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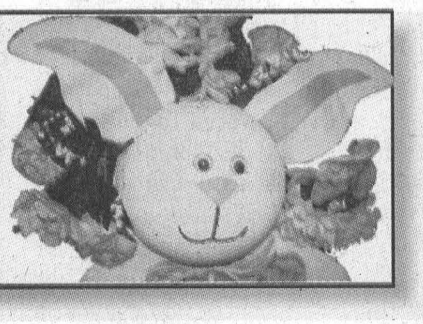

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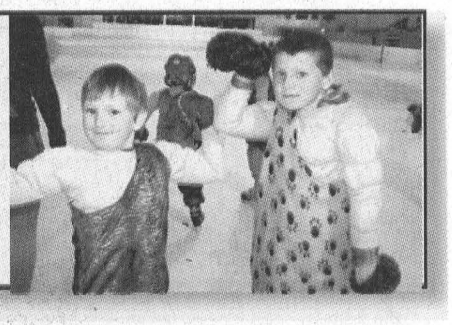

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Province invests millions in Parks

MORRISBURG–Friday at Upper Canada Village, just east of Morrisburg, local MPP Jim Brownell dropped by to string together a long list of funding announcements which, when all totalled, will mean over $4 million in new funding for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

"We all know that Eastern Ontario has had its share of bad news on the economic front. So, I'm glad to be the bearer of such good news today," Brownell told the media, SLPC staff, and representatives of the communities bordering the park lands from Kingston to Cornwall.

The SLPC, which is the largest tourism operator in Eastern Ontario, welcoming a million visitors annually, generating $100 million in economic activity and supporting more than 1,500 jobs, was the beneficiary of Brownell's four tourism funding announcements.

Brownell first announced that the Ontario government, beginning immediately, will provide the SLPC with an annual increase of $2 million to its operating budget.

He said that the money will go a long way to supporting tourism in this region.

The $2 million increase will mean that the Parks Commission

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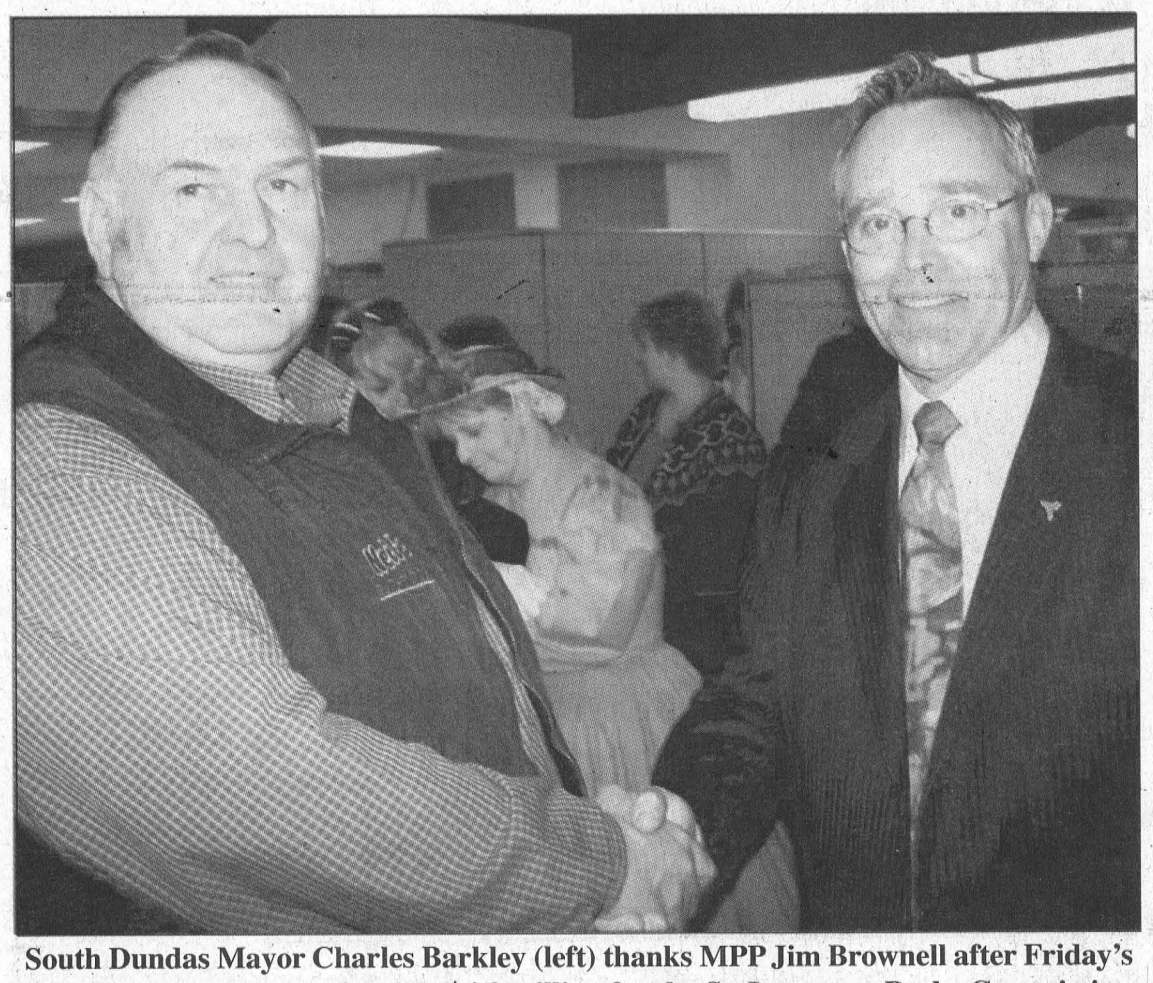
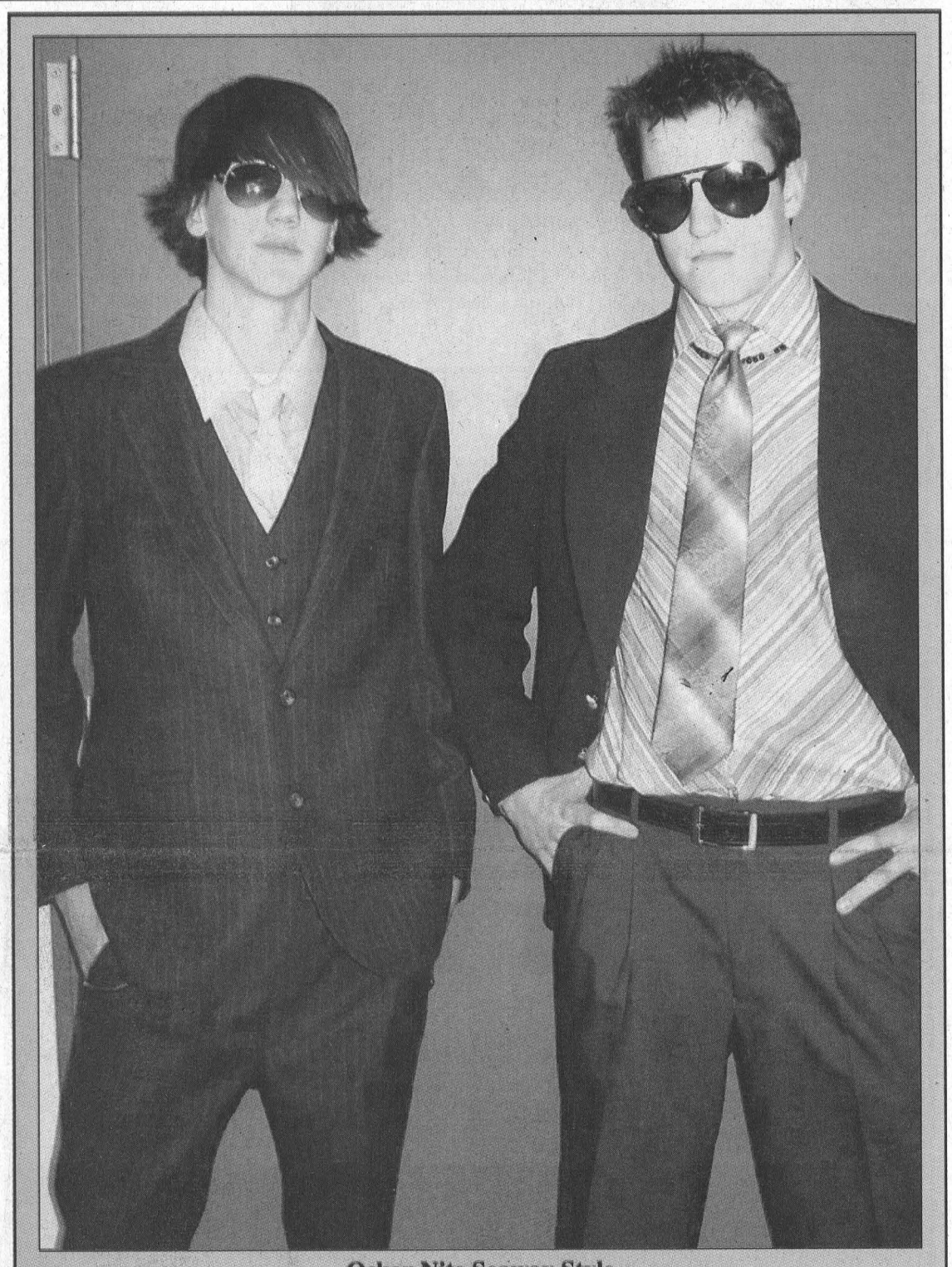


South Dundas Mayor Charles Barkley (left) thanks MPP Jim Brownell after Friday's funding announcment of nearly $4.3 million for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission



Oskar Nite Seaway Style

Friday night was Oskar night at Seaway District High School. Students showed up at the awards ceremony dressed in their best, and while it was an honour just to be nominated, all were hoping to take home the highly coveted gold statuette. Pictured above are two of the best-dressed young men of the evening, hot off the red carpet. Pictured right is Sean McMillan and left is Scott Douma who took home the "Biggest Prep" Oskar.

Ontario Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative

Funding touches South Dundas twice

SOUTH DUNDAS – South Dundas was twice lucky when the province was handing out grants through the Ontario Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiatvie.

Township staff recieved notice, March 23, from Minister of Public Infrastructre Renewal, David Caplan, that the application for $612,900 for the reconstruction of Henderson Road was successful.

Of the 358 Ontario municipalities submitting requests to the $70 million, one-time funding program, 190 were successful.

When South Dundas township officials first learned of the program in January, the municipality submitted an application for a $1.2 million project to resurface the Henderson, Toyes Hill and Heritage Roads. However, council was given an opportunity to scale back the application when staff discovered that the program was an all or nothing funding program.

Council immediately agreed to scale back the funding request to cover the cost of the Henderson Road portion of the project.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley said last week that he believes the change was definitely a benefit to the municipality. "It would have been nice to get $1.2 million, but realistically, we are glad we got what we got," he said.

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry funding application through this program was also successful, which is more good news for South Dundas.

The Counties were awarded a one-time grant of $1.75 million, which will be usued to reconstruct County Road 41, which is also in South Dundas.

The county road, which runs parrallel to Highway 401, between Upper Canada Road and County Road 8 (Church Road), was planned for this year, however, could only go ahead with offsetting funding.

"Without this funding, the project would have been delayed until a subsequent year," said United Counties CAO Michael Waddell.

The purpose of the Ontario Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative is to enhance the state of rural infrastructure in order to improve quality of life and to have a positive economic impact on the local community.

Other area municipalities receiving funding include;
North Dundas - $738,254,
North Glengarry - $3,650,000,
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South Stormont - $335,332.

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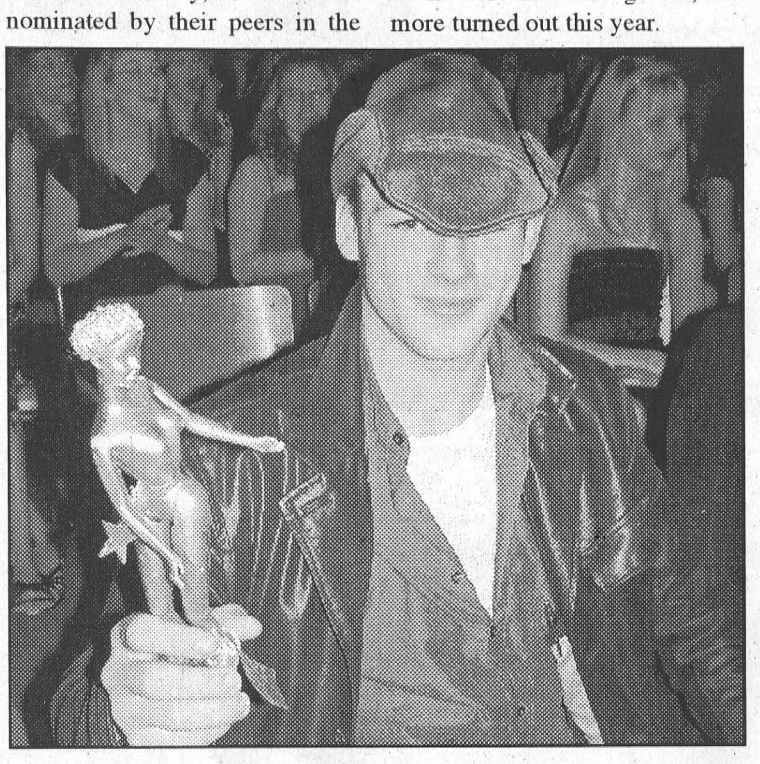
Seaway's stars come out for Oskar

IROQUOIS–Quite a cast of characters came out to make Seaway District High School's second annual Oskar night, a brilliant success.

The event, organized by the student's council, starts with the awards ceremony, where those nominated by their peers in the appropriate categories are featured in short video clips, and then the highly coveted Oskar goes to the student selected by popular ballot.

Student's council vice president Katherine Choi said the inaugural event welcomed 200 guests, and more turned out this year.



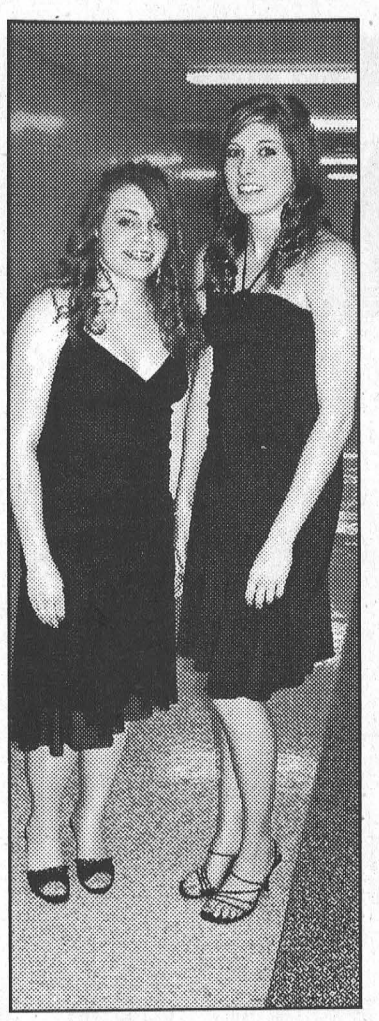
Taking home two Oskars
Sean Elliott, pictured above, took home two of the highly coveted Oskar statuettes from Seaway District High School's second annual Oskar night. Elliot picked up the award for Biggest Hick and the award for Best Actor.

The gym was packed with students, all dressed in their finest for the awards ceremony which was followed by a semi-formal dance.

Choi said that organizing the event was exciting, stressful and fun. She was pleased with the support for the event that the student's council received from the parent's council, the McIntosh Inn and staff at the high school.

