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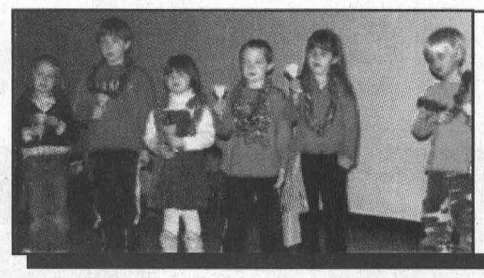

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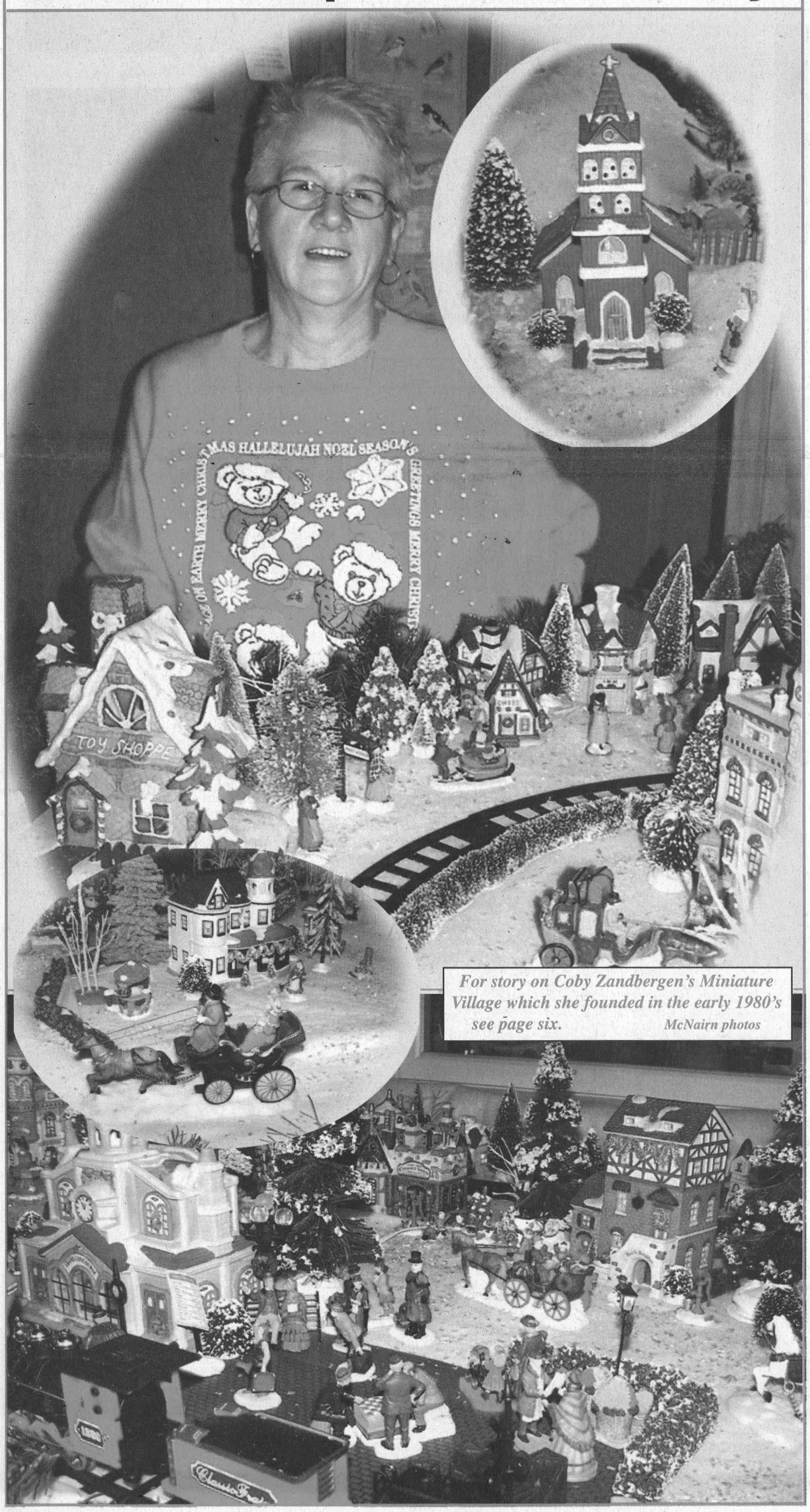
Zandbergen Village, is a festive stop for the holiday



For story on Coby Zandbergen's Miniature Village which she founded in the early 1980's *see page six.* *McNairn photos*

Shoreline work is delayed

MORRISBURG – A Morrisburg shoreline erosion repair project is one of the $228,00 worth of South Nation Conservation projects which will soon be getting underway.

South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald said yesterday that the Morrisburg shoreline erosion project has been delayed because of the weather.

When the ground freezes, Frank Ault Excavating will be completing the $55,800 worth of shoreline repairs. Half of the project is being funded by South Dundas township and the other half by SNC.

The projects are all major repair and erosion projects in the watershed, which were made possible in part by a provincial funding program.

Since 2003, the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program (WECI) has provided Ontario's conservation authorities a total annual allocation of $5 million, said Richard Pilon, SNC director of planning and engineering.

When matched with conservation authority and/or municipal funding, some $10 million worth of watershed infrastructure work is completed annually across the province.

"Many of our structures are older and require major repairs," said Pilon, adding that funding can also be used for safety assessments and structural studies. "The program makes repairs possible by covering 50 percent of costs."

"Prior to 2003, limited funding was available for minor repairs. We can only hope WECI funding continues to be offered."

The other SNC projects underway this year include the purchase of new stop logs for the Chesterville Dam, repairs to the dam's steel gates and log bays; and erosion repairs at the Casselman Weir, near Bourget.

According to Pilon, since 2003, SNC has submitted and received approval for repairs and studies totaling $662,000 covering the combined provincial and local contributions.

Although the weather hasn't allowed for the shoreline repairs to get underway, another repair project is currently underway at the Morrisburg dock.

The deck has been taken off the dock and Testerink Construction is working to shore up some of the support beams and level some areas which need repair. According to McDonald, this project will cost about $6,000 and again South Nation Conservation has funded half.

Local card design sent to thousands

DIXON'S CORNERS – Students at Dixon's Corners Public School had a special visitor to their school first thing Monday morning, and even though it wasn't Santa the guest did come bearing gifts.

Member of provincial parliament for Stormont - Dundas - Charlottenburgh, Jim Brownell, visited Dixon's Corners Monday, to present the winner of his second annual holiday card design contest, Tiffany Visser, with a gift.

Children from 15 elementary schools throughout the riding participated in the contest and Visser's original design was selected as the winner.

For the contest winner, Brownell had the original artwork submission framed and presented Visser with her framed artwork and one of the cards, with a personalized message.

Visser was thrilled with the presentation and says she will be hanging the artwork in her room at home.

About being selected the winner of the contest, Visser said, "I think that's awesome."

When she heard that over 2,000 people across the riding have received the holiday cards with her design on the front, she said, "That's awesome."

Janet Fowler's grade five students participated in the contest as part of their art class.

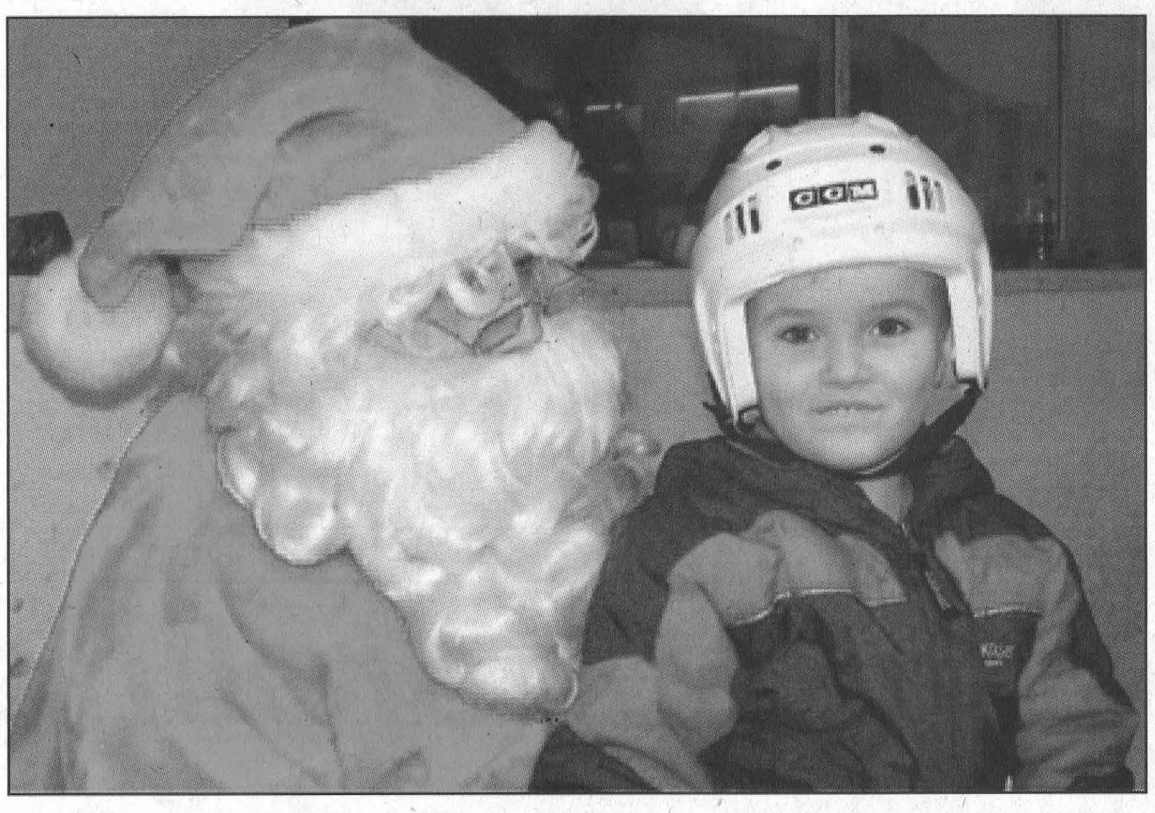
Visser said it didn't really take her long to complete the project.

What Brownell and the panel of judges in his office liked best about Visser's card was the inclusion of all of the words that go along with the holiday season in both official languages.

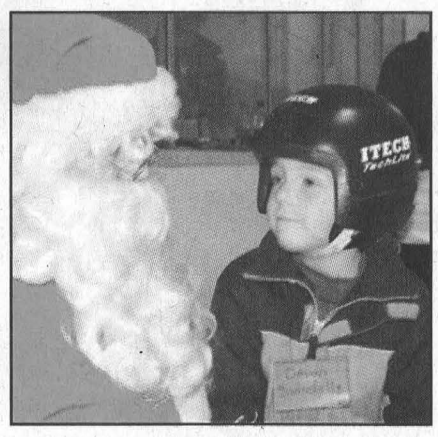
In addition to the gift for Visser, Brownell presented the other contest participants with certificates thanking them for their submissions and encouraging them to participate again next year. Brownell also handed out signed Christmas cards and a snack time treat for all of the students and staff at the school.

For related photos see page 12.

Those precious faces of Christmas



Naughty or nice? Sam Waytowich considers his answer during Santa's visit with the members of the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club Monday night



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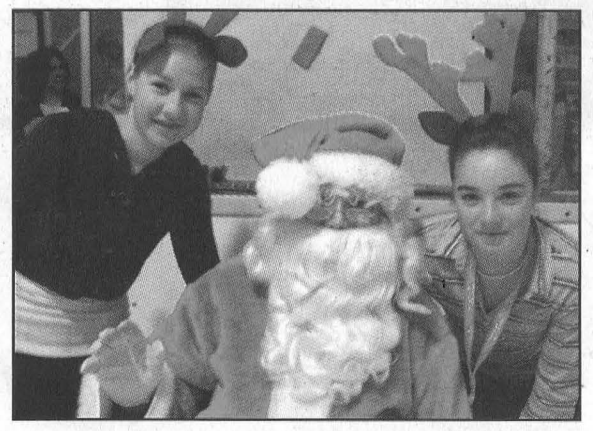

Kaila Van Hoof (left) and Katherine Lee



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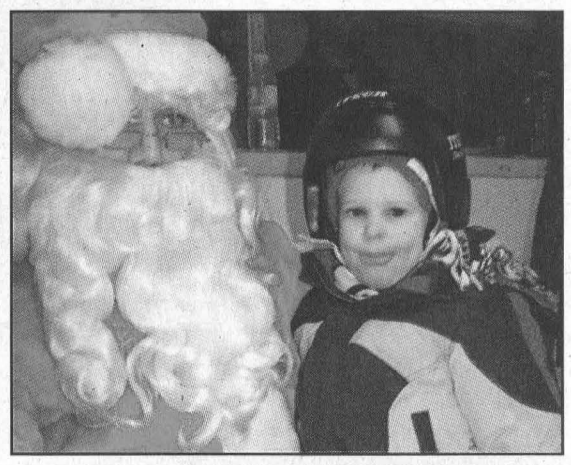

Colby Latulippe

SLSMC appoints MacGregor

CORNWALL – The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ian MacGregor to its board of directors, representing domestic carriers.

The appointment of MacGregor adds a key facet to the expertise present within the SLSMC's board of directors.

A lawyer with the firm of Fasken Martineau (and its predecessors since 1964), MacGregor's practice includes public financing, mergers and acquisitions, domestic and international joint ventures, and substantial work for various shipping companies. MacGregor currently serves as a director of several public, private and not-for-profit corporations.

Richard Corfe, president and CEO of the SLSMC, said this is MacGregor's second mandate as a director of the corporation - he previously represented the Province of Ontario from October 2001 to September 2004.

"We are delighted to see Ian rejoin our board for a new three year term," said Corfe. "His depth of expertise in the fields of finance and shipping will complement our existing resources, as we seek to act as a catalyst to spur new investment in Seaway-fitted shipping fleets, short sea cargo movements, and port infrastructure."

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Pennies for charity

This being the season of giving, the students at Morrisburg Public School collected pennies and Canadian Tire Money to help out local charities. The drive was held December 4-8, and from that drive, they donated $152.65 in Canadian Tire money to the Lions Club for angel tree gifts. They accumulated a total of $550 in pennies. Of that money collected $350 was sent to the Children's Treatment Centre in Cornwall and $200 was donated to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange. Pictured above, representatives of the classes which brought in the most pennies and the most Canadian Tire money, presented Carol Richer of the Christmas Exchange with a cheque. Pictured left to right are Aleisha St. Pierre and Nathan Cameron from Mrs. Beavers' Grade 1/2 Class, Richer, and Ryan Morrison and Clay Dumoulin of Mrs. Ennis' Grade 3 class.

Comfort photo

Police search Berwick home,

BERWICK – A 27-year-old Cardinal man is facing a number of charges after police executed a warrant in North Stormont early last week.

At 9:30 a.m., December 12, Project Paragon members, assisted by officers of the East Region Emergency Response Team and the OPP K-9 unit, executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrant at a residence along County Road Nine in the Berwick area.

Inside the residence officers found an indoor marijuana grow operation, from which 13 plants and over 100 clones were seized. Police estimate the street value at about $2,500.

