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Contribution agreement finally arrives

WILLIAMSBURG – It is significantly less than originally anticipated, but after being delayed over and over again, the BRAND contribution agreement has finally made it to South Dundas.

Over a year since the BRAND funding was announced, the Township of South Dundas last week received their Industry Canada contribution agreement.

The project will see the township establish broadband high-speed Internet access to rural Morrisburg, rural Iroquois, Brinston, Williamsburg and Upper Canada Village, this spring.

The original funding announcement in October 2003 was for nearly $1.7 million. Now that the agreement has final Industry Canada approval the total project cost is estimated at $1.4 million, with Industry Canada's contribution being $724,537.

The township is expected to contribute $174,528 to the expansion, that is already in the budget.

South Dundas CAO Andy Brown says that the biggest difference between the original announcement and this agreement is the existing infrastructure eligible as in-kind contributions for the project.

Originally the existing system was an eligible in-kind contribution of $800,000. Now in the estimated project cost summary only $348,709 is an eligible in-kind contribution.

The use of towers in the original application was listed as an eligible $200,000 in-kind contribution, and now in the contribution agreement the use of towers is listed at an eligible $150,000.

The planning stages of the project will get underway as soon as possible. The bulk of the construction is expected to take place this spring, with customers able to receive service by late spring. According to Brown, the exact time of the build will depend somewhat on weather and the type of work necessary.



Hey Mom, It's Me and Santa ***McNairn photo***

Although a bit cautious when his dad deposited him on Santa's lap, it didn't take 18-month-old Owen Fetterly long to realize that he was sharing the limelight with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the fire hall in Williamsburg on Sunday. But, even with all the attention, and all the picture snapping, Owen didn't let go of the hot dog given to him courtesy of the Williamsburg Fire Department. Owen and the many youngsters who turned out to pass on their wishes to Santa, were all treated with hot dogs and hot chocolate, a bag of treats and a horse-drawn sleigh ride courtesy of Mark Baldwin. In the photo above Owen gets into the spirit of things with a wave and a grin just for his mother.

Township seeks $3M interim water funding

WILLIAMSBURG – What's another $3 million?

Council authorized the township to borrow another $3 million from the bank for the South Dundas water project.

The financing required is referred to as interim financing, which is used "to bridge the township's costs until council decides on the long-term debt instruments to be used," said South Dundas CAO Andy Brown in his December 7, report to council.

The township has already drawn $5 million from the Royal Bank, which was the successful bidder on a tender.

"We are now in need of additional funds and require council's authorization to borrow an additional $3 million in interim financing," said Brown.

He explained that the financing is required because the township's costs have increased due to inflationary factors in the tendered amount of the project.

The other reason the funding is required is that the township is waiting on some of their already awarded provincial/federal funds. "Though we make regular claims, the funds are always in arrears," said Brown.

Councillor Charles Barkley expressed his displeasure with the funding money being in arrears. "It's our money, and now it's costing our ratepayers," he said, because the township will have to pay the interest.

"We have about $4.5 million to pay within the next couple of weeks," said Brown.

"Well, we have no choice," said Barkley.

"That's the unfortunate part," answered Brown.

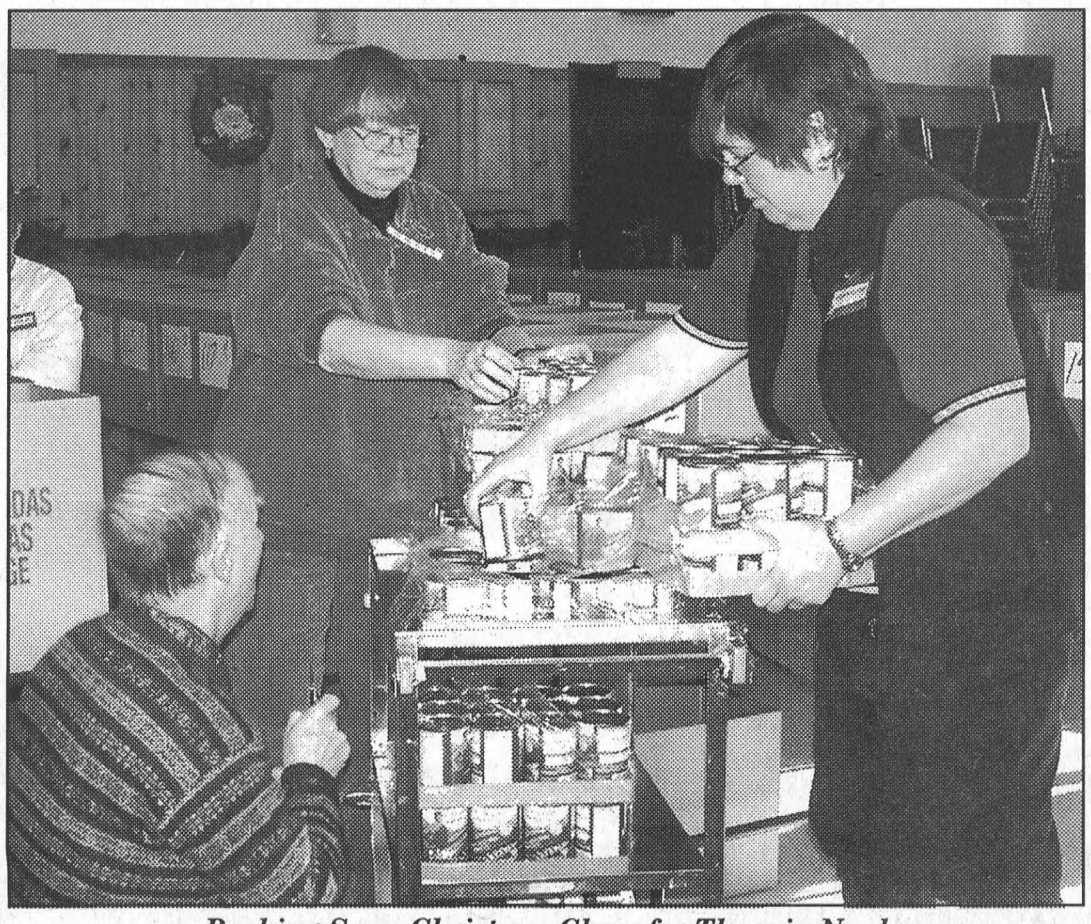
The $3 million is for temporary borrowing only. Once the end of the water project is near, council will consider and select a competitive long-term borrowing instrument such as debentures, loans and OSIFA loans.

The township has applied for money through the Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Fund Authority (OSIFA), provincial borrowing program, and is still waiting for written confirmation regarding the application.

The OSIFA program was originally intended to provide municipalities with a low interest borrowing opportunity to facilitate funding projects like this one. Now that the program is a reality, they are offering interest rates near market rate, however they are offering municipalities more flexible terms.

The township will borrow long-term for the water project using the most cost effective means.

Christmas Exchange packs 170 boxes



Packing Some Christmas Cheer for Those in Need

The hall at the Morrisburg Legion was a busy spot, last Wednesday, December 15 as volunteers went to work to pack the food and toys for the annual Christmas Exchange. Above, l-r, Ron Marriott, Sydney Smith and Jane Fox, all volunteers at the Morrisburg location of the Dundas County Food Bank, prepare to add the canned vegetables to the 170 boxes the Christmas Exchange provided this year. ***McNairn Photo***

MORRISBURG – Once again, the South Dundas Christmas Exchange has come together to help out those in need this holiday season.

This year the Exchange, under the leadership of Carol Richer, returned to its original mandate of providing the makings of a Christmas dinner. All food donations, in excess of what was needed to pack the Christmas boxes, were sent to the Morrisburg location of the Dundas County Food Bank.

Some of the best news for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange, which has been running for 16 years, is that this year's number was down.

"We packed 220 boxes last year, and this year we are doing 170 boxes," said Richer at the Legion Hall last Wednesday morning as a large crew of volunteers went about their business of sorting and packing the food.

"That is a good thing," she said. "It means that things are better out there."

In a press release to The Leader in November, Richer explained that over the years the amount of food donated by a very generous South Dundas community far exceeded what was needed to go into the boxes for a Christmas meal.

But, while the Christmas Exchange received the majority of the food donations during the holiday season, the Food Bank continued to have its needs, needs that stretch well past Christmas and far into winter.

"I think it's a win-win situation for everybody," said Richer.

Although food donations were down a bit this year, financial donations were about the same which will enable the Exchange to cover its expenses such as the cost of the turkey and ham, and other fresh food items purchased.

"This year we have a lot of the Food Bank volunteers here helping, which is good," she said. "They are used to packing the boxes."

Richer also thanked Wendy Veldhoven who is the volunteer food coordinator for the Food Bank and "also my volunteer food coordinator. It's really been great to have her here."

The annual Christmas Exchange is a big effort involving the local churches, church groups, community organizations, businesses and countless individuals. It was started 16 years ago in an effort to coordinate all of the various groups who were trying to bring Christmas cheer into the lives of needy families in the community.

Food is not the only thing though that the Christmas Exchange serves up. Through the Morrisburg and District Lion's Club Christmas Angel Trees and other community group's toy collections, the Exchange ensures that all children receive a special gift for Christmas.

Marilyn Byers, coordinator of the Morrisburg location of the Dundas County Food Bank, was extremely pleased with this year's program and very happy to receive the excess food.

"Now that the Exchange has gone back to its original mandate of providing a Christmas dinner, it's great. Everybody benefits. Our shelves were low, and I had started to purchase a lot of stuff."

"As usual the members of this community have come through like they always do. They don't give just 100 percent. They give 1,000 percent. It's amazing."

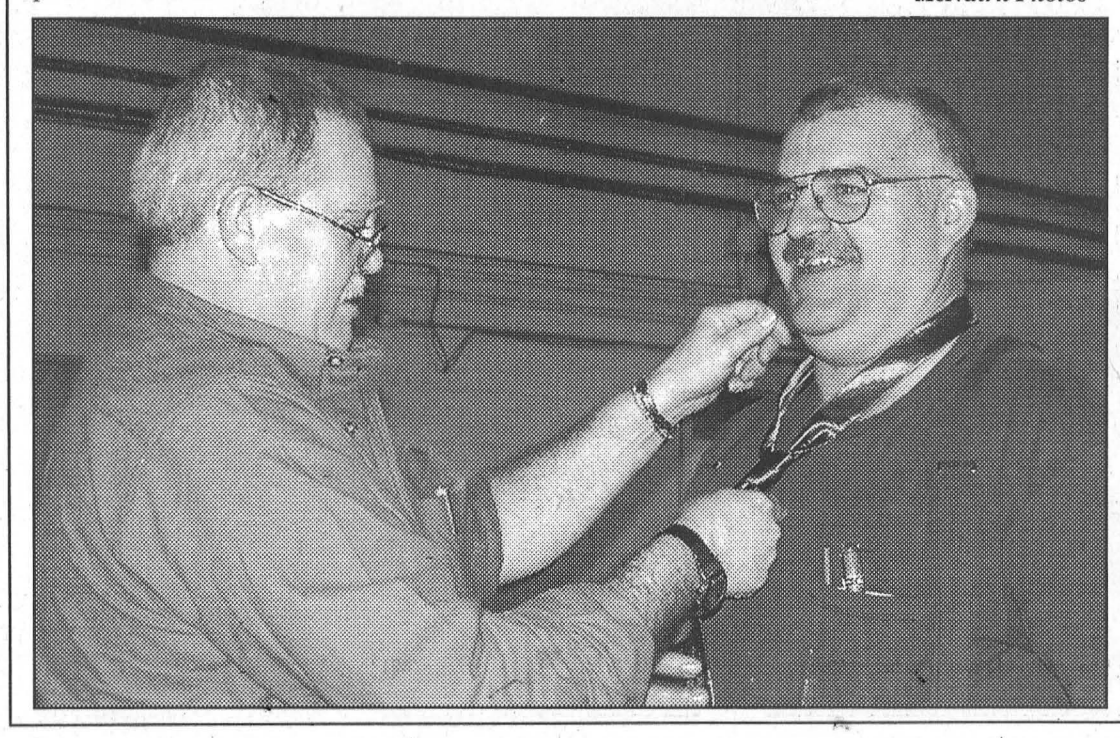
Hunt celebrates Christmas and good year



Hunt Celebrates a Good Year

WSI vice-president of manufacturing Gerry Brucken (above left) tests a survivor tie on WSI's local Hunt plant manager Rick Chevers above, while below Stephen Van Leyen is the first of eight employees to win a survivor tie and its accompanying $200 gift certificate as part of the local plant's safety initiative. In the bottom photo, far right, employee Bob Lalonde receives his company fleece sweater from chief financial officer Chris Hollander, (left) and company president Frank Paul.

McNairn Photos



MORRISBURG – 'Tis the season to be jolly and such was the atmosphere last Thursday at the Hunt manufacturing plant located on Highway 2 west of Morrisburg.

A manufacturer of roof trusses and wall panels for residential and commercial uses, Hunt is a division of Wood Structure Inc. (WSI) with its head office in Beddeford, Maine.

Thursday the plant management and employees were joined by company president Frank Paul, vice-president of manufacturing Gerry Brucken and chief financial officer Chris Hollander to celebrate a solid year, with a solid safety record and a solid position in the South Dundas community.

Hunt, which employs 60 people, moved to its Highway 2 location in the summer of 2002 when a fire destroyed its Morewood plant.

A manufacturer of roof trusses and wall panels it ships about 90 percent of its product to the United States.

"The plant is now doing about 25 percent of our wood trusses, which is an increase of about five percent," said Brucken. "They have become very productive here, very cost effective."

"We've had a successful year this year, and for the second year in a row we have met our two week lead time to our truss customers. Everybody dreams of this, and we have done it successfully. It's a huge achievement."

In recognition of the successful year, each of the employees received a fleece company sweater.

"This has been a great year for a number of reasons," Brucken told the employees as they finished up a delicious turkey dinner catered to the plant by the Iroquois Legion Ladies Auxiliary. "This is the first year we have come together as one large organization. There was always this facility and the facility down south."

"You guys have been an integral part of this the last couple of years."

"We really are one company, one operation working together to achieve some really impressive goals."

He noted the success and future potential of an auto framer installed at the plant this year.

"It really moves us into the 21st century. With that piece of technology, once we get it running the way we know it can, you'll be able to compete with any plant in the region. Over the next couple of years you will see some tremendous returns."