"We are here to celebrate the individuals that help make Seaway what it is," Choi told the crowd on hand before the awards were handed out to the junior and senior winners in each category.

And the Oskar goes to:
Biggest Hicks
Robert Henderson
Sean Elliott
Best Artists
Russell Bayliss
Jenny Dentz
Best Musicians
Brandon Mooney
Nick McCaslin
Jesse Laprade
Best Actors
Trevor Hehn
Sean Elliott
Biggest Preps
Jamie Boulerice
Scott Douma
Best Seaway Style
Jacob Hough
Jessie Moore
Next Top Models
Leslie Schneckenburger
Brittany Elliott
Cobie Wells
Most Athletic
Aaron Mabo
Jared Dallas
Leading Lads
Tommy Keyes
Nick Ault
Leading Ladies
Bailey Hollister
Katherine Choi
Best Supporting
Bret Avery
Scott Hallam
Most Outgoing
Scott Summers
Ashley Gilmer
Wackiest Hair
Randy Froats
Ben Hogan
Most in need of a shave
Curtis Robinson
Nick Ault
Funniest Personality
Spencer Peters
Ryan Hehn
Nicest Personality
Sydney Sheppard
Sierra Gillard
Most Dynamic Duos
Spencer Peters & Joe Streit
Steve Baird & Brad Munroe
Romeo and Juliet Oskar
Jenna Shay & Greg McCaslin



Making an entrance
After arriving, and walking the red carpet, Jasmine Comfort (left) and Brittany Elliott stop to pose for photographers.

Acclaimed

CORNWALL – Jim Brownell, currently serving in the provincial legislature as representative of Stormont, South Dundas and South Glengarry, has been acclaimed by the Stormont, South Dundas and South Glengarry Liberal Riding Association.

Brownell will be the Liberal party representative for the upcoming October elections.

"Jim Brownell and the McGuinty Liberal have ushered in a whole new era for the United Counties," said an enthusiastic Roger Davidson, interim Association president. "We heard a lot of talk from previous governments about our hospitals, and other important issues were simply ignored. Over the last three-and-a-half years we have seen a steady stream of results."

Davidson pointed to the construction of new hospitals, the long ignored Public Inquiry underway, the costs for the city of Cornwall being covered by the province, new roads and bridges, new schools and improved social planning as Liberal accomplishments.

"Jim Brownell has been a tireless advocate for the United Counties," said Past President Larry Berry. "He has really raised the profile of Eastern Ontario, and people across the province are looking at us with fresh eyes as a result."

The large crowd in attendance at the nomination meeting shared the riding optimism.

"I sought to be MPP for one reason," Brownell said in his acceptance address, "and that was to deliver for the people of the United Counties. I've spent my life among these fine people and I know what they can accomplish with appropriate assistance from the government."

"I am pleased with what I have been able to accomplish to date," he said, "and have a lot more I plan to do over the next four years given the opportunity."

Correction

In the story entitled *Encore: learning for life*, which ran in The Leader on March 28, the woman appearing in the *Learning knows no age* photo was incorrectly identified as Doreen Wert. She was actually Marilyn Barkley. We apologize for the error.

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Assault and confinement

IROQUOIS – A 24-year-old woman was arrested and charged with assault, forcible confinement and four counts of failure to comply with an undertaking or recognizance following an argument with her boyfriend.

The domestic situation, at a home on Ellis Drive in Iroquois, was reported to police March 26 at 2 p.m.

According to police, a verbal argument between the woman and her boyfriend resulted in her assaulting the boyfriend.

She was held in custody until a court appearance in Cornwall.

Senior charged with assault

MORRISBURG – A 73-year-old man was arrested and charged with assault after an argument with his wife.

Police were called March 27, at 6 p.m. to a home along Robertson Road, just outside of Morrisburg.

According to police, the man and his wife were involved in an argument that resulted in the man assaulting the woman.

OPP Constable H. Blokland is the investigating officer.

Court is set for Morrisburg, April 16.

Bottle breaks front window

MORRISBURG – March 27, a beer bottle was thrown through the front window of a Fifth Street home, here in Morrisburg.

Police were called at approximately 7:30 a.m. to investigate the overnight incident.

The suspects are unknown and the investigation by Constable M. Evans in continuing.

Good managers save tax money

WILLIAMSBURG – When the policing reconciliation was completed for the United Counties annual budgeting process, a large amount of money was left over from the previous budget.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley spoke about the unprecedented and unexpected amount of money saved by the police at the March 20, council meeting.

"There was close to a million dollars turned back, which meant a zero increase in the counties levy," said Barkley. "It's hard to grasp how that can happen, but it was put down to real good management."

Barkley told OPP Sgt. Brent Mattice that Inspector Ray Westgarth and Staff Sgt. Dave Springer, "have been running a tight ship and they should be congratulated."

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South Dundas starts budget deliberations

WILLIAMSBURG – The fourth council of South Dundas started their first ever budget deliberation talks this week.

Council and staff decided to go through the budget, department by department, asking questions to get a clear picture of the municipality's finances, and the budgeting process, before making any major decisions about cuts and capital projects.

South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald explained to council that the operational budgets, as presented by staff have increased slightly and would translate into a 3.77 percent tax increase for residents on the municipal portion of their taxes.

"If you add in the proposed capital expenditures it takes a significant jump," said McDonald.

At this point, the task ahead of council is to evaluate the numbers presented, decide whether or not there are ways to save money on the township's operations, determine which capital projects are feasible for the coming year, and evaluate the municipality's financial position to determine, if there is a surplus how it should be used to offset any potential tax increase for the ratepayers of South Dundas.

Monday night council started with the recreation budget, which accounts for 19 percent of the township's $4 million operating budget.

Manager of recreation and buildings Don Lewis suggested that council will likely have to take a hard look at some of the municipally owned buildings to determine whether or not it is feasible to keep them and keep spending money on them.

As line by line budget discussions progressed it became very evident that council will indeed have to evaluate the use and feasibility of maintaining 26 buildings.

Although no official decisions were made about any of the buildings, staff have been made aware that council would like to see an evaluation of each of the buildings, including cost, needed repairs, how they are used and who uses them.

"We can then make a decision about the buildings because we will have all of the information," said South Dundas councillor Steven Byvelds. "It's time to get this debate over and done with."

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley agreed saying, "We need someone to take a good broad-minded look at this."

He warned that he does not want to see the building issue become territorial, or be solely about the bottom line of a financial statement.

"We are elected, so at the end of the day I want it to be our (council's) decision with good recommendations from staff," said Barkley.

The mayor suggested that the evaluation and decisions about the future of municipal buildings should be a separate issue dealt with after the budgeting process.

Councillor Delbert Jones questioned Barkley's reasoning, asking if they should be spending money on a building that may close in the future.

Barkley asked Lewis, "Are any of the buildings going to fall down this year if capital money is not spent on them?"

"I would say not," replied Lewis, so council moved forward with discussions agreeing to leave the issue of building evaluations until after the budgeting process.

Lewis has proposed recreation capital projects amounting to roughly $150,000. Of those capital projects, 70 percent are for projects at the arena.

Council has not yet cut any of the capital projects from the budget, but will likely do so after they have reviewed the capital budgets of all of the departments.

The next budget meeting will focus on the roads department.



Morrisburg Scotiabank Branch Commemorates 175 Years

Some of the Morrisburg Scotiabank branch's longest serving customers were invited Friday to cut the cake which was served up to customers as part of the bank's 175th anniversary celebrations which took place nationally. Pictured above, left to right, are Joyce and Duane Helmer, and Malcolm and Marion Graham, all of whom have been with the Scotiabank for more than 50 years.

Scotiabank's 175th anniversary

MORRISBURG–Last Friday, customers of the Scotiabank were given a special treat to commemorate a very special occasion. This year marks Scotiabank's 175th anniversary.

Founded in 1832, the bank began with a small four-person office in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Today the bank's international network consists of more than 2,100 branches and offices in over 50 countries on five continents.

March 30, marked the 175th year since the Bank of Nova Scotia became the first chartered bank in that province, when royal assent was given to the incorporation.

Here in Morrisburg, an organizing committee of Judy Laurin, Kim Van Allen, Kim McNeil and Kathy Wells organized the anniversary event.

A video documentary of Scotiabank's history was on display throughout the day, as was a replica of the artwork by John Hartman who was commissioned by the Scotiabank Group, to paint a triptych commemorating the origin of Scotiabank Group's journey, and the significance of Halifax to Canada's history.

Customers were treated to cake and coffee throughout the day, as well as several door prizes.

150th Anniversary planning

IROQUOIS - Shifted nearly a kilometre away from the river, its business area and civic buildings laid out in a style popular 50 years ago, the town of Iroquois might seem to have small claim on history.

But that would be a very wrong impression.

This is, in reality, a town with over 150 years of history behind it.

And it is a celebration of that heritage of a century and a half, which a group of Iroquois business people and community leaders gathered together to discuss on Tuesday, March 27, at the Civic Centre.

2007 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the town of Iroquois.

"Let's show our history and be proud of it," said chairman Jeff Beaupre. Tuesday's meeting was an initial planning session for community members and a number of ideas were put on the table for consideration.

Beaupre began the meeting by stressing that finding funding for special stand alone events could be an issue for the town. Instead, he suggested to those in attendance, alternate means to celebrate the town's heritage of 150 years might be explored.

"Let's celebrate by using existing functions that are ongoing." Beaupre said. "We should accent them and make them better."

Specifically, he referred to some traditional Iroquois events as the Summer Festival, Canada Day at the Point, the annual Fly In and the CHEO Golf Tournament. Tie-ins with the community heritage could be established in a number of ways.

Currently, other groups in the village are also putting together celebrations. Clayton Mockler, chair of the Iroquois Public School 50th Anniversary Committee, brought that group's input to the meeting. Local committees already exist to work on the 50th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway project. There is a possibility that links among all of these organizations could be established in Iroquois.

Bill Ewing was asked to provide information concerning flags and banners for the town that would celebrate the uniqueness of this community. At least two banners, as well as signage facing County Road 2 were recommended by Iroquois planners.

"We need to sensitize people to the idea that this town is 150 years old," said Roger Coulter. "We need banners up now to get the community to come together. People just don't know that we have 150 years of history behind us."

Del Jones, representing the South Dundas Council, said that the "one thing I've been trying to promote is some grass roots strategic planning that promotes this area over the long term."

Several business people feel that the celebration of Iroquois' 150 years could become a spring board for getting more visitors to come to this community and stay.

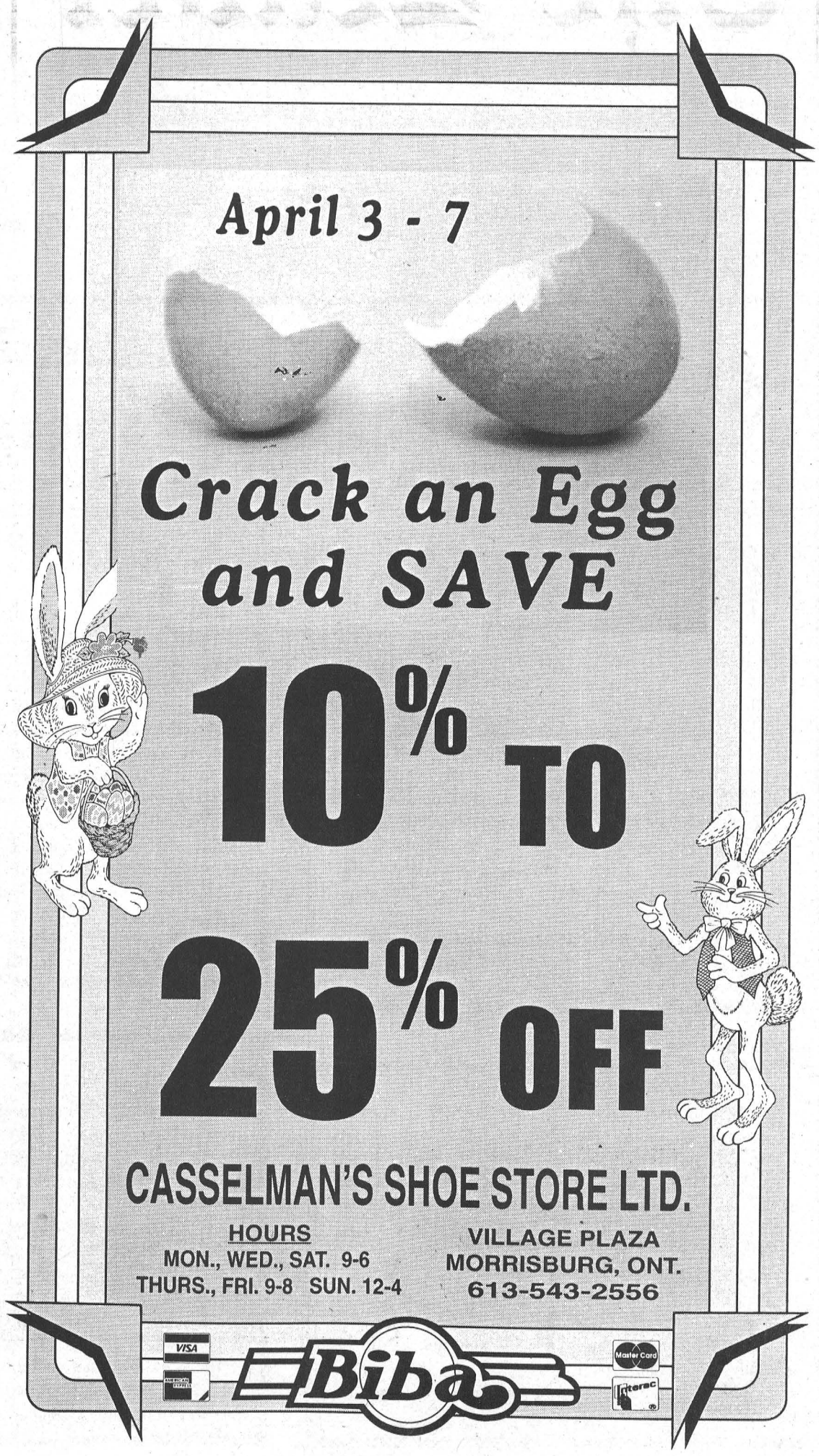
"We need to make our celebration unique to Iroquois," Murray Richer asserted. "History is often the only thing that small communities losing their businesses may have left. We have a great heritage from the Carman House to the War of 1812, and we can celebrate this."

Suggestions for generating interest ranged from special signage to the creation of postcards, calendars, and commemorative booklets along with heritage pages in local papers.

One popular suggestion was the development of photographic displays mounted in every business that visitors could enjoy while shopping.

Committees are now up and running in Iroquois. However the planning group remains interested in hearing ideas and suggestions from other members of the community about how best to bring notice to the town on the occasion of its 150th birthday.

"We need our youth to know who we were, and to celebrate our heritage," added chair Jeff Beaupre. "What we want is for people to notice our town."





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Making a clean sweep

Spring! Sweet songbirds have begun nesting, and the grass is finally bursting through, green and tender. There are buds opening on the trees and delicate flowers poking up through the thawing ground. Sunlight teases townsman and farmer alike with the promise of blooming gardens, new crops and lazy, hot days. Why, this time of year, there is even a strange new scent in the air!

It's called Lysol.

Yes, it's time for that annual ritual: spring cleaning. A time to find out what, exactly, has been collecting under the beds and in the cupboards during the long winter months. A time to realize that you should actually be able to *see* out of your windows. A time to tell sceptics that whatever has been growing in your closets over the winter is, in fact, a secret science experiment for the Canadian government.

There are really *three* sure things in this life: death, taxes and spring cleaning. The vote is still out on which is worse.

