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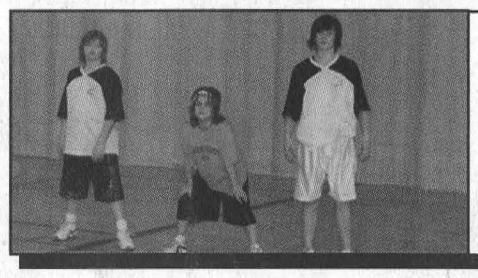

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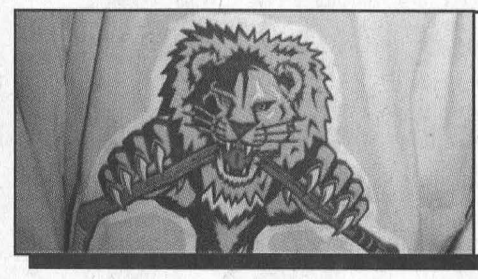

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Local hero injured in an attack

MORRISBURG – Canadian Forces Master Corporal Collin Ryan Fitzgerald drew the attention of national media to himself and his hometown of Morrisburg when he was decorated as one of the first recipients of the Canadian Medal of Military Valour for his actions in Afghanistan.

This week the media spotlight is again on this town, but this time because of the actions of some local individuals against the man who took heroic actions to save the lives of his platoon members in Afghanistan.

Fitzgerald was at a bar, located along Main Street in Morrisburg, around 2 a.m., March 10, and while sitting at a table was struck from behind.

In a television interview, he said he does not remember what happened from there and that he had no confrontation, with anyone in the bar. He also said that he didn't even know most of the people in the place.

When Fitzgerald woke up bleeding he was told that as many as four people had attacked him and one man reportedly said, 'What kind of f---ing hero are you now?'

Fitzgerald was taken to hospital and needed 10 stitches above his right eye. He suffered from a broken nose, black eye, broken teeth, and his foot was broken in three places.

Police are reporting very little about the alleged attack, only that they responded to a report of an injured male on Main Street in Morrisburg, and that their investigation has resulted in 21-year-old Travis Baldwin, of Morrisburg, being arrested and charged with aggravated assault. He is scheduled to appear in Morrisburg Court May 1, 2007.

"The police are pleased with the public support in this investigation and are still seeking any other witnesses to come forward in this matter," said SD&G OPP Community Services Officer Paul Murphy, in a media release Monday.

Police expect to lay further charges in connection with the incident as the investigation continues. They are asking that anyone who witnessed the incident contact them as soon as possible.

Many local residents were upset and angry to hear about the alleged attack.

"As a resident of Morrisburg, as a Canadian, I feel ashamed that this would happen here, in a country which this young man held so close to his heart, while overseas on the front lines of Afghanistan," one man said.

"No matter how we feel about the situation overseas or elsewhere, we have brave men and women from our nation doing their best to serve their country and come back safely to their friends and family home in Canada."

"The kind of support a veteran needs following a tour of duty is in the form of kind words and gestures, and not on crutches for six weeks."

Just three weeks ago Fitzgerald received his Medal of Military

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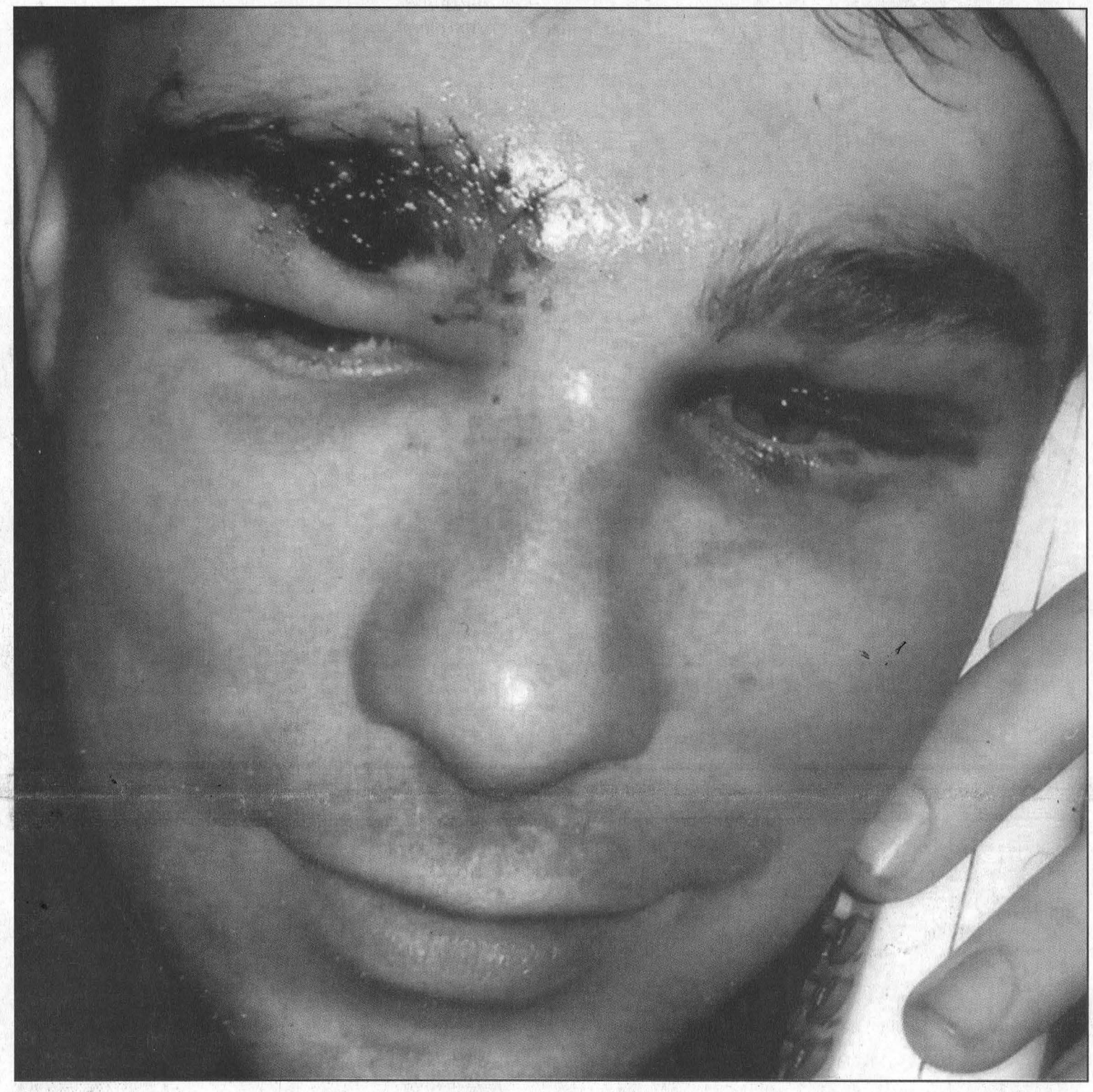

Master Corporal Collin Ryan Fitzgerald injured

Recently awarded the Canadian Medal of Military Valour, Master Corporal Collin Ryan Fitzgerald was injured at about 2 a.m., March 10, when he was allegedly attacked from behind at a local establishment. An investigation into the incident is ongoing. One man has already been charged and police expect to lay more charges in connection with the incident as witnesses come forward. **Photo contributed**

Council denies further extension of Parlow Road

WILLIAMSBURG – A local resident, who owns building lots along the Parlow Road asked the municipality to extend the road by 350 feet to allow for the construction of two new homes.

By a 3-2 vote, council decided that they will not extend the road.

The matter was first discussed at the February 20 regular meeting, but deferred until all council members were present at the March 6 meeting.

At the February meeting, South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley told council of the history of the road. "It's been done piece meal," said Barkley, adding that he would not recommend that council build the whole road, but instead, "do what's barely necessary until we get the homes there."

South Dundas councillors Delbert Jones and Jim Graham asked staff to get a legal opinion concerning whether or not the municipality is obligated to build the road.

"We need to find out what our obligation is and get a legal opinion on where we stand before making a decision," said Jones.

"This is a precedent I don't feel comfortable setting," added Graham.

South Dundas deputy mayor Robert 'Rowdy' Gillard told Graham that the precedent has already been set.

"Not by this council," answered Graham.

The legal advice and South Dundas councillor Steven Byvelds returned to the council table for the March 6, regular meeting, giving council the opportunity to make a decision.

According to South Dundas clerk Brenda Brunt, the township's solicitor advised them that because the road is not an open and maintained road, the municipality has no obligation to extend the road.

"After looking at the information and the legal advice I hesitate strongly in advising (staff) to go ahead with this project," said Byvelds. "The situation could happen in other areas, and if we do one, we would have to do the other," he added.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley "strongly disagreed."

He said the Parlow Road is an open road allowance but it is not maintained. "The Parlow Road was never legally closed," he said. "It has been partially maintained forever and a day."

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Paramedics vote on offer

CORNWALL – The two sides have been talking and it appears that an agreement between the City of Cornwall and the members of CUPE 3251 - PARA, could be reached in the near future.

Should an agreement be reached, it would end the paramedic strike which has now entered its third week.

The striking EMS workers were to vote on a proposed agreement after press time yesterday afternoon.

The paramedics, who cover the City of Cornwall and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, have been without a contract since October 2004.

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Drop off cards for Fitzgerald

MORRISBURG – George Davies, acting president of the Morrisburg Legion Branch #48 is inviting anyone wanting to send letters and cards to Collin Fitzgerald to drop them off or mail the to the Branch.

Fitzgerald, the Medal of Valour recipient recently returned from Afghanistan was recently injured in an alleged assault at a local bar, much to the dismay of the surrounding community.

Davies will hand deliver the notes and cards to Fitzgerald in Trenton in early April.

Local hero

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Valour from Governor General Michaelle Jean.

He was named to the honour following his actions during the ambush of his armoured patrol in Afghanistan in May of 2006.

The citation described his actions as courageous and completely selfless, undoubtedly saving the lives of his fellow platoon members.



Celebrating 60 Years at Martha's Kitchen

Lunch at Martha's Kitchen, located at the St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg, last Thursday was special. Those on hand joined in on congratulating David and Eileen Hunt on their 60th anniversary. Pictured above, South Dundas Deputy Mayor Robert 'Rowdy' Gillard presented the couple with a plaque from the municipality. David says the secret to 60 years of marriage is to, "Always obey your wife with love." Eileen holds a bouquet of seven roses from David. "One for every decade, and the seventh for eternity," explained David.

Comfort photo

Open meeting to discuss long term care for this area

WILLIAMSBURG – A group of people are taking quick action to organize themselves as a committee to work towards bringing a long term care facility to the area.

"We have realized for some time the tremendous shortage of long term care in our area," said John Dalrymple in an invitation to attend an important meeting March 21, at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg. "Unfortunately this need has not been recognized by all levels of government."

When a request for proposals for 96 beds for South Ottawa was issued in February, Dalrymple, and others who have been working diligently at raising the awareness of the need of this area, thought they should take action.

Dalrymple has asked South Dundas to contribute $1,500 towards the incorporation of a Non-Profit Long Term Care body.

Although council has not firmly committed the funds, Dalrymple has continued to work towards establishing that committee, by identifying a board.

Dalrymple envisions the board consisting of the mayors of South Dundas, North Dundas, South Stormont, North Stormont, and Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, as founding directors, "as they have the where-with-all to create awareness of the project."

Dalrymple added that other high profile community members have also been approached to serve on the committee.

The RFP for the South Ottawa units is due April 19, 2007.

Dalrymple has asked Garry Armstrong, a former CEO in the long term care field , and now a consultant to host an open meeting to discuss the sequence which must be followed to get the RFP.

The meeting will take place at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg, at 7 p.m., and the hope is that the mayors and any interested individuals or groups will attend.

"We're hanging in there, but it takes the community to push this and make it happen," says Isobel Williams, who headed up past letter writing campaigns concerning long term care in this area.

"We're going to hand in there and we're going to get there," she says.

Council

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Barkley explained that the former Matilda Township, and South Dundas have worked with the landowner by agreeing to open the road as he progressed with his building.

"It is very poor bargaining for any council to say no now. The road is the same now as when he started," said Barkley.

Jones disagreed with Barkley's position. "I have difficulty understanding why we would spend the money on extending the road. It doesn't look like an open road. It looks like a trail." He argued that he didn't see the logic in the municipality paying to build a road for someone to build a home and profit from it, when other developers building subdivisions are obligated to cover infrastructure costs to meet municipal standards.

"I am of the same opinion," said Graham. "After reading this legal opinion, I don't believe that we are under any legal obligation."

Gillard asked council if they are prepared to go to court on this issue. He argued that even though the legal opinion shows no obligation, he could see the matter ending up in court.

"He was dealing in good faith and we're changing the rules," said Gillard.

"We may have a challenge in court," said Byvelds. "So be it."

"When I stood for election at Matilda Hall, I said I want economic growth," said Barkley. "I'm prepared to pay for economic growth."

Jones said that no member of council is against economic growth, but in his opinion the decision is about fairness and consistency.

According to Jones, like the developer of a subdivision down the road, the people who are building the homes on lots along the Parlow Road should have to pay for road improvements.

"Should I have to pay to pave the road in front of my house?" asked Barkley.

"That is not a fair comparison," said Jones, before Barkley put the motion to a vote.

Councillors Byvelds, Jones and Graham voted in favour of not fulfilling the request to extend the Parlow Road.

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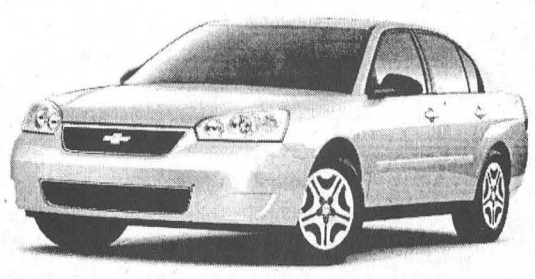

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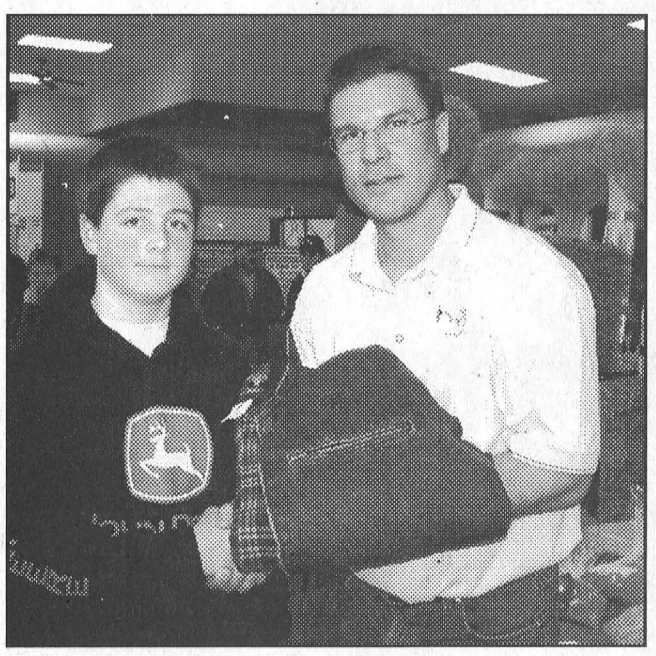
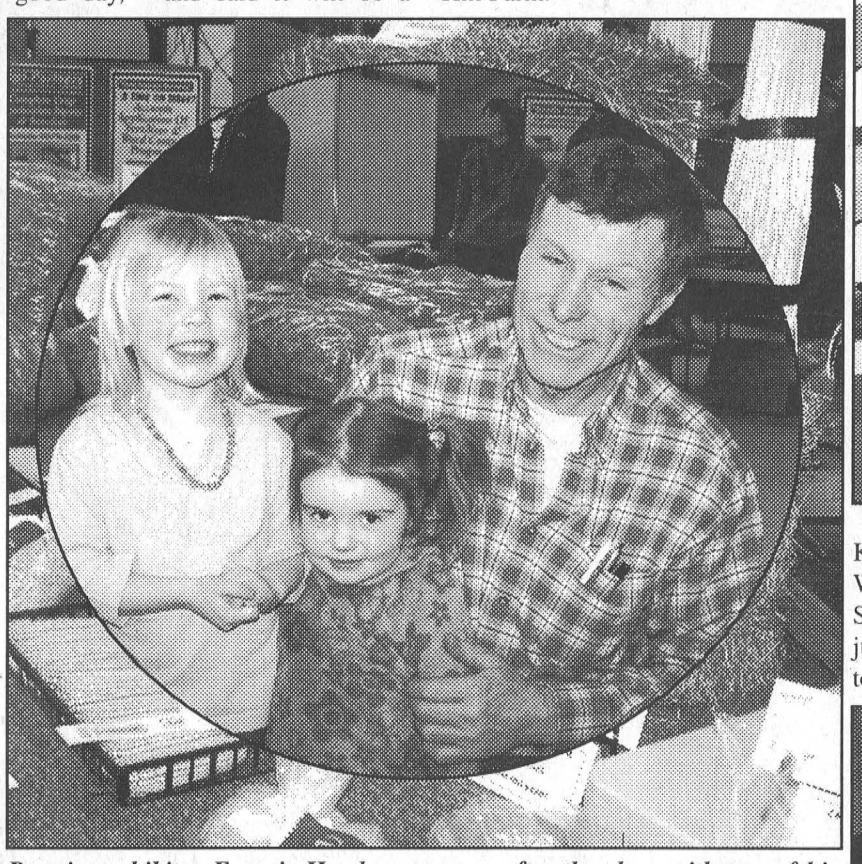


Award winners at show

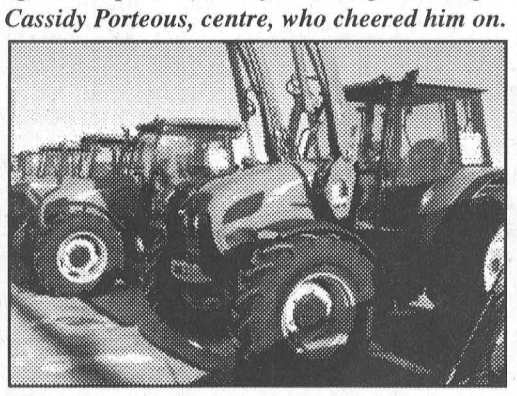
Fred Zandbergen of Fred's Farm Supplies probably described the success of the annual agricultural show best when he remarked, "The weather was nice enough that people came out, but cold enough to get them in and talking. This was the best show in the last few years." Pictured above, the Premier 4-H Exhibitor, Trevor McDiarmid, accepts his prize from Pioneer Hybrid representative, Kevin Leeder. Below, far right, Ian Porteous, whose Ayrporte Farms took home four prizes, poses with son Bruce. Immediately below, Carolyn Lillico of Lilliville Farms, also winner of three show categories, demonstrates the art of creating decorative wheat sheafs for the crowds.

