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Chesterville Public School is part of a pilot project with the SD&G School Board to bring computers into primary classrooms. Above, Chesterville's Grade One teacher Kim Henbest (right) watches as first-graders Jessie McCormick (left), Kyle Baldwin and Chelsea Leclare discover something new on the computer.

Kidtech program as easy as 1-2-3

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

CHESTERVILLE — In a classroom, three students sit in front of computers, full of concentration as they work diligently toward a finished product. Periodically, they ask each other for assistance, trading information and showing each other little "tricks" and manoeuvres.

These three students are six years old.

There is a new program being piloted at 13 schools in SD&G and Prescott-Russell, and Chesterville Public School is one of them. The program is called "Kidtech 1-2-3" and involves students in grades one, two and three — that's 77 children at Chesterville alone.

Within this pilot project, the students learn about computers as they also learn to read, write and do math. It's part of a grant awarded by the Ministry of Education and Training to Ontario schools to develop literacy and numeracy skills through the use of technology.

During the summer months, teachers spent three days being trained on the computers and software, preparing themselves to teach the children.

Grade One teacher at Chesterville Public School Kim Henbest explains the core curriculum has not been changed by having the computers enter the classroom. "We've integrated the technology into the core curriculum, and we hope to enhance the way students learn."

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Candidates join race for new ND council

by Sandra Dillich
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Candidates came forward at the last minute and the race in North Dundas is on.

As of Oct. 10 at 5 pm a total of 10 new people added their names to the list of candidates for this year's municipal election which will take place on Nov. 10.

Running for the position of mayor of North Dundas are current reeves Jim Cook (Chesterville Village), Claude Cousineau (Winchester Township), and Larry Gray (Winchester Village). Opposing these current reeves is Randy Rankin. Rankin had originally submitted his nomination form for councillor of Ward 1 but withdrew that nomination and submitted one for mayor.

Running for councillor of Ward 1 (Winchester Township) are: John Douma, Karen Ray-Stewart, Alvin Runnalls and Martin Schoones. Douma and Schoones are currently councillors for Winchester Township.

Nominees for councillor of Ward 2 (Mountain Township) are: Keith Fawcett, Estella Rose and Annette Turner. Rose is currently the reeve of Mountain Township while Turner is a councillor. Fawcett is a previous member of the council, including reeve.

Candidates for Ward 3 (Winchester Village) are: Bob Riddell, David Sloane and Bill Wood. Riddell and Sloane are the only members to hold positions on council. Riddell is currently completing his term as councillor.

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Chesterville reeve runs for mayor

CHESTERVILLE — Jim Cook has thrown his hat into the political ring.

Cook, who has been the reeve of the Village of Chesterville for the past three terms, wants to be mayor to ensure the process of amalgamation is correctly completed.

"I want to ensure the amalgamation process is done so that it is fair, equitable and reasonable for everyone in North Dundas," added Cook. "I think my skills in training and management equip me well in that regard."

Prior to becoming reeve of Chesterville, Cook served three years as deputy reeve and two years as a councillor and in 1993 Cook served as the warden for SD&G. Other positions held by Cook on Counties Council include the chair of the social services committee in 1990.

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Provincial cabinet shuffle pleases OSSTF president

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

CORNWALL — It's expected to be a quiet week for both sides in the Ontario education dispute, as the newly-appointed Education Minister settles into his new post.

In a cabinet shake-up late last week, Premier Mike Harris changed John Snobelen's posting from education to tourism, and appointed David Johnson to the job of negotiating with Ontario teachers over Bill 160. Ontario teachers are threatening to strike unless the bill is changed. Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation president Greg McGillis said the Ontario Teachers' Federation was to meet on Tuesday afternoon.

McGillis was pleased at Thursday's announcement of the change of education ministers. "I'm jubilant," he said. "It's the best news we've had in a long time in regards to education in Ontario. Johnson knows the education system, he understands the workings of the system. He's tough as a

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Osgoode Library Board seeks assessment funds

by Derek Puddicombe

OSGOODE — The Osgoode Library Board asked Osgoode council for $2,000 so it can launch an assessment to determine how it can best deliver library services to its patrons in the future.

Library chair Iwona Kennedy told council Oct. 7 the need for assessment is largely due to the fire department vacating its present location in Greely for more luxurious quarters in the Greely Industrial Park.

The Greely library is housed in the same building as the fire department, but when the department moves next year the library will be stuck with maintenance costs usually picked up by the fire department. With upcoming funding cuts by the province to library boards, Kennedy doesn't known how the board will continue to effectively deliver its current service to library patrons.

She cited recent cuts to library services in Halifax that resulted in public outcry when the board decided to close one of its branches. However the decision to keep it open resulted in lost jobs to make up for lost grants.

"The result is an overall reduction in library and information services due to the lay-offs of 16 staff members to accommodate the branch remaining open," said Kennedy. "This board could be faced with a similar situation if we do

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Snow removal tender awarded

WINCHESTER — Dale Stewart and Son will be keeping village streets clear of snow this year.

The South Mountain company was awarded the tender by village council members at the Oct. 6 meeting for their bid of $158/hour.

According to Village of Winchester Road Superintendent Andre Johnson, the tender is 75 cents an hour cheaper than last year's rate.

Dale Stewart and Son was also awarded the snow removal tender last year.

SNOW BANKS

There will also be no snowbanks found along Main Street this winter.

Last year, village council members enacted a motion stating that snowbanks along a specified route of Main Street could not be removed unless they were a certain height.

"We had a lot of snow that year (1995-96) and depleted our budget," explained Village of Winchester Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator Bonnie Dingwall of the original motion.

At the Oct. 6 council meeting, the decision was reversed and the snowbanks will be removed at the discretion of Johnson.

There will now be snow removal along the south side of Main Street from Louise Street to the community centre, and along the north side of Main Street from Gladstone to the village limits.

Traffic lights coming, pylons will stay



Matthew Kavanagh of Black and McDonald Ltd. in Ottawa works to put the finishing touches on the new traffic lights at the south intersection of Highways 31 and 43. Press photo – Cooke Erwin

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Traffic lights at the north intersection of Highways 31 and 43 will be installed by Oct. 27, according to Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose.

Traffic lights went up last week at the south intersection of Highways 31 and 43, but until last Tuesday (Oct. 7), the fate of the north intersection was uncertain.

The largest concern raised at Mountain Township council last week was the intersection and the line of pylons separating traffic. They were set up on Highway 31 after a median was removed late this summer.

Council decided to send a letter to former Transportation Minister Al Palladini, strongly encouraging him to install traffic lights and remove the pylons.

"The intersection was much more effective without the pylons," Rose said. "It's a real problem and it's going to cause accidents. There were no accidents there before the pylons were set up."

Rose spoke to Gord Perry of the Ministry of Transportation in Ottawa last week. "He assured me that it is no problem, and the lights will be in around Oct. 27. Everything is finalized."

However, she said, the MTO will be leaving the pylons in place, despite the installation of lights, until Dec. 31. "They'll take them down Dec. 31 because the highway becomes the responsibility of the counties (SD&G) as of Jan. 1," she explained.

Rose said that the wiring has been completed for the installation of the lights, but they're waiting for the actual traffic lights and posts.

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Kidtech

The program allows the students to explore their areas of study in a different way, and the computers can be used in some way in all subjects, including math, reading, spelling, writing, social studies and science.

Henbest's first-graders, for example, are learning phonics-related lessons through the computer. Currently, they're learning the letter 'M' and worked on an assignment to develop a picture using words that begin with 'M'. Using a graphic program called "KidPix", students draw pictures by using the letter 'M', or write as many words as they knew that began with that letter, and then create a colorful background with the computer. One particular dinosaur drawn with a series of M's demonstrates the creativity behind the project.

"It's the same material, just done in a different way," Henbest says. "They're learning mouse skills and fine motor skills, as well as independence and attention skills."

When the three computers arrived in Henbest's classroom, she left one disassembled, and the class played the game "What's in the box?" As each box was opened, they learned the names of computer parts and what they're used for.

"When I first began taking parts out of the boxes and asking what they were, everything was 'a computer', whether it was a mouse or a keyboard," she says. "When we finally turned the computer on, the children understood that all of the parts together make a computer."

As part of the Kidtech program, each of the three classrooms involved received three Pentium computers and one Hewlett-Packard printer. In addition, the classrooms share a digital camera, a video camera, a television and VCR, as well as a scanner.

By the end of October or the beginning of November, the schools will be hooked up to the Internet and E-mail. Throughout the school year, new skills and technologies will be added.

Each school is coupled with another school from the pilot project. Chesterville has been twinned with Williamstown Public School, and once the Internet is implemented into the system, the two schools will be able to converse, which will enhance students' communication and writing skills.

"Last year, I had these same Grade One students in Kindergarten, and they used a Pentium computer for part of the year, so this isn't new to them," Henbest says.

Some of the students also have computers in their homes, Henbest says, but at home the computers are usually used for playing games, whereas at school, it may seem like a game at first, but there is always an end product that is sought for.

Grade One student Kyle Baldwin stared intently at his computer screen, as he gave a demonstration of how the program works, and he drew pictures on the screen by using a mouse. Kid-friendly sound effects came from the computer to punctuate his movements.

Kyle has a computer at home, and uses it to play "Magic School Bus", he says. What is Magic School Bus? "It's just a game," he answers, indicating that his work on the computer is much more than a game.

"This program promotes active use of the computer, rather than passive game-playing," Henbest explains. "It makes the teachers work harder, because we have to understand how the program works, as well as gear the program to the lesson."

First-graders Chelsea Leclair and Jessie McCormick sat at the other two computers, intent on the monitors as they made magical things happen on the screens. Jessie overheard Kyle exclaiming over a new discovery he'd found in the computer program, and asked him how he did it. He moved over to her computer, and showed her what he did, explaining how to do it.

"That's a normal occurrence with this program," their teacher said. "They teach each other, and learn new things constantly."

Dona Addison teaches grades two and three at Chesterville Public School. She says that, because the program has just begun, there is a lot to learn, both for her and for her students. She has started the class off by teaching them about the history of Chesterville and the businesses in town.

"The students are starting to use the word processor and the KidPix program," she says.

Each student keeps a Kidtech journal, with things that they've learned in the program.

Third-grader Ashley Small enjoys using the computers in class. "We do cool things on the computers, and it can do really neat designs," she says.

Creativity isn't lost in the shuffle with this program, Henbest points out. "If we only drew pictures on the computer, that would hinder the creative ability," she says. "But the computer is only one aspect of the classroom work. This program allows the kids to be creative with what they produce."

With an average of 25 students per class and only three computers, it takes planning and control to ensure that each student gets equal time. "You really need to have clear ideas about what the children need to produce and structure it around that," Henbest says.

She adds, "They're gaining experience in technology. It's new, but it's completely connected to what they are already learning. We are committed to not changing that or taking away from their learning. We just want to enhance what and how they learn."

Candidates

Running for a councillor's position in Ward 4 (Chesterville Village) are: Sharon Casselman, Roger Cole, Thomas Meredith, Gail Parker and Peter Vankessel. Casselman, Parker and Vankessel are current council members.

All of the candidates had until 5 pm yesterday (Oct. 14) to withdraw their name from the ballot.

Two people will be elected from each ward while a mayor will be elected at large. A deputy mayor will be chosen from among the new council members.

The election date is Nov. 10.

Cook

The following year he chaired the roads committee which was followed by a year as chair of the finance committee. Cook also served a term as chair of the counties library board.

Although the Village of Chesterville has opposed amalgamation since the beginning, Cook points out it was not amalgamating with the three other municipalities of North Dundas they were opposed to, but rather the process of being forced to amalgamate.

"We've exhausted all of our legal resources to avoid amalgamation. We are citizens of Chesterville and we are now citizens of North Dundas and we want to participate," he said.

Cook said his focus will be economic development.

"We're big enough now, maybe we will be able to spend more time on economic development. As a smaller municipality we didn't have the time to do that," added Cook. "This area should benefit from it (economic development) so we should be careful with the stewardship of our soil... They're (farmers) doing a good job now but we have to make sure they can do their job down the road."

The municipal elections take place on Nov. 10.

Teachers

negotiator, but he's not known to do his negotiating through the press, as Snobelen was."

McGillis added, "Johnson has a reputation for getting things done, and he has a lot of experience and background in education. We have to remember that the $1 billion that is to be cut from education is the doing of the government, not Snobelen, and Johnson has to fight his party's side. But he's qualified and bright, and if a deal can be made, it can be made with Johnson."

McGillis predicted that this week would be a quiet one, with Johnson not making a move until next Monday at the earliest.

A candlelight vigil was to be held last night (Tuesday), with the expectation of over 800 people, McGillis said. An education forum will be held for parents next Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 pm at the Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School. Education experts will be on hand to share information with parents and keep them up to date.