The federal government appears caught up in the spirit of cleaning too. 2007 is the 41st year for *PITCH-IN CANADA' s Clean Sweep* campaign.

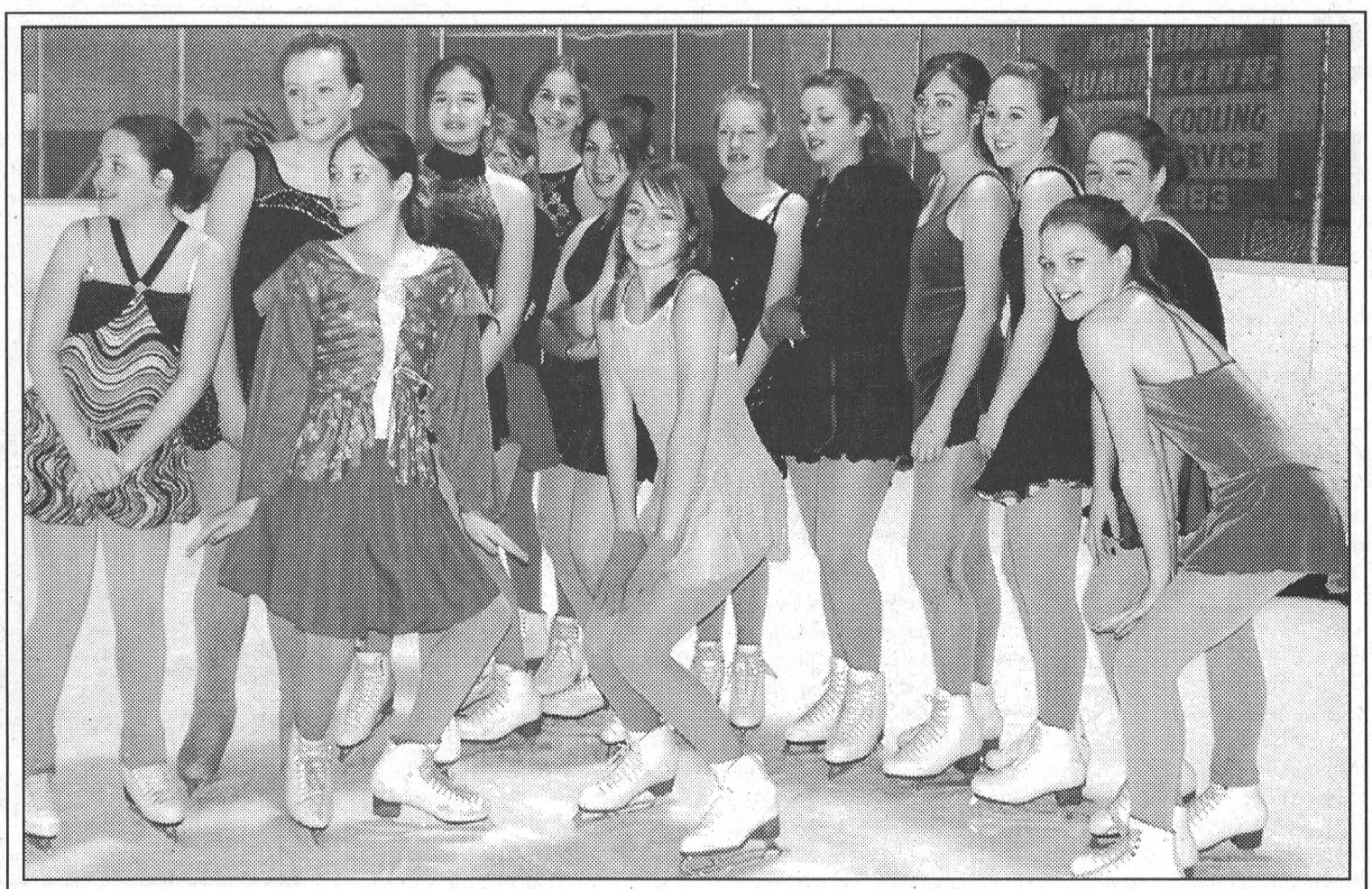
There was a time when this country was admiringly described by her citizens and tourists alike as one of the cleanest nations on earth. However, we may swiftly be losing that distinction as increasingly Canadians toss garbage and litter into our streets, into our forests, and into our waterways.

PITCH-IN CANADA has over 20,000 clean up projects scheduled for this year. 6,000 of these are shoreline projects. In other years, tens of thousands of Canadian volunteers have put on rain gear and rubber boots and waded into our streams and rivers to remove debris and garbage. Still others have taken garbage bags and shovels and cleaned up the streets of their communities and along the sides of highways.

People need to be actively involved in preserving the cleanliness and the beauty of our environment. This is a gorgeous country, and we have no one but ourselves to blame when blowing garbage is more noticeable than flowers.

Animals and birds share our enviroment with us. They don't litter, but they are often its victims. Carelessly tossed objects like plastic products, old batteries, tin cans and foil wrap can be lethal traps for wild life. They can't protect themselves: we must. April 23-29 is national *PITCH-IN* week; as you're spring cleaning this year, take some time to tidy up your community too.

Then swing by my house. I'm not good with windows! *W.G.*



Senior skaters of the Morrisburg & District Figure Skating Club closed Saturday night's ice show skating to Epcot's Illuminations–Reflections of Earth. In addition to the group skate, each of the seniors delighted the large crowd with solo performances. A highlight of this years *"Disney on Ice"* was a guest skate by Nathan Last of Cardinal who has been competing for Canada around the world. The senior level skaters of the local club include Kristen McMillan, Morgan Baxter, Hayley Mills, Kelsey Baxter, Brianna Stewart, Gillian Beatson, Bryanna Hickman-Korac, Meghan Adams, Amanda Giles, Jessica Thompson, Kelsey Hall, Katherine Lee, Amy Veltkamp, Janice Stevens, Kristen Stewart, Brenna German and Kaila VanHoof. (The skaters are not listed in order and not all are present in the photo.) *McNairn photo*

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

A reminder to all area hockey fans that coming up this weekend the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association is hosting the Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association Tournament of Champions at the minor midget level. The local Lions had a great season finishing in first place for their division pennant and will be hosting the event which will include teams from North Dundas, Kingston, Gananoque, Pembroke, Arnprior, Barry's Bay, Embrun/Casselman, Orleans and Russell. Lions' coach Tom Hodgson expects his Lions to do well in the tournament and encourages all local hockey fans to stop in at the arena to take in some top-notch action. The event opens Friday night and runs through to the finals on Sunday.

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Congratulations this week go to the Novice C and Peewee C Lions. The Novice Cs won the East Division playoff championship and the Peewee Cs claimed the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League championship.

In addition to congratulating these two teams, we would like to express our thanks and congratulations to all of the players, coaching staff members, referees, parents and executive members of the local minor hockey association. It's a long season, it's a big association and there is a lot of legwork, paperwork, volunteer work and dedicated hockey work that goes into it. Congratulations all...now you've just got time for a couple of weeks of rest before you head off to the ball diamonds and soccer fields.

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The figure skating season for many skaters of the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club also ended Saturday night with the annual Ice Show. This year, once again, the skaters, young and old, delighted the large crowd of their biggest supporters...mom, dad, grandpa and grandmother and on and on. Congratulations to the skaters, the club executive, the club professionals and all those involved in the annual show for another exceptionally well done job.

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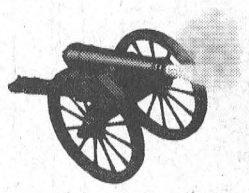
We are of course heading into Easter Weekend and we wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1997

Featured in the April 2 issue was Jean Presley who was busy preparing for the Morrisburg and District Arts and Crafts Association Spring Show. Jean, whose love of crafts began when she was a young girl, had been with the Association since its inception in the late 1950s. Jean, who grew up on the family farm at Gallingertown, learned to quilt when she was 10 years old. When she was 16, she got a job as a maid in Ottawa and boarded with a family there for four years. She later moved to Williamsburg where she met and married dairyman Leslie Presley. Following work in Forrester Falls and Brockville, the couple purchased the Morrisburg Dairy in 1946. They operated the dairy shop in both the old town of Morrisburg and the new town until 1967, when it was sold to Smith's Dairy of Brockville. Through the years, Jean honed her skills at crocheting, knitting and quilting.

The new Township of South Dundas was calling all artists, and would-be artists to design an official logo to symbolize the community's great heritage.

1987

It was reported in the April 1 issue that a large crowd turned out to listen to speakers from branches of the Alliance for the Preservation of English in Canada (APEC). The organization was formed in Halifax in 1977, and claimed its aim was to stop the enforcement of official bilingualism on English Canadians.

A study of a proposed new theatre for Upper Canada Playhouse, concluded that a new permanent structure needed to be built immediately as the life span of the current tent theatre had a maximum of two more years.

It was the end of another winter season when the ice plant was turned off at the Morrisburg arena on March 29.

The Morrisburg Figure Skating club transformed the arena Saturday night when they performed their annual show to music of the "big band" era.

Winners of the women's Kinkaid trophy at the Morrisburg Curling club were Sharon Van Allen, Barb Bradford, Johanna Rosenquist and Sydney Smith.

1977

Headlines in the April 8 issue read: New industry here to employ 18 persons. Construction of a plant to house Canadian Comfort Insulation (Eastern Ltd.) was to begin on April 15, and the new plant was expecting to employ 18 persons at the outset of operations. The new factory would manufacture home insulation, on a three-shift schedule. Headquarters of the parent company were at Putnam, near London, and its president was Andrew J. Bowers.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions took a 3-0 series lead over Gananoque with their latest victory in front of 1,013 fans. The Lions swarmed over the visiting G-Men to claim a 12-5 win. Pete McIntosh scored a hat trick, and Doug McNairn and Bill Veley scored twice. Singles came from the sticks of Ernie Duval, Bob McNairn, Brian Moran, Kevin Duvall and Jeff Cassell.

The Morrisburg Peewees finished a solid year winning the regular season and the Division A playoff championship. Goaltenders were Ken Murphy and William Shearing. Forwards included Mike Stewart, Bob Deleavey, Jeff Jarvis, Andy Brown, Dean Cassell, Chris Martell, Dale Tupper, Don Cougler and Terry Veinotte. Defence were John Martell, Peter Westphal, Robert Houze, Jimmy Thom, Mike Laurin, Chris Casselman and Barry Whitteker.

1967

Headlines in the April 7 issue read: Hockey champs hit Allen Cup trail. The Morrisburg Combines, proud champions of the Ottawa-St. Lawrence League, were preparing to open the Alan Cup playdowns against Kingston. Wiener Brown, an ex-member of the Combines would be playing against his old teammates. The Combines' home games were to be played in Brockville. The Combines had downed Shawville in game five of the best-of-seven series for the League championship 7-5 in Morrisburg in front of a crowd of 700 fans.

Ontario Hydro's new building at Winchester was to be officially opened on April 11.

Council proclaimed Daylight Saving Time would go into effect in Morrisburg on April 27.

1957

The March 22 issue reported it took less than two minutes for the crews of Bell technicians to put the community's new dial telephone exchange into operation. "Public cooperation was splendid in keeping down the volume of curiosity calls, especially around the time of the cut over," said S.W. Major, Bell Telephone manager for this region. Pictured in the issue was A.C. Casselman, MP for Grenville-Dundas, as he placed the first long distance call. The first local call was made by Reeve George E. Beavers who called his wife in Morrisburg. The calls were made during a ceremony at the Walrich Hotel. Telephone customers would now dial five numbers to make a local call.

The grand old man of Boucks Hill, Stephen B. McPerson passed away in his 98th year. He was the last surviving member of a family of nine.

1947

The April 4 issue reported the death of Ira Walter Becksted of Iroquois. Born in Wilfiamsburg in 1864, he was a graduate of the Ottawa Normal School. After teaching for a number of years, he entered the business of photography and moved to Iroquois in 1899, where he had since conducted a successful business in photography. He also produced printing plates.

The amazing Inkerman Rockets bowed out of Memorial Cup play when they lost two straight games to Montreal, 17-2 and 9-5.

Church rent increases

WILLIAMSBURG – A small church group, currently based in the Iroquois Civic Centre will be paying nearly twice as much for the use of the building as it has in the past.

Council made the decision at the March 20, regular council meeting.

The Community Family Church approached the township in 2002-03, asking if they could temporarily set up in the Civic Centre until they found a home.

The township agreed and since that time the group has been charged $25 per use for Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening activities. In 2006, the rate was increased to $30 per use, with notice that the rate would increase in 2007 to $50 per use.

South Dundas clerk Brenda Brunt recommended that council authorize staff to increase the fee for this user group to $50 per use for a term of one year.

According to Brunt's report to council the church uses the Civic Centre Hall three times a week and has also been using the old clerk's office for storage.

Brunt explained that other area churches have questioned the municipality allowing the church to remain in the facility at a reduced rate, when other groups have to pay the regular rate to rent the hall for special events.

The regular rate for rental of the Iroquois Civic Centre is $100 per half day and $175 per full day.

Brunt's report showed that the increase in fees would mean a $2,080 increase in revenue for the municipality.

"In 2006, the township spent $30, 559.86 in expenses and received $4,177.57 in revenue for the Iroquois Civic Centre," said Brunt in her report to council.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley was adamantly opposed to increasing the rate to $50 per use. "It's a sad day when council has to look at the bottom line," he said.

"I don't think this should be a money making thing," said Barkley, explaining that the buildings are there and the municipality pays to maintain and heat them, regardless of whether or not they are being used. "I think these building should be used."

Barkley added, "I have no problem charging for it, but I think $30 is quite adequate."

"I don't think $50 is out of line," said South Dundas councillor Steven Byvelds, supporting the recommended rate increase.

Councillor Delbert Jones agreed saying, "$50 doesn't seem unreasonable."

He did suggest that the municipality should have a more solid policy/guideline in place, so that council does not have to deal with cases on an individual basis.

Councillor Jim Graham also agreed to support the $50 fee recommendation.

South Dundas deputy mayor Robert Gillard disagreed with the increased fee. "I can't go against a church group," he said expressing his concern that the increase could force a small church trying to get off the ground to close.

Council voted 3-2 in favour of the increased fee.

Hammers tapping at R-O

INGLESIDE–Staff and students alike are all a-buzz over the latest happenings at Rothwell-Osnabruck School. Hammers are tapping and saws are humming as the entire elementary section of the school is being completely rebuilt.

"This is a wonderful event and it comes just before R-O will celebrate its 50th birthday," reports a beaming Janice Meyer, the school's principal. "The activity is creating plenty of excitement as the renovations create all manner of learning opportunities for the students. It goes without saying we are looking forward to a beautiful new wing of our school."

The renovations to the elementary wing of the school are the first major upgrade to the school, since the popular Lancer Community Centre was built in 1991.

The revitalization is literally from the ground up and when it is completed and ready for students next fall, it will have the latest in classroom facilities and a brand new gymnasium in order to offer the best for the students.

"R-O is the only K through 12 school in this part of eastern Ontario and we're pleased the board has recognized our uniqueness with this important investment in the elementary section," continued Meyer.

Meyer went on to praise the construction crew for both their outstanding work and their sensitivity to the children all around them.

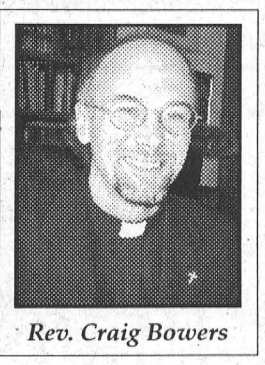
"I can't say enough about their consideration and cooperation and I speak for the entire school community when I say they have been a joy to have around.