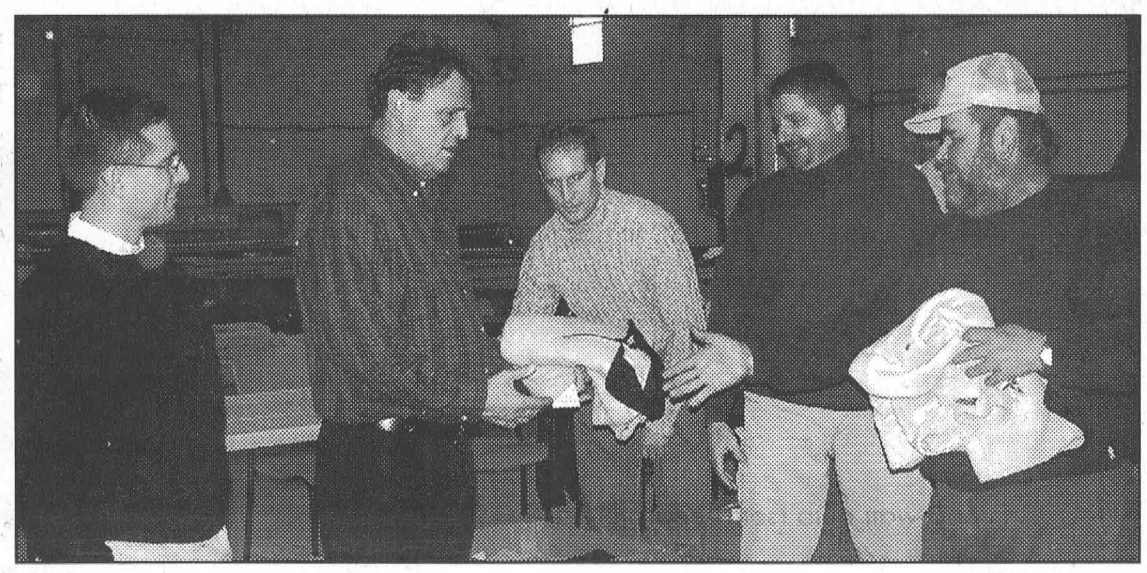
Also impressive this year was the employee safety record, which said plant manager Rick Chevers "is most significant. In 2002 and 2003 we had over 20 lost time accidents in each of the years. In the last 10 months, we have had only one lost time incident."

As a result of the safety program launched last February the employees amassed a $1,900 cash incentive, which was distributed through a Survivor Morrisburg draw. Each of eight employees received a $200 gift certificate at a local store of their choice and a ninth employee received a $300 certificate. Each of the winners was presented a Christmas immunity necktie to indicate their Survivor win.

The lunchtime festivities ended with Paul wishing everyone a happy holiday. He noted that "what has happened in the last 18 months is incredible."

"I have been around since 1969, and I remember the good years and the bad years, and this is the best year we have ever had. We can't thank you enough for your hard work."

Paul also passed on the good news that the company had recently entered into a long term lease agreement for its South Dundas plant site.



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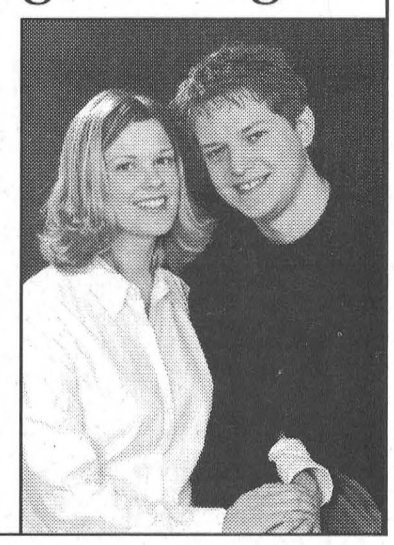



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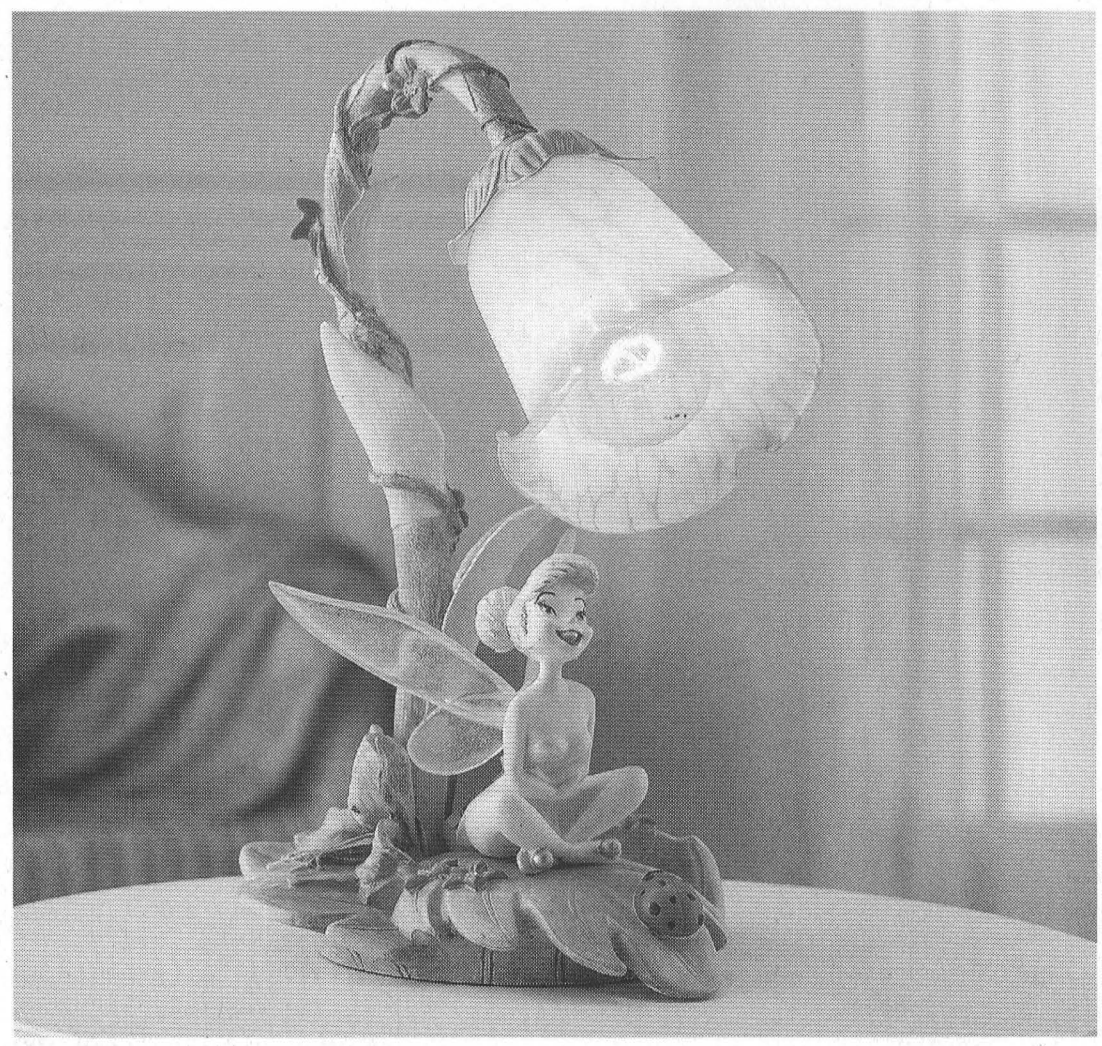

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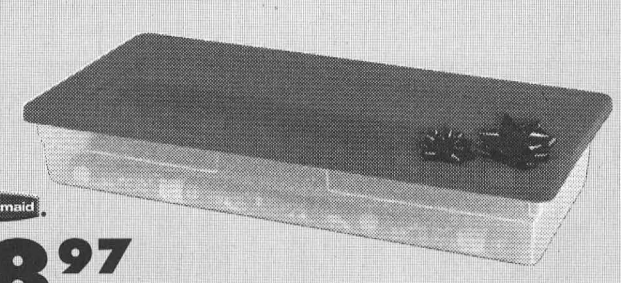

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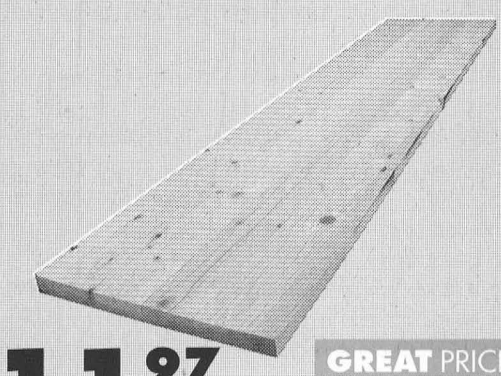

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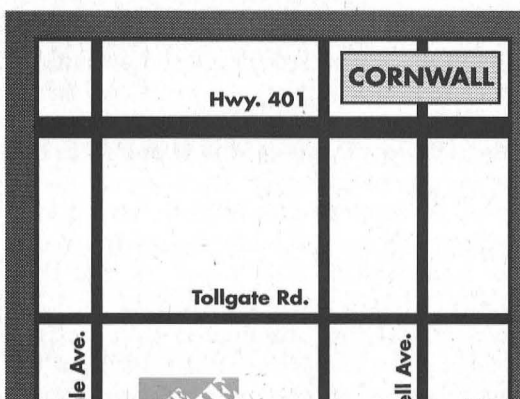

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Two-year-old James Alexander chats it up with Santa at Williamsburg Sunday.

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas

There is a saying that 'you are never too old to learn, and we'll go along with that. In fact, this week we had given to us a piece entitled "The Meaning of the Candy Cane."

All these years we had assumed a candy cane was just a candy cane named for its cane-like shape and selected for the Christmas holiday season in order that the candy could double as a hanging ornament.

Well, according to this piece we have, there is way more to the candy cane than we had ever imagined, and it certainly makes sense. We do not, however, know the source of the explanation, and, because we didn't have time to research it, we pass it on to you noting that we do not know if it is factual.

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Shed to save us from our sins.
So the next time you see a candy cane, take
A minute to remember the real meaning of
Christmas.
God Bless You All.

This is our final issue before Christmas and so, we would like to use the remaining space to wish all our readers, our advertisers and the people who bring to us the stories of South Dundas a Merry Christmas. All those wonderful community events that happen leading up to the holiday are now behind us, and it is time to turn our attention to home and family and the celebration of Christmas. And so, from all of us here at The Leader, Terry, Sam, Mike, Wanda, Bonnie, Rebecca and Lori, we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas. *BMc*

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Well, it is now official, winter is here. That's right it officially arrived yesterday, December 21. The only good thing we can see about its arrival is that we are now heading the other way as the days will be getting longer. Unofficially, winter arrived with a vengeance a couple of days ahead of schedule with the ferocious cold snap that resulted in a number of cars that wouldn't start Monday morning. Talk about cold. Ooh la la.

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We are hearing there are plenty of wild turkeys out there, and in fact, Lori here at The Leader almost hit one driving into work Tuesday morning.

We are a bit late, but we've finally put our bird feeders out. So far, no visitors, but they'll find them eventually. It was as we put the feeders out that we noticed our back yard tree which is one of those droopy ones. Unfortunately, that big snowstorm two weeks ago, was a little too heavy for it and now it droops a little more than we want. In fact, when we noticed it, it was laying on its side. We now have it propped off the ground with an old lawn chair and will have to wait until spring to determine if there is any hope of getting to stand up straight again. Worst of all, the stupid thing cost us about $80 just two years ago and its been thriving.

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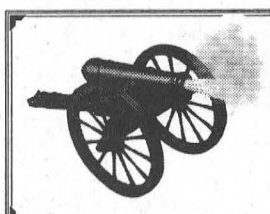
As we write this, we are getting close to Christmas. There are just three days, counting today, of shopping left and the mad rush is on for those who have left things until the last minute. But hey, the hustle and bustle of the stores in the last minute frenzy can be fun too. Has anyone noticed that the older you get the shorter the Christmas celebration seems to be?

For the holiday, The Leader office will be closed Friday. The reporting staff will not be working (yahoo) on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. It's been a great year, and we've again worked with a lot of great people to bring you the news of South Dundas. We thank you all.

From Terry, Sam, Mike, Wanda, Bonnie, Rebecca and Lori we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.



The Leader Blast from the Past

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1994

Pictured on the front page was little Cassidy Tupper as she and her dad, Dale, paid a visit to Santa at the Morrisburg Shopping Plaza.

Dave Barkley, of RR1 Williamsburg, was the shopper representing this year's winner, Austin Carkner of RR1 Winchester, of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club raffle for a three minute shopping spree at Mr. Grocer. Dave proved to be a pretty efficient shopper picking up $719.10 worth of groceries.

Dave Tait and Barry Van Allen were preparing to put up an outdoor skating rink in Morrisburg. They were eyeing a location in the park by the wading pool across from Fairbairn's Funeral Home.

After a frustrating couple of months, Morrisburg Junior B Lions head coach Jim Notman had stepped down and former mentor Johnny Morrow had returned. Notman felt he was unable to motivate the team, and wanted to spend more time at the rink watching his own son play hockey.

Hay rides around the village to view the decorated homes were to be offered Friday, December 23.

Playhouse artistic director Marshall Button was pictured with Vivian Julien of Long Sault and the quilt she had won in the annual Playhouse fundraiser draw.

The Don Morrell Orchestra was to provide the music for the New Year's Eve dance at the Legion. Tickets were $28 a couple and included a midnight buffet.

1984

The December 19 issue reported the Morrisburg and District Lions Club had offered to help the village with its proposed waterfront park development, providing professional advice was sought on what should be done. Council was negotiating the purchase of five acres of school board property adjacent to the old high school, which meant the village would have to move the two ball diamonds and soccer field from their current location on the site. The Parks Management Board had recommended the sports facilities be moved to the waterfront park area.

Members of the Williamsburg Women's Institute, in charge of organizing the material for the just published Tweedsmuir Village History, were on hand to answer question on their ambitious bicentennial project. Committee members included Jean Casselman, Beatrice Saddlemire, Hilda Garlough, Ruth Algire, Betty Locke and Marjorie Trickey.

1974

The December 20 issue reported the S.D.&G. Separate School Board had decided students at St. Cecilia's in Iroquois would attend home economics and industrial arts classes at Seaway High beginning in February 1975.

Zone 23 Senior Citizens of Ontario, Morrisburg group received a $745 New Horizons Grant with which they would establish a central records and information centre for similar clubs in the area.

The citizens of Morrisburg and area were given a real Christmas treat when the members of the Seaway Singers presented their annual Christmas Concert at St. James Church. Solos were given by Mr. Gordon Thom, Mrs. Ivan Doney and Mrs. Ed Cornell.

At Heinz Food Market, Grade A Flamingo turkeys were 69 cents a pound.

At Charlie's Sport Shop, Junior Tacks were $49.95 fitted and sharpened.

1964

The December 18 issue reported that C.F. McInnis, Dr. D. M. Robertson, M.D. Wilson and Arnold Payment were elected councillors for the village of Morrisburg.

In Williamsburg Township, incumbent deputy reeve Johnny Whittaker held off a challenge from Harold Pemberton and Ed Hanson, Graham Hess and Hugh A. McMillan were elected councillors.

At Brinston's Allied Food Market, prime rib roasts were 69 cents a pound and California Iceberg lettuce was 19 cents a large head.