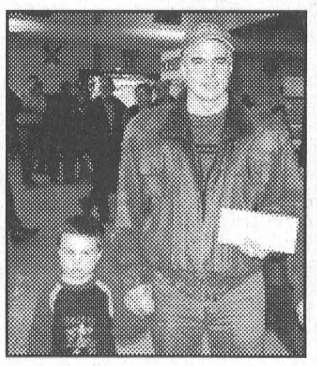


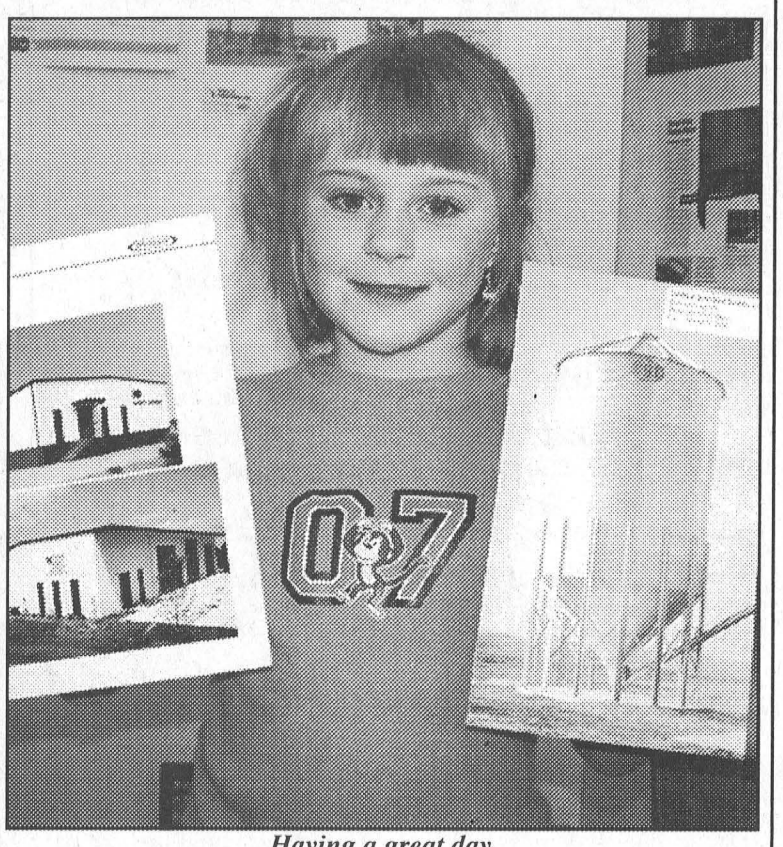
DIXON'S CORNERS – Under sunny skies, the eigth annual Dundas Seed, Forage and Agricultural Show was held in the Matilda Hall on March 8. Forty-two exhibitors brought in 160 exhibits, impressing judges with the quality of the displays. Chairman of the Show, Mark Tibben, described it as a "very good day," and said it will be a pleasure to transport 71 winning exhibits from this show to the Ottawa Farm Show this week. Forty businesses also took advantage of the crowds to demonstrate their products and services to visitors. New this year was a baked bean competition, judged by three local mayors, and won by Jeanette Devries of Toyes Hill Farm.



Premier exhibitor Francis Henderson poses after the show with two of his "greatest prizes", two-year-old granddaughters Olivia Mudde, left, and Cassidy Porteous, centre, who cheered him on. *Gibb Photos*

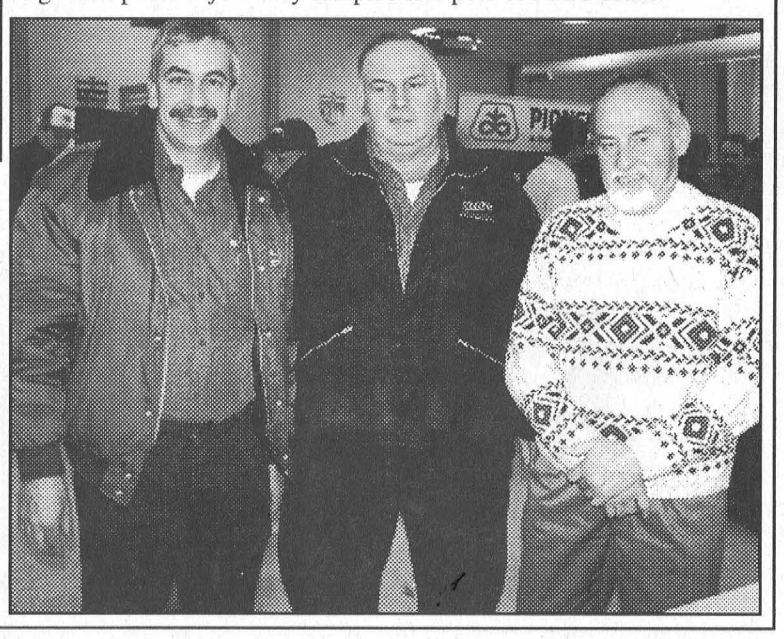






Having a great day

Katie Buter minds the Triple B Structures booth, above, while below Warden Dennis Fife of North Stormont, Mayor Charles Barkley of South Dundas and Mayor Alvin Runnalls of North Dundas get ready to judge the baked beans. Mayor Charles remarked that it might be best to get this photo *before* they sampled five pots of baked beans.



Top Prize Winners At Agricutural Show

DIXON'S CORNERS – A number of exhibitors took home prizes at the 2007 Dundas Seed, Forage and Agricultural Show held on March 8 at the Matilda Hall.

Organizers and judges had high praise for all the agricultural entries, and appreciative thanks for businesses and sponsors who set up exhibition booths at the Show.

Exhibits ranged from Farm Safety to presentations of irrigation and drainage systems. Visitors could examine innovations in farm buildings and farm machinery, while seed and feed experts discussed new trends, types and ideas with interested members of the public. Also of interest to agriculturalists, were new ideas for energy conservation on the farm.

Judging took place in the late afternoon with these results:

Premier exhibitor, presented by Mike Bell of TD Canada Trust, was Francis Henderson.

Reserve premier exhibitor was Ayrporte Farms (Ian Porteous), presented by Dave Barkley on behalf of Agri-Partners Crop Centre Ltd.

Premier 1st time exhibitor was Breteler Farms Inc. courtesy of Dundas Soil and Crop.

Premier forage exhibitor was presented by Tony Fortier, on behalf of Scotiabank, to Francis Henderson.

Reserve forage exhibitor was Ayrporte Farms, presented by Bill Dixon of Summit Seeds.

Champion forage exhibitor was Ayrporte Farms, presented by Paul Burgois of the Royal Bank.

Reserve champion forage exhibitor was presented to Francis Henderson by Ryan Brophy of Pickseed.

Champion haylage exhibit was Wintergreen Farm, presented by Terry Good of Harvex Agromart Inc.

Champion dry hay exhibit was presented by Joe Jansen of SynAgri to Ayrporte Farms.

Champion shelled corn was presented to Lilliville Farms (Carolyn Lillico) by Fife Agricultural Services Ltd., represented by Denis Fife.

Champion ear corn was presented to Lilliville Farms by Norm Tinkler of Pride Seeds.

Champion corn Silage was won by Francis Henderson, and presented by Kevin Henderson of Pioneer Seeds.

Champion cereal exhibit was presented to Francis Henderson by VandenBosch Farms Inc., and given by Brent VandenBosch.

Champion soybean exhibit winner was David McDiarmid, whose brother Trevor accepted the prize from Richard Lavigne of Summit Seeds.

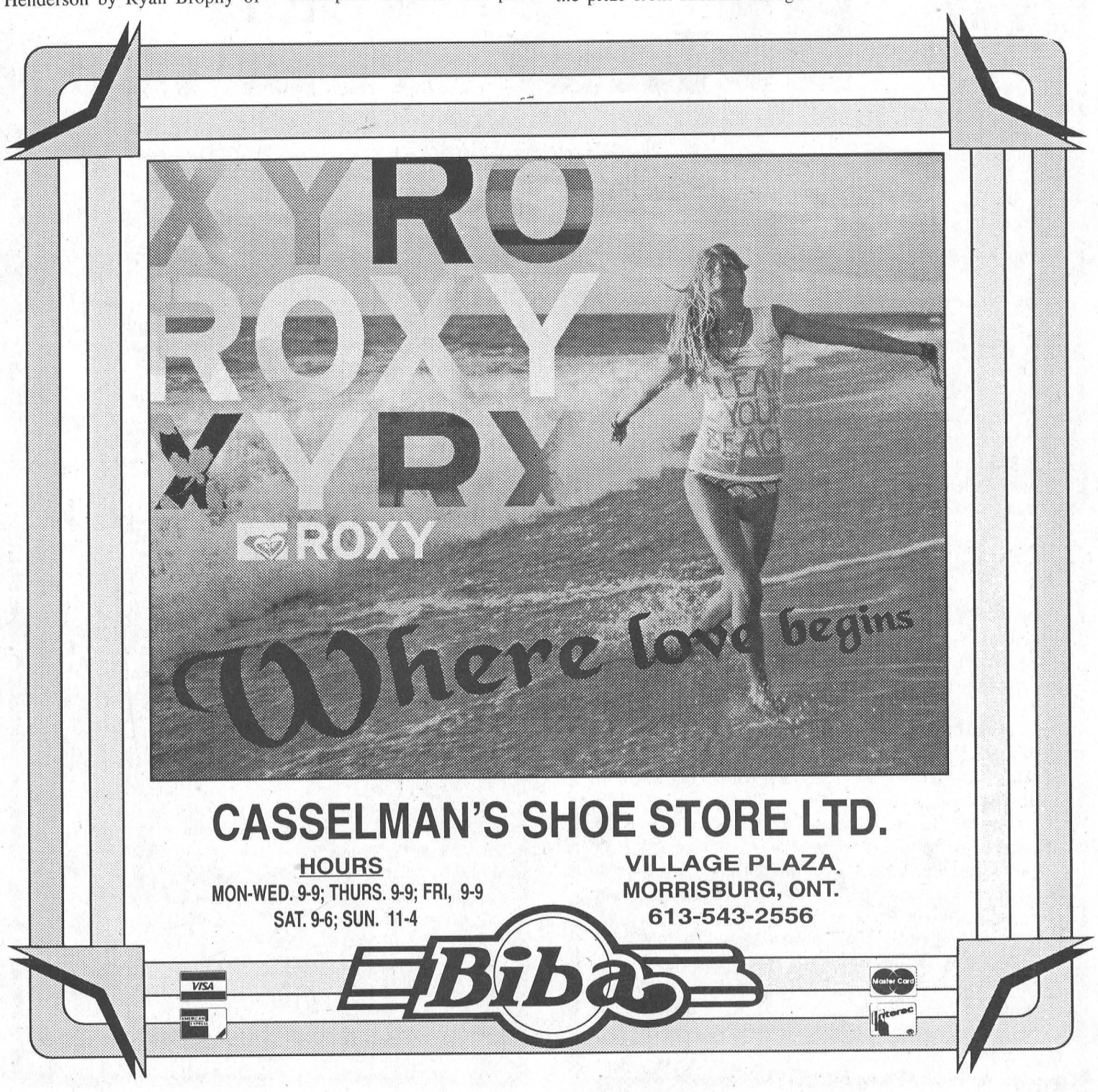
Champion whitebean exhibitor was Lillieville Farms, presented by Cliff Metcalf of Hyland.

Ist place wheat in field crop classes was Francis Henderson, presented by Dave Barkley of Agri-Partners Crop Centre Ltd.

Premier 4-H exhibitor was Trevor McDiarmid, presented by Kevin Leeder on behalf of Pioneer Hybrid.

VandenBosch Farms Inc. sponsored the baked beans prize.





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In October of 2006, the town of Morrisburg made news throughout Canada.

One of our own, Master Corporal Collin Fitzgerald had not only made it home alive and well from a grueling tour in Afghanistan, but more than that, he had been awarded a Medal of Military Valour, one of the first of its kind.

Our papers reported the event with both joy and pride. After all, Morrisburg people have been enthusiastic and sincere supporters of our men and women in uniform since the mission to Kandahar began. Area school children have mailed cards and letters and drawings to the soldiers. The Legion and local churches have had photos taken of their members joyfully wearing the red shirts that represent our military, and sent those photos overseas. We wanted to let the young soldiers know that, yes, we cared. Yes, we were, and are, thinking about them every day. Just three weeks ago, there wasn't a person in Morrisburg who didn't stand a little taller with pride when "one of our boys" stood before the Governor-general of Canada, and accepted his Medal of Valour.

Well, Morrisburg is back in the news today.

Reporters and camera crews from across Canada are again in our town and they are asking tough questions of our citizens.

That same young man who brought such honour to his community Friday night fell victim to the kind of violence that he must have thought he had left behind him in Afghanistan. Master Corporal Fitzgerald was allegedly assaulted from behind by a group of attackers. If this was the case, this wasn't a fight. It was a savage beating.