Rothwell-Osnabruck School was established as part of the massive St. Lawrence Seaway project and the creation of the Village of Ingleside.

Its educational continuum from the earliest grades to secondary graduation provides a seamless educational setting. This allows students to grow and learn in a school environment renowned for its family atmosphere.

And the earth shook

Perspectives



Rev. Craig Bowers

Suddenly there was a great earthquake: for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

John says that when they got to the tomb on Easter morning, it was empty. So they went back home.

Went back home? Reminds you of the two disciples in Luke on the way to Emmaus. "Some women told us that Jesus had been raised from the dead, but not knowing what else to do, we thought we would go to Emmaus for supper."

A man is raised from the dead, and you walk back home to Iroquois for supper.

I have read Stanley Hauerwas, in dialogue with dear Marcus Borg of the Jesus Seminar, who said, "Marcus thinks the disciples had an experience. They said, "Wasn't it great being with Jesus before they killed him? You remember all those great stories he told? Just thinking about it makes him seem almost still there..."

Thanks be to God, disciples weren't that creative! In short, the disciples were people like us.

I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, but I really don't want to have to change my life because of it. "Same old, same old." I like my 'toys'. I like my time and the people I am comfortable with. I want to have Easter and still have my world unrocked by resurrection. We are amazingly well adjusted to the same old world.

Matthew says "Easter is an earthquake that shook the whole world."

Post modernists like the Jesus Seminar try to "explain" the resurrection. One might say that Jesus was in a deep, drugged coma, and then woke up. Another might say the disciples got all worked up in their grief and just fantasized the whole thing.

As a preacher, I would love to have a great explanation of the resurrection. But the truth is that it is the resurrection that explains who I am to be as a child of God. Death, defeat, while regrettable, are utterly explainable.

But Easter is about God, not God as some inner experience, but God who creates a way when there was no way, a God who makes war on evil until evil is undone, a God who raises dead Jesus just to show us who's in charge here.

We see on the cross, that the world did all it could to Jesus. At Easter, God did all God could to the world. And the earth shook.

You don't explain that. You witness it.

God took the cruel cross and made it the means of grace. And the earth shook.

Jesus came back to forgive the very disciples who had betrayed him. God's world is about freedom and forgiveness, not slavery and vengeance. And the earth shook.

Jesus picked up a piece of bread and ate it and you could see the nail prints in his hands. God's world is about abundant and eternal life, not death. And the earth shook.

An angel appeared, the stone was rolled away, the soldiers shook. The angel sat himself down on the stone in one final act of defiance of death, and said to the women, "Don't be afraid. You're looking for Jesus? He isn't here."

Then that angel turned to the soldiers and said, "Be afraid. Everything you built your world on is being shaken."

And having read to the end of the story, we learn that nobody went back the same way they came...

May you feel the earth shaking love of Jesus Christ.

And may that love break any of the chains that ever bound you.

In Christ we're free indeed!

Have a blessed Easter.

Reverend Craig and Mary-Catherine, Sarah, Eva and Chloe

The Anglican Churches of Morrisburg, Iroquois and Riverside Heights

The Timothy Times

News from Timothy Christian School

WILLIAMSBURG – The single biggest project going on at TCS these days is preparing for a musical: *Rescue in the Night*. This musical tells the story of how Daniel had the courage to stand up for God, even when he and his fellow Jews were captives in a foreign land. Daniel could have taken the easy way out, just following the laws of the Babylonians and laying low. He chose not to do that, instead making a difference for God, showing his faith clearly, and his story is still told today, thousands of years later. All reading this column are invited to the performance, led by grade 7/8 teacher Mrs. Van Dyke, at the school on Thursday, May 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This musical will be one of the last parts of our annual Christian Education Week. This year's CEW theme is Big Questions and the supporting Bible text is Eph. 2: 10 - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. TCS will also be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, May 2, which will run from 9-3 and 7-9. If you're interested in what we're about at TCS, please stop in. Snacks and slideshows all day.

The staff and students continue to support Helmut, a young boy from Nicaragua. We appreciate the opportunity to help someone who doesn't have nearly the things that we do. A former parent, later this week, will be sharing with the school a slideshow all about Nicaragua after taking a service trip there recently.

The senior choir and other school representatives are looking forward to participating in the Morrisburg Pentecostal Church service on Apr. 22.

Our grade 7/8 class is going to our main high school, Redeemer Christian High School in Ottawa, on Apr. 24, to see the school's production of C.S. Lewis' *The Dawntreader*.

Why is our school here? Why have we been providing Christ-centred education to families in South and North Dundas for almost 45 years? Part of the answer is found in this quote taken from a book I've been reviewing, The Christian Story and the Christian School. "If the trend toward de-Christianizing the North American public square continues, if the secularizing drift continues to denude public conversation of a Christian presence and gives little or no room to sanctioned Christian values, then the role of Christian schools as custodians of the Christian heritage becomes even more significant."

Gary Postma

Principal

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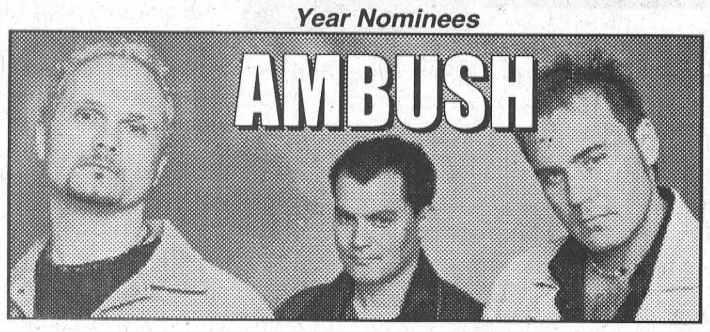

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Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Maundy Thursday, April 5 – 6 p.m.
Joint Worship Service With St. Matthew's in Cornwall
Good Friday, April 6 – 10:30 a.m.
Joint Worship Service at St. Paul's
Holy Saturday, April 7 – 7 p.m.
Joint Lutheran/Anglican Eucharist Service at St. James', Morrisburg
Sunday, April 8, 2007
Easter Sunday
9:15 a.m. – ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
Service of Holy Communion
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Easter Breakfast
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Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Walsh
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Friday, April 6, 2007
10:30 a.m. – Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007
6:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Communion
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Holy Saturday, April 7
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. James'
Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007
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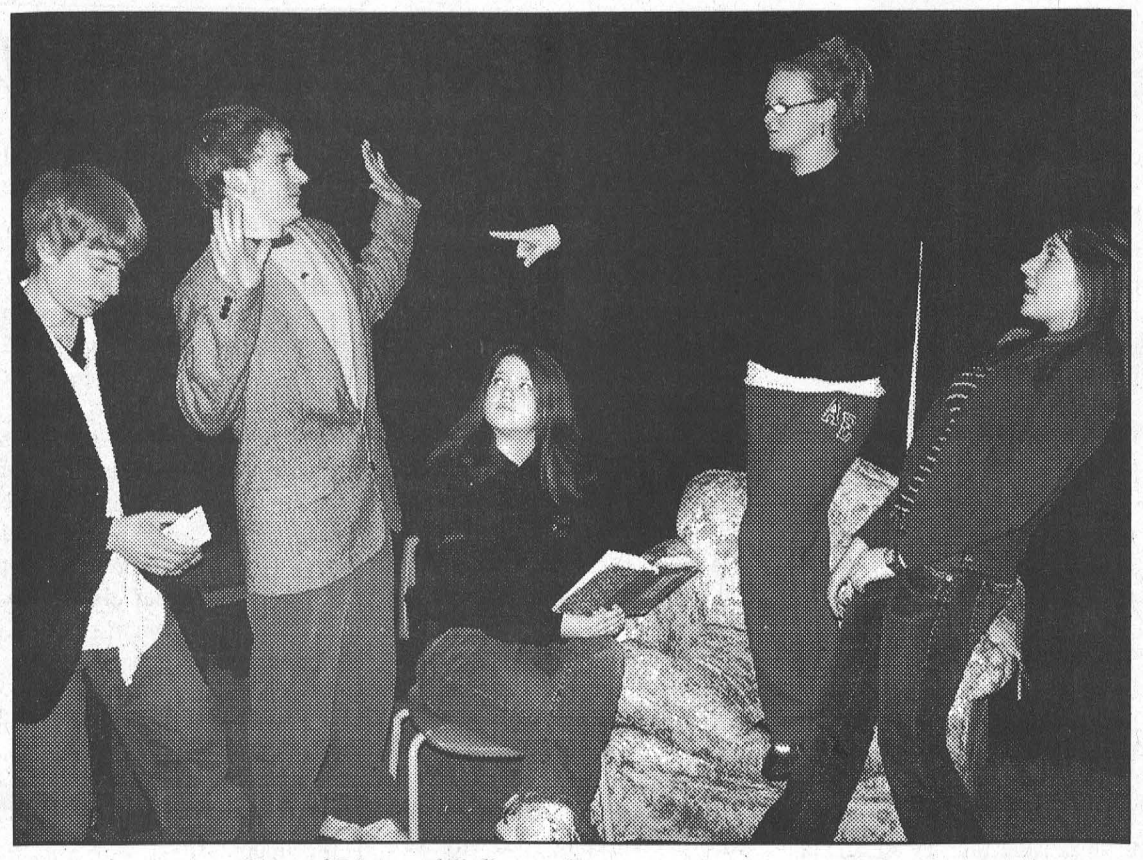

"Ace of Diamonds" dinner theatre nearing opening night

The high school cast of the upcoming murder mystery being held at Seaway District High School on Friday, April 13, swings into intensive rehearsals this week. Pictured above, from left to right, are Ales Bouwman, Alex Whelan, Bailey Hollister, Sarah Myers and Sam Whelan. Missing when the photo was taken was cast member Bret Avery. *Gibb*

Seasoned with murder

IROQUOIS - "Maybe there's going to be just one body. Maybe there'll be six of them. 'The stakes are high! Who will die?' is our motto. Could be that only the audience will be left standing."

Seaway theatre arts teacher Kevin Kennedy, and director of the upcoming production, *Ace of Diamonds*, was being deliberately enigmatic Monday, April 2, during an interview. As the dinner theatre production is now barely two weeks from opening, he gave nothing away concerning the plot.

People will just have to come out to the evening fund raiser at Seaway District High School April 13, to discover the truth.

Sponsored by the school's Parent Council, with door prizes, and other silent auction prizes donated through the generosity of local businesses, the show promises to provide an evening of good food and plenty of chills.

The actors, who are all volunteers, have been rehearsing most MSIP periods, every lunch and after school as they bring their characters to life.

Set in a remote modern mansion somewhere near Washington, *Ace of Diamonds* draws together a strange group of people, all of whom have mysterious backgrounds, and all of whom have something they need to hide.

The teen actors shift easily into their characters now.

Alex Whelan describes his character, *Guy*, as "kind of cheesy. The others ignore or dislike him, which could put him in danger."

Sam Whelan who plays *Tara*, reveals that Tara is "a sweet Southern girl, who flirts just a little *too* much."

Bailey Hollister claims that her character, *Kendra*, is "high strung, very nervous, but also very clever. Her relationship with the others is...odd."

Alex Bouwman, who was holding a deck with the Ace of Diamonds prominently displayed during rehearsal, is *Jack Baron*, a local card shark. "He's an aggressive person, and the others find him highly suspicious."

Sarah Myers, who is cast as *Cynthia,* describes her character as "snappy and on edge. She 'freaks out' on people and no one is sure why."

Although Bret Avery was not present for the interview, the other actors agree that his *Blake*, an aristocratic English professor and novelist, is "very hypocritical, nice one minute, and attacking people the next."

As the grade nine drama class completes the interior set for the Mansion, the young cast is ready to transfer to the school gym in preparation for the six p.m. dinner and seven p.m. show on April 13. Tickets are on sale locally or by calling Seaway at 613-652-4878.

Asked why the teen cast has been willing to put so much of their own time and energy into working for this production, Alex Whelan, definitely grinning, remarked, "We are doing this for the simple pleasure of being in a play... It's grand, just grand."

Secondary School solar car competition

CORNWALL - The Cornwall and area Chamber of Commerce, along with community partners, Bell Canada and the Eastern Ontario Training Board, will hold a *Power the Future Solar Car Competition* on Friday, April 13, 2007, at the Ramada Inn and Conference Centre in Cornwall.

Thirteen local secondary schools have taken on the challenge of building a solar car.

The keynote speaker following the scheduled luncheon is Dr. David Suzuki, who will be discussing an energy vision of the future.

"We are very pleased that our local youth and faculty have seen the importance of sustainable and renewable energy solutions and are participating in the contest," stated chair of the *Solar Car competition*, Dr. Jeff Ridal.

"We are looking forward to seeing what these students have devised with the assistance of their teachers and their own research and imagination."

Each participating school has received a model solar car and the participants are encouraged to research solar energy and the dynamics of building an alternative energy car. Bell Canada, E.O.T.B. and the Professional Engineers of Ontario's Upper Canada District Chapter, have generously offered their support to help make this program possible.

"The Chamber believes that we have to look at emerging energy sources and at the very least find out more about what is available," added Debbie Rioux, President of the Cornwall and Area Chamber of Commerce.

The community is welcome to come out and view the inventive work of the high school students and to attend the guest address by Dr. Suzuki.

Seaway

Marks early start date

ST. LAMBERT – The Montreal/Lake Ontario (MLO) section of the St. Lawrence Seaway opened its 49th shipping season on Wednesday, March 21 with the transit of the Atlantic Erie through the St. Lambert Lock.

The opening marked the earliest starting date on record for the MLO which opened on March 23 in 2006.

The Seaway recorded strong traffic results in 2006, with tonnage increasing nine percent to 47.2 million tonnes as new cargo movements reflected the growing importance of short-sea shipping in complementing the road and rail intermodal network.

This year advancements include the testing of a hands-free vessel mooring system at Lock 8 of the Welland Canal, a vessel self-spotting system at the Côte Ste. Catherine Lock and a sophisticated 3D charting system.

Guy Yelle, Regional Director of the Seaway's Maisonneuve Region, is quick to highlight the system's exceptional reliability.

"Over the course of the 2006 navigation season, our system had a 99.6 percent availability record. This level of reliability validates the proactive maintenance program that we conduct every year, the dedication of our employees, and the use of new technology that allows us to operate in virtually all weather conditions during our navigation season."

Within the Seaway's existing locks and channels, the capacity exists to increase cargo volume by over 60 percent. This opportunity is very significant, in light of clogged land-based arteries.

With growing recognition of the marine mode as the most fuel-efficient means of transporting cargo per tonne-kilometre, while generating the lowest total volume of greenhouse gas emissions, interest in Hwy. H2O is steadily building as corporations strive to build a reliable and sustainable supply chain.

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Williamsburg Women's Institute

Idle hands need hobbies

WILLIAMSBURG–On March 13, members and friends of the Williamsburg Women's Institute once again enjoyed the hospitality of the J. W. McIntosh Support Centre in Williamsburg for their meeting.

The motto "Idle hands produce boredom at any age - so take up a hobby" produced an interesting roll call as members described various activities in which they are involved.

One of the more unusual and attractive hobbies was one shown by Lynn Gilmour, "oil and ink rouging".

Past President Bettie Locke reminded the ladies of the quilt show in Barrie as well as the District annual meeting on May 15 at Riverside Heights.

