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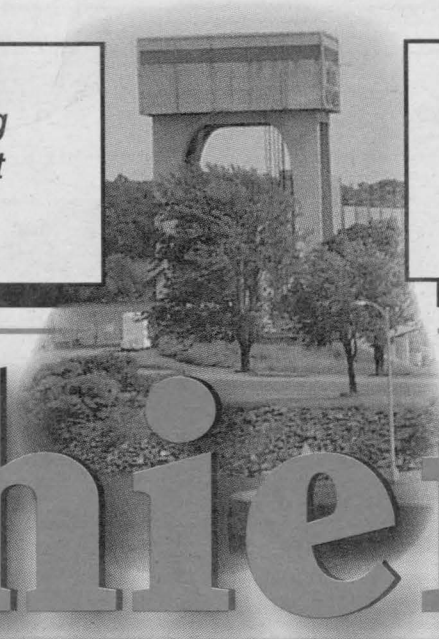

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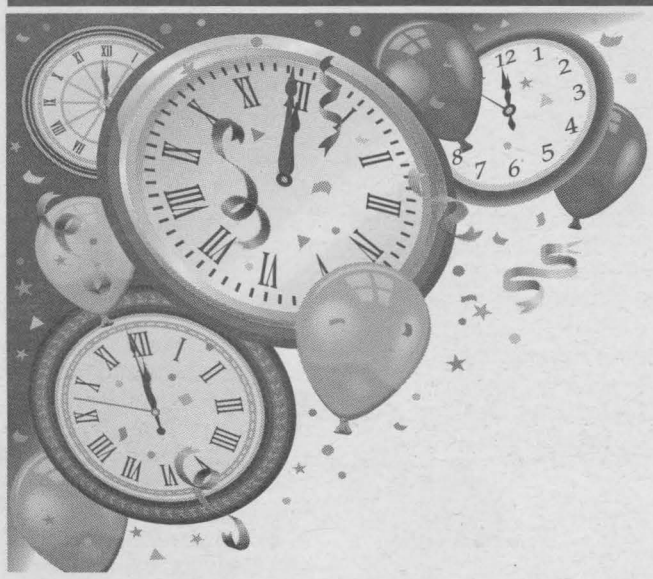
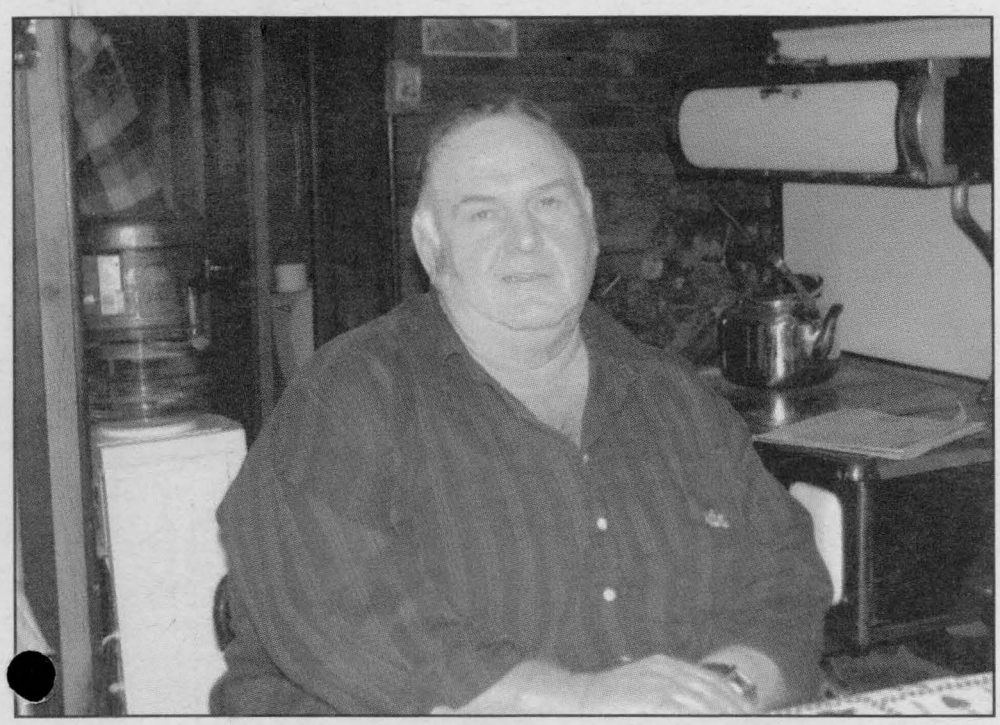


HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2008



Optimism is the word from South Dundas Mayor, Charles Barkley when he reflects on what the New Year will bring to his Township. After a tumultuous year of decision making, and controversy, the Mayor believes that his council has come together as a team to deal with issues affecting the Township.

This coming year will be the tenth year since Matilda, Iroquois, Morrisburg and Williamsburg joined together. Amalgamation has changed Ontario in ways that are still becoming apparent. The mayor was a supporter of amalgamation at the time in 1998 and feels that despite what many residents believe it has not been all bad. "There are still people out there who are still against it. I think it is time to let the opposition to it die," he said.



South Dundas Mayor, Charles Barkley wishes all of South Dundas residents a Happy New Year. CHIEFTAIN PHOTO - J. MORIN

Mayor Barkley believes that the coming year will be an exciting one for South Dundas.

Looking back, Mayor Barkley said that the Township has come through some difficult times. "The major thing was the water," remembers the Mayor. He says that there was a great deal of controversy along with recrimination between water users and the council. The final solution was one that he says he can live with. "I was satisfied with the resolution," he said. The original repayment plan for the South Dundas Regional Water treatment Plant involved using tax assessment as one factor in calculating water user's bills. Several public meetings had been held about how the bill would be configured and the overwhelming majority of water users at all of the meetings insisted that tax assessment not be part of the calculations. In the end, water users got what they wanted. "It was a fair solution," says the Mayor adding that, "I did not like the ideas of tying user fees to assessment. It was not fair when you had equal usage."

The water costs controversy was a test for the South Dundas council. The council survived the issue intact. "I think it was a good thing to confront the council with," said the Mayor. The next challenge is the wastewater treatment Plant in Morrisburg. To date the project is on track and the Mayor is confident that there will be few issues with it.

The Township enjoyed a healthy surplus in 2007. "I think that we have been successful even though some councillors are alarmed that we have a large surplus. That does not bother me. The staff did a good job of estimating items." The $1million dollar surplus will end up being used to augment the 2007 taxes if the Mayor has his way.

Mayor Barkley focuses on the roads and streets in the two villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois in the New Year. "I do not know what grants we will be getting this year but I think we should pay more attention to the streets in the two villages," he said. The Mayor wants to make sure that any spending is where there is a need.

As far as the Iroquois Golf Course is concerned the Mayor is content to leave things as they are for the life of the lease. "I will stay the course until January of next year," he said "I made a commitment until then." The lease for the golf course is in its final year but the council has to review it every January. "I would like to see the issue resolved on my watch," he said. One of the problems with golf course other than the debt issue is the fact that councillors feel that they are competing with private enterprise by continually letting the golf course run up debt, "I am against competing with private companies," pointed out Mayor Barkley.

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The Mayor believes that a healthy recreation program is vital to the Township. "Recreation is an important part of the community. You do not want to do anything to happen to that," he said. Adding that you can never say enough about the volunteers that make so much happen in recreation.

The recent announcements by the province that they will be reversing some of the downloading that has cost all municipalities more than they can afford is something the Mayor is looking forward to. "I anticipate that there will have to be something. There has to be," said the Mayor.

The Iroquois waste water treatment situation will have to be dealt with in the New Year. The Mayor said, "There has to be something done about it. I would have liked to have seen the regional plant include Iroquois." The government has suggested that the Township build a new plant for Iroquois but they promised only 65 percent funding. "We said no. It would have been too expensive for Iroquois users." An upgrade to the waste water treatment plant in Iroquois would cost at least $1 million dollars. "Everything that needs to be there is there, but it is not working," said the Mayor. "We will have to go to a secondary plant like in Morrisburg," he said.

Commenting once more on amalgamation, the Mayor says that the biggest negative about amalgamation was the provincial downloading that went along with it. "We have made strides," he said "we have come a long way. I would like to think that no-one was left behind," he said. Even though he supported amalgamation the Mayor still feels that making it work is more or less up to the energy and enthusiasm of the municipalities and people involved. "It will work if the people want to make it work," he said.

When asked about the Township's building study, the Mayor said that the study was necessary. One special concern of his was the town hall in Williamsburg. "The building is old and we have no room," he said. He added that he has no problem with a new town hall located Williamsburg but he would not mind a different location altogether if that was necessary.

As far as 2008 goes the main goal the Mayor wanted to achieve was to keep taxes as low as possible.

As far as the council is concerned, the Mayor is happy. "I have been criticized for allowing too much debate. But we [redacted] all one voice. We were all elected for the same reason."

"You find out that you cannot do everything that you wanted to do," says the Mayor. "I think all of the councillors bring something to the table," he added.

"I am looking forward to a good year."

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January

The organizers for the Matilda Winter Carnival were getting ready to host their annual winter day of fun. New this year was an ATV rally which can be put on regardless of the weather conditions. Over the past few winters the organizers have had to deal with bad weather and a lack of snow for some of their outdoor events.

