



Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

Dick makes the draft

MacKenzie Dick of West Lorne was picked by the Kitchener Rangers in the May 7 OHL draft.

Teen makes OHL draft for Rangers

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The Chronicle

MacKenzie Dick of West Lorne worked hard to get where he is, and it's paid off since he was picked by the Kitchener Rangers in the Ontario Hockey League Draft held May 7.

"It's been awesome. Great," said Dick. "I was very happy about it. Not many kids get drafted. I was lucky."

It wasn't all luck. Dick, 16, has built up his skills playing for the Elgin Middlesex Chiefs for the last seven years, and before that, he played with West Lorne Minor Hockey. Leading up to the draft, Dick practiced on the ice four to five times a week, as well as off-ice training including stick handling, working out in a gym, and agility training with pylons.

But the hard work is just beginning. Last weekend Dick was attending the Kitchener Rangers Mini Camp where he participated in fitness training and practice games. For the next two weeks coming up to the main hockey season he'll be on the ice a lot.

"I've played since I was four. I love it," said Dick. "I love the competitiveness. I love being there with friends, teammates, mentor-ship from the coaches. It's a way of life." He said.

Just last April, Dick and the Elgin Middlesex Chiefs won their League Championship against Waterloo.

That's only one feather in Dick's cap; during his last year with West Lorne Minor Hockey his team placed second in North America in Silverstick.

At 180 pounds and standing at 6 foot 3, Dick is a towering presence on the ice.

"I'm difficult to play against. That's what I was told. I'm a good penalty killer. I'm good for one-on-one against," he said.

VESS wins gold at TVRAA Tri-County track and field

May 19th 2011

Mark Butterwick
Agency

WOODSTOCK — When Chase Konecny decided to forego hockey this past winter in favour of testing his speed, he set himself on a path to a trio of gold medals at the TVRAA Tri-County track and field championships. "It's not very often you get a kid at West Elgin who gives up hockey for track," said Wildcats coach Tina McCaffery.

Konecny's indoor training showed up twice in gold May 11 with wins in the junior 300-metre hurdles and the 200 metres, to go with his victory in the 400 metres on May 10 on the track at College Avenue Secondary School.

He handled the 300-mH in 41.83 seconds to win by almost four seconds,

and then went 23.77 seconds in the 200 for his final gold.

The triple triumph placed him in a tie with Strathroy distance man Derek Hick for the individual championship at this year's meet.

Adding to his laurels, however, Konecny won gold on West Elgin's 4x100-metre relay team, though relays do not count for individual points.

WE Relay

Anchor leg Chase Konecny takes the baton from West Elgin teammate Zach Katerenchuk in the junior 4x100-metre relay heats May 10 on the opening day of the TVRAA Tri-County track and field championships.



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WESS sprinter wins TVRAA gold

West Elgin's Chase Konecny sprints to victory in the junior 200 metres May 11 at the TVRAA Tri-County track and field championships. Konecny won three individual gold medals and a relay gold.

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■ **BORDER BATTLE:** Canada meets U.S. in Oklahoma City

Locals on deck *July 16th 2011* in softball showdown

JESSE CNOCKAERT
QMI Agency

Two local men will represent Canada along with teammates in a slo-pitch showdown against the U.S. next weekend.

Pitcher Jeremy Sutton, 36, of Wallacetown, has been named to the Slo-Pitch Canada Invitational Softball team.

Outfielder Dave Boldt, 37, of St. Thomas, was a member of the 2009 and 2010 Canadian teams and returns in 2011. He plays for the Toronto Orioles.

Softball Canada, in conjunction with the Amateur Softball Association of America, is organizing the third annual men's slo-pitch Border Battle. The Canadian team will play against Team USA in a one-game face-off July 23 in the Oklahoma City ASA Stadium.

"It's an honour. I was surprised," said Sutton. "It's a great feeling to represent your country." At the first Border Battle in 2009, the United

States defeated Canada by a score of 30-23. Last summer, Canada bounced back with a victory of 30-29.

The 2011 Canadian Invitational Team was selected by a panel of slo-pitch experts from across the Canada. Sutton was noticed as a member the Windsor Yardmen.

