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Williamsburg has Your Credit Union

WILLIAMSBURG – New life was breathed into the village of Williamsburg last Thursday with the official opening of Your Credit Union.

"When the bank closed it took the heart out of the community. Now, with the opening of the credit union we're putting the heart back in the community," said former South Dundas Mayor and now councillor Johnny Whitteker at the Thursday opening.

Over 40 community members, dignitaries, and credit union officials filled Your Credit Union to celebrate the opening, in the same building that the Bank of Montreal left when it shut down operations in Williamsburg last October.

The community was in an uproar over the closing of their bank, but their protests were to no avail and the branch closed. As a result, the community got together to find their own solution.

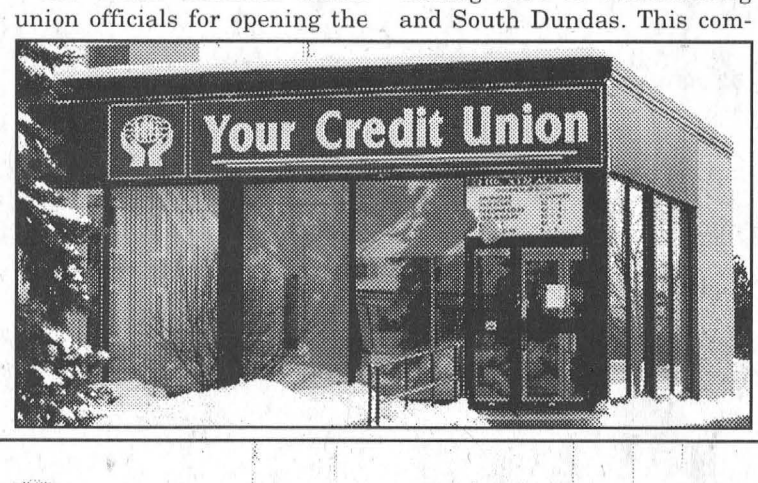
John Dalrymple, who was one of the community members so integral in bringing the credit union to Williamsburg, was the master of ceremonies at the grand opening.

Dalrymple made his first phone call to credit union officials on September 20, and Ottawa Carleton Credit Union (OCCU) CEO John Ebsary said, "lots has happened since then."

Dalrymple said the community is pretty fortunate to have the credit union, and he thanked all those involved, and in attendance, including South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen, MPP Jim Brownell, and MP Bob Kilger, and OPP representatives.

He mentioned that Whitteker was very involved in bringing the credit union to Williamsburg. "He was heavily involved from day one." He also said that the Williamsburg Community Group played a huge role, and thanked David Lapier for his involvement throughout.

Van Allen thanked credit union officials for opening the rural branch. "Thank you for coming here to Williamsburg and South Dundas. This community was lacking when the bank moved."



"Like a marriage, we are newlyweds. We are looking forward to the good things to come," said Van Allen.

Bruce Corbett, a member of the OCCU board of directors spoke about the history of credit unions.

"Credit unions started 100 years ago with a disagreement by people who didn't like banks, because they couldn't get loans. Credit Unions grew from that."

"Twenty-five years ago banks started on a path of cutting profitable branches like this one," said Corbett.

"Over 100 have been closed in recent years. All were making money, just not enough. We have picked up those branches, and we are pleased to do it."

"We (OCCU) intend to be a force in eastern Ontario, and especially in the rural areas," said Corbett.

"Unlike the bank before us that leased the building, we are here for the long run. We bought the building," he said.

The staff at the credit union have been working, at more than just the financial aspects of the business, helping with painting and cleaning since January 16, when the credit union got the key to the building, and Corbett thanked them for their help and dedication.

"This is our first branch in rural Ontario and I know it will be successful," said Corbett.

Whitteker said the number of people who turned out for the opening is a good sign that it will be successful.

Now that it is here, he encourages people to use it. He mentioned that the more use it gets, the better served the community will be.

Credit Unions are owned by their members and the money they make stays in the community, and is used to improve service.



Officially open *Comfort Photos*

Your Credit Union opened its doors in Williamsburg last week. About 40 people were on hand for the official opening Thursday. Pictured above are Doreen Henderson (financial service representative), MP Bob Kilger, MPP Jim Brownell, Bruce Corbett (board of directors), South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen, John Ebsary (CEO) and Kelly MacDonald (manager). Also on hand for the event were community association members, municipal councillors and staff, local members of the business community and the OPP.

Safe Drinking Water Act costly for municipalities

WILLIAMSBURG – Municipalities all over Ontario are running into the same problems implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act 2002.

In a request for support sent to the Township of South Dundas The Nation Municipality outlined the problem.

Part of the regulation deals with requirements for drinking water systems in small municipal nonresidential systems, many of which are in community halls and/or small public occupancy buildings that are not in constant operation.

Regulations require that treatment systems and testing schedules be implemented at a considerable cost to municipalities. The Nation Municipality is petitioning the provincial government to provide funding to municipalities for the implementation of any corrective measures in these small municipal nonresidential systems.

Councillor Charles Barkley expressed his support for the resolution by saying, "You have to lobby now, not after the fact."

Barkley said that the new water regulations may force the closure of municipal buildings unless the taxpayers want to foot a horrendous bill.

"They're killing a fly with a sledgehammer," said councillor Johnny Whitteker, of the Act, He said the issue needs to be addressed in a forum like the Good Roads Convention.

Council voted to support the petition.

Physicians predict shortages

WILLIAMSBURG – The doctors of South Dundas, want their township council to acknowledge that South Dundas is an underserviced medical area, and council did so at their February 3, regular meeting.

Dr. Wayne Domanko wrote a letter on behalf of the physicians practicing in South Dundas, asking that a letter of agreement be sent, on behalf of the municipality, to the Champlain District Health Council in Ottawa, and the Ministry of Health.

"We are currently making application under the Underserviced Area Program through the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, as a community of Ontario that has long-standing and unresolved difficulties recruiting General/Family Practitioner's," wrote Domanko.

He pointed out that there is a critical shortage of physicians in Ontario, and that even though our area has managed to recruit and retain physicians over a long term, "we are all working to capacity. Inevitably over the next few years there will be drastic shortages, as our physicians reach the age of retirement."

"It is crucial that South Dundas be designated as underserviced, which North Dundas has already obtained by due process. This designation would perhaps enable us to entice new physicians because of the monetary incentives available to them through this program."

Domanko concluded, "I trust this council has the best medical interest of its citizens at heart and hope that we can count on your support."

"This is the first time the St. Lawrence Clinic doctors have asked us for a resolution," said councillor Johnny Whitteker, in support of their request.

Council voted on, and passed the motion as requested.

Minister confirms local hospital tour

TORONTO – Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, George Smitherman, confirmed yesterday (February 10) he will be touring two hospitals in Stormont - Dundas - Charlottenburgh on March 16, 2004.

"I am anticipating the Minister's visit, and look forward to presenting him first hand the needs of both our Cornwall Community hospital and Winchester Memorial hospital," said MPP Jim Brownell. "This is a great opportunity for the Minister to meet, and hear the concerns of our community."

Smitherman will be touring both the Winchester and the Cornwall hospital the afternoon of March 16.

"Both my office and the Minister's office have been working hard at securing a date for this tour," said Brownell. "We are both looking forward to seeking positive change for our community."

Cam Martel calls it a day

". . . maybe it will ease up for the good of the community."

MORRISBURG–South Dundas Communications committee chair, Cam Martel has made a formal request to the municipality's chief administrative officer Andy Brown to be removed from the Industry Canada application on the BRAND Initiative.

He has asked Brown, who is the point person for the township, to notify council and Industry Canada of his decision.

"You look at where you think you want to be to help keep jobs in the municipality and position it for the future," says Martel pointing out that he now feels that his remaining on the project, "Is not doing the community any good."

There's a whole myriad of reasons for my decision," says Martel. "This great block of concerned citizens is taking it to a personal level. They can't stay on focus that this is strictly business."

In the last few weeks, a slanderous notice has been anonymously posted mainly in Iroquois accusing a number of individuals, business owners, chamber of commerce members and businesses of, ... "trying, run and dictate how and when and what our Council will do..."

Who is responsible for this notice is unknown, because it is not signed. It attacks only Morrisburg residents and Morrisburg businesses some of which are not using the system and have done little more than put their support in writing. (And signed the.

"The bottom line is, it doesn't help the fibre project if I stick around," says Martel. "So if I go away, maybe it will ease up...for the good of the community."

"It's not doing the township any good. We have built a good reputation here in South Dundas."

"This group can't keep it at a business level. They get into personal levels."

"It's not going to go away. As long as we are around we will be targets."

Martel signed his name as project leader to the Brand Initiative application that could mean $1.7 million for the municipality to expand high speed into the rural areas.

Martel is concerned now that a $20,000 study launched by South Dundas council and the resulting delay in proceeding with the necessary steps to secure the funding has seriously put the $1.7 million in jeopardy.

"Since day one, I've had no problem with the study. But, don't stop the project. Don't put it in harm's way."

"The $20,000 for the study...if they really wanted to help the community they could have hooked up 40 people for free."

Martel explains that we are in a federal election year and suggests that if the municipality appears reluctant to accept the $1.7 million, the government could easily drop it somewhere else where it would have an impact on a larger number

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Strange radio interference

WILLIAMSBURG – Although the source of the radio interference being experienced by the Iroquois Amateur Radio Club operators is known, a seemingly simple request brought another type of strange interference to council chambers Tuesday, February 3.

The Iroquois Amateur Radio Club is experiencing interference because of the location of the township's wireless telecommunications system equipment on the Iroquois water tower.

Basically there are two antennae on one rod/tower, explained CAO Andy Brown. "The movement caused by the township's antennae is the principal cause of the interference."

"The problem was planned to be corrected when the BRAND project was announced," said Brown, but now that it is on hold the Club is getting anxious to have the problem fixed.

In his report to council Brown recommended that the township go ahead with making the changes to eliminate the interference the telecommunication's system is causing to the club's radio reception.

Brown asked for council's direction on the matter and councillor Sandra Bailey asked for permission to have a discussion.

Bailey then said, "I'm not sure if (councillor) Ron (Delegarde) should be here."

Delegarde left his seat and council chambers at her request.

Bailey then said, "maybe we should discuss this later in camera."

Mayor Lyle Van Allen told her to go ahead with her discussion, and he would decide if it should be in camera.

Bailey said she had been aware of this interference problem. "It's something that has been going on for a couple of years."

She pointed out they are part of the township's emergency plan, and they had registered complaints about interference before.

Van Allen interrupted to ask Brown who the tower belongs to? Brown answered "It's their tower." He said the solution to the problem is the township putting up a separate mast.

Bailey objected to passing a motion in support of the recommendation, because of the independent study on the fibre optics system.

"With this study underway, they are looking at the infrastructure, and should anything be changed? That's something we should look at," said Bailey. "I want them (Lanark County Networks) to take a look (at the infrastructure) before any motion is passed," she said.

Discussion ended and Delegarde returned to his seat at the council table.

Customers will be missed most at Crossroads Variety

WINCHESTER SPRINGS – At a "Crossroads" Lorna Lascelle, has made a decision to close her convenience store, Crossroads Variety, just before the 18th anniversary of it's opening under her ownership.

Lascelle is retiring, and says she truly enjoys the outdoors and will now have more time for that. She hopes to spend a lot of time in the garden at her Inkerman residence.

"It will have been 18 years here, the end of this month," says Lascelle. "And, it's been a good 18 years here."

Lascelle says it's time to close the store, as every year it gets a little harder to compete with the bigger stores.

The customers who came into the store were always the highlight, and she and the regulars had a lot of fun with one of their favourite hobbies, gambling. They would share lottery tickets, and flip to see who was buying the soft drinks.

"We are just like one big happy family," says Lascelle.

"I always enjoyed the customers. I appreciated their business, they'll probably never know how much."

She says the thing she will miss the most is "visiting and talking with the people, especially the regular customers and Lloyd (Allison's) men were great too. All the regulars who came in here are super people."

"I appreciate all the customers greatly. We've shared tickets together. We've gambled together. We've had a lot of fun."

Lascelle, is the most recent owner in a long line of people who have operated the location as a convenience store.



