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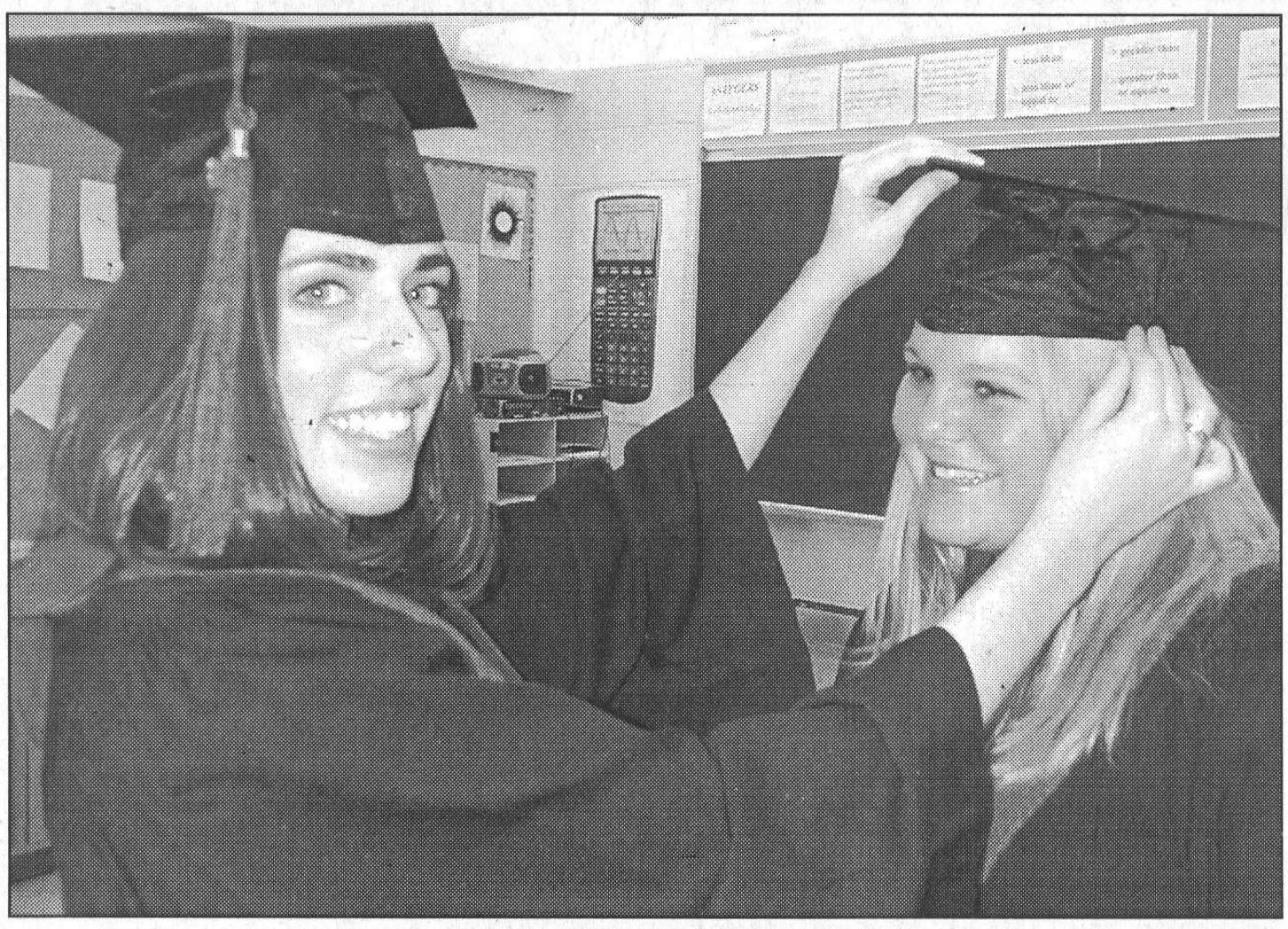

Capping off their time at Seaway *Comfort Photo*

Seaway District High School graduating students returned for graduation ceremonies Friday evening. Jessica Hanes (left) and Jennifer Jones were among the 135 graduates, making the final adjustments to their caps and gowns before receiving their diplomas.
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Water meters for Christmas

WILLIAMSBURG – "A very aggressive schedule," should have water meters installed in the villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois by around Christmas, of this year, Rick Eamon of Thompson Rosemount Group told South Dundas council last Thursday.

The municipality received three submissions on the water meter tender, from Neptune Technology Group (Canada) Limited, from Mississauga, Canadian Water Service (A Division of Ontario Water Products Inc.), from Oshawa, and GC Toshack, from Prescott.

Each of the companies was evaluated first according to a list of technical criteria, and ranked accordingly. Once this evaluation was complete, the price submissions were opened.

Although GC Toshack was ranked third according to the technical evaluation, they submitted the lowest price, of $365,764.73 (including GST).

Canadian Water Services came in at $407,733.24 and Neptune was highest at $466,830.85.

The recommendation from TRG was to accept the lowest tender.

"They have limited experience," said Eamon, who told council, "The only town they have done so far is Merrickville."

"That project went very well," said Eamon. "They are local, and they will provide good service."

"They have a new owner, Hugh George, this is an extremely important project to him, and he will do an exceptional job."

What is the cost per homeowner asked councillor Charles Barkley. "About $185 to $250 depending on the installation," responded Eamon.

Homeowners will have the opportunity to decide if they will pay for the capital costs in

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Reconstructing Augusta Street

WILLIAMSBURG – Thompson Rosemount Group engineers, informed South Dundas council last Thursday that Augusta Street in Morrisburg will have to be completely reconstructed as part of the municipal water project.

"We can't do this work without doing everything," said Rick Eamon. "It is physically impossible."

Raw water will be pumped from the existing water treatment plant, on Augusta Street, north to the new water treatment plant which will be located directly north of the water tower.

At a council meeting earlier this year, Eamon asked council to consider a complete reconstruction of the street, including water, sewer, pavement and sidewalks, while it was dug up, in order to save money later. Council agreed, however asked TRG to further investigate the condition of the underground services.

Ian McLeod of TRG reported to council that the roadway surface is in poor condition, the sewers are in very poor condition, the catch basins are in fair condition, and the storm sewers are in good condition.

The township has budgeted $400,000 to the project this year, and intends to budget another $400,000 next year. However, they will be left with a shortfall, according to the cost estimate prepared by TRG.

Some of the work is eligible for OSTAR funding ($305,793), but, the municipality will have to fund the remainder of the $1,399,605 reconstruction.

Volley for Cancer cheque presentation, all are invited

MORRISBURG – As in the past, the McIntosh Inn will once again be the venue for the presentation of this year's big, big cheque from another successful Volley for Cancer to the Canadian Cancer Society. It will take place on Tuesday, October 21, at 7 p.m.

As in the past Carl Van Allen has not divulged the amount of the cheque, but it promises to be as big as ever.

Because of the importance of the occasion, Carl is anxious that this 9th annual Volley for Cancer presentation be witnessed by all those who have ever been involved in the event - those who have ever played, or volunteered, or been a sponsor, or just given to the Cancer Society - all know the importance of the need to support the Society and are welcome and encouraged to attend this year's cheque presentation. It will be a moment in history.

Charles Barkley seeks reelection as councillor

DUNDELA – "Interested in people's needs and the goings on of the township," South Dundas Councillor Charles Barkley has devoted almost 20 years to local level politics.

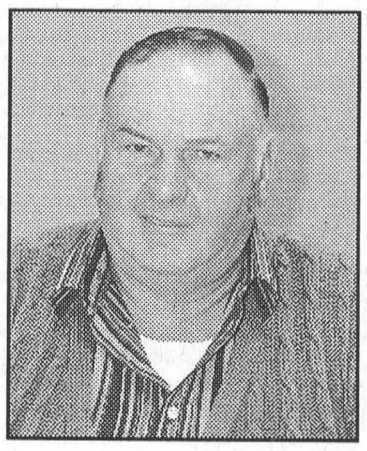
Incumbent Matilda Ward 2 councillor Barkley chose to seek reelection in his current position rather than mayor.

Having run for mayor in the first election as an amalgamated township, Barkley was defeated. He returned to council last election by winning a seat in his home ward. "I came back to help the people," he says.

"I've found in the last three years that you are only one voice at the table. I am there for the people of Matilda, but I deal with everyone, and, I would like to stay there."

The mayor plays a very social role in the municipality, "And the people deserve that," says Barkley, who admits it's an aspect of the job he does not relish.

Barkley is 53 years old and self-employed as a cattle drover and farmer. A lifetime resident of Matilda, he attended Iroquois High School.



At the end of this term of council Barkley will celebrate 20 years on municipal council.

He was part of Matilda council for 17 years, including five years as councillor, six years as deputy reeve and six years as reeve. He has served one term on South Dundas council.

A member of the Dundela Cemetery Board, Barkley has served on a number of boards and committees through council, including serving as United Counties of SD&G Warden..

Barkley calls the fibre optics system, "a priority issue."

Barkley was not a member of South Dundas Council when they purchased the system. "But that's not an excuse," he says. "It's just the way it is."

Barkley stands by the decisions of the former council, but says, "I have a problem with the township running it."

"Taxpayers dollars were spent, and we're not getting the return on it."

"It is an important asset, but how it is administered and who runs it needs to be addressed."

The township is now looking at options. "I can't see the status quo being an option," he says.

"It has to be a viable service, which is promoted and expanded at a cost that is easy to live with," says Barkley.

"I don't want to see it discontinued," says Barkley because there has been growth, and there are people on the system. "I don't want to see anything go stagnant."

"It's impossible to please everybody, but you have to look at the big picture."

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Tim Cassell challenges for Matilda council seat

MORRISBURG–Tim Cassell felt he needed to run for a position on South Dundas Council. His name will be on the ballot for Matilda, Ward 2 councillor, this November.

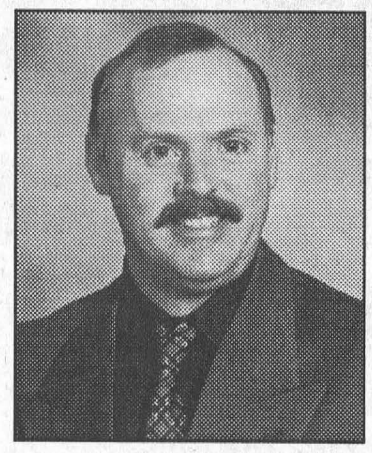
A lifetime resident of South Dundas, 47-year-old, Cassell is married with children. He and his wife Teresa now live in the Matilda ward.

An Algonquin College graduate with a diploma in business finance, Cassell works as a registered insurance broker with Irving H. Miller, serving the South Dundas area.

He has served on the board of directors of the Cornwall Business Improvement Association, has been involved with the Morrisburg Minor Hockey Association and is a past member of the South Dundas Business Referral Network.

This is the first time Cassell has run for political office and says, "I feel it is time for a fresh breeze to blow through council chambers."

"When I went to council as a concerned citizen I feel I was treated horribly," says Cassell. "I was verbally abused, mocked, demeaned and threatened."



"This is no way for a council to behave, and I wouldn't want any other citizen to have to face that."

Cassell says he was approached by numerous citizens to run for council, and has been considering it since spring.

"They (council) have contempt for the taxpayers, and I think it's time for a change." he says.

Cassell prioritized his election issues and says the number one issue is ethics.

"There needs to be a higher standard of ethics in council," he says. "And there needs to be a stronger non-conflict policy."

"We need to bring back some integrity to council chambers."

The number two issue according to Cassell is taxes. Paying amongst the highest taxes in SD&G, Cassell believes that spending should be better scrutinized. "By reducing wasteful spending, we can reduce our taxes."

Cassell's number three issue is the fibre optics system. "I feel that the municipality shouldn't be involved in private sector business."

"I don't believe that ordinary citizens should be subsidizing business."

"I encourage council to get out of it."

Cassell does not want to see public property sold off, including the Iroquois Golf Course.

"I feel it is a valuable recreational facility, and I am sure there is a way to manage it efficiently."

He says if elected he would recommend the formation of nonpartisan committees, including business profes-

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Councillor Charles Barkley

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Barkley says the future of the Iroquois Golf Course is very similar.

There are financial difficulties, that have to be dealt with, "but it's a service that has to stay."

"You have to remember, it was inherited, not bought." As a result the municipality has a considerable amount of money tied up in it.

A member of the Iroquois Golf Course board of directors by council appointment, Barkley says they are making their $40,000 loan payments to the township, but can't afford to do that and pay their $38,000 tax bill.

He says "they need to start with a fresh slate. We need to clean it up and move on."

Barkley says, "Recreation is a vital part of the community," and the municipality subsidizes other recreational facilities like rinks and ball diamonds. "The golf course is a recreational facility. It helps the town by bringing tourists and other people in."

He says the fibre optics issue and golf course issue, "can probably both be easily resolved with enough information."

"I don't like to see these things drag on, but that's not the way the system works."

Dissatisfied with taxes in the township, Barkley sees a huge problem with the way property assessments are done by the province.

"You should pay taxes on what your house is worth." According to Barkley, the only way to arrive at a fair assessment value is for someone to walk into a house, and that is not being done.

He also talks about the inherent problem with the five percent cap on industrial and commercial taxes. "They capped their rates, but they still need to collect the same amount of money. Residents have to make that up because they are the only guy left."

"Council needs to continue to take a proactive role in addressing this issue."

Barkley says he has always been in favour of the tendering process. "Sometimes we have erred by not doing it, but sometimes we have saved money by not tendering."

At one time Barkley says he questioned the decision to hold council meetings during the day. "I've had very few complaints about the daytime meetings," says Barkley, "I thought I would have had more."

"I have no problem with it one way or the other. It can be changed. I can work around it."

On the issue of the Doran Bay rezoning, Barkley says, "The impact on the 47 residents has to be considered."

"I like to see growth, but bringing it in at a detriment to the people is wrong."

Barkley says in his 20 years of experience, he has learned that, "you have to be able to change your mind, but you always have to think for yourself."

