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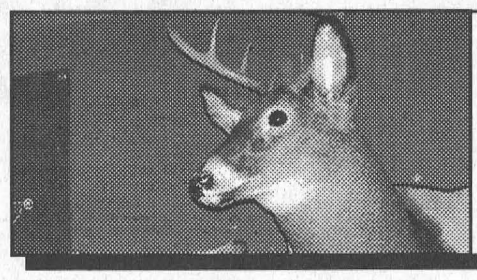

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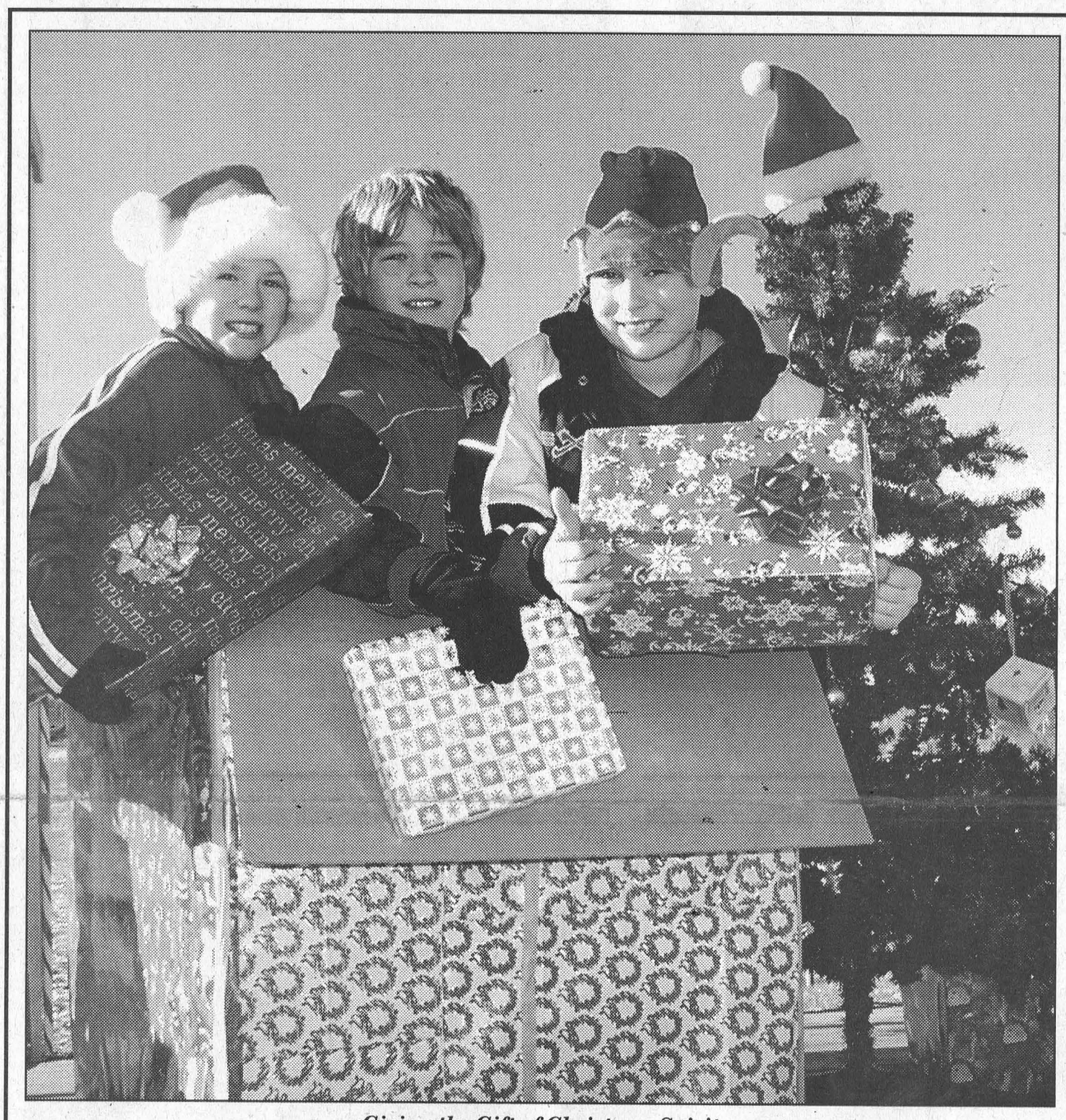

Giving the Gift of Christmas Spirit

Eleven-year-old Cole Veinotte had an idea for a float for the Annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade, so he put that idea on paper and then convinced his father that they should built it, so they did. Cole's float was one of the 47 entries in this year's Santa Claus Parade last Saturday morning. Parade organizer George Davies was impressed with the efforts of all the entrants, and made special mention of the initiative of Cole. "That's what it takes," said Davies. "If you don't have people like that, you don't have a parade." Pictured above, l-r, are Brodey Casselman, Brendan Gallivan and Cole Veinotte. *Comfort Photo*

Board consults public about school closure

DIXON'S CORNERS – Declining enrollment is an issue for many schools, and an issue that the Upper Canada District School Board will have to face with many smaller schools eventually, but Dixon's Corners Public School is face-to-face with the issue right now.

Last Thursday evening, the Upper Canada District School Board hosted the first of two public consultation meetings to consider whether Dixon's Corners Public School should be closed.

The second meeting takes place tonight, Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., at the school in Dixon's Corners.

"We're not closing your school. We're here talking about various options."

Last week's meeting was attended by about 50 people, including parents, school staff and community members, as well as several UCDSB representatives.

UCDSB trustee Greg Pietersma explained to those on hand that the public consultation process to discuss the future of the school was a direct result of a letter from school council and parent response to surveys whereby over 70 percent of parents wanted the board to look at school closure.

"We're not closing your school. We're here talking about various options," Pietersma told the audience.

School board staff will prepare a report from the input received at the two public meetings. The deadline for input is December 9. They will make recommendations in this report.

The prepared report with its recommendations will be received and voted on by school board trustees at their December 21 meeting.

According to board policy, "a decision to close any school must be made prior to December 31 to take effect June 30 of the same school year."

School board representatives made a presentation to those on hand at the first public consultation meeting discussing the implications of declining enrollment and its impact on programming, as well as the economics of bussing, staffing and building upkeep.

According to the presentation, total enrollment at Dixon's Corners Public School is currently 100, and taking into account population and birth rate statistics, that number will steadily decline in the coming years.

This year all classes consist of split grades, and according to the presentation, should

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So far, doctor situation stable in South Dundas

MORRISBURG – There is a doctor shortage crisis in Ontario, but so far the situation has been kept in check in South Dundas.

Dr. Wayne Domanko is one of the main recruiters for the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic in this area and he explained the situation last week.