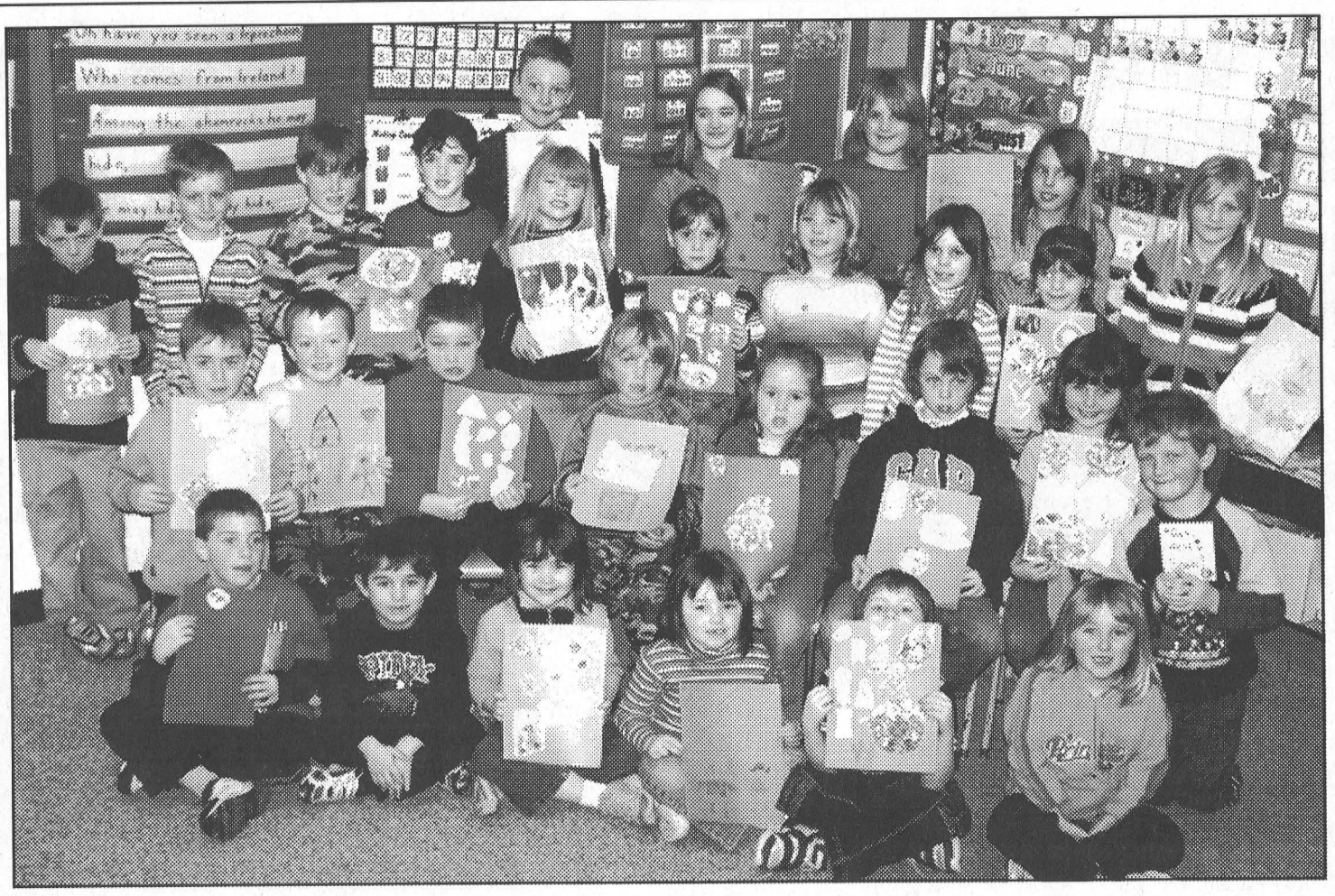
The people of Morrisburg are in shock. They are confused.They are angry.

How could something like this happen in a town that has always honoured its warriors? How could a community that has repeatedly shown its love and support for the young men and women of Canada's military, still be a place where a brave soldier, home from war, might not be safe?

There are no easy answers to the questions. The police will do their job, and those involved will ultimately face justice.

To Master Corporal Fitzgerald, we can only say how very sorry we are that this happened in our town, his town. We can only say that we do not understand how people could have treated him in that manner. We can only say that the rest of us will continue to honour, and be grateful for the sacrifices he made in our name in a nation half a world away.

The violence of Friday night is not who we are.



Birthday Greetings for Shane

Students at Morrisburg Public School hold up some of the several hundred birthday cards the school is sending to Shane Bernier, a seven-year-old from Lancaster who is being treated for Leukemia at CHEO. Shane, who will celebrate his 8th birthday on May 30, has made it his mission to set a Guinness World Record for receiving the most birthday cards. Approximately 54 schools in the Upper Canada District School Board got on board to help Shane with his birthday quest and his cards now number in the 1,000s with new ones coming in at a rate of 1,000 a day. In addition to the local schools in South Dundas all members of the public can join the effort by sending Shane a birthday card at: Shane Bernier, PO Box 484, Lancaster, ON, K0C 1N0. Shane was diagnosed with Leukemia three years ago. He launched his bid to Guinness, for the most birthday cards received by an individual, last year. Pictured above representing Morrisburg Public School, front l-r are Nicholas O'Connor, Dawson Miller, Hayley Tyo, Maddison Hummel, Brock Davidson and Kaylyn Ivany. Second row, l-r, Aaron Smith, Connor Dumoulin, Nathan Disotell, Oakley Beavers, Megan MacKay, Bryce Bradford, Stephanie Ault and Calahan Bilmer. Third row, Logan Wensink, Grant Wells, Shawn Dowson, Devon Dumoulin, Amber Venema, Amber Seeley, Jocelyn Richardson, Macayla Shaver and Emma Hill. Back, Taylor Pratt, Logan Patterson, Sam Bennett, Lyndsay Rainey and Samantha Venema.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

The Junior B Lions are in the midst of the division championships against the Alexandria Glens. The Lions are down in the series two games to one. The game tonight (Wednesday) starts at 8:15. The series then moves back to Alexandria Friday night and returns to Morrisburg Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

The South Dundas Minor Midget Lions are still in the playoffs, competing for the Eastern Championship. They too are playing against Alexandria and are currently down by one game in the series. Their next home game takes place Thursday, March 15, at 8 p.m.

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This Saturday is St. Patrick's Day, and also the day that the Catholic Women's League annual Tea and Bazaar takes place at the Morrisburg Legion.

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Looking for a great way to get outdoors and enjoy the spring weather, the Crysler Park Sugar Bush is slated to open this weekend. Wagon rides and pancakes with maple syrup, are always part of the fun.

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A group of people are working at bringing long term care to South Dundas and they are inviting anyone interested to an open meeting at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors Support Centre in Williamsburg, March 21, at 7 p.m.

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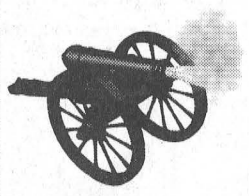
A reminder to those interested in playing in minor ball this summer, the next registration will be held Saturday March 24, 9 a.m. until noon at the Morrisburg arena, Iroquois Civic Centre, Riverside Recreation Centre and Williamsburg Recreation Centre.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1997

The March 12 issue reported Williamsburg Township council presented $100 to local track and field athlete Sharon Spear who had her sights set on the Olympics. Spear, a student at Seaway District High School, was ranked fifth in Canada in the 400m hurdles and sixth in 100m hurdles following the Canadian National Junior Championship held in Kingston in August.

The Morrisburg Public School girls won the western floor hockey championship. Members of the team included Kaylee Morrell, Kim O'Neil, Natalie Corry, Karla Nugent, Abby McCann, Ashley Tuttle, Amanda Adlington, Kayla Irven and Kate Edwards.

It was winter carnival time at Seaway District High.

1987

The March 11 issue reported the figures released by Statistics Canada from the 1986 census. The figures showed Morrisburg had grown from a population of 2,308 in 1981 to 2,332 last year. There were 954 occupied private dwellings in the village. Iroquois showed a decrease from 1,210 residents to 1,168 with 463 occupied private dwellings. Williamsburg Township grew from 3,065 to 3,100 and Matilda Township shrunk from 3,115 to 3,098.

Led by a three-goal performance by Bobby Jack Hart, the Morrisburg Lions wrapped up their best-of-seven, quarter-final series against the Brockville Tikis in five games.

1977

The March 18 issue reported the Morrisburg Jr. B Lions, won the first game of the best-of-seven final series for the Gill Cup. Down 3-1 to the Prescott Saints after two periods, the Lions roared back in the third for five unanswered goals. Bill Veley led the Lions' scoring with two goals and singles were scored by Ernie Duvall, Kevin Duvall, Bob McNairn and Pete McIntosh.

The Morrisburg midgets won a Char-Lan tournament defeating Cornwall Charlebois 5-2 in the final game. Marc Beaupre and Bob Casselman scored a pair of goals each and Leo Lafortune added a single.

The Morrisburg Hydro Commission paid tribute to long-time public servant John Thompson in recognition of his 31 years of service as a member of the commission.

Ninety parents attended an open meeting of the Morrisburg Public School Committee to discuss the proposed change of the school year. Proposed by the Director of Education was a seven week winter break and a five week summer break.

The Crysler Park Maple Sugar Bush announced a March 19 opening.

1967

The March 17 issue reported a special service was conducted at Lakeshore Drive United Church on March 12 when 30 new members were welcomed to the congregation by Rev. Garfield Bruce.

The Morrisburg Combines were leading their semi-final series against Buckingham two games to one. In the opening game of the series in Morrisburg, a crowd of 700 fans saw Buckingham out shoot the Combines, but Don Grant in his usual good form, held them off.

The Prescott Barons had taken a 2-0 series lead against the Morrisburg-Williamsburg Intermediate Combines.

The Morrisburg Bantams won the ODHA Playdowns in the Bantam C series. The first two games were tied, and Morrisburg shutout Prescott 5-0 to win the third game. Scoring for Morrisburg were Andrew Mason, Tom Morrow, Brian McNairn, Phillip Dillabough and Stephen Hess.

Karen Eady of Morrisburg Public School was the winner of the Legion Zone Public speaking finals in the grade 1-6 division, and Richard Casselman of Iroquois Public School won the Grade 7-8 division.

1957

Headlines in the March 15 issue read: Morrisburg Goes Dial Sunday. On March 17, the community's manual exchange would convert to dial operation. This was the climax to months of work that saw the construction of the dial exchange building, adaptation of the town's wire and cable network and the installation of dial telephones to homes and businesses. The actual cut over was to take less than two minutes. All telephones would now have a new number consisting of the prefix "Kingsdale 3" followed by four figures. From the moment the dial system was inaugurated, the familiar "number please" would no longer be heard. The telephone was first introduced in Morrisburg, 72 years earlier when an agency opened in Selleck's Drug Store. At this time a long distance line had been completed between Montreal and Kingston. At first used for long distance calling only, a telephone directory dated 1887 showed 15 subscribers. That number grew to more than 100 by 1919. Pictured with the story were the current staff under chief operator Mildred Tousaw who would service their final calls Saturday night. They included Mrs. M.A. Lortie, Joyce Strader, Marina Simpson, Miss C. M. Luffman, Miss B.G. VanAllen, Winnie Lapierre, Miss E.M. Mattice, Betty Casselman, Mrs. L. Duvall and Mrs. L.S. Anderson.

1947

Morrisburg Frozen Food and Locker Plant announced in the March 14 issue that it would open on the weekend with a brand new and modern retail meat and grocery market. It was also announced that the business had been fortunate to secure the services of William K. Coir, who was well known to Morrisburg housewives as one of the best butchers in the district. There were still a few lockers available, but they were going fast.

The Aultsville correspondent reported the "snow plow came through on Thursday afternoon, so now the cars are running again" while the Glen Becker correspondent wrote "very mild weather is prevailing at present and our hope is that spring is just around the corner".

Are we listening?

Perspectives



Rev. Clarence Witten

A bright new preacher came to this church and everyone was so excited. His first sermon was a humdinger. The congregation raved about it, looking forward to his next one.

To their amazement he preached exactly the same sermon on his second Sunday. But what was worse yet was that he did exactly the same thing on his third Sunday. At this point the church board went to see him and asked him what in the world he was doing!

His reply was simple: "When you live that sermon I'll preach a new one."

That preacher was on to something. It's easy to sit back and soak up a good sermon without ever putting it into practice. It's easy to know all kinds of good religious truth without ever having it affect our lives.

Jesus talked about people like that. They hung around with him and listened to him teach, but in the final judgement, Jesus said, they will be out in the cold because somehow they never took what he said seriously enough to actually live it.

Lately there have been two messages that we have been hearing a lot lately. The first is the Lenten message. It's the season we remember God's radical love for us in sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Unfortunately it's easy for us to hear that message so often it goes in one ear and out the other without ever really impacting us.

Yet, the truth is that we only do justice to Christ's death for us when it drives us to true repentance before God and a personal faith in Christ. Unless our lives are radically changed something is wrong.

The second message that we have been hearing a lot lately is the call to radical service for Christ. Two events have driven that message home, the inter-church service on March 4 featuring Jim Cantelon (reported on so well in the last *Leader;* thanks!) and the Watoto Children's Choir concert held on March 8 at the Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle.

In both we were moved by the desperate situation in Africa because of HIV/AIDS. What we heard at both events was that if we really love God, we need to rise up to show our Christian love to those suffering in Africa and across the world, but also in our own community.

Repetition, they say, is the best teacher so there's hope we will get it. As we keep hearing the Lenten message of God's amazing love for us, it may get through to us that the God of the universe really does love us and wants to deliver us from our sin and its consequences. And as we keep hearing messages of the suffering and brokenness in our world, may we radically show our love for God by loving our neighbour in concrete and sacrificial ways. It seems to me, God is speaking to us as a community.

May we have ears to hear!

Pastor Clarence Witten,
Community Christian
Reform Church,
Dixon's Corners

Crysler Park Sugar Bush opening soon

MORRISBURG – Once again, locals and visitors to the region can enjoy a true Canadian tradition in an old-fashioned setting at Crysler Park Maple SugarBush.

The Sugar Bush is now open to welcome visitors on weekends only (weather permitting) from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. until mid-April.

Admission is free.

At Crysler Park Sugar Bush, visitors can explore the nature trails, see how sap is collected in buckets, and visit the evaporator operator in the early 20th century sugar shanty to learn how sap is transformed into syrup.

Maple syrup will be made and sold on site along with other related products at the sugar store, adjacent to the sugar shanty. Outdoor exhibits stationed around the camp provide information about earlier processes of making syrup used by natives and pioneers.

The sugar camp is located inside the bush, about a five minute hike from the parking lot at Upper Canada Road. Free regular horse-drawn wagon rides between the parking lot and the sugar camp will be available on weekends between 10 a.m.–2 p.m. or visitors may choose to take the trail by foot instead.

What would a trip to the sugar bush be without pancakes and syrup? Visitors can get a real taste of Spring by stopping to purchase a pancake picnic under the shelter of a large tent.



Letters to the Editor

THE MORRISBURG LEADER

Reader expresses outrage over attack

Dear Editor,

On the evening of March 9, at a local establishment, Master Corporal Collin Fitzgerald, a young war veteran from the fields of Afghanistan and recent recipient of the Military Medal of Valour, was brutally beaten by four young men.

According to patrons, the attack was unprovoked. The young soldier was approached from behind and knocked to the floor from his seat at a table. The individuals responsible for the assault continued their beating by kicking his face and body until they were forced away by bystanders. They then fled, after announcing (to the effect) "So you think you're a (expletive) hero?"

Master Corporal Fitzgerald suffered several breaks in his foot, open cuts to his face requiring stitches in several areas, broken teeth and many bruises. Welcome home from Afghanistan, decorated veteran, recent pride of our small village. Welcome home.

As a resident of Morrisburg, as a Canadian, I feel ashamed that this would happen here, in a country which this young man held so close to his heart while overseas on the front lines of Afghanistan.

I have on my vehicle a SUPPORT OUR TROOPS decal. I know to wear red on Fridays as a symbol of solidarity that many Canadians have adopted for our troops overseas. I know someone who knows some soldier who has "been there."

I also know the newspapers headlined the shaven head of a pop star the day after the Medals of Valour were presented for the very first time ever in Canadian history, the honorific event recorded several pages behind. I also know that a single room full of individuals in Morrisburg at the Canadian Legion on Remembrance Day is boasted of as a "real good turnout."

Please Mr. Editor, print my letter as a reminder to all, that no matter how we feel about the situation overseas or elsewhere, we have brave men and women from our nation doing their best to serve their country and come back safely to their friends and family home in Canada.

Please remind them that the kind of support a veteran needs following a tour of duty is in the form of kind words and gestures, and not crutches for six weeks, if they are lucky.

My heart goes out to Master Corporal Fitzgerald and all of our other brave soldiers who have earned our respect and gratitude.

Name withheld due to safety concerns.

What's become of Morrisburg?

Dear Sir,

While watching A Channel Monday night, I saw a sight that made me ashamed to say I was from Morrisburg.

There on the news for all of Eastern Ontario to see was a picture of Nick's Bar and a picture of Master Corporal Collin Fitzgerald who had been brutally attacked by four so called men.

This is the young man who went to Afghanistan and put his life on the line for something he believed in. This is the young man who helped save the lives of his fellow soldiers just a few short months ago. This is the young man who just received the Medal of Military Valour from the Governor General of Canada.

