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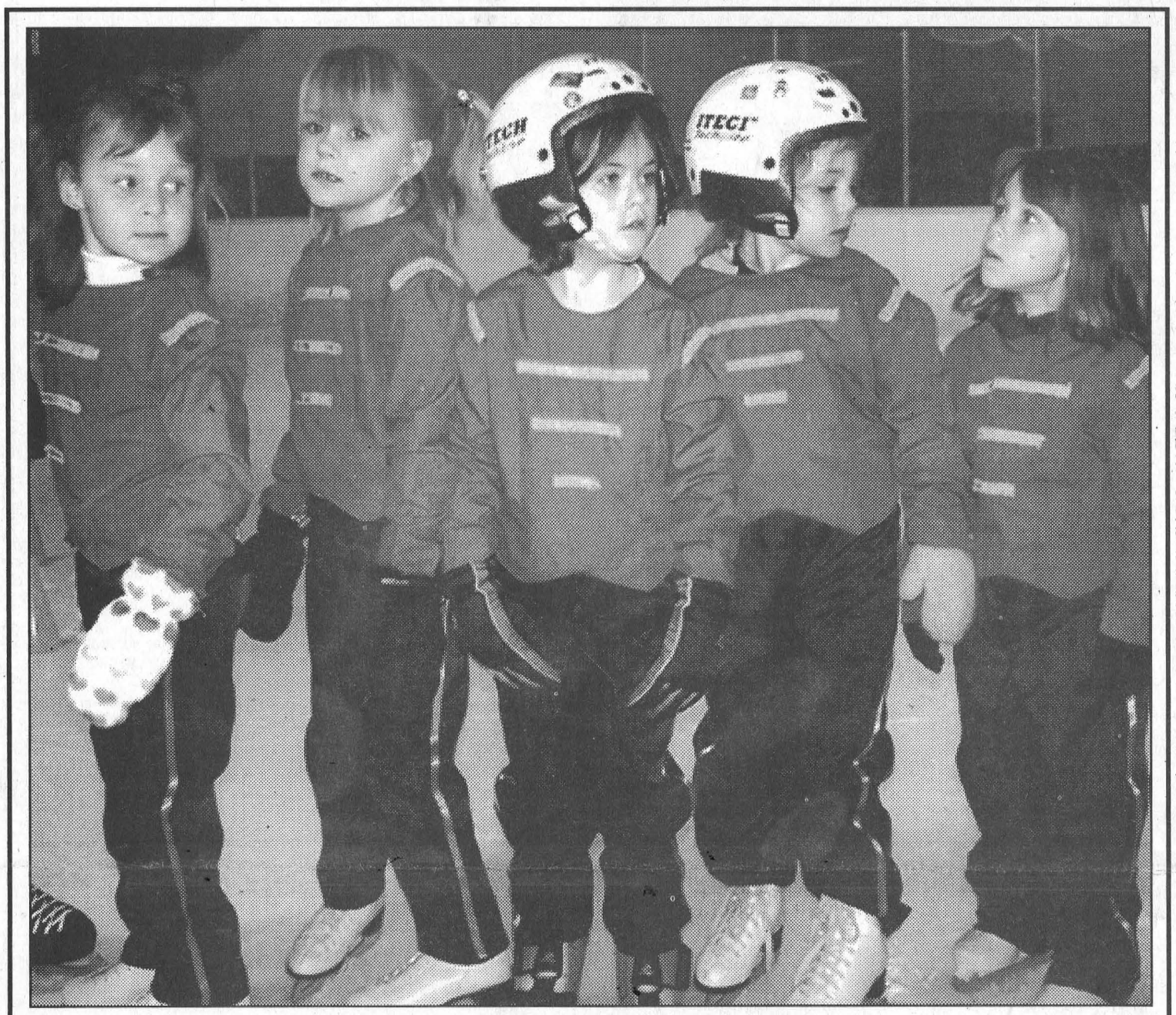

Marching to the Tune of the CanSkate Band *McNairn Photo*

In front of a crowd of several hundred people, skaters with the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club presented their annual year-end show Saturday night. This year the skaters presented their version of the hit musical *Grease*. Above are members of the CanSkate Marching Band who skated to *Marching Band Music*. They included Kristyn VanHoof, Katie Buter, Abigail Jordan, Abby Trizisky and Madison Hickman pictured above, and Mallory Trizisky, Amy McCallum and Trinity Hough.

Earning $100,000 +

TORONTO – The Ontario Government last week released the list of public sector employees earning $100,000 or more in 2005, and while some of the local names on the list are familiar there are also a few new names.

Medical Officer of Health and CEO of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Dr. Robert Bourdeau was paid a salary $168,358 and taxable benefits of $671.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital Chief Executive Officer Trudy Reid's salary was $150,510.75, with $6,000 in taxable benefits.

Stormont Dundas and Glengarry's top cop, OPP Detachment Commander Ray Westgarth was paid a salary of $105, 681.65 and taxable benefits of $120.40.

Last year United Counties of SD&G Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Waddell was the lone Counties name on the list, but this year he was joined by two more SD&G municipal employees.

Waddell's salary for 2005 was $128,906.52, with $850.23 in taxable benefits.

Joining him on the list are Donald McDonald, SD&G Road Superintendent / County Engineer with a $107,189.76 salary and $598.44 of taxable benefits and SD&G Treasurer

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Ombudsman Report

MPAC in crisis

TORONTO – The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is experiencing a crisis of credibility and must take real and concrete steps to improve public confidence in the assessment system, Ombudsman André Marin said at the press conference announcing the release of his report on the investigation into the transparency of the property assessment process and the integrity and efficiency of decision-making at MPAC.

"While I would like to acknowledge the willingness on the part of MPAC to cooperate with our investigation and the proactive steps it has committed to improving its process since this investigation began, the credibility of MPAC's evaluation process simply cannot be restored without altering how it operates on a day-to-day basis and changing key aspects of its corporate culture," the Ombudsman said.

Following a five month investigation, Marin presented 22 recommendations in his final report entitled, "Getting it Right."

The Ministry of Finance and MPAC pledged to implement 18 of the recommendations immediately and to consider implementation of the remaining four after further study.

MPAC has agreed to report back to the Ombudsman within six months time on its progress in implementing the

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Caldwell Action Centre open

IROQUOIS – When one door closes another one opens.

The doors of St. Lawrence Manufacturing Corporation closed earlier this year, leaving nearly 200 people in this area unemployed.

Last Friday the doors of the Caldwell Employees Action Centre officially opened.

The purpose of the action centre is to help the former St. Lawrence Manufacturing Corporation employees get back into the work force by offering various resources and skills training.

Coordinator for the Action Centre, Patti McDonald said that the centre, which is located along College Street in Iroquois, the former St. Cecilia School, has so far been very well received by the employees, many of whom have dedicated volunteer time and resources to getting the centre up and running.

They are in the process of completing needs assessment evaluations to determine which types of services and resources they will offer at the centre.

The centre is open to employees Thursdays (10-5) and Fridays (9-4). They have a one year lease, but McDonald says that the centre will only stay open if it is needed. "If the employees don't need it, we will close it," she said.

The centre is funded through HRDC and the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, and has had in kind support from UFCW Local 175 and the community.

Lorna Lewis McIntosh Jablonski, a 28-year-employee of the manufacturing company, said, "for me the centre has been really great."

It has given her the opportunity to participate in computer courses and receive CPR training.

"It has really opened up a lot of opportunities," she said. "When you work for 30 years at one place you don't get the chance to learn new things."

She explained that because many of the employees have spent so long working together they have been like family.

"The centre is good because it is helping us to wean ourselves away from each other," she said, comparing the experience to leaving home for the first time.

Local MP Guy Lauzon was on hand for the centre's grand opening. He urged employees to look at the situation they are facing as a challenge. "It has to be scary to look at something totally new, but there is a life after the last career." He spoke about the down sizing which affected him personally 10 years ago and said, "There is hope."

"I have come here with a message of hope. It has been my experience that when one door closes another one opens."

In support of the centre he said he would work to help them get all the assistance they need.

Local MPP Jim Brownell had a similar offer of assistance. "As MPP if there is anything they need, I will be there to help them and advocate on their behalf."

Brownell said that the centre is very important because it will provide the employees with support and help them learn about and discover their skills.

"Most importantly, this centre is in the community," he said. "These people have had a lifelong involvement with this company and this community, so I am glad they were able to find this space in their community."

Geoffrey Caldwell, whose family founded the original Caldwell Linen Mill, was also on-hand for the centre's opening.

"It's sad because it is the end of an era," he said.

The centre is called the Caldwell Employee's Action Centre, even though they had most recently worked under the banner of St. Lawrence Corporation.

"I am very proud that they decided to use our name," said Caldwell. "My father would have smiled because he loved Iroquois, and it was amazing how his employees loved him."

South Dundas Economic Development Officer Anne Marie Waddell said that the municipality has worked to provide in kind help to the centre and moral support.

"It is a great idea to have the centre centrally located in Iroquois, for the people that have worked in Iroquois," she said.

South Dundas councillor Bill Ewing said, "I'm glad to see the centre here in town, so that people don't have to drive out of town for help." Ewing also offered to try to help employees facing difficulties. "Anyone with a problem can come to us, and we will work with them on an individual basis."



Caldwell Employees Action Centre Opens Doors

The official opening of the Caldwell Employees Action Centre took place last Friday, and was attended by about 50 people including employees and local dignitaries. Geoffrey Caldwell, whose family originally opened the linen mill in Iroquois, was a special guest, and was honoured that the centre bears his family's name. Pictured above left is Patti McDonald, action centre coordinator and Geoffrey Caldwell. ***Comfort Photo***



Working Together to Open the Caldwell Employees Action Centre

Now up and running the Caldwell Employees Action Centre opened its doors to the community last Friday. About 50 people attended including many local dignitaries, members of the labour adjustment committee which steers the activities of the centre and dozens of employees affected by the closure of St. Lawrence Manufacturing Corporation earlier this year. Standing left to right are Carl Gibson of the adjustment committee, Daniel Dubois from the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, MP Guy Lauzon, South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen, South Dundas Economic Development Officer Anne Marie Waddell, South Dundas Councillor Bill Ewing and Geoffrey Caldwell. In front, left to right are adjustment committee members Tony Easter, Maggie Spruit, Mary Lou Bush, Bonnie Gibson and action centre coordinator Patti McDonald.

Comfort Photo

MPAC in credibility crisis

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report's recommendations.

The Ombudsman recommended increasing taxpayer access to MPAC's information, improving the accuracy and consistency of property assessments and improving the fairness and integrity of the appeal process by requiring MPAC to recognize and carry forward assessment reductions after appeal unless there are legitimate reasons why the assessment is no longer valid.

Finally, the Ombudsman recommended removing the onus from the taxpayer and shifting the burden to MPAC to justify the accuracy of its assessment if the property owner challenges the assessment before the Assessment Review Board.

"The current situation of putting the onus on the property owner is anachronistic, unfair and just doesn't make sense. Fixing the problem and laying the onus on the state's assessor will level the playing field and recognize that MPAC is filling a public service role in carrying out property assessments for taxation purposes," said Marin.

"It will also place the onus on MPAC to ensure that its assessments are accurate and defendable."

Marin explained that he undertook the investigation of MPAC because of the overwhelming volume of complaints his office received from frustrated taxpayers.

"Never in the 30 year history of this office have so many complaints been received in so short a period about a single public agency," he said.

"Our office was inundated with protests from disaffected citizens – more than 3,700 of them."

Complaints were received from individual homeowners across the province, as well as from current and former Assessment Review Board and MPAC employees, interest groups and organizations including the Canadian Association for the Fifty Plus (CARP) and the Canadian Advocates for Tax Awareness (CAFTA). Over 104 local, regional and provincial representatives from 83 municipalities, including several mayors and Members of Provincial Parliament complained or provided submissions during the investigation.

Based on the investigation's findings, the Ombudsman said that MPAC had failed to ensure property owners were provided with sufficient and timely assessment information to help them understand and challenge their property assessments fairly.

He also found that MPAC had undermined the integrity of the Assessment Review Board process through failing to recognize its decision and to carry them forward to future years' assessments.

Employee of the Month



OPP East Region

SD&G–Kristine Blokland, a civilian employee at the Morrisburg office of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry O.P.P., was recently honoured with the East Region Employee of the Month award, recognizing her contribution to the O.P.P. within this area. For the past four years Kristine has been responsible for the organization and scheduling of the SD&G Coppertones Christmas Choir performances throughout the Tri-Counties. The Coppertones Christmas Choir tour has become a tradition within SD&G and has grown from a modest four-performance tour of local seniors organizations to the current schedule which saw the choir perform at fourteen events across SD&G in 2005. Pictured above, OPP Sgt. Linda Bootsma (left) presents Blokland with her award.