Timelines for a possible province-wide teachers' strike remain in wait of committee hearings on Bill 160 while the House of Commons is in recess.

The teachers' federations are upset over proposed legislation in Bill 160. Some of the issues they are opposing include legalizing the use of unqualified teachers or specialists; the elimination of preparation time for teachers; the removal of $1 billion out of the education budget; and the elimination of class size control .

Library

not properly determine our library and information needs prior to making a decision on how to handle the Greely library issue."

Although she supports fiscal responsibility, Kennedy emphasized public opinion is crucial and reacquainted council with the public outcry that resulted two years ago when the former board discussed several scenarios to save money including closing a library branch in the township.

"Misinformation focused on this one scenario (closure). The end result, no closures and a decrease in service by cutting back on the hours of operation," said Kennedy.

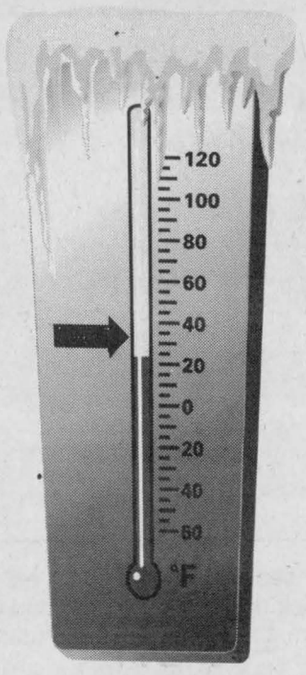
To ensure impartiality, Kennedy said the assessment would be completed by the Southern Ontario Library Service.

Council referred to Kennedy's request to the Oct. 21 Finance Committee meeting.



Harvest Days

Crafts people were busy displaying their skills and crafts last weekend at Upper Canada Village during Harvest Days. Above, a man demonstrates early woodworking tools. Press photo -- Dillich



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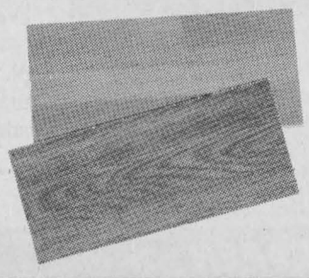
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Police blotter

Break and enter

MOUNTAIN — Police responded to a report of a break and enter which had taken place on Kerr's Ridge Road in Mountain Township on Oct. 7. The incident took place during the day and forced entry had been made into a private residence through a door. There was approximately $1,000 in damage. No items were reported stolen. Police are still investigating.

Mischief

MOUNTAIN — Police are still investigating vandalism done to a vehicle in Mountain Township on Oct. 10. Overnight a van parked at a private residence on Hyndman Road was damaged by scratches along the side and had been written on with markers.

Thefts

MORRISBURG — A construction yard in the Village of Morrisburg was the scene of a theft on Oct. 6. Over the weekend of Oct. 4 and 5, the window of a tractor parked in the yard had been smashed, resulting in approximately $200 damage, and a fire extinguisher was removed from the unit. The case is still under investigation.

Stolen lawnmower

MATILDA TWP. — Police received a report on Oct. 9 of the theft of a riding lawnmower from a Matilda Twp. residence. During the day a Co-op model riding lawn mower, red in colour, valued at approximately $1,900 was taken from a private residence on Bell Road.

Outboard motors

MORRISBURG — Two thefts of outboard motors and one attempted theft occurred last Thursday in the area along Lakeshore Drive, west of Morrisburg. Stolen from boats docked along a creek in the area were a 25XD HP Mercury outboard motor, black in color. An attempt was made to take a 40 HP Mariner outboard from the same area, but was unsuccessful. Police are investigating.

Home invasion

CORNWALL TWP. — Police are looking for suspects after responding to a report of a home invasion robbery in Cornwall Township. The incident occurred Oct. 10 at approximately 3 am. Three persons attended the St. Andrews residence and made a forced entry through a door into the house. Two masked people armed with a crow bar-type object entered the residence confronting both occupants. A small quantity of cash was taken and one occupant received minor injuries as a result of being struck with the bar during the robbery.

Two suspects in this incident are described as having a large build and being of medium height. Both were wearing "Jason" type hockey masks. No description was given for the third suspect. Anyone with information relating to this incident is asked to contact Crimestoppers at 1-900-265-TIPS.

Project needs donations

CHESTERVILLE — A shoe box filled with toys and toothbrushes can make a world of difference to people living in poverty.

The Rotary Club of Chesterville in conjunction with Interact Clubs (Rotary Youth Groups) are collecting items which be packed by the Interact Clubs and shipped to Ghana, West Africa by the end of the year.

These boxes are filled with items necessary for children, men and women living in poverty or disaster-stricken areas.

The city of Kumasi in Ghana, West Africa is this year's focus for the Rotary Club. The Rotary currently completed the construction of a hospital in Kumasi and is trying to encourage families in the area to bring their children in for immunization programs.

Along with immunizations, the people of Ghana will also receive a shoe box full of items for the family.

The Shoe Box plan began in 1994 in Great Britain as a method in which to help people of disaster or poverty throughout the world.

To date the area of focus has been Eastern Europe, however, other areas in serious need are also being targeted according to the suitability and availability of transportation.

The items being collected to fill a shoe box include the following:

Toys: matchbox-type cars, stuffed animals, small bouncy balls, dolls, coloring books, crayons, felt tip pens, pencils, Lego, and threading games.

Food: pasta, rice, instant coffee, tea, biscuits, ketchup, salt, canned goods (fish, meat, vegetables), soup, sweets (no chocolate). Please ensure food is within expiry date.

Household: notepaper, letter paper and envelopes, detergent, hand lotion, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and combs.

The following locations will be accepting donations until Nov. 3:

CountryBoy/CountryGirl, Winchester; Nestle Security Building; Chesterville (open 24 hours).

For more information contact Jim Cummings at 448-2730.

Women's network

NORTH GOWER — The Autumn Rural Women's Business Network (RWBN) dinner was held on Sept. 30 at Manderley-on-the-Green Golf and Country Club in North Gower.

A lively evening was enjoyed by about 60 attending the meeting as well as the donors of several door prizes who introduced attendees to their businesses.

Theresa Bergeron, of Thermohair Inc. in South Mountain (The Mohair Sock Lady) was guest speaker for the evening.

The next Rural Women's Business Network dinner — the Christmas edition — will be held on Nov. 25 at the Goose and Gridiron Restaurant in Merrickville.

Announcements will be made in local newspapers, however anyone interested in attending can call Marg Newsome at 613-821-1663 or Lynn Mann at 613-258-3112 for further information or to book a reservation.

Wedding Announcement



Giles – Coleman

Matthew Giles and Joanne Coleman were united in marriage on September 20, 1997 at Trinity United Church, Chesterville. Joanne is the daughter of Freida Coleman and the late Robert Coleman and Matthew is the son of William Giles and the late Beverley Sloan.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of the beautiful gifts, and in lieu of sending individual Thank You cards, donations will be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

UCW plans anniversary

by Norma Wylie

WINCHESTER — Orma Earl welcomed the ladies to the October meeting of the UCW on Thanksgiving Monday at 7:30 in the library room by reading a poem entitled "A Good Thanksgiving".

Sybil Curtis read a poem entitled "Thanksgiving" and, with Orma Earl, conducted the worship service using the theme "Home". Luke 10:38-42 was read showing Jesus visiting the home of Martha and Mary.

Doris Ennis reported on the rally at Williamsburg. The unit reports were heard and plans for the anniversary dinner on Mon., Oct. 20 were finalized.

Here are some dates to remember: Sun., Oct. 19, anniversary service at 11 am; Mon., Oct. 20, anniversary dinner; Tues., Nov. 11 at 10 am, Presbyterial meeting at Chesterville United Church. The speaker will be Sylvia Whittaker, who will talk about her travels to a disadvantaged country.

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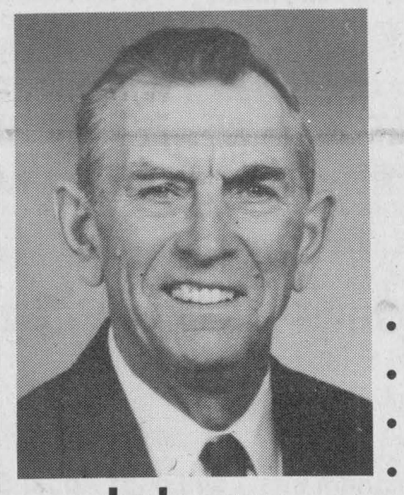

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Visit area artists, artisans *On Common Ground*

Victorian crafts

by Lori Culliton
Press staff

WINCHESTER — The Christmas tree is already trimmed in the Wall residence in Winchester, and festive decorations adorn the walls and shelves in the century-old Victorian home on Caleb Street.

Gillian Wall has been working to ready her home for Christmas and for the On Common Ground Tour of artists' and artisans' studios this coming weekend (Oct. 18 and 19, 10 am to 5 pm). The tour was created to allow the public to visit the artisans' and artists' studios and view their works.

The tour offers a wide range of artistic styles and techniques, and takes you through Winchester, Chesterville, Finch, Dalmeny and Morewood.

Inside Wall's home, which she also operates as a bed and breakfast called "Sarah's House" are hand-made angels, wreaths, and centre-pieces.

Although it is only mid-October, the tree looks just right in the home, decorated with hand-made angels, roses, wrapped presents, snowflakes, teddy bears, fans and butterflies, with an angel topping the tree, all in shades of pink and burgundy.

Wall has been designing Victorian Christmas decorations, especially angels, for about five years. She has always done artwork of various forms, but when she moved into her Victorian home, her attention was drawn to things that would fit in with the design and decor of the house — Victorian angels.

The angels have porcelain heads, and are designed with whatever fabrics Wall has available at the moment. "It's like sculpting," she said. "Each one is different. It depends on what I have on hand when I'm making them."

Most of Wall's Christmas decorations are made in the winter and spring, about a dozen at a time, up to 200 in a year. "As soon as gardening season starts, I put the angels away," Wall says.

Aside from the lovely Christmas ornaments, the house is a popular part of the artists' tour each year. The house influenced Wall's Victorian theme and, she says, if it was a modern home, she'd be doing modern art.

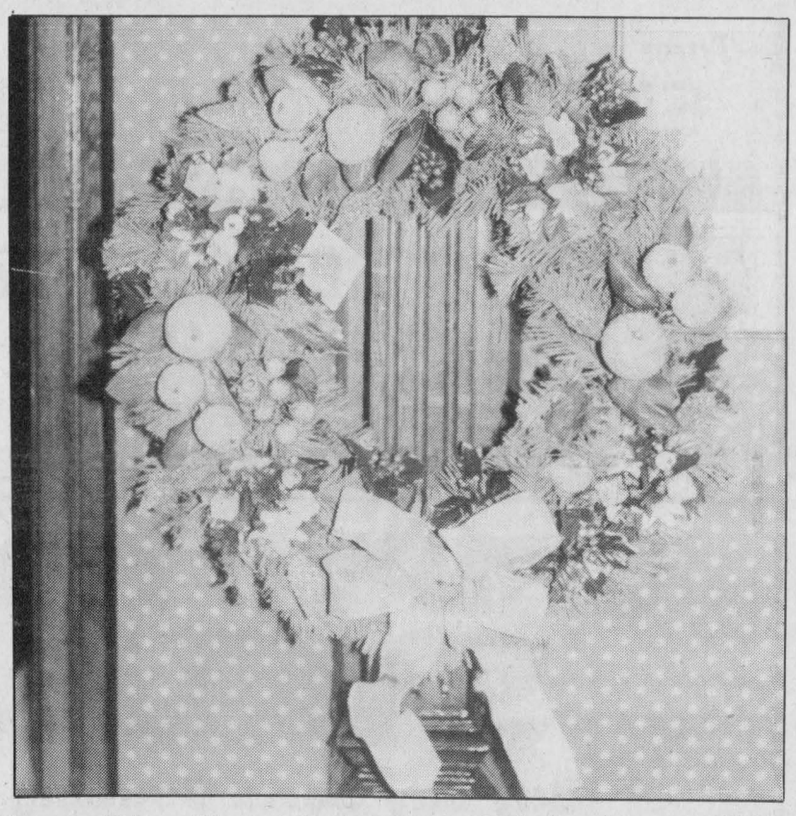
Christmas is an extended holiday at the Wall home, with the tree and decorations going up mid-October, and staying in place until April.

Artist Jean Cabana-Marshall will be displaying her artwork at Wall's home during the tour. Cabana-Marshall works in the art of silhouette. Using fine materials, including acid-free paper and antique picture frames, she creates finely-detailed artwork with the atmosphere of times gone by.

