to turn trash into cash

By Jeff Brownlee

OSGOODE -- Just two years ago it was a liability. Today it's an asset. In the future, it may turn into a money pit.

The loosening of provincial legislation and an increase in demand for more waste dumping space in eastern Ontario have both the manager of the Springhill Landfill site and Osgoode Township talking expansion.

While still in the infancy stage, politicians gave the green light to Tomlinson Environmental Services to proceed with a preliminary investigation into the feasibility of increasing the size of Osgoode's landfill site to accept waste from other municipalities in the region and beyond.

The impetus is simple, says Ron Tomlinson, TES general manager.

"It would generate significant revenue for us and the township," he adds.

According to mayor Doug Thompson, constructing a new, state-of-the-art landfill facility could add as much as $1 million to the township coffers on an annual basis in the future.

And that's definitely worth investigating, adds Thompson.

"As good business people, we can't over look this," he says.

Councillor Dale Harley agrees. In a time of provincial cutbacks and downloading of services, this may be a way of filling the void.

"There are some potential down sides but there are positives as well," Harley says. "It would be bigger than the existing facility, but it would also be a money pit."

But the bottom line remains that if the facility has an adverse impact on the environment, it wouldn't go ahead, he adds.

"That's why I'm in favor of going ahead and looking at the proposal," says Harley.

But plans of opening Springhill's gates to garbage trucks from all over Ottawa-Carleton won't happen tomorrow.

Currently the township and TES are discussing the possibility. The exact location, size, cost, environmental and financial impacts will be hammered out in a comprehensive, multi-step plan that will utilize public input.

It's expected that any plan will focus around establishing a new site somewhere in the 400 acres of land TES purchased on Springhill Road. And only the best parcel of land, best suited for the landfill, would be engineered for the site, says Tomlinson.

But the new landfill facility would be a state-of-the-art engineered site that would address all environmental concerns, similar to the makeup, but not the size of the existing Trail Road, adds Tomlinson.

"This would not be a dump," he adds. "This would be a fully-engineered landfill site with liners."

Life expectancy of the new facility could be in the 20 year range. It's still too early to put a figure on construction costs.

But the managers of Osgoode's existing dump do have experience in constructing waste-management facilities. Tomlinson Inc. did play a vital role building the Trail Road Facility back in the early '90s.

That doesn't matter to a number of local homeowners, who at this early stage, are forming their own lobby group against the dump.

Last year, TES re-engineered the existing site and cleaned up what politicians dubbed a "mess" as part of a profit-sharing contract with the township for the management of the landfill site. It keeps 60 per cent of the profits, while Osgoode banks 40 per cent.

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The race will take place on Sat., May 2 at 1 pm on the Nation River in the heart of South Mountain.

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Baby undergoes heart surgery

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Baby Tyler, son of Stephen and Crystal Lackey, was expected to go through heart surgery on Tuesday (April 21). The child's condition after the surgery was not known at the time of printing.

Baby Tyler was born at Winchester District Memorial Hospital with a malformed heart on March 27. The following Sunday he was airlifted to CHEO, and later that week he was flown to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto for heart surgery, the first in a series of surgeries the infant will have to endure.

Half of Tyler's heart didn't develop. The first surgery is expected to fuse the smaller arteries with the larger arteries. He's been given a 75 to 80 per cent chance of survival in this surgery.

The surgery, known as the 'Norwood' surgery, had been originally scheduled for April 15, but was postponed due to a blood clog in Tyler's leg.

Reverend Thurland Brown of the Winchester Wesleyan Church, began a 'Tyler Fund' when he learned of the Lackeys' misfortune. Nearly $1,000 has been raised so far, he reported.

"There is no goal, we just want to help out as much as possible," Brown said. "We would like to see $5,000 by the time we're done. There aren't many expenses for the Lackeys but they have no income while they're in Toronto with Tyler."

Tyler was reported to be doing well, with the feeding tube removed, allowing his parents to feed him and provide most of his care.

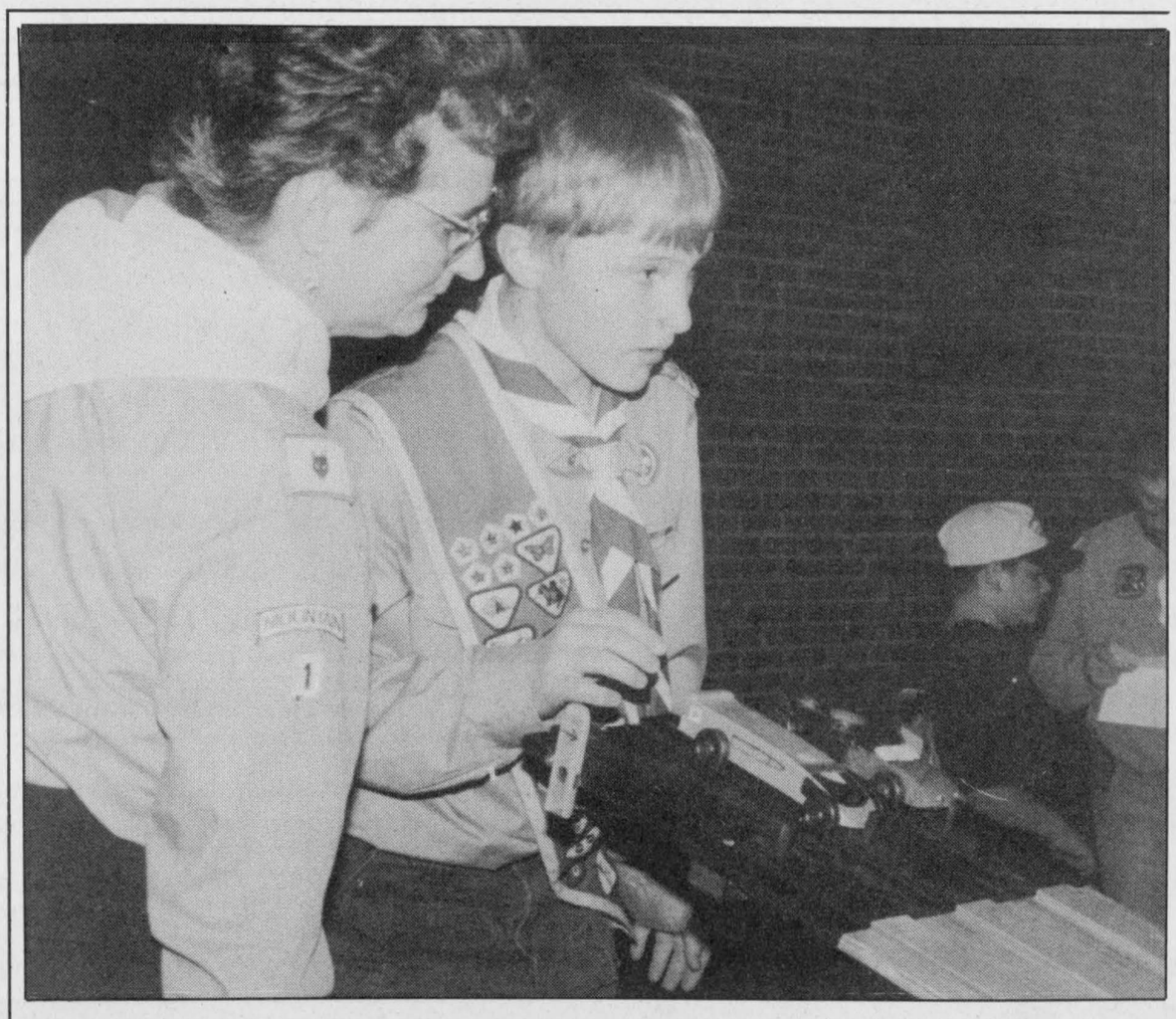
To help out the young family a trust fund has been set up at the Royal Bank in Winchester. Donations can also be directed to the Winchester Wesleyan Church.

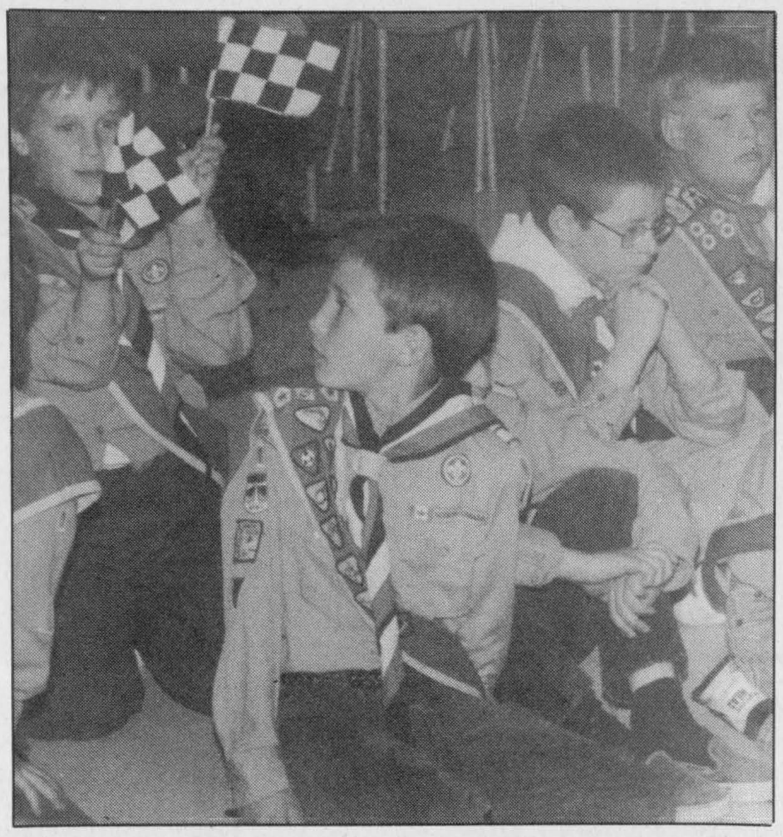
Suicide workshop

WINCHESTER — A workshop entitled "Suicide in Our Family — A Christian Response" will be held for anyone who is concerned with teenage and adolescent suicide.

The workshop is scheduled for Sun., May 3 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Winchester United Church.

Come with a bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.





Ready, set, go!

The First Mountain Scouts were the hosts of the Annual Scouts Canada 1998 Kub Kar Rally last weekend in South Mountain. About 180 Cubs and Leaders from packs in the 1st Canada, St. Lawrence District participated. Cubs came from Prescott, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Williamsburg, Winchester, South Mountain, Oxford Mills, Kemptville and Spencerville. Kub Kar Rally is a forum where all Scouts Canada Cubs, boys and girls aged eight to 11 race their self-built cars for fun and recognition by their peers. Judging took place after the races. Pictured, top, setting the cars up for a race. Below, cubs cheer on the cars in the gymnasium at Nationview Public School.

