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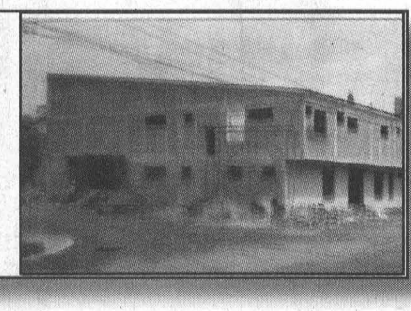

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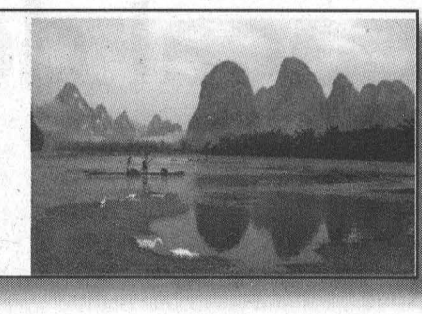

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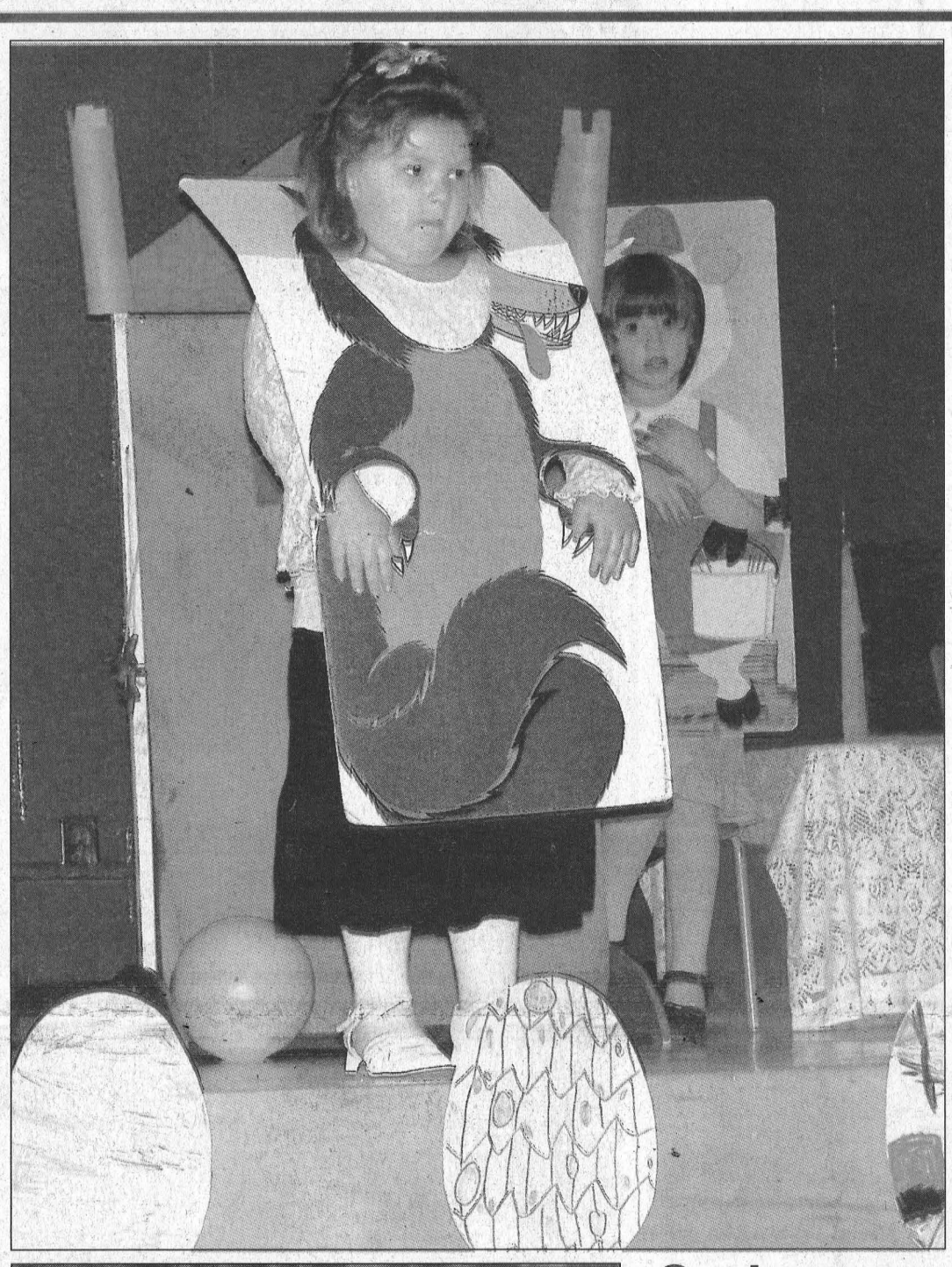

Homework first, then study later

Facility review motion tabled but deferred for now

WILLIAMSBURG–Council decided last week to do their homework first before hiring a consultant to study for them.

Following the township's first budget meeting, South Dundas councillor Steven Byvelds decided that he is not content to sit back and wait indefinitely to make decisions about the future of South Dundas' many municipally owned buildings.

Byvelds tabled a motion at the April 3, South Dundas council meeting to engage a consultant to complete an independent study concerned with South Dundas' 26 municipally owned buildings, and make recommendations to council on which buildings to retain, which to upgrade and which to divest.

He said that hiring a consultant would be the best way to get an unbiased, non political view of the situation.

South Dundas councillor Delbert Jones seconded the motion, but in discussing the issue said, at this time, he is somewhat reluctant to spend money on a study, because there may already be studies available to them which include much of the information they are looking for.

"I think we need to bring ourselves up to date first," said Jones. "But I do applaud councillor

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Council costs go up $5,000 in 2006

WILLIAMSBURG–The cost of council to the taxpayers of South Dundas rose nearly $5,000 between 2005 and 2006.

Council's annual statement of remuneration and expenses was released to the public last week by South Dundas treasurer Lorna Seibert, and it showed that council members were paid $83,587.72 by the municipality between January 1 and December 31, 2006.

Of that amount, 93 percent covered council's remuneration, including each member's annual honorarium and per diem for attending meetings.

The mayor's honorarium is $15,000 annually, deputy mayor's is $11,250 annually and councillor's $7,500 annually.

The per diem for all council members is $100 for a council meeting and $85 per committee meeting.

Overall, council honorarium payouts accounted for 56 percent of the remuneration paid to council and attending meetings the remaining 44 percent.

Of the money paid to council members $21,355 or 26 percent was paid out to former South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen.

Former South Dundas councillor Bill Ewing collected $15,694, or nearly 19 percent of the total amount paid to council.

The only member of the former council re-elected to this term of council, then councillor and now mayor Charles Barkley was paid 17 percent of the total amount paid to council.

Former South Dundas councillor Johnny Whitteker was paid 16 percent of the total amount and former South Dundas councillor Sandra Bailey was paid 15 percent of the total.

Newly elected to council, South Dundas deputy mayor Robert Gillard and councillors Steven Byvelds, Delbert Jones and Jim Graham only served one month on council in 2006.

In the first month of this council term, the deputy mayor was paid just over $2,000.

Councillors Graham and Jones received $1,350 and $1,340 respectively and councillor Byvelds just under $1,300.



Spring welcome at DCPS

DIXON'S CORNERS – Students and staff at Dixon's Corners Public School hosted a community event last Tuesday evening.

The first annual Spring Festival included a Victorian tea, silent auction and entertainment provided by the students.

Pictured above, Destiny MacPherson played the wolf in the *Three Little Pigs*.

Following the fun and entertainment, the students and school's parent council presented gifts to retiring vice principal Penny Levesque (right) and Mary Perry (left) of Dundas Bus Service, who is also retiring.

The group thanked Penny for her "steadfast and caring" leadership which she has provided at the school and thanked Mary for always, "going that extra mile."

There was a good crowd on hand for the first time event.

Cleaning up South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG–It's nearly time to take pride in South Dundas. The second annual Community Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2007, rain or shine.

For one day, and one day only the township will waive tipping fees for two tires, unlimited bags of household garbage and unlimited white goods (with the exception of appliances containing Freon), for residents of South Dundas participating in the event.

Initiated last year by former South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen, the event's success has prompted township officials and the current council to continue to offer community members the chance to pitch in and pick up around the municipality.

Community groups and individuals are welcome to register at the municipal office in Williamsburg to participate in roadside clean up, along the road of their choice. Those who register for roadside clean up will be supplied with garbage bags by the municipality.

Individuals register for roadside clean up, or if they wish can opt to clean up around their own property.

Everyone who participates is welcome to join in a free barbecue at the municipal office in Williamsburg, where council members will be serving up free hotdogs and drinks. Those participating will receive their free ticket to the barbecue at the Williamsburg or Matilda waste disposal sites when they bring in the roadside litter or household garbage collected that day. The Williamsburg waste disposal site is open 9 a.m., until noon and the Matilda site is open 1-4 p.m.

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Local documentary submitted to festival

MORRISBURG – Local student filmmaker, David Jones, announced last week that his documentary film, *A River Lost: The Story of the St. Lawrence Seaway*, has been submitted to the Banff World Television Festival.

The annual awards competition is for recently completed productions that are mainly intended for television.

According to Jones, there are 18 competition categories and *A River Lost* has been entered into the History and Biography category.

"I really have no expectations of winning but I was encouraged to enter the Festival by several people," said Jones.

He went on to explain that each submission is first screened by a jury consisting of experienced and knowledgeable people from the film industry. Films selected from the screening process are then entered into the competition which is held in June.

Jones said, "The DVD will soon be available in local retail outlets. Arrangements are being made with local Retailers, Service Clubs and Not-for-Profit organizations to sell the DVD."

He added that The Lost Villages Society have supported the DVD from the very beginning and have agreed to promote the video at their presentations as well as sell it at the museum.

A cross section of area residents with first hand knowledge of life before and during the construction of the Seaway were interviewed and filmed for *A River Lost*.

The film footage was interspersed with still photographs as well as old and new video footage to tell the story and celebrate the lives of those who lived in the "old towns" and "lost villages".

Jones researched and wrote the script and a professional narrator was hired to tell the story on the finished DVD.

Jones said, "The central theme that became evident during the filming was that people had lost their deep connection to the River as a result of the Seaway project. It was this feeling that I wanted to capture in the title of the DVD, *A River Lost: The Story of the St. Lawrence Seaway*.

"The support from the community has been great," said Jones.

"I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance provided by Kevin Lamoureux, President of KAV Productions. In addition I would like to thank all those who have assisted me with the project including those that were interviewed or provided old photos and film footage, as well as those that provided financial support," he added.

The Provincial Government's Young Entrepreneurs program provided Mr. Jones with start-up costs and an additional $1,500 upon the successful completion of his summer business.

In addition, financial support was received from the Township of South Dundas, the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, Harland Veinotte Ltd., Upper Canada Motors Ltd., Hunt Builders Ltd., Gorrell Grenkie Leroy & Rémillard, Chuck Irvine, Royal Bank-Iroquois Branch, Marnie Thom and Fred Hill Insurance Ltd.

For more information on purchasing a copy of *A River Lost: The Story of the St. Lawrence Seaway*, please contact David, Karen or Del Jones at 613-543-3588. Anyone interested in viewing clips of the DVD prior to purchase should visit kav.ca and click on "Demo Videos".

Cleaning up South Dundas

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The barbecue will take place, April 21, in Williamsburg at the municipal office from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

At the request of South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley, the barbecue is running a little later this year to better accommodate those making use of the Matilda waste disposal site.

Study

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Byvelds' initiative. "I just don't want to have a study done that looks just like another study we already have."

South Dundas councillor Jim Graham agreed with the motion in principle however, said he too was a little reluctant to hire a consultant at this time. "It's like hiring someone to tell you the time using your watch," he said, suggesting that the study may be better done at the municipal level, possibly by forming a committee to look into the matter.