The tour lasts from 10 am until 5 pm both Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19.



This Victorian angel is just one of the handmade Christmas decorations that can be viewed and/or purchased at the Victorian century home of Gillian Wall in Winchester this weekend (Oct. 18 and 19). The Wall home is one of the stops on the On Common Ground tour of area artists and artisans. Wall designs the angels, as well as other Victorian Christmas items, including wreaths, table centrepieces, and Christmas tree decorations.



It may still be a little early to decorate for Christmas, but not at Gillian Wall's home in Winchester. Her crafts are a part of the On Common Ground tour of area artists and artisans that is happening this weekend (Oct. 18 and 19). Above, a Christmas wreath trimmed with hand-made decorations.

Pancyr creates wooden treasures

WINCHESTER — What started as Lucille Pancyr's inability to find the right kitchenware has turned into a crafters dream.

For the past 25 years Pancyr has been creating one-of-a-kind treens, or small woodenware featuring, hand-carved and hand-painted designs.

"I just needed things for myself, especially the kitchenware, so I decided to make them myself," said Pancyr who moved to Winchester last year.

Pancyr says she uses butternut wood exclusively because of its hardness as well as its ability to absorb the paint.

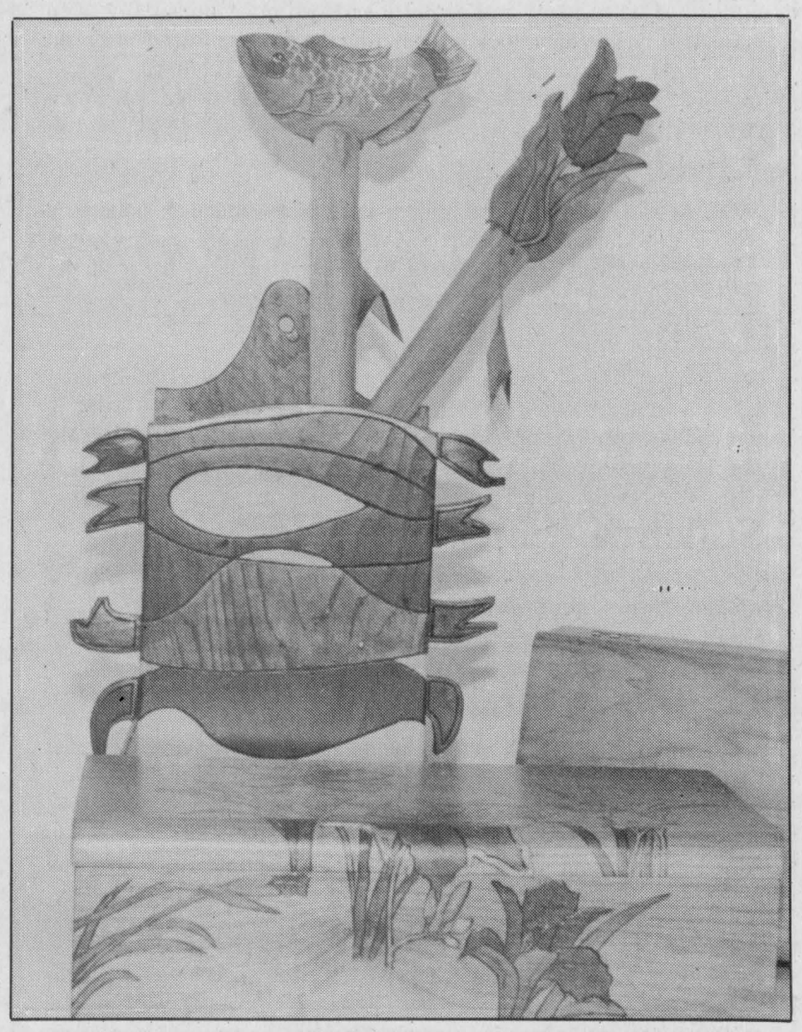
Following the creation of the jewelry or recipe box, Pancyr draws the design on a piece of paper before stencilling it onto the wood.

"I do the sketches on paper instead of doing them directly onto the wood because it has a memory," she said.

Pancyr then burns the outline of the pattern onto the wood to control the bleeding of the colors.

"I don't keep a huge volume of work (on hand) especially jewelry boxes because its very personal and they want certain colors etc.," added Pancyr. "People tend to ask me to do the standard things so the most unusual are the ones I do for myself like utensils, boxes, recipe boxes."

Pancyr is one of 10 artisans participating in the On Common Ground tour this weekend.



Pancyr's wooden treasure box, a sample of what can be seen during the *On Common Ground* tour this weekend.

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For the convenience of electors, advance voting days have been established. Electors may vote on advance voting days at their designated voting places. Please refer to the local municipal information for details on the advance voting dates, locations and times in your municipality, or check your Voter Notice when you receive it.

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WHEN CAN A VOTING PROXY BE APPOINTED?
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Homemakers honored this week

WINCHESTER — Unless you receive some sort of home support, you may not even realize that homemakers are in your community. But they are, and they provide a service to those who require regular help with housework and everyday tasks.

This week (Oct. 13-19), home support workers are being appreciated for their efforts. They are homemakers who work in the community, and are being recognized for what they do to assist people in maintaining their independence. A banquet will be held for all Red Cross homemakers in SD&G and Prescott-Russell on Oct. 17 in Cornwall.

People who require the assistance of a homemaker are from all walks of life who fulfil the criteria set out by the Canadian Red Cross Society Cornwall Branch.

Susan Lynch of Chesterville, who took a homemaker course at a community college, has been a homemaker for several years. She helps clients with personal care, light housekeeping, errands, respite, and simple companionship.

"It's really nice to be able to meet people, and the personal rewards of the job are great," Lynch says. "It's very enjoyable. I like helping people, and sharing time with them."

One of Lynch's clients is Muriel Cumming, formerly of South Mountain, who is a resident at the Beachcroft Seniors Apartment in Winchester. "Susan is wonderful, I couldn't get along without her," Cumming says. "She helps me with my usual housework, and baking and cooking for the weekend."

Lynch has visited with Cumming twice a week for the past three-and-a-half years.

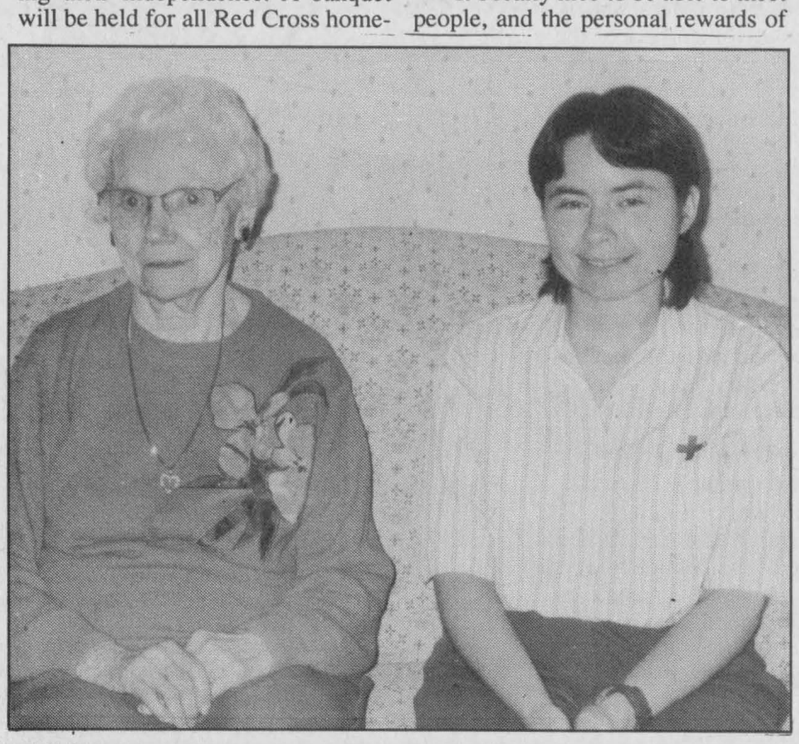
The Red Cross Home Support Service has been in the area since 1979, and when the program first came to the area, it started off small. But by 1993 it had grown considerably, as the need was obvious, and more homemakers were put in place.

"There is a genuine need for support in the home in many cases," says Barbara Plumb, supervisor of homemakers for Dundas County. "Now, homemakers are needed even more, because people are leaving the hospital earlier."

There are now 50 homeworkers in Dundas County, and about 300 clients. The program is funded through the Ministry of Health. Those wishing home care must meet a criteria qualification through the Community Care Access Centre, but if they don't qualify and still want the help, Plumb says, the service can be bought privately.

Cumming says she needed a homemaker after she broke a bone in her hip and had an operation on her eyes. Her eyesight is poor, and she values the help she has from Lynch, who has been with her since she began the program.

"It's also a friendship," Cumming says fondly. "I look forward to her visits."



Homemakers are being recognized this week (Oct. 13 to 19) for the work that they do in the community. Homemakers assist seniors and others who require help in maintaining their independence by helping them around their homes with housework and personal care. Above, homemaker Susan Lynch (right) sits with her client Muriel Cumming of the Beachcroft Seniors Apartments. Press photo — Culliton

Winchester to give Hwy. 43 back

WINCHESTER — The Village of Winchester wants Hwy. 43 given back to the province.

At the Oct. 6 council meeting, the members voted in favor of a resolution submitted by the Village of Merrickville requesting the province retain ownership of Hwy. 43.

"We (the Village of Merrickville) feel that the traffic on this highway is of provincial significance. It serves not only its immediate vicinities but also a wide range of municipalities and townships throughout eastern Ontario," said Merrickville Mayor Betty Weedmark, in a letter addressed to the Village of Winchester.

"It provides, in many areas, the only major east/west source of transportation. We feel that it is an essential lifeline to not only the general population but to the businesses and industries of eastern Ontario," noted Weedmark.

The portion of Hwy. 43 being downloaded to the Three United Counties consist of 80.2 km, 62.9 km of which runs from Alexandria to the south junction of Hwy. 31 while the remaining 17.3 km stretches from the north junction of Hwy. 31 to the SD&G, Leeds Grenville boundary.

On April 1 of this year, the province handed over 72.1 km of Hwy. 2 to SD&G with a one-time payment of $5 million.

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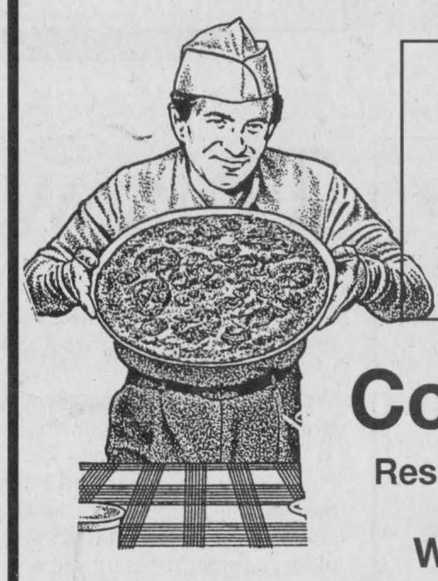

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EDITORIAL

Task masters

There is a time in everyone's life when they are given the opportunity to become a part of something big. Something of historical proportions.

That is the case with this year's municipal election. As of January 1, 1998 the four municipalities of North Dundas — the villages of Winchester and Chesterville, along with the townships of Winchester and Mountain — will become the Township of North Dundas. One would think that the people who have a vested interest in how the township is run would be all too eager to join in this history-making process.

However, this year's municipal election appeared to be a snoozer as current council members and political wannabees held their cards close to their vests until just prior to Friday's deadline.

The creation of a new municipality is the perfect opportunity for a complementary mix of fresh and seasoned politically-minded people to come together for the betterment of North Dundas. It is also the chance for people who have been unhappy with previous governmental decisions to have a say and run things in a manner they see most appropriate.

Although there is a transition committee in place trying to give the new council some direction, the direction North Dundas will take and the way it will operate will be up to the 10 people who are gutsy enough to meet the monumental challenge of restructuring.

Because amalgamation is such an enormous undertaking, it is conceivable that all municipalities throughout Ontario would also be suffering from the same disease — apathy — which has plagued North Dundas. However, that is not entirely the case. The townships of Osgoode and South Dundas are political hotbeds. Flashy election signs and catchy slogans are posted throughout the villages in these two new jurisdictions making the impending election obvious for some time now.

Just exactly what is wrong with the people of North Dundas? Are they all just so baffled by restructuring and downloading that they saw no way in dealing with it? Any great leader will say the key to success is taking care of one issue at a time.