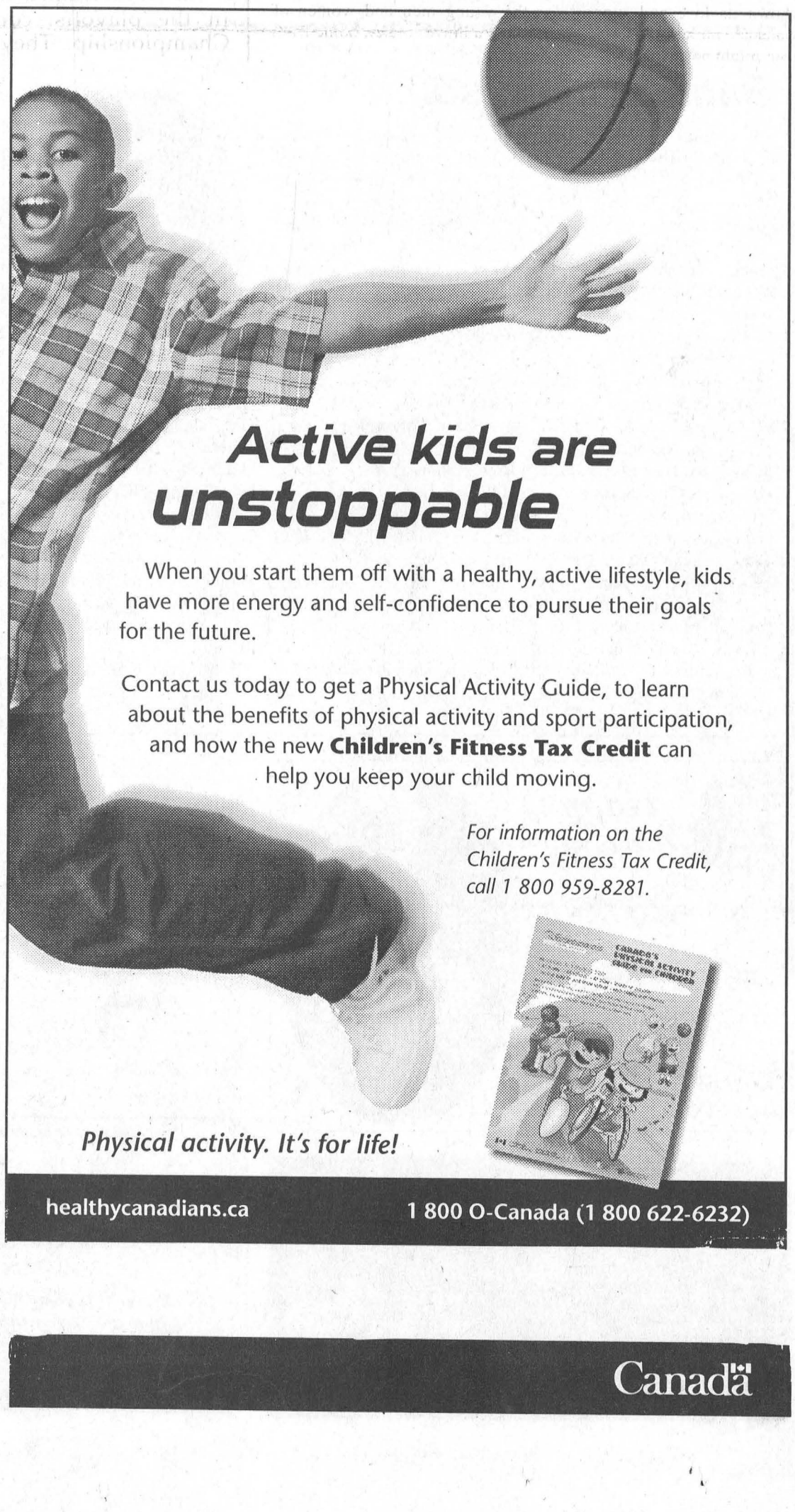
To treat him or any other individual in this fashion is shameful. I hope these cowards do not live among us. I hope they are not from my town, a town where everyone looks out for each other, a town where young people grow up to be upstanding men and women, a town where my friends live, a town full of good people, a town of which we are all proud.

Instead of respecting one another and appreciating their accomplishments, we have now found sport beating each other up.

To say I am disgusted would be an understatement.

I hope their friends, if they still have any, let them know what a cowardly act this was.

M. W. Locke





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Obituaries

Freda May Garlough



Freda May Garlough, a former resident of Williamsburg, and resident for eight years of Morrisburg, died at Winchester District Memorial Hospital following an illness of over a year, on Monday, March 5, 2007. She was 86 years old.

The daughter of the late George Henry Crowder and the late Lucy Minerva Harper, she was born May 16, 1920, in the Township of Mountain, Ontario.

She was married to the late Wilfred Henry Garlough at the Williamsburg United Church Manse on December 5, 1942.

Freda's life was turned upside down at an early age by the death of her brother, and two years later by fire that killed a loved one. Her stepmother, Clara June Corry, took her in and she moved to Montreal.

Freda married young, and gave birth to her first-born son, Don. She was later divorced. She went to work for Ben and Janie Barkley in Elma and in them found people who treated her like a daughter.

It was at this time Freda met the love of her life, Wilfred, and got married.

They saw a baby boy who won their hearts, so they adopted him. His name was Lloyd. Later, they saw a baby girl without whom they could not do, so they adopted her. Her name was Carol. They were thinking of a third adoption when Freda discovered she herself was with child. Her name was Judy.

Wilfred and Freda wanted a place to bring up their children. They wanted to enjoy the outdoor life, and so they found an old farmhouse that had been empty and cold for 20 years and decided to turn it into a home.

Freda wanted to have a garden so her children could have fresh vegetables. She wanted fresh eggs and fresh milk for her children. Out of love came this place for her children.

Coming home from school, the children enjoyed fresh homemade bread and canned peaches and pears. A pot of stew was often on the stove. Company was always welcomed and no one went away hungry.

Freda loved to entertain. Clothes were knitted with love. Embroidery work, made by loving hands, adorned pillows, tablecloths, bibs and tea towels.

Freda had great loves in her life. She loved to shop. She believed in the motto: Shop 'til you drop! And mostly it was the people shopping with her who dropped first.

Freda loved to cook, and what a cook she was. A former cook at a restaurant, it was the cooking she did for her family and friends that she loved best.

She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg.

In later years, Freda had health problems, but never complained. At the end of her life she said she was ready to go home. She did not want to be a burden to others. She is missed and loved by all who knew her, especially her family.

Freda was the beloved wife of the late Wilfred Garlough, who died in 1998.

She was the dear mother of Don (Helen) Renaud of Penetanguishene, Lloyd (Beatrice) of Cornwall, Carol (Ralph) Douglas of Hinton, Alberta and Judy (Ivan) Casselman of Morrisburg.

Freda will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Tammy Pilon, Lloyd Garlough Jr., Allen Garlough, Laura Hutt, Amanda Garlough, Stacey Douglas, Mandy Douglas, Kenny Douglas, Tina Renaud, Mark Renaud, Michael Renaud and Amanda Casselman.

She was the dear great-grandmother of Katelyn Garlough, Tyler Pilon, Ryan Pilon, Adam Garlough, Ashley Garlough, Christopher Garlough, Nathan Garlough, Melissa Cronier, Carol Hutt, Todd Hutt, Gavin Douglas, Louie Latour, Geoffrey Renaud and Martin Renaud.

She was predeceased by her brother Leslie Crowder and granddaughter, Jennifer Garlough.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home on Thursday, March 8.

The funeral was held at the Funeral Home on Friday, March 9, with Pastor Allison Leavitt officiating.

Interment was at the New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg.

Pall bearers were Clare Garlough, Allen Garlough, Lloyd Garlough Jr., Lee Baldwin, Ryan Lavallie and Darryl Casselman.

Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or Winchester Hospital would be greatly appreciated by Freda's family. Condolences and memorial donations may be made at:
parkerfh@personainternet.com

Randy Thompson



A lifetime resident of this area, Randy Thompson, passed away suddenly at home in Morrisburg on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. He was 39 years old.

Randy was born at Winchester on September 19, 1967, the son of the late Eric and the late Betty Thompson (nee Hamilton).

He grew up in the Hanesville area along with his older brother, Rick. He was a student at Dixon's Corners Public School and Nationview Public School, and later attended Seaway District High School.

During high school he met, and began dating Nancy Mark. They were married on September 30, 1989. Together, they were the parents of Randi Chantell, Morgan and Nolen.

Randy was a dedicated and loving father who was happiest when he was spending time with his wife, children and his brother, Rick. He enjoyed fishing and the occasional trip to the casino. Christmas was his favourite time of the year, and every year he would "spoil the children" with many gifts, including the latest electronic devices.

He will be fondly remembered by his family and friends for his willingness to help anyone who needed assistance.

Randy is survived by his wife Nancy, his children Morgan and Nolen, and his brother Rick (Manon) of Vankleek Hill.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Randi Chantell, and his parents, Eric and Betty.

Randy will be fondly remembered by his aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends throughout the area.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on March 9. The Funeral was held at the Funeral Home at one p.m. March 9, with the Reverend Janet Evans officiating. Interment followed at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston.

The pall bearers were Nolen Thompson, Rick Thompson, Keith Casselman, Duane Gore, John Vaughan and Mark Rickard.

Donations to C.H.E.O. would be appreciated by the Thompson family.

Obituaries

Marilyn Smith



A lifetime resident of the area, Marilyn Smith, passed away suddenly at home in Brinston on Thursday, March 8, 2007. She was 66 years old.

Marilyn was born at Winchester Springs on April 24, 1940, to her parents, the late John "Jay" Bailey and the late Irene Bailey (nee Marcellus). She attended Winchester Springs Public School and Winchester High School.

Following high school, Marilyn worked at several jobs including key punch operator at Metropolitan Life Insurance company in Ottawa. She then became the cafeteria manager at North Dundas District High School, and later a clerk at Brinston General Store where she delivered mail to country mail boxes. She was also a bus driver at Whitteker Bus Lines.

Marilyn's main interest was spending time with her family, friends and grandchildren.

She also enjoyed taking her children to sports activities, listening to country music, shopping and cooking for her family and friends.

Marilyn was the beloved mother of Jeff Smith (Melinda Witteveen) of Morrisburg and Jo-Anne (Mike) McCrea of Spencerville. She was the dear sister of John (Debbie) Bailey and Charles (Laurie) Bailey both of Brinston.

She was the dear grandmother of Kelly, Carrie and Maggy, and the loved great-grandmother of Reavyn. She was the dear aunt to Jason and Jeremie (Allison) Bailey.

She was predeceased by her parents, her grandson Lucas McCrea and her companion Roger Payne.

Friends called at the Marsden & McLauglin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Sunday, March 11. The funeral service was held at the Funeral Home with Reverend Yvonne Willis officiating. Interment followed at the Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston.

Pallbearers were Jason Bailey, Jeremie Bailey, Jack Coulter, Ralph Jollota, Anthony Baelde, Jamie Allen and Rodger Allen. Honourary pall bearer was Bert Smail.

Donations to Brinston United Church would be appreciated by the family.

LETTERS

Easter Seals

To the Editor,

March is Easter Seals Month, is a fundraising and awareness campaign promoting the needs of children with physical disabilities.

Started by the Easter Seal Society, Ontario, in 1947, it is now endorsed by decision-makers across the province.

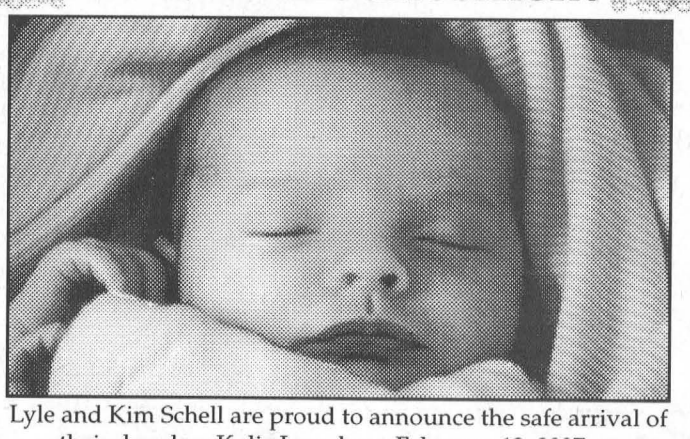
During March, communities fundraise and create awareness through events such as The Easter Seals Telethon and retail programs such as Paper Eggs.

This year, 2007 also marks the 85th anniversary of The Easter Seal Society of Ontario. Since 1922, Easter Seals has been working to improve the lives of children and youth with physical disabilities.

Through the generous support of donors and sponsors, Easter Seals provides financial assistance for essential mobility equipment and communication devices; camping and other recreational activities; information resources and public awareness.

The Easter Seal Society

Birth Announcement



Lyle and Kim Schell are proud to announce the safe arrival of their daugher, Kylie Joan, born February 12, 2007, at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 lbs. 3 ozs.

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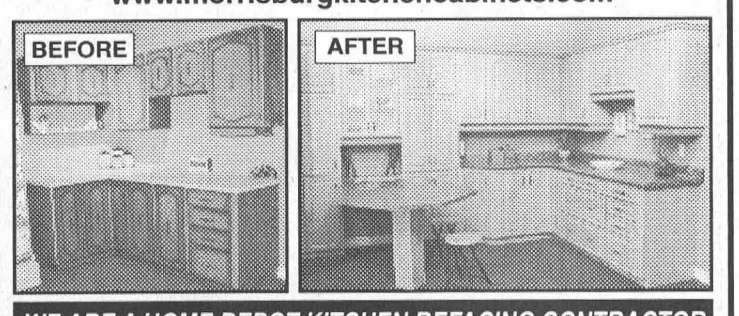

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Renaissance Woman: Freda Mellan

feature story by Wendy Gibb

IROQUOIS – "I was 34 years teaching. I've been in the tour business 28 years. Most people retire around age 65, but I decided, not me."

At the age of 90, Freda Mellan is truly a Renaissance woman. She has never stopped learning new things, accepting new challenges, and living life at a pace that would tire people half her age. And there are still too many adventures ahead for her to waste time.

"If you don't use it, you lose it," she said firmly during an interview with *The Leader* this winter. She is definitely not one to ignore possibilities in life.

Freda was born, an only child, in 1916, on a farm near Ventnor in Edwardsburg Township. While she herself has no memories of the Great War, she recalled that her mother's cousin served overseas. " His name was Fred. Maybe that's where I got my name."

The passion for learning became a motivational force in Freda's life from her earliest years.

"We lived up the road from the school house," she recalled. "The children coming out at recess must have looked very attractive to me, because I regularly wandered over to the school yard and listened in. Eventually the teacher told my parents that I was at the school so much, I might as well be attending formally. I was about four years old."

Freda's parents encouraged education. Her mother taught her to read " almost as soon as I could open my eyes," and her love of learning took her into teaching when she was just 18 years old.

This was only her first career.

She taught her early classes at S.S.# 15 Matilda, a one room school in the country. She handled all eight grades, a somewhat daunting proposition when one considers that one of her female students was six inches taller than her and only a year and a half younger. Most of the boys were older too, and only came to school during slower times on the farm.

Marriage in 1943 took Freda out of the classroom for a time, and into yet another and different career.

"We lived on what was a big farm for the times. I had 2,500 chickens to care for. You could say I was a poultry farmer for seven years."

However, teachers were in short supply after the War, and Freda was called back by the trustees, finding herself teaching nearly 40 children at grades three, four and five levels.

"Well, we all survived, and I think they learned some reading and arithmetic too," she laughed.

"As the years went on, I began to teach high school, and I needed to get a degree. Back to school I went, taking night courses and summer courses."

At Carleton University, she majored in history and minored in geography. She laughed that "I was now officially a learned person."

Freda graduated university on her 45th birthday.

"Truthfully, I never took a course that I didn't benefit from," Freda asserted. " I met fascinating people in my studies and I loved being a teacher." Learning continues to be a high priority with her.

In 1978, Freda Mellan retired from teaching. She was working at North Dundas High School and confesses that " the white-outs on Highway 43 finally got me retired fast. I became sure that sooner or later I was going to get clobbered on that open road in a snow storm, so that helped my decision."

Fearlessness, however, is clearly an integral part of Freda Mellan's make up.

She illustrated this, with a laugh, by describing a side tour she once led out of El Paso, Texas, down into Mexico.

"Our bus driver was a native Mexican called Antonio. It was our goal to visit some markets and villages just across the Rio Grande, and Antonio was to drive us there."

"It was an exciting ride. When Antonio wasn't leaning out the window, shaking his fists at someone, or yelling at other vehicles, he actually remembered he was supposed to be driving. Thank goodness we were on flat land, and not in the hills."

This sense of humour, and her continued love of learning are undoubtedly what led Freda into the next half of her Renaissance lifestyle: tour organizer for Dundas Bus Service Limited.

She actually became a tour host in a somewhat round about way by arranging overnight trips, in the 60's and 70's, for the Women's Institute with Trentway's coach service.

"I learned a lot from this experience, and found I liked it. When James Thompson from Hexton bought a tour coach, he proposed that I become his tour guide and take over all the business of running tours."

She's been doing that ever since.