Crossroads Variety Closing

Lorna Lascelle, owner of Crossroads Variety in Winchester Springs is closing the doors to her convenience store. She says she will miss the customers most, and appreciates their support over the 18 years she owned the store. She is retiring and plans to spend her time outdoors.

Comfort Photo

Tidying up

Council bylaws

WILLIAMSBURG – Decisions were made official when council passed a few bylaws at the February 3, council meeting.

Bylaw 2004-06 established remuneration for members of council. The annual honorarium for the mayor is $15,000 and for councillors is $7,500.

Each council member is paid a per diem of $100 for each regular council meeting, $85 for each special council meeting and $85 for each committee meeting.

Mileage is paid at a rate of $0.37 per kilometer.

Council passed a bylaw to enter into an agreement with the Ottawa Carleton Credit Union, for the day-to-day banking of the municipality.

They also passed a bylaw to enter into an agreement with Lanark County Networks, to complete an independent study of the South Dundas fibre optics network.

Traffic update

DUNDAS COUNTY – Police were called to investigate 22 motor vehicle collisions in the county this week. Other investigations resulted in two criminal charges in connection with alcohol related drinking and driving offences, and the issuance of one 12-hour driver's licence suspension.

Anonymous posters prompt mayoral/township disclaimer

WILLIAMSBURG – "The township is aware of two documents that were recently posted or circulated in the community regarding a conflict of interest matter," said South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen at the February 3, council meeting.

Van Allen read the words from a prepared statement at the beginning of the council meeting.

"Council was not aware of the preparation and distribution of these documents, nor does Council condone any such actions. The documents do not represent the position of this Council or any municipal employee."

The letters Van Allen referred to were unsigned and claimed that councillor Ron Delegarde is facing a number of charges at the hands of an organization fronted by one man.

One of the letters claims that the organization is doing so to dictate council decisions, and urges anyone supporting Delegarde to call their councillor. It also randomly names a number of businesses that the anonymous author says is supporting the claim.

The second letter expresses most of the same claims, and asks anyone supporting Delegarde to attend the February 3, council meeting, to stand as a united front.

Less than 20 people attended the meeting.

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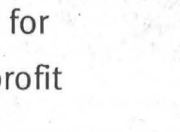

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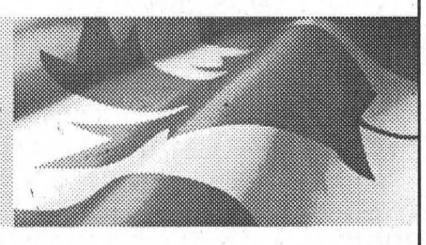
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Council's thoughts in the trash, garbage procedures reviewed

WILLIAMSBURG – Garbage is on the minds of South Dundas Township councillors. Council was asked by Public Works Manager Hugh Garlough to review the garbage pick up policy, at the February 3, council meeting.

Garbage pick up will be up for tender this year. In 1998, TCD Waste Systems were hired for garbage and recycling pick up.

"They have had the contract for six years, and in that time neither the garbage contract nor the bylaw have been reviewed," said Garlough in his report to council.

As the garbage pickup tender stands, there is a two bag, curb side, pick up for both residential and commercial users. Anyone who sends more garbage must either buy tags at $1 each or pay TCD extra money for the pick up, which most commercial users are doing.

Garlough's report says, "The deal is that TCD is not paid for any tagged garbage and in return they can dump all extra commercial garbage free of charge. TCD also picks up all St. Lawrence Corporation garbage with N/C for tipping fees."

Garlough says, "This is no longer acceptable."

"We have no idea how much garbage is being disposed. TCD has a key to the dumps and can attain access at any time. We want to regain control. We would like the next contractor to dump when the disposal site is open and know how much garbage is going into the dump. This is also important for the provincial reporting."

"We're looking for recommendations to refine the tender and get it going," said CAO Andy Brown.

Garlough suggested the current two bag limit should be decreased to one, but when he made the suggestion he was immediately met with opposition.

"I am not in favour of one bag," said Mayor Lyle Van Allen. "There is already enough garbage along our roads."

"It's not fair to larger families," said councillor Johnny Whitteker in opposition to Garlough's idea.

Councillor Ron Delegarde suggested that recycling bins should be available at the landfill. "If there are no blue bins, you know where the stuff ends up. It doesn't make sense to recycle at the curb, but not on the weekend."

Councillor Charles Barkley was concerned about the policy for garbage at township rental facilities like the Matilda Hall.

Garlough said the way the policy reads now, anyone renting the hall is only allowed two bags of garbage, before having to pay $1 per bag.

"Well, what do they pay rent for then?" asked Barkley. "You mean your going to charge them an extra three dollars for three bags of garbage?"

"We could," said Garlough. "The recreation director makes that call."

"On a facility where we are charging rent, it should be included," said Barkley.

As the policy stands now, there are some vendors in the township that sell garbage tags. They pay 50 cents for the tags and sell them for a dollar. "That's too much profit," said Garlough.

"I want the vendors to sell the tags for nothing." He suggested that it is a service that draws customers into the stores.

Garlough made the suggestion that "Proper truck lighting and proper clothing should enforced in the new contract."

Barkley asked who would be responsible for enforcement?

"It would be our responsibility," said Garlough. "Maybe we could deal with it on a complaint basis."

At the request of Delegarde, council will review the policy and discuss it further at the February 17, regular council meeting.

False alarms

DUNDAS COUNTY – During the past week, police responded to 10 false alarm calls and one false 9-1-1 call in the county.

Calls for service

DUNDAS COUNTY – During the past week, police officers in Dundas County responded to 96 calls for service. Of the calls 44 were in South Dundas, 45 were in North Dundas and 7 were along Highway 401.



Birthday Greetings to All *McNairn photo*

A lifelong resident of the Morrisburg community, Carson Baker who celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, January 19, extended his birthday greetings to the whole community when he donated the money given to him as gifts to Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign. Carson was joined by family and friends to celebrate his 90 years at the Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday, January 17. "I enjoyed every minute of it," he said last Friday as he passed the birthday cash to his brother Earl who is a member of the local Renewing the Vision fundraising committee.

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My gosh, you mean the world isn't flat?

The fibre optics saga continues. This time a faceless,and obviously gutless person or persons in the South Dundas community has resorted to a slanderous poster being displayed throughout the community which discredits our businesses and businesses leaders who have done nothing more than express their support for something they feel strongly about.

South Dundas Council has publicly denounced this type of personal attack on individuals and businesses, and it is time we all thoroughly examine what has been going on in this community.

We have always been under the impression that in Canada we had the right to our opinion and most importantly the right to speak out about the things we feel are important.

Here in South Dundas, it is obvious that a handful of people think they are the only ones who should have the right to express their points of view and press for the things they support. If anyone else decides to step up to the plate, they can expect to be slandered and ridiculed on unsigned posters stuck in windows.

It is time to difuse the malicious among us and the easiest way to do so is to ignore them. And so we aren't going to provide them with the forum they look for in this editorial, this week.

We are instead going to thank Cam Martel for his hard work and dedication to our high speed communications network. He and some other fine citizens of our community had a vision and a desire to bring jobs and prosperity to South Dundas. They wanted us to keep our kids here, to keep our factories and businesses strong, and to help South Dundas, if not grow, at least stop shrinking.

It was a vision shared by many. It was a vision they told us would cost us money in the short-run but pay off in jobs an increased tax base in the long haul. People with visions are the ones willing to work hard and work for the future. They most definitely aren't the ones who slink around sticking up signs in store windows attacking their fellow citizens.

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Doug and Luella Cassell's home which was located near the railroad tracks in Morrisburg prior to the Seaway, shown as at was being moved to its present location on Maude Street.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Town

It's time to get out of the kitchen and sink your teeth into a stack of piping hot pancakes and sizzlin' sausage. That's right. It's time for St. Mary–St. Cecilia School's third annual Pancake Breakfast at the Morrisburg Legion on Sunday, February 22 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children six years and up. The school currently has a raffle and silent auction underway to generate funds for outdoor play ground equipment (basketball nets, soccer goals etc.) and the draws and silent auction winners will be announced at 12:30 at the breakfast. The community is invited to come out, enjoy a great breakfast, perhaps win a prize and support our local Catholic school.

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Coming up this weekend is the Annual Snow Volleyball Tournament at the Cedar Glen Golf Course east of Williamsburg. The annual tournament is a charity event which raises money for The Jason Hill Bursary Fund at Seaway District High School. Organizers are looking for mixed teams for what is always a fun day, sometimes a fun and cold day, and sometimes a cold and wet day, of outdoor volleyball action. Teams must consist of 12 players and two girls must be on the courts at all times. The entry fee is $120 per team and to register call the Cedar Glen Golf Club at 535-2323.

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For the truly superstitious and the truly romantic among us we have a couple of big days looming ahead. Of course I'm talking about this coming Friday the 13th and Valentine's Day on Saturday. So if you make it through Friday, don't forget that special someone on Saturday because if you do Friday the 13th may be the least of your problems.

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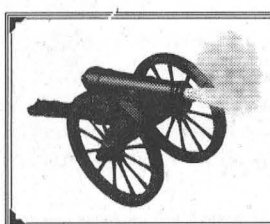
A little food for thought this week:

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, and put it down to give their vacuum one more chance?

How do those dead bugs get in closed light fixtures?



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1994

The February 9 issue reported that construction of a Heavy Equipment Repair facility at the Operating Engineers Training Institute was underway. It was being built just east of the main facility.

Osnabruck Sewer and Water Superintendent, Bart Whitton announced his fall retirement which would end 17 years of employment with the township.

Laura Barkley was crowned the champion chess player of the Grade 8 class at the third annual Chesterville Rotary Club Tournament attended by 90 Dundas County students.

Marc Dekker of the Jamie McIntosh team was named top goaltender at the annual Chubbs hockey tournament and was presented the Joe Billings Memorial Trophy.

The Morrisburg Jr. B Lions were standing fourth in the division having lost 12 points for playing an illegal player, which was brought to the league's attention by the Winchester Hawks. The loss of points dropped them to fourth place behind the Hawks and meant they would take on first place Char-Lan in the first round of playoffs.

Upper Canada Playhouse artistic director Marshall Button announced the 1994 season would open with his Lucien Sequel, Lucien 2.

1984

The February 8 issue reported the parishioners of St. James Anglican Church had a big day with the completion of a five-month restoration project that returned the interior of the church to its 19th century grandeur. Some 125 years after the the first Anglican Church was built in Morrisburg, the congregation, in August 1983, voted to begin the task of restoring the church walls. Under the leadership of Reg Thompson the work began in September 1983. The walls were scrubbed and a team of Dale Crowder, Lucy Tillaart and Corrine Kaddie took on the considerable task of tracing all the original stencil work. When the walls were painted, they painted the stencil work back on, painting them in their original design and colour. Rev. David Crawley, said the end result were more than he had ever imagined possible.

John Rice, Morrisburg's Mr. Hockey, was roasted and toasted in front of 300 friends and colleagues at the Morrisburg Legion. They came to salute John Rice, to bestow on him their appreciation for years of service and to thank him and his family for their efforts to make Morrisburg a better place to live. His hockey career started in the early 1940s, when he strapped on goalie pads and led the Morrisburg Junior Hockey team to a Gill Cup Victory.

1974

The February 8 issue reported that Canada's newly-crowned Ladies Figure Skating Champion, Kim Alletson, would be highlighted as star performer at the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club's Carnival. The theme of the evening program was to be Storybook Land.

The Williamsburg United Church Hall was the scene of a memorable occasion celebrating the retirement of Maefred Merkley who had been the church organist and choir mistress for 46 years.

Dr. Wayne Domanko outlined the symptoms of drug abuse and the various groups of drugs to parents at a Morrisburg Public School Home an d School meeting.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were holding second place in the South Division of the Junior B Hockey league, 10 points back of Cardinal. The Lions leading scorer was Doug McNairn with 70 points. The Lions latest game ended in a 4-4 tie with the Spencerville Bruins. Referee Big Doug Casselman handed out 11 minor penalties to the Lions whose goals were scored by Gerry Zeran, Chuck Lawlor, Kevin Duvall and Bill Veley.

