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Early start likely

IROQUOIS – "It's not a done deal yet," says Seaway District High School principal Roy Lalonde, "but it seems very likely for September."

Lalonde is referring to a proposal from the transportation department of Upper Canada District School Board intended to introduce early bussing at the high school, Iroquois Public School, and Morrisburg Public School in September of 2007.

Under the terms of the proposal, the high school day will begin at 8 a.m. while the elementary school day will start at 9:15 a.m. Seaway's day will end at 2:10 p.m.

There are several reasons why the board is proposing this change for local schools. However, the key one is undoubtedly financial.

The Board has over spent its budget by 1.2 million dollars and must look for cost cutting and savings in a number of areas. One key area is transportation.

By split shifting busses next

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Getting ready to dazzle at food bank fund raiser

This merry group of actors is taking time from rehearsals to pose for photos. The characters, Daisy, Rose, Daddy and Onslow are only part of the terrific local talent lined up to perform at the upcoming Dundas County Food Bank Spring Fund Raiser taking place at Upper Canada Playhouse on Saturday, April 28. The "gang", under the thumb (of course!) of Hyacinth Bucket, will be emceeing the matinee and evening shows. Don't miss a chance to join in the fun. From left to right, are Debbie Fournier, Jane Lee, Bill Rumble and Jack Barkley.

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David Caplan delivers funding

David Caplan, Ontario Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, was in Winchester Thursday morning announcing Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative funding for municipalities in Stormont, Dundas and Charlottenburgh. Standing (l-r) are representatives of communities receiving funding including SD&G Warden and North Stormont Mayor Dennis Fife, South Dundas Mayor Charles Barkley, South Stormont Mayor Bryan McGillis, Ewan MacDonald of South Glengarry and North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls. Seated in front are Caplan (left) and MPP Jim Brownell.

Comfort photo

$1 million surplus

WILLIAMSBURG–Through three budget meetings South Dundas council has not yet determined the impact of municipal spending on ratepayers, but so far it looks like the impact should be minimal because the municipality has a $1 million surplus, which, if they choose, could be used to offset any potential increase.

The line by line review of the South Dundas township budget by council continued with two meetings last week.

At the April 10 meeting, South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald revealed that, although they are still awaiting exact figures from their auditors, the municipality has a surplus of about $1.4 million, $1.1 million of which is money from last year's budget which was not spent.

Nearly 70 percent of that under spending was in the roads department.

Public works manager Hugh Garlough attributed that under spending partially to funding received from the government earmarked for paving this year, but mostly to an easy winter.

The mild winter weather had a dramatic affect on several aspects of the roads department including materials like sand and salt, contracting costs, and labour, especially overtime.

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Natunola Health receives funding

WINCHESTER - A business development grant from S.D.& G. Community Futures Development Corporation's Business Planning program of the Eastern Ontario Development Fund has helped to launch national sales for Natunola Health.

Natunola Health is a growing manufacturer of food and natural cosmetics and skin care ingredients.

The Eastern Ontario Development Fund is a ten million dollar Government of Canada initiative which promotes socio-economic development in Eastern Ontario. It encourages a competitive and diversified regional economy, and contributes to the successful development of business and job opportunities and sustainable, self-reliant communities.

Natunola Health manufactures "shelled flax products. We offer consumers an excellent source of natural Omega-3, protein and plant lignans," said Dr. Han, CEO of Natunola Health.

Omega-3 has been linked to many health benefits ranging from cholesterol lowering, reduced risk of stroke and heart disease, and even mood disorders.

"Our flax products, if used daily," said Han, "can even improve the look and feel of skin and hair."

Natunola Health, in partnership with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, has developed a unique patented flax shelling technology. The process creates a stable product, easily digested by humans, that requires no grinding, no refrigeration or special storage.

"With the funding received from the S.D.& G. Community Futures grant, we were able to undertake initiatives we otherwise would not have," Han explained. "We were able to explore and develop a new market."

With the funding, the company was able to advertise nationally, and later in April will be able to exhibit at the Canadian Health Food Association Trade Show in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"These initiatives have allowed us to reach a particular kind of consumer," Han added. "The results have already been very promising."

Nutrition House Canada is now a new major chain selling Natunola products. The flax based product is also available in local grocery and health food stores.

Million dollar surplus

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All members of council agreed that winter maintenance is difficult to predict year after year.

Through the deliberation process so far, council has yet to make any decisions about any potential cuts to the operational or capital portions of the municipal budget, and they have yet to discuss the potential impact of this budget on the tax rate.

So far, South Dundas deputy mayor Robert Gillard is the only member of council who has spoken about the tax rate, saying that he will not support a budget which requires a tax increase for the ratepayers of South Dundas.

South Dundas council has had three budget meetings, the first to review the recreation budget, the second to review the roads budget and the third to review administrative, economic development and planning and enforcement department budgets.

Council budget deliberations continue this week.

Riverside Heights Women's Institute

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS – Today, April 10, we said a sad farewell to member Cathy Groves, who is moving to Midland, Ontario, with her family.

We, the ladies of the Women's Institute, will miss her very much; she did a lot for the Institute. Thanks, Cathy.

Our meeting opened with the Women's Institute *Grace* after which we had a very nice pot luck lunch that the ladies brought in for us. Then we moved on, saying the *Ode*, and the *Mary Stewart Collect*. The meeting went very well. We talked about our up-coming 110th anniversary which we will be celebrating on May 8, 2007.

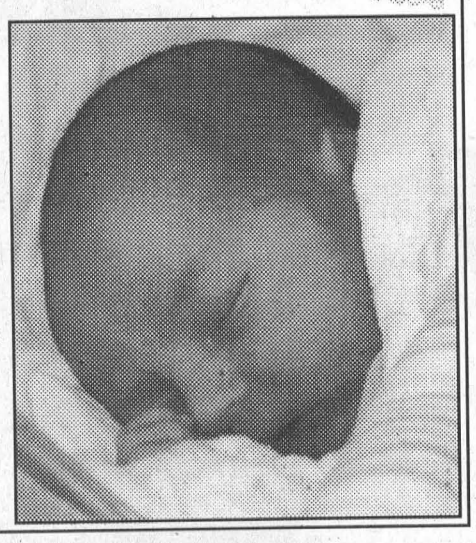
We will be be entertained by Mr. Art Lawless, who will play the piano. Then a lawyer, Kimberly Walsh, BA.LL.B., will discuss issues such as power of attorney, preparing a last will, and the ways to see that your family is not left in the lurch by your death. She will also cover the general issues of *the law and you*. Any questions will be answered by Kimberly.

We closed our meeting by naming our new committee. Good luck everyone.

Jean Paquette

Birth Announcement

Buller–Proud parents, Mike and Julie, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son, Kayden Robert Ian Buller. Born Feb. 27, 2007, weighing 7 lbs. 4 ozs., at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. He is also welcomed by loving family and many fantastic friends.



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Early start

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year, the Board hopes to realize savings of around $100,000. High school students would be delivered to classes first, then busses would pick up elementary students.

Problems inherent in having elementary and high school students share the same busses would end.

Over time, the savings to the budget could be even higher, according to Lalonde, because the Ministry of Education has mandated that the Catholic and public boards must come to an agreement about sharing bussing costs. There can no longer be duplication of services.

Consequently, the two boards are currently in negotiations to combine their transportation spending, which should result in additional savings.

Seaway is actually one of the last secondary schools in the Board area which ends its day at 3:09 in the afternoon. Most other secondary schools are already on an early schedule.

Lalonde reports that the teaching staff at Seaway has generally reacted positively to the proposed changes.

If the proposal is carried, sporting events could be scheduled to start at 2:10 p.m. causing far fewer interruptions to regular classes. Teachers feel the change might result in the hiring of fewer supplies to handle their classes when they are affected by team and school sports. Students involved in sports will also miss fewer in class sessions.

Lalonde does agree that there may be some concerns among parents and students about the bussing proposal.

"Unfortunately, all current better later in the day, rather than earlier. This could be a concern."

The proposal also mandates that some students in built up (not rural) areas may have to walk farther to catch their busses. The Board wants to consolidate a number of stops into a single more central one, and students will have to get to it.

There may also be concerns among the working parents of elementary students. Their children would not start school until 9:15 a.m., a time after many parents have already left for work.

Lalonde says that Seaway will probably make some adjustments in how the school day is organized if the early start time goes through.

"Our present lunch hour is 55 minutes," he says, "and will need to be shortened somewhat. It will also have to be scheduled at a different time, since lunch under the new system would begin at 11 a.m. That's too early."

The school is exploring a number of solutions, including scheduling more classes in the morning, and having a longer mid morning nutrition break, since Lalonde worries that some teens may not have had any breakfast before catching a 7 a.m. bus.

In the last week, letters from the Upper Canada District School Board have been sent home to area parents explaining the proposed changes to bussing and school hours.

A public forum for parents to voice their opinions or to ask questions about the bussing proposal has been scheduled for Thursday, May 3, at Seaway District High School, beginning at 7 p.m. Members of the board, superintendents and officials from

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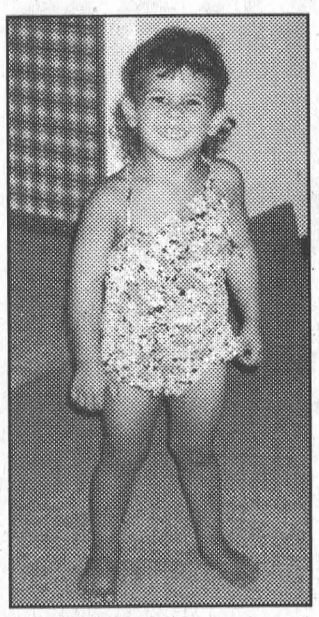

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Minister delivers infrastructure funding

WINCHESTER – No municipality in Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh was left out when David Caplan, Ontario Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, visited the riding last Thursday morning to officially announce the recent funding hand outs through the Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative (RIII).

Although the government announced the final list of approved grants, March 23, MPP Jim Brownell brought the Minister to the Winchester April 12, to share the good news with local mayors.