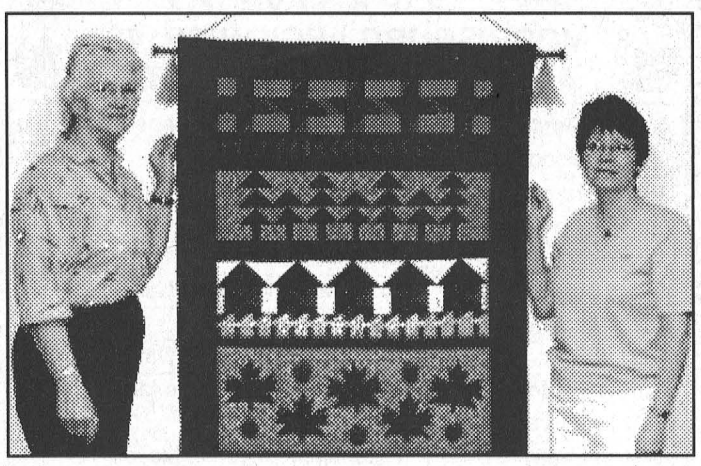
Lynn Gilmour introduced our guests for the evening. Rose Marie Young and Kim Jurgens demonstrated how Mary Kay products might help skin, dried out by our winter climate, feel renewed.

Everyone enjoyed lunch served by Ruth Algire and Marjorie Thom.

The chairperson reminded us that the annual meeting on April 10 will be a very important one and for all members to attend. A pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting during which elections for the executive will be held, annual reports submitted and fees paid.

All are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Virgie Kurschinski.



Riverside W.I. Completes Seaway Quilt

Annette deVette (left) and Cathy Groves, members of the Riverside Heights Women's Institute are displaying their finished quilted wall hanging with a St. Lawrence Seaway theme. Idea and pattern were purchased this past year from Taylor Sewing Centre in Brockville. The quilt has rows that depict interests along the St. Lawrence Seaway like friendship, geese flying, pine and maple trees, McIntosh apples, communities and of course, the boating and water interests of our area. The quilted wall hanging will soon be displayed at the McIntosh Inn and Conference Centre in Morrisburg.

There were many hours of volunteer work to make this artistic creation by Groves and deVette as well as Florence McManus. The piece was sold and the profit will go to charitable organizations. Members of the Riverside Heights W.I. are extremely thankful to everyone involved in the endeavour, plus the purchaser and the McIntosh Inn. *(Photo contributed)*



TD Bank branch manager Stef Crump presents the fourth of five payments of the $50,000 pledge to WDMH Chief Nursing Officer/Professional Practice Leader & VP Clinical Services, Lynn Hall (front), while TD staff members (l-r) Penny Strader, Helen Madore, and Amanda Pilon look on.

TD Bank contributes to $50,000 commitment to WDMH staff education

CHESTERVILLE–When the TD Bank in Chesterville was asked to contribute to the Renewing the Vision Campaign for the redevelopment of Winchester District Memorial Hospital in 2001, they were happy to help.

However, their gift was not to "bricks and mortar" but rather to the growth and development of the front-line staff at the hospital.

Recently, Chesterville TD Bank branch manager Stef Crump presented the fourth of five payments of the $50,000 pledge to WDMH Chief Nursing Officer/Professional Practice Leader & VP Clinical Services, Lynn Hall.

"This gift is invaluable to us, in making possible critical educational opportunities which will enhance the excellent care that our staff take pride in providing to our community," said Hall, who has the responsibility of attending to the professional development of all the clinical staff at WDMH.

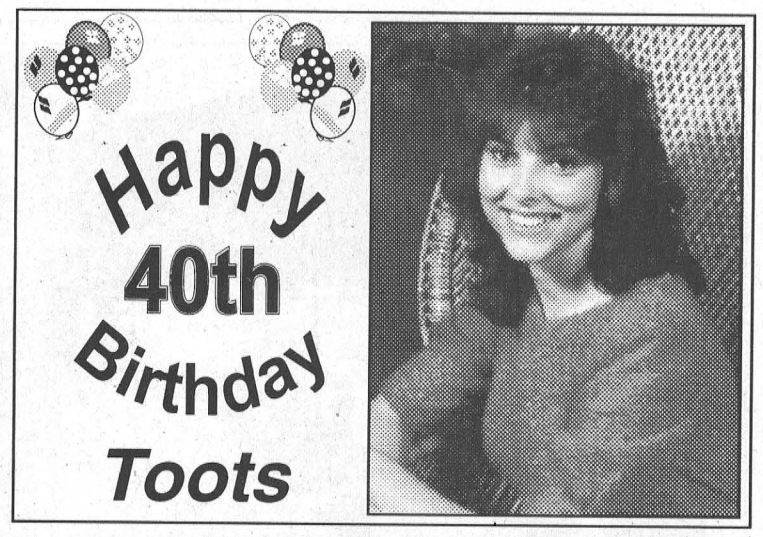
"Over the past year, these funds have paid for an advanced physical assessment course for RNs and RPNs; three nursing conferences, and purchased several text books and videos for the clinical departments."

TD Bank and WDMH share a common focus on education. Already an acknowledged rural teaching hospital, WDMH has embarked on a series of alliances with University of Ottawa, Saint Paul University and is approaching Queen's University to promote their Interprofessional Preceptorship Pilot Project.

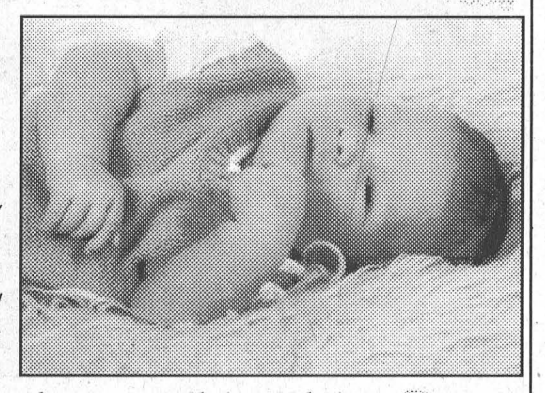
This project will see students in medicine, nursing, physiotherapy and spiritual care working together on total and collaborative patient care, a program which not only provides enhanced care for the patient, but also gives students a broader and therefore more positive training opportunity.

The $15 million capital campaign, which wrapped up successfully in 2005 thanks to generous donations like this, is now seeing the completion of pledged commitments, just in time for the anticipated announcement to go to tender!

Once that happens, construction on the project will begin, hopefully, in late summer, 2007.



Birth Announcement



Linda & Keith Robinson are pleased to announce the birth of their sixth grandchild, Niko Robinson Besignano born Friday, February 23, 2007, weighing 11 lbs. and 25" in length. Proud parents are Chris & Valerie, & big brother Miles. Niko is the third grandson for Dave & Cindy Besignano of Cornwall, and great-grandson for Nell Pawluk of Thunder Bay.

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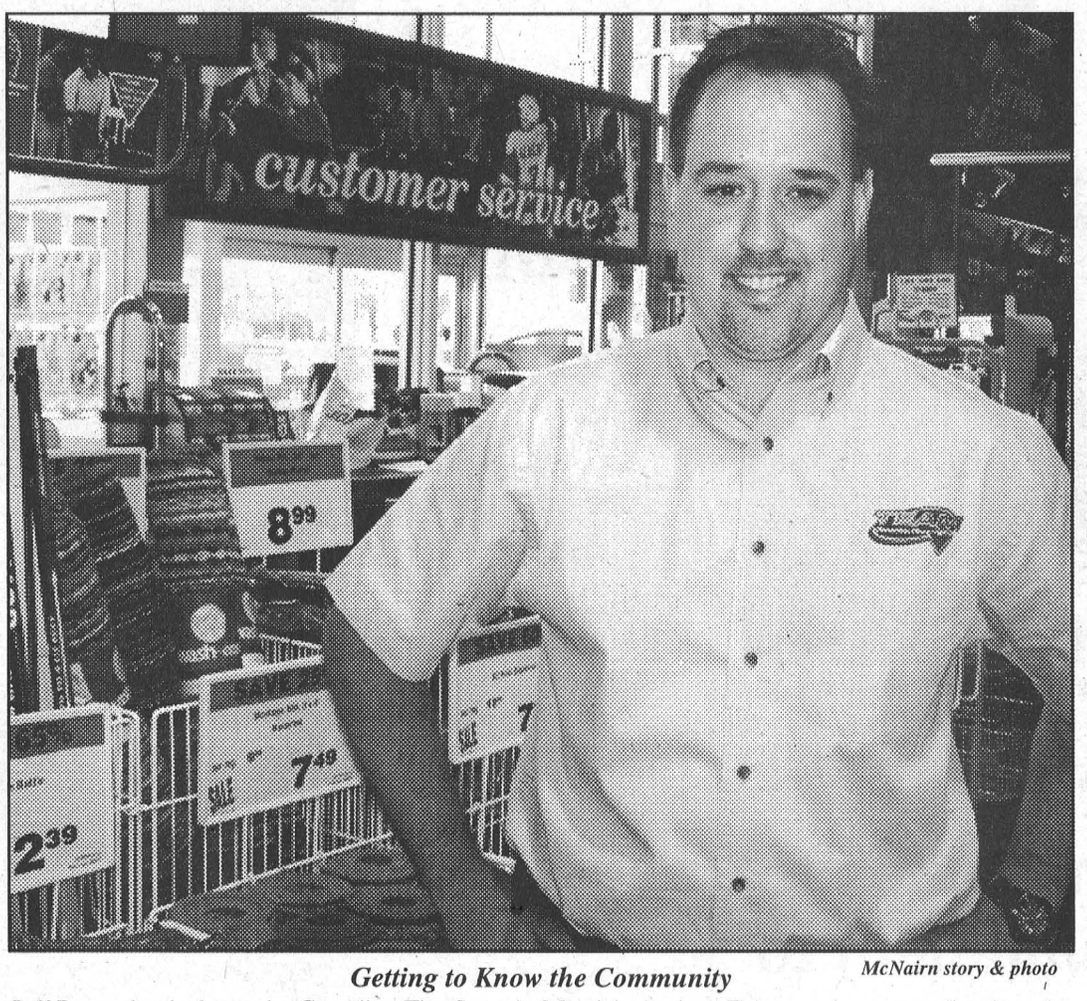

Getting to Know the Community *McNairn story & photo*

Jeff Race, the dealer at the Canadian Tire Store in Morrisburg since February 1, says settling into the community with his family has been an easy transition thanks to his great staff and welcoming customers.

New CT dealer, Jeff Race enjoying the community

MORRISBURG – Jeff Race, the new dealer at Canadian Tire here in Morrisburg, says settling in has been easy thanks to the great staff and the warmth of the local community.

Race took over the Canadian Tire dealership in Morrisburg in February, when he replaced Peter Oliver who moved to a store in Toronto.

Raised in Chatham, Ontario, Race, 34 has worked for Canadian Tire for 18 years.

"I started working part time and have worked at several stores across the country. I took advantage of different opportunities and different managerial positions that were available."

After applying for and being accepted as a Canadian Tire Dealer, he received his first store in April 2004, in Dauphin, Manitoba which is located about 3.5 hours north of Winnipeg.

"It's similar in size to Morrisburg, but we had snow at Halloween. We had long winters and very active winter sales seasons."

After being offered the Morrisburg store, Race travelled to Morrisburg last October to check it and the community out.

"I thought it was a great community, and I thought it would be a great place to raise a young family."

My first day here was February 1, and the staff, as well as the customers, have made it an easy transition. It's been very welcoming."

Race has slowly been making a few changes to the store, opening it up and adding more assortment.

"I am looking to grow the service centre, and I have hired some local technicians." The store now has a staff of approximately 50 employees.

Having worked his way up through Canadian Tire, Race says he has always enjoyed working with the customers, and as a dealer he continues to work the floor. "I really enjoy a small community and meeting the customers. I like to work with the customers and with the staff. If people come in and are looking for me they will find me on the floor."

With two months at the Morrisburg store now under his belt, focus is on the spring season and service to the customers.

"We are coming into a busy season. Our plants will arrive by mid-April and the garden centre will open mid to late April."

"I am also looking to do some unique in-store promotions."

"I know Peter was very involved in the community and I too am committed to community involvement and support. I'll likely continue many of the same local promotions that Peter offered in the past."

Province invests

–Continued from page 1

will receive an annual transfer payment from the government totalling $7.5 million.

"It is a resounding recognition of the Commission's important role as a tourism champion and catalyst for economic growth in Eastern Ontario," said Brownell.

Last summer Brownell escorted Finance Minister Greg Sorbara around Upper Canada Village "I firmly believe the opportunity to see first-hand the benefits the Commission brings to Eastern Ontario, helped seal the deal," said Brownell. "In fact, it might have helped to sweeten the deal."

Brownell then announced that the Commission will receive additional operational funding of $1.7 million this year, along with a one-time strategic investment of $2.5 million to support the renewal of its programs, facilities and attractions.

"Improving the visitor experience at the Commission's facilities and attractions will draw new and repeat visitors to our region, and encourage longer stays," said Brownell. "That means more tourism spending in our communities and a boost for local businesses."

"Tourism is a proven economic driver. We need that drive to fuel the economy of Eastern Ontario," he said.

With those funding announcements, Brownell still wasn't finished.

He then made his final funding announcement of a $93,500 grant for Upper Canada Village's annual Alight at Night.

Organizations applied for this funding through the province's Celebrate Ontario initiative, and the Village's application was successful.

This grant will be used to install a portable, synthetic ice surface which will allow visitors to enjoy skating, regardless of the weather. In addition to the added attraction, some of the funding will be used to increase marketing of the festival.

"Sustainable growth at the St. Lawrence Parks Commission will bring new investment, jobs and economic opportunities to our region," concluded Brownell.

"I am confident the St. Lawrence Parks Commission will be a key partner in Eastern Ontario's economic recovery and revitalization."

Peter Watson, chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission said that the Commission now has a real responsibility in ensuring that Brownell's efforts are put to good use. "His efforts and dreams will not be fulfilled unless the parks, and the communities do their part," he said.

He added that the Parks will be looking to form more effective strategic partnerships to ensure successful growth through achieving attainable goals.

"Together with our community partners, we continually build on our programs to enhance their appeal," said Watson.

"With the generous support of the Ontario government, we look forward to strengthening our capacity to provide exciting experiences for our visitors."