The Hull Volants ended the Combines 11 game winning streak.

1954

Headlines in the December 17 issue read: No Person to Suffer Financial Loss Premier Frost Tells Delegation. Tuesday, December 14, 1954 was a red letter day in the history of Morrisburg. On that date all the members of the Morrisburg Civic government, together with other Seaway Valley municipal councils, presented a solid front to Premier Frost in Toronto requesting his consideration to changing St. Lawrence Development Act No. 2, so that Ontario Hydro could give new homes for old and a broader interpretation of the "fair and just" legislation now on the statute books covering compensation for the individual over the recently expressed comments by Chairman Robert H. Saunders in his visits and talks with local councils. According to press reports, Premier Frost was convinced by the representations made by the 30 man delegation that the people were not satisfied with the promises and treatment received to date from Ontario Hydro. Premier Frost stated his assurances that the interests of the little man were the concern of his government, and no one would be asked to take a loss for a development that would benefit millions.

1944

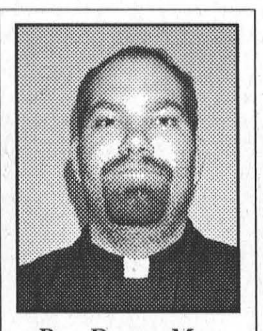
The December 22 issue reported fire of undetermined origin completely gutted the business premises occupied by the Merrill Auto Supply and Furniture store on Morrisburg's Main Street. Damage was expected to be at least $10,000. An apartment over the store, occupied by the Misses Gormley, also suffered extensive damage. Threatened for a time by the blaze were the Wm. Weegar tobacco and confectionery business and the New York Cafe.

Premier Drew of Ontario announced that notice would be sent out by the Department of Education to the 5,827 school boards in the province outlining details of the plan under which 50 percent of the gross cost of education in Ontario would be borne by the Provincial government.

In The Leader's Jogging Around Column it was written: Another terrific early-winter snow storm this week, and still nothing done towards procuring the necessary equipment to clean the streets of Morrisburg immediately after a storm occurs, thus saving untold thousands of dollars for the businessmen of this town.

'tis the Season

Perspectives



Rev. Darren May

Winter is the time of year when we insulate our homes, settle in and cocoon. Outside, brisk winds, snow and cold weather penetrate our climate. After a good snowfall, and some bitter arctic days, this time of year can easily lead us to a feeling of isolation. Weather and road conditions keep us confined to more local areas, some people don't get out as much, and sometimes, loneliness and depression can set in.

I don't think it was a mistake when God sent his son, who was to be the light of the world, into our universe in the middle of the darkest season of the year by accident.

This Friday night, we will gather in churches to celebrate with joy the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Like pilgrims we will venture out of our homes to gather together in praise and awe, as we consider the reality that God came to us, and lived among us, as one of us, and it was on this night that shepherds took the same journey to worship, only they saw with their own eyes what we only know through our faith and experience. They saw the Christ-child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger.

As we draw together to praise God on the holy, majestic night of Christmas Eve, some will come to re-affirm their faith. What they know in their heads and hearts will cause their spirit's to nod, as they pay tribute to our gracious God, as he made himself known to us in Jesus Christ. Others will be there because it's just what you do on Christmas Eve; they love the carols and candles, and they feel a sense of connection. Some will be there because they've been forced to be there (no doubt). Some believe with all their hearts. Others, on a good day, aren't sure there is a God. You never know what type of spirit you'll end up sitting beside...

You might be a searcher, looking for God, and you might be sitting beside someone who appears quite distinguished in their faith, the kind that knows what to say, when to stand, when to sit and understands exactly why everything that's happening is taking place. If you end up sitting beside someone like that, remember, they're no holier than you are (only God is holy). They're no different than you (we're all human). In fact, they're probably more like you than they care to admit. And, please be rest assured that if they give you a big smile, a warm handshake and wish you a "Merry Christmas", it's not because they expect to see you every Sunday in church from that point on. If they ask your name, it's probably because they just genuinely care about people, you won't be stalked, visited or entered into a registry.

Now, if you are not a "searcher", you might be what we call a "regular". You go to church every Sunday. You may find, upon your arrival into the sanctuary, that a "searcher" is occupying your pew. Dare I say, they may be sitting in the "family pew". If in fact you do discover that your seat is occupied, don't panic! Take a deep breath...

Remember why you come to church every Sunday. It's because we are all spiritually deficient in various areas of our lives, and now we've come to accept that we need help with who we are, and we trust Jesus Christ to be our guide and shepherd. Don't go and blow all of your Christian virtues and Godly character by throwing a temper-tantrum. Look to the manger. Remember Bethlehem.

Whether we are long-time Christian warriors, or quiet, nervous new-comers to the church, in this holy season of advent, God seeks to give us rest within our souls, and to comfort us with the sure and certain knowledge that he loves us, just the way that we are. And if we let Him, He will re-create anew, day by day, as we seek out and worship the Savior. Gently and lovingly, God will re-craft us, and eventually turn us into the very image and likeness of Jesus Christ, His beloved son.

So, no matter who you are, as you enter the church on Christmas Eve, go in with a sense of your own vulnerability and depravity, and then let the Spirit of God infuse your heart and your mind with the peace, hope, joy, love and righteousness of Christ, our blessed redeemer. May God warm you, and greet you with His holy presence this sacred season.

Wishing you good tidings of great joy now and always, in the love of Christ,

Rev. Darren May
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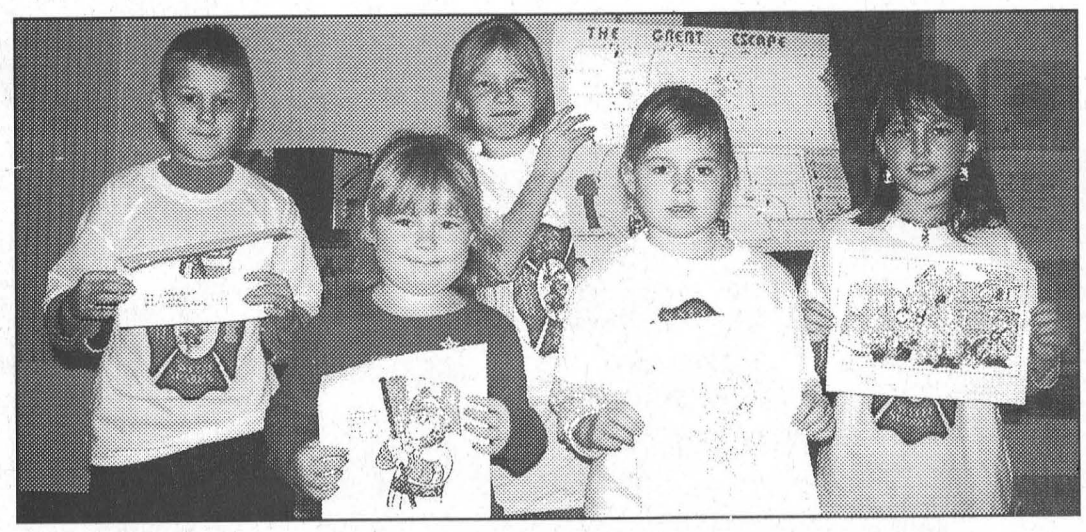

Colouring contest and great escape winners

The Morrisburg Fire Department held a contest for local students, in conjunction with Fire Safety Week in October. The award winners received a t-shirts last Friday. Winning the colouring contest were Jesse Benoit (back left), Kara MacDonald/Thompson (front left), Taylor Van Allen (front right), Megan Van Allen (back right) and Katie Skerry (absent). Stephanie Venema (back right) won the 'Great Escape' contest for creating a floor plan and escape route for her home.

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Letter to the Editor

To redefine the word "marriage" a ludicrous concept

Barbara Bilodeau
Iroquois, On
Dear Mr. Lauzon,
Subject: Same sex marriage

I am writing you to express my disapproval of the Government of Canada unilaterally changing the law regarding same sex "marriage".

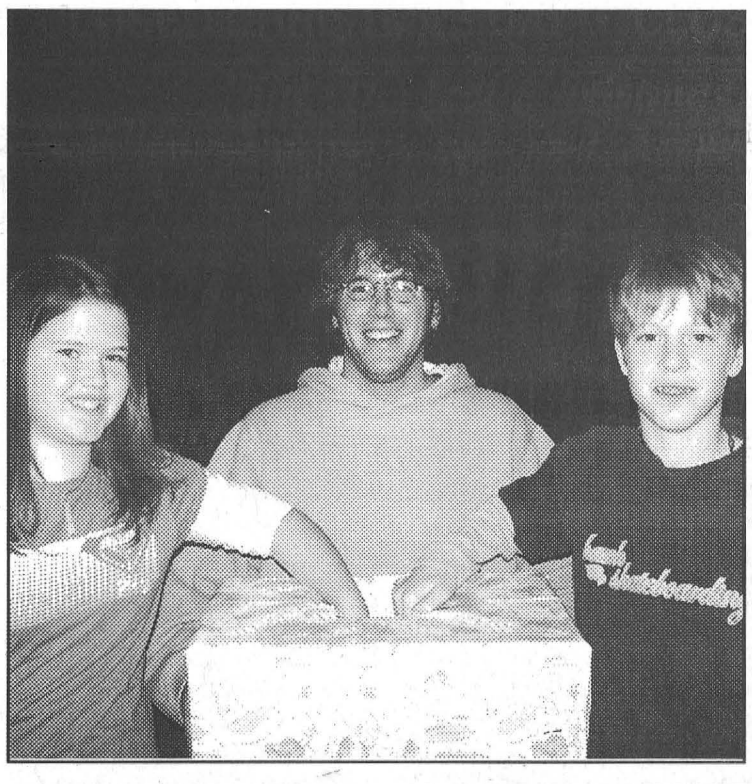
For several thousands of years the meaning of the word "marriage" (in whatever language or culture you wish to name) has been used to describe the permanent commitment of a hetero-sexual couple, a man and a woman, to be joined together for the purpose of creating a family. It is ludicrous to think that you can change the meaning of this concept by legally ascribing this word to any other relationship. This re-defines the word. You dishonour and degrade the original idea. To paraphrase Shakespeare, an onion by any other name would still smell like an onion. In other words, you can call an onion, a "rose", but it will still have all the attributes of an onion. Furthermore, the meaning of the word "rose" would then be degraded and confused.

The issue is not whether people have the "right" to decide how they will live or how the Government recognizes their lifestyle. People are free to do and choose that which they want, but they must also accept and abide by the consequences of their choices. The issue is: by what name does one call their lifestyle. Let the people who wish to live under a different code, make up their own word for their relationship.

Those people who have entered into marriage fully conscience of its definition, also have rights. They have the right to not have this term redefined without their permission! Why should the "rights" of a minority group be allowed to destroy those of a majority? I protest that you will take away the right to maintain a traditional concept, a fundamental value, simply because someone, through choices they have made, is uncomfortable with it.

As a member of your constituency, I sincerely hope that you vote against this motion when it comes before parliament. I would also encourage you to lobby for a national referendum to decide this issue.

Barbara Bilodeau
cc. Paul Martin,
Prime Minister of Canada
Steven Harper, Opposition Leader of Canada
Editor - "Morrisbuig Leader" Newspaper



IPS hands out big prizes

The intermediate division students at Iroquois Public School this year held a raffle as a fundraiser for science, computer and sports equipment. Pictured left head girl Bailey Hollister and head boy Nick Thomas pick the raffle winners. Winner of the Go Travel Direct $2,500 gift certificate was Lisa Hutt, and Debbie Fournier won the 27" TV from Byers Furniture. The prizes supplied by the intermediate division were won by Norm Gaylord ($200 Regal gift basket) and Tina Mattice (Nintendo Game Cube). Dinner for four at the McIntosh Inn, donated by principal Laurie McElheran, was won by Peter Empey and a $50 hot lunch voucher donated by Iroquois Public School was won by Brenda Perry.

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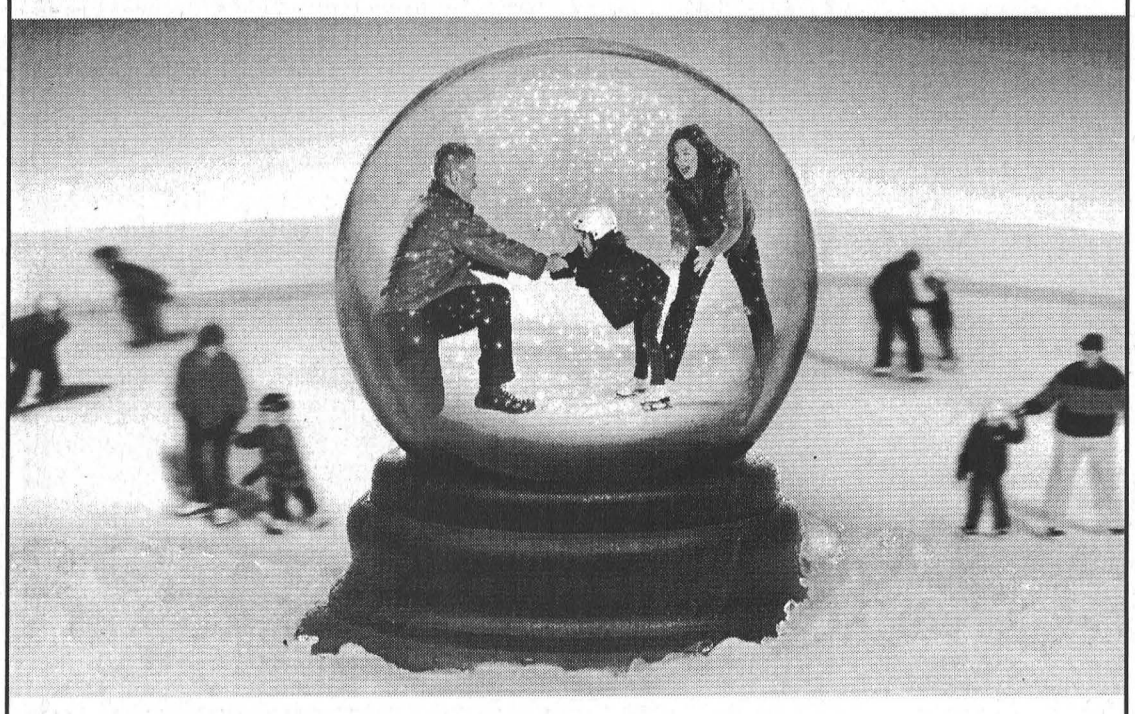