Literally hundreds of area residents have taken motor coach tours hosted by Freda Mellan. They have nothing but praise for her organizational skills and her almost encyclopedic knowledge of the history and geography of the areas through which she escorts them.

Like a true Renaissance woman, she is a gifted raconteur, with a wealth of tales to delight listeners as they motor along the highways.

Her very first official tour was to Lake Placid in the United States, a bit of a learning experience, she recalled laughing. "I lost $78 on that one because the exchange rates shifted while we were en route."

Freda has travelled all the provinces of Canada except for the Territories. "I might have missed a few states like Colorado, Idaho and Alaska, but I've seen the rest."

For 28 years her trip to Simcoe in the Christmas season has been sold out. Simcoe's Christmas themed displays, many automated, are arranged around a park and lake created during the Depression.

"I swear one Santa's elf has been sawing that same piece of wood for the entire 28 years," Freda laughed.

However, of all the provinces, Newfoundland remains dearest to her heart.

Freda claims that every Canadian should visit Newfoundland.

"These people make the most out of what they have. No matter how tiny the house or out port, everything is tidy and beautiful, and flowers bloom in all the gardens."

She illustrated her feelings with a story.

At Ports-aux-Basques, her husband took ill. He was transported to the hospital in a kind of windowless white delivery van, manned by two eager young men who were working on this "ambulance", on their own time, to make it "proper."

In the busy hospital, the doctors were thorough and kind. One was obviously an Englishman, and Freda asked him how he had come to be in Newfoundland.

"I arrived 13 years ago," he said, " and just never saw the need to go any farther in Canada."

"I hope to go back again to Newfoundland," Freda said, "if even just to hear the people talk, the fast, low, musical voices they have, and their joy in life."

On one tour, she recalled smiling, a traveller repeatedly heard the native Newfoundlander guide refer to "tin roads." The woman kept looking for these "tin roads", but couldn't spot them. It wasn't until the end of the tour that Freda explained to her that " tin roads" meant " thin roads" and it was just the delightful and typical provincial way " to take an 'h' out, and then put it where it shouldn't be."

She is as knowledgeable about local history and customs as she is about the stories from other provinces.

She can tell tales which range from the origins of the McIntosh Apple to how the explorer, Sieur de LaSalle, is connected with the Lachine Rapids. Her enthusiasm for the history and geography that have shaped this area is infectious.

At 90, Freda Mellan clearly considers that her latest career still has years yet to run. She is far from done with her Renaissance love of life.

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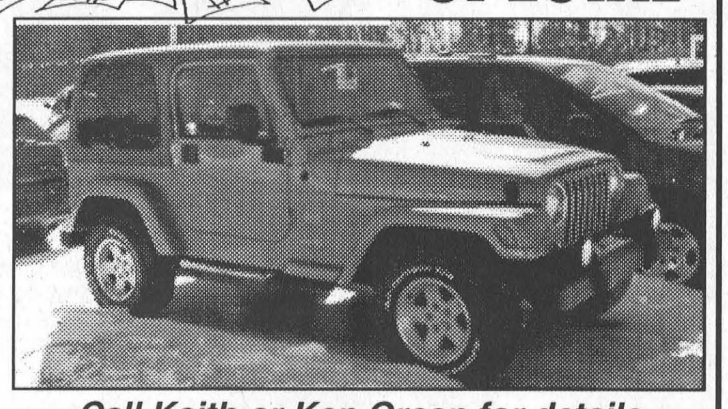

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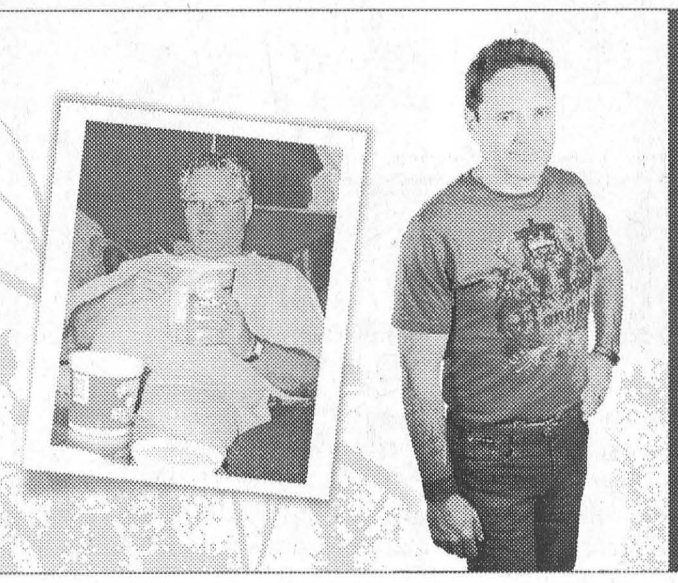

Scott has lost 50 pounds and 51 inches.

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Iroquois wins court battle for co-ed basketball championship

IROQUOIS – Elementary students from 10 local elementary schools gathered in Iroquois last Thursday to play for the Dundas County Junior Co-Ed Basketball Championship, and it was the home team who ended up with the title.

The Morrisburg and Iroquois teams each played through their respective divisions undefeated to make their way to the A championship game.

The final between Morrisburg and Iroquois was a thriller, ending with Iroquois ahead by only a couple of baskets (20-16).

It was Morrisburg who took the early lead. The boys were on the floor first and led 6-4.

Iroquois' girls came back to tie the game 10-10, before the boys returned to play.

At the end of the third quarter the boys had played to a 14-14 tie, leaving the game in the hands of the girls. In the final quarter, Iroquois scored three baskets to Morrisburg's one to take the championship.

St. Mary-St. Cecilia faced Elma in the B division final, winning 30-8.

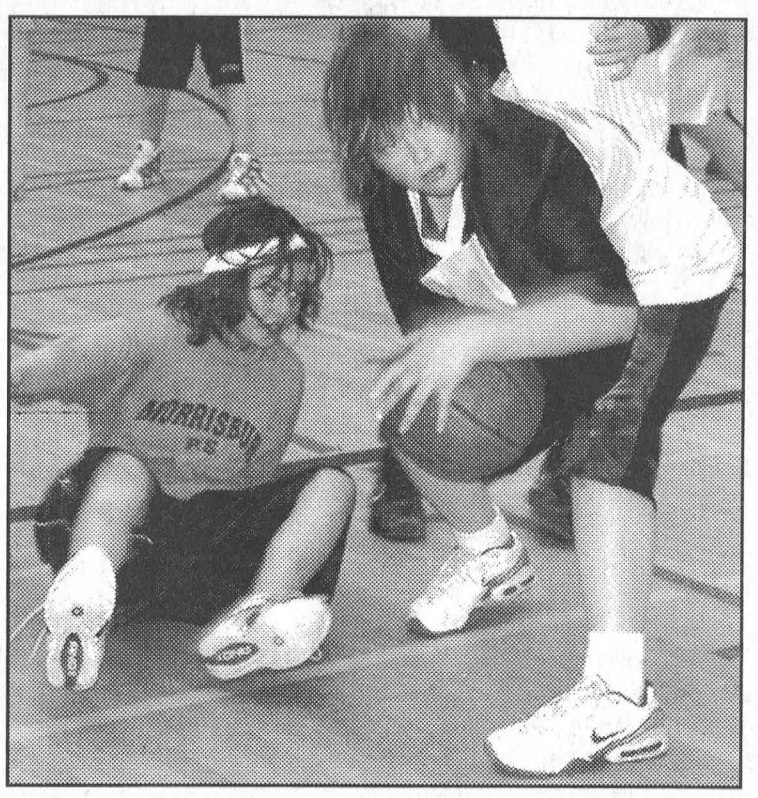
Tournament organizer Robert Matheson was pleased with the tournament, which is, for many of the players their first experience playing competitive basketball.

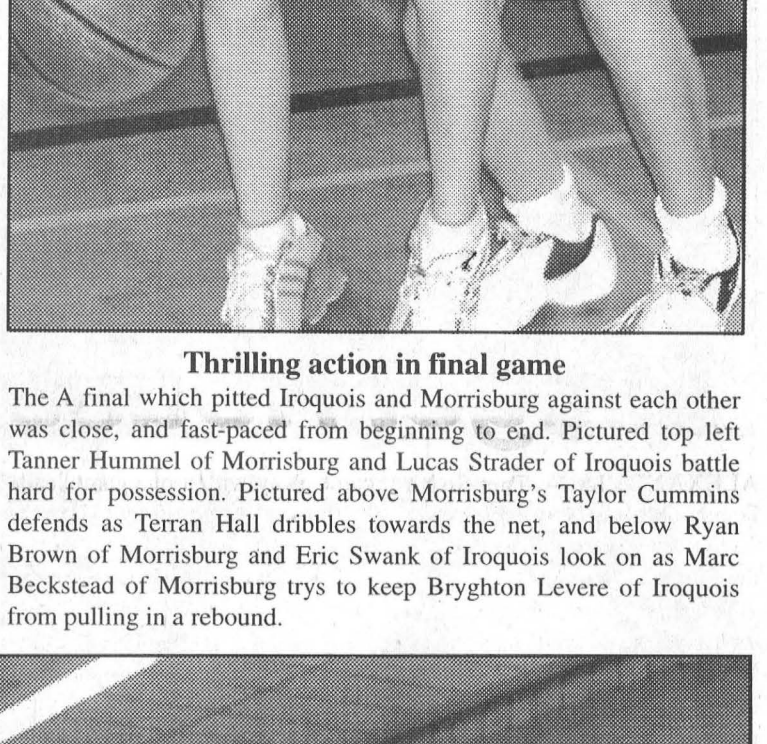
Two players from each team received special awards.

Each team's most improved player won a t-shirt donated by Olympia Sports Camp, and the Toronto Raptors sent a prize pack for the player from each team who displayed true values of character such as respect, attitude, perseverance, teamwork, optimism, responsibility and sportsmanship.

The Raptors Character Awards went to; Taylor Cummins, Vicki Van Hoof, Brooke Deschamps, Katyland Burke, Ryan Embury, Terran Hall, Casey Havekes, Tara DeJong, Shayna Cacciotti and Hope Klein-Swormink.

Most improved player awards went to; Tanner Hummel, Brandon Mullin, Keisha Halliday, Mitchell Melenhorst, Emma Gern, Casey McDermid, Geena Rose, Cassandra Thompson, Kathryn Johnson and Adam Brenn.





Thrilling action in final game

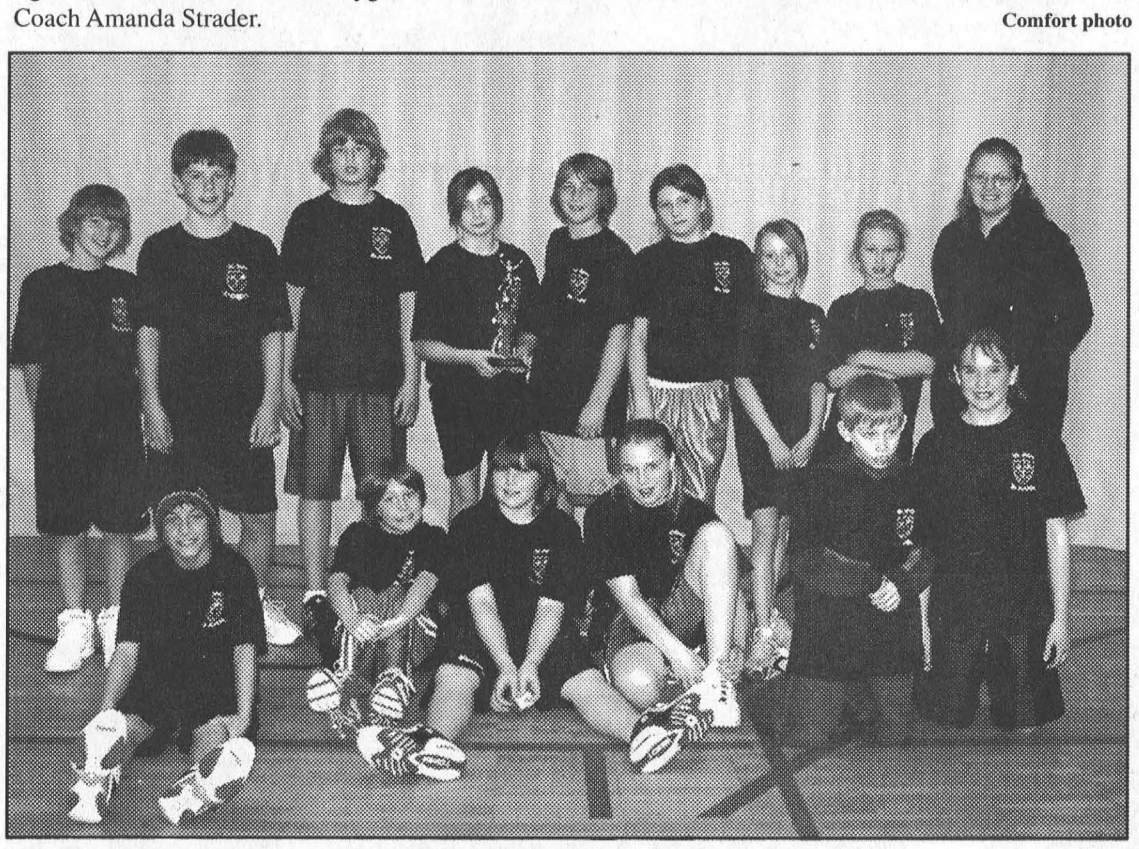
The A final which pitted Iroquois and Morrisburg against each other was close, and fast-paced from beginning to end. Pictured top left Tanner Hummel of Morrisburg and Lucas Strader of Iroquois battle hard for possession. Pictured above Morrisburg's Taylor Cummins defends as Terran Hall dribbles towards the net, and below Ryan Brown of Morrisburg and Eric Swank of Iroquois look on as Marc Beckstead of Morrisburg trys to keep Bryghton Levere of Iroquois from pulling in a rebound.



Iroquois Public School wins Junior Co-Ed Basketball Championship

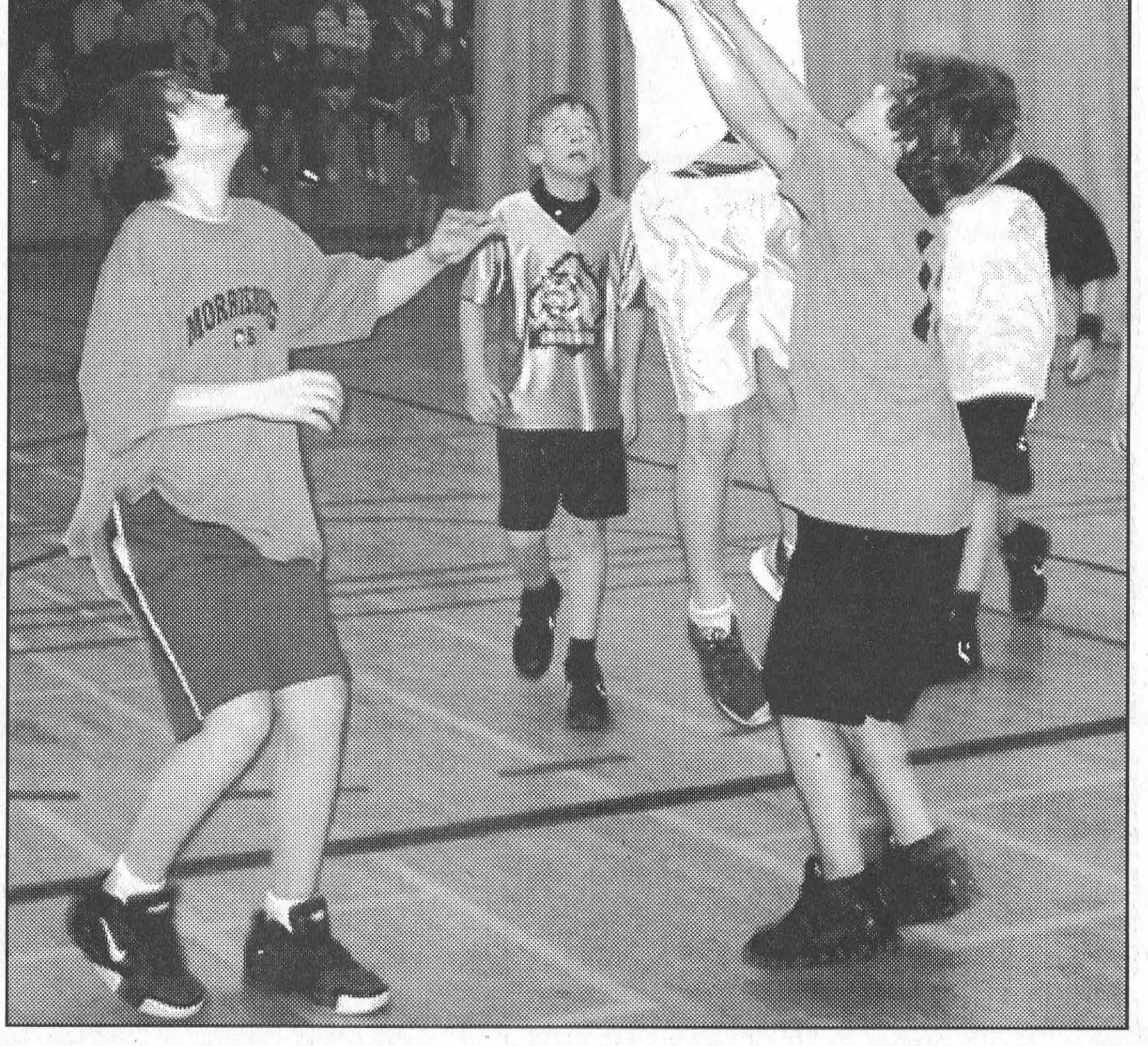
Last Thursday teams representing area elementary schools participated in the annual school tournament held in Iroquois. Pictured above are the members of the tournament winning, Iroquois Public School team. In front with the trophy are Eric Swank (left) and Evan Mullin. Kneeling left to right are Cole Froats, Casey McDermid, Jessica Baldwin, Lesley-Ann Tupper, Olivia Currier and Terran Hall. Standing, left to right are Coach Adam Pratt, Bryghton Levere, Lucas Strader, Mackenzie Arsenault, Breanne Froats and Coach Amanda Strader.