Police also recovered a stolen Bombardier All Terrain Vehicle. The ATV was reported stolen in 2003 from South Grenville.

Police arrested Patrick Kroon. The 27-year-old from Cardinal was held in custody pending a court appearance in Cornwall, facing charges of production of a controlled substance, possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000 and two counts of breach of recognizance.

First week of RIDE initiative

SD&G – During the first week of this year's Festive RIDE campaign, which ran from November 29 to December 6, SD&G OPP officers conducted check stops at various locations throughout the United Counties.

Of the 917 vehicles checked police laid no impaired driving or12-hour licence suspension charges. They laid one charge which they call, "other related charges."

The annual Festive RIDE campaign continues until January 2, 2007.

Christmas mischief

IROQUOIS – December 17, local OPP officers were called to investigate damage done sometime overnight to a number of Christmas decorations at a private residence along Bay Street in Iroquois. Constable J. Pergunas is the investigating officer.

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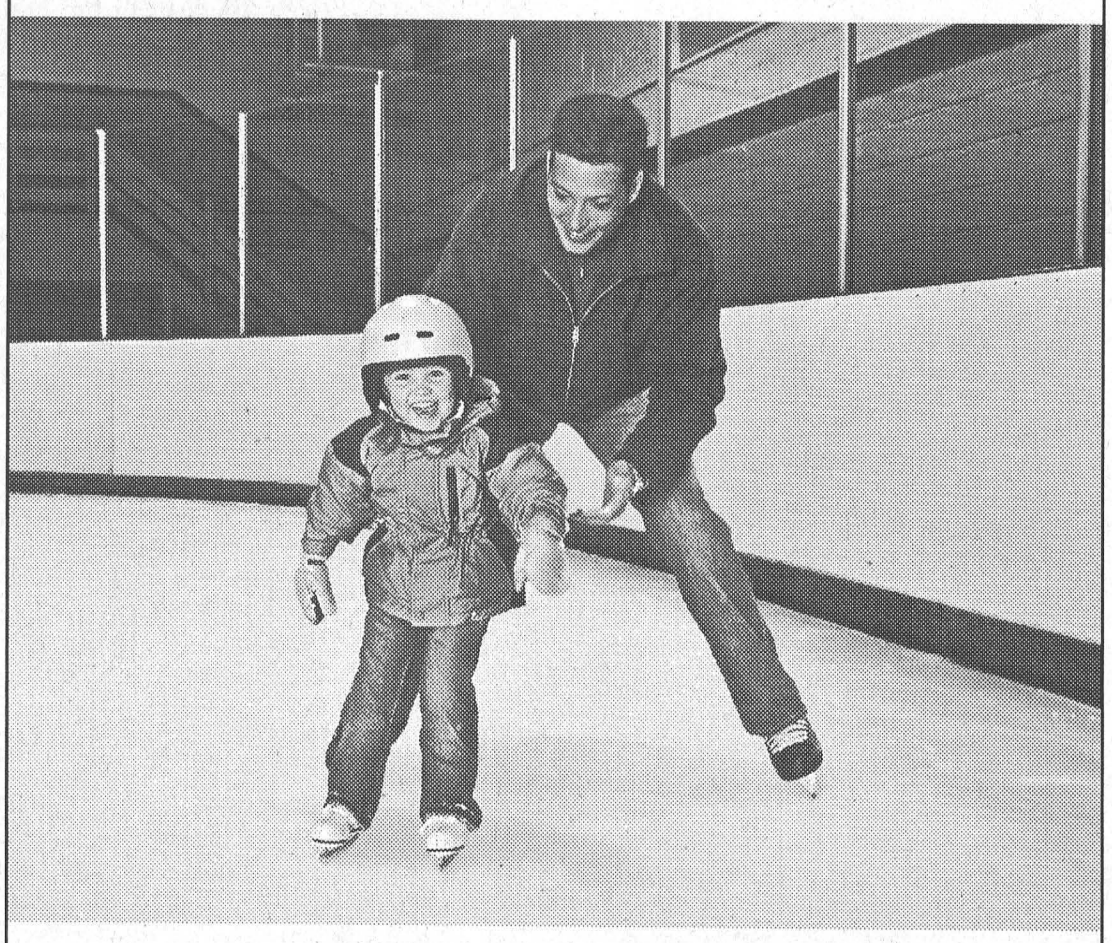

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Around the Township

Well here we are. We have finally arrived at our last issue before Christmas and our second last issue for 2006. My how a year flies by.

We do of course want to wish everyone...all of our readers, contacts and advertisers...a very Merry Christmas We hope that each and every one of you has a wonderful holiday with your families...eat lots, but remember if you eat too much you will have to resolve to take it all off come the New Year.

We also want to urge everyone to have a safe holiday. Christmas parties and get-togethers are a wonderful time, but if you are drinking don't drive. Stay safe.

For those of you who are still holding out for a white Christmas the long range weather forecast isn't looking good. It was reported on the news last night, that in order to qualify a Christmas as a white one, there has to be at least two cm. of snow on the ground. They are saying, at least at this time, that isn't likely to happen.

A trip around the various communities and roadways in South Dundas is certainly worth it. We did a little excursion to see lights...and my there are a lot of homes decorated...absolutely beautiful...even if there is no snow.

Speaking of lights, don't forget Alight at Night continues at Upper Canada Village. It is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas night but is open nightly at all other times until after the new year. This is a wonderful holiday outing for the entire family.

Be sure to check out this week's church directory for the times for the various Christmas services.

We encourage all of you last minute Christmas shoppers (usually men they say) to get going. Time is running out.

This is just for fun. The following word phrases if repeated, out loud, often enough and in a particular way are actually familiar phrases heard at Christmas time. Can you solve them?

Thistles eat son tubie jowl eek.
Apart rid chin-up hair tree.
Mill can coo keys.
Dawned rind hand arrive.
Bat tree snot ink looted.

Once again we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1996

The December 18 issue reported the Williamsburg Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation had received verbal agreement from council to sell, for $1, the property known as the DeJong property, west of the Park Lane Villa, to the NPHC for the building of a 31-unit project. The project was halted in 1994, due to government cutbacks.

The education conference room at Winchester District Memorial Hospital was named "The Dr. Duane Justus Education Room" in honour of Dr. Justus who retired from the active staff in June, 1995.

The Morrisburg outdoor rink had finally found a permanent home south of the old high school. The Morrisburg Recreation Association had been working on the project for a year to raise funding for the $10,000 project.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions, in the St. Lawrence Division's basement position, defeated second place Char-Lan 5-3. Scoring for the Lions were Rob Darling (2), Mike Heffron, Cory McAllister and Les Haggett.

1986

The December 17 issue reported that Premier David Peterson had announced that village lawyer Carlton (Mike) McInnis had been appointed vice-chairman of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

Expansion to the tune of $7.5 million had begun at the Kraft Plant in Ingleside. The expansion was part of a plan to expand the milk utilization equipment and whey handling capacity.

Pictured on the front page were youngsters involved in the Morrisburg Public School Christmas concert. Most notable in the picture was young Bobby Bird who in the middle of a class performance laid his head down on a bench and fell asleep.

For the first time in several winters, snowmobilers were looking forward to hitting the trails prior to Christmas. The Riverside Snowmobile was also getting ready with its newly-purchased Bombi trail groomer.

1976

The December 17 issue reported that longtime municipal politician, retiring deputy reeve Edwin Jones was honoured for his 35 years of service at a regular meeting of council. Jones had served the village for a third of a century. Tribute was also paid by Reeve Dillabough to retiring councillor Fred Hill.

On December 4, the Morrisburg Curling Club hosted the 73rd annual Founders Bonspiel.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions had played six games in the first 12 days of December winning five and losing one by one goal to Kemptville to move way ahead of the Prescott Saints in St. Lawrence Division standings. Doug Byers of the Cardinal Broncos was leading the division scoring with 42 points.

Morrisburg Council was being criticized for the lack of public skating at the arena on Sundays.

1966

The December 16 issue reported a classical ballet pantomime performed by students of the Morrisburg Little Theatre group highlighted the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Morrisburg Chamber of Commerce and held Saturday at the Civic auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duvall of Morrisburg announced the engagement of their daughter Constance Elaine, to Carson Edward (Ted) Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith.

The Morrisburg Combines moved into first place after a home and home series with the Ottawa Nationals in which they picked up a pair of 8-4 wins.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin VanAllen, well known residents of Augusta Street, Morrisburg, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married at Hastings-Sussex-on-Sea, England in 1916. Mrs. VanAllen was a Red Cross nurse and met the young soldier when he was hospitalized.

1956

The December 14 issue reported John Diefenbaker was the new Conservative Leader. Diefenbaker replaced the Hon. George Drew who had resigned a few months earlier due to ill health. John Diefenbaker (it rhymes with Studebaker) was chosen with a landslide of 774 votes on the first vote at the Conservative Convention.

Cpl. Ross Hummell, RCAF, was spending a leave with his mother Mrs. Frank Hummell. He had recently returned after two years of duty as RCAF photographer overseas.

Several high ranking hydro personnel were in the area to inspect the progress of the St. Lawrence Project. The group visited the diversion canal and closure area and the main powerhouse area. Inspection was also made of the Long Sault control dam and the Iroquois dam.

Natalie Wood, James Dean and Sal Mineo were starring in Rebel Without a Cause at the Picadilly Theatre in Williamsburg.

1926

The December 17 issue reported the musical comedy "Springtime" was to be presented at the Music Hall under the auspices of the Collegiate Institute. The production was to be staged in a professional style under the direction of Leona M. Artley of the John B. Rogers Producing Co. Edith Armstrong was playing Priscilla, Edna Pyper Primrose and Marion Coligan Mrs. Elkins. In all over 100 people were taking part.

There was considerable talk of the erection of a passenger bridge across the St. Lawrence River at or near the village of Cardinal and connecting with the Roosevelt Highway on the US side. As there was no bridge connecting the two countries from the Niagara river to Cornwall, all commerce was carried across Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River by boats which were doing a thriving business.

The Women's Institute was preparing to pack the annual Christmas Box for the Old People's Home in Cornwall. Items required were candy, nuts, fruit, jams etc.

A Christmas Prayer

Several years ago, Sharon Jaynes told a delightful story of a little girl named Mary Beth who found herself getting lost in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the pre-Christmas shuffle. Her parents were either too busy or too distracted to give little Mary Beth the time of day, and even though she offered to help, her frazzled parents could do no better than whisk her off to her room out of the way.

That night, as Mary Beth knelt beside her bed to pray the Lord's Prayer, confused, and a bit tongue-tied, her parents overheard her praying:
"Forgive us our Christmases
as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

It's a cute story, which begs the question: What priorities need to be rearranged in our lives before we can truly celebrate Christmas?

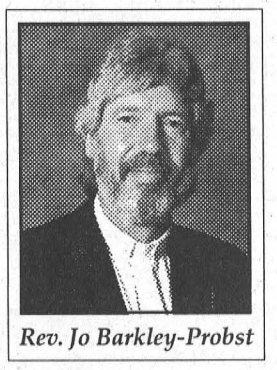
The story's author concludes that: "Perhaps Mary Beth's prayer was not such a great mistake after all. Many times we leave Christ out of Christmas. Many times our Christmas spirit is not of goodwill but of exhaustion, causing us to trample on our loved one's feelings. And many times we are so busy planning the birthday celebration that we forget to invite the guest of honor." (Sharon Jaynes, The Proverbs 31 Woman, December 2000, p.1)

Either way, it's time to slow down and ask God to restore the proper perspective.

We may valiantly try to make Christmas the most wonderful time for our families, our friends, even ourselves, but in the process of trying our best to make Christmas special or to find and give that perfect Christmas gift we risk losing sight of what God has already done for us in Christ Jesus.

In his book, Sacred Journey, Frederick Buechner claims that, "...to do for yourself the best that you have it in you to do—is, by that very act, to be unable to let something be done for you and in you that is more wonderful still."

It's time to pray for God's Christmas, not ours.
It's time to bow our heads and open our hands that God might have his way with us.



Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst

Perspectives

If we allow ourselves to get caught up in the annual pre-Christmas-mind-numbing-run-a-round from shop to shop to shop – *to shop until we drop* -- so that we come home to our loved ones -- a stressed out shell with little time to listen, and no energy to spare, then we need to take Mary Beth's prayer to heart and ask God to:
"forgive us our Christmases..."

But if, on the other hand, we've seen enough Christmases to know the true reason for the season, and yet we find ourselves getting cranky or just a bit disgusted with the crass commercialization and the constant pressure to conform to what our secular world claims as important and its advocates try to jam down our throats -- so that our displeasure with what's wrong surmounts our pleasure with what's right -- then maybe we need to take a deep breath and forgive those who have, in their folly,
"Christmased against us!"

Christmas is God's time to prepare a royal highway into our hearts and minds --
for the coming of Christ's peace and joy,
for the coming of the light and holy laughter,
for the fellowship of friends and family,
and for the silent nights of resting in God's love.

The wonder of God's Christmas -- the very best God has to offer -- can only be had as a gift.

So...***forgive us our Christmases, Lord;***
as we forgive those who Christmas against us...
and open our hearts and minds to receive Jesus -- your precious Christmas gift that we might sing:

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come!

Pastor Jo Barkley-Probst, Lutheran Churches of St. Luke's, Dunbar & St. John's, Riverside Heights

Fire investigation

NORTH STORMONT – SD&G OPP officers were called to the scene of a residential fire on Concession 3-4 in North Stormont Township, December 16 at 10:41 p.m.

Fire departments from Crysler and Anvonmore extinguished the fire.

The residence and its contents were severely damaged, but there were no injuries.

The fire is deemed suspicious and the OPP are assisting the Fire Marshall's Office in the investigation.

Letters to the editor

Lions seniors party much appreciated

To the editor,
Wasn't that a party!! The Morrisburg Lions surely know how to put on a good one. Not knowing how many to prepare for was no problem for them. There was plenty of food and drinks for everyone. The entertainment was most enjoyable. We are fortunate to have so much talent in this area and certainly fortunate to enjoy the hospitality and generosity of the Lion's Club members.
A sincere thank you.
Tenants of the Seniors'
Iroma Building

To the editor,
On behalf of the Seniors of Iroquois, we wish to thank the Morrisburg Lions Club, and all those who contributed to making the party they had for all of us, so enjoyable and wonderful.
We appreciate all your work, generosity and thoughtfulness.
The Good Companions
of Iroquois

Re-locate sewage treatment plant

To the editor,
The Township of South Dundas must consider this idea for the placement of the new sewage treatment plant for Morrisburg.
I suggest that the new plant not be built on the present site nor anywhere on our valuable waterfront property.
Some of my reasons are as follows:
1 - The sewer plant land that is now in use is on the waterfront, and the land is too valuable for a sewer plant that does not generate tax money.
2 - The land in question must be used in a special waterfront high rise condominium project complete with a boat docking marina. This project can be marketed as one of a kind, close to Ottawa and Montreal.
3 - The amount of taxes generated by this project would help pay for the cost of the new sewage treatment plant that is going to be built.
4 - The golf club could rent the lower back end of the tower for their clubhouse and another part could be put into a prestige restaurant that will also pay taxes.
5 - The new plant could be put on the land north east of the McIntosh Inn.
Signed,
Dick Kropp,
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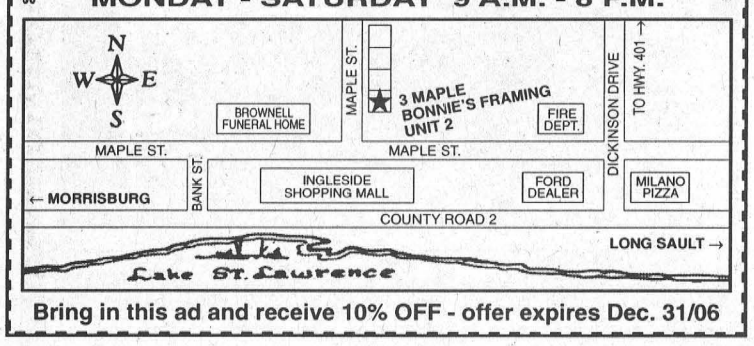

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Zandbergen Village brightens the holiday

BRINSTON–Welcome to Zandbergen Village located just east of Brinston in the Township of South Dundas. Founded by Coby Zandbergen in the early 1980s, this quaint village now has a population of several hundred people, and is a very busy, active community featuring the lifestyle of the late 1800 to early 1900s.