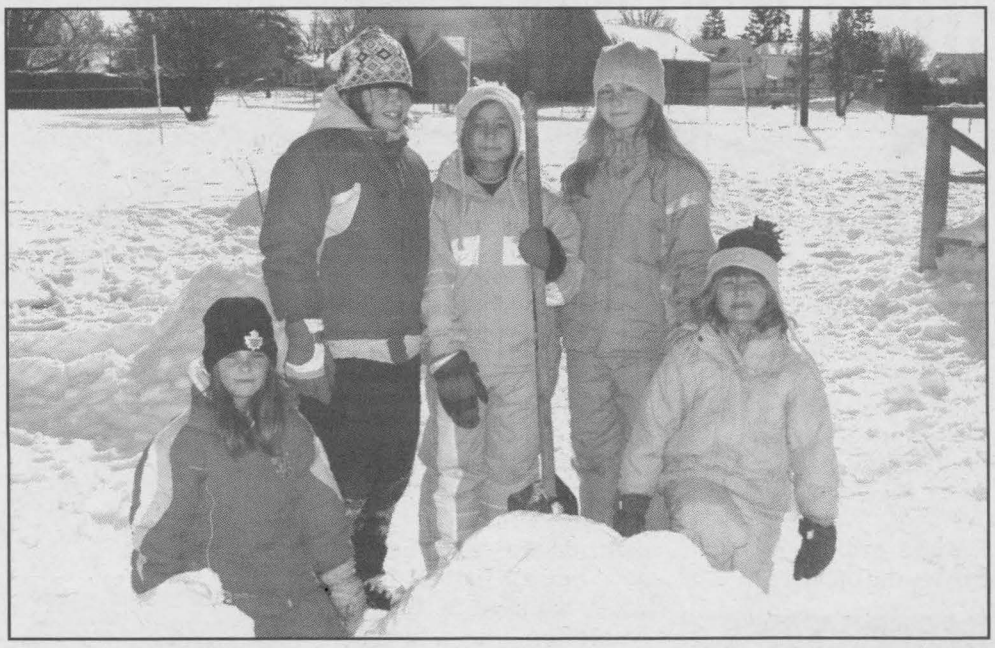
Ten-year old Valerie Hartry released a CD of original songs this month. The CD is called Vala Hartry was recorded in October in Cornwall at the Backshed Studio.

The Canadian Tire Store in Morrisburg made good on their $20,000 pledge to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's renovation fund. The five-year plan to raise the money came full circle this month as store owner Peter Oliver and his wife Tracy presented hospital CEO Trudi Reid and Doctor Gerry Rosenquist with a check for $20,000.

South Dundas Township staff announced that their plans for the building of a new waste water treatment plant in Morrisburg were on track.

Upper Canada Village enjoyed record numbers of visitors to their Alight at Night event. Over 35,000 people came out to enjoy the month long Alight at Night event, which was 8,000 more than this time last year.

The end of January heralded the2007 Matilda Winter Carnival. This was the 32nd year that the popular carnival was held. The new ATV rally was a success and the carnival had great attendance.



The first annual Shiverfest in Iroquois was a success. Left to right are: Emma Barkley, Quinn Leverge, Dani Shae Barkley, Grace Barkley, and Mackenzie Barkley.

February

The village of Iroquois held their "Shiverfest" at Haldane Park, enjoying fantastic winter weather and offering loads of fun to children and parents. "Shiverfest" offered many winter events including, igloo building, skate racing and hockey.

The fate of he Iroquois Golf course was still a hot topic around the South Dundas council table. Several councillors asked the council if there could be a review of how the golf course was doing in light of the golf club's lease and ability to pay off the property taxes that were still owed. The council decided to leave the issue of the golf course alone and to wait until it was the normal time to review the financial status of the club.

Whitteker's Meat Market in Williamsburg celebrated their 70th anniversary. The personal and old fashioned business ethics and customer service have been cited as one of the many reasons why the historic business has done so well for so long.

The John Stewart Memorial Trust Fund gave out donations to community groups. Grants totaling $9,364 were given to all of the agencies and community groups in South Dundas who help with needs of the elderly and poor in the area.

The Iroquois Legion Branch 370 held their annual Darts for Hearts Tournament. The event raised $3,021 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The South Dundas Council has chosen to create an agriculture advisory committee. A presentation by Kelly Pemberton , the president of the Dundas chapter of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture made a presentation to the council asking for their support in having an agriculture advisory committee.

March

A non-profit committee has been created to lobby for long term beds in the region. The shortage of long term beds has created problems with space at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital as well as creating long waiting lists for the elderly in the area who are waiting for a long term care bed. The problem of the lack of bed spaces has been compounded by the great distances family members have to travel to visit loved ones who are in long term facilities far away from the Dundas area.

In keeping with the spirit of recycling and sparing the environment, the South Dundas council has decided to offer battery recycling as one more environmentally conscious option for residents. As a result of the decision containers have been placed at South Dundas library locations and at the town hall where residents can leave their used batteries.

South Dundas councillors have voted against going ahead with the Parlow Road upgrade. The negative vote will most likely result in a lawsuit against the Township by the owner of the undeveloped land along Parlow Road. In the past the Township has upgraded the road as houses were added to the property adjacent to the existing Parlow Road.

The Dundas Seed Forage and Agricultural show held at the Matilda Hall was a success. The annual exhibition of agricultural products and achievement was well attended and is enjoying its eighth year.

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital has focused its energy on getting the message to provincial and federal governments about the need for more long term care beds in the area.

April

The village of Iroquois is starting to make plans for their 150th birthday party. The Iroquois Business Group is spearheading the birthday celebrations. While Iroquois is celebrating its birthday the Seaway area is celebrating 50 years since the seaway flooding.

The Township's council has decided that it is time to look at all of the Township's buildings. Upkeep and maintenance of Township buildings is costly and they are not always in use. The study will hopefully demonstrate which buildings need more attention and if there are any ways the Township can cut costs.

The various branches of the South Dundas library have invited all residents to celebrate spring with the library. There will be a great deal of activities for young and old readers planned for the spring and summer months.

The kids for Kids hockey tournament was a success. The big winn[redacted] were the South Dun[redacted] Bantam C House Team that took the top spot at the tournament held this year in Kingston. The team had to beat a team from Kanata in the final game to win the tournament.

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The DVD, A River Lost, has been submitted to the 28th Banff World Television Festival. Local student and filmmaker, David Jones announced that his documentary film called A River Lost: The story of the St. Lawrence Seaway has been submitted to the festival. There are 198 categories at the festival and A River Lost will be in the History and Biography category.

Three members of the Winchester Hospital Heelers set up a table at Mike's Valu Mart in Morrisburg to help create some awareness for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer. The hospital heelers at Mike's Valu Mart were: Roseanne Casselman of Iroquois, Dianne Lapier of Willimsburg and Jane Sachs of Morrisburg. They have all pledged to raise $2,000 in order to be eligible to be part of the giant fundraising event.

The Seaway District High School entered a team of students to compete in the Power the Future Solar Car Challenge held in Cornwall. Nines students from Seaway were on hand in Cornwall to take part in the competition. The team called "Edge and the Sunshine Kids" came home with the award for the best team spirit.

May

The Townships of North Dundas, South Dundas and North Stormont along with the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry are offering a reward of $50,000 for any information about the epidemic of suspicious barn fires that have been occurring in the area. The reward offer is designed to assist the OPP in their on-going investigation.

The Farewell tour of the popular "Bucket Brigade" took place at the Upper Canada Playhouse. All of the proceeds of the variety show will go to the Dundas County Food bank. The accent was on humour, variety and music with thirteen acts taking part.

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club celebrated 60 great years, working for their community. The Lions Club hosted a special anniversary dinner at the Matilda Hall with their featured guest entertainer and master of ceremonies being Wayne Rostad.

The Seaway District High School hosted the fourth annual model train show. Around 300 people stopped by the school to enjoy the train setups from many area clubs.

The Iroquois Recreation Committee kicked off its plan to build a new beach house at the Iroquois Beach. Renovating of the beach house proved to be too costly an idea so building a new one was the answer. The recreation committee has been working for the past year trying to raise the $83,000 needed to build a new beach house.

South Nation Conservation celebrated 60 years. A number of events have been planned to mark the anniversary.

The plans of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital have been given the green light by the province. The renovation plans will change the landscape around the hospital as well as the number of beds at the hospital.

Dundas Bus Lines has been sold to Stock Transportation. All of the employees of the bus line met with Stock Transportation management at the Iroquois Legion

The 2007 Spring Home and Trade Show took place at the Morrisburg Arena. The show featured over 60 vendors and booths. Seventy-five percent of the vendors who were asked said that they would be back in 2008.

South Dundas ratepayers enjoyed a zero tax increase this year. Leftover funds from last year's South Dundas budget accounted for the windfall for taxpayers.

The Hartford Retirement Centre is getting ready to plan for their 22 room expansion. Each of the new rooms will have over 575 square feet of living space. In total the Hartford Retirement Centre will be expanding to 90 luxury rooms from what the have presently.



Canada Day at Iroquois Point featured any number of fun and exciting events including the kick-off of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Iroquois. This group celebrated the moment with a photo.

June

A fierce storm passed through the Stampville area on Saturday, June 3 causing damage to tress and homes. The storm was not classed as a twister however the damage was very severe.

The Cruickshank Amphitheatre opened in Morrisburg at the Morrisburg Water front Park. The circular amphitheatre was constructed and donated to the Township courtesy of Les Cruickshank who wanted to give something back to the community which has supported him and his business for the past 50 years.

The Songwriters of Ontario hosted a special concert to fundraise for the organization at the Morrisburg Training Centre. The show showcased the talents of local entertainers.

A group of local gardeners got together and created a new gardening group called "Gardeners Gathering". The first meeting of the group features sharing of gardening information as well as exchanging perennials.

The Iroquois Beach house receives community support and cash. The Iroquois Recreation Committee has been waiting to have the funds to build a new beach house. Thanks to the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, private funding and a Trillium Grant. The new beach house is off the drawing board and will be completed this month.

The South Dundas council approved three out of five applications for community funding. This was the second year that the Township used their 50/50 program to help out county groups with funding.

Comedian and social commentator, Rick Mercer appeared at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Gala. This was the fifth gala event held in as many years for the WDMH. The Gala raised around $60,000 for the hospital.

Brinston became the site for a test tower for wind assessment. The tower, erected by Terravis Energy Solutions will help determine if there is enough wind in the area to justify electrical generating wind mills. Two Brinston area farmers are financing the experiment.