Brownell was pleased to be able to bring Minister Caplan to the riding to make the announcements.

"I believe infrastructure support was well placed in the our budget and well placed here in Stormont - Dundas - Charlottenburgh," said Brownell, adding that all of the municipalities in SD-C, who applied for funding, including the United Counties were able to receive support through this program.

"The Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative reflects our government's commitment to strengthen small and rural communities," said Caplan. "Jim Brownell has been a passionate advocate for this community and I'm pleased to join him today to show the McGuinty government's commitment to providing resources and opportunities such as this to address key infrastructure needs and ensure safe sustainable and strong communities."

Caplan commented on the incredible range of projects which are receiving funding through RIII.

Here in SD&G the projects range from road projects here in South Dundas and at the United Counties level, to bridge and culvert replacements in South Glengarry and South Stormont, to facility upgrades to the Finch arena in North Stormont, to North Dundas' revitalization of 100 Club Park in Winchester.

Funding for the projects in SD&G represent an investment of just over $4 million from the McGuinty government's one-time $140 million RIII.

"This is fantastic news for our communities," said Brownell. "Our community's prosperity and high quality of life depends on revitalized public facilities and infrastructure. This funding will mean safer bridges and roads and improved sports, recreational and cultural facilities for our community."

Mark Guy, recreation director for North Dundas showed Caplan and Brownell the improvement plans for 100 Club Park, which is already includes the Winchester arena, community pool, baseball diamonds and family play area.

This funding will allow North Dundas to enhance the existing components of the 100 Club Park and construct new amenities such as a pavilion in partnership with the local Lions Club to make the park more of a user-friendly family destination and a centerpiece of the community for events like Dairyfest.

"Community centres and parks are the real lifeblood of a community, and that's why we included sports, culture and tourism in the RIII," commented Caplan.

North Dundas mayor Alvin Runnalls said he was very pleased to receive the $738,254 grant from the province and thanked MPP Brownell for his excellent service and strong advocacy for the community.

United Counties Warden Dennis Fife thanked Brownell and Caplan for the $1,750,000 awarded to the United Counties for the reconstruction of County Road 41.

As mayor of North Stormont, Fife was pleased at the $125,000 funding for upgrades at the Finch arena.

"We are really happy to get money to repair the arena," he said adding, "I look forward to more recreation funding becoming available."

Caplan acknowledged the importance of providing funding such as this to help small and rural communities maintain, expand or rehabilitate the existing facilities.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley said that he appreciates the funding received by South Dundas ($612,900 for the Henderson Road reconstruction) and the United Counties for roads. "This is a good sign and I hope it continues. I welcome the funding, and it think it is going in the right direction, but this is only the tip of the iceberg," said Barkley.

Barkley said that at the end of the day there is only one taxpayer and municipalities, as the grass roots level of government, need funding help to do what is needed.

Caplan called the infrastructure deficit in Ontario, "staggering," and said, "We've let this go far too long."

South Stormont mayor Bryan McGillis thanks Caplan for taking the time to come to this riding to make the funding announcements. South Stormont received $335,332 funding for the replacement of the North Lunenburg bridge.

He thanked Brownell for his efforts in putting this riding on the map.

Mayors from the local municipalities had a chance to meet with Minister Caplan at a recent ROMA conference in Toronto, and of that meeting McGillis said, "Your approach was very down to earth and I said there's someone who cares. When we met I knew we would get results."

Ewen MacDonald, general manager of infrastructure service for South Glengarry was pleased to be awarded $579,400 for improvements to 26 bridges and culverts. "This is really encouraging for us," he said.

"We are working on it," said Caplan, "But, we know there is more work to do."



Winchester Heelers In Step for Weekend to End Breast Cancer

Three of the 17-member Winchester District Memorial Hospital Heelers team that will be walking in the upcoming 2007 Weekend to End Breast Cancer fundraiser in Ottawa were set up at Valu-mart in Morrisburg on Saturday, asking for the public's support for this important cause. Left to right, the three walkers who are now seriously into their training for the 60 km walk are l-r, Jane Sachs (WDMH chemo unit), Dianne Lapier (WDMH clinical services) and Roseanne Casselman. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian women. In 2007, it is estimated that 22,3000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 5,300 will die of it. One in nine women is expected to develop breast cancer during her lifetime, and one in 27 will die of it. This year's Weekend to End Breast Cancer fundraiser will take place June 1-3 in Ottawa, where thousands of women and men will walk a 60 km course. The net proceeds will support breast cancer research, and services through the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation. Seventy-five percent of the money raised by the local team will go to Winchester District Memorial Hospital which, as a partner with the Ottawa Regional Cancer Program, provides local residents with Breast screening (Ontario Breast Screening Centre), surgical intervention with sentinel note biopsy and chemotherapy. Last year, 1,000 walkers raised $2.5 million at the Weekend to End Breast Cancer. Each participant must raise at least $2,000 and the Winchester Heelers team of 15 walkers and two fundraising assistants are now busy working together to raise a combined $30,000. Anyone wishing to support the effort can contact Roseanne at 652-2145, Jane at 543-2435 or Dianne at 535-2264.

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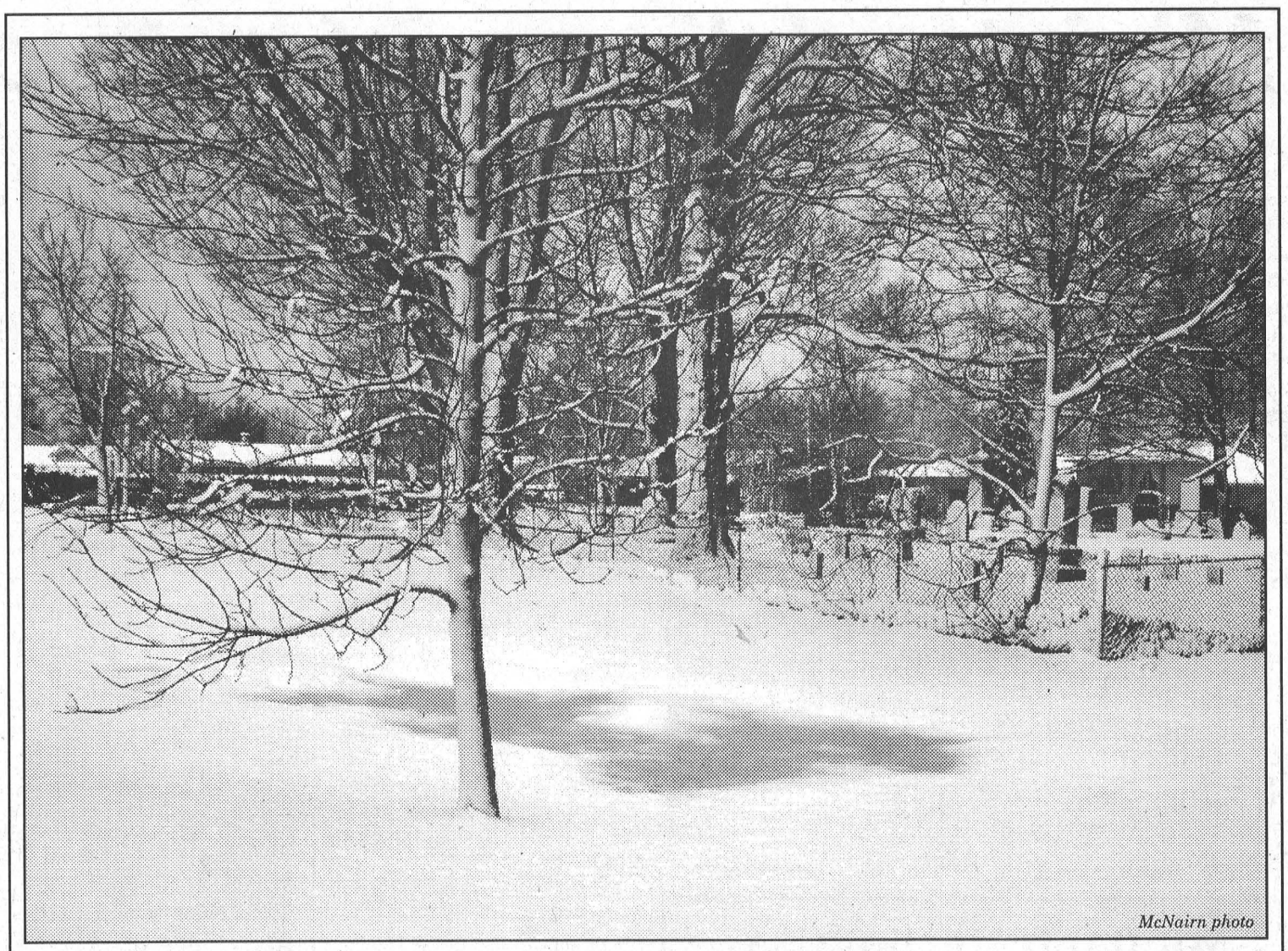

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April Showers?? Bring May Flowers–Hopefully winter's last stand photographed Monday morning.

UCDSB schools lower flags in respect to shooting victims

Flags at Upper Canada District School Board schools were lowered to half-staff Tuesday morning as a sign of respect to those who lost their lives Monday at Virginia Tech. In addition, director of Education David K. Thomas issued the following message to the Board's school principals.

"In the wake of yesterday's tragic deaths at Virginia Tech, many of us will be grateful that such an incident hasn't occurred at our school board, and we'll pray that such a horrible incident never does occur at our Board.

I want to remind everyone that we have pursued new initiatives that can serve to prevent incidents of this nature from occurring. While the best plans are not perfect, we have invested considerable time and effort to prepare our schools for lock downs when required.

Our Emergency Response Program introduced in 2006/07 provides us with a detailed and quick response plan in the event of an emergency. We have worked closely with police services throughout our Board jurisdiction to ensure that our safe schools policies and procedures are understood and followed. Many of our schools have practiced the Code Red lock down procedures to ensure that staff is aware of what to do in the event of an emergency.