Every Christmas and on into the cold winter months, young and old alike are delighted with the miniature village display that greets them in the front porch of the Zandbergen home.



McNairn photo

Coby Zandbergen began to assemble her village in the early 1980s, when she purchased a miniature church. It's been growing ever since and what early on covered the top of a small buffet, has now expanded to cover two full sheets of plywood or about 60 square feet.

"I purchased my original church and it's grown from there," says Coby. "Some of the older pieces I've had to repaint."

Coby's village now takes a full week to set up and she leaves it in place until spring. She uses boxes, towels or anything she can find to create the landscape which includes a snow-covered hill. She also claims a very handy tool is her "kitchen tongs" which work great when placing the trees to the back of the display."

Her village includes most everything you would find in a period village...a train station, toy shop, bakery, coffee shop, apothecary, chimney sweep business, school, church and a wonderful assortment of houses all of which light up.

The town centre is alive with travellers, shoppers, delivery men, carolers and even a couple of chaps engrossed in a checker game. On the outskirts of town is the snow-covered hill, with skiers and tobagganers out for an afternoon of fun. A mountain stream empties into several ponds where you find ice fishermen and ice skaters and of course the ice crew cutting blocks of ice from the river.

Through the heart of it all is the miniature train which runs on a circular track.

Miniature village pieces can be purchased in different sizes, and many collectors stick to one. However Coby, has mixed sizes which she says gives her display effect.

"I put the bigger pieces to the front and the smaller to the back because it gives you the vision of distance. Some people think you have to do all one size, but that's not right."

Many of the pieces were gifts and hold special family memories for Coby. She points out the dogs that are in memory of family pets, and mentions her search for a Rotteweiler.

Although she claims, "it's just a hobby I've started," it is one that brings joy to all of her family and friends and one that will probably never be completely finished.

Coby is constantly on the lookout for pieces she can add and says the hunt is now half the fun.

The display provides a colourful and warm welcome to the Zandbergen home and provides wonderful memories for the Zandbergen family.



Christmas greetings to our troops

The congregation of Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle was recently photographed wearing their red "Support Our Troops" shirts for pictures which will be sent to Canadian forces serving in Afghanistan. Along with the pictures, the Tabernacle members are also sending special prayers and best wishes to military men and women who will be far from home this Christmas season. Copies of the congregational picture will be delivered to Canadian troops by soldiers now leaving for the Middle East. In addition, Reverend Duncan Perry is also sending a copy of the photo to General Rick Hillier, Canada's Chief of Defense Staff, in Ottawa.

Photo contributed



BMO Sponsors Alight at Night's Toy Train

Upper Canada Village's Alight at Night festival opened Thursday, November 30 for the sixth season and will run nightly until January 6 (except Christmas Eve and Day). The St. Lawrence Parks Commission held a reception for tourism partners and community sponsors who are a part of this year's event on the opening night at the Upper Canada Golf Course restaurant, which this year is open in conjunction with Alight at Night. Pictured above are representatives of this year's Toy Train Sponsor, BMO Financial Group, as they present a cheque for $5,000 to Commission representatives. Pictured l-r are Peter Watson (St. Lawrence Parks Commission chair), Peter Asquini (BMO area manager), Kevin Gabri (Manager/vice president BMO Nesbitt Burns, Cornwall), Dave Dobbie (Manager, Upper Canada Village), Jamie McMillan (Sr. vice-president of Ottawa Seaway District) and Katherine Scarlett (Branch Manager, Bank of Montreal, Morrisburg).

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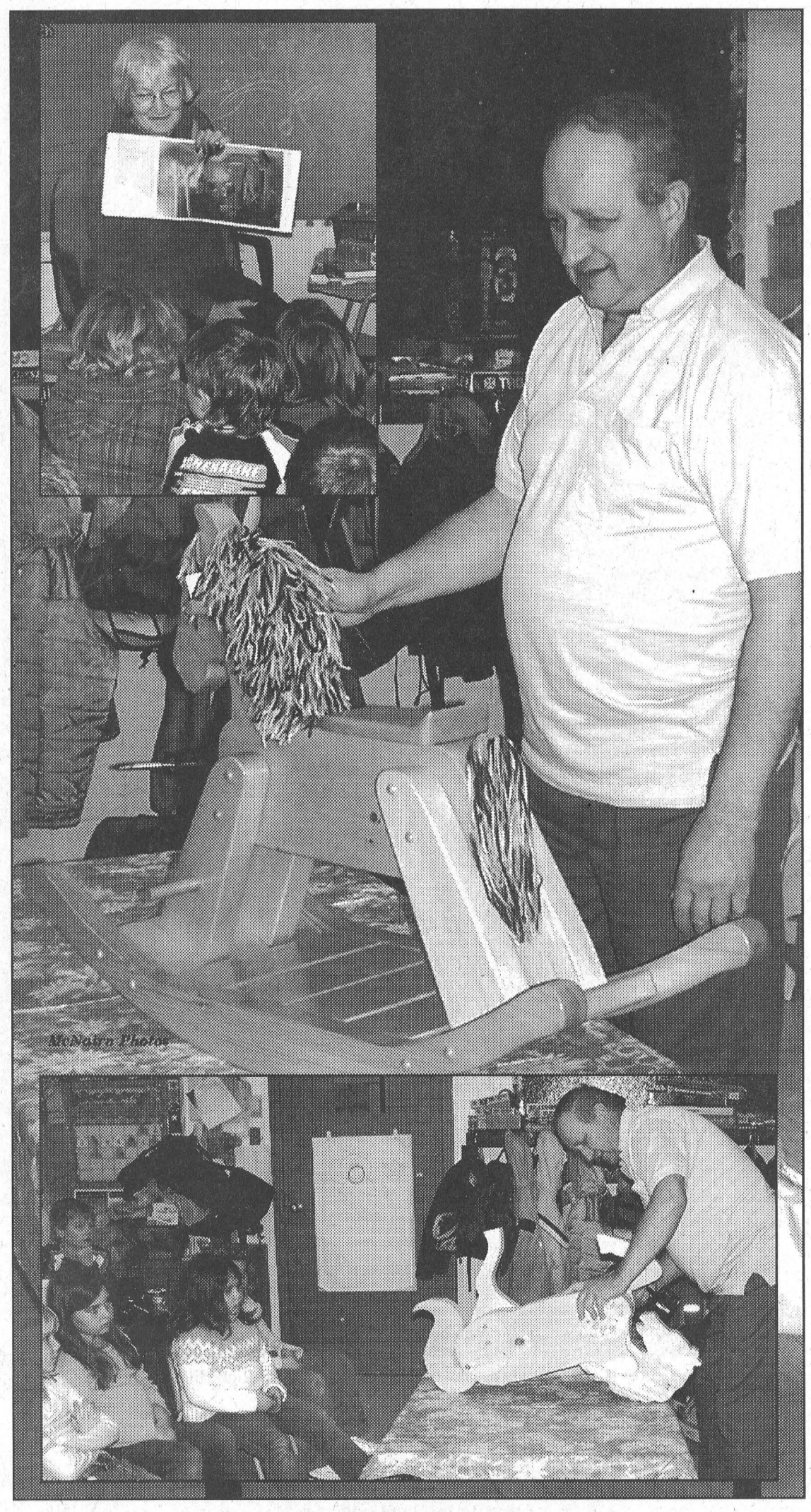
Merry Christmas to the Food Bank

The Dundas County Food Bank was the recipient of an early Christmas gift last Friday, when Krista Boyce of Krista's Hair and Tanning Salon in the Morrisburg Village Plaza turned over food donations made by her customers over the past few weeks. Krista was extremely pleased with the response from her clients who in return for a food donation received $2 off their service. "It was just something we did," said Krista. "We wanted to help out...and every little bit counts. I am grateful to my customers for participating." Pictured above is Krista (centre) with staff members Jessica Bedzra (left) and Tiffany Duvall (right).



Rockin' Around....

Just as they have enthralled children for hundreds of years, rocking horses were of special interest to Heather Eligh's grade three students at Iroquois Public School last Wednesday. Special visitors to the class were Frank and Aileen Main of Morrisburg who brought with them a completed rocking horse and another still in its construction mode. Aileen, a retired school teacher who taught kindergarten for many years in Elliott Lake, opened the presentation by reading a story about a special rocking horse to the very attentive students. Frank then assembled a rocking horses from pre-cut pieces he had brought along and displayed a completed horse. He told the children, that while he's "worked with wood all my life, I've been making rocking horses for about six years. My grandchildren are my test pilots. It takes about two weeks to make one horse. It usually takes about one week to cut and put it together and then another week to do the varnishing." He spoke of the equipment he uses, safety and his love for rocking horses. "You can keep them forever. You can give them to your children who can pass them on to their children." The first well-known rocking horse designs originated in England in the late Georgian and early Victorian times. Early on only the wealthy could afford such a luxury toy as a rocking horse, but during the industrial revolution they were produced in large numbers. The dappled grey was the favoured rocking horse and featured deep curved bow rockers until an American designer introduced the safety stand in 1880. The horse part of the rocking horse that Main assembled for the students on Wednesday, was the first of a new design he has developed. Pictured above, top left, is Aileen Main as she reads to the students. Centre, Frank displayed a completed horse and below he assembles his new design.

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Ag forum

CHESTERVILLE – An Agricultural Forum held by MP Guy Lauzon at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 434 in Chesterville, December 12, was well received by constituents.

About 100 people attended this opportunity to discuss what the federal government is doing to help farm families cope with a variety of issues.

Gerry Ritz, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, and David Anderson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, were also on hand to brief constituents.

Lauzon noted the importance of Agriculture in his riding and expressed his interest in strengthening communications with grass roots agricultural producers.

"It's very important to communicate directly with farmers themselves, to find out their needs, and to let them know what help is available to them. It's great to have influential agriculture experts like Gerry Ritz and David Anderson come to our riding to meet with local farmers in person."

Calls for service

DUNDAS COUNTY – Last week SD&G OPP officers responded to 80 calls for service in Dundas County.

Of those 80 calls, 36 were in South Dundas, 41 were in North Dundas and three were along Highway 401.

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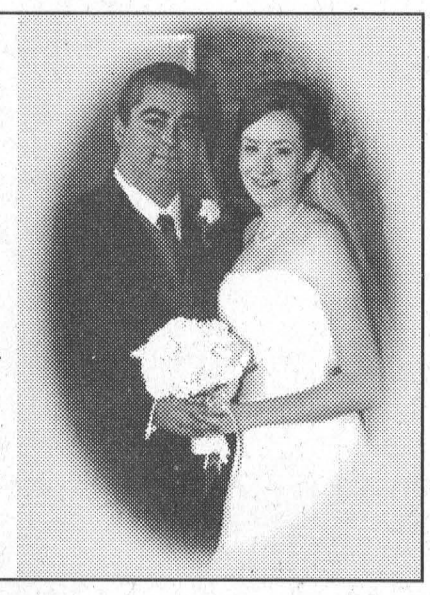

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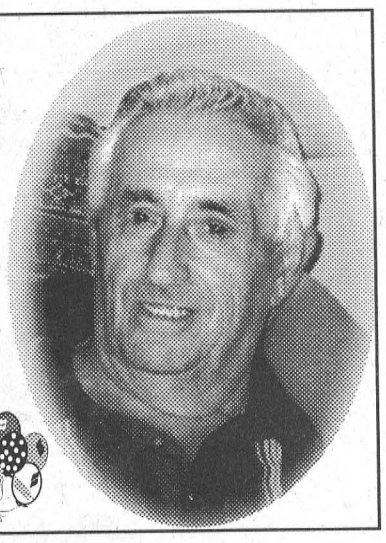

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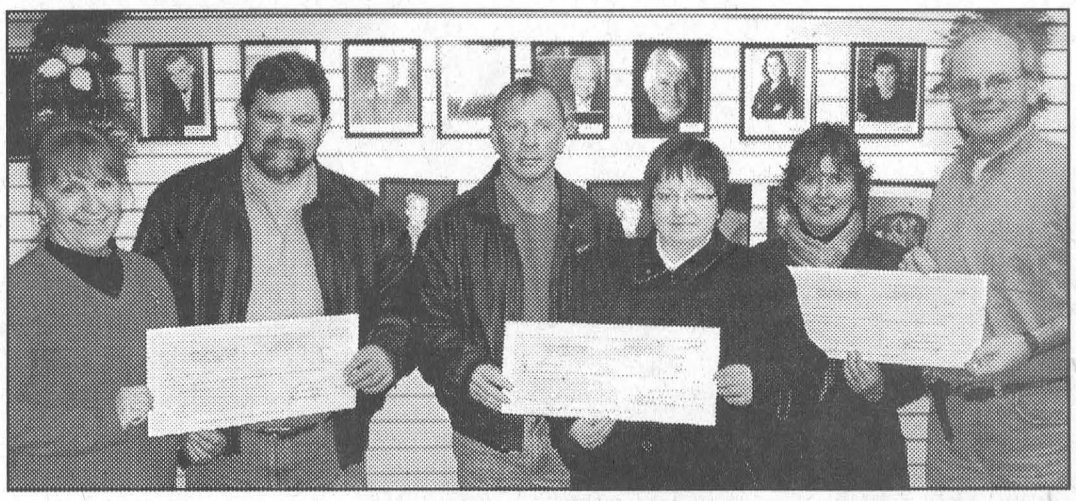

Playhouse Presents Cheques to Local Organizations

Five local charitable organizations received cheques for $1,450 each from Upper Canada Playhouse's October benefit performances of *Lucien Snowbird.* Representatives of Dundas County Food Bank, Naomi Resource Centre, Agape Centre Cornwall, Dundas County Hospice and House of Lazarus were on hand on Friday, December 3 for the presentation. Earlier in the season, an additional 19 charitable organizations shared the proceeds of a special performance of *Tom, Dick and Harry* for the 6th Annual Charity Fundraising Event at The Playhouse. This annual event has allowed The Playhouse to participate in the community in a special and meaningful way. To date The Playhouse has supported over 100 local charitable organizations by contributing over $40,000 to assist them with their important community services. Pictured above, l-r are Roseann Kelly, Playhouse Business Manager; Terry Muir, Agape Centre; Barry Fawcett, Playhouse Board President; Verna Leger, Naomi Resource Centre; Reina DeJong, Dundas County Hospice; Donnie Bowes, Playhouse Artistic Director. Brenda Millard chair of the Dundas County Food Bank and Pauline Pratt of the House of Lazarus were not available for the photo. ***Playhouse photo***

Two local students pass professional entry exam

TORONTO – According to just-released results, two local Chartered Accounting students - Bradley B. Casselman of Williamsburg and Cara J. Irven of Crysler - have passed this year's Canada-wide Uniform Evaluation, recognized as one of the world's most challenging professional entry examinations.