He then suggested that it may serve council well to visit each of the buildings and meet with the groups who make use of those buildings.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley agreed that council has some up front work to do before making any decisions about the future of any of the buildings owned by the municipality, but said, "If we want an unbiased study we will need to go the route councillor Byvelds is suggesting and hire a consultant."

He and the remainder of council agreed that Byvelds' motion should be deferred to give council time to do some work on the issue.

"I am willing to defer it, but I will not let it go," said Byvelds. "If next year we are still at this point I will be very disappointed."

Before the discussion ended, Graham suggested that there are some buildings council could look at first, but would not mention any specifically.

"I'll mention one - Stampville," said Jones, adding that "money needs to be spent on the building."

In looking at the money that needs to be spent, the operational costs versus the revenue and its proximity to other municipal buildings like Matilda Hall and Iroquois Civic Centre, Jones said, "Can we not identify buildings like that."

"We disagree already," said Mayor Barkley.

Byvelds then added that he would not be willing to target a building like the Stampville Centre at this point. "I don't know enough about it."

Small auto sales site allowed in Elma hamlet

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas council voted in favour of a zoning bylaw amendment which would allow for a small auto sales site in Elma, on the property of Jim Mills.

With the approved amendment, the property owners will house roughly three vehicles for sale and a small office structure which is a provincial requirement for an auto sales facility.

IROQUOIS LEGION NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #370

IROQUOIS – Happy Easter to all! I hope you had a wonderful weekend, shared with family and friends. Due to the long weekend, I presume, only 13 players showed up to play cribbage, and for the first time in quite some time, 'singles' was played.

Finishing in first with 1,053 was Marie Mattice while Ken Palmer claimed the second spot with 1,048. Joan Ault came in third with a count of 1,027. Taking the Bridesmaid's honours for the day, with a total of 1,017, was Andre Gravel.

There were ten skunks running wild, and picking up two each were Roger Coulter (they were back to back too!) and Janice Warner.

With two weeks of official play remaining before the final closing, as well as the banquet and awards, Bernie Montroy is still hanging on to first place. The final day play will be a "play to lose" day. Then the league takes a summer break.

The Pot of Gold winner was Gayle Scarfe who was signed in. Congratulations Gayle!

The Friday meal will be ham and scalloped potatoes, with baked beans. The dessert will be pie and ice cream.

A total of nine tables of euchre were played on Tuesday evening of last week. Taking the first prize was Cecil McDermott, while Keitha McConnell claimed the second prize. Having low score of the evening was Joe Beltman. Not one skunk made an appearance throughout the evening.

Don't forget the pub crawl this Saturday. It will be leaving the Legion at eleven a.m. For more information contact the Legion.

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting will take place Tuesday evening, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The Legion Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at seven p.m.

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In the business of pampering people

MORRISBURG – The idea of liking what you do, and doing what you like isn't new, and last year Tracey Veinotte started a business that turned an interest into a career.

Pamper Me Esthetics is Tracey's business which she started May 1, 2006.

Tracey got her start in the esthetics business at Tammy's Hair and Tanning Studio in Chesterville, where she still spends half of her week, but the other half is spent pampering people right here in Morrisburg.

Tracey offers a full line of services including manicures and pedicures with several options including french and nail art, gel nails, wax, and the ultimate pamper me experience - princess pampering.

A great gift idea, a young princess will be receive the royal treatment including treats, candy scented products with a manicure or pedicure, complete with a take home ring or toe ring. During the treatment the princess can have her favourite music playing. "The girls just love it," says Tracey.

"We offer lots of services for the ladies, but it's nice not to forget the kids and the fellas."

For the guys Tracey offers a sports "man"icure, sports pedicure, and a waxing package called the maintenance man.

Tracey got into the esthetics business when she had a few things happen in her life that got her reflecting on how short life is and how people should do what they want, while they can. "This is something that always interested me," she says.

And now, a year later she says, "I enjoy what I do, especially the social part of it."

Working from her Morrisburg home, Mondays, Wednesdays, half a day Thursdays, and Saturday mornings has allowed Tracey to enjoy her children Cole and Christyn who sometimes get to participate in providing the royal treatments or by trying the new products.

Although Tracey has specific days which she works from home, she says that she can be pretty flexible with appointments. "People's work schedules and lifestyles are pretty hectic, so I try to be as flexible as I can."

Tracey is proud of the product line that she uses in her business, which includes standard and healthy alternative polishes, naturally based facial products, and a great wax product.

Most of the products she uses have required special training. "The fact that they require training, really tells me something about them," she says. "These companies take their products seriously, and I like that."

The products Tracey has selected are all products that she likes herself. "I like to be proud of the products that I am putting my name behind." Tracey hopes that people will come and try all that she has to offer.

She is planning a special event, although the date and location have not been finalized, she and her children will be holding a fundraiser for Caylen Laberge.

Last year, Tracey's daughter Christyn asked for donations for the Cancer Society rather than gifts for her birthday, and this year Tracey is planning an event where people book an appointment to have something done, and leave a donation for Caylen to contribute to the overall fundraising effort.

Specific details about the event will follow in the near future.



Receiving the Royal Treatment

Taylar Tippins (left) is receives the royal treatment with a special manicure package offered at Pamper Me Esthetics, owned and operated by Tracey Veinotte (right). Tracey has been in the esthetics business for a year, May 1.

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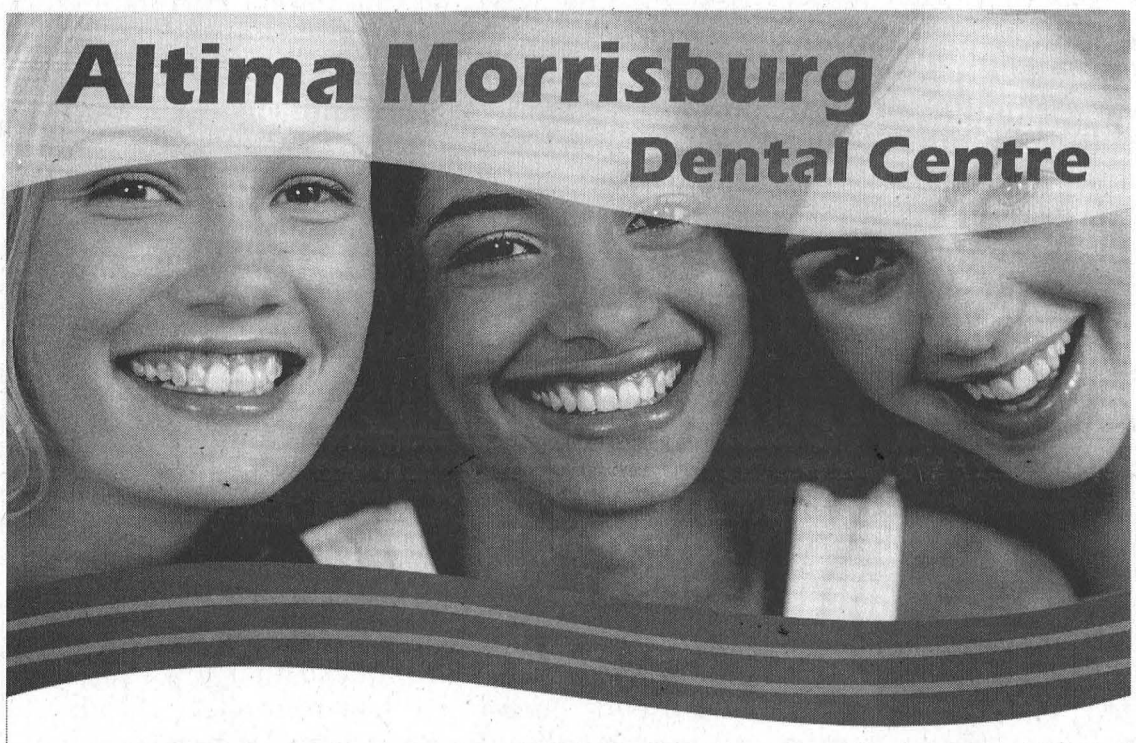

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Second annual community cleanup set for April 21st

The second annual Community Clean Up Day is coming up on Saturday, April 21 and it comes none to soon. The snow has now left us, sort of, and with its going there appears an unsightly mess of garbage along our roadways and in our parks.

Community Clean Up Day was initiated last year by then mayor Lyle Van Allen and a lot of individuals rolled up their sleeves, hauled out their rakes and went to work. The result was a much cleaner looking municipality.

This year's clean up day has been set for Saturday, April 21 and it is a go, rain or shine...oh yes and even snow as it appears it just doesn't want to quit.

Not only does the day afford comunity-minded citizens the opportunity to clean up public land, but for this day only the township is waiving the tipping fees for two tires, unlimited bags of household garbage and unlimited white goods (with the exception of appliances containing Freon). This is a great time for residents of the South Dundas community to clean out their basements and clean up their yards.

Groups and individuals are invited to register at the municipal office in Williamsburg if participating in the cleanup. You can choose any road or area you want and go to work. Those who do register will be supplied garbage bags by the municipality.

Those who register are also invited to join their fellow cleaners, swap a few cleanup stories, and enjoy hot dogs and beverages prepared and served by members of our council at the municipal office in Williamsburg from 1-4 p.m. The tickets for the barbecue will be handed out at the Williamsburg and Matilda waste disposal sites when the garbage is dropped off.

The Williamsburg waste disposal site will be open from 9 a.m. until noon, and the Matilda site from 1-4 p.m.

You know the old saying, *many hands make light work*, and this is one of those occasions where it certainly applies.



Good Old Grade Eight at Morrisburg Public, Early 1960s

Front row, l-r, Omer Joe Billings, Lester Neild, Karen Lapier, Yvonne Cassell, Catherine Edgerton, Sheila Cougler, Audrey Leightizer, Valerie Guay, Barbara Ann Scott, Steve Darling, Raymond Kenney. Middle row, l-r, Betty Lou Crowder, Gloria Eamon, Joanne Daoust, Judy Duval, Karen MacDonald Susan McCrank, Susan Merkley, Gail Duvall, Claudia Colbourne, Judy Cassell, Beverly Adair, Corey Loper and Ralph Duvall. Back, l-r, Paul Dubruyne, Keith Mabo, Mike Adair, Jim Scott, Richard Coligan, Jack Notman, Steve Casselman, Billy Hawkes, Bryan Dawley, George Locke, Doug Thurston and David Gilmor. Teacher Mr. Droppo.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

There is more great hockey coming up at the arena in Morrisburg this weekend when the St. Lawrence River Kings host a Major Bantam AAA Tournament. This year's River Kings team includes local players Lance Hodgson and Curtis Van Allen. They are coached/managed by Blair Hodgson and made up of players from throughout the district. "They are all kids we met during the regular hockey season," says Hodgson, explaining, "We are cutting our teeth with this tournament. We have teams coming in from Springfield Massachusetts, Quebec and two Ottawa based teams."

The Kings team is put together for the spring hockey season which is tournament play only. In addition to the tournament this weekend in Morrisburg and Cardinal, they will play in tournaments in Plattsburgh New York and Casselman, Ontario.

The weekend game schedule was not available at press time.

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As part of its spring program, Encore Seniors Education Centre is offering daytime courses for mature adults at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre. There are no exams and no grades, just learning for pure fun. Upcoming topics include: Understanding Today's Technology and Privacy in Today's World (special attention paid to the impact of technology on privacy and security of the individual); A Free Income Tax Clinic (will provide help with 2006 return); Preventive Medicine. For more information you may call Encore Seniors at 613-937-1525.

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We have had a number of people point out the huge amount of garbage along the shoulders of Highway 31 from the entrance to the village to the overpass. It has been a very ugly sight on a number of occasions in the last couple of weeks. As best as we can find out, a community-minded citizen is tossing the garbage from the ditches to the roadside where it is then being bagged and taken away. We took a drive back to the overpass Tuesday morning and noticed that towards the south end the garbage had been cleared, while there was still quite a bit as we approached the overpass.

The Leader Blast from the Past

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1997

The April 2 issue reported the Howard Johnston Hotel in Morrisburg was under new ownership. Three local businessmen, Les Cruickshank, Roy Brister and Tom Morrow had purchased the business from AFM Hospitality of Toronto. There were to be a lot of changes to the hotel including its name and its look.

The Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey Association named Jim Notman as Coach of the Year.

There was a storm brewing in Iroquois. Plans were under way at Seaway District High School to establish a campus-community radio station to serve the southern part of Dundas County. The station was to build on its in-school radio operation, The Storm, that had been broadcasting during parts of the day at Seaway since March of 1996.

1987

It was reported in the April 8 issue that construction of a nursing home in Morrisburg would begin in early June. The new home was to be situated on a five acre parcel of land situated at the corner of Ottawa and Fifth Streets.

The Seafarers' Training Institute was sold to Windmill Ford Ltd. of Cornwall for an undisclosed amount. The new owners were planning to lease the site.

Three bands made up of students of Seaway District High School were providing the music for a school dance being held as a fundraiser for the Save the Rink committee. The bands and their members were: AfterImage–Markus Staebler, Gerry Bailey, Tim Rosenquist, Scott Robinson and Kent Smith; Sweet Cheater–Jennifer Barkley, Mike Bailey, Kyle Hall, Robert Melesky and David Brannen; Strate Lace–Alain Beriault, Scott Veinotte, Mario Beriault and Danny Barkley.

The Morrisburg Curling Club's championship was won by the rink of Graham Houze, Don Robertson, Graeme Doig and Andy Schneckenburger.

1977

Headlines in the April 15 issue read: Lions backs-to-wall for showdown tonight. A missing persons bulletin had been issued for the Morrisburg Jr. B Lions. Some critics believed the Lions had been kidnapped as the team that had been seen in the last three games was not the same Lions' team that won the league pennant, took Cardinal out four straight and downed Prescott in five to win the Gill Cup. They met the Gananoque G-Men for the Southern Division and went up three games to none, but then slipped and allowed the G-Men to come back and tie the series at three games apiece. The seventh game of the series was to be played in Morrisburg.

Hal Wagner was named Lions' Deputy District Governor of Region 30, which consisted of three zones and 23 Lions clubs from Gananoque to Alexandria.

1967

Headlines in the April 14 issue read: Combines are facing elimination tonight. Heroes a week earlier when they won going away in the first game of the Allan Cup Playdown, that had since changed with three consecutive losses against the same Kingston team. It was expected coach Ralph Hurley, with nowhere to go but up, would pull out all stops and try any combination in an effort to get his Combines back on the winning track.

The new wing under construction at Winchester District Memorial Hospital was to supply the surrounding area with added facilities for service. The anticipated cost of the building and equipment was $1,340,000. When completed with a total of 130 beds, the hospital would be equipped with an enlarged pediatric centre, 35 beds for the chronically ill and a central admitting office with added emergency and recovery rooms. The wing was being built south of the present building, facing Highway 31. The boiler room was to be relocated and the former area would be utilized for a larger and more efficient kitchen.

1957

The April 12 issue reported that Grenville-Dundas Progressive Conservatives had for the 10th time, nominated Arza Clair Casselman to contest the Federal riding.

Wesley Stitt of St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, became a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Rho, National Radio and Television Honorary Fraternity. Membership to the fraternity was attained by maintaining a high academic record.

Neil Coir, son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Coir, was awarded a varsity hockey letter at St. Lawrence University, Canton. Neil was alternate goaler for the 1956-57 season.

The new "motor vehicle fuel tax act" was affective April 1. A 20 cents per gallon tax was now payable by those who received fuel oil in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle.

1947

The April 11 issue reported that through he provisions of the new Liquor Licence Act, 1946, the province of Ontario had, at long last, embarked upon what was hoped would be a new era in the social consumption of alcohol.

Thirty-seven passengers in a Colonial Coach Lines bus bound from Cornwall to Ottawa were stranded for more than an hour in the centre of swirling floodwaters from the South Nation River on Highway 31, near Cass Bridge. The bus was halted by its driver, when, while trying to keep it on the highway that lay nearly four feet beneath the steadily rising water the bus went off the edge of the pavement. The bridge was the centre of the worst flooding to occur in the district since 1938.

Leo Fraser, head of Fraser Motors, Ford distributors in Morrisburg received a telegram from the Ford Motor Company of Canada, requesting their establishment suspend operations for five minutes in tribute to the late Mr. Henry Ford who died earlier in the week.

THE MORRISBURG LEADER

Letters to the Editor

April 9, 2007
Dear Sir:

Several weeks ago two distinguished members of our community co-signed a Letter to the Editor of this newspaper, which was published on February 14. The letter essentially called into question the continuing mandate of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, which comes under the authority of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism. Mr. McInnis and Mr. Cruickshank made a well reasoned and thoughtful argument that seasonable employment levels at the Parks notwithstanding, the economic benefit to the community, especially as a tax generating business, is negligible. Both of these gentlemen, bastions of civility or so I am told, took pains to avoid direct criticism of the Parks Commission and suggested that these concerns be raised in the upcoming provincial election. On that point, I wholeheartedly agree.

The lessons of history teach us that any attempts to carve up the proverbial sacred cow usually prove to be risky business. However, there is much at stake here with respect to the long term future of our community, so perhaps with an election in the offing this fall it is a time to loosen the constraints and engage a healthy debate on the subject. Indeed, in my opinion it is time to take a good, hard look at the merits of this little fiefdom that for years now has sucked up millions in public funds with no discernible benefit to local ratepayers.

Let us begin with last week's public announcement by Liberal MPP Jim Brownell, a sincere but generally ineffectual cheerleader for the McGuinty government, of the $4.2 million in "new" government funding for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission intended to "boost tourism" and (here it comes) "provide sustainable growth at the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, bringing new investment, jobs, and economic opportunities to our region."

Pure horse hockey! A little political pre-election gimmick intended to deflect serious questions about things like feasibility studies. But I digress.

This sudden windfall is, of course, a mere pittance compared to the old familiar refrain of "$100 million in annual economic benefit" that the St. Lawrence Parks Commission provides to our community and the Old Fort Henry area in Kingston, where I frankly suspect that this comes as much of a surprise to them as it does to us. Messrs. McInnis and Cruickshank effectively debunked this ridiculous claim, trotted out unabashedly by successive administrations over the years. Personally, I would invite the bean counters at the Ministry of Tourism to sit by the windows at Apple Betty's and watch the cars and buses roll into the Village and roll out a couple of hours later the same way they came in, without so much as stopping for a "double double" at the local Tim's. Or they can simply survey a few of our businesses to determine how many actually benefit from this much-lauded $100 million.

As for tax benefits, our modest business at Apple Betty's in fact pays (or owes, as the case may be) at least 80% more in municipal taxes to South Dundas Township each year than all of the operations at the Parks Commission, including the Village, the marina, and the golf course. I suspect even many homeowners on the river pay more. Local ratepayers like us face a double whammy because in addition to bearing the tax burden of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, this provincial government and the Parks Commission have successfully thwarted every effort in the past few years to open up a mere portion of its extensive acreage for local commercial development, thereby rendering its economic value to the community useless or "sterile." More on this to come.

Let us examine in more detail the announcement last Friday of the funding increases; $1.7 million in "new" operational funding for this year and a whopping $2 million more annually in operating subsidies, bringing the total operating deficit each year to $7.5 million. What the architects of this offering failed to point out is that firstly, the $1.7 million is probably already spent as part of budget overruns in the last fiscal year, more than likely brought on by decreasing revenues related to fewer visitors and general state of waste and mismanagement. Secondly, except for some additional funding to help promote the Alight at Night festival, they were none too clear about where the rest of the dough was going.

More importantly, this huge jump in the annual operating subsidy from $5.5 million to $7.5 million seems intended to ensure that the status quo is preserved at any cost, despite a poor management track record of this potentially valuable asset and a demonstrated inability or unwillingness by the Parks Commission to manage change and create new growth opportunities. This increase also comes on the heels of several statements made in the last year by Tourism Minister Jim Bradley that his provincial government "could no longer afford to pay-out six million a year in subsidies to the Parks Commission." So much for political direction from the top! Unfortunately for entrepreneurial folks like us, private companies that cannot manage their budgets do not have the luxury of dipping into public coffers to make ends meet.

This brings us somewhat reluctantly to the point about all those great jobs at the Parks Commission, a banner example of your tax dollars at work. Most are seasonal, some are commuters, but as for the rest I suppose its nice work if you can get it! Of course it's not to say that you won't find some very nice, hardworking and capable folks out at the Parks. But let us not be blinded to what this truly is . . . a very expensive government makework program for a few fortunate enough to be on the receiving end of the golden handshake. And here's where the ratepayers get it in the arm again. By the government's own admission, this operation now loses nearly $8 million a year, propped up by our tax dollars. Meanwhile the recipients of this largesse are accountable to no one, at least no one around here, and so normal business protocols or oversights do not necessarily apply.

Let me be clear on this point. Upper Canada Village is a valuable asset that needs to be preserved and promoted, along with the Crysler battlefield memorial. However, it is a decaying infrastructure that is badly in need of a major infusion of new capital and creative ideas to keep visitors coming; otherwise it is destined for a slow death. This can only come from the private sector. Likewise some or arguably even most of the parks and campgrounds and other green spaces created for recreational activity nearly 50 years ago should be maintained, but 500 square miles of underutilized prime real estate is more than our communities need for recreational purposes, unless some misguided bureaucrat somewhere is planning to move the city of Montreal to within the borders of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

For the past several years now a number of our citizens, businessmen, elected representatives and local residents have tried unsuccessfully to convince Ministry of Tourism officials and the St. Lawrence Parks Commission to allow a small part of Commission lands to be developed for new and exciting tourist attractions and/or residential usage. Such development has the potential to bring a great many new jobs and real economic benefit to the area, create real sustainable growth and a financial windfall for the township thereby easing the burden on local ratepayers. Despite overwhelming local public support for such a project, these efforts recently have been met by endless political dithering, obfuscation, deception, broken promises and missed deadlines.

A case in point is the much ballyhooed public announcement made by the Ministry of Tourism more than fifteen months ago, in December 2005 to be exact, concerning the $400,000 grant to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission to undertake a feasibility study for such a commercial development. The Parks Commission promised to have the results available in May of 2006, then in June, then in September, then according to present Chairman Peter Watson, "certainly before the end of the year". Here we are nearly a year and a half later, no announcement, no result, and no accountability to the community. Just more camouflage, more government "double speak", and more good money following after bad with no long term plan in sight. (Never mind the photo op, Charles, as Mayor you should be asking the tough questions!)

As for last week's announcement, as in the case of the Ontario Lottery scandal, the government says all the right things but continues to do absolutely nothing. In my opinion this government is doing little if anything to boost economic recovery for Eastern Ontario. The serious money for tourism related projects still flows to the Niagara region, and it is no coincidence that Mr. Bradley represents that particular area. In fact, while Mr. Brownell was announcing the latest handout for the Parks Commission, the Minister was busy announcing another $35 million of public funding for a Niagara Falls convention centre. I guess it would be overly cynical to suggest that Mr. Bradley figures the government will get its money back when all those conventioneers hit the new Fallsview Casino!

In any event, we simply cannot afford this state of affairs. As more local industries are shut down each year, tourism plays an ever increasing role in the future of rural communities. If we are not on the ball and fail to take advantage of the opportunities and resources at our disposal, we will lose out to neighbouring communities who are already drawing up plans to capitalize on new family-oriented tourism attractions.

It is my belief, and that of a great many area residents who have shared their thoughts with me, that the St. Lawrence Parks Commission has outlived its mandate. It is no longer the economic engine it was so many years ago, and it is far too costly. The economic future of this community should no longer be gambled or sacrificed to preserve the selfish interests of the power hungry and the performance challenged. These lands that are essential to the long term planning of our own bright future must be given back into the hands of those that we elect to represent our interests in the community, and not left to the whims and fancies of Toronto bureaucrats and a handful of mostly non- residents appointed by Queens Park purely as a means of rewarding the party faithful.

The upcoming election provides the forum for change. The rest is up to each of us.