Here in South Dundas, Domanko and a team of recruiters are always on the lookout for new doctors. "We are actively trying to recruit and we go to recruiting fairs," says Domanko.

He says that the fairs are very competitive and many communities offer incentives to attract doctors, however South Dundas has not yet needed to go that route.

"There may come a time that we may have to look to the community for incentives, but we haven't asked," says Domanko.

"There are no pending imminent retirements," says Domanko of the doctors who are currently part of the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic. "We are well served with doctors. We are a stable group, which enables the recruiting process," says Domanko.

"This is a great community, and everyone that's been here has been here for years."

Of the 11 doctors that serve the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic in Morrisburg and Iroquois, all live in Iroquois, Morrisburg, or in between.

This community and its quality of life along with a supportive medical community have so far been enough to keep South Dundas, fairly well served by doctors.

"Well served with doctors" but "actively recruiting"

Although slightly under serviced, with all of the doctors working basically to capacity, they offer comprehensive care, by working at the hospital in addition to holding regular office hours.

Also in the very preliminary stages is an effort to have the Winchester District Memorial Hospital affiliated with the University of Ottawa Medical School as a teaching hospital, which would put third and fourth year medical school students in the local hospital.

Domanko sees this opportunity as an important recruiting tool for the future.

"The best recruiting tool is for them to see things as they are in an everyday situation," he says.

Since it takes about 10 years for a someone to become a doctor, the doctor shortage situation started a little over 10 years ago when the space in first year medical school programs was limited to 600, as a government cost-cutting measure. That number has increased to 652 spaces this year and by 2007/2008 first year entrance is expected to be 852.

With a limited number of doctors, and especially family physicians available, Ontario is having difficulty attracting new doctors to the province because Ontario ranks seventh among 10 provinces for fee schedules.

In 2003, one million people in Ontario didn't have a family doctor, and according to projections, it will get worse.

Hold Still this Won't Hurt a Bit

South Dundas recreation employee Chris Wouters had his trademark beard clipped off for Lions Day at the Morrisburg arena Saturday evening. Those who donated a food item or money to the Dundas County Food Bank received a ticket to win the honour of shaving Crusty's beard. Louise VanMoorsel was the lucky winner.

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Roman Catholic Churches
Rev. Father R.J. Chisholm
Phone: 543-2544
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Saturdays - 7:30 p.m.
Sundays - 11:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

Evangelical Lutheran Churches
Sunday, December 11, 2005
JOINT SERVICE at
ST. PETER'S, Williamsburg
10:30 a.m.
Choral Cantata with Holy Communion
The Rev. Norine Gullons
Office: 543-3154
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. Worship
The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
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LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Director
Lorna Casselman
Sunday, December 11, 2005
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Nursery
Children's Chatter & Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Rev. John Noordhof
Office: 535-1882 Church: 535-2227
Sunday, December 11, 2005
9:30 A.M.
Morning Service
7:30 P.M.
Evening Service
Sunday School for children ages 3-9
Child care during morning service
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KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Church 543-2005 Home 543-0142
Organist: Gary Postma
Sunday, December 11, 2005
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
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Nursery available

Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, December 11, 2005
10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service
Tuesday –7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer
Friday – 7:00 p.m.
Youth Service
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Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Walsh
Minister
Rev. Isabel Black
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10:30 a.m. – White Gift Service
Sunday School; Nursery Available

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St. John the Baptist, Lakeview Dr., Iroquois
Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights
Rev. Craig Bowers
543-3904
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8:00 a.m. – St. James'
9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
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Alight at Night now aglow

MORRISBURG – The lights were glowing and the whistle was blowing for the opening of Upper Canada Village's 5th annual Alight at Night program last Thursday evening.

While 75,000 lights lit up the village in the first year of Alight at Night, this year visitors will be delighted with over 200,000.

Announcing its official arrival at Alight at Night last Thursday was the village's Toy Train sponsored by Scotiabank. On this occasion the Toy Train delivered special guests to the opening ... Santa Claus accompanied by the Cadbury Magical Elf and four helper elves.

The Cadbury Elf was on board thanks to the sponsorship of Cadbury Adams Canada which is providing over 25,000 chocolate Cadbury Magical Elves to the children who visit Alight at Night over the next few weeks.

"It is my privilege to be general manager of the SLPC," said general manager Mike Paradis as he opened Thursday night's program. "With the staff like we have here it is a privilege to work with them."

Paradis thanked the Commission's maintenance crew responsible for lighting up the village and the marketing staff.

He then called on George Assaly, chairman of the board of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, to officially open Alight at Night 2005.

"Now in my second year as chairman of the SLPC, and with several years experience on the board, I recognize the important tourism role UCV plays year round in Eastern Ontario, and it is with great pride that I have observed the successes of the Village's "Alight at Night" festival over the last few years."

Assaly recalled last year's memorable launch of the Pommier Carriage.

He thanked the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation which, again this year provided marketing funds, and Cliff Steinberg of Cadbury Adams Canada for their contribution.



All Aboard the Village's Toy Train
Santa rolls into Upper Canada Village aboard the Toy Train, the newest addition to the Alight at Night program that opened at the village last Thursday night.

"Everyone has ... an image of a toy train circling around the base of a Christmas tree, ready to bring delight to the children who discover it on Christmas morning. Well, Upper Canada Village has brought it to life so that all of you can actually ride a real toy train." Assaly thanked Scotiabank and Jeff Darwin, vice president of the St. Lawrence District for "this fantastic new element of our Alight at Night program."