Press Photos -- Culliton

WPS butterfly garden to begin with gazebo

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — It all depends on the amount of cash that can be raised, but staff and students at Winchester Public School are hoping to begin the building of a $7,000 gazebo soon.

This is all part of a school naturalization project spearheaded by teacher Nancy Barton.

"It's all part of a bigger picture that involves the entire community," Barton explained. "The village wants to build a nature trail through town. It will lead through the school yard and eventually will go through the grounds of the hospital and to the arena. We want to have shrubs and park benches to make it more inviting."

She added, "Right now we're just in the planning stages, but we want to create a park-like atmosphere."

Last fall a tree planting in the school yard involving all of the students and staff was phase one of the project. Phase two is the gazebo.

"Nature is a proven stress reliever," Barton explained. "We want to get kids back to nature, do some lessons outside near the gazebo in good weather.... each class is participating in the project. Each takes a section of the meadow as their personal project."

The gazebo will be built solidly with no wooden posts, Barton described. Flowering trees, shrubs and perennials will attract birds and butterflies and there will be walkways surrounding the gazebo for students and the community to stroll through.

And vandalism is not a high concern. "Research shows that if vandalism happens, you should just replace or fix what was broken and say nothing," Barton said. "You just ignore the vandals and clean it up quickly. Vandals want negative attention, so we don't give it."

Besides, she added, "The alternative is to continue with this barren, ugly land."

The school has already raised $1,100 through garage sales and bake sales, and has applied for a grant to assist financially in the project.

"But we need a bit of help," Barton said. "We've already done a lot of work but we need the community's help."

She continued, "We have asked area groups and organizations to help out and we have more fundraisers planned. But we hope that tax-deductible donations from members of the community will help greatly."

She added that a plaque would be designed to commemorate all who donated to the cause. The brass plaque will be encased in plexiglass (to protect from vandals) and will be placed on the gazebo with donor names.

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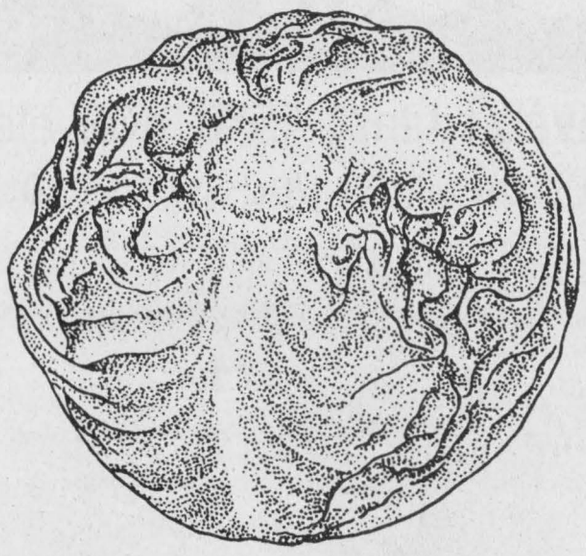

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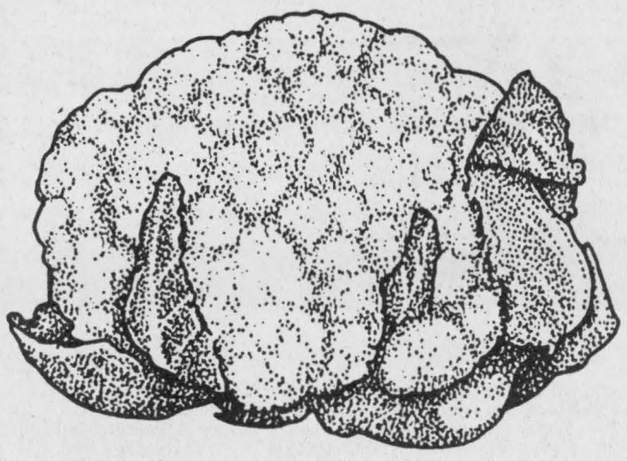

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Police blotter

During the past week police officers in Dundas County responded to 78 calls for service.

Camero stolen

IROQUOIS — OPP received a report of a stolen vehicle from the Village of Iroquois on Fri., April 17. Overnight a 1984 Chevrolet Camero was taken from a driveway at a private residence on Caldwell Drive in the village. The vehicle has not yet been recovered.

Stolen vehicle relay race

CHESTERVILLE — On the morning of Mon., April 20 two incidents of vehicle thefts were reported to police in the Township of North Dundas.

A 1993 Chrysler New Yorker had been taken overnight from a private residence along County Road 7, north of Chesterville. A 1993 Mercury was left at the scene. That vehicle had been reported stolen from the Casselman area.

The New Yorker was later recovered at a residence on County Road 13. It had been left behind when a 1997 Chevrolet Extended Cab truck was taken. The Chevrolet pickup has not yet been recovered.

Youths charged with assault

WINCHESTER — As a result of an investigation into a disturbance which had taken place at a private residence on Ottawa Street in Winchester, two youths have been charged.

A 16-year-old Winchester boy, who cannot be identified due to the Young Offenders Act, has been charged with assault with a weapon and two counts of breach of probation. A court date was to be determined following a bail hearing.

A second Winchester boy, 17, has also been charged with assault in relation to this incident. He is scheduled to appear in young offenders court in Morrisburg on May 27.

Police stumble onto stolen loot

MORRISBURG — In what began as a routine traffic stop along Highway 401 in Dundas County during the early morning hours of Sun., April 19 members of the Upper Canada Detachment recovered several stolen items.

They recovered a stolen vehicle from the Cornwall area and two stolen lawn tractors from a Mountain Township dealership. Two people-are in custody facing criminal charges.

Richard Marini, 33, of Cornwall has been charged with three counts of possession of stolen property under $5,000 and one count each of possession of break-in tools and obstructing police.

Paul Walker, 26, of Cornwall has been charged with three counts of possession of stolen property under $5,000, possession of break-in tools, obstructing police and breach of probation.

Both men have been held in custody pending a show cause hearing.

98% seat belt compliance

WINCHESTER — The first two weeks of the 1998 seat belt campaign have shown a marked decrease in the number of seat belt violations encountered by police.

This year a total of 4,947 vehicles have been checked, resulting in only 85 charges laid. Ten of these incidents involved charges related to the use of child safety restraints and an additional 180 warnings were issued.

During the same period in 1997, a total of 51 charges were laid for seat belt violations resulting from the checking of only 1,069 vehicles.

These numbers indicate a 1998 compliance rate of 98 per cent for the area. The seat belt enforcement campaign is scheduled to continue in Dundas and Stormont counties for the remainder of the month.

Community watchers thanked by OPP



Watching out for you

Dundas Community Watch volunteers were awarded by the OPP for their help April 16 with certificates at a meeting in Williamsburg. Back row, from left: Roger Coulter of Iroquois, Lyle Mattice of Iroquois, Blake Cruickshank of Morrisburg, Michael Hunt of Chesterville, Lloyd Merkley of Iroquois, Sgt. Brent Mattice and Constable Al Lummiss. Second row, from left: Ross Tuck of Chesterville and Walter Reid of Iroquois. Front row, from left: Anne Allen, who was representing Butch Oldford of Winchester, Olive MacIntosh of Williamsburg, Danielle Chartrand of the former Matilda Township and Inspector Mike Hopkins.

Press Photo -- Bierworth



Chesterville watch

The volunteer members of the Chesterville Community Watch posed with members of the OPP at the meeting at the Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg on April 16. Back row, from left: Steve Thompson, Sgt. Brent Mattice, Lou Melchior, Dave McCadden and Inspector Mike Hopkins. Front row, from left: Anne Allen, who was representing Butch Oldford of Winchester, Ross Tuck, Michael Hunt and Constable Al Lummiss.

Press Photo -- Bierworth

Certificates awarded to volunteers

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

WILLIAMSBURG — The Dundas Community Watch met on April 16 at the Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg to discuss problems in the various villages and award team captains with certificates honoring their work.

One of the first things Constable Al Lummiss told the group is to spread the word to people not to be afraid to call if they see something suspicious going on.

"We've got too many people watching suspicious activity and not doing anything," he told the group. "If you call and it turns out to be nothing, that's great. But if it is criminal activity, we'll have a chance to do something about it."

Winchester, he said, is an ongoing concern with youths causing damage and violence within the village. In fact, the village ranks number one on the list for calls to the police station for service.

Inspector Mike Hopkins, who is in charge of policing services for the township of South Dundas, spoke to the group about the importance of the community watch.

"We spend a lot of our time following up on crimes," he said. "That means our officers are out there, but doing a lot of things so we can't be everywhere at once. That's why the community watch is so important. You're looking out for each other. Stormont-Dundas is a very safe community, and we can't do it without you. You're helping the police, you're helping each other and you're succeeding and for that I'd like to say thanks. You allow us the opportunity to channel our resources."

Community watch volunteers from Winchester, Chesterville, Williamsburg, Morrisburg and Iroquois were presented with certificates reading "In recognition of the controlled contribution of the (village's name) Neighborhood Community Watch in Dundas County. Partners in policing with Upper Canada OPP."

WI offers craft courses

WILLIAMSBURG — This Sat., April 25, the Williamsburg Women's Institute offers an open event to anyone who is interested in getting a hands-on introduction to two crafts, and useful information on two other ancient crafts.

The event is set to take place at Park Drive Villa in Williamsburg with a $6 admission fee. The cost includes muffins and coffee upon arrival and a light 'bunwich' lunch.

Mary Bourin of Kemptville is a member of the Ottawa Weavers Guild.

She will be displaying four different looms, available for all to try their hands at, and samples of her work will be on display.

Diana Saunders of Williamsburg, who owns her own shop, is offering small ornaments to challenge the group's painting skills. This is also a hands-on session.

Cathy Hunt of Chesterville runs classes in stained glass and will demonstrate the skills required for cutting glass and using a torch.

Finally, Debbie Luce, who owns the store 'Herbs for all Seasons' south of Metcalfe will divulge some secrets and recipes and will bring her lotions and creams to sell. She has been teaching for four years.

Non-members are welcome to attend this event.

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EDITORIAL

Where are your children?

Is Ted Mead's experience an isolated incident?

Or was he merely the first person to take serious action against area youths who "hang out" in front of a Winchester convenience store, making lewd comments to passersby?

A couple of weeks ago, Mead was alerted by his 13-year-old daughter that teenage boys in front of the convenience store were swearing and making comments to her.

She was afraid to walk past them.

Mead took matters into his own hands and spoke to the boys, first in front of the store and then in the school yard across the street, where he found several boys drinking beer.

The kids (and they *are* kids) were not intimidated and threatened to beat him up.

As Mead turned to leave, a van pulled up, four punks jumped out and pummelled him.

