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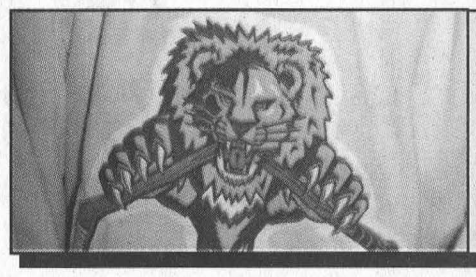

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"We could have died."

MORRISBURG – "When I woke at 7:30 a.m.," said Alberte Chiasson, "my eyes were burning and I was very sleepy. Later at breakfast, I felt like I would faint."

"I kept getting dizzy," said Hervé Chiasson. "When I went into my closed off computer room, it just got worse."

What the Rowan Drive couple did not realize on the morning of February 23, 2007, was that they were both being poisoned by carbon monoxide gas.

And although they did not know it at the time, they were in serious danger of dying.

The prompt actions of the Morrisburg Fire Department and Ambulance paramedics, once they were called to the scene, prevented the incident from turning into a tragedy.

The Chiasson home is only nine years old, set in a sub-division just on the edge of Morrisburg where almost all of the duplexes and single family houses are less than a decade old. Yet, as the Chiassons discovered, while smoke detectors are built in to the new buildings, carbon monoxide monitors are not.

For the Chiassons the danger began when their furnace, turned to a lower night time setting, kicked on at 4:30 a.m. A small motor on top of the gas water heater, which should have immediately begun venting gas fumes building up in the heater to the outside, failed. Instead the deadly carbon monoxide fumes vented into the house itself.

Later, they learned from the Morrisburg Fire Department that the acceptable maximum count for carbon monoxide is less than four. The level in their home was 209.

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Ringing in St. Patrick's Day

The weather outside was stormy, but at the Catholic Women's League's annual St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bazaar, everything was coming up shamrocks. Held in Morrisburg at the Royal Canadian Legion, the event attracted everyone who was "Irish at heart" to enjoy a delicious lunch, and to find some treasures to purchase. Pictured above are some of the volunteers at the Bazaar. Back row, left to right, are Esther St. Pierre and Ailine Dugan. In the front row, left to right, are Carol Richer, Louise Doyle, Eva Guering, Catherine Lortie and Joan Saver.

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More charges connected to barroom assault

MORRISBURG – Police have made two more arrests in connection with a serious assault at Nick's Sports Bar March 10.

In the assault, Master Corporal Collin Fitzgerald, who less than a month ago received Canada's Medal of Military Valour for his heroic actions while serving in Afghanistan, was injured when he was assaulted by more than one individual. Fitzgerald needed 10 stitches and was left with a broken nose, chipped teeth and a broken foot.

So far three men have been arrested in connection with the incident, and police have not ruled out the possibility of laying additional charges.

Thursday, police released the names of two additional men charged. Twenty-two-year-old Ian Tait and 19-year-old Jeremy Stewart, both of whom are from Morrisburg, were charged in connection with the assault. Both were charged with assault causing bodily harm. The first charge of aggravated assault was laid early last week against 21-year-old Travis Baldwin.

All three of the men were conditionally released after their arrests and will appear in Morrisburg court May 1, 2007.

Baldwin, who is a defenceman for the Morrisburg Junior B Lions, was suspended by the hockey club indefinitely. The club made the announcement March 14, prior to the third game of their division playoff championship.

In a media release police say they appreciate the assistance they have received from the public so far, but their investigation is continuing and they are asking that anyone with information call the SD&G OPP at 613-534-2223 and speak with investigating officer Constable Evans or another member of the Crime Unit.

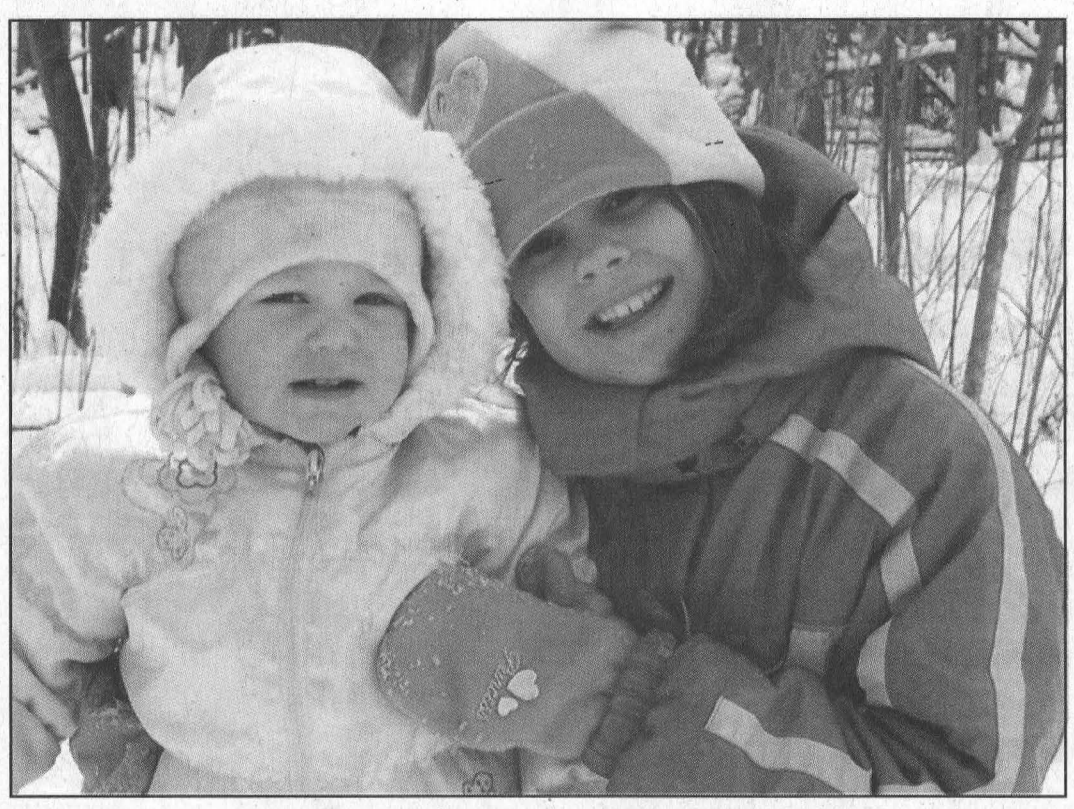
Community Service Officer Constable Paul Murphy says that the charges laid are based on witnesses and facts.

Nursing home need never greater

Patient personalizes predicament of local long term care bed shortage

WINCHESTER – Last year, Health Minister George Smitherman announced that 96 long term care beds would be made available in the new year for the region of South Ottawa.

In a press conference the week of January 31, 2007, Trudy Reid, CEO of Winchester District Memorial Hospital, stated that the Hospital intended to "aggressively" go after all the beds.



Enjoying the sweets of the Sugar Bush

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Madyson Holmes, 20 months, and her cousin, Meagan Lamarche, eight, both of Ingleside, take a moment to pause on the Crysler Park SugarBush trail with their families. They were out enjoying the day, despite the colder temperatures back amongst the maple trees.

She pointed out that there was already a desperate need for 104 at Winchester. Receiving even *some* of the beds would be a great help in matters of long term care.

The need still exists.

Winchester did not receive any of the promised 96 beds. They are all going to Ottawa.

Unquestionably, this is a disappointment for the rural region served by the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

"The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is telling WDMH that the beds have been allocated to south Ottawa, which is viewed as part of Eastern Ontario in their eyes," Reid explained at a meeting with local reporters at the Hospital on Wednesday, March 13.

"The Ministry has a very set formula for assigning beds in Eastern Ontario, and claims that by that formula we have enough," Reid continued. "The formula is based on *provincial* averages despite the fact that Eastern Ontario has a higher than average senior population and really needs more long term care beds. The Ministry doesn't accept that their formula isn't

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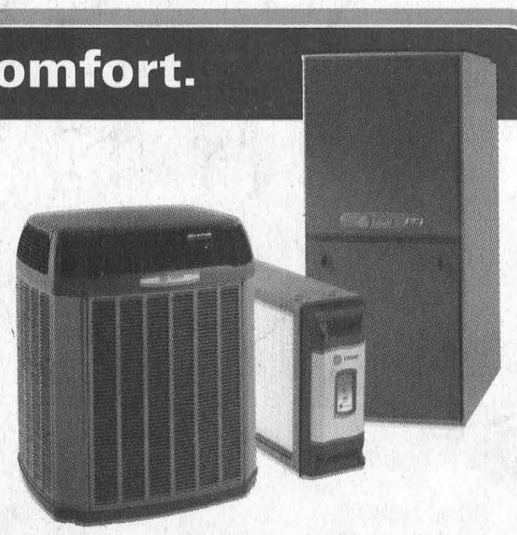
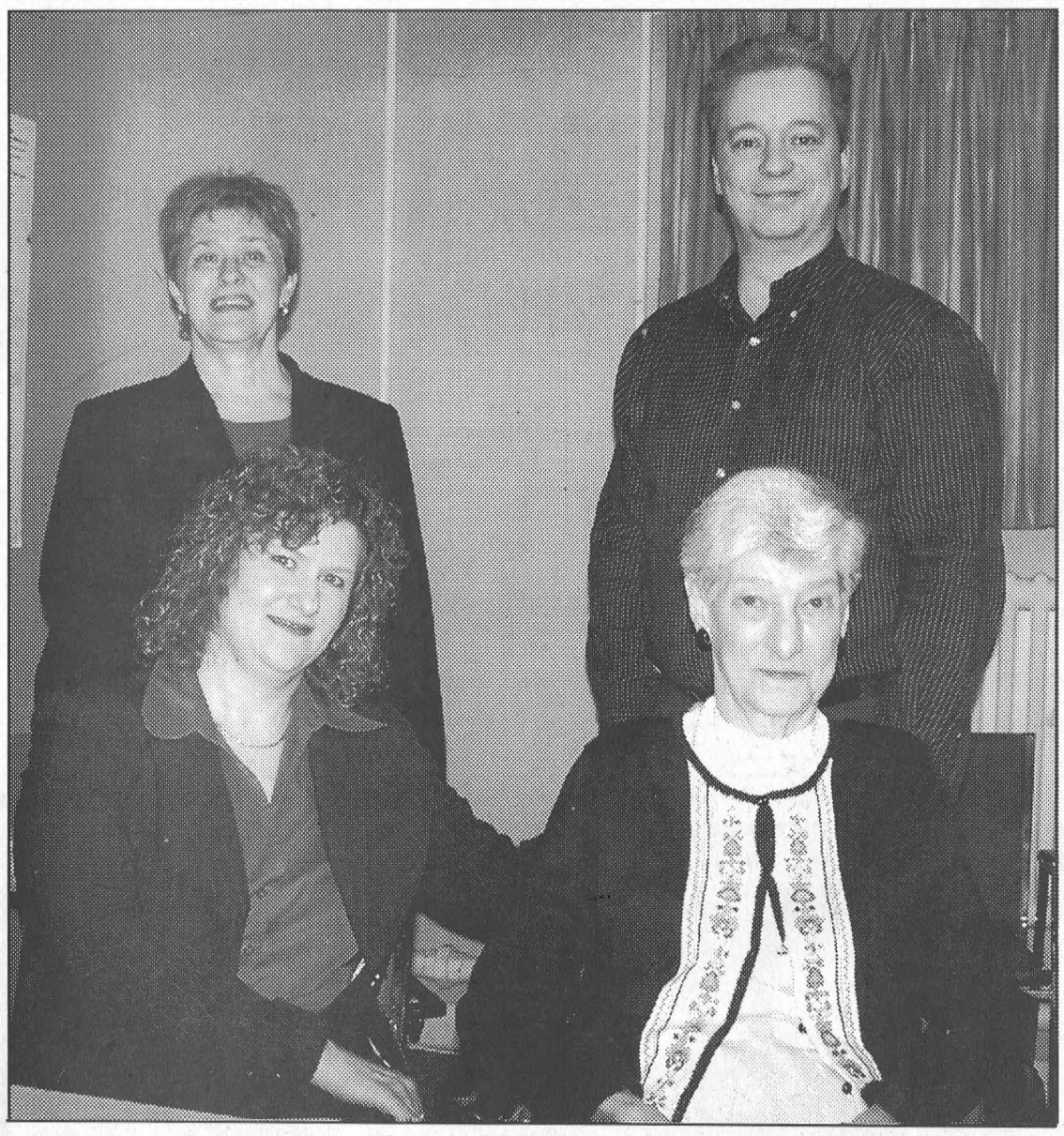


Nursing home need



The search for long term care

Easy access to long term care in provincial nursing homes was the issue on the table at Winchester District Memorial Hospital during a press conference on Wednesday, March 14. With its population aging faster than the provincial average, this area of Eastern Ontario has had to resort to keeping frail senior citizens in hospitals when their real need is for the special programs and opportunities available in a quality nursing home. Discussing the issue were, front row, (l-r), Laurie Cameron and her mother, Beverly MacMartin, who has been waiting a year for accommodation, and, back row, (l-r), Trudy Reid, CEO of WDMH and Dr. Brian Devin, chief of staff. *Gibb photo*

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working."

Dr. Brian Devin, WDMH chief of staff, who was also in attendance at the press conference, remarked that there often "isn't a lot of flexibility in dealing with a bureaucratic institution."

However, the need for long term care and new nursing homes in this area has never been greater.

"In our complex and continuing care unit," Dr. Devin continued, "over half our care time is being given to elderly patients who actually need nuring homes, not hospitals. Essentially, this means that these people are not in the optimum place for them. At the same time, we have other people who need the continuing and complex care beds, and can't get a space in the hospital."

There is a very human face to the turmoil over nursing homes in this area.

Seventy-seven year old Beverly MacMartin, accompanied by her daughter Laurie Cameron, addressed the long term care issues with reporters.

Mrs. MacMartin retired in 1995 from her duties as a recovery room nurse at WDMH. Until last year she remained an active and involved member of this community volunteering her time with very elderly patients and with Meals on Wheels.

In early 2006, she faced emergency surgery in Ottawa, followed by unexpected complications, which led to an eight week hospital stay. At the end of that period, she was transferred to Winchester.

She has now been here since March, 2006, waiting for an opening at one of three area nursing homes. She has been informed that she is high up on two of the lists, but the reality is that she must continue to use a hospital bed until a space actually opens up.

The long, drawn out process of finding a nursing home has been very frustrating to Mrs. MacMartin.

"I do everything I can for myself now, and I feel much better," she said to reporters. "I want to move into a facility for seniors. I feel bad about taking a bed that someone else might need. I know there are people out there who need my bed, but I can't make a move until nursing home space opens up."