As well, our Michelangelo Project is designed to allow early interventions for those students who are not engaged in learning. Time has shown that the perpetrators of school shootings are often disengaged students. That's why it's so important for all of us to understand the root causes of such horrible behaviour. It's also why early interventions result in the provision of the types of support required to keep people from potentially becoming perpetrators."

(Upper Canada District School Board press release)

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Let's Bounce Out Bullying! is the message Q-Mack Entertainment will be bringing to parents and students in the area when presentations are given at Seaway District High School on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Nationview Public School on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Some parents are unaware of the bullying that takes place in our schools and playgrounds, while some parents choose to ignore the incidences unless of course they are the parents of the unfortunate child who is being bullied.

The Q-Mack presentation will focus on verbal bullying, physical bullying, exclusion, cyber bullying, confidence building, learning new skills and the roll of the bystander.

Known simply as Q-Mack, this 29-year-old professional basketball trickster began playing the sport in 1987. After completing high school, Q pursued effective communication by attending the Radio and Broadcasting program at Humber College in Toronto.

In 2000, he combined his dynamic communication techniques, flashy basketball tricks and powerful anti-bullying message and created a show for schools all across Ontario. To date over 800 schools have benefited from his workshops. Parents and students are encouraged to take in one of the demonstrations. Bullying is a very real problem in our local schools.

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A number of local women are now raising funds to participate in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer event coming up in Ottawa in May. One planned event to raise money for this important cause is a garage sale to take place on Saturday, April 28 in Henderson Hall, located at 518 Church Street in Winchester. There will be all sorts of great finds, like furniture, crafts, bake items, perennials, and books. There will also be a petting zoo and special prize draw, so mark April 28 on your calendar and start your shopping list now.

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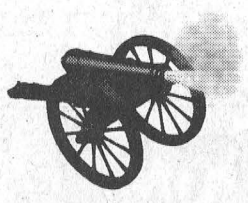
Don't forget to have your rakes and garbage bags ready for our community cleanup day this Saturday. If everyone pitches in, the community should be sparkling by the end of the day. When you're done your cleanup, you can head on over to Seaway High for the annual train show there.



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1997

The April 16 issue reported residents were being asked to come up with some names for streets in the village of Morrisburg which had to be renamed due to amalgamation and the installation of the 911 emergency system. The village had eight street names that were duplicated in other areas of South Dundas including: Beckstead Road, Church Street, Duncan Street, Riverside Drive, Victoria Street and William Street.

Regional Bank of Montreal manager, Al Birch attended council to inform them that the bank in Williamsburg had to cut staff and hours because it was losing money.

Williamsburg IOOF #349 held a banquet to honour outgoing Noble Grand, Brian Hanes.

Matilda Township residents were up in arms over the condition of their roads. Reeve Charles Barkley told them that with 199 kilometers of roads (56 km of them gravel) and just $469,000 budgeted to spend on them, the question was where should the money be applied. We can only do so much with the little money we have, he said.

1987

It was reported in the April 15 issue that the fundraising effort for the new ice plant and floor at the Morrisburg Arena received quite a boost when Morrisburg Branch 48 of the Royal Canadian Legion made a $15,000 donation.

Three-year-old Geoffrey Baker was a life saver when he awakened his parents, Thomas Imrie and Patricia Baker in time to get them and himself out of their Morrisburg apartment which was engulfed in flames.

The Morrisburg Public School team of Sangeet Reen, Shawn Hummell, Bobby Reid and Natasha Harper won the Dundas County French Scrabble Tournament.

Karen Gorrell presented a plaque on behalf of Stormont-Dundas MP Norm Warner to Ella and Herbert Casselman of Morrisburg honouring their 62nd wedding anniversary.

There was a new face behind the counter at Riverside Heights General Store. Eric Stickler had taken over the operation from Lyle Stewart and Faye Froats.

Morrisburg dentist, Dr. Mark Stevens was one of 400 amateur athletes across the province to receive an Achievement Award at the 20th annual Ontario Sports Awards banquet in Toronto. Stevens excelled the previous year at the National Water Ski Competition in Quebec.

1977

Headlines in the April 22 issue read: Lions Demolish G-Men but Bow to Renfrew. The Lions defeated the Gananoque G-Men 5-3 in the seventh and final game of the ODHA Junior B semifinals earning the right to advance against the Renfrew Lions in a best-of-seven final. The Morrisburg arena was crowded with 1,400 fans who were out to watch the Lions win the Southern Division championship for the second consecutive year. Scoring for the Lions in the win were Kevin Duvall, Billy Morrow, Robbie Reynolds, Kevin Mackler and Bob McNairn. With the win under their belts, the Lions met Renfrew in game one of that series and were handed a 6-3 loss. It was written of the game that Renfrew provided poor ice and blind referees.

Pictured on the front page were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Casselman of Williamsburg on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Walter and Glen Whitteker were pictured in the issue accepting a silver tray from a J.M. Schneider representative on the occasion of their 40th year of successful business.

1967

The April 21 issue reported three area residents were injured in a weekend accident, when their car went out of control on Highway 31 and flipped and rolled several times. Rushed to Winchester Memorial Hospital were Sheila Coughler, Bert Casselman and Wayne McHaffie.

Mrs. M. Edythe Wilkins, Reg. N., was appointed director of nursing at the Ontario Hospital, Brockville. The former Edythe Laurin, Mrs. Wilkins was born in Alexandria and at a very young age moved to Morrisburg with her family.

A goal by Bob Rawson at the 17:45 mark of the first sudden death overtime period gave the Kingston Aces a 7-6 win over the Morrisburg Combines and a berth in the Eastern Canada Allan Cup finals. The Aces won the best-of- seven series in five games.

1957

Headlines in the April 5 issue read: Long Sault Rapids Stilled Forever. The flow pattern down the ancient river had been cut off with a rock-filled cofferdam and the water diverted through a wide excavation in Long Sault Island into the South Channel. The water now poured through the sluices of the first stage of the Long Sault control dam. The work was being done to dry up the river bed to complete the second stage of the permanent Long Sault concrete control dam. The rapids had now disappeared for all time.

It was reported that 1,472 of 1,960 Seaway property deals had been completed.

1947

The April 18 issue reported that Iroquois fisherman, Ralph Smith weighed in a giant pout that measured 26 inches in length and 14 inches in girth at the Morrisburg Fish and Game Club contest. It tipped the scale at six pounds, six ounces and was identified as a brown bull pout while many locals argued it was a channel catfish.

Teachers at Morrisburg Collegiate and Morrisburg Public School were to meet with the finance committee of the Morrisburg Board of Education to try and arrive at a mutually satisfactory schedule of salaries. After the meeting the board would meet to rehire or dismiss the instructors. Public School janitor, Alex Millward had requested an increase in salary from $75 to $100 per month.

Gordon A. Smith was installed as president of the Morrisburg Legion.

Tax write off request granted by council

WILLIAMSBURG–By a 4-1 vote, one ratepayer in South Dundas will be getting a break on his taxes.

The unnamed resident of South Dundas asked the municipality to write off nearly $9,000 in taxes and interest resulting from the ratepayer omitting, for two years, to apply for a reduction in the rate of tax for the agricultural portion of the property through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

According to South Dundas treasurer Lorna Seibert, in order to qualify for the reduction the application must be sent to OMAFRA each year before August 31, of the year prior to the taxation year.

If this is not done, OMAFRA removes the property from its list of farmland tax classed properties, thus making the land subject to the residential tax rate.

"I got caught in the same situation myself one time," said South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley.

According to Seibert's report, the matter was discussed with the property owner, who was in the opinion that the municipality should be applying to OMAFRA on his behalf.

"I did contact the ministry and they will not adjust these years as the deadlines have passed," said Seibert.

She explained that the municipality has the power to write of the any or all of the amount, including the counties and education portions. However, if the township elected to write off those portions they would still have to be paid by the municipality.

"I have no problem writing off the South Dundas portion, but I do have a problem with the other portion," said South Dundas councillor Jim Graham.

Councillor Steven Byvelds agreed.

"I would be willing to reduce the South Dundas share, but would not be willing to be out of pocket for the counties and education. That would be his penalty," he said.

After establishing that the OMAFRA application process has been in place since 1998, South Dundas councillor Delbert Jones voiced his concerns over writing off the taxes in this situation. "I think we'd be setting a terrible precedent."

Mayor Barkley said that the municipality has done this before, however in that circumstance it was because of a death.

"It's understandable in that case," said Jones. "I am concerned that there isn't extenuating circumstances, so I am reluctant to write off even the South Dundas portion."

The difference between the residential and farm rate for the two years affected by the request is nearly $9,000 including the municipal, counties and education portions, with outstanding interest charges of nearly $1,400.

Council agreed to waive the interest charges and to write of the municipal portion of the tax difference, which is about 30 percent, or roughly $4,000.

Letters to the Editor

Garbage collector thanked for providing us with insight

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to whomever it was that took it upon himself to clean up along the shoulders and ditches from the town limits to the highway over the last couple of weeks.

Not only did this person spend a great deal of his own personal time to do an unpleasant job, he managed to give all those passing the continuous line of strewn about garbage an insight into just how little we respect this beautiful country of ours, and, in particular, our own town.

It was disgusting to see the long line of primarily fast food wrappings, coffee cups and water bottles that had been negligently tossed out of car windows by those just too darn lazy to stop and put them into a proper garbage can.

Thank you sir, for your efforts; for cleaning up the countryside and for making us all more aware of our actions.

Elise Weagant

Gary

Once upon a time, long, long ago, far, far away - I worked as a parcel post courier with Canada Post. I was fortunate to get the job, though my heart wasn't in it for the long haul. I was single, living out on my own, trying to make a go of it in the music business by night and on weekends. Thanks to Canada Post, however, there was food on my table.

Now, every workplace has its characters - the good, the bad and the ugly - some easily forgotten, and others we'd rather just forget. But then there are those rare jewels in the Master's crown who remain forever etched in our memories. One of them inspired this song. (Gary is pronounced "Gaarree!")

I used to know a guy
His name was Gary.
The fellas used to laugh
and call him names.
He was patient, he was kind
He was scorned but didn't mind...
Gary-- how'd you know?