For those people who waited until the deadline was fast approaching before they took the plunge and opted to run for municipal office, they should understand the people of North Dundas are not looking to elect miracle-workers, but rather people who will represent the voters' views and who also have a vested interest in maintaining the uniqueness of our corner of eastern Ontario.

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This week in...

1947

The Dundas Plowmen's Association held its first Plowing Match since 1939 on the farm of George E. Hill, two miles east of Williamsburg. The weather was ideal, and over 1,000 farmers attended. Competition in the several classes was keen as veteran plowmen were challenged by the skill of the younger competitors, some under 18 years of age. William Crowder, 72, was the oldest competitor and used a sulky plow.

Demonstrations in methods of teaching music, arts and crafts, social studies, primary English, and arithmetic highlighted the program of the Dundas Teachers' Institute. Teachers, trustees, and others interested in the education of Ontario's young people were present from all parts of the county. Inability to read and interpret the printed word was the major cause of failure in school said Ray Dillabough of Chesterville Public School. Students with some ability to learn, coupled with good reading habits, would definitely be more successful in life than the student who had not developed good reading habits, Dillabough said.

1957

The Winchester Community Centre completed its first year of operation with a net balance of $180.68 in the bank. The community centre was officially organized in 1956 when the old Winchester Rink Company was dissolved and the rink building and property became town possessions. To administer the affairs of the centre a seven-man board was set up.

One of Winchester and district's most popular insurance agents, Howard Biccum, gained singular honors when he was notified by the Canada Health and Accident Corporation that he had placed second in all of Canada in total number of sales during the month of August.

Among the many people who were presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip during their visit to Ottawa were Mr. and Mrs. William Agnew, formerly of Winchester. Agnew was attached to the Citizenship and Immigration Department of the Canadian government.

1967

Winchester needs a new community centre. The Community Centre Board meeting reached the inevitable conclusion that most Winchester people knew would come sooner or later. The present arena has served its purpose, and the board felt that plans for a new one must be made immediately.

North Dundas District High School elected Sue Boyd of Winchester as Head Girl, and Michael McMahon of Chesterville, Head Boy.

Ontario Premier John P. Robarts made a whirlwind tour of the north side of Grenville-Dundas on behalf of PC incumbent Fred M. Cass. He visited local businesses in Winchester and Kemptville and then moved on to Smiths Falls.

1977

Two Grade 13 students were chosen Head Boy and Head Girl at North Dundas District High School. They were Kathy Workman, 18, of Winchester, and Danny Clement, 18, of Chesterville.

Supporters of a multi-million dollar dredging scheme for the South Nation River were warned they may have a major selling job on their hands in obtaining funding for the project from the two top levels of government. Both federal and provincial MPs cautioned members of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture at their annual dinner meeting that strong backing for the project would be needed to persuade the governments to fund the scheme.

The Cornwall Academy of Medicine took a hard-line stand against the formation of a district health council in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and Prescott-Russell. In a position paper presented to the Ministry of Health, the academy said a district health council was "not necessary, helpful or warranted under the circumstances".

The Winchester Royals had to settle for second best this season in the Interprovincial Junior Fastball League. The Royals took on the Pakenham Aces in the third and final game of the best-of-five championship. The hard-hitting Aces took it to the Royals right in their own park, forcing Winchester to play catch-up ball. Winchester only managed the lead for one inning, with a one-run effort by Len McLean in the opening stanza.

Installation of a new fire siren and the purchase of mobile radio equipment helped the Winchester Fire Department maintain a high standard of protection in the village and the townships of Winchester and Mountain. After complaints that the old alarm was inaudible in parts of town, municipal authorities approved the purchase of the new siren which, when completely installed, will be heard within a seven mile radius of the village.

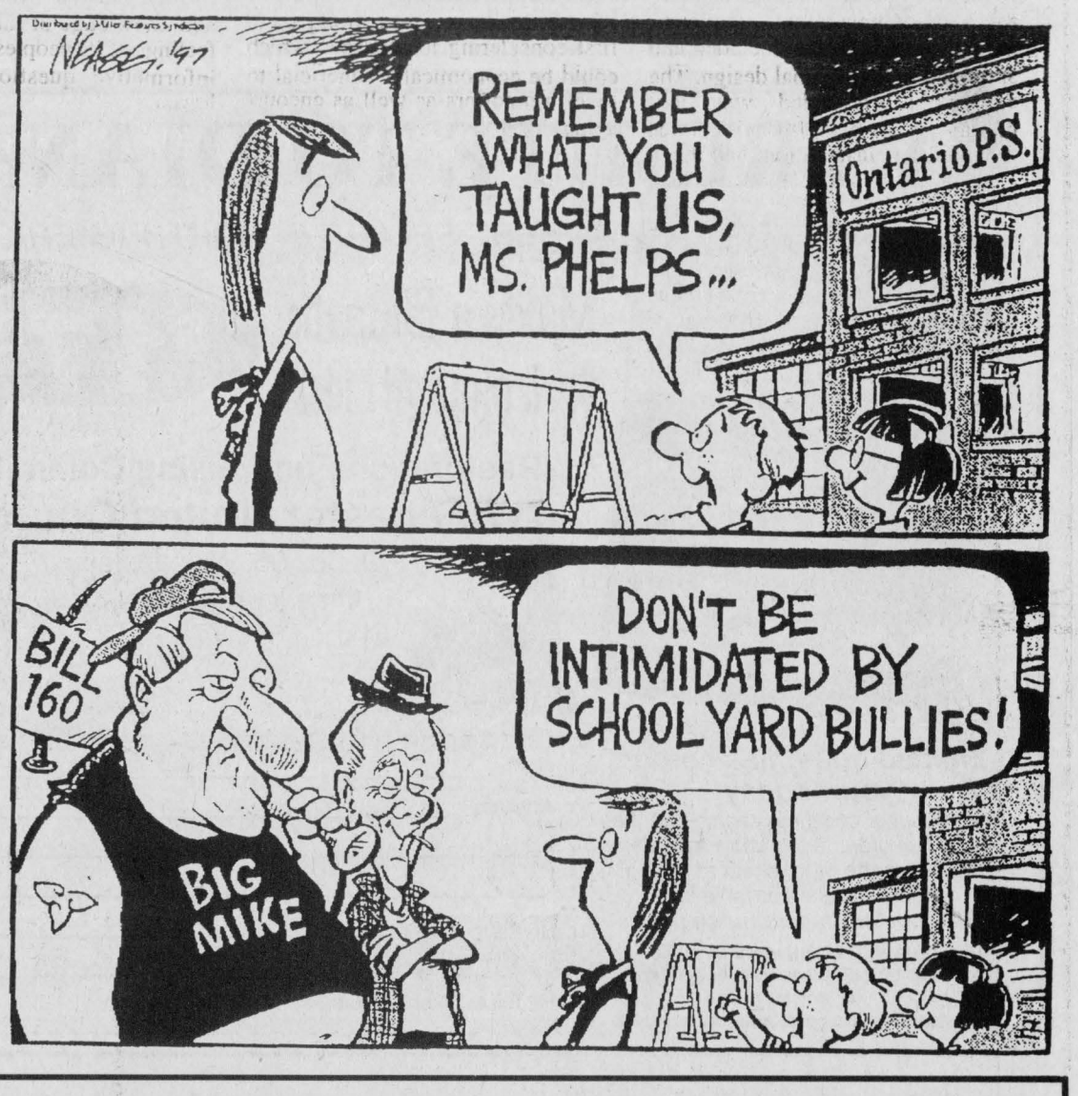
1987

Village merchants hoped to offer "Eastern Ontario's largest decorated Christmas tree" as the centrepiece of their special Christmas season activities. Gary Annable, of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce said the village centennial committee and council planned to rent the vacant lot at the corner of Main and St. Lawrence Streets for the Christmas tree.

Naomi's Family Resource Centre has reached its 1,000th resident-day and administrator Judith Running said the success of the crisis centre could be attributed to the enthusiasm and generosity of the community. The centre, designed to support victims of abuse and their families, opened Feb. 2, 1987, and had been busy ever since. Resident days are calculated by multiplying the number of residents with the length of their stays.

An architectural landscape firm was contracted by Osgoode Township to design a 50-acre park in Greely. The number one priority for the park was a community centre. At present the park was made up of 30 acres which included two softball diamonds and a soccer field.





Memorials to our heritage sadly disappearing

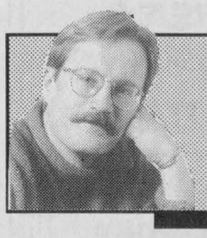
A while ago, a church not far from where I live was torn down. From the outside, the building was nothing all that unusual — a two-and-a-half story red brick construction with a weathered cupola and small, Gothic windows. But inside, this old rural church held some marvelously carved decorative woodwork and the stained glass in the windows flooded the plaster walls and dusty pews with wonderful colors of a muted softness not to be found in the stream-lined, affluent churches springing up in the suburbs.

According to its corner-stone, the church was built in 1840. It sat among a handful of towering pines and maples, seemingly as permanent and solid as the values and traditions of the people who had constructed it. The people who worshipped in it were christened and married in it, and eventually buried in the cemetery out back. The stone slabs leading up to the weathered front doors were worn hollow by the passing feet of generations of church-goers.

Before the church was finally sold and torn down to make way for a strip mall, the altar and the abandoned pews sat in the semi-darkness, awaiting a congregation that would never come because the surrounding farms have been sold to developers, and shopping plazas are springing up on what was once fertile farmland.

The basement which had served as reception hall, community centre and emergency shelter was piled high with old folding chairs and rickety card tables. The small kitchen — once a bustle of activity as volunteers prepared food for harvest festivals and wedding receptions was empty and dirty — the appliances removed, the pots and pans packed away.

I wonder how the people in the cemetery would feel if they could see what has happened to their church. There are people buried there who were born in the late 1700s! People who came to this country under the most adverse conditions and who, for better or worse, brought their families, their beliefs and their values with them. Will this be their only memorial — a strip mall? The years of working the land, of children being born and grandparents dying; of barn-raising and fires; of good harvests and droughts; of happiness and disasters, all cleared away like so much old junk to make way for a 'donut' joint and a variety store.



Home Free
by Otte Rosenkrantz

The cost of their dreams and the hardship they endured is carved in the white and grey of the headstones; the letters worn almost smooth by the passing decades: "Martha Guest, dead at the age of 18." "Darling Eva, dead, age five." "Emma Rogers, age 25." "Edith Winnefred, dead, age 3." and, way in the back, over by the lightning-shattered white pine and barely visible in the tall grass: "Maggie May. Dead 1908, age 11 days."

A real estate friend tells me that the property probably sold for about a quarter of a million dollars, I think the place is worth more than that, and I don't think we can afford to pay the price. When this graveyard has been rolled up into yet another fieldstone cenotaph which the city can move whenever another mall needs to be built or another road needs widening, we will have lost more than just an old building and a few trees, we will have lost another piece of our dwindling heritage, and we will have robbed our children of a part of their culture.

The irony is that in spite of the money some people will make from the 'development' of this old church, we will also be the poorer for its loss.

These memorials to our heritage, whether they are old Methodist churches in Ontario being razed in favor of strip-malls, or sacred Indian burial grounds being bulldozed to make way for golf courses, are cultural keepsakes to be treasured, not destroyed — why is that so hard to understand?

If we teach our children that this is how to treat ancestors and their accomplishments, how will they remember us when we are gone?

(Otte Rosenkrantz of London, Ontario, is a columnist journalist, author, corporate communications consultant, bonsai grower, vegetable gardener, stay-at-home father to his young son and daughter and a sympathetic observer of the human condition:)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remember the disabled in election

The Editor:
When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for concerned persons to question the decisions of our municipal government, it is then time to organize and effect a change in present representation.

With the upcoming issue of amalgamation, we should scrutinize the character, background, qualifications and professional skills of any Township of Osgoode resident seeking a seat on the Township of Osgoode Municipal Council. This is suggested as an added resource advantage to our next elected Township of Osgoode mayor who, for the next three years, will be heavily involved in meetings dealing with decisions regarding amalgamation and plans of restructuring.

As taxpayers and citizens we are equally responsible to ensure that our mayor has a loyal, dedicated complement of councillors equally qualified to provide administrative, professional and legal support at all meetings held prior to and leading up to amalgamation.

The Township of Osgoode has the potential to increase development in commercial, light industry, housing and buildings particularly designed for the operation of several small businesses. Use of present township real estate holdings should be seriously considered. Revenue from these would help erase the burden on present ratepayers who pay their full property tax assessments while subsidizing those who pay only the yearly interest on their tax arrears. The latter is a long-standing unfair and uneconomical situation that needs to be addressed immediately.

Strict adherence to the Ontario Building Code guidelines and updates when issuing building permits for new construction, renovations and inspections is extremely important to the elderly and persons with physical difficulties residing in the township.