The situation is frustrating to her family as well. Her daughter Laurie Cameron makes it clear that any nursing home for her mother has to be close to the family, the friends and the area where MacMartin has spent her entire adult life. The necessary paper work was completed months ago.

"This is a wonderful facility here at Winchester," Cameron said, "and the nursing and medical staff have been very good, but this is a hospital."

Her mother, she feels, needs the special programs, family support, activities and socialization that are simply not possible in a hospital setting.

CEO Reid echoed her sentiments.

When many elderly patients come to Winchester, they have often remained at home until the need for care was immediate.

"We take these patients into our complex care unit and then help them move to a maximum level of ability to enable them to shift to a nursing home, or return home," Reid explained. "But this is still a hospital environment. We can't finance or provide special programmes, events and social interaction. If a person's level of function improves, being in hospital is not a source of stimulation, and may, in fact be boring."

"The need for intensive medical support is no longer there, and that is really the purpose of a hospital's long term and complex care area. The patient needs to move out of the hospital to a far more suitable environment like a nursing home."

And there lies the problem.

There are no beds in most local nursing homes, indeed in most of Eastern Ontario. Waiting lists are staggering even when a patient has done all the paper work ahead of time. Bureaucracy can make the search more difficult.

"From the Ministry's planning perspective, a bed in Morrisburg is considered the same as a bed in, say, Hawkesbury," Dr. Devin explained, "and they are not."

Under current Ministry regulations, a senior on a nursing home waiting list must take the first bed that is offered (which might be literally anywhere in Eastern Ontario) and then go on yet another waiting list hoping to be transferred to the local home they probably wanted in the first place.

"We oppose this," Reid said. "People should not be forced to go to homes away from their communities, and then re-locate yet again."

All participants at the press conference were united in their belief that the lack of long term beds, especially in this rural area, has reached a crisis point. They were equally united in their belief that pressure must continue to be brought to bear on the government.

The population of this area is aging faster than the average in the province. "When we look at the situation in rural Ontario and the access to long term care, there are disparities," Reid stated.

Some citizens of South Dundas are determined to be pro-active on the long term care issue.

Spokesman John Dalrymple has set up a meeting for March 21 at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre to address the need for a long term care facility to be built in this area.

"The pressure must be kept up," Dr. Devin concluded. "It takes two to five years to build, staff and set up a nursing facility, and the aging problem in Eastern Ontario is not going to go away."

In the meantime, Beverly MacMartin, like so many of our seniors, must simply continue to wait.

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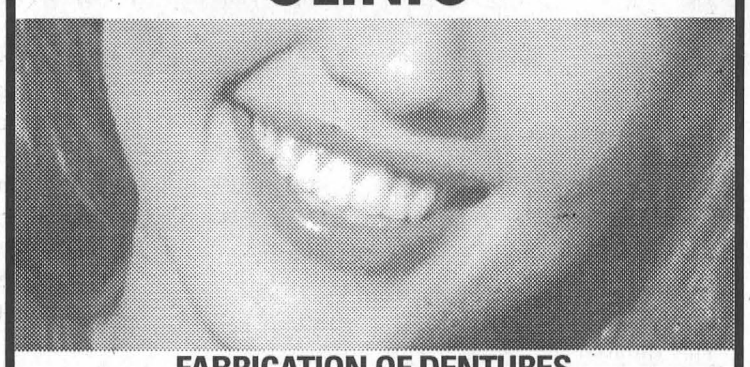

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"We could have died"

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Because, as Hervé Chiasson explained, they simply thought something was wrong with the furnace and the small motor, they did not leave the house, but called the emergency number printed on the water heater.

It took nearly 30 minutes of bureaucratic shuffling between Union Energy and Union Gas before a representative finally told the couple to leave their home.

Neighbours summoned the Fire Department, then the ambulance, and the Chiassons, both of whom have heart problems, were transported to Winchester District Memorial Hospital on oxygen. Only then did they realize that they had been poisoned.

The Fire Department turned off the gas line to the house and opened all the windows to vent the deadly gas.

When the Chiassons returned home in the afternoon, a Senior Inspector of the Fuels Safety Program, apparently sent by the T.S.S.A. (Technical Standards and Safety Authority) on orders of the Gas company, was on site supervising the repairs to their motor.

The Chiassons hope that their near tragedy will serve as a warning to people in this area.

"We all have smoke detectors," Alberte said, "but many don't have carbon monoxide detectors which I now think are more crucial."

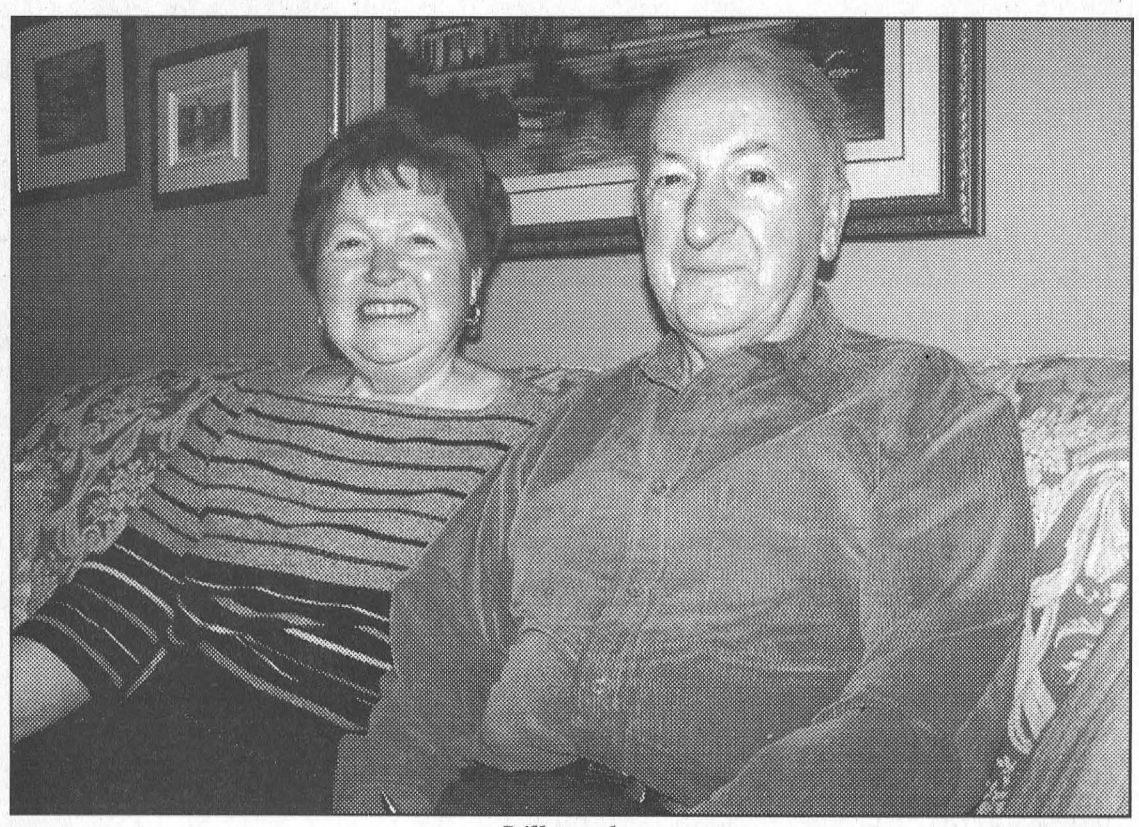
Hervé feels strongly that carbon monoxide detectors ought to be a standard built in safety feature in all homes.

Smoke detectors and sprinkler systems are becoming common in new construction, and he argues that a carbon monoxide detector only makes good safety sense.

Morrisburg Fire Chief, Robert Hamilton, echoes Chiasson's view. "I strongly recommend them for any home using fossil fuels whether they be gas, oil, wood or coal. We get ten to twelve calls a year for these emergencies. Some are false alarms, but the rest are not."

In the meantime, the Chiassons have a warning for the people of South Dundas.

"We were lucky we woke up. You can't smell this gas, and it can kill you. Get a detector."



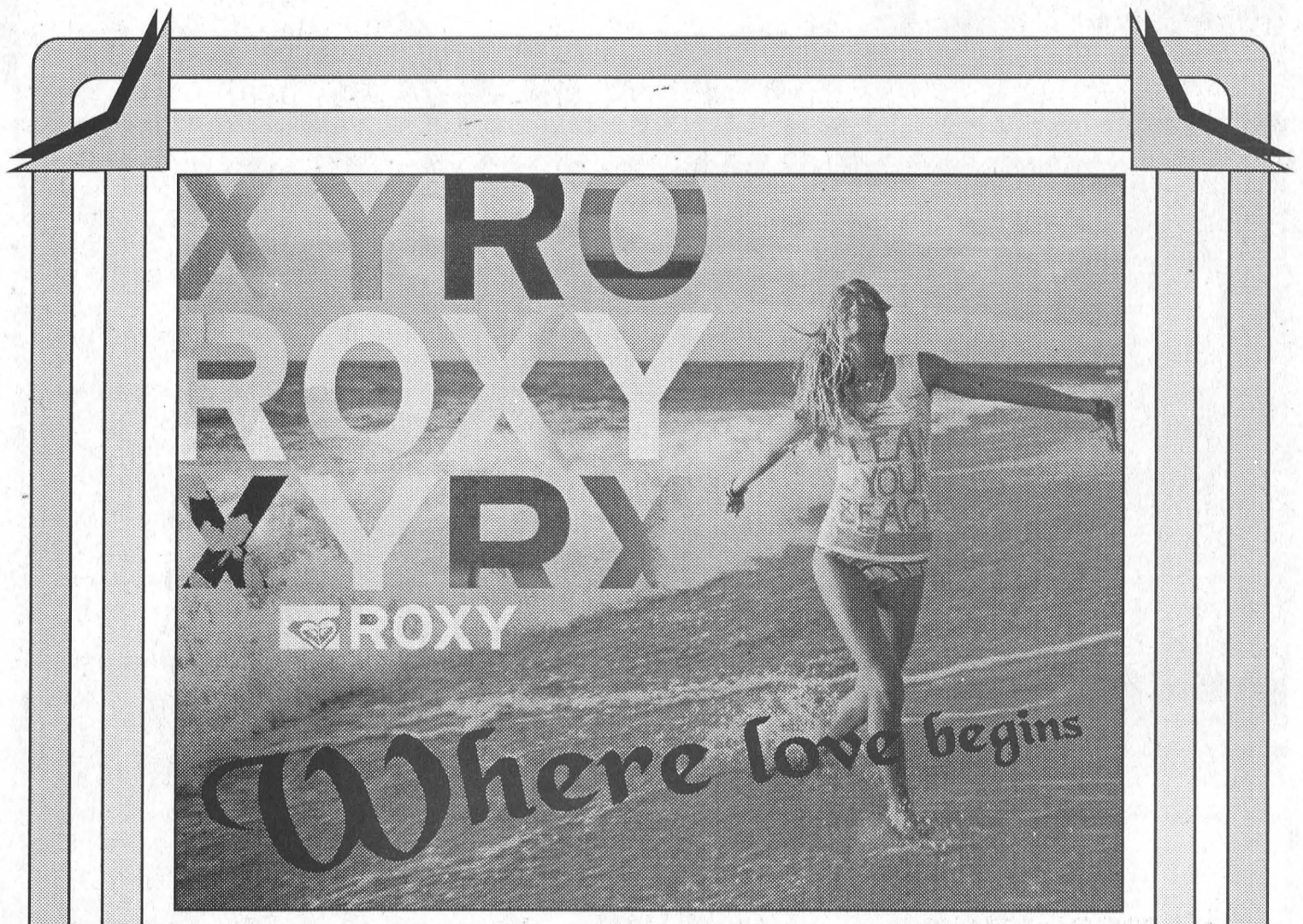
Still on edge

Home owners Alberte and Hervé Chiasson are still a little shaky following their recent experience with carbon monoxide poisoning. *Gibb photo*



Canadian Tire comes through for food bank *Gibb photo*

New Canadian Tire dealer Jeff Race has every intention of continuing the tradition of supporting the Dundas County Food Bank established by his predecessor, Peter Oliver, at the Morrisburg Store. Race, who took over as the new owner/manager in Morrisburg on February 1, 2007, says that everything has "been a bit of a whirlwind" so far, but Canadian Tire "has a tradition of strong community involvement" and he plans to continue the company's charitable works. Victoria Davidson, Foundation for Family Store Coordinator, explained that the $500 being donated to the Food Bank was raised through the store's Christmas Tree Campaign. For every tree sold, five dollars was donated to the fund. The amount doubled if customers used the Canadian Tire Option Card. Lorne Doolan, Administrator for the Dundas County Food Bank, was on hand to collect the generous check from Davidson and Race. Pictured above, left to right, are Lorne Doolan, Victoria Davidson and Jeff Race.



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Nothing could be farther from the truth.

An ugly act was carried out in the small hours of the morning in a local bar Friday, March 8. The victim, a decorated Afghanistan veteran, visiting his home town, suffered numerous injuries after he was set upon by a group of individuals. Three young men have been charged for the assault, and more arrests are possible. It was a brutal, thoughtless act, and the law will take its course.

And that is the point.

The law *will* take its course. Charges have been laid by the proper authorities, and the accused, the accusers and credible witnesses will all have the opportunity to speak in open court. And that courtroom should be the only place where discussion of the justness of the charges and the imposition of any punishments should occur. Decisions in that courtroom will be made rationally and impartially, with regard to the principles of democracy and of Canadian law.

Rumours and gossip and innuendo have no place in the process.

Alleged threats against the families of the accused, or against the young men themselves, have no place in the process.

We cannot continue to re-inforce the very negative views of our community which have been bandied about in much of the national press. Those reporters and crews were in our town for a matter of hours. They truly do not know us.

We need to emphasize the generosity and respect that have always been the real foundations of this town. We need to show, by our actions and words, that we are a strong and tolerant community, one which honours the laws of the land and the rights of individuals.

We have always supported our men and women in uniform, and we will continue to do so. That will never change.

It is time, however, to back away and let the institutions of law and order do their jobs. We have to put gossip and threats to rest. They are not true characteristics of our town and its citizens, so why continue to spread them?

It is time to end the negative image of this community created by the national press.

It is time to show who we really are.



Heading into the Sugar Bush, March 2007

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

This is a reminder to let the community know that the Morrisburg Legion is still accepting cards and letters for Master Corporal Collin Fitzgerald. There have been a number delivered to Morrisburg Branch 48, but George Davies, Acting Branch President, would like to see more. "There is still room in the mailbag." Letters or cards can be mailed to or dropped off at the Branch and George will deliver them on Easter weekend.