Perspectives

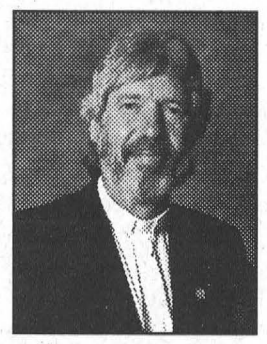
His profession driving parcels
made him happy,
Though myself,
I was fed up with it in a week.
He would work come rain or shine,
Then he'd put in overtime...
Gary--how'd you know?

Who gave you the secret?
Who gave you the lines?
Who gave you the courage?
Who gave you your mind?

Singing songs that go back
before the '50's -
In a voice that made a steamboat
sound discreet.
He would always keep his cool
When the others called him a fool...
Gary--how'd you know?

Who gave you the secret?
Who gave you the lines?
Who gave you the courage?
Who gave you your mind?

I never really got to know Gary socially. I tried to stay clear. Had I come to his defense, there's no telling what the guys would have thrown my way. Gary was the butt of every joke and just about every insult that my co-workers felt obliged to hurl his way. Perhaps it was his voice that got the guys going. I mean, when he sang while sorting his parcels, it was beyond description--loud, nasal and absolutely unabashed. Then again, it may have had something to do with his appearance. Gary had long stringy hair, an odd moustache and a huge set of teeth. People can be cruel. He knew the others were making fun of him. But Gary allowed them to carry on without ever "firing back." Gary made me think.



Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst

Who gave you the secret?
Who gave you the lines?
Who gave you the courage?
Who gave you your mind?

The answer to those questions can be found in an early Christian hymn recorded in Paul's letter to the Philippians. (2:5-9)

"Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name..."

I believed then, as I do today, that Gary had found the great secret of how to live his life in the light and truth and strength of the greatest story ever told. Whether he did so consciously or by virtue of some subterranean stream of holiness is another matter. Nevertheless, I consider it a great blessing that God allowed our paths to cross. Peace be with you.

Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst

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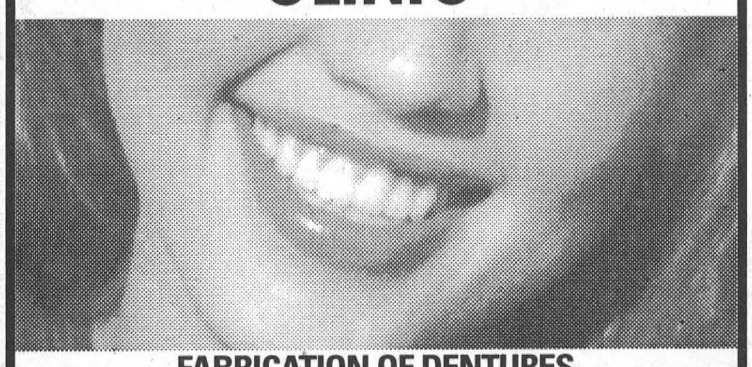
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Opal's Baby offering down home fun

CORNWALL–Cast of the Cow Patti Theatre production of John Patrick's *Opal's Baby* are having a hoot as they develop their weird and whacky characters in preparation for the show's opening next Thursday, April 26th.

"The energy and the characters are amazing," says director AnnaMarie Lea whose Cow Patti Theatre has produced the show two times previously while the company was located in Western Canada. "It's going to be a pig squealing, hay hoppin' time."

"What I like is that Opal actually breaks the fourth wall and talks to the audience. I like to call the show a cross between the Beverly Hillbillies and Rick Mercer."

"I'm thrilled about the cast and I love this play. It is so warm-hearted and funny, and it's a great show for kids."

Patti Kazmer, well known to theatre audiences in this area, has the lead role of Opal.

"It's a very different role for me," says Kazmer. "I've never played a part like Opal, and I've fallen in love with her."

"She isn't educated but she is certainly wise. She has chosen to be in the collection business and that is her life calling. (She lives beside a dump)."

In *Opal's Baby*, Opal is visited by Norman who is looking for a tire for his 1927 Reo Truck. Thinking Opal has money, Norman schemes to pass himself and his family off as long lost relatives to get at Opal's money.

Opal takes in Norman and his family, Verna the Hollywood starlet and her husband Spencer. Throw in Opal's mistrusting friend Rosie and a granny who likes to sit under the table singing and eating Tootsie Rolls and the fun begins.

Victor Cornfoot has been cast as Norman, the first major role in a local production for the Ottawa actor.

Of his character, Cornfoot says, "He is a bit of an oddball. He's a bit of a dope but he is also a schemer and he has a family of, well, stupid people."

Cornfoot explains that Norman wants a better life for his family and he thinks, that through Opal, he has found a way to get it.

The second day into rehearsal, Cornfoot says he connected with his Norman character. "It was a blast. It was like a light bulb went off. He's really about emotional energy and I'm having a great time with him."

Norman's family includes Spencer played by Jonas Elliott of Ottawa and Verna who is played by Jennifer Robertson of Cornwall.

Elliott says his character Spencer, "is a really good guy, but he's not operating on a full tank of gas. He embraces every endeavor with enthusiasm and his intentions are well-founded."

"I've always been impressed with Jonas' work and this is a challenging role for him," says Lea explaining his character is on stage a lot but doesn't have much to say. His connection with the audience is often made through his facial expressions and body language.

Jennifer Robertson of Cornwall plays Spencer's pregnant wife Verna.

"She's been looking for money all of her life," explains Lea. "She's conniving, and likes to do her play-acting. She switches from being the poor pregnant child to a conniving little person."

Lea is pleased to have Cornwall's Estelle Denis return to the stage. Denis delighted audiences as Vera in the Odd Couple (female version) staged by Cow Patti in February.

"She doesn't have a lot of lines, but she does a lot of crowing like a rooster," says Denis of her granny character. "She's in a world of her own and is totally off her rocker. You thought Vera was bad, this one is even worse."

Opal's best friend is Rosie who is played by Lea. "I live across the dump, and just don't trust things. I'm baking a cake and celebrating the fact my husband left me 10 years ago."

Opal's Baby opens at the Glen Building (behind the Water Street Arena in Cornwall) on Thursday, April 26 and runs until Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13.

"We are going to have a real special event for Mother's Day with a special prize. It will be a real fun closing day," says Lea.

Opal's Baby is being offered in three formats at specified times and dates: The Pig Roast Theatre which will include a pig roasted on a spit and all the country fixins (beef also available) at $47 plus tax; Flapjack and Breakfast Fixins' Theatre with flapjacks and maple syrup, ham and eggs etc. for $35 plus GST; the Moonshine Cabaret which is the show only at $22 plus GST.

For more information or to purchase tickets for *Opal's Baby* please contact Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism, Monday through Friday at 613-938-4748 or the Cow Patti Box Office (evenings and weekends) at 613-938-8068.



Fun and Laughter Coming up in Cow Patti Production

Cow Patti Theatre is predicting a "Pig Squealing, Hay Hoppin'" time in the upcoming production of *Opal's Baby* written by John Patrick. Above are four of the characters in the play starting below the table with granny played by Cornwall's Estelle Denis. Above, l-r are Jonas Elliot who plays Spencer, Victor Cornfoot who plays Norman and Patti Kazner who has the lead role of Opal.

Demers addresses school summit

CORNWALL - A man who spent 15 years in the NHL as a head coach and general manager without knowing how to read or write, will be the guest speaker at the 2007 Small High School Summit, hosted this year by Upper Canada District School Board.

Jacques Demers, the former bench boss of five NHL teams, will be the keynote speaker at the three day event being held in Cornwall.

The Small High School Summit will attract more than 220 teachers, principals and other educators according to an April 13 press release from the Upper Canada School Board and Director David K.Thomas.

Educational seminars in classroom strategies and ideas, as well as seminars in new assistive technologies designed to help students with literacy issues will be among the activities scheduled at the Nav Canada Training and Conference Centre from April 19-21.

A high light of the Conference, however, will be the address by Jacques Demers.

Demers will expand on the difficulties he faced in his childhood dealing with an alcoholic father who told him he was "stupid." The long term result of his difficulties was that he found himself essentially illiterate, hiding his problem despite the increasing complexities of his jobs.

He led the Montreal Canadiens to a Stanley Cup in 1993, and later coached for the Quebec Nordiques, the Detroit Red Wings and the Tampa Bay Lightning. All the time, he hid his literacy problems by having secretaries and media people handle any tasks that required reading and writing.

Demers speaks publically about his problem now because he wants youth facing abuse and literacy challenges to realize there are places they can turn for help.

"The message I want to bring," says Demers, "is to never give up. There is always hope for success."

Demers confronted his literacy problems, and now works as a hockey commentator for the French language network RDS.

He will make his Cornwall address on April 20 to educators.