Dentz Orchards and Berry Farm celebrated 50 years of business in the area. The Dentz family has been operating the farm in South Dundas for the past 50 years.

NASA astronaut visits Benson Public School. NASA Mission Specialist and astronaut Andrew Feustel dropped by the school to make a special presentation about the future of space exploration. His family is from Williamsburg and he took some time from his family visit to meet with Benson students.

The South Dundas Council has given a green light to a review of employee compensation. The review will be conducted by independent consultants. Township employees have only received cost of living increases but individual positions have not been looked at for several years.

Seaway District High School teacher, Annette Angus has been selected for an award for most innovative teaching. Ms. Angus has been teaching special education since 1989.

A South Dundas garden group organized a garden tour. Four local gardens were open to the public for the tour.

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club has a busy month. They dedicated the Columbium at the Iroquois Point Cemetery. The Lions held their second annual South Dundas Golf Classic at the Iroquois Golf Club.

Dixon's Corners Public School parent, Gloria Murphy was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award by the Upper Canada School Board.

The Iroquois Ham Radio club held a field day up at Iroquois Point. The special day demonstrated how ham radio can make the difference in the case of a community emergency and exposed the public to the hobby.

The Iroquois Fire Department came in second place at the 95th Annual Eastern Ontario Firefighters Association competition. The event was held this year in Augusta.

July

Canada Day in Iroquois coincided this year with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Village of Iroquois. Iroquois Point was the place to be as flags and banners celebrating the anniversary were unfurled.

The Township finally mailed out a proposed water treatment plant repayment bill to water users in Morrisburg and Iroquois. The bills would later be tossed out as the Township bowed to public pressure to change the format of he repayment plan.

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All claims against the Estate of the late ***Howard Ray Linnin***, of the Township of South Dundas, County of Dundas, who died on the 9th day of November, 2007 must be filed with the undersigned representatives on or before the 25th day of January, 2008, after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustees then shall have notice.

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Not exactly a reindeer but close enough for most of us. This deer was showing off some fine lines at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary before Christmas.

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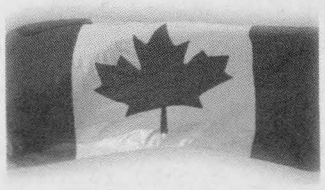


Merry Christmas Happy New Year

I hope everyone out there had a happy and safe Christmas.

Christmas has to be the strangest time of all times. Everyone centers their lives around it but at the same time when you finally get past the shopping, wrapping paper and family get togethers all you have left is exhaustion.

Christmas morning and then Christmas afternoon are great moments for enjoying the end of twelve months of anticipation.

Now that we are into January and just a day or two from hastily made New Year's resolutions, remember that you have an entire year to accomplish them as well as the same length of time to regret them.

The best course of action will be to nourish your sense of humour, forgive yourself for not meeting all of your self-imposed expectations and enjoy yourself.

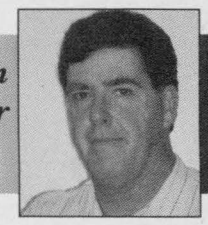
Christmas exists in all of our imaginations as a time of rebirth, starting over and giving. It is not too late to redo all New Year's resolutions with just one. And that is to keep the Christmas spirit alive all year long.

J.M.

A thought...

From me to you

by Joseph Morin
Editor



The opportunity to speculate on what the New Year will bring to us all is too great to miss.

The odds are that we will all survive, the debt, weather, and work somehow if for no other reason than we will all be too tired to mount any effective means of change.

Passing on the change thing means that for better or worse, everything will remain the same, except for interest rates of course and the weather.

When asked what he thought of the possibilities for the New Year from a Township's perspective, South Dundas Mayor Charles Barkley was quick to reply that since the Townsahip and council were already on the right path, the trick would be to simply continue along that path in the New Year. The results should be reasonable and acceptable.

South Dundas has a number of challenges waiting to be faced. The biggest one is not tourism or industry. It is mainting the will power not to give up and allow a modern global marketplace knocking South Dundas merchants out of the chair they are sitting in.

Figuring out what a community wants along with what it needs is no easy task.

Depending on who you want to talk to, you will most likely get more than one conflicting answer.

The best diagnosis of a communities state of being has to be made by the people who live and work in it.

The current council has the responsibility to make things happen in a way that will benifit the most. They seem, as individuals to be very aware of that responsibility.

The best example of that kind of forward but responible thinking was demonstrated by the council during the debate over how to come up with a water treatment repayment plan.

If you can imagine the council as a keeper of the cards, they shuffled and shuffled the water bill deck so many times that everyone thought the cards would get too frayed to use. But all that card shuffling and dealing ended up being the right way to go about things, as water users clamored for a common sense solution to the water plant repayment plan.

Democracy worked in the end as well as common sense as perceived by water users and the council did what it had pledged to do at election time. The biggest complaint that voters had was that they felt that their elected representatives were not capable of listening to them. That was never true but this council has put that perception to bed, so to speak.

At a time when South Dundas needs special care to carry it to the next level in quality of life as well as estabiling and nourishing a healthy business environment, the Township has in place all the right tools.

The only thing left to do, as the Mayor has pointed out is to continue along the path that has been working and see the job to its end.

The New Year should be a good one for the area. The Ethanol plant in Johnstown may not be finished but already they are asking for corn, and lots of it.

The business community is starting to pull together and the province is admitting that downloading has placed all municipalities between a rock and a hard place.

Global warming will have to wait for a while as the number one item to worry about and the global situation can be ignored for a bit.

New Years, in South Dundas should be a time of positive thinking, anticipated success and the realization that eventually we will all get to where we need to be.

Looking Back 2007

The South Dundas Waterfront Committee started to ask the public for their input. The committee is looking at the future of all waterfront areas of the Township.

South Dundas Township took a long look at the damaged wading pool in Iroquois. The pool leaks and has not been used for several years. Liability issues as well as the cost of repairing or replacing the pool are among the many factors that the Township will be considering.

The Winchester Hospital Heelers celebrated their fundraising efforts. The Heelers managed to raise $53,667 for breast cancer.

The Hartford Retirement Centre in Morrisburg is close to completing their 22 room renovation project. The new rooms will give the facility more room for residents as well as a new look to the centre.

The Travis Dumoulin Tournament celebrated its eighth successful year. The tournament showcases great community support. This year the tournament was held at the Nationview Golf course. The day of golf brought in over $11,600. Over the past seven years over $47,000 has been raised through the tournament.

The South Dundas Waterfront Committee held their first public meeting at the Morrisburg Legion.

The Iroquois Fly-In Breakfast was held. Great weather made the event a truly family one as people from South Dundas and the surrounding area arrived at the Iroquois airfield to enjoy a hot breakfast and watch airplanes landing and taking off.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission released their tourism development report. The report details how the commission can increase tourism to their facilities along the St. Lawrence River.

The St. Lawrence Rowing Club in Iroquois is enjoying a tremendous season with more and more people realizing how much fun the rowing sport is.

South Dundas has started to take a look at all of their pre-amalgamation documents. The paperwork generated by the four former towns has been kept in storage for the past ten years since amalgamation.

August

The Galop Canal Revitalization committee received $50,000 from the Rural Economic Development Program.

The South Dundas Soccer Association held their end of 2007 season celebration. One of the highlights of the event was a presentation to the soccer association of a cheque for $10,000 from the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club.

The Tubie Weekend was a great success. This year's theme was "Shaken and Stirred". The Bond Yard team took top honours as the fastest team in the race.

The South Dundas Council goes back to the drawing board as public input steers them away from earlier versions of a water treatment repayment bill.

South Dundas declared August 10 as St. Lawrence Day in honour of St. Lawrence the namesake for the St. Lawrence River.

The Volley for Cancer event in Morrisburg enjoyed good weather and another successful year. There were forty-two teams and hundreds of spectators at the 13th Annual Volley for Cancer.

SDS Kerr/Beavers Dental celebrated 60 years business in Morrisburg.

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The Galop Canal revitalization Committee received over $50,000 for their project. Pictured here are: Danny McLaughlin, Anne Marie Waddell, MPP Jim Brownell, Deputy Mayor Robert Gillard, Minister Leona Dombrowsky the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, and project co-ordinator Geraldine Fitzsimmons.

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September

Schools throughout South Dundas opened for another year.

The South Dundas Waterfront Committee held their last public meeting.

Sandie Decker retired from the Carman House Museum Board. She retired after 29 years as a teacher. Sandie has been credited with helping to get the Township on the same page as the museum board.

The Cardinal Legion, Branch 105 sent a banner to Canadian troops in Afghanistan. The banner had hundreds of signatures from Cardinal residents.

The Williamsburg Non-Profit Housing Corporation received support from the South Dundas Council in their request to have the council consider the proposed new housing as single dwellings as opposed to multi-residential.

Bob Izumi, the host of the popular television show called The Real Fishing show took part in the Renegade Bass Tournament held in Morrisburg. The two day event attracted 40 competitors who fished up and down the St. Lawrence River.

South Nation Conservation asked that residents of Dundas County adopt a self-imposed water conservation program. The stream flows are below the average summer flows.

Thompson Tim-Br Mart turned 143 years old in Iroquois. The local Iroquois company has enjoyed the participation of four generations of Thompsons.

October

The Morrisburg Skating Club started off a new season of figure skating at the Morrisburg Arena.

The South Dundas Council has rescinded their second water treatment repayment plan petition, two public meetings and a bit of recrimination have resulted in the Township rescinding their second attempt at coming up with a water treatment plant repayment plan that residents can agree with.

Heavy construction equipment arrived at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital this week as the hospital gets down to business with their renovation and expansion project.

Member of Provincial Parliament, Jim Brownell won the provincial election and is on his way back to Queen's Park.

Future school closures were discussed at the Seaway District High School. Dixon's Public School will be closed as well as the school in Inkerman and Elma.

The Iroquois Legion Branch 370 is getting ready for their 2007 Poppy Drive.