In conjunction with the winter carnival, the Morrisburg Fire Department was hosting its second annual Slide-a-bed contest.

At Heinz' Food Market, prime rib roast beef was selling for $1:17 a pound and lettuce was 25 cents.

1994

The February 7 issue reported Sunday, February 2 was a historic day for the Lutheran Church Women of St. John's Church, Riverside Heights, when Mrs. Dale Beckstead, their president, was presented their official charter by Lee Casselman.

Saturday was a red-letter day for Les and Blake Cruickshank of Cruickshank Construction, Ltd., Morrisburg when they removed the temporary sign on their recently constructed $20,000 service and repair centre on Highway 2 and erected their large permanent one. Durking peak employment last year, 30 employees were engaged by the company in gravel operations, earth moving, landscaping, road building and installation of gas lines and Bell Telephone work.

John F. Fader of Winchester succeeded J. Harvey Johnston as registrar for Dundas County.

1954

The February 5 issue reported a large outstanding debt was completely eliminated in Williamsburg, when members of the I.O.O.F. Lodge held a special "Burning of the Mortgage" meeting. Noble Grand Keith Schell was the master of ceremonies.

Com. Ellen Norval was installed as president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, No 538 in Williamsburg. Ann Steinberg and Patricia Barkley were elected vice-presidents.

It was advertised that there were numerous openings in the Royal Canadian Air Force for women between the ages of 18 and 29 with a grade 9 education or better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Casselman of Williamsburg celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Froats' hotel in Aultsville.

1944

The February 4 issue reminded local residents not to miss the grand Ice Carnival at the Morrisburg Arena which would feature a fancy skating display by Kay Foulds, Geraldine Smith and Eleanor Lapierre.

The Agricultural Supplies Board was telling potatoe growers to place their order for Canadian Certified seed potatoes now, while supplies were available. Seed potatoes were being withheld from export to meet the requirements of Canadian growers; but demands from outside Canada were very strong, and supplies not needed here were to be released for export in March.

Benefit hockey games were being held in the Cardinal Arena to help defray the hospital expenses of Carl Levere of Cardinal who had broken his back in a recent game.

OBITUARIES

Pauline Hess

Pauline Hess passed away at Winchester Hospital Friday, February 6. She was 97.

Born March 26, 1906, in Winchester Township, Pauline was the daughter of Amaziah and Nellie Froats (nee Fawcett).

She was a lifetime resident of the area, who resided at the Hartford Home, Morrisburg for two years.

She was predeceased by her husband Harold Hess, whom she married at her family's Nation Valley home, December 26, 1923.

She was a homemaker who liked to cook, quilt, knit, play bingo and visit with friends.

Pauline is survived by her children, Annie (Lyle) Barkley of Inkerman, Lyle (Sandra) of Windsor, Lila (Jim) Crowder of RR#2 Williamsburg, Glendon of Trenton, and a sister Carrie Baker of Port Perry.

Pauline was predeceased by a daughter Marion Hess, sons Hubert and Darcy, sisters Mabel Fawcett and Kathleen Summers, and brothers Winterfield, Stanley, Ferguson, Sidney, and Bismark Froats.

She was dear sister-in-law to Pauline Froats of Ingleside, and mother-in-law to Gwen Hess of Winchester Springs and Kitty Hess of Kitchener.

Pauline will be fondly remembered by 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, in Williamsburg, on Monday. The funeral service was held at the funeral home Tuesday, February 10, with Rev. Bob Williams officiating.

Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville and pallbearers were Chris Crowder, Bill Hess, Donald Hess, Brian Hess, Jamie Cheney and Dan Hess.

Donations to Winchester Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Clair Weagant Gallinger

A native of Gallingertown, Clair Weagant Gallinger passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on February 4. He was 88 years old.

Clair was born December 29, 1915, at Gallingertown, the son of Frederick and Edith (Weagant) Gallinger. On April 11, 1935, at Aultsville, he married Eileen Wells who survives.

In addition to his loving wife, Clair is survived by his daughter Joan at home, his brother Hubert Gallinger (Edna) of Ingleside, his brother-in-law Earl Wells (Jackie) of Crysler, and by his sisters-in-law Verna Tupper of Froatburn and Jean Beckstead of Williamsburg. He will be fondly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, one sister Beatrice Chilcott and one brother Clifford Gallinger.

Clair was employed at Courtaulds (Canada) Ltd. for 10 years when the farm called to him and he returned to Gallingertown where he farmed for many years. During this time he also drove school children from Bush Glen to Gallingertown and delivered mail on the rural mail route until the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

For many years, after his health forced him to give up farming, he worked as a grounds keeper at Poplar Grove Golf Course. He was adept at many things but particularly liked tinkering with anything electrical or mechanical.

His two great-nieces, June Henry of Ottawa and Jean Mitchell (Henry) of Edson, Alberta, were a great joy to him when they became part of his immediate family in the late 1960's.

A service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Clair was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 7 at Christ Church in Long Sault with Rev. Carol Hotte officiating.

Pallbearers were Graham Hunter, Derek Hunter, Bruce Wells, Andre Campbell, Douglas Campbell and Brian McDougall.

Spring interment will be at St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to Christ Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated by the family.

Ida Beryl Charleton

A resident of Morrisburg since 1989, Ida Beryl Charlton passed away peacefully in her home on Thursday, January 29. She was 83 years old.

Born May 16, 1920 in Abbotsford, Quebec, she was the daughter of Joseph and Ida (nee Cowans) Gibb.

Beryl grew up in Abbotsford, Quebec, where she married Robert (Bert) Good Charlton on July 12, 1947.

A teacher, with a career that spanned over 35 years, she taught in Quebec City and other Quebec locations before settling in Shawinigan where she and Robert lived until 1977 when they relocated to Brooks, Alberta. From 1972 until 1977 she taught on the West Island of Montreal.

Beryl was a lifelong learner, and in her late fifties she completed her Masters in Education from Gonzaga University. She received her Bachelor of Education from MacDonald College and her B.A. from Queen's University. She was a Reading Specialist through Boston College and a Special Education Specialist through McGill University.

In addition to teaching at Brooks, Alberta from 1977 to 1989, Beryl taught courses at Medicine Hat College.

She was predeceased by Bert shortly after the couple's move to Morrisburg in 1989.

Beryl was very active in local organizations such as the Eastern Star and hospital auxiliary. She was Eastern Star president in Brooks, Alberta and was a member of the International Reading Association. In addition she had memberships in various bridge and book clubs and played in a band.

She attended Lakeshore Drive United Church.

Beryl was an avid reader and bridge player, and golfed at clubs in Grand'Mere, Brooks and Morrisburg. She was a fun loving person with a great sense of humour, and she loved to tell jokes.

She was loving mother to Robert (Pat) of Charlottetown, PEI, Peter (Shirley) of Calgary, Alberta and Christine (Ron) Kane of Ottawa. She was devoted to her family and will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Robert, Nicholas and Ian Kane, and David, Thomas, Katie and Stephanie Charlton.

A memorial service was held at Lakeshore Drive United Church, Morrisburg on Tuesday, February 3 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jean Udall officiating. Spring inurnment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Mariatown. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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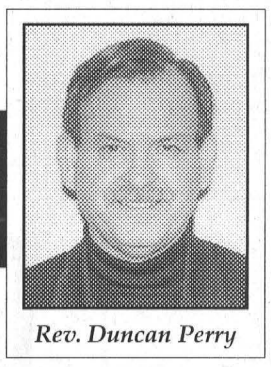

Rev. Duncan Perry

February is often referred to as The Month of Love', because Valentine's Day is on the fourteenth day of the month. I expect many of you have already bought that card that says so beautifully what you feel in your heart to that very special person in your life. If you haven't, let me remind you, your Saturday is fast approaching and I'm sure you don't want to disappoint the love of your life.

Love is such an awesome word, isn't it? All too often it is used in a careless way because not everyone understands what love is. Some think it's a feeling, others have a concept of love that really is no more than lust.

To fully grasp the idea of what love was meant to be maybe we would do well to look at its opposite. No, it's not hatred, rather the opposite of love is loneliness. Someone has defined loneliness as the anxiety of unrelatedness. It is caused by an inability to establish, develop and nurture deep, lasting and satisfying relationships with other people.

Most of us do not lack for human contact. Generally speaking, we have more encounters with other people than we can handle effectively. Lloyd John Ogilvie says, "Our problem is not in the lack of opportunity but in our deep sense of unrelatedness with those with whom we do have contact."

Ogilvie tells the story of a man who had been married for 40 years and summed it all up like this, "We have had a good life together. We have worked hard. Now we are ready and capable of retirement But we have never really gotten to know each other. I have been occupied all my life in my business. I have not been able to develop any deep relationships with people because my business policy was to always keep my personal life out of my business. I have never been unkind or unjust. I just have never been very personal. My wife has been very busy with the children. We have had the normal kinds of contact socially. But now, when we have all the time, money and resources we need, we find that we have very little to talk about. We are just now realizing how lonely we have been all along, although activity and pressures kept us from knowing it.

Now you may want to criticize this man and his wife for not having the right priorities, but the truth is, many of us could relate to what he is saying.

Today, people are asking, "Why am I here on earth anyway? What is my purpose? What is life really all about?" The answers to these questions are found only in God. The truth be spoken, a person will miss what life is all about until he or she discovers they were created and put on this earth to have a relationship with God. Bertrand Russell, the famed atheist, said, "Unless you assume a God, the question of life's purposes is meaningless. Before him, the great apostle, Paul, wrote as God directed him, "For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in Him (God) and finds its purpose in Him."

Augustine prayed, "Lord, Thou hast created us for Thyself and made our hearts restless until they rest in Thee." Our loneliness is rooted in our lack of fellowship with God for Whom we were created. It is in relationship with Him that we learn what it is to be loved and accepted as we are.

This has been taken for the most part from a book of daily devotions by Lloyd John Ogilvie entitled, "God's Best For My Love". God's desire is that we know His love, enjoy the love of companions and friends and that we love in return. Are you in Love or Lonely?

Rev. Duncan Perry
Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle

Increase to minimum wage rates

TORONTO – The McGuinty Government is delivering real, positive change to the lowest income earners by raising the minimum wage rates starting Monday, February 2 Labor Minister Chris Bentley announced.

"Today, we are extending a helping hand to one of the groups of people in Ontario that need it most," said Bentley. "This raise in minimum wage rates is nine years overdue and will help keep Ontario's most vulnerable employees from falling further behind the rest of Ontario employees."

Effective today, Ontario's general minimum wage is $7.15 per hour. Increases are reflected in all minimum wage categories:

– Students under 18 years old working for not more than 28 hours per week or during a school holiday receive $6.70 per hour.

– Liquor servers receive $6.20 per hour.

– Hunting and fishing guides receive $35.75 for working less than five consecutive hours in a day and $71.50 for five or more hours a day whether or not the hours are consecutive.

– Homeworkers (defined as people doing paid work in their home for an employer) continue to receive 110 per cent of the general minimum wage.

Minimum wage rates will increase annually with the general minimum wage reaching $8 per hour on February 1, 2007.

There are about 191,000 people earning minimum wage in Ontario and another 489,000 who earn between the general minimum wage of $6.85 per hour and $8 per hour.

"Phasing in this increase over four years will help Ontario businesses plan so that they can remain competitive," Bentley said. "After nine long years without a raise, this will give some relief to our lowest income earners."

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Letter to the Editor

Where are we at with our hospital reconstruction?

The Editor,
The Morrisburg Leader
An Open Letter to Area Residents and Supporters of WDMH:

One of the most frequently asked questions in our area is: "When is the hospital reconstruction going to start?"

Given the focus that the Renewing the Vision campaign has enjoyed in our local press, the amazing success the fundraising campaign has experienced, and the tremendous at-the-door support this hospital receives, it certainly is understandable that there is a strong interest in what is happening and when the shovel will be in the ground.

As the Chairman of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and a co chair of the Renewing the Vision Campaign, I have been following this project very closely. As I write this letter, we still have not received the final go ahead to start construction.

Here are the facts as they stand today:

•Officials from the regional office of the Ministry of Health and from the Capital Planning Branch have reviewed the Hospital's Master plan and have recommended it for approval.