The UFE, written in September, is a national three-day evaluation that assesses competencies including essential knowledge, professional judgment, ethics and the ability to communicate. The UFE is an important component of the CA qualification program, which includes prescribed education, practical experience and examination requirements.

Only those who complete this entire program successfully are entitled to use the internationally recognized designation of Chartered Accountant, a profession known for superior financial expertise, strategic thinking business insight and leadership.

In total, Ontario UFE writers captured 10 of 60 National Honour roll spots and, of the 2,136 successful candidates in Canada, 884 were from Ontario.

Having successfully written the exam, upon completion of their 30-month experience requirement, Casselman and Irven will have earned the right to add the letters CA to their names.

"Congratulations to all of the successful Ontario candidates," said Brian Hunt, FCA, President and CEO, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. "Qualifying to become a CA is a very challenging process and the resulting career is rich in rewards and opportunities. I am confident that all of the students will make great contributions in their future careers and will uphold the high standards of the CA profession."

GreenField Ethanol launches its largest plant in Johnstown

JOHNSTOWN – GreenField Ethanol, Canada's leading ethanol producer, today officially launched its largest state-of-the-art ethanol production facility in Johnstown.

This 200-million litre per year ethanol plant will be GreenField Ethanol's largest facility to date. Approximately 20-million bushels of Ontario corn per year will be used to produce ethanol at the plant, which will be operational by mid-2008.

"GreenField Ethanol is truly proud to be part of the local community," said Bob Gallant, president and CEO of GreenField Ethanol.

"The Johnstown facility will provide 50 local jobs and an added boost to the area's economy."

"Both the Government of Ontario and the Municipality of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal have been very supportive of our business. That support, along with the fact that eastern Ontario is a major corn-producing region, made the decision to invest in Johnstown an easy one," said Gallant.

GreenField Ethanol runs Ontario Buy Direct, a new program that benefits Ontario's corn growers by encouraging them to sell directly to the ethanol plant and thereby improve their grain marketing options.

GreenField Ethanol, formerly Commercial Alcohols Inc., is Canada's leading fuel ethanol and packaged alcohol producer. The company produces 215 million litres of ethanol a year at its plants in Chatham and Triverton, Ontario. A third facility in Varennes, Quebec is slated to open in February 2007, and another plant is under construction in Hensall, Ontario.



Support our troops rally at Morrisburg Legion

"We wanted to send encouragement to our troops, to let them know people are really behind them," says Gord McGregor, president of the Morrisburg Legion. With other Legion members, he organized a rally and photo of over 40 area residents, wearing bright red **Support our Troops** clothing, at the Legion on Saturday, December 2. The photo and best wishes of South Dundas will be sent by air via Armed Forces transport to Canadian soldiers serving in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The Legion has had over 200 sales of the special clothing to date. Especially glad to be part of this group photo was Verna Salter, whose grandson, Private Matthew Allen, is serving in Kandahar until March of 2007.

NDP riding activities

SD&SG – The executives of the Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry Provincial and Federal NDP riding associations held a joint meeting on Tuesday, December 12, to plan their activities for 2007.

Rolland Seguin, president of the local provincial NDP riding association, and Elaine MacDonald, president of the local federal riding association announced that a local NDP membership drive for 2007 is now underway under the chairmanship of membership organizer Sylvie Lariviere. Membership renewals and new memberships may be obtained by calling 613-528-1636 or 613-933-8278.

Seguin reported that a candidate search committee has been established to find NDP candidates for the provincial election on October 4, 2007, and for the next federal election. The candidate search committee is composed of Trevor Tolley, Elaine MacDonald and Brian Lynch.

"Once the candidate search committee has completed its work, nomination conventions will be called," said Seguin.

He also announced that the Second Annual Tommy Douglas Dinner will be held, March 29, at Jazz Magnolia's under the chairmanship of Brian Lynch.

"The past year has been a busy year for the local NDP with the increased support for the NDP in the 2006 federal election, the success of the First Annual Tommy Douglas Dinner, April 27, with federal NDP leader Jack Layton as guest speaker, the Rock the Vote event in August, and the November 23, visit to Cornwall by provincial NDP leader Howard Hampton. 2007 promises to be even more exciting as we prepare for the coming provincial and federal elections," concluded Seguin.



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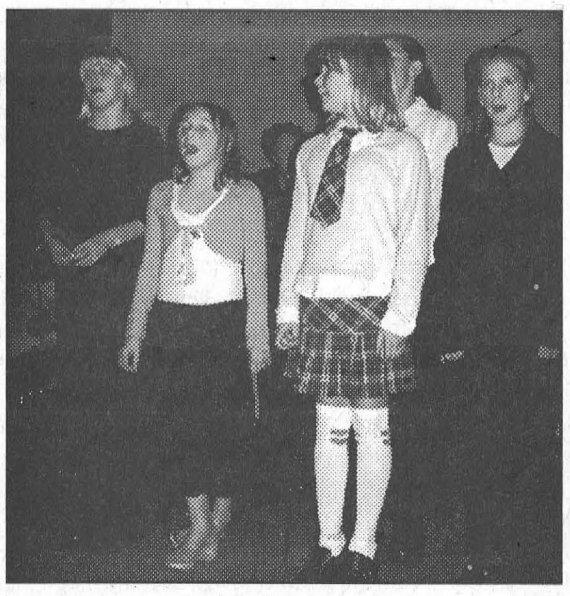
Lions serve a "merry Christmas" to seniors



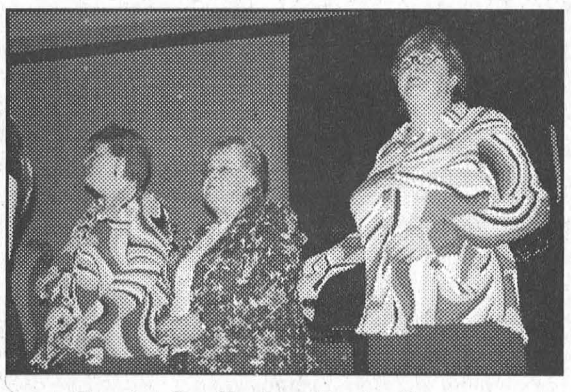
Don Miller of The Lions' Friends



Dan Edwards on Violin



Timothy Christian School Choir



Paula Gadbois, Marie Cowan & Sylvie Ryan

MORRISBURG–An estimated crowd of more than 300 area seniors thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Morrisburg and District Lions Club Christmas Party put on for their benefit at the Operating Engineers School east of Morrisburg last Thursday evening.

The evening kicked off with a social hour, followed by a lengthy holiday program, that organizer Glen Cunningham packed with local talent. From violins to guitars to some powerful and beautiful voices, it was an hour plus of toe tapping and sing-along to popular and well-known Christmas tunes.

The program ended with a visit from the jolly old elf in red, followed by a luncheon.

"This was just wonderful," said one area lady. "I certainly hope they do it again next year. It was very festive and it provided us with a wonderful opportunity to get out and visit with friends."

Morrisburg and District Lions member, Lawrence Larocque was extremely pleased with the turnout and most congratulatory to Glen Cunningham for all of his hard work. "We all pitched in and helped out, but Glen really deserves a lot of credit for this," said Larocque.

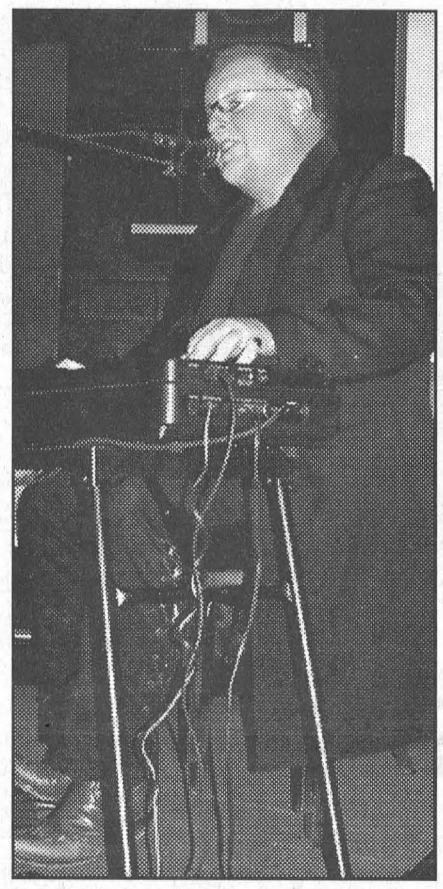
In addition to the Lions hard work, what impressed many was the number of talented people living in this area.

The Timothy Christian Senior choir, under the direction of Principal Gary Postma put the crowd in the Christmas spirit with their three Christmas selections. Next on stage was the family singing act of The Ryans who include Dan and Sylvie Ryan and Dan's sister Paula Gadbois.

Dan Edwards gave a beautiful performance on his violin, and he was followed by the Matilda Trio (Robert Thompson, Marc Beach and Bill Horner) and Friends (Don Morrell, Marie Cowan, Preston Gilmer and Perry Gilmer).

Calling themselves Friends of the Lions, Janell Moore, Earl Wood, Ann Marie Telford and Don Miller provided the final musical performance of the evening, and serenaded Santa onto the stage with "Here Comes Santa Claus".

It's been many years since the local Lions hosted a Christmas Party for seniors and word in the hall Thursday night was, that due to the success of the event and the large turnout they'll work on an even bigger event for next



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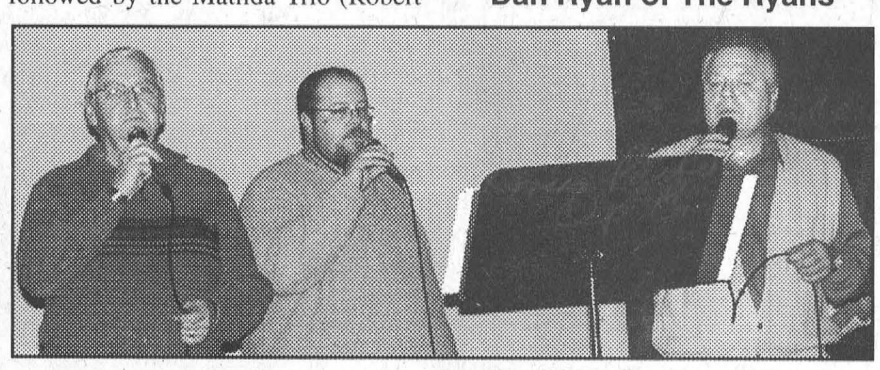
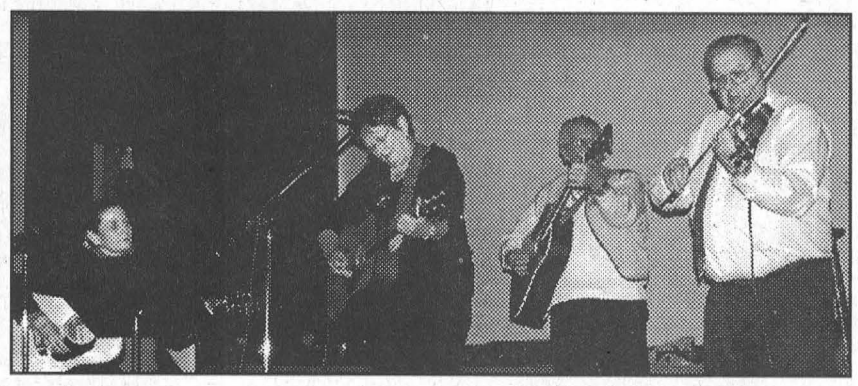


Matilda Trio: Bill Horner, Marc Beach, Robert Thompson



Lions Friends: Ann Marie Telford, Janell Moore, Earl Wood & Don Miller



Matilda Trio Friends: Preston and Perry Gilmer (not in photo), Don Morrell and Marie Cowan

Lions down Alexandria

MORRISBURG–Led by a three goal performance from Cory Gove, the Morrisburg Junior B Lions went to work on the first place Alexandria Glens here Sunday afternoon to claim a hard-earned 6-4 win.

Gove (assisted by Ryne Gove and Chad Galipeau) opened the scoring with a power-play goal to give the Lions a 1-0 first period lead at 13:31 of the frame.

The Glens, with 18 shots on net in the first period, were unable to put anything past Lions' goaltender Andrew Pearson, and the Lions skated into the second frame with the one goal advantage.

At 5:44 of the second the Glens' Rejean Leduc tied the game and two minutes later teammate Sam Ramond gave them a 2-1 lead.

The Lions came roaring back with goals from Ryne Gove (Chris Sommers assisting) to tie it 2-2 and Chris Ayotte on the power-play at 18:32 (assisted by the Gove brothers) to put them ahead 3-2.

Just over four minutes into the third period, Cory Gove struck for his second of the game with help from brother Ryne and Kyle Jarvis. This gave the Lions a 4-2 advantage, but the Glens are in first place for a reason, and it wasn't over yet.

Back-to-back counters from Marc Andre Fournier (power play) and Jean-Francois Fournier again tied the game (4-4) with just over six minutes left to be played.

The Glens opened the door to the Lions when they took a minor penalty late in the frame and allowed the Lions' powerful power-play line to hit the ice.

The trio of Cory and Ryne Gove and Chad Galipeau came through again, with Cory counting his third of the game to give the Lions a 5-4 lead at 18:16 of the third period.

The Glens pulled goaltender Josselin St. Pierre in the final minute, but the move was unsuccessful and Ryne Gove counted the Lions' sixth and final goal in the empty net.

The Glens pumped 45 shots at Andrew Pearson and scored one of their four goals on their power play. They were assessed 14 minor penalties.

The Lions scored their six goals with 44 shots on net. Three of them were scored on their power play and their final was in the empty net. The Lions sat out 12 minor penalties and lost their team captain Justin Elliott in the second period when he drew both a game and a gross misconduct.

Elliott will be out of the action this Friday night when the Lions travel to Winchester to take on the Hawks at 8:15 p.m. It is not known at press time if he will draw more than the minimum one game suspension.

The win over the first place Glens did not change the Lions fourth place position in the St. Lawrence Division standings, but it did slow the Glens down allowing the second place Hawks, the third place 73s and the Lions to play a little catchup.

Also helping the Lions cause was a pair of Kemptville losses to Char-Lan 3-2 and Winchester 6-5. This allowed the Lions to creep to within one point of the 73s.

The Lions have just one game this weekend in Winchester, Friday night. This game was rescheduled from last Friday.