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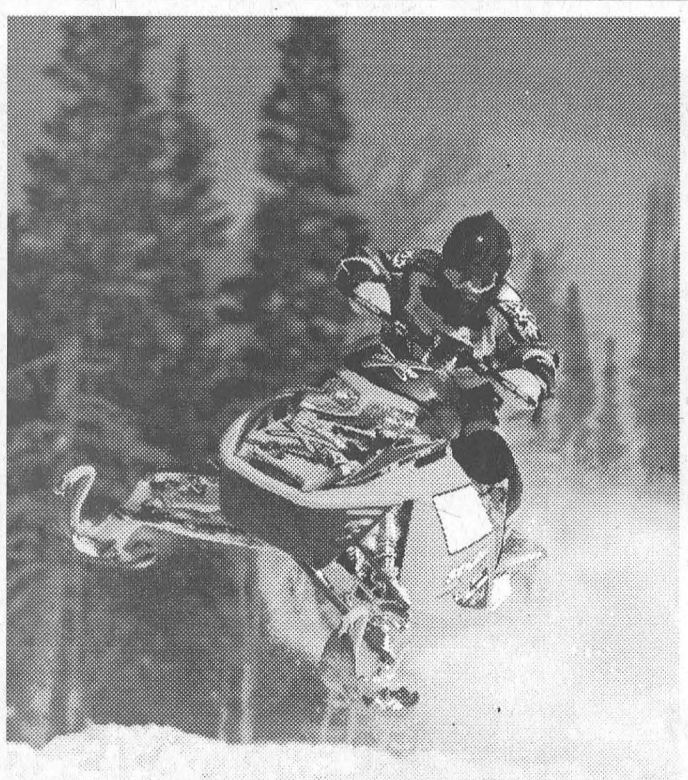

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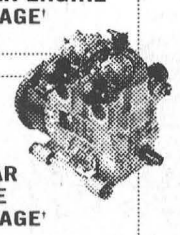

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2005 Chevy Silverado Pickup, black, V8, auto., air, CD, chrome wheels, bedliner, trailer pkg. & more, 10,000 kms. **Sale Priced $20,495.**

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Vanessa Bennett with a $106,526.91 salary and $565.51 taxable benefits.

The list of those at the St. Lawrence Parks Commission grew slightly. General Manager Michael Paradis last year had a salary of $147,322.31 and benefits of $240.63. Director of Corporate Services Bruce Fitz-Gibbon, Manager of Parks and Recreation Barry Hughes and Manager of Fort Henry John Robertson each had a salary last year of $108,898.02 and taxable benefits of $178.50. Manager of Upper Canada Village, Dave Dobbie had a salary of $101,090.02 and taxable benefits of $165.

The number of Upper Canada District School Board employees who made the list this year is nearly twice as long as last year's list.

David K. Thomas, Director of Education topped the list with a salary of $157,782 and taxable benefits of $13,200.53.

Executive Superintendent Don Fairweather's salary last year was $142,572.77 with $237.84 in taxable benefits.

Listed as a Secondary Teacher Rhonda Kimberly-Young had a salary of $131,389.51.

Superintendent of Education Catherine McVie had a salary of $129,935.59 and benefits of $211.64.

A handful of UCDSB employees salaries were listed at $126,548.91, with $211.64 in taxable benefits. They include Superintendent of Business Richard Gales, Administrator of Human Resources Ann Hysert, and Superintendents of Education Helen Lalonde and Philip O'Brien.

The salaries and benefits of the other Superintendents of Education on the list are as follows; Charlotte Patterson ($122,822.98 + 205.44), Edward Kennedy ($122,267.59 + $204.60), Ian Carswell ($122,267.59 + $204.60) and Susan Edwards ($121,433.06 + $202.64).

UCDSB Chief Information Officer Jeremy Hobbs last year had a salary of $122,782.34 with taxable benefits of $205.44.

Principal of School Operations Stephen McLean made the list with a salary of $105,506.82 and taxable benefits of $172.05, as did Principal of Programs Fred Parks with a salary of $108,619.76 and taxable benefits of $158.38.

Elementary Teachers making the list were Gail Majkut ($112,970) and Dianne Stroud ($104,657.66).

Elementary Principals on the list included John Lalonde ($104,799.62 + $171.76) and Patricia Mayer ($103,009.12).

The remainder of the UCDSB list was made up of Secondary Principals with Wayne McCuen and Tim Mills each taking in $112,006 salary and $172.05 benefits.

Secondary Principals with salaries of $105,506.82 and benefits of $172.05 included Bryan Cochrane, John Danaher, Frank Hummell, Arlie Kirkland, Sylvie Lachapelle, Susan McPhail-Lopez, Janice Meyer, Brenda Ramsay, Randal Ruttan and Debra Lee Thomlinson.

Secondary Principals David Coombs and Antony Kiar each had salaries of $103,240.97, with $167.57 in taxable benefits.

Making the list for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario were Director of Education Ann Perron ($165,506.75 + $725.76), Superintendent of Business Gordon Greffe ($135,022.77 + $616.80), Superintendents of Education Donaleen Hawes ($135,119.94 + $616.80), Paul Lattanzion ($135,022.78 + $616.80), Jane McMillan ($131,554.72 + $603.15), and Superintendent of Human Resources and Staff Development William Gartland ($124,037.09 + $588.40).

CDSBEO OTF President Marilies Rettig had a salary of $105,132.29 with benefits of $316.39

Principal of Student Success Sheila Faris' salary was $105,054.54 with taxable benefits of $513.

School Principals making the list for the CDSBEO include Thomas Whelan ($108,058.31 + $518.28), John McCue and Beverley Bellefeuille ($104,223.88 + $518.28), Brian Landry ($102,854.36 + $510.73), Terri Brady ($102,126.91 + $502.10), Paul Brady, Sergio Coccia and Richard James ($101,815.99 + $506.76), Stephanie Burke ($100,881.24 + $476.60) and David Chaplin ($100,453 + $499.25).

The Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act applies to the provincial government, Crown agencies and corporations, Ontario Power Generation, Hydro One and their subsidiaries, and publicly funded organizations such as hospitals, municipalities, school boards, universities and colleges. The report is published annually and includes organizations that received transfer payments from the Province of at least $1 million or that received 10 per cent of their gross revenues from the Province during the previous year, provided the transfer amount was $120,000 or more.

The complete report of public sector employees who were paid $100,000 or more in 2005 is available on the Ministry of Finance's Internet website at: www.fin.gov.on.ca/english/publications/salarydisclosure

UCDSB cuts 16 positions

BROCKVILLE – The Upper Canada District School Board will cut 16 positions from its staff effective June 30, 2006, to address the financial impact of declining enrollment and its budget deficit.

The affected employees were given notices of termination last week (March 30 and 31).

Those employees will be provided with career transition assistance and financial advice to assist them to find future employment.

"This is a difficult time because we know these decisions affect people's lives, their families and their future," said David Thomas, Director of Education.

"I want the public to know that every one of the affected employees has been and will continue to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect."

Last fall the Board's operations were reviewed by three independent education professionals and their report, known as Quest 20-20, recommended that action be taken to address the impact of declining enrollment. The Board's accumulated deficit also played a role in the decision to cut positions.

"We will do our best to ensure that these changes have minimal impact on students and the classroom," said Thomas. "Despite these challenges, we will remain focused on teaching for learning. We will continue to focus our energy on attaining our goal of 75 percent of students achieving Levels 3/4 by the year 2007 and to graduate 90 percent of our students by the year 2020.

Cautious optimism about ethanol plant

OTTAWA – Guy Lauzon, Member of Parliament for Stormont - Dundas - South Glengarry, met last Friday with key stakeholders in the project to launch an ethanol plant in Cornwall.

Monday, Lauzon said that meeting gave him reason to feel cautiously optimistic.

Lauzon met with Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-op President Richard Lavigne, Co-op Directors Gord Munro and Howard Cleary and Processor President Alain Leduc on Friday, 31 March.

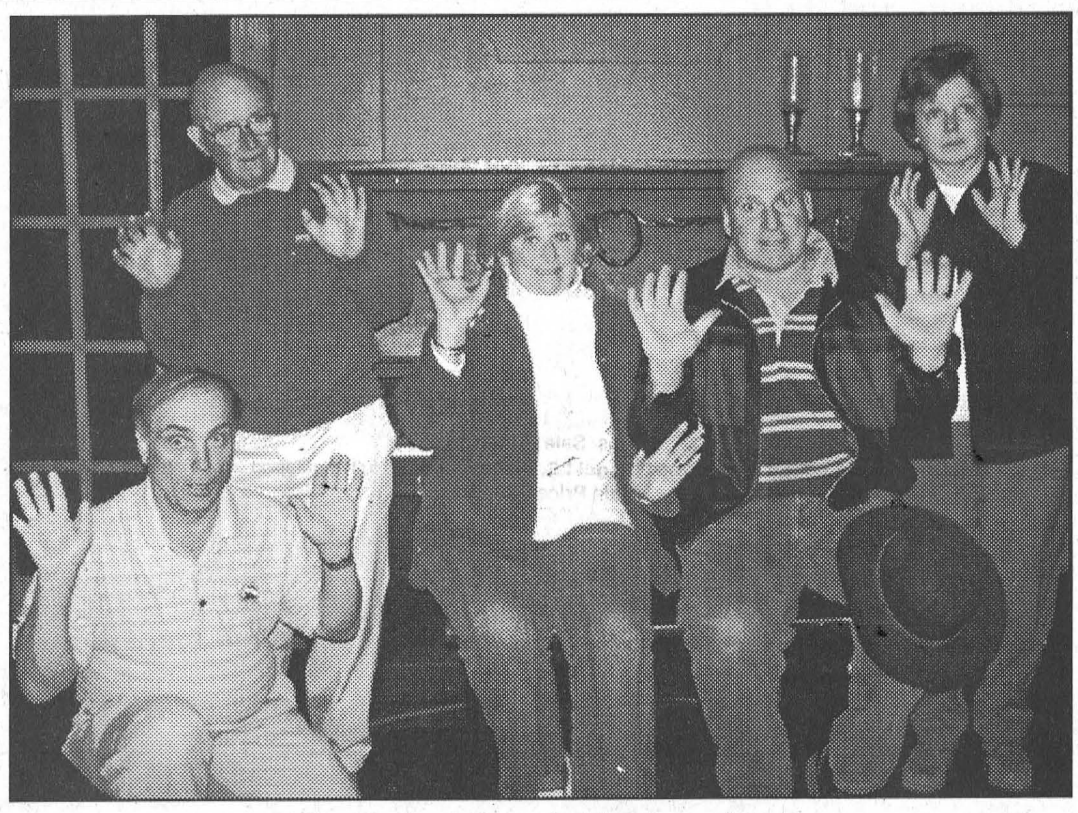
Following the meeting Lauzon said, "It's finally starting to look like this ethanol plant is going to become a reality in the near future."

Lauzon acknowledged technicalities that must be overcome regarding the bonding of the plant's builders and the completion of environmental requirements.

He said, "The ethanol plant project has faced some tough challenges, and it will take a little more time to dot all the 'i's and cross all the 't's, but it seems like the worst is behind us now."

"There are still a few bumps in the road, but no more major roadblocks in sight. The people who are working on this project are very dedicated and determined, and I'm confident they will bring it to fruition," he said.

Lauzon has championed the ethanol plant project since being elected two years ago.



The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

The performers in the Iroquois Matilda Lions club production of the John Bishop comedy, ***The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*** are hard at work putting the finishing touches on their play, scheduled to open at Upper Canada Playhouse on April 21. In this photo, some members of the cast are in big trouble, particularly since a killer is loose in their snowbound mansion. Tickets for this comic production are on sale now from Lions members, the Playhouse, and local businesses. From left to right are Rick MacKenzie, Charles Marsden, Ruth Robertson, Glenn Swerdtfeger and Joan Mann.