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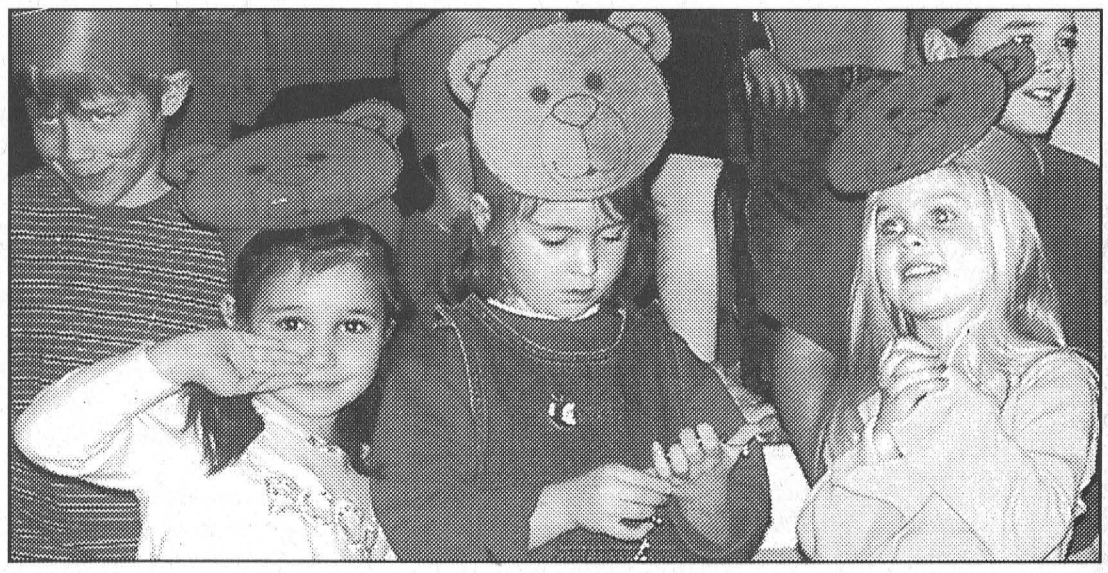
Christmas at Iroquois Public School



With Visions of Sugar Plums

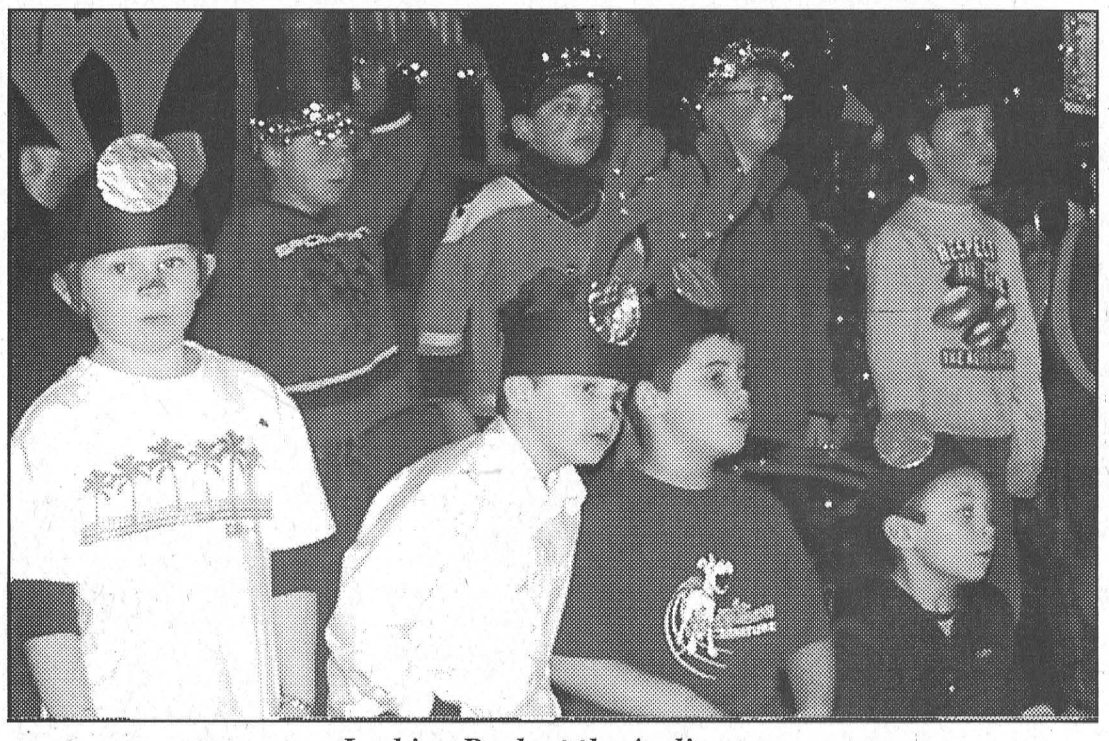
Some of the sweetest little Gingerbreads found their way onto the Iroquois Public School stage to delight the audience with several Christmas songs. From l-r, these Gingerbreads included Chloe Smellink, Billie-Jo Lewis, Robert Ritchie (back), Jessica Baldwin, Kurt Froats (back), Chelsea Brunette and Brianna Armstrong.



A Beary Merry Christmas

McNairn photos

Cute and cuddly Christmas Bears on the Iroquois Public School stage, l-r are Kiana Fredette, Hannah Perlza and Trinity Hanes. The junior grades at Iroquois Public School entertained their family and friends at a delightful concert on Wednesday, December 15. Lots of Christmas singing and some first class acting highlighted the performances.



Looking Back at the Audience

Taking a definite interest in who was in the audience were some of Santa's very curious Christmas reindeer who included, l-r, Toby Mullin, Garrick Weiler, Jacob Graham and Cole English.



A Little Christmas Gingerbread

A little Christmas gingerbread brought to you by, front, l-r, Michaela Davidson, Jada Barnhardt, Paulina Walker and Kailyn Douglas. The boys in the back include, l-r, Cole Froats, Jarrett Murphy and Lucas Strader.

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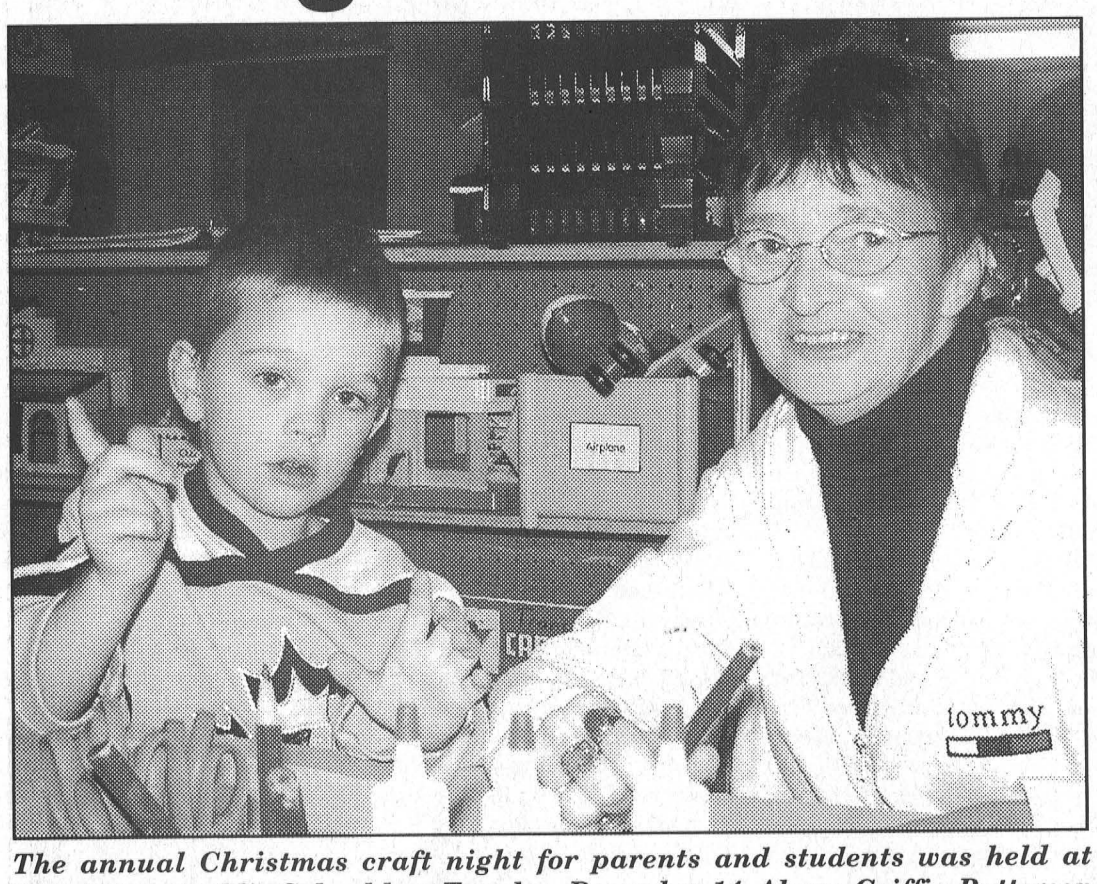
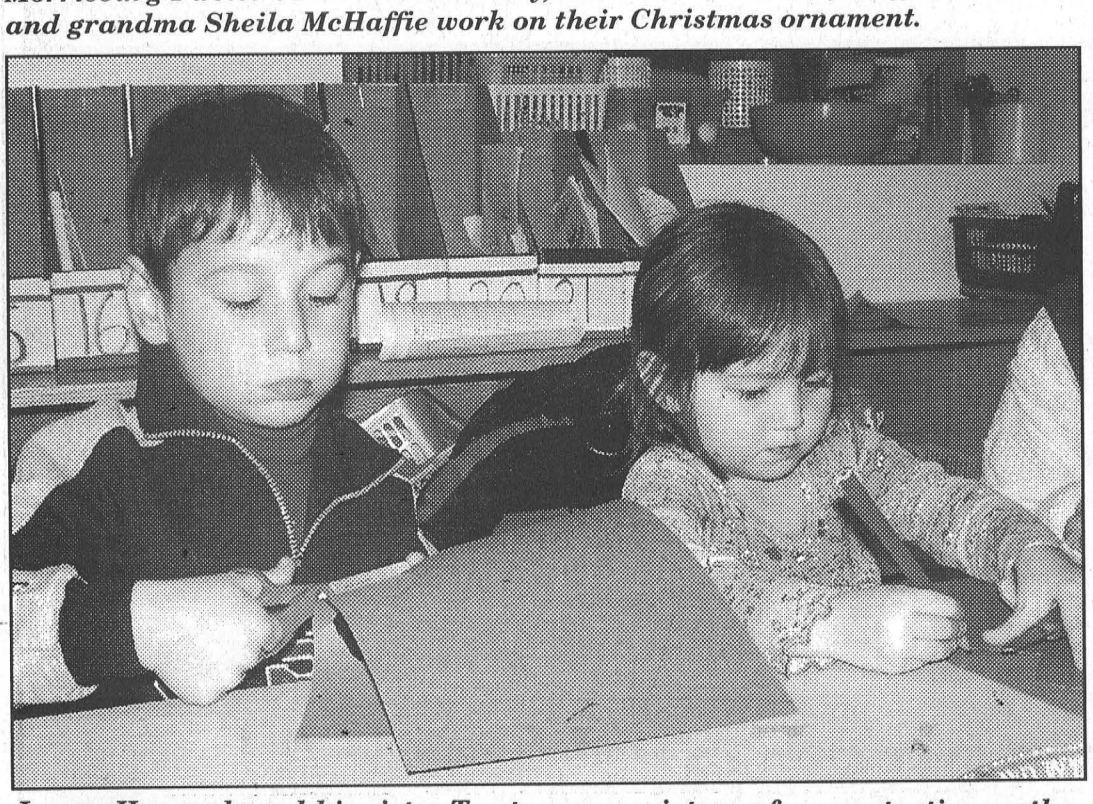
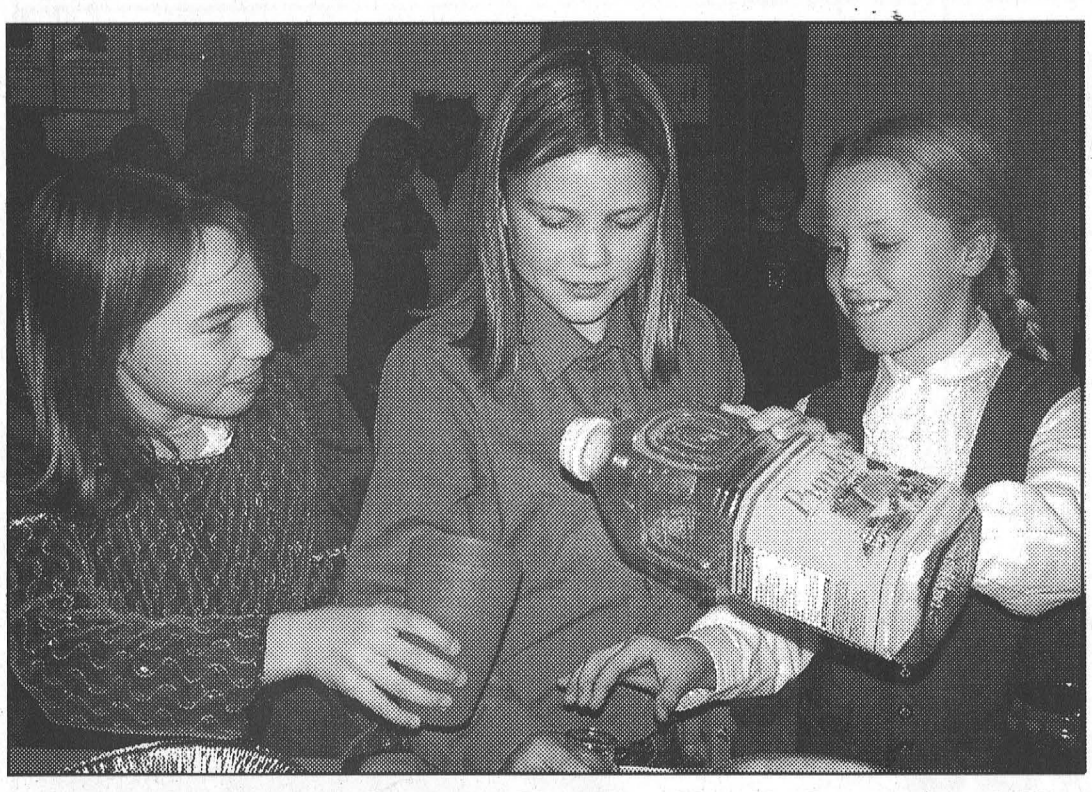
Christmas craft night at MPS



The annual Christmas craft night for parents and students was held at Morrisburg Public School last Tuesday, December 14. Above, Griffin Patterson and grandma Sheila McHaffie work on their Christmas ornament.



Logan Hummel and his sister Trystyn are a picture of concentration as they begin work on their craft.