The Three fire departments in South Dundas have been handed a clean bill of health from the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office.

The Iroquois Junior Girls soccer team has won the championship after games at Nationview.

Water users in South Dundas found that the revised water treatment plant repayment bill will be easy to swallow. The new repayment plan features a flat rate of $2,000 which can be paid up front with a December 31 deadline. If not paid the bill simply gets added to the water users tax bill.

November

The south side of the Galop Canal received a facelift as trees and overgrown brush was cut away making room for a park. This is only the first phase of the revitalization project that will see much of the land along the Galop Canal reclaimed.

The South Dundas Council considered making renovations to the Iroquois branch of the Dundas County Library

Remembrance Day ceremonies took place in Morrisburg, Matilda, Williamsburg and Iroquois.

Doctor recruitment was high on the list of things to get done at the South Dundas Council chambers. Doctors will be offered a money package to help them make up their mind to come to South Dundas. The funds will come from the provincial government as well as from the Township.

The Upper Canada Playhouse hosted their annual fund-raiser and $15,000 was raised.

The Township has decided to take over the Iroquois campground. The campgrounds have been operated with volunteers, but the Township has to look at a different way to keep the popular campground working.

December

The South Dundas Council has officially begun to make plans to follow through with renovations at the Iroquois Branch of the Dundas County Library. The library has been waiting for such a decision as they want to relocate their librarian's desk and create better sight lines in the library.

Signs denoting Emergency Detour Routes have started to appear in the Township. These signs can be found along all the major highways in the area and direct motorist which roads to take in the case of an emergency. The signs will help police when they have to shut down roads due to accidents or natural disasters.

Morrisburg and Iroquois both enjoyed good weather for their respective Santa Claus parades.

The Greenfield Ethanol Plant, in Johnstown, while not completed yet has started to offer corn bids for the future. The plant expects to need 33 million bushels of corn to produce their product.

The year 2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the murder of OPP Constable Ronald Pitt in Morrisburg. The case has never been solved but the OPP have re-opened the case and are optimistic that they will find new information that they can act on.

The cataloguing of pre-amalgamation documents continues as Susan Peters, the contractor for the project presents the South Dundas Council with information about what documents they should consider keeping and what they can discard.

The question of user fees attracted the attention of a group of unhappy campers. The South Dundas council chambers was filled at a council meeting that featured an increase in the user fees at the Iroquois Campground. After hearing presentations by campers the council decided at a later meeting to reduce the amount they were going to increase campground fees.

A monster snowstorm left area villages reeling after they received between 40 to 50 centimeters of snow. Most areas of the Township were blanketed with snow and roads were impassable.

Estella Rose, a North Dundas councillor has been chosen to be the first female Warden of the United Counties of SD&G.

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Steve Thompson Writes...

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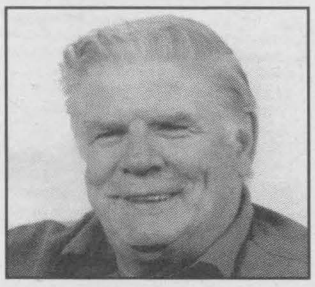


Steve Thompson

There's Whisky in the Wine

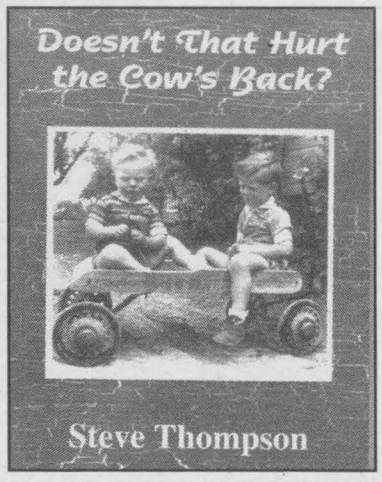
My father was a part-time farmer and a full-time electrician. With a large family on a small farm in the 1950s he needed both jobs to make ends meet. Since Dad was away a good deal of the time we were left to our own devices during the day. Some would say we spent the time unwisely, but we had considerable freedom and many delightful learning experiences in our formative years. One such incident involved a twenty-six-ounce bottle of Black Velvet whisky and some thirsty relatives.

As an electrical contractor, Dad was wooed and rewarded at Christmastime by wholesalers of electrical supplies. The variety of gifts was always welcomed in our home at Christmas, a home where money was scarce and presents were a sign of a special occasion. Even then they tended to be practical. Sometimes there was a package of sweetbread or chocolate or cheeses and a selection of wines, all done up in seasonally coloured cellophane. More often the tributes were bottles of liquor. Dad was not a drinker and so these were either given away or hidden against a time when a visitor who liked something stronger than tea dropped in.

My adventurous younger brother, Erik, was the charmer of the family, always able to persuade people of the lightness of his cause, the logic of his argument, and his innocence in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Erik made full use of his considerable talents in the case of the bottle of whisky in question.

Dad had secreted the bottle, and Erik discovered it in a cupboard in our unheated summer kitchen. On one cold February day he suggested we taste the contents. It seemed to me like a good idea. Bringing out a couple of tumblers, he broke the seal, unscrewed the cap, and handed the bottle to me. I filled the glasses with the liquid, then topped up the bottle with an equivalent amount of water. Erik tucked it back in its hiding place, and we decided to see why adults enjoyed drinking alcohol.

We ventured out onto the crusty snow in the back yard and scrunched down in the lee of the shed. One taste of the contents of my glass had me wheezing. "Gee, is that ever strong!" Erik tipped up his tumbler and blew most of it over the snow in front of him. Nevertheless, I tried another swallow, and spit most of it out as well.



"Tastes awful!" complained Erik. "Why do people drink this stuff?"

"Dunno. Maybe we aren't doing it right." We tried again, this time taking minute sips. These went down well, though they still burned our throats. We continued sipping away, each swallow seeming tastier than the last. By the time we'd emptied the tumblers, we felt wonderful. We had heard adults at a party harmonizing after a few drinks, so singing seemed to be indicated. As I remember it, we broke into a rousing rendition of *On Top of Old Smoky,* warbling verses that the songwriter had never published, and perhaps never considered.

Two hours passed, and we felt it was safe to re-enter the house. Our limited knowledge of behaviour while "under the influence" had persuaded us that we were drunk, and after that passage of time, we felt we had sobered up.

A week later our cousins Wayne and Arden came for a visit. They were about our age and of similar inclination. As good hosts will do, we invited them out to the back shed for a drink. The quart of whisky, though diluted, was still potent. We drained off four tumblers full and topped up the bottle. After squirreling it away we hurried outside.

An hour passed pleasantly, sipping, singing, and telling jokes. Our town cousins knew many stories, especially Wayne, a year older than me, and sporting a black moustache. He had one of the most unusual laughs I have ever heard, and the longer we drank, the louder he laughed. Our cousins, it turned out, came from a home where alcohol flowed freely, and offered details of types of drink we never knew existed. Arden offered a number of suggestions about the lubricating advantages of such beverages where girls were concerned. Since thoughts of the fairer sex and the forbidden pleasures they made possible consumed a great deal of our time, we gave our visitors our rapt attention. We learned a number of rhymes that day, and added a few bawdy songs to our repertoire. After a suitable sobering-up period, we judged ourselves ready for adult company and returned to the warm farm kitchen.

Our cousins' father dropped in later that evening to pick up his sons. He appreciated good whisky, and Dad decided to make him a present of the Black Velvet in cold storage. It was over thirty below outside, and Dad came back in with the bottle and a puzzled look on his face. "I never realized whisky would freeze, Frank. Look at the crack in this bottle. Never mind, I have another one stored in the pantry."

Dad retrieved the other one and presented it to my uncle. While the men talked and joked about other matters, the four of us sat over in a corner, our noses buried in copies of Classics Illustrated. Finally Uncle Frank rose to go and our cousins bade us goodbye, with worried looks of warning to us as they left.

When Dad came back in, we expected trouble, but he never mentioned the incident. "Had a good time today, did you, boys?"

"Yes, Dad," we chorused. It seemed the safest response.

Picking up the bottle, and favouring us with a quizzical look, he said he would check things at the barn before going to bed. The next day we worked up the courage to look in the cupboard in the summer kitchen. The bottle was nowhere to be found, and we never saw another one on the property. We were fairly sure Dad never mentioned his suspicions to Mom. She would have said something.

From Steve Thompson's book of short stories called "Doesn't That Hurt the Cow's Back".

The stories are courtesy of the General Store Publishing House.

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He said to them, 'go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.'- Mark 16:15

Early snow bodes well for snowmobile clubs

ANDREA CARTIER
THE CHIEFTAIN

There has been plenty of snow this winter, and it fell early making this a great season for local snowmobile clubs. According to John Boals, District 1 Manager of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, this is the earliest snow covering since 1993.

"Early buy permit sales have already surpassed early and regular permit sales from last year," explained Boals. In an interview held on December 17, 2007, just as the area was cleaning up from a 50 cm snowfall, Boals stated that many of the local trails were opened and signage was in the process of being completed.

He also emphasised that the trails were the safest place to snowmobile and explained that the early snow insulated bodies of water and that there was no safe ice at that time.

Local Snowmobile Clubs are looking forward to a banner season and a number of events are planned in the area. The Riverside Snowmobile Club will be hosting Sunday Breakfasts starting the first Sunday in January.

The Riverside Recreation Hall will be the site of the Nation Valley Snowmobile Club's "Girls on Snow" and "Snowarama" events to be held on February 2, 2008.

As part of this year's theme "Go Snowmobiling", a "Give it a Try" tour will be held at Sand Road Sugar Camp on February 12 and 13. This is an initiative that will introduce the sport of snowmobiling to a whole new group of potential riders.

The ride will be forty-five minutes to an hour long and will wind through scenic countryside. Snowmobiles, suits and helmets will be provided to participants and snacks and coffee will be served. Members of the media and other special guests will be invited to try out the sport. This event is part of a nationwide effort to introduce new participants to the sport of snowmobiling, as well as persuading former riders to try it again, and encouraging existing riders to ride more.