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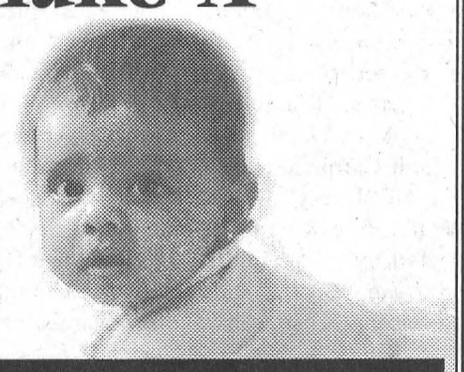

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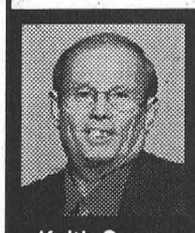

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This Friday, April 13th there will be entertainment in the Lounge by John Mason. It's free and open to everyone, so come out enjoy it with your friends.

This Saturday the Ladies Auxiliary will send four ladies to play in the District Darts in Brockville. They are Marie Mattice, Judy Scott, Janice Warner and Elaine Baker. Good luck ladies!

The next Steak BBQ is Friday, April 27th with the same great 16 oz. steaks and all the trimmings for $12 plus tax and entertainment following by "Sound Expressions". Remember, the last steak night was sold out, so get your tickets early

Sunday afternoon cards resumes this week with Euchre starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Sunday meat draw was won by Neil Robertson.

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

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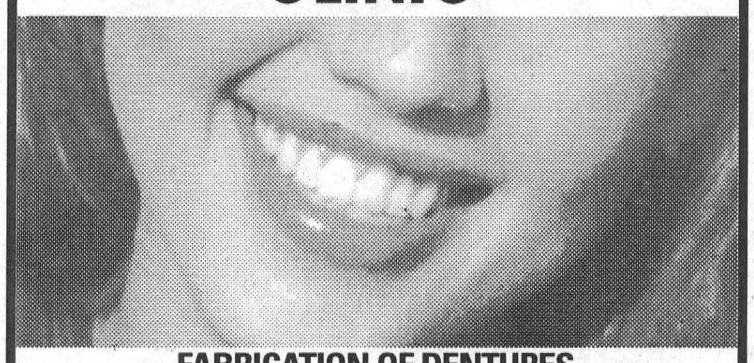
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Obituaries

Ferneley Wray Johnston



A lifetime resident of the Williamsburg area, Ferneley Wray Johnston passed away at the Ottawa General Hospital on Saturday, March 31, following a brief illness. He was 80.

Ferneley was born west of Winchester on November 29, 1926, to his parents Carman and Hilda Johnston (nee McIntosh). His family moved to Bouck's Hill and bought a farm, but returned to Winchester when his grandparents needed help.

Ferneley's father died after their return to Winchester, when Ferneley was nine years old. He and his mother and his sister then returned to Bouck's Hill where he lived until his death.

After his father's death, Ferneley accompanied his Uncle Ed Casselman who was a cattle drover. Following his Uncle's death, he bought for drovers Hugh McIntosh and then Keith Schell and they would ship the cattle to Montreal. When Keith Schell quit, the local farmers convinced Ferneley to go on his own. He bought a truck and started his own business. Over the years he spent many hours trucking cattle to Embrun, Winchester, Lancaster and Moulinette sale barns.

On June 10, 1948, he married Marion Colquhoun at Williamsburg United Church manse and together they had three daughters Carole, Linda, and Donna.

During his 50 plus years working as a cattle drover, Ferneley was lucky because he was only slightly injured on two occasions. The highlight of his career was having the privilege of selling the largest cow at Leo's sale barn. She weighed 2,230 pounds.

Ferneley always said he didn't make much money selling cattle, but he had a lot of fun. He did it all his life and he wouldn't have wanted to do anything else. His career was highlighted by an appearance on Regional Contact in 1989. In addition to being a cattle drover, Ferneley, for over 53 years, delivered the mail to the residents of R.R.# 2 Williamsburg.

Ferneley and Marion would have been married 59 years June 10th this year. They met at a dance at Paul's Hall in Williamsburg, and dated for about one and one half years before they married. They always worked as a team and the work got done.

If Ferneley was late coming home from the sale barn, or he was out with the boys, Marion saw that the chores were done. Together they provided a wonderful home for their three daughters to grow up in.

Ferneley was a very good dad. He enjoyed taking his daughters to the Nation River to fish, on Sunday drives in the country sight seeing, or to the Morrisburg dairy to get an ice cream cone which was a treat Ferneley always enjoyed. He was always there for his family when they needed him, and he will be dearly missed by all of them.

Ferneley was not only well thought of by his family, but he was well liked and respected by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. He possessed an easygoing disposition which enabled him to befriend both young and old.

Ferneley enjoyed eating and having fun. He possessed a good sense of humour, and he always had something funny to say. He loved children, and took the time to make each child he encountered feel special.

Ferneley will be fondly remembered for his trademark brush cut which he had trimmed every two weeks and his love of animals, especially cows and cats.

He was extremely loyal to his family, his friends, his work and his community. He was like a walking encyclopedia when it came to Dundas county and its residents. He knew who was related to who, who was married to who, where a certain individual lived now and where they used to live, and a great deal of other information that he could recount with amazing detail.

Ferneley is survived by his wife Marion and his daughters Carole (David) Pittman of Ottawa, Linda (Wayde) Roles and Donna (Dale) Casselman, both of Bouck's Hill. He was predeceased by his sister Shirley Johnston.

Ferneley will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Wendy Casselman (Kirk Stewart), Derek (Danette) Roles, Joanne Casselman and great-grandchildren Sawyer, Taylor, and Jayden. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Monday, April 2 from 1-4 and 7-10 p.m. An Oddfellows service was held on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Funeral service was held at Williamsburg United Church on Tuesday, April 3 at 11 a.m., with Rev. Isabel Black officiating. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg.

Pallbearers were Bruce Whitteker, Brian Whitteker, Dave Baldwin, Marc Baldwin, Hugh Garlough, and Robert Byvelds. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Whitteker, Glen Cunningham, Harold Coughler, Clair Algire, Rae Casselman, and Lyal Kehoe.

Donations to Winchester Hospital or New Union Cemetery would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Forrest Hilliard Charles Markell



A resident of Morrisburg for the past three years, Forrest Hilliard Charles Markell passed away at Winchester District Hospital on Monday, March 26, 2007, following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 62.

Forrest was born in Matilda Township on June 22, 1944, to Charles and Sarah Markell (nee Keeler). He lived there until 1965, when he moved to Ottawa. He lived in the Ottawa area until 2000, when he moved back to the Williamsburg and Morrisburg area.

Forrest will be remembered by his family and friends as a kind, friendly man who was very proud of his family and all of his possessions. He enjoyed watching ball games and going to flea markets and yard sales. He enjoyed fixing cars and he worked for many years at body shops in Ottawa.

Forrest will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Forrest is survived by his loving partner Margaret Thompson, his special friend Carol Hanson, his children Carl (Christina) of Chesterville, Bucky (Lynn) of Hanesville, Penny (James) Roskell of Hanesville, Carol (Scott) Keeler of Iroquois, Diana (George) Randell of Ottawa, and Mary (John) Rackley of North Carolina, and his brother Fred "Bucky" (Linda) of Prescott. He will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Andrew, Ann, Brian, Dale, Amanda, Jason, Christine, Vincent, Brittany, Isabel, Kyle, Patricia, Melissa, Cassandra, Kenny, and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents Charlie and Sarah Markell (nee Keeler), a sister Eva Delaire, a stepbrother Billy Keeler and a stepsister Judith Keeler. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was at the home on Friday, March 30 at 11 a.m., with Rev. Duncan Perry officiating.

Interment followed at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston. Pallbearers were Brian Keeler, Dale Keeler, Jason Keeler, Andrew Thompson, Vincent Roskell, and Kenny Collins. Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Art Saddlemire



A lifetime resident of the Williamsburg area, Art Saddlemire died suddenly at home on Monday, April 2, 2007. He was 57.

Art was born in Toyes Hill on September 30, 1949, to his parents Stuart and Ethel Saddlemire (nee Newbury). He grew up in the Williamsburg area along with his six brothers and sisters and attended public school in Bouck's Hill.

On October 5, 1973, at Williamsburg United Church, he married Judy Snyder and together they had two sons, Scott and Mark. During his lifetime Art worked as a truck driver at several locations including Allison's Feed Store, KBD Transportation and McMillan Transport until health problems forced him to quit driving in 2006.

Art was a big kid at heart. It was Art who got the kids up at Christmas and when his sons' friends dropped in they always asked "where is Art?" because he was so good with children.

In his spare time Art enjoyed building model airplanes and collecting race cars and Tonka trucks. He spent many hours in his shop creating everything from bird houses to furniture for his wife.

Art was a devoted fan of drag racing, the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Toronto Argonauts. He cherished the times he spent with his family whether it was a trip somewhere or just sitting around the table at home. One of his most memorable trips was when he went to see the Argonauts play in the Grey Cup game in Ottawa.

Art loved to host family breakfasts, campfires, and summer pig roasts. He truly loved animals, and he had a very special bond with his husky named Timber who predeceased Art two weeks ago.

Art is survived by his wife Judy Saddlemire (nee Snyder), his sons Scott of Kingston and Mark (Stacey) of Williamsburg and his siblings Judy Barkley of Williamsburg, Gail (Lee) Kelly of Morrisburg, Marge (Jack) Vanderveen of Williamsburg, Chuck of Williamsburg, Stan (Barb) of Williamsburg, and Paul (Jen) of Cornwall.

He was the son-in-law of Ruby Snyder of Morrisburg and brother-in-law of Gary Snyder of Cornwall, Gord (Yvonne) Snyder of Morrisburg, Lorne Snyder of Morrisburg, and Debbie (Greg) Bowen of Brockville. He was predeceased by his parents Stuart and Ethel Saddlemire. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of service. Funeral service was held at the funeral home on Thursday, April 5 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Yvonne Willis officiating. Cremation followed.

Pallbearers were Chuck Saddlemire, Stan Saddlemire, Paul Saddlemire, Jack Vanderveen, Gord Snyder, and Lorne Snyder. Honorary pallbearers were Ron McMillan, Dalton Gow, Jason Ahokas, and Dave Simser.

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Weekend to End Breast Cancer Shares Proceeds Locally

Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation President and CEO, Linda Eagen, left presents a cheque for $10,000 to Winchester District Memorial Hospital CEO Trudy Reid. The $10,000 represents some of the proceeds raised at the 2006 Weekend to End Breast Cancer Fundraiser and will be used to support the breast cancer program at Winchester Hospital. Also pictured, back l-r, are members of this year's Winchester Heelers team which will take part in the upcoming 2007 walk. They include, Diane Lapier, Jane Sachs, Sharon Smail, Kelly Byers, Libby Pelkey, Barb Filion and Dawn Cooper.

Heelers lacing up for 2007

WINCHESTER – Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation President & CEO, Linda Eagen recently presented a cheque for $10,000 from the 2006 Weekend to End Breast Cancer fundraiser to Winchester District Memorial Hospital CEO Trudy Reid, while members of the Winchester Hospital Heelers team for 2007 looked on.

As a regional organization, the ORCF made the decision to share the proceeds of the 2006 Weekend to End Breast Cancer event with their regional partners, where so many of the walkers come from.

"We feel it is important to support the breast cancer programs in the local community hospitals, as well as to fund important research and services at the Ottawa Hospital Regional Cancer Centre," said Eagen.

Reid is very proud of the breast cancer services provided at WDMH. These include: breast screening (Ontario Breast Screening Centre), surgical intervention with sentinel note biopsy and chemotherapy.

"Our communities have reaped the benefits of the long term strategic partnership with the Ottawa Regional Cancer Program," said Reid.

"This new partnership with the Regional Cancer Centre Foundation is an exciting step," said Dawn Cooper, Managing Director for the WDMH Foundation. "Some of our members were there for the first event; our team has grown and we are all very much looking forward to the 2007 walk."