Shaken, Mead went home, only to have a chair thrown through a window in his house a short time later.

A scary chain of events for little, innocent Winchester.

Even more alarming, however, was the reaction of North Dundas council when Mead reported the event to them at a regular meeting.

Their reaction? They will bring the issue up with an OPP constable in two weeks when he visits council with his monthly report.

Nothing like jumping right on the matter.

But what should be done? What can be done?

After several incidents of disturbances by teens last summer, measures should be taken to curb such events before they get under way again this year.

Not by attacking teenagers in general, but in a small community you know who the culprits are.

They are the children of your neighbors; the children of your friends. They may even be *your* kids.

Do you know where your teenaged children go on the weekends?

Do you know what they're doing?

Two 17-year-olds were charged in the matter. They aren't old enough to be named in the newspaper, but they are old enough to team up on a 30-something man, gang-style.

Yes, police need to step up surveillance to keep things under control. But control begins at home with parents taking responsibility for their children and knowing where they are.

If parents don't take their responsibility seriously or are unable to control their kids, who is responsible?

In light of this incident and several occasions last summer, maybe it's time for council to step in and enforce a curfew.

Someone has to take responsibility.

People should not be afraid to be out after dark in Winchester.

L.C.

This week in...

1948

Immunization Clinics for the Township of Mountain were held under the supervision of Dr. H.S. Gross and Doris Kirkwood, district health nurse at the South Mountain Continuation School and at the Hallville Consolidated School. The purpose of these clinics was to protect children against Whooping Cough and Diphtheria.

An "Open House" was held at Winchester high school and attracted a record attendance of parents and friends of the students. Over 450 people signed the register. Among the guests were members of the High School Board, the Public School Board and their wives and Rebecca Stenhouse, a former principal of the school. In each room of the school, there were exhibitions of the students' handiwork and practical demonstrations were in progress by the pupils. In the laboratory, a number of science students dissected a couple of frogs and in another section of the lab, several students were making butter out of sweet cream. The butter they manufactured from their small hand churn was sold at 35 cents per half pound, and found ready buyers.

Keyes' Cash Store in Winchester, telephone 16, advertised girls wool cardigan sweaters at $2.98, women's oversize print dresses at $2.69, men's windbreaker and work smocks at $4.25 and boys and girls bicycles, Canadian made, famous Bendix Brake, at $48.

1958

Rene Braisbois, a 30-year-old construction worker from Dalkeith, was killed instantly near Morewood when he was struck by a falling tree. His first day on the job, the victim was working with a crew of three other men for an Alexandria construction firm given the contract to clear some bush land on the W.W. Stevens farm, one-and-a-half miles north of Morewood. Braisbois apparently did not see the felled tree or the limb which struck him on the head. He was not married, and no inquest was expected.

Nearly 100 horses were quartered at Connaught Park and it was evident that accommodation would be at a premium when the annual harness race meeting got under way. Track conditions were good and horses had been working out on both the one and the half mile tracks for several weeks.

Melvin Motors Ltd., General Motors Cars and Trucks in Winchester, advertised several used cars it had for sale, including a 1957 Dodge Regent sedan, V-8 motor for $2,275; a 1953 Oldsmobile 2-door sedan, Hydra Matic and radio for $1,395; and a 1951 Ford sedan for $595.

1968

Long a familiar landmark in Winchester was the big stately looking balcony at the entrance to Hotel Winchester. The announcement that hotel owner Hy Bessin would change the building into a professional and business complex spelled the end to the hotel balcony. It was first on the list of many alterations and after more than 50 years the old landmark was torn down.

The first major project of the newly formed Lions Club of Winchester was a march to raise money for crippled children of the area. The continued success of the OXFAM "March for Millions" prompted the Lion to plan a similar march in the Winchester district. Officials designated a 25-mile route, beginning at the 100 Club Park in the village; north on Hwy. 31 to Morewood Road; east to Morewood; south to Chesterville; and up Hwy. 43 to Winchester Public School, the finishing point.

"Pen Pals" for the past 20 years met for the first time in Winchester when Mrs. Alwyn Stockley paid a visit to her long-time correspondence friend, Mrs. Roy Fawcett. It all began in 1948 when Mrs. Gilbert Raistrick, aware of the shortage of food in England in those post-war years, sent off a parcel of goodies. The recipient in England, a Mrs. Pickford, was so moved by the generosity of her Canadian benefactor that she had her granddaughter, Margaret, write to Mrs. Raistrick's daughter Shirley, and so began a long exchange of letters.

1978

A Carleton Board of Education official suspected some behind-the-scenes wheeling and dealing was involved in a decision to reduce funding for an Osgoode Township High School addition to $1.5 million. Philip Laverance, Carleton co-ordinator of board services, said the Ministry of Education informed the board that only $1.5 million would be designated for the addition. Carleton's original capital forecast had been set at $2.65 million.

Winchester Public School, sporting just one player from their Tri-County championship team of last season, won the Junior Floor Hockey title a second straight year. Physical education director Gerry McBain rebuilt his junior boys floor hockey team around defenceman Terry Carkner — the only player left over from last year's county and SD&G champions — and came up with another winning combination.

Winchester No. 3 "Country Cuties" 4-H group completed their homemaking club spring project — focus on living. The girls learned quilting, babysitting techniques, first aid and good citizenship. Included was a trip to a maple sugar bush as well as a demonstration on baby care.


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Appoint Committee To Study Ombudsman Operations

Tough Decisions In 1978

1988

A United Church congregational meeting overwhelmingly rejected a national committee's call for the ordination of self-professed homosexuals. In a secret ballot vote, 93 per cent of the 100 Winchester-area church members attending the meeting rejected the acceptance of self-processed homosexuals, whether celibate or practising, for the ministry of the church. The congregation's petition was to be forwarded to the Seaway Valley Presbytery to be read at the next meeting. The issue, said Winchester United Church's diaconal minister Laurie McKnight-Walker, was a matter of church rites and human rights.

Winchester's two main roads were to be paved, sprucing up the village before the flood of visitors crowd the streets during the centennial celebrations. Winchester's roads were given top priority by the United Counties council, which was tendering out work on all country roads. Winchester's St. Lawrence Street was to be resurfaced from downtown to Hwy. 31 and Main Street was to be paved from Ottawa Street west to Hwy. 31.

Girls representing North Dundas District High School dominated the intermediate and senior divisions of the 1998 EOSSA gymnastics championships in Deep River. Paced by the first-place finish of senior Carol Graham, North Dundas earned its second championship. The top four competitors in each event were to compete in the All-Ontario meet in Chatham.



Girls just wanna have fun

There's something about being a girl that is so wonderful yet so difficult to describe. Besides, unless you are one, you won't understand anyway.

Girl. Not just female, but feminine.

The raucous I witnessed one night last week brought it all rushing back to me — watching mom putting on her makeup, trying on her perfume, wearing her earrings... gee, wasn't that only a couple months ago when I last visited her?

Being a girl in the process of becoming a woman, leaving the rough-and-tumble life of tomboyhood behind is, well... troubling and tumultuous.

But later, you look back on it and you see the butterfly-esque metamorphosis that takes place.

And the best place to witness this was at a friend's home just last week.

This was where six 11-year-old girls were receiving a (fun) lesson in skin care and makeup.

Now, before you start protesting that 11 is way too young to wear makeup let me add, "I know that!"

However, it *is* the age when you become very curious about the gunk that women put on their faces and you want to do it too! (There may even be some guys out there who are nodding their heads in agreement. After all this is the 90s.)

It was a birthday party for the daughter of a friend. A birthday party/sleep-over. Which means that the mother gets to listen to six giggling girls whispering about boys all night long ("I do *not* like Adrian, he's a geek!"), and then gets to send the grumpy little hags back to their parents the next day for them to tolerate.

This friend had a superb idea. Which isn't easy at a time when 11-year-old girls seem to be caught in limbo between wanting to be a Spice Girl and wanting to play with Barbie.

Either way, they face unproportionate ideals to live up to.

But seriously...

by Lori Culliton

So she decided to let them have fun, but allow them to learn in the process. A tricky mother, that's for sure.

She invited a makeup consultant to come to the house and give the girls a step-by-step course in skin care and makeup application. Then, to close the deal, she visited the Salvation Army and bought some old, tacky party dresses that were worn sometime in the early 80s.

The plan was for the girls to all dress up in these brightly colored dresses and then do their makeup, culminating with having their pictures taken.

A great idea, yes. However, she forgot that many of these girls were horseback riding, dirt loving, baseball hat wearing tomboys. And they were holding onto their status with both hands.

It started out quietly, with the girls giggling over the ridiculousness of their young bodies in these grown up dresses, even playfully utilizing socks where they were still lacking.

Except for one young girl. She was horrified that the dress she had picked to wear was — egads! — sleeveless! Solving this dilemma easily, she put the dress on over her jeans and sweatshirt. No problem.

When it came time for the skin care lesson, the girls gathered around the dining room table, each equipped with her own mirror and gucky stuff.

Pulling faces as they tried to smooth on the creams and cleansers, they unknowingly offered plenty of entertainment for the grownups in the room.

Then it was time for what everyone — the grownups, at least — had been waiting for: mascara!

Delicately, each held the wand up to her eye and the eye would begin to flutter as the wand came closer. Wrinkling noses in the mirror, raising eyebrows, attempting to close one eye while watching with the other.... each of these faces was one-of-a-kind.

Little comments such as, "Oh I look like a retard!" and "Ew, I stuck it up my nose!" kept the grownups in stitches.

But while we women who are all grown up watched these little women-to-be, a pang of nostalgia hit for just a second. No longer than that, however.

Growing up is hard enough without wanting to go back and do it over again.



Band members from Osgoode Township High School are taking a trip to New York City this week to see two musicals. Back row, from left: Jason Lawrence, Shane Olive, Alain Dumais, Diego Kluver. Second row, from left: Rebecca More, Phillip Jones and Becks Moore. Front, from left, Jennie Cullen and Erin Campbell.

Press Photo -- Bierworth

Band members leave for NYC

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

METCALFE — About 45 band members from Osgoode Township High School left early this morning for a four-day trip to New York City.

The students had been planning the trip since the beginning of the year and have fundraised and worked part-time at a local mushroom farm to front the cost.

Student Jason Lawrence, who is the president of the school's band council, said the main purpose of the trip is to see the Broadway musicals "Cats" and "Miss Saigon", though the group also plans to visit the Statue of Liberty, Greenwich Village, Soho, Wall Street, the World Trade Centre, the Empire State Building and the Guggenheim Museum.

"For most of us, it'll be the first time seeing a musical," he said.

Seeing the musicals, he said, would help the students in preparing for their end-of-year concert, which takes place in the school's gym on May 12 at 7 pm and includes excerpts from Miss Saigon.