Comfort photo



St. Mary - St. Cecilia takes home B division honours

St. Mary - St. Cecilia's junior co-ed basketball team played off against Elma for the B division title and ended up the winners. Pictured in front, left to right, are team members Mitchell Miron, Nicholas Lalonde, Vicki Van Hoof, Ashley Smith, Jason Eden and Joanna Toonders. Standing, left to right, are Brandon Mullin, Rudy Van Beilen, Ty Hodgson, Anne Woodmass, Zach McMillan, Jordan Mathieu, Sydney Hass, Julia Mullin and Coach Stephanie Pinch.





House Lions Come Out on Top in Gananoque Tournament **Photo Contributed**

On the weekend of March 3-4 the South Dundas Peewee House Lions skated to a 2-1 win over Kingston to win the B championship of a Gananoque Girls Hockey Association Tournament. In the photo, front, is goaltender Lindsay Chambers. Front l-r, are Jenna Warren, Morgan Spencer, Julia Laflamme and Jodie Hall. Back, l-r, Vicki VanHoof, Kiley Johnston, Hope Klein-Swormink, Taylor Cummins, Brooke Cummins, Marcie Baldwin and Breanne Froats.

Peewee girls win B championship

GANANOQUE–The South Dundas Peewee C House Lion girls put together a 2-1 victory over Kingston here on the weekend of March 3-4 to win the B championship of the Gananoque Girls Hockey Association Tournament.

The Lions romped to their first victory of the event 6-0 over Perth, building a 1-0 lead in the first period, and a 3-0 advantage heading into the final. It was a shutout performance for goaltender Lindsay Chambers.

Hope Klein-Swormink led the Lions' charge with a pair of goals and singles were scored by Vicki Van Hoof, Breanne Froats, Carmen Stubbings and Taylor Cummins.

Froats and Cummins both added a pair of assists in their effort and Klein-Swormink picked up one assist.

In game two, the Lions gave up a 3-2 loss to the Gananoque Royals which knocked them to the B side of the event.

Scoring in this effort were Taylor Cummins and Jenna Warren with Carmen Stubbings assisting on both goals. Hope Klein-Swormink added her help on the Cummins goal and Kiley Johnston picked up the other assist on the Warren goal.

The Lions skated to a 2-1 victory in the B championship game against Kingston, after trailing their opponents 1-0 at the end of the first period.

They were led by a two goal performance from Taylor Cummins who scored unassisted in the second period to tie the game 1-1, and with help from Julie Laflamme in the third period for the 2-1 win.

The Lions finished their regular season in fourth place in the Cornwall House League and then secured a fourth place finish in their playoffs.

Midget House vying for title

ALEXANDRIA – The South Dundas Midget House Lions are facing off against Alexandria for the Eastern Championship.

The first game of the series took place in Alexandria Sunday, March 11, and the home team came away with a one game lead in the series, winning 4-1 over the visiting Lions.

The Lions opened the scoring at the midpoint of the first period, on a goal by team captain Kurtis Corry. Bret Avery earned the assist.

However, that was the only goal that the Lions put past Alexandria's netminder for the rest of the evening.

Alexandria tied the game shorthanded with just under two minutes remaining in the period.

Alexandria went up 2-1 early in the second period and added a second with 3:52 remaining in the period. Alexandria's final goal of the game came at the 10 minute mark of the third period.

The Lions will face Alexandria at home in Morrisburg this Thursday, March 15. The game starts at 8 p.m.

NEWSLETTER

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

Friday, March 16th we will be having our annual St. Patrick's' Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper serving from 5 p.m. on. Tickets are available at the bar for $9.00 tax incl. There are only 100 tickets to be sold with entertainment following by John Mason.

The winners from the Legion Public Speaking Contest held last recently were: Grades 4-6 - Fallon Longtin 1st and Melanie Peters 2nd. Grades 7-9 - Laura Taunton 1st and Rebecca Helmer 2nd. The winners and runners up will now compete at the Merrickville Legion on Sunday, March 18th at 1 p.m.

The Ladies' Auxiliary District Cribbage teams at Deep River and the Branch 48 Provincial Cribbage team at Grand Bend on Saturday failed to bring either tournament back to the branch, but a good time was had by all. Better cards next year, we hope!

There are still some tickets available for the 1/2 a beef raffle. Please come to the lounge to purchase your tickets. The draw will be at the BBQ Steak Night on March 30th, 6 p.m. at Branch 48. Entertainment follows the BBQ by the Seaway Valley Country Singers. There will definitely be something to "beef" about that night!

Sunday's Euchre had 2 1/2 tables. First place to Charlie Eamon, second to Dorothy McBain and third to Mert Carbino. Thanks to Elsie Guindon for running the Euchre. Next Sunday is Cribbage at 1:30 p.m.

Please note on your Monthly Calendar that the entertainment for the Steak Bar-B-Q on Friday, March 30th is the Seaway Valley Country Singers. Sorry about that.

The meat draw was won by Kevin Pilon.

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

Back to nature back to spring

Is this finally spring? There's a hint of something warmer in the air, but it's early days yet.

Clearly the birds and animals believe that a new season is just around the corner because they are beginning to emerge from nests and dens. Do you suppose they are taking advantage of daylight saving time?

Sheila Scarbo has seen a lot of activity in the fields and woods around us this week.

Three male cardinals, and a lone female dropped by as did two downy woodpeckers. And a female hairy woodpecker was spotted visiting a seed ball.

Quite a crowd of smaller birds have been returning locally. Three starlings, two goldfinches, four slate gray juncos, ten tree sparrows and two cowbirds arrived at or near feeders.

Some horned larks have been hunting along the roads, as the snow begins to melt.

Some old furry friends are also out and about. Two skunks, one seen and one definitely smelled, have put in an appearance. And a member of the resident raccoon population has poked his head out of winter quarters.

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file no. SLPC-P&R-2/07(4)

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In your application/résumé, please indicate specifically how your experience, skills and knowledge relate to the requirements stated above. Applications/résumés quoting **file no. SLPC-P&R-2/07(4)** must be received by no later than **Friday, March 23, 2007** at **4:30 p.m. SEND TO:** Human Resources Division, The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, 13740 County Road 2, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0, telephone (613) 543-3704, fax (613) 543-2847, e-mail Wanda.Fortier@parks.on.ca.

We thank all candidates for applying, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APPLICATION NO. A001-2007
FOR MINOR VARIANCE
(Section 45 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 13)

Re: 4283 Schell St., Williamsburg, ON

Location of Property: Pt. Lot 32, Concession 5, Part 30 and 31 on 8R-3625 (Williamsburg Ward)

Purpose of Application: The landowner desires to construct a single detached dwelling on the property, which requires an amendment to the setback requirements of Zoning By-Law 11-80.

Effect of Application: To permit single detached dwelling as proposed by landowner.

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Address: 4296 County Rd. 31, Williamsburg ON

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If you do not attend this hearing you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2007.

Brenda M. Brunt, Secretary-Treasurer
Township of South Dundas Committee of Adjustment

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The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – The Little Rockers entered their Big Four bonspiel in Russell recently, and covered themselves in glory. Laura Taunton, Nicole Toonders, Rebecca Van Beilen and Michelle Steward battled their way to the "B" final and won the title. Kelsey Craig, Denzil Barkley, Sam Decker and Brett Weegar fought their way into the "A" final, gave it their best, but lost their match on the final rock. Well done curlers!

Apologies to Travis McMillan whose name was left off the bantam team list from the previous week's play.

He actually played both games, even though the remainder of his team had to leave after the first one.

Last Monday, two of our senior men's teams played off for the right to represent the local club in the two-team, four club McLennan Cup bonspiel in Cornwall on Friday.

Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, Neil Williams and Raymond Benoit defeated John Lyon, Bill Magee, Gerry Thompson and Len Bellamy. Then on Tuesday, the other representative was decided when Bob Bedingfield, Pete Zeran, Karl Duncan and Earl Jeacle defeated Jack Dikland, Wally McDonald, Dave King and Jack Barkley.

On Friday, both of our teams played well, and won in the morning. After lunch, however, both of them lost out in their matches, and a team from Prescott won the trophy. Better luck next year!

Tuesday saw six of our daytime ladies in Prescott for another friendly meeting.

Susan McIntosh, Jeannette Beaupre, Sharon Van Allen, Dorothy Culkin, Betty Locke and Alice Thompson enjoyed their afternoon, and are having the Prescott ladies back next week.

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Mahlon Locke and his volunteers organized and ran a mixed bonspiel with a local flavour here on Saturday. There were some fine curlers present.

For example, one of the visiting rinks, the Holmes foursome from Granite, is a team of mute curlers, who will be competing for their national championship in Winnipeg shortly. Carole Fujimoto, a frequent visitor here, brought her team from Cityview/ Rideau, and Winchester sent two of their top mixed teams, Doornward's and Blaine's, foursomes to the bonspiel.

Locally, Larry and Anita Cooper, along with Alan and Heather Black, competed, along with Mahlon Locke, Carolyn Beckstead, and Wendy and Jim Casselman. In the other draw, there were four Morrisburg teams entered.

Robert Houze, Barb Rabideau, Josh Laurin and Carol Dawley had a strong outing, while John Toonders, Leanne McCooey, Ron/John Toonders, and Kathy McIntosh did well also.

Susan and Dave McIntosh and Bonnie and Dave Van Moorsel, and Keith Brannen, Betty and Jim Locke, and Greta McGann rounded out the local talent. Robert Houze's team finished first on the day, and Winchester's Bill Doornward and Doug Blaine finished second and third respectively.

Thanks to Alan Black for his sponsorship, ensuring there were prizes for all participants. Greta McGann and Sam Laurin catered a fine lunch and dinner respectively, enjoyed by all present. Special thanks to Mahlon Locke, who got this former annual highlight at the club going again.

And this week, four of our ladies are playing in the Grandmothers' Bonspiel in Winchester. On the day following, a senior mixed team is competing there in a "stick" bonspiel.

Last weekend, Bob Robichaud, Luke Whitteker, Connar Woodmass and Mitchell Collins were in Carp for a three-game competition. They played well, dropping their first eight-end match, but winning their second. They lost their last game in the big bonspiel. That's all for now. Good curling to all!



Off to the Grandmasters

The team of Pete Zeran, Bob Bedingfield, Gerry Thompson and Sid Morrell from the Morrisburg Curling Rink are set to represent Zone One in the inaugural Grandmasters Curling Association Bonspiel being held at Thornhill Curling Club in Toronto, March 23 and 24. The Grandmasters has been created to showcase the talent and skills of curlers over the age of 70. Forty teams in Southern Ontario competed for the honour of representing their zones: 16 are attending the event at the Thornhill Club. The Morrisburg team curled against a team from Navan in Zone 1, and won in their home club, 5-3, to secure a spot at the prestigious first time curling event. Team members are "really looking forward to the competition in Toronto," says Sid Morrell. "We are excited about having the opportunity to go to the inaugural event," adds fellow curler, Gerry Thompson.

photo submitted

Bantam C girls make it close

BROCKVILLE–The South Dundas Bantam C Lion girls gave Russell a good run for their money in a tournament played here on the weekend of February 23-25.

Not once, but twice in the tournament the Lions tangled with Russell and on both occasions they lost by a single goal, the second time for the tournament championship.

The Lions opened the tournament with a 1-0 victory over the Brockville Angels. Scoring for the Lions was Sarah Casselman with help from Brooke Spencer and Daneylle Tessier.

In game two of the preliminary round action they met Russell, where they were handed the first loss by a 2-1 count.

The Lions led 1-0 after the first period on an Emma Hanson goal assisted by Sarah Casselman.

They held on to their advantage until the final minutes of the third period when both Ann-Marie Lavoie and Olivia Monahan counted for Russell for the 2-1 win.

Game three for the Lions was against Kanata and it went right down to the wire before they were able to claim their second win of the tournament.

The Lions took a 1-0 first period lead on a Sarah Casselman goal assisted by Morgan Hass and Amy Veltkamp.

They held onto their advantage until late in the third period when Caitlin McNeil scored for Kanata to even it at 1-1.

It was Kristin Lapierre who came through for the Lions with her goal counting with just 49 seconds left on the clock. Providing the setup on the winner was Veltkamp and Kristina Swank.

As a result of their preliminary round record, the Lions advanced to the final to meet Russell for the second time.

This time Russell scored their lone goal in the first period from the stick of Lauryn Vandekemp and held the South Dundas shooters at bay for the remainder of the game for the 1-0 championship win.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

PART OF LOT 24, CONCESSION 7, 8R-2241 PART 1
4136 COUNTY ROAD 7, FORMER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMSBURG

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Dundas will hold a public meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2007, at 7:10 p.m. at the Township Office, to consider a proposed Zoning By-law amendment under section 34 of the Planning Act.

This Zoning By-law amendment rezones the subject land from Residential Hamlet (RH) to Residential Hamlet Special Exception 3 (RH-3), in order to permit automobile sales.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

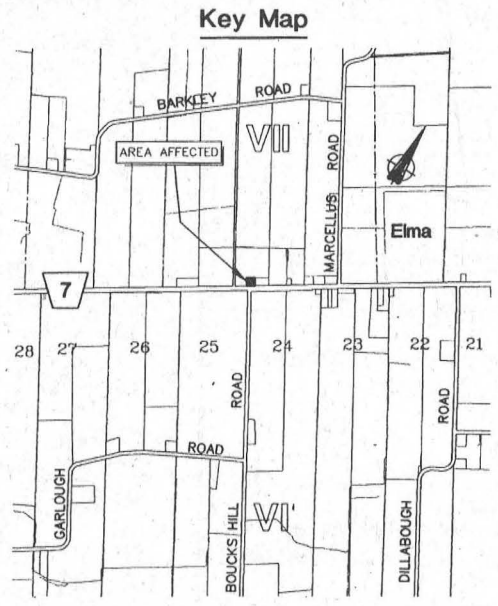
If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Township of South Dundas in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of South Dundas before the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed amendments and copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

Dated at the Township of South Dundas this 14th day of March, 2007.

Brenda M. Brunt, A.M.C.T.
Township of South Dundas
Municipal Offices
4296 County Rd. 31
P.O. Box 160
Williamsburg, ON K0C 2H0
Telephone: 613-535-2673

Key Map



UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY

TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF MATERIALS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Tenders and quotations as noted below, submitted on forms provided will be received by the undersigned until: **3:00 p.m., local time, as noted below**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 (Supply & Delivery of Materials):

(1) Diesel Fuel
(2) Signs
(3) Blades
(4) Corrugated Steel Pipe
(5) Four Sided Perforated Steel Tubing
(6) Liquid Calcium Chloride (including application)
(7) Catchbasin Cleaning (Contract Work)

MONDAY, APRIL 2 (Contracts):

(8) Hot Mix Paving:
Supply, mix and placement of H.L.4 and H.L.3. This tender also includes shouldering, curb removal, catchbasin adjustments, cold milling, as well as expanded asphalt and pulverizing.
(9) Cracksealing:
Supply and application of crack sealant at various locations in S. D. & G.
(10) Centreline Pavement Marking:
Supply and application of traffic paint with glass beads *along centreline and edge lines* on various roads in S. D, & G.
(11) Specialty Pavement Marking:
Supply and application of traffic paint with glass beads by hand machine *(stop bars, cross walks, optical speed bars, etc.)* at various sites in S.D.&G.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 (Quotations):

(12) Bridge Cleaning
(13) Village Sweeping
(14) Mowing of County Patrol Yards

Tenders must be sealed and returned in clearly marked "TENDER" envelopes. They will be opened in public immediately following closing time. Quotations do not have to be sealed and will be accepted by fax. ***Please call first to assure availability of individual documents.***

Maintenance tenders require a bid deposit (certified cheque) as outlined in the tender documents that will be held for duration of contract (in lieu of a performance bond).