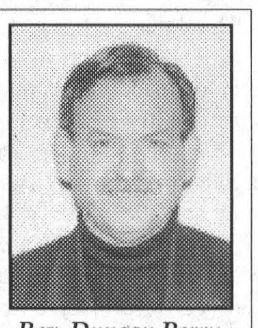
The Weekend to End Breast Cancer is in its second year. This huge event saw 1,000 participants walk 60 km and raise $2.5 million in 2006. Participation is a significant commitment in that each participant must raise at least $2,000 in pledges or donations as well as walk the 60 km trail.

The fourteen members of the "Winchester Hospital Heelers," team include: Kelly Byers, Roseanne Casselman, Dawn Cooper, Caroline Duncan, Christina Enright, Barb Filion, Jennifer Hunter, Linda Johnson, Kathy McCormick, Dianne Lapierre, Jane Sachs, Libby Pelkey, Bonnie Ralko and team captain Lisa Raoul.

They will be working together to raise the combined $28,000 needed to participate in the walk through personal contacts and community events. Seventy five percent of the dollars raised will come back to WDMH to be used for the fight against breast cancer.

An Easter Parable

Perspectives



Rev. Duncan Perry

I would like to share a story with you today. Imagine, if you will, a person who really doesn't like winter. As a matter of fact, that person's dislike for winter is so strong that when the cold winds begin to blow and snow begins to cover the ground, he will literally try to shut out winter by closing all the blinds, turning on all the lights in his home and turning up the heat so that there is nothing at all to remind him of the harsh reality of winter that is immediately outside the door.

Let's continue in our imaginary story and consider winter coming to an end, but our friend has become so accustomed to the warmth and bright light of his own home that he fails to believe there is anything better than what he has created in the confines of his own home.

In fact, he never opens the blinds to see what the outdoors may be like. He is quite content to just remain in his own cocoon and refuses to believe that winter is past and, in fact, what is outside is far better than what is inside.

If such a person existed and it became known we would all wonder how this person could come to the place in his life where he was not willing to acknowledge the obvious. I expect many of us would do our best to try to coax him out of his home to experience the beauty and the joy of summer.

Of course, this is only a story, actually, it's a parable. The dictionary defines a parable as a story designed to teach a moral or religious principle by suggesting a parallel.

We, in the church, have just celebrated the Easter season. It's a time of celebration and reflection on the love of God expressed to the world in the giving of His only begotten Son to die on the cross in our place to bear the penalty for our sin.

That included all of us because Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". Now here is my point.

If there were no Easter, no death on the cross for my sin and your sin, we could have no hope for today or for eternity. But, because of Christ's sacrifice for our sin, we can have our sins forgiven and have peace with God, know fellowship with Him while we live here on earth and go to live with Him when we die.

Now you know there are many people today who either do not believe this or do not think they need God. Of course, what one believes or fails to believe does not change the truth. They are just like the person who had come to believe it is better in his house with all the blinds closed, the lights all on, the furnace cranked up, all the while the winter is over and outside it is absolutely beautiful.

Easter season is over for another year. But, because of Easter, all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ can have eternal life and peace with God, and that my friends is far better than ignoring the truth that we all need God's forgiveness which He willingly offers to you today because of Easter.

The blessing of Easter continues for ever to all who believe.

Rev. Duncan Perry
Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle

Retired teachers to meet

GRENVILLE EAST – Author Rosemary Rutley will be the guest speaker when the Grenville East Retired Women Teachers have their next lunch meeting April 18, at South Mountain United Church.

Rutley will speak about her latest book entitled "Of Curds and Whey" A History of the Cheese Factories in Stormont Dundas and Glengarry. A retired teacher, as well as a member of the group, Rosemary also wrote "Voices from the Lost Villages: A History of the Lost Villages of the St. Lawrence Seaway"

Another guest at the April meeting will be the Provincial President of RWTO, Sherri Stokes from Niagara Falls who will bring greetings from the provincial office.

There are more than 50 members in the Grenville East RWTO, a group dedicated to "caring and sharing." They meet at a different location four times a year in April, June, September and November.

The June luncheon will be held in Iroquois and the guest speaker will be Sheila Fawcett, retired Upper Canada principal who will tell about teaching in Africa with School-for-All: Ecole-pour-Tous, and have pictures of her experiences there last summer.

Sheila was involved in professional development for teachers in Somali refugee camps in Kenya and Mali. She will be returning to do more work there this summer.

The Grenville East women are involved in fundraising which goes towards their Outreach Program, the major recipient being Rideau Hill Camp. Last summer a group of retired teachers put on a workshop for parents at the Parents and Tots camp and they continue to fill containers with supplies and books for the Arts and Crafts program.

They also donate to the children's books at the Prescott Library, the children's school program of the Spencerville Fair, local food banks and House of Lazarus.

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Dundas passed By-law No. 2007-15 on the 3rd day of April, 2007, under Section 34 (18) of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of South Dundas not later than the 1st day of May, 2007, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection. A notice of appeal must include the prescribed fee of $125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

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

The Key Plan identifies the location of the lands affected. The complete By-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

This Zoning By-law amendment is not related to any Official Plan Amendment.

Dated at the Township of South Dundas this 11th day of April, 2007.

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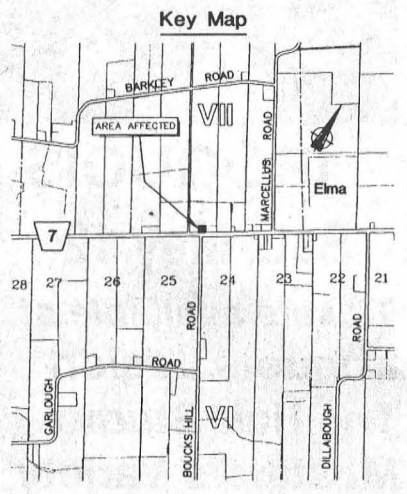


The Arts: new hope in Honduras

Feature story by Wendy Gibb

MORRISBURG – "*Go believe that where there is art, there is a culture. Where there is a culture, you will find peace and order.*"

There is a new 'heart' in the community of San Pedro Sula, an industrial centre, and the second largest city in Honduras.

The *Centro de Artes Sampedrano* officially opened, its inspirational motto on the dedication program, February 3, 2007, before officials of the Honduran government and the families of the children it will serve. Present too were Iroquois residents, George and Irma Jackson, whose personal and financial commitment to improving the lives of children in Central America has been ongoing since 1978.

Through the fundraising efforts of his charitable organization, *Partners for Children in Development,* Jackson constructed the original theatre in 2003. However, he had always hoped to develop a better theatre space, and in the four subsequent years, he found the financing and expertise he needed to follow through on those plans.

He sought the advice of Donnie Bowes, Artistic Director of Upper Canada Playhouse, Morrisburg. Bowes, and Dr. Gerry and Lois Rosenquist of Iroquois, were special guests at the opening of the Honduran Arts Centre February 3.

"I first met George six years ago, when he started appearing to help the Playhouse with 'turn around' days," Bowes explained during an interview with *The Leader* on April 4, 2007. "He worked alongside Playhouse people taking down sets with us. I began to notice that he often brought Honduran exchange students with him to help out."

Over the years, Jackson discussed his plans for building an Arts Centre in the heart of one of the poorest regions of the Central American country. "He bounced ideas off me about stage construction, workshops, props design, and all the facilities a theatre needs to operate successfully," Bowes explained.

Jackson took those ideas back to Honduras, and gradually the new Arts Centre took shape.

Upper Canada Playhouse has been providing moral support for the project from the beginning. Bowes presented the theatre with a special plague from the Playhouse on opening night.

"I went to Honduras to learn about and help out with this new theatre," Bowes said. "Things were so newly finished, that on opening night, you could still smell the wet cement."

Jackson's passion for education in general, and his commitment to helping the people of Honduras, comes as no surprise to the people of South Dundas. But Donnie Bowes is convinced that Jackson's passion for the *arts* may be an even more powerful force for change.

"He has built an Arts Centre right in the middle of one of the poorest areas of San Pedro Sula. He firmly believes that educating children through involving them in the arts not only gives them access to professional, practical skills, but also adds another dimension; spiritual and cultural training."

As Lois Rosenquist sees it, the Arts Centre has become a real means of change in this desperately poor community.

"The San Pedro kids come to the Arts Centre after school every day," she said. "Each one has an assigned, personal responsibility at the Centre, which fosters in them a sense of ownership. They often spend hours at the theatre, developing responsible skills, and a strong sense of community. These qualities they take home with them."

"As the kids change their attitudes and develop a sense of pride in their work and themselves," Rosenquist explained during *The Leader* interview, "these ideas are often reflected in changes in the lifestyles of even the poorest families."

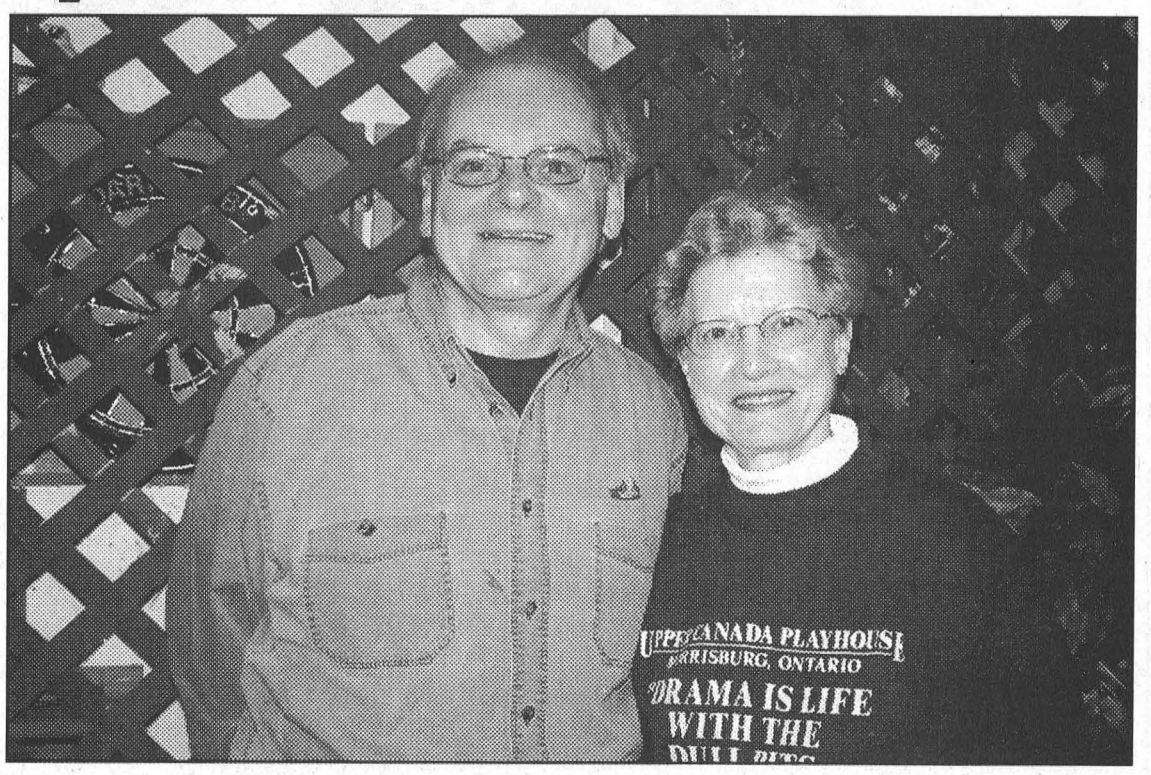
Jackson, according to Bowes and Rosenquist, feels firmly that the only long term hope for a country like Honduras, is education. He is determined to help make education more accessible.

This is seldom an easy task.

Violence and corruption at all levels are a daily reality in Honduras.

The hotel where the Canadian guests stayed was surrounded by high walls, and supplied with armed guards. Guests were discouraged from going for unaccompanied walks in the city where "a person can be killed for a cell phone" said Bowes.