May I quote a personal experience? Requiring physiotherapy, I telephoned a clinic located in a new building in the Village of Osgoode only to discover that the clinic located in the basement had no elevator for wheelchair-bound patients, although one had been included and approved in the original design. The explanation provided was that because of lack of financial funds the elevator installation had been abandoned, which deprived persons with physical difficulties of a much-needed service.

Closer to home, I am a member of the Kenmore Branch of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in Hamilton in June 1997. The working group of the KWI met with former Mayor Albert Bouwers on details of design, construction, renovation, and the planned addition to the present Kenmore Community Hall which, when completed, was officially opened by Mayor Bouwers on Dec. 5, 1991.

Can you imagine my dismay when I had occasion to use the bathroom facilities and discovered that the only bar for assistance was placed in a horizontal position above the toilet tank, which in no way accommodates the needs of either gender?

Granted, the situation was rectified, but this extra work and expense could easily have been avoided had the contractor taken advantage of my willingness to share my experience and knowledge of the needs of persons who have difficulties and use the Kenmore Community Hall.

It is respectfully recommended that persons with disabilities be included on committees dealing with any of the aforementioned concerns when the newly elected council reconvenes this fall.

Recently a public notice was published for the Corporation of the Township of Rideau recruiting a chief building official, a contract position for one year at a salary of $18 per hour, as follows:

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Many facets of amalgamation affecting Township of Osgoode ratepayers need to be addressed, considered and discussed in the few weeks remaining prior to the municipal election. For example, with regard to the present administration of planning and development, will future amalgamation necessitate a review of the present structure in place, or will change be required to promote more effective methods of increasing township economy?

Our financial situation requires a long hard look during negotiation for any municipal contract renewal for road work, bridge repair and/or construction. Present and future contracts awarded engineering firms and building firms should be reviewed with strict attention paid to first considering local firms, which could be economically beneficial to township coffers as well as encouraging local industry. There should be a wage hold on bonuses, salary increases and purchases of sport utility vehicles while amalgamation decision and structuring is being pursued. Noted the amalgamation of North Gower and Marlborough Townships forming Rideau Township, completed in the 1970s.

Township of Osgoode residents are charged with a personal responsibility to indicate their choices of officials to lead the township toward a smooth, successful and beneficial amalgamation. The right of franchise is precious. Let us all exercise this privilege in greater numbers than ever before on Nov. 10.

Lynda-Anne Clark

Teachers not 'bad guys', says reader

The Editor:
Teaching is a profession in which one dedicates the majority of his or her life to helping others. It is unfortunate that many people and students feel that teachers are the 'bad guys' in their protest of Bill 160 and that it is students who are going to suffer from the 'selfishness' of the teachers.

In actuality, they are fighting for the quality of education for students today, and in many, many years to come. If one takes a moment to reflect upon the consequences of Bill 160, one will immediately realize that if the teachers back down now, it will be the students who are going to suffer more than anyone.

For example, consider the possible effects of reducing a teacher's preparation time. While the government says they wish to improve the quality of education in Ontario, they are willing to cut up to 10,000 teaching jobs. No matter how one does the math, this will result in significantly increased class sizes for all students. It is obvious that more students in a classroom will result in a lower quality of education.

To further lower the quality of education, reduced preparation time will result in less time that teachers are available to see their students and help them on an individual basis. If a student has problems understanding certain material, the teacher will only be available half the amount of the time previously. Also, the time that is cut from a teacher's preparation time will increase the number of students a teacher has. What this boils down to is that a teacher will have about 33 per cent more students and 50 per cent less time to help them on an individual basis. How can this improve the quality of a student's education? It can't.

Students should realize that not only will their academics suffer, so will their extra-curricular life. A teacher does many things during preparation time including covering other teacher's classes when they are away on sporting events, band events, and field trips. By reducing preparation time and increasing their work load, many teachers will be unavailable to cover for others and many more will simply not be able to plan or attend these extra-curricular activities at all.

Imagine a 10-month school year with no sporting events, no band events, no field trips and no guest speakers. Extra-curricular activities are an integral part to developing a well-rounded student — and in time when more than one's academic marks are considered for acceptance to post-secondary schooling, are invaluable to any student.

In April 1977, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation went on strike for five weeks and won what they were fighting for. They were not fighting about wages — they were fighting mainly for reduced class sizes) from many over 40 students to an average of 30). I was one-year-old at the time, but 20 years later I feel that I have benefitted well from what they fought for.

Although this letter has only addressed one of many concerns that the Ontario Teachers' Federation has, it is clear that Bill 160 will have many detrimental effects upon the quality of education to come. Students, as much as anyone, should take time to consider all of the consequences of Bill 160 and they will realize that teachers are fighting for students today and students 20 years from now.

Brendan Shane
North Dundas District High School graduate

A teacher defends his qualifications

The Editor:
I know that you have received a fair volume of response to your recent editorial on the subject of a potential teacher's strike, but I feel it necessary to respond myself since the piece in question has only recently come to my attention and because I feel there are problems with it which have not been addressed.

The editorial stated when it comes to bargaining, teachers have nothing to demand other than more money. By now I am sure that everyone is aware that teachers' pay scales have not increased in many years and in fact, the most recent contracts negotiated in this community have included no increase in the pay scale.

Speaking for myself I have seen a loss of over $100,000 over the life of my career due to the Rae government's Social Contract and have not seen a change in my negotiated pay scale in about six years.

One of the areas in which teachers do negotiate successfully is that of class size. Teachers seek to reduce class size because as teachers we know that increasing pupil/teacher contact is an excellent way in which to improve education.

The current Minister of Education would like to increase class size, in spite of the impression he is attempting to create in the media. You cannot have fewer teachers and smaller classes at the same time, it is basic math.

The editorial stated few teachers have a work day of more than 8 am to 4 pm. Let me assure you that I do not know any teachers who work from 8 am to 4 pm. I myself have worked at home until midnight or 1 am most weeknights this year in order to implement the new curriculum and the new report card. Please don't get the impression that I am complaining about this fact. I work those extra hours because I choose to. It is both a personal and professional choice which I have made in spite of the fact that I do not get paid for this time.

I can state through first-hand knowledge that every teacher in the school at which I am employed not only believes in extra-curricular activities but gives up hours of time per week in order to conduct them. Again, this is unpaid, volunteered time. We do so happily because we know that it makes for effective education for our students. It is traditionally, though not contractually, part of our job.

The editorial stated that teachers are concerned about the government's tampering with the definition of professional teachers. Do you think that doctors and lawyers might raise objections if the government sought to re-define their professional requirements?

The editorial implies that the teacher's only knowledge of the business world or any other field is gained through textbooks.

I myself have spent many years in the business world and in other professions before coming to teaching later in life and continue to operate a home-based business. I bring these experiences of the 'real world' to my classroom along with years of highly specialized training as an educator, something which would be lacking in the 'specialists' the minister would like to see in a child's classroom.

Would the minister's 'specialists' also be trained in conflict resolution, peer assessment, co-operative learning strategies, individual education plans, monitoring and planning for students with special needs, acting in the role of social worker and providing intervention when necessary as well as the 100 other roles in each teacher's day, from tying shoes to providing a pat on the back?

In the writer's opinion, the only real issue teachers should be concerned about is the slashing of more than $1 billion from education this year, next year and for every year to come. Nobody is more concerned about this figure than teachers because it is the teachers who know what this will mean to classrooms which are already having trouble buying basic supplies.

If teachers in this province do strike it will be a strike based upon the issues. It is not possible to remove this amount of money and not have it affect the classroom. The classroom was already affected by the minister in the last round of cuts.

This government is attempting to cut the amount of money available to provide services to the students in my classroom. They are doing this not in an attempt to improve education but in attempt to make good on impractical campaign promises.

I would encourage your readership to seek the opinion of an expert in this area. Ask a teacher. He/she will have the best interests of your child at heart. That is what we do. That is why we teach.

Michael Blouin
St. Bernard's School

Historian chats in Morrisburg

The Editor:
It is a shame that many people in the community are missing out on the excellent speakers of the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club.

The last speaker, Whit Fraser, spoke on the Canadian North giving us all a new perspective on Canada and knowledge of the north and the feelings of its peoples. An active and informative question period followed.

For only $80 (now reduced for the remaining four meetings to $65) a member enjoys a fully locally cooked meal without doing dishes after and a superb speaker together with the enjoyment and discussion with other people from our community.

Our next meeting is on Oct. 21 and will be held at the Allan Hall on Lakeshore Drive at 6:30 for 7 pm. The speaker is Joe Armstrong, an author and historian, speaking on Dissent in Canada.

I hope that many new people will come out and enjoy the dinner and speaker and join the club either as a member or even a guest.

James Douglas Grenkie
Morrisburg

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OBITUARIES

Samuel Keyes

Samuel Keyes, of Iroquois, died on October 3. He was 82.

A retired dairy farmer, Mr. Keyes was born on February 27, 1915 to the late William Keyes and Maude Keyes (nee Henderson).

Mr. Keyes will be missed by his wife Marjorie Keyes (nee Seeley) whom he married on September 2, 1946 as well as his children Dale (Lois) of RR1, South Mountain; Dean (Anne) of RR1, South Mountain; Dr. Brian (Irene) of Barrie; and Barbara (Adri) Verhey of Toyes Hill.

He will also be fondly remembered by his brother John of Uxbridge; his sister Margaret Brown of Kemptville, as well as his grandchildren Shelley Verhey-Barwick, Scott Verhey, and Kurtis, Ryan, Kristen, Kimberly and Jill Keyes.

Mr. Keyes was predeceased by his brother Oliver as well as his sisters Elleda McCleary, Mary Whitlock and Isabella Scott.

Funeral services were held at the Hulbert Valley United Church on October 6.

Rev. Georgia Copland officiated.

Interment was at Sprucehaven Cemetery in Brinston.

The pallbearers were Garry Banford, Brent Fawcett, Ross Giles, Kevin Mellon, Guy de Puyjalon and Jim Graham.

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

Anna Carkner

Anna O. Carkner, of Winchester, died on October 8. She was 91.

A homemaker, Miss Carkner was born on November 3, 1905 to the late Jennie (nee Campbell) Carkner and Nehemiah Carkner.

She will be sadly missed by Barbara, Berry and family of Brockville; Patti Lanin and family of Morrisburg; Sandra Cheney and family of Iroquois; Robert Lannin and family of Prince George, British Columbia; Fran Lapierre and family of Morrisburg; as well as her relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home, Winchester on October 11. Rev. Stephen Neil officiated.

Interment was at Ormond Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Don Barkley, Dwayne Armstrong, David Berry, Chato Cheney, Allen Freeland and Wayne Hutt.

Lillian B. Armstrong

Lillian B. Armstrong, of Vernon, died on October 13. She was 64.

An employee of Cedarview Builders Supply Ltd., Mrs. Armstrong was born on January 3, 1933 to the late George Acres and Lula Hill.

Mrs. Armstrong will be fondly remembered by her children Cheryl (Pat) Lynch of Chesterville; Kevin (Vicky) of Carleton Place; and Heather of Carleton Place.

She will also be sadly missed by her grandchildren Amy, Jessica, Shauna and Hailey as well as her siblings Geraldine (Irv) Collins of Pembroke; Betty Holmes of Winchester; and Doug (Brenda) Acres of Vernon.

Mrs. Armstrong was predeceased by her brothers Lorne and Ross.

Funeral services will be held at the Duncan Funeral Home on October 16 at 2 pm.

Interment will be at the Springhill Cemetery.

Keith Allan Thomas

Keith Allan Thomas, of Winchester, died on October 12. He was 57.