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Good news...the Coast Guard ice breaker was spotted working its way up and down the river today...although there have been a few robins spotted in the area, we just wanted to tell you the majority are hanging out in Maryland waiting for the cold weather here to go away before they head north. That's the truth. We spotted all kinds of them at the welcome centre in Maryland when we travelled south for March break.

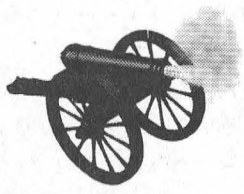
We do however hear that the redwing blackbirds have made a return. Close to 100 were spotted in a yard in Williamsburg last week.

It was quite a vacation. We headed down to South Carolina for a bit of golf in Myrtle Beach. The weather was terrific...high teens low 20s (high 70s, low 80s for all us old timers) for the whole week.

Of course you've all probably figured out that all this talk about birds and golf and warm weather is leading up to one thing...that's right you've got it...today, March 21 is the first day of spring. Yeah! It's here and with the double digit temperatures forecasted for Thursday, golfers are now pulling out their clubs and getting them ready for another season.

Other indicators of the season are the activities taking place at area sugar bushes. Fortunately, the sap got running a bit early, and unfortunately it slowed down a bit when winter returned this past weekend. However, we have it on the advise of a wise old chap that you can get the pancake mix ready...as maple syrup time has arrived. It is making my mouth water just writing about it.

All local athletes, young and old are reminded to watch for various registration dates and times for the upcoming summer sports. Area golf clubs are now taking registrations and minor ball ads are in this week's issue.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1997

It was reported in the March 19 issue that Rothwell Osnabruck School would hold 40th anniversary celebrations from July 4-6. Organizers were hoping approximately 400 former graduates would attend the reunion. The school was founded in the new Ingleside community in 1957, from the base of Osnabruck District High School, its forerunner prior to the passage of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Some area residents were concerned about proposed changes to recreation under the new amalgamated municipality. The recreation transitional sub-committee had recommended that the position "manager/foreman" be added to the structure of recreation and that a manager/foreman be hired. Various recreation committees scattered throughout the four municipalities were worried that they would lose their autonomy. As well there was concern over the cost of a full-time recreation person even though under the current setup there was a full time recreation manager in charge of the Morrisburg Arena. The groups also wanted to know if they would be accountable to this position for everything.

1987

The March 18 issue reported the closure of Caldwell's towel dyeing operation in Dunville, Ontario was good news for the Iroquois plan which would be expanded to handle an increased dye load. The Iroquois plant would now go to a seven day operation and fifteen to twenty new jobs would be created.

Iroquois' newest celebrity and millionaire, Johnny Haldane was to have the Victoria Street ball park renamed after him. Since winning his $1 million, Haldane was paying for the construction of a washroom facility at the park.

With 67 reported derelict or abandoned cars within the village of Iroquois, council had decided to begin having them towed away.

Randy Simpson was the winner of the 16 player snooker tournament hosted by the Plaza Deli in the East End Promenade.

1977

The March 25 issue reported the Morrisburg Junior B Lions, after dropping two straight games to the Prescott Saints, had recovered and were now leading the series for the Gill Cup three games to two. Doug McNairn, Brian Moran and Kevin Duvall provided the goals in the Lions 3-2 win in game five. If the Lions won this series they would advance to take on Gananoque who had defeated Spencerville to win the Rideau division. The attendance for the Lions' first home game in the series was 412, and 625 fans turned out for game three played in Morrisburg. Mark Duvall and Don "The Cat" McNairn were sharing the Lions' goaltending duties.

Over 200 people, most of them wearin' O' the green, enjoyed a wee cup of Irish tea and an extremely pleasant afternoon at the Shamrock-clad Morrisburg Civic Centre.

John Allison Real Estate had a family home on Lakeshore Drive listed for sale for $29,800. The three bedroom home had a great view of the river.

1967

The March 24 issue reported Miss Diane Hope had been crowned Centennial Ice Carnival Queen. Her princesses were Miss Kathy Rice and Miss Leara Bourrette. Reeve Fred Hill presented the Queen with her sash and tiara. The carnival was sponsored by the Morrisburg Recreation Committee and the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club. Some skaters in the Figure Skating Club's show, Fantasy on Ice, were Karen Payment, Mandy Phillips, Joanne Beavers, Marnie Craig, Carol Devaul, Laurie Cruickshank, Pam Smithson and Patty Steer.

The Morrisburg Combines gained a play-off berth in the St. Lawrence Sr. Hockey league finals with a series win against the Buckingham Aces. They would now advance to take on Shawville in the final.

1957

Headlines in the March 15 issue read: Operation Galop now will advance to give new St. Lawrence Channel. By the spring of 1958, ships were to be sailing through the middle of one of the largest islands in the upper St. Lawrence River. To make that possible, "Operation Galop" was tearing apart the river island to create a wide, deep channel. The work on Galop Island involved the removal of 15,500,000 cubic yards of earth including 1 million yards of rock. Throughout the winter, men and machines had been steadily digging in the dry behind cofferdams and the main concentration of work was in the dewatered area between Galop Island and Tick Island to the west. The material removed from the island was being disposed of on the island's south side. Huge mounds of earth were giving a strange appearance and providing a hilly section just south of the channel embankment. In the coming summer, dredging operations would involve the removal of over 1 million cubic yards of material in the wet.

1947

It was reported in the March 21 issue that at a Board of Trade meeting, Mr. MacCauley of the Pyramid Paper Products Ltd., had asked the support of the board in his company's efforts to find more employees. Girls from out of town, he said, were willing to come here and work, but could not find boarding places.

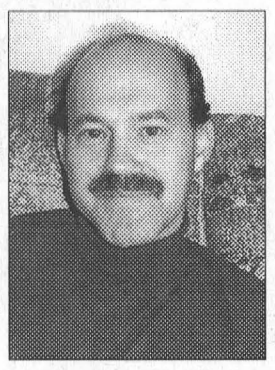
The United States Customs border patrol operating along the upper St. Lawrence was being abolished on March 28. It had been organized during the period of prohibition in the United States.

The Morrisburg Midget hockey club, under coach Mac Ault, wrapped up the season with a get-together at the Cornell Sporting Goods Store.

Fifty members and friends attended the March meeting of the Morrisburg Women's Institute.

What I did on spring break

Perspectives



Rev. John Nordhof

This column is being written in Franklinton, Louisiana, where I spent my Spring Break. But the purpose of going down south wasn't to spend time at the beach or playing golf, as many Canadians do in that week, if they go down south. Instead, it was to help in the rebuilding effort after Hurricane Katrina.

I wasn't alone. I was with three other adult leaders and 19 high school students, 11 from the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church (CRC), six from the Kemptville CRC and two from Dixon Corners CRC.

We left early Friday morning and after two long days of driving (over 2,400 kms), we arrived in Franklinton, Louisiana. Franklinton is about one and a half hours north of New Orleans, (which we visited Friday afternoon and stood in a neighborhood completely deserted because of the hurricane).

The damage in the Franklinton area was caused mainly by wind and trees coming down on buildings. It's amazing to think that after a year and a half, there are still homes that need to be rebuilt or replaced. But there are.

For example, on Thursday we tore down a mobile home that had been damaged in the storm. The holes in the roof were still there. Some personal possessions were stored in two rooms that remained dry. Exposure to the elements made the mobile home unfit to live in.

The young couple who lived there were finally able to secure a new mobile home, but before it be put into place, the old one, with its addition, had to be torn down. That's where we came in.

After emptying the home of the final personal possessions, we got to work, bringing the mobile home and its addition down, piece by piece. Various materials like tin, insulation, dry wall, and glass were put in separate piles, while the wood was burned. By the end of a hard day's work, only the floor of the mobile home remained to be torn apart (which was easily done the next day.)

At the end of the day, the couple arrived, amazed at how far we had gotten in one day (this was suppose to be at least a two-day project for all of us).

There were tears shed as the wife explained what this meant to her. Finally after a year and a half of living with others, they could have a home again.

She was also amazed that high school students would give up their spring break and volunteer their time to do this kind of hard work.

So why did we do this? Out of our love for God and for our neighbor. We are motivated to serve our God and one of the ways in which we do that is to help out those in need. And in the areas affected by the hurricanes of 2005 there is still a great need. Just the work we did in that one day made the days of traveling all worth while.

I hope that this mission trip had a positive effect on our youth. Sometimes, we are easy to complain about them, but I saw some gifted youth work hard--very hard. I hope that they learned that they could live a week without TV, the Internet and cell phones. I hope they could appreciate how blessed and well off we have it. I hope that they may live their lives a little differently because of this week. I hope that they will learn about the importance about putting their faith in God into action.

One question we asked every night was: Where did you experience God today? There were many ways in which we experienced the blessings of the Lord throughout this trip--from good traveling conditions to the people we met. I'm sure it's a trip the youth will not soon forget. I know I won't.

On Sunday night, the Williamsburg CRC will be hosting a special youth service at 6 p.m., in which we will be sharing some more stories about this trip. Join us in this time of worship and reflecting upon this trip.

Rev. John Nordhof
Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church



THE MORRISBURG LEADER

Letters to the Editor

Let's be the town we know we are

To the editor,

Like everyone else in our town, I've been thinking about our sudden popularity in the national news. I've never written a letter to the Editor before, but because of what I've been hearing the past three or four days, I felt I needed to do something.

I came to live in this beautiful town 12 years ago. I came because I was invited by the congregation of Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle to be their pastor. Without hesitation, I say I am glad I accepted that invitation. It is also without hesitation that I say it is probably the finest place I have ever lived with the one exception of my Newfoundland birthplace.

I'm saddened by the way the national media is portraying our community. I'm also saddened by some of what I hear around town concerning this unfortunate event. I must admit when I first heard of what had happened, my first response was, someone needs to teach these four young people a serious lesson.

However, I've had time to think and I'm not at all sure how that should be done. Please don't misunderstand me, I do not in any way condone what was done to that young soldier, it was an outrageous act.

No one can justify four people beating one person, soldier or otherwise, after he has been rendered semi-conscious. But let's be careful with our name calling and finger pointing.

Let's also not forget that many people say and do things that are not right when they have consumed too much alcohol.

Sadly, what four people did affects far more than these four and the one who was attacked. Let's not be too quick to label these people.

Years ago some one coined a phrase; it goes like this, "People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones". Long before that phrase was first spoken, Jesus said, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

I would like to reiterate, before I close, that I strongly support our soldiers wherever they may be deployed. I pray for them on a daily basis. But I also must say, this town is not a town of rednecks, so let's let justice prevail, and until it does, let's remember in a community such as this we are all neighbors.

Jesus tells us the way we express our love for Him is to love our neighbors.

Maybe one good thing that can come out of this is that we would all realize how much we all need God, because without Him we're all broken and messed up in one way or another.

Let's forget about what the media is saying and let's be the town we know we are.

Sincerely,
Rev. Duncan Perry.

Response from a soldier's mom

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to the senseless beating of Mcpl. Collin Fitzgerald. The men responsible for this are cowards. What is wrong with them? I was almost physically sick to my stomach after hearing this on the news.

I have a son who is also now serving in Afghanistan for the next seven months. I can't imagine what I would do as a parent if something like this happened to my son.

There are thousands of dedicated men and women that are so proud of this wonderful country that they are putting their lives on the line to protect every person in Canada. Unfortunately, sorry losers are also included.

I wonder if these men got to know Collin and see for themselves what a good and sensible person he is, would they feel remorse for their actions? I don't know Collin but I do know that he should be treated with respect and honour. Something he probably would be humbled at me saying.

Our Canadian army soldiers and navy are over there making sure the Taliban do not bring war to North America. My heart goes out to Collin's family. I hope they can move forward in a positive manner.

Sincerely,
Nancy Farrish.

Questioning judgment made on hearsay

Dear Editor,

We feel morally obliged to respond to the letters to the editor published in last week's edition of The Morrisburg Leader.

While we can all agree that the altercation that took place at Nick's Sports Bar resulted in grievous harm, we were not present and cannot make a judgment based on hearsay.

One has to wonder if there is more to this story than the media would have us believe. How many times have we, as citizens, been subjected to a media based one-sided rendition of the truth?

We really have to question the validity of the "facts" as they are presented. This is true in all cases, not just in this instance.

We need to remember that none of us alone has the wisdom to act in the capacity of judge and jury; that is best left to the courts. Every citizen of our country is entitled to due process.

In reference to written comments about being ashamed to live in Morrisburg. Shame on you!

We all take a great deal of pride in our hometown and are very pleased to count some of the families affected by this calamity as our friends. We unquestionably believe in these people and in a community that rallies around their own in a time of crisis.

We all need to give these circumstances much more thought before we rush to condemn people. We all need to remember to deal as gently with the faults of others as we do with our own.

In closing, we do not want to appear insensitive toward Mr. Fitzgerald and his family, and we sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

Sincerely, Laury Pilon, Debbie Black, Inez Bilmer, Amanda Barclay, Tricia and Matt Bilmer, Donnie Cougler, Steve Coligan, David Bilmer, Art and Edna Carkner, Lezley McCann, Michael Bilmer and Roseanne McManus.

Let's be democratic

Dear Editor,

It's amazing, the ability of the media to stir emotions. I have been part of more heated discussions this week than I can ever remember.

We are all aware that Master Corporal Fitzgerald is a decorated defender of this country and its ideals. We are all proud of his heroics and willingness to sacrifice.

We have all seen the trauma he has suffered and sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

I am confident that Master Corporal Fitzgerald would be the first to agree, one of the cornerstones of the democracy he fights for is that every person is innocent until proven guilty. Let's be democratic and wait to see the proof.

Sincerely,
Donnie Cougler.

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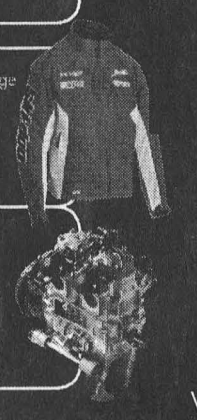

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Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Sunday, March 25, 2007
Fifth Sunday In Lent
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
ST. PETER'S, Williamsburg
11:15 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion
Sunday School
Tuesday, March 27 – 7 p.m.
St. Peter's joint Lenten worship
The Rev. Norine Gullons
Office : 613-535-2569

Williamsburg United Church
Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Walsh
Minister
Rev. Isabel Black
Sunday, March 25, 2007
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Sunday School & Nursery available

The United Church of Canada
LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 613-543-3079
Sunday, March 25, 2007
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Children's Chatter & Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
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Rev. John Noordhof
Office: 613-535-1882
Church: 613-535-2227
Sunday, March 25, 2007
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship Service
7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship Service
Sunday School for children ages 3-9
Child care during morning service
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Morrisburg, Ontario
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The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
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Rev. Craig Bowers 613-543-3904
Sunday, March 25, 2007
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9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
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Paramedics back at work

CORNWALL – The paramedic strike affecting the City of Cornwall and United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry ended last week.