•Representatives from the Ministry have been on site and are familiar first-hand with the need in this community. They are equally familiar with the success of our fundraising campaign.

•Last spring we hosted the Minister of Health & Long Term Care, Tony Clement who expressed support for this project. This past fall, Jim Brownell, our representative in the provincial legislature toured our hospital and publicly stated: "Winchester Hospital has raised over $12 million, and they are still waiting for an answer. And they shouldn't be."

•In his maiden speech in the legislature, Mr. Brownell raised the issue of our hospital redevelopment project with Minister of Health & Long Term Care, George Smitherman.

Since then Mr. Brownell has secured a visit by the Minister to our hospital, likely in mid-February.

There is no doubt WDMH is deserving of provincial support. This facility provides quality healthcare and has been a mainstay in our community since 1948.

Over the last five years, the hospital has increased the scope of services, including ophthalmology, chemotherapy, urology and hemodialysis. The board intends to continue to expand the scope of services.

Local access to specialty clinics and treatments reduces stress on larger facilities, such as the Ottawa and Cornwall hospitals and provides easier access for local residents.

Everyone connected with Winchester District Memorial Hospital and with the Renewing the Vision Campaign knows we have demonstrated our capacity to move forward with this ambitious and worthy project. The Hospital delivers quality care to our patients.

In *Acute Care 2003 Report*, WDMH scored above the provincial average in the patient satisfaction survey for every indicator. This accomplishment stands out all the more when one realizes that only three out of 92 healthcare facilities achieved this result.

I want to assure everyone–patients, neighbours, service groups, municipal partners, donors, volunteers, members of our hospital family–that the hospital board of directors and management are actively monitoring this project; that we are staying in touch with Ministry of Health officials; and that we continue to talk regularly with our member of provincial parliament to move us forward on this project.

In the meantime, we remain $1.8 million short of our $15 million goal. We have several communities to canvass, and there are several outstanding special events being planned for this coming year to help raise the funds.

I want to thank all those who have taken the time to become involved in this project, who have made generous donations and pledges, who have served as volunteer canvassers, or who have organized events.

We fully appreciate what a tremendous effort you have made to the Campaign and we will not let you down.

Sincerely,
Bill Smirle, Chairman
Winchester District Memorial Hospital

Martel . . .

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of voters.

In addition, the project requires the establishment of a new corporation involving the township and private investors.

"We are trying to put a team together," says Martel. "Would you want to have the township at the table? We are dealing with business people."

"The block isn't going to give up. They pretend to speak for the whole of the municipality, but they don't."

"The money would go a long way in making it (high speed system) break even," says Martel making this point, because, since the beginning, the concerned citizens' biggest concern has supposedly been that the system is costing the tax payers money.

"If we were asking the township for a million dollars in this next step, then I could see their concern."

As for his position on the township's communication committee, Martel is unsure of where he stands. "I don't know if I'm still on it, that depends on council."

He wonders what Industry Canada now thinks of the whole affair. "They approved a $1.7 million grant, and it has brought them nothing but criticism."

He suggests also that no matter what is being said, the study is inevitably delaying the project.

Although the $1.7 had been approved there were still extensive negotiations and paper work to be completed for a memorandum of understanding between the township and Industry Canada in order to have the money released.

Now, with the study underway, this is delaying the next steps, which even upon completion of the study, have to be done.

"They (Industry Canada) are in round two in other projects, so what are we saying, Industry Canada is going to stop for South Dundas?"

"It's too bad. I think we had a good thing going. Anyway, let someone else worry about it. Let's park it, go home, and let the chips fall where they may."

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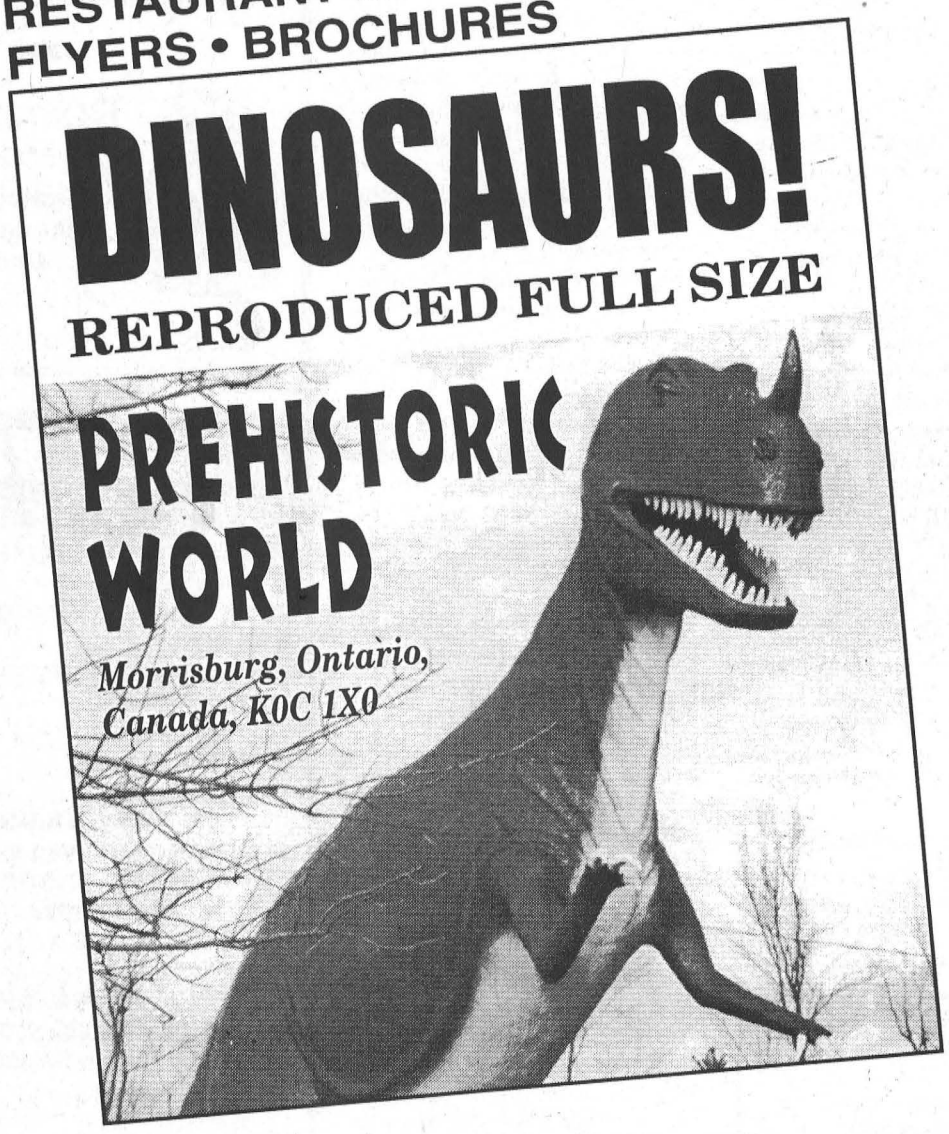

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Affections Of May

There is funny, and there is funny

CORNWALL–There's funny, and there is funny. And then there is Garfield Andrews in his role as "Hank from the bank" in Norm Foster's *The Affections of May* now playing at the Ramada Inn in Cornwall.

The Cow Patti Theatre production of *The Affections of May* is directed by Rona Waddington, and in true Norm Foster style offers up a lot of laughs mixed in with insightful looks into four average, everyday characters.

Right from the play's opening moments when May's husband Brian walks out on her for another woman, the audience is drawn to the characters.

May is played by AnnaMarie Lea who does a superb job in showing May's wit and charm, along with her faults and vulnerabilities.

May's husband Brian is played by Victor Cornfoot, who nails his role perfectly, and quickly makes his character the one you aren't going to like.

Enter Sheldon Davis as Quinn, the town handyman who is carrying a lot of personal baggage. Davis brings fun to his character, as he has to all roles we've seen him perform, but this time he digs a little deeper to deliver a complex Quinn who, early on, you hope will be the winner of the fair lady's hand.

And that leaves us with Garfield Andrews who plays Hank from the bank. We've seen Andrews cast in a number of roles and he has proven his versatility, but as Hank he takes a big step away from any character we have seen him perform locally in the last few summer seasons.

We figured he would be funny costumed as a bunny for the play's Halloween dance, but funny begins when he first steps on stage in his Hank from the bank wardrobe and before he even delivers his first lines.

Andrews, in fact is not just funny, he is exceptionally funny and produces it in his facial expressions, his body posturing and his lines. (The Mr. Farley character on Three's Company is what comes to mind).

Despite the laughs, Hank is also complex, and Andrews skillfully shows you what lies beneath the surface of his character.

Lea's casting abilities, along with her talent on stage, are obvious in The Affections of May, and Waddington has brought out the best in each of the actors making for a warmly funny production.

The Ramada served a delicious dinner topped off by a delightful dessert that looked too good to eat, (well almost too good to eat) and the set design, furnishings and decorations were all well done.

In Waddington's words, "It's a wonderful comedy with warmth, hope and truth."

She is right and the whole package provides a wonderful evening of entertainment.

The Affections of May runs until Sunday, February 22 with evening performances Thursdays through Sunday and matinee brunches and matinee desserts offered on the weekends.

For information or tickets call the Ramada Inn at 933-8000.

Police request more authority

WILLIAMSBURG – Trouble with youth has gone on long enough in South Dundas, and now police have a strategy in place to help deal with problems, often experienced in the Iroquois and Morrisburg Plaza areas.

Sgt. Linda Bootsma, told council of their plan at the January 20, council meeting and asked that the township designate the OPP as agents of the municipality to enforce the "Trespassing to Property Act."

Council received a draft bylaw for their information at the last council meeting and will vote on the matter at the next regular council meeting, February 16.

The police are now in the process of completing an environmental study of the area. Once the study is complete, the stakeholders will get together for input and to discuss concerns and implementation of the findings.

In the meantime, police would like the bylaw in place to give them the power to "keep people moving," said CAO Andy Brown. "The purpose is to have some authority, if required."

Councillor Sandra Bailey asked, "If we give them that authority, is that just for the malls?"

Councillor Ron Delegarde asked, "Does that include other areas, like beaches?"

"That's up to council," answered Brown. "The township can be inclusive with as many public areas as they deem necessary."

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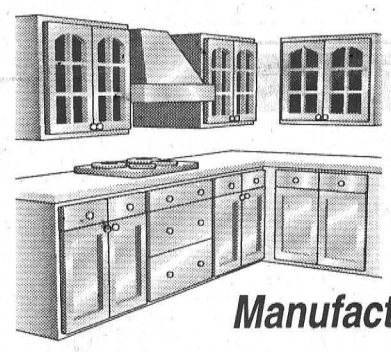

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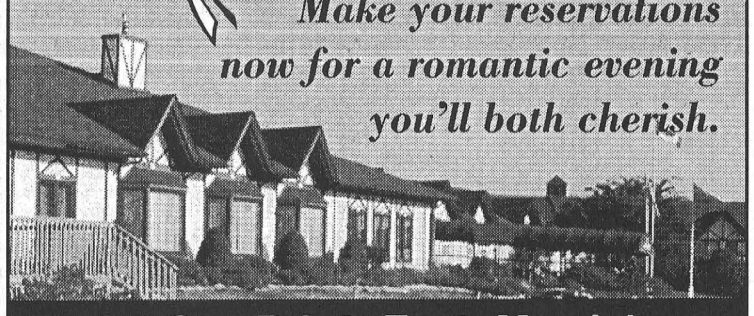

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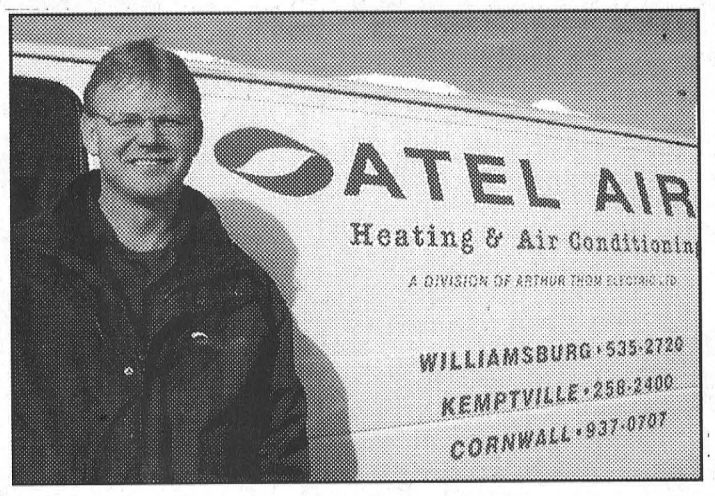

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Skate Strong in Perth

Skaters with the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club brought home a nice little collection of medals from the Perth Recreational Skate on the weekend. Erin Stewart scored the lone first for the local club in Ladies Freestyle, and she followed that performance by teaming with Alisha Van Hoof for a third place finish in Similar Pairs. Alisha also had a strong day, skating to a silver medal in Ladies Free. Logan Patterson earned a pair of silver medals in Ladies Free and Ladies Interpretive and Kirsty Robinson won silver in Ladies Free. Skating strong in the Interpretive Ladies category, Hailey Van Allen won silver there and added a third place finish in Ladies Free. Kaila Van Hoof placed third in Ladies Free and Kristen Stewart third in Interpretive Ladies. Pictured above front l-r, are Logan Patterson, Erin Stewart and Alisha Van Hoof. Back, l-r, Kirsty Robinson, Kaila Van Hoof, Kristen Stewart and Hailey Van Allen.