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April 9 Monday	Men's Darts
April 10 Tuesday	Seniors Cards; Mixed Darts
April 11 Wednesday	Bo's Euchre; Executive Meeting
April 12 Thursday	Bingo
April 13 Friday	Entertainment - John Mason
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April 15 Sunday	Cards - Euchre 1:30 p.m.
April 16 Monday	Men's Darts
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April 18 Wednesday	Bo's Euchre; Canadian Club Dinner
April 19 Thursday	Bingo
April 20 Friday	Hockey Banquet
April 21 Saturday	Eastern Star Dinner
April 22 Sunday	Cards Cribbage 1:30 p.m.
April 23 Monday	Men's Darts
April 24 Tuesday	Senior's Cards; Mixed Darts
April 25 Wednesday	Bo's Euchre
April 26 Thursday	Bingo
April 27 Friday	Steak BBQ; Sound Expression
April 28 Saturday	Members Birthday Party
April 29 Sunday	Cards Euchre 1:30 p.m.
April 30 Monday	Men's Darts

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Township of South Dundas

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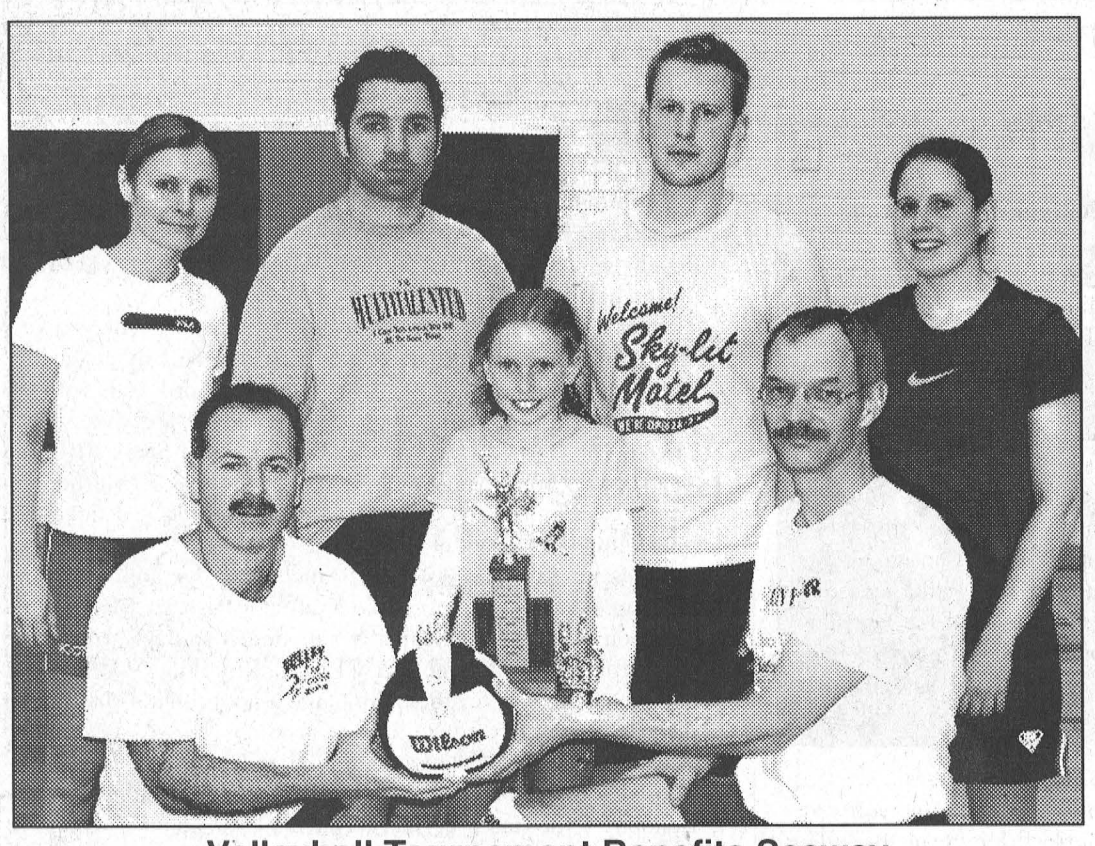
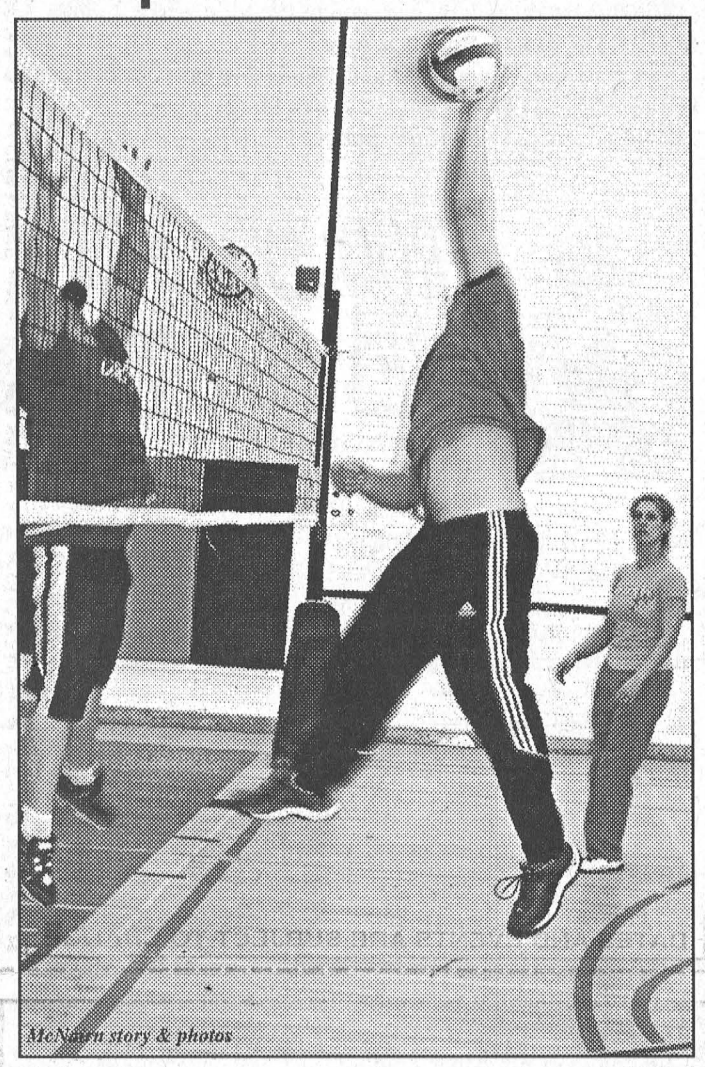


Volleyball Tournament Benefits Seaway

Iroquois team wins Empey trophy



IROQUOIS–Fourteen teams competed in the eighth annual Seaway District High School Council volleyball tournament here on Saturday, and when the final ball dropped it was the Iroquois based Mel's Choice team claiming the win and the Gordon Empey Trophy.

This year's tournament organized by Chris Fetterly raised over $1,400 for bursaries at the school. Fetterly was extremely pleased that the tournament attracted two more teams than in 2006, and the amount raised was up by over $100.

He was also thankful to area businesses that supported the event with prize donations and Crimestoppers which provided prizes to the winning teams.

Pictured above, Alayna Fetterly (centre front) a great niece of tournament founder Gordon Empey, presents the championship trophy to the Mel's Choice team of Jamie Thompson (left) and Steve Wilson (right). Back l-r are Melanie and Tim Arnott, Clint Bylsma and Dana Hasson. Pictured left, Warren Moore works the net.

McNairn story & photos

Raisin River Canoe Race

WILLIAMSTOWN–Sunday, April 15 is the official date of the 35th Annual Raisin River Canoe Race, the longest canoe race in all of Eastern Ontario as it winds and rushes its way from St. Andrews West to Williamstown.

Everyone is invited to participate, starting with a pre-race breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 10416, at the St. Andrews Parish Hall from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at St. Andrews Catholic School and the cost to participate is $30 per canoe/kayak.

The starting gun will fire at 10:30 a.m. sharp!

Spectators are encouraged to walk, run, ride or drive to a point along the route just to watch the action!

For more information, please contact Josianne Sabourin at the RRCA, at 613-938-3611 ext. 221 or at info@rrca.on.ca.

The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – For most of us at the Morrisburg Curling Club, the curling season is now over and the brushes and sliders are stored away until the fall.

There are a few bonspiels left, and we'll report on those on our web site, www.morrisburg.ovca.com, later this month. The closing banquet and awards night will be held at the club on Friday, April 13, followed by a brief general meeting.

In league play, the Tuesday night men's champion has been declared, with Joe McCooeye, John C. Toonders, Alan Black and Dave Van Moorsel defeating Robert Houze, John Toonders, Josh Laurin and Sebastien for the Pat Lid Trophy. As with the Thursday night curling, this is a very competitive league, with hard-fought playoffs at the end of the season. Congratulations to the curlers on both nights for their entertaining and high-calibre play.

Regarding the club championship, the Dodge Trophy winners were John and Ian Wilson, Scott Lane and Mike Staebler, over Graham and Robert Houze, Alan Brunt, and Bob Bergland/Craig Herriman.

The Thursday morning mixed champions were Don O'Brien, Alice Thompson, Walter Reid, and Denis Thibault, and they were presented with the Bradford Trophy at the league's closing banquet. Wally McDonald's foursome had a good draw, and finished a close second.

The Wednesday night ladies and the Friday night mixed leagues finished up with fun nights and light snacks and treats afterwards. These are "fun" curling leagues and coordinators Wendy Casselman and Joe McCooeye tell us every team finished first, in their eyes. There were many new curlers this season, and we hope numbers will remain high next year.

MORRISBURG CURLING CLUB
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NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

Our busy senior ladies were in Ottawa for their final bonspiel last week. Alice Thompson, Susan McIntosh, Sharon Van Allen and Sandra Beckstead made up the team.

In their first game at City View's 50th Anniversary bonspiel, they defeated an R.C.M.P. foursome, had lunch, and then lost out to a Carleton Heights quartet, skipped by an former Morewood High schoolmate of Alice's, Florence Barkley. They finished out of the prize money, but hope to return to City View next year.

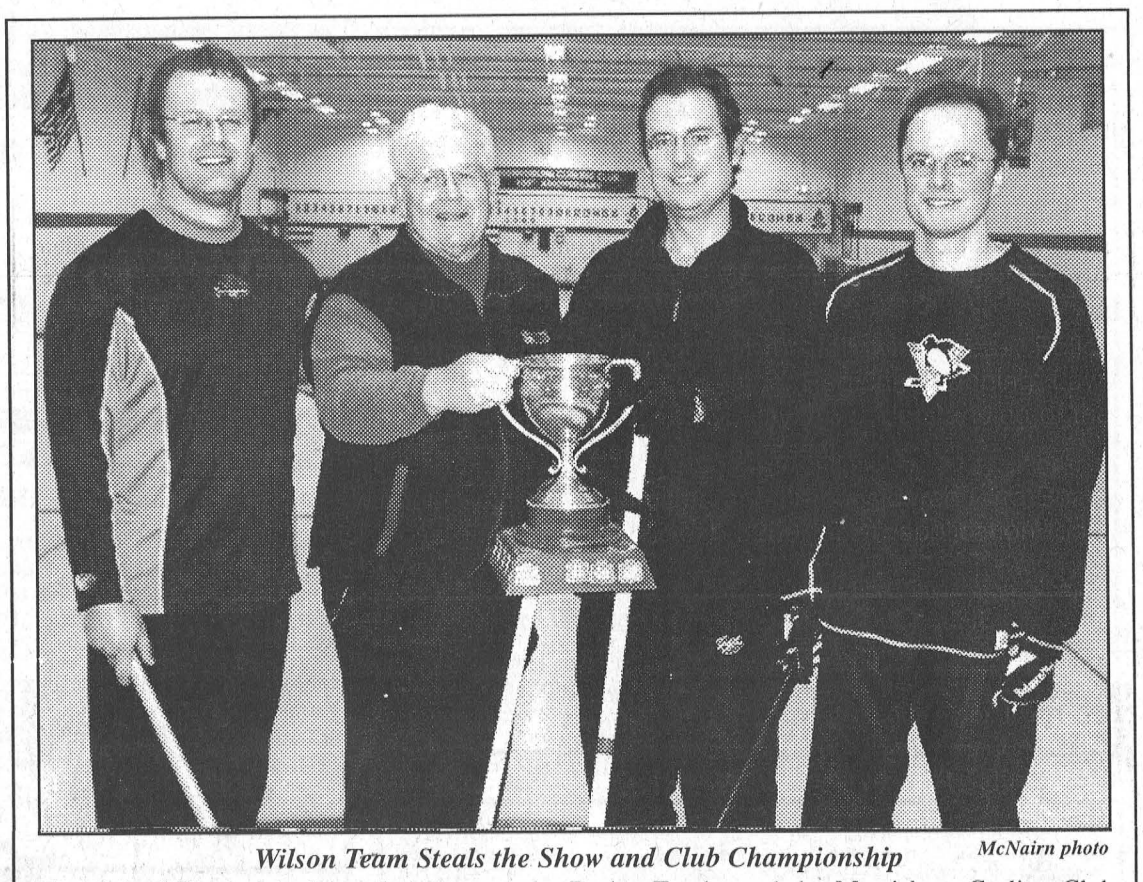
Friday and Saturday saw four of our mixed teams in Winchester for their closing annual bonspiel and barbecued steak and lobster extravaganza.

Robert Houze, Amy McCooeye/Anita Cooper, Josh Laurin, and Kathy McIntosh won both of their matches. Joe and Leanne McCooeye, and Wally and Joanne Baker played well also, but dropped tight games. Wendy Casselman, Sam Locke, Claire Locke and Jim Casselman lost both of their games in the final ends. Mahlon Locke, Carolyn Beckstead, Ian McGillis and Paula Locke won their first game, but lost their second in another close match. It was a large, two day bonspiel, and it was hard to find anyone who wasn't having a good time. We are told the meal Saturday night was excellent, and the dance that followed was a fine way to end the season.

Gord Wood, our long-time iceman, is retiring at the end of this season, and, on behalf of all members, a resounding "thank you" for his many years of fine service to the club. The ice technician's course is being offered here, and a new iceman will be ready for fall.

Have a good summer, and watch for the ad in The Leader for registration night, likely the second-last Friday in September. Good curling to all!

Note: The Leader takes this opportunity to thank Steve Thompson for all of his time and dedication in providing the weekly curling column.



Wilson Team Steals the Show and Club Championship *McNairn photo*

The John Wilson rink threw their way to the Dodge Trophy and the Morrisburg Curling Club Championship last Thursday evening, when they posted a rather convincing win against the Robert Houze rink (defending 2006 champs). The Houze team claimed the first point of the game going up 1-0 in the first end, but after that it was the Wilsons all the way. They did their most damage in the second end when they counted four to take a commanding 4-1 lead and then added single points in each of the third, fourth and fifth ends to almost put it out of reach at 7-1. It looked as if it might be over after six ends, with the Wilsons looking to count one, but Houze, with the hammer, came up with a great raise-takeout shot to count two and force the game into a seventh end. The Wilsons then went to work in the seventh to end it and claim the Dodge trophy. Pictured above the Thursday night champions include, l-r, Ian Wilson, John Wilson, Scott Lane and Mike Staebler. Playing for the Houze team were Robert and Graham Houze, Alan Brunt and Bob Bergland who replaced regular team member Craig Harriman who was unable to play in the final due to an injury.

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Ideally, candidates will bring prior experience in one of the following areas: Policy Development and Oversight; Patient Advocacy; Accounting; Regional Planning; Law; Information Technology; Marketing; Research and/or Quality. An understanding of the diverse health care needs of the communities served is an asset.

If you would like to meet with our selection committee and be considered for a Board position please call Chris Cross at 613-774-2422 ext. 5250 for an application form. Application forms are due by April 27, 2007.



Solid Season for Novice C Lions

Although they were down three points to one, the South Dundas Novice C Lions came back strong to claim the five point playoff series against the South Grenville Blues for the Eastern Division Championship. Pictured above, the champs are, front, l-r, Justin McCallam, Noah Picotte, Austin Baxter, Bailey Gillard (behind), Clayton Allen, Ewen Baril, Matt Backes, manager Dwayne Backes, Teisha Mullin and coach Jeff Barclay. Back, l-r, are assistant coach Rob Perry, Noah Barclay, Courtney Casselman, Bryson Allen, Logan Hummel, Owen Salmon, Josh Perry, Coburn Rochon and Justin Hall.

Novice C Playoff Hockey

Lions win east division crown

MORRISBURG–After a regular season that saw them win the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division pennant with a record of 16 wins, three losses and one tie, the South Dundas Novice C Lions hit the playoff trail to make it two in a row by winning the East Division Playoff Championship.

The Lions got a first round playoff bye and then took on the North Dundas Demons, winning that four-point series handily with 8-0 and 11-0 game wins.

It was then off to the third round of playoffs against the South Grenville Blues and this time the Lions had all they could handle.

They lost the series opener 3-1 to the Blues and then settled for a single point, in the five points series, with a 1-1 tie. They put it away with 5-1 and 4-1 game wins to come from behind and win the East Division Playoff Championship.