Members of CUPE Local 3251-PARA voted March 13, 76 percent in favour of accepting the City of Cornwall offer, which remained at an eight percent increase in wages over three years.

The city increased their original offer with regards to P2 rates and stat holidays that the membership had wanted.

CUPE representative Bob Manny said in a media release, "our members are angry with the mayor and city council. We didn't want to strike. As committed professionals we want to serve our communities. We were pushed into a corner and truly believe there was no need for a strike."

"We were asking for a fair deal, they refused arbitration and we ended up going on strike before they would make us a decent offer. I only hope the City understands our resolve the next time we're bargaining for a new contract," added Manny.

Prior to this agreement, the paramedics were without a contract since October 2004, so the new contract will expire this fall.

The strike had just entered its third week when the deal between the two sides was negotiated.

Counties Budget
No increase

SD&G – United Counties Council met Monday and passed a bylaw to increase the Counties portion of property taxes by 2.5 percent, but some late information allowed them to rescind that bylaw, and instead keep the counties tax rate the same as last year.

Counties CAO Mike Waddell explained Tuesday, that every year the OPP presents a reconciliation showing how much money is left in their budget to be applied to the following budget.

Waddell says that because of the way the OPP budgeting process works, an annual surplus of $200,000 to $300,000 is normal, so the Counties figured out their budget using that amount.

"We do our budget early to give the townships an opportunity to see our budget before they do theirs," he said.

When counties officials received the OPP reconciliation just shortly after the budget bylaw had been passed they found quite a difference between their estimated figure and the actual figure.

The reconciliation was about three times more than normal. "It was quite a shock," said Waddell. "We can't expect this every year but it was a bonus we were glad to accept."

Although this won't happen every year, the information allowed the counties to keep their portion of property taxes at the same rate as 2006.



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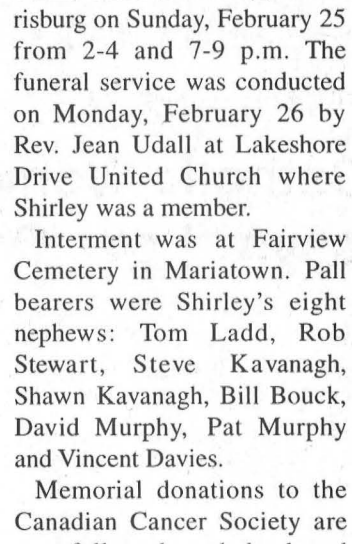
Obituaries

Shirley Elaine Mattice



A lifelong resident of Morrisburg, Shirley Elaine Mattice, passed away peacefully with her sister at her side at the Grey Bruce Hospital in Owen Sound, on Sunday, February 18, 2007. She was 71 years old and had been ill for the last year.

Shirley was born on Sunday, October 20, 1935, in Morrisburg. She was the daughter of the late Patrick Richard and Dorothy Rose (nee McNaughton) Murphy. She was predeceased by her loving husband Robert "Bob" Douglas Sylvester Mattice in 1983, and by their infant son Robbie in 1972.

For 30 years Shirley lived in her home at 63 Fifth Street East in Morrisburg. She later resided for four years at 66 High Street.

Shirley worked as a switchboard operator for Bell Telephone, and was the manager of the local Beamish store. She later became an owner of the IGA store located in Morrisburg.

Once retired, she enjoyed many bus trips throughout the United States and Canada. Her favourite province was Newfoundland as it reminded her of the old town of Morrisburg.

Shirley also enjoyed volunteering at the local Food Bank. She represented the true definition of a volunteer: She didn't do it for the publicity or the recognition but because she genuinely wanted to help others less fortunate.

She was the face of the Canadian Cancer Society in Morrisburg. A dedicated volunteer, she organized campaigns, sold daffodils, helped with teas and bazaars, made up kits and drove for the Society. As a convener or whatever was needed, she was there to lend a willing hand. This year, 2007 she achieved her 35th year of Service Award to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Shirley's hands were never idle. Craftwork was a favourite past time whether it be plastic canvas work, hooking rugs, needlework, crocheting bedspreads or needlepoint pictures. From the sale of any of her work, the proceeds were donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

All who knew Shirley will never forget her for her kind and generous spirit.

Shirley loved having children around her–that's when she smiled the most. She was proud to show off her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. To many young children, she was known as "Aunt Shirley".

In 2005, Shirley hosted the Murphy reunion in her backyard. She thrilled to see everyone together and to see the children playing and camping out.

She enjoyed going to Martha's Kitchen at St. James Anglican Church where she could visit many old friends and make new ones.

Shirley was the cherished sister of Margaret (Gary) Richards of Ottawa, Allan (Joey) Murphy of Cornwall and Katherine (Gary) Kavanagh of Port Elgin. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Goldie Daoust of Morrisburg and Janet McKenny of Ottawa, many nieces and nephews and her life long friend of 65 years, Janis Tindal.

In addition to her husband and infant son, she was predeceased by sister Patricia Duperron and Jean Casselman and by brothers Donald, Jimmy and Michael Murphy.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Sunday, February 25 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was conducted on Monday, February 26 by Rev. Jean Udall at Lakeshore Drive United Church where Shirley was a member.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Mariatown. Pall bearers were Shirley's eight nephews: Tom Ladd, Rob Stewart, Steve Kavanagh, Shawn Kavanagh, Bill Bouck, David Murphy, Pat Murphy and Vincent Davies.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society are gratefully acknowledged and condolences and donations may be made at parkerfh@personainternet.com

Betty Lou Gauvreau



A lifetime resident of the area, Betty Lou Gauvreau passed away at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Sunday, March 11, 2007, following a brief illness. She was 42 years old.

Betty Lou was born in Winchester on January 18, 1965, to her parents Marcel Gauvreau and Edna Gauvreau (nee Sypes). She attended Stampville Public School and later, Seaway District High School. She has always resided in and around the Morrisburg area, including Prescott, Winchester and Cornwall.

In May of 2005, Betty returned to Morrisburg to be closer to her family and friends. She enjoyed what her community had to offer. She frequented local businesses and befriended many people.

Betty was a proud member of the St. James Anglican Church. She belonged to a country music fan club which met monthly to sing karaoke, dance and socialize. She loved to celebrate and looked forward to "People First" dances.

At work, Betty helped with cooking, cleaning offices and packaging ad bags. She had an adventurous spirit and was always willing to try something new.

Betty Lou is survived by her father Marcel Gauvreau of Lyn, her sister Vicky (Rob) Cougler of Morrisburg and her brother Marcel Jr. "Bucky" of Lyn. She was a dear aunt to Kevin and Jason. Betty Lou will be fondly remembered by her aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her mother, Edna.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until time of service. Funeral service was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, March 14 with Rev. Craig Bowers officiating. Cremation followed. Interment of cremated remains will be at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston, in the spring.

Betty will be greatly missed by family, friends and people at Community Living and the ACCT-DD team.

Donations to Community Living Dundas County would be appreciated by the family.

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La division des services de garde d'enfants de la ville de Cornwall fournit des services de garde d'enfants en milieu familial dans la ville de Cornwall et les comtés unis de Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry. Nous sommes présentement à la recherche de responsables de garde dans la ville de **Cornwall, Winchester, Morrisburg et Mountain.**

Ceci offre une carrière très enrichissante pour ceux intéressés à s'occuper des jeunes enfants.

Les personnes intéressées sont invitées à contacter Donna Labelle, appui administratif au 613-933-6282 poste 3310.

Winchester Hospital Auxiliary orders new equipment

WINCHESTER – On March 8, fifteen members of the Winchester Hospital Auxiliary met for its regular monthly meeting.

The session got underway by the saying of the Auxiliary prayer and having the minutes read and accepted. The Unit reports were presented. Chesterville reported 85 hours and had knitted goods for the Gift Shop.

The Committee Reports were given with the following highlights. Hilda Vandekemp's volunteers gave 353 hours during February. Two items, a Hysteroscopy Sheath for the OR and a Blood Fluid Warmer for the ER have been ordered from the money that was raised through OMA.

"A penny saved is a penny earned" may be an old saying, but it still has relevance today in light of Hilda's accomplishments.

There was no report from Edith Baker of the Purchasing Committee but it was noted that there will be a meeting at 12:30 p.m. on April 12.

Ethelwyn Carkner of the Sunshine Circle, reported the programmes of the past two weeks were cancelled. In spite of this, members managed 44 hours of volunteerism. The Lotteries are doing well due to the work of all those who are involved.

The annual Dessert and Card Party will be held on April 23 from 1:30 - 3:30 with the desserts being served at 1:15. This event will take place at the Park Lane Senior Centre in Williamsburg. Tables will be set up for bridge and euchre, with admission set at $5 a person.

Dorothy Houze is in charge of this event and will organize a phoning blitz in the near future asking for desserts.

The Treasurer's Report, the In Memoriam Fund report (16 hours) and the Gift Shop report followed. The Gift Shop (160 hours), under the direction of Diane Crummy, will be opened starting April 1, from nine a.m. to four p.m. A special thanks was given to the four new volunteers who are making this possible.

On April 14, from eight a.m. to two p.m., at Home Hardware in Winchester, there will be a garage sale. Anyone can rent a table for $10 by contacting Dawn Ouellette, 613-448-3242. There will be hot dogs and drinks for sale. All proceeds will go to the Auxiliary. Our thanks to Ken Boje of Home Hardware for making this possible.

Lynn Hall , Director of Nursing at WDMH, spoke to the group on eldercare. She would like to see more volunteerism in three areas involving patients. The three aspects where help is needed are assisting with feeding, reading to patients and providing gentle hand massaging. Patients' well being and general condition are enhanced this way.

The volunteers would come from the Auxiliary but Lynn would train and schedule the sessions. This would involve patients from acute care as well as continuing care units. Contact Lynn Hall at the Hospital or Hilda at 613-744-6205.

The Spring Conference, HAAO Region 9, will be held at Algonquin College, Building D, on Wednesday, April 18. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m., in the Lower Conference Room of the Hospital. Everyone is welcome.



Grand opening at Schell Subdivision

After more than 10 years, the Schell Subdivision, in Williamsburg, has houses in it, and Thursday, South Dundas deputy mayor Robert Gillard cut the ribbon declaring it officially open. Pictured above left to right are Randy North, the real estate agent who marketed the lots, Bob Stuckless, who built the first home, deputy mayor Gillard, and South Dundas clerk Brenda Brunt. **Comfort photo**

All lots sold

Schell subdivision is ready to welcome new residents

WILLIAMSBURG – After sitting nearly empty for more than 10 years, the Schell subdivision in Williamsburg is ready to welcome new residents.

The subdivision was built and serviced by the municipality a number of years ago and since then the municipality had been trying to sell the lots themselves.

In 2005, council decided to tender the marketing of the lots in the subdivision to a realtor, and through that process hired Randy North of Prudential Town Centre Realty.

And now, in early 2007, all of the 30 lots in the subdivision are sold, and the neighbourhood and municipality will gain 27 new homes by early 2008.

"I was on council when this was just a hayfield," said South Dundas deputy mayor Robert 'Rowdy' Gillard at the official opening of the subdivision held last Thursday morning.

"Now all the lots are sold. You can't knock success," he said, congratulating all involved for a job well done.

"This brings in assessment for the township and people to support the local businesses," he added.

The first of the many newly constructed homes in the subdivision was built by Bob Stuckless, CEO of Bob's Carpentry. About half of the lots were sold to private citizens and the rest to building contractors.

The very first home in the Schell subdivision was built about 10 years ago.

Catholic Women's League says "Love One Another"

MORRISBURG – The 21 Catholic Women's League members who met Monday, February 19 in St. Mary's meeting room in Morrisburg, began their meeting with a prayer and an amusing Roll Call, "Your First Love". This was followed by a short video, "For God and Canada," a profile of the CWL produced by Salt and Light TV.

Stating that "Faith without action is nothing", the video encouraged members to engage in community service, participate fully in the work of the church, support one another and encourage all women in the parish to "walk in the footsteps of those League members who were called in the early 1900's."

Convenor reports showed this parish council is taking action:

• Christian Family Life Convenor, Carole Parker, initiated the Knitting for Street People Program, asking for help from members in providing toques, mitts and scarves for the homeless.

• Convenor for Community Life, Diane Orlicky, had samples of the hospital care kits the CWL is donating to Winchester Hospital for those patients who arrive without basic needs such as a toothbrush and paste, shampoo, lotion, etc.

• According to Marg Zambon, Spiritual Convenor, the National Evangelization Team for youth held a most successful retreat for the grade 7 and 8 classes at St. Mary's–St. Cecilia's School. Costs were defrayed by a contribution from the CWL. Marg also encouraged the ladies to renew their faith during Lent with Mass and the Stations of the Cross during the week and special spiritual events like the Holy Hour and Benediction for the Ark of the New Covenant at St. Francis Church, Brockville on February 25.

A written report from absent Carol Richer under her Education/Health portfolio asked that members pray for increased membership in the League and that they remember to check their tax forms for proper school support designation.

Cathy Lortie, St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bazaar chairperson, reported that preparations for the March 17 event are underway. Tickets for the draw of $300, $200 and $100 are selling well and are available from any CWL member.

The Diocesan Convention is in Kingston, May 5, and the theme is "Love One Another". The 12 ladies attending will take baby articles for the Diocesan Birthright project. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause can place articles in the cribs at the back of either St. Mary's or St. Cecilia's churches.

Father Chisholm ended the evening with a prayer and some thoughts about Lent and how it is a time when God is calling us to change; how we have 40 days to make a difference and change our way of life. Saying that we celebrate every Sunday as the Lord's day, he encouraged all to use the other days to perfect themselves and grow in holiness, thereby becoming a blessing to themselves, their families and their community.

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The wearin' o' the green in Morrisburg

While St. Patrick may not have sent the best weather to honour his name day on March 17, he certainly brought out the best spirits at the annual St. Patrick's Day Tea & Bazaar, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League of Morrisburg and Iroquois. Held at the Morrisburg Royal Canadian Legion, the brightly decorated tables held crafts, baked goods, homemade candy, plants, jams, jellies and preserves. Shamrocks and leprechauns delighted the crowds who turned out despite the snow. "For years we've had this on a Saturday," said Catherine Lortie, Convener of the League, "and this is our first bad weather." Despite the possibility of smaller crowds, Lortie was hopeful that the Bazaar would raise at least $2,500. The proceeds are put to very good use both within and outside the community, supporting three high school bursary funds, a Family Fund in India, the Food Bank and Birth Wright. Thirty five businesses generously donated prizes to the event, organized and run by over 20 volunteers. Guests Toni Byvelds and Joanne Nicolaassen pronounced the food as "very good," claiming a little bad weather wasn't about to stop them from attending. Pictured above, left to right, presiding over the jams and jellies table, are Grace Paulino and Rejeanne de Puyjalon. *Gibb photo*



Strings in Spring

Taking time from rehearsal to sit for a picture are some of the musicians who will part of the March 24 concert on St. Lawrence Stage at the Operating Engineers Institute. *Strings in Spring* highlights the talents of many local composers and performers, and gives audiences a chance to enjoy some outstanding entertainment. In the front row (l to r) are Tabetha Svendsen and Amber Milloy. In the back (l to r) are Luke Leslie, Leah Summers, Sabrina Rumbelow and Tyler Whately. *Gibb photo*

Ontario Provincial Police report

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE

SOUTH DUNDAS–On March 11, 2007 at approximately 9:45 a.m., SD&G OPP officers responded to a reported theft on Ontario Street in South Dundas Township.