Girls hockey

Tait lifts Lions to 3-2 win

MORRISBURG–Ali Tait scored with 37 seconds left in a Bantam girls hockey game here Sunday to complete her hat trick and lift the South Dundas Lions to a 3-2 win over Brockville.

In their last three outings, the Lions have posted a pair of wins, including the Brockville win, and handled one loss to Russell.

Brockville was first on the scoreboard Sunday with a Sinthya Ngo goal early into the first period. Tait evened it with her first tally, assisted by Andrea Hudson, midway into the second period and the 1-1 tie held until the final minutes of the game.

With 2:41 left to be played Kaitlyn McIntyre scored unassisted to again put Brockville up by one.

Just a little over a minute later it was Tait again, this time getting help from Chantal Thurler. She struck for the winner with 37 seconds showing on the clock.

In Russell, the Lions went up 1-0 against the Raiders on a first period goal from Tait assisted by Sarah Myers.

The advantage held until 3:58 of the second period when Marin Burton scored for the Raiders. Jennifer Quinn scored what would turn out to be the winner at 5:34 of the second period.

The Kemptville Storm and the Lions posted a real nail biter in their match in Kemptville on January 28.

Following scoreless first and second periods, and just when it looked like the third would remain that way too, Ali Tait counted with 33 seconds left on the clock for a 1-0 Lions win. Sarah Myers provided the assist.

The Week In Curling

The Wednesday Night Ladies' League has completed its second draw and congratulations are in order for the winners: Anna Cooper, Wendy Johnston, Eleanor Allison and Joanne Baker.

Last Tuesday the afternoon ladies hosted Prescott in a friendly bonspiel. Evonne Delegarde, Cheryl Thompson, Margaret Reynolds, Betty Locke, Sandra Beckstead, Dorothy Culkin, Kathy Norg and Donna Stephens made their visitors feel welcome.

Afterwards, the bartender served the curlers, and treats were enjoyed by all.

Our top bantam team competed Sunday in a bonspiel in Alexandria. Curtis and Calvin Collins, Natalie McDonell and Bobby Robichaud won their first game but lost a close second one, finishing fourth overall.

On Saturday, coach Sydney Schnurr took two teams to Winchester for the Big Four Playdowns. Curtis Collins, Brittany Elliott, Jaron Hess and Mallory O'Neil won their first game on the 'A' side, but lost their second. Calvin Collins led the other foursome, with Chris Tupper, Tyler Stewart and Jacob Hough rounding out the group.

They played well, but dropped two close games. As usual, our young curlers enjoyed themselves, and were excellent ambassadors for the game and our club..

The senior men hosted Brockville in a friendly match last Wednesday. Don O'Brien, John Wilson, Karl Duncan, Jack Dikland, Eric Orgee and John Lyon skipped the local teams, fashioning a split in their games. As always, it was a very pleasant day with good food and fellowship.

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Yesterday, the senior mixed curlers hosted Russell in a return friendly match. The first team consisted of Gerry and Cheryl Thompson, with Ray and Lana Larsen. Don O'Brien's foursome included Sandra Beckstead, Doug Brannan and Dorothy Culkin, while Keith Brannen entered the third team, aided by Barb Rabideau, Karl Duncan and Donna Stephens. The curling was fun and the meal was great; our hospitality knew no bounds.

Bobby Jack Hart tells us there are three openings for the two-person bonspiel here on Sunday. The rules and format are the same as for the one held after Christmas. No sweeping is required, each game lasts about 45 minutes, the cash prizes are huge, and you need not be a member of the club to enter. Let Bobby know if you're interested, or sign up in the lounge.

Rentals are the lifeblood of a curling club, and Saturday we had another exceptional one, with John Lyon, Jim Locke and their hard-working Iroquois/ Matilda Lions committee hosting the Lions from Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

They even entered a local team, with Brenda Lyon, Betty Locke, Ruth Robertson and Dorothy Culkin representing the hosts. Hats off to the Lions for a well-run bonspiel!

Last week we mentioned Sherry Middaugh as the Ontario Ladies' representative for the Canadian Women's Championship, (Tournament of Hearts). This week, we note that in the Ontario Men's Championship, Glenn Howard and Mike Harris, tied after round robin competition, met in the final, with Harris winning the right to advance to the Brier as Ontario's standard-bearer. Bryan Cochrane, from Russell, finished with four wins and five losses.



Girls On Snow raise money for Easter Seals

Lesley McDonell
Leader Staff

MORRISBURG – It was a better day this year for the 6th Annual Girls on Snow rally, held Saturday. Last year the girls didn't have any snow, this year they had lots of snow and good weather.

The event kicked off in the morning with an open pancake breakfast at the Morrisburg Fire Hall. The 42 participants then hit the trails finishing around 6 p.m.

The rally is part of Snowarama which raises money for the Dundas County District Easter Seals Society.

Money raised through pledges by the Girls on Snow participants this year amounted to $4,817 surpassing their goal and last year's total of $3,500. There was also a draw for a dinner for two courtesy of the McIntosh Country Inn, which was won by Elaine Whitteker.

"The McIntosh gave us a free dinner so that all the money we make can go right back to the Easter Seals Society," said one of the Girls on Snow rally organizers Jean McDougall.

Snowarama held a raffle with proceeds going to The Easter Seals Society. The raffle raised $1,500 and the three winners were Doreen Henderson of Brinston; Anita Cooper of Morrisburg; and Erma Casselman also of Morrisburg.

This year's Ambassador for Easter Seals is twelve-year-old Alexander Smellink of Iroquois.

Alexander is a very quiet, polite young man and is in the seventh grade at Iroquois Public School.

He had a brain hemorrhage at birth and was operated on within the first 24 hours. Later on a head plate was put in place. He started to suffer seizures which varied from mild to severe and from none to10 a day.

His parents tried a Ketogenic diet to see if it would help with the seizures. The diet is a special method of treating epilepsy (seizure disorders) which produces a state that exerts an anti-epileptic effect.

In 1999 CHEO found the source of the seizures after a week long stay at the hospital, and Alexander had the left side of his brain removed.

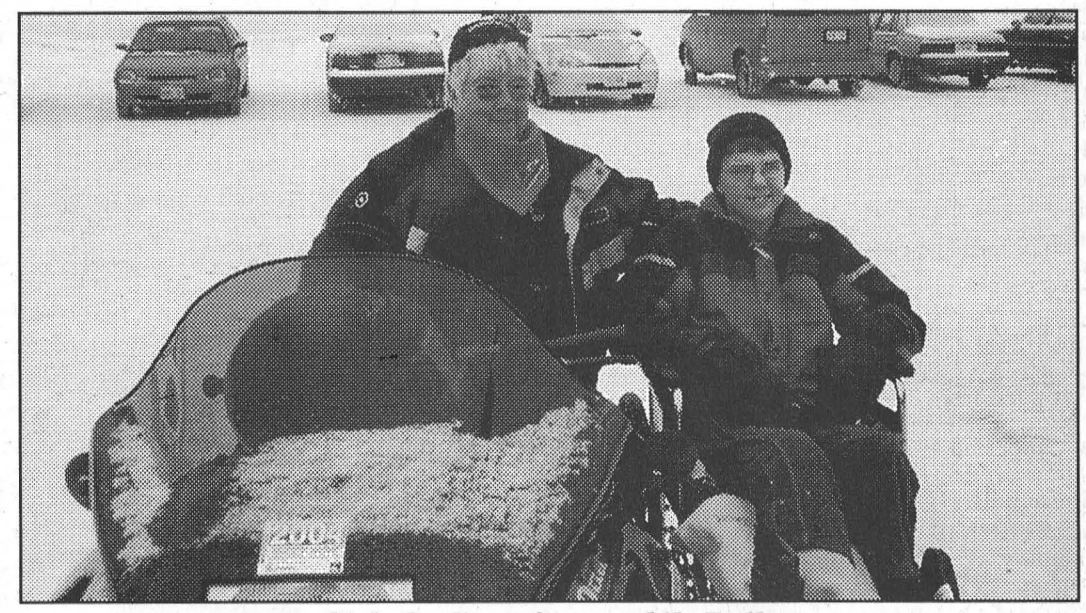
"It's like having a stroke," his mother explained. He has been free of the seizures since the operation.

Alexander is now in a wheelchair following an operation on his leg. He will have to go through a series of casts, and recovery will take up to a year. He will then go through the same procedure on his other leg.

Easter Seals not only provides equipment like wheelchairs, but also support to the family.

The Smellinks receive "Family Relief". A member of Easter Seals comes in to look after Alexander while the family gets free time.

Easter Seals is an important part of the community with 28 Easter Seal kids in the area. The families are grateful for events like Girls on Snow and Snowarama which raise money for a great cause.



Girls On Snow Snowmobile Rally

Pictured at the top the girls get ready to head out onto the trails after the pancake breakfast. They started from the Morrisburg Fire Hall around 10:30 a.m. and ended at the McIntosh Country Inn around 6 p.m. Pictured above is Jean McDougall on her snowmobile alongside this year's Ambassador for Dundas County Easter Seals, 12-year-old Alexander Smellink.

Two games left

Lions lose in overtime

MORRISBURG–The end of a long season is in sight for the Morrisburg Junior B Lions who have one remaining home game this Friday night when first place Alexandria comes to town. They will finish the year in Kemptville, Sunday night.

Although this Friday night's game won't do anything in the standings for the Lions, the Glens will be looking for a win to securely wrap up first place.

The Glens are holding down first place now with 65 points in 43 games, while the Char-Lan Rebels in 42 games have 61 points.

The Kemptville 73s are right there with 60, which means they can't finish any worse than third but could taken over second spot.

The fourth and final playoff position has been wrapped up by the Akwesasne Wolves who have 45 points.

A playoff spot for either the Lions or the Hawks has not been possible for weeks now, and they will finish in fifth and sixth place respectively.

While the Hawks will be finishing in last place for the season, they got their final licks against the Lions in Morrisburg on Sunday with a 5-3 win.

The Lions opened their weekend action in Williamstown Saturday night, and, after moving ahead of the Rebels 3-0 in the first period, they allowed their opponents to come back. Regulation time ended in a 4-4 tie, and the Rebels took the win 5-4 in overtime.

Sunday in Morrisburg, the Lions and Hawks played even in the first period. Matt McMillan opened the scoring for the Hawks and Kent Nugent (Lions affiliate) cancelled his effort with 1:46 left in the frame.

The Hawks went up 3-1 in the second period on goals from Nick Sylvestri and Jonathan Murray, but the Lions hung in with a Mike Carbino tally. The Hawks struck once more from the stick of Shane Barnes to carry a 4-2 lead into the third period.

They went up 5-2 when Murray counted his second goal five minutes into the frame, and the Lions got one more from Jason Denio with 11:46 left in the game.