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Who's signing these pay checks anyway? Time for a reality check

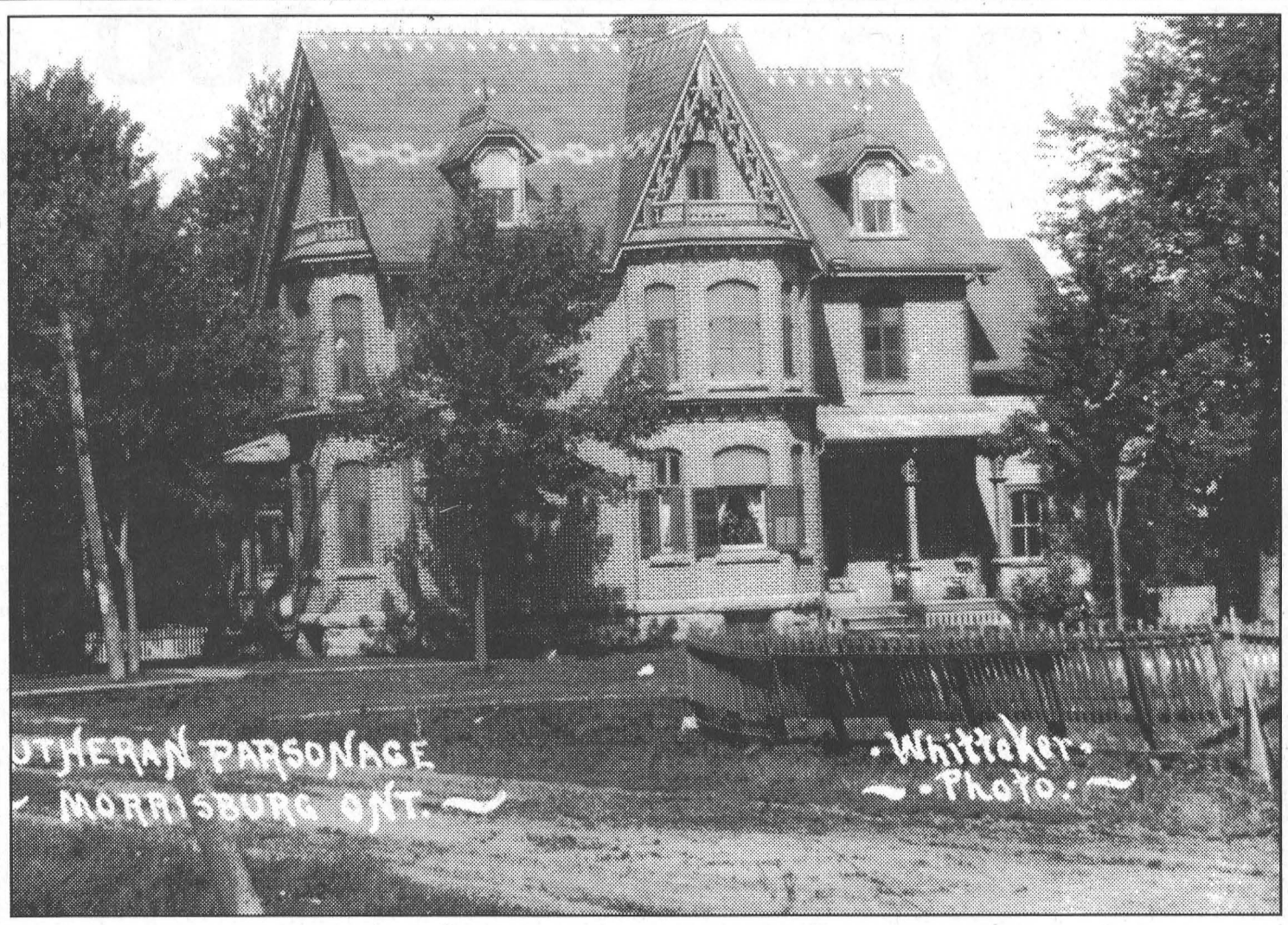
Each year it is interesting to look over the list released by the Ministry of Finance containing the names and salaries of Ontario public employees taking home more than $100,000 in salaries and benefits. For those who do, the rest of us Ontarians can only say 'good for you', while we keep on slugging away so their cheques don't bounce.

It is amazing to read, just a month before we are expected to see a hike in our hydro rates, that Hydro One chief executive Tom Parkinson made $1.56 million in 2005. What the heck is that? That's about $30,000 per week or $750 per hour. For some of us that is beyond comprehension. What could you do in one hour that would be worth $750? Finish your coffee and croissants, maybe turn on your computer?

How many people in Ontario are considered the working poor? Those who find it difficult to scrape together enough money to pay their electrical bills. These people are living on less in one year, than one man is making in a week, but these same people are contributing to his salary.

We, the Ontario taxpayers, are told that if we want to have the services and programs that we do (education, social, medical) then we have to be prepared to pay the taxes that enables the province to provide them to us.

Are we really getting a big bang for our buck? You be the judge. It's your money. ***BMc***



Lutheran Church Parsonage looking northeast across High Street

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Today is Wednesday, April fifth, which when written numerically, (month first) is 04-05-06. When the time reaches two minutes and three seconds after one this afternoon, you end up with the following equation: 01:02.03, 04-05-06.

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We hear it really pays to be Ottawa Senators' fans. Word has it that Billy and Gord Dillabough attended a recent Sens game and were the lucky winners of the half and half draw...$10,160 worth.

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Hats off to the Morrisburg Junior B Lions who for the last month and a half have provided the community with some very exciting hockey. The Lions were defeated by the Westport Rideaus in game five of the Rideau-St. Lawrence championship series Friday night. Congratulations to the team management, coaches Eddie Gove and Dave Brandt, and of course all of the players who treated us to some great hockey and who brought home the St. Lawrence Division Championship for the first time in many years.

Congratulations also go out to the South Dundas Atom C Lions and Midgets C girls both of which also won their playoff championships.

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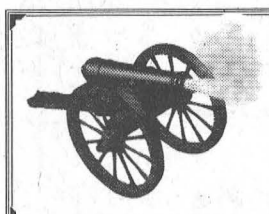
Friday's high temperature, which soared to the high teens, was a definite teaser and local golfers got a very early start on their games, with area courses enjoying one of the earliest starts in many years. Many people were out and about their yards, getting their raking and clean-ups done and now everyone, golfers included, are waiting for those warm spring rains to get things growing.

Hopefully, the weather will soon change, and everyone suffering from those blasted colds will be on the mend. We spent the weekend trying to shake a head cold and get through our computer withdrawal symptoms. We didn't realize how much time we spent and pleasure we derived from playing computer games (Pogo) and surfing the net until we no longer had a computer.

Coming up next weekend is Easter, and finally a long weekend. It's been a long time since our last break at Christmas, and it'll be nice to enjoy an extra day off with the family.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1996

The April 3 issue reported an armed robbery took place at the Bank of Montreal in Morrisburg at 2:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2. A lone male entered the bank, approached the teller and demanded cash. The type of weapon used was not released to the press.

Sharon Dillabough, who was head nurse at the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic in Morrisburg was retiring after 27 years in the position. As head nurse she was responsible for 26 staff employees at four locations.

The Iroquois Legion celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special supper and large birthday cake. Receiving 50 year medals were R.D. Archibald, Keith Beaupre, Frank Chenier, Gerry Cornell, Garnet Empey, Reg Farmer, Ross Haley, Bob McDonald, Harold Merkley, John Millard, Peter Playfair, Armand Pigeon, Joe Roberts, D. Cook Sisty, Ken Thompson and Clair Tucker.

1986

The April 2 issue reported that for Duane "Sam" Locke, the winning goal at the Ontario Oldtimer Hockey Association's tournament in Syracuse was one he wouldn't forget. Locke's goal broke a 2-2 tie between Williamsburg and Harvex (Winchester) giving Williamsburg the tournament championship. Locke scored in a shoot out.

The winter season was over and arena manager Don Smithson had pulled the plug on the ice machine at the arena.

Seaway High Curlers wrapped up a very successful season with a banquet at the Morrisburg Curling club. Walking away as the club champions was the five-member team skipped by Scott Lane which included David Anderson, Christie Weagant, Martha Dulmage and Simon Wilson.

1976

Pictured on the front page of the April 2, 1976 issue were Lions' team captain Chuck Lawlor and goaltender Don McNairn as they accepted, on behalf of the team, the Gill Cup from league convener Mitch Collison. The Lions ousted the Cardinal Broncos in front of 1,200 fans in the fifth game of the division final. The Lions last won the division 30 years earlier. This time around they cleaned up in silverware with Don McNairn picking up silverware as top goaltender and Kevin Duvall winning the St. Lawrence Junior B scoring race. The Lions had now advanced to the South Division final and had lost the opening game to the Gananoque G-Men 6-3. Also pictured in the issue was Ken Morrow, coach of the Morrisburg Lions, who was presented the Bill Linegar Memorial Trophy by Mrs. Bill Linegar of Metcalfe. The late Mr. Linegar was coach of the Metcalfe Jets at the time of his death in an automobile accident a year earlier.

The committee working on this year's Old Home Week had selected a Merry Bug for their symbol.

1966

"It was heart and determination plus that little fellow Gerry Fleury," said coach Ralph Hurley after the Morrisburg Combines battled to a 3-2 win over the Moncton Hawks to win their third game in a row in the Allan Cup quarter-finals. The win eliminated the Hawks three games to one. The Combines now advanced to the eastern semi-final playoff against the defending Allan Cup champions, the Sherbrooke Beavers.

Morrisburg Legion Branch 48 made an $1,800 donation to Winchester District Memorial Hospital for the purchase of an electrosurgical unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bismark Barkley of Williamsburg observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

The ancient stone memorial to Captain John Munro, the most notable United Empire Loyalist in Dundas County, were being restored and would be placed adjacent to the Whitney-Crysler Memorial in Holy Trinity churchyard.

1956

Headlines in the April 6 issue read: Approve Sites for New Town Utilities Services. Approvals for the new locations of the Bell Telephone exchange, the water reservoir and the power distribution station were given by the officials of the three bodies involved: The Morrisburg and Williamsburg Planning Board, the local hydro commission and Morrisburg council. The water reservoir was to be located north of the relocated No. 2 Highway (the present CNR right of way) and the new telephone exchange was to be located south of the new shopping centre, with the new transformer distribution just west of this. Also approved were changes to Maud Street which would allow house owners who desired to relocate there from the site of the new shopping centre on Rose Street. People living on Rose Street, to be affected by the shopping centre, were to have a choice of lots on Maud Street.

The CGS Grenville had slid from her DLD berth to start the annual spring chore of placing aids to navigation. The ship's captain was O. Morphet.

1946

The April 5 issue reported that a snowy owl shot and wounded by Williamsburg men, Walter Whitteker and Dale Beckstead, had been nursed back to health by the two men and was now on display in a Toronto zoo.

Mrs. Bertha Shaver of Stampville celebrated her 101st birthday. Mrs. Shaver's memory was very keen and she could tell many interesting tales of bygone days. She remembered when the reaping hook and the flail were important agricultural implements, and she had the distinction of living long before railways came to this country.

The front cover design of "PhoTopic", the official magazine of the Ontario Society of Photographers, for April, featured a fine picture by G.H. Smith of Morrisburg. The photo was of McLeeco Lady, a prize winning spaniel owned by Leslie McCormick.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Need for a nursing home expressed

Dear Editor,

As a concerned citizen of Iroquois and Dundas County, I am writing to you in regards to the need of a nursing home in Dundas County. There is only one in Dundas County, which is in Winchester, a long way for a senior from Iroquois to drive to.

I understand that there is a lot set aside in Williams-burg which has been sitting there for a long time now.

I, myself, along with others in the community are wishing that you, along with our elected council would get together and see what can be done as the need for a nursing home is critical.

I am not thinking about just myself, but also others who are in the same situation as I am. Right now, I am in the process of waiting for a room for my wife, which means that I may have to travel to Long Sault or Cornwall. This is a long drive for an 85-year-old man who has served this country.

Hoping you would give this your utmost thought and consideration.

Thank you very much,

H.L. Roberts.

(Copies of this letter have been sent to our local MP, MPP and South Dundas Municipal Council.)

Call for an end to provincial claw back

To the Editor,

Dear Editor,

I am dismayed that the McGuinty Government, with a $3 billion revenue windfall in the March 23 budget, has failed to end the provincial claw back of the National Child Benefit Supplement for poor children of social assistance recipients.

During the 2003 provincial election campaign, Dalton McGuinty denounced Mike Harris for having introduced such a heartless policy and promised to end the claw back.

The provincial claw back deprives a single mother with two children of $2,700 a year, an amount that would make a big difference in their lives.

In our own community, 25 percent of local households live below the poverty line with incomes of less than $20,000 a year. Many of these families are having a hard time making ends meet. They are dependent on handouts for themselves and their children and often have to choose between paying their rent or buying food for their children.

I cannot understand the callous attitude of the McGuinty Government towards the poorest children in the province. Why is it taking away money that was intended to improve the lives of the poorest children? This is a disgrace. I urge the McGuinty Government to keep its promise and to end the claw back.

Brian Lynch,

Cornwall.

Junior B Lions thank the community

Dear Editor,

The Morrisburg Junior B Hockey club would like to thank all of the people who worked behind the scenes this past hockey season.

Our players and coaches did a great job this year and all should be proud of their accomplishments. A lot of good things happened. The coaches made it fun in the dressing room and on the ice, and the players learned it takes all players and not just one. There is no I in team.

We have a lot of young players returning next year which will enable us to get off to a good start, and we thank all of our graduating players for their leadership.

We appreciate all of the parents and fans who supported the team throughout the year, and thank those who joined us at playoff time to provide the noise when the boys scored.

It was nice to be able to count on local doctors (and fans), Dr. Jeff Peters, Dr. Andy Thomas and Dr. Steve Morrow for their assistance and for missing parts of the games when they were helping with our injuries.

The rink staff was again great to work with, always willing to give us a hand. We also thank Russ Bell for running the clock; penalty box people Allan Markell, Mike McManus and Mike Van Allen; goal judges Nelson Julien, Gerry Summers, Bill Tupper and Kevin Markell; our music people Gerry Barkley and Allison Morrow; the Lions Club for keeping the canteen open late; the bus drivers.

Special thanks to South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen who came as a fan and counsellor. From dropping a puck or cheering the players on. Or giving a speech in the dressing room telling the players how proud he was.

We thank all of our sponsors and the Morrisburg Leader for covering the games all year.

To anyone missed, thank you, and we'll see you next season.

Yours truly,

Dale Lewis.

Change comes to all of us

Perspectives



Rev. Janet Evans

It seems as if I spend any spare time I have in my life sitting at the Winchester skating rink. Twice a week my daughter takes to the ice to practice jumps, spins, stroking and dance while I watch from the arena lobby. I've learned to complete paperwork, balance my cheque book, prepare Christmas cards and write up a rough copy of the coming Sunday's bulletin while waiting for my child to finish up with her coaches.