He also says information is key to making good decisions, saying decisions should never be rash. "When I have the facts to make a decision, I will do so."

"I enjoy serving the people," says Barkley.

Challenger Tim Cassell

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sionals to help look into problems like the Iroquois Golf Course situation.

Cassell would propose changes to council meetings. "I would like to make the political process more accessible to citizens," he says.

Part of that would be changing the meetings to evenings, and possibly rotating the location to each ward.

"Taxpayers would be treated with the utmost respect at all meetings," he adds.

"I would ensure the utmost transparency," says Cassell speaking of closed council sessions. "However, I do understand that there is certain information that is confidential."

One issue that is specific to a group of voters in the Matilda ward, is the proposed rezoning of Doran Bay Resorts.

"I would not support commercial enterprise near a residential area," says Cassell. "Council committed itself to those residents by allowing that subdivision to go in, and they should stand by that commitment."

"If I lived there how would I feel," says Cassell who believes it is important to try and put himself in their position in order to make a decision, on this and other issues.

There are many issues and practices that Cassell would like to see reassessed, including road maintenance by the counties, "I am not satisfied, because I believe they are not up to standard.

"I am a firm believer in the tendering process. Presently, some things are not being tendered and that needs to change."

In general, Cassell has found that there is a lot of misinformation around, and should he be elected he would do his own investigation into the facts. "Anyone elected, coming in new, would be obliged to find out about the issues. Any good manager would do that."

Cassell has formed some opinions already, but says, "I wouldn't be afraid to say I made a mistake," once he has done his own research.

In preparing for the election Cassell is showing that he is forward thinking, by putting forward "fresh ideas."

"I would encourage the fire department to become accredited for superior shuttle service."

He says the accreditation is inexpensive for fire departments, and it would save rural taxpayers money on home insurance with certain insurance providers.

In campaigning, Cassell says he looks forward to talking to the residents and finding out what is important to them.

He also says he is prepared to devote the time, necessary for the job. "My family is 100 percent behind me, and they understand the commitment."

Water meters

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a lump sum, or if they prefer payments, in the new year.

South Dundas CAO Andy Brown expects water meter installations to begin in November.

Once the water meters are installed, the engineers at TRG will be able to get a better understanding of water consumption, especially in Iroquois.

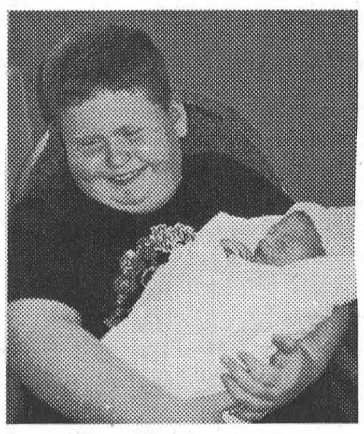
TRG has discovered a constant flow of two litres per second in the village of Iroquois, amounting to about 170,000 litres per day of treated water.

They have been trying to figure out what is causing the constant flow, having done leak detection and a door-to-door survey.

"There were no major leaks identified," said Ian McLeod of TRG, and the survey's usefulness was limited.

They know the general vicinity of the area with the constant flow, but do not yet know the cause. "It could be many small leaks, or it could be usage," said McLeod.

What is that costing the township asked councillor Robert Gillard. Eamon estimated, the cost at just over $100 per day.



Birth Announcement

FROATS – Big brother Brody, along with his parents are very happy to announce the safe arrival of his baby brother, Brett Kenneth John, born Sept. 1, 2003, weighing 6 lbs., 3 ozs. Proud Grandparents are Carl and Gail Robinson and Ricki and Elaine Froats. Great Grandparents Earl and June Baker (all of Morrisburg). Also pleased with Brett's arrival are his Aunt Lauri, Uncle Terry, Kirsty and Kolby Hamilton and Aunt Peggy, Uncle Dennis, Randy, Kurt and Cole Froats. Many thanks to Dr. Su and Dr. Rivington and the Maturnity Nurses at W.D.M.H. (especially Bev and Kim). Lots of love and thank yous to our family and friends for their best wishes and lovely gifts.

– Mark, Lisa, Brody and Baby Brett

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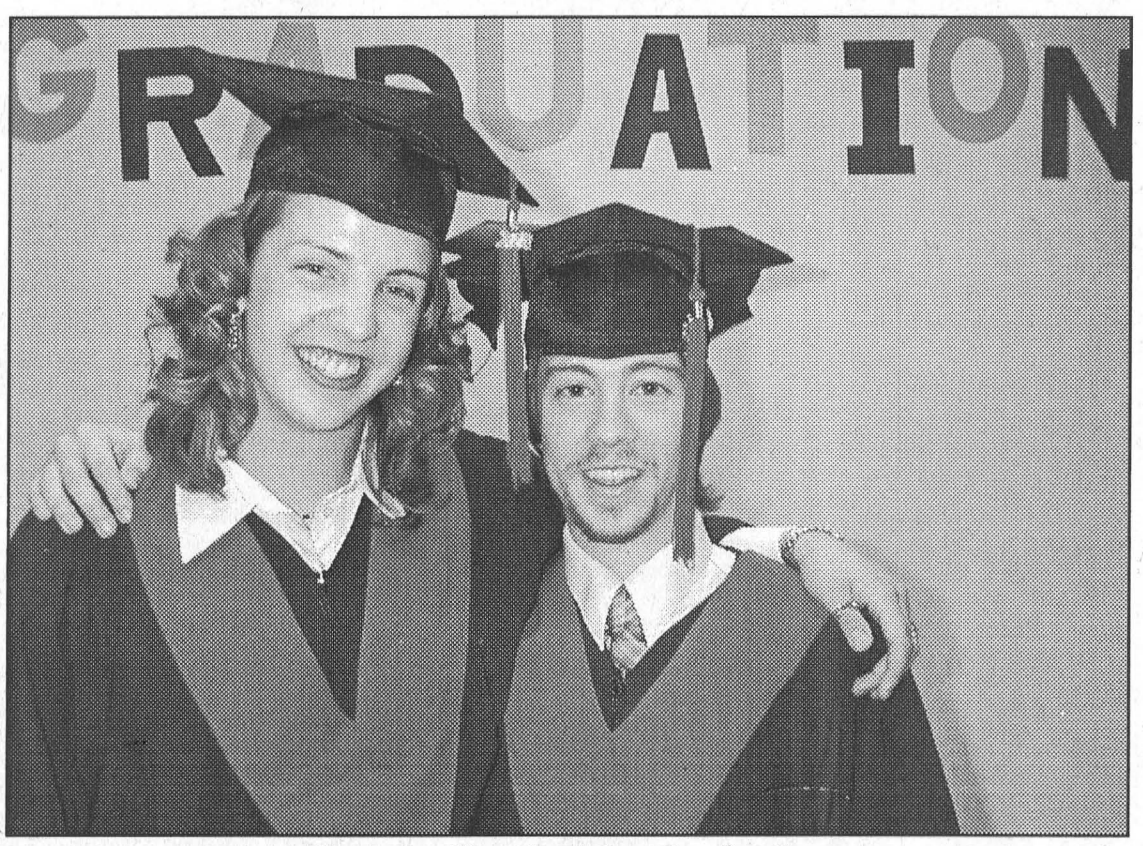
Historic Double Cohort graduation

IROQUOIS – The famous Double Cohort returned to Seaway to celebrate their graduation Friday night.

"It is truly an honour to stand before you as the valedictorian for the graduating class of 2003," said Kristen Keyes as she spoke to her fellow graduates, their families, Seaway staff and guests. "Not only that, but to represent what is probably the largest graduating class in the history of this school."

"For the rest of our lives, we will be able to say that we were members of the historic Double Cohort," said Keyes. "For those of us graduating out of the new curriculum, I do believe that we should feel proud to have survived the last four years of high school as guinea pigs, ..., And for those of you who are graduating out of OAC, here's to being the last class of OAC graduates in the history of Ontario education."

At the graduation ceremony, 135 diplomas were handed out, 28 students achieved Ontario Scholar status, over 60 graduation awards were won, and 178 graduation scholarships and bursaries, amounting to over $45,000, were distributed.



Home for Thanksgiving Graduation *Comfort Photo*

Graduating students returned to Seaway District High School for commencement ceremonies Friday. Pictured above are Valedictorian Kristen Keyes and Outstanding Graduate Brian Law.

The Outstanding Graduate award went to Brian Law, who also received: the Canadian Millennium Scholarship of $4,000, renewable for up to four years; the William N. Crooke Memorial Bursary; Seaway School Council Bursary; Madden Scholarship; Robin Tannock Lewis Memorial Bursary; Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award Pin; OAC Physics, Law, and Biology graduation awards; and the second place OAC Proficiency.

Scott Hodgson and Kristen Keyes won the Principal's Award, for students who have maintained very good academic standing while being involved in school life in such a way as to very vividly reflect school spirit.

Keyes also won: the 25th Reunion Committee Scholarship; OAC Physical Education award; Chris Salmon Memorial Shield and Award; Business Referral Network Scholarship; OAC Physical Education, Grade 12 University Geometry graduation award; and second place Grade 12 Proficiency Award.

David Bilodeau won the Governor General's Academic Medal for the student who achieved the highest academic standing in the graduating year, first place OAC Proficiency Award, $2,200 worth of bursaries, and graduation awards in OAC Accounting and Music.

Dustin Delegarde won the third place OAC Proficiency Award, $1,200 worth of bursaries and OAC Calculus, Euclid Contest, English, and Music graduation awards.

Ashley Tuttle won the first place Grade 12 Proficiency Award, Grade 12 Biology, Chemistry, and Calculus graduation awards, and four bursaries.

David Hamilton took home the third place Grade 12 Proficiency Award, Physics graduation award, and five bursaries.

Among the 178 scholarships and bursaries handed out, were 24 memorial bursaries winners including: the Jason Lee Hill to Kaylee Morrell; Scott Van't Foort to Samantha Boone and J.J. Hollister; Robin Tannock Lewis to J.J. Hollister and Brian Law; David Stevens to Warren Leroy, Karla Nugent, and Sarah Robertson; Chris Salmon to Kristen Keyes; Ray John Barkley to Amber DeVries and Carrie Van Allen; Gordon Mallette to Scott Hodgson and Ashley Tuttle; Leland Van Allen to Joseph Baker; Art Martelle to Jeff Madge; Erma Moore (Seaway Squares) to Frankie Buwalda and Alison Fawcett; William N. Crooke to Scott Hodgson and Brian Law; James Downham to Robbie Waddell; Evan Mallette to Laurie Wilson, Randy Thompson to Christine Kirkwood and Ryan Joldersma; Eric Currier to Adam Hogan, Ryan Joldersma and Brandon McKendry; Erma Moore to Kevin McIntosh and Brandon McKendry; Harry Van Moorsel to Kelly Verhoeven; C.Y. Williams to Heather Fawcett; Mary Robertson to David Hamilton; Wayne Johnston to David Hamilton; Effie Prunner to Dustin Delegarde; Tom Corden to Natalie Byker and Ashley Tuttle; and Ken Kirkby to Samantha Boone.

Ontario Scholars include, Sarah Adamson, Jessica Ault, Joseph Baker, David Bilodeau, Samantha Boone, Amanda Byvelds, Natalie Corry, Dustin Delegarde, Alison Fawcett, Heather Fawcett, David Hamilton, Melanie Hansma, Scott Hodgson, J.J. Hollister, Ashley Jarvis, Kristen Keyes, Christine Kirkwood, Brian Law, Warren Leroy, Jeffrey Madge, Ashley Maksimovic, Johanna Potvin, Warren Schneckenburger, Jeremy Schnurr, Ashley Tuttle, Robbie Waddell, Laurie Wilson, Elizabeth Winter.

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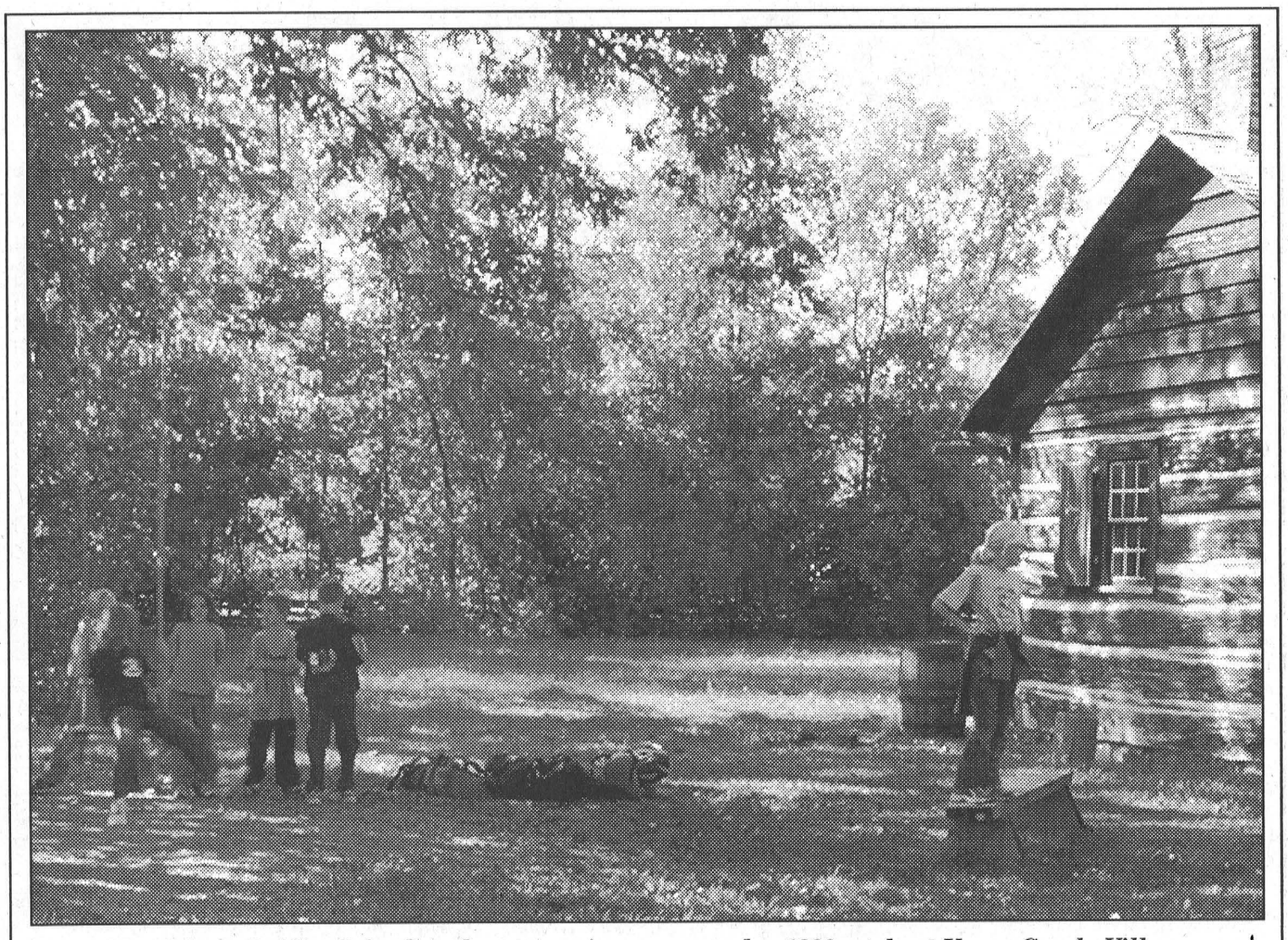

Morrisburg Public School students experience recess play 1800s style at Upper Canda Village

Kids' Safety on the Farm

Growing up on a farm can be a healthy learning experience. But for some kids farm life can also reap some serious risks. Many of those risks can be avoided when chores match the child's age and ability.