Bob Cratchit (Morgan Spencer), Tiny Tim (Natalie Beatson) and Mrs. Cratchit (Kennedi Gervais) prepare to toast Scrooge during the Grade 4's production of A Christmas Carol. *McNairn Photos*



House Damage but Saved by Local Fire Departments

Although there was smoke and water damage, and damage to the front wall, local fire departments were able to save the home of Darryl Pilon located on the Crowder Road east of Morrisburg. The Morrisburg Department received the call at 1:20 p.m. Monday afternoon said firefighter Mike Van Allen who was in charge at the scene. The Morrisburg Department was assisted by Williamsburg and by the Ingleside Department which brought in its water truck. Fighting the fire, which started as a chimney fire and got into the exterior wall at the front of the house, was made very difficult by the extremely cold temperature. "We were able to contain the damage to the front and save the house," said Van Allen. The tired and cold fire crew, with its frozen equipment, did not return to the fire hall until 9 p.m. Monday night. *McNairn photo*

Ron Eamer returned as chair

KEMPTVILLE – Cornwall-Glengarry Trustee Ron Eamer has begun his fourth term as Chair of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.

Eamer was acclaimed to the position during the inaugural meeting of the board's second term on December 14, at the Kemptville board office.

Entering his 24th year as a school board trustee, Eamer thanked his fellow trustees for their ongoing confidence in his leadership.

Eamer said he welcomed the opportunity to continue to represent the board during its seventh year of amalgamation.

"I have tremendous pride in our board. When I look at the milestones we have reached: student achievement on the rise; an excellent staff; hosting the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association Convention; and producing a book on the story of our schools, I think we have one of the best school boards in the province, if not the country," he said.

"We are also very fortunate to be one of the few boards in the province with growing enrollment."

"Our Board was responsible for 18 percent of all new capital construction in education in Ontario this year. This growth is indicative of the dedication of our staff and teachers and the positive environment they create in our schools to support and educate our children," he further stated.

Eamer says the board will continue to pursue opportunities to address funding shortfalls.

"A number of programs have been announced lately, but the benefits to our board have been minimal. We will continue to lobby the Ministry for adequate funding and support."

Lanark Trustee, Nancy Kirby was also acclaimed to, return as vice-chair of the board for the upcoming year. Now in her tenth year as a trustee, she served as CDS-BEO Chair from 1998 to 2002.

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Cornwall, ON K6H 4Z1
Fax: 613-930-7251 or email:
brenda.moffatt@ucdsb.on.ca

Applications will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2005. We would like to thank all applicants, however only those applicants being considered for an interview will be contacted.

We recognize the Government of Ontario for its financial support of the Early Years Challenge Fund Projects in S.D.&G. Prescott Russell, Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Districts.

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NEWSLETTER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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Only a couple of days left to do your Christmas shopping and the crowds are getting larger. Gift certificates and flowers are a last minute thought. Don't forget the gifts available at the Legion for your favourite Legion member.

Holiday hours at the bar: closing at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Closed New Year's Eve at 5 p.m. and closed New Year's Day. Drive with caution and arrive safely.

At the last Bingo the lucky winner of the turkey was Maureen Moore. Congratulations. There will be a Bingo this week but next week, Dec. 30th, there is no Bingo. See you in the New Year.

There are still a few tickets left for the New Year's Eve party at the price of $15 per person. With good music and party favours and a buffet at midnight, what more could you ask for?

Look forward to the sounds of Roy Oberson on Feb. 19, 2005. Tickets are $20 per person.

Something to do on the holidays are the lights at Upper Canada Village . . . fabulous . . . lively night out.

At this time of year we have to think of those who are less privileged than we are. Shake someone's hand, talk to a shut-in and generally pass on some good will. Dear knows, we may end up in their place someday.

The next General Meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 19, 2005.

"Happy Holidays" *– Comrade Bill*

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Saturdays - 7:30 p.m.
Sundays - 11:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish

Pastor: The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
Office: 543-3154 or Office: 448-3812
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
7:30 p.m. Worship
Sunday, December 26, 2004
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m.
Lessons and Carols

The United Church of Canada

LAKESHORE DRIVE
UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Director
Lorna Casselman
Sunday, December 26, 2004
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Children's Chatter, Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church

Williamsburg, Ontario
Tel: 535-2227 or 543-4311
Christmas Day, December 25, 2004
10:00 A.M. Christmas Program
& James Kooistra
Sunday, December 26, 2004
9:30 A.M.
Elder Ralph Norg
Sunday School for Children ages 3-9
7:30 P.M.
Rev. Darren May of Morrisburg
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10:30 a.m. - Family Worship &
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6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
Service
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Friday – 7:00 p.m.
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Organists – Susan Barkley,
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December 24, Christmas Eve
7:30 p.m. – St. John's – Family
Eucharist
9:30 p.m. – St. James' – Choral
Eucharist
December 25, Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity
Sunday, December 26, 2004
9:15 a.m. – St. James'

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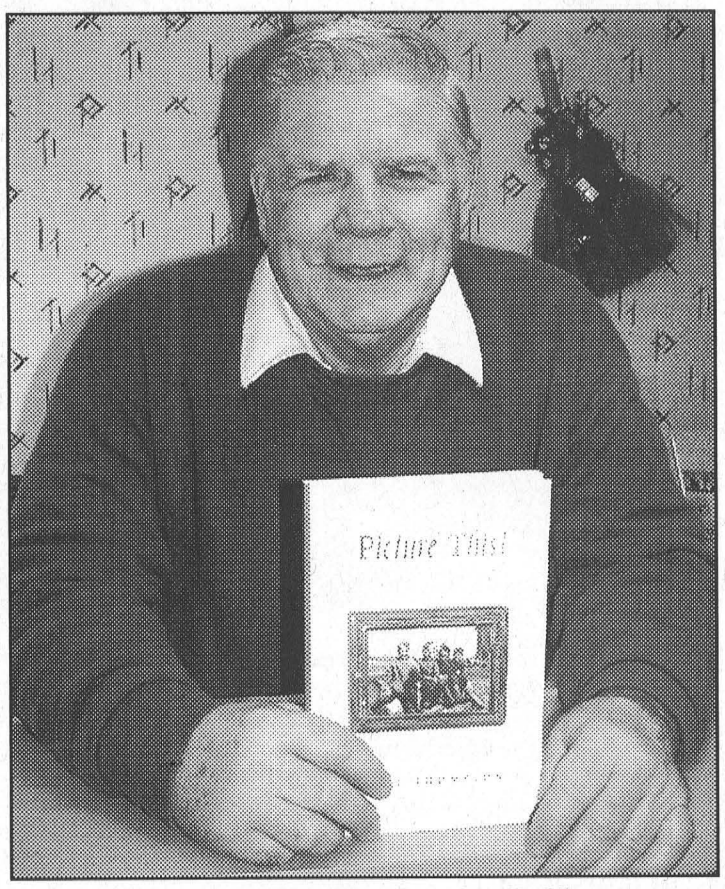
Thompson releases new book



"Picture This" is Now Available
Local author Steve Thompson has released his second collection of short stories about growing up in rural Eastern Ontario. *McNairn Photo*

MORRISBURG–Just in time for Christmas, local author Steve Thompson has released a second delightful collection of short stories, *Picture This!*

Picture This! is a companion piece to Thompson's first collection of popular short stories *Doesn't That Hurt the Cow's Back?* and is a wonderful read for those who welcome the memories of childhood in those days when time marched along ever so much more slowly.

Born the eldest of seven children to a farmer-cum-electrician and his schoolteacher wife, Thompson artfully recreates the people and events that shaped his early years growing up on a Dundas County farm in the Morewood area during the 1940s and 50s.

A former teacher, he has a keen eye for detail and the ability to see both the bitter and the sweet in a situation.

In *Picture This!* you will read of his fishing adventures with his dad in the Castor River near Crysler, his mother's disdain of her discovery of his secret collection of Sears catalogue cutouts of scantily clad models in their bathing suits from which the book is named, and his ambition at the age of 12 to become a strong man like George Jowett who lived east of Morrisburg. You will also read of his double date with Alice who would later become his wife.

"...it is nice to know there is someone like Steve Thompson out there who has the gift of putting words to paper in true storytelling fashion," writes well-known Ottawa Valley writer and personality, Mary Cook. "His images are so real, his people so human, that you know he has lived this book."

Picture This! is a collection of more than 30 short stories in which Thompson captures the innocence of his post-war youth with warmth and humour.

Released on December 6 by General Store Publishing House, *Picture This!* sells for $16.95 and is available at various drug stores throughout the area including the Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Morrisburg. It can also be purchased in Morrisburg at The Village Green.

Zoning amendment

Car wash is okayed

WILLIAMSBURG – Permission has been granted to allow the development of a vacant lot in the Morrisburg industrial park into a car wash.

The move required a zoning by-law amendment, and having received no comments from the public on the application the amendment has been granted by council.

Land use as a car/truck wash is considered to be appropriate use for industrial park lands, said manager of planning and enforcement Donald Lewis in discussing the application with council.

A caretaker's accessory apartment is also included in the amendment.

"Three other parties have looked at a similar project," said Lewis. "It is something that is needed in the community."

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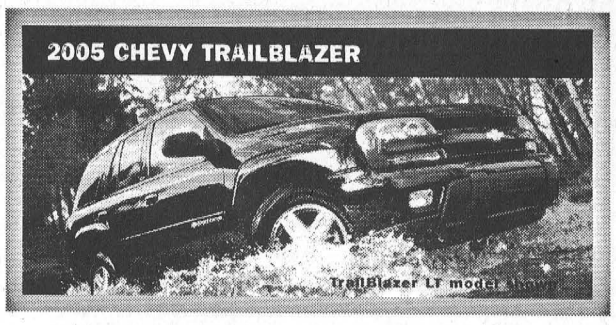

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Leader Sports & Leisure

Bantam Lions top Selects 8-1

SOUTH STORMONT–The Bantam B House Lions travelled to South Stormont Friday night and came up with a huge 8-1 win over the Selects.

The Lions jumped to an early lead when forward Randy Whitford scored 3 unassisted goals within a twelve minute span early in the first period.

Defenceman and team captain Brett Avery also scored ten seconds after Whitford's third goal to force a goaltending change for the Selects.

The Selects managed to score their only goal of the game late in the first period, beating Lions' goalie Jordan Hawn to close the gap, 4-1. Hawn kept the Selects off the score sheet for the balance of the game.

The second period was a much more defensive affair, with Thomas Corden scoring a nice goal in the final minute. Pat Chesbro assisted on the play.

The third was a replay of the first period, with wide open end to end play.

The Lions scored three quick goals in a span of four minutes to seal the victory.

Scoring for the Lions, Kris Quirouette, Pat Chesbro and Liam Mills, with Matt Jamieson and Fred Holmes picking up assists.

Special mention should be made about the excellent forechecking of Tommy Keyes and Brad Munro. Although both players were kept off the score board, they played with a lot on intensity throughout the entire game.

Morrisburg Men's Darts

Results for Week of December 13

MORRISBURG–**D.P.M. 13 wins.** Dave Wells 7, Phil Jamieson 3, Mike Osborne 3. H.S. **Jamieson 180**-3X140-134-127-125-123, Wells 139.

26ers 11 wins. Kevin Fredette 6, Roy Prieur 3, Wayne Hunter 2. H.S. Fredette 3X140, Hunter 125.

Century Plus 7 wins. Jim Scott 7. H.S. Frank Marriner 120, Guy Hart 111.

Tommyknockers 9 wins. Jamie Scott 5, Kris Scott 2, Fred Diegel 2. H.S. Jamie 140-122, Diegel 140-116, Kris 140.

No Bulls 10 wins. Ron Bradford 4, Ivan Shearer 4, Neil Loynahan 2. H.S. Shearer 158-130-121, Bradford 144.

Big Boys 11 wins. Bernie Montroy 8, Darren Tyo 2, Peter Montroy 1. H.S. Peter 140-139-127, Bernie 140, Tyo 120-112.

Leafs 6 wins. Jeff O'Neil 2, Mark Ault 2, Cecil Lewis 2. H.S. Lewis 127-111.

Redneck Renegades 7 wins. Eric Sypes 4, Dale Baker 3.

Superflys 8 wins. Dave Dow 4, Eric Dow 2, Ron Geurkink 2. H.S. Geurkink 140-125, Eric 125, Dave 125.

What's Up 8 wins. Floyd Elliott 3, Chris Sloan 3, Tom Shearer 2. H.S. Elliott 133-111, Shearer 116-102, Sloan 108.

Legion Darts

MORRISBURG–**Go Getters 5–Ambitious 2.** Getter Outs: Wayne Hunter 4, Ray Prieur 1. H.S. Hunter 140. Ambitious Outs: Donald Lewis 2.

4-Aces 4–Clam Gang 3. Aces Outs: Jamie Scott 2, Liz Hunter 2. Gang Outs: Murray Boettger, Lillian Thatcher, Caroline Gale. H.S. Gale 115.

Happy Campers 6–Bull Shooters 1. Camper Outs: David Wells 4, Marlene Thornloe, Kathy Kirker. H.S. Wells 127. Shooters Out: Brian Erratt. H.S. Charlotte Couglar 123.

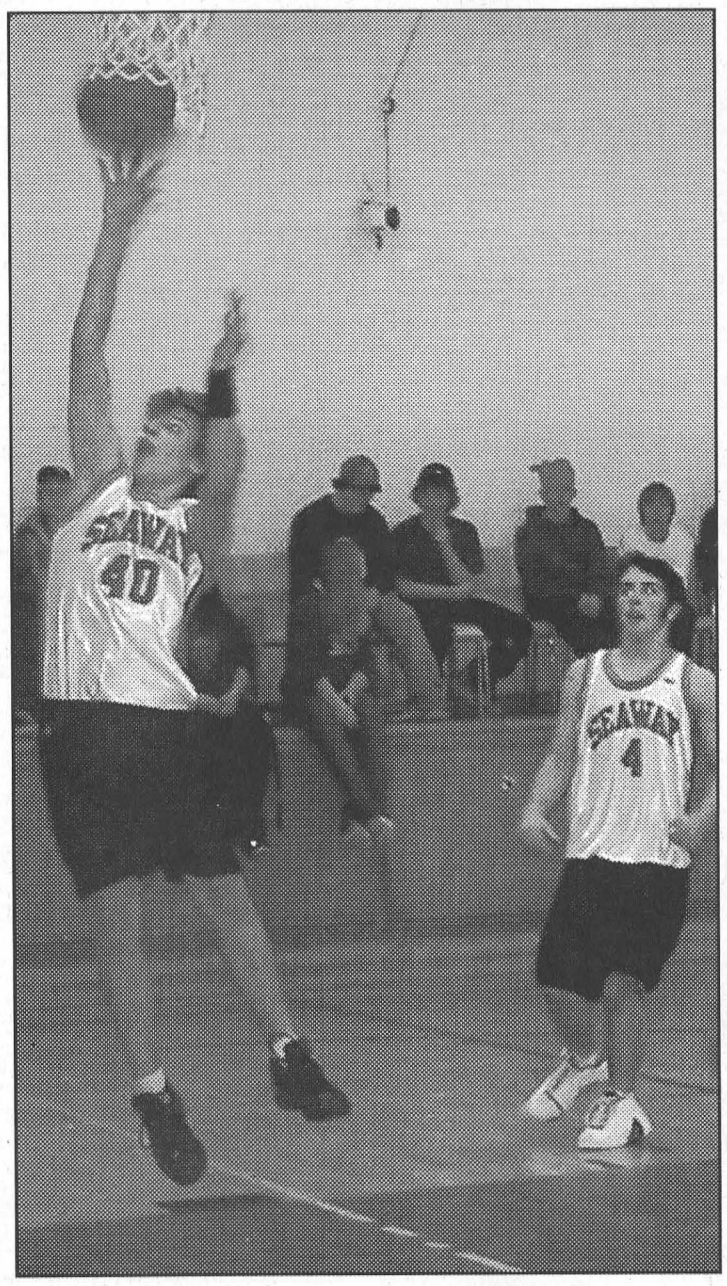
Like Mike 4–Happy Gang 3. Mike Outs: Mike Osborne 4. H.S. Stacey Wilton 106. Gang Outs: Mark Ault 2, Caroline Geertsma.