Their next home game is scheduled for Friday, January 29 when the South Grenville Rangers will be in town for an 8:30 p.m. match.

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	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Alexandria	24	16	4	4	36
Winchester	22	16	6	0	32
Kemptville	24	14	8	2	30
Morrisburg	24	14	9	1	29
Akwesasne	23	6	14	3	15
Char-Lan	23	5	17	1	11

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Brockville	27	17	4	6	40
Westport	28	15	10	3	33
Gananoque	28	13	12	3	29
Athens	27	9	16	2	20
Sth. Grenville	26	5	19	1	12

OT- Ties & Teams losing in overtime one point

Results

Friday, December 15–
Akwesasne 3 at Alexandria 7
Gananoque 5 at Westport 3
Sth. Grenville 2 at Winchester 8
Saturday, December 16–
Athens 3 at Sth. Grenville 3 OT
Gananoque 7 at Akwesasne 2
Kemptville 2 at Char-Lan 3
Sunday, December 17–
Alexandria 4 at Morrisburg 6
Winchester 6 at Kemptville 5
Char-Lan 6 at Athens 7
Westport 1 at Gananoque 7

Coming up:

Friday, December 22–Morrisburg at Winchester 8:15 p.m. (Rescheduled from Friday, February 15.

Third period charge secures win for South Dundas Midget girls

OUTAOUAIS – The South Dundas Midget Girls won a December 15 league game in Ottawa.

The South Dundas team pulled out the 4-1 win in the final period of the game.

Outaouais' Myriam Charbonneau opened the scoring halfway though the first period, but in less than five minutes South Dundas' Stephanie Cochrane tied the game 1-1.

The game remained tied through the second period.

South Dundas' Ali Tait scored the 2-1 go ahead goal at the 10 minute mark of the final period of play. Only a minute later Lisa Hey added another for South Dundas before Tait scored her second of the game.

Earning the assists for South Dundas were Cobie Wells (three), Christine Stewart (three), Chantal Thurler and Tait.

Kings win at home

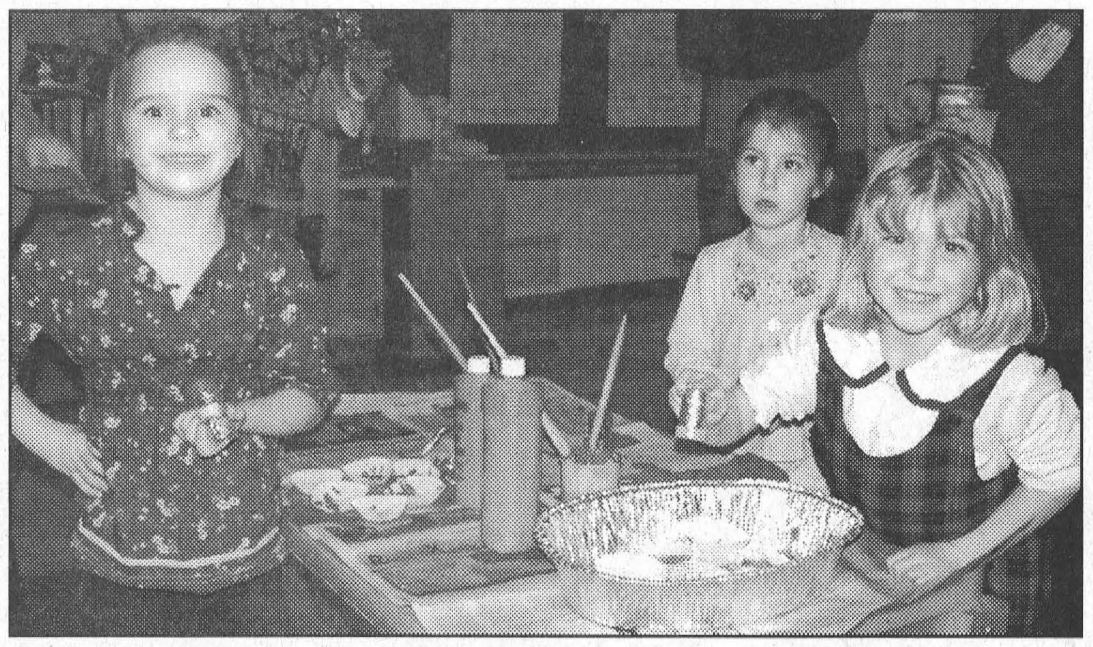
OTTAWA – Over the weekend the Rideau St. Lawrence Minor Peewee AA Kings scored a win and a loss.

Visiting the Ottawa Sting, December 16, the Kings lost 4-1. Jody Sullivan scored the Kings lone goal.

December 17, the Kings were on home ice against the Cumberland Barons. The Kings skated to a 5-2 win.

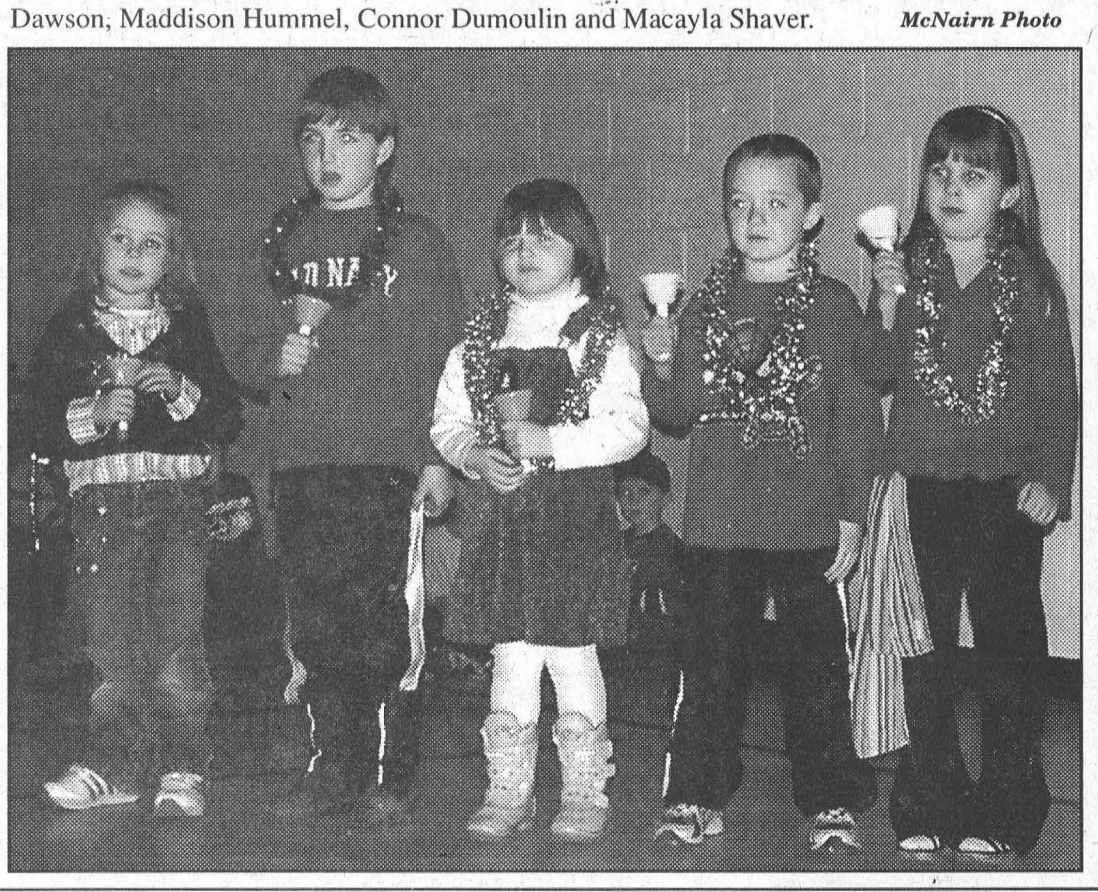
Scoring for the Kings were Marc Beckstead, Broydon Stufko, Nathan Todd, Dain Gourgon and Ryan Harper.

Beckstead, Stufko and Todd also picked up an assist each. The other assists were handed out to Dylan Bogie, John Kalivas, Daniel Monk, Jody Sullivan and Brett Vanstralen.



Celebrating the Holiday at Morrisburg Public

Last Thursday evening, students at Morrisburg Public School hosted their annual Christmas crafts night which featured a variety of crafts in the various classes along with some top notch, festive entertainment in the school gymnasium. Pictured above, l-r, are kindergarten students Morgan Hummel, Regan Belanger and Olivia Hart as they prepare to add some sparkles to their projects. Below are several members of Betty Lou Casselman's grade 1 bell choir as they ring out a Christmas tune with their bells. From l-r are Megan MacKay, Shawn Dawson, Maddison Hummel, Connor Dumoulin and Macayla Shaver. ***McNairn Photo***



The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – December has become a "friendly" month for our senior men. Their matches last week were in Winchester and here at the local club.

Teams led by John Lyon and Martin Schneckenburger dropped their games to Winchester foursomes, but Karl Duncan salvaged our honour with a victory. The ice was very fast and the heaters in the rink weren't working, so the morning was a challenge. The hospitality at lunchtime made up for it, though, and the men came home happy.

Cornwall dropped by on Friday, and six of our teams forced the visitors through ten ends of curling before lunch. Bob Bedingfield's and Don O'Brien's teams toppled one of the city's quartets, and Pete Zeran's and Raymond Benoit's boys did the same.

Curlers led by Mac Currie and Martin Schneckenburger were kinder to our visitors, and a pleasant lunch followed.

The senior men's league carries on over the holidays, with Sid Morrell's team in the lead.

The daytime mixed league finishes its first draw tomorrow and the winner will be announced at the banquet which follows.

A few spaces remain for Friday night's turkey bonspiel, with the sign up sheet in the lounge.

The January 6 Heart and Stroke Bonspiel has a few openings. Information may be found in the lounge.

At the time of writing, the first draw of the men's Tuesday night league had Joe McCooeye's and Steve Boucher's teams in a virtual tie for the championship.

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The Broder, the women's annual four club, two team competition, has Amy McCooeye, Ashley Cooper, Leanne McCooeye and Carol Dawley and Anita Cooper, Nancy Barkley, Carolyn Beckstead and Paula Locke ready to represent us next month in Metcalfe.

The younger curlers have a list of novice spiels posted in the clubhouse. Players are invited to sign up for trips to Richmond, Brockville, Prescott and Winchester. They will also send two teams to Winchester for the annual "Big Four" competition.

Dropping registration numbers, rightly, are a concern at any curling club. Seventy years ago, only seven men were registered here, and a father enroled his eleven-year-old son so that there would be two full teams for curling.

Mac Currie celebrates an incredible anniversary this year, as he continues skipping men's teams against men, most of whom were not born when he threw his first rock.

With typical modesty, this gentleman of the old school points out that his dear wife Alice started curling seventy two years ago in Western Canada. Mac met and eventually married this charming woman, persuading her to move back east with him. Our best wishes to you, Mac. May you have many more years playing the game you love so well.

Some of the best female curlers in Canada were competing in Ottawa over the weekend. A tip of the hat to one of them, a new third for a rink from Nova Scotia. Colleen James didn't stay retired for long. We hope she keeps curling for years to come.

That's it for this year. Happy holidays, and good curling to all!

Spartan's Scrawl

by Matthew Goodmurphy
Student Reporter

IROQUOIS – This week, Seaway will see the end of a series of fun-filled spirit days with the last installment, the annual Charity Christmas Concert. Scheduled for Friday, December 22, this yearly showcase of Seaway talent will feature performances by student and school bands as well as skits and dramatic performances by some of Seaway's finest.

Auditions started last week, and a slew of talented groups and individuals have already been chosen for this year's event. "We've had a lot of performers sign up this year," says Student Council President Nick Ault. "I think we're going to have a really great concert."

As usual, all proceeds from the concert will be donated to the local food bank, and students have been encouraged to make donations of non-perishable food items along with their monetary contribution.

In past years, the concert has raised over $1,000 on behalf of students at Seaway, and the members of the Student Council are hoping to do even better than that this year.

Other fun events over the past few weeks have included several themed spirit days including "duct-tape day", where students designed accessories and full costumes solely out of duct tape. To encourage students to participate, Seaway's principal Roy Lalonde even dressed himself in an entire suit made of duct tape, complete with tie and sport jacket. The call went out to students who thought they could beat him, and at the end of the day, student Nathan Bygot was declared winner. His costume featured a tuxedo and top hat made of duct tape, as well as a stylish cane.

Other spirit days have included "hick day", where students dug into their closets to find plaid jackets and hunting boots, as well as "fashion disaster day" -- a Seaway first. This fun new day challenged students to make a statement by wearing the worst possible combinations. Many chose the 80's route, bringing back fashion disasters from those older days, while several headed down a more contemporary path, poking fun at recent fashion trends by sporting them in unusual combinations.

In all, Student's Council has enjoyed great success with these initiatives and are eager to continue to plan fun events for the students of Seaway.

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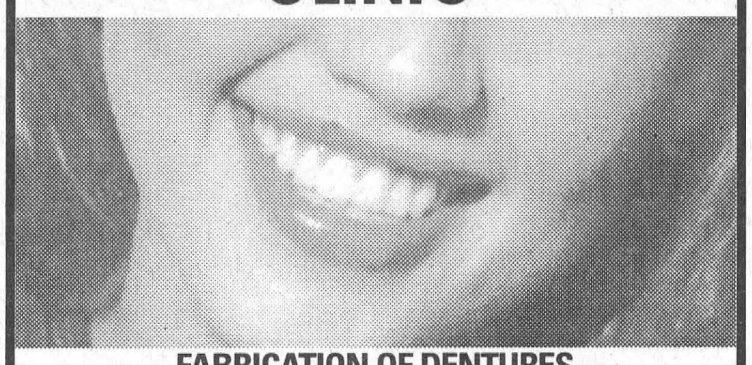

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Atom Kings shutout Cobras

HAWKESBURY – The Major Atom AA Kings were in Hawkesbury for a league game, December 16.

The Kings shutout the Eastern Cobras 9-0.

Connor Merkley and Eric Cornel each scored a hat-trick for the Kings. Single goals were scored by Tanner Hummel, Michael Murray and Jayson Brown.

Picking up assists were Connor Merkley, Eric Cornel, Owen Gill, Jordan Smail, Michael Murray, Jayson Brown, Brandon Prophet and Jordan St-Louis.

Nick Servage was the goalie who earned the shutout.

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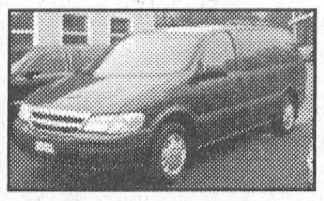

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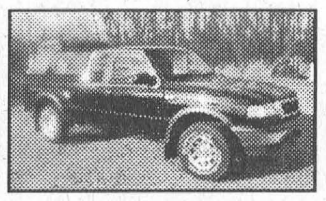

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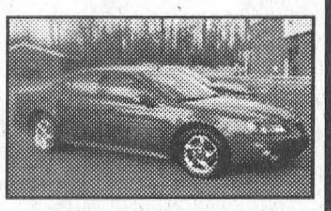

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Midget B Rep Lions win

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Minor Midget B Rep Lions hosted the Alexandria, December 9, and scored a 6-1 win on home ice.