According to a recent survey of farming families in Ontario and part of the U.S., the need to run farms as efficiently as possible means some children are being asked to perform farm jobs that they are just not old enough to safely handle.

In fact, of the 500 farm families surveyed, about one third admitted they sometimes disregarded a guideline stating children under 12 shouldn't run a tractor, and those under 16 shouldn't operate high speed tractors, or those without rollover protection systems. Ignoring such guidelines contributes to some scary statistics: Every year 20 children die on Canadian farms.

That's cause for concern, says local public health officials. "Farms, like any workplace, feature built-in risks for adults. Those risks are even greater for children who don't always have the experience, skills or physical abilities to prevent injuries. That's why it is so important that adults know and enforce farm safety guidelines," says Jacinthe Séguin of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

The North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks offers these age-appropriate farm chores: Hand weeding (no cutting tools) seven years; Feeding milk to calves and feeding poultry using a feed cart 10-11 years; Feeding hay to horses in an open coral under constant adult supervision, weeding using cutting tools, driving a farm tractor (of less than 70 hp) cleaning calf pens or hutches 12-13 years; milking cows using pipeline, cleaning grain bins (only if no climbing involved), catching or holding a pig, baling hay 14-15 years; loading bales on a wagon, driving a tractor on a road 16 years.

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Seen 'n Heard Around the Town

Congratulations this week go out to Dr. Beth Rivington. Seems the doctor finds time to get away from her busy practice for a few other activities, and she was rewarded last week with a hole-in-one on the 13th hole at Upper Canada Golf Course. It was her first.

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Coming up this Saturday, October 18 at North Dundas District High School is the Winchester Hospital Auxiliary's annual Bazaar and Tea. "We are going with a Christmas tree theme this year, and we are excited about this," says Bazaar Convener Dorothy Houze. The bazaar will also have many of the traditional booths, including a white elephant table, crafts, fresh produce, a cheese and honey table, baking goods and a Dutch table. Bazaar organizers are gathering a variety of items for the silent auction and to date have a beautiful, original winter scene painting, a festive Christmas sleigh, a one hour massage, and a set of three planters. Proceeds from the event are used by the Auxiliary to help buy equipment for the hospital. The Auxiliary has about 100 members with active units in Winchester, Chesterville, Morrisburg, Summers, Cass Bridge and Maple Ridge. It has been providing volunteer and financial support to Winchester District Memorial Hospital since the doors opened in December 1948. The doors open Saturday for the Bazaar at 1 p.m. Admission is $1.

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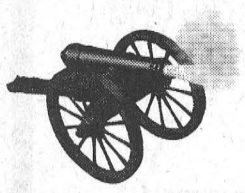
Wasn't that a wonderful weekend? Some say it was our Indian Summer, while others say we don't get Indian Summer until November. We've decided to just call it a "hint of Indian Summer yet to come" and then keep our fingers crossed that it does. Anyway it sure made for a different Thanksgiving. If it weren't for the darn bees we could have all sat outdoors for the entire day. Weather or not, the season is coming to an end at most golf clubs. Coming up this Saturday, at Morrisburg is the annual Swing and Sweep tournament and that will be followed by the annual general meeting Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. The meeting includes the election of the board and the setting of fees for next year.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1993

The October 13 issue reported telephone service in Morrisburg should improve dramatically and soon, as a result of changes being made with the switching equipment. The Morrisburg system had been operating on some very old switching equipment which dated back to the 1950s. The old system was being replaced by digital switching equipment which provided additional options to customer like call waiting, call forwarding call return, call display etc.

Another two-car collision at the corner of Fifth and Ottawa Streets in Morrisburg had prompted County Engineer Don MacDonald to look into ways at better controlling the intersection.

Humour, wit and insightful reflection marked valedictorian Alistair J. Lee's address at the Seaway District High School graduation ceremony. Seaway graduated 68 students and was proud of the fact that 15 were Ontario scholars.

Rothwell-Osnabruck had a graduating class of 21 students. Gail Garlough was the Valedictorian.

Geoff Hare showed the crowd what he was made of when he used his stick handling finesse to outmaneuver Char-Lan's net man for an 11-10 Lions shoot out victory in local Junior B hockey action.

1983

Pictured on the front page of the October 12 issue were Seaway District High School graduates Michael Pashak and Chris Richer. Pashak was named Seaway's outstanding graduate for 1983, and Richer was Valedictorian. Seaway graduated 39 students and had 10 Ontario Scholars. They included Cindy Alguire, Rita Byvelds, David Cherry, Katherine Crober, Raymond Geurkink, Susan Johnston, Jacqueline Moffatt, Cheri Riddell, Ute Straube and Sandra VanMoorsel.

Also pictured in the issue was Morrisburg Reeve William Dillabough as he cut the ribbon to officially open Paul Stewart's Electronics at its new location in the Mall in Morrisburg.

The second major tremor in four days woke Morrisburg residents. The tremor measured 4.0 on the Richter scale and lasted about 10 seconds. It was felt in most parts of Eastern Ontario and western Quebec. The epicentre was pinpointed between Manotick and Richmond. The first quake measured 5.2 and was centred in the Adirondacks.

The first flood was completed at the Morrisburg Arena on Tuesday, October 11 and arena manager Don Smithson expected to have ice by the weekend.

1973

The October 12 issue reported that David Styles was named top student for the 1971-72 graduating class at Seaway High School. Michael Shaver was valedictorian. The year's Ontario scholars were Mary Rooney, Jean Lee, Michael Saver, Phyllis Gorrell and David Styles.

On Thanksgiving weekend, the Cardinal Pats defeated North Bay in two games to win the Ontario Senior B fastball championship. The Pats mowed down Belleville, Oshawa, Toronto and Waterloo before meeting North Bay. The Pats won game one 8-2 with Ted Hoy on the mound and wrapped up game two 3-0 with Big Doug Casselman pitching.

The area was receiving a beautiful Indian summer so great in fact, that Mrs. Lynden Barkley, Mrs. Ed Cornell and Mrs. Earl Steinburg were enjoying fresh picked raspberries.

John Allison reported to the Morrisburg Recreation Committee on the summer swim program which had 191 children registered, 169 examined and 128 test passes.

1963

The October 18 issue reported the Morrisburg Tornados won their fourth consecutive game over Kemptville 20-2. Bob Barclay had now completed 11 touchdowns for a total of 66 points in four games.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, October 15, a historic service was held in St. Paul's Church, when the Official Charter Member Certificate from the Lutheran Church in America, was presented by the Vice President of The Church Council G.F. Barkley, to the president of the Lutheran Church Women Miriam Salmon and secretary Reatha Riddell.

Specials for the weeks at Brinston's Allied Food Market included prime rib roast for 69 cents a pound, cauliflower for 19 cents each and oranges at two dozen for 55 cents.

Dain Connor and family were leaving for Paisley where Mr. Connor had purchased a hotel.

1953

Headlines in the October 16 issue read: Girl's nude body found at Iroquois. The body of a young woman was found in a ditch near Dixon's Corners. She had been subjected to several wounds by stabbing but had not been criminally assaulted. The girl was 17-20 years of age, five foot, eight inches in height and weighed 120 pounds.

Vallance Dry Goods store was advertising a complete range of infants and children's bonnets, hats, and dresses.

A Country Fair was scheduled for the arena for Wednesday, October 21. Dr. Ballard's Mutt Show was the feature of the afternoon activities and the Human Checker Game was advertised for the evening hours. There was to be a farmers market and a number of games. Admission was 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The event was to open at 3 p.m. and run until 10:30 p.m.

1943

The Ontario Department of Agriculture printed an important message to growers of oats and barley in the October 15 issue of The Leader. The advertisement read: More food than ever before in our history is needed for our armed forces, our allies and those at home. Therefore, due to partial crop failure this year, it is imperative that Ontario farmers plan now for their 1944 seed requirements. Farmers were instructed to clean and offer for sale any seed they had over and above their own needs. All surpluses were to be sold.

The list of soldiers to receive cigarettes from the Morrisburg Softball leave was now being drawn up.

The Aultsville correspondent wrote that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brassard of Wales had bought the house and lot belonging to the late George Sampson. Mr. Brassard was in the chicken business.

Free demonstrations of the new symphonic Acousticon were scheduled for the St. Lawrence Hall on October 18. The Acousticon made possible the greatest help ever created to the hard of hearing.

Small Ontario town a broadband pioneer

Editor's Note: The following story was written by David Ticoll and appeared in the Thursday, October 9, 2003 issue of The Globe and Mail. The Leader obtained permission from Mr. Ticoll to run the article in its entirety in order to provide the South Dundas community a perspective on the Fibre Optics system from an outside source.

The British government has published the world's first compelling business case for investment in highspeed broadband Internet access in small towns. It proves growth in jobs, business returns and tax revenue.

And, by the way, the case is based on South Dundas Township in rural Ontario. Plus, the groundbreaking research was done by a 34-year-old Canadian economist.

Michael Curri, the economist in question and founder of Ottawa consulting firm Strategic Networks Group (SNG), explains why it's tough to get broadband into small towns.

"In urban areas, there are enough customers to make a $40-per-month charge profitable for the phone or cable companies. But in a place like South Dundas, Bell Canada can't charge enough to cover its infrastructure costs." So businesses and consumers in rural areas face a competitive disadvantage against those in big cities.

That's why the federal government launched a broadband initiative with great fanfare a couple of years ago. Although somewhat torpedoed in Paul Martin's last budget as finance minister, it did survive and is now helping small and First Nations communities across the country to build arguments for local broadband, then providing money to make it happen.

The feds' standard broad band presentation says that rural and remote communities are "unlikely to be served by market forces, as the business case is non-existent." A key reason: Canada's population per square mile, they point out, is second lowest (next to Australia) among OECD countries.

Enter South Dundas, a community of 11,000 on the north shore of the St. Lawrence. South Dundas offers a lovely rural environment, a prime location close to Ottawa and Montreal, low taxes and good quality of life.

Despite such advantages, it lost 600 jobs, about 10 percent of its work force, in the 1990s.

In 2000, the township decided to stanch the bleeding with business broadband. But, rather than plead with telecom companies or the feds, the township used local tax revenue to fund construction and continuing maintenance of a fibre-optic business communication network.

Beyond a basic connection fee to local businesses, the township funds broadband as infrastructure–just like fire, roads, waste collection and recreation.

South Dundas hired Mr. Curri to help design and evaluate the project, and he produced a preliminary report in early 2001. Coincidentally, the British Department of Trade and Industry was scouring the globe for a credible business case for rural broadband. It came across Mr. Curri's initial work and hired him to do a broader study. His innovative study methodology carefully traces causes and effects step by step–proving the linkages between shared local investments in broadband and economic benefits to all and sundry.

The township invested $1.3 million in fibre-optics infrastructure to April, 2003. The payoff over the preceding 21 months included 63 new jobs, $2.8 million in commercial and industrial expansion and $140,000 in revenue increases and cost savings for existing businesses.

What's important is that these benefits appear to be sustainable. Mr. Curri projects gross domestic product growth over the next two to four years of $25 million in the South Dundas economy and an $8 million spin off across Ontario; 207 person-years of local employment and another 64 for the rest of the province; and increased taxes of $3.5 million for the province and $4.5 million for the federal government (some of these taxes will be offloaded back to the township).

A local trucking firm, for example, had historically found itself with empty vehicles on return trips. In an industry where "he who has the fastest modem wins," the company was not only able to fill its trucks by finding available loads over the Internet, but bought a couple of new ones and hired six more drivers.

The local Canadian Tire started providing on-line product training to store employees, resulting in higher sales per customer. Xenopus Inc., a dental equipment manufacturer, said: "Our sales office, with eight employees, would be based in the United States if it was not for broadband" because it lets the workers share product diagrams and specifications with customers over the Internet more easily. Eckel Industries opened a new tile manufacturing plant in town and moved 31 jobs from Boston.

Some of these benefits help the local economy without hurting other regions. Others are more in the nature of zero-sum: More trucking jobs in Dundas may mean fewer in Cornwall. So if you're considering broadband for your community, treat such first-mover advantage as an issue of some urgency. Before adopting a wait-and-see approach, note that eventually every locality will need broadband to play in the networked economy; first-mover opportunities may pass you by.

South Dundas also shows how broadband let small communities compete internationally. Xenopus and Eckel Industries illustrate a trend in that 38 of the township's 63 new jobs would be in the United States if not for the fibre network.