The office of OFSC District 1 is located in the East End Promenade Mall in Morrisburg, and responds to administrative issues and fieldwork inquiries from the 33 snowmobile clubs and associations in Eastern Ontario. The district consists of the area west to Napanee, north to Calabogie and east to the Ontario/Quebec border. It has over 5000 km of marked, groomed trails. These winter trails wind their way through varied landscapes of snow-covered forests, open farmland, and the rolling hills of the Canadian Shield. Trailside services are always available on the various circle tours. The clubs in District 1 sell over 10,000 trail permits annually to families in Eastern Ontario. The O.F.S.C. mission is to provide strong leadership and support to its member clubs. It is the club members themselves who establish and maintain the quality of the snowmobile trails in an environmentally responsible manner for the safe enjoyment of organized snowmobilers.



The heavy and frequent snowfall that has fallen on Ontario this winter is a blessing to snowmobilers. The last few winters in Ontario have been discouraging as far as snowfall goes.

SD Council supportes no smoking in vehicles carrying children

ANDREA CARTIER
THE CHIEFTAIN

At the regular meeting of South Dundas Council on Tuesday, December 18 a letter from the Ontario Medical Association was presented to the Mayor and Councillors asking for support in the effort to affect provincial legislation which would ban smoking in vehicles when there are children on board. The Council voted in favour of supporting this effort.

The letter was written by the President of the Ontario Medical Association, Janice Willett, and it outlined some of the hazards of second-hand smoke in vehicles. The Ontario Medical Association has been advocating for a ban on smoking in cars transporting children to help protect them from the negative health impacts. The letter cited the fact that a bylaw prohibiting smoking in cars transporting children was recently passed in Wolfville, Nova Scotia as proof that action can be taken. According to the letter, York Regional Council has already passed a resolution asking the Government of Ontario to ban smoking in cars carrying children and the City of London has formed a committee to investigate various options to this end.

Research shows that vehicles can be a potent source of second-hand smoke and that such exposure can be 23 times more toxic than in a house because air circulation is restricted within a small space. Children exposed to second-hand smoke are at a higher risk for respiratory illnesses including asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia, as well as sudden infant death syndrome and increased incidences of cancer and heart disease in adulthood.

The letter emphasized the fact the protecting children from the negative health impacts of second-hand smoke is a critical public health initiative and that the Ontario Medical Association will continue to call for a province-wide solution to the problem. In the past, Ontario municipalities have been active in the movement to eliminate smoking in the workplace and in public spaces. The Ontario Medical Association is hoping that municipalities will continue advocacy for healthy environments by joining them in calling for a provincial ban on smoking in vehicles where children are present.

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The South Dundas Council passed a resolution supporting this initiative.

Record setting crop under the snow

In farming, seeded acre records are normally announced in the spring. Then again, winter wheat isn't your average crop. Keeping with a trend that really took off last year, this fall, prairie producers planted over 1.5 million acres of winter wheat. Those producers say the potential of this fall seeded crop is still growing.

"Its all about money" says Rod Fedoruk, president of the newly formed Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission. "Every year Stats Canada keeps a record of the number of acres planted. Last year 1.2 million acres of winter wheat were seeded across the Prairies and those numbers are up this year. We're coming off another great year for winter wheat where the crop out yielded just about everything," says Fedoruk, pointing out the average yield of winter wheat is 25 per cent higher than the average yield of spring wheat. "It's no wonder farmers are flocking to winter wheat."

"The green of winter wheat is more than just money," says Paul Thoroughgood, regional agrolo Record setting crop under the snow gist with Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC).

"Winter wheat is good for the environment because producers reduce the use of costly pesticides and because it provides habitat for waterfowl to nest. It's a great fit for the producer's bottom line and for the environment."

According to Thoroughgood, winter wheat is catching on with producers for a lot of reasons. "It provides marketing choice, spreads workload and potentially reduce herbicide and insecticide costs," he says. "Winter wheat is a crop that is well-suited to many recent developments in Prairie Canada agriculture. There is an expanding market in the ethanol and livestock industries. Both will provide additional sales opportunities. Reduced pesticide input costs and ability to spread workload are also factors in the crop's expansion."

The increase in winter wheat acres is beneficial to spring nesting waterfowl, particularly northern pintails, a species that has declined since the late 1970s. This benefit to waterfowl has led DUC to invest in excess of $3.5 million in support of variety development, agronomic research, producer group support and financial incentives to producers in the past six years.

"Investing in winter cereal research and development is exactly what the Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission is all about," says Fedoruk. "As farmers we know the future of the crops depends on coming up with new varieties, improved marketing options and agronomic advances. The Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission was formed to levy winter cereal sales by farmers to generate funding for research and development."



Members of the Global Outreach team at the Seaway District High School were getting ready for Christmas in their own way. This group has been collecting food and clothing for the food bank and Naomi's House. Left to right are: Bailey Hollister, Will Byker, Lauren Wood and Sarah Spear

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The Iroquois Fire Department gave children and adults a little lift last week. The fire department hosted a wagon ride throughout the village.

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South Dundas Fire Master Plan comes together

The three fire departments in South Dundas can look forward to some drastic administrative changes in the New Year.

A months long review of the fire departments in Iroquois, Williamsburg and Morrisburg have resulted in several recommendations by the Master Fire Plan Committee.

The committee along with a representative from the Ontario Fire Marshals office took a look at all of the fire departments.

A report filed earlier in 2007 from the fire Marshals Office gave the three fire departments a perfect rating when it came to fighting fires and educating the public about fire awareness. The one weak spot that was found was in administrative reporting and record keeping.

The South Dundas Council met for a special meeting on December 27. One of the topics was the tabling by Councillor James Graham, a report detailing what priorities the Master Fire Plan Committee has come up with. Attending the meeting was Noel Vaillancourt from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

Councillor Graham described the Township's situation by stating, "I am presenting the findings and the council will have to make a decision," he said. His argument was that every community needs to have services such as fire, police and ambulances. In the case of the Township, South Dundas is responsible for the fire services. "My attitude is that if it is not broken, don't fix it however you have to catch it before it is broken," he said.

The Committee's main recommendation which is central to completing all of the other recommendations that they came up with was for the Township to hire a part-time fire department co-ordinator for a one year contract. The co-ordinator would have the job of working with the three fire chiefs in the South Dundas to implement any recommendations that had to be followed through on. "Everybody has their own way of doing things," he said. Mr. Vaillancourt pointed out that at the moment the record keeping and training documentation from the three departments is scattered and difficult to retrieve.

The council debated different aspects of hiring a co-ordinator or going to a fire chief or hiring an administrative assistant to help the fire chiefs. Mayor Barkley was leaning towards creating an administrative type of position reporting to the fire chiefs.

The committee recommended that the three fire departments submit in writing their goals and objectives. They want an organizational chart created and more office space for each fire department. Records management was another topic of the report. Records of fire department by-laws have to be kept up and new by-laws passed or modified. The report touched on the need for a written policy for the company that looks after fire fighter's communication with each other as well as recruitment campaigns and tracking sick leave and training accomplishments.

All three fire departments are reporting various challenges to the committee. All of the fire department offices are too small and the various buildings that they are in are in need of some kind of repair. In Morrisburg, for example the fire department is in a building with inadequate insulation, heating costs are prohibitive. In Iroquois there is a need for more room in the parking lot to move the fire trucks around and in Williamsburg the parking lot needs to be paved and there are bricks falling off of the building.

Guidelines need to be established for calling in additional firefighters in the event of an emergency. Response times are not what the three fire departments like and more guidelines have to be developed for various reporting processes under Occupational Health and Safety regulations.



Stacey Hoogwerf of Iroquois was the winner in the annual Christmas Tag draw held by the Iroquois Fire Department. The prize is a special gift basket. Presenting the basket to Stacey is Iroquois firefighter Trevor Riopelle.

CHIEFTAIN PHOTO - J. MORIN

An inadequate supply of water was mentioned in the committee's report as well as the need for flow testing in all of the villages so that water mains will not be damaged when fire trucks pump water. Another provincial regulation is the need for backflow preventers for the fire trucks.

The direction that all of the South Dundas fire departments are taking is the right one according to Mr. Vaillancourt, but centralizing the paperwork and keeping track of files and records is a must, according to the fire marshal's office.

All of the councillors at the meeting were in favour of some version of the committee's recommendation for a co-ordinator. The idea of one fire chief was not discarded in favour of a fire co-ordinator or an executive secretary. The idea is that the current fire chief's all are aware of what they need to do, but making that happen in a timely fashion is another matter. A co-ordinator or executive secretary would work with all three fire chief's to achieve agreed upon goals.

Councillor Steven Byvelds said that the cost of creating such a position should not be a deterrent to maintaining an adequate and effective fire service in the Township.

Cattle and Hog farmers get boost from Ontario

/CNW/ - The McGuinty government is moving quickly to provide $150 million to strengthen competitiveness and help Ontario cattle, hog and horticulture farmers suffering from multiple financial pressures, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Leona Dombrowsky said today.

The funding, announced in the 2007 Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, will help farmers manage the effects of lower returns due to higher input costs, the stronger Canadian dollar and lower market prices. This funding builds on the $135 million provided earlier this year to assist grain and oilseed farmers compete and succeed in the global economy. "We are responding to the near-record low prices and tight market conditions in which these farmers find themselves," said Dombrowsky.

A total of $130 million of the funding will go directly to approximately 13,000 farmers to help them deal with the immediate challenges presented by current economic conditions and the long-term impacts of BSE. Of this total, about $100 million will be provided to cattle and hog producers, while about $30 million will be delivered to horticulture producers. The remaining $20 million will go toward a variety of initiatives aimed at creating a more sustainable future for the sector. Payments are scheduled to be delivered to producers beginning in February, 2008. "We know the need is great now. This announcement will allow farmers to

consider this funding as part of their business decisions. We want the money to get to farmers as early as possible," Dombrowsky said.