Five years ago, a remarkable woman came into our lives, ready to teach our daughter various skating moves. We quickly grew to love her and soon realized that she was not only a fine coach but a very wonderful human being. My family and I have been blessed by the presence in our days of someone who has been mentor, teacher, friend and comforter. My daughter's coach in her own skating career rose to the top levels of the figure skating world: She was the Junior Canadian Dance Champion and later represented Canada at the World Championships. And she is so modest that she never mentions this part of her life!

This week we have to say good-bye to coach Penny, as she will be leaving the Winchester Club. And I know it will be so difficult to bid farewell to someone who has truly touched our hearts and souls. We will carry so many memories of Penny with us always - yet the time has come to let her go.

Change comes to all of us - and it often results in sorrow, in stress. Yet none of us can stop the clock and we must remember that along life's journey we are never alone. The God of the heavens and the earth will ever guide us and support us and allow us to travel into the future with hope. Our Lord sheds His grace upon us through all the changing scenes of life.

During this Lenten season, we can reflect upon the changes which the disciples were about to face on their way to the Cross. Jesus informed them that He would suffer many things, be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law. He would no longer be with them in the same way He had been before and His followers did not want to hear these words. Jesus would be killed and I imagine such news devastated those closest to him.

The concept of change must have "blown" Christ's disciples "away" yet they missed the point! Three days after his death, Jesus would rise again. Out of darkness can come new life and hope.

We can be the recipients of God's grace, goodness and resurrection. The beautiful words of the hymn: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" express that there is always light which comes out of darkness "In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

May we all give thanks to the One who cherishes us, inspires us, forgives us, heals us and helps us: The Creator who can bring comfort out of pain and resurrection out of death. Praise be to God!

Rev. Janet Evans
Iroquois United Church

Hospital Spring Gala June 3

WINCHESTER – The fourth annual Spring Gala in support of Winchester District Memorial Hospital will take place on Saturday, June 3, at the Winchester Arena.

Joan Farlinger once again chairs the planning committee, which has already begun to put together an exciting evening.

So far, the committee has been successful in securing corporate sponsorship from CIBC Private Wealth Management and R.J. McKee Engineering to help cover the costs that go along with planning such an extravagant event.

"Sponsorship allows us to do some special things that we otherwise wouldn't, financially, be able to do," explains Farlinger.

The silent and live auction features a range of items that will appeal to everyone. Guest auctioneer, Hugh Fawcett, will entice the audience to bid on such items as a lemon meringue pie made by Margaret Johnstone, one of Evra McVey's famous Jean Quilts, a wood carving by local master carver, Mike McInnis, and much more.

Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Gabe Slowey, will keep the evening on track and in good humour. The fun begins at 7:00 p.m., when guests will be asked to take their seats and enjoy a first-rate meal from AJ's Valley Food Services.

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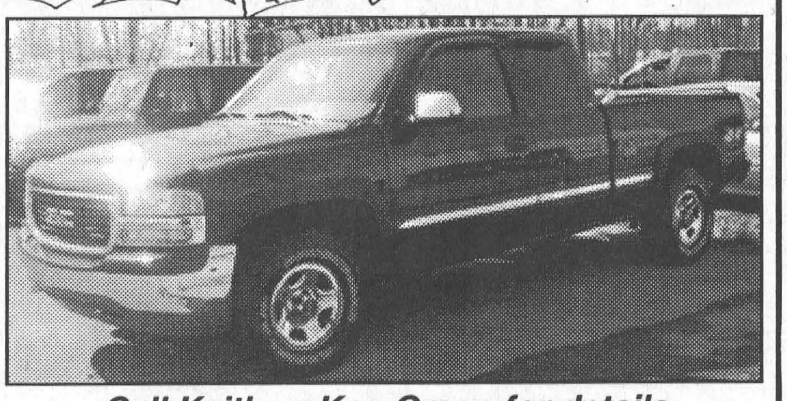

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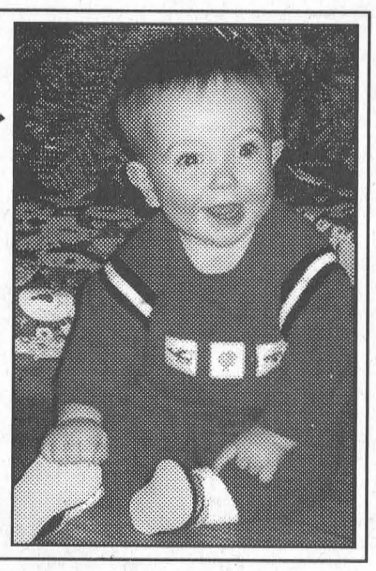

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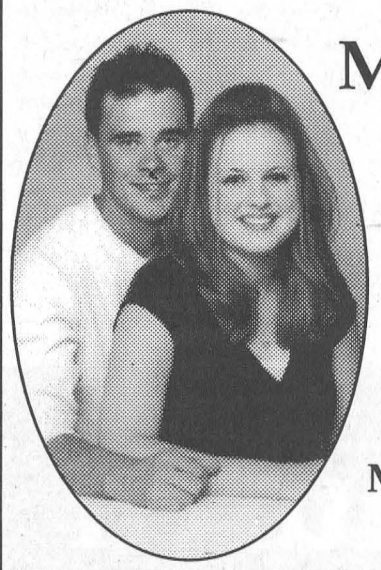

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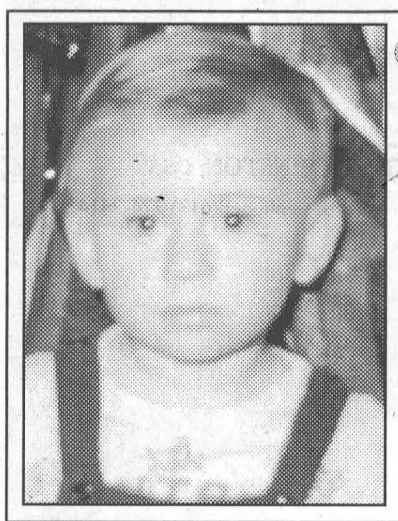

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Local Lions' Clubs make final donation to "Renewing the Vision" *Gibb photo*

Representatives from our local Lions' Clubs, including Cardinal, Chesterville, Edwardsburgh, Finch, Greely, Iroquois Matilda, Metcalfe, Morrisburg, Mountain, North Dundas Leos, Osgoode, Russell and Winchester gathered at the Lions Hall in Winchester on Saturday, April 1, to present a check for $334,640 to the CEO of Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Trudy Reid. The check is the final pledge from the campaign started by the Lions in 1998. In all, the Lions clubs of this area raised $540,000 for the Hospital's *Renewing the Vision* campaign. CEO Reid had great praise for all the clubs, saying that the members have made a "huge difference in people's lives in some of the most important ways you can think of." Current Foundation Chair, Lion Terry MacLellan, referred to the Hospital as the "heart of our community," and explained that the Lions were proud to be a part of the efforts to raise funds for the Hospital. Bill Smirle, WDMH Chairman of the Board assured the gathered Lions that "one year from today, shovels should be in the ground as the go aheads for tenders have been issued." "The communities this Hospital serves are the most generous in the country, and that has been confirmed," added CEO Reid. "There are such good people in this area." From left to right are Dennis Carkner, President of the Winchester Lions, Terry MacLellan, current Chair of the Foundation, Trudy Reid, CEO of Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Dwayne Holmes, former Chair of the Foundation, Stephanie Servage, President of the North Dundas Leos Club, Al Page, Regional 41 Chairman, and Bill Smirle, WDMH Chairman of the Board.

IROQUOIS LEGION NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #370

IROQUOIS – A total of 25 cribbage players gathered in the lounge on Saturday, April 1. Finishing in first place with a total of 1,064 was Bernie Montroy, and tied for second spot with 1,063 were Roger Coulter and Ted Gratton.

The Bridesmaid's honours went to Andre Gravel, with a total of 1,056.

Sixteen skunks were handed out during the day. Getting two each were Jennie Baldwin, Duane Kirker and Gladys Parks, while Willis Douglas managed to pick up one of the critters.

Twelve tables of euchre were played on Tuesday evening, March 28. Picking up the first prize was Sandy Williams, while Elsie Bron and Jake Easter claimed the second prize.

The door prize went to Sheila Lapier, and low score of the evening went to Tony Toonders. Only a couple of skunks could be found, and they were picked up by Elsie Bron and Edith Baker.

The Pot of Gold winner was John McKnight who fortunately was signed in.

The Friday luncheon will be chicken stew and dumplings, with black forest cake for dessert.

Saturday, April 8, is our big 60th Anniversary! By the looks of the plans, it should be quite a wonderful time. We certainly are fortunate to be reaching the 60th!

Saturday, April 1, was the April Birthday Bash at Iroquois Legion. A good response was seen again. We are always looking for new ideas to keep things interesting, so if you have any good ones, please let us know.

This Wednesday past, Lloyd and Jean Greenough spent the day putting new Dart Score Boards in place. They are a great improvement. Thanks Lloyd and Jean; your efforts are much appreciated.

Hope to see a good turnout on Saturday night.

Until next week, take care!

Police reminder to community residents

Daylight break and enters

SD&G – Incidents of daylight, residential, break and enters have continued to be a concern, especially during the spring and summer.

While police have increased patrols in the target areas, the contribution of local residents is invaluable in helping to reduce crime throughout this area.

Many break and enters last only a few moments, and rarely are suspect vehicles observed while at the home which is being broken into, it becomes increasingly important to report any suspicious vehicles or persons you observe in your neighbourhood.

This is especially a concern during the morning or early afternoon hours, which is the prime time for this type of crime.

The O.P.P. may be contacted at 1-888-310-1122 or if you are witnessing a crime in progress, contact the O.P.P. using the 911 system.

All residents are encouraged to help each other by reporting suspicious situations that may help police in preventing a crime before it takes place.

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Daffodils to Fight Cancer

This year Cancer Society volunteers and the Morrisburg Branch of Scotiabank teamed up to sell daffodils to raise money for the local Cancer Society. The flowers were on sale last week. Manager of the Scotiabank, Nancy Lemaire said this is the first time they have been offering the real flowers for sale in the bank. Volunteer Dick Liberty hoped that the new endeavour of selling the real flowers would be well received. Cancer Society volunteer Sandra Bailey was happy to be helping out the Cancer Society by selling daffodils. "Anything that anyone can do for this cause is certainly worthwhile," she said. Pictured above left to right are Carol Ann Sage (Scotiabank), Dick Liberty (volunteer), Nancy Lemaire (Scotiabank) and Sandra Bailey (volunteer). ***Comfort Photo***

Obituaries

Lily Hodgson



Lifetime resident of the Toronto area, Lily Hodgson, passed away March 24, at Sandfield Place Nursing Home in Cornwall, where she resided for the last month. She was 87.

Born July 8, 1918, in Toronto, Lily was the daughter of David and Mary Duval (nee Rodgerson), and wife of the late Stanley Hodgson.

She was dear mother to Doug (Carol) of Iroquois, loving grandmother of Craig Hodgson, and will be fondly remembered by Carley Lawlor.

Lily is survived by her brother Tom Duval of Morrisburg.

Her sisters Bernice Gover, Norma Vipeiry, Olive Grant, and brothers Charlie Duval and Jerry Thompson predeceased her.

Lily worked as an operator at Bell Canada for 35 years. She lived her entire life in the Toronto area until she moved to Iroquois in 2005 to be closer to her family.

Lily was a member of the Anglican Church of Canada.

She loved to sew for both herself and others, and made beautiful quilts.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, March 29. There was no formal funeral service.

Donations to Sandfield Place would be appreciated by the family.

Debbie de Bruijn



Following a two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer, Debbie de Bruijn passed away at the Ottawa General Hospital, March 29. She was 32 years old.

Born September 25, 1973, in Winchester, Debbie was the daughter of Arie and Georgette Stuyt of Riverside Heights.

She married Bert V. de Bruijn September 23, 1993, at Gatineau Park.

Debbie is survived by her parents, her husband, her son Nico, her brother Nick (Monique) of Ottawa, her sister Mary (Bruce) Leblanc of Stittsville, and her sister Diane Stuyt of Richmond.

She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Debbie formerly resided in Winchester and Riverside Heights, and for the past three years lived in Ottawa where she was an administrative consultant/business owner.

She worked and served as a school ma'rm at Upper Canada Village, a database administrator for the Billy Graham mission, an administrative assistant for a Reform member of parliament, and a supporter of the Ottawa Life Sciences council.

Debbie's passions included history, acting, politics, her faith, missions, canoeing, camping, cross-stitching, her family, her marriage, and her son.

Debbie was a kind, loving, considerate, optimistic, vivacious, funny, wise, hardworking wife and mother. She was the "wamba woman".

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, in Williamsburg, on March 31.

Funeral service was held, April 1, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg, with Father Chisholm officiating.

Interment followed at St. John's Cemetery, Riverside Heights.

Pallbearers were Nick Stuyt, Ken Stuyt, Randy de Bruijn, Rick Dingwall, Bruce Leblanc, Darren May and Patrick MacKenzie. Dave de Bruijn and Russ de Bruijn were honourary pallbearers.

Donations to the Ministerios Pan de Vida, IAP via Samaritans Purse would be appreciated by the family.

Seaway Scribbles & Bits

IROQUOIS – **Seaway Student Council Scoop:** After a highly successful "Birthday Week", this year's Student Council is looking forward to the rest of the school year. More exciting initiatives will surely be planned for the remaining months. I'll have more in the coming weeks.