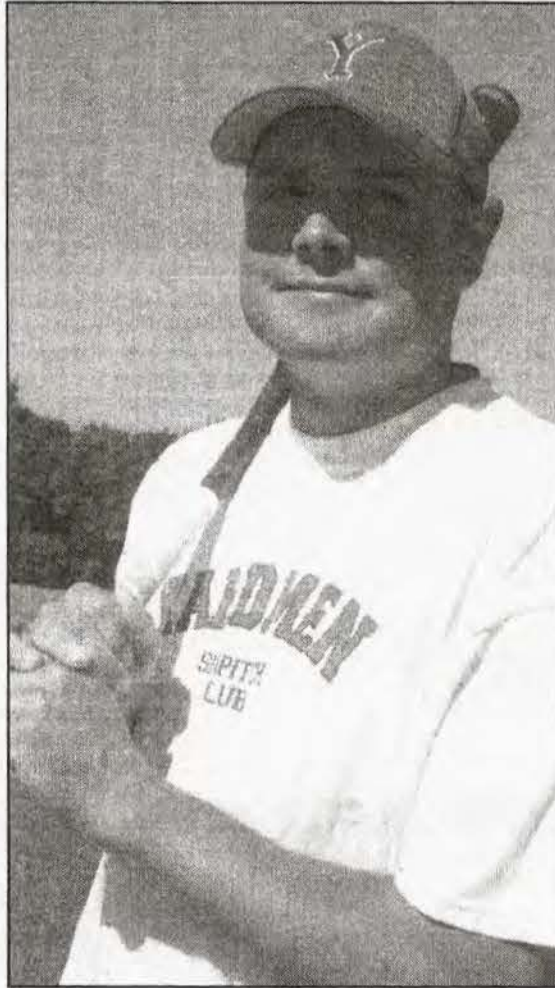
Sutton has played for the Yardmen for five years, and with them won the 2009 Softball Canada Slo-Pitch Canadian Championships in Lethbridge, Alta. in 2009.

Sutton played fastball in Dutton from when he was a child, and said he started softball when he was 17.

"As you get older, there're not as many things you can do as a competitive sport. Slo-pitch is one of them," he said.

The Border Battle will also be broadcast live at 3 p.m. on ESPN.

"I'm nervous, but excited at the same time. I'll be just happy to be there," said Sutton.



Ready to take on the U.S.

Jeremy Sutton, 36, of Wallacetown, has been selected to be a part of the 2011 Canadian Invitational Team that will compete against Team USA at the third annual Men's Slo-Pitch Border Battle to be held in Oklahoma City on July 23.

JESSE CNOCKAERT
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Submitted by Suzanne McCullough

WESS Girls Gold!

The West Elgin Secondary School Girls soccer team won gold medals for WOSSAA- Western Ontario Secondary School Athletics Association in their game May 26 in Mitchell that determines who goes to provincials. Before this, the WESS Girls hadn't won gold since 1996.

Back row (L-R): Chris Leys, Sylvie Ozinga, Mary Jane Miller, Courtney Brown, Brianna Downie, Kelsey Gosnell, Kelsey Conway, Alicia Oliveira, Madison Redman, Kelsey Vandenberg, Kim Bandeen, Emily Varga, Chloe Steele, Suzanne McCullough.

Middle row (L-R): McKayla Monden, Payton Snobelen, Karlie Willcocks, Monica Ganhadeiro, Danielle Dieleman, Jessica Small, Stephanie Campbell, Lexi Pemberton, Megan Dieleman.

Front row: Goalie Zoey VanDyk

AWARDS: Rob Roos and Madison Redman will be back at WESS next year

Top athletes returning

June 25th 2011

R. MARK BUTTERWICK
Times-Journal

WEST LORNE — Rob Roos and Madison Redman have been honoured as athletes of the year at West Elgin Secondary School:

Rob Roos

Age: 18

Grade: 12

Sports: Volleyball, basketball, badminton, soccer

Honours: Volleyball captain and most valuable player, WOSSAA A silver medal in volleyball and soccer, basketball captain

Future: Returning to West Elgin

Madison Redman

Age: 17

Grade: 11

Sports: Soccer, hockey, badminton, cross-country

Honours: WOSSAA A gold medal in soccer

Future: Grade 12 at West Elgin



R. MARK BUTTERWICK Times-Journal

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Athletics awards

June 23/2011

Recipients of major athletic awards this year at West Elgin Secondary School, from left, are: front — Ryan Leys (coaches award for senior basketball), junior athletes of the year Aiden Roos and Shalena Horst; back — senior athletes of the year Madison Redman, Junior Wildcat Recognition Award winners Jacob McDonald and Courtney Lamb. Absent are senior athletes of the year Rob Roos, Optimist Club Award winner Caitlin Simpson.

CHURCHES.