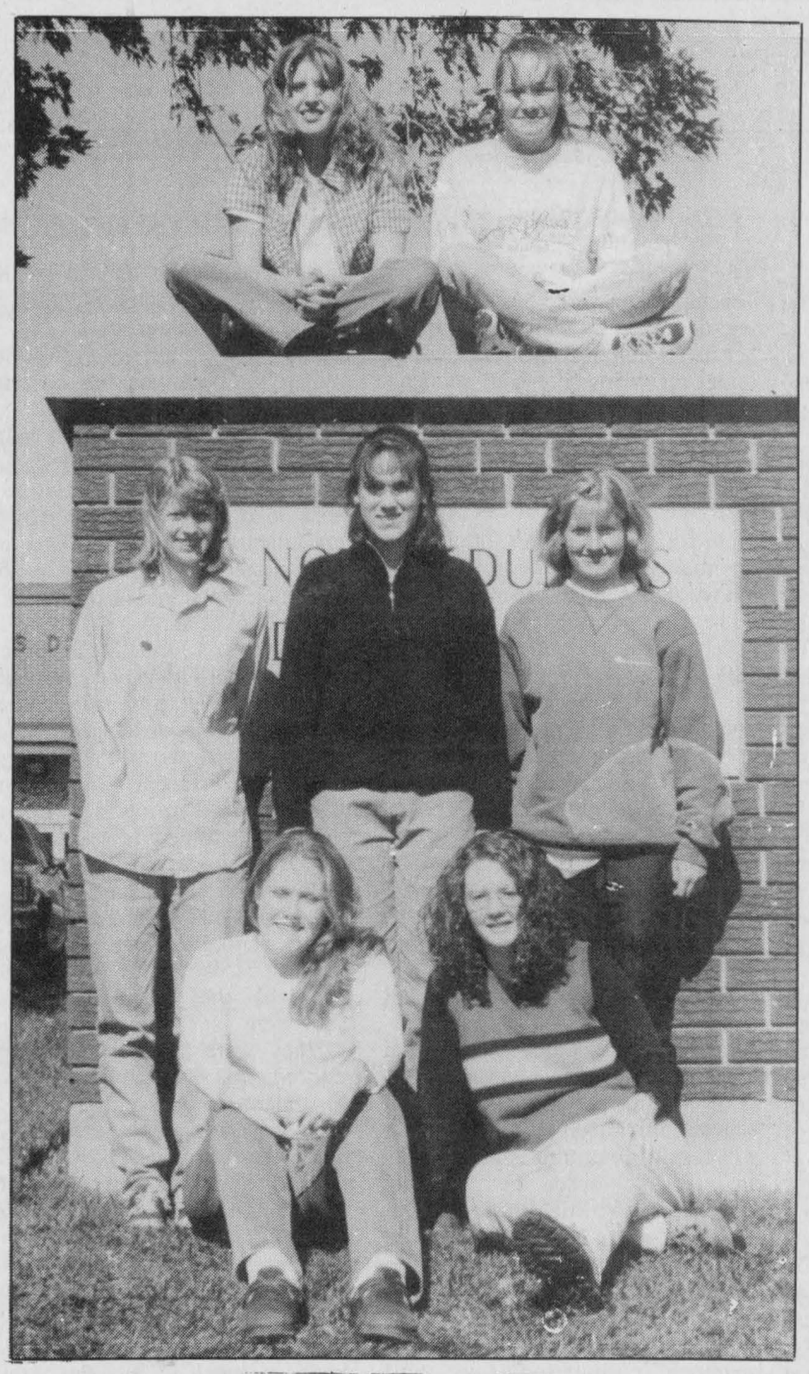
Mr. Thomas was born on February 5, 1940 to Orval Thomas and Della Pearl Simser.

He will be fondly remembered by his wife Beverley Linsay and children Jeffrey (Marilyn) of Hainsville; Debbie (Dave) Thomas-Smith of Winchester; and Chris (Nikki) of Ottawa.

Funeral services were held at Daniels Funeral Home on October 14. Rev. Heather Jones officiated.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Jeffrey Thomas, Daryl Hay, Christopher Thomas, Dwayne Hay, David Smith and Mike Byers.



1997-98 student council

The new student council at North Dundas District High School is ready for a new year of student activities. At top: Kelly Fawcett (Minister of Social Activities), Moira Klein-Swormink (Prime Minister). Middle: Sam Cullen (Minister of Records), Julie Simpson (Premier), Chrissy Linton (Minister of Athletics). Front: Rhiannon Blackburn (Deputy Premier), and Meghan Shane (Minister of Finance).

Press Photo — Culliton



NDDHS NOTES

by Sam Cullen

MAPLE RIDGE -- This week at North Dundas, students were given their first opportunity to show their support for one of their school teams. Students who purchased a one-dollar ticket were excused from class to watch our Senior Boys Soccer team play against the Glengarry Gaels. About 500 students left classes to stand on the sidelines and cheer, and many of those left the game with voices hoarse from their screams of encouragement.

Last week marked a successful Sport-A-Thon for our athletic department. This week also marked the conclusion of our annual citrus sales fundraising drive. With many incentives to sell oranges and grapefruit — for example, a video dance for everyone who brought in sales the Tuesday after the long weekend — our final sales totals will hopefully be just as successful as in years past.

The all-important dollars raised here have become an ever-increasing important part of school life. Without the funds raised, many of our extra-curricular activities would completely disappear or be nearly impossible.

So, in conclusion, I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend. Here is one last fact to increase your world knowledge: there are more outhouses in Alaska than in any other state .

WI auction next week

WINCHESTER — The Winchester Women's Institute will be holding an auction next Tuesday (Oct. 21).

On the block will be vegetables, pickles, baking and much more. The auction begins at 7:30 pm at the Lion's Hall, with auctioneer Marjorie Shadbolt.

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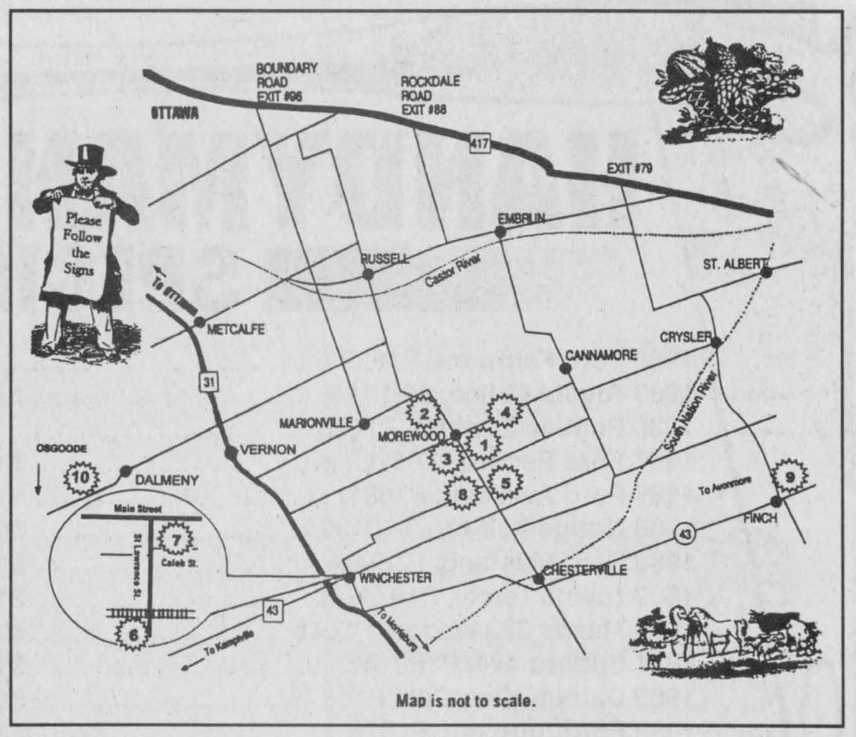

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WDMH Auxiliary

Bazaar fever shot in the arm for hospital

by Marjorie Phillips

WINCHESTER — Bazaar fever was apparent at this month's Hospital Auxiliary held on Thurs., Oct. 9 in the boardroom of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. The main meeting was pre-empted by the bazaar planning committee which had the opportunity to catch up on the latest details for the upcoming event on Oct. 18, from 1 pm to 3 pm. All systems seem to be go and last minute details were seen to.

The regular meeting opened with the saying of the hospital auxiliary prayer followed by secretary Dawn Ouellette reading the minutes of the Sept. 11 meeting. Arising from the minutes were a few little items that needed tidying up.

President Joan Farlinger mentioned that she had attended the Strategic Planning Committee the previous Saturday. Joseline Sikorski, our new CEO, further elaborated on the meeting by mentioning that representation from all cross-sections of concerned groups had been present. It seems that certain themes emerge that will need to be considered before policies are established. It looks like Winchester might be part of the Eastern Health Services which would include Hawksbury, Alexandria and Cornwall. Rural hospitals generally have difficulty in coming up with a policy that is readily accepted by the restructuring committee.

There were 25 auxiliary members present: Chesterville had nine members, Morrisburg had three, two came from Golden Valley, Edith from Morewood, seven from Winchester and three from Summers/Cass Bridge/Maple Ridge who reported that they had nine members out on the roads for the annual membership drive.

Lilias Lancaster reported 157 hours had been worked in the Gift Shoppe for September. Lee Wenz stated that the Memorial Fund reflected the very generous support of those who have experienced family and friend bereavement. Hilda Vandekemp reported that 198.5 hours of volunteer service was recorded for September She also mentioned that she has teenagers giving 15 hours of work.

Ethelwyn Carkner spoke on behalf of the Sunshine Circle. She informed the auxiliary that 32 hours of service had been given. They have two new regular helpers. They are back on their regular schedule and enjoyed a lively performance with Jim Wicks. They also appreciated Joseline Sikorski joining them and thanking Jim Wicks.

The remaining reports concerned the bazaar and again a request of items for the bake, white elephant and craft tables will be generously accepted Friday after 4 pm and Saturday morning from 10 am at the North Dundas High School.

New business covered the initial preparations for the December luncheon and the fall conference. Our auxiliary will have a car load of passengers travelling on Oct. 22 to Tudor Hall in Ottawa. The next monthly meeting will be held on Nov. 20 at 1:30 pm in the boardroom of the hospital. All are welcome.

Flu vaccine recommended by Health Unit

CORNWALL — The prospect of being cooped up inside battling the flu bug is enough to get Juliette Grignon to the nearest flu clinic for her annual vaccination.

"There's too much I enjoy doing — from quilting to visiting with friends and family — to come down with the flu. If a simple vaccine is all it takes to help ensure I have the strength and health to enjoy the long winter months, then you can bet I'll be at the flu clinic with my sleeve rolled up and ready," says Grignon of Cornwall.

The health unit is providing free flu vaccines to people over 65 years of age, as well as residents and staff or nursing homes, and adults and children with chronic cardiac or pulmonary disorders, diabetes, cancer renal disease, anemia, immunodeficiency (including HIV infection). Clinics are scheduled throughout the five counties on Oct. 22 and 23.

Others may obtain the flu vaccine from their family doctor.

"Seniors with a chronic disease are at high risk of contracting influenza. For these people the flu vaccine can literally be a life-saver," says Gisele Martin of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. "But all people over 65 years of age, even those who are in excellent health, will benefit from this vaccine."

Martin says seniors in particular may recall the devastating effects of such infamous flu outbreaks as the Spanish flu of 1918 and the Asian flu of 1957. "These epidemics were all caused by influenza viruses," says Martin. "Today, a simple shot every fall can help reduce the risk of history repeating itself."

Grignon says seniors owe it to themselves to take advantage of the benefits of modern medicine. "Winter is rough enough on many seniors. There's no need to make it even rougher on ourselves when we have access to this type of precaution."

For more information about flu vaccination, please call the Health Line at 1-800-267-0852.

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OSGOODE TWP. -- Osgoode Township can now accept pre-authorized payments for taxes.

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Township treasurer Don Reid says that the option will allow ratepayers flexibility when paying their taxes. He added that the township has had requests for this payment structure and hopes people will take advantage of the new system.

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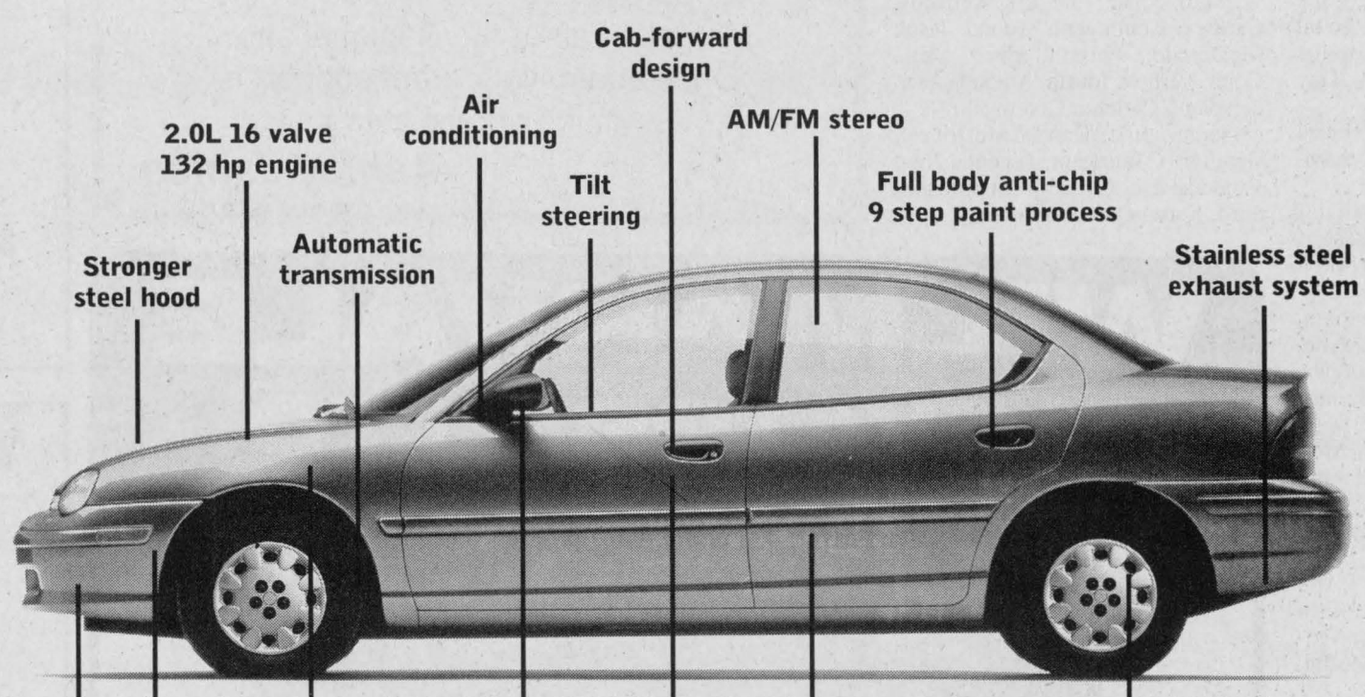

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Cash-croppers benefit from open fall



Thanks to nice weather over the past week or so producers have been able to harvest some soybeans. The great weather has also allowed farmers to finish up some corn silage and haylage.