Mr. Curri raises an important caution: "Throwing technology at a community doesn't do it. You need to get people to understand what it will do for them and then they need to change their behaviour. And compared to installing the technology, it's a lot more work to make this happen."

South Dundas invested heavily in making the change work. Township staff and external advisers spent a lot of time in public meetings and one-on-one education.

The results seem promising. South Dundas is growing again thanks to an effective dose of technology. Its planning and evaluation model can be replicated in many other places.

Indeed: earlier this week, I caught Mr. Curri between flights–just in from India and preparing for a La Ronge, Sask.

Weird Christians

Perspectives



Rev. Clarence Whitten

It seems to me that a lot of people think that Christians are somehow weird and out of step with our time? Lately, I've been sitting back trying to figure out why. Sure I'd be the first to admit that there are people who call themselves Christians who do weird and embarrassing things. Some are preachy, some say one thing and live another, some just act plain weird. Is that why people think that Christians are odd? Maybe. Yet, unfortunately I think it goes beyond that and that I don't understand. When people scorn or mock Christians, I ask: "What's so weird about Joe Average Christian, some guy living out a relationship with Jesus Christ?"

Let's see: Christians believe that this world is a wonderful place created by God and that God loves them dearly. He loves it so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die to rescue it from sin and brokenness. Anything weird there? Not that I can tell. From there Christians believe that if anyone personally receives Jesus as their Saviour they are made new and whole and are restored to a love relationship with God as their Father. Then at the end of life God takes them home to Heaven. Hmm. Is that what makes them "different"? Maybe, but it also sounds pretty amazing and wonderful.

Okay, maybe it's the Christian life thing that is seen as the odd part. But there too, I'm puzzled. For example, what's so weird about loving the Person who created you and even died for you? That would seem pretty commendable to me. And what's so strange about trying to please and obey this Person, even deciding to live for Him. The One who created the marvellous world we see around us, in a special way right now in the fall colours, surely deserves that, doesn't He? I would think that to honor His name and use it only in favorable ways, not lightly or offensively, that too shouldn't be seen as too strange, should it?

And then there's those other things Christians try to do, like loving and serving others. You find a lot of them quietly volunteering in community organizations, serving in food banks, and doing a lot of that sort of thing. Nobody would call these things peculiar, would they? Other things the Bible teaches them is to love their families, to make their spouses and children their number one priority after God. And they believe parents ought to love and communicate with their kids while kids ought to honor and obey their parents. These may be tough to carry out in our increasingly busy and fractured society, but they're not weird, are they?

Oh, I get it. It must be their attitudes towards sex and stuff like that, that make them just weird and desperately out of date. They believe that sex is serious business, a wonderful gift given by God, not to be taken lightly and therefore sexual relations belong in marriage. That may seem a bit dated, but maybe the cheapening of sex in our society, as well as the heartache and emotional turmoil that comes with this, suggest that they've got something there. Perhaps there's still something precious and beautiful about those age old ideas they espouse.

Okay, then there's other things that they believe and try to live that seem a bit out of step. Let's see, they say we ought to be honest even if it hurts or costs us. We ought not to cheat on our taxes, not to cut corners in business, not to take things that aren't ours. That sort of thing. On top of that they're fussy about speaking the truth always and in all situations, not stretching or distorting it. Sure, all this may be a bit hard to live and may seem a bit overly zealous, but it's not that strange, is it? Somehow I think we sense that if we all practiced such things our world would be a more secure and pleasant place to live.

Nope. I can't quite figure out what's so odd or outdated about Joe Average Christian. I guess I'm not objective enough. From my vantage point if what he's got is weird, I want weird.

Pastor Clarence Witten
Community Christian
Reformed Church
Dixon's Corners

Market drives up water project costs

WILLIAMSBURG – The shovels are not yet in the ground, and tenders have not yet been sent, but Rick Eamon of Thompson Rosemount Group, the municipality's engineering firm, warned South Dundas Council last Thursday that the construction of the water treatment plant "will be over budget."

Engineers are blaming two factors, market conditions and the funding process.

Since so many municipalities are undertaking water projects at the same time, the increased demand for supplies and services has had an effect on the market.

Demand is driving up costs. "So much is going on, prices increased," said Eamon, giving several case examples.

"Some contractors are charging 24 percent more over last year."

He says OSTAR didn't provide a buffer for these increases when they allocated funding.

"OSTAR asked for estimates before engineering was done," said Eamon. "Now many townships are finding out their estimates for the costs of water treatment plants are low."

"South Stormont found that out," said Eamon, who is keeping South Dundas abreast of the issues with the neighbouring municipality's similar water project, which started just before the South Dundas project.

The good news is that if the municipality can secure special OMEIFA low interest loans, "the cost to the homeowner doesn't increase," explained Eamon.

He told council, "You should make application for OMEIFA low interest loans as soon as possible for this reason."

Jamie Witherspoon, also of TRG, showed council the design and plans for the water treatment plant, which he says, "are coming along well."

"We could probably go to tender before Christmas," said Witherspoon.

However, Eamon suggested that they wait until the new year to tender the water treatment plant construction.

Eamon suggests tendering at the end of January, to allow them to take advantage of the best possible market conditions. "It's our best chance to get a better price," he told a council which was in agreement.

With a January tender, Ian McLeod of TRG estimates construction on the new water treatment plant to service the villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois could start in April.

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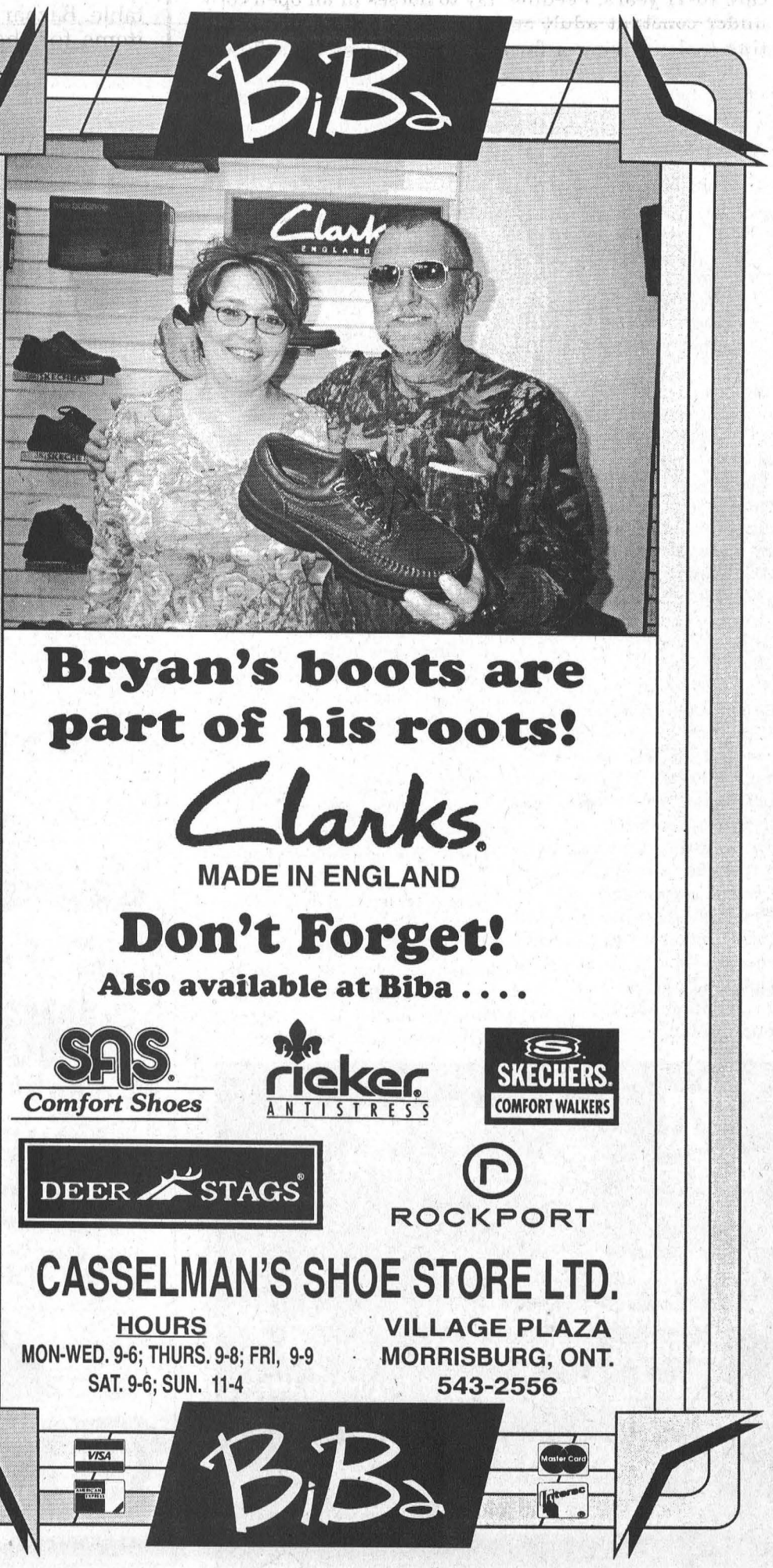

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Artists Studio Tour

MORRISBURG – Celebrating its tenth anniversary, the On Common Ground Artists Studio Tour is slated for this weekend.

The tour includes 23 artists at 15 locations throughout, the area, many of which will be providing demonstrations of their handiwork each day.

Morrisburg stops on the tour include the studios of Frank and Aileen Main (74 St. Lawrence Street), and Penny Strader (19 St. Lawrence Street).

Frank specializes in creating and building rocking horses for all ages, and other woodworking.

Aileen offers a unique array of gifts for children, including educational games and books, offered both English and French.

Penny's specialty is decorative painting, and offers many items including authentic barrel staves, cheese boxes, slates and furniture.

The tour goes as far as Embrun to the north, Mountain to the west, and Chesterville to the east.

Anyone interested in participating in the tour, can pick up a map at either of the Morrisburg locations between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. October 17, 18, and 19.

Vehicle stolen, 15-year-old male faces charges

SOUTH DUNDAS – Shortly after 1 a.m., October 10, police received a report of a theft of a 2000 GMC Sierra pickup truck which was "in progress" in the Riverside Drive area of South Dundas Township.

Patrol officers encountered the vehicle in the area of County Roads 8 and 18, and subsequently arrested the driver and lone occupant of the vehicle.

Charges of theft over $5,000, possession of stolen property over $5,000, possession of break-in tools, failing to stop for police, possession of a substance (cannabis product), and three counts of failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking (relating to curfew, keep the peace and drug conditions) are pending against a 15-year-old Winchester male, who was held in custody from the time of his arrest until appearing in court in the City of Cornwall for the purpose of a show cause hearing.



Dundas Women's Institute Donates to Food Bank

Representatives of the branches making up the Dundas District Women's Institute travelled to the Winchester location of the Dundas County Food Bank last Friday to present a cheque for $500 to the Food Bank "I really want to thank you for your generous donation to the Food Bank on behalf of the Food Bank and the clients we serve," said board chair Diana Pethick. "The money will go for food and comes at a wonderful time just before Thanksgiving and Christmas." Maryke DeJong, President of the Dundas District W.I., indicated a lot of the credit for the donation goes to Isobel Williams of the Williamsburg Women's Institute as much of the money came from an Art and Craft Show organized by Williams in Chesterville last winter. In addition to this the various branches ran other activities over the past year. Pictured above, seated l-r, are Grace Macaulay of the Chesterville W.I., Isobel Williams and Vivian Fawcett of the Winchester W.I. In back, l-r, are Lucie Durivage representing the Riverside Heights W.I., Florence Hoople of the Chesterville branch and district secretary, Diana Pethick, Maryke DeJong of the Chesterville branch and district president, and Marjorie Thom representing the Williamsburg W.I. There are seven branches in the Dundas District Women's Institute.

Rothwell-Osnabruck awards graduates

INGLESIDE–Rothwell Osnabruck School said good bye to 41 graduating students at the annual graduation ceremonies Friday night.

Valedictorian, Zachary Grant used the words of American comedian George Carlin to deliver his message to the graduates and their family.

"The laughs and adventures that we have had together at this small school are truly priceless," said Grant. "I will cherish the memories I have with each and every one of you and wish every person happiness and health in their continuing journey of life."

"The previous generation has taught us well. Hopefully, we'll do as good a job with the next."

The school's most prestigious award, The Triple C Award which recognizes Character, Co-operation and Contribution was presented to Chelsey Lalonde.

Lalonde, an Ontario Scholar received her Honour's Platinum Club Tab for earning honours each year from Grade 9 to OAC. Joining her in the Honour's Platinum Club were Sarah Alguire, Jennifer Coffey and Erin Swerdfeger.

She shared the Janice A. Meyer Principal Award, presented to a student who exemplifies the Lancer Spirit, with Jessica Bruining and received a School Letter which requires participation in School Clubs and School Teams.

In addition she received another 10 awards, scholarships and certificates.

The highest academic award in the province, the Governor General's Medal went to to Megan McIntyre.

In addition, McIntyre and Melissa Menkhorst won the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award.

McIntyre earned a school letter, an achiever pin and another eight awards and bursaries.

Of the graduating class of 41 students, 11 received Ontario Scholar status (80 percent average or higher). They were Sarah Alguire, Jessica Bruining, Jennifer Coffey, Sean Dunn, Naomi Gutknecht, William Hennessy, Chelsey Lalonde, Megan McIntyre, Andrew Nicol, Natasha Shaver and Nicholas Timmers.

Andrew Nicol was the top Grade 12 grad followed by Naomi Gutknecht and Nigel Helmer.

Following McIntyre, who was the top OAC grad, were Nicholas Timmers and Sarah Alguire.

Gutknecht, McIntyre, Nicol and Timmers all received four year honour tabs.