	<p>Municipal Name: Burwell Park Church Name: St. Stephen's Address: Mailing Address: c/o St. Peter's, R.R.#2, Wallacetown ON N0L 2M0 Telephone: 519-762-3513 Fax: 519-762-3739 Email: drummelsmithd@hotmail.com Web Site: Parish: Tyrconnell</p>
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Saint Stephen's Church is located in Elgin County on the Fingal Line, approximately a 20 minute drive west of St. Thomas, and just west of the intersection of Iona Road, which is known as Burwell's Corners.

Colonel Mahlon Burwell lived at that corner and was a surveyor for Colonel Thomas Talbot. Burwell did most of the surveying in this area, setting aside 200 hundred acres of land and through the sale of parcels of land, provided money to build Saint Stephen's Church. It was built in 1871, and opened for services in January 1872.

In 1911 a new pump organ was purchased. A church bell was donated and dedicated at Easter 1925 to welcome parishioners to Sunday services. Several years ago, an electric organ was given, and most recently, an audiocassette was donated in memory of our late organist.

In 1927, money was collected for a Perpetual Care Fund for the cemetery, which is located immediately east of the Church. Colonel and Mrs. Burwell are buried in Saint Stephen's Cemetery. Their unique tombstones are large flat stones, held erect by pillar-like columns.

For many years, Saint Stephen's had been closely connected to Saint Peter's Tyrconnell and Nativity Church in Dutton. In January 1974, Saint Stephen's became part of a combined parish of five congregations at Tyrconnell, Dutton, West Lorne, Port Stanley and Burwell Park. In 1979, Christ Church, Port Stanley became a single parish, and the remaining four congregations are known as the Parish of Tyrconnell.

Our membership has dwindled over the years as many elderly have passed away, and a few have moved from the area. We are mostly seniors and are too few in numbers to put on fund raising events. However, one of our dear members belongs to a quilting group who raise money for many charities, including Saint Stephens. We celebrated our 130th Anniversary in June of 2002.

Dutton church about to close

Jesse Cnockaert

Nov 13 2008

Staff

On Nov. 30, a service will be held at the Church of the Nativity in Dutton so the congregation can say good-bye to the building.

The congregation voted at a vestry meeting last September to close the building. The congregation worships at the Church of the Nativity in winter and at St. Peter's Church on Lakeview Line during the summer. The congregation is no longer large enough to provide funds for the up-keep of both buildings, so they've decided to sell the church in Dutton and begin worshipping at St. Peter's Church year-round. The deconsecrating service at the Church of the Nativity will be held at 2:00 p.m. Interim minister Brenda Clark said the service will mourn the loss of the building but also be about giving thanks.

"It's similar to a funeral in a sense, where you and you give thanks for the life of a person. So you give thanks for the 'life' of that church and the many kinds of ministry that went on there and people who were members and who blessed that church with their generosity in all kinds of ways," she said. "We are hoping to retain the windows of the Church of the Nativity, and maybe make some special arrangements for those to be a part of St. Peter's. We don't have to say goodbye to it all."

The two buildings have shared a congregation since 1967. The congregation voted to determine which church they would most like to keep, and it was a narrow margin in favour of keeping St. Peter's Church. The congregation worshipped at St. Peter's during winter months last year as a trial-run.

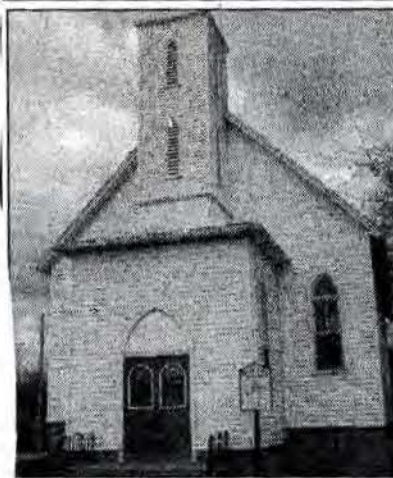
"It wasn't like it was overwhelmingly in favour of St. Peter's. Both churches are loved by various people. There's a lot of history," said church treasurer Elizabeth Timmermans. "Both buildings need care, and all we've been able to do is pay the basic operating costs and nothing more. I think it's sad to see the buildings deteriorating."

St. Peter's Church is the older of the two buildings, built in 1827. St. Peter's cemetery near the church is the burial place of Colonel Talbot, founder of the Talbot settlement. Since 1979 St. Peter's Church, along with the Church of the Nativity, the Grace Anglican Church in West Lorne, and St. Stephens Church in Burwell Park have been in the combined Parish of Tyrconnell.