Prom Committee: The annual spring fashion show was held at Seaway last Thursday and featured a number of students and teacher models as well as three of our very own Junior B Lions.

The afternoon show was attended by the students for the admission price of $3.

Later in the evening, there was another show open to parents and the community.

The Prom Committee did an excellent job putting this fundraiser together, and is surely pleased with the student and community turnout.

Global Outreach: The Global Outreach team is at it again; this time, they're targeting world hunger.

In April, the team and other students of Seaway will be participating in World Vision's "30 Hour Famine". Participants will collect pledges to sponsor their thirty hour fast and all of the proceeds will go towards the global war against hunger, poverty and injustice.

The "30 Hour Famine" is Canada's largest annual youth event and fundraiser and encourages students to take a stand against these international issues.

Over the thirty hour period, during which only water and fruit juice may be consumed, the students will experience firsthand what it truly means to be hungry.

Next week I'll be back with more "Scribbles & Bits" from Seaway.

Beware of wildlife on the move

KEMPTVILLE – The Ministry of Natural Resources is asking motorists to be extra cautious on Ontario's roads at this time of year when more wildlife is on the move.

Moose, elk and deer are particularly active in the spring, especially at dawn and dusk, as they search for food and summering areas. Deer rarely travel alone, so when motorists see one there are likely more nearby.

Drivers who see these animals along the road should slow down and sound their horns in a series of short bursts.

Motorists should take extra care where roads cross creeks or rivers, in wooded corridors, or where field edges run perpendicular to the road. They should also be cautious where fences meet roads and where deer crossing signs are posted.

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South Dundas native

Bert Cunningham recognized

MAURITIUS–On October 15, 2002, Bert Cunningham, a native of the Morrisburg area, assumed the post of comptroller for Mauritius a small tropical Island located in the Indian Ocean just east of Madagascar.

Three years later, in the fall of 2005, he was named Mauritian of the Year by L'Express, the nation's daily newspaper. He became the first non-Mauritian to be given this honour.

After Cunningham assumed his post in 2002, he embarked the department on a major institutional reform and modernization program. As a result revenue is up 40 percent, a significant figure since customs collects over 50 percent of the state revenue.

The article in L'Express says, "This foreigner who does not resemble us is indeed a patriot."

According to information on Cunningham in the World Customs Organization Web Site, "for the past three years he spearheaded major reform and modernization of the department (in Mauritius), which included the total redesign and redevelopment of the existing Customs Management System"

The information also explains that Cunningham "started his career with Canada Customs which he joined directly after completing his post graduate university degree. He held a number of senior positions in Customs in institutional reform and automation and was project manager for the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement."

He has worked in over 50 developing and newly industrialized countries, primarily in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, and prior to taking up his post in Mauritius, he was working in the West Bank and Gaza with the Palestinian Authority.

Mauritius has attracted considerable foreign income and according to the country's official web site, "it has attracted more than 9,000 offshore entities, many aimed at commerce in Indian and South Africa."

Sugar cane makes up about 25 percent of its exports and it has a strong textile sector.

"Cunningham's fight against corruption has been relentless and the icing on the cake is the sum of more than Rs 1 billion–that entered the state coffers in terms of additional taxes and customs duties last year," reads an article in an issue of L'Express.



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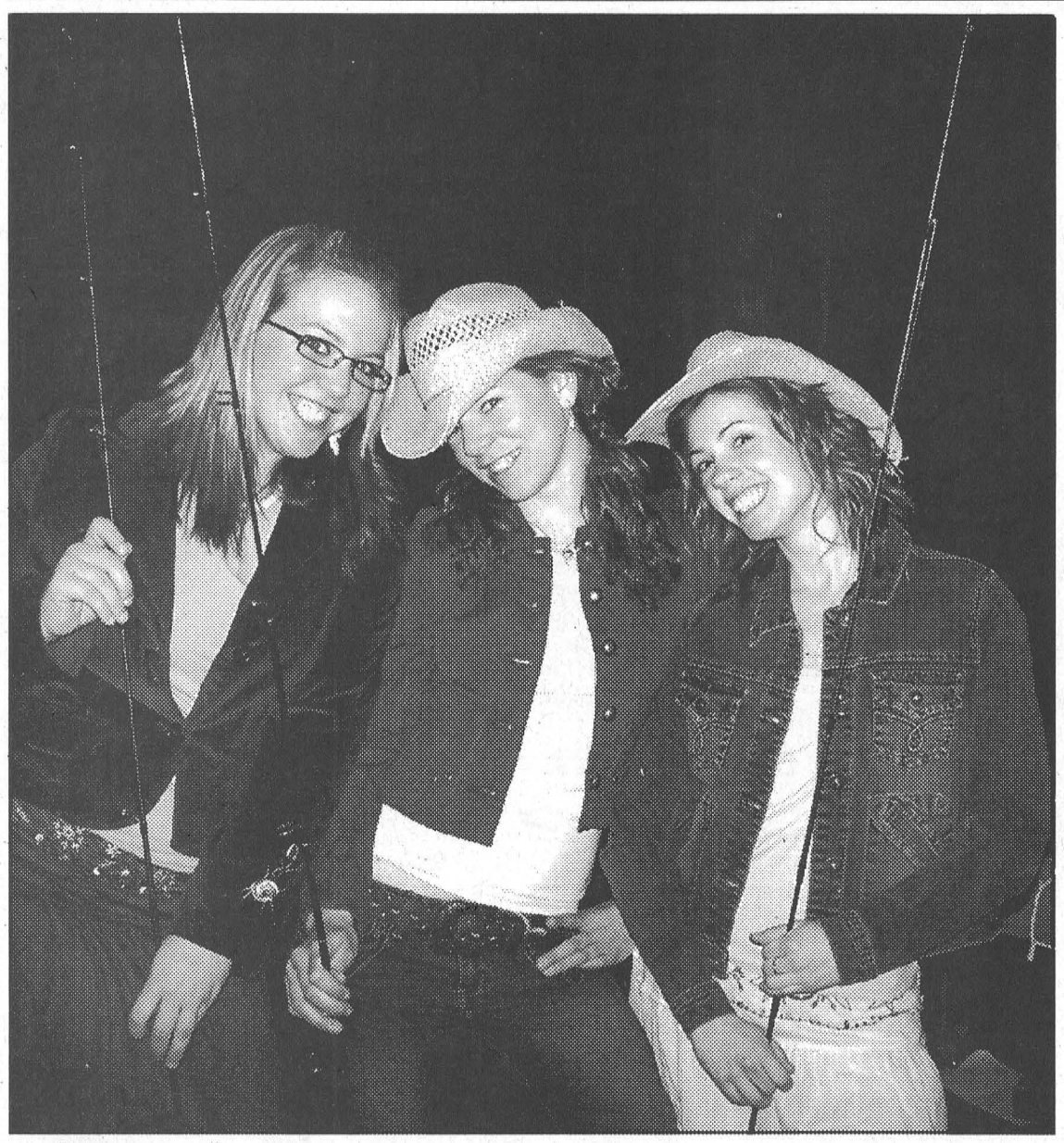

Fashion Fishing in the Dark

Seaway District High School's Prom Committee last week hosted their annual fashion show. The two shows, one for the students in the afternoon and one for the parents in the evening, took place last Thursday for the benefit of the Prom Committee and the Morrisburg Junior B Lions. The show featured the fashions of Giant Tiger, Biba, Edie's House of Fashion and Revolution, and involved 35 models including Seaway students and staff and a few guest models. Pictured above are grade 12 students/models Natalie McDonell, Gina Roberts and Karly Joldersma ready to go "Fishing in the Dark" wearing fashions from Giant Tiger. ***Comfort Photo***

CDSBEO and CUPE have three year deal

KEMPTVILLE – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario and CUPE have ratified a 3-year deal reached on March 23, 2006.

The CDSBEO ratified the deal on Friday, March 24, while a weekend vote saw CUPE ratify the deal on Saturday March 25, 2006.

The deal affects the CDSBEO's support staff at the Board offices, clerks, educational assistants, student support workers, secretaries, custodians and computer technicians.

The agreement is retroactive to 2004. CUPE members receive a three percent wage increase for September 1, 2004, another three percent increase for September 1, 2005 and another three percent increase for September 1, 2006. The agreement will expire on August 31, 2007.

CDSBEO Superintendent of Human Resources and Staff Development Bill Gartland said, "The talks were an opportunity for both parties to clarify the existing language in the collective agreement."

"The agreement demonstrates the Board's commitment and support to our administration and support staff. We are pleased that the matter has been resolved in a positive manner," he added.

CDSBEO Director of Education Ann Perron said, "We are pleased with the perseverance and dedication shown by our Board representatives and the CUPE team in reaching and ratifying this collective agreement. This collective agreement is good for everyone concerned."

CDSBEO Chair Ronald Eamer was equally positive. "The Board looks forward to building on this agreement and continuing to foster a positive working relationship with our employees," he said.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 41 elementary and 10 secondary schools across eight counties.

The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.

Reported by police

DUNDAS COUNTY – Last week police responded to 101 calls for service in the county. Of those calls, 48 were in South Dundas, 39 were in North Dundas and 14 were along Highway 401.

On the traffic front, police investigated six motor vehicle collisions in all of Dundas County, and half of those involved deer.

Two criminal charges were laid in connection with alcolhol related drinking and driving offences and one 12-hour driver's licence suspension was issued.

One radar warning device was seized by police.

A routine traffic stop along Highway 401, March 31, led to the seizure of a quantity of crack cocaine. A 35-year-old Brantford man was arrested and charged with possession of a substance. His Morrisburg Court date is June 6, 2006.

On the home front, police in Dundas County conducted five domestic related investigations. One assualt charge was laid against a 30-year-old North Dundas man.

Twice last week, incidents of vanadalism were reported to police in Dundas County. Both of those were in South Dundas on April 1.

Overnight a mailbox along the Barkley Road in the township was damaged, and during the afternoon the window of a vehicle along High Street in Morrisburg was smashed.

Guy Lauzon from Ottawa

OTTAWA – The riding of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry was built on agriculture and manufacturing, and both sectors are now experiencing grave difficulties.

Canada has experienced the loss of over 120,000 manufacturing jobs in the past twelve months. Approximately 3,000 of those job losses took place right here in our own riding. These were mostly high-paying positions, in the textile, food processing and paper manufacturing sectors.

Immediate action must be taken by all sectors of our economy and all levels of government to address the impact of these job losses in our various communities. We must replace these lost jobs by re-energizing and diversifying our employment base to ensure the long-term sustainability of our economy.

Although the problems facing the agriculture and manufacturing sectors are nationwide, the solutions are local, since every region of this great country has its own strengths to draw upon, and its own challenges to overcome.

As your Federal Member of Parliament I consider it my responsibility to demonstrate leadership in identifying local economic opportunities, and overcoming our economic challenges. I based my recent re-election campaign on a detailed economic action plan for this riding, and I have been working hard to implement that plan ever since.

Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry possess many valuable assets that must be used to their fullest advantage if our riding is to live up to its economic potential.

We have ready access to an expansive network of transportation infrastructure; our Riding is situated within a one-hour drive of two international airports, one of Canada's major highways bi-sects the riding, and the St. Lawrence River forms our entire southern border.

We are blessed with a largely bilingual population, and we are strategically situated within a six-hour commute of markets containing 120 million people.

We have an abundance of fully-serviced prime light industrial and commercial property. Our piece of "Upper Canada" also has enormous tourism potential, thanks in part to its wealth of historic sites.

Finally, we have a tremendous agricultural base on which to build.

During the election campaign, I promised that, within 30 days of re-election, I would establish a committee of local leaders from industry, labour and all levels of government to capitalize on this riding's valuable assets and improve the economic stability if our area.

I am pleased to announce that the committee is off to a very successful start, and I have hosted a series of well-attended Town Hall meetings throughout the riding to get guidance from you on our shared economic future.

The Committee's goal is to create quality permanent jobs in this riding, through a combination of several concurrent projects.

For example, a study will soon be underway to examine the feasibility of establishing an abattoir and meat processing plant in this area.

A total of $100,000 has been earmarked for the study, with $25,000 coming from local farmers and cooperatives, and the rest provided by the federal and provincial governments. Such a facility would help maximize the local economic benefit we derive from our own agricultural production.

By getting ahead of demographic trends like the aging of our population, we can even turn our challenges into opportunities. Because services for seniors will be in increasing demand in the immediate and foreseeable future, we have established a sub-committee to look into creating a retirement community along the St. Lawrence River.

A second sub-committee is investigating the feasibility of building a waste gasifier to treat garbage and generate energy. Even garbage can be turned into an economic resource.

We are also exploring options for the extra space available at the Nav Canada complex in Cornwall, including the possibility of establishing it as a training site for federal public servants. A vacant wing at the site could contain up to 100 offices.

Meanwhile, I will continue to make the case to my colleagues who are serving in Cabinet that locating federal departmental offices in Cornwall would benefit the government and Canadian taxpayers as well as the local economy.

In the longer term, the future of our region's economy hinges on the retention of our younger population and on the development of a highly trained, well-educated local work force.

Expanding our current post secondary training institutions (St. Lawrence College, the Operating Engineers Training Institute, and the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences) to include accredited university courses will provide much-needed flexibility in local training opportunities.