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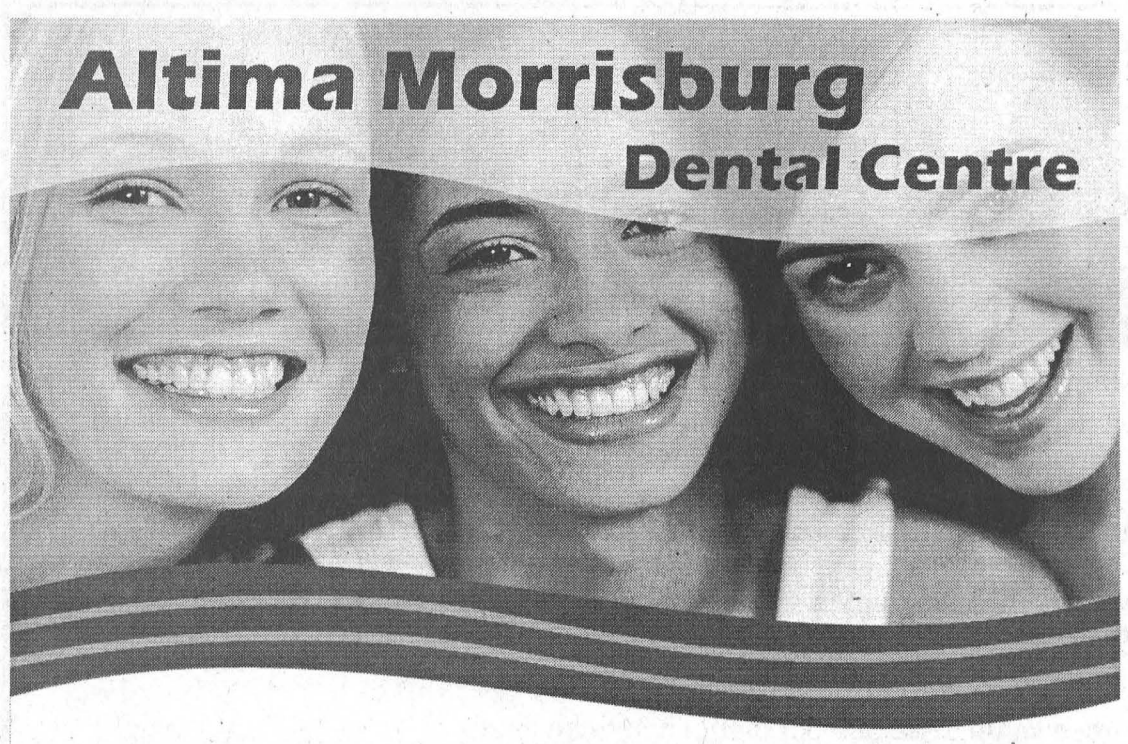

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Obituaries

Larry Summerfield

A resident of Dixon's Corners for the past nine years, Larry Summerfield passed away at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, following a brief illness. He was 52.

Larry was born in Hamilton on May 26, 1954, to his parents Oliver and Lois Summerfield (nee Lyall). He grew up in the Hamilton area along with his ten brothers and sisters.

He moved to the Cardinal area when he was 17 to live with his sister, Marilyn.

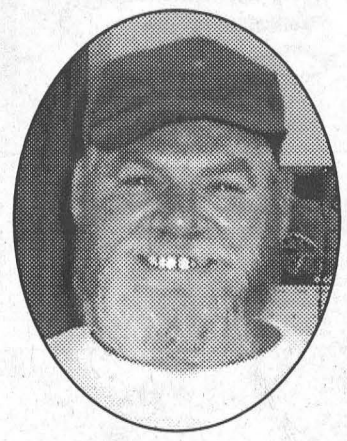
He found work at Caldwell Linen Mills and then went to work at Woodings Railcar where he remained for 15 years. In March of 1992 he started working at Iroquois Enterprises and he was a loyal employee there until health problems forced him to quit working. Larry enjoyed fishing, hunting, and helping his brother Toby with his hobby beef farm, where he raised his precious cow named Eileen. He enjoyed gardening and he proudly gave away his produce every year.

Larry loved and enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren, and he had started to teach them the right way to fish, hunt, and farm.

Larry had many friends who will miss his disposition and the ability to have a beer with him. Larry is survived by his wife Marjorie Summerfield (nee Link), his mother, Lois Summerfield (nee Lyall) of Port Colborne, his sons Travis and his wife, Tanya, and Joshua and his wife, Jaime, both of Prescott; his stepchildren, Dan and his wife, Pam DeVries, of R.R.# 2, Chesterville, Mark DeVries of Cornwall and Julie Sloan of South Mountain.

He was a very special Grampy to Matthew, Dillon, Spencer, Paige, Hope, Eric, Joseph, and Sydney.

He leaves to mourn his Grandma, Helen Cochrane, of Port Colborne, and his brothers: Jim and his wife, Bonnie, of Dunnville; Toby and his wife, Judy, of Cardinal; Glen and his wife, Marion, of Cooks Mills. He also leaves his sisters: Marilyn and her husband, Rick Warren, of Lansdowne; Bonnie and her husband, Noel Martin, of Wainfleet; Nancy and her husband, George Barlow, of Brockville; Norma and her husband, Darryl Thompson, of Wainfleet; Rose Welton of Port Colborne; Edie and her husband, Garry Arenburg, of Port Colborne; Brenda and her husband, Dale Harris, of Welland; and his sister-in-law



Betty (Brian) Montpellier of Vancouver.

Larry was predeceased by his father Oliver and his nephew Phillip.

He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Thursday, April 12. The funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Friday, April 13th at 11 a.m., with Rev Bob Williams officiating. Cremation followed. The Pallbearers were Travis Summerfield, Joshua Summerfield, Dan DeVries, Mark DeVries, Barry McDermott, and Larry Merkley. Donations to Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre or the Community Care Access Centre would be appreciated by Larry's family

Arthur Gogolin

A resident of the Wellington House Nursing Home in Prescott for the past 1.5 years, Arthur Gogolin passed away at the Brockville General Hospital on Friday, April 6, 2007. He was 84.

Art was born in Palmer Rapids on October 21, 1922, to his parents, Henry and Annie Gogolin (nee Hartwick). He grew up on the family farm along with 14 brothers and sisters. At a young age he worked both in the logging business and milking cows. As a young man he became ill and he was bedridden for a period of time. During this time he learned to make embroidered doilies which he continued to make right up until his death.

Even though Art's education was limited he had ingenious ways of dealing with life. He took great pride in growing a garden which contained no weeds and he was able to preserve pickles by using picture recipes.

In 1978, Art bought a home in the Cardinal area. He worked for many years on the Moulton family farm. In 1992 he married Anne Keeler and he enjoyed the years that he spent with Anne, her children and her grandchildren.

Arthur was a faithful member of the United Church of God. He enjoyed sharing his jokes and he made many friends. He was meticulous in everything he did and will be sadly missed by his family and the many friends he made throughout his lifetime.

Arthur is survived by his wife Anne Gogolin (nee Link), his step-children Carl Keeler and his companion, Tammy Marsolais, of Brinston, Troy Keeler and his wife, Dianna, of New Dublin, Darren Keeler and his companion, Shelly Simpson, of Brinston, Jason Keeler of Brinston, and Sarah Keeler and her companion, Ray Porter, of Brockville, and his sisters Florence Newman of Maynooth and Zelma Edgar of Ottawa.

Art will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Steven, Joe, Amanda, Megan, Tyler, Hector, Cody, Kallum, Allan, Tiffany, Ashley, Jamie, Cody, and Houston.

He was predeceased by sisters Elsie, Amiela, Mary, Viola, Rosetta and Violet, and brothers Ellard, Sam, Emil, Willie, David and Norman.

He is also survived by nieces and nephews.



Friends called at the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois, on Tuesday, April 10. The Funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 11th at one p.m., with Rev. Graham Marshall officiating.

Interment followed at Mainsville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Carl Keeler, Darren Keeler, Jason Keeler, Shelly Simpson, Candace Laprade and Buffy Laprade. Honorary pallbearers were Hector Wattie, Kallum Wattie, Cody Wattie, and Tyler Keeler.

Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Correction

Caldwell Linen Mill "On Staff" reunion

IROQUOIS – A story that appeared in the April 11 issue of The Leader incorrectly implied that all employees of Caldwell Linen Mill were being sought for an upcoming reunion.

In fact, the reunion is for only those employees who were ON STAFF during the 50s, 60s and 70s.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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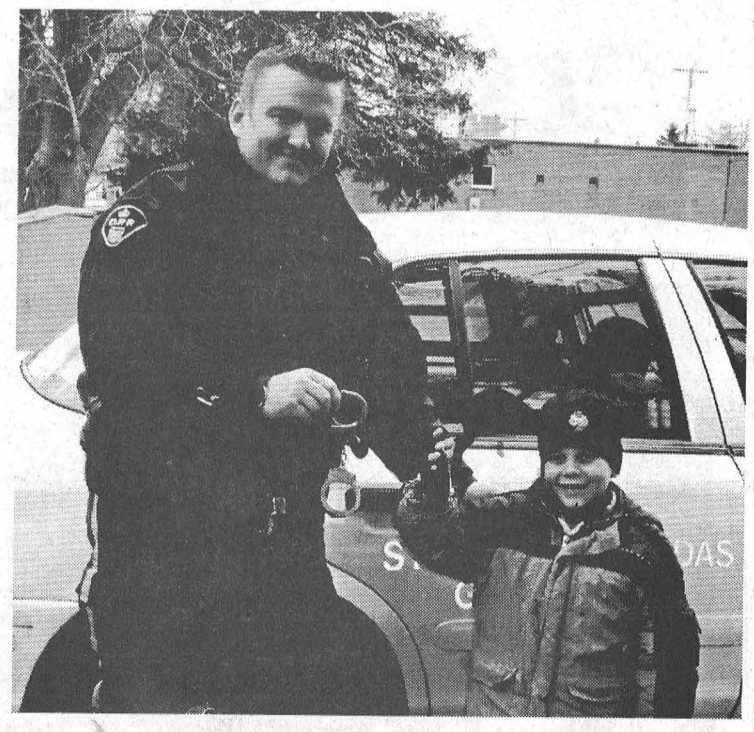

LANCASTER – SD&G OPP Constable Simon Hardy (pictured right) paid a visit to young Shane Bernier last week at his home in Lancaster.

The courageous young man (battling leukemia) has been a friend of the OPP for some time and officers routinely visit.

SD&G OPP have offered support in Shane's quest to get a record number of birthday cards.

Several have been sent from the local detachment and recently, it was learned hundreds more were forthcoming from the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, where recruits from across Ontario attend for training.

OPP officer's thoughts and prayers continue for a successful conclusion to his battle.

Effective response times

SOUTH STORMONT - In a press release dated April 12, 2007, the Fire Management Committee reported on a review of the fire call area within the Township of South Stormont.

The Township is striving to achieve the most effective response times through some amendments.

Residents of South Stormont are reminded that although their responding department may have changed, the 911 dispatch service will continue. If emergency response is needed, simply dial 911, give your civic number, road/street address, your name and the municipality. The appropriate department or agency will respond.

Implementation of the fire service boundaries is expected on May 1, 2007. Over the next few months, departments will be visiting affected homes to advise of the change.

Departments will also continue to carry out their annual smoke alarm blitz. Fire prevention remains the best form of protection.