Next up for the Lions was their quest for the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Championship, but they were unsuccessful in their bid losing three consecutive games to North Leeds by scores of 7-0, 2-0 and 4-3.

"We had an outstanding season," said coach Jeff Barclay. "These kids worked extremely hard and really played well. They improved all season long."

"The league championship was a great experience for the kids, and they played really well despite the scores. You have to lose some, to learn to win."

"We really had an excellent group of kids and an excellent group of parents."

Throughout the playoffs Barclay continued to play everyone as a team and rolled his regular lines. "We were going to win as a team or lose as a team, not with a shortened bench."

"The most important part was the kids had fun right to the end."

NEWSLETTER

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

Members please note that the Special General Meeting called for Tuesday, April 10th to deal with the new roof etc., has been cancelled until further notice due to darts scheduled in the hall for that night.

Friday night's steak dinner was again sold out. Thank you very much for all the great salads and of course to the BBQers and the volunteers. The next steak night is Friday, April 26th with the Members Birthday Party on Saturday and all are welcome to attend. The Half A Beef Draw was drawn at the Steak BBQ and the winners were Mark & Michelle St. Pierre of Mariatown. Again, we thank each and everyone who purchased tickets to help with the new roof at Branch 48.

On Sunday, April 1st the Branch held its annual spring cleanup. Many thanks to Mike Vrab at valu-mart for his kind donation of the carpet cleaner & supplies. Also thank you to the volunteers: Steve Coligan, Terry Laurin, Roy Prieur, Gord James and Anna Nicolier for the help. Quite a noticeable difference in the carpet!!!

This Wednesday is the Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting.

Sunday's Cribbage had two tables. First place to Audrey Henophy (who had a perfect day with 1089 points), second to Glen Mattice and third to Goldie Daoust. Next Sunday's cards will be cancelled due to Easter Sunday and will resume again April 15th with Euchre at 1:30 p.m.

The Sunday meat draw was won by Neil Robertson and the Pot of Gold was won by Bob Steward & Bob Henophy.

"Support Our Troops" T-Shirts $14.82, Sweat Shirts $22.80 and Hoodies $33.06 are still available at the Legion.

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

IROQUOIS LEGION NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #370

IROQUOIS – Sixteen cribbage players gathered in the lounge on Saturday past, and for the fifth week in a row, "doubles" were played.

Finishing in first with 1,074 was Bernie Montroy, while Andre Gravel claimed the second spot with 1,067. Ken Palmer filled in the third spot with 1,067 points. Glen Mattice, just four points short of Ken, took the Bridesmaid's chair for the day. Skunks were rather scarce for another week, and not one person got sprayed twice.

The Pot of Gold winner was Jane Riewe, who unfortunately was not signed in. That's too bad for I know that she was at the Branch.

Due to Friday being Good Friday, there will be no meal. The day is an official holiday, and our Branch will be closed.

There were eight tables of euchre. Picking up the first prize was Muriel Gow, while Alice Robertson nabbed the second prize. With low score of the evening was Norma Sherman.

I failed to mention that a big bouquet of thanks should go out to John Wilson, who donated a very lovely barbecue to our Branch.

On April 14, the Pub Crawl will be leaving our Branch at 11 a.m. sharp. We will be returning perhaps around eight p.m. The clan will be heading to the Perth-Lanark area. The sign-up sheet is still at the bar, and the cost is ten dollars a person. It sounds like a great time, and the electric jellos will be quite tasty too.

Don't forget the our Branch will be closed on Friday, April 6, but it will be business as usual on Saturday, April 7.

As this is our first long week-end since January, please be cautious when you are out and about, whether you go away or stay close to home. Pause and reflect on the true meaning of Easter.

In hospital this week are Wilma Playfair, Ed. P. Thompson, John Wilson and Betty Farrell. Our thoughts and prayers, wishing you all the best, are extended now and always.

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For more information or to request an information package contact Sue Fetterly, Purchasing Officer for The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, 13740 County Road 2, RR#1, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0 or telephone 613-543-3704.

The closing date for this Request for Quotation is **2:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 19, 2007**.

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THE ST. LAWRENCE PARKS COMMISSION AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO — Parks of the St. Lawrence

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.

PURCHASING OFFICER

Finance and Corporate Services (Administration Building - Upper Canada Village - 11 km east of Morrisburg)
Purchasing Agent - Classified Regular Part-Time - 29 hours per week
$24.95 to $28.19 per hour
(Where candidates lack the full qualifications, an appointment may be made at a lower classification and salary level.)
file no. SLPC-CS/FS-1/07(2)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The successful candidate will provide guidance and purchasing services to The St. Lawrence Parks Commission's staff for the acquisition of a wide variety of materials, supplies and services following SLPC procurement policies and procedures. Duties will include: preparing contracts and agreements and coordinating their effective management; maintaining purchasing documents and accurate financial records; coordinating moveable asset inventory and the purchasing card program.

QUALIFICATIONS: Knowledge of purchasing and procurement acquired through demonstrated progressive experience and/or formal education or training, ideally in a public sector environment; knowledge and in-depth experience in all aspects of procurement and contract management including relevant legislation, business law and administration, outsourcing, partnerships, tendering and proposal practices and principles, evaluation of tenders and proposals, and pertinent contract requirements regarding employer's liability, indemnification and comprehensive liability insurance; experience in developing specifications, analyzing bids and administering contracts; demonstrated experience with purchasing systems and all stages of the tendering process; thorough knowledge of purchasing methods and practices, sourcing, marketing trends and conditions; familiarity with Commission, ministry and provincial government purchasing policies, procedures, directives and guidelines pertaining to purchasing; knowledge of accounting practices and procedures; well developed negotiation and communication skills along with proficiency with purchasing and accounting software and MS Office (Word, Excel).

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-CS/FS-1/07(2)** must be received by no later than **Friday, April 20, 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 Pierre.Pinet@parks.on.ca.

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

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Village Store, Upper Canada Village (11 km east of Morrisburg)
Group 3 - Seasonally Recurring - mid-May to mid-October
36.25 hours per week - Merchandiser 2
$15.12 to $15.57 per hour
(Where candidates lack the full qualifications, an appointment may be made at a lower classification and salary level.)
file no. SLPC-UCV-10/07(4)

JOB DESCRIPTION: To participate as a member of a strong retail sales team by providing excellent customer service and product knowledge and by promoting/selling products, programs and services at Upper Canada Village; by providing accurate cash handling services including the operation of a point-of-sale system and by providing merchandising services such as maintaining displays and store stock levels.

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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-UCV-10/07(4)** must be received by no later than **Wednesday, April 18, 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.

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DRAKE OUTREACH

"Some models need to be recalled" in Cow Patti production

CORNWALL–Opal Kronkie has seen many fine and not-so-fine characters in her life. She believes that, "There ain't no such thing as a bad human being–just a few models that need to be recalled."

The Cow Patti Theatre Company is now preparing for their "pig squealin', hay hoppin'" spring production of the award winning play *Opal's Baby* by John Patrick.

The show will open Thursday, April 26 and run until Sunday, May 13 and will take place in new Cow Patti pastures at The Glen Building on Waterstreet in Cornwall.

The setting is Opal Kronkie's tumble down home on the edge of a garbage dump where Opal has a visitor looking for a tire for his 1927 Reo Truck.

Thinking that Opal, who is played by Patti Kazner, is a rich eccentric, the shifty visitor announces he too is a Kronkie and Opal's long lost kin. He and his family set about to scheme her out of her supposed fortune.

Throw in a mistrusting friend, a granny who sits under the table singing and eating Tootsie Rolls, a Hollywood starlet and her husband, a few good pig calls and a baby on the way and you get a plot that thickens hilariously.

"Slated as a comedy and guaranteed to leave our audiences with belly aches from laughing so hard, this comedy show has elements of weightiness," says Cow Patti head cow, AnnaMarie Lea, explaining, the lead character Opal, breaks the "fourth wall" and has a few conversations with the audience."

Lea will join Kazner on stage for this one. Both are well known actors to theater audiences in this area. They are joined by Victor Cornfoot who plays Norman (the visitor) and Jonas Elliot and Jennifer Robertson who play his family members Spencer and Verna.

Returning to the stage for her second Cow Patti production is Estelle Denis of Cornwall who plays granny.

For this show, Cow Patti is offering three selections: the Pig Roast Theatre (pig roast on a spit with all the country fixins-beef also available); Flapjack and Breakfast Fixin's Theatre (morning brunch); Moonshine Carbaret (show only).

With *The Odd Couple (female version)* held in February, Cow Patti Theatre and the Ramada Inn have now raised over $10,000 for local benefits.

"We are excited to be working for our community again using the tool of professional theatre to aid in the success of World Youth Day and Carefor Community Health Care Service," says Lea noting that the closing show on Sunday, May 13 is Mother's Day. "We have something extra special planned for all the mommys at the show."

"We at Cow Patti are looking forward to bringing our audiences this award winning exceptional comedy play, which will be staged in a distinctive location with a down home country flare to the meal."

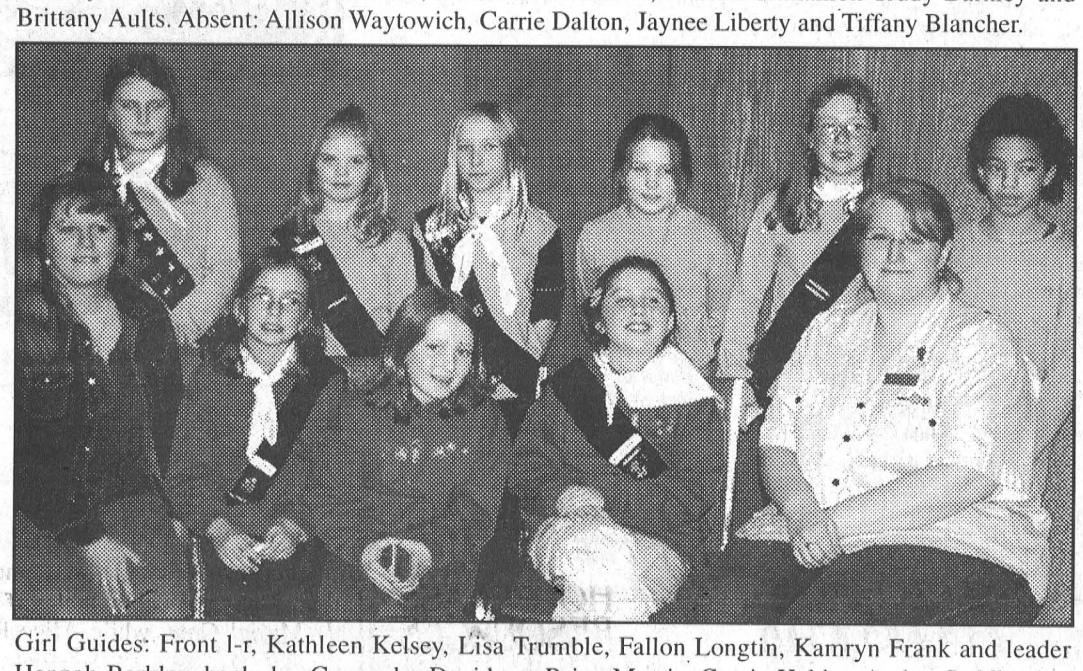
For information or to purchase tickets for *Opal's Baby* you may call Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism at 613-938-4748 or the Cow Patti Theatre box office (evenings or weekends) at 613-938-8068.

Celebrating 100 years

WILLIAMSBURG–On Thursday, February 22 member groups of the Williamsburg Scouts and Guides organizations got together for their annual "Thinking Day" banquet held at the Christain Reformed Church. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of Scouting and to celebrate the acheivement we are running photos of each of the eight groups making up the very popular Williamsburg program. Below are the Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders.



Brownies: Front, l-r, Tayler Pilon, Kayla McMillan, Taylor Casselman, Ally Weegar, leader Hannah Barkley and Jessica McMillan. Back, l-r Sierra Swindells, Dianna Cinnamon Trudy Barkley and Brittany Aults. Absent: Allison Waytowich, Carrie Dalton, Jaynee Liberty and Tiffany Blancher.



Girl Guides: Front l-r, Kathleen Kelsey, Lisa Trumble, Fallon Longtin, Kamryn Frank and leader Hannah Barkley. back, l-r, Cassandra Davidson, Paige Morris, Cassie Helder, Amber Saddlemire, Sierra Kelsey and Chelsea McCarthy. Absent Megan Findlay.



Pathfinders: Front l-r, Katie Stewart, Kim Dobbin, Abby McIntosh and Casey Saddlemire. Back, l-r, leader Jane Loucks, Melissa Loucks, Alacia McIntosh, Amanda Dobbin. Beverley Fowler and leader Louise Vachon.

McNairn photos

Williamsburg Euchre winners

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

White Card: Betty Barkley, Sheila Scarbo and Lyle Hess.

Yellow: Evelyn Schwerdfeger, Everret Froats and Graham Pemberton.

Door Prizes: Yellow–Darren Casselman; White–Bertha Cristie.

Draws: Graham Pemberton, Peggy Thompson, Ruth Casselman, Annie Parsons and Doreen Casselman.

Erratic drivers

SOUTH DUNDAS – An erratic driver, headed eastbound along Highway 401, in South Dundas, was reported to police, by passing motorists, March 30, around 8 p.m.

According to police, a blue Ford pickup was being operated in an unsafe manner. Police found that the 43-year-old man driving the vehicle was under the influence of alcohol, for which he was arrested and charged. He will appear in Morrisburg court May 1, 2007.

Another erratic driver was reported to police, April 2, at 12:30 p.m.

The driver was seen on Ottawa Street in Morrisburg, and police found that a 61 year old man was driving a grey 2000 Chrysler under the influence of alcohol, for which he too was arrested and charged. He will also be in court, in Morrisburg, May 1.

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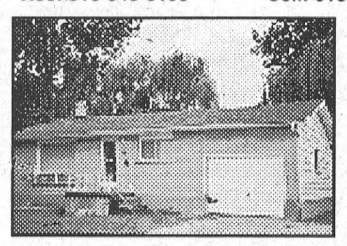
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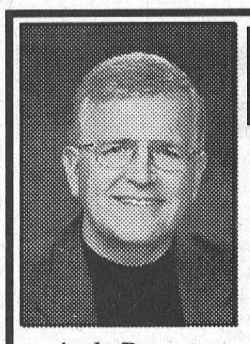
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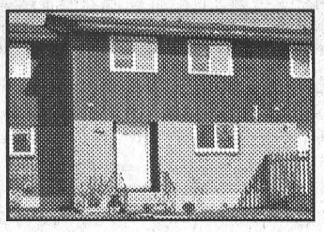
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For anyone who has lost a loved one through death Thurs., April 12, 7–9 p.m., 144 Pitt St. Doors open 6:30. Topic: Grief Dreams with Rosalind Forster, M.S.W., private counselor and Certified Mediator, will look at dreams related to loss and how they can help us heal. No cost to attend. Information, 613-936-1455 or visit the Bereavement Centre weekdays from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 14c

EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
Sun., April 15, 7 p.m., Iroquois United Church. Refreshments. Tickets $8, available at RTK Jewellers, Mustard's Variety and Beaupre Jewellers. 14-15p

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER/DANCE
Tri-County Country Music Association, Sat., April 7, 8 p.m. Morewood Rec. Centre. $5 at door. 14c

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MORRISBURG
Easter morning sunrise service 7 a.m. Pancake breakfast at 7:30 a.m. 14c

MOONLIGHT CHAPTER #224 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR COUNTRY CRAFTS & LUNCHEON
Sat., April 14, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Iroquois Civic Centre. Luncheon, $8. Craft tables. Tickets, 613-657-3267, or at door. 14-15c

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.