This plan is ambitious and comprehensive, but I am dedicated to seeing it through to fruition, in cooperation with all local stakeholders. The process will be consultative, transparent and results-based.

I look forward to working with you, and receiving your feedback regularly, throughout this process.

NEWSLETTER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
Seaway Branch #48
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On St. Patrick's Day we were treated to a wonderful Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner prepared by our excellent chef Comrade Victor Brooks. Approx. 90 were served by Janice and Jennifer Warner with Jim Scott doing the kitchen honours.

The Ladies Auxiliary Provincial Euchre Tournament was held in Mallorytown on March 25th. Morrisburg Branch 48 placed 18th out of 40 teams entered.

Sunday Cribbage on March 26th had two tables. Winners were Goldie Daoust 1st, Glen Mattice 2nd and Ron Lapier 3rd. Glen Mattice won the Skunk Pot. Winner of the meat draw was Brian McMillan.

Upcoming Ontario Senior Games at Morrisburg Branch 48 will feature Euchre at 1:30 p.m. on April 25th, Darts at 2 p.m. on April 28th and Cribbage at 1:30 p.m. on May 2nd. Everyone 55 years old or over is welcome to play in the Ontario Senior Games. Registration is from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

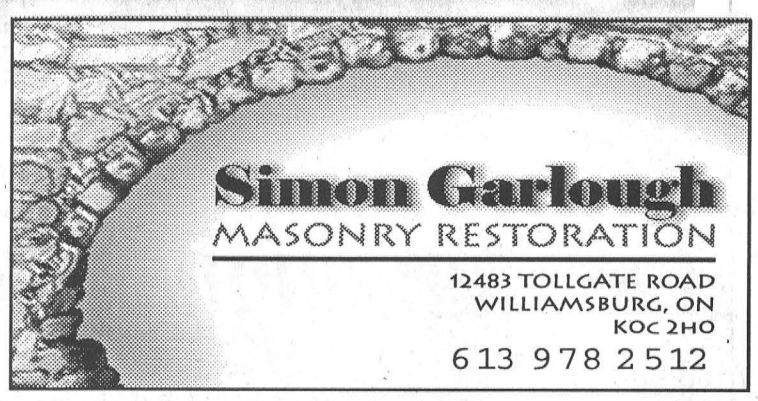
Winner of the meat draw on April 2nd was Dave Baldwin.

Iroquois Legion Branch 370 is celebrating their 60th Anniversary with a dinner and dance on Saturday, April 8th and everyone is invited to help in the celebration. Tickets are available at the Iroquois Branch.

There were 3 new members inducted at the last Branch 48 general meeting. The next general meeting will be held on May 31st with 3 more new members to be inducted. Looks like the Legion is still viable. Executive elections for the next term of office will also be held at this meeting.

Thursday night is Bingo night – come and enjoy the fun.

Until the next time Comrade Bill.



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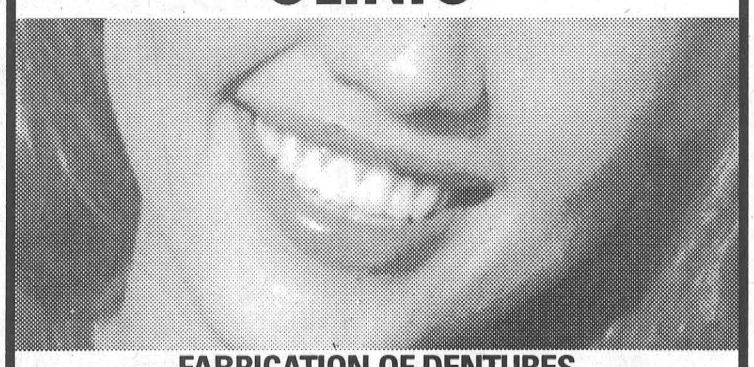
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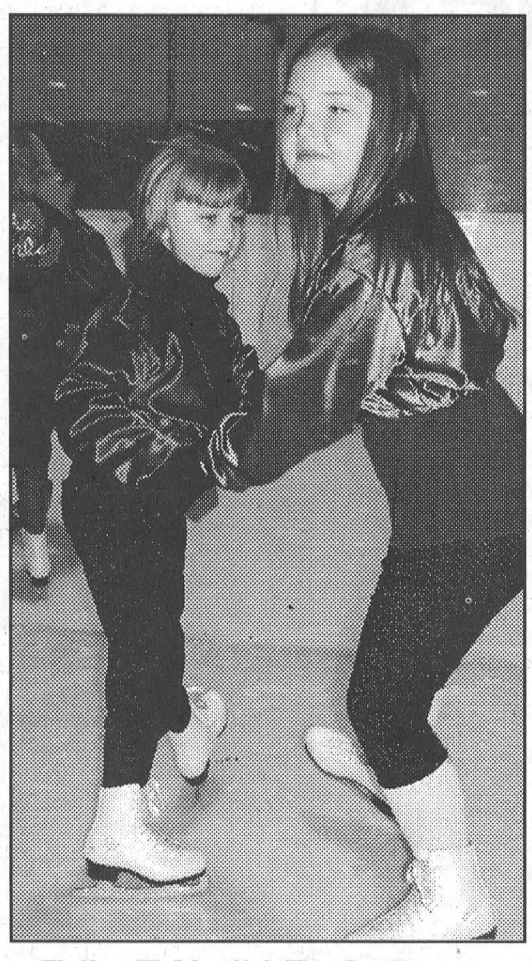

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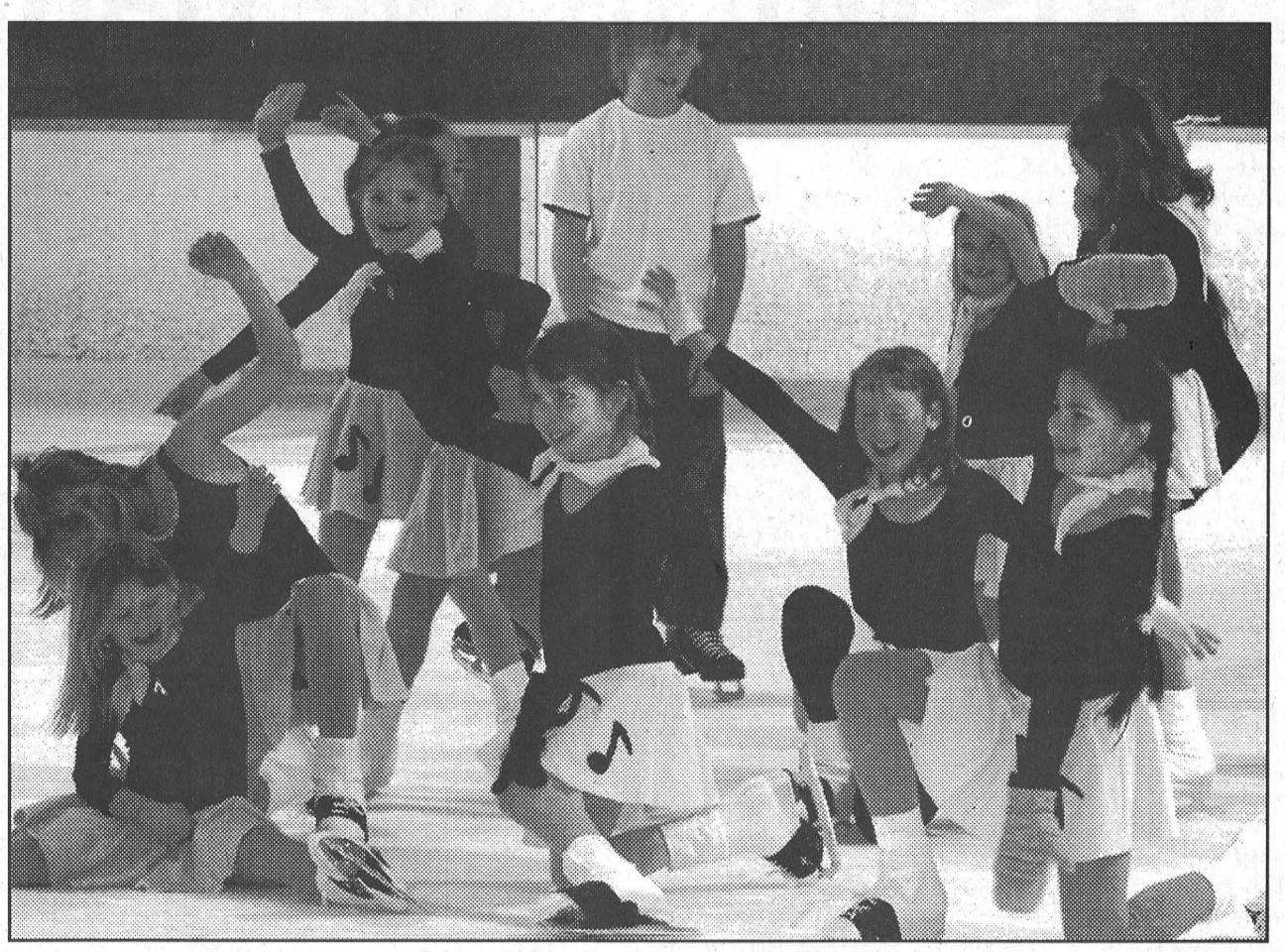

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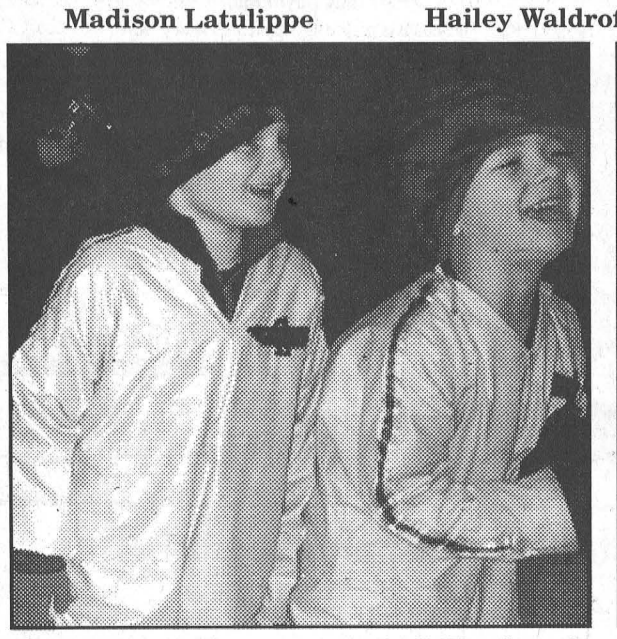

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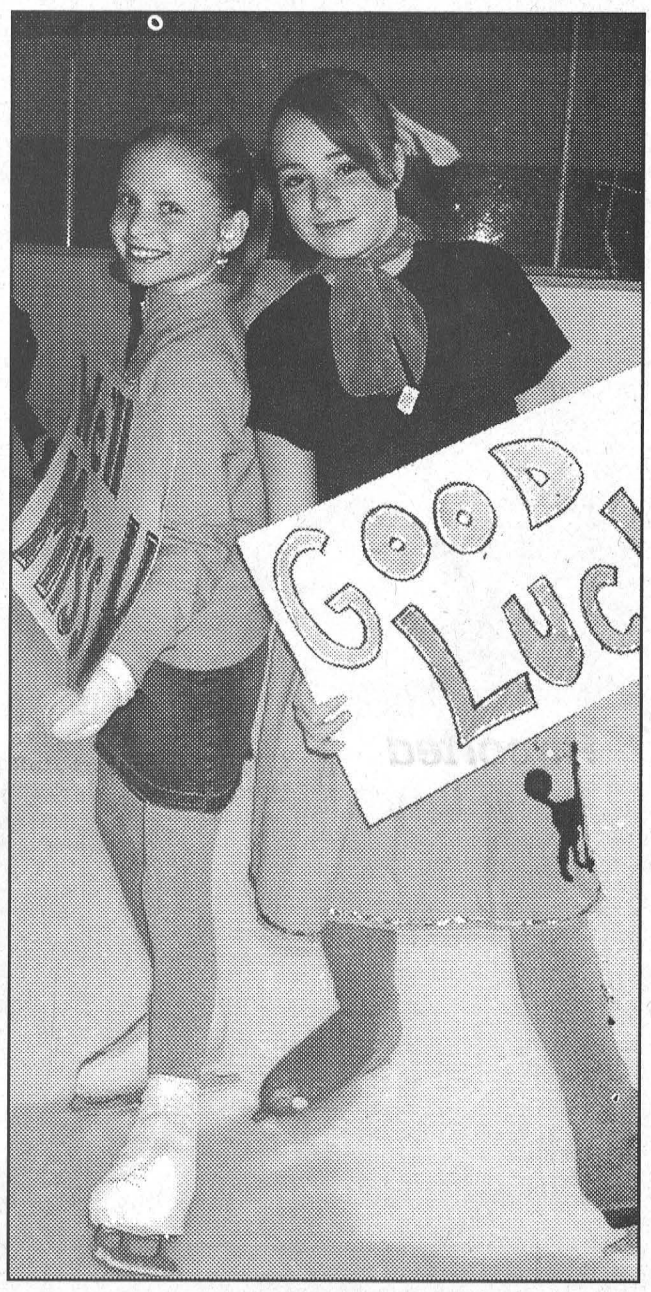