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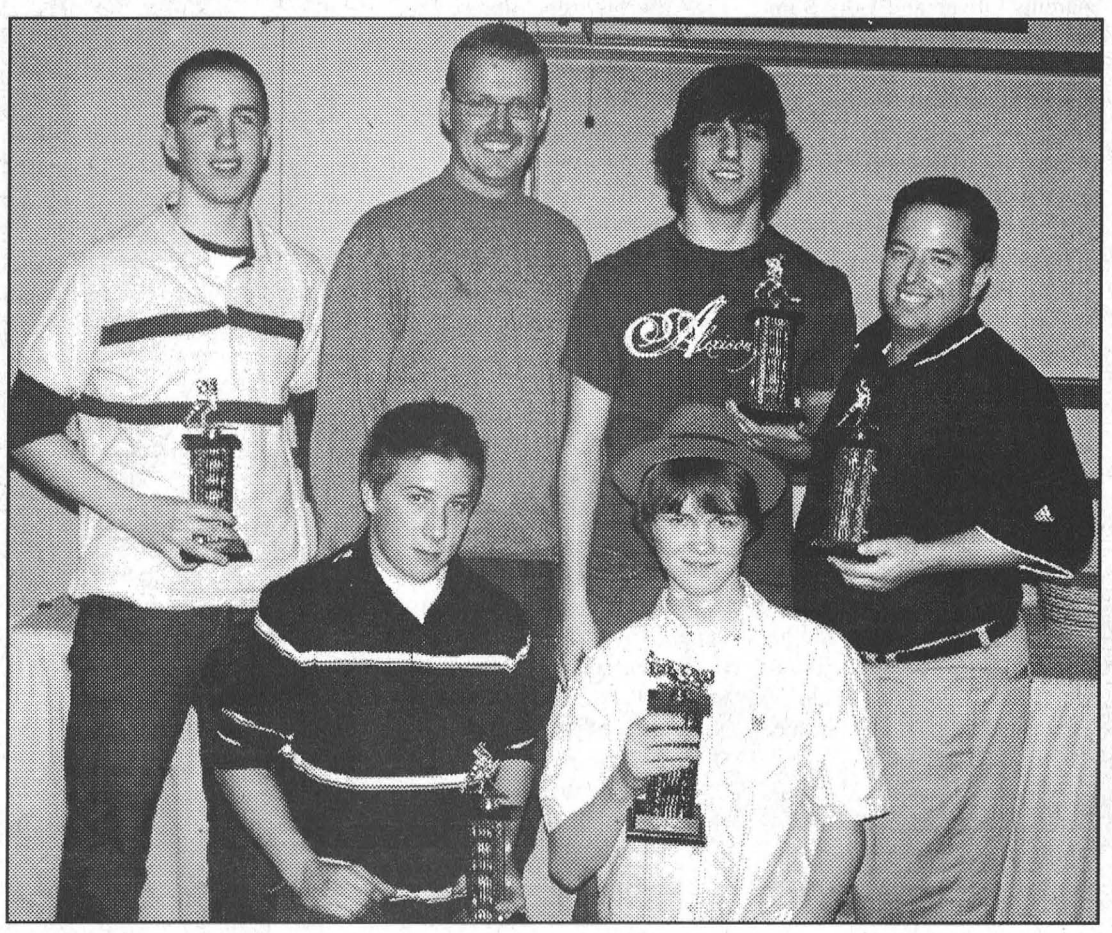
Leader Sports



Referees of the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association got together at the MacIntosh Inn, Saturday night to recognize their own and celebrate a successful season. Referee-in-chief, David Lapier thanked all of the local officials who numbered about 20 this season, and Pam Nesbitt who did a great job with their scheduling. Special thanks were also given to Jeff Pashak, Dale Swerdfeger and Brian Markell, who are from the area and provided the South Dundas Association with the necessary level three referees. This year the John Lortie Memorial Trophy was presented to rookie official Steve Martineau, above, by Brittany and Julie Lortie. The trophy, in memory of John Lortie who was a very active member of the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association both as an official and an executive member as well as an active member of the local community, is presented annually to an individual who reflects community involvement and is a good citizen of the community. Martineau, who decided to help out minor hockey as an official this year as well as being a member of the executive was very appreciative. "I am totally shocked by this. I got to know John through minor hockey, and I heard a lot of great things about him." Like John, Martineau said he "loves being involved in minor hockey and being a member of the executive."

"Official" wrap up



There are three key elements to a minor hockey association...the players, the coaches and the game officials. Saturday night the 20 South Dundas officials (many of them older players in the local program) were honoured and thanked for their commitment to the association and local youth. Above are those officials who were honoured for individual achievements. Front, l-r are Most Improved official Isaac Streit and Skylar McManus who received the Butt Trophy for "The Fall of the Year". Back, l-r are Most Dedicated Chris Tindal, Referee-in-Chief David Lapier, Best Overall official Collin Chesbro and Best Rookie Steve Martineau. ***McNairn Photos***



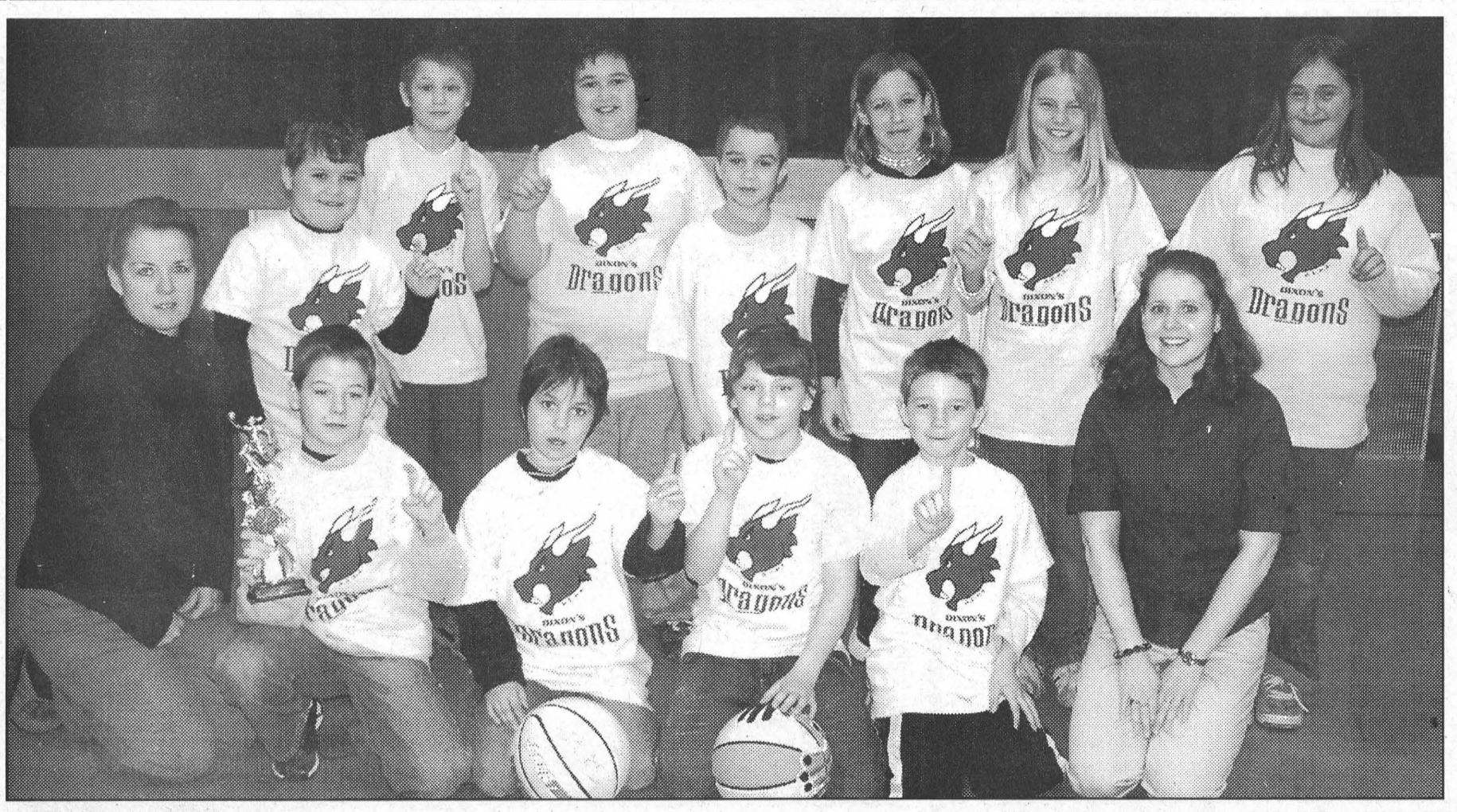
Midget House finish up a good year

The South Dundas Midget House Lions held their end-of-year party at the Iroquois Golf Club on Saturday, April 14. Coach Barry Avery told the players they all deserved awards for their hard work throughout the season. The Lions finished the regular season in second place and then went to work to defeat North Dundas in their first playoff round.

That put them into the division championship against first place Alexandria against whom they lost.

Pictured left are the award winners: Front kneeling is most dedicated Kurtis Coory. Behind, l-r are most sportsmanlike Joe Streit, trainer John Cooke, best offense Bret Avery, coach Barry Avery, best defense Ryan Swank, coach Mike McManus and coach's award winner Brad Munro.

Other members of the team were Matt Jamieson, Steve Baird, Greg McCaslin, Mitchell McDonald, Randy Whitford, Jordan Cooke, Nathan McDonell, Bryce Fournier, Nick Hogan, Dustin Gillard and manager Janet Munro.