Lowest, or any, submission not necessarily accepted.

S. D. & G. Roads Dept.
26 Pitt Street, Suite 223
Cornwall ON K6J 3P2
Phone: 1-613-932-1515; Ext 209

St. Lawrence Division Championship, Junior B Lions trail series by a game

MORRISBURG – Playing off against the top team in their division, the Morrisburg Junior B Lions had a rocky start to the St. Lawrence Division Championship series, but showed they were in the game at home on Friday night.

With only a few days rest after a long and tough series against the Winchester Hawks, the Morrisburg Junior B Lions were in Alexandria, Wednesday, March 7, for the first game of the St. Lawrence Division Championship against the Glens.

The Glens were well rested after their five game series win over the Kemptville 73s.

"We came out a little flat," said Coach Eddie Gove. "The Winchester series took a lot out of us."

Game 1 in Alexandria

On home ice in Alexandria, the Glens downed the Lions 9-2.

The Glens held only a 2-1 lead over the Lions at the end of the first period.

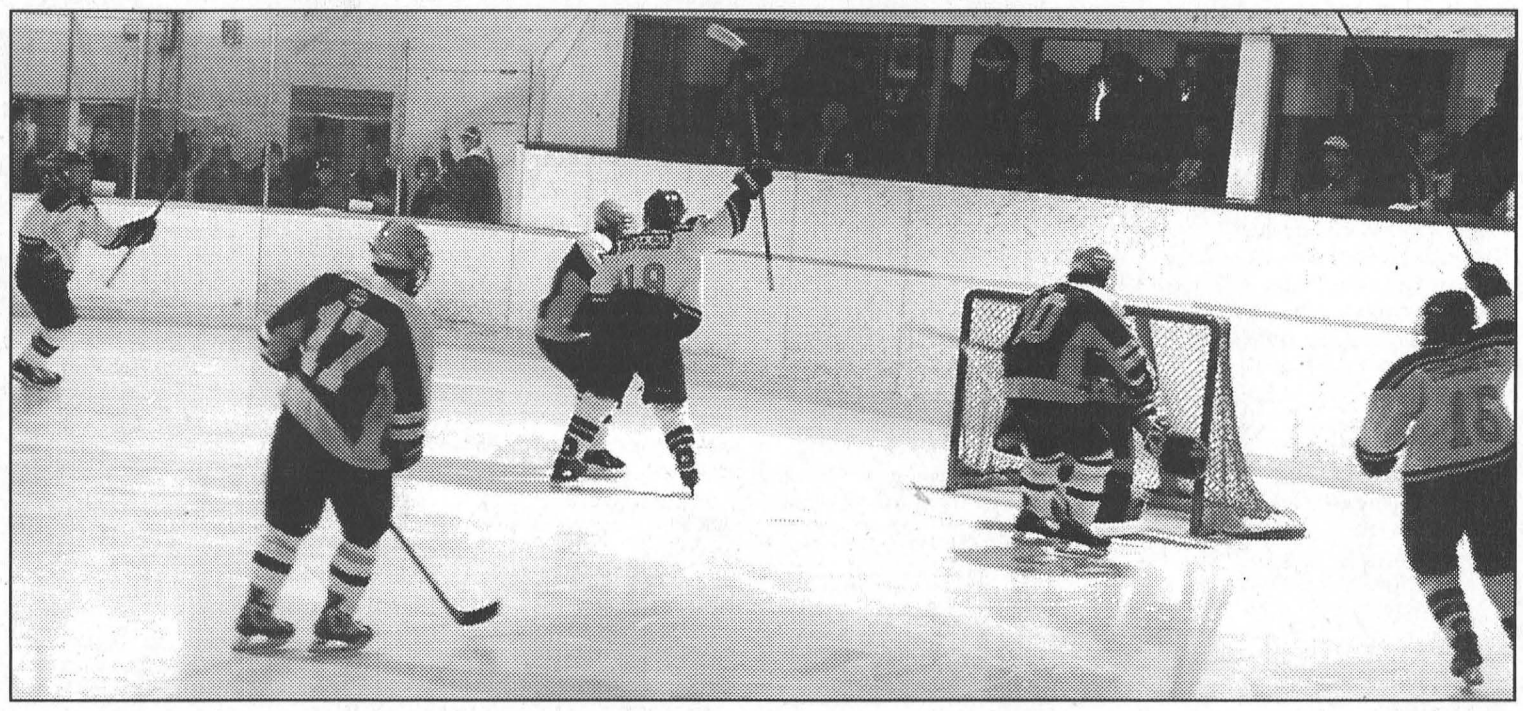
The Glens scored their first goal eight minutes into the game. Sam Ramond scored the goal with Rejean Leduc and Jean-Francois Fournier assisting.

Four minutes later Alexandria added their second goal of the game when Patrice Brunet scored with Nick Adam and Mathieu Pilon assisting.

With less than three minutes remaining in the opening period, Chad Galipeau put the Lions on the board. The Goves, Ryne and Cory assisted.

The Glens scored three times in less than a minute early in the second period, to take a commanding 5-1 lead over the Lions.

Of the three goals, the first two were on the power play. Jean-Francois Fournier scored a little over five minutes into the period, with Julien Machabee and Sam Ramond assisting.



Lions strong in second and third game of division championship series

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions started this series against the Alexandria Glens a little flat, but games two and three were quite the opposite. Although they are battling the flu, the team played strong in the second and third games of the series. However, their only win so far was on home ice Friday night. Pictured above the Lions celebrate one of the three goals Cory Gove (pictured right) scored in the second period.

Twenty-four seconds later Rejean Leduc scored another power play goal for the Glens putting them ahead of the Lions 4-1, and in another 11 seconds they extended their lead on a goal by Addison Pelkey.

Assisting on the Leduc goal were Jean-Francois Fournier and Ramond. Brent Lariviere and Marc-Andre Fournier assisted on the Pelkey goal.

The Lions scored their second, and what would be their last goal of the game with 7.5 minutes remaining in the second period on the power play. Devon Brunet netted his first goal of the playoffs, with Kyle Jarvis and Cody Casselman assisting.

Before the period was over the Glens added a sixth goal, this one was scored by Sam Ramond, with J. Fournier and Jamie Jean-Louis assisting.

In the third and final period of the opening game the Glens extended their lead by three goals. Jean-Francois Fournier scored two of the three goals and Jamie Jean-Louis scored the Glens ninth and final goal of the game. Scott Cameron, Mathieu Pilon, Rejean Leduc and Ramond, drew the assists.

Game 2 Lions even series

The Lions were up to the challenge of game two, digging deep to get a 5-3 win over Glens in Morrisburg Friday night.

"The biggest challenge we're facing right now, is that we're fighting a flu bug," said Coach Gove, reporting that as many as five of his key plays were sick, one of whom is team captain Justin Elliott, who couldn't even dress for the first period of Friday night's game.

It was the Glens who scored first, near the midpoint of the first period. Marc Andre Fournier scored his second goal of the playoffs. Pelkey and Leriviere drew the assists.

A little over a minute later Devon Brunet evened the score, beating Glens goal tender Josselin St-Pierre. Kyle Lagace and Chad Galipeau assisted. The period ended tied 1-1.

In the second period Cory Gove gave the Lions a three goal lead by scoring a hat trick.

He scored the first of his three goals shorthanded 8:45 into the period, he added his second goal three minutes later and the third was a power play goal with three minutes remaining in the period. Drawing the assists were Brunet, Ryne Gove, Elliott, Galipeau and Pat Mainville.

The Lions went to the dressing room leading 4-1, but when they returned to the ice for the final period the Glens worked their way back into the game.

Five minutes into the final period Mathieu Pilon scored for the Glens making it a two goal game. Leduc and Kirkwood assisted.

Patrice Brunet brought the Glens a goal closer when he scored with four minutes remaining in the game. His power play goal was assisted by J. Fournier and Leduc.

The Glens pulled their goalie in the final minutes to try and tie the game but Ryne Gove assured the Lions of the home ice win when he put the puck in the empty net with 15 seconds remaining in the game.

Game 3 Glens regain lead

Back in Alexandria Sunday afternoon, the Glens were able to pull off another win, at home. Ending up 6-4 for the Glens, the game was close. "This was a game like game two. We could have won or lost either of those games," said Lions Coach Gove.

In game three it was again the Glens who scored first. Eight minutes into the period Julien Machabee scored a power play goal, with Herbert and Pilon assisting. Two minutes later the Lions tied the game at one on a goal by Christopher Ayotte, with Lagace and Lafortune assisting. With five minutes left in the opening period the Glens Mathieu Pilon found the net behind Lions goaltender Jesse Labrecque taking a 2-1 lead into the dressing room.

The Glens extended their lead at the midpoint of the second period when Nick Adam scored shorthanded. Pilon and Machabee assisted. Jamie Jean-Louis made it 4-1 for the Glens when he scored an unassisted power play goal with 3:30 left in the period.

Morrisburg's Kyle Lagace made it a two goal game with less than a minute remaining in the second period. Cody Casselman assisted on the goal.

Mathieu Pilon returned the Glens three goal lead early in the final period of the game, scoring a short handed goal unassisted. However, the Lions continued to battle back.

"Our team never quits," says Coach Gove, "And we can score goals."

The Lions fought back on a goal by Joshua Legue. Cory Gove assisted, making it a 5-3 game.

Less than a minute later Ryne Gove, assisted by Cory Gove and Galipeau, scored to cut the Glens lead to one goal.

The Lions pulled the goalie in the final minutes attempting to tie the game and send it to overtime. "We fought back and we had a good scoring chance," said Gove. However, Mathieu Pilon dashed the Lions hopes when he put the puck in the empty net to end the game 6-4 for the Glens.

Game 4 in Morrisburg tonight

Tonight, March 14, the Lions will face the Glens on home ice, and Coach Gove remains optimistic about the Lions chances in this series.

"Alexandria is well coached and they didn't finish first for no reason. We're down 2-1 but we're the underdog and I don't think we're in bad shape right now," he says.

"I think once we get healthy I like our chances in this series," says Gove. He is looking forward to being back on home ice and hopes for a big crowd to come out and support the team.

The Parks of the St. Lawrence, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism manages recreational areas from Kingston to near the Quebec border. This tourism driven organization encompasses the internationally acclaimed Upper Canada Village and Fort Henry, 12 campgrounds and day-use area parks, Crysler Park Marina, Upper Canada Golf Course, Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Long Sault Parkway, 1000 Islands Parkway, St. Lawrence Recreation Trail and a variety of dining and shopping experiences.

Upper Canada Village (11 km east of Morrisburg)
Group 3 – Seasonally Recurring
(Where candidates lack the full qualifications, an appointment may be made at a lower classification and salary level.)

SHOEMAKER
Mid-May to Mid-October - 36.25 hours per week - Artisan 2 - $20.42 to $21.97 (max.) per hour
file no. SLPC-UCV-1/07(4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: To interpret the life, work, skills and activities of a 19th century day boot and shoemaker; to assist with and provide technical expertise related to the operation of the shoemaker's business and home as represented on site; to interpret village life and the features of a small rural 1860s village as represented by Upper Canada Village; to support Upper Canada Village programming and customer service initiatives; to ensure the safety of visitors and staff and to protect the resources of the site.

QUALIFICATIONS: Strong oral communication skills; the ability to speak and present information to large numbers of visitors of varied ages and background; demonstrated leather-working skills; the ability to represent a mid-19th century shoemaker and to use the hand tools and equipment associated with traditional shoemaking in a skilled manner in order to make boots and shoes; knowledge of nineteenth century trades and the social, economic and political environment in nineteenth century Canada; ability to meet the physical demands of the position.

DOMESTIC INTERPRETER (COOKING UNIT)
Mid-May to Mid-October - 36.25 hours per week - Artisan 1 - $18.43 to $19.80 (max.) per hour
file no. SLPC-UCV-2/07(4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: To interpret domestic and related settings and lifestyles at Upper Canada Village; to interpret village life and features of the 1860s; to support Upper Canada Village programming and customer service initiatives; to ensure the safety of visitors and staff and to protect the resources of the site.

QUALIFICATIONS: Excellent communication and fully-developed interpretive skills; ability to portray social life through scenarios and interpretive exchanges; understanding of the immediate historical context of all activities performed; a good understanding of the social, economic and political environment of 1860s Canada West; ability to perform with a high degree of proficiency household and domestic tasks such as sewing, needlework, laundry, food preparation, cooking on wood stove and hearth cooking; ability to provide visitors with high quality services and experience of the historical attraction.

WOOLLEN MILL INTERPRETER
Mid-May to Mid-October - 36.25 hours per week - Artisan 1 - $18.43 to $19.80 (max.) per hour
file no. SLPC-UCV-4/07(4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: To interpret and portray, under general supervision, the life, work and activities of a skilled textile worker in a mid-nineteenth century woollen mill; to assist with the operation and maintenance of the mill; to interpret village life and the features of a small rural 1860s village as represented by Upper Canada Village; to support Upper Canada Village programming and customer service initiatives; to ensure the safety of visitors and staff and to protect the resources of the site.

QUALIFICATIONS: Excellent oral communication skills and ability to meet the interpretive standards of the position; the ability to operate, maintain and repair 19th century textile machinery; knowledge of both contemporary and historical textile production technology; techniques and practices; understanding of the immediate historical context of all activities performed, and knowledge of the role of a woollen mill in the 1860s and its impact on the social, economic and political environment; ability to perform the physical tasks associated with this position; ability to meet the occupational health and safety responsibilities of workers as specified in the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

INTERPRETER – COOK'S TAVERN LIVERY
Mid-May to Mid-October - 36.25 hours per week - Artisan 1 - $18.43 to $19.80 (max.) per hour
file no. SLPC-UCV-7/07(4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: To interpret and portray the life, work skills and activities of an 1860s tavern livery worker; to interpret and to participate in the operation of various transportation services (horse-drawn carry-all, stagecoach, etc.); to support Upper Canada Village programming and customer service initiatives; to act to ensure the safety of visitors and staff and to protect the resources of the site.

QUALIFICATIONS: Strong oral communication skills to communicate effectively with a large number of visitors; ability to interpret the work and lifestyle of a tavern livery worker in the 1860s; ability to study and learn the interpretive and historical informational material relating to the position; ability to perform tasks such as scything, milking cows by hand, ploughing, splitting wood, handling and feeding livestock in an 1860s historical manner; ability to set up and maintain both historical and modern implements; understanding the social, economic and political environment to a level typical of a farmer/farm worker of the 1860s; excellent/proven horse driving skills in single, double and four-horse hitches to fulfil the safety requirements of the position is essential; ability to work independently and/or in a team environment; ability to work safely in accordance with the worker's duties under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

NOTE: Candidates will be required to take a practical horse driving test. Candidates must pass this test to the satisfaction of the Supervisor of Farms and Domestic Interpretation in order to continue on to the interview process.

DOMESTIC INTERPRETER
Mid-May to Mid-October - 36.25 hours per week - Interpreter 2 - $14.92 to $15.37 (max.) per hour
file no. SLPC-UCV-8/07(4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: To interpret domestic and related settings and lifestyles at Upper Canada Village; to interpret village life and features; to support Upper Canada Village programming and customer service initiatives; to protect, conserve and care for the resources of the site; to ensure the safety of visitors and staff.

QUALIFICATIONS: Good communication skills with the ability to communicate with large numbers of visitors; ability to study and learn the interpretive and historical informational material relating to the position; an understanding of the social, economic and political environment of 1860s Canada West; ability to perform historical household and domestic tasks such as sewing, needlework and basic food preparation.

NOTE: Those not successful in obtaining the Group 3 position may be considered for a Group 2 (variable hours) position.

LEAD INTERPRETER – HORTICULTURE
March to November - 36.25 hours per week - Artisan 2 - $20.42 to $21.97 (max.) per hour
file no. SLPC-UCV-9/07(4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The successful candidate will act as lead hand for the horticultural interpretive staff at Upper Canada Village. Duties will include: providing leadership and support for the horticultural staff and activities on site; interpreting the life, work, skills and activities of a 19th century day-labourer and gardener; interpreting 19th century gardens and landscapes; assisting with special gardening events, and performing on-site garden and landscape maintenance; interpreting village life and the features of a small rural 1860s village as represented by Upper Canada Village; supporting Upper Canada Village programming and customer service initiatives.