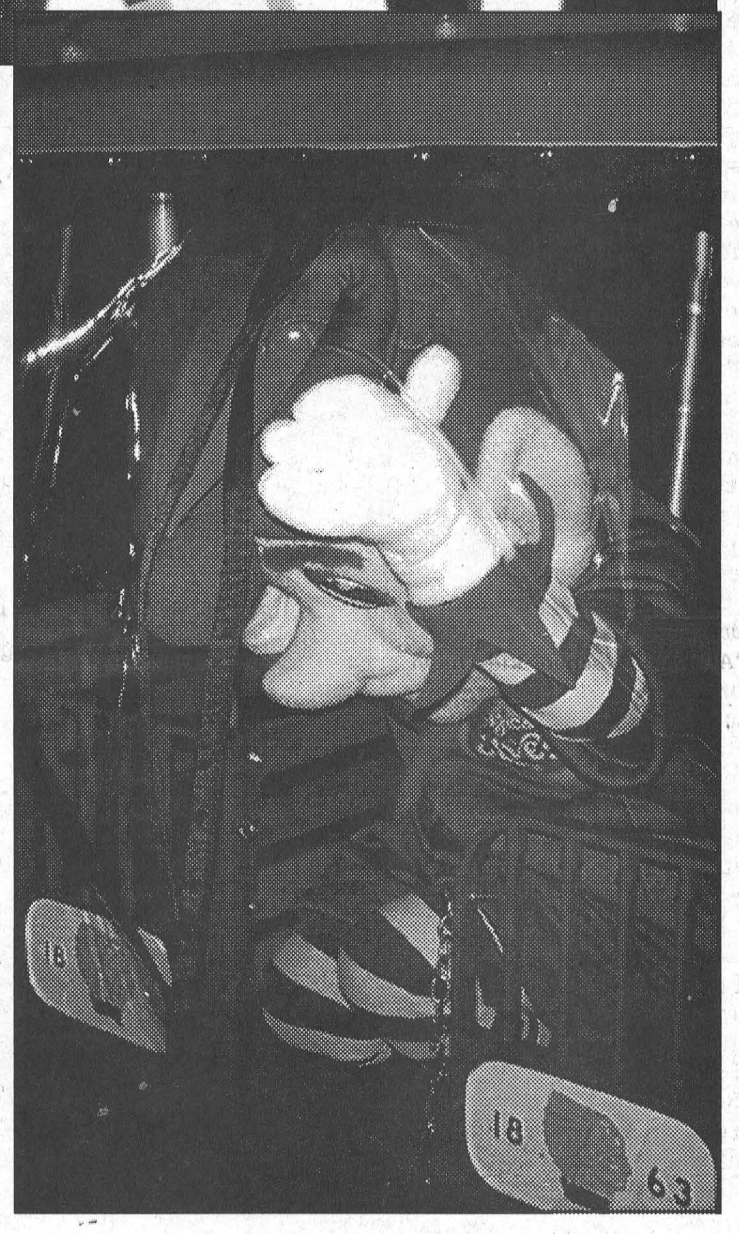
Stepping forward to officially herald the arrival of the toy train was Connie Vardy, manager of the Scotiabank Cornwall Branch.

"Upper Canada Village is a celebration of our heritage," said Vardy. She mentioned Scotiabank's long history in the Seaway Valley dating back to 1892, and that the Morrisburg Branch is now in its 101st year in the community. "It is natural for Scotiabank to team with Upper Canada Village."

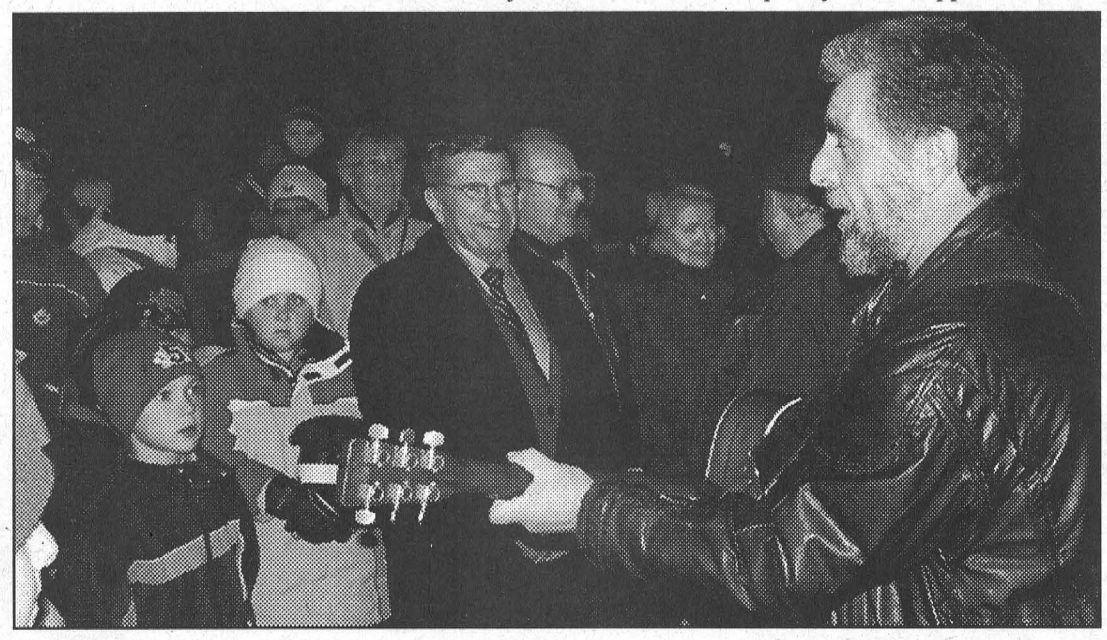
Vardy also introduced Scotiabank employee Gail Robinson, whose father, the late John Hart, for many years drove the train at Upper Canada Village. "We are really happy to remember your dad tonight," she said.

"Upper Canada Village is a magical place. With 200,000 twinkling lights in new fallen snow, it is really what peace looks like," she said.

With that the crowd of close to 200 was asked to listen quietly for the approach of the



"Hey guys! Santa! You Elves! Anyone? I'm stuck here!"
Coming on board for the 2005 Alight at Night program at Upper Canada Village is Cadbury Adams Canada which has supplied some 25,000 plus of their chocolate elves to be handed out to youngsters attending the event. In the picture above, Santa, four elves and the Cadbury Elf have just arrived on the Village's latest addition to the Alight at Night program, Scotiabank's Toy Train, at last Thursday night's official opening. While many people didn't notice, as most everyone had their eyes on Santa and the elves who quickly hopped off the new Toy Train, the Cadbury Elf, was slightly delayed when his head became stuck and he was unable to disembark. It provided just another memorable moment at Upper Canada Village's Alight at Night which just had to be photographed.



'Tis the Season
Last Thursday night's official opening of Alight at Night at Upper Canada Village featured some wonderful Christmas sing-a-long opportunities enjoyed by all ages. Above, humming along with the youngsters, are local MP Guy Lauzon, and behind him is South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen with his wife, Eleanor.