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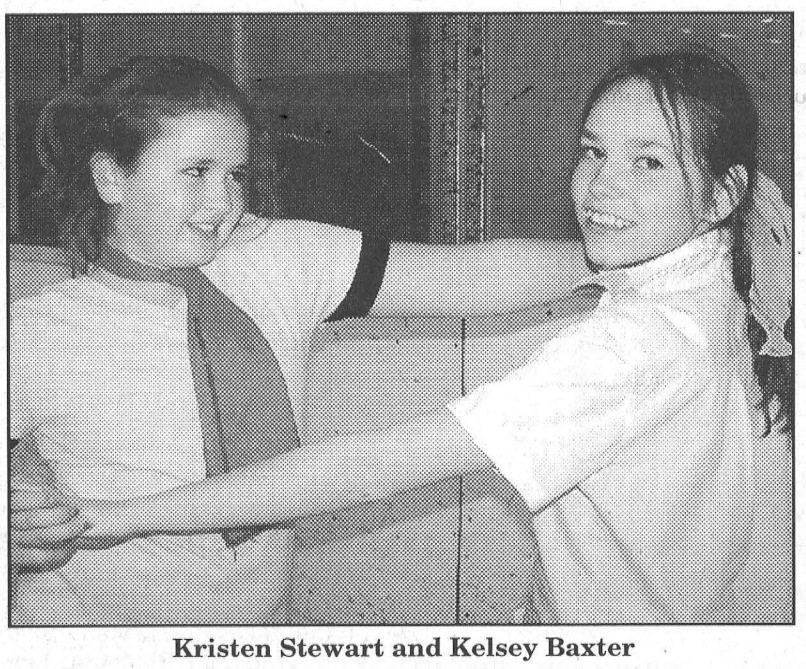

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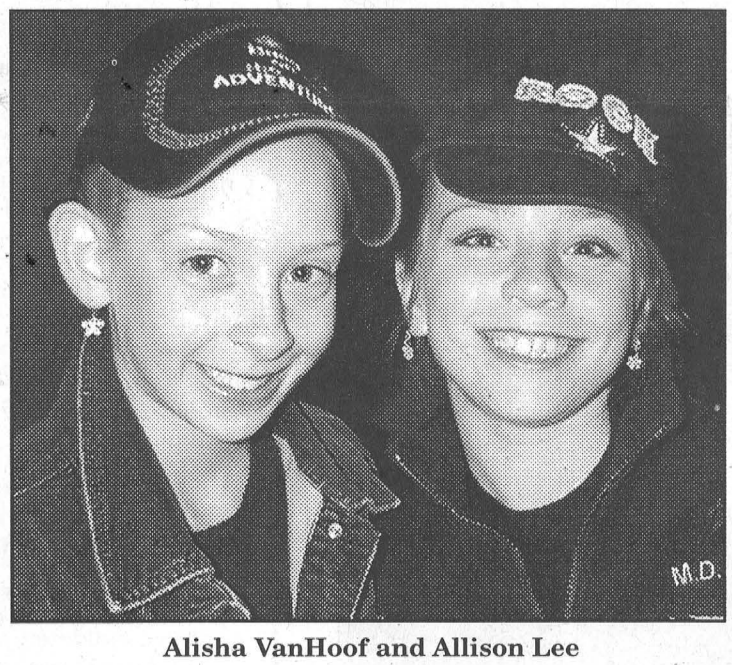

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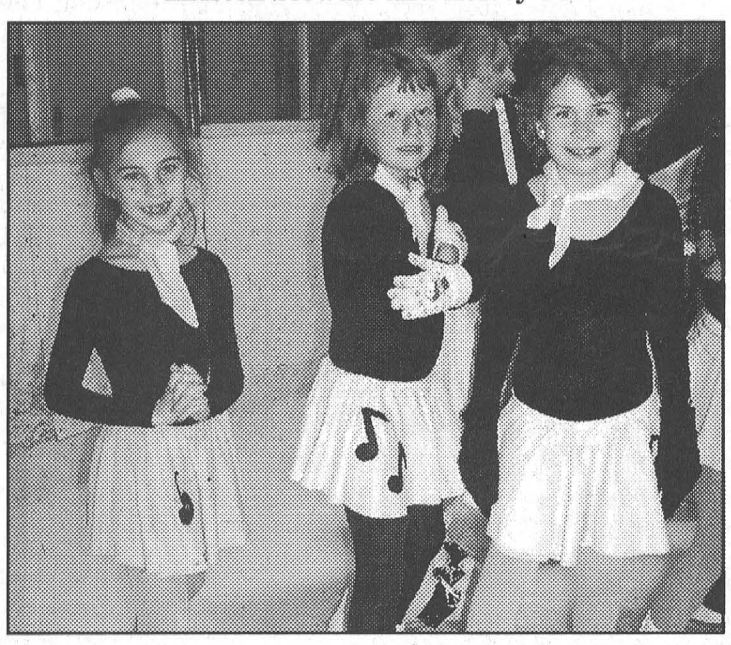


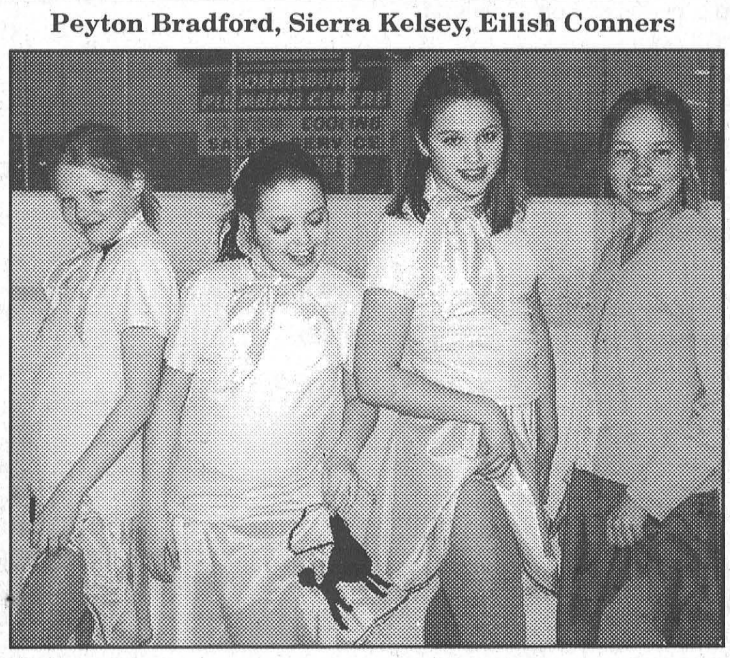
Peyton Bradford, Sierra Kelsey, Eilish Conners

Skaters shake, rattle and roll in successful year-end show

MORRISBURG – Several hundred spectators were on hand at the Morrisburg Arena, Saturday night for the annual year-end skate show for skaters with the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club.

For this year's finale, the skaters presented their version of the popular musical Grease which featured a number of solo performances and group skates as the story unfolded.

Skating at various times throughout the program as Danny were Kelsey Hall, Kathleen German, Brenna German and Brianna Stewart. Making appearances as Sandy were Kelsey Baxter, Amy Veltkamp, Bryanna Hickman-Korac and Meghan Adams. Solo skates were also performed by Morgan Baxter, Janice Stevens and Hayley Mills and Jessica Thompson. Guest skaters for the evening included Brooke Paulin and Nathan Last who were silver medalists at the Junior Nationals in Novice Pairs.



Brenna German, Morgan Baxter, Bryanna Hickman-Korac, Kelsey Baxter



Nathan Verhey, Jarrett Swerdfeger, Sam Waytowich



Mackenzie Barkley, Miriam Mwai

Exciting year ends

Lions out in five games

WESTPORT – The Westport Rideaus posted a 9-3 win here Friday night to claim the Rideau/St. Lawrence Division championship in the fifth game of the best-of-seven series against the Morrisburg Junior B Lions.

The Lions gave the Rideaus a good run, but were unable to match the depth of the Rideau bench.

They kept the series alive with an exciting 6-5 double overtime win in front of their hometown fans last Wednesday night. That win allowed the Rideaus to take the series home for the championship.

The Rideaus (Rideau-St. Lawrence champions) are now tangling with the Ottawa West Golden Knights (Metro-Valley champions) for the Eastern Ontario Junior B Championship.

The Rideaus lost the series opener to the Knights, 5-3 on home ice, and game two is set for this Thursday night, April 6.

The loss in Westport Friday night, ended a solid season for the Lions. They were in and out of first place throughout most of the regular season and faltered only in the homestretch when they dropped back into third place.

They went up against the second place Alexandria Glens in the first round of the playoffs, and, down three games to one, they treated their fans to a spectacular comeback series win.

They then went up against a powerful Kemptville 73s squad and took them out in six games, the final an exciting 4-0 win on home ice for the St. Lawrence Division championship.

Throughout the entire playoff series, they received excellent goaltending from J.J. Gargour and they gelled under the direction of coaches Eddie Gove and Dave Brandt who took over the bench at the end of the regular season.

Game four
Lions 6 – Rideaus 5

The Lions needed a win to stay alive as they headed into game four in Morrisburg last Wednesday night.

As coach Eddie Gove had promised, they play it one period at a time and didn't give up.

The result was an excellent game of hockey, with a minimum of penalties.

The Lions' Peter Barnett opened the scoring with a power-play goal at 17:09 of the first period with Dylan Graveley and Cory Gove providing the setup.

The Rideaus got that one back with 59 seconds left in the frame and the game headed into the second period tied 1-1.

The second period was again an even match with the Rideaus scoring twice on the power played and the Lions getting goals from Chris Summers (Pat McLeod assisting) and Brandon MacDonald (from Gove and Graveley).

The third period got off to an exciting start when Tyler Lafortune was hauled down on a break-away opportunity. That resulted in a penalty shot and Lafortune skillfully beat Rideaus' goaltender Ryan Schecter to lift the Lions to a 4-3 lead.

Three minutes later Graveley counted on the Lions' power play (from Pat Mainville and MacDonald) and the Lions were up 5-3.

But the Rideaus were after the win, and they came charging back with a power-play goal from Marcus Tholin at 6:17 to cut the gap to 5-4. At 13:55, Steve Biscaro counted the Rideaus' fourth consecutive power-play goal to tie the game 5-5.

That was it in regulation time, and the 5-5 tie was still holding after five minutes of sudden death overtime.

The second period of overtime featured end-to-end action with both goaltenders coming up with some big saves.

Finally at the 6:25 mark of the 20-minute overtime period, Peter Barnett blasted home a beautiful shot to give the Lions the 6-5 win. He was assisted by his line mates Graveley and Gove.

The Lions sat out 15 minor penalties, while the Rideaus were assessed 10 minors and one penalty shot.

Game Five

Westport 9 – Lions 3

The Rideaus were clearly out for the win in front of their hometown fans Friday night. They went up 2-0 in the first period and were enjoying a 6-2 advantage after the second period.

The depth of their bench was clearly evident with 13 of their players figuring in on the scoring.

Brad Deakin led with three goals and Matt Steele added a pair. Singles were scored by Sean O'Reilly, Billy Donaldson, Scott Leppard and Scott Morrison.

Answering for the Lions were Peter Barnett with two goals and Dylan Graveley with a single.

The Lions sat out 12 minor penalties and a misconduct to Pat Mainville, while the Rideaus were assessed 10 minors.

J.J. Gargour started in net for the Lions and was replaced by Andrew Pearson at 1:44 of the second period when Westport scored their third goal.

The Rideaus outshot the Lions 45-34.



Winners of the Gord Empey SDHS School Council volleyball tournament
Seaway High was the site of the seventh annual Gord Empey Volleyball Tournament, Saturday April 1. This year, 12 teams, drawing from Iroquois, Morrisburg and Spencerville, were entered in this fun event which raises funds for Seaway bursaries. Organizers Gord Empey and Chris Fetterly were very pleased with the turnout. Teams were made up of 6 players, with substitutions allowed if more people signed on to a team. The action began at 9:30 a.m., and continued until the winners of the "A" Pool played their final around 3:30 p.m. Teams could make up their own names, and players could be any age from twelve on up. This year, organizers were delighted to announce that a total of $1,300 was raised for the high school bursary fund. Members of *Gibson's Finest* were this year's winners (their 4th victory in 7 years!). Team members front row, left to right, are Chris Lightfoot and Courtney Thompson. In the back row, left to right, are Barry Barkley, Darrell Moore, and Chris Fetterly. Absent when the photo was taken were Warren Moore and Karen Gilroy. ***Gibb photo***

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The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – Curling at the local club has ended for another season.

The ice is out, and aside from summer maintenance, fundraising, the occasional rental and a few executive meetings, the club will be quiet until October.

Some end-of-the-season results follow.

Congratulations to the North Dundas High School curling team. Dave Lillico, Shane Latimer, Geoff Spruit and Callen Arnold won the provincial championship re-cently!

We are also proud of their coach, club member Ian Wilson.

It is worth no-ting that the last team from that school to take provincial honours was also coached by a club member, John Wilson, Ian's father.

In addition, hanging from our lounge walls are banners won by students of Seaway District High School, coached by another senior member, Sid Morrell. This club is blessed with some fine curlers, but also, members who go out of their way to pass on their love of the game.