Dixon's Corners lays claim to basketball championship

The Dixon's Corners Public School co-ed basketball team went undefeated in six games to capture the championship of the Nationview Basketball Tournament played on Thursday, April 5. The Dixon's Corners lineup included three players from Nationview Public School and one from Morrisburg who helped to secure the win. Pictured front, l-r, are assistant coach Nancy Trumper, Jordan Smail, Cole Merkley, Travis Richardson, Cody Smail and coach Dana Hasson. Back, l-r, are Cole Beckstead (MPS), Jesse Benoit, Juan Lopez, Sean Satura, Tiffany Visser, Tiffany Roskell and Juanita Lopez. Nationview players, Kim Dobbin, Hannah Greenough and Jordyn Faulkner and assistant coach Angie Smail were not available for the photo. ***McNairn Photo***

NEWSLETTER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
Seaway Branch #48
10 Legion Street, Morrisburg, ON

There will be a Special General Meeting on Wednesday, April 25th to vote on the contractor for the roof repair. Please come out to this very important meeting and support the Legion. At the next Regular General Meeting on Wednesday, May 9th, we will be holding elections for the next two year term. The next Ladies Auxiliary on Wednesday, May 9th is also election night.

Saturday the Ladies Auxiliary went to the District Darts in Brockville but we didn't place. Maybe next year!

The next Steak BBQ is Friday, April 27th with the same great 16 oz. steaks and all the trimmings for $12 plus tax and entertainment following by "Sound Expressions". Remember, the last steak night was sold out, so get your tickets early.

The Tuesday Mixed Dart League is now in their playoffs. The Dart Banquet this year will be on Saturday, June 2nd, with meals provided by the Ladies Auxiliary and entertainment following by "The Real Deal". This entertainment will be in the Lounge at 8:00 p.m. and is free and open to all.

Sunday afternoon cards was Euchre with a great showing of 4 tables. First place to Janice Warner, second to Bob Henophy and third to Glen Mattice. Next Sunday will be Cribbage starting at 1:30 p.m. with only one more week after that to play

The Sunday meat draw was won by Anna and Rene Nicolier.

"Support Our Troops" T-Shirts $14.82, Sweat Shirts $22.80 and Hoodies $33.06 are still available at the Legion.

Until next time – ***Comrade Janice***

IROQUOIS LEGION NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #370

IROQUOIS – Seventeen cribbage players were gathered in the lounge on Saturday, April 14. Finishing in first place with a total of 1,062 was Steve Tyrell, while James MacIntyre claimed the second spot with 1,040. Dennis Wright was just three points behind James taking the third spot.

Art Ault proudly took the Bridesmaid's honours for the day as he ended up with a total of 1,035. Only eight skunks could be found loitering around, and not one person got sprayed twice.

At euchre, there were seven tables. Picking up the first prize was Andy Acelvari, and Myrtle Weagant nabbed the second prize. Doris Wright had low score of the evening. Picking up one skunk each were Jack Shaver, Shirley Cooper, Norma Smith and Doug Gow.

The Pot of Gold winner was Joyce Murphy who was not signed in, unfortunately. She had been in the Branch on a couple of occasions during the week.

The Friday meal will be Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy and vegetables. Dessert will be bread pudding.

On Saturday, April 21, our annual Birthday Bash will be held starting at three p.m. There will be a barbecue, snacks, the usual birthday cake and entertainment by the popular Dave Farmer. Due to previous bookings, this birthday party couldn't be held until the 21. For a good, entertaining time drop in at the Branch and help all the April birthday people celebrate.

Our Legion General meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. instead of Thursday, due to a banquet booking for Thursday. Please keep this date in mind for this month. I hope you all try to come out for this meeting, as we need your support.

Next month is elections at our Branch. Please take this seriously and volunteer your name to stand for any of the various positions. You just might suprise yourself at the level of satisfaction you can achieve when you are getting involved.

Until next week, take care.

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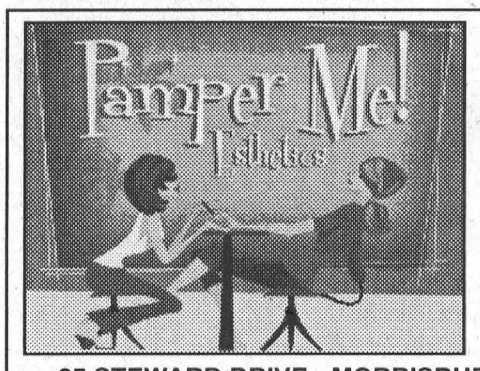

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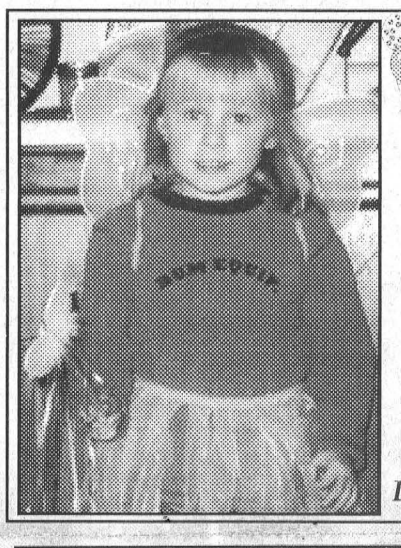
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Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Sunday, April 22, 2007
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. – Evangelical Lutheran Women Praise Service and Coffee Hour
ST. PETER'S, Williamsburg
11:15 a.m. – Evangelical Lutheran Women Praise Service and Sunday School
The Rev. Norine Gullons
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Rev. Isabel Black
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Sunday School & Nursery available

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Minister
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Church: 613-535-2227
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Morning Worship Service
7:30 P.M.
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11:00 a.m. – Sunday School
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Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 613-543-2681
Sunday, April 22, 2007
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Rev. Craig Bowers
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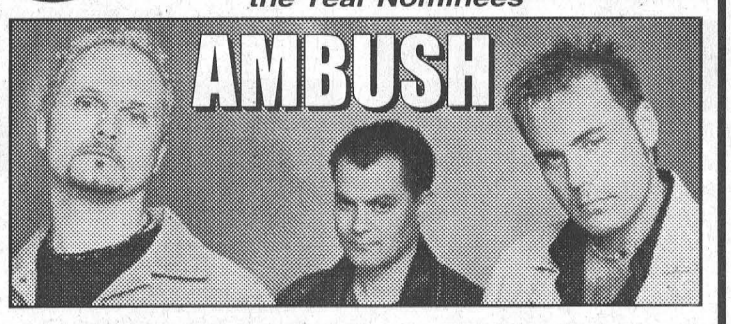

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St. James Anglican Church basement, Tues., Apr. 24, 10 a.m. 16c

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Mon., Apr. 23, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Park Lane Senior Centre, Williamsburg. Dessert served from 1:15 p.m. Bridge or euchre. Admission $5 person. Proceeds to WDMH Auxiliary. Info Dorothy Houze, 613-543-2048. 16c

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Sat., Apr. 28, 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Henderson Hall, 518 Church St., Winchester. Furniture, crafts, baked items, perennials, books, petting zoo, special prize draw, etc. 16-17p

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WEEKLY

BINGO
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BINGO
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AUDREY ELIZABETH DOROTHEACASSELMAN
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Passed away peacefully in her 99th year, on Friday, April 13, 2007, at home in St. Catharines, Ontario, with her daughter and her family by her side. Much loved wife of the late Hubert William Ezra Casselman, (married June 12, 1934.) She is survived and mourned by her children, Alyce (Alan) Sutherland, St. Catharines; John (Lois) Casselman, Bath; her grandchildren: Louise, nee Sutherland, (David) Stanley, Tottenham; Mary, nee Sutherland, (Bob) Wright, Grand Bend; Hugh (Felicia) Sutherland, Thorold; Charles (Lesley) Casselman, Cranbrook, B.C.; and Stephen (Melissa) Casselman, Peterborough; her great-grandchildren Robert and Kathleen Stanley, Totenham; Haley and James Casselman, Cranbrook; Connor and Aidan Sutherland, Thorold; her sister Lucille Munroe, Chesterville. Predeceased by her parents Alice Maude (nee Casselman) and Malcolm Asa Froats of Froatburn, brothers Kenneth and Harold Froats. Audrey's life shone like a beacon as an inspiration to family and friends alike. She was strong, yet sweet, gentle and loving. Her warmth, wit, intelligence and kind heart were the essence of her personality. Her greatest energies over the years were always focused on her family. Throughout her life, she devoted herself to the service of others through membership in the Eastern Star, the Women's Institute and various other church and community organizations. She was a charter founding member of the Casselman Ancestral Society and a direct United Empire Loyalist descendant. Family and friends are invited to call at the family home, 73 Ormond Street, Brockville, for visitation on Thursday, April 19, 2–4 p.m. and 7–9 p.m. The Eastern Star will hold a service at 6:45 p.m., the funeral service, a celebration of Audrey's life, will be held at Wall Street United Church, Brockville, on Friday, April 20, at 2 p.m., with interment in Oakland Cemetery, Brockville. A reception will follow at the family home. Memorial donations may be made to Wall Street United Church or the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation (funeral direction by Barclay, 137 Pearl Street E., Brockville, Ontario, K6V 1R2). Messages of condolence may be sent online at www.barclayfuneralhome.com
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Laberge family gets a huge helping hand from area Lions and a generous community

BROCKVILLE–The Lions convention here on the weekend, provided a very special moment for the Laberge family of Chesterville, when the family was presented a cheque for $61,545.36 by the Chesterville & District Lions Club on behalf of the local and district Lions clubs.

The Chesterville Lions had brought young Caylen Laberge, who was in a terrible lawn tractor accident in May of 2006, as their zone project. It was passed and all of district A-4 came on board to help raise funds for Caylen's medical needs.

The resulting cheque was presented during the convention's opening ceremonies to the Laberge family. It was a heartfelt moment which brought tears to everyone in the audience.

In addition to the donation to the Laberge family, Chesterville Lions members, Martha Wheeler and John Edgerton, were recognized for their achievements in working so hard on this project as well as other functions throughout the year.

Wheeler received one of only two Certificates of Appreciation passed out each year in the district and Edgerton received the Melvin Jones Award, which is the highest level award with Lions International.

Presenting the awards to Wheeler and Edgerton in the picture below are James Johnston, District governor and George L. Barrus, Past International Director. In the photo above, Edgerton and Wheeler present the cheque to the Laberge family.

In a press release, Wheeler said the response to the Laberge family project from the community, and from well outside the local community, has been overwhelming.