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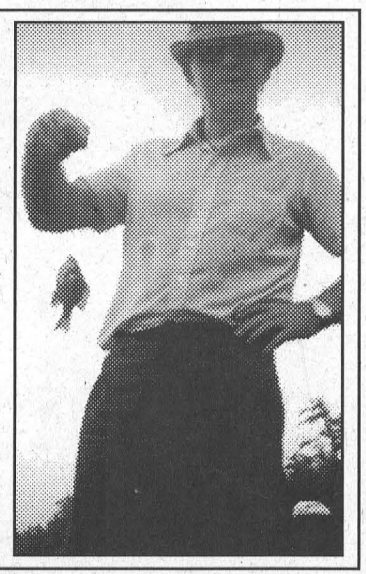

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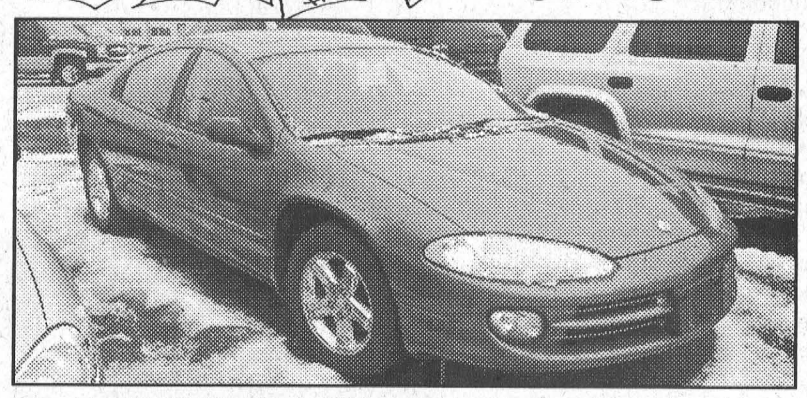

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parents decide to keep the school open within a couple of years triple grading will become a reality.

The school board pays for extra staffing at the school. "We are already staffed generously here, we have more teachers here than the government give us money for," said Thomas, who also explained that in the future the board will likely have to look at ending such subsidies.

Should the school be closed, bussing time could increase upwards of 10 minutes for the longest bus riders.

The board also projects that the school will need almost $900,000 worth of repairs in the near future.

Following the presentation those who participated in the public meeting gathered in smaller groups to discuss the three options for the future of the school (keep it open, close it and send all students to Nationview, or close it and divide students between Nationview and Iroquois).

From those discussions it was suggested that parents at the school should be sent another survey and be provided with more information. Some parents on hand felt that the original survey was filled out before they had all the facts.

"We're going to listen and pay attention," said Thomas in response to the idea. "We're not doing this to you, were doing the for you."

Those who spoke out in favour of keeping the school open spoke about all of the good things that this small school has to offer its students. "There are many good things happening here," said one person who regularly volunteers at the school.

Parents talked about the opportunities that their children have to participate in all of the activities that do take place.

"At a small school kids have more chance of making the teams," said a parent.

Board representatives explained that although this is true, larger schools present more educational programming opportunities such as design and technology classes and music classes not afforded to smaller schools.

Larger schools also have better funding opportunities to provide special programming for special needs students.

Some parents were concerned with how their children will adapt to and fit in at one of the bigger schools.

UCDSB chair David McDonald said that he has been involved in school transitions before and that they have learned from the process and know how to merge two schools. "They're not going alone."

"We don't think of kids as being pawns. We care about what's happening to the kids in our schools."

McDonald added, "The good things that are happening here will be picked up and moved there."

Parents asked board officials about the possibility of realigning boundaries to put more children into this school.

"I don't think it's fair to adjust the boundary to add students to Dixon's," said Thomas.

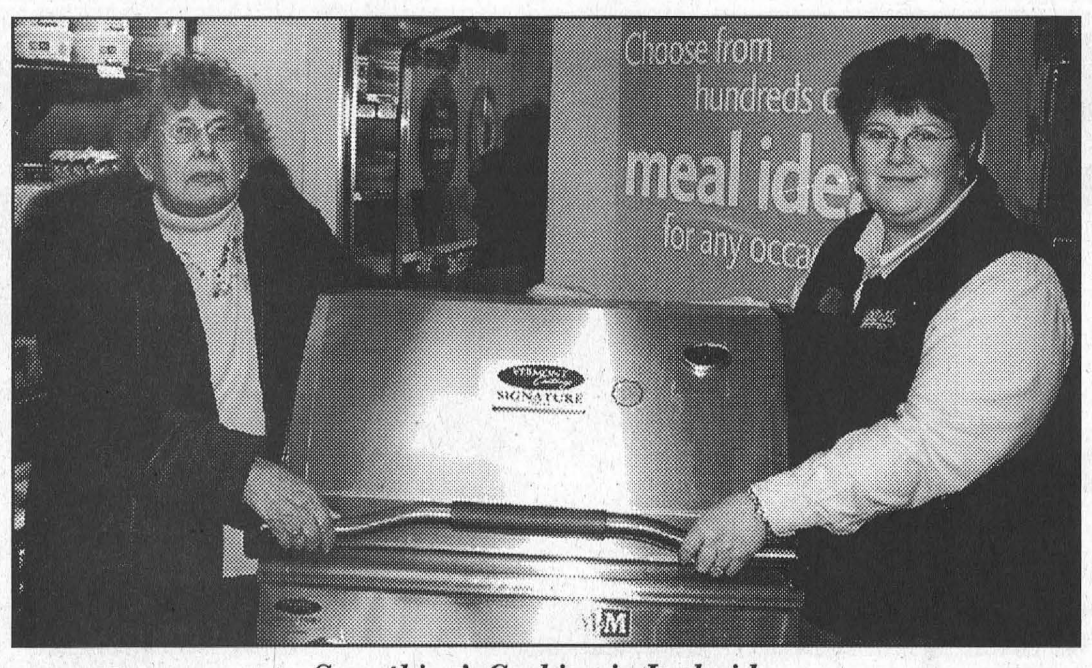
"I won't move students away from bigger schools with more resources to prop-up a small school," said Pietersma.

Of the closure of the school, one parent said, "It's not a matter of if. It's when."

The Upper Canada District School Board has a five year plan in place to deal with declining enrollment and demographic changes boardwide called Boundary 2020, which outlines a process of public consultation and board decisions concerning school consolidations and closures.

"We have to have these difficult and heartfelt conversations throughout our district," said Thomas.

"You are early at it," he told the members of the Dixon's Corners Public School family.



Something's Cooking in Ingleside

Mary Hiscocks of Ingleside stopped in at the M&M Meat Shop in Morrisburg on Friday, not just to pick up a few food items but to pick up a little something to cook them on. Hiscocks was the lucky winner of a barbecue valued at over $1,000 and given away in a draw celebrating the 25th anniversary of the M&M Meat stores. Each store in the M&M chain gave away a barbecue. When customers made purchases during a specific time period they earned the right to enter a ballot online. In Mary's case a friend entered her name. "I like the M&M products," said Mary, Friday. "When my sister and I don't feel like cooking we can just pop them in the oven." As for the win, "I would say this is the first time I've won anything in a good long time. But I'm lucky in other things. I've got a good life and good friends." The barbecue was presented to Hiscocks, by M&M employee Bonnie Hodgson (right). *McNairn photo*

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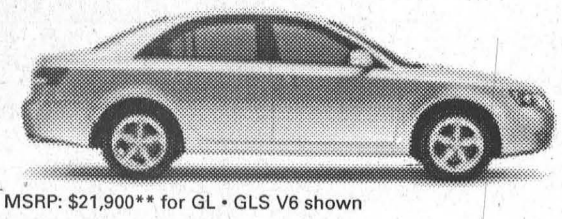

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Santa Parade a hit, but vandals to be pitied

Wasn't that a wonderful, absolutely wonderful Santa Claus Parade that wound its way through the streets of Morrisburg on Saturday? The 47 entries who took part, and who made it probably the longest Santa Parade in recent memory, all are to be congratulated and thanked for bringing a little early Christmas cheer to the community.