Much of the Honduran economy is fueled by "maquilas", essentially sweatshops, where the employees, over 85 per cent women, many nearly illiterate, work seven days a week for wages that often equal only $30 US. Opportunities for men, who also have high rates of illiteracy, are even more limited. Many, as a result, are swept up into the violence of gang culture.



Donnie Bowes and Lois Rosenquist, newly returned from the theatre opening.

In many families, especially among fathers, education often has a low priority in the face of economic need. Children are regularly pulled from school for harvests, or any type of outside employment set up by their parents.

Jackson must often contend with limited support from the Honduran government as well.

There is an enormous amount of red tape involved in dealing with officials at any level. What the government promises one day can be ignored or changed the next. Supplies and materials can vanish, or arrive weeks late.

However, George Jackson is a realist. "He understands the obstacles he faces," Rosenquist said. "He's had disappointments in his efforts, some of them almost devastating. They might have discouraged, even stopped another man, but not him."

School in Honduras officially starts on February 1. Last year, there were about 40 students enrolled in Jackson's Arts Centre programs. All the way down in the plane, Bowes recalled, George 'fretted' over whether the school had been able to attract "a few more" registrations for the new year, 2007.

On Registration Day at the Centre, February 2, he was confronted with over 125 parents who wanted to sign up their children. Among the crowd, for the first time, there were many Honduran fathers.

The Arts Centre has had a tremendous and positive ripple effect throughout the San Pedro Sula community. Its programs have built an audience, and a growing interest in what a school like this can offer.

Jackson has made no secret of the fact that there are specific and definite expectations for every child who registers: punctuality, academic standards, and acceptance of full, long term commitment.

Parents are also expected to commit to these principles.

On the Centre's opening night, February 3, attended for the first time by Honduran government officials as well as Canadian guests, and the students' families, the arts performers presented a memorable show case of singing, acting, instrumental music and dance.

The level of skills and performance abilities among the young people has soared since the arts program debuted nearly six years ago.

Jackson is currently working to have the original San Pedro Sula Arts Centre and its facilities, which now include the new, well equipped theatre and auditorium annex, turned into a fully accredited arts school by 2008.

He is also involved in training young men and women who share his vision of the future, to step in and gradually take over running the Centre and *Partners'* other schools and homes. Some of the Arts school's first students have actually returned as teachers to work with the next Honduran generation.

"I've been in the Arts all my life," Bowes said, "and I see George believing that a true way to change and encourage children is through the Arts. His students' marks improve, and their attitudes change."

"This," Bowes added "is almost the reverse point of view from North America where arts programs are often on the chopping block. We struggle to keep these programs alive in North American society, and in Honduras, they may become the real tools of change for an entire society."



Centro de Artes Sampedrano

The new Arts Centre of San Pedro Sula, under construction just prior to its official opening on February 3, 2007. The Arts Centre, regarded by many of its Honduran neighbours as the new "heart" of their community, was designed and built as an educational, cultural and performing venue for young people . *photo contributed*

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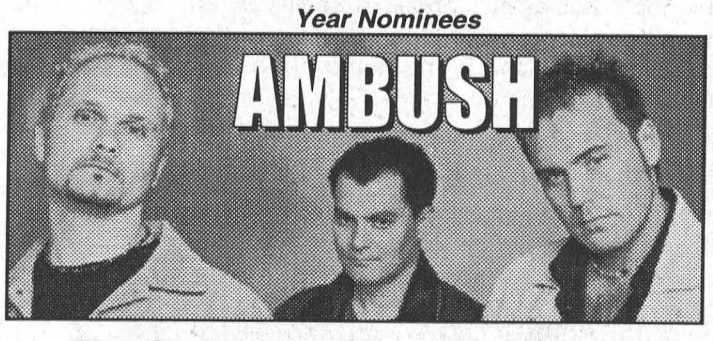

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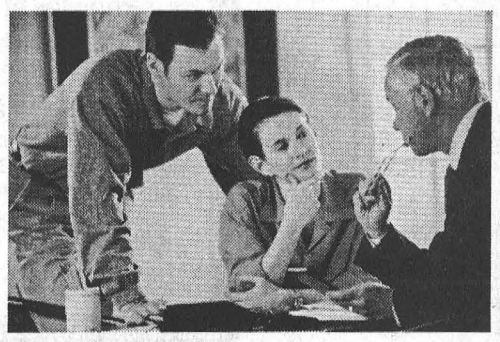
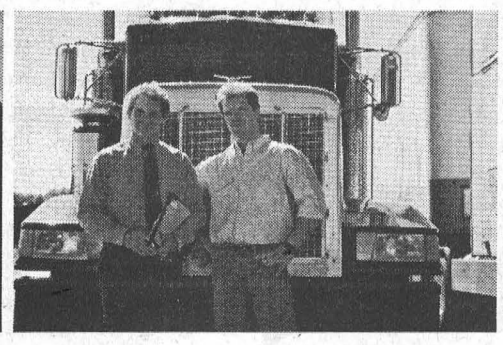

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Awakening dragon: the new China

By Wendy Gibb

MORRISBURG – "China is so much a mixture of the old and the new," said Connie Gruich, Tour Leader for 53 North Americans who spent two weeks last Spring travelling around the largest Asian nation on earth.

"There are 6,000 years or more of ancient culture jumbled right alongside elements of the 21st century. You can be standing on the Great Wall itself, and someone next to you pulls out a cell phone."

A great fascination with the incredible contrasts and contradictions that comprise modern China was one of the reasons that Gruich put together what she describes as "the trip of a life time." With China hosting the upcoming Olympic Games, 2006 seemed a good opportunity to see inside this vast country, still largely unknown to most in the West.

She found 53 other people who shared a desire to explore China. The country was forbidden to Westerners for years under the rule of Mao Tse-Tung and later communist hard liners. Only recently has it been possible to visit the nation openly.

With the help of Jade Tours, which handled bookings and made special arrangements for the travellers after Gruich established her itinerary, a two week journey from Shanghai to Beijing was planned. The group flew out of Ottawa March 24, 2006.

"Most of my group came from this area," Gruich said. "A few were from New York, one was from Winnipeg, and some came from Ottawa and Dryden."

The longest leg of the journey was undoubtedly the flight from Vancouver to Shanghai, a city called by many the 'Paris of the East.' That single flight took 13 hours. In total, Ottawa to Shanghai is about a 20 hour jaunt.

"It was an awful long time," Gruich laughed. "However, people were really calm and flexible. They wanted to enjoy themselves, and roll with any hitches. No one had trouble with the flight."

Shanghai is a bustling, sophisticated city. A highlight for the North Americans was a visit to a Children's Palace, where youngsters receive specialized instruction in the Arts, among other things.

For Gruich, however, one of the most extraordinary segments of the trip had to be Guilin.

"Guilin lies in the most scenic area of China. The Li River flows through pointed hills and past rice paddies. The landscape," Gruich explained, "is breath-taking. This is the home of poets and painters. Many Chinese works of art reflect the beauty of the region."

Gruich's group enjoyed the journey down the Li on their own tour boat. They also got to sample Chinese cuisine.

"Each area of the country has its own cooking style," Gruich explained. "In the South, food tends to be quite spicy, while the North uses more noodles and dumplings. The majority of us stuck with chopsticks, keen to learn to eat as the Chinese do."

During the trip, the travellers attended a multi-course Tang Dynasty banquet, and a Dumpling Banquet.

"There were 19 varieties of dumplings served at that one, along with lots of vegetables and fresh fruit. However," Gruich laughed, "I'd pretty much filled up after the first nine offerings."

Visitors to China are also invited to sample local wines, which is where the group came across its most exotic liquor.

"We were offered 'Snake Wine', which is considered a great delicacy. However, that is not just a 'cute' name. To our shock, the bottle came with a very large snake curled up inside it. The spirits ferment with the snake."

"A lot of the group passed on that one," Gruich said, "but I decided to try it. I would describe it as fiery tasting wine. I admit that I really wouldn't want it too often."

"I think the wonderful massages we all had later compensated for that wine. Chinese massage really pounds you, but you feel great when it's over."

Following the stay in Guilin, the group flew to Chongqing, then drove four hours to catch a cruise ship on the Yangtze River.

They would travel on this ship over four nights.

"By Chinese standards, this was a five star cruise," Gruich said, "but don't compare it to a ship sailing in, say, the Caribbean."

This part of the journey involved a very beautiful trip through China's Three Gorges made up of the Qutang, the Wu and the Xiling. There was also a side trip for the travellers along the Shennong Stream.

"This Shennong Stream is a very, very narrow gorge. We had to leave our cruise ship and embark on flat boats that were literally pulled through the blue water way by dozens of men along the shore. During this leg of our trip, we witnessed another contradiction of modern China."

"During a break, these half naked human draft 'horses', who looked like characters from the China of 4,000 years ago, all hauled out modern cell phones and began placing calls."

The government of China has recently built the Three Gorges Hydroelectric Dam, the biggest in the world. As a result, the Yangtze is backing up, and flooding original sites.

"You see a lot of cities under construction on this part of the trip," Gruich said. "The new cities are for the people displaced by the flooding. Workers are actually re-using old road and old building materials to erect the new cities."

The group toured the Dam itself, and readily agreed that it was both massive and fascinating.

The city of Beijing was an adventure on its own.

"The impression one immediately gets of the city is that it is very, very busy," Gruich recounted. "Building seems to be non-stop. There are incredible shopping malls with everything from golf clubs to silks and pearls available at what are, by our standards, inexpensive prices."

"The government has officially outlawed spitting," Gruich laughed. "The pollution in Beijing is terrible, and frankly, people cough and spit all the time to clear their lungs. It could be pretty disgusting. With the Olympics scheduled in China for the first time, the government is desperately trying to clear up decades of pollution and to stop a practice that would probably offend most Westerners."



Exploring the Mysteries of China

Connie Gruich, who last spring took a large group of North Americans on an incredible journey to China, was thrilled with the wonders and cultural events of the trip. "China is so much a mixture of the old and the new," says Gruich.

In ways that would have been unthinkable even 11 years ago, China has become far more open and welcoming to foreigners. The army is not openly visible any more, and ordinary Chinese citizens will readily discuss issues that matter to them with visitors.

This is not to suggest that Chinese leaders do not still control what their citizens hear and learn.

"Our guides could not answer questions about the massacre that took place in Tian An Men Square in the 1980's. Events that were so extensively covered every where else in the world, were hidden from Chinese citizens. Nothing about the uprising is taught in schools even today. Anything the average Chinese knows about the massacre, he has probably learned from tourists."

One wonderful experience with Chinese people came when part of the tour group went to the home of a delightful senior citizen, who talked of her life in her nation. Like many elderly Chinese, she exercises a lot.

"On all the street corners and in parks, we could see old men and women out doing Tai Chi, or ball room dancing to western music," Gruich explained. "Many carry pet birds in cages to the parks, and hang the cages from tree branches while they play cards and Mah Jong below them."

In Xian, the North Americans experienced one of China's greatest treasures. They saw the 8,000 individual terra cotta warriors who surround the tomb of the powerful Quin Emperor Shi Huang Dj.

"I saw beautiful temples and the Great Wall. We toured the Forbidden City where the Chinese royal family ruled through many dynasties. But for me," Gruich exclaimed, "those Warriors of the first Emperor are the most impressive sight of all."