Other members of the graduating class were Mitchell Barkley, Meganne Boucher, Amy Brunsveld, Shayla Brush, Jonathan Campoli, Morgan Cooper, Emily D'Alessio, Steven DeRooy, Derek Dunlop, Zachary Grant, Brittany Hagen, Ashley Heagle, Nigel Helmer, Erin Hennessy, Jayne Jackson, Shaun Jones, Amber Lavigne-Denis, Cody Losey, Melissa Menkhorst, Brandon Menzies, Adam Middleton, Matthew Moak, Ashley Proulx, Erin Swerdfeger, Jason Swerdfeger, Conrad Sylvia, Joshua Timmers, Debra VanderVeen, Neal Wereley and Kevin Winters.

Some 60 individuals, businesses, clubs and organizations were involved with providing the graduates with awards, scholarships and bursaries.



Rothwell-Osnabruck Graduation

Rothwell-Osnabruck School graduated 41 students at the annual graduation exercises Friday night. Pictured above (l-r) with principal Janice Meyer, are Zachary Grant (Valedictorian), Chelsey Lalonde (winner of the school's Triple C Award) and Megan McIntyre (Governor General's Award winner).

Vandalism

MORRISBURG – On October 8, police received a report of vandalism in the village.

Between October 3 and 4, St. Mary's Separate School was vandalized by means of spray paint, on the exterior wall of the school

Const. J. Moores is investigating.

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School
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Tuesday –
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Friday –
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Minister
Rev. Sandy Macpherson
Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Stevens
Sunday, October 19, 2003
10:30 a.m. - Welcome to Worship with Us!
Sunday School and Nursery Available

The Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights
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St. James, 20 High St., Morrisburg
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543-3904
The Rev. Bill Byers, Rector
The Rev. Pat Martin, Assistant
Visitors welcome, Members expected
Sunday, October 19, 2003
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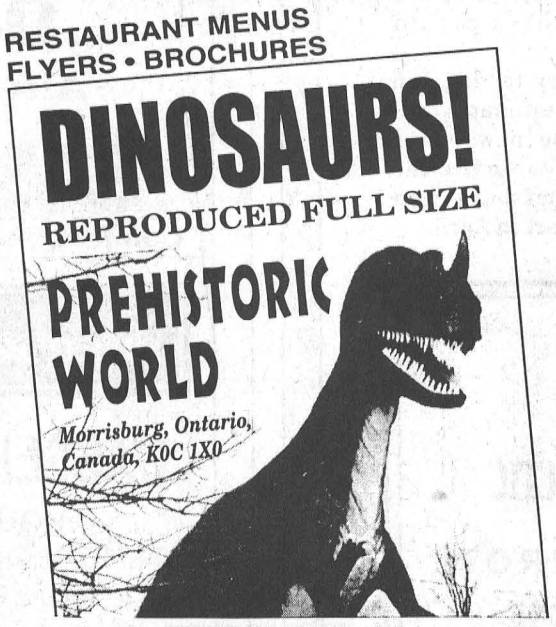

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Letters to the Editor

The problem of "eyes wide shut"

Dear Editor,

Dear South Dundas Ratepayers Committee: It is time for me, after reading your latest letter to the editor, to voice my opinion. I have a number of concerns about some of the facts in your letter.

Firstly, let me clear up, that the fibre optics network, was not paid for by only Morrisburg's hydro reserves. The Village of Iroquois also had hydro reserves and this money was also used to start the fibre network.

In regards to your statement that $716,000 was obtained through over-taxation, thus non-essential South Dundas Services, may I point out, that this is not money in a bank account, but money that will be raised by future taxation. Let's not be confused into thinking that the fibre is paid for, free and clear. Last I heard the township could receive a bank loan.

"Industry information suggests useful life expectancy of five years." This is an estimate. The same industry estimate says my computer system was obsolete the day I brought it home from the computer store. Let's try not to be dramatic.

Your group seems to be quite concerned about the number of jobs created by installing the fibre system. I wonder what your expectations are, and if they are realistic. There has not been many all candidates meetings, that I have attended, that the question of what a new council was going to do to create jobs and keep our young people from moving out of our community, was not asked.

Do you honestly think, that by installing the fibre that there was going to be a rush of industries and small business, lined up on the 401 waiting to start working here? Everything takes time.

I will tell you that one business stayed in South Dundas, because we did install the fibre. This business employs approximately 60 people. I will tell you that advertising for Chrysler Canada, is being generated in South Dundas, at $65 an hour, something that would not have happened if not for the access to fibre for both the advertiser and Chrysler. I do know that a few year ago, South Dundas, lost a factory with a building permit of over $2 million because we were not ready to provide the services that the business needed, to start building right away.

It is your attitude of "EYES WIDE SHUT' that we can't, as taxpayers invest in the future, unless the future pays for itself.

NOW, that has kept South Dundas in the past from growing. Let's be thankful that Canadian Tire didn't have the same attitude when they decided to invest in South Dundas. You should also be concerned about whether fibre will help keep the businesses that are already here, here.

We, as business owners, are constantly being pressured to do more and more of our ordering, point of purchase inventories, and correspondence with our computers. We need fibre to be competitive when purchasing products, so that we can give you the best price, and be competitive in our field.

When you compare the cost of doing business and having fibre the same as hydro, heating and telephone, try to remember that these services are provided to us. So why should fibre not be?

Yes, there are other companies that can provide fibre to our area, but they won't. We are not large enough in need of the services...but, with patience we will be.

You say that with a sound infrastructure and low taxes, that businesses will come. Fibre is, in the 21st century, infrastructure and more businesses mean a larger number of taxpayers to share the tax load.

Your committee also mentions that council is going to install water metres in our homes, "for no apparent reason". The reasons are twofold. Firstly, the federal and provincial governments ask us to show what we are doing to conserve water, thus qualifying us for grants. Secondly, so that the large users of water, pay for their share, something, that you are accusing this council of not doing now with the fibre.

As a business owner, I guess what really bothers me is the slam, that we business owners are taking over the fibre, and how we should pay for this if we want it.

Would you be talking about the business owners, who pay over 50 percent of the taxes in South Dundas? Would you be talking about the business owners who live in South Dundas (property owners) who pay residential taxes? Would you be talking about the business owners who employ great numbers of people in South Dundas? Would you be talking about business owners who you come to every time you want a cash or prize donation to one of your events? Would these be the business owners who you come to when you want them to sponsor an ad in the local papers to pay for advertising your events?

Please tell me it is the other businesses you are talking about.

In closing, the past and present councils of South Dundas are looking at the future with their eyes "WIDE OPEN", something that has been missing in South Dundas for quite some time.

Sincerely,
Audrey Rooney
Former councillor, business owner, and residential tax payer .

Fibre optic high-jack

Dear Editor:

A comment to your full page or reader letters by Mr. R. Liberty and J.R. Riewe:

The well researched comments of both of these writers make very interesting reading.

A vital question however remains only lightly touched, that is - Do we as taxpayers elect council to negotiate multi million dollar contracts on our behalf? (as it appears Mr. Ewing has been instructed to do?)

The whole Fibre-Optics affair seems to have been high-jacked by very few business interests and maybe a few private persons who clearly saw their advantage to take the general taxpayer out to the cleaners. If anyone could come forward and demonstrate to the public that this or that person has been hired, give us numbers and names of those who were fortunate enough to find a job because of this system, then in my humble opinion, council should sit down and establish how much each job has really cost the taxpayer.

It appears these people elected have lost all sense for the fact that the money is coming from our pockets. Let us be honest with ourselves: there never was a government, local or otherwise, which actually produced revenue, with the exception through taxation. They do not produce anything, it is the private sector, a well run business that produces the moneys to pay people, which in turn are paying taxes.

All levels of government have it easy, as they set tax levels and are eager to spend our money. We do not elect these people to run a business for us. Private people create jobs and and they should be left to do just that. Any private business which is not viable to sustain itself is not run properly and should fold. Where will we end up if we, the taxpayer, subsidize all unviable businesses? Just look at our ever generous federal counterparts, who hand out moneys, i.e. to Bombardier in Quebec as if there is no tomorrow.

In democracy we people have the privilege to express at election time our opinion in whom we vote for. There have been some distinct voices this time around who disagree with the road taken by the old council. (Well, all of us run one day out of ideas, the wise under us realize that on their own...) We soon will have the chance to rectify wrongs of the past. I am sure, there are many more people who are against taxpayers subsidies for any expensive toys. Think how much of the aging sewer system in our villages could have been repaired with the millions spent on fibre optics?!!

.....and by the way, has your pension gone up lately?

Hans Jurgen Jakel



CT Shops for Thanksgiving

Victoria Davidson, left, and Karen Herman of Canadian Tire in Morrisburg, enjoy a $650 shopping spree to help support the South Dundas County Food Bank for Thanksgiving. The money was raised through customer donations, owner Peter Oliver's donation, and matching funds from the Canadian Tire Foundation for Families. The money was used to purchase 20 turkeys, 10 hams, milk, bread, and canned and dried goods at Mike's Valu-mart and Giant Tiger.

Thank You!

The family of the late Melissa Casselman would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to: Dr. Coolican from the Morrisburg Clinic for 14 years of advice and support, medically and emotionally and his honesty; Dr. Norris and Dr. Cook from CHEO for all their medical and emotional support and opening their hearts and being so honest and caring only knowing Melissa and family for a short period of time during her last two visits. 4 West (nurses, team doctors, palliative unit, physiotherapists, social workers and all other employees) for the great care given over all hospital admissions. CHEO pharmacy for four years of TPN donations and the special individuals who made arrangements and deliveries on our behalf; CCAC for making it possible to have a medical home environment. Para-Med, Bayshore, and St. Elizabeth for caring nursing staff to support us at home and great coordination and communication; Seaway Valley Pharmacy, Morrisburg and staff for prayers and especially Mr. Gord Lane for making sure we had everything we needed even after store hours; Ontario Medical Supplies and Medigas for the many deliveries made to our home regardless of time. Wendy from Medigas for taking the extra step in making sure Melissa's requirements were met; Eckel Industries for understanding and supporting us since our first day of employment; David LaPierre from Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home for caring and his generosity during our time of sorrow; Pastor Perry for his prayers and sermon he provided and the Pentecostal Church for lending their help and support; our extended family and friends for their understanding and respect of our wishes for a private funeral. Melissa and our family would like to give special thanks to all these people and many more for making it possible for allowing her to have a fulfilled life with all the love, care and comfort in her home in such a short time. We would also like to thank God for this precious time we had together answering all of our prayers and allowing all of these people to be part of our lives. Extra special blessing goes out to Nicole Beckstead for giving Melissa the opportunity to experience friendship and love outside of family and allowing them to be best friends. Words can never say enough.

– From Melissa Casselman and her family

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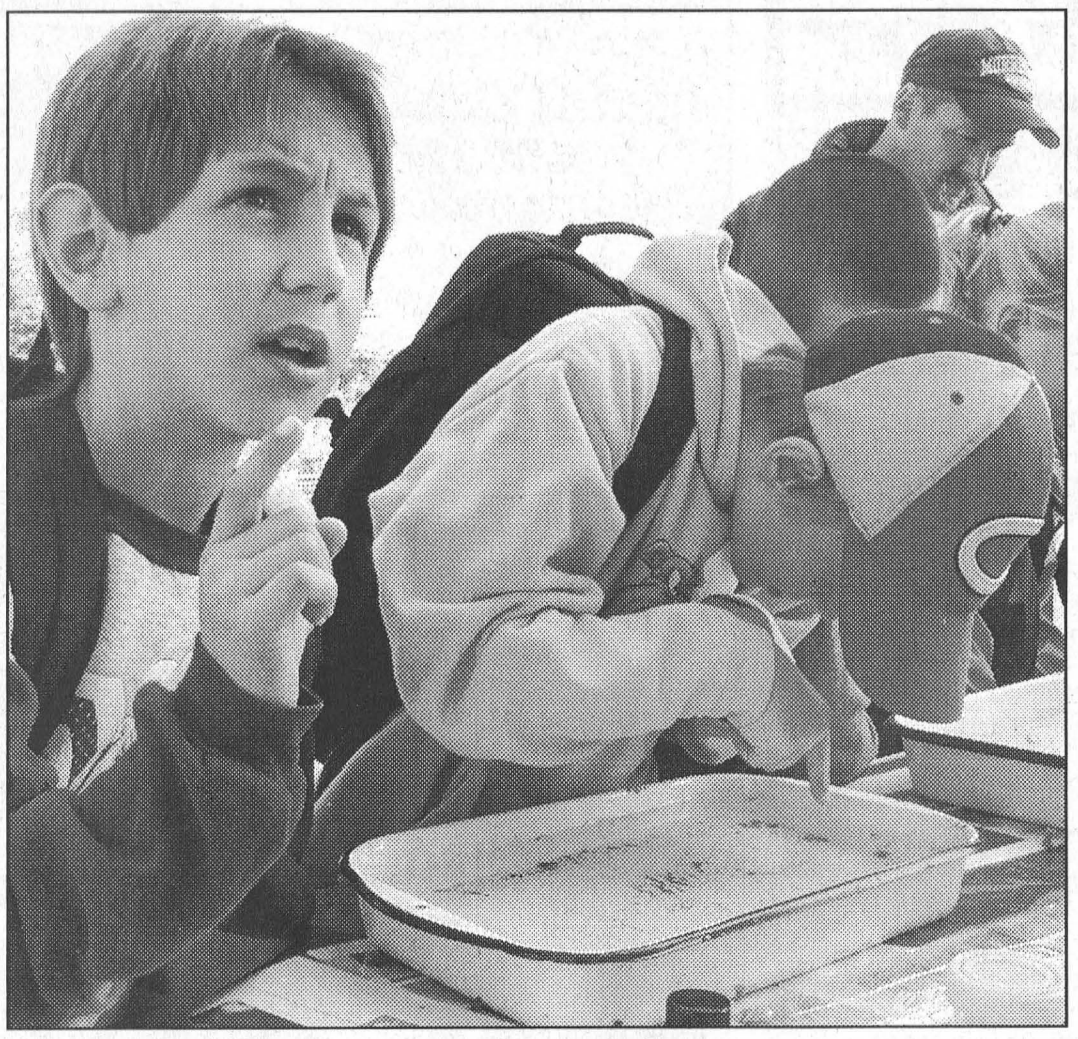
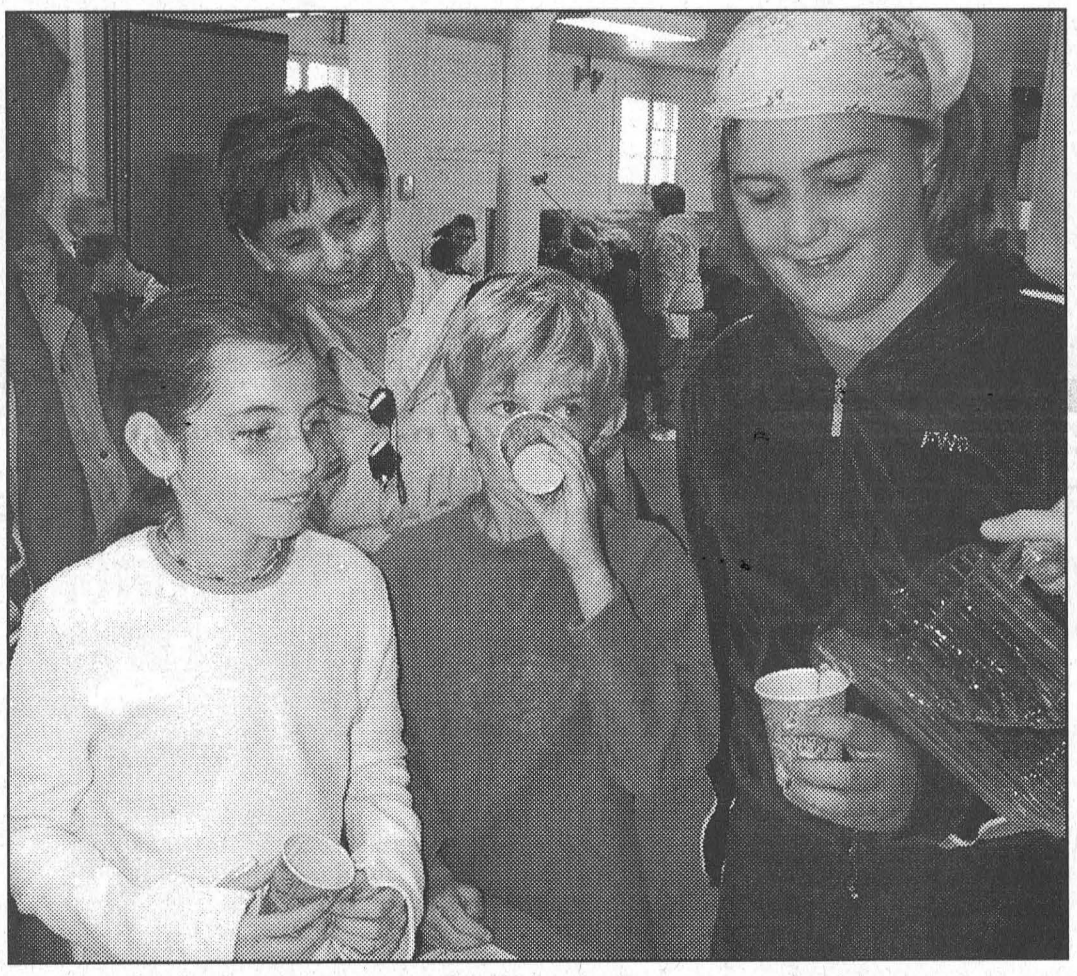