The band's concerts in previous years have included excerpts from such musicals as Phantom of the Opera, Sister Act II and Tommy.

This year, several ensembles will be performing, including the concert band, the jazz band, junior and senior ensembles, the rock band and the A Cappella group. The title of the concert will be "Music of the Dragon".

At the end of May, the band will be in Ottawa to play for the official opening of the RCMP headquarters and for the Musical Ride.

The band usually goes away every year, but stayed at the school last year. Two years ago, band members travelled to Vancouver to play for the heritage tour. They won't be playing in New York City.

Only about half of the school's band is going to New York City and Lawrence said this marks the first band trip where the members are not bringing their instruments along.

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Rebecca More, who plays the flute for the band. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Landfill expansion drops tag-a-bag

By Jeff Brownlee

OSGOODE -- Expansion of Osgoode Township's landfill site could see the tag-a-bag program dumped.

That's one option the municipality will investigate as a proposal to expand the Springhill Landfill Site moves forward, says mayor Doug Thompson.

"It's definitely an option," he adds. "(Expansion) of the site does give a good argument for that."

But the mayor points out that it's still very early in the expansion phase. The landfill site may or may not be expanded, only time will tell.

Nevertheless, Thompson vows to revisit the program at the end of this year, because the township owes it to the residents, he says.

Expansion of the landfill site is expected to generate much needed revenue for the township. But the tag-a-bag program is also a money maker.

Since it was instituted at the beginning of February, the controversial tag-a-bag program has injected approximately $43,000 into the township's treasure chest — 17 per cent of this year's forecasted $248,000.

But that's not all of the good news. It also has reduced the amount of garbage entering the Springhill Landfill Site.

Through the program that forces everyone to label each bag of refuse put at the curb with a $1 label, the municipality hoped to reduce the monthly intake at the landfill site by 150 tonnes. The 1997 average was 450 tonnes per month.

But just half of the monthly 300-tonne target of waste entered Springhill in February and March saw 189 tonnes of garbage.

Whether these figures will be a reflection of the future or if they're just an adjustment period for the township's 5,350 homeowners remains to be seen, says Kevin Grace, director of environmental services.

"It's too early to tell," he adds.

But the volume of recyclables being collected in the township is skyrocketing.

In the past two months, the number of glass, newspapers and plastics has soared past March's volume of 90 tonnes, compared to the monthly average of 70 tonnes last year.

Composter sales have also seen a dramatic increase.

Grace says that one reason the numbers have seen a dramatic reduction is the use of dumpsters by some of the municipality's commercial businesses.

Before tag-a-bag, waste generated by many of the township businesses was figured into the overall monthly totals. Now, only residential waste is part of the monthly statistics.

The program caused public furor in the township. A couple of residents dumped garbage on the steps of the town hall in early February.

But Grace says there hasn't been a significant number of cases involving road-side dumping of garbage.

Grant protects Alfred Bog

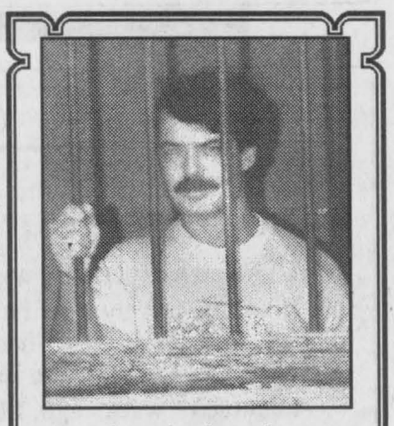
BERWICK — A $5,000 grant from the Wetland Habitat Fund means the Alfred Bog will get more protection in the coming year.

South Nation Conservation (SNC) plans to work with volunteers to enhance the continentally significant 10,000 acre wetland in eastern Ontario. About half of the Alfred Bog is owned by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).

One of the main activities is to block drains near the core of the bog to increase water levels. Signs will be installed at the perimeter of the bog to educate visitors of the importance of this wetland. Priority activities are determined by the Alfred Bog Committee whose members include the NCC, SNC, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Nation Township, naturalists, peat extractors and other stakeholders.

"This grant will help us improve water levels in the bog where many rare species exist," said Naomi Langlois, fish and wildlife technician at SNC. "We also plan to monitor water-loving species such as bladderworts — bug-eating plants — and spotted turtles. We expect this project to expand their habitat within the Alfred Bog."

The grant will have to be matched by funds from the SNC and other partners involved in the project when the work begins this summer.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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Golden Years Society meets

by Muriel Reoch

WINCHESTER — The April meeting of the Golden Years Society was held on April 16 at the Lions hall with 50 members present.

In the absence of our president, Gladys Clarke, Orma Earl welcomed everyone and opened with the singing of O Canada, accompanied by Olive Whittaker at the piano. The Lord's Prayer was then repeated. Orma gave a reading entitled "Pattern of Life — A Patchwork Quilt."

There were no birthdays or anniversaries this month. The minutes were read and approved, followed by Doug Phillips' treasurer's report. The next euchre party will be on April 23.

It was decided to help the Lions by giving a donation towards refurbishing chairs. The Zone Rally will be held at Matilda on June 17 at 10 am.

Orma Earl announced our first trip this year will be a mystery trip on May 29. Leila Helmer reported on the upcoming 25th anniversary of the club.

After our usual delicious dinner, Vivian Fawcett introduced our guest speaker, Connie Gail Crowder, a nurse practitioner who delivered a very informative and interesting talk. Marion Renwick thanked her and presented a small gift. Then the meeting was adjourned.

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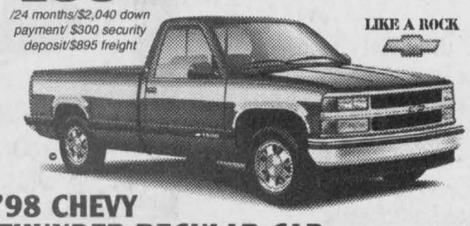

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Unique silhouettes of Morewood artist in demand

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

MOREWOOD — Jeannine Cabana-Marshall has a knack for capturing detailed images of people, objects and animals in silhouetted images.

And this weekend, her art will be featured at the National Capital Fine Art Festival, which is taking place at the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa from April 24 to 26.

"It's my biggest show so far," she said. "I've been going to art shows for a few years now and I really like it because I get to meet so many different people and I get feedback about my work."

Cabana-Marshall has displayed her work in a variety of shows over the past few years, including those promoted by the Russell Artists' Cooperative, the Tri-County Craft Association, the Heritage Craft Show and the 'On Common Ground' Studio Tour.

"I guess if it hadn't been for the encouragement from other artists and friends, it would've remained just a hobby for me," she said. "I really think more artists should spread their wings and expose their work. They might really be surprised at how quickly it can take off."

The Fine Art Festival is a big step for Cabana-Marshall and despite her enthusiasm, she admits she is nervous.

"I'm looking forward to it," she said. "I was ecstatic when I found out I was accepted. When I got the phone call, my husband was at the barber, so I called there and started telling about how I was accepted and the person on the other end didn't recognize my voice, so she was pretty confused until I asked to talk to my husband. I was a little nutsy."

For anyone interested in seeing Cabana-Marshall's work at the festival, doors will be open Fri., April 24 from 5 to 9 pm, Sat., April 25 from 10 am to 6 pm and Sun., April 26 from 10 am to 5 pm.

"I think I'll be rather standaloneish when I'm there," she said. "Traditionally, the art show features oils, watercolors and sculptures. There's only a handful of people in the world who do silhouettes. It's not dead by any means, it's just not a very well-known form of art."

Cabana-Marshall's work features designs and details prominent in the romantic, Victorian era.

"A lot of people think it's inkwork when they first see it," she said. "Then I tell them it's paper cutwork, and they're really surprised. They say 'This is really different.'"

To make the silhouettes, she first sketches the image, using either her imagination or a photo or illustration, on fragile, ultra-light fadeless black paper. Then, using modern precision knives and blades, she starts cutting the image, carving the details first and changing the sketch slightly as she goes, to suit the image. The intricate and challenging pieces can take her anywhere from 30 to 60 hours to complete. Once finished, the image is mounted on an acid-free medium using high quality bonding adhesives, then pressed and framed.

"The framing is the most expensive part," she said. "It really finishes a work. The right frame just adds so much to a piece."

Some pieces, Cabana-Marshall does twice, but says each one is still an original because the cuts in the details are never the same.

Cabana-Marshall has been responding to custom orders from customers all over the region for the past few years and said many people find the artwork makes a great, nostalgic gift.

"It's so flattering," she said of the attention her art receives. "It's amazing when you find a niche. I've always made gifts with my hands as a kid, but I was too timid to show off my work. My mom always made our clothes and she made dolls for my sister and I. I don't even know where she got the materials for some of the things she made. She just made something out of nothing. When I got into the silhouettes more seriously, I had to sell all my other craft supplies in a garage sale just to make room for it."

Her sister is an artist too, she said, but doesn't have enough time to devote to art shows.

Cabana-Marshall said her art is still just a hobby, though her work occupies much of the sitting room in her home.

"I never imagined when I made my first one that it would take off this much," she said. "I like the variety. If you think about it, there's nothing that can't be done in a silhouette. But I prefer doing intricate work; the more challenging it is, the better."

And this, she said, is only the beginning.

"It's my own little area of work," she said. "It's a stress reliever and it's very rewarding at the same time — soothes the savage beast. For me, it's just finding that little niche and having people asking me to do more. It's meant to be. I'm supposed to do this. I'm very passionate about my work."





Profile perfection

Jeannine Cabana-Marshall (above) is taking her popular silhouette artwork to the National Capital Fine Art Festival this weekend. Left, one of her recent works, a mixed floral arrangement, took her 45 hours to complete. Press photos -- Bierworth

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barkley resigns from Disaster Relief

The Editor:
In January, following the ice storm, I was appointed to serve on the Eastern Ontario Disaster Relief Committee for the township of South Dundas, along with the other members of SD&G.

We held regular weekly meetings in Cornwall. I think the committee did a respectful job in helping victims of the storm in directing them to proper information in regard to getting compensation and relief. We were involved in fundraising and setting of criteria for relief.

But now the time has come for the money to start to flow to the victims of the storm and the committee has been told they are not to be involved with any discussion concerning compensation.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Umbrella Committee for all of eastern Ontario have made this decision.

So, as far as I am concerned, this is the most important time to be involved. Who knows better who should receive fair compensation or not than the two local representatives from their respective townships.

The Umbrella Committee has hired an appraisal company called "Quelmec". This company, along with local adjusters, is going to do the claims.

I think the final say for money should be the decision of the adjusters.

However, I fail to see why the local committee members should not be able to sit down with the adjusters and have some local input into final say of who is eligible for certain amounts of compensation.