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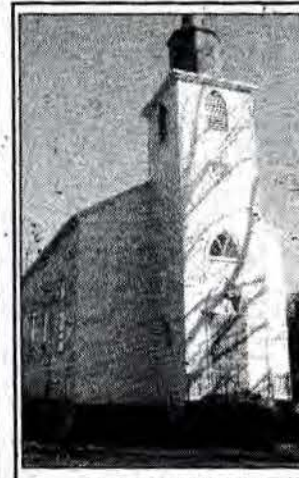
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Church of the Nativity will be closing

The Church of the Nativity on Currie Road in Dutton will be closing following a final service Nov. 30 at 2:00 p.m. The congregation will worship at St. Peter's Church on Lakeview Line from then on.



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St. Peter's for year-round worship

The congregation used to worship at The Church of the Nativity in Dutton during the winter and at St. Peter's Church during summer. Soon, the Dutton church will close, and the congregation will worship at St. Peter's year-round.

Church closing in Dutton

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Timmermans said keeping both buildings open has been a problem since she became treasurer four years ago.

"The congregations are just not developing. Honestly I think people today look more to government for help, support, education, inspiration, everything, than they do the churches. I don't really agree with that but that's the way it is," she said.

Anna Tokars, the president of the

Anglican Church Women (ACW) agreed church attendance is not what it used to be.

"There won't be many churches around unless we have a revival. Younger people just don't attend church as we used to when we were young."

The ACW organizes programs to raise money for the church, and also holds bible studies, children's programs and dinners for the public.

A farewell to Nativity

By SUN MEDIA

DUTTON — A deconsecrating service was held recently at the Church of the Nativity to officially close the building, but the congregation will continue to worship at St. Peter's Church on Lakeview Line.

The closing service was also the day of the church's 118th anniversary, having opened that day in 1890.

The deconsecrating service gave the congregation a chance to say goodbye to the building, known by many as "the little church on the corner."

Some members of the congregation attending the service were baptized, confirmed and married in that building. Archbishop Percy O'Driscoll led the service and reminded everyone that the congregation will go on.

"To many of you, this building has been hallowed by cherished memories and some will suffer a sense of loss," said O'Driscoll during the service. "We pray that they will be comforted by the knowledge that the presence of God is not tied to any building or place."

The alter from the Church of the Nativity will be taken to St. Peter's Church, so that a small part of the building will go on.

The Church of the Nativity and St. Peter's church have shared a congregation since 1967. The congregation could no longer keep up with the maintenance costs for two buildings so it was decided one would be closed in favour of the other. The congregation voted at a vestry meeting in September to close the Church of the Nativity.



Interim minister Rev. Brenda Clark, left, Arch-Bishop Percy O'Driscoll and Rev. Peg Wheeler together at the final service at Church of the Nativity in Dutton. (Sun Media photo)



Pat McCallum, left, Rev. Dean Proctor (Dutton Baptist Church), Ray Hull, and Brenda Clark chat as the congregation gathers in the Church of the Nativity basement to share conversation and some goodies. (Sun Media photo)

WALLACETOWN

FAIR.

SEPT. 26th 2008.

Hillbilly Hootenanny!

Oct 2nd 2008

► The Wallacetown Fair was Sept. 26, 27 and 28. If you've ever seen more hillbillies gathered in one place, you might be a redneck. Photos by: Jesse Cnockaert



Fair Ambassador and Fair Princess and Prince

Jacob Rowe became this year's Wallacetown Fair Ambassador, and Molly McWilliam is the runner-up. Zoey Maslen is the Junior Fair Princess and Tucker Felkar is the Junior Prince. Congratulations everyone!



Hillbilly Parade

Murray Brown drove in the fair parade around the track in the fairgrounds Sept. 27. The first two behind him are Mykel Hodges and Tanner Lamb. The next two are James Dunn and Jayden Page. In the back sat Elaine Brown and baby Nathan Dunn. Many other parade participants got into the spirit of the day and dressed up.



Watermelon seed spitting

Mykal Hodges loaded up on ammo before trying to spit the most distance in the Watermelon seed spitting game Sept. 27. Beside him stood one of his fellow competitors, Cortney Lamb.



Wheelbarrow Races!

Who doesn't love a wheelbarrow race? Bob Carter pushed Jerry Lamb and behind, Randy Lamb pushed Joel Sutton.



Murray
Brown and
Family.

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Anna Tokarz



Jim Carder - Tracy Trudell.