Bashers 4–Malcolm 3. Basher Outs: Jim Scott 3, Joann Perry. Malcolm Outs: Kris Scott 2, Malcolm Gore.

Freddie's 3Js 4–Floyd's Flitties 3. Freddie's Outs: Fred Diegel 3, Junior Cassell. Flitties Outs: Arnie Fader 2, Shanon Shaw. H.S. Fader 134.

SD&G High School Basketball

Spartans split games



Boys Basketball Kicks Off at Seaway

The Senior and Junior Spartan basketball teams split their games against the visitng Tagwi Warriors last Wednesday. In senior action the Spartans claimed a 65-48 win while the juniors lost 48-34. In the photo above Jonathan Locke, who led the Spartans scoring with 17 points, adds a couple of points while teammate Jacob Sparling looks on and at the left Junior Spartan coach Trevor Thompson talks over a little game strategy with Steve Baird. *McNairn Photos*

IROQUOIS–Pre-holiday action on the court Wednesday, December 15 saw the Seaway District High School senior boys basketball team have a relatively easy time of it in a 65-48 win over the visiting Tagwi Warriors.

The Junior Spartans, on the other hand, ran up against some tough opposition bowing to the Warriors by a 48-34 count.

Dan Toonders was the first to light the scoreboard for the Senior Spartans who found they had their hands full in the first quarter holding on to a narrow 18-13 advantage.

Tagwi stayed with them right until the last minute of the half when Seaway turned it on to pull away 35-26 at the half-time buzzer.

Seaway started strong in second half action, but suffered a tough loss early in when Chris Douma injured his arm.

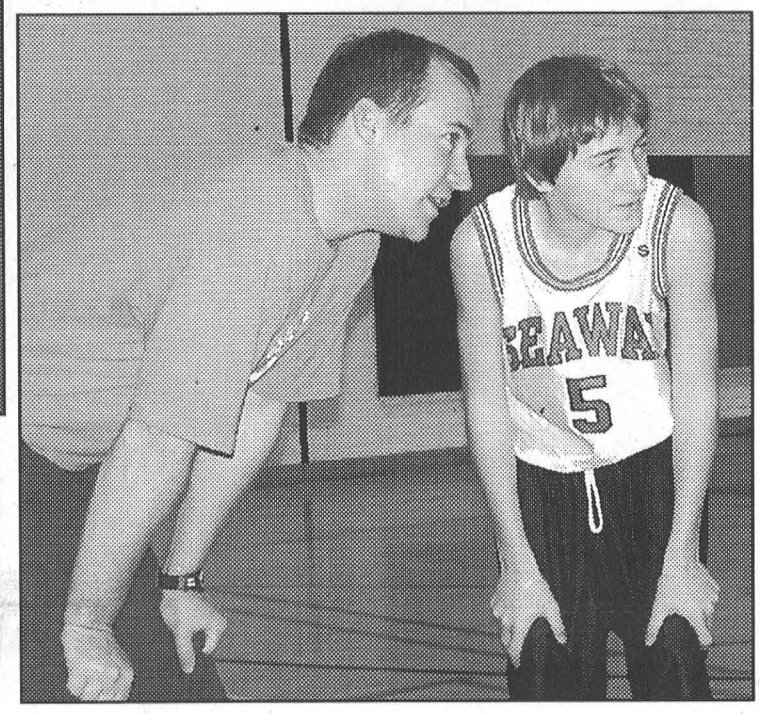
The Spartans hung on going up 52-32 at three-quarter on their way to the 65-48 victory.

Jonathan Locke led the scoring depositing 17 points and Douma, despite his early exit from the game, added 14. Craig Douma scored 12 points, Toonders dropped eight and Jarred Dallas was good for seven.

Top shooters for Tagwi were S. Degray and C. Hemond.

In junior action, the Spartans held the Warriors to a 16-12 lead at the quarter, but a scoreless second quarter saw them drop well back at 24-12 as the Warriors went to work for the 48-34 win. Zach Herfkens led the Warriors with 13 points.

The senior Spartans are coached by Larry Dallas, a retired physical education teacher who has been involved with the Saturday basketball program in Iroquois. Seaway's physed teacher Trevor Thompson is coaching the junior Spartans.



Lions hold top ranked Rideaus to a tie

MORRISBURG–The Morrisburg Junior B Lions had their power play working against the Rideau Division's top ranked South Grenville Rangers here Sunday, to come up with four goals and hold the Rangers to a 4-4 tie.

The Rangers went up 2-0 in the first half of the first period, but the Lions connected twice on the power play to even it 2-2.

Chad Galipeau scored first for the Lions, from Justin Elliott and Cory Gove, then it was over to Elliott for the goal with Galipeau and Gove assisting.

The Lions pulled ahead 3-2 at 4:18 of the second period with a power-play goal from James Kirkwood assisted by Galipeau and Gove.

At 16:38 the Rideau's Adam Tousant counted to tie the game 3-3, and that would be how it remained until well into the third period.

At 6:38 of the third, Matt Bailey put the Rangers ahead by one, but again penalties would get the better of them.

This time it was Mike Carbino scoring for the Lions with Galipeau and Jamie Gadway providing the assist.

That was it for the remainder of the game, and the 4-4 tie held through the extra play.

Matt Van Egmond was in net for the Lions who sat out nine minor penalties and one misconduct.

The Rangers gave up the four power-play goals on 11 minor penalties, one five minute major (hitting from behind and its corresponding game misconduct) and one misconduct.

In other weekend action, Friday night in Westport, the Lions did not fare as well, as they surrendered to the Rideaus 11-5. Goaltender action Andrew Pearson saw plenty of action as the Lions were outshot 43-28.

They held on in the first period keeping it even at 2-2 but lost the second period 5-2 allowing the Rideaus a 7-4 advantage heading into the third period.

Kris Crawford and James Hawkins had two goals apiece for the Rideaus, and Marcus Tholen, Corey Laroque, Steve Biscard, Nick Held, Matt Steare and Cory Gillespie supplied singles.

Pat McLeod had two goals for the Lions, and Justin Elliott, Mike Belmore and Chad Galipeau provided singles.

The Lions drew 11 minor penalties, a double minor, five 10-minute misconducts and one game misconduct while the Rideaus sat out 12 minors and three misconducts.

The Lions now get a break over Christmas weekend and do not see action until Tuesday, December 28 when they are in Char-Lan for an 8:15 p.m. match. On Wednesday, December 29 they travel to Brockville for a 7:45 p.m. game.

Midget B Lions score big win

MORRISBURG–Scoring goals is the name of the game, and that's just what the Midget B Lions did here last Thursday night against visiting Akwesasne.

In fact, the Lions went to work to carve a crunching 14-1 victory over their visitors with Evan Tait scoring three goals, and Sheldon Beckstead, Kent Nugent, David Patterson and Nick Whelan all adding pairs. Singles were scored by Ryan Morrow, Brandon Elliott and Greg O'Neil.

Even goaltender Robbie Bongers, whose shut out was spoiled early in the third period by Devon George, got in on the Lions scoring action providing an assist on the second goal of the game.

In addition to their goals, Kent Nugent provided three assists and Beckstead, Patterson and Craig Duvall had two assists each. Morrow Elliott, Andrew Peters and Kyle Weegar helped out on one goal each.

In other Upper Canada Minor Hockey league action, the Lions did not fare as well giving up a 7-3 loss to the Cornwall Royals in Cornwall Sunday.

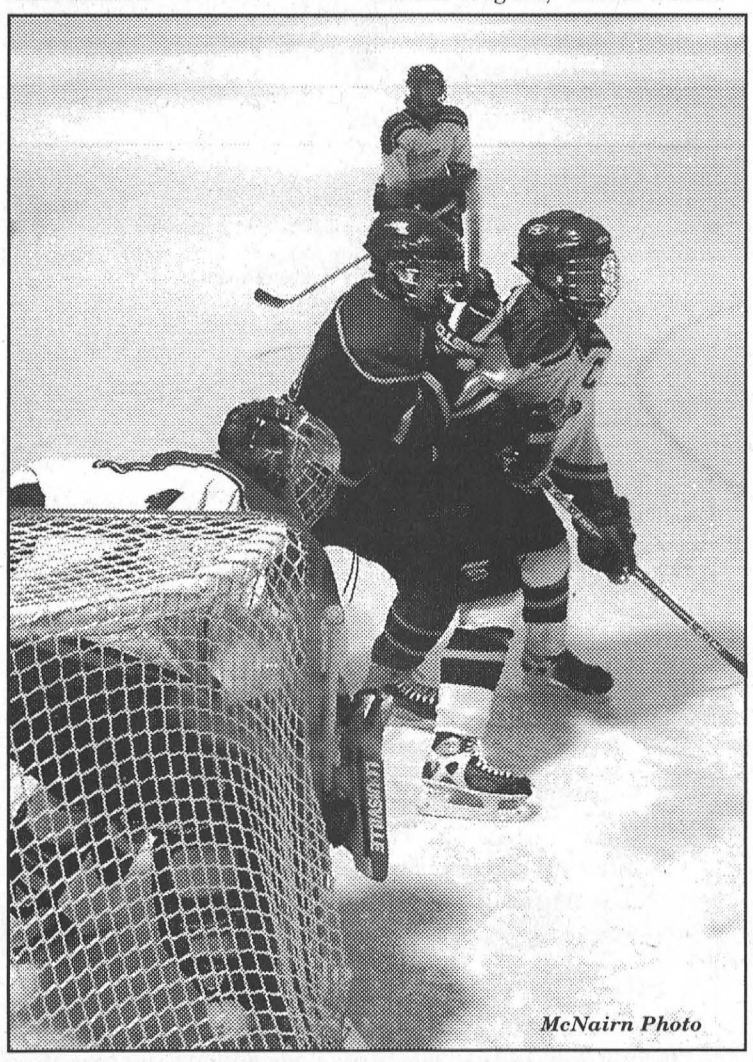
They fell behind 2-0 in the first period and were never able to fully recover. After two periods they were behind 3-2, and in the third they gave up four counters in the 7-3 loss.

Sheldon Beckstead, Brandon Elliott and Kent Nugent counted the Lions goals and Robbie Bongers was in net for the loss.

Shayne Luchshyn led the Royals with two goals and Shawn Ladouceur, Taylor McDonald, Kevin Wilkes, Cody Jones and David Roy scored singles.

Both teams sat out five minor penalties.

In the photo (left) Lions captain Even Tait stands his ground in front of the Akwesasne net as Ryan Morrow skates in. Below the puck (centre) gets everyone's attention. Front left is Sheldon Beckstead #19, while Tait is on the right and Kent Nugent is back on the point.



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St. Mary - St. Cecilia Christmas in concert



Brett Weegar (left)
Randy Fawcett (centre)
Christopher McMillan

Christyn Veinotte

Kaitlyn Veinotte

Jordan Eden

Danielle Quennueville, Justin Schwerdtfeger, Ashley Smith

Funding accepted

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas council accepted some funding.

The township applied for $10,000 in economic development funding to the Eastern Ontario Development Fund under the local initiatives program, and they received word early this month that they were being offered $7,500.

The money is to be used to support the development of strategic planning for economic development.

Council voted to accept the offer for funding from the SD&G Community Futures Development Corporation, at their December 7, regular meeting.

Out of sight

SD&G – The SD&G OPP wish to remind Christmas shoppers to secure their vehicles and keep valuable items out of sight.

This being a busy time of year with shopping in preparation for the holidays, valuable items are left in vehicles as shoppers go from store to store. Leaving purchases in plain view provides temptation to would-be grinches.

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Township moving quickly for flush money

WILLIAMSBURG – The township has switched from a preventative defense to a hurry-up offense, in regards to sewage treatment plant construction in South Dundas.

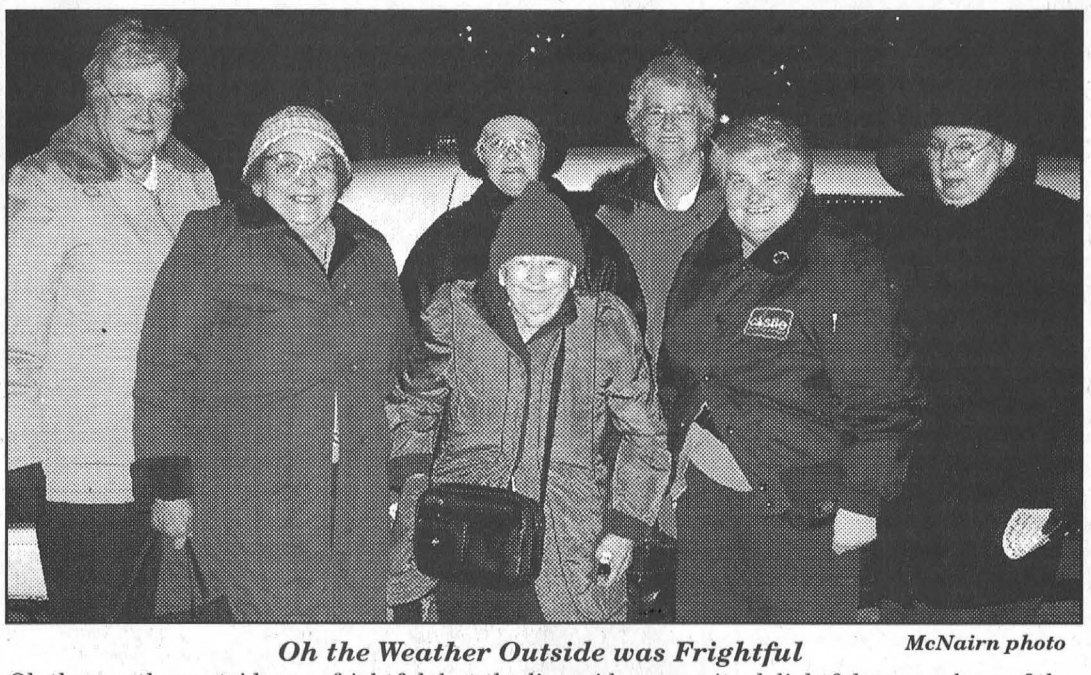
For many years the sewage treatment plants in Morrisburg and Iroquois have been performing substandardly. For all of those years the township has been putting off upgrades until funding for the costly projects becomes available.