All of the Lions goals were scored on the power play and

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Snowmobilers take to the trails

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS – Grooming operations have now commenced for the 2003/04 snowmobiling season.

All snowmobiles displaying a 2004 Snowmobile Trail Permit in the proper location now have access to a system of OFSC Prescribe snowmobile trails suitable for the use of safe and prudent operators and passengers.

The OFSC has published and promoted a list of "Assumptions for OFSC Trail Use" to ensure that snowmobilers know what behaviour is expected while riding OFSC trails.

Snowmobilers are advised to ride with extra caution at this time of year since winter snow and ice conditions can be very changeable and unpredictable from day to day.

Riders are also reminded that snowmobiling is an off-road activity that occurs in a constantly variable and uncontrollable natural setting, one that is totally different from travelling on a highly engineered, regularly maintained, public roads.

OFSC trail riding is based on the fundamental assumption that it may not be practical or possible to maintain all OFSC trails at equal consistency or to remove all hazards. In the continually changing surroundings that characterize OFSC snowmobile trails, it is always prudent to expect the unexpected. Riders enter OFSC trails willingly and use them at their own risk.

Snowmobilers must also take personal responsibility to make smart choices and to ride an OFSC trail in a safe, prudent, lawful manner. A Safe Rider obeys all provincial laws, rides defensively with care and control, and exercises sound personal judgment at all times, including avoiding the consumption of alcohol prior to or during any snowmobile ride.

Snowmobiling can be great family fun and provide many enjoyable hours of winter recreation - when riders make the smart choice to ride safely.



They are Off and Running

The Riverside Snowmobile Club has announced that its trail grooming has officially commenced. Last week's two big snowfalls in this area have made conditions ideal, and snowmobilers hit the trails in large numbers on the weekend. Pictured above are a couple of snomobile enthusiasts who were preparing to catch a trail behind the Riverside Snowmobile Clubhouse on Sunday, February 1.

Belly dance workshop coming to McIntosh

MORRISBURG– Middle Eastern or Oriental dancing, commonly known as belly dancing, brings to mind beautiful costuming of flowing veils and beaded finery and maybe suggests it is not a dance suitable to just anyone.

But this is not the case says Elaine Hultquist who will be offering a basic belly dance workshop on Saturday, February 21 at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Hultquist says it is mainly women who attend her classes and, "I've had as young as 11, and the oldest I've taught so far is 71."

"It is absolutely awesome exercise, and you don't have to be in 100 percent perfect shape to do it."

Hultquist contends, "The more hips you have the better it will work for you."

Belly dancing is a beautiful dance inspired by middle east dance which received the belly dance name when it was brought to the United States. It features graceful arm movements, hips sways and undulations, and veils are often used as primary elements.

Hultquist first took up the dance when a friend talked her into attending a class. "After the first couple of moves, I fell in love with it."

She's been teaching for a little more than a year, and last year offered a six-week course in this area to see how it would go.

It was successful and this time she has decided to offer the one-day workshop.

She says there are a lot of moves in belly dancing, and those who enroll in the workshop will learn a number of the basics.

"They will learn to isolate basic parts of the body, some hip drops, figure eights, shimmys and combination moves."

Hultquist says there are various belly dance outfits, from styles that cover the whole body to those that are more revealing.

"It's whatever you are comfortable in. If it's track pants and T-shirts that's wonderful."

"It's about embracing the feminine side of women, opposed to stereotyping. It's all in the attitude you have. You are doing beautiful moves and, it makes you feel good."

"It's an absolutely wonderful experience. You isolate your muscles and are moving every which way."

Hultquist says that after the six hour workshop, the student will walk away with some basic moves, and will know a 3.5 to five minute routine.

She adds, however, that it is not as easy as one may think.

"I've had aerobic instructors who say this should be easy when they start. But, within a short time, they are saying, 'wow, it's not as easy as it looks'."

"But with practise and work you can learn it. The thing is to come out, have some fun and keep your mind open to learning."

Further information and prices can be obtained by calling 543-3021 or emailing Hultquist at emh@chmail.com. Registration by February 14, would be appreciated in order to determine numbers.

Lions lose in overtime

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the Hawks struck once on the power play. Nick Bergamini handled the net for the Hawks and Matt Van Egmond saw action for the Lions.

Play between the two got a little rough in the second half of the second period and resulted in three five minute fighting majors to the Lions and two to the Hawks. In total the Lions served 20 penalties and the Hawks 18.

Saturday night in Williamstown, the Lions roared onto the ice to take a 3-0 lead on two goals from Chad Galipeau and a single from Jason Denio.

They gave up two goals in the second period to Derek Duval and Danny Lafave to hold onto a slim 3-2 advantage heading into the third.

Steve Jarvo tied it, 3-3, less than two minutes into the third frame, and at 8:27 Galipeau struck for his third of the night to give the Lions a 4-3 edge. The Galipeau/Justin Elliott combination was working well, with Elliott assisting on all three of his goals.

Less than one minute later Jarvo struck for his second in a row and the 4-4 tie held through regulation time.

Lafave scored the overtime winner.

Both teams sat out eight minor penalties, a double minor, and a fighting major and game misconduct.

Goaltender Anthony Fricchione started in net for the Rebels and was relieved in the first period by Brian O'Shaughnessy. Matt Van Egmond was in net for the Lions.

Seniors euchre at Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG – Winners at the Williamsburg Seniors euchre on Wednesday, February 4 were as follows:

White Cards–Everett Froats, Keith Scott, Jean Sutton.

Yellow Cards–Hubert La Pierre, Muriel Miller, Harold Gallinger.

Door Prize–Peggy Thompson, Graham Pemberton.

Draw–Ed Thompson (2), Irene Carr, Betty Barkely, Keith Scott, Dwain Hess, Enid Dalrymple, Faye Hanes.

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Kemptville	43	29	12	2	60
Akwesasne	45	20	20	2	45
Morrisburg	43	10	28	1	25
Winchester	42	8	32	1	18

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
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Brockville	42	25	13	1	54
Westport	41	21	15	1	47
Sth. Gren.	41	20	18	2	43
Athens	42	6	29	4	19

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Friday, February 6-
Kemptville 8 at Winchester 0
Char-Lan 0 at Alexandria 1

Saturday, February 7–
Morrisburg 4 at Char-Lan 5 OT
Alexandria 6 at Akwesasne 4

Sunday, February 8–
Akwesasne 2 at Kemptville 5
Winchester 5 at Morrisburg 3

Coming up:

Friday, February 13–Akwesasne 2 at Kemptville 5.

Sunday, February 15–Morrisburg at Kemptville 7:15 p.m.

Pickup truck stolen and recovered

MORRISBURG – Police began an investigation into the theft of a 1994 Chevrolet S10 pick up, which occurred overnight from a private residence in the village.

Shortly before 10 a.m., the same day, the vehicle was recovered, abandoned in a parking area near Morrisburg Public School. There was no damage to the vehicle and no arrests were made at the time of the recovery.

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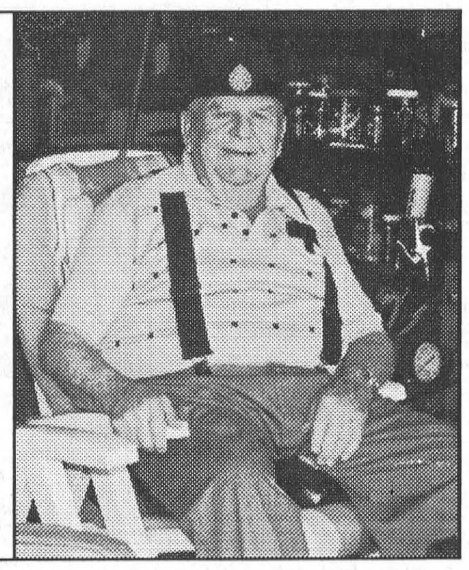

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DARTS FOR HEARTS
Sat., Feb. 14, register 11 a.m.–noon. Play starts at 1 p.m. Blind draw for mixed teams. $5 per person. For more info call 652-4516, Iroquois Legion Br. 370. All proceeds to benefit Heart & Stroke foundation. 5-6c

POT LUCK/MONTE CARLO
The Morrisburg Senior Golf Club is holding a pot luck and Monte Carlo night at the clubhouse, 6 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 12, for members and guests. 6p

PANCAKE SUPPER
Lakeshore Drive United Church, Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 24, pancake supper 5–7 p.m. Maple syrup, pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, juice. Adults $5; under 12 $3. Bring your friends. 6-7p

OPEN RECEPTION
Diane Valliquette and John Foster who were wed on Feb. 4, 2004, in Punta Cana invite family and friends for an open reception Sat., Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Iroquois Legion. 6-7p

MORRISBURG BR. 48 LEGION
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Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 15th
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BINGO
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COMING EVENTS

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If you want to drink that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Call AA 543-3484. Meeting every Thursday, 8 p.m., Lakeshore United Church. 40tfc

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
Feb. 24, 5 p.m. until all are served, Williamsburg United Church. Adults $6, children $2.50, under 6 free. 6p

CASINO NIGHT IN HULL
March 4, $15 per person, package included. Departure times are Morrisburg, 55 Allison Ave, 4:45 p.m., Williamsburg Post Office, 5 p.m., Winchester Country Kitchen, 5:15 p.m. Transportation by Dundas Bus Lines, proceeds go to Local 2892 fundraising. To reserve a seat call Connie at 543-3737, ext. 226, from 8–3 p.m., or 543-3953 after 4 p.m. 6-7c

CARD OF THANKS

THATCHER–We would like to thank all those who sent cards, flowers and food to my home, transportation to the hospital while Bill was a patient and drives to the mall. A very special thank you to Rev. Jean Udall for her comforting words, the Parker Funeral Home, especially Bonnie for her generous assistance and for the delicious luncheon put on by the Br. 48 Ladies Auxiliary. Also a special thanks to Dr. Flowers and nursing staff at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.
–Lillian Thatcher and family 6c

THANK YOU–The Morrisburg Chubbs Hockey Team would like to thank the hockey players and fans for supporting their 26th annual hockey tournament. Thanks to Geoff Hare and his referees for doing a great job this year. Also to Hartley's Sport Shop and Canadian Tire for their continued sponsorship which helped make the tournament a success again this year. 6c

SHELDRICK–The family of the late Joan Sheldrick wishes to thank everyone who sent food, flowers, cards and made donations on Mom's behalf. A special thanks to David Lapier and everyone at Marsden and McLaughlin for their wonderful care and consideration. Thanks to Rev. Darren May for his kind words and wonderful support. Also a big thank you to the ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church for the luncheon after the funeral. Once again, thanks to everyone.
–Judy, Cindy, Bill and Paul Sheldrick 6c

PERSONAL

COMPANION WANTED–Female, young at heart in early 70's, seeks companion for fun filled days. If interested contact: Companion, P.O. Box 891 AAA, Morrisburg, ON, K0C 1X0. 6p

DEATHS

CAMPBELL, Robert Allan–Born in Lethbridge, Alberta, December 1, 1929, Robert Allan Campbell past away suddenly Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at Nanaimo, BC. Resident of Morrisburg for 16 years. Husband of Agnes Campbell. He will be missed by family and friends. 6p

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The position involves weekend and evening work. Computer knowledge is an asset, but we will train.

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Resumes can be mailed to P.O. Box 891 Morrisburg: faxed to 543-3643: emailed to mornet64@mornet.on.ca
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HE'S NOT THE MAN HE USED TO BE
by Nicole St. Pierre
Dedicated to my Grandpa (Gordon McMillan)

Cut off from the world he sits alone, alone.
Eyes like stone, cold and lifeless.
The blank stare is chilling, almost frightening.
Does he even know who I am anymore?
Once so active, his mind and body are now paralyzed
Bittersweet fate has taken another soul, a will to live but not a life
His family watches helplessly as he becomes worse each day.
Feelings that I myself cannot comprehend are recognized by a complete stranger.
"I see a little girl who misses her Grandfather."
How can you miss someone when they are right in front of you?
No, he's not the man that he used to be.

The above poem was written by Nicole as a high school creative writing assignment. It is about a man who suffers with progressive Parkinson's disease and the dementia associated with it. This is a touching reflection and a heartfelt expression of feelings by someone who is experiencing loss as her grandfather becomes a different person.