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

WINCHESTER — Local farmers are benefitting from this year's open fall.

A late killing frost and sunny, mild conditions allowed most of the area's soybeans and some of the corn to reach maturity.

"Over 75 per cent of the corn had reached a 50 per cent milk line (before the killing frost). This is significant because yield losses will be less (than if we had had an earlier killing frost)," explained Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs crop advisor, Gilles Quesnel.

While very little of the corn actually reached physiological maturity (black layer), corn quality should be acceptable and most will make #2 Grade, he added.

"I was surprised to see that 25 per cent of the corn nearly reached maturity and will be very good quality."

And with the higher demand for corn silage this year, poorer quality corn can still be used as silage. Some corn producers have reported selling corn for silage to neighboring farmers, Quesnel added.

Growers should also take note that there is a fairly large infestation of corn borer this year and should watch plant standability, he said.

"The corn borer has combined with the frost to make a lot of fields where stalks aren't too strong... (Farmers) may have to harvest grain corn at higher moisture (levels) than they would like to. "

SOYBEANS COMING OFF

Most of the area's soybeans did reach maturity before the frost and are coming off with decent quality and average yields. Many of the better fields harvested to date have had yields ranging from 35 - 48 bushels per acre, said Quesnel.

However, by the time soybean harvest is complete we will probably see an average slightly below normal, he added.

While some farmers are still waiting for the late germinating beans to mature, Quesnel advises growers to harvest as soon as possible since some of the earlier beans have been mature for a long time and could develop a seed mold if conditions turned damp.

Also, the soybean crop is still standing well but we are heading into the middle of October, he added.

HAY CONTINUES

The open fall has also kept the hay coming on.

"From the later part of August until now, a lot of growers have been able to get some good quality haylage and wrapped bales," said Quesnel.

However, with the warm conditions this fall, the critical period for alfalfa will be extended to later in the month.

During the critical period, alfalfa should not be harvested until the plant shuts down.

"Farmers will want to wait (to harvest alfalfa) until temperatures cool off," explained Quesnel.

WHITE BEANS

Growers were quite happy with this year's white bean crop, said Quesnel.

White beans had fairly good quality, average yields and came off in good shape, overall, he said.

Carleton County 4-H'ers compete in championship

METCALFE — Carleton County 4-H members competed in their county championship show on Fri., Oct. 3 in conjunction with the Metcalfe Fair.

In beef showmanship Jean Foubert of Metcalfe was named grand champion beef showperson while Kerry McNeely of the Metcalfe Club was reserve champion.

Dale Cavanagh of West Carleton was grand champion dairy showperson and Julia Conn of Vernon was the show's reserve champion.

Amanda Vanderspank of the Carleton Contingent exhibited the grand champion dairy heifer while John Vanderspank exhibited the reserve champion.

In beef conformation, Chad Homer of Ashton exhibited the grand champion beef heifer and Kerry McNeely of Metcalfe showed the reserve champion.

Erin James exhibited the grand champion steer and Ashley James had the reserve champion steer.

Winners were as follows:

BEEF CONFORMATION

Simmental calves: first, Kelly Graff, Rideau; second, Ann McCordick, Rideau;

Shorthorn, Saler and Angus calves: first, Gary Evans West Carleton; second, Brad Smith, Ashton;

Hereford, Hereford-cross: first, Chris Murphy, Carp; second, Rebecca Moore, Metcalfe;

Limousin/Charolais calves: first, Chad Homer, Ashton; second, Alexis MacLaren, West Carleton;

Shorthorn junior yearling: Andrew Brydges, Carp; second, Patricia Hill, West Carleton;

Angus, Simmental, Charolais, Belgian Blue - junior yearling: Rebecca Neuman, Metcalfe (Simmental); second, Kelly Lewis, Metcalfe (Simmental);

Shorthorn senior yearling: first, Angela Evans, West Carleton; second, Julie Evans, West Carleton;

Simmental senior yearling: first, Christine Acres, Metcalfe; second, Allison Argue, Carp;

Hereford, Angus senior yearling: first, Kerry McNeely, Metcalfe; second, Jill McNeely, Metcalfe.

DAIRY CONFORMATION

Holstein junior calf: first, Kyle Rivington, Carp; second, Laurie Quinn, Vernon;

Holstein intermediate calf: first, Kristie Rivington, Carp; second, Julianne McDonald, Vernon;

Holstein senior heifer: first, John Vanderspank, Carleton Contingent; second, Darren McDonald, Carleton Contingent;

Holstein summer yearling: first, Julia Conn, Vernon; second, Melanie Mitchell, Vernon.



Promoting milk

Carleton County Dairy Educator Janet Mitchell (left) and Dundas County Dairy Educator Rachel Westenbroek demonstrated how to make nutritious snacks using dairy products at an educational display set up during the Metcalfe Fair, Oct. 2 - 5. Various food and craft preparation tips were held throughout the weekend by local Women's Institute and scouting groups, among others. Press Photo — Fetterly

Local clubs hold Achievement Day

METCALFE — Julie Moffat of the Metcalfe Club was named grand champion beef showperson of the Metcalfe 4-H Achievement Day held Fri., Oct. 3 in Metcalfe.

Ann McCordick of the Rideau Club was the show's reserve champion beef showperson.

The top four placings in individual beef showmanship classes as judged by Ken Smith of Ashton were as follows:

Novice: first, Gary Neuman, Metcalfe; second, Ashley Payne, Metcalfe; third, Scott Matthews, Metcalfe; fourth, Stewart James, Metcalfe;

Junior: first, Jill McNeely, Metcalfe; second, Jessica Milne-Smith, Rideau; third, Ashley James, Metcalfe; fourth, Robert Meredith, Rideau;

Intermediate: first, Ann McCordick, Rideau; second, Erin James, Metcalfe; third, Steven Vedder, Metcalfe; fourth, Carrie Moffat, Metcalfe;

Senior: first, Julie Moffat, Metcalfe; second, Julie Denison, Metcalfe; third, Christine Acres, Metcalfe; fourth, Lesley Johnson, Metcalfe;

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

The top four placings in individual classes of dairy showmanship as judged by Phyllis MacMaster were as follows:

Novice: first, Ryan Mussell, Vernon; second, Meaghan Clarke, Rideau; third, Kyle McConnell, Vernon; fourth, Monica VanAdrichem;

Junior: first, David Conn, Vernon; second, Pamela McNaughton, Vernon; third, Julianne McDonald, Vernon; fourth, Laurie Quinn, Vernon;

Intermediate: first, Lisa Kennedy, Carleton Contingent; second, Jason McDonald, Vernon; third, Julia Conn, Vernon; fourth, Amanda Vanderspank, Carleton Contingent;

Senior: first, Darren McDonald, Carleton Contingent; second, John Vanderspank, Carleton Contingent; third, Krista Quinn, Vernon.

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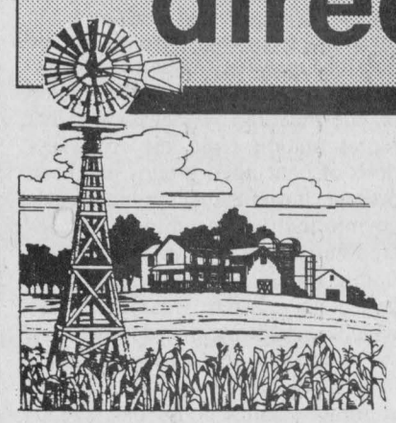

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Chatham breeder tops championship show

Dianne Fetterly
Agricultural editor

KEMPTVILLE — Charles Farlinger and Son of Morrisburg received reserve premier breeder honors at this year's Eastern Ontario Western Quebec Championship Holstein Show held Thurs., Oct. 9 at the AM Barr Arena in Kemptville.

Sandy Crest Holsteins of Arnprior was the show's premier breeder as well as reserve premier exhibitor. Sandy Crest also topped the breeder's herd class and placed second in the junior herd class.

Ferme Lolisee of Chatham, Quebec was premier exhibitor and placed first in the junior herd class. It exhibited both reserve and grand champion females with mature cow Andros Coggin Boutoner Molly as grand and five-year-old Marlacres Conquest Mary in the reserve spot.

Signature Holsteins of Morrisburg exhibited the junior champion, Mount Airy Skychief Rowena, while Applecrest Stardust Porcia exhibited by Applecrest Holsteins of Winchester was reserve junior champion. Sandy Crest Toby Anne exhibited by Sandy Crest Holsteins received honorable mention for junior champion.

As well, Shearoad Farms of Richmond placed second in senior breeder's herd and Guyview Farms of Winchester placed third in the junior herd class.

In the club herd class Des Laurentides placed first followed by Carleton-Russell in second and Stormont in third.

CLASS WINNERS

Following are the top two placings in individual classes as judged by Lowell Lindsay of Guelph:

Junior calf: Seawayview Milan Ann, Charles Farlinger and Son; Sunrest Milan Frisky, Sunrest Farm, Joyceville;

Intermediate Calf: Rivermead St Esprit, Signature Holsteins and Rivermead, Morrisburg, (4-H Jessica Edwards); Oakdale Astre Megan, Les Enterprises Agr Michel Dagenais Inc. (4-H Benoit Dagnais);

Senior calf: Applecrest Stardust Porcia, Applecrest Holsteins, Winchester; Lilburn Skybuck Anna, Wenallt Holsteins, Crysler;

Summer yearling: Villyvon Charles Eva, Yvon Villeneuve, Mirabel; Renaissance Celestial, Anne and Louis Patenaude, Embrun;

Junior yearling: Sandy Crest Toby Anne, Sandy Crest Holsteins (4-H Amanda Vanderspank; Blondin Stardust Dolly, Ferme Blondin, St. Placide;

Intermediate: Lampada Tiger Cat Belle, Applecrest Holsteins; Trenholm Tana, Stoneden Holsteins, Gananaque;

Senior yearling: Mount Airy Skychief Rowena, Signature; KAS Astre Corrine, KAS Holsteins, Kemptville;

Junior two-year-old: Tulsa Summer Squall, Signature and Rivermead; Blondin Skychief Supra, Ferme Blondin;

Senior two-year-old: Blondin Astre Donalie, Ferme Blondin; Seawayview Astre Speck, Charles Farlinger and Son;