QUALIFICATIONS: Effective leadership, teamwork and organizational skills; strong oral communication skills, including the ability to speak and present information to large numbers of visitors of varied ages and backgrounds; demonstrated horticultural and landscaping skills and knowledge; knowledge of nineteenth century horticultural and landscaping practices and the social, economic and political environment in nineteenth century Canada; ability to operate horticultural equipment and machinery; ability to meet the physical demands of the position.

In your application/résumé, please indicate specifically how your experience, skills and knowledge relate to the requirements stated above. Applications/résumés quoting either **file no. SLPC-UCV-1/07(4)** or **SLPC-UCV-2/07(4)** or **SLPC-UCV-4/07(4)** or **SLPC-UCV-7/07(4)** or **SLPC-UCV-8/07(4)** or **SLPC-UCV-9/07(4)** must be received by no later than **Friday, March 23, 2007** at **4:30 p.m. SEND TO:** Human Resources Division, The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, 13740 County Road 2, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0, telephone (613) 543-3704, fax (613) 543-2847, e-mail Lise.Paauw@parks.on.ca [SLPC-UCV-1/07(4) or SLPC-UCV-2/07(4) or SLPC-UCV-8/07(4)] or Wanda.Fortier@parks.on.ca [SLPC-UCV-4/07(4) or SLPC-UCV-7/07(4)] or Pierre.Pinet@parks.on.ca [SLPC-UCV-9/07(4)].

We thank all candidates for applying, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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COMING EVENTS

CORK & BARREL
Fri., March 16, engagement party for Tina Griffith and Kurt Heuff. DJ Chris to guest dj, 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Everyone welcome; Sat., March 17, St. Patrick's Day Party, featuring "The Edge", 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Advance tickets available, 1 for $6, 2 for $10, $8 each at door. Age of majority. Lotsa green beer, prizes and specials. 613-448-1737, Chesterville. 9-11c

IROQUOIS KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spring bazaar, tea, luncheon and misc. table also. Sat., March 17, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. 10-11c

C.W.L. ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA & BAZAAR
Sat., Mar. 17, Morrisburg Legion, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Admission $3 includes luncheon. Crafts, baking, plants, preserves, candy tables and a draw. Join the fun. 11c

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MUSIC JAM
Sat., Mar. 17, 1 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 105, Cardinal. Donations gratefully accepted. 11c

WEEKLY

BINGO
Monday night bingo every week at Riverside Heights. Doors open at 6:15. Bingo starts at 7:30. Everyone welcome, 18 and over.

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

MORRISBURG BR. 48 LEGION
ENTERTAINMENT IN THE LOUNGE
Friday, March 16th
Corned Beef & Cabbage St. Patrick's Supper
Served 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.
Tickets $9.00 Ea. Tax Incl.
Entertainment by J. Mason
Sunday, March 18
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Entry Fee $5 Per Person
EVERYONE WELCOME!

COMING EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Call AA, 613-543-3484. Meeting every Thursday, 8 p.m., Lakeshore United Church. 3tfc

SANDERS MAPLE PRODUCTS & PANCAKE HOUSE
Hwy. 43, Finch, wishes to announce the 2007 maple syrup season. Open "daily" from March 3 to April 22. Taking group bookings now. Contact Albert or Rosemary at 613-984-2369 or 613-984-0784. 9-14c

IF YOU DON'T PAMPER YOURSELF, WHO WILL? SIMPLE INDULGENCES
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DIABETES COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION
"Diabetes & High Blood Pressure" Wed., Mar. 21, 7–8:30 p.m., Conference Room, lower level, WDMH. Speaker Nancy Graham, RN. All welcome. 11c

SEAWAY VALLEY PHARMACY FREE SCREENING CLINIC
For blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol Fri., Mar. 16, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., by nurse. Free coffee, dietetic snacks and information brochures. Appointment preferred, walk-ins welcome. 11c

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLEBOIS–In loving memory of a wonderful father and poppy, John, March 19, 1996.
While he sleeps a peaceful sleep,
His memory we shall always keep.
–Sadly missed but never forgotten, love Kevin, Penny and Joey 11p

CARD OF THANKS

MATTICE–The family of the late Shirley Mattice would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many friends, neighbours and relatives for their acts of kindness and words of support during this difficult time. A very special thanks to Janis, Jane, Ida, Bill and Ella, Bonnie Parker and staff and Rev. Jean Udall whose help we couldn't have done without. These acts of kindness will always be remembered.
–Kathy and Gary Kavanagh and family 11p

SULLIVAN–I would like to thank my family and friends for their phone calls, flowers and cards while I was patient at the Heart Institute. Special thanks to Dr. Turex, Dr. Hendry and the O.R. and Recovery Room staff for the excellent care. Special thanks also to the 3rd floor nurses for the excellent care received. These acts of kindness will never be forgotten.
–Margaret Sullivan 11p

WANTED

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. 3tfc

NOTICE

AVON
Receive a free gift when you join my successful team in the month of March. Call Judy, 613-543-2110. 11-12p

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
ALL claims against the Estate of Shirley Elaine Mattice, late of the Township of South Dundas in the County of Dundas, who died on or about the 18th day of February, 2007, must be filed with the undersigned on or before the 12th day of April, 2007; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.
DATED at South Dundas this 7th day of March, 2007.
GORRELL, GRENKIE, LEROY & REMILLARD
Box 820, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0
Solicitors for the Estate Trustee

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FOR RENT–3 bedroom semi-detached, Morrisburg, with garage. $850 month plus utilities. First and last. Available May 1. 613-543-3563. 8tfc

FOR RENT–2 bedroom apartment, Williamsburg, full basement. $525 month plus utilities. First and last. Available March 1. 613-543-3563. 8tfc

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FOR RENT–1 bedroom apartment available April 1. Ideal for seniors. Riverside Place Apartments. Phone 613-543-4235. 10tfc

FOR RENT–1 bedroom apartment, Ingleside. $430 includes utilities. References required. No Sunday calls. 613-543-3604. 10tfc

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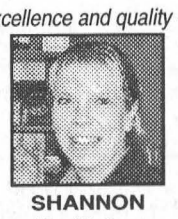
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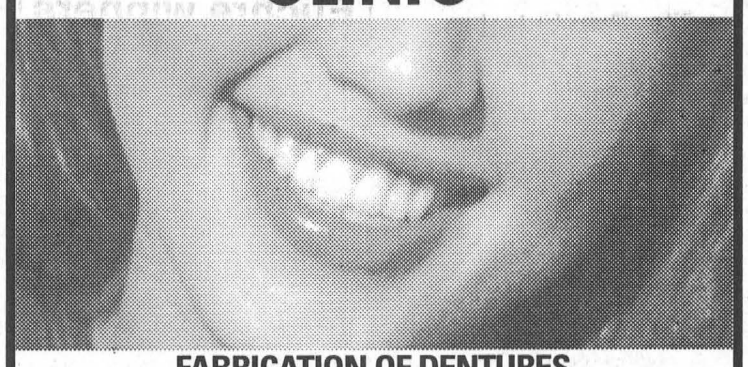
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Riverside W.I. discusses fitness, fun and future

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS – The first meeting this year was held on Tuesday, March 6, at the George Jowatt Hall. The meeting started at 1 p.m. with Convenor Joan Brunt opening with her motto : life is a journey, not a destination; enjoy the trip.

After the normal beginnings, the roll call started with everyone saying what they did to keep fit. There were many humorous moments about this topic.

After minutes were read from the last meeting in December, 2006, bank account activity was mentioned and thank you notes read.

Old business was spoken of which included the amalgamation of the Dundas District W.I. with Stormont District W.I. which will probably happen at the May 8, District Meeting being held at the George Jowatt Hall this year.

At this meeting, the 110th year anniversary of the Woman's Institute will be celebrated which really took place on February 19, this year.

Arrangements for this meeting have been handled so that the cost for lunch, entertainment and a speaker will be available at our April meeting. Many political guests will be invited as well.

The Barrie Quilt Show and More was brought up which will be held on June 21-23 and a bus trip is planned with many wanting to attend. At this point, we're made aware of this trip and the deadline to apply being April 1. Hopefully , this will work out as a good spring trip for everyone.

Our wall hanger is in the process of being quilted and will be completed by the April meeting for view and purchase by the McIntosh Inn.

Hats, centrepieces, door prizes for the district meeting were discussed and many suggestions were made which will be discussed with the District at our next meeting.

We had a really nice presentation by Aline Duggan about flower arrangements.

She started from "scratch" to display the process for making a silk flower tulip arrangement with many ideas that would help anyone to make their own.

At the end of our meeting a name was drawn for a winner of her arrangement and ironically our hostess Joan Brunt won.

How lucky she was to leave with such a beautiful prize to display at home for the spring to come.

One member had received new information about a "1,000 Roses Challenge".

Lots of information concerning a Rose Program was received as well as a "Rose Session Profile Form".

The "challenge" is for each branch to have a "Rose Program" in an effort to continue the initial objective of our organization : to improve women's skills in the art of homemaking and childcare through education which today is being continued by informing, empowering and education for all members.

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Our next Area Meeting will take place in Glengarry in the Fall of 2007. More info will be available this summer.

Our next meeting will be held on April 3rd where a pot-luck iuncheon will take place, membership fees will be received and the installation of officers will be done.

A new 2007 - 2008 agenda/program will be discussed and produced for our May branch meeting.

Williamsburg Euchre winners

WILLIAMSBURG – Winners of the Williamsburg Senior Citizens' Group Euchre held on February 28 at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre were as follows:

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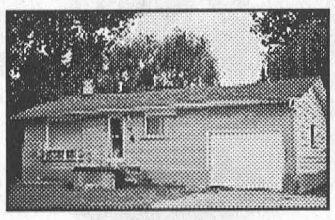
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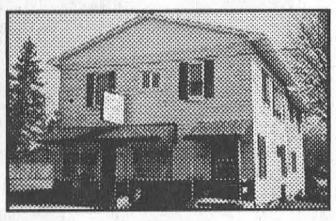
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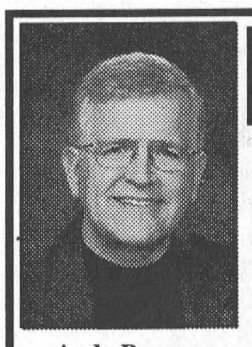
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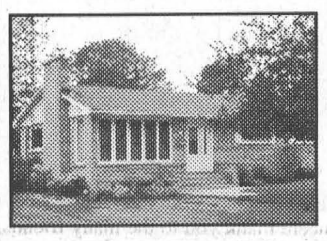
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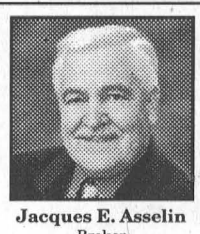
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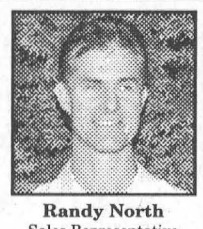
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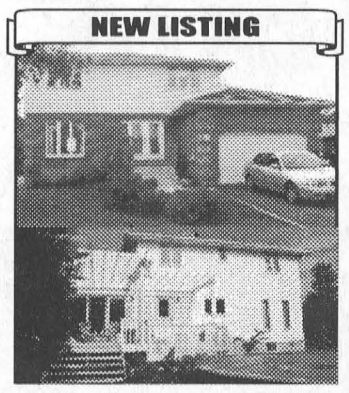
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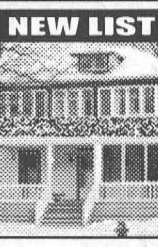
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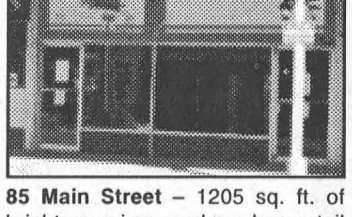
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A Stitch in Time, Red Cross Quilters McNairn Photo & Story

The current members of the Red Cross Quilters groups include, l-r, Elsie Tynski, Claire Delage, Stella Seeley (seated), Cynthia Foss, Georgina Styles and Vivien Reddick. Myrtle Wingeat was not available for the photo. The quilters applied their final stitch to their final quilt on Thursday, March 1.

Final stitch for Red Cross Quilters

MORRISBURG–For more than 80 years, women in Morrisburg have been sewing under the Red Cross banner and all that came to an end last Thursday, March 1 when the current group put the final stitch in the final quilt closing out another chapter in local history.

According to historical information provided by Claire Delage, the Canadian Red Cross workers were formed in Morrisburg during World War I. Their work continued through the Second World War, at which time they were knitting sweaters and socks for the soldiers.

The group later began to quilt unfinished quilt top for individuals in the area, and the proceeds were used to support the local Red Cross Unit and to purchase supplies for the local Red Cross Loan Cupboard. Quilts were also provided to fire victims.

After the Seaway construction in the late 1950s, the quilters took up residence in a unit in the new Morrisburg Shopping Plaza. They remained there until 1968, when they moved to the old Morrisburg High School which had been vacated with the move to Seaway District High School in Iroquois.

In 1998, the administrator at The Hartford Retirement Centre invited the group to use one of their pleasant and sunny sun rooms which was a welcome change for the quilters.

"Our presence provided the residents of the centre with a link to the community," says Delage. "Many of them would regularly join us in the sun room to visit and to view the progress of our quilts."

The current quilters are accomplished artisans, some with more than 30 years of quilting experience. Vivien Reddick has been quilting since the early 1970s.

During the colourful 80 plus years of turning out beautiful hand-quilted pieces many local women were involved with the Red Cross Quilters. Delage, whose mother quilted with the group, guesses that at its peak, the group would have been putting out a dozen or more quilts a year. "We used to have a lot of quilters working, so we could turn out a lot of quilts."

Numbers, however, are now down and the Red Cross Loan Cupboard has been moved to Cornwall. For these reasons the current quilters decided to call it a day. They started their final quilt January 11 and finished it off last Thursday when Cynthia Foss applied the final stitch. The group worked on the final quilt two afternoons a week for about "three hours per afternoon, by the time you figure in our tea time," said Foss.

"You know we once worked out the number of people working on a quilt and the time worked, and we figured we were getting about 11 cents an hour," said Delage.

"That would be more than we used to get," claimed longtime quilter Stella Seeley, who at 90 plus years was unable to work on the final quilt due to her health.

"This is kind of a sad day," said Delage. "But, we've put in quite a few years and a lot of stitches."

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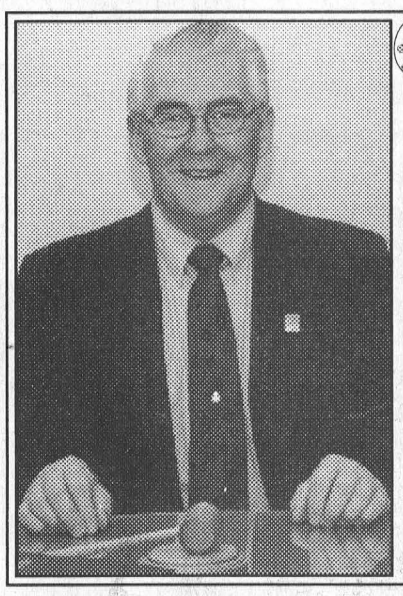

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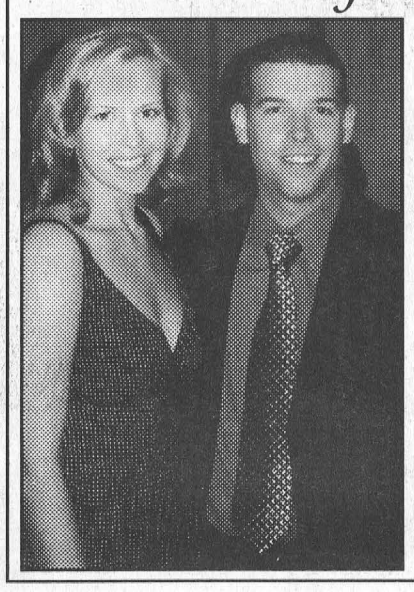

We are proud to announce the engagement of Catherine and Richard. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Wayne and Charlotte Barkley and the niece of Lyal and Aileen Kehoe of Williamsburg. The groom-to-be is the son of Urs and Susan Binder of Newmarket, Ontario. Both are graduates of Carleton University. Catherine is a Policy Analyst with the Federal Government and Richard is an Engineer for DEW Engineering in Ottawa. The wedding will take place December 2007.