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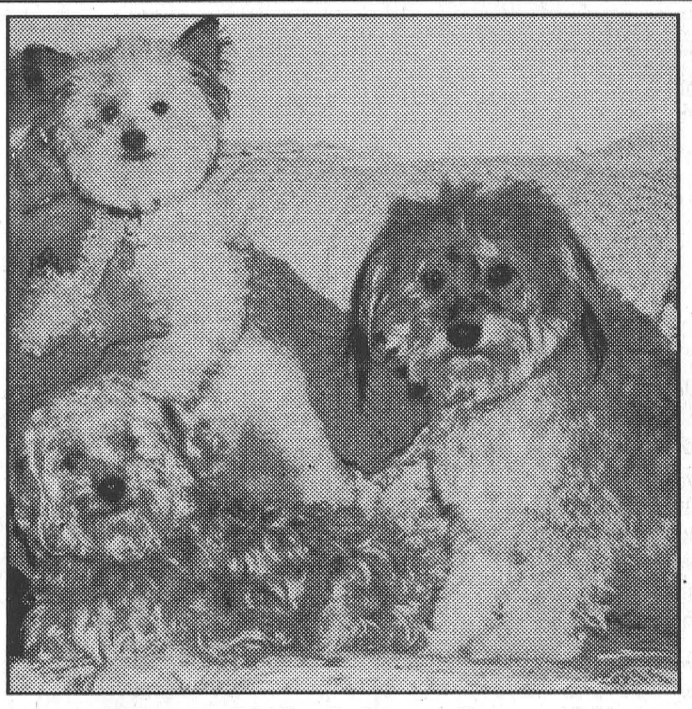

Top - Scruffy - 2001; Middle - Jodi - 2002; Bottom - Nicki - 2003

Nicki 1989-2003

Mike and Lynda Thompson sorrowfully announce the death of their beloved pet, Nicki, from cancer, on January 26th.

She was the third and last dog of theirs to die in the past two years.

Our special thanks to Dr. Andrew Sparling for his attentive care of Nicki & her pals, Jodi and Scruffy, through their illnesses and deaths. Your gentleness and concern were of a great help to us during these very trying times. God Bless.

Sincerely, Lynda & Mike Thompson

Wardens' Caucus presents "Action Plan for Government"

CORNWALL– At a meeting Monday, with Municipal Affairs Minster, John Gerretsen, representatives of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus unveiled a new policy paper entitled *An Action Plan for Government*.

"For the past two years, the EOWC has been working to advance the issues and challenges that face the counties of Eastern Ontario to both the provincial and federal governments," said Jacques Hetu, Caucus Chair and Warden of the county of Prescott and Russell.

"Today we presented Minister Gerretsen with *An Action Plan for Government* which contains a road map of 33 practical recommendations that will help our communities resolve many of the difficult challenges facing us from land ambulance costs, infrastructure funding to long term sustainable revenues required to operate our services."

"Our discussions with the Minister were frank and direct, and we were pleased with the Minister's understanding of the issues and his commitment to work with the EOWC to find solutions.

For example, our document highlights the financial burden that 1,268km of former provincial highways is having on our property taxpayers. The Action Plan calls for $25 million annual in capital spending by the province on these former highways just to sustain them.

"This is money the counties do not have at their disposal because of their limited tax base," said Hetu.

The Minister has agreed to share with his cabinet colleagues the details and recommendations of the Action Plan for Government to assist the EOWC in continuing its advocacy role for Eastern Ontario.

The Minister further agreed to help the caucus secure meetings with key cabinet ministers including transportation, finance, infrastructure and health to assist in facilitating the changes needed and outlined in the recommendations of the plan.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus includes the 13 upper tier municipalities stretching from Kawartha Lakes in the west to Prescott and Russell in the east, including the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The Caucus mandate is to work for positive change to the many programs and services upper tier municipalities provide to their taxpayers.

Advice for returning to Canada

OTTAWA– Are you planning a visit to friends or relatives outside Canada? If so, planning can ensure a worry free cross-border trip. Whether you've been gone for only a few hours, or for several days, returning to Canada means a stop at customs.

Make sure you carry the proper identification for yourself and any children travelling with you, including any documents the country you intend to visit requires, such as passports, birth certificates and visas.

Proper identification includes birth certificates, baptismal certificates, passport, citizenship cards, records of landing, and certificates of Indian status.

Canadian Customs officers watch for missing children and may ask detailed questions about the children who are travelling with you. Parents who share custody of their children should carry copies of the legal custody documents. If you are travelling with a child who is not your own, you need a note from the parents or guardians granting you permission to have the child with you.

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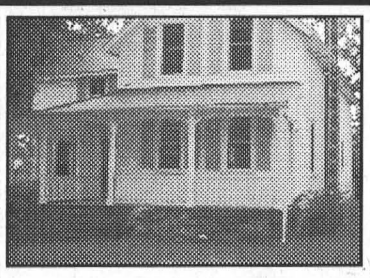

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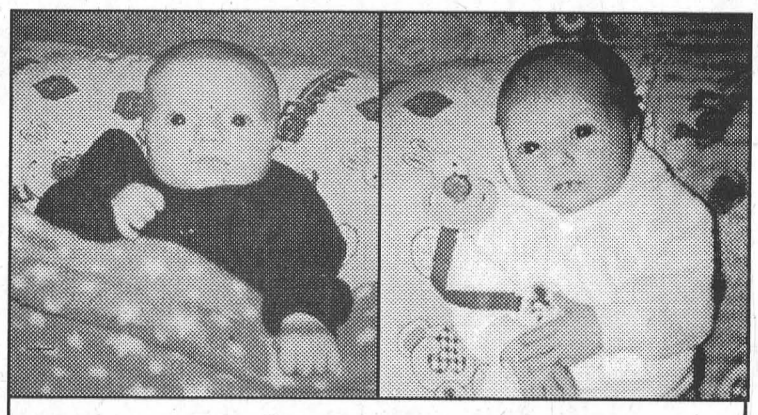

Kyle & Deanna
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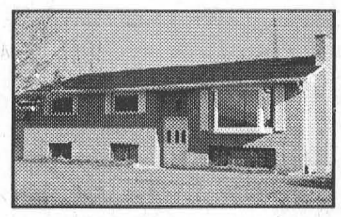


MORRISBURG – Well kept three bedroom home. Dining room with patio door to sun room, family room 13' x 26' with gas fireplace, fourth bedroom or office in basement. Many recent up-grades. ASKING $175,000. MLS.



WELL KEPT three bedroom home. Large eat-in kitchen, living room with gas fireplace. Basement with gas stove in family room, office or fourth bedroom plus 2 pc. bath, utility room and storage room with exit outside. Many upgrades & inclusions. ASKING $125,000. MLS.

CANDLES

A GLOWING CONCERN

Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets. Remember to snuff out your candles if you are leaving the room or going to bed.

FIRE MARSHALS' PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL

MORRISBURG CHIROPRACTIC

DR. STEVEN C. MORROW
McIntosh Country Inn - Room 122 *(Entrance 3)*

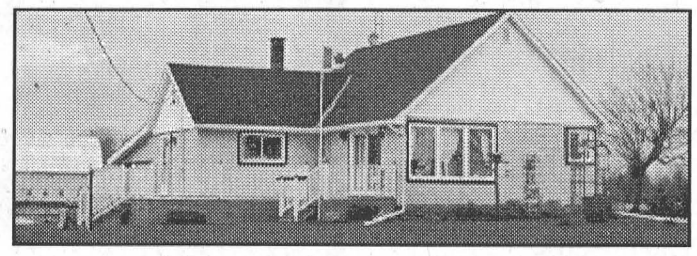
Is your back as tired of winter as you are?



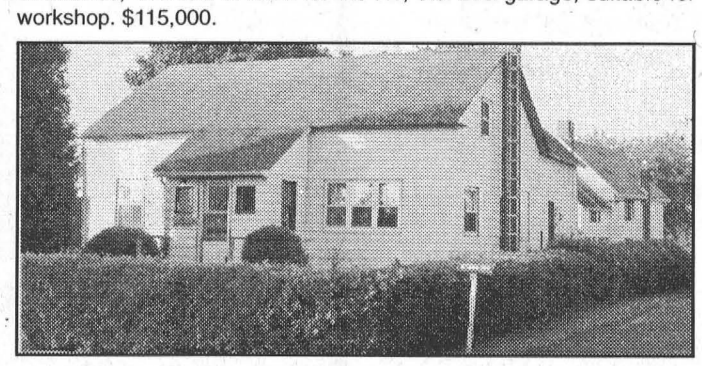
Call for an appointment 543-0500

JOHN A. ALLISON REAL ESTATE BROKER

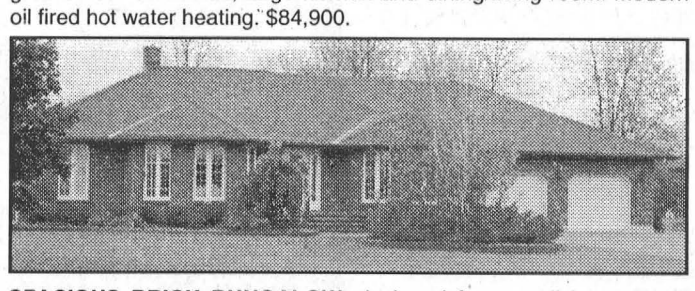
Morrisburg Village Plaza
543-3717



ZERON RD., SOUTH DUNDAS – Cozy rural bungalow, in Quiet country setting. Spotless inside and out, this property offers easy maintenance for retirees or busy young families. An ideal spot for Snowbirds, with lots of room for the RV, etc. BIG garage, suitable for workshop. $115,000.



LAURIER DRIVE, MORRISBURG – Roomy older home, ideal for first time buyers. Also great for golfers – watch all the action on the first green! Four bedrooms, large kitchen and dining/living room. Modern oil fired hot water heating. $84,900.



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Sales Representatives:
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United Way

United Way of Cornwall & District is seeking a creative, energetic individual with vision and initiative to fill the role of:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The successful candidate will combine the following skills/qualifications with a post secondary education or proven track record in a responsible management or voluntary sector position:

- Demonstrated leadership and problem-solving capabilities
- Strong team-building, networking and interpersonal/communication skills
- Hands-on fundraising experience/knowledge of effective fundraising strategy
- Sound organizational and financial management skills
- Basic working knowledge of computers
- Bilingual (English/French) language skills an asset

United Way of Cornwall & District works with volunteers, donors, a network of 18 community-based member agencies and others to improve the quality of life in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties. Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director is expected to provide leadership with the Board, administration and campaign and advance United Way's goal of working with partners to help build a strong, healthy community. In 2003, the United Way of Cornwall & District raised $552,814 In the annual fundraising campaign.

Salary range for the position is $45,000 to $48,000. A competitive benefit package Is being developed.

Deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2004.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to:
unitedwayadmin@glen-net.ca or by mail to:

ED Search Committee
United Way of Cornwall & District
331 Water Street East
P.O. Box 441
Cornwall, ON
K6H 5T2

IROQUOIS GOLF CLUB Est. 1959

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

EMERGENCY MEETING

Called by Iroquois Golf Club Board of Directors

Sunday, Feb. 22nd
1:30 p.m. - at the
IROQUOIS CIVIC CENTRE

All 2003 and/or 2004 adult members are asked to attend.

Help us spread the word around to all other members as this is an Extremely Important Meeting.