If the local members aren't involved along with the adjusters how can there be fairness applied ? After all what was the wisdom of the ministry wanting local people involved from the start — representatives who better know the needs of people in their respective townships.

With this turn of events I don't feel I can play an active part in the decision-making of the adjusting firm for compensation of the storm victims of South Dundas.

So I am, with regret, resigning from the committee. I have answered many phone calls and will still try to point people in the right direction if asked.

I feel, personally, that the committee hasn't been treated fairly by the ministry in allowing it to be involved until the final stage — compensation — and now to be removed from the most important part of the agenda.

Charles Barkley

Preserving Canada's military heritage

The Editor:
I am writing as president of Operation Legacy — a youth organization with objectives including the commemoration and preservation of Canada's military heritage, as well as the encouragement of the study of military heritage by Canada's youth.

Recently I had the privilege of making a submission to the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs about the future of the Canadian War Museum. I was also invited to address the first meeting of the prestigious Advisory Committee to the Canadian War Museum at which time I was pleased to present the Passing the Torch campaign with a cheque for $5,000 from our own budget.

I would invite the Canadian public to also make financial contributions to this campaign which was set up to raise money for the much needed museum renovations.

The campaign has an objective of $5 million, nearly one half of which has already been met. It will be matched by a grant from the Canadian Government.

Should your readers need more information they can contact me at 1-800-465-2677. If they wish to make a contribution, for which a tax receipt can be issued, a cheque or money order made payable to the Passing the Torch Campaign should be sent to:

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Raquel Chisholm
President, Operation Legacy

OPINION

The Press welcomes letters on subjects of interest to the community. Letters must be signed and include the writer's telephone number. Letters may be edited for length, grammar and libellous statements.

Sign bylaw updated

OSGOODE -- No sandwich boards on sidewalks. Only one poster per utility pole.

Those are just two examples of do's and don'ts illustrated in the first draft of Osgoode Township's updated sign bylaw for municipal roads.

The 17-page document was created by the municipality's bylaw enforcement department to make the existing bylaw more consistent with Ottawa-Carleton's.

Osgoode's current bylaw and the region's differ in a couple of very important areas: election, portable and special event signs.

The township first noted the inconsistencies between the two documents last November during the municipal election campaign.

Discrepancies between the two bylaws caused confusion for both political hopefuls at the municipal and regional levels as the township bylaw permitted election signs in road allowances two months prior to the Nov. 10 event while the regional bylaw allowed signs in road allowances only 30 days before the election.

Portable signs like real estate open house signs aren't permitted by the region, but are by the township. Likewise, special event signs are permitted by Ottawa-Carleton but Osgoode's bylaws are silent on the issue, which prohibits them.

Other features of the proposal include a $35 fee for a permit for banner signs with $50 and $100 retrieval costs if township staff has to remove the beacon.

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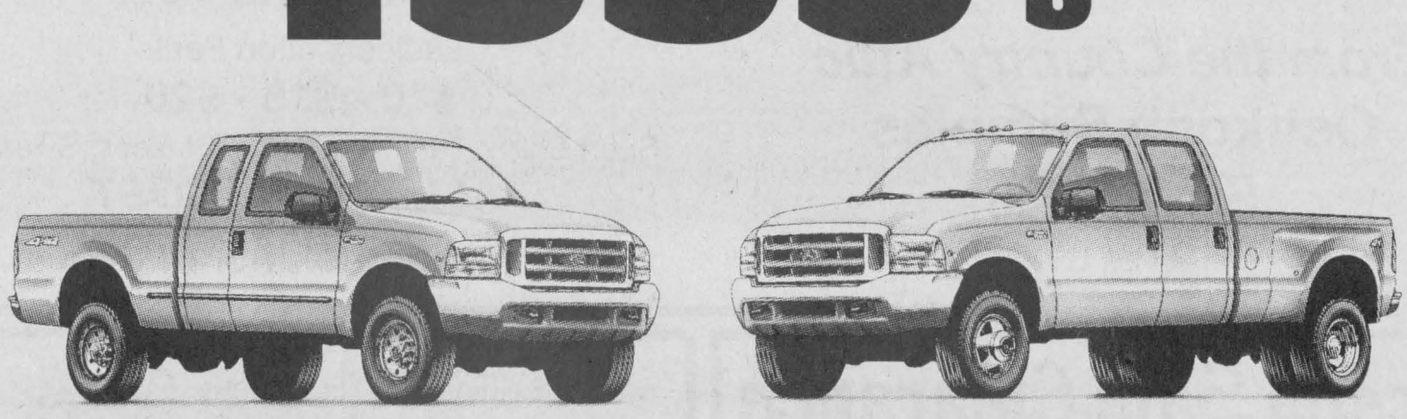

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Clean-up day for libraries May 2

Osgoode Twp. library beat
by Shirley Mills

METCALFE – As you may remember, the libraries in Osgoode Township usually close for a two-week period during the summer months. This is simply to help the library budget. This year, since we all had an unscheduled break during January, we will be closing for only one week. You will be advised of the closure dates nearer the time but the first one (Metcalfe) isn't until June 29. Also, these closings are staggered so there are always three libraries open to get reading material.

The clean-up day at the libraries is slated for Sat., May 2 and any help will be appreciated. It is just a matter of picking up garbage and branches around the buildings and cleaning the windows. The efforts will begin around 9 am and shouldn't take long. (Don't worry, we don't expect only one person to do all the windows at Osgoode!)

The budding authors contest has been completed and the awards ceremony took place at the City of Nepean Council Chambers on April 23. We will announce the winners in the next column.

The children's story time programs are very popular. There are a couple of spaces free at the Greely library. This takes place on Tuesday mornings and for information, call Alison Surinskis at 821-3609. The Vernon group, also on Tuesdays, is open to all the little ones ages three to five and you can just turn up. The charge of $1 per child, per session, is to cover the cost of craft materials.

And don't forget that the libraries have, not only fiction, but all kinds of books - with the landscaping and gardening topics being quite popular at the moment. Each library has a good selection and by borrowing from the other branches, we can usually get the wanted books.

When we did the annual survey of our statistics (needed by the province) it turned out the four branches had lent over 80,000 items. We must be doing something right. Come and see for yourself.

Student ambassador to visit Hawaii



Ashley Dowser

MATTHEWS, N.C. — Former Metcalfe resident Ashley Dowser will be travelling to Hawaii this summer as a U.S. Student Ambassador.

Dowser is the 11-year-old daughter of Gordon and Elizabeth Dowser, formerly of Metcalfe. The family now resides in Matthews, North Carolina.

The Grade 6 student was interviewed and accepted to the Hawaiian Delegation for the People to People Student Ambassador Program. It's a 14-day program of exchange to Hilo, Waimea and Kona on the island of Hawaii, sponsored by the University of Hawaii.

Student ambassadors are carefully interviewed before their acceptance and are expected to share their experiences with schools and civic clubs upon their return. Dowser will be earning a full semester high school credit in science during her trip to Hawaii because of the program's educational activities.

"Personally, I would like to become a student ambassador because I have always been interested in observing people and their different cultures and customs," Dowser said. "I have always enjoyed experiences that presented me with a challenge."

She added, "Exploring volcanoes, discovering a reef through a submarine window, swimming on tropical beaches, hiking through rainforests... is my definition of fun."

She will learn about geology, volcanology, botany, marine science, astronomy and archaeology on her trip.

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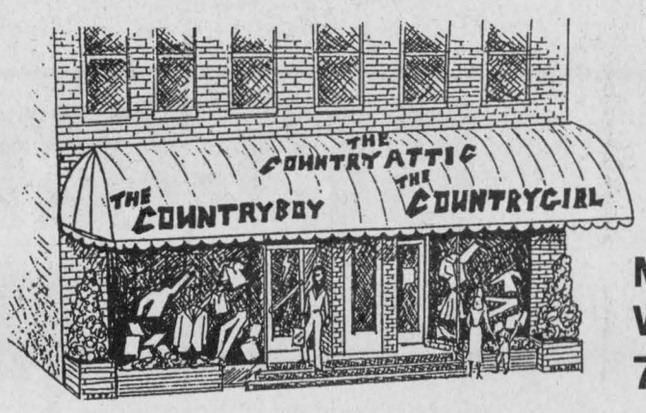

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Honestly Now opens this week

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The costumes are finished, the lines have been learned and the timing of jokes has been fine-tuned. The Dundas County Players are ready to "break a leg".

The group's latest effort is "Honestly Now", a self-described hilarious comedy by Jack Sharkey.

The show will be in Morrisburg on Friday and Saturday (April 24, 25) and then will open in Winchester at Henderson Hall the next week, on Thurs., April 30. It runs all that weekend (May 1, 2) and returns for another run May 7, 8 and 9.

Director James Peto had difficulty describing the play without giving away too much plot line. "It's a hilarious crime comedy full of twists and turns," he said. "Nobody is who they seem to be at first glance and it all culminates in a climactic and entertaining ending."

Eight cast members, equally divided between men and women, have been rehearsing the play since mid-February. The cast consists of Linda Feenstra, Ted Mead, Deborah Smith, Tony Glen, Liz Barton, Ken Horne, Andrea MacLellan and John Bouwers.

Dundas County Players are in their third year of existence. In the past they've performed "Move Over Mrs. Markham" and two favorites by Canadian playwright Norm Foster — "Opening Night" and "Melville Boys".



Honestly hilarious

The cast and crew of "Honestly Now", presented by Dundas Players, take a break during a rehearsal. They are, back row, left, Alan Muir, Ken Horne, Ted Mead, Tony Glen, John Bouwers, James Peto (director), Lauree Laing and Caroline Roberts. Front row, left, Kelly Vasey, Elizabeth Barton, Linda Feenstra, Andrea MacLennan and Deborah Smith. Press Photo — Culliton

Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

Church suppers are invariably good, and one of the best is the annual smorgasbord at the Inkerman United Church. This will be held on Wed., April 29 at the church, beginning at 5 pm. The cost is $8 for adults and those under 12 eat for $4. A smorgasbord is fun because there is such a variety of dishes to choose from. Everyone is welcome and we can guarantee you won't go home hungry.

Rideau Hill Camp is celebrating 50 years of operation in June and all former campers and staff (over age 20) are invited to be part of the celebrations. There is an alumni camp being planned for the weekend of June 19 to 21 with a rededication being held on June 21 at 2 pm. This will be followed by a chicken barbecue. Tickets for this must be purchased in advance and for information or to register for the camp, call Marj Milne at 269-2080. The registration deadline is April 30, so don't miss out on the fun.

Did you ever have a memory come swimming up from the past? In earlier days I had three sons playing hockey and hesitated to even take my daughter to the arena in case she caught the bug. Recently, however, my daughter played a scratch game of hockey with people she works with and proudly said she had shot towards the goal. That's when I remembered one of my boys saying, "I didn't score a goal, but I touched the puck!" Such happiness.