We must especially tip our toques to parade organizer George Davies and his family who take a lot of time and expend a lot of energy each year to deliver this special Christmas gift to the South Dundas community. In addition to George and his family, and those who participate by providing entries and floats, a special thanks to all those who assist in the small ways and yes the bigger ways as they accompany the parade around the streets to ensure all is well.

The weather outside was frightful, frightfully cold with that bitterly cold wind out of the west, and it was nice to see so many stuck it out to watch the parade anyway. We couldn't help but shiver right to the tips of our toes as we watched the members of the various band pass by, with bare hands exposed to the elements. They are definitely tougher than we are and definitely deserve to toot their horns.

While all was good for the parade, the sad news is that we have some nasty Grinch-like vandals here in the village who seem determined to steal some of the joy out of our holiday fun, by stealing and smashing people's Christmas lights and decorations.

The little crime wave has started in the east-end of the village and while the culprits may think it is funny or a big joke on their victims it is a sad, sad day when the only way to enjoy Christmas is to spoil someone else's.



Scene at the Santa Claus Parade in Morrisburg on Saturday

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Local youngsters who have been busy preparing their Christmas Wish list should get it ready for this Saturday and stop in for a visit with Santa at the Tourist Booth in Iroquois. The Seaway District High School concert band will greet Santa by playing a few pieces from noon to 12:30. In addition to playing for Santa, the band will perform, with two other local choirs, in the Iroquois Mall on Friday, December 23 from 4-4:30 p.m. This performance is a fundraiser for next summer's first Iroquois Music Festival now in the planning stages.

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The Seaway Valley Singers choir will perform their annual Christmas concert this Friday night, December 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg. Tickets are available at the door for $10 for adults and $8 for children.

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A reminder too, that the Apple Tree Ministry of the Anglican Church Parish is taking reservations for the ninth annual Christmas Community Dinner to be served at the Legion in Morrisburg on Christmas Day at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required before December 20 in order to allow the Ministry the time to order the food.

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You can kick of the day right this Saturday, December 10 by joining the Elma Public School council and Santa Claus at the IOOF Hall in Williamsburg for a pancake breakfast. Pancakes will be served from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. and all those who bring along a food donation for the Food Bank will receive $1 off the cost of the breakfast.

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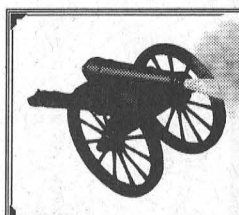
We are definitely on the Christmas count down and we are noticing increased activity in the various stores in South Dundas. So if you haven't yet prepared your Christmas shopping list, better get at it, the clock is ticking. A quick count tells us there are just 17 days left until Christmas, and when you factor in a little winter weather that could keep us indoors there really isn't all that much time left.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1995

Pictured on the front page of the December 6 issue was Jim Fraser as he cut his birthday cake prepared by his fellow curlers at the Morrisburg Curling Club in honour of his 97th birthday.

At a meeting in Morrisburg, the eight municipalities of Dundas County struck a committee to prepare a proposal for municipal restructuring. The Municipal Act was being revised and structural changes were to be in place by January 1, 1997. Dundas County had a population of 20,721 with Morrisburg the largest village with 2,362. The largest municipality was Winchester Township with 3,445. Under the proposal to amalgamate Dundas County, the villages (Morrisburg Iroquois, Chesterville and Winchester) would have one representative and townships (Matilda, Williamsburg, Winchester and Mountain) two representatives for a total of 12 councillors. One mayor would be selected at large, and the Counties systems would be eliminated.

1985

The December 4 issue reported that Dr. Gerry Rosenquist had won a Morrisburg council seat in a judicial recount which put him four votes ahead of Jim Langabeer. Following the November 12 election the two were tied at 631 votes. Counting errors in two polls, and the allowance of two previously disqualified ballots gave Rosenquist the win.

Vic Harward was elected president of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club. Jack Dikland became first vice-president and Bruce McIntosh second vice-president.

Students at Seaway were preparing for the annual Battle of the Blood. As always the school that donated the most blood would win the Corpuscle Cup.

Pictured in the issue was the new Matilda Township Council made up of reeve Lorne Mellan, deputy-reeve Charles Barkley, and councillors Michael Ault, Norm Tinkler and Peter Swank.

1975

The December 5 issue reported that newly ordained priest Rev. Brian Roy Gillard would celebrate the Holy Eucharist in his home parish at St. James, Morrisburg on Wednesday, December 10. He was to be ordained on December 7. Rev. Gillard received his education in local schools and was a graduate in Arts of Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Trinity College in Toronto in 1975, and was admitted to the Order of Deacons on June 1 at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa.

Sylvia Jones, who had seen many changes in Morrisburg's Public Library, was retiring at the end of the year ending 14 years of devoted service to the interests of the reading public. She joined the library in 1962, when it occupied a room at the Civic Centre and was involved when the Morrisburg Library became part of the County Library system.

1965

The December 10 issue reported that Maurice C. Wallace of RR#1 Iroquois, regarded as the foremost poultry judge in Canada, had been asked by the Bermuda Poultry Association to assist in judging their annual Poultry Show.

Edward Mullin, well know Morrisburg man, was honored upon his retirement from the Seaway Locks at Iroquois. He had been employed at Iroquois since the Seaway rehabilitation, and prior to that time was employed at the Morrisburg locks for more than 10 years.

Mrs. Grant Beckstead was elected president of the United Church Women at Lakeshore Drive United Church.

A Morrisburg rink, which included Fred Hill, Lloyd Barkley, Ed Rice and Harold Henophy, won the Doug Stitt Memorial Trophy at the Municipal and Ontario Hydro Curling Bonspiel in Winchester. The trophy was donated by Morrisburg Hydro, four years earlier.

1955

Printed in the December 2 issue was a letter from the Council members of 1955, seeking a vote of confidence from the electors for 1956, based on their proven record during the past number of years. They wrote: "The past year has not been easy. The year ahead is one which will involve making vital decisions affecting the lives of each one of you. Evidence that Morrisburg is growing is briefly listed. During the past year, the overall population has increased by 132 citizens and is now officially 2,008. The public school attendance has increased by 30 pupils. Building permits issued in 1954, totalled $291,000 and already in 1955, total over $447,000. More than ever a strong, experienced council is needed to give balanced judgment to the many problems of a growing community and one faced with more severe rehabilitation problems than perhaps any other municipality in Ontario today. Vote for the last four names on the ballot. Harry B Duvall, J. Arthur Edgerton, A. Wallace Guay, and Malcolm D. Wilson.