Local Students Soak Up Water Info

Grade 4 students from a number of area schools including Morrisburg Public and St. Mary-St. Cecilia attended the second annual Eastern Ontario Children's Water Festival at Upper Canada Village last Wednesday and Thursday. Hosted by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences in conjunction with a number of partners, and funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the goal of the festival is to educate young people about the value of water, our most precious resource. Participants learned about the fragility of our water resources. They got an insight into both surface and ground water as well as water technologies such as treatment and distribution. They also gained a better understanding about water's relationship between humans, plants, animals, soil and air. In the photo above, Tyrone Tyo (left) and Tyler Hutt of Morrisburg Public School have a great time finding and identifying the pond life in the two containers containing pond water. In particular they have just identified a Damselfly. Below St. Mary-St. Cecilia students, l-r, Amelia Wickwire, Connor Woodmass and Molly Chesbro sample a cup of water while Sharon McDonell, who teaches at St. Mary's in Chesterville, looks on.



Lions lose two and fall into last place

MORRISBURG–The Morrisburg Junior B Lions tumbled into last place in the St. Lawrence Junior B hockey standings following a pair of weekend losses to Alexandria and Kemptville.

The Lions, with just one win and an overtime loss in eight starts, have now fallen behind the Winchester Hawks, who this week posted their second win of the young season over Akwesasne 3-2 in overtime.

At the top of the standings the Kemptville 73s and Akwesasne are tied with 12 points and right on their heels are Alexandria and Char-Lan with 11 points apiece.

Friday night in Alexandria, the Lions were the first on the scoreboard early in the second period. Sebastien Thibault got it rolling with help from Kyle Jarvis. He would hit for his second goal late in the frame, but in between the Alexandria Glens would nab Lions goaltender Jeff McIntyre for three.

At the end of the second period, the Glens were up 4-2. They increased it to 5-2 with a power-play counter (their second of the game) midway into the third period and then held on for their seventh win of the season.

Cory Gove and Jarvis set up Thibault for his second goal while the Lions were on the power-play.

Scoring for the Glens were Dominic Lamarche, Simon Langevin, Derrick Ryan, Mathieu Desnoyers and Cristian Paquette.

The Lions drew 10 minor penalties, a double minor for fighting and three misconducts. The Glens were assessed 13 minor penalties and four misconducts.

Saturday night on home ice the Lions managed only a goal a period in a 7-3 loss to the Kemptville 73s.

Thibault scored in the first period with help from Matt Walsh and Jason Denio. Pat McLeod, with Kent Nugent and Pat Sauve assisting, counted the second period goal, and Cory Gove finished it off late in the third with help from Sauve.

The 73s went up 2-1 after the first period and 6-2 after two.

Scott Leppard beat Lions goaltender Jeff McIntyre for three goals, and Darcy Smith, Brett Brady, Blair Lafave and Matt McMillan provided singles.

The Lions were assessed eight minor penalties, four misconducts and one game misconduct, and the 73s collected two power-play goals.

The 73s sat out 11 minor penalties and three misconducts

Coming up this weekend, the Lions are at home to Char-Lan Friday night (October 17) at 8:15 p.m.

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	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Kemptville	8	6	2	0	12
Akwesasne	8	5	1	0	12
Alexandria	8	5	2	0	11
Char-Lan	8	5	2	0	11
Winchester	8	2	6	0	4
Morrisburg	8	1	6	0	3

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Sth. Gren.	8	6	2	0	12
Westport	8	5	2	0	11
Gananoque	8	4	2	1	10
Brockville	8	3	3	1	8
Athens	8	1	5	0	4

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Friday, Oct. 10-
Athens 4 at Westport 10
Akwesasne 2 at Winchester 3 OT
Morrisburg 2 at Alexandria 5

Saturday, Oct. 11–
Brockville 4 at Sth. Gren. 2
Gan. 3 at Athens 2
Winchester 5 at Char-Lan 7
Kemptville 7 at Morrisburg 3

Sunday, October 12–
Sth. Gren. 3 at Gananoque 2
Char-Lan 5 at Akwesasne 1
Alexandria 0 at Kemptville 5

Coming up:

Friday, October 17– Char-Lan at Morrisburg 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, October 18– Morrisburg at Akwesasne 7:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Scoring Leaders

	G	A	Pts
Jeremy Synott, Ak.	3	13	16
Pat Johnson, Char.	8	6	14
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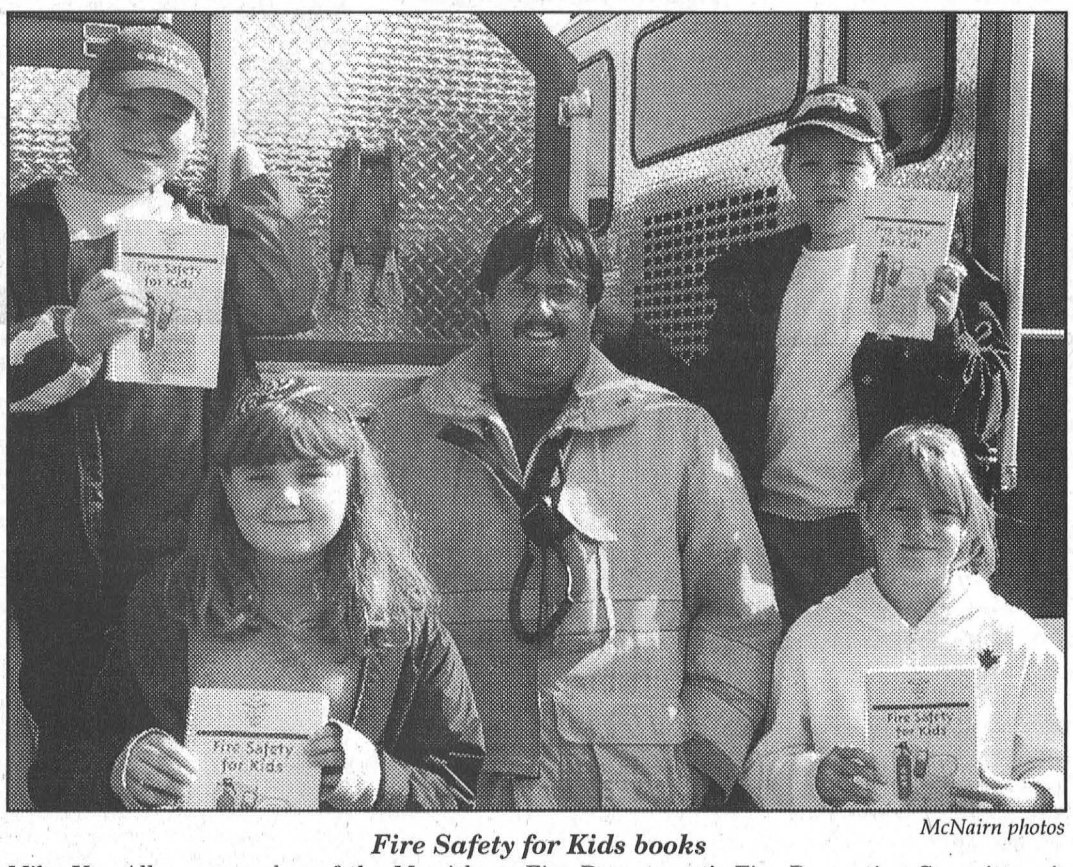


McNairn photos

Fire Safety for Kids books

Mike Van Allen, a member of the Morrisburg Fire Department's Fire Prevention Committee, is surrounded by MPS students who have just received their Fire Safety Books. Students in back are Curtis Fowler (left) and Jeremy Hough and in front are Krista Gallinger (left) and Jenna Yates.

Midget girls basketball, Spartans ranked second

CORNWALL–The Seaway Spartans midget girls basketball team played hard at the first of three SD&G tournaments on Friday to place themselves in a tie with Tagwi for second place.

The Spartans opened in the tournament with a 33-28 win over Rothwell-Osnabruck and then squeaked past Char-Lan 24-23.

They lost game three by a single point to Glengarry 28-27.

Leading the Spartans' scoring over the three games was Sarah Myers with a strong 40 points. Victoria Hamilton added 14 points, and Chelsey Schell dropped 10 points.

In order to break ties for seeding for the final tournament teams pick up two points for a win, two points for each half won, and one point for a tied half.

As a result, Seaway picked up four points for the two wins and eight points for their wins on the halves giving them a total overall of 12 points.

That puts them in a tie for second place with Tagwi who won two games and each of their four halves. Tagwi played only two games.

Leading after the first tournament is St. Joseph's with a three win-no loss record. They won all of their halves for another 12 points and an overall 18 point total.

The Rothwell-Osnabruck Lancers lost to Seaway 33-28 and Tagwi 35-14. They picked up a 21-19 win over Glengarry.

Melissa Primeau led the R-O scoring with 17 points, while Jessica Winters added 11 and Lacy Scarf 10.

Riverside Darts

RIVERSIDE–**Sea Biscuits-10 wins.** Outs: Ernie Beckstead 7, Arnold Keeler 2, Lisa Lewis. H.S. Keeler 128.
Pea Wees-7 wins. Outs: Peter Montroy 5, Goldie Sypes 2. H.S. Montroy 3X140.
Wonders-8 wins. Outs: Gerry Sypes 4, Wendy Casselman 3, Paul Markell. H.S. Casselman 120 and high finish at 85.
Cagey Ones-6 wins. Outs: Cecil Lewis 4, Ann Lewis 2. H.S. C. Lewis 133, A. Lewis 103.
DAD-9 wins. Outs: Dennis Keeler 5, Dave Svendsen 3, Alice Robertson. H.S. Robertson 132.
Ditch Diggers-5 wins. Outs: Linda Birch 2, Sherry Wereley 2, Hugo Merkley. H.S. Merkley 125.
Left-6 wins. Outs: Lyle Beckstead 3, Ronnie Moore 2.
Hit and Miss-4 wins. Outs: Elizabeth Markell 3, Sharon Lewis. H.S. Lewis 114-109.
Wild Ones-5 wins. Outs: Nelson Julien 3, Jean DeJong, Brent McCooeye.
Happy Gang-6 wins. Outs: Frankie Beaulne 3, Darren Tyo 2, Sandra Keeler. H.S. Tyo 115-105.
Screwballs-1 win. Outs: Doreen Montroy.
Betty's-5 wins. Outs: Eric Sypes 3, Matt Julien 2.

Standings

DAD	14	Ditch Diggers	13
Wendy's Wonders	14	Happy Gang	11
Pea Wees	14	Betty's Dough Boys	8
Sea Biscuits	11	Hit and Miss	9
Cagey Ones	13	Wild Ones	6
Left-Right-Centre	13	Screwballs	6

Fire prevention is the issue at local schools

MORRISBURG–Members of the Morrisburg Fire Department took their Fire Prevention Message to the students at Morrisburg Public School, on Monday, October 6.