Iroquois Fire Department Releases Annual Report

The Iroquois Fire Department, as well as the Morrisburg and Williamsburg Fire Departments, have recently released their annual reports for the past year to the council of South Dundas.

The Iroquois Fire Department's report included information for the period of November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007.

During this time period, the IFD responded to 65 calls; five less calls than the previous year. Twenty-six of these 65 calls were for ambulance assistance during emergency medical situations. There were also 9 responded calls for activated industrial fire alarms, 8 responded calls for the assistance of motor vehicles, 6 responded calls for activated residential fire alarms, 4 responded calls for structural fires, and 3 responded calls for brush and grass fires. All of the other categories listed on the report (general assistance, tractor, truck, and car fires, garbage and picnic table fires, unknown, hydro line problems, and wood stove problems) had either 1 or 2 responded calls. There were between 3 and 6 responded calls for every month, except in February and March 2007, in which there were 10 and 11 responded calls respectively.

The IFD issued 94 burn permits during the year, and there were no problems with any of them.

There were many new projects being worked on by the IFD, including installing communications technology at the Iroquois Water Tower and designing and building a new Rescue Van. They have also continued being involved in public events such as the Matilda Winter Carnival and the Canada Day fireworks show.

The department has held training sessions at least once every month over the past year. Some members of the IFD also took part in special six-hour-long training sessions: the "Hazard Material Awareness" course on January 20, and the "Air Monitoring Course" on March 17.

The IFD has continued its fire prevention strategies, which included day care facility inspections, Fire Code inspections, a drinking and driving scenario at Seaway District High School on May 20, inspections of Seaway District High School and Iroquois Public School on May 30, a poster contest at IPS for October 8, and fire drills at IPS and SDHS on October 10.

Philip Thompson is the Fire Chief of the Iroquois Fire Department. Questions about the IFD can be answered at the Department's telephone number: 613-652-4505.

South Dundas Council looks at a code of conduct

The South Dundas Council is taking a look at how the new Bill 130 will affect them. The Bill, dictates how a municipality has to go about their business.

Accountability and transparency are the key words that the province is asking all municipalities to enshrine in their procedures and processes.

At the council meeting on December 27 the council wrestled with creating a blueprint for a coded of conduct. They also debated various ways to give more business to local contractors, without contradicting the spirit of a fair and balanced tendering process.

Regarding the code of conduct debate, Mayor Barkley believes that common sense should be the compass that the Township should follow.

Some councillors would like to have a written policy so that if necessary they can fall back on something official to help guide them.

"This would give us a policy we can go back to," said Councillor Steven Byvelds. The mayor agreed and in the New Year the council will be putting together a draft of conduct guidelines to follow.

Seaway student takes on the art of volunteering

Erin Fawcett has taken on a difficult task and succeeded.

The Grade 11 student at the Seaway District High School is a co-op student interested in teaching. She spends most of her time as a teaching assistant in a history class.

Erin was given the task of creating a special project and seeing it through to its end.

Her project was going to be about the perils of drunk driving. The best way to discuss this kind of topic would be with a presentation.

To make the presentation Erin decided that it would be nice if the class could have a presenter.

Hiring someone to take on the job was going to cost a little bit of money. Erin chose to hold a raffle to raise the funds for the presentation.

Erin went out and visited every merchant in Morrisburg and Iroquois and managed to sell them the idea of donating a prize for her raffle. Twenty-three business people were ready and able to contribute something.

"You will be surprised what you can achieve," she said after the raffle was held and over $400 was raised for her project. Erin even had to number the tickets by hand. She had to organize everything else connected with project.



Erin Fawcett

Here is the list of winners from Seaway's Christmas Raffle

1. Rooney Feeds Ltd.(3 pair of work gloves) won by Jeff Crooke
2. Marimac Inc.(Oversized throw) won by Jeff Crooke
3. Mike's Valu-mart(Box conaining over one hundred (16 grams) bags of regular chips) Jeffrey Mcdermott
4. Mr. Mozzarella(1 large – 1 item pizza) won by Agnes Vandodewaard
5. Classic Cuts($15 gift certificate) won by Ms. Kingsley
6. Flagg Creek Country Store($15 gift certificate) won by Joan Monn. The Sewing Corner
7. Smyth's Apple Orchard($10 gift certificate) won by Curtis Collins
8. Railside Barbershop($10 gift certificate) won by Dennis Carkner
9. Iroquois Pizza(1 medium – 3 item pizza) won by Faron Fawcett
10. The Monte Cristo($10 gift certificate) won by Jim Mustard
11. Ivories, Strings and Things(Drum set tambourine) won by Ryan Gilmer
12. Canadian Tire(Ottawa Senators car flag) won by Bev Stewart
13. Thompson TIM-BR MART(Smoke alarm) won by Connie Martelle
14. Gilmer Pharmacy Ltd.(Taylor of London gift set) won by Eric Harbers
15. The Bargain Shop(DVD player) won by David Jansen
16. Giant Tiger(Acrylic sleigh with reindeer) won by Lindsay Gilmer
17. McGillis Hardware Ltd.(10" poly resin figurine) won by Mme. Lacroix
18. Iroquois Foodland(Christmas centerpiece) won by Kurt Delegarde
19. Iroquois Yoga Group(5 free classes) won by Lindsay Gilmer
20. Morrisburg Building Centre(30pc ratchet screwdriver set) won by Mr. Kennedy
21. Beaupre Jewellers(Italian charm bracelet with 1 charm) won by Curtis Collins
22. Pier 31 Gifts(Candle gift set) won by Vivian Cromie
23. Cardinal Flowers & Gift Gallery(Gift basket) won by Pam Sequin

Many thanks to all of the businesses who generously donated prizes and to everyone who bought a ticket. We'd also like to say a big "Thank You" to the Iroquois Chieftain for the articles which were put in the paper to let people know about the raffle. We were able to raise almost $450.00 for the school. Thanks so much!

Ombudsman can investigate secrecy complaints in municipalities

New "era of accountability" begins New Year's Day

Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin will be able to investigate public complaints about closed-door meetings in most municipalities across the province after changes to the Municipal Act take effect on New Year's Day.

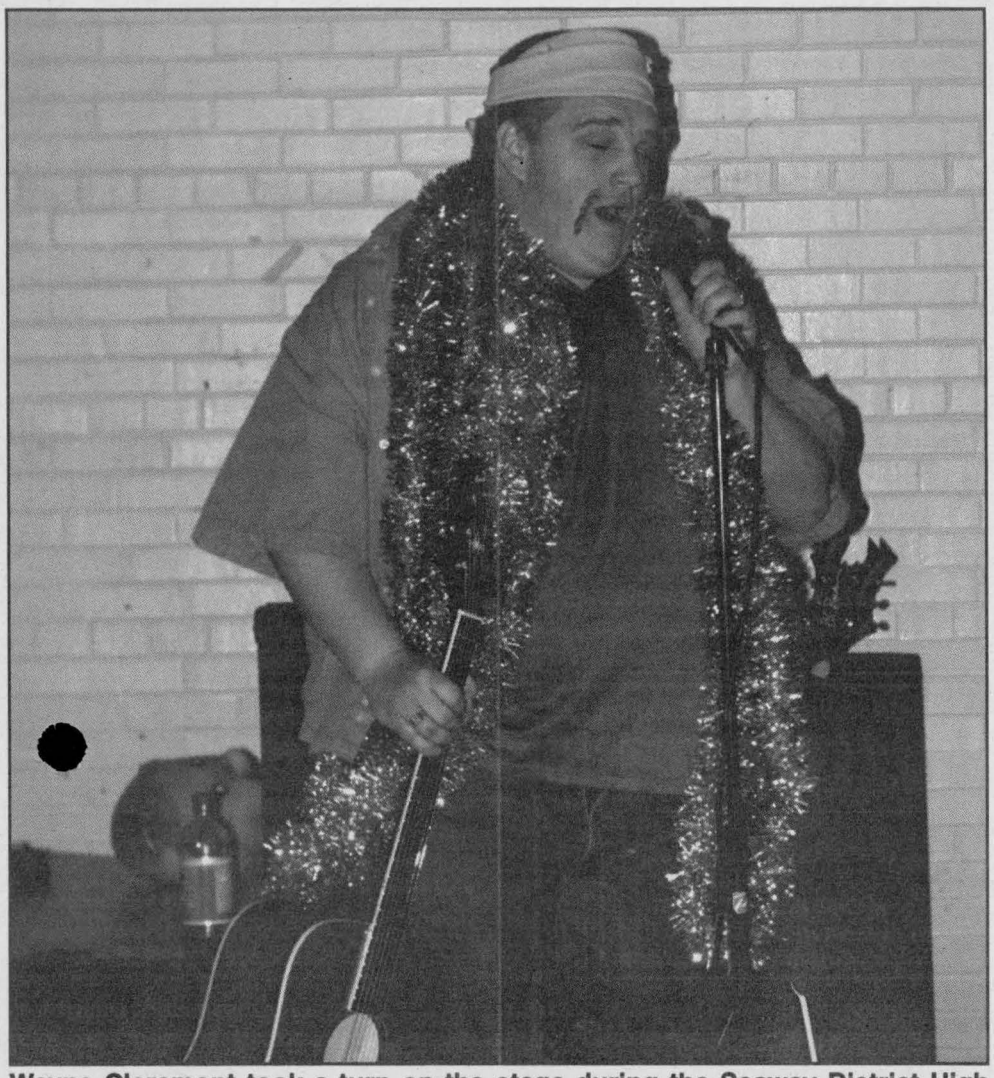
Under the Act, the Ombudsman is the default investigator for complaints about all municipal meetings that are held behind closed doors after Jan. 1, 2008 - except in those municipalities that have decided to appoint their own investigators. "As of today, only 72 of Ontario's 445 municipalities have informed us that they have chosen their own investigator," said Mr. Marin. "All others will fall under my Office's jurisdiction as of next week.