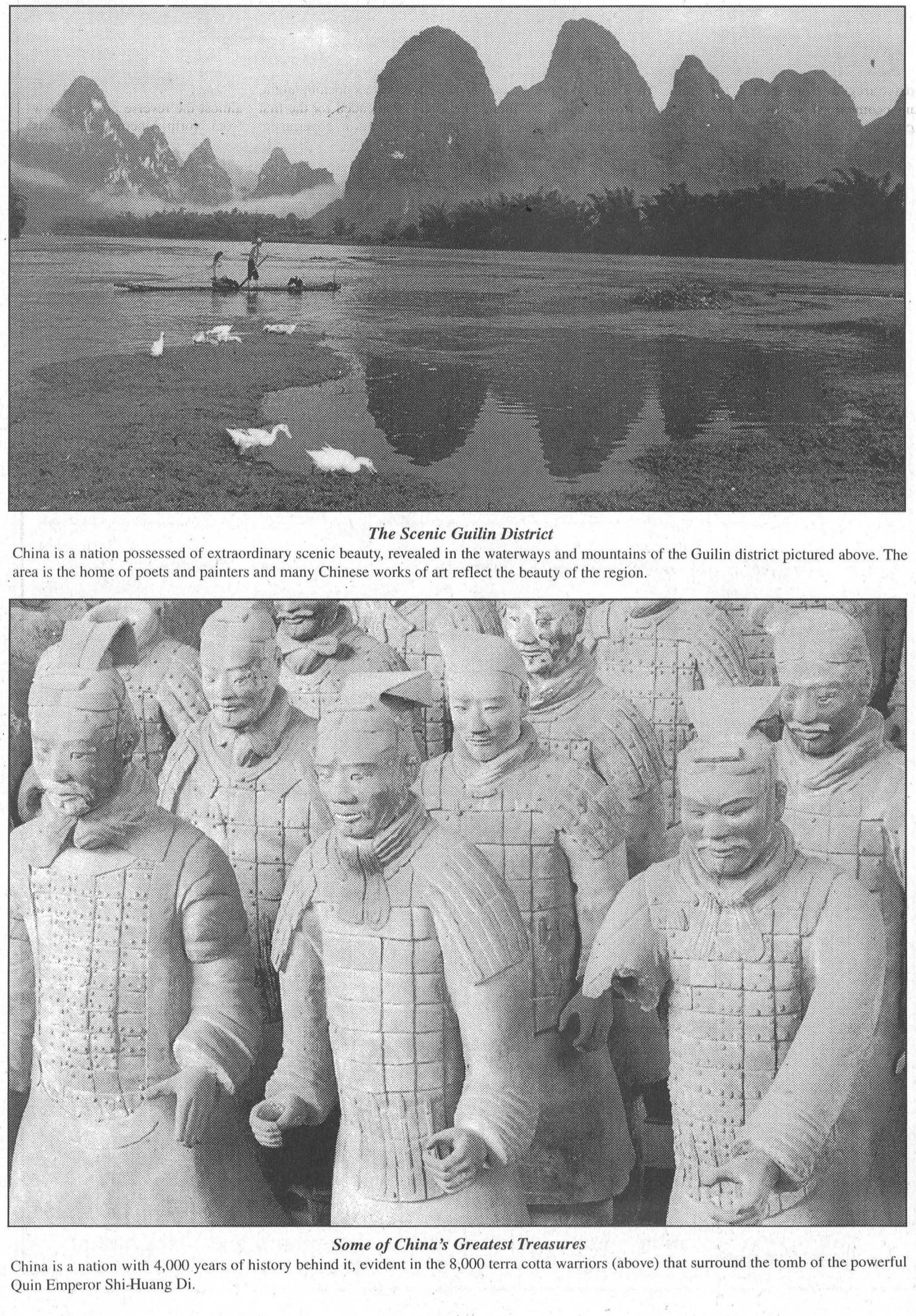
The farmer who first discovered the life sized imperial soldiers on his farm, signed autographs for tourists visiting the site.

It was truly a fantastic, one-of-a-kind trip for the North Americans.

Connie Gruich shared some final observations about 21st century China.

"I think China is going to be the up and coming place of the future. She will be a major player in the world. The country is industrializing at a hugely fast pace, and relations between China and the West are definitely improving."

"The West is going to be China's ultimate market, and her leaders know this," Gruich said. "Her people are adapting to western ways, welcoming visitors and actively building their tourist industry. China has much to offer."



The Scenic Guilin District

China is a nation possessed of extraordinary scenic beauty, revealed in the waterways and mountains of the Guilin district pictured above. The area is the home of poets and painters and many Chinese works of art reflect the beauty of the region.

Some of China's Greatest Treasures

China is a nation with 4,000 years of history behind it, evident in the 8,000 terra cotta warriors (above) that surround the tomb of the powerful Quin Emperor Shi-Huang Di.

Snake Wine, Not Just a Cute Name

Snake wine is considered a delicacy, and the bottle comes complete with a snake.

Toastmasters toast the McIntosh Inn

MORRISBURG–The Morrisburg Toastmasters Club presented the McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Center with their prestigious Community Service and Leadership Excellence Award on Sunday, March 25.

Some 60 Toastmasters from Eastern Ontario were on hand to applaud Inn co-owner Tom Morrow and Inn Catering Manager Pat St. Pierre who accepted this award on behalf of the Inn.

Club President Bob Berthelet spoke warmly about the significant long-term support, warm hospitality, professional services and excellent facilities provided by the McIntosh. He also thanked Tom Morrow for being one of the original founding members of the Morrisburg Toastmasters Club in June 2000.

Club Vice-president, Membership, Nancy Beatson also assisted in the award presentation.

The Morrisburg Toastmasters club meets every first and third Mondays at the McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Center. For information contact Nancy Beatson at 613-543-1042.

"We thank you for your warm hospitality, professional service and excellent facilities," reads the plaque. "Your team's efforts have helped our Toastmasters Club to serve the people of South Dundas in developing their communication and leadership skills."

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CORNWALL – Crime Stoppers this week is asking the public to help Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources in investigating illegal poaching activity in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties.

Illegal fishing activities usually increase this time of year when pike, walleye and perch migrate to their spawning areas. These fish are vulnerable when they congregate in large numbers at these sites.

Removal of these fish can cause serious damage to future populations. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take fish from a fish sanctuary; fish during the season closed or take fish by any means other than angling.

There have been several successful prosecutions in the past for anglers using nets to catch these fish.

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Kings Win ODMHA Major Atom AA Championship

The Rideau-St. Lawrence Major Atom AA Kings put the finishing touches on a very successful season in Cardinal on Friday, March 30 when they defeated the Kingston Predators 3-2 in game five of a six point series for the ODMHA Major Atom AA Championship. The Kings headed into the playoffs after coming off a very successful regular season which ended with them in first place. In playoff round one, they met and defeated Kanata in three games. They followed that up by eliminating Seaway in four games to advance to the championship final against the Predators. They ended the season with an enviable 24 win-five loss and three tie record. Scoring for the Kings in the final win was Brandon Prophet with two goals, the first assisted by Eric Cornel and the second unassisted. Eric Cornel finished it off when he found the empty Predators' net. Local players on the Kings' team this season included Shane Woolsey, Tanner Hummel, Jordan Smail and Jordan St. Louis. Pictured above are the champs with goaltenders Mark Frere (left) and Nick Servage in front. Row two, l-r, includes Jordan St. Louis, Shane Woolsey, Owen Gill, Jordan Smail, Jerred Henry, Tanner Hummel and Michael Murray. Third row, l-r, are Johnny Lawless, Michael McKenny, Brandon Prophet, Jayson Brown, Eric Cornell and Connor Merkley. Back row, l-r, are trainer Rob Cornell, manager Angie Smail, assistant coach Rob Prophet, coach Steve Merkley and assistant coach Joe Hummel. *Photo contributed*

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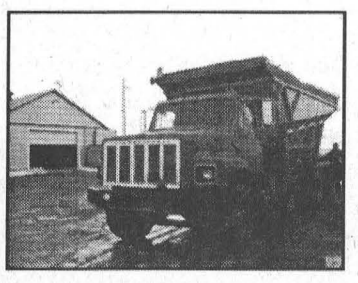


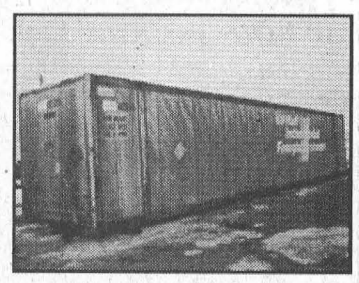

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

April 21, 2007 (rain or shine)

Take pride in our Township's appearance and pick up the roadside litter, clean a park or collect household garbage that has accumulated over the winter

THEN

take it to the Waste Disposal Site at Williamsburg (9 a.m. -12 noon) or Matilda (1-4 p.m.) to obtain your BBQ tickets.

Enjoy free hotdogs & drinks at the Municipal Office, Williamsburg between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Roadside Clean-up – register at the Municipal Office up to April 19 and receive garbage bags

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Big budget for small business

OTTAWA–Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry is a riding rich in small businesses and it pleases me greatly to see that our New Conservative Government is keeping the small business owner in mind when planning our future.

Small and medium-sized businesses and entrepreneurs are the motors of our modern economy—they work hard, they create jobs and they make our country work.

Budget 2007 was a big budget for small business providing a number of initiatives that will help small and medium-sized businesses save time and invest for the future.

We were particularly pleased to see two measures which will directly affect small businesses—increasing the lifetime capital gains exemption to $750,000 and reducing government paper burden on business by 20 per cent. These measures will be of great benefit to many smaller firms right across Canada.

To ensure small businesses continue to thrive, Canada's New Government introduced a package of initiatives in Budget 2007 to make it easier for them to reach their full potential including increasing the lifetime capital gains exemption for small business owners, farmers and fishermen and fisherwomen to $750,000 from $500,000.

Key federal regulatory departments and agencies will be required to achieve a 20-percent reduction in administrative and information obligations imposed on small business.

The tax compliance burden will be reduced on small business by decreasing the frequency of their tax remittance and filing requirements. Labor market programming will be improved to help Canadians develop the skills they need and employers want, and employers will be assisted to meet immediate skills shortages by improving the Temporary Foreign Worker Program with a $50.5 million investment over two years.

Our government is doing what it can to create an economic climate that breeds success—a climate with lower taxes, reduced regulation and greater opportunities.

Government cannot do it alone, and again I would like to acknowledge the leadership of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business for supporting these initiatives and promoting small and medium-sized businesses throughout Canada.

Time is of great value to small businesses, so cutting back on government paperwork and reducing the number of GST remittances will really help free up owners and employees to do what is needed. I am extremely proud of our small business owners and of our government which is taking measures to create a climate of success.

Guy Lauzon, MP Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry.

Improperly zoned business

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas councillor Steven Byvelds asked staff to discuss how the municipality handles improperly zoned businesses.

He said that legitimate business owners who have their businesses properly zoned feel it is unfair that there are people doing business in improperly zoned areas.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley told Byvelds that those instances should be reported to the planning office to investigate.

South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald pointed out that the investigation process is complaint drive. "Anything brought to our attention, we will follow up on," he said, adding that staff could take a more proactive approach at council's wishes. However, the problem would then become a manpower issue.

Closing roads for fun

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas had two requests for short term road closures at the March 20, regular meeting, and they voted to fulfill both.

The Morrisburg BIA asked council to close off the Morrisburg shopping plaza parking lot from the information booth west to the curb, to allow the group to host a street dance and other events to mark the 50th anniversary of the plaza.

The celebrations will take place June 29 and 30.

The other road closure request was the South Dundas Soccer Association's annual request.

Now in its 12th season the association asked council to close Lakeview Drive in Iroquois, between College and Elizabeth Streets, Saturdays beginning May 26 and ending with the tournament July 27 and 28.

Council agreed to the requested closure which makes it safer for the more than 600 children who participate in the program to cross the street when the town is so busy.

Mart Prost elected to AFA board

GLEN ELLYN, IL–Mart Prost of Prost in Williamsburg, was recently elected to the American Fence Association's board of directors during the association's annual convention and trade exhibit, Fencetech'07 in Orlando.

As director, Prost will join fence professionals from across the United States and Canada to help manage the business, property, and affairs of the world's largest fencing association during his three year term.

The American Fence Association benefits the fence industry and the consumer by promoting the highest levels of professionalism, ethics, and product standards through the dissemination of information and the education of its members.