1935

The December 6 issue reported that Hon. Dr. L.J. Simpson, minister of education had declared "entrance examinations would soon be a thing of the past." He indicated that in the future more and more pupils would be given their entrance on teachers' recommendations.

Chicken thieves had been very active in the Prescott and Kemptville district, and provincial police were aiding county constables in an effort to clean up the person or persons engaged in the thieving. Magistrate McCormick intimated that any persons convicted before him on such a charge would be dealt with to the full extent of the law, as chicken stealing was a most despicable practice that had to be stopped.

For winter heating needs Allan Farlinger was selling dry wood at $2.50 a cord.

Wallace Funeral and Ambulance Service announced its furniture store was now open for business in Williamsburg.

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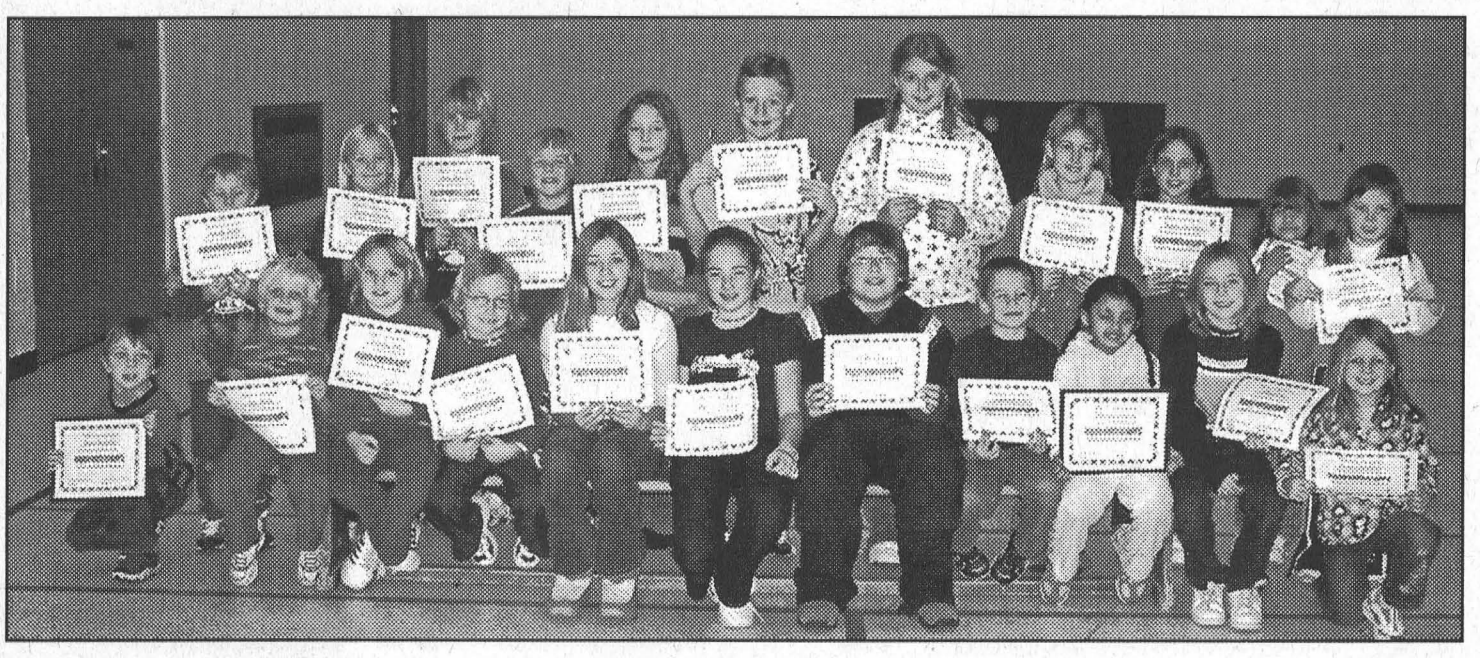

Responsible Future Citizens *Gibb Photo*

These are the students who were honoured for showing responsibility during the month of November. Front l-r are Bryce Bradford, Sam Black, Brittany Ault, Riley Black, Taylor Boyle, Katherine Lee, Tyler Tyo, Joshua Perry, Harneet Cheema, Allison Lee and Taylor Barkley. Back, l-r, are Randy Keller, Samantha Venema, Sam Bennett, Andrew Jarvis, Morgan Schaillee, Taylor Pratt, Hailey Dickson, Carly Smith, Megan Van Allen, Jada Douglas and Aleisha St. Pierre. Absent when the photo was taken were Stephanie Ault and Cameryn Douglas.

Responsibility at MPS

MORRISBURG – Principal Jack Shouldice was proud to present 24 outstanding students of Morrisburg Public School with Certificates honouring them for demonstrating the positive character quality of *responsiblity*. The presentations were made at a recent monthly assembly.

The students from all grades were nominated by their teachers during the month of November. Their teachers felt they had acted as classroom leaders who accomplished tasks "through initiative and hard work."

The certificates are part of a special awards program developed through the efforts of students councils, parents councils and initiatives from the Upper Canada Board of Education. The objectives of the program are to identify positive character traits and to teach students the skills to help them develop these traits. There are eight key characteristics that students and teachers will be learning. November was dedicated to Responsiblity.

The program appears to be having a positive effect in the school because it was very difficult for the teachers to pick only 2 students from each class to be honoured!

Empathy is the character trait pupils at Morrisburg P S will be learning about during the month of December. On the 22 of December, the school will congratulate its latest "good citizens" during another special assembly.

NDP Elaine MacDonald ready to run

CORNWALL–The Stormont Dundas South Glengarry New Democratic Party riding association is pleased to announce that we welcome the election call. We have our candidate, we have our campaign team, we have our–office and we are ready to run.

Elaine MacDonald, teacher, community activist and labour leader, is our candidate.

"I've been looking forward to this rematch since June 2004," says MacDonald. "In that election, we made some significant gains and we are building on these as well as on the spectacular performance of Jack Layton and his team in Ottawa."

MacDonald anticipates that Medicare will be the overriding concern in this election. She notes that it was Paul Martin's failure to assure Jack Layton that he would strengthen national public healthcare that forced Layton to withdraw his support of the Liberals.

Given the brevity of the last parliament, many other issues remain as they were during the last campaign. The job situation has deteriorated, as has the environment file. There is much work to be done and MacDonald is eager to win the right to it.

Lori Taylor, Cornwall AIDS activist and teacher with responsibilities for human rights at the provincial level for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, returns as veteran campaign manager. She brings vision, efficiency and, as well, a formidable set of communication skills to the campaign.