In November, the province announced a funding program for infrastructure, which covers major municipal infrastructure such as sewage systems.

"Since the Township is undertaking an update of its sewage ESR (Environmental Study Report), an application is being prepared for the new sewage facilities," said South Dundas CAO Andy Brown in his December 7, report to council.

"In order to be eligible for funding, the municipality must be 'construction' ready. In other words, the ESR and any preliminary work must be completed. This does not include design and engineering. Thus, this forces the township to act on its ESR," explained Brown.

The due date for this round of funding applications is January 10, 2005. From previous experience with this type of government funding program, Brown recommended that council meet with engineers Thompson Rosemount Group as soon as possible so that the township may submit a COMRIF application by the first application deadline.



Oh the Weather Outside was Frightful *McNairn photo*

Oh the weather outside was frightful, but the limo ride was quite delightful as members of the Riverside Heights Women's Institute braved the extremely cold temperature of last Tuesday night (December 14) to judge the many beautiful lights in Riverside Heights. Pictured, front l-r, the Women's Institute judges include Hiltrud Weiher, Doris Erratt, Violet Brown, Marion Moore and Louise Doyle. Centre back Jean Piquette (left) and Annette de Vette. The annual Christmas Light contest is sponsored by the South Williamsburg Recreation Association and taking top prize for their fabulous display this year were Rick and Greta Roberts who won a night in the Jacuzzi Suite donated by the McIntosh Inn. For second place, Jerry and Marian Michalika picked up a flex pass to Upper Canada Theatre, and the Dennis Gillard family won a $50 gift certificate donated by Valu-mart. The annual house lighting contest takes in homes from the train tracks to Upper Canada Road.

WDMH Auxiliary report

by Marjorie Phillips

December's meeting of the Auxiliary does not follow the normal pattern. In its place there is a Volunteer Luncheon with a traditional Christmas dinner.

On Thursday, December 9, 78 people gathered in the Lion's Hall in Winchester to celebrate our fellowship and our commitment to the hospital. A most delicious luncheon was provided by Mary Derue and her team from Chesterville.

It was great to have members of the Hospital join us. We would like to thank Dr. Rosenquist for his solemn grace.

In this busy season it is good to take the time for reflection to appreciate what we have to make us more aware of our blessings.

Greetings from the Hospital Board were given by Peter Sorby who acknowledged and thanked the work of the Volunteers.

We appreciated Trudy Reid, although needing to return to the hospital stayed to present the awards to Auxilians.

We also would like to thank Lynne Wilson and Carrie Barlow for all of their work. It makes the 'behind the scenes' of Auxiliary organization so much easier.

Our appreciation was given to the Marvelville Singers for providing their delightful Christmas music. Their melodic voices and sing along topped off the luncheon.

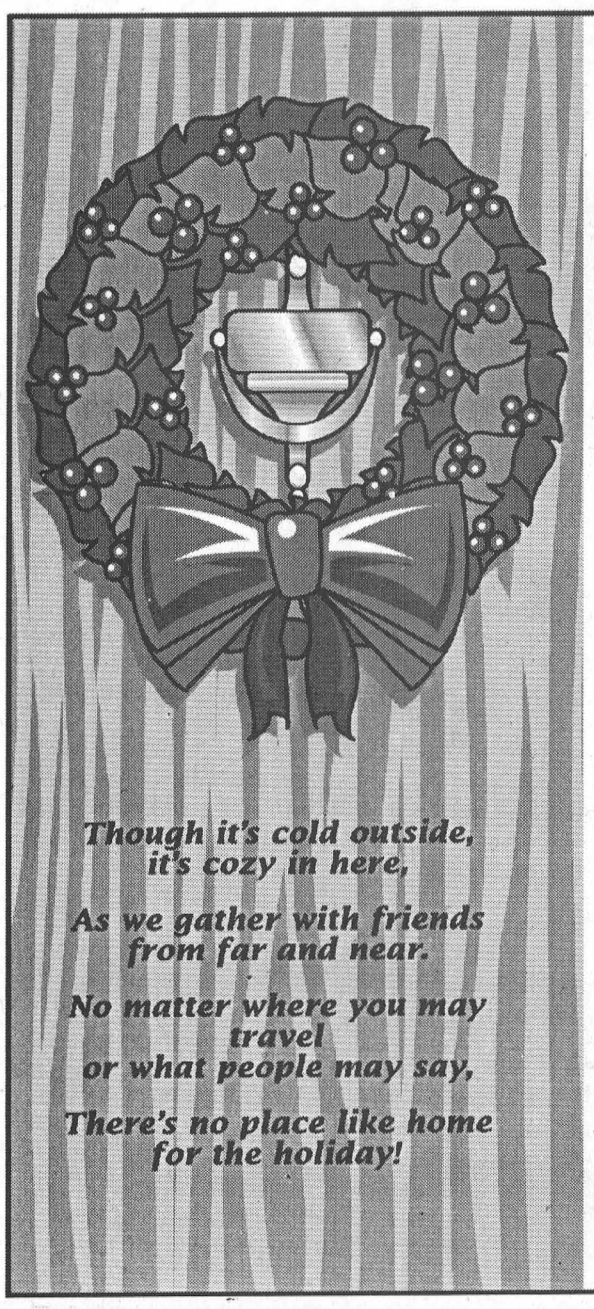
This luncheon enables the Auxiliary to honour those members who have given so much of their time and talents over the years. V Pins were presented to Jane Brugman, Marg Countryman, Joyce Francis, Joyce McIntosh, and Marie Zwartz. Vera Hanley, Roma Hylarides and Grace McCauley were given Outstanding Service Pins and our Own Life Membership awards were handed to Faye Coons, Betty Holmes and Janny Van Berbaaren. Chair, Elinor Jordan read the affirmation written by Jean Holmes regarding Joan Farlinger's HAAO Honourary Life Membership Award and the Auxiliary members had an opportunity to thank and congratulate Joan.

An idea of an Auxiliary newsletter was finally realized due to the efforts of Carrie who put it together so expediently. Many members commented on it as it is a means of becoming more aware of the global picture that we all play in the hospital. It is hoped that it will become a biannual newsletter. There are extra copies in the Volunteer Room and in the Gift Shop if you missed one. Please pass on any 'news' to Marj that you feel could be placed in the June issue.

Congratulations to Debbie Fuffel for winning the Snowman and Roma Hylarides for the Angel in the Gift Shop Christmas raffle.

In January the Gift Shop will meet on Thursday 13, in the Lower Conference Room at noon. Please brown bag it if more convenient, coffee will be served. At 1 p.m. all are invited to come and hear Craig Smith who will lead a mini workshop on Alzheimer's. We are looking forward to his visit and hope that we can learn to be more sensitive to the issues surrounding Alzheimer's.





May Good Tidings Knock On Your Door This Holiday.

Best wishes to you and your family, as you welcome the peace and joy of the Christmas season into your home. We hope your holiday is filled with comfort and joy and the warmth of good friends.

We look forward to serving you in the new year.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING

Application by 18 Electrical Distribution Companies, members of Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Inc. for a Final Order Approving individual Conservation and Demand Management Plan

An application dated November 19, 2004 has been filed with the Ontario Energy Board by Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts Inc. (CHEC) on behalf of its 18 members (Applicants) for a Final Order approving their Conservation and Demand Management Plans (CDM Plans). The Board assigned File No. RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0502 to this application. The following electrical distributors, members of the CHEC, are the applicants in this proceeding:

1) Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
2) COLLUS Power Corporation
3) Grand Valley Hydro Electric Inc.
4) Orillia Power Distribution Ltd.
5) Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.
6) Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.
7) St. Thomas Energy inc.
8) Orangeville Hydro Ltd.
9) Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Ltd.
10) Lakefront Utilities Inc.
11) Goderich Hydro / West Coast Huron Energy Inc.
12) Gravenhurst Hydro Electric Inc.
13) Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.
14) Wellington North Power Inc.
15) Westario Power Inc.
16) Wasaga Distribution Inc.
17) Parry Sound Power Corporation
18) Midland Power Utility Corporation

On May 31, 2004, the Minister of Energy granted approval to all distributors in Ontario to apply to the Board for an increase in their 2005 rates by the third installment of their incremental market adjusted revenue requirement (MARR). This approval is conditional on a commitment to reinvest an equivalent amount in CDM initiatives.

The applicants submitted a Joint application which describes the initiatives and a budget for each individual applicant. The proposed initiatives are grouped into Tier One and Tier Two measures. The Tier One measures focus on common programs while Tier Two measures are customized for each individual distributor. The Tier One measures include: education and promotion; customer survey; and conservation website. The Tier

Two measures include: system optimization and implementation; energy audits and/or projects; power factor correction; web tools and training; billing practice studies; demand response initiatives; channel support and leveraged programs; municipal buildings demonstration conservation projects; low income programs and partnerships; renewable energy projects; co-generation pilot projects; wind power studies; signal and street lighting efficiency; light bulb giveaway and timers; pre-pay metering; conservation and market research; metering pilot; and measures-efficiency yield.

The total budget for the CDM plans for all the applicants is approximately $3,796,000 which is consistent with the total cumulative amount of the third installments of MARR for all 18 distributors.

Copies of the Application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the Application are available for public inspection at the Board's offices, at the CHEC Group office, and at each individual Applicant's head office at the addresses below.

The Board intends to proceed with the application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is appropriate. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board within 7 calendar days of the publication date of this Notice.

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, you must forward three copies of your written submissions to the Secretary of the Board and one copy to the Applicant at the addresses below. All submissions must be received no later than 14 days after the publication date of this Notice. If the applicants wish to respond to any written submissions, such response must be received by the Board no later than 21 days after the publication date of this Notice. All submissions must quote file numbers RP-2004-0203/EB-2004-0502, clearly state the sender's name and address, and be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required dates.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

DATED at Toronto, December 7, 2004

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

John Zych
Board Secretary

ADDRESSES:

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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Attn: John Zych, Board Secretary
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MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL
30th annual, January 21–23, Matilda Community Hall, Dixon's Corners. Fri., Jan 21: Carnival Queen Pageant, 7 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 22: Car/Snowmobile Rally, Dinner, Dance featuring Eddy & the Stingrays; Sun., Jan. 23: pancake breakfast, entertainment, sleigh rides and evening Ecumenical service. Call Nancy 652-2096, Cindy 652-2715, Janice 652-4714, for more details. 49/51/1c

LIVING WORD MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Fri., Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m., Morrisburg Meeting Centre, Highway #2, Morrisburg. 340-6252. 50-51p

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Community Christian Reformed Church, Dixon's Corners, Fri., Dec. 24, 7 p.m. Nursery provided. Everyone welcome. 50-51c

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
December 24, 8 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, Everyone welcome. 51c

BIRTHS

MORROW–Cindy and John are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Marin Kathleen, 7 lbs. 4 ozs., on November 19, 2004. Proud grandparents are Rick and Greta Roberts and first-time grandparents Bonnie Whitteker and Ken and Helene Morrow and great-grandparents Ken and Mabel Morrow. Special thanks to Dr. Crabtree, Dr. Jones, Dr. Rosenquist, Dr. Prins and the wonderful staff at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. 51p

CARD OF THANKS

STANFORD–The recent illness and loss of my brother, Tom Dougall, was and is a difficult time for me. The support, condolences and assistance from family Ralph and Sandra Sinnet, Mark and Suzanne Wilson, Patrick Wilson, Donna Serduk and family, exceptional friends Alice MacEwen, Gloria Foot, Bernadette Cote and John, Kelly Hartnett, Branch #48 Legion members, plus friends in Ottawa, Oakville, Brockville, Montreal, Nova Scotia and P.E.I., was all much appreciated. To all who visited Tom in hospital, came to Parker Funeral Home, attended the Legion service, sent flowers and cards, made charitable donations, came to my home, my sincere thanks. Bonnie Parker arranged everything for me; a very grateful thanks to her and her staff.
–Mabel Stanford 51p

THANKS–To St. Jude for favor received.
–J. & J. 51p

IN MEMORIAM

HAYSTEAD–In memory of my parents, Mabel, January 2, 1991, and Rankin, December 24, 1994.
–Always remembered, Arnold and Stella Haystead 51p

ROBINSON–In loving memory of my mother, Leila Robinson, January 6, 2004.
–In our memory always, Stella and Arnold Haystead 51p

STANDRING–In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather, Hubert Roy, who passed away December 21, 1999.
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NOTICE

A CHRISTMAS WISH
To all my friends, well-wishers, care givers, relatives and family. First, I want to thank everyone for the kindness you have shown me with cards, gifts, phone calls and visits to the hospital. This Christmas wish I send to all of you and your loved one. Have a very merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year. Peace to all.
–Shirley R. Rice 51p

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BINGO
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS
The Municipal Office will be **CLOSED** on the following days: December 24, 2004 at noon to January 2, 2005 inclusive.

DISPOSAL SITE HOURS
Please be advised that the **Williamsburg** and **Matilda Sites** will be **CLOSED** December 24, 2004 and January 1, 2005.

GARBAGE TAGS/BAGS
Please note that effective January 1, 2005, garbage tags will no longer be valid. Excess garbage must be put into the new **clear blue bags** with the Township logo on them. Tags may be exchanged for bags at the Township Office.