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Memories are like threads of gold,
They never tarnish or grow old.
–Lovingly remembered by daughter Bessie, Wayne, Sonia and Rhonda Salmon 15p

HUNTER–In loving memory of a dear father, Clifford, who passed away April 14, 2002.
With broken hearts, we whisper low,
God bless you Dad, we love you so.
As long as we live, we will always be glad,
That we are your children, and you were our Dad.
–Sadly missed by Linda, Ralph, Sharon, Ray and Shelly 15p

HUNTER–In loving memory of a dear husband, Clifford (Kip), who passed away April 14, 2002.
A daily thought a silent tear,
A secret wish that you were here.
An empty space that no one can fill,
I miss you now and always will.
–Sadly missed and forever in my heart, Dorothy 15p

GILDA SHAY (CASSELMAN)
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A song without music,
A rose with no dew,
A day without sunshine,
That's us without you.
So please understand Lord,
When we ask "why,"
The thorns live on,
And the roses die.
–Forever in our hearts, Mom Doreen, David, Diane, Donna, Lyall, Doug and Mary 15p

SHAY–In loving memory of Gilda, a dear wife and mother, April 11, 2005.
We are thinking of you today,
But that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday,
And the day before that too.
We will think of you tomorrow,
And each day as we come and go,
We will think of you forever,
We love and miss you so.
Your end came so fast and sudden,
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LOST

LOST–Female beagle puppy, 4 months old. Lost on April 7, Whitteker Road area. 613-535-1859. 15p

CARD OF THANKS

GILMER–We would like to thank friends and customers for their flowers, cards and best wishes during the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Gilmer Pharmacy.
–Thank you, Ron, Doug and Tracey 15c

JOHNSTON–The family of the late Ferneley Johnston would like to thank everyone including all our friends, neighbours and those who sent their condolences, flowers, donations and brought food to our home. Special thanks to the Brothers of the I.O.O.F. Lodge for their service, to the pallbearers, Rev. Isabel Black, Sandra Barkley-Probst, Dr. Gabriel Slowey, Jack Yourt, David Lapier for the eulogy, Johnny Whitteker, Glen Cunningham, granddaughter Wendy, and Isabel Lalonde for sharing their special memories. Special thanks to David Lapier of Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home for his guidance, kindness and caring. Your kindness and support will always be remembered. Thank you to Linda Devaul for the lunch following the service.
"So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.
–Marion Johnston and family 15p

SADDLEMIRE–We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Morrisburg OPP, Williamsburg Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, Dr. Houze and Vcars for all your help and support at a difficult time. To Constable Dawn Ferguson for her professionalism, Jack Vanderveen for the arms that held us, all our family, neighbours, friends and co-workers for the visits, flowers, food and donations. A huge thank you to David Lapier for all his support and comforting words the jokes that made us smile, you have a heart of gold. To Ron McMillan Transport and drivers for escorting Art on his final run - I could almost see him smiling. Chuck Saddlemire and Gord Snyder for bringing the memories of Art alive. To Minister Yvonne Willis for her visit and personal service in honour of Art, Piper Jack Yourt for his amazing send off, to the pallbearers and honouraries, and to Linda and Bill Devaul for the luncheon, thank you. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.
–Judy, Mark (Stacey) 15p

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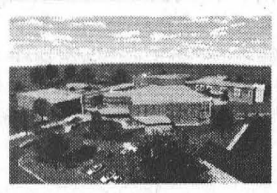
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The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario and the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local #4154 have posted a Pay Equity Plan on Wednesday, March 21, 2007

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

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

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Scotiabank Completes $25,000 Pledge to Renewing the Vision Campaign *Photo contributed*

Scotiabank Branch Managers from Avonmore, Chesterville, Morrisburg, Osgoode, Russell, and South Mountain, and District Vice President, Jeff Darwin (right), present former WDMH Foundation Chair Dwayne Holmes with the final payment of their $25,000 commitment to the Renewing the Vision Campaign. Scotiabank management and staff are well known for providing strong support of their local communities by assisting with many worthy causes. Recently, the branch managers also committed to sponsor $15,000 in support of the Foundation's upcoming fundraising gala, "This Land is Your Land" featuring Rick Mercer on June 9. The Renewing the Vision Campaign wrapped up in 2005, boasting a total of just over $15 million contributed by municipalities, community groups, local businesses and individuals. This is an outstanding achievement from a community which has never wavered in its support of their hospital. Such dedication will be rewarded by seeing construction begin on the redevelopment project later this year, once the approval to go to tender has been received. "Winchester District Memorial Hospital is a progressive, economic force in this region, as well as providing superlative care and services to our people. We are very proud to support a project of this magnitude," said Darwin. "Scotiabank is committed to its involvement in the communities in which we work, and we enjoy participating in all projects, large and small," added Vicki Lefebvre, manager at the Chesterville branch.

Caldwell Linen Mill

Calling all ex-employees

IROQUOIS–A group of former Caldwell Linen Mills employees is within a few months of having a dream come true.

The group of six, who describe themselves as old/ex Caldwell Linen Mills employees, have been busy compiling a list of former employees of the 50s, 60s and 70s with the intent to have a reunion this coming June 9.

"This group has been meeting for over one year and we have now reserved the Canadian Legion Hall in Iroquois for Saturday, June 9," writes Denis E. Lefebvre.

Plans are to have an official registration time in the early afternoon, followed by a wine and cheese party, maybe a cocktail party in the late afternoon, followed by a sit down dinner and an evening of quiet music enabling everyone to renew old acquaintances and chat about the last 30 to 40 years.

The event is a social gathering and all spouses, partners and friends of former employees are most cordially invited to attend.

The search for former employees of the 50s, 60s and 70s continues and everyone who worked at the mill during this time is asked to contact an organizing committee member.

Committee members include Judy Barkey (613-652-4512), Gail Haggerty (613-652-4548), Ruby Stone (613-657-4789), Dale Froats (613-652-2463), Bill Rumble (613-652-2223 or email lovcage@ripnet.com) or E.P. Thompson (613-543-4313).

The committee asks that anyone interested in the reunion please contact one of them as soon as possible to assist them in finalizing their plans.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Upper Canada Village Food Services now hiring an Assistant Cook, Line Staff and Wait Staff.

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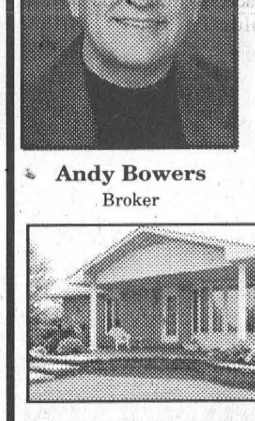

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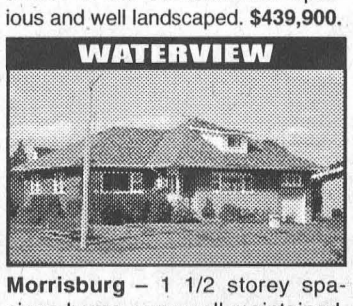

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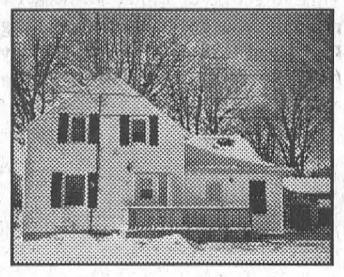

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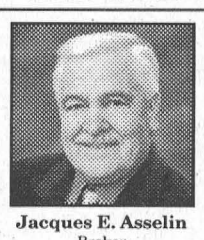

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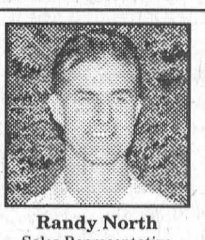

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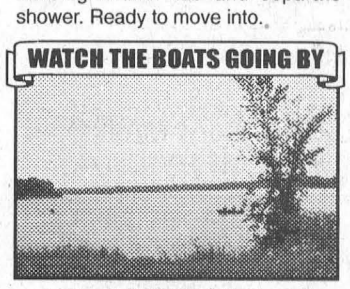

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South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Sunday, April 15, 2007
Family Sunday/Food Bank Sunday
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. – Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
ST. PETER'S, Williamsburg
11:15 a.m. – Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday School & Coffee Hour
The Rev. Norine Gullons
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Minister
Rev. Isabel Black
Sunday, April 15, 2007
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M&M Meat Shops helping to cook up a cure

KITCHENER–On Saturday, May 12, Canadians can help cook up a cure! Visit any of the more than 430 M&M Meat Shops locations across Canada to support the 19th Annual M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day benefiting Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) medical research.

M&M Meat Shops franchisees, staff and thousands of volunteers from coast to coast will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs to meet the 2007 Charity BBQ Day fundraising goal of $1.9 million

On May 12, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., supporters will receive a hamburger or hot dog, a drink and a bag of chips for a minimum donation of $2.50. All product and time is donated, so every penny raised goes directly to CCFC for its research programs.

From humble beginnings, the M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day has grown into CCFC's largest annual fundraising activity by any single supporter.

To date, M&M Meat Shops has raised more than $12.5 million for medical research dedicated to finding a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, two similar yet distinct conditions also known as inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

Canada has the highest incidence of Crohn's disease in the world and the incidence of ulcerative colitis is also among the highest, yet the public profile of these "taboo" diseases continues to be low.

There are more than 170,000 Canadians suffering from IBD. It is a painful and unpredictable disorder, there is no known cause or cure, and the number of cases continues to grow.

The funds raised through events such as Charity BBQ Day have allowed CCFC to fund more than $42 million in medical research projects.

Charity BBQ Day began in 1988, when Mac Voisin, Founder of M&M Meat Shops learned that Canadians suffer from IBD at an unusually high rate. He quickly realized that he had the unique opportunity to help raise awareness and funds for a little known, and even less spoken about condition and Canadian charity.

Charity BBQ Day was born and the CCFC gained both a corporate sponsor and a public voice. Over the past 19 years, Charity BBQ Day has grown rapidly. Last year, $1.8 million was raised and this year the goal is set at $1.9 million.

"What began in 1988 with just a handful of stores has evolved into a national event at more than 430 M&M Meat Shops locations across Canada. It's definitely become an expression of who we are as a company and the commitment of our franchisees and volunteers in communities from coast to coast," says Mac Voisin. "Our goal is to help find a cure so that our event can become an annual celebration of the cure for IBD."

$2.50 Hamburgers Help Find a Cure

"We are extremely grateful to those that support M&M Meat Shops Charity BBQ Day," says CCFC National President Randy Sabourin. "Our partnership with M&M Meat Shops has made an enormous difference in our effort to find a cure for IBD and the generous donations, combined with the hard work of thousands of volunteers, raise a significant portion of our annual research funds in just one day."

Much of the money raised through Charity BBQ Day is used to help fund the IBD Research Institute, which studies all aspects of the disease. With this support, CCFC is:

•Investing in the most talented researchers.

•Launching a study to establish the incidence and prevalence of IBD in Canada and the real "burden" of this disease on patients, their families and Canadian health care.

•Using the research findings from this study to communicate with governments and other funding bodies to increase their awareness and support of IBD research.

•Investing in Canada's first Clinical Trials Consortium, a network of the best clinical trial specialists in Canada who will work together to test new approaches to understanding the causes and treatments of IBD.

•Funding collaborations involving various researchers and research centres to find the cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.



Cedar Glen Serves a Little Food and More

The annual Good Friday Seafood Feast at the Cedar Glen Golf Course in Williamsburg did more than serve up some tasty seafood morsels. The event also provided the opportunity to raise $880 for the Calen Laberge Trust Fund. There were three door prizes won by Paul Casselman of South Mountain ($100), Louis MacIntyre ($50) and $25 by Carole Dawley who donated her winnings back to the trust fund which has been set up to assist the Laberge family with medical bills for young Calen who was injured in a lawnmower accident last year. Martha Wheeler from the Chesterville Lions Club and Carl Robinson representing the Morrisburg and District Lions Club assisted at the event by selling 50/50 tickets. The $40 half and half was won by Norm Tinkler, who also donated his winnings back to the trust fund. In the above photo, Wheeler and Robinson thank Cedar Glen owner Dennis Casselman (centre).

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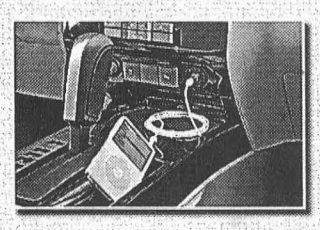

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