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

SEAWAY VALLEY PHARMACY FREE SCREENING CLINIC
For blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol Fri., Apr. 13, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., by nurse. Free coffee, dietetic snacks and information brochures. Appointment preferred, walk-ins welcome. 14-15c

HERITAGE RESTAURANT EASTER BRUNCH
Sun., April 8, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Full salad bar, full hot items buffet, full desert bar. 613-448-1737, for reservations. 14p

NOTICE

DUNDAS TOURS BROCHURES
Due to the change of ownership of Dundas Bus Service, Iroquois, ON., Dundas Tours will not be sending out a 2007 brochure. Watch for more information late or call me at 613-657-3168. Meanwhile, thank you for travelling with us over the years.
–Freda J. Mellan 14c

BO'S BARBER SHOP HOLIDAY NOTICE
Closed Fri., April 6–April 9. Reopening Tues., April 10, 8 a.m.
–Thank you, Bo 13-14c

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU–William Becksted would like to thank his family, friends and neighbours for cards, visits and phone calls while in the Winchester Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Domanko and nursing staff. 14p

IN MEMORIAM

HUNTER–In loving memory of Ronald (Buck) Hunter who passed away April 7, 1988.
They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies beyond our smiles,
We want to tell you something,
So there will be no doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.
We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together,
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.
–Jerainne and family 14p

ROBERTSON–In loving memory of our dear son and grandson, Stuart.
We had a wonderful angel–Stuart
Who touched us with his love.
He spread his wings and left us,
Now an angel up above.
–The Robertson family and friends 14p

WORK WANTED

CARE GIVER FOR SENIORS
Over 30 years experience. Variable shifts or over night. References available. Phone 613-535-1802, in evening please. 14p

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

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED–Morrisburg area cash-crop farm requires seasonal employee for cropping season to operate tractor, stone picking equipment and work with others. Tractor experience an asset. Valid driver's licence required. Call for more info, 613-543-2312. 13-14p

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FOR RENT–Apartment in Morrisburg. Reasonable rent. 3 bedrooms. Available May 1. 613-535-2152. 14-15p

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FOR RENT–1 room bachelor apartment, heated, lighted, furnished, Riverside Heights. Reasonable. 613-543-2533. 14-15p

IROQUOIS
FOR RENT–Renovated 3 bedroom townhouse, gas heat, references required. Phone 613-345-1473. 14-16c

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NOW HIRING
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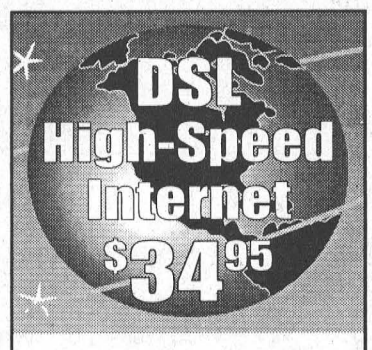

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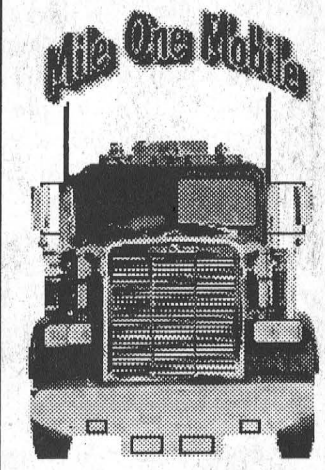

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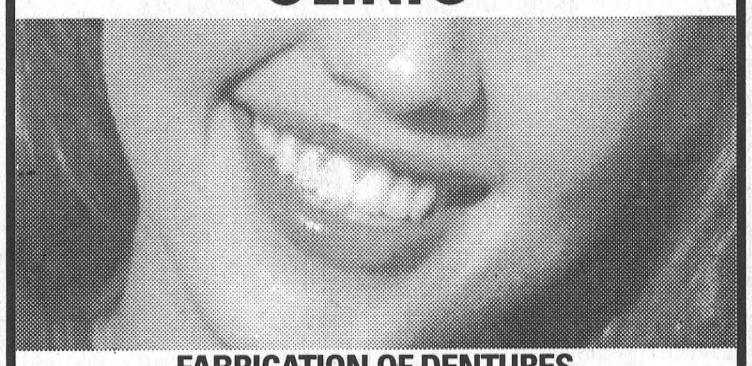
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Wednesday, March 21, 2007

This Pay Equity Plan covers employees included in CUPE Local #4154 Bargaining Unit for the period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2006

If you were an employee during this time and have questions please contact:

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Coordinator of Employee Services
613-258-7757 Ext. 234
Email: Barb.Renaud@cdsbeo.on.ca

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Peewee Cs are league champs



MORRISBURG–The South Dundas Peewee C Lions claimed the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Championship in Winchester Friday night, when they defeated the North Dundas Demons 5-3 to sweep the five point series in three games.

The Lions finished the regular season, one point out of first place and received a bye in the first playoff round. They met Brockville in the semi-finals and eliminated them in two games.

The championship series opened last Monday, March 26 with a 2-1 Lions' win. The Demons went up 1-0 in the second period on a Braydon Drouin goal, but the Lions collected a pair in the third period from Josh Hodgson and Rudy Vanbeilen who scored the winner with just 22 seconds left in the game.

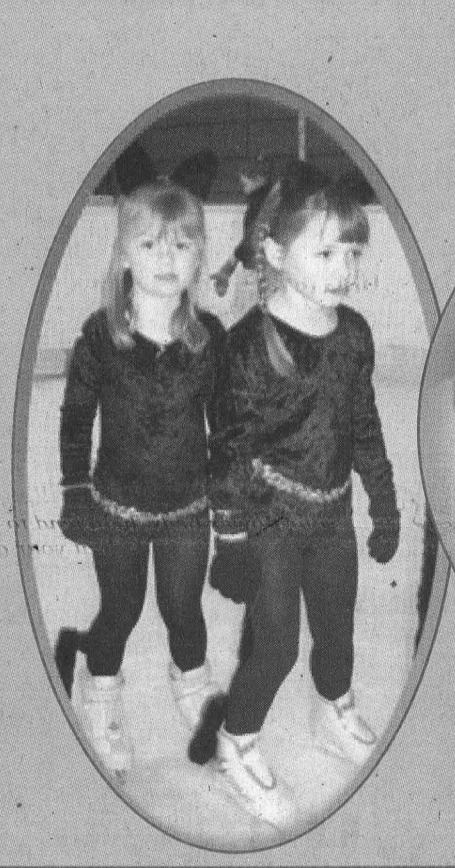
The Lions took charge in game two on Wednesday, March 28 to come up with a 7-3 win. A good team effort saw Graydon Baylis, Matthew Kuepferling, Zach McMillan, Chase Dedekker, Josh Hodgson, Zach Lalonde and Rudy Vanbeilen score single goals.

For the championship the Lions went up 3-1 in the first period in Winchester Friday and they never looked back as they claimed the championship with the 5-3 win. Baylis, Hodgson, Tyler Bellinger, Vanbeilen and Eric Saddlemire provided the goals.

Coach Tom Jarvis was pleased with the team effort. He credited good offence, good goaltending from Hunter Jones and Konnor Mullen and good defence from Damon Jarvis, Andrew Morris, Cole Veinotte and Joel Johnston.

Pictured left, the champs are, front l-r, Damon Jarvis, Sawyer Gillard, Konnor Mullen (goal), and Zach McMillan. Centre, l-r, Josh Hodgson, Graydon Baylis, Joel Johnston, Zach Lalonde, Brendan Gallivan, Chase Dedekker, Rudy Vanbeilen. Back, l-r, manager Darren Mullen, trainer Greg Dedekker, coach Tom Jarvis, Cole Veinotte, Andrew Morris, assistant coach Rick Johnston and Matthew Kuepferling. Absent were Tyler Bellinger, Eric Saddlemire and goaltender Hunter Jones.

Skaters present *Disney on Ice*

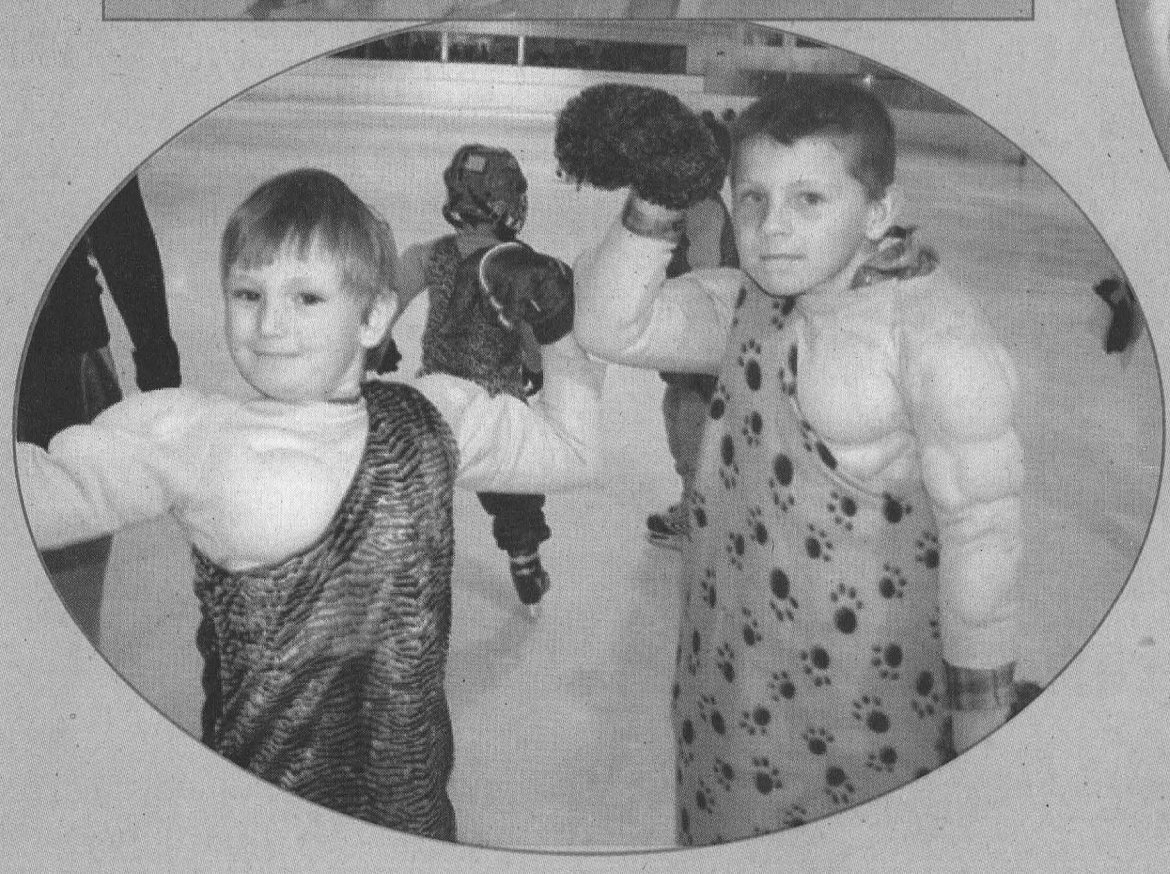












The Morrisburg Arena was packed Saturday night for the annual show put on by the skaters of the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club. This year the skaters performed Disney on Ice. The show was, once again, a huge hit for everyone who attended. Photos– Top left are Aristocats, Erica Jordan and Dana Domanko; Centre are the 7 Dwarfs, Kolby Latulippe, Emytt Fetterly, Owen Orendi, William Holmes, Kayne McFadden, Carter Whyte and Alex Stewart. Top right is Tinkerbell Amanda Hough. Centre left are Lion Kings Devon Swindells, Kaeghan Lowson and Edward Orendi. Centre right is 101 Dalmations' Cruella DeVille Janice Stevens. Bottom left are Tarzans Mitchell Woodward and Toby Mullin.

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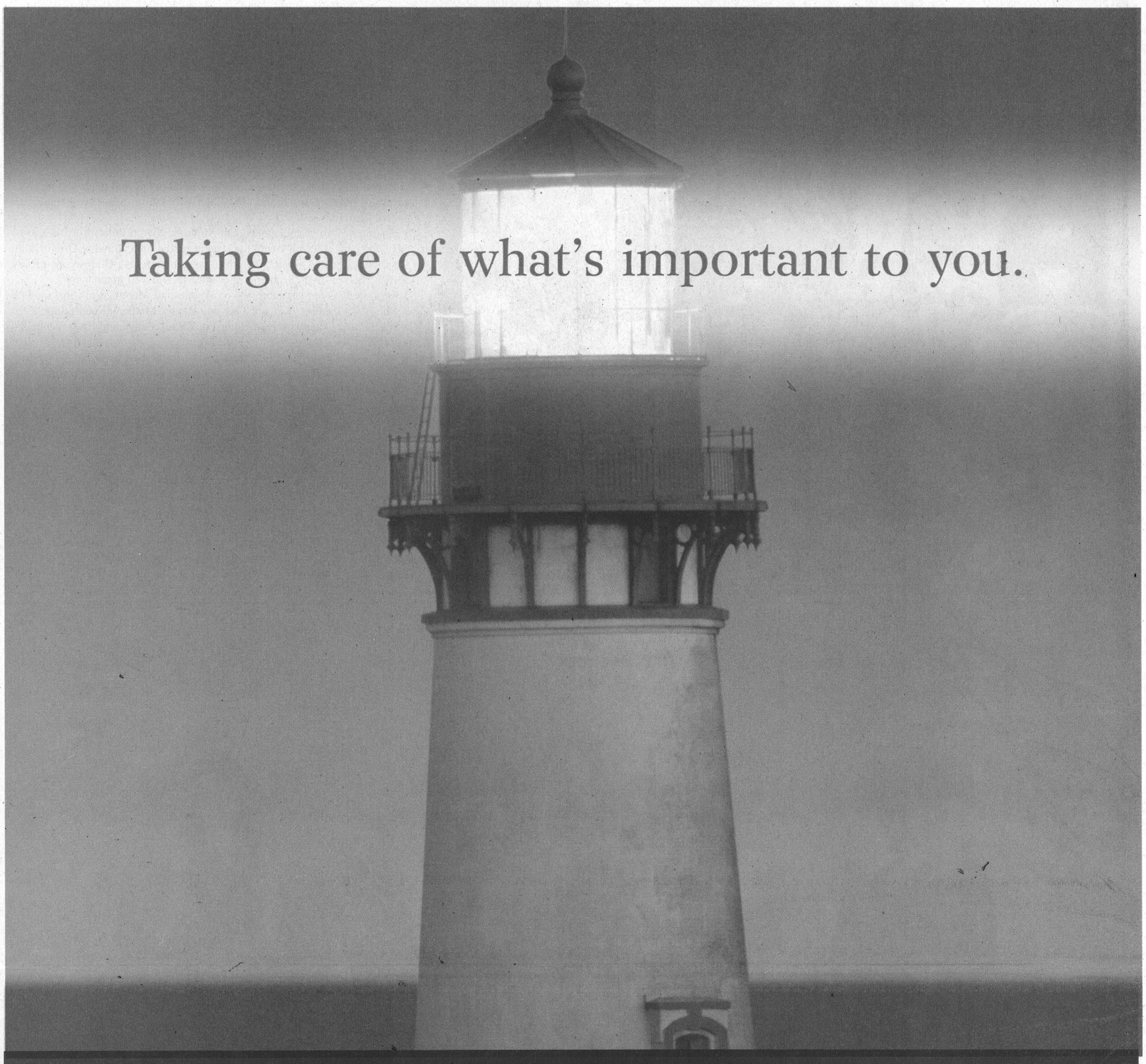

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