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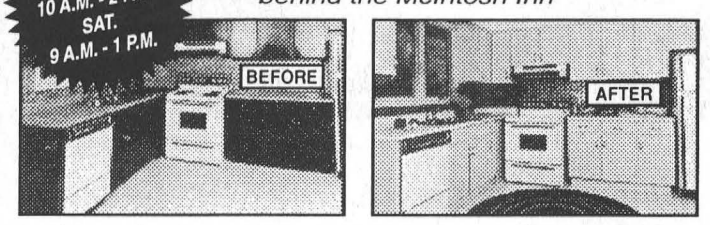

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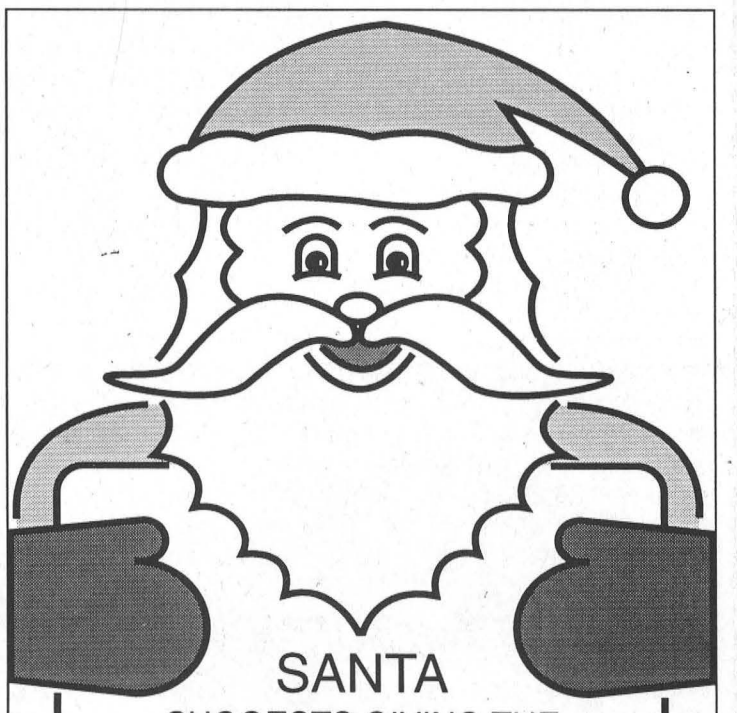
Saturday, December 25th	CLOSED
Sunday, December 26th	CLOSED
Monday, December 27th	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, December 31st	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, January 1st, 2005	CLOSED

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday



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Thurs., December 30 – 8:30 - 3:30
Fri., December 31 – CLOSED



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Williamsburg Firefighters Honoured for Years of Service to their Community

Representing a combined 150 years service to their community, six members of the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department have received Ontario Fire Marshal Years of Service Awards. Topping the list of long-time veteran firefighters is former Williamsburg Fire Chief Lyal Kehoe who has provided the Williamsburg and area community with 45 years on the department, 21 of them, from 1974-1995, as Chief. Pictured above are the officers who were honoured along with Williamsburg Fire Chief Garry Barkley and Deputy Chief Brian VanHoof. Front, l-r, they are Kehoe, Barkley, and Brian Whitteker who has put in 30 years of service. In the back, l-r are Donald VanHoof (five years of service), Victor Brooks (20 years), Dale Casselman (25 years) and Deputy Chief Brian VanHoof. Allan Brunt, who received his 25 year pin, was not available for the photo. In addition to the Fire Marshall pins, Brunt and Casselman received watches from South Dundas Township to mark their 25-year milestone.

LOL supports WDMH

WINCHESTER–The Edwards Loyal Orange Lodge (L.O.L.) continues to support the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's satellite hemodialysis unit.

At the annual potluck card party dinner held Tuesday, December 14, district grand master Bert Wyman presented Foundation Coordinator Lynne Wilson with two cheques totalling $325.

These cheques represent proceeds from a summer barbecue and from a dime jar, an ongoing fundraiser for dialysis centres for the Edwards L.O.L.

"Dimes for Dialysis is a major ongoing campaign for the L.O.L. and this district previously presented Winchester Hospital with a gift of $2500.00 when the dialysis unit was actively fundraising. We are very pleased to continue to support the hospital's dialysis unit. It is an important service to have in our community," said Wyman.

Obituaries

Joan Smirle

A resident of Riverside Heights for the past 27 years, Joan Smirle passed away peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital on Monday, December 13, 2004, following a brief illness. She was 81 years old.

Joan was born on November 26, 1923 in Leatherhead, Surrey, a small town outside of London, England.

She was one of five children born to Thomas and Minnie Stretton, the other children being a brother Thomas and sisters Elizabeth, Rose, and Kathleen.

Joan's teenage years and her early twenties were spent dealing with the hardships of World War II and events such as the battle of Britain.

One evening at a dance in Leatherhead, she met a young Canadian soldier named Lloyd Smirle, who she fell in love with and eventually married on November 27, 1943.

The realities of war hit home when Joan received a letter saying Lloyd was missing in action. Eventually he was found, and all was well.

In 1945 they were blessed with the arrival of their first child, a son, Leslie. Within days of Leslie's birth, Lloyd completed his tour of duty in the military and was forced to return to Canada, leaving Les and Joan behind in Leatherhead.

A year later, Joan finally got passage to Canada, and on Leslie's first birthday, they left England and immigrated to Canada. At last, in June 1946, Joan and Les joined Lloyd in Ottawa. In 1947, they were once again blessed with the arrival of their second son, Terry.

While in Ottawa, Lloyd worked at various jobs while Joan looked after the children and Lloyd's mother, who lived with them until her death in 1974.

In 1947, Lloyd and Joan decided to take on a new challenge, and purchased a farm in Dunbar. It was there that their third child and only daughter, Shirley, was born.

After farming for 15 years Lloyd and Joan decided that they wanted to try something different, so in 1962, they purchased the General Store in Froatburn, from Mitt Carkner. Joan was primarily responsible for the day-to-day operation of the store, while Lloyd worked at several jobs over the years, including Cruickshank Construction and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1977, they sold the store to John Bern, and moved to their new home in Riverside Heights where Joan was supposed to enjoy an early retirement.

However, Joan was not the type of person who could sit and do nothing. So within a few months, she took a job at the "1867" restaurant on Hwy. 401, where she enjoyed serving travelers and truck drivers. She quickly became a shift supervisor, and stayed there until she turned 65.

Following Lloyd's death in 1998, Joan remained in Riverside Heights where she loved to watch the birds, garden, and tend to her many flowers. Joan also enjoyed watching Coronation Street on T.V., and she loved to play darts. Over the years she received several dart trophies that recognized her good sportsmanship.



Joan was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #538 in Bouck's Hill, and the Riverside Heights Womens Institute.

She was a friend to one and all, and touched the hearts of both her family and her many friends throughout the area.

Joan will be deeply missed by her children Les (Noreen) of Oshawa, Terry (Linda) of Markham, and Shirley Smirle of Riverside Heights.

She will be fondly remembered by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Joan was predeceased by her brother Thomas and sisters Elizabeth, Rose, and Kathleen.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Thursday, December 16, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Friday, December 17, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation. Interment of cremated remains will be at Morewood Cemetery in the spring.

Donations to the Diabetes Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Gladys Reaume

A resident of Morrisburg for the past 18 years Gladys Reaume passed away at the Winchester Hospital on Monday, December 13, 2004 following a brief illness. She was 74.

Gladys was a daughter of the late John Gorman and Gladys Miller and she was born on July 2, 1930 in Syracuse, New York. She went to school and graduated from St. Lucy's Academy along with her brothers John "Jack" Gorman and Charles "Chuck" Gorman, and her sister Anne. She was affectionately known as "Sis" in her early years.

After graduation she worked as a cashier in a grocery store in Syracuse where she met Charles "Ric" Reaume who was a native of Ottawa. They were married in 1952 and lived in Syracuse for one year before moving to Ottawa in 1953.

Together they had two children Deborah Anne who was born in 1954 and Brian James who was born in 1957.

She stayed at home to raise her children until they were both in school full time, then she got a job working as a medical claims adjuster for Mutual Life of Canada.

When O.H.I.P. was established she was offered a position with that organization as a client service representative and she worked there up until she retired in 1978.

In 1986 she moved to the Morris Glen apartments in Morrisburg where she served as president of the Morris Glen Social Committee for several years. She was also a member of the Morrisburg Euchre Club.

Her warm, outgoing, and fun loving nature made it easy for her to make friends and she sincerely enjoyed meeting people from all walks of life.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, and especially taking trips to the casino with her son-in-law and she always managed to come out a winner there as well as in real life.

She was especially proud of her grandchildren Bobby, Angie, and Bob. Her nightly chats on the phone with her great-grandsons Kody and Tyler were the highlight of her day.

Her family was always her first commitment and she spent her life giving and helping out wherever she could. The love and caring she gave and received in return will live on in the hearts of her family forever.

Gladys is survived by her daughter Deborah (Vaughn) Deleavey of Morrisburg, a brother Charles (Helen) Gorman of Syracuse and a sister Anne (John) Zbikowski of Syracuse.



She will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Robert (Kelly) Reid of Aylmer, P.Q., Angela Reid of Brockville, her step-grandson Robert Deleavey of Morrisburg, and her great-grandchildren Kody and Tyler Shields. She was a dear mother-in-law to Cathy Cassidy of Orleans.

She was predeceased by her son Brian, a son-in-law Thomas Reid, and a brother John "Jack" Gorman. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of service. Funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 15th at 1 p.m., followed by cremation.

Interment of cremated remains was at Pinecrest Cemetery, Ottawa. Donations to Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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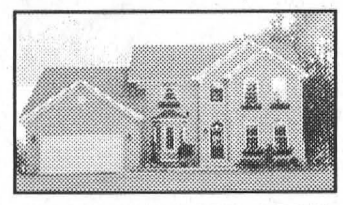

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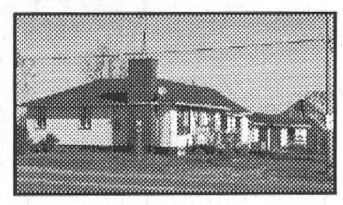
MERKLEY ST., MORRISBURG – Spacious three bedroom, custom designed, built 1986. Roof redone 2001. Interlock drive; fenced yard; all season solarium at rear; main floor laundry; basement office/den plus workshop, rec room, etc. Good residential area, west end of Village. More than meets the eye! $209,900.

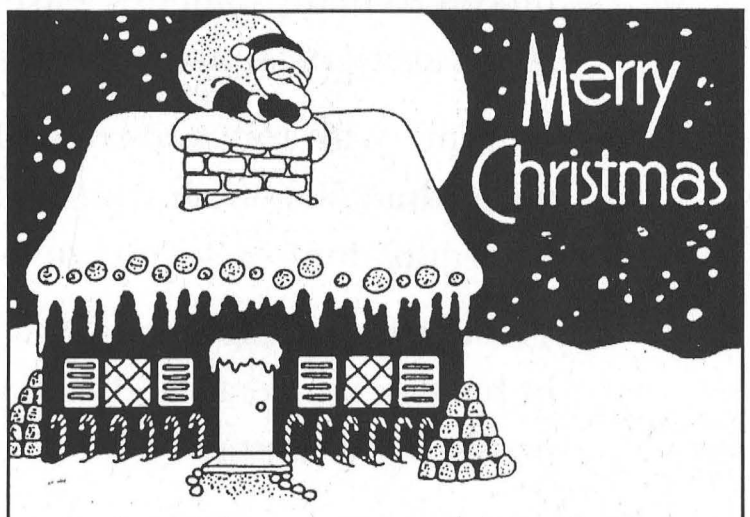


GREAT LITTLE HOBBY FARM – 11.15 acres, located on County Rd. 31, north of Morrisburg at Glen Becker. Neat and tidy three bedroom bungalow. Hardwood floors throughout. Newer windows, furnace, oil tank, hot water tank and drilled well. Large older barn, 3 car garage and other outbuildings. $129,900.

May the joy and peace that fills your home this Christmas season continue into the New Year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!





Our best wishes go out to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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BRIGHT AND CHEERY FAMILY HOME in newer neighbourhood of Morrisburg. Well landscaped. Spacious open concept kitchen and dining area with patio door to large deck. Sunken living room with hardwood. Three bedrooms upper level. Three baths, one on each level. Lower level family room, fourth bedroom, laundry plus loads of storage area. ASKING $179,000.

BUNGALOW in Williamsburg situated on lot 130' x 140'. Three bedrooms, living room 16' x 11', dining area 11'10" x 9'10", kitchen and utility room. Two large rooms in the rear Ideal for a Florida room. Easily adapted for wheel chair. Two car attached garage. ASKING $75,000.

MORRISBURG – Well kept two storey townhouse close to all amenities. Main floor open concept living room, dining area and kitchen. 2 pc.. bath. Patio door from dining area to rear deck. Upstairs - 3 bedrooms and 4 pc bath. Full unfinished basement. ASKING $75,000.

CENTRALLY LOCATED in Morrisburg, just steps from schools. This renovated 4 bedroom home with living room, dining room and eat-in kitchen, laundry area, office with patio door to deck. Many upgrades, including gas heat with BBQ outlet, wood stove in basement, windows and some floor coverings. Rear deck and above ground pool. ASKING $124,900.

MORRISBURG – Well kept bungalow with attractive back yard. One bedroom was two, open concept dining room and living room with hardwood floors and gas fireplace. Front deck and 2 side decks. Garden shed. Many extras included. Ideal retirement home close to amenities. ASKING $75,900.

TOWNSHIP SOUTH DUNDAS LOTS

1. VACANT LOT, size 75' x 150', located in the village of Iroquois just minutes from Hwy. #401. ASKING $26,500.

2. VACANT LOT, size 82' x 140', located in the village of Iroquois just minutes from Hwy. #401. ASKING $26,500.

3. VACANT LOT, size 93' x 140', located in the village of Iroquois just minutes from Hwy. #401. ASKING $26,500.

4. VACANT LOT, size 152' x 181', located in residential hamlet on west side of County Rd. #31 north of Glen Becker with circular driveway with both entrances to Cty. Rd. #31. Just minutes from Hwy. #401 and Morrisburg. ASKING $25,000.

STOPPING THE NUMBER ONE KILLER IN ONTARIO

Smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke is the number one preventable killer in Ontario today.

The Government of Ontario has introduced a bill that would make all workplaces and enclosed public places smoke free.

The government's proposed Smoke-Free Ontario Act would take effect May 31, 2006.

We all pay for the costs of smoking

About 16,000 people die from smoking-related illnesses every year in our province, including many who do not smoke themselves.

Smoking and second-hand smoke have been linked to many cancers, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. And the list is growing.

Patients with tobacco-related diseases occupy more than 500,000 hospital days each year – the equivalent of seven community hospitals.

The cost to Ontario is more than $1.7 billion in healthcare costs and $2.6 billion in lost productivity annually.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act

The new legislation is part of the government's comprehensive anti-tobacco strategy.

The proposed act would:

- ban smoking in all workplaces and enclosed public places, such as restaurants, bars, casinos, private clubs and work vehicles
- protect employees who seek enforcement of the workplace smoking ban from retaliation by employers
- eliminate designated smoking rooms
- limit the sale, distribution and use of tobacco products, including stricter measures to ensure only those 19 years of age and older can buy cigarettes.

The proposed act does not extend the smoking ban to private dwellings, with the exception of licensed private home day care. Operators of residential care facilities and hotels would have the option of allowing smoking in these residential settings.

Identifying our programs and partnerships

The government is partnering with many organizations such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, The Lung Association and the Canadian Cancer Society in a united effort to help create a smoke-free Ontario.

This will include initiatives to help prevent youth from starting to smoke and help smokers quit, for example, Smokers' Helpline, 1-877-513-5333.

You'll be able to recognize these programs and partnerships by the new Smoke-Free Ontario logo that will appear in advertising and promotional materials.

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