The investigation revealed that unknown suspects stole a motor vehicle some time overnight from the driveway.

The motor vehicle in question is a 1997 Saturn, model SL1, four door, gold in colour with license plate AWPJ 784 Ontario.

Constable A. Burtch is investigating.

CHARGES LAID

SOUTH DUNDAS–On March 10, 2007, at approximately 8:38 a.m. SD&G OPP officers responded to a domestic call on County Road 18 (near Williamsburg) in South Dundas township.

The investigation revealed that a 44-year old male had uttered threats to his spouse over the past day.

The male was arrested and charged with several counts: Assault with a weapon; Mischief over $5000; Mischief under $5000; Failure to provide a breath sample; Utter threats (2 counts); Careless use of a firearm.

The male is scheduled to appear in Cornwall Bail court on March 12, 2007.

Constable J. Knier is investigating.

Striking a new musical note

MORRISBURG – There's a new venue in town to showcase terrific local talent. A series of concerts will be held on the St. Lawrence Stage at the Operating Engineers Institute, beginning March 24, which will feature outstanding area artists.

"Our committee, the St. Lawrence Acoustic Stage Committee, heard samples of work from several local artists," says spokesperson Leah Summers. " We decided they were all fantastic and we set up a series of concerts at the Hall to spotlight their work."

Summers explains that this venue has not been designed in the style of 'American Idol'.

"We're not judging people's original work. The idea is that this is a place for people who want a chance to get started, to get out there in front of a live audience."

Summers, like many of the performers rehearsing for the first concert, is a student at T. R. Leger School of Adult Alternative and Continuing Education. She credits T.R. Leger teacher Jeanne Ward, and graphic and computer artist Mario Pronovost, with spearheading the whole musical movement at the school.

"Jeanne created and teaches an informal program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons," she says. "She helps students learn guitar skills and music skills."

Pronovost, a recent arrival in South Dundas, has leaped right into community life.

"He is a graphic artist as well as a talented musician," Summers explains. "He arranged and recorded, in his home studio, the work of some of our song writers and performers in a C.D. entitled *Strings in Spring*. He also designed the C.D. cover and the great posters advertising our concert series."

'Intimate Acoustics', the name the T. R. Leger performers call themselves, involves a primary focus on acoustic guitars. However, many of the performers know each other well, and often sit in for each other's sets, providing back up instrumentals and vocals. May 2, the group will be performing at the Hartford.

"People quickly realize that this is fun, and soon become comfortable getting involved with the music and working with others."

A range of musical styles and new talent should make the upcoming concert series attractive to all ages and musical tastes.

"The March show will appeal to all age groups," Summers says. " We hope people will be impressed with the music and talent we have put together from our community."

Strings in Spring, will take place on March 24, 7 p.m., at the St. Lawrence Stage.

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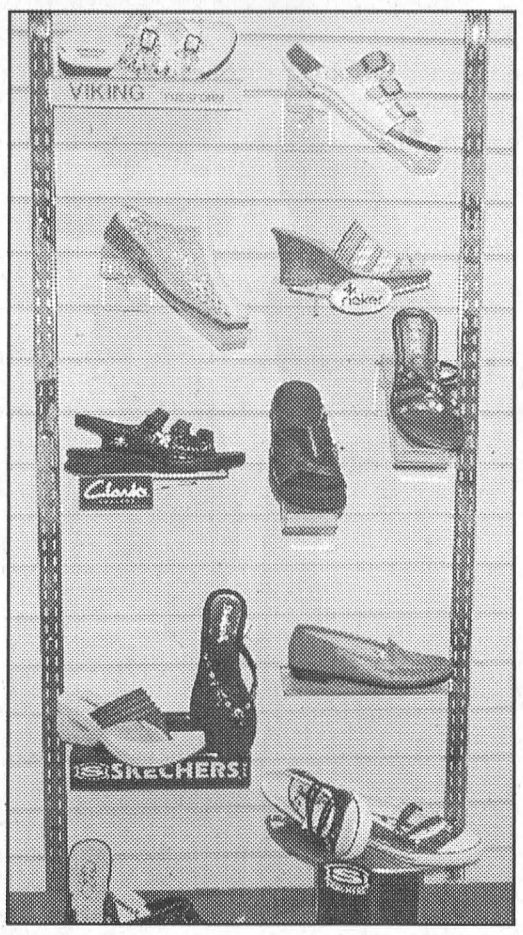

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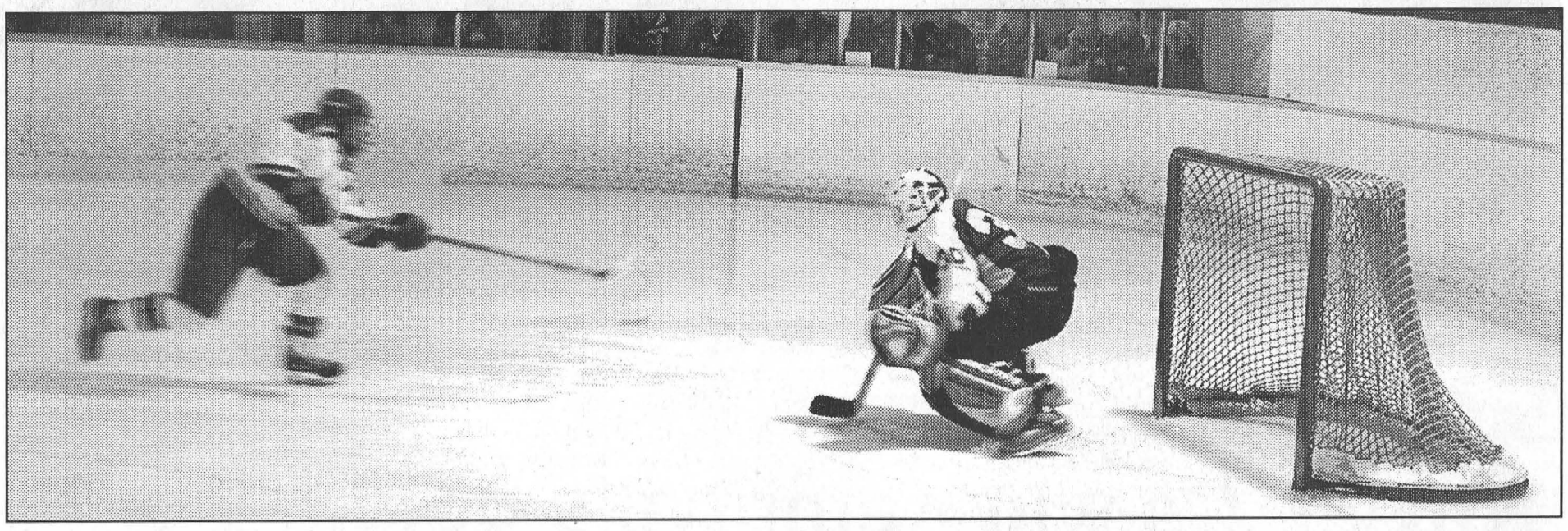
Junior B Lions lose a heartbreaker at home, then series in Alexandria



Goal after goal, the Lions and Glens combined to score 17 goals in game four

St. Lawrence Division Championship game four took place Wednesday night at the Morrisburg arena. Alexandria edged Morrisburg 9-8 in overtime with a two man advantage. Goal scoring action was fast and furious throughout the game. Pictured above, Morrisburg Lion Cory Gove breaks in alone on Glens goaltender Marc-Andre Boucher, scoring shorthanded, and giving the Lions a 5-4 lead. This was Gove's second of four goals.

Comfort photo

MORRISBURG – After losing a heartbreaker in game four, the Morrisburg Junior B Lions couldn't bounce back, and gave up the St. Lawrence Division championship in fifth game of the series in Alexandria Friday night.

Game four was a shoot-out in the division Championship series between the Morrisburg Lions and Alexandria Glens.

The Glens were in town Wednesday evening and after each of the two teams recovered from three goal deficits, it was the Glens who took the win 9-8 in overtime, leaving the Lions behind in the series three games to one.

Of the 17 goals scored by the two teams, only four of them were even strength goals. There were 11 powerplay goals and two shorthanded goals in the game.

Morrisburg scored on five of their 12 powerplay opportunities, and Alexandria converted six of 13 powerplay opportunities.

Starting in net for the Lions was Kyle Neville, who was still playing for the Winchester Hawks just a couple of weeks ago.

The Lions were allowed to pick up Neville when their backup goaltender Andrew Pearson was injured.

Josselin St-Pierre started in net for the Glens.

Neither of the starting goalies would see action after the first period of play.

By the end of the first period, eight goals had been scored, leaving the two teams tied at 4-4.

A little over a minute into the game the Glens took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Brett Leriviere. Julien Machabee and Marc-Andre Fournier drew the assists.

Seven minutes into the game Chad Galipeau scored from a point shot on the powerplay to even the game at 1-1.

At the midpoint of the opening period, the Glens Julien Machabee scored the 2-1 go ahead goal, on the powerplay. In the next three minutes the Glens added two more goals to take a 4-1 lead.

Patrice Brunet scored on the powerplay with Mathieu Pilon assisting and Marc-Andre Fournier scored an unassisted shorthanded goal.

After this goal, Lions Coach Eddie Gove pulled Neville from the net and replaced him with Jesse Labrecque who has been the Lions regular starting goaltender.

The Lions, a team who their coach says, never quits, proved him right by bouncing back quickly scoring three goals of their own, tying the game before heading into the dressing room.

With less than five minutes remaining in the opening period Devon Brunet scored the Lions second goal of the game, with Cory Gove and Chris Sommers assisting.

Cory Gove then scored his first, and the Lions third goal of the game. Christopher Ayotte and Devon Brunet assisted.

On the powerplay with two minutes remaining in the first, Chad Galipeau scored his second goal of the game on a shot from the point. Ayotte and Justin Elliott assisted on the tying goal.

When the second period got underway the Glens had replaced St-Pierre in the net with Marc-Andre Boucher.

The second period belonged to the Lions. It started as a 4-4 tie and ended with the Lions ahead by three goals.

Cory Gove scored a shorthanded goal on a breakaway at 3:58 of the period, to make it 5-4. Ryne Gove assisted on the goal.

At 8:15 of the period, Galipeau scored his third goal of the game, again from the point, and again on the powerplay this time with both Ryne and Cory Gove assisting.

Cory Gove scored his third goal of the game 30 seconds later, also on the powerplay, with Josh Legue and Ryne Gove assisting.

In the third period it was Alexandria's turn to mount a comeback.

Heading into the period trailing 7-4, the Glens had a two man advantage when Mathieu Pilon scored to make it 7-5, at 5:35 of the period. Alain Michaud drew the assist.

Three minutes later, Morrisburg had a two man advantage which they converted into a powerplay goal. Gove scored his fourth goal of the game, and 17th of the playoffs to restore the Lions three goal lead. Galipeau and Brunet assisted.

Machabee scored his second goal of the game for the Glens at 11:55 of the third, assisted by Michaud and Nick Adam. This goal brought the score to 8-6.

Right off the face-off Leriviere passed the puck to Rejean Leduc who fired on net and was rewarded with the Glens seventh goal of the game.

With 3:50 left in the game Leduc tied the game 8-8, forcing overtime. Adam and Jean-Louis assisted.

Early in overtime Morrisburg had two good scoring opportunities, but failed to beat Alexandria's net minder.

The referee called an interference penalty against the Lions, leaving them shorthanded in sudden death overtime, and then a tripping call left Morrisburg two men down, for 1 minute 22 second with 4:42 left in the game.

The Glens quickly took advantage of the opportunity. Machabee scored his third goal of the game and the overtime winner at 5:52. The goal was unassisted.

The Lions played Wednesday night's game with a very short bench. Only 12 players were dressed and one of those, Chris Tindal was a young affiliate brought up for his first Junior B game.

"The flu bug hit us hard," said Coach Eddie Gove. "We were missing a lot of players and some of the players we did have were playing sick," said Gove.

"That loss took the heart right out of us," added Gove. "I think the series was over before we went (to Alexandria for game five). We just didn't have enough healthy bodies to win against a team like Alexandria."

According to Gove the Glens are a very well coached team and strong team who only lost about four games all season.

Series ended in game five

In game five of the division championship, the Glens ousted the Lions by a score of 8-3 to move on to the Rideau St. Lawrence championship round against Westport.

The Glens scored early in the game, and had a six goal lead before the Lions could get the puck past Glens goaltender Josselin St-Pierre.

This time the deficit was too much for the Lions to overcome.

Kyle Neville started in net for the Lions and after the Glens fifth goal of the game was replaced by Jesse Labrecque.

Only 48 seconds into the first period the Glens scored the first goal of the game. It was scored by Alain Michaud with Mathieu Pilon assisting. Five minutes later Pilon scored one of his own, shorthanded to give the Glens a two goal lead. Rejean Leduc assisted.

The period ended with the Glens ahead 2-0. In the second period the Glens extended their lead significantly with four consecutive goals. Two of the goals were scored by Mathieu Pilon and the others were scored by Nick Adam and Jean-Francois Fournier. Credited with assists on the Glens goals were Adam, with two, Pilon, Michaud and Leduc.

With less than three minutes remaining in the second period the Lions scored their first goal of the game. It was scored by Kyle Jarvis with Ryne Gove and Galipeau assisting. The second period ended with the Lions trailing 6-1.

In the final period of the series and the playoffs for the Lions, the two teams traded goals back and forth. The Glens Marc Andre Fournier scored on the powerplay with Leriviere and Pelkey assisting, to make it 7-1.

The next goal belonged to the Lions Christopher Ayotte, with Galipeau and Mainville drawing the assists. The score then sat at 7-2.

Pilon then counted his third goal of the game for the Glens. This was Pilon's 13th goal of the playoffs, and took the Glens to an 8-2 lead.

The final goal of the game belonged to Chad Galipeau. With 2:30 left in the game he scored his 14th goal of the playoffs with Elliott and Jarvis assisting.