The Lions led 4-0 by the end of the first period, led by a three goal effort from Andrew Hutt. Jay Keller also scored in the opening period.

Rounding out the Lions scoring in the second period were Connor Hodgson and Keller who added his second goal of the game.



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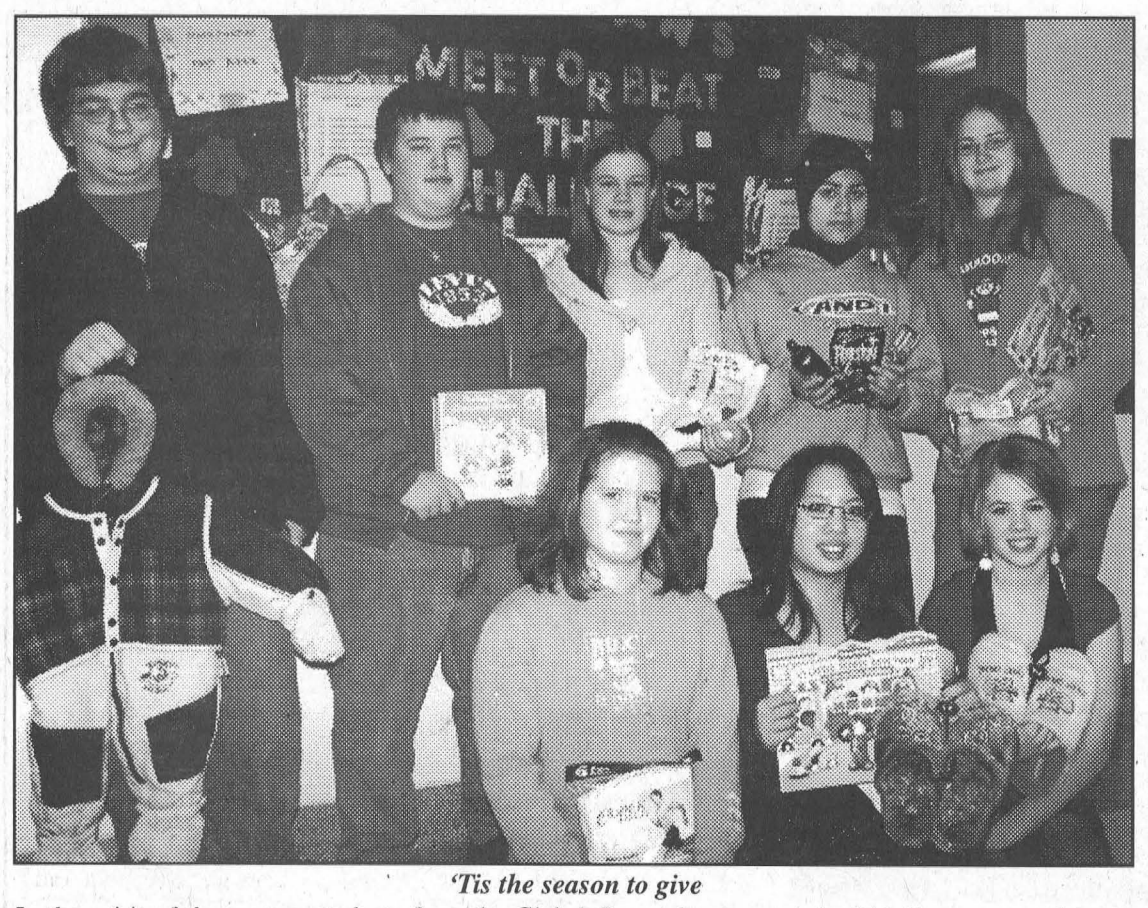


'Tis the season to give

In the spirit of the season, students from the Global Outreach team and the PALS program at Seaway issued a special challenge to school MSIP classes to collect food and goods for the South Dundas Food Bank and Naomi House. The response from fellow students was wonderful. Team members and class representatives pictured above are, back row, l-r, Colby Gudlagsson, Chris Brown, Mallery Gilmer, Maryam Hanari and Jillian Toonders. In front, l-r, are Bailey Hollister, Katherine Choi and Brittany Durette. Missing when the photo was taken was Kayleigh Hallam. *Gibb photo*

Helping the needy

Seaway students meet, then beat, the challenge

IROQUOIS – For the last three weeks, many students at Seaway District High School have been bringing in canned food and other needed items to collection boxes set up in their MSIP periods.

These donations will soon be used to create Christmas baskets which may, in turn, make this holiday season just a little happier for some of the citizens of South Dundas.

"Naomi House and the South Dundas Christmas Exchange are both very worthwhile organizations in our area," said teacher Brenda Como. "Our kids are learning to support local needs, and to make a difference in the lives of people in this community."

Ms. Como, along with fellow Seaway teachers Sharon Last and Lauren Clark, spearheaded the drive through two school organizations, Global Outreach and PALS.

Global Outreach had previously collected and sent out 117 shoe boxes for kids around the world, but they were more than eager to extend their efforts to helping the 2006 Christmas Exchange. Joining them in the drive was the Peer Advisory and Leadership Support group (PALS) in the school.

Global Outreach and PALS issued a challenge to each MSIP class at Seaway to bring in the most items for the drive.

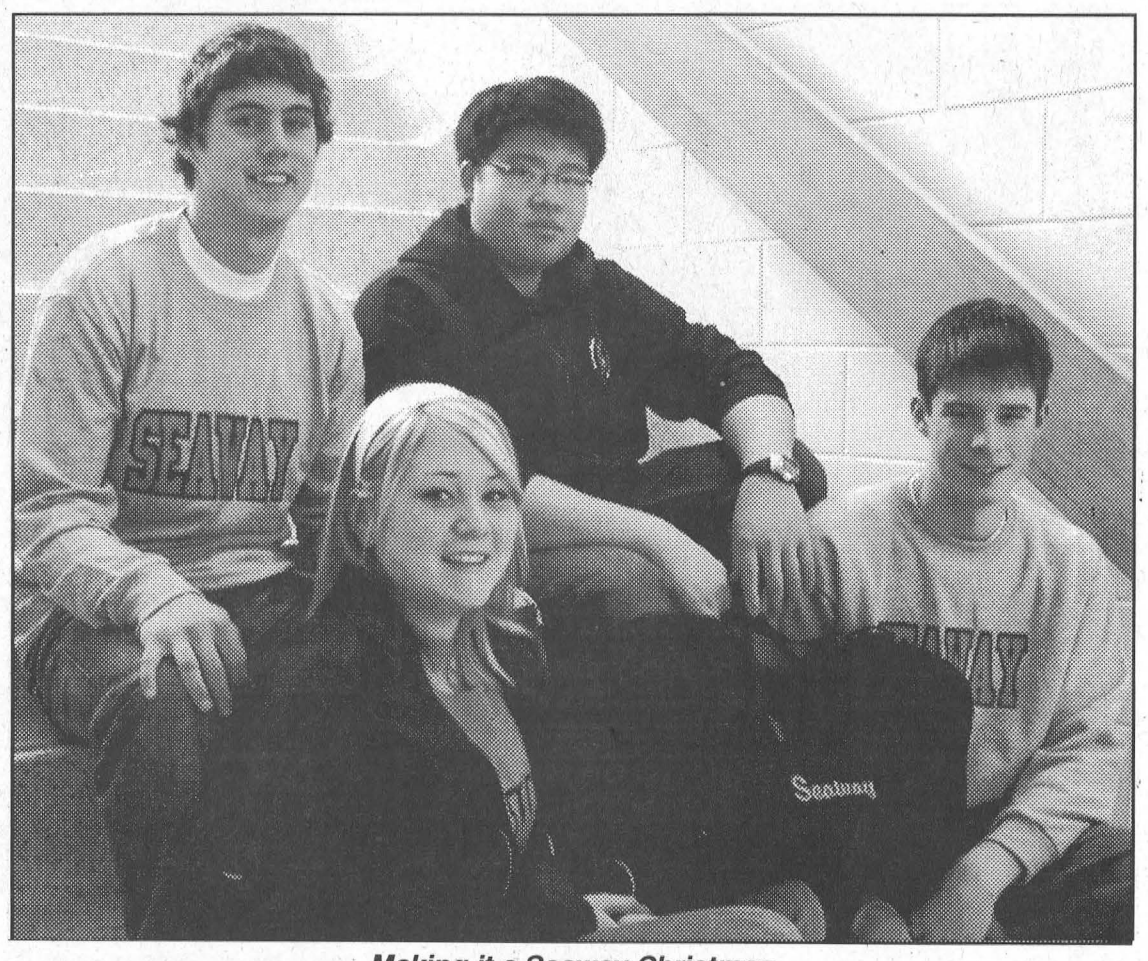
"We contacted Naomi House and the South Dundas Exchange to find out what items were most needed," Como explained. "They asked us for canned goods, and personal hygiene products. We also collected mittens, socks, slippers and books for small children."

Because this was a challenge, MSIP classes were awarded points for their donations. Forty points was the minimum contribution. The four classes which tied for first place in the challenge each brought in over 100 points.

The MSIP classes of Mrs. Iwachniuk, Ms. Como, Ms. Grant and Mrs. Thompson will all share in the grand prize Wednesday, December 20, of a movie and popcorn party courtesy of the school.

"Seaway students brought in 523 food items, 87 pairs of mittens and six full boxes of toiletries," Como said. "We were thrilled with their generosity."

Asked why he got involved, grade 12 student Colby Gudlagsson, who personally contributed nearly $50 worth of goods to the challenge, said simply, "This kind of effort really makes a difference to people."



Making it a Seaway Christmas

The Seaway District High School Parents Council is selling special Seaway Spartan athletic wear and clothing as part of its fundraising efforts. Hoodies, windbreakers, sweat shirts, T-shirts and duffel bags bearing the Seaway logo are all available. Proceeds from the clothing sales are used by the Council to help support school activities and events. Seaway wear makes terrific Christmas gifts as is evident from these stylish students. In front are Hayley Carr and Kurtis Merkley, while Bret Avery and Frank Choi, Students' Council Treasurer, pose behind. Contact 613-543-4212 for information. *gibb photo*

Tips for Union Gas customers

CHATHAM – Sooner or later, the ice and snow are going to return to South Dundas with a vengeance. When that happens, Union Gas has some advice for home owners.

Keep gas meter and vent pipes clear of snow and ice. This helps ensure that both the meter and a customer's natural gas appliances function properly, and allows the gas company to gain an accurate reading from the meter.

Remove snow and ice build up around a vent or the meter with a brush or broom. Don't shovel around either with a sharp instrument. And never kick a gas meter or vent pipe in an effort to loosen ice or snow.

Be careful when shoveling or blowing away snow around a meter or vent. And don't hit the equipment with a snow blower.

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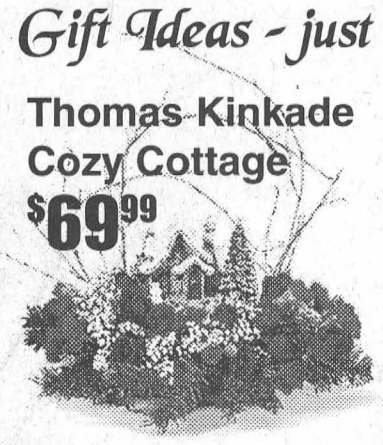

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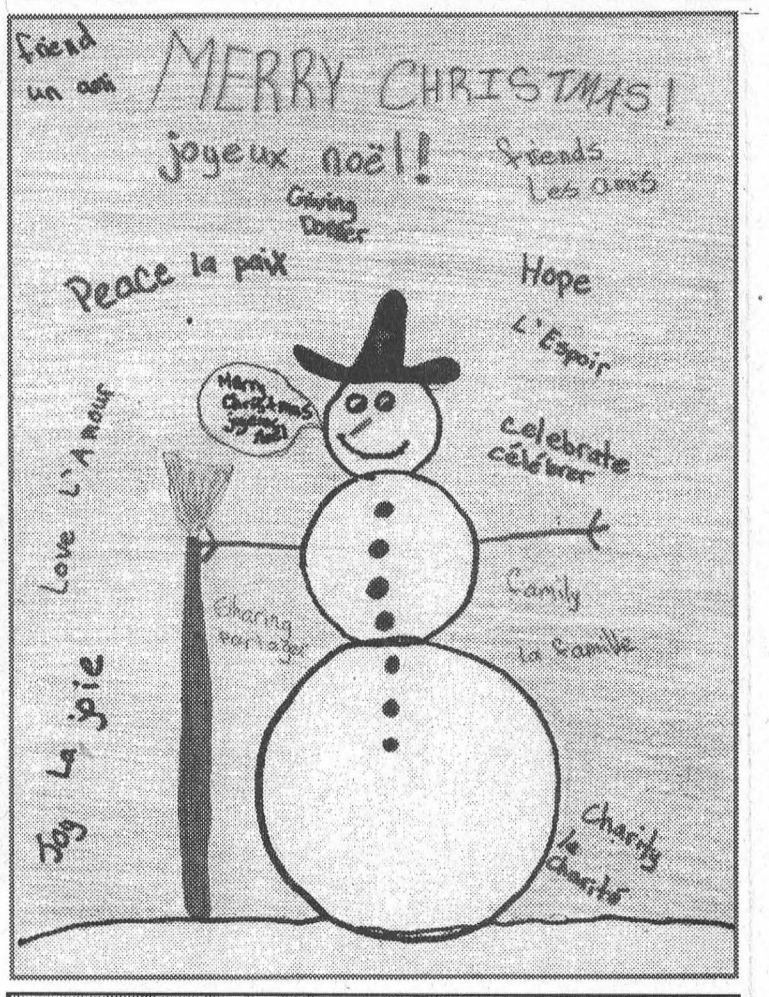
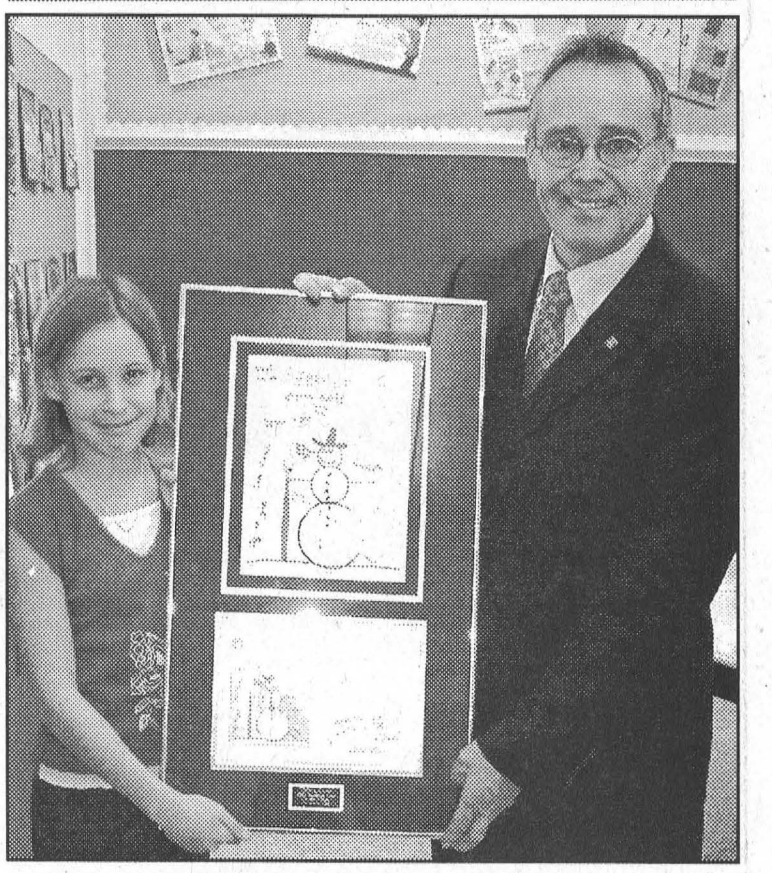
Peter Oliver, Canadian Tire and staff support continues