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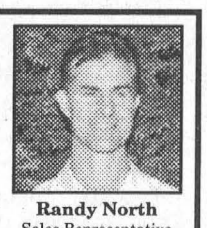

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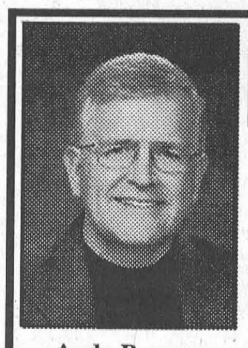

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Galop Canal fundraiser

Jones, Banks team up

SOUTH DUNDAS – Two local banks and David Jones Productions have teamed up with the Galop Canal Revitalization Project to raise funds for additional mooring docks at the Iroquois Marina.

David Jones, who produced the documentary, *A River Lost*, is offering his DVD for sale at the Morrisburg Bank of Nova Scotia and Iroquois Royal Bank for a limited time.

Jones will contribute $5 from each sale to the project and the banks will match Jones' contribution resulting in a $10 donation for each DVD sold.

"We are very excited about this initiative," said Geraldine Fitzsimmons of the Galop Canal committee. "David's DVD is wonderful, very professional and in the words of one long-time resident of Iroquois, 'a must see'," added Fitzsimmons.

"Our project is a good fit for the DVD which encourages residents to help restore "A River Lost."

The Galop committee has raised over $17,000 toward their goal of approximately $22,000 and The Township of South Dundas has offered matching funds.

Jones and Fitzsimmons expressed appreciation for the support of the local banks. For more information please contact David Jones at 613-543-3588 or Geraldine Fitzsimmons at 613-652-1753. To view clips of "A River Lost", visit kav.ca (demo videos).

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Hyacinth and gang on stage one last time for food bank

MORRISBURG - The Dundas County Food Bank is pulling out all the stops to host a sparkling Variety Show as their annual spring fund raiser.

Featuring music, dance, songs and skits, the show will showcase several talented local artists and performers.

Staged again this year at Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg, there will be two performances for the public on April 28, a matinee at two p.m., and an evening show at eight p.m.

Emceeing the April 28 Variety Shows will be Hyacinth Bucket and her "merry band of relatives, and hangers-on." They have become comic fixtures at a number of past shows. However, this fund raiser will see the final appearance on stage of the gang.

"After this show, we will be retiring our characters," said Wendy Gibb, who has played the always exuberant, but sadly snobbish Hyacinth for three years. "We've had a lot of fun with these people. They're old friends now, but we actors have all agreed that the time has come to 'send them back to England' for good. We'll be exploring new approaches for next year."

"Still, we hope people will come out for their last appearances; as always, you never know just what might happen with this group," she added.

The Fund Raiser is the result of a joint effort by the Saint James Appletree Ministry, headed up by Shirley Testerink, and the Dundas County Food Bank.

Brenda Millard, Chairperson of the Food Bank, took time on April 15 to describe why fund raisers such as the Variety Show are very important to this community.

"As of March 2007," she said, "the Dundas Food Bank is serving 323 client families, a rise of eight per cent from this time last year. With the closure of some large local employers, the need for help seems to be growing."

The Food Bank, which began as a faith directed organization some ten years ago, is headed by a volunteer board of directors, and served by over 80 area volunteers. Only two positions at the Food Bank, the Client Food Coordinators, are paid honorariums. Every one else gives up his or her own time to keep supplies arriving and shelves stocked and organized.

Unquestionably, Millard explained, rising fuel and housing costs, added to increasing food prices, have been factors in the growing number of families who need Food Bank help. "The minimum wage, as it now stands, does not seem to provide a decent standard of living for families," she said. "They are often trapped below the poverty line despite the fact that parents may actually hold full time jobs."

The Dundas Food Bank, which maintains a strict degree of confidentiality concerning clients, gathers provisions for its Winchester and Morrisburg sites in a number of ways.

Food may be donated by the general public, often through food drives held by schools, churches and other charitable groups. Monies or supplies can come from individuals, smaller local businesses and from corporations. The Ontario Association of Food Banks also provides some provisions, although its resources are often stretched to the maximum.

However, the need for sustained support is constantly ongoing. Fund raisers like the Variety Show on April 28 definitely fill a big gap.

"Between September and December," Millard said, "we are often the grateful recipients of food drives. But in the spring and summer, our cupboards can be quite bare. People are away, and the Food Bank is not at the forefront of their thoughts"

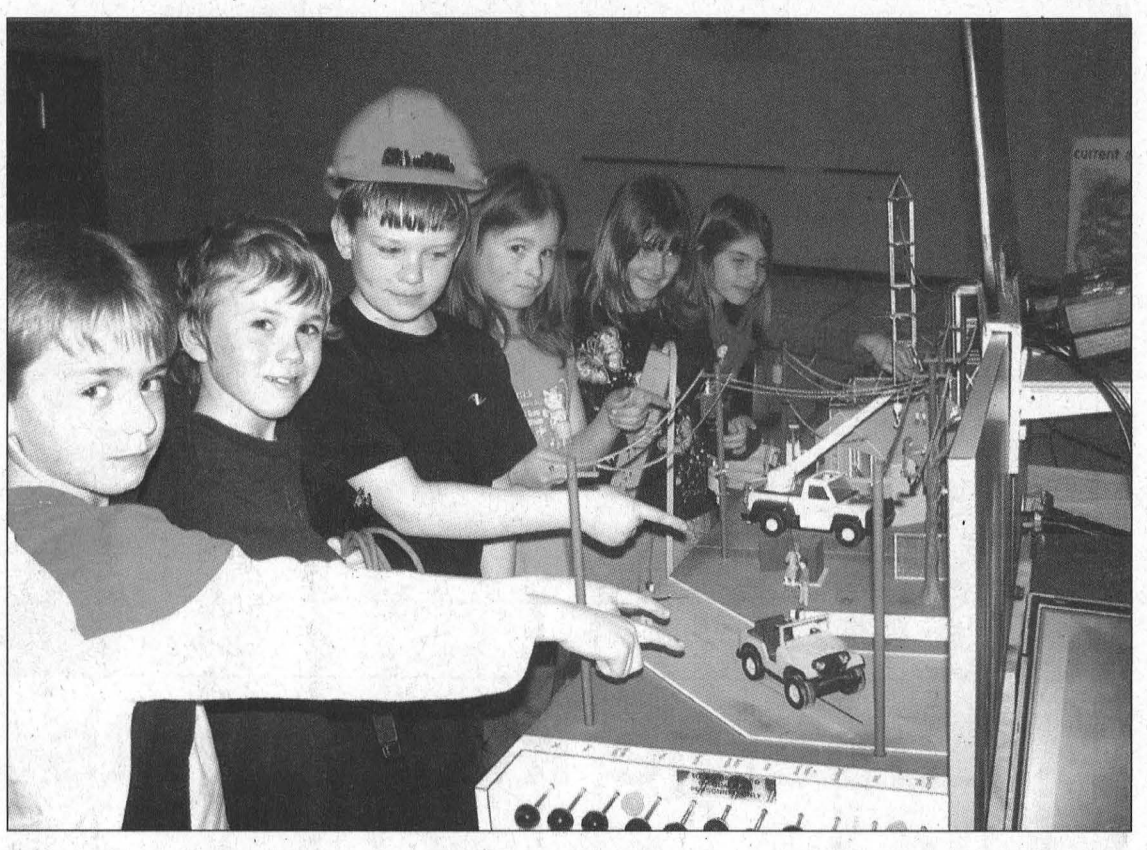
"However, hungry families are still out there. People still need our support. So we see this April fund raiser as our "Spring Appeal", an attempt to restock our shelves for the summer months when our resources can be scarce."

Helping the Food Bank Fund Raiser this year are the Morrisburg & District Lions Club, and the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club.

On April 28, Lions will set up food collection points at area plazas. Brown donation bags will be supplied in local papers earlier in the week to make donating food easier for the community. Millard explained that food shortages at this time include canned fruit and vegetables, soup, pasta and sauces, pork and beans, toiletries, baby food and nutritious children's snacks.

The curtain goes up April 28 on the hilarious Food Bank Variety Show at Upper Canada Playhouse.

Tickets are now available at Mustard's in Iroquois and the Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Morrisburg.



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Seaway Valley Singers begin spring concerts

MORRISBURG - The Seaway Valley Singers will present their annual spring concerts beginning Friday, May 4, 2007.

The popular 35 voice choir is under the direction of Robert Jones, and will perform a varied and delightful program. Repertoire will include music from the 18th century composers Thomas Morley and Dietrich Buxtehude, as well as medleys from *Phantom of the Opera* and *Camelot*.

Pianist Valerie Kilpatrick will be the concert accompanist.

The first concert will take place on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church in Chesterville. The second concert will occur on Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg.

Tickets are available from choir members or at the door on concert nights. For additional details, contact Sidney Smith, choir president, at 613-543-2353.

Barn fire under investigation

WINCHESTER – Another barn burned to the ground near Winchester.

The Ontario Fire Marshall's Office was called to investigate the latest in a string of barn fires in the Winchester area, April 15.

The Chesterville, Winchester and Morewood Fire Departments were called to the scene of a structure fire along County Road 3 north of Winchester, at approximately 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

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The OPP and the Fire Marshall's Office have been on scene investigating.

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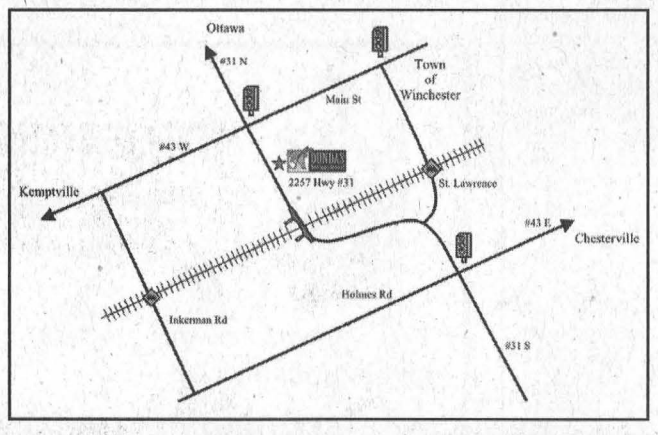

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