"It was a tough series and we got beat by a good team," said Gove.

"It just wasn't meant to be," he said. "If it wasn't one thing it was another."

In addition to battling the flu, Gove also felt that assault charges laid by police against one of their key defencemen, Travis Baldwin, were on the minds of many of the players.

Following the charges related to an assault in a local bar, the Morrisburg Junior B Lions Hockey Club suspended Baldwin from the team indefinitely.

"We missed Travis tremendously," said Gove.

Asked if the situation was a distraction for the team Gove said, "I think it was. We tried not to bring it in to the dressing room but I think it bothered a lot of guys."

On behalf of himself and the players, Gove said that he wanted to thank the loyal fans who supported the team all season long. "There were lots of fans who went to the games in Alexandria and the team appreciated that," he said.

"We had good support from the fans all year, and I think we put a pretty exciting team out there. This was a bad way to end the season but we had a good team."

Local skaters at Starskate

A renewed sense of purpose

MORRISBURG – Gillian Beatson and Megan Adams may not have come home with "the gold" from provincial skating finals held March 10-11 in Waterloo, Ontario. But what they did return with was valuable experience and a renewed sense of purpose.

Gillian, who is eleven years old, qualified to go to provincials with her win, February 16, at the Eastern Ontario Starskate Invitational Championship.

She represented Eastern Ontario as one of three members of Eastern Ontario Starskate team. There was only one group of 12 skaters competing, three from each region of the province.

"Gillian placed 6th overall," said her mother, Nancy Beatson. "She landed all her jumps, but she didn't show the power she did in her EOSIC skate."

Coach Danielle Smail-Napier agreed that Gillian lost some of her artistic points during her performance, but said that she had done well for that intensive level of competition.

"Overall, I was quite pleased," Coach Smail-Napier said during a phone interview. "It was her first time at a competition like that. My goal was to make the top half, and she made sixth. She represented Eastern Ontario very well."

This was the young skater's last competition in the starskate stream. She is in the process of switching to the competitive stream. At that level, she will have to create both a short and a long program.

Her coach said that the young skater will continue training throughout the year. "Her biggest challenge will be to complete three double axels in a row as part of her program."

Mother Nancy Beatson agreed that there will be a lot of months of hard work ahead for Gillian. She has added a running program to her schedule, and also works with fitness expert Trisha Morrow in an off-ice training group for figure skaters.

"Gillian knows this competition will demand even more effort," Beatson said, "but she is looking forward to the challenges that will bring her, hopefully, to the junior nationals."

Another young skater with ambitions to reach the cross Canada competitive level is fifteen-year-old Meghan Adams.

Meghan has also just returned from the provincial competition in Waterloo.

While she did not secure a medal, she placed ninth in her category, the pre-novice competitve stream.

"Frankly, it was a great honour just to go to the provincial competition", said her mother, Cindy Adams. "She was perhaps a little disappointed not to place better, but we are very pleased with her efforts. She worked hard. Skating is a very difficult thing."

Meghan placed fifth in the short program then skated the long program.

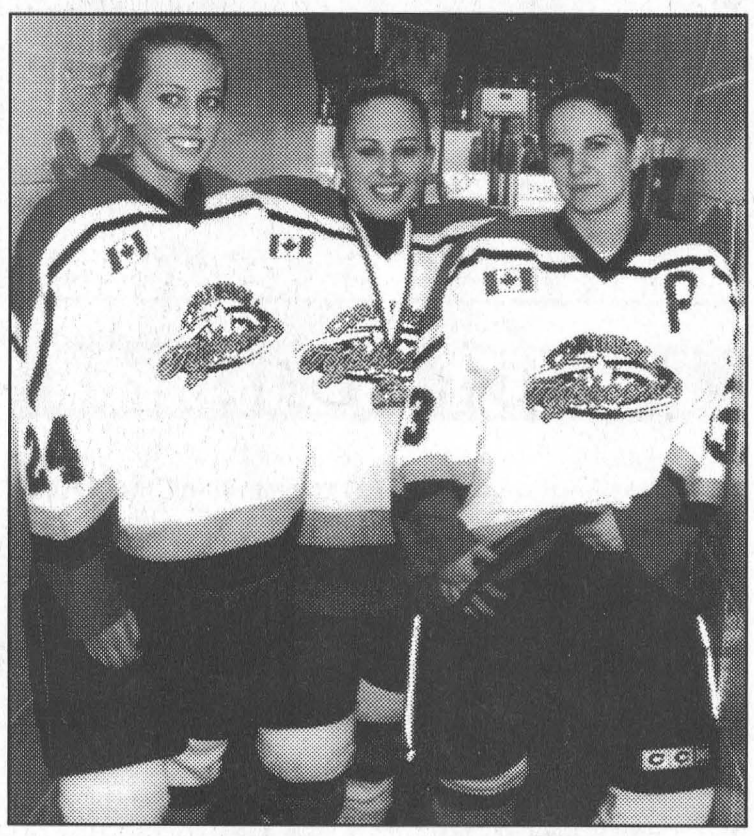
"Her free-style program was just not as strong as it needed to be," her mother explained. "The combined results of both programs gave her an overall ninth place standing."

Under the guidance of her coach Allison Scott, Meghan will be in intensive training all summer in preparation for the Eastern Ontario sectionals coming in November. At the sectionals, she will be competing at the novice level.

Currently, Meghan is working on the difficult triple jump.

But her parents agree that this young skater is up to the challenge.

"There are hours and hours of training and practice on and off the ice involved," said her mother. "She is determined."



Locals win Gretzky gold

Cobie Wells (left), Lisa Hey (centre) and Chelsey Schell (right) were picked up by the Cornwall Midget A hockey team to participate in the recent 26th annual Wayne Gretzky Tournament in Brantford, Ontario. The team won gold at the tournament, and the local girls made a strong contribution to the team throughout the tournament. Wells and Hey had three assists, and Schell had seven assists over the course of the tournament.

Photo contributed



Novice C House Lions Enjoy a Little March Celebration

The South Dundas Novice C House Lions were doing a little celebrating over March break when they won the A championship of a Kemptville tournament. Team members are, front, goaltenders Matthew Backes (left) and Justin McCallum. Centre l-r, Logan Hummel, Justin Hall, Bailey Gillard, Coburn Rochon, Ewin Baril, Noah Picotte and assistant coach Rob Perry. Back, l-r Joshua Perry, Owen Salmon, Teisha Mullin, Noah Barclay, Courtney Casselman and Austin Baxter. Coach Jeff Barclay (left) and manager Dwayne Backes are pictured in the back.

Novice Cs win Kemptville gold, advance to third playoff round

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Novice C House Lions claimed another tournament win in Kemptville last week when they cruised to the A championship game on March 10.

In their first game against Kemptville, the Lions handed them a 8-0 loss. The Lions' goaltending duo of Justin McCallum and Matthew Backes stood on their heads and made save after save, while the offense led a full assault on the Kemptville net from the start of the game to the end

The Lions' second game saw them face the mighty Novice team from Embrun, who were first place in their league. The Lion' had an unquenchable hunger that game and steam rolled the mighty Embrun team 7-1.

Once again the Lions net minders were magnificent with two pad stacks and amazing glove saves, they backstopped the Lions to their second win and sent them to the "A" final.

In the "A" final, the Lions faced off against Nepean and skated to an 8-1 victory, claiming their second tournament championship this year.

In playoff action, the Lions faced North Dundas in round two and defeated the Demons in two games straight.

In game one, the Lions flew out of the gate and stormed to an 8-0 victory. Their offense was unstoppable and the Lions net minders were again solid solid.

It was more of the same in game two as the Lions handed North Dundas an 11-0 loss to wrap up the four point series and advance to the third playoff round against South Grenville.

The Lions lost their first game of the series against South Grenville Blue on March 18, by a 3-1 score.

Game two was scheduled for last night (Tuesday) in Morrisburg, but results were not available in time for printing. If necessary, game three will be played Wednesday night at 7 p.m., in Morrisburg.

Midget B girls

Playoff win 4-1

CHESTERVILLE – The South Dundas Midget B girls are in the thick of their round-robin playoff schedule and Monday night here, they defeated the visiting Outaouais team 4-1.

The Lions led 1-0 after the first period and carried a 3-1 lead into the final frame.

Ali Tait led the scoring effort with two goals and Alexandra Walsh and Stephenie Cochrane backed her with singles.

Sarah Myers picked up two assists, while Cochrane, Cobie Wells, Brittany Elliott and Tait had one assist each.

Isabelle Charbonneau spoiled Lorie Casselman's shutout with the lone Outaouais goal late in the second period.

In other round-robin playoff action, the Lions gave up four second period goals and were handed a 5-1 loss by the Cornwall Typhoons in Cornwall on March 6.

Lisa Hey scored the lone Lions' goal early in the third period.

IROQUOIS LEGION NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #370

IROQUOIS – I'm back! Sorry I haven't had a newsletter available for you the last three weeks. I have been hospitalized. But I am on the road to recovery, so I should be able to keep in my regular routine.

The cribbage results for March 3 follow. There were 16 players gathered in the lounge and "doubles" was the norm for the day. Finishing in first place was Ken Palmer with a count of 1,067 while Gladys Parks came in second with a count of 1,048. Bob Esford and Don Hutt tied for the third spot with their count of 1,032. Patricia Casselman proudly took the Bridesmaid's Chair for the day with a count of 1,029.

A season high of 18 skunks made their appearance at the lounge and picking up two each were Jason Ault, Andre Gravel, Duane Kirker, Ron Perrin and Noella Kirkwood while Roger Coulter took top honourable mention picking up three of the furry polecats.

On March 10, only eight players attended for cribbage as many of our regulars were attending provincial cribbage in Grand Bend, Ontario. Finishing in first place with a 1,033 was Andre Gravel, while Dennis Wright came in second with a count of 1,030. Noella Kirkwood, with her score of 1,024, managed to come in third.

Gladys Parks enjoyed being the Bridesmaid with her count of 998. Skunks were pretty scarce as only six made an appearance; however, no player picked up two of them.

Our team of cribbage players who went to Grand Bend for competition came in fifth place out of 54 teams. Not bad at all, and I understand that they had an enjoyable time.

This past Saturday, St. Paddy's Day, there were a total of twelve players. For the third week in a row, "doubles" were played. Finishing in first place with 1,084 was Bernie Montroy, while Gladys Parks came in second with 1,065 and Roger Coulter claimed the third spot with 1,043. Willis Douglas took Bridesmaid honours for the day with a count of 1,039. Welcome back, Willis. You have been missed. Here's hoping and praying that you will now enjoy good health. A total of eight skunks were found and getting two each were Art Ault and Don Hutt.

A quick review of the Pot of Gold shows that on March 9, the winner was Scott McKay who was not signed in. For the week of March 16, the winner was Ed Froats, who was signed in. Congratulations, Ed!

At March 6th euchre, first prize winner was Elsie Bron, while Cecil McDermott nabbed the second prize and Everett Froats the low score of the evening. Getting one skunk each were Everett Froats and Norma Smith.

At March 13 euchre, first prize was shared between Jean Dunbar and Garfield Wright. In second place was Donna Scarfe, while Vera Wallace had low score of the evening. Picking up one skunk each were Doris Wright, Norma Sherman, Vera Wallace and Jack Shaver.

The menu for this Friday will be lasagna with garlic toast and salad. Dessert will be spice cake with a raisin sauce.

On Saturday, March 24, competing at District Euchre in Carleton Place will be Earl Nesbitt Sr., Darin Eden, Wendy Leslie and Bill Vanderspank.

A pub crawl is being organized at our Branch for April 14. A sign-up sheet will be available in the bar shortly. I am not sure of the route yet, but it will be a fun day. Our next birthday bash is scheduled for April 21.

Many thanks to Vicki Tetley, Dave and Barb Weedmark and Wendy Leslie for attending our Zone Convention on Saturday past in Spencerville. I was unable to attend.

Thanks to all the comrades of my Branch for taking on extra chores in my absence.

Until next week, take care!

NEWSLETTER

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Last Friday was our annual St. Patrick's' Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper. A good crowd was there and enjoyed the entertainment following by John Mason. Again – thank you to all who volunteered.

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Sunday's Cribbage had 3 tables. First place to Bob Henophy, second to Goldie Daoust and third to Patricia Casselman. Next Sunday is Euchre at 1:30 p.m.

The Sunday meat draw was won by Al Casselman.

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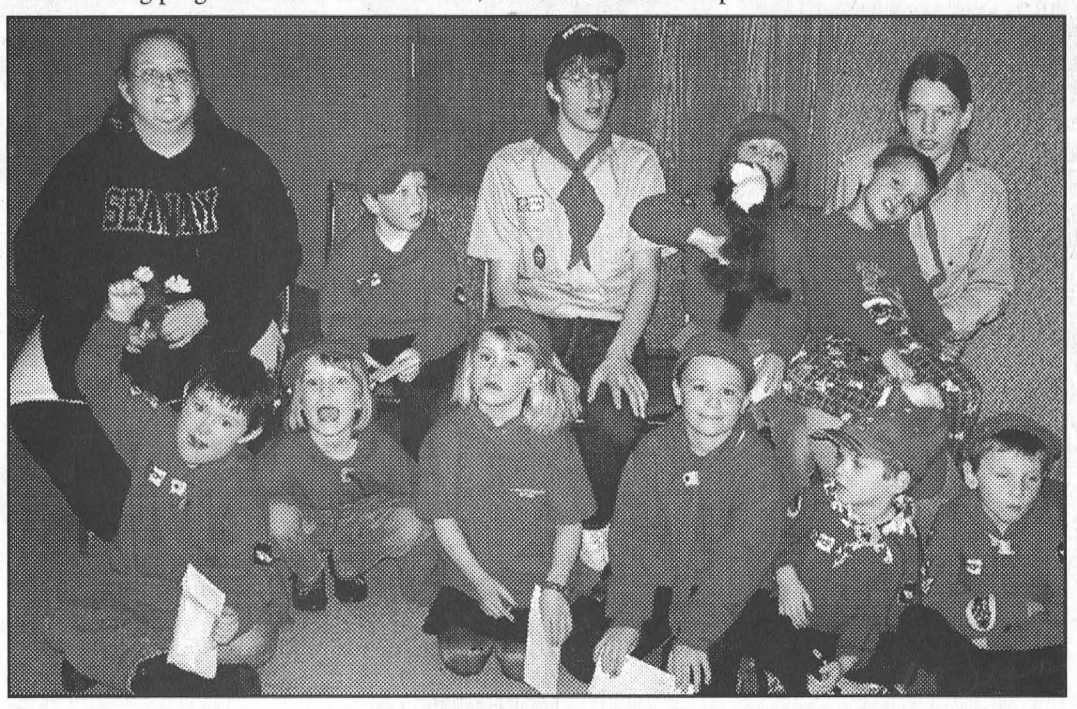
Celebrating 100 years

WILLIAMSBURG–On Thursday, February 22 member groups of the Williamsburg Scouts and Guides organizations got together for their annual "Thinking Day" banquet held at the Christain Reformed Church. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of Scouting and to celebrate the acheivement we are running photos of each of the eight groups making up the very popular Williamsburg program. Below are the Otters, Timberwolves and Explorers.