When Canadian Tire dealer Peter Oliver came to Morrisburg, he started supporting the South Dundas Food Bank and as soon as he learned about the work of the South Dundas Christmas Exchange he jumped on board as a supporter. This year the staff opted to make a donation to these charities in lieu of exchanging gifts. Through that initiative they raised $200 for each of the two charities. Oliver then matched their donations and then the Foundation for Families double matched to total thus providing $1,200 to each of the two charities. Oliver said that he opted to support these charities because they impact a wide body of people. He hopes that the new dealer coming into the store will continue to support the community. Marilyn Byers, of the Dundas County Food Bank, thanked Oliver for the support he has continually provided to the food bank over the years. "Peter and his wife Tracy and the staff at Canadian Tire have always supported us. It has been a joy working with him and I know the other people on the board have enjoyed working with him too," said Byers. Carol Richer of the South Dundas Christmas Exchange said that they have appreciated all the support they have received from Canadian Tire and its staff. "We'll miss Peter. We also look forward to the continued support of Canadian Tire in meeting the needs of the community." This year the Christmas Exchange has 166 families and between 20 and 25 singles needing help this holiday season. That number is down over previous years. On the other hand the numbers at the food bank are up. According to Byers the need has increased seven percent in Morrisburg and 13 percent in Winchester. **Comfort photo**





Artwork shared with thousands

Winner of the second annual Jim Brownell Christmas card design contest, Tiffany Visser (pictured left), was the guest of honour at a special assembly at her school Monday morning. As a prize for winning the contest Brownell had Visser's design (pictured top) and a card with a special message framed. **Comfort photo**

Holiday season fire safety tips

TORONTO – Ontario's new Fire Marshal is urging families to be especially vigilant about fire safety over the holiday season, which is one of the deadliest times of the year for home fires.

"This is a very busy time for many people and it's easy to get distracted or forgetful," said Fire Marshal Patrick Burke. "All it takes is for a pot to be left on the stove, or a candle left burning unattended, and the family's holiday celebrations go up in smoke."

"People really need to pay attention to potential fire hazards in their home," said Burke. "Cooking, smoking, candles and heaters can all present fire risks and need to be monitored."

"I would also like to remind everyone about the law requiring working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas," continued Burke. "Take a few minutes to test your smoke alarms and install new batteries, if needed."

Between November 1, 2005 and January 31, 2006, 24 Ontarians lost their lives in preventable home fires. Research indicates that over 90 percent of residential fires are preventable.

Enjoy a safe holiday season by following these tips from the office of the Fire Marshal:

- Cooking is a major cause of home fires, so don't leave the kitchen if there's something cooking on the stove. If a pot catches fire, don't try to move it. Cover the pot with a lid to smother the flames and turn off the burner.
- If the smoke alarm activates when you're cooking, do not remove the batteries. Try moving the smoke alarm, or install an alarm with a hush feature.
- Lit candles should be placed in sturdy candle holders that won't tip and covered with a glass shade. Candles should be situated away from children, pets and combustible items.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Drink responsibly and keep an eye on those who do not. Excessive alcohol consumption is a contributing factor in many residential fires.

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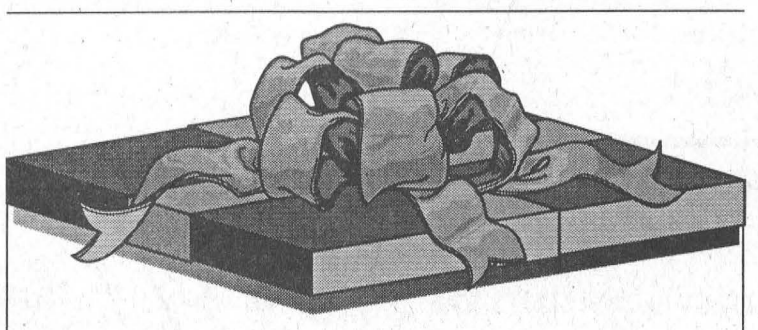
Wedding is planned for June 2007, at Brinston United Church.

PORTRAITS BY CHRISTINE ENDICOTT



Thank You!

Morrisburg, Williamsburg & Area

Once again the spirit of the Community has been demonstrated through the overwhelming support of the 2006 Christmas Angel Tree. Requests were down about 25% this year and we hope that reflects a more buoyant area economy than in the past.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Morrisburg Br. 48 Legion, Morrisburg Canadian Tire, South Williamsburg Township Recreation Association and McGillis Home Hardware must be sincerely thanked for their contributions to the program. As well, Darlene Phifer again organized a coincidental Angel Tree on behalf of the employees at Beavers Dental/SDS Kerr. Also a big thank you goes out to students at Morrisburg Public School who had a special fundraising event. And again, we extend our appreciation to the local branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia and Bank of Montreal in Morrisburg and Your Credit Union in Williamsburg for the use of their locations.

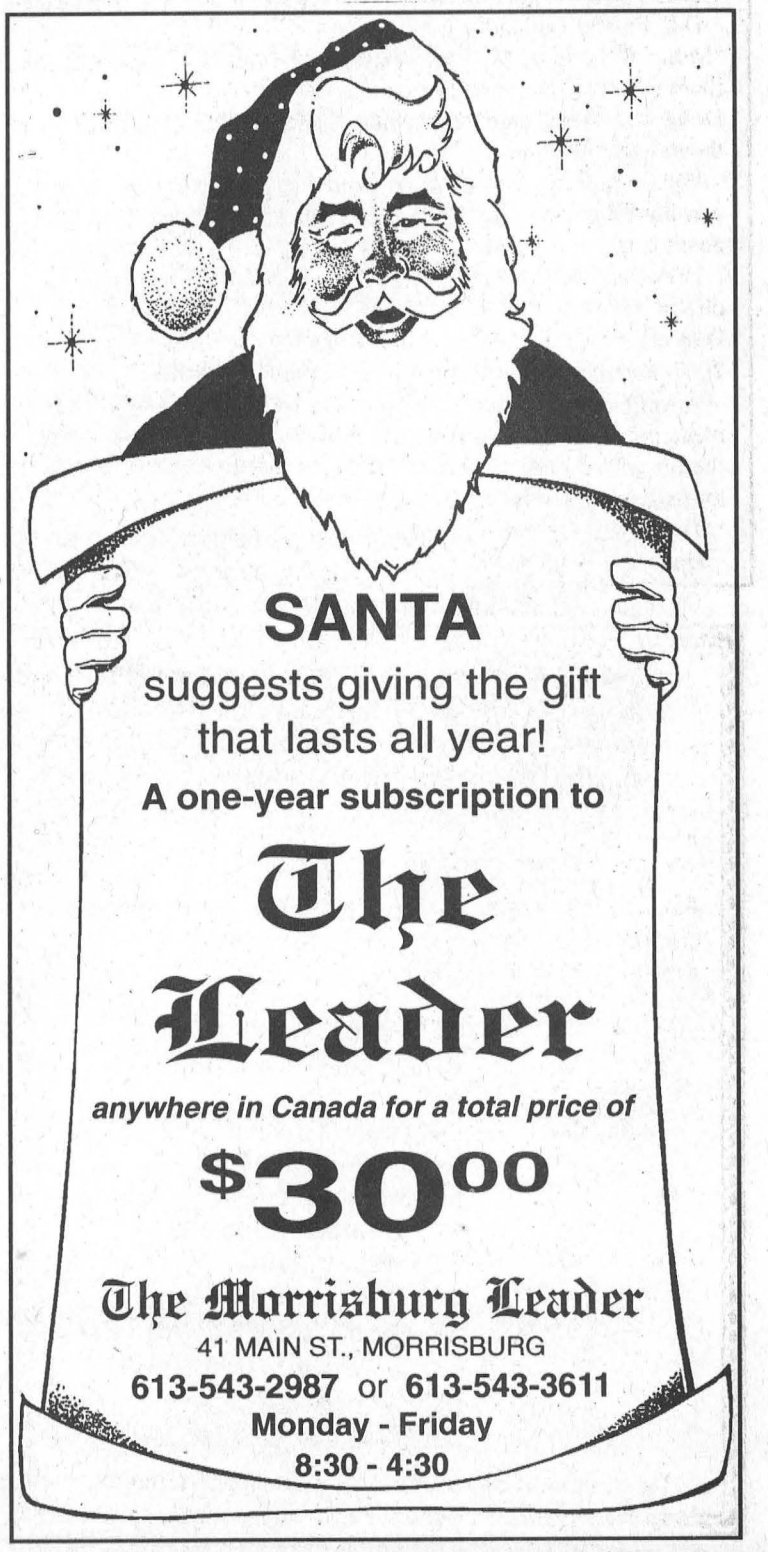
Also special thanks goes out to Wayne and Jane Domanko for opening up their home to a large number of Lions and their wives for a hectic day of co-ordinating and organizing gifts.

And of course, thank you to the dozens of anonymous area residents who provided the quality toys. As always, your satisfaction is realized the morning of the 25th knowing your chosen child is also going to have a great Christmas.

Again, it is an honour to co-ordinate the efforts of so many.

On behalf of President Carl Robinson and the entire Morrisburg & District Lions Club, we again thank everyone for their support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
JACK NOTMAN
ANGEL TREE COMMITTEE
MORRISBURG & DISTRICT
LIONS CLUB



NEWSLETTER

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

From all of us here at Br. 48 to all of you who support, volunteer, or just enjoy being at the Legion, we wish you a Merry Christmas.

New Year's Eve tickets are available at the bar – $12.50 per person, with music by The Cowboy Way including party favours, midnight toast, and a light lunch will be served.

The Legion will be open Boxing Day for the usual Sunday hours, 12 noon till 6 p.m.

We are leaking, and need money to fix our roof. We now have available at the Legion "Historical War Events in Canadian History" 2007 Calendars for sale at $6.75 or a Christmas Greeting for $2. The Branch is in desperate need of a new roof! All proceeds go to the "roof fund".

Last Friday's Christmas Party sponsored by the Recreation Committee was a great time; tables were full and the dance floor "shaking". This Friday brings back Paul Smith – remember this entertainment is free of charge.

Still looking for that great Christmas Gift idea – why not a "Support Our Troops" T-Shirt ($14.82), Sweat Shirt ($22.80) or Hoodie ($33.06) available at Branch 48 Legion.

Euchre Dec. 17 had Terry in first place, Charlie second and Dorothy and Evelyn tied for third. Sunday cards are cancelled until January 7th and then we will start up again with cribbage at 1:30 p.m.

Meat Draw was won by Louie MacIntyre.

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

IROQUOIS LEGION NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #370

IROQUOIS – "Doubles" was the norm of the day as sixteen players gathered in the lounge for an afternoon of cribbage.

Finishing in first place with 1,055 was Janice Warner, while Andy Acelvari came in second with a 1,051. Claiming the third spot with a total of 1,042 was Marie Mattice.

Bob Esford proudly took charge of the Bridesmaid's chair for the day with his count of 1,035. A dozen skunks were given out over the day. Picking up two each were Noella Kirkwood and Gladys Parks.

At euchre, on Tuesday evening, December 12, there were nine tables. Claiming the first prize was Bert Dewit. Keitha McConnell came in for the second prize, and Catharine Geertsma ended up having the low score of the evening. There were a few skunks found loitering around the Branch; getting one each were Catherine Geertsma, Tena Dewit and Doug Gow.

The pot of gold winner was Terry Riddell who was signed in. Congratulations, Terry.

The Friday meal is planned to be a festive Legion lunch consisting of a quarter chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce and cabbage salad. Dessert will be a steamed pudding with a sauce.

The Ladies Auxiliary hosted the annual turkey dinner for the public last week, and at the end of the day, although they were very tired, they were very pleased with the results. Many thanks to everyone who helped us such as Gayle Prunner, Sally Francis, Joan Murphy, Leo Merkley and all who helped by cooking the turkeys. Special thanks to those of you who came to our dinner.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their $1,000 Cash Draw last week, and the lucky winner was Les McAllister of Prescott. Many thanks to all who bought tickets to make this popular event such a success. Your support was much appreciated.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of the late Carl "Mike" Robertson. Mike passed away very recently after a brief illness. To Lorraine and her family, to Mike's dad, Ed, brothers Doug and Glen, and sister Sharon and all their families, our thoughts are with you.

We are pleased to report that Comrade Willis Douglas is now convalescing at his home. It will be nice to see Willis out and about in the near future.

These are our holiday Legion hours: Sunday, December 24, closed at six p.m. Closed all of December 25. Closed all of December 26. Closed at six p.m. December 31. Closed January 1, 2007. Regular hours will resume on January 2, 2007.

With the festive season upon us, may we all remember the true meaning of Christmas, and be thankful for what we have. Take the time to call a neighbour or a long time friend, and wish them the best. Have a safe journey if you are travelling.

The Legion General Meeting is December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Until next week, take care.

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Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

December 22, 2006

James & Alice Kooistra
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Congratulations from your children & grandchildren

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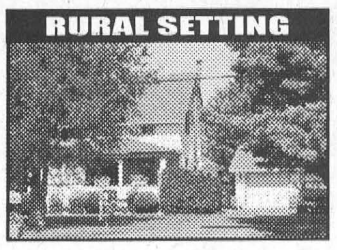
RURAL SETTING



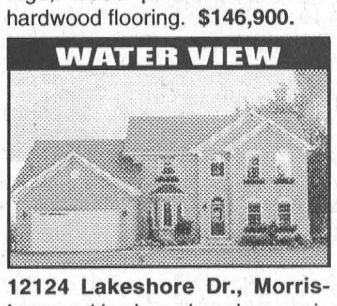
Riverside Drive, Just East of Morrisburg – Character three bedroom home with pine ceilings, wood pillars and some hardwood flooring. **$146,900.**

NEW PRICE



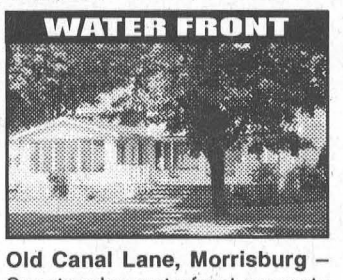
66 Fifth St., Morrisburg – Perfect three bedroom family bungalow close to all amenities. Large kitchen, living room with fireplace and dining area. Lower level laundry, office, utility room and family room with woodstove. $149,500.