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RAPA performs timeless story

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

RUSSELL — Most people, well, most women, know the story. The old favorite was put to film in a well-known production starring Julia Roberts and Sally Fields a number of years ago.

And next week, "Steel Magnolias" hits the stage in Russell, presented by Russell Association for the Performing Arts (RAPA).

"We really like the play. It's a favorite of mine," says producer Wendy Cote. "The story deals with real issues in life and how six women come to terms with both happy times and sadness. It's a timeless story."

The play, which expects to attract a mainly female audience, is made up of a cast and crew of women. Decidedly different from the movie version, the play's story is carried out in a beauty salon operated in the garage portion of a house belonging to Dolly Parton's character in the movie version. The story takes place in Chinquapin, Louisiana.

The story spans two years in the lives of these six women. It's a humorous study of female friendships. The women in the play are witty, intelligent and real.

Directed by Wendy Lacroix, the play introduces four newcomers to RAPA, most of whom had never acted before.

RAPA has produced several hits in the past, including "The Mumberly Inheritance", "Harvey" and last year's comedy, "The Nerd".

The cast takes to the stage at the Russell Community Centre April 30 to May 2.

Glen Production opens April 30

CORNWALL — The box office is now open for the Glen Productions presentation of "A Bedful of Foreigners" in Cornwall.

The play is a comedy written by Dave Freeman and directed by Claude Jesmer.

Opening night is Thurs., April 30 and the show runs May 1 and 2 and May 7, 8 and 9, beginning at 8:15 pm each night.

It will be performed in cabaret style at the Glen Building, Cornwall. Tickets are $8 each. The tables are reserved, but you don't need to reserve an entire table. Free peanuts and pretzels are provided.

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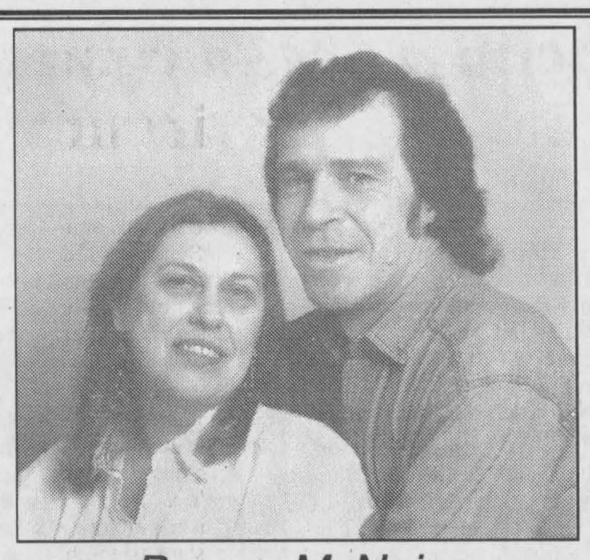
North Dundas District High School presented its 10th annual fashion show last Thursday, "Fashion Fever". The show featured fashions from ladies wear and sports clothes to kids wear and The Gap.



Brown–McNairn

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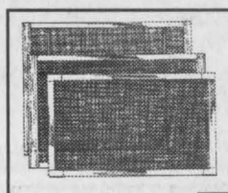





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Kidney transplant postponed

SHANLY — Eight-year-old Shawn Millar was originally scheduled to undergo a kidney transplant in February. But today he is still waiting for the operation.

The youngster, who plans to receive a kidney from his father, Elwyn Millar, suffers from a rare kidney disease called Alport syndrome.

Three days a week he travels to CHEO in Ottawa to receive dialysis. He needs nine hours of dialysis every week.

Originally, scheduling problems at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto postponed the surgery indefinitely. But Elwyn Millar revealed in a phone interview earlier this week that Sick Kids has stopped performing live, related kidney transplants pending a report by a doctor from the U.S.

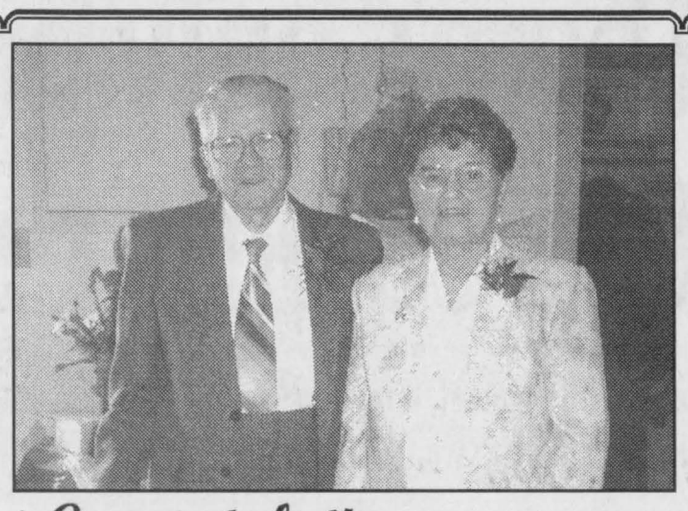
"Out of the last 10 live, related transplants three didn't work," Millar told the *Press*. "They want to find out what went wrong before they continue with any more cases."

He added that if Toronto keeps them waiting much longer they may choose to go to a Montreal hospital for the surgery.

Meanwhile, Shawn has been experiencing problems. "Lately he's been having trouble with his dialysis," Millar said.

The rural community and the Millars' church rallied together to raise money for the family through a trust fund. The senior Millar will have to take about six weeks off from farming following the transplant.

So far, $19,800 has been raised for the Shawn Millar Fund. "That's more than enough," Millar said.



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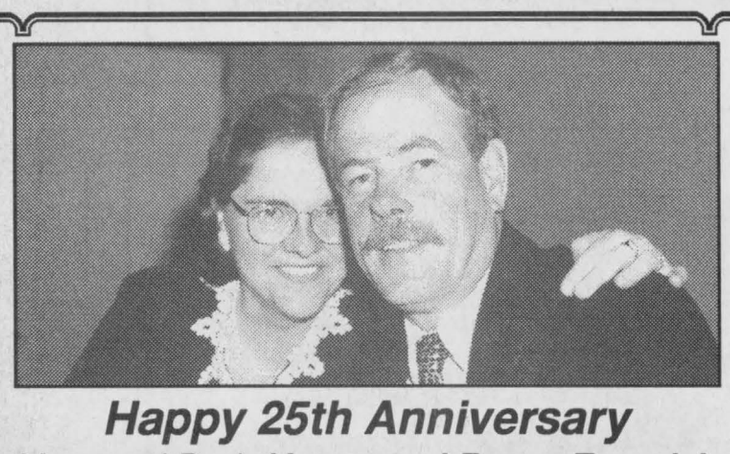

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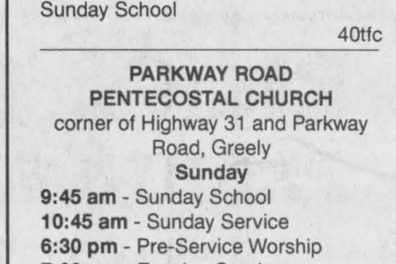

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Repetitive strain common in computer environment

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

MORRISBURG — An injury can require extensive rehabilitation. It can also mean changing your lifestyle in order to live with the injury. A physiotherapist works to both rehabilitate you and to help you adapt to living within your limits.

The week of April 19 to 25 is Physiotherapy Week in Canada. In an effort to educate the public about physiotherapy, Ashok Bharti of Personal Touch Physiotherapy Clinic in Morrisburg is speaking out about the practice and the results one can receive from visiting a physiotherapist.

The Personal Touch clinic has recently celebrated its first anniversary in Morrisburg. A second clinic is situated in Cornwall.

"A physiotherapist takes the holistic approach," Bharti said. "We treat the whole person, not just one joint. There are specific exercises used in the rehabilitation."

Bharti revealed that about 60 per cent of his business has to do with injuries to backs, shoulders, knees, elbows and wrists. He also deals with many neck injuries from motor vehicle accidents (MVAs).

"Repetitive strain is more common today with more computer use," he added. "We help to educate people about posture, proper back and neck care and injury prevention."

He advised people at risk of repetitive strain injury (ie. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome) should learn to take breaks. "If you sit in one place for a long time you should shift positions often. Take breaks and stretch your muscles."

Injury prevention stems mainly from common sense rules, Bharti said. "We emphasize the importance of improving your lifestyle. Sometimes it's as simple as moving the heavy dishes in your cupboard from the top shelf to the bottom shelf so that it's not as difficult to lift.

"For parents, picking up their child from a crib can cause back problems. The side of the crib can be put down, for that very reason," he advised.

He added, "If you work with a computer all day, you should make sure that the desk is the right height for you — your elbows should rest on the desk as you type, and the screen should be at eye level."

The theme of this year's physiotherapy week is 'Making Good Health Happen'.

"We are celebrating by reaching out to the community and educating people about their health," Bharti said. There are physiotherapy videotapes and literature available for the public to peruse.

"Physiotherapy is a gradual recovery process," Bharti continued. "It is mainly to bring people back to their normal functioning level."



Physio fitness

In honor of Physiotherapy Week, physiotherapists Ashok Barti and Josee Lefebvre (seated) and physiotherapy assistant Carol Mainville demonstrate therapeutic equipment at the Personal Touch Physiotherapy Clinic in Morrisburg.

Press Photo — Culliton

Trade Show

OSGOODE — The 10th anniversary edition of the Osgoode Trade and Home Show is set to be the biggest yet.

Recognizing its commitment to the communities it serves and the damage that was done to the trees by the ice storm, the Central Canada Exhibition Association has donated a large supply of tree seedlings to be distributed free of charge to attendees of the trade show.

The trade show will be held on Fri., April 24 and Sat., April 25 at the Osgoode Community Centre.

On Saturday, Canadian Ladies Figure Skating champion Angela Derochie will be at the trade show from 11 am until 2 pm. It's the community's chance to meet a real champion.

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Library closes

BRINSTON — The Brinston branch of the county libraries will soon close its doors, the resources from the building will be moved to surrounding branch locations. That decision was made by South Dundas council at their April 9 meeting after a presentation by county librarian and CEO Deanne Clendening. "County library branches are located where they are because of where they would be most used," she told council. "We did look previously at closing the Brinston branch, but we didn't because of its location. But there are other ways that we will be going out into the Brinston area. What we want to do is take the resources at the Brinston branch and put them into other libraries and extend the hours of the other county libraries. We're not out to deny anybody library access." Councillor Rowdy Gillard suggested using the council van to bring senior residents of Brinston to the library in Iroquois.



NDDHS NOTES
by Sam Cullen

MAPLE RIDGE — Last week marked the culmination of many hours of devoted, tiring work.