Otters: Front, l-r, Kody Anderson, Alexandra Richmire, Katie Buter, Nickolas Thompson, Dawson Givan, and Jackson Givan. Back, l-r, Theresa Merkley, Noah Keeler, David Jansen, Robin Garlough, Jacob Garlough and Bonnie Omond. *McNairn photos*



Timberwolves: Front l-r, Jaime Garlough, Ian Richmire, Cody Fluke, Kyle Merkley and Travis Merkley. Seated l-r, Alex Berseth, Niall Woodmass, Kurt Deschamps, Devin Kennedy, Ben Schoones, Kendra Buter and Harold Jansen. Standing l-r, Cassandra Thompson, Cody Kennedy, Jay Simser, Bonnie Haner, David Plamondon, Austin Jurgens and Chelsea McCarthy.



Explorers: Front l-r, Travis Vanderveen, Vicki VanHoof, Ryan Lalonde and Niko Deschamps. Back, l-r, Colin French, Travis Barkley, Melissa Ingola, Amanda Lalonde and leader Joanne Jansen.

Big skate at Winchester

WINCHESTER – Winchester Skating Club is gearing up for one of the biggest events of its kind to be held in Eastern Ontario.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, 400 figure skaters will be lacing up at the Winchester Arena to compete at the annual Winchester Invitational Competition.

"The numbers have been overwhelming," said Winchester Skating Club (WSC) president Marg Mackler.

It is the biggest Canskate competition in Eastern Ontario and possibly all Ontario with skaters from 32 clubs from across Eastern Ontario and Quebec taking part.

"We have 400 skaters from 32 clubs from as far away as Niagara Falls and Montreal," Mackler explained.

It will be a busy two days, with the schedule running from 8 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. on Sunday.

The young skaters ages four and up, will be vying for medals in freeskate and elements. There are 28 skaters from WSC participating.

Mackler stressed that an event of this size could not be possible without the tremendous support given to the club.

She wishes to express heartfelt thanks to the community, local businesses, the WSC executive, parents of our skaters and to our skaters who have volunteered to help with the competition.

WSC has four senior skaters, Leah Ann Smith, Meaghan Mackler, Samantha Paquet-Clapin and Jessica Calder, who have taken the required courses and will be volunteering their time to help judge events.

Spectators are welcome and admission is free, so come out and cheer on the local skaters.

The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG –The City of Ottawa Men's Bonspiel was on last week, and three teams from the Morrisburg Curling Club were entered.

Joe McCooeye, John Toonders, John C. Toonders and Allan Black defeated a Rochester team, but dropped out of the running Saturday when they lost to another team from that city.

Robert Houze, Sam and Josh Laurin and Bev McQueen finished off with three wins, just missing the quarter final in their trophy division.

Ian and John Wilson, Scott Lane and Michael Staebler had a good bonspiel, winning a hard-fought match Saturday at the R.A. Centre. They then played Saturday night in the quarter-final, but lost out. This year we had no men in the seniors or senators divisions entered. Maybe next year?

League play is drawing to a close. Our Thursday competitive curlers have already finished regular season play, with Ian and John Wilson, Scott Lane and Mike Staebler in first place. They, along with Larry Cooper's second place team, have a bye, while the others play off Thursday night for the right to challenge the two leaders next Monday. The prize for the eventual winners is the Dodge Trophy, symbolic of the club championship.

Recently, we had a pleasant chat with Jim Jordan, longtime curler and supporter of the club. He's an avid historian, and is compiling a history of the Morrisburg Curling Club, including seldom-seen pictures. He will donate a copy to the club once it is completed, and we'll keep it in a secure place, bringing it out for viewing on special occasions.

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Jim has also found a few more pictures of past presidents, and we'll continue to put those up as we get them.

Four club curlers were in Winchester for a Grandmothers' Bonspiel last week. Alice Thompson, Betty Locke, Susan McIntosh and Dorothy Culkin played well, and were tied coming home in their two matches with Metcalfe and Navy. They returned late, and praised the lunch and dinner they had also enjoyed. They plan to compete again next year in this interesting annual bonspiel.

Speaking of specialty events, the Winchester Stick Bonspiel had to be cancelled for lack of interest, but the organizers will advertise earlier next year and hope to get sufficient teams.

The bonspiel seems like a good idea, with so many of our curlers extending their years on the ice with this device. Maybe we could host one like this, or a grandmother's 'spiel next year. Is anyone up to organizing them?

Sid Morrell, Bob Bedingfield, Peter Zeran and Gerry Thompson are off to Toronto's Thornhill Country Club for the Provincial championships in their age division. They play Friday and Saturday against the 15 other zone champions in the province.

The location is a beautiful six-sheet facility, a golf and country club not unlike the one in Brockville. Our team should feel right at home. Have you considered planning a trip to cheer on our champions?

There are "friendly" matches on today, with three teams of daytime mixed curlers at Metcalfe, and three senior men's teams in Cornwall. We'll have the details next time.

Apologies to Jeannine Beaupre, whose name somehow became "Jeannette" in last week's column. It's a fine name, but not Jeannine's. Sorry!

That's about it for now. Local curling is winding down this month, but a few teams from the club are involved in bonspiels, and there are still events going on internationally, many of them televised.

Good curling to all!

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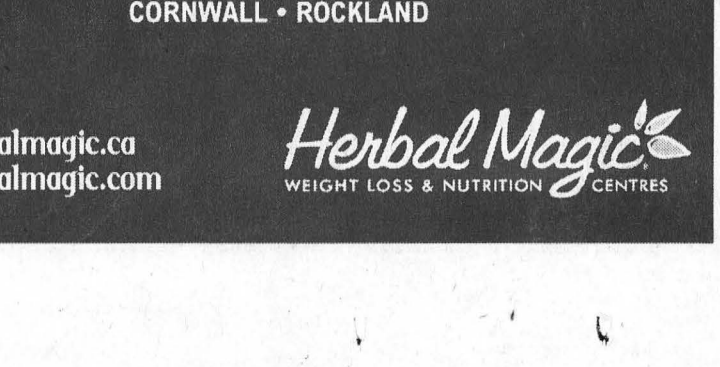

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–Nancy, Morgan, Nolen and Rick Thompson 12p

SMITH–The family of the late Marilyn Smith would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many friends, neighbours and relatives for their acts of kindness and words of support during this difficult time. A very special thank you to Dave Lapier and Danny McLaughlin, Rev. Yvonne Willis, the pallbearers, the ladies of Brinston United Church for the luncheon and to O.P.P. officers B.J. McDonald and Mark Evans. These acts of kindness will always be remembered.
–Jeff, Jo-Anne, John, Charles and families 12p

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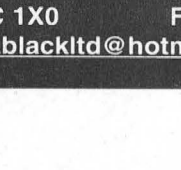
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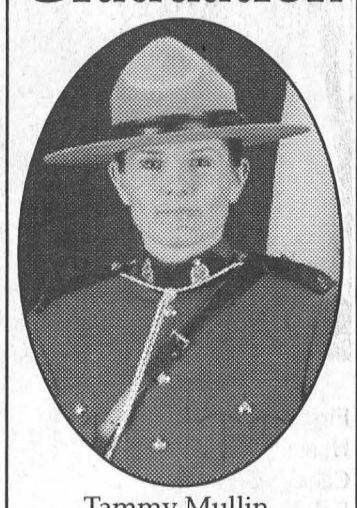

Tammy Mullin, daughter of Dorine and the late Donald Mullin, graduated on February 26, 2007, from the RCMP Depot, in Regina, Saskatchewan. Tammy has accepted a position as an RCMP officer in Sherwood Park, Alberta.
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Maple sap is up and running at the Sugar Bush



Taking in the sights

First time visitors, the Goudie family of Cornwall, Dad Bill, Mom April and sons Hunter, left, and Gage, right, examine the huge iron kettles used by native Canadians and early settlers to boil sap, before heading off for a meal of pancakes. Below, Teresa Burd holds up some of the syrup and candy products available for sale at the Sugar Bush. *Gibb photos*



UPPER CANADA ROAD – "Saturday was a bit of a wipeout with the snowstorm," said Doug Monroe of the staff at Upper Canada Village, "but we have hopes that the crowds will increase now that the bad weather is over. Normally we can have up to a 1,000 people a day coming in."

Upper Canada Sugar Bush is in full operation as spring approaches. Ideal weather conditions for sap to run freely are a cool minus five at night, and about plus five in the daytime. Our variable spring temperatures may affect the amount of sap. However, on site activities are scheduled to run from mid March to mid April.

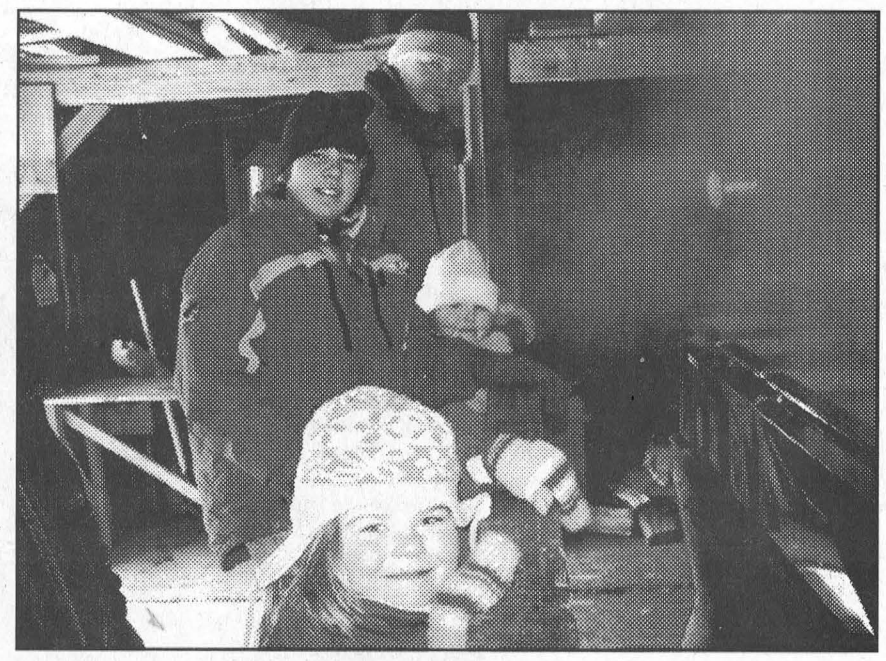
There is a great deal for families and other visitors to do at the Sugar Bush.

Beautiful "Canadian Breed Horses", bred in this country since the 1600's, take wagons of riders on the ten minute journey back among the trees to the sugaring site. There, experts from the St. Lawrence Parks Commission Maintenance crew, and from Upper Canada Village, hold demonstrations on the gathering and making of maple syrup and other maple products. Visitors can examine the huge iron kettles used by early settlers, then view the modern vaporator in action. Plenty of products from candy to jugs of syrup are available for purchase at the site.

One of the highlights of going to the Sugar Bush, however, has to be sitting down to a feast of fresh hot pancakes smothered in good maple syrup. Delores Mullen (who was only on her second day in the kitchen) and Sharon Shaver, a veteran of four seasons, were very busy flipping pancakes and sausages for hungry visitors on Sunday, March 17. The popular consensus around the pancake tent was "these are great!"

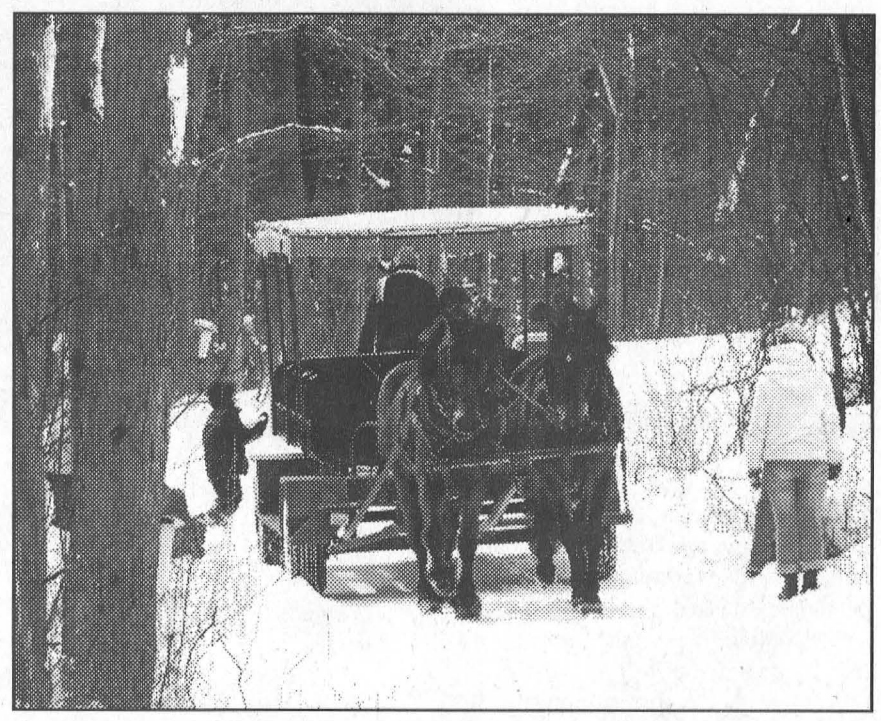
Aboriginal peoples, who called this time of year the "Maple Moon", were the first to discover maple sap, calling it "sweet water;" later they taught sugaring skills to the early European settlers of Canada.

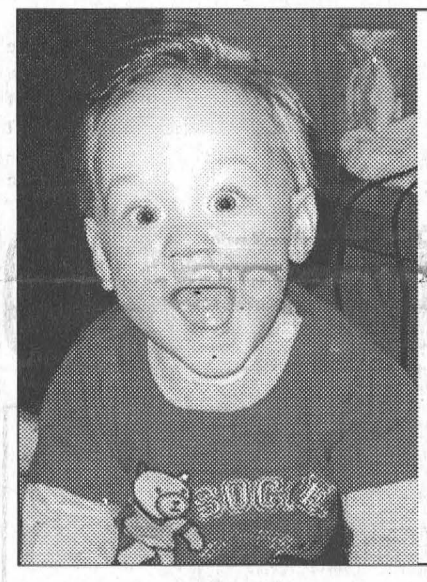
The Sugar Bush is open to the general public on weekends until mid April.