WATER VIEW



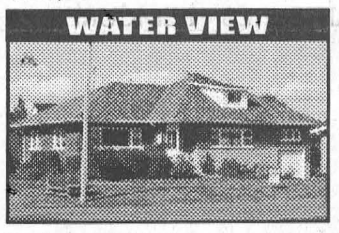
12124 Lakeshore Dr., Morrisburg – Hardwood and ceramic floors - three bedrooms, three baths, main floor family room. Truly a pleasure to show! **$389,900.**

WATER FRONT



Old Canal Lane, Morrisburg – Spectacular waterfront property on the St. Lawrence River and Seaway. Exceptional location. **$449,900.**

WATER VIEW



Park Ave., Morrisburg – Lovely bungalow overlooking St. Lawrence River and Waterfront Park. Large living room and new modern kitchen with fantastic views of the river. **New Price $279,900.**

RURAL SETTING



Pigeon Island Rd. – Three bedroomall brick family home in rural setting with recent major renovations including doors, windows and kitchen. **$179,900.**

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Municipal Office will be **CLOSED** December 22, 2006 at noon to January 2, 2007 inclusive.

DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

The Williamsburg Site will be **CLOSED** December 26, 2006.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage Collection will advance ahead one day for the weeks of December 25, 2006 and January 1, 2007. (i.e., Monday to Tuesday, Tuesday to Wednesday, etc.)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular Council meeting will be held on January 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers.

FREON REMOVAL PROGRAM

Units containing freon (i.e. fridges, freezers, etc.) can now be delivered to the Matilda Disposal Site at 10815 Seibert Road between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the LAST Friday of every month starting January 26, 2007 for a fee of $35/unit.

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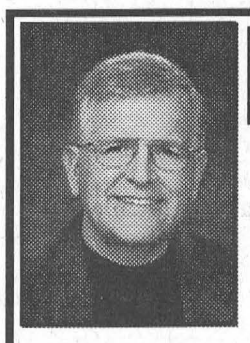

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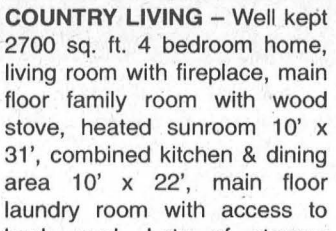
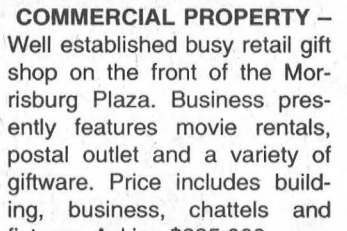
COUNTRY LIVING – Well kept 2700 sq. ft. 4 bedroom home, living room with fireplace, main floor family room with wood stove, heated sunroom 10' x 31', combined kitchen & dining area 10' x 22', main floor laundry room with access to back yard. Lots of storage space. Many upgrades. New well. Asking $224,900.



COMMERCIAL PROPERTY – Well established busy retail gift shop on the front of the Morrisburg Plaza. Business presently features movie rentals, postal outlet and a variety of giftware. Price includes building, business, chattels and fixtures. Asking $235,000.



BRINSTON - Two bedroom bungalow with office or third bedroom in basement. Eat-in kitchen, hardwood floor in living room and hall. Situated on lot 100' x 212'. Rear deck 12' x 6' overlooking backyard and open fields. Within walking distance to general store. Asking $125,000.



MORRISBURG – This 3 bedroom home has so much to offer. Living room, large kitchen with dining area, office/den. Recent renovation includes 3rd floor rec room, kitchen, bathrooms, flooring, plumbing, windows, wiring. Insulated workshop. Needs to be seen to be appreciated. Asking $189,900.

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CHRISTMAS EVE
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Sun., Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Marcellus Rd., off Cty. Rd. 7, Dunbar. For info call 613-448-3812. 51c

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE
IROQUOIS GOLF CLUB
DINNER & DANCE
Music by Stephen Goodberry and Debra Currier. $30 per person, includes dinner, party favours, champagne and midnight lunch. Tickets available at Mustard's Variety, Iroquois, or Nelly Leightizer, 613-652-2498. Please reserve by Dec. 23. Transportation arrangements available. 51c

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WEEKLY

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BINGO
Morrisburg Legion Branch 48 Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall. Everyone welcome, 18 and over.

FOUND

FOUND–Boy's bike in westend Morrisburg. Call 613-543-2131. 50-51p

NOTICE

SEASON'S GREETINGS
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
–Vivien Reddick 51p

UPPER CANADA PLAYHOUSE
2006 RAFFLE WINNERS
For the draw held Sun., Dec. 17, 2006: "Fawn Moments" queen size quilt, E. Champagne, of Montreal; "A Male Goldfinch" wood carving, J.A. Spinney, of Apple Hill. 51c

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–Brian and Joy Harbers 51-52c

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU–It is nice to know there is still honest people in Morrisburg and area. My thanks goes out to the gentleman that found my money and returned it.
–Clare A. Casselman 51p

THANK YOU–I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts received. I am slowly recuperating from my cancer surgery and will no doubt be right back on the golf course come April. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.
–Monique Lavigne–Patenaude 51c

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WANTED–Old books, specifically..... Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Trixie Beldon, Bobsey Twins and Dr. Seuss. Hard cover only...and nothing of collector value. Condition doesn't matter. Please call Margi, 613-543-2835. 35tfp

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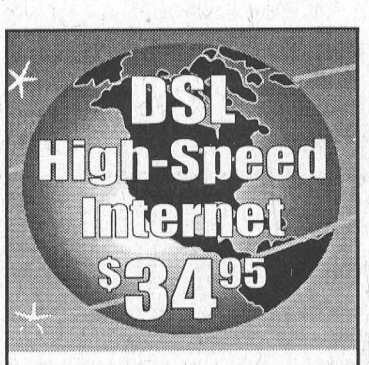

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FOR RENT–3 bedroom bungalow, gas heat, $690 month plus utilities. Available Dec. 1. First, last and references. Phone 613-543-2897. 43tfc

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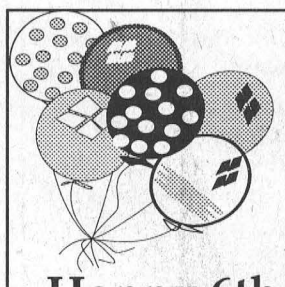

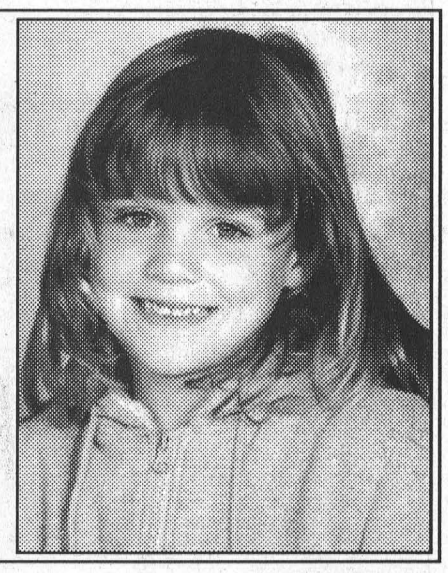

Happy 6th Birthday Jaycie
December 19, 2006
Love Mommy & Daddy

Family Christmas Eve Service
Sun., Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m.
St. John's Anglican Church
Lakeview Drive, Iroquois
You and your children are invited to join us

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

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
Thursday, December 21, 2006
Williamsburg United Church
8:00 p.m. – Community Blue Christmas Service for those who have experienced losses throughout the year
Sunday, December 24, 2006
Advent IV
11:15 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion at St. Peter's
8:00 p.m. – St. Paul's Joint Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion
Christmas Day – 10:30 a.m. St. Peter's Joint Service of Holy Communion
The Rev. Norine Gullons
Office: 543-3154

Williamsburg United Church
Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Walsh
Minister - Rev. Isabel Black
Thursday, December 21, 2006
8:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service
Sunday, December 24, 2006
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School Play
7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service
Sunday School & Nursery available

The United Church of Canada
LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist
Margaret Reid
Sunday, December 24, 2006
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Children's Chatter & Sunday School
7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Minister
Rev. John Noordhof
Office: 535-1882 Church: 535-2227
Sunday, December 24, 2006
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship Service
7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship Service
Sunday School for children ages 3-9
Child care during morning service
Please Be Our Guest This Week
website: www.williamsburgcrc.org

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Paul Chambers
Interim Moderator - 258-6654
Organist: Gary Postma
Sunday, December 24, 2006
7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service
Everyone welcome!
Nursery available

Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, December 24, 2006
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
Thursday – 7:00 p.m.
Youth Service
Come and see what Jesus can do for you!!

Evangelical Lutheran Churches
Sunday, December 24, 2006
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. – Service of the Word
ST. LUKE'S, Dunbar
7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candelight Service of Holy Communion
The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
448-3812
JOY TO THE WORLD

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
Rev. Craig Bowers
543-3904
Sunday, December 24, 2006
10:00 a.m. – Joint Advent 4 Service at St. James'
7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service at St. John's
9:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service at St. James'
Monday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service at Holy Trinity

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Sunday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.
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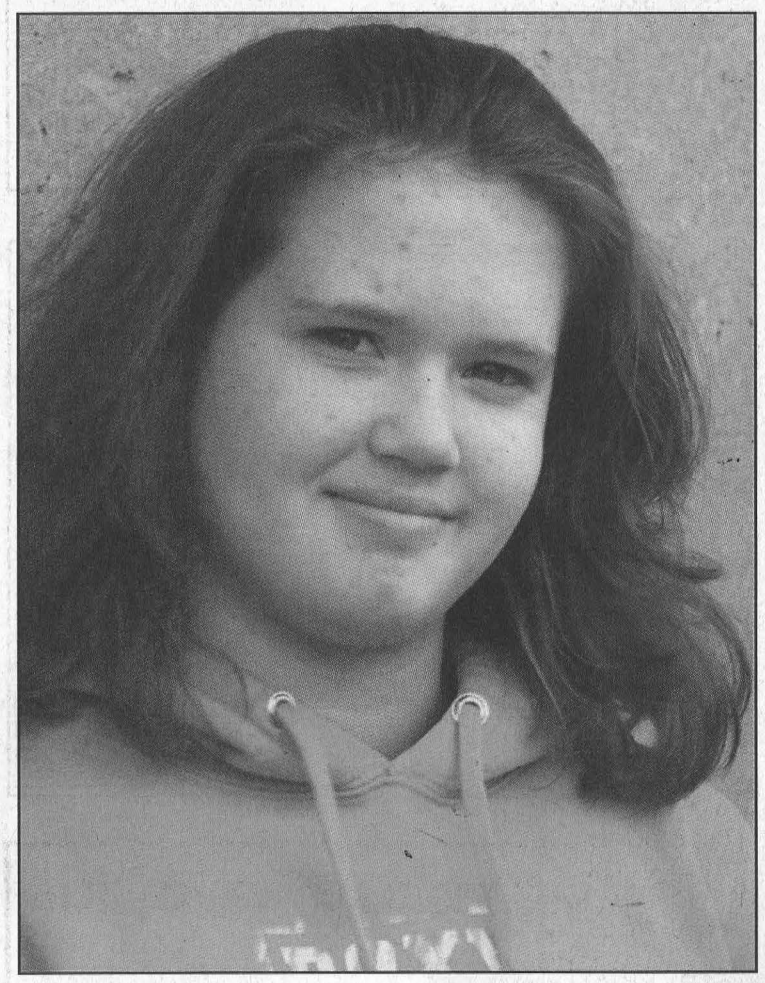
Seaway's Spartan of the Month



Bailey Hollister

A keen participant in sports and in drama, fifteen-year-old Bailey Hollister has been chosen Seaway's December Spartan of the Month.

The grade ten student at Seaway District High School was nominated for the honour by her drama teacher, Kevin Kennedy.

His recommendation praised Bailey for her roles as captain of both the Junior Girls Basketball and the Junior Girls Volleyball teams and observed that she "puts in extra time and effort to help her classmates and her teammates while maintaining one of the highest marks in the drama class."

Bailey was both suprised and delighted with her selection.

She admits that athletics and theatre are two of her favourite activities at school.

"I'm not sure what it would be like for me if I didn't have sports," Bailey says. "They are very important to me."

She hopes that her particular love of softball will one day help her secure a scholarship to college.

She has been playing ball since she was three years old, and currently holds the position of catcher with the Toledo Lady Jets, a team in the tier two softball league.

Theatre arts is also a keen interest for this enthusiastic student. "Drama is definitely my favourite subject," she says. "I find it allows me to be creative and avoid being stuck in a desk all day."

She performed the lead in *Peggy the Pirate*, a show for Iroquois Public School students, and has taken part in selected scenes from current comic and serious plays.

"I especially enjoy the experience in drama of writing," Bailey says. "Mr. Kennedy gives us a theme, and we go after it."

In her free time, Bailey has served as an assistant coach with the I.P.S. basketball team, and taken part in the recent PALS/Global Outreach drive at the high school.

"I admit that I focus on sports," Bailey smiles. "My volunteering is strongly sports oriented."

She works hard at keeping up with her school work since her team involvement often takes her out of the classroom. However, she is thoroughly enjoying her high school experience.

"My number one thing to tell kids is to get involved at school. Don't miss out on anything," Bailey explains. "I enjoy being active and working hard."

Seniors pack hall for Lions Club Christmas Party



He's Checking His List, He's Checking it Twice *McNairn Photo*

Santa paid a surprise visit to the Seniors Christmas Party hosted by the Morrisburg and District Lions Club Thursday night at the Operating Engineers School, and no one was more surprised than Audrey Schrama of Morrisburg. The event included a social hour, entertainment by some of South Dundas' best musicians and singers, and a luncheon. Members of the Lions Club were hoping for 200 participants and were delighted that an estimated crowd of more than 300 took in the party. The event was organized, on behalf of the Lions, by Glen Cunningham and supported with donations from Ken MacLeod (MacEwens Gas in Morrisburg), Dundas Bus Lines (transportation), M&M Meats, Mike's Valu-mart and Giant Tiger. For more photos and story see page 9.

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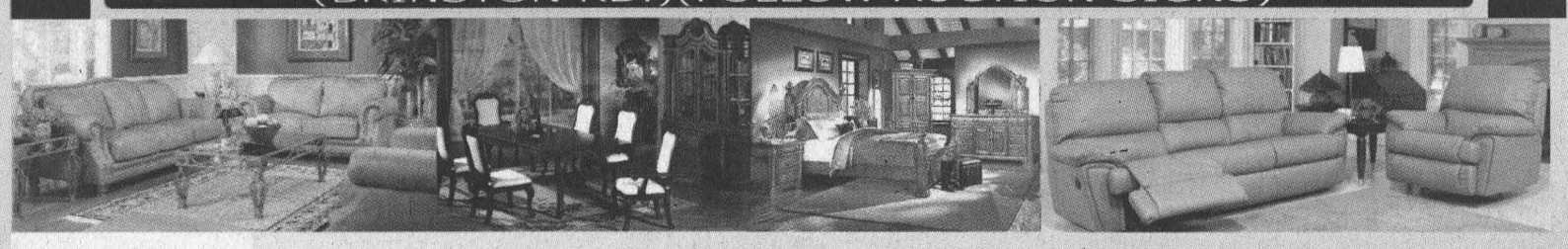







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