Newborns of 2005
A Morrisburg Leader Feature

Published Wednesday, January 4th, 2006

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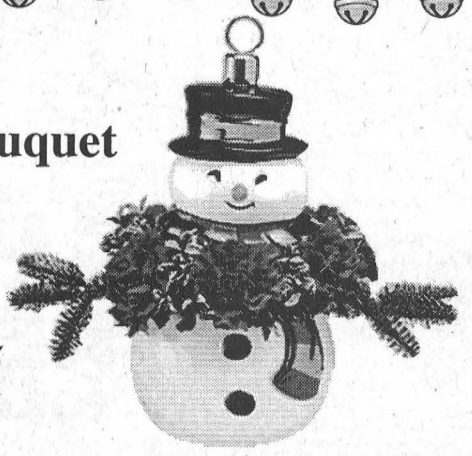


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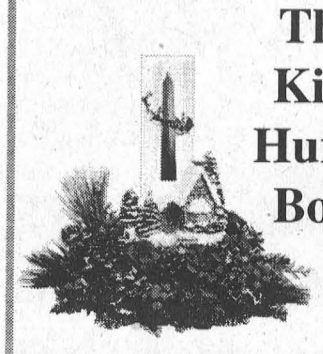
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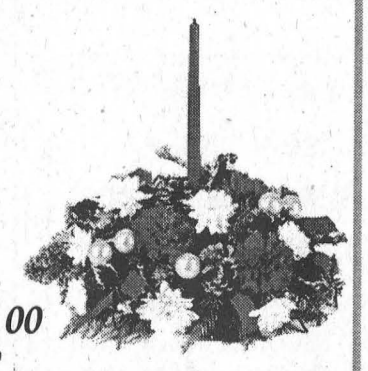


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Florist business blooms in Morrisburg

MORRISBURG–A new flower business has bloomed in Morrisburg, with the opening of Morrisburg Flowers & Baskets by Jamie Guilboard last Friday.

Originally from Montreal, Guilboard lived in Igaluit, Nunavat, Northwest Territories for 13 years where he met and married his wife Maggie.

He returned to this area a couple of years ago, following a visit to his dad and mom here in Morrisburg. "I came to visit and I loved the area," says Guilboard. "I found the people here incredibly friendly and decided to stay amongst them."

Guilboard has a background in construction work. He discovered his love of and talent in flower arranging quite by accident while making deliveries for a florist shop in Nunavat. "They needed a manager right away, and I jumped at it," he says recalling his start in the florist business seven years ago, which has since included Teleflora design courses.

When the Queen visited the Arctic it was Guilboard's bouquets she carried and Guilboard's centrepieces at the various functions.

His flowers in Nunavat were all ordered from Ottawa or Montreal and flown in, not always problem free. "Depending on the status of the weather, we got them or we didn't." He recalls a funeral that was postponed for two days to await the arrival of the flowers.

He says that flowers in the Northwest Territories are a novelty, as most of the natural vegetation is greenery and tundra. There are no trees and no flowers.

Due to transportation costs a bouquet of roses that might sell for $40 here would sell for $90 there.

Guilboard opened Morrisburg Flowers & Baskets with the encouragement and support of his parents and friends.

It was a big decision and a whirl wind opening, as he only got possession of the County Road 2 location (beside the Morrisburg Veterinarian office) three weeks ago.

His objective was to open for the Christmas season, and a lot of help from friends and family and his construction abilities allowed him to open the doors last Friday.

"My folks have helped me out immensely."

Morrisburg Flowers & Baskets will sell cut flower arrangements for all occasions ... holidays, weddings, celebrations, funerals etc. in addition to potted plants such as the colourful array of poinsettia that now decorates the shop. "We have some great Christmas arrangements and centrepieces."

"My goal is to make sure the prices are respectable," says Guilboard. "The joys of my job are to make people happy."

Guilboard says he enjoys working with most flowers and finds the trend now is people are "going with longer lasting flowers like daisies."

Personally, he likes the "exotic" flowers, which are a little more expensive but will last a bit longer. "I'm a bird of paradise guy."

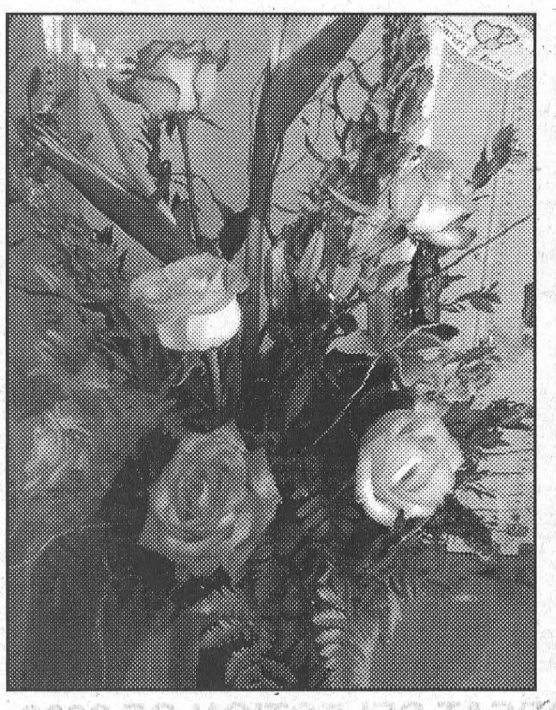
He says that due to the secrets in his cooling and the tender loving care he provides, "flowers need to be loved", his arrangements should last 12-17 days.

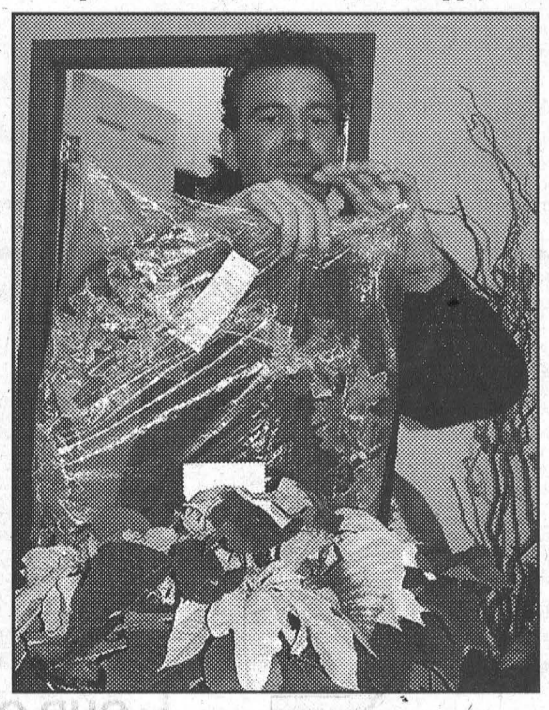
As per the name, Guilboard will supply both cut flower arrangements and gift baskets with themes such as flowers, chocolate, coffee, soaps, candles and toiletries. "We can even do pet baskets and Dora the Explorer kids baskets."