Sugar Bush activities

Visitors to the Sugar Bush find a number of attractions to enjoy. Above, the vaporator, which boils the maple sap into sugar, draws attention, while below, people enjoy the horse and wagon ride to and from the site.





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Seniors' euchre results

The Williamsburg Senior Citizens Group euchre was held on March 14, 2007 at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg. The following were winners for the evening.

White card: Muriel Gow, Hubert Lapierre and Lyal Hess.

Yellow card: Graham Pemberton, Evelyn Schwerdfeger and Thelma Cory.

Draws: 1. Dorothy Louvern, 2. Debbie Disheau, 3. Jean Bennett, 4. Margaret Rutley, 5. Ruby Smith and 6. Ray Casselman



Helping care for Canadian troops **Photo contributed**

New owner of the MacEwen's gas station in Morrisburg, Karen Ouderkirk (pictured left), and her staff, were recognized by Brian Goodfellow (right) of the Kinette Club of Cornwall for their efforts in helping offer Canadian red car magnetic ribbons to the public. With the help of MacEwen's and other businesses, like Mike's Valu-Mart, over $6,000 has been raised and is being used to prepare care packages for Canadian troops. Pictured behind are staff members Melinda Perry (left) and Marlene Avery (right).

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To pursue this opportunity, please forward your resume on or before March 30th, 2007 to Karen Ball, HR Co-ordinator, Winchester District Memorial Hospital, 566 Louise Street, Winchester, Ontario, K0C 2K0, Fax: 613-774-7231, Email: kball@wdmh.on.ca.

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The Design Hutt helping turn houses into homes

IROQUOIS – For a full year Kim Hutt has been in the business of turning houses into homes.

The Design Hutt is Kim's business, operated from her Iroquois home, through which she offers a full gambit of interior design and consultative services.

Kim has nearly completed her interior designer certification course, and is a certified real estate stager.

As a stager, Hutt can act as a third eye for someone trying to market their home, by suggesting improvements and small ways to make the home more appealing to a buyer.

She can also help people at any point in any construction or renovation project, be it by helping to choose a paint colour, select furnishings and accessories, rearranging and working with what is in a home, space planning, colour consultation or drapery design.

"Basically if you have a question about the inside of your home you can call me," she says.

"A lot of people are intimidated by bringing someone into their home," says Hutt. But, she assures those who need help to give her a call. "I'm here to help, not to judge."

Hutt believes that through her interior design work her job is to help people express their own personality through their homes.

"I want it to be personal - about them not about me."

For that reason Hutt sits down with a client and asks a lot of questions about their lifestyle, so she can get to know them and how they live.

She also measures up the space and the furniture that the homeowner would like to keep in the space.

A big part of her initial consultation is also to look around the home. "Generally the colours that people like are throughout their homes in small amounts around them. I take my inspiration from what the things around them tell me."

Hutt takes all of the information with her and comes up with a scaled plan of the space, taking into the account the needs of the family in that home.

She can select paint colours and provide samples. She can help find, or shop for, items needed for the design, and help with, or hire, contractors to complete any work involved. She can even manage an entire project.

One of the most important pieces of information which Hutt uses to guide her designing process is budget.

"People don't like to talk about money, but I try to give people the best I can but still be affordable," she says.

"You can do a really nice renovation on a budget, and I know the best ways to save money."



Affordable design help available locally Comfort photo

Kim Hutt (pictured above) of the Iroquois-based business, The Design Hutt has always been interested in design and is working towards her interior designer certification. She has been in business for a year now and offers a many services to help people turn their houses into homes that reflect their own personalities and needs.

Often when people think about hiring an interior designer they automatically assume that it will be costly.

Hutt says that is not the case. She charges $40 for her initial consultation, from which she provides the client with a plan.

"People are often surprised to see what they get for that $40," says Hutt.

Once she provides the client with her plan they can do what they like with the plan.

Kim explains that they can take it and make it a do-it-yourself project or that she can stay involved at whatever level the client is comfortable with and can afford.

"I work to provide a lot of value for their money at the initial consultation in hope that they like what I have done and will ask me to continue to be involved in the project."

The cost then depends on how involved Hutt is in the project.

Currently, The Design Hutt is part-time work for Kim.

Her goal is to get enough work to make it a full time job for her, and ideally enough work to keep her husband busy through construction projects related to the designs.

Another relatively new aspect to the work that Hutt does is staging.

As a stager Kim works as a consultant to someone trying to better market their home. Hutt says it is like being a third eye, because she is not a real estate agent and is not an appraiser.

The service is more commonly used in cities, but Hutt says her suggestions can help people get a better price for their home.

"It makes a huge difference when you are selling your property," she says.

"How you live and how you sell are two different things."

The cost of hiring Hutt to stage a home starts at $100 and for that she will help with depersonalizing and de-cluttering a home, provide input into how to arrange the furniture and even some small improvements to the home which will in the end make it more appealing to potential buyers.

Stagers are often used in large housing markets. In those cases they can completely furnish an empty house to help sell it.

Hutt says she would eventually like to be able to do that, but it is difficult because in larger markets there are places to rent furniture for a short time.

Although that presents a slight problem here, she is working at establishing a collection of pieces and accessories which will enable her to do that in the future.

Within the next year, Hutt will complete her schooling and be a certified interior designer.

Achieving this certification will mean that Hutt has finally achieved a lifelong goal of turning an interest in design into a career where she is able to find what people like and make it work in their homes.

Hutt knows how overwhelming a home renovation or construction project can be, and sometimes all people need is a little help in deciding how and where to start. She is ready and willing to provide that help.

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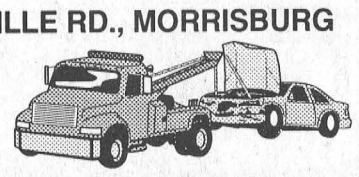

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A Big Grade 1 Reading Effort

Morrisburg Public School's Grade 1 class have now completed their ClassroomsCare project which required that they read 100 books by May 31st. As a result of their accomplishment their efforts will be match by the donation of 100 books to other kids in need. Pictured above with their reading certificates of accomplishment, front l-r, are Nicholas O'Connor, Dawson Miller, Hayley Tyo, Maddison Hummel, Brock Davidson and Kaylyn Ivany. Row two, Connor Dumoulin, Nathan Disotell, Oakley Beavers, Megan MacKay, Bryce Bradford and Stephanie Ault. Back, Logan Wensink, Grant Wells, Shawn Dowson, Devon Dumoulin, Amber Venema, Amber Seeley, Jocelyn Richardson and Macayla Shaver.

MPS students read for others

MORRISBURG–Students in Betty Lou Casselman's Grade 1 class at Morrisburg Public school have reached their goal of reading 100 books in the ClassroomsCare program, and now the enjoyment they received from their reading will be passed on to other youngsters.

The ClassroomsCare program requires that classes read 100 books by May 31st. When they do, the Scholastic Book Club matches their accomplishment by donating 100 books to kids who need them. The motto of the program is: Reading is Giving.

Casselman has been running the program in her class for the last several years and says that while her students are gaining the benefits of reading themselves, they are also doing something to help other children across Canada.

The classes involved in the program are provided with tracking posters. As the children read and complete a book they colour in a letter or character on the poster enabling them to watch their approach to the 100 completed books.

When they have completed the project each students received a certificate of accomplishments which reads: Thanks to your hard work, and the work of children all over the country, up to 100,000 books will be donated to children who need them!

More than six million books have been donated in the last six years.

Casselman has levelled books in her classroom for her students and each is required to keep a log book. They read at home and then fill out their logs which include the opinion of the book they have read.

Casselman says the boys favoured non-fictional while the girls seemed to prefer fictional books. Ali of them have the pleasure of their own reading in addition to knowing they are helping others.

The ClassroomsCare Program is sponsored by First Book, Frontier College, CanWest Raise-a-Reader and the Literacy Foundation

Serving the area

Interlude House needs volunteers

DUNDAS COUNTY– Interlude House offers services for women who are victims of partner abuse, their children and youth of Prescott-Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and they are looking for volunteers here in Dundas County

The Hand in Hand Project is a community based volunteer program for women who are survivors of violence.

Interlude House is looking for women who are concerned about the abuse of women or women who identify themselves as survivors of violence to offer their time to help other women.

The program offers various volnteer activities taking into consideration both the availability and interests of the volunteer.

They are asking that interested volunteers contact them at 1-800-461-1842 or 613-525-5338.

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Coming up

Home & Trade Show

MORRISBURG – The annual South Dundas Chamber of Commerce Annual Home and Trade Show will return to the Morrisburg Arena for Victoria Day weekend.

Organizers are calling it one of the biggest events of the year where visitors can enjoy the show and then browse the streets of Morrisburg for a second hand treasure, as it coincides with the ever popular Community Yard Sale held throughout the village.

Admission to the show, which runs May 18, 19 and 20, is free, with door prizes, mini seminars, informative displays from local businesses, and a host of fun and educational activities available for the enjoyment of all ages.

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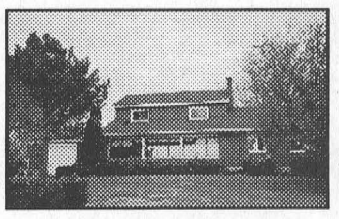
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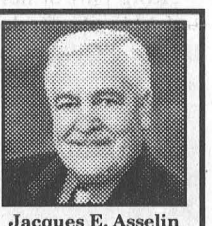
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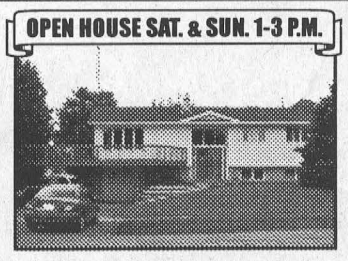
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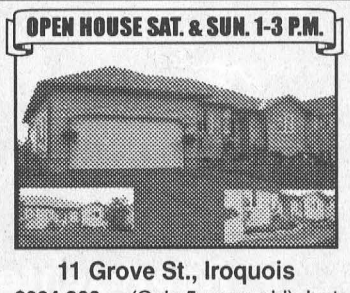
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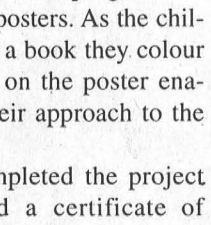
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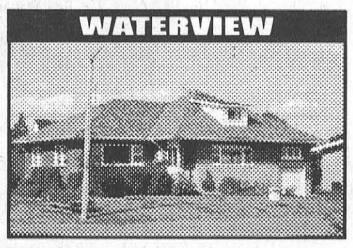
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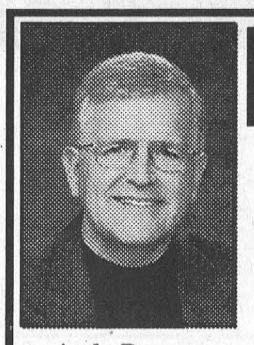
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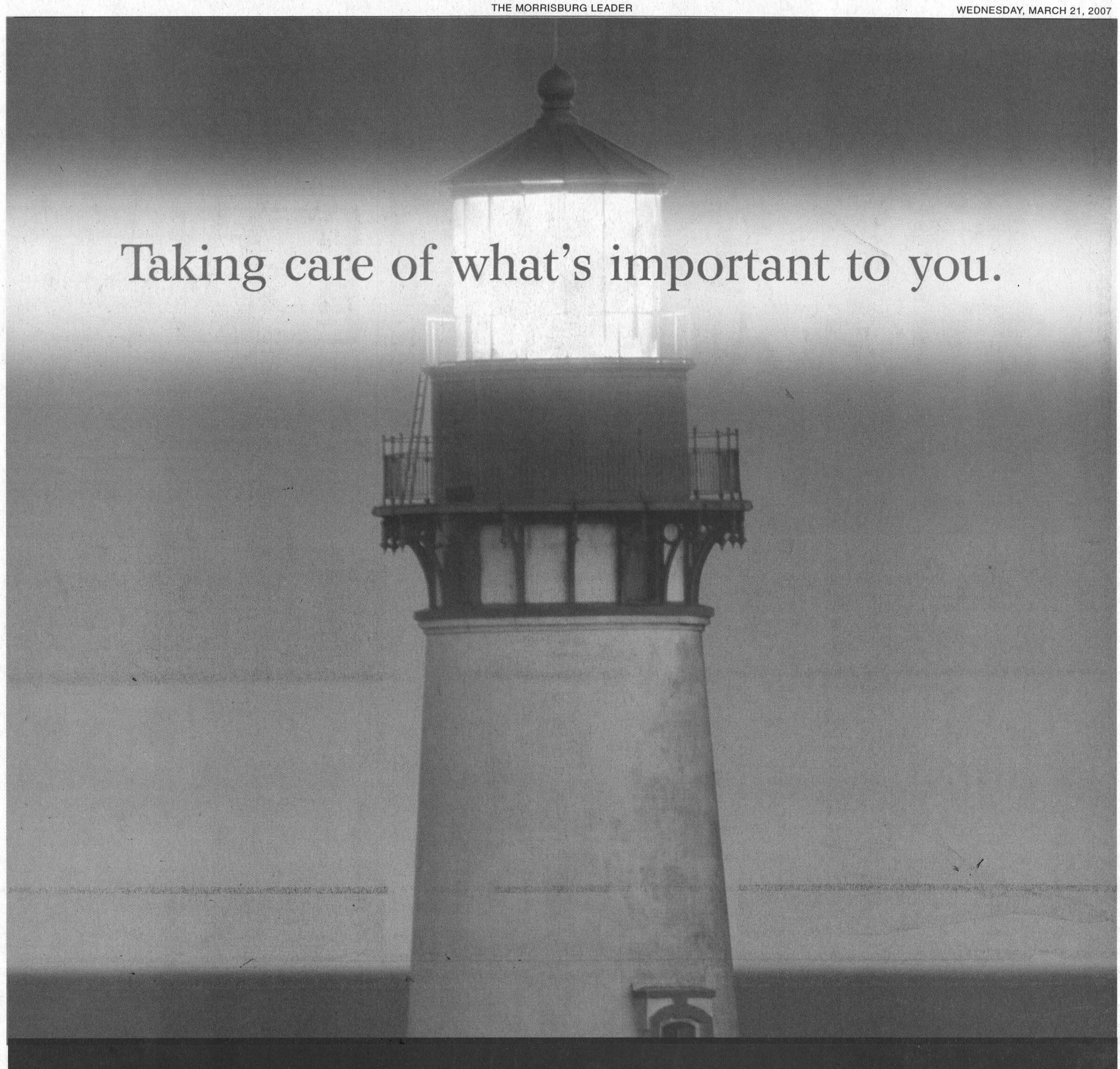

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