EVERYONE WELCOME
ETHANOL EXPANSION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
1:30 P.M. - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH
WINCHESTER ARENA
BOB KILGER, M.P.
STORMONT, DUNDAS & CHARLOTTENBURGH
543-3596

Church Directory

Roman Catholic Churches
Rev. Fr. Sebastian Arikat
Phone: 543-2544
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Saturdays - 7:30 p.m.
Sundays - 11:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Pastor: The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
Office: 543-3154 or Office: 543-2480
WORSHIP & LEARNING
Sunday, February 15, 2004
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. Worship
PEACE BE WITH YOU

The United Church of Canada
LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Directors
Joanne Minish & Marni Marriott
Sunday, February 15, 2004
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
Children's Chatter, Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Tel: 535-2227 or 535-2152
Sunday, February 15, 2004
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
Sunday School for Children ages 3-9
2:30 P.M.
Afternoon Worship
Child care during morning service
Please be our guest this week

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Minister: Rev. Darren May
Church 543-2005 Home 543-0142
Organist: Gary Postma
Sunday, February 15, 2004
11:00 am. - Morning Worship
11:00 am. - Sunday School
Everyone Welcome!
Nursery Available

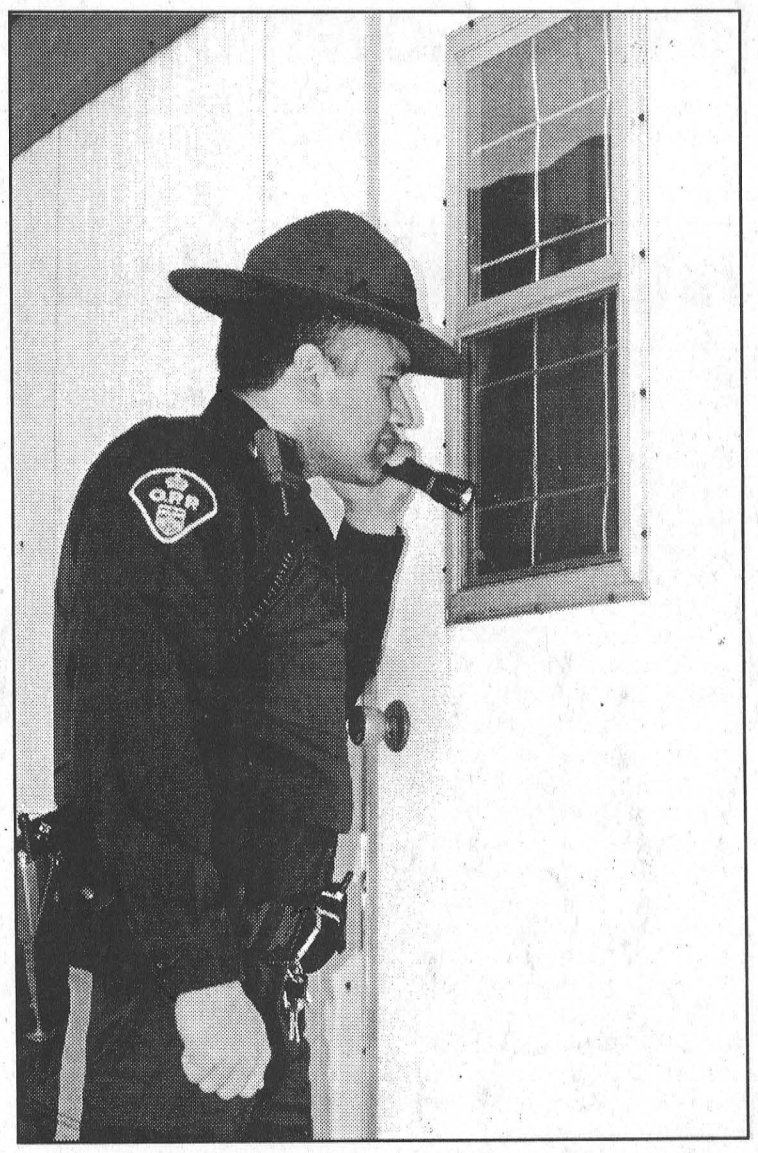
Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, February 15, 2004
10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service
Tuesday –
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer
Friday –
7:00 p.m. - Youth Service
Come And See What Jesus Can Do For You!!

Williamsburg United Church
Guest Minister
Rev. Peter Praamsma
Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Stevens
Sunday, February 15, 2004
10:30 a.m. - Welcome to Worship with Us!
Sunday School and Nursery Available

The Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights
invites you to worship with us this Sunday
St. James, 20 High St., Morrisburg
St. John the Baptist, Lakeview Dr., Iroquois
Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights
543-3904
The Rev. Bill Byers, Rector
The Rev. Pat Martin, Assistant
Visitors welcome, Members expected
Sunday, February 15, 2004
8:00 a.m. – St. James'
9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
11:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity
7:30 p.m. – St. James'

Living Word Ministries
(a non-denominational Christian fellowship)
Worship Services
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
at Morrisburg Meeting Place
Cty. Rd. 2, Morrisburg
Pastor Larry Cromie (613) 931-9574

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday



SD&G OPP respond to each alarm dispatch
An alarm is false if there is no evidence of an attempted offence.

Are you facing a $200 fine?

SD&G–The Police Service Board of SD&G is hopeful the new year will bring a reduction in false alarms for the O.P.P. to respond to, and fewer fines for residents of the three United Counties.

False alarms have become a major problem for police forces throughout the province. The dramatic increase in home and business security alarm systems in recent years has meant a similar increase in false alarms for police to deal with.

Many municipalities, including SD&G, have found it necessary to adopt security alarm bylaws in response to the problem.

SD&G O.P.P. respond to each alarm dispatch request to the Police Service. A false alarm means officers find no evidence of an offence or attempted offence after completing an investigation of the alarm site.

Depending on the location and circumstances, an alarm investigation can take an officer up to 60 minutes to complete. Considering that 99.25 percent of the 1,342 alarm calls in 2003 were false, it translates into a tremendous and costly drain on police resources.

"False alarms are costly, not only financially, but in terms of police resources," says Inspection Mike Hopkins, Detachment Commander of the SD&G OPP. "A false alarm can delay an officer's response in the case of a real emergency, and takes officers away from other important police work, such as break and enter prevention, patrols, etc."

The Counties' Security Alarm Bylaw came into effect January 1, 2003 and already has shown promising results. Police responded to 256 fewer false alarms last year than in 2002–a reduction of 16 percent. The figures may also mean alarm owners have become more efficient at cancelling police dispatch in the case of operator error, which is also a positive indication.

The challenge has been in getting owners to register their alarms. Less than half of the alarm owners in SD&G have yet to register.

Dave MacDonald from the Police Services Board stresses the importance of registering, saying, "This new bylaw enhances protection of people's property. As part of the registration, vital information is being gathered to assist police officers in responding should there be a triggered alarm."

"All unregistered owners are now in violation of this bylaw and are facing a $200 fine. Immediate registration is required to avoid this costly fine."

Alarm owners face an escalating schedule of fees, based on the number of false alarms police respond to.

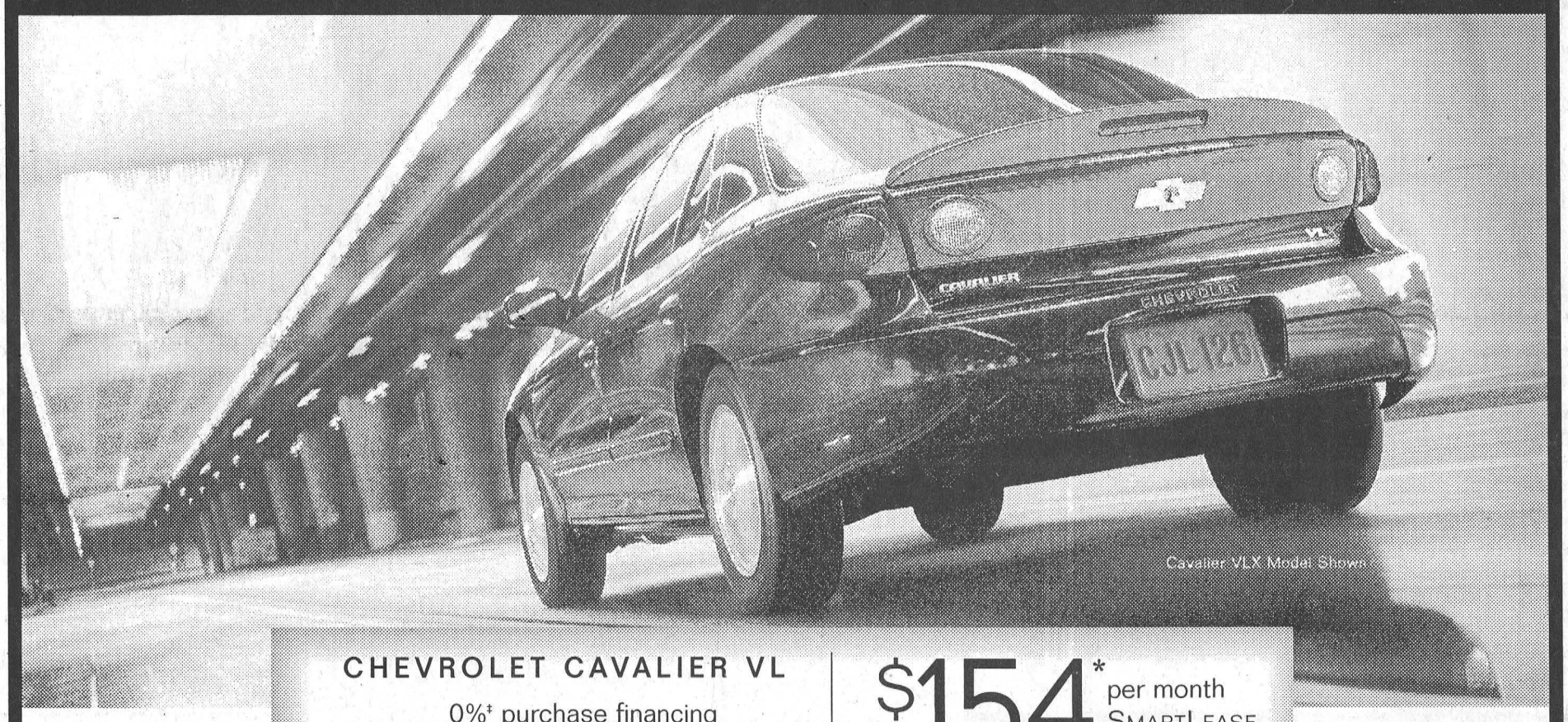
There is no charge for the first false alarm, a $25 charge for the second, $50 for the third and $100 for the fourth and any subsequent false alarms. An unregistered alarm is subject to a fee of $200 which will include registration.

The registration is $36 for a three-year period for residential and business alarm systems. There is no fee for senior citizens over the age of 65, schools, municipal offices and churches, but the alarms must still be registered.

Registration packages can be picked up at the United Counties office in Cornwall, local municipal offices and at SD&G OPP offices.

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING IMPORT.

CAVALIER PACKS MORE STANDARD HORSEPOWER THAN COROLLA, CIVIC AND SENTRA.



Cavalier VLX Model Shown

CHEVROLET CAVALIER VL
0%‡ purchase financing
Or $11,598▼ cash purchase price
$154* per month SMARTLEASE

140-HP ECOTEC Engine • Coupe or Sedan • 5-Speed Getrag Manual Transmission • 5-Year/100,000 km GM Powertrain Warranty with $0 Deductible • 60/40 Split Folding Rear Seat • Theft Deterrent System

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FIVE STAR SAFETY AND THE BEST FUEL EFFICIENCY IN ITS CLASS.
$188* per month SMARTLEASE Or 0%‡ purchase financing or $22,898▼ cash purchase price
5-Star safety for the frontal occupants in the side impact tests • 5-Year/100,000 km GM Powertrain Warranty with $0 Deductible • Integral Child Seat • Air Conditioning • Remote Keyless Entry • CD Stereo

★★★★★ FIVE STAR SAFETY RATING
On vehicles equipped with optional air bags, Chevrolet Venture holds a 5-Star rating for the frontal occupants in the side-impact tests.^
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Most fuel efficient vehicle in its class five years in a row.◊

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Impala LS Model shown

BUILT AT THE OSHAWA PLANT THAT RECEIVED THE GOLD PLANT QUALITY AWARD – J.D. POWER AND ASSOCIATES
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Chevrolet Impala holds a 5-Star rating for the frontal occupants in the frontal impact tests.^
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Most fuel-efficient vehicle in its class.◊

CHEVY SILVERADO


Silverado Extended Cab Model shown

CHEVY TRUCKS. THE MOST DEPENDABLE, LONGEST LASTING TRUCKS ON THE ROAD.
$269* per month SMARTLEASE Or 0%‡ purchase financing or $29,698▼ cash purchase price
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