Kudos are in order for the Tuesday Night Men's champion team, led by Robert Houze, who defeated Joe McCooeye's foursome.

The Thursday Night Competitive winners were Craig Harriman, Robert and Graham Houze, and Alan Brunt, defeating Bob Bergland, John Allison, and Sam and Josh Laurin.

Thursday a.m. saw the Daytime Mixed curling champions declared.

They are Doug Brannan, Susan McIntosh, Jim Locke and Robert Martin.

In the final Daytime Men's draw, for the Lorne Kincaid Trophy, players Martin Schneckenburger, Arnold Barkley, Ron Brown and Art Carkner took home the hardware.

Finally, the Friday Night Mixed winners were Wally McDonald, Bob Fortin, Walter Reid and Lyse Scharfe.

Neil Williams took a large number of candid shots at the fund-raising bonspiel last weekend, and left some fine pictures (and the disk) for members.

At a dollar a shot, his effort has so far raised another eighty dollars for the club. Thanks again, Neil!

Saturday night is the wind-up to the year.

There will be the awards banquet (a turkey dinner), followed by the annual meeting, election of officers, and presentations to those winners present.

If you have not yet confirmed your attendance for the Curling Club's final banquet, call 543-3134 as soon as possible to do so.

I hope to see everyone back in the fall.



Pat Lid Trophy Winers *Laurin Photo*

The Tuesday night's men league ended its season last uesday night with the Robert Houze team claiming the final draw Pat Lid Trophy. Pictured ove are team members Houze, John Allison, David Tait and Mike Lemaire. It was a big ye for skip Robert Houze who skipped his team to the win in the men's first draw for the Cabrt Trophy. He was a member of the club championship team that won its title last Wednesiy night, and was on the Morrisburg entry that won the Merkley Competition played in Russl.



Men's Champions Crowed at Morrisburg Curling Club *Laurin Photo*

The Craig Harriman rink, consisting of Robert Houze thi Al Brunt second, and Graham Houze lead claimed the Morrisburg Curling Club's men's championship last Wednesday nightnen they defeated the Bob Bergland rink. The Harriman team went into the competition in sixth place while the Bergland ey which included John Allison third, Sam Laurin second and Josh Laurin lead, kicked off play in fifth place. The Harrimaeam went to work to defeat the first place Wilson team while the Bergland rink defeated Larry Cooper for the right to adva tc the championship final. Pictured above, left to right are Graham Houze, Robert Houze, Harriman and Brunt.

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–Marion Hall 14p

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Church Directory

Roman Catholic Churches
Rev. Father R.J. Chisholm
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

South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Sunday, April 9, 2006
10:30 a.m. – Joint Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, Palm Sunday Choral Cantata with Holy Communion
Thursday, April 13, 2006
8:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Joint Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg
Friday, April 14, 2006
10:30 a.m. – Good Friday Joint Service at St. Paul's, Morrisburg
The Rev. Norine Gullons
Office: 543-3154

Williamsburg United Church
Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Walsh
Minister - Rev. Isabel Black
Sunday, April 9, 2006
10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday Service
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The United Church of Canada
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Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Director
Lorna Casselman
Sunday, April 9, 2006
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
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Children's Chatter & Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Minister
Rev. John Noordhof
Office: 535-1882 Church: 535-2227
Sunday, April 9, 2006
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship Service
7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship Service
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10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
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Tuesday –7:00 p.m.
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Friday – 7:00 p.m.
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Evangelical Lutheran Churches
Sunday, April 9, 2006
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9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month
11:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity

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Developing a key destination

MORRISBURG – The Ministry of Tourism held a "Tourism Keys Workshop" to help tourism businesses and organizations develop the Morrisburg area as a key destination for travelers.

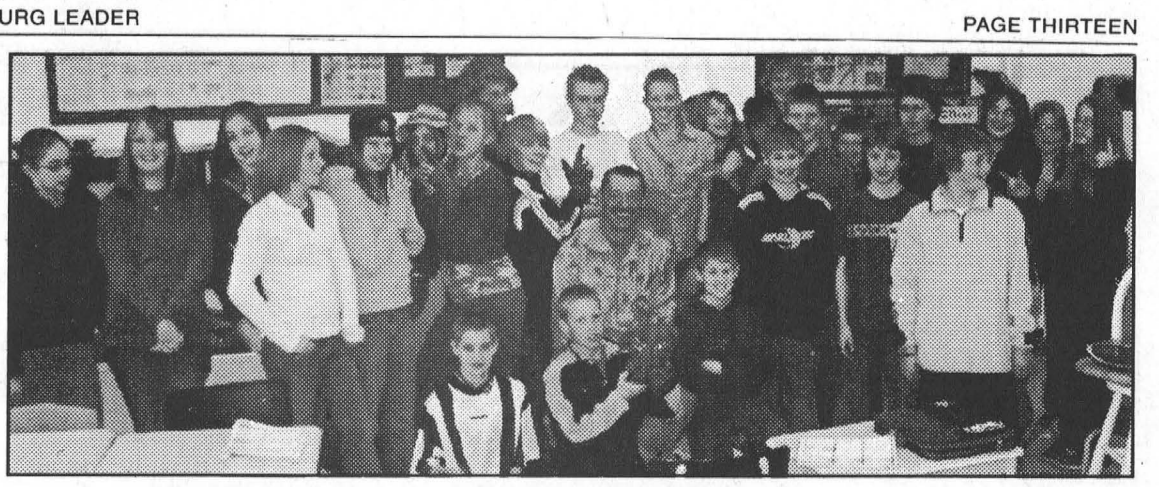
"Providing workshops to develop local tourism helps to build strong communities and assists in sustaining tourism related jobs," said Minister of Tourism Jim Bradley. "The Ontario government recognizes the importance of the tourism industry to Ontario and local communities."

"Tourism Keys is a one-day Customer Relationship Management and Internet Enhancement workhop designed for owners an managers of tourism businesses and organizations.

The session include identifying who your key customers are; features of a compelling web site to attract and maintain those key customers; identifying and understanding key words; and how to get your web site found through Search Engine Optimization.

Tourism contributes more than $21 billion a year to the Ontario economy, and supports more than 200,000 jobs.

"The Ontario Tourism Strategy identifies destination development as one of the five strategic directions for the Ontario tourism industry," says Bradley. "We are hoping to provide the necessary tools to grow businesses and attract visitors."



Captain Visits TCS
The grade 7/8 class of Timothy Christian School had the opportunity, Monday, to listen to and learn from Capt. Greg Poehlmann, Public Affairs Officer in the Canadian Army, currently on leave from duty in Afghanistan.
Photo contributed

Cornwall to host hot air balloon championship

CORNWALL–The board of directors of Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off annou-nced last Wednesday that the City of Cornwall has been chosen by the Canadian Balloon Association (CBA) as the host community for the 2006 Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships.

The bid, prepared in partnership with Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, was submitted to the CBS in late 2005. Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off and the 2006 Canadian Championship will be held in Lamoureux Park from July 13-16.

The local hot air balloon festival has previously hosted back-to-back nat-ional championships in 1996 and 1997. Cornwall Lift-Off was founded in 1994, and is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2006.

"We are very excited about once again being selected to organize and host the National Championship here in Cornwall," said Chris Savard, Festival Chair. "In addition to the significant recent growth of our festival, we have a proven track record with the CVA of hosting successful events. This will prove to be a recipe for success for the 2006 festival."

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Seniors Euchre at Williamsburg

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Yellow Cards were Ruth Casselman, Bob Dawson and Graham Pemberton.
Door Prize winners: Muriel Gow and Graham Pemberton.
Draw:Peggy Thompson (2), Doug Gow, Everett Froats, Harold Gallinger and Ruth Casselman.
The next euchre will be held Wednesday, April 12, and everyone is welcome.

Hospital receives major gift from Crowder Estate

WINCHESTER – Last Tuesday morning, March 28, Winchester District Memorial Hospital received a gift of $385,000 from the estate of the late Ben and Norma Crowder.

The cheque was presented to hospital representatives by Doreen McRobbie and Estate Executor, Dr. Chuck Adamson.

Funds from the donation will be used to purchase a PACS machine for the redeveloped hospital. The machine is used to transfer medical images.

On hand to accept the donation were Hospital CEO Trudy Reid, Chief of Staff Dr. Gerry Rosenquist, Foundation chair Terry MacLellan and Hospital board chair Bill Smirle.

Ben and Norma Crowder were well known in the local farming community for many years.

"The generous gift to the hospital that served their health needs is incredible and very much appreciated, not only by the hospital staff, but also by the community itself," said Hospital CEO Trudy Reid in a press release. "These community members remembered this hospital is a cornerstone in health care delivery and will be here for years and years to come. This significant gift will contribute to its continuation and its growth as we move forward over the next two to three years."

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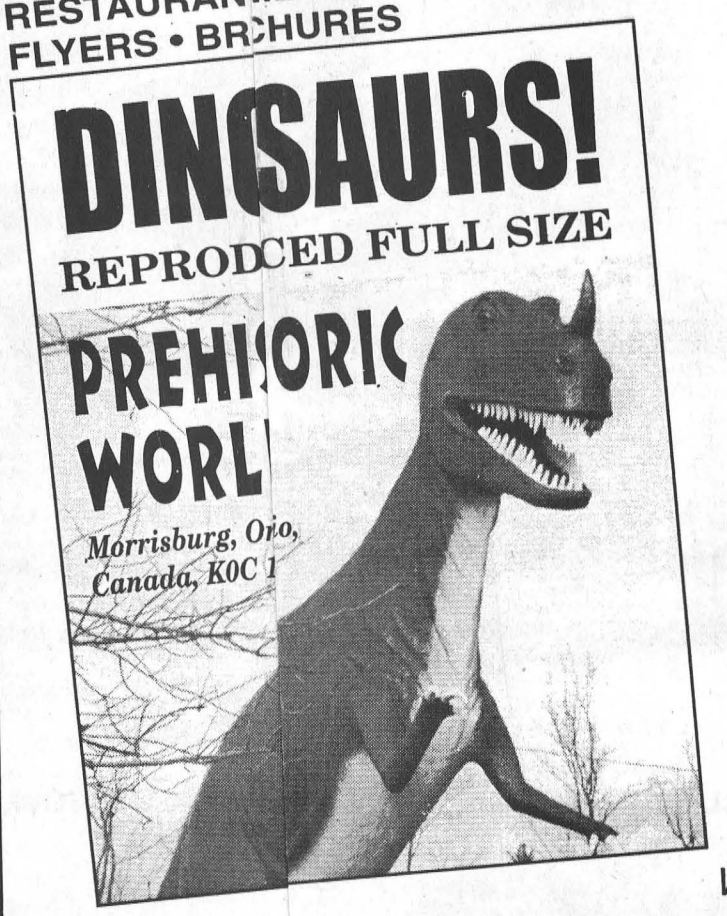

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Midget C Girls are 2005/06 champions

OTTAWA – Led by a shutout performance from goaltender Lorie Casselman, the South Dundas Midget C girls posted a 1-0 win against Kemptville here Sunday night to win the Ontario Women's Hockey Association Midget Tier 4 playoff championship.

South Dundas was undefeated in their four round-robin playoff games to earn the right to advance to the final.

The championship final was a nail biter as both goaltenders, Casselman for South Dundas and Ashley Stephenson for Kemptville, kept the scoreboard blank throughout the first and second periods.

Just under 10 minutes into the third period, Melissa Primeau and Christine Stewart provided the setup for Ali Tait who beat Stephenson for what would be the winning goal.

The goal ended a big season for Tait, who in addition to leading the South Dundas team in scoring, won the scoring championship for the division.

Casselman was outstanding in net throughout the round robin-robin playoff, giving up just four goals in the four games leading up to the final and ending it with the 1-0 shutout in the championship final on Sunday night.

The girls worked their way to the championship with an undefeated record in round-robin play.

They defeated Alexandria 5-2, Outaouias 2-0, Carleton Place 5-0 and the Perth Blue Wings 7-2.

In regular season play they had a 10 win and 10 loss record, and they won two of the three tournaments they participated in this year.



Photo contributed

Midget Girls Claim Championship Crown

The South Dundas Midget C girls finished their season Sunday night, when they defeated Kemptville 1-0 to win the Midget Tier 4 playoff championship. Pictured left, front l-r, are assistant coach David Tait, Jill Kirkwood, Cobie Wells (behind), Christine Stewart, Barb Tait (trainer), Ali Tait, Lisa Hey, Jessica Goulet, Courtney Keicks and Lynn Thurler (manager). Back, l-r, Brittany Lortie, Sarah Myers, Alexandra Walsh, Chantal Thurler, Lorie Casselman, Melissa Primeau, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Barry Keicks (coach), Brenda Primeau (trainer) and Kent Young (assistant coach). Kathleen German was absent.

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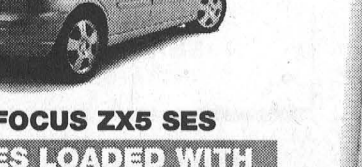

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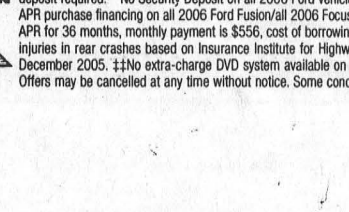

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