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Hillbillies at Wallacetown

BY KYLE REA

TIMES-JOURNAL STAFF

WALLACETOWN — Grab your overalls, a pitchfork and your best Jed Clampett outfit and get ready for a bit of hootin' and hollerin' this weekend.

To celebrate the 148th annual fair, the Wallacetown Agricultural Society presents a Hillbilly Hootenany, the theme for this year's fair which kicks off today and runs through Sunday.

Last year, fair organizers tried to gather enough pirates to set a world record. While they aren't going for any records this year, president Sheri Lackey said people are encouraged to dress and act like hillbillies all weekend.

"There are actually very few in Ontario that do the theme to the extent that we do ... We're up to any challenge as a group that we can possibly handle."

Events kick off with a

pet show at 6:30 p.m. today, with exhibit barns opening up as well. Opening ceremonies start around 7 p.m. with the fair ambassador competition. Then, at 8 p.m., the fair will feature the Western Ontario Outlaws lawnmower races.

True to their hillbilly theme, the Hillbilly Olympics, there will be wheelbarrow races, watermelon seed spitting and the hub cap toss throughout the weekend as well as a Clampettmobile pull.

"It (involves) an old stake truck," Lackey said with a laugh. "I don't know yet if we'll have Granny on the back."

On Saturday the fair opens with a 4-H horse show at 9 a.m. and a goat show at 10:30 a.m. A parade starts at 1 p.m. with a baby show also held during the day.

And, of course, there's the midway, along with the last tractor pull of the

season and an English horse show.

Sunday, the fair opens with a sheep show at 11 a.m. followed by a demolition derby at 1:30 p.m.

"During the intermission we're going to have outhouse races," Lackey said. With one person sitting, a group of people

need to move their outhouse as far as possible to win.

"This is a huge success in the States. Who's to say what we'll do if this takes off?"

Anyone looking for more information on the fair may contact Lackey at 519-762-5496.

Dave Welch

Sheri Lackey



RON ROSS

Mowers at hit at Wallacetown



By PATRICK BRENNAN
TIMES-JOURNAL STAFF

WALLACETOWN — The lawnmowers are back in the garage and the hillbillies are back at their day jobs today.

In other words, life is returning to normal now that another Wallacetown Fall Fair is in the books.

Folks dressed in hillbilly costumes — plaid shirts, floppy hats and ill-fitting overalls — were a common site over the weekend as the fair board

tried a new theme.

All indications are that it worked, said Sheri Lackey, president of Wallacetown Agricultural Society.

"The weather held, which is a big thing for us," she said. Skies were cloudy Saturday, but there was no rain.

Attendance was about the same as last year, Lackey said.

"The threat of rain probably put some people off.

The hillbilly theme attracted a lot of interest, she said.

"We had a lot of hillbillies show up and a lot of entries in our classes."

Hard work by the fair board paid off in many ways this year, she said.

The parade was busier than ever and events like lawnmower races caught people's attention.

Lackey said she thinks a lot of people will be motivated to enter that class next year.

"Quite a few people said they wanted to get their mowers out."

Wheelbarrow races were also a big hit, she said.

And no sooner is this

year's fair packed up and put away than planning begins for the 2009 show.

"We're already mulling things over for next year," she said. "We're working on our 150th fair."

Lackey said the fair, said to be the largest in the western portion of Elgin county, draws from an area from Kitchener to Windsor.

"It's a big family gathering," she said. "Relatives come to be with the rest of the family."

The fair is a non-profit function that returns any revenue toward improving and maintaining the grounds, Lackey said.

This pumpkin on display at the Wallacetown Fall Fair over the weekend is big enough to sit on — just ask four-year-old Branka Verhoeven of London, Ont., daughter Sandra and Jason Verhoeven. It weighed in at 276 kilograms (609 pounds). (T-J photo)

T.J. Sept 29th 2008



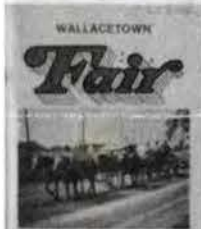
WALLACETOWN FALL FAIR:

Ashlee Aldred of West Lorne leads her Limousine cross bull in the ring Saturday at the Wallacetown Fall Fair in the open market steer class. She placed fourth. (T-J photo)

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WALLACETOWN Fair
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Friday and Saturday
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Wallacetown FAIR
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Thursday and Friday
October 1st - 2nd
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Centennial Fair
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West Elgin
Agricultural Society
Sept. 29th, Oct. 1st



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