"This means that in the New Year, most Ontarians will be able to complain to us about any municipal meeting they feel was inappropriately closed to the public," he said. "It's the start of a new era of local accountability in Ontario, and we're eager to let people know about it."

New provisions to the Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act subject all municipal councils and most boards and committees to an investigation if their members meet behind closed doors, unless specific exceptions set out in the Act are met. As with all complaints handled by the Ombudsman regarding provincial government organizations, the Ombudsman's services in this new area of jurisdiction will be free of charge. There is no fee for complainants or municipalities and the Ombudsman's findings and recommendations will be made public.

These changes represent the first expansion of the Ombudsman's mandate into the so-called MUSH sector (municipalities, universities, school boards, hospitals and long-term care facilities, children's aid societies, etc.) in 32 years, although some 80% of provincial spending goes to this sector. Ontario lags behind all other provinces in allowing ombudsman oversight of these areas, and Mr. Marin's office turns away hundreds of complaints about this sector every year.

Municipalities may still choose to appoint their own investigators at any time after Jan. 1, but any complaints made prior to such appointments must be handled by the Ombudsman. More information on the new legislative changes - including Frequently Asked Questions, a list of municipalities that have chosen investigators, and a new complaint form - is available on the Ombudsman's website at www.ombudsman.on.ca.



Wayne Cleremont took a turn on the stage during the Seaway District High School Christmas Variety Show. Wayne appeared as a comic, keeping the crowd chuckling.

Williamsburg Women's Institute

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The November meeting of the Williamsburg Women's Institute was once again a learning experience for all present. The motto: 'What do you do to conserve energy?' was a time of sharing ideas on the conservation of electricity, eg. the less frequent use of a dishwasher, more use of an indoor/outdoor clothes line, lights on only when needed, thermostats lowered several degrees - to name only a few. After welcoming members and guests, President Lynn Gilmour gave a report on the Eastern Area Conference meeting held in Cornwall on October 15. It was a celebration of the 110 years of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and World Rural Women's Day. The two speakers for the event were Khorshied Samad and Kathryn Mayberry.

Khorshied Samad, President of the Artists for Afghanistan Foundation and married to the Afghan ambassador to Canada, is working to expose the world marketplace to the silk shawls woven by Afghan women and their families; several of which were purchased during the conference. Kathryn Mayberry, who spoke in the afternoon, addressed the importance of the work of the Canadian Food Bank. All in attendance agreed as to the importance of both topics and fortunate to be part of an organization where programs such as these are given. The 2008 area conference will be held in Perth.

The Williamsburg W. I. was invited to the November meeting of the Riverside W. I. and Lynn reported on the emphasis of Irene Broard regarding the conservation of the black walnut tree.

Due to the inability of the scheduled guest speaker to be present for the meeting, Doreen Henderson, on short notice, was able to arrange for Susan David, area manager of the Dundas County Heart and Stroke Foundation to be the speaker for the evening.

With heart attacks being the number one killer in the province, one can never learn too much. One of the main objectives of the Foundation is to encourage MPPs to work for the placement of defibrillators in more public places. Members expressed their appreciation and thanks to Susan and Doreen for the program.

Marjorie Thom and Joan Beckstead served the lunch.

For various reasons, the December meeting will be held on December 18 and begin at 7:00 p.m. at the John MacIntosh Senior Support Centre in Williamsburg. Join the women for a bake sale, entertainment provided by the members and a 'white gift' (a monetary donation in a white envelope). The Christmas meeting is always a great evening and women of the community are invited. Lunch for this meeting will be a small amount of finger food provided by the members.

Snowmobiling safety a priority for the winter season

/CNW/ - With the anticipated arrival of warmer temperatures over the next few days and potential increased snowmobile use over the holiday season, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding snowmobilers to plan their routes carefully.

The snow that has fallen from recent winter storms acts as a warm blanket on the thin ice making rivers and lakes appear safe when they are not.

"Ice conditions can change rapidly each day due to milder temperatures, so we urge those who operate snowmobiles to be aware of the trail conditions.

When unsure, avoid traveling over any bodies of water," says Chief Superintendent Bill Grodzinski, Commander of the Highway Safety Division and the Province's snowmobile programs.

Already this winter, in eastern Ontario, the OPP has investigated a snowmobile death attributed to thin ice conditions when three victims drove across a lake and fell through the ice. Tragically, one passenger was not able to pull himself from the frigid water.

A safe return from a snowmobile trip starts with proper planning before you leave. Let others know where you are going and when you will return.

Pick up trail maps and information about the trails in the area where you are going to ride. Information on trail conditions is available from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) at www.ofsc.on.ca.

The OFSC has issued a "Yellow Alert" in relation to current snowmobiling conditions in the province.

This alert signals the need to use patience and be very cautious on swamps and waterways, "because the weight and insulating effect of the heavy snow may cause slush, and ice that was not safe before the storm may be weakened by the extra snow."

The Ontario Provincial Police remind all snowmobilers to operate their machines safely, don't drink and sled and have a safe holiday season.

Morrisburg Curling Club News

We spoke last time about the young curlers from Seaway who, along with Ian Wilson's team from North Dundas, will be going to the Regionals in Schoolboy/Schoolgirl curling (The Gore Mutual), in Renfrew on Feb. 2 & 3. Heather Thompson's team includes Curtis Collins, Mike Whitteker, Chris Tupper, and Cameron McIntosh. We congratulate both teams for winning the Zone Playdowns on December 6th in Winchester, and wish them well at Regionals.

These four, along with Heather's other teams, Brittany Elliott, Jessica Dodge, Samantha Cassell, and Danielle Arsenaut, along with the mixed foursome of Mitch Collins, Katherine Palmer, Liam Barkley, and Jenna Craig, played at the local club in a December S. D. & G. bonspiel. Besides Seaway District High School, other school teams were from North Dundas, Glengarry, Tagwi, Holy Trinity, Russell, L'Heritage, and Russell. This bonspiel was a warm-up, and they will meet again here next month. Heather works with "our" curlers late Thursday afternoons at our club. By the way, at the local bonspiel, our mixed team won both of their games, while the boys won one and dropped a close second one.

In other news, the Wednesday Evening Ladies' League has announced the champions for the first draw, and Anita Cooper, Crystal Belanger, Lisa Froom and Yvonne Mabo laid claim to the trophy.

Thursday Daytime Mixed curlers getting their names on the Bradford Trophy for the first draw are Don O'Brien, Dave King, Alice Thompson and Bud Perry. Wally McDonald's foursome was a close second. Their next draw begins on January 3rd, with seven teams.

Turkey Bonspiel devotees had a wonderful time at the old club on the last Friday before Christmas. We had early and late matches, plus draws to the button along one sheet, and also across the entire rink. The pot luck meal was delicious, and the camaraderie, with all leagues represented, was delightful. Thanks to President Joe and Leanne for organizing the evening, and to the many volunteers on their committee who made everything work. Winning the bonspiel and getting their names engraved on the trophy were Raymond Benoit, Betty Locke and Glen Cougler. Draws to the button were won afterwards by Wendy Casselman and John Toonders. Rather than actual turkeys, the winners received gift certificates, good for turkeys or anything else they wanted from the grocery store.

It was a delightful evening, with the big winner being Buddy Perry, who won $165 in the House of Gold Draw.

We'll have the results of the Two-Person, and the Heart and Stroke Bonspiels next time.

Let's end with some curlers from the other end of the age spectrum. Again this year, Sid Morrell will be entering a team in the Grandmaster curling Championships. There are sixteen zones in the province, and the winner from each zone goes to Toronto to battle for the Championship.

Last year, Sid took his team to the final there, and we wish him well again this year. First, though, he and Peter Zeran, Raymond Benoit and Neil Williams will have to fend off competitor in the Zone Playdowns at Navan. Sid expects tougher competition at this level than last year. Good luck fellows!

Good curling to all!

EOJBHL Scores

Sunday Dec. 23

Alexandria 9 at Winchester 5

South Grenville 4 at Gananoque 3

Westport 1 at Brockville 6

Saturday Dec. 22

Brockville 8 at South Grenville 4

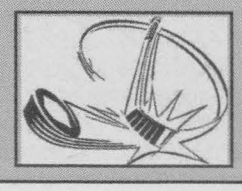
Morrisburg 6 at Char-Lan 3

Gananoque 7 at Athens 2

Friday Dec. 21

Akwesasne 1 at Alexandria 9

Winchester 2 at Morrisburg 4



Morrisburg Lions jump into third place

On the strength of a three game winning streak the Morrisburg Lions have jumped past the Char-Lan Rebels and now find themselves in third place in the St. Lawrence Division. The Lions gave themselves some early Christmas presents as they were able to defeat the first place Winchester Hawks and then followed that win up with another over Char-Lan.

In their last game on home ice prior to the Christmas break the first place Hawks were in town to face-off against the Lions. Despite having a short bench the Lions were able to upset the Hawks. Pat Carey had a strong game in nets as he faced forty-four shots, allowing only tow to get by him.

Morrisburg opened the scoring in the first period as Jesse Corriveau scored his first goal of the season on a play set up by rookie Brock Bissonette. Cory Royer followed up that goal with his sixth of the season. Chris Tindal and Tyler Lafortune drew the assists. Winchester scored a power-play goal at the 15:22 mark of the second to cut the Lions lead in half. Morrisburg restored their two goal cushion as Chad Galipeau notched his twentieth of the season on the power-play. Setting up the power-play goal were Tyler Lafortune and Cody Casselman. Winchester were able to score late in the period to pull within one going into the third. Cory Royer scored his second goal of the game at the 12:32 mark of the third and the Lions were able to shut the Hawks down the rest of the way to give them a 4-2 decision.