On Thursday the 10th annual fashion show came together wonderfully. The show was a major fundraiser for the prom. Students had a chance to get out of class for a period and cheer for their friends as they "strutted their stuff".

Hoops for Heart is quickly approaching. This is one way in which students contribute to their community, by canvassing for pledges to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. So if you see any students asking for your support, help if you can with such a wonderful cause.

As spring is finally coming around, be careful while doing your yard work — about four out of five North Americans think that mowing the lawn is risky.

OBITUARIES

Earl Johnston

Earl Morgan Johnston of Chesterville died suddenly on Fri., April 17 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He was 60.

A retired stock clerk at Nestle Canada, Mr. Johnston was the beloved husband of Esther Johnston (nee Hughson).

He was born in Winchester Township on Oct. 13, 1937 to the late George and Annie Johnston.

He was a dear brother of Bennett Johnston of Cornwall, and will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Graham, Laura Grandaw, Donald, J.R. and Bert.

Mr. Johnston was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chesterville.

Family and friends were received at Daniels Funeral Home in Chesterville for visitation. Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home on Mon., April 20. Reverend Bert DeBruijn officiated. Interment took place at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bud Craik, Russell Servage, Freeman Beckstead, Don McMillan, Dale McNaughton and Paul Johnston.

Lawrence Edwin Johnston

Lawrence Edwin Johnston of Dundas Manor Nursing Home, Winchester died on Sun., April 12 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 80.

He was the beloved husband of Joyce Johnston (nee Tysic) whom he married in Ottawa on May 26, 1956.

A retired dairy farmer, Mr. Johnston was born in Brinston on Jan. 26, 1918 to the late Edwin and Clara Johnston. After he and his wife, Joyce, sold the farm they moved to the Iroma Apartments in Iroquois where they resided for 13 years. He worked at Upper Canada Village for eight of those 13 years, and retired in 1983.

Mr. Johnston was the father of Eleanor (Chuck) Lawlor of Iroquois, Linda (Gerry) Sander of Orleans, Laura (Dan) Shaver of Brinston and Susan (Ron) Suffel of Winchester.

He is also survived by a sister, Laura (Jack) Johnston-Kennedy of Peoria, Illinois, brothers-in-law Percy (Grace) Conway of Nova Scotia, Tom (Ollie) Thompson of London and sister-in-law Phyllis (Jack) Klemmer of San Jose, California. He will also be missed by a number of nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Anne Johnston and a brother, William.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Iroquois. Mr. Johnston was an avid card player who enjoyed reading and spending time with his family. He was a Toronto Maple Leafs fan but once the Ottawa Senators were formed he became a loyal fan of the Senators.

Family received friends at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois and funeral services were held there on Tues., April 14. Reverend Marion Johnston officiated. Interment took place at Sprucehaven Cemetery in Brinston.

Pallbearers were Eleanor and Chuck Lawlor, Linda and Gerry Sander, Laura and Dan Shaver and Susan and Ron Suffel.

Matilda roads top priority

WILLIAMSBURG — After spending two-and-a-half days taking roads trips around the township, South Dundas councillors commented on their findings at their April 9 meeting. The villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois don't require any maintenance, with the exception of the brush cleanup. In the former township of Matilda, various roads have to be drained, widened and based. Council said it intended to make this project a top priority.

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DeVries honored for highest herd BCA

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — A crowd of farmers gathered at the Agricultural Hall in South Mountain on April 17 for the Dundas County DHI Association Awards Banquet.

The banquet is held every year to honor local dairy farmers and reward them for their hard work.

This year, Dundas Dairy Educator Rachel Westenbroek greeted the crowd and Yuk-Yuk's comedian and dairy farmer Paul Mussell concluded the event with funny insights into farm life.

"I thought it was a very good evening," said DHI representative Phyllis MacMaster. "It gives us an opportunity to honor both the farmers and the cows. I think the Dundas DHI gives a better awards ceremony than other counties because of that."

Farm update

She said that with restructuring in the way farmers run their businesses, she can't be sure the awards will survive, but is looking forward to next year's banquet just the same.

The Herd Management Awards are based on outstanding management achievement in the following areas: Milk value per cow, with a maximum score of 500; herd udder health, maximum 150; age at first calving, the maximum score being 50; calving interval, maximum 50; longevity, maximum 100; and herd efficiency, which is the percentage of herd in milk, with 150 points available. Total 1,000 points available.

The Dundas Top Ten for 1997 and their total scores are as follows: Henry and Rita Velthuis of Mountain with 960; John Brugmans of Chesterville with 935; Wilmer and Linda Porteous of Winchester with 930; John M. Devries of Williamsburg with 915; Jerry and Peter Byvelds of Brinston with 885; Daniel and Helene Meier of Chesterville with 875; Brabantia Farms Inc in Williamsburg with 860; Tom E. MacGregor of Crysler, also with 860; Christophe Pasquier of Russell with 845 and Beat Schraner of Williamsburg with 840.

The Strader Trophy, ODHIC Certificate and Dundas DHI Award for the highest composite herd BCA was presented to John M. DeVries of Williamsburg with a composite of 235.

The winner of the second highest composite herd BCA, Ottawa Valley Harvestore Systems Award, was presented to Steven and Debbie Byvelds of Williamsburg, Composite 232.7.

The Grenville Mutual Insurance Award and ODHIC Certificate for the most improved herd was presented to Steven and Debbie Byvelds of Williamsburg with a composite 1996-219; 1997-232.7, an increase of 13.7.

The award for the most improved herd above provincial average, sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada in Winchester and Iroquois, was awarded to Steven and Debbie Byvelds of Williamsburg with a composite 1996-219; 1997-232.7, an increase of 13.7

The award for the second most improved herd above provincial average, sponsored by the Bank of Nova Scotia in Chesterville, South Mountain and Morrisburg, was presented to Christophe Pasquier of Russell. His composite 1996-206; 1997-213.7, an increase of 7.7.

The Dundas Veterinary Services, Winchester, award for ODHIC herd management was presented to Rita and Henry Velthuis of Mountain with an aggregate score of 960.

The lowest average SCC on a herd basis, Dr. K.B. Kennedy Award, was presented to Ron Durant of Winchester with SCC Average 68,000.

Highest composite BCA for a one-year-old, the Weagant Farm Supplies Award, was presented to Steven and Debbie Byvelds for Bycrest Broker Joan, one year, 11 months, 283-304-264, composite 283.7.

The Golden Triangle Agree West in Chesterville award for the highest composite BCA for a two-year-old was presented to Carl Smith of Chesterville for Sunnylodge Jed Sheryl, two years, one month, 282-347-309, composite 312.7.

The C&L Feeds Awards, Dixon's Corners, for the highest composite BCA for a three-year-old was presented to Tom E. MacGregor of Crysler for Glen Haven Buttermost's Cher, three years, four months, 345-325-319, composite 329.7.

The award for the highest composite BCA for a four-year-old, presented by MacDonald Feed Mill Ltd., was given to John M. Devries for Straderhill Lincoln Santana, four years, two months, 298-271-275, composite 281.3

The Bank of Montreal award for the highest composite BCA for a cow aged five to nine years was presented to Charles Farlinger for Barbhome Counselor Fleur, five years, six months, 298-425-302, composite 341.7.

The Fred's Farm Supplies award for the highest composite BCA for a cow aged ten years and over was presented to Carl Smith of Chesterville for Sunnylodge Mattador Ell, 11 years, two months, 235-240-239, composite 238.

The Hamilton Farm and Garden Ltd. award for the cow with the largest deviation over herd average was presented to Charles Farlinger of Morrisburg for Barbhome Counselor Fleur, composite 341.7 +86 +213 +89; average deviation, 129.3.

The 1997 Provincial Composite BCA Average is 185.8, with milk being 185; butterfat, 184; and protein, 189. The Dundas Composite Average for last year was 184.4.

The winners of Dundas DHI Certificates and Seals for members with a herd average composite BCA above the provincial average for the first time were Oude-Egberink Farms Ltd. in Osgoode with an average of 222.7 and Urs Baumann from Williamsburg, with 184.3.

The Gold Seal awards are given to producers whose herd average was 20 points or more above the provincial average composite, a composite BCA of 204 or above, for 1997. The winners of this award and their composite BCA are as follows: John M. Devries of Williamsburg with 235; Steven and Debbie Byvelds of Williamsburg with 233; Jerry and Peter Byvelds of Brinston with 228; Robert H. McMenomy of Inkerman with 227; Carl Smith of Chesterville with 226; Oude-Egberink Farms Ltd. of Osgoode with 223; Charles Farlinger of Morrisburg with 221; Christophe Pasquier of Russell with 214; tying at 213 are William Meerakker of Inkerman, Henry and Rita Velthuis of Mountain and Jos and Francine Melenhorst of Winchester. Daniel and Helene Meier were next at 210, followed by Robert S. Smith of Brinston with 208; and coming in with 206 were Patrick J. Lynch of Chesterville, Ken and Shirley Rose of Mountain and John and Archie Mellan of Brinston. Wilmer and Linda Porteous of Winchester and Bill and Donald DeJong of Morrisburg were tied at 205; and Frank Devries of South Mountain and Tom and Janet MacGregor of Crysler completed the group of winners, coming in at 204.

The winners of the Red Seal, awarded to producers whose herd average is 10-19 points above the provincial average composite for 1997, a composite BCA between 194 and 203, are as follows: Allan and Blair Hutchinson of Winchester with 199; also with 199 was Richard Hess of Williamsburg; Bruce and Gordon Garlough of Williamsburg followed with 198. Tying at 197 were Robert Byvelds of Williamsburg, H.J. Boyd and Sons in South Mountain and Carl Sears and Sons in South Mountain. With a 196 average were Herman Van Wylick of Chesterville, Dwight Gilmer and Sons Ltd. in South Mountain, Robin and Ann Marie Smith of Iroquois and Hans Schuler of Chesterville. Gary W. Pemberton of Williamsburg was next with 195, and Gerald and John Westervelt of Brinston and David Fawcett of Winchester came in with 194.

The Blue Seal was awarded to producers whose herd average is between the provincial average composite and up to nine points above the composite for 1996, a composite BCA between 184 and 193. The winners for this award and their composite average are as follows: Gary Steele of Williamsburg with 193; Ronald Smail of Brinston with 192, Henri and Laurence Hofer of Brinston with 192; tying at 191 are B&L Vandenberg of Winchester, John Havekes Jr. of Mountain and B&T VanderZweep of Morrisburg. Richard Helmer of Winchester came in with 190, as did A.W. DeJong of Iroquois. G.C.B. Merkley of Chesterville followed with 189, Beat Schraner of Williamsburg with 187, and with 186 were RH Casselman of Williamsburg, Jim and Marilyn Adams of Brinston, Alexander and Perry Hart of Morrisburg and R&P Glauser of Iroquois. John Douma of Chesterville had 185, as did John and Rina Groniger of Iroquois, and Urs Baumann of Williamsburg concluded the group of winners with 184.