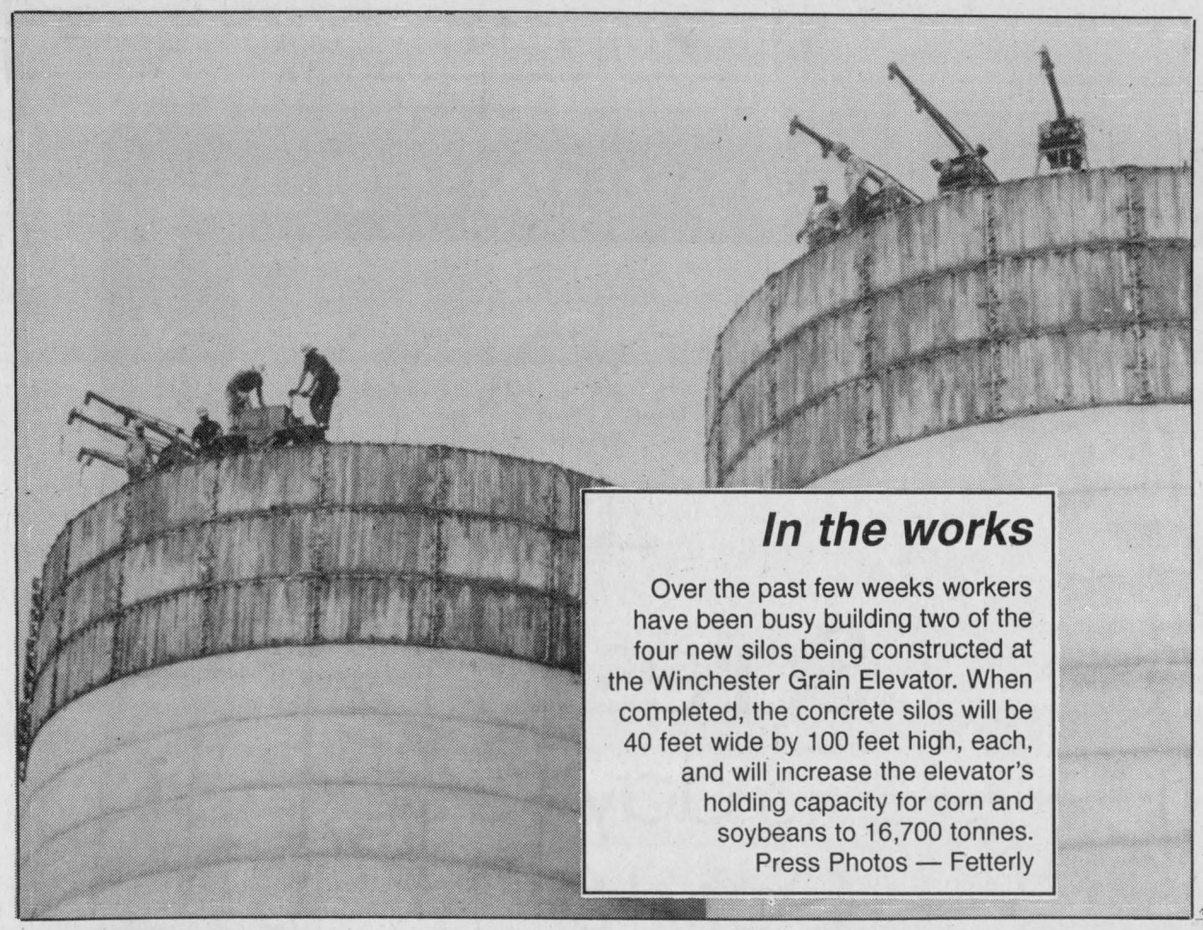
Junior three-year-old: Willowtree Astre Bee, Ferme Lolisee, Chatham; Lolisee Astre Pal, Ferme Lolisee;

Senior three-year-old: Oomendale Lindy Lavern, Ferme Lolisee; Brilea Dax Skychief, Brilea Holsteins, Cobden;

Four-year-old: Graress Winston Fran, Ferme Lolisee; Manendale Black Bandit Ann, Ferme Lolisee;

Five-year-old: Marlacres Conquest Mary, Ferme Lolisee; Barbrook Tracey, Barbrook Holsteins, Vankleek Hill;

Mature cow: Andros Coggin Boutoner Molly, Ferme Lolisee; Maple Ain Mattador Evelyn, Maple Ain Holsteins, Smiths Falls.



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Over the past few weeks workers have been busy building two of the four new silos being constructed at the Winchester Grain Elevator. When completed, the concrete silos will be 40 feet wide by 100 feet high, each, and will increase the elevator's holding capacity for corn and soybeans to 16,700 tonnes.
Press Photos — Fetterly

Euchre winners

by Jean Casselman

WILLIAMSBURG -- The Williamsburg Township seniors got together again on Wed., Oct. 8 to play euchre.

Winners at the Williamsburg Township Seniors' Euchre were: ladies — Jean Sutton, Norma McMillan, Lois Sweeney; gents — Olin Smith, Ruth Casselman, Verna Beckstead, Lottie Gill.

Door prizes were won by Lottie Gill and Phyllis Scott.

The draws were won by Eva Jackson, Keith Casselman, Evelyn Swerdfeger, Norma Hehir, Zeta Godard, Gwen Pemberton, Stella Casselman and Marguerite Stewart.

The next euchre will be held on Wed., Oct. 22 and everyone is welcome.

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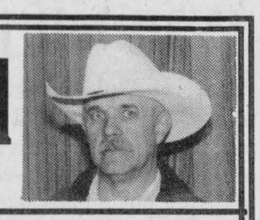

by John Seguin

Team Penners

The summer of '97 was a big year for this particular event in the western horse shows and rodeos. There are several reasons why this horse activity has become so popular not only in our neck of the woods but all over Canada and the United States. For those of you who have not yet had a chance to watch this in action, let me explain what it is all about and why it has attracted so many participants.

You take a standard size riding ring that's available in most towns or cities that hold an annual agricultural fair. About a third of the way down one end of the riding ring you set up a holding pen, say 20 feet by 20 feet, with one end open. You let in 30 head of beef type cattle, say around 600 pounds each, and you number all the cattle before they go into the riding ring in groups of three from 0 to 9. A starting line is set up across the ring in a predetermined location. Three riders and their trusty mounts enter the riding ring. Once everything is in order and the riders are given the go signal, and as they cross the starting line announcers then tell them which three critters they are to try and pen in the small holding area, either the three number two cattle or the three number seven, but only those three. The riders have 90 seconds to get the job done, and then the next team is called in to try their luck. Each new team is unaware of which cattle number they are to go after until they cross the starting line and the announcer lets them know over the loudspeakers.

This event is very closely monitored by a judge and flag person for infractions against a rule book that is published by the Canadian Team Cattle Penning Association. Competitors are not allowed to touch the cattle, use whips to scare them, overrun them and so on; in other words, anything that might seem to be uncomfortable for the cattle is an infraction.

Spectators enjoy watching this event because it is full of action and has a certain romance with the western cowboy that brings out the kid in all of us. The reason it has become so popular with participants is that almost anybody with a broke western horse can participate. It is a team sport for young and old, male or female, and the idea is to work with other riders and support each other. There are youth classes for 12 and under, and young riders have to have one adult on their team for safety and monitoring reasons.

This is all great for the economy. The more people find enjoyment in horse activities, the more horses will be bought and sold and the more equipment will be required. It helps the farmer who grows feed for these animals and vet services like Dundas Veterinary Services enjoy the fact that we are getting a better quality and bigger population of horses. Here at Highpoint Farm we specialize in stock horses and we have more people calling us or dropping by the farm to talk to us about finding cattle penning horses or breeding to our stalling for their future mounts. Well, that's all for now, and I hope you get a chance to view this great sport either live or on television.

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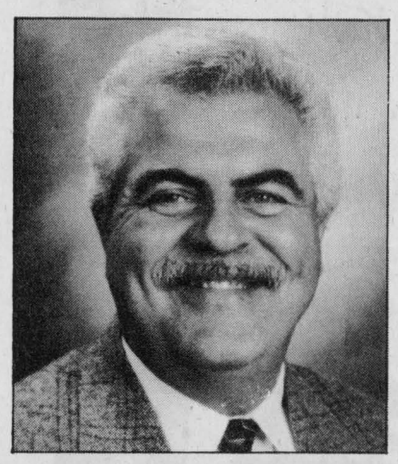

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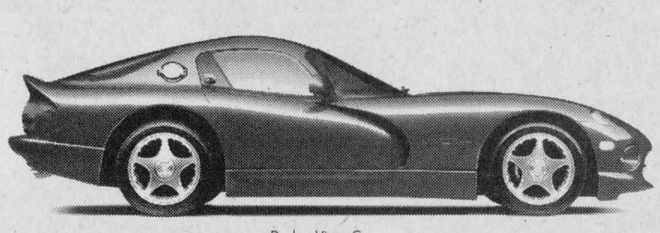

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Waddell joins race for mayor

by Derek Puddicombe

OSGOODE — Jim Waddell wants to add a personal touch to municipal politics in Osgoode Township.

After much thinking the 43-year-old Greely resident registered Oct. 3 to run for mayor and with less than a month before the Nov. 10 election, he isn't worried he's joined the race too late.

"Four to five weeks in the faces of residents during an election, I think, is enough," said Waddell.

And he may not have to do as much leg work to catch up to the other candidates. He admits he's surprised with the number of phone calls he's received since registering, in support of his bid for Osgoode's top spot.

"I've received about 80 phone calls of support and people wanting to putup a sign on their lawn," said Waddell.

He has also received endorsements from former mayor of Osgoode Albert Bouwers, current Councillor Vera Mitchell and former Councillor Albert McKeown.

Hearing of Waddell's candidacy for mayor, Bouwers withdrew his support from mayor Lloyd Cranston and now backs Waddell.

"Strong leadership is what Osgoode needs and I think that leadership can be found in Jim," said Bouwers.

Waddell is concerned about the current leadership Cranston provides to residents and the only opposition Cranston's had up to Waddell registering, Councillor Doug Thompson.

With talks on municipal restructuring continuing Waddell said Osgoode's future is at stake and the township needs strong leadership at the negotiation table.

"Osgoode is on the verge of extinction and if there isn't a strong voice in place we can lose a lot. I don't think Osgoode residents want to see that lost," said Waddell, who managed Bouwers' 1991 mayoralty campaign. "I'm someone who can control things and take charge. Osgoode needs that more than ever right now."

He doesn't see himself as a political animal, but someone who cares about the future and people of the township where he has lived his entire life.



Patterson–Stewart

Brittney would like to announce the marriage of her mom, Jennifer Stewart, to Jeffrey Patterson on July 25, 1997 at Iroquois, Ontario. Jennifer is the daughter of Gordon and Mary Ann Stewart, Winchester, and Jeffrey is the son of Lloyd and Shirley Patterson of Inkerman, Ontario.

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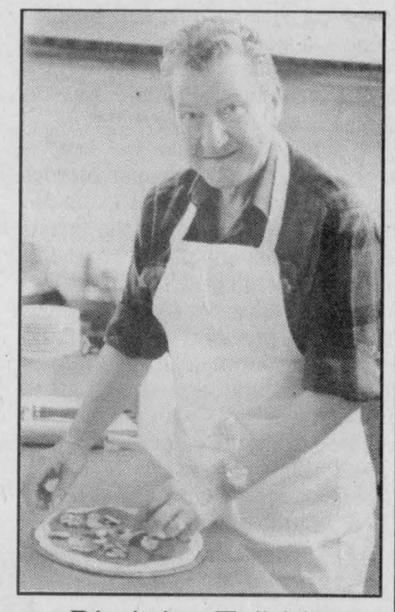

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Mountain Musings

by Shirley Mills

It's that time of year again when there is a big clearout and we can recycle all these good things we no longer need. The rummage sale at Inkerman United Church will be held on Sat., Oct. 18 from 9:30 am until noon. If you have any items to donate, these can be dropped off at the church on Friday.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Sharon Adams concert at Van Camp Church which will be held on Sat., Oct. 18 at 7 pm. Especially if there are any who have not heard Sharon play, you don't want to miss this. Tickets are available at Fawcett's Jewellery in Winchester or call 774-2205.

It seems to be human nature that we don't miss something until it has gone. So it is with the Inkerman Store. This closed recently after almost 150 years of continuous service. The village and post office were named Inkerman in 1855 after the victorious battle of Inkerman during the Crimean War) and although perhaps not in the same location, a store has been in existence since. It is missed by those in the area.

Metcalfe Fair pet show results

Biggest dog: Marc Benoit (junior); Meagan Penner (senior).

Smallest dog: Lauren and Brittany Smith (junior); Caroline Mills (senior).

Best dressed: Tabitha Smith (junior).

Biggest cat: Allison Kingbury (senior).

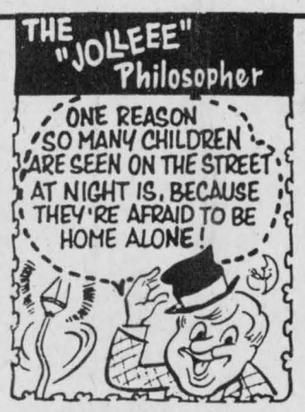
Smallest cat: Vanessa McDougall (senior).

Best dressed: Samantha McDougall (junior); Courtney Allison (senior).

Smallest pet: Danny Kingsbury (junior); Matthew Richling (senior).

Biggest pet: Andrew Bunda (junior); Kim MacDonald (senior).

Pedal pull: ages six and seven — Andrew Bunda; ages eight and nine — Jonathan Scrivens; ages 10 and 11 — Jay Fagan; age 12 — Josh Andrews.



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