Saturday night had the Lions heading to Williamstown for a third place showdown with the Rebels. Once again the Lions got off to a great start with two goals in the first period. Marcel Groulx got the offense going at 4:13 of the first on the power-play. Matt Walsh and Cory Royer set-up the power-play marker. Chad Galipeau on a feed from Kyle Legace and Tyler Lafortune gave the Lions a 2-0 lead heading into the second period. Morrisburg kept rolling in the second period as Marcel Groulx fired in his second goal of the game at the 10:16 mark. Chad Galipeau and Tyler Lafortune set-up Groulx's marker. Then it was Tyler Lafortune with his nineteenth of the season, from Matt Walsh and Brock Bissonette, gave the Lions a 4-2 lead going into the final frame. Kyle Legace scored his 24th and 25th goals of the year in the third. Chad Galipeau and Tyler Lafortune set-up both of Legace's goals. Josh Loney was in nets for the Lions and picked up the win.

The win put the Lions up by two points on the Rebels in the division standings.

On the strength of a six point weekend Chad Galipeau now sits atop of the St. Lawrence Division scoring race with 59 points. He has a three point cushion on Winchester's Ben Collins.

Holding down the second and third place spots are Kyle Legace and Tyler Lafortune.

On Friday January 4 the Lions will play host to the Char-Lan Rebels. The puck drops at the Morrisburg Arena at 8:30 pm.

The following night the Lions travel to Winchester to tangle with the Hawks. Game time in Winchester is set for 7:30 pm.

For up to date scores and stats log onto the EOJBHL website at www.eojbhlhockey.com.

EOJBHL Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

Team	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Winchester Hawks	27	20	7	0	0	139	80	40
Alexandria Glens	27	17	9	0	1	132	91	35
Morrisburg Lions	26	10	14	0	2	118	147	22
Char-Lan Rebels	26	8	14	2	2	101	131	20
Akwesasne Wolves	27	4	20	2	1	79	124	11

SOUTH DUNDAS MINOR HOCKEY SCHEDULE
JANUARY 2 - JANUARY 8

DATE	TIME	ARENA	HOME	VISITOR
Novice C House				
Sun. Jan. 06	4:30 pm	Prescott	South Grenville 3	South Dundas
Atom B House				
Sat. Jan. 05	2:30 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas 1	South Grenville 2
Sun. Jan. 06	3:30 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas 2	North Dundas 1
Tue. Jan. 08	6:00 pm	Chesterville	North Dundas 2	South Dundas 1
Atom C House				
Sat. Jan. 05	7:00 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas	Kemptville 1
Mon. Jan. 07	6:00 pm	Winchester	North Dundas	South Dundas
Peewee B Rep				
Sat. Jan. 05	11:30 am	Morrisburg	South Dundas	Alexandria
Peewee C House				
Sat. Jan. 05	4:30 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas	Smiths Falls
Bantam B Rep				
Sun. Jan. 06	4:30 pm	Alexandria	Alexandria	South Dundas
Mon. Jan. 07	8:00 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas	NGS
Bantam C House				
Sat. Jan. 05	1:00 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas	Kemptville
Minor Midget				
Sat. Jan. 05	8:00 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas	Cornwall
Major Midget B Rep				
Thu. Jan. 03	8:00 pm	Morrisburg	South Dundas	Alexandria
Mon. Jan. 07	8:30 pm	Long Sault	South Stormont	South Dundas
Major Midget House				
Sun. Jan. 06	7:00 pm	Winchester	North Dundas	South Dundas

Alexandria Glens wins the 34th Annual Boxing Day Tournament

With a 1-0 victory over the Carleton Place Kings, the Alexandria Glens follow up thier 2006-07 EOJBHL Championship with a win at the 2007 Boxing Day Tournament.

The Glens went 3-0 in the tournament, with a 6-2 win over the Ottawa West Golden Knights and a convincing 9-3 semi-final win over the Rideau Division leading Athens Aeros.

To get to the finals, the CP Kings beat the South Grenville Rangers 6-1 and then narrowly defeated the St Lawrence Division leading Winchester Hawks by a score of 3-2.

Congratulations to the Alexandria Glens and all participating teams. Next up in the EOJBHL will be the Rideau-St Lawrence Showcase on January 12th and the Metro Valley All Star Games on February 2nd.

Bantam C House wins close game against Brockville

In a home game played on Saturday, December 22 the Bantam C House Lions defeated the Brockville Braves by a score of 3 – 2. The teams were closely matched and battled through a scoreless first period. The Lions finally got on the scoreboard with 3:23 left on the clock in the second period when Brendan Gallivan scored on a pass from Eric Saddlemire. Before the period was over, Brendan scored again; this time capitalizing on passes from Andrew Beatson and Luc Plamondon. Early in the third, the Brockville team defeated Lions' goal tender Matthew Picanco and made the score 2 – 1. A goal from Andrew Beatson at 8:47 put the Lions up 3 – 1. The goal was assisted by Brendan Gallivan and Jared Gibson. The Brockville team brought the score to within one goal when they put the puck in the Lions' net at 4:42 of the third. Despite pulling their goalie, the Brockville players were unable to tie the game and the final score was 3 –2.

Minor Midget defeat Long Sault

After losing to Long Sault by a score of 5 – 0 on Thursday, December 20, the Minor Midget Lions took their revenge by downing the Selects 2 – 0 in a home game played on Saturday, December 22.

Jordan McCaslin put the Lions on the scoreboard early in the first period when he capitalized on a pass from Skylar McManus. The second period was scoreless, but the Lions scored again at 9:10 of the 3rd when Austin Marcellus scored on passes from Derek Hutt and Skylar McManus. Tyler Gallinger played a perfect game in nets for the Lions frustrating the Long Sault team time and again.

Midget House team ties NGS

Despite the fact that they had an extremely short bench, the Midget House team managed to tie NGS 2 – 2 in a game played on December 19 in Morrisburg. With only 7 skaters, the Lions opened the scoring at 9:34 of the first period when Jordan Cooke scored on a pass from Nathan McDonell. The NGS team tied the game before the end of the period, and the second period was scoreless. At 14:27 of the third the Lions went into the lead when Greg McCaslin scored from Drew Hutt and Matt Jamieson. The NGS team managed to defeat the Lions' goalie, Mitch McDonald, at 12:25 of the third to tie the game. The final score was 2 all.



The Seaway District High School held their Christmas variety show last week. In this photo members of the school band play a few pieces of Christmas music.

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Buscombe, George

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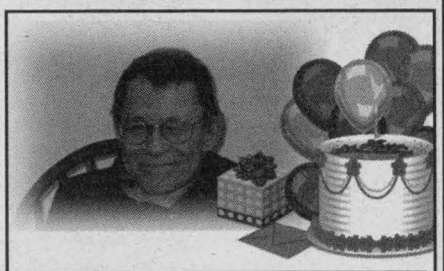

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Dated at Toronto on December 5, 2007.
Public Guardian and Trustee,
Estate Trustee\595 Bay Street, Suite 800
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2M6

File: 816820-015

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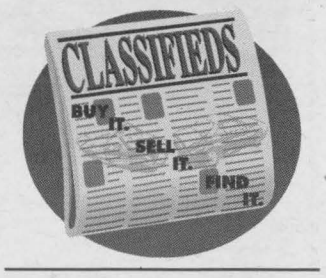

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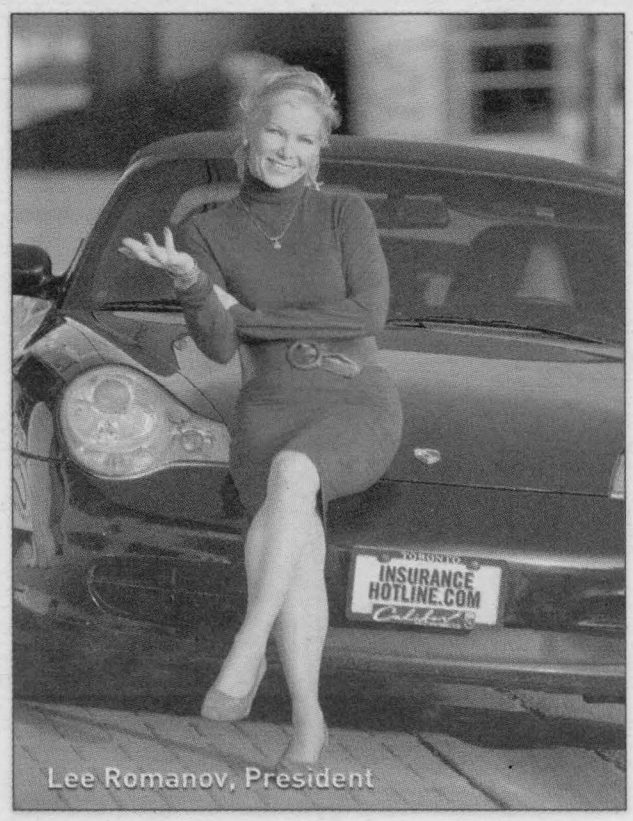

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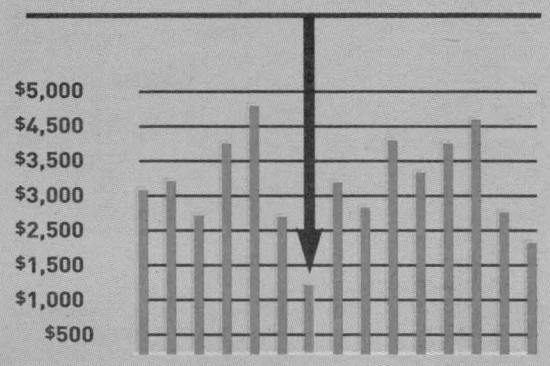

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Unifund Assurance Company	1763	1792	2468	3109	2028	2189	2000	218
Waterloo Insurance Company	1992	1816	2742	2735	2140	2509	1993	1761
Wawanesa Mutual Insurance	2855	2750	4211	4600	3689	3529	3370	2874
Western Assurance Company	2464	2019	3559	3942	2652	2915	2541	2223
York Fire & Casualty	2557	2129	3669	3983	3058	3029	2778	2837
Zenith Insurance Company	4972	4871	6760	7302	5472	6311	5670	5320

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