Awards sponsors this year included Golden Triangle Agri-West in Chesterville; Ottawa Valley Harvestor Systems in Kemptville; Dr. K.B. Kennedy in Chesterville; C&L Feeds in Dixon's Corners; MacDonald Feed Mill in Inkerman; Bank of Montreal in Winchester, Williamsburg and Iroquois; Bank of Nova Scotia in Chesterville, Morrisburg and South Mountain; Royal Bank of Canada in Winchester; Weagant Farm Supplies in Winchester; Grenville Patron Mutual Fire Insurance in Spencerville; Hamilton Farm & Garden Ltd. in Winchester; Fred's Farm Supplies in Brinston and Winchester; and Dundas Veterinary Service in Winchester.



Winning couple

Steve and Debbie Byvelds swept up several awards at the Dundas DHI awards April 17, including the Gold Seal, the second highest composite herd BCA, most improved herd and the most improved herd above provincial average. Press Photo -- Bierworth



Dundas Top Ten

The Top Ten dairy farmers were awarded at the Dundas County DHI Awards Banquet in South Mountain on April 17. From left, Janet and Tom MacGregor, Wilmer Porteous, Rita and Henry Velthuis, Garry Brugmans and Robert Byvelds. Press Photo -- Bierworth



Award winners

From left: Mlke Farlinger, Tom MacGregor, Steve and Debbie Byvelds, and Carl Smith of Sunnylodge Farms in Chesterville all took home some prestigious awards at the Dundas County DHI Awards banquet in South Mountain on April 17. Press Photo – Bierworth

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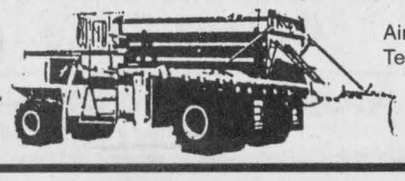
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Early April start for cropping season

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Farmers are already on the land — and this year things are ahead of schedule.

"We usually see a bit of field work by the last week of April, but this year it's a good 10 days to two weeks ahead of normal," said Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs crop specialist Gilles Quesnel.

There is a lot of fertilizer going out to farms and growers are already working up fields on higher ground, he said in an interview last Thursday.

"Conditions are ideal to plant small grains and new seeding, and rain on the weekend would be terrific."

It's still fairly early to plant corn, but Quesnel said he could see farmers planting corn by the end of this week, if good conditions continue.

"If (farmers) are putting in large acreages (of corn), they could be planting some later in the week... Farmers should be planting the cereals and new seedings now and once that's done they could start putting in the corn."

And while there's still a risk of frost until mid-May, Quesnel says the benefits of having the crop in early outweigh the risk of damage due to frost.

However, he cautions waiting a little longer to plant soybeans since they are more susceptible to frost.

Ivor Mallows planted peas at his farm north of Winchester on April 8. He said it was surprising to see farmers out on the land that early and have the dust flying.

The nice weather has also given farmers the opportunity to clear some brush and spread fertilizer on hay fields.



Mild, dry conditions over the past couple of weeks allowed farmers to get out on the land a little earlier this year. Soil and crop specialist Gilles Quesnel says the cropping season is running 10 days to two weeks ahead of normal this year.
Press Photo — Fetterly

update

Maple sugar club searches for sugar

by Julia Deeke

ORMOND — On March 17 the Ormond 4-H Maple Syrup club held its first meeting.

The first meeting "The Search for Sugar" discussed the three stages of syrup making: where does maple syrup come from, how is the sugar made in sap, how does the sugar get to other parts of the tree. The group acted out three scenarios on how maple syrup was first found.

The members enjoyed making and taste-testing "Blender French Dressing with Maple Syrup".

The executive of this club is as follows: president — Marc Sheldrick; vice-president — Emmanuelle Sheldrick; treasurer — Christopher Toonen; press reporter — Julia Deeke; youth leader — Stephanie Sheldrick; and secretary is roving. Other members include Andrea Bridges, Shelley Deeke, Kaylah St. Pierre and Shannon Toonen.

The leaders for this club are Monique Sheldrick and Joanne Toonen. The chosen fun name for this club is "The Taffy Ducks".

Meeting two was held at Patterson's Berry Farm on March 27. The host was Carol Patterson and the tour guide was Monique Sheldrick. Discussion included determining what tree you can tap, identifying a tree, finding its age and how long it takes to grow a sugar bush. Youth leader Stephanie Sheldrick led the group on an enjoyable treasure hunt. Delicious taste-testing for this meeting included taffy on snow, hot chocolate, maple sugar and beans with maple syrup.

Agronomist offers cropping tips including rotate, rotate, rotate!

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

SOUTH MOUNTAIN — There were lots of problems with last year's cropping season beyond farmers' control.

But agronomic consultant Paul Sullivan is hoping we may have learned some lessons which will be helpful for this cropping season.

A late start last spring and poor weather throughout much of the growing season, contributed to most of the problems in 1997, Sullivan told a crowd attending a Dundas Soil and Crop Association information meeting earlier this month. He was on hand to offer a few tips to help farmers avoid some of those problems in the future.



Paul Sullivan

PLANTING

Crop rotation was definitely a contributing factor to last year's trouble, Sullivan said.

"We found much better yields where crops didn't follow themselves, no matter what the crop... If you don't use crop rotation it will work against you," he explained.

Lack of germination, especially in corn, was a major problem, said Sullivan. In many cases, corn planted later on in lighter soils came along better than the earlier planted fields.

Heavy rain at the wrong time also contributed to the problem, causing a layer of crusting on the soil and preventing plants from emerging.

He advises farmers to check their planters to ensure the seed is being set at the proper depth.

"How evenly the seed starts to grow will have a huge impact on how the crops turns out," he said.

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While post-emergent herbicides gave some control, many of the soil-applied herbicides didn't work under 1997 conditions. However, in situations like those last year, a rotary hoe can help clean up the weeds, said Sullivan.

Sullivan also recommended farmers take note of the characteristics of the corn or soybean varieties being used since some hybrids are more tolerant to drought or wet conditions.

Ensuring the proper seed treatment is applied to the seed is also important, said Sullivan.

Infestation of certain insects is often dependant on weather conditions.

For example, the potato leafhopper caused some damage to alfalfa in 1997 when there was a higher population than ever before.

The small, light green insect can be a problem in hot, dry seasons, he explained.

Due to lack of moisture, no-till into sprayed-off spring sod and direct seedings didn't work well in the '97 season either, said Sullivan.

The dry conditions caused a shortage of hay last year, forcing some farmers to cut hay during the critical period in September.

Sullivan suggested leaving some stubble in the field during the final cut of the season to help reduce winterkill.

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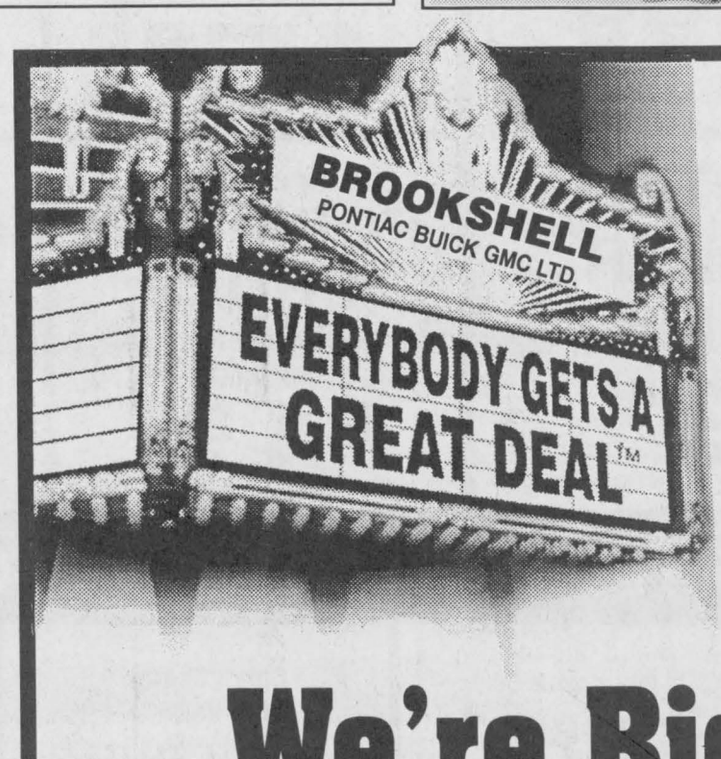

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High school science students enjoy Honduran adventure



Shown are the NDDHS students who went to Honduras during the March break. Back row, from left: Adam Moss, Jennifer Hendrick, Clayton Oldford, Evan Porteous, Wesley Ross and Owen Sarrazin. Second row, from left: Rhiannon Blackburn, Jenn Borlee, Amy Berends, Julie Byvelds and Allison Brookes. Front: Science teacher Mike Moore. Courtesy photos

by Sandy Bierworth
Press staff

MAPLE RIDGE — Some high school students spent their March break working. Others took it easy and watched television. And 11 North Dundas District High School students sported backpacks and shorts and took a school trip to Honduras, Central America.

The trip took place from March 13 to 23 and only students who had a credit in or were taking science at the senior level were eligible to go.

Science teacher Mike Moore said the purpose of the trip was to educate the students about lifestyles in other parts of the world.

"It's meant to give students an appreciation of other cultures and natural environments," he said. "It's not so much a vacation for them as an educational trip. For a lot of the students too, it was their first time out of the country."

The science department of the school organizes a trip south every two years, travelling opposite the French department's trip, which also takes place every other year.

In describing their trip, the high temperatures are among the first things that come to the students' minds.

"It's incredibly hot and humid," said student Evan Porteous.

Some of the highlights of the trip included scuba diving in the coral reefs, seeing the Pacific ocean, and visiting an ancient Mayan city that had been abandoned 1,200 years ago.

"It was amazing," student Jennifer Hendrick said of the trip. "I'd definitely go again."



Ancient Mayans were the original Hondurans and left much of their craftmanship behind.

Student Wesley Ross agreed.

"You kind of knew before you went down that it would be an eye-opener, but even that doesn't prepare you for the natural beauty of the place," he said. "The poverty in the towns was very real, but the people were nice. It helped too that we all got along really well with our tour guide."

He recalled the first night there when the buses were taking the group to their hotel in the middle of the night.

"It was raining really hard," he said. "And we're going down this road, and there's potholes everywhere. All of a sudden, we saw these cows in the middle of the road. That's something you never see back home."

The students had only a couple of Spanish lessons before the trip, but store owners there knew enough English to make transactions, he said.

The group agreed that given the chance, they would definitely go back.

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