The day's activities, run in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, kicked off with a fire drill which was followed by equipment demonstrations, and a behind the wheel look at the fire truck.

Firefighters Scott Robinson, Mike Van Allen and Dale Kelly handle the Department's annual Fire Prevention activities which along with Monday's events include a poster and colouring contests at Morrisburg Public and St. Mary-St. Cecilia.

Handouts were given to all students at the schools, but unfortunately, due to the recent opening of St. Mary-St. Cecilia, the Fire Prevention team did not visit that school last week. Robinson said he plans to visit the school at a later date. "We will make it up to them."



Firefighting equipment demo

Morrisburg Fire Chief Robert Hamilton is currently working with principal Donna Nielsen on fire evacuation routes in the new building.

New to this year's program was a "Fire Safety for Kids" book which was given to all Grade 5 and 6 students. The book is produced by Community Safety Net™ and local involvement is due to the generous sponsorship of local businesses.

Acknowledgments for all the merchants and businesses who sponsored are included in the book.

"We like the material that is in it," said Robinson. "It provides something a little different for the older kids, and the teacher can use the information it provides."

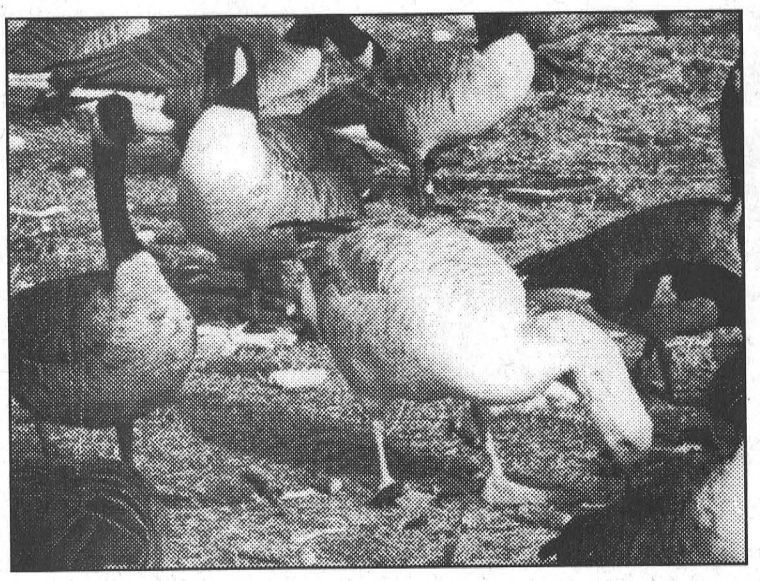
Robinson said the booklets are going out in all of South Dundas as both the Iroquois and Williamsburg Fire Departments are on board.

The 103 page book is dedicated "to the firefighters and other heroes who lost their lives in the rescue efforts surrounding the tragic events of September 11, 2001."

It provides information on: Fire prevention; being prepared (smoke alarms, escape plans); responding to emergencies (sirens, calling 911); outdoor fire safety (forest fires, campfires); fire safety for caregivers (parents, teachers, baby sitters); first aid tips (hypothermia, burns and scalds, frostbite, choking etc.).

The final chapter features colouring pages, games, puzzles, and a diploma.

Old Roy is gone but not forgotten



MORRISBURG–You never forget an old friend. And that's what brought Bryce Rupert, who lives in the Lunenburg area, to The Leader office on Tuesday, October 7.

Rupert had in his hand the October 1 issue of The Leader and it was open at the Editorial page which featured a photograph snapped by Bonnie McNairn in the late '80s at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Among the 50 or so geese in the photo, Rupert was able to identify "Old Roy" a domestic goose who in the 1980's fled Upper Canada Village to take up with his wild cousins and became a fairly well-known celebrity in the area.

"Roy (Barkley) used to supply all the chickens, hens and waterfowl to Upper Canada Village," explained Rupert last week. "He had three or four geese and one decided to take off. This one could fly, even though most domestic geese can't."

"In the fall he disappeared and next year, when the geese came back, there was Old Roy," so named for his one-time owner.

Rupert explained that, "he supposedly mated with a Canada goose, but the eggs weren't fertile."

Rupert who worked for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission at the Sanctuary, talked of the feeding that took place at 2:30 p.m. daily and continues even today.

"A lot of people would come, and you would hear them say, 'that doesn't look like a Canada goose'."

Of course it wasn't. It was Old Roy whose feathers were very white with some tan colour in his tailfeathers. His legs and feet were also white which contrasts to the Canada goose that has black legs and feet.

Rupert estimates Old Roy lived in the wild for seven or eight years, and in that time he was caught only once.

"We caught him once, and we put a band on him. He wasn't real wild, but you couldn't catch him."

It was through that band that the death of Old Roy was reported. He was shot by a hunter in the Ingleside area who sent the band in.

There were a lot of people in the area who, during Old Roy's days in the wild, would watch for him with his adopted family.

Theft

MORRISBURG – October 12, police began an investigation into the theft of two golf carts from the Iroquois Golf Course.

The carts are valued at approximately $1,500 each, and are identified with the numbers 83 and 70. Both were driven from the property.

Const. D. Ferguson is investigating.

Native studies at MPS

Schoolyard lessons learned

MORRISBURG – At about 7 a.m. last Tuesday, Bob Stevenson started setting up camp at Morrisburg Public School, to share native culture with students.

Stevenson, who works for the Environmental Division of the Mohawk Council, has been giving similar presentations for a number of years.

"Seven years ago, when I was at another school, he had done a presentation," said grade 6 teacher Sarah Barclay-Thomas.

His presentation fits in nicely with the grade 6 curriculum, which includes a native studies unit. All of the students were treated to the presentation because, multiculturalism education is a part of social studies.

Stevenson who is part Cree and part Irish, explained the proper terminology for native people to the students.

There are three groups of aboriginal - Inuit, Indian, and Metis. "Most people like to be called by their specific tribe name, such as Mohawk, but if you don't know what they are, you should use the name First Nations."

Stevenson had a huge number of native artifacts that he showed the students, including tools, dishes, pelts, a moose call, jewelry, clothing, and a drum.

He explained the natives were very resourceful and used things found in nature in every aspect of their lives.

Seeing the bead work on the clothing, a student asked, "where beads came from before there was Wal Mart?"

"Before there was Wal Mart, beads were made from shells, and other hard objects," he said.

Animals garner respect and colours are used significantly in the native culture, he told the students. "The eagle is the most respected animal because it flies the highest and sees the farthest. It takes messages to the creator."

He told the students how they learned from animals like the wolf.

"Wolves look after their little ones. They hunt and provide food from them. If a little one loses a parent, the others look after him."

He taught students the significance of colours in the native tradition.

"The four main sacred colours are yellow, red, black, and white."

"Yellow represents the sun, the east where it rises, and the eagle, which flies closest to it. It also represents the Asian people."

"Red represents warmth, the south, the moose, and the native people."

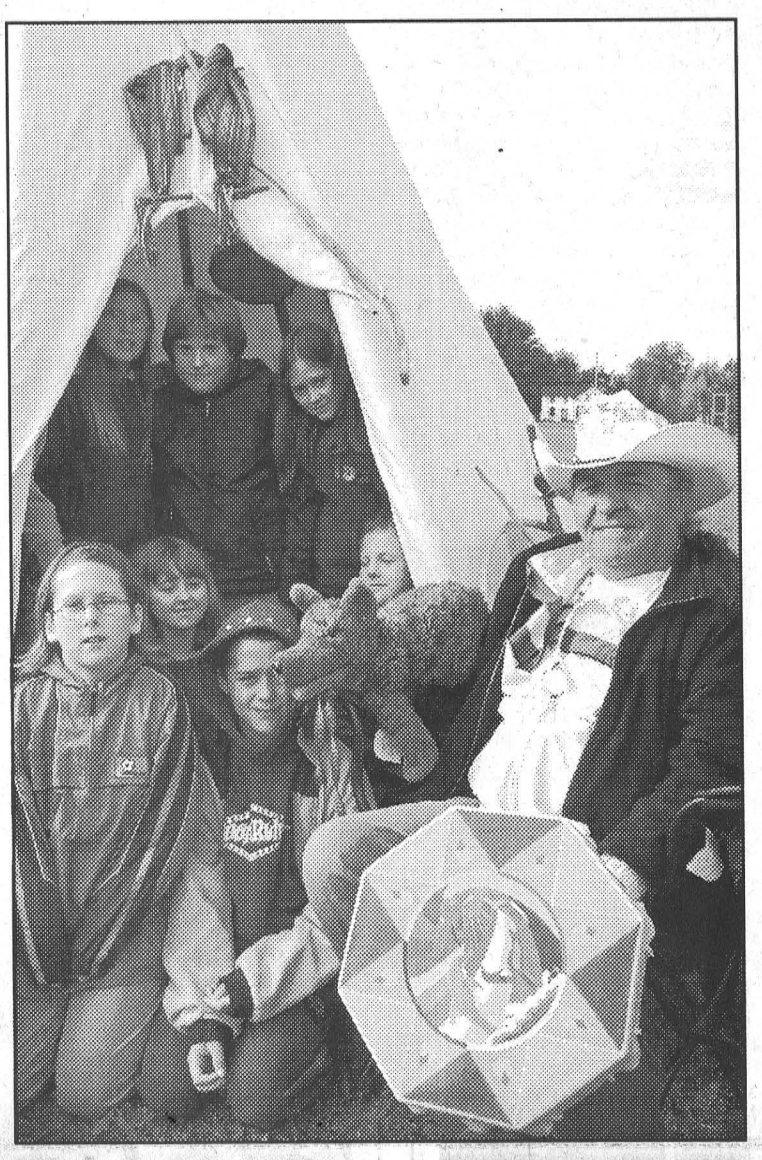
"Black represents the west, where the sun sets, because it gets dark, the bear, and black people."

"White represents the north, the white buffalo or the polar bear, and the white people."

"The sacred colours are used to teach respect for other people and their cultures," he said.

He spoke of the hardships, illnesses and diseases faced by the natives.

"You might find this hard to believe, but there used to be more natives in this country than there are people here today."



Just a small teepee

Last Tuesday an 18 foot teepee along Ottawa Street in the Morrisburg Public School yard was attracting a lot of attention. Bob Stevenson (right) of the Environmental Division of the Mohawk Council was a guest at the school helping students learn about native culture and awareness. Stevenson told students, all 46 of them packed inside the teepee for the presentation, that this teepee is actually considered to be a small one. Pictured back l-r, Tiffany Tyo, Arial Gillard, Kayla Tyo. Middle, Jessica Hitsman, Tyler Benoit. Front, Amber Avery, Steven Villeneuve and Stevenson with his puppet Wolfie.

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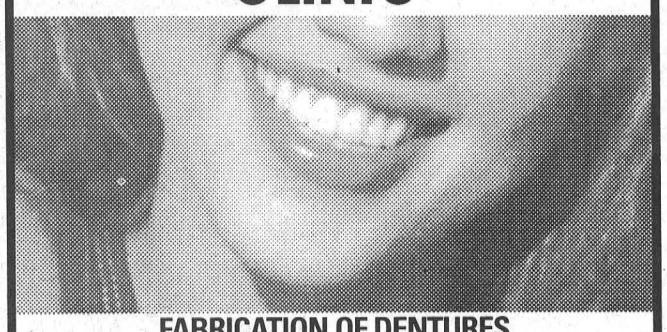

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Wed., Oct. 22, at 7 p.m., at the Morrisburg Legion. Speaker: Senator Laurier LaPierre - Memories Matter - Giving Our Past a Future. Membership includes 5 dinner meetings at $85 per member. Individual dinner tickets $20 each. Contact President George Edwardson at 774-2407 or Doug Grenkie at 543-2922 for tickets or more information. 41-42c

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COMMUNITY DIABETES INFORMATION SESSION THE GLYCEMIC INDEX (GI)
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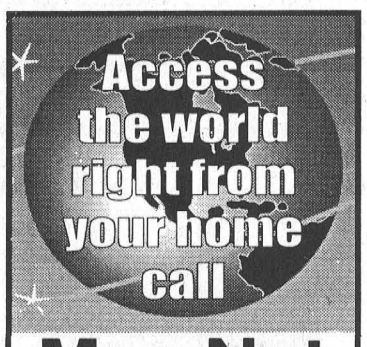

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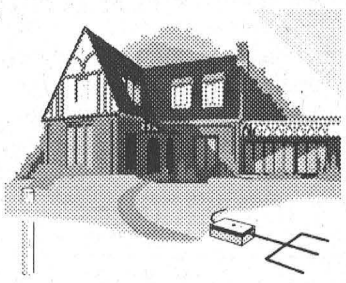

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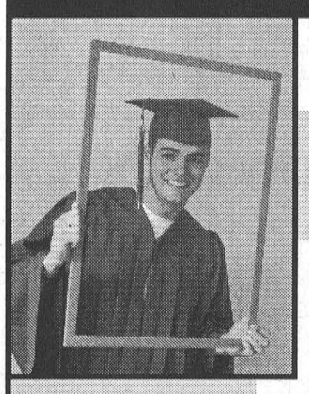

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OBITUARIES

Peter van Moorsel passes at home

A long-time resident of the area, Peter van Moorsel passed away at home on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 68 years of age.

Born October 6, 1935, to Martin van Moorsel and Maria Van Zutphen, at Boekel, in Noord Brabant, Holland, he was one of five children. In 1952, the family immigrated to Canada where one of Peter's first jobs was a tug boat operator during the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Later, he worked in construction until finally settling on the family farm in Glen Becker in 1959.

In 1961, he married Mary Vloet at Finch, Ontario. Together, they ran the dairy farm and raised their four children. Peter loved life on the farm.

A man dedicated to education, he was actively involved in the Roman Catholic school board for more than 30 years. From 1964 to 1969, he worked as a volunteer trustee for St. Mary's School in Morrisburg. During his 19 years of service as an elected trustee of the S.D&G separate school board, he chaired the board for two consecutive terms and acted as vice chair for one term. He was greatly respected by his colleagues.