Morrisburg Flowers & Baskets offers free delivery service within Morrisburg for orders of $30 or more and outside of Morrisburg at a nominal charge.

Jamie and Maggie look forward to meeting and serving the South Dundas and area community and and invite everyone to drop in to Morrisburg Flowers & Baskets at 12421 County Road 2.







Beautiful Christmas Arrangements and Poinsettia

Jamie Guilboard and his wife Maggie look forward to serving the community of South Dundas through their new business, Morrisburg Flowers & Baskets located on County Road 2 in Morrisburg. The new business opened Friday.

Body found

LANCASTER – A body was found December 5, at 5:50 p.m. along the South Service Road, in South Glengarry Township.

The road was closed yesterday while officers investigated the suspicious death of the unknown adult male.

The investigation is being conducted by the Eastern Region Crime Unit with the assistance of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.



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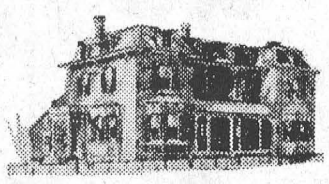
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New South Dundas Lutheran Parish Donates to the Dundas County Food Bank *McNairn photo*

The South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish of St. Peter's and St. Paul's, through the Eastern Synod presented a cheque for $500 last Thursday to the Dundas County Food Bank. Pictured, above at the presentation, l-r, are Russell Garlough, Marilyn Byers, Volker Gruetzner, Diana Pethick, Lutheran Pastor Norine Gullons, Eleanor Van Allen and Bob Howald. Byers and Pethick accepted the cheque on behalf of the Food Bank. Garlough and Van Allen represented the Williamsburg church and Gruetzner and Howald the Morrisburg church

Lutheran parish gives to Food Bank

MORRISBURG – The Dundas County Food Bank received a cash deposit last Thursday, when Rev. Norine Gullons and representatives of the South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish St. Peter's/St. Paul's presented a $500 cheque to Food Bank chair Diana Pethick and Morrisburg coordinator Marilyn Byers.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of all of our clients," said Pethick who accepted the cheque. "All of the money we receive goes to food, and this will go to work right away in the community."

The parish representatives were excited to make the donation, it being among their first under their new parish designation.

Representing St. Paul's Church in Morrisburg was Bob Howald and Volker Gruetzner and St. Peter's in Williamsburg was Eleanor Van Allen and Russell Garlough.

"This is on behalf of our new parish," said Gruetzner, explaining that the realignment of the four local Lutheran churches in South Dundas has resulted in the new parish now officially named the South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish St. Peter's/St. Paul's.

"We are now a parish," said Gruetzner. "We share our new pastor who is new to a new parish. We are very excited about this."

The group was given a tour of the food bank facility, and Pethick explained that demand at the food bank is traditionally light in December because of the Christmas baskets provided by the South Dundas Christmas Exchange. The Food Bank and the Christmas Exchange work together to make sure those in need during the holiday season are taken care of.

She says that normally January and February are tough times for people. "The one scary thing is that what happens in January and February is happening now."

"We are up over the year 16 to 20 percent."

Pethick is also concerned with the future demand when the Nestles plant in Chesterville closes.

Morrisburg location coordinator Marilyn Byers explained to the group how volunteers sort and box the food according to the size of the family.

"We have some very large families here. I have one family of nine."

"This is our main time to receive money," she said, explaining that the money is used to purchase food. The weekly specials are watched closely and large quantities are purchased when items are on sale.

In addition to the food that is purchased, the Food Bank receives food donations through local churches, food bins located at various food stores and food drives.

IROQUOIS LEGION NEWSLETTER

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #370

IROQUOIS – 21 Cribbage enthusiasts gathered in the lounge on Saturday past and "Singles" were played. In first place with a total of 1069 was Ted Gratton and trailing just two points behind was Jack Easter. Duane Kirker took the third spot with a total of 1062. Dennis Wright took the honour of being the "Bridesmaid" with a total of 1057 points.

Only seven skunks were nabbed in the course of the afternoon and Bob Esford managed to capture a pair of them (something quite rare for Bob to do!).

A total of 12 tables of Euchre were played on Tuesday evening, November 29, and picking up the first prize was Suzanne McCurdy, while the second prize went to Richard Sanderson. Edith Baker later claimed the Door prize and Carol Thompson had the low score of the evening.

The Friday luncheon this week will be roast pork with apple sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy and veggies. Dessert will be spice cake with raisin sauce. Winner of the free meal was Marian Smollett.

Time is running out for the purchase of tickets on the $1,000 Cash Draw. The Draw will be held Thursday, December 8.

Just a reminder for everyone that the annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be held at the Legion on Friday, December 16, starting at noon, and continuing until all the food is gone. Take out is available. The cost is $7 per person. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

This is also a reminder that the Executive meeting will be held on December 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Until next week, take care!

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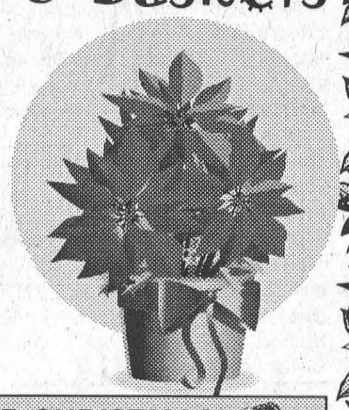

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Prime Minister's election tour stops at St. Joseph's



CORNWALL – In day three of the election campaign, and in the wake of an announcement that Domtar will close its Cornwall plant, Prime Minister Paul Martin made a stop in Cornwall.

His campaign bus pulled up in front of St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School just after lunch hour, where he was enthusiastically greeted by hundreds of students.

The students enthusiasm towards the prime minister grew when he and local Liberal candidate Tom Manley entered the school gymnasium for a question and anwser session with the students, and was at a feverish pitch when he donned the hockey sweater of the undefeated St. Joseph's Panthers.

Martin's first order of business at the assembly when he addressed the students, was to discuss the Domtar's announced Cornwall plant closure.

Martin said that he met with the union leader from Domtar, Cornwall mayor Phil Porier and economic development officials to discuss the issue.

He offered up a solution of education and training. "If someone needs training for a new job, the training will be available."

Mayor Poirier, later said that when he met with the prime minister he said the same things about providing training.

In speaking to the audience, Martin painted a picture of economic health, with the lowest unemployment rate in the last 10 years, pointing out that only certain types of companies are falling on hard times.