A faithful member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg, he sat on the Church Property and Finance Committee.

In 2001, Peter retired and built a home in Mariatown where he enjoyed puttering and gardening, visiting with his neighbors and watching the boats go by on the St. Lawrence.

He is loved and will always be missed by his wife, Mary; by his children and their spouses: Barbara (Kevin Forbes) of Ottawa, Jeffery (Louise) of Glen Becker, Christine (Bruce Smith) of Montreal and Carolyn (Gustavo Salazar) of San Jose, Costa Rica; his grandchildren will also miss their Opa: Brenden and Griffin Forbes, Brian, Shannon and Jane van Moorsel, Annalies and Daisy Smith, and Isabela and Sofia Salazar-van Moorsel; by his sister Nolda (Mrs. Gerry Byvelds) of Williamsburg; and by his brother Bill (Eleanor) of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta; by his large and loving extended family and his many friends and neighbors.

Peter was predeceased by brothers Ted and Harry.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, Thursday, October 9, from 7-9 p.m. and Friday, October 10, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church, Morrisburg, Saturday October 11, at 11 a.m., with Father Sebastian Arikat officiating.

Pallbearers were Raymond van Moorsel, Pat Byvelds, John Verhoeven, Gerry Vandenberg, David Smits and Martin Vloet.

Donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Ottawa Regional Cancer Center would be gratefully appreciated by the family.

Bernard Brunt passes suddenly in hospital

A resident of rural Williamsburg for over 50 years, Bernard Brunt passed away suddenly on Thursday, October 9, at the Winchester Hospital. He was 76 years of age.

Born June 4, 1927, at Montreal, Quebec, he was the son of the late Archibald Brunt and the former Alice McMahon.

Bernie was raised in Montreal and attended McDonald College. In his earlier years, he excelled at paddling. As a member of the Cartierville Boating Club, Bernie was a part of the team that won the "Double Blade Four" category at the Canadian Canoeing Association's Dominion Championships in 1949 and 1952.

On February 9, 1952, he married the former Elizabeth Heckman, at Montreal, at which time they bought a farm just west of Williamsburg where they have lived for the past 51 years.

Bernie was a devoted member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg and of the Morrisburg Curling Club where on September 27, 2002, he was presented with an honorary life membership from the Club in recognition of his long years of service as a curler, a builder, a president, and an inspiration to fellow curlers.

In later years, aside from curling, Bernie also enjoyed golfing at Cedar Glen with friends.

As well as his wife, he will be sadly missed by his children Allan (Sandra) of Williamsburg, Beverley (Bob) Paris of Carlsbad Springs, Doug (Mary) of Ottawa and Peter (Brenda) of Williamsburg; by his brother Loyal (Joan) of Morrisburg and by his sister Ruth Hughes of London and by his grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a sister Rita and by brothers Ken and William.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, Sunday, October 12, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Morrisburg, Monday, October 13, at 11 a.m., with Father Sebastian Arikat officiating. Interment of cremated remains will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Morrisburg.

Pallbearers were Perry Brunt, Mark Brunt, Paul Brunt, Michael Brunt, Byron Brunt and Tristan Brunt.

Donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully appreciated by the family.

Melissa Casselman

A special little girl and beloved daughter and sister, Melissa Casselman, passed away at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, on Saturday, October 11, 2003. She was 14 years of age.

Born September 29, 1989, to Albert and Susane Casselman (nee Locey) with cerebral palsy, she taught her family and friends many important lessons about life, even though she could neither walk nor talk.

Melissa, through the wonderful efforts of her family and care-givers, was able to live at home for her entire life.

Her presence will not only be deeply missed by her parents, but by the many friends who were fortunate enough to have known and experienced life with her.

As well as her parents, Melissa will be sadly missed by her sisters Melinda and Megan, both at home; by her care-giver and best friend, Nikki Beckstead of Dundela; by her maternal grandmother Blanche Locey of Morrisburg, by her paternal grandparents Clair and Josie Casselman of Froatburn; by aunts and uncles: Doreen (Ralph) Dobbin of Newfoundland, Jim Locey of Toronto, Mike (Rena) Locey of Brampton, Curtis Locey of Acton, Janet (Fred) Schmutz of Acton, Angie (Scott) Larson of Sarnia, Keith (Debbie) Casselman of Iroquois, Amy Casselman of Prescott; by paternal great-grandparents: Bill (Columbia) Roderick of R.R.#2 Ingleside, Wellington Casselman of Froatburn, Dorothy Hunter of R.R.#2 Iroquois; and by several cousins.

She was predeceased by an aunt, Joannie Locey.

A private family funeral service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, Monday, October 13, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Duncan Perry officiating.

Donations to C.H.E.O would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Justin Christopher Serviss

Baby Justin Christopher Serviss, the infant son of Dale and Christina (nee Petralia) Serviss of Williamsburg passed away at Ottawa General Hospital on Tuesday, October 7.

As well as his parents, he will be sadly missed by his maternal grandparents Luigi and Lisa Petralia of Riverside Heights, and by his paternal grandparents Ernie and Helen Serviss of Williamsburg; by his aunts and uncles: Gino (Marlene) Petralia of Toronto, John (Anna) Petralia of Toronto, Tino (Cheryl) Petralia of Morrisburg, and Susan (Eric) Rainville of R.R.#4 Winchester, Cathy (John) Cole of Lanark, Doris (Gary) Hart of R.R.#2 Williamsburg, and Lois Serviss (David Steward) of Williamsburg; and by several cousins.

A private family funeral service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Riverside Heights, Saturday, October 11, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Mark Ehlebracht officiating.

Donations to C.H.E.O. would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg.

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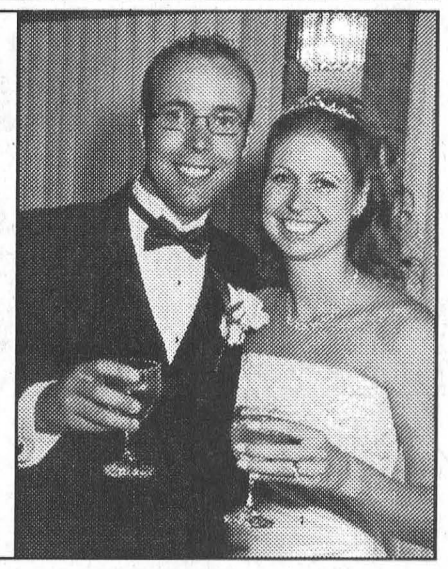
Nick and Jane Lee are very proud to announce the marriage of their son Christopher to Beccy Villeneuve. The wedding took place at St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg, August 23, 2003. The happy couple now reside in Toronto.



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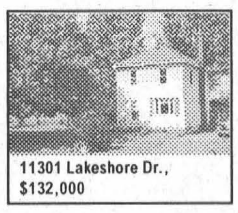

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Golf swings into Upper Canada Playhouse

MORRISBURG–Norm Foster's most produced show, *"The Foursome"* tees off at the Upper Canada Playhouse tomorrow night (Thursday, October 16) and is promising to be another big hit (a 300 yard drive at least) for the local theatre.

Marshall Button is stepping in to direct *"The Foursome"* enabling Playhouse Director Donnie Bowes to take a break.

Bowes explains that in deciding to offer *"The Foursome"*, which played at the Playhouse five or six years ago, he is hoping to attract a few new faces to the audience.

Bowes says that even though the audience numbers are high at The Playhouse he still feels there are people who haven't been reached. By extending the season into the fall and Christmas season he hopes to introduce even more people to live theatre.

And by bringing *The Foursome* to the stage he may get some of those people who are hard to get off the golf course in the summer.

Bowes and Button stress the story is not about golf, and you don't need to know a thing about the game to enjoy the play.

But, while the audience may not need to know much about the game, not so for the actors who include: Richard Bauer who played restaurant owner Tom Shaw in *Sadie Flynn Comes to Big Oak*; well-known Garfield Andrews, who this summer starred in Neil Simon's *Chapter Two* and Foster's *Self-Help*; Sheldon Davis that unforgettable Tito in *Lend Me a Tenor;* and Timm Hughes who last appeared on the Playhouse Stage 10 years ago in the production of *The Seaway Story*.

The production of the *The Foursome* has literally led the four on a whole new course in their acting careers...the golf course that is.

Button has had them at the local driving range to teach them the golf swing and last week, while doing a photo shoot at Cloverdale Golf Links, north of Winchester, they played a five-man scramble.

Button is an avid golfer and "teaches a great swing," says Andrews who has golfed only "once or twice before".

The highlight of the scramble was a 40 foot putt sunk for an eagle three by Timm Hughes.

"The whole male bonding thing happened," says Button of the day. "It's about that phenomenon when four men get together in the bush with sticks on their backs."

The setting for The Foursome is a golf course, and it takes place the morning after a 20 year business school reunion.

During the game a lot of interesting information is revealed about their school days and what has happened in their lives since they parted.

Sheldon Davis plays Donnie, and hints of the suspicion that Foster modeled the character after Donnie Bowes.

"I manage a hardware outlet in a small town," says Davis, of his character who is proud poppa to five kids. "I have never played golf before, and balls are flying left, right and backwards."

"I should add there is a bit of language in this play."

Timm Hughes plays Cameron. "He's a worrier. He's the goofy one of the bunch, and he is genuinely happy to be amongst the three other guys again," says Hughes.

"He married the woman he met at university, so everyone knows her," he explains.

"Intimately," adds Andrews with a chuckle.

Andrews plays Ted who owns his own computer company. "Ted is on his second marriage to a much younger woman (he is in his 40s and she is 24)," says Andrews. He is not a happy person because he drinks too much, but he is successful."

Richard Bauer plays Rick who lives in Florida. "He's a bit cocky, a bit con-man and a bit obnoxious."

He is going through a midlife crisis, and, having been a womanizer all his life, he has recently found out he has a child."

"His salvation is golf. He is an excellent golfer."

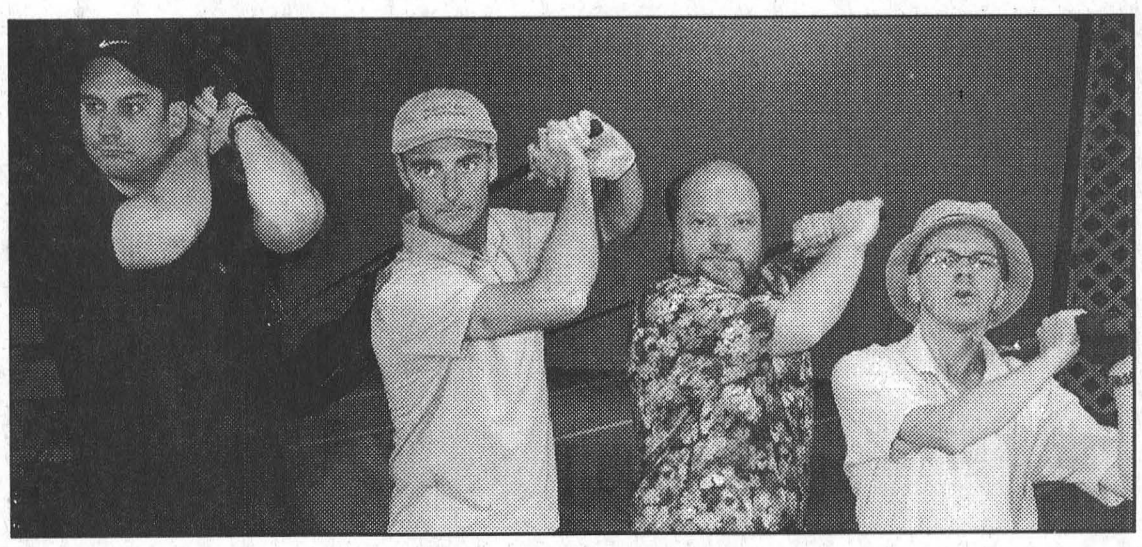
"There is a great story," says Button. "There is tension, and there is conflict."

And of course, like all Norm Foster plays, there are a lot of great lines which provoke a lot of big laughs.

Some adaptations were required for the Playhouse stage, mainly to allow enough overhead space to swing a golf club. Projections on a background screen will provide the audience with views of various golf holes.

As a special intermission highlight, you may even get to view the golf game of the cast captured on film last week at Cloverdale.

Tickets for *The Foursome* can be purchased by calling the Upper Canada Playhouse Box Office at 543-3713. The Foursome is playing from October 16 through November 2 with shows nightly at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Matinees are Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.



Upper Canada Playhouse Tees Off

The game is on as Upper Canada Playhouse prepares for its production of Norm Foster's most produced show, "The Foursome" which opens tomorrow night, October 16. The show is being produced by Marshall Button and stars, from l-r, the wonderful, wacky foursome of Richard Bauer, Garfield Andrews, Sheldon Davis and Timm Hughes. The four get together for the 20 year reunion of their business class of '83, and the golf game is played the following morning. Although the setting is on the course, you don't need to be a golfer to enjoy this one. It's all about the four friends and where their lives have taken them since they parted company 20 years earlier. The cast hints that along with some pretty shocking golf swings there are some pretty shocking revelations for the longtime friends. For tickets call the Playhouse box office at 543-3713.

Riverside W.I.

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS – The Riverside Heights October meeting was called to order by President Cathy Groves. The Institute Ode and Mary Stewart collect was said followed by eight members and two guests answering the roll call. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from a local 12 year old girl thanking the W.I for collecting pop can tabs, to help purchase a wheelchair for her grandfather.

The Area Convention is Monday, October 20th in Edwards, Ontario. Cathy read her report from the district meeting. A craft, plant and bake sale was held Saturday, October 11 beside M&M and Cook's Corner stores. Half of the proceeds will be given to the Institute for the Blind.

Membership cards were signed and given out. A letter was read from the township clerk stating it was approved to give the R.H.W.I money towards having our history books laminated.

The meeting was adjourned followed by convener Marion Moore showing several crafts. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting is on Thursday, November 6 at 1 p.m. at the G.J Centre. A guest speaker from Naomi House will speak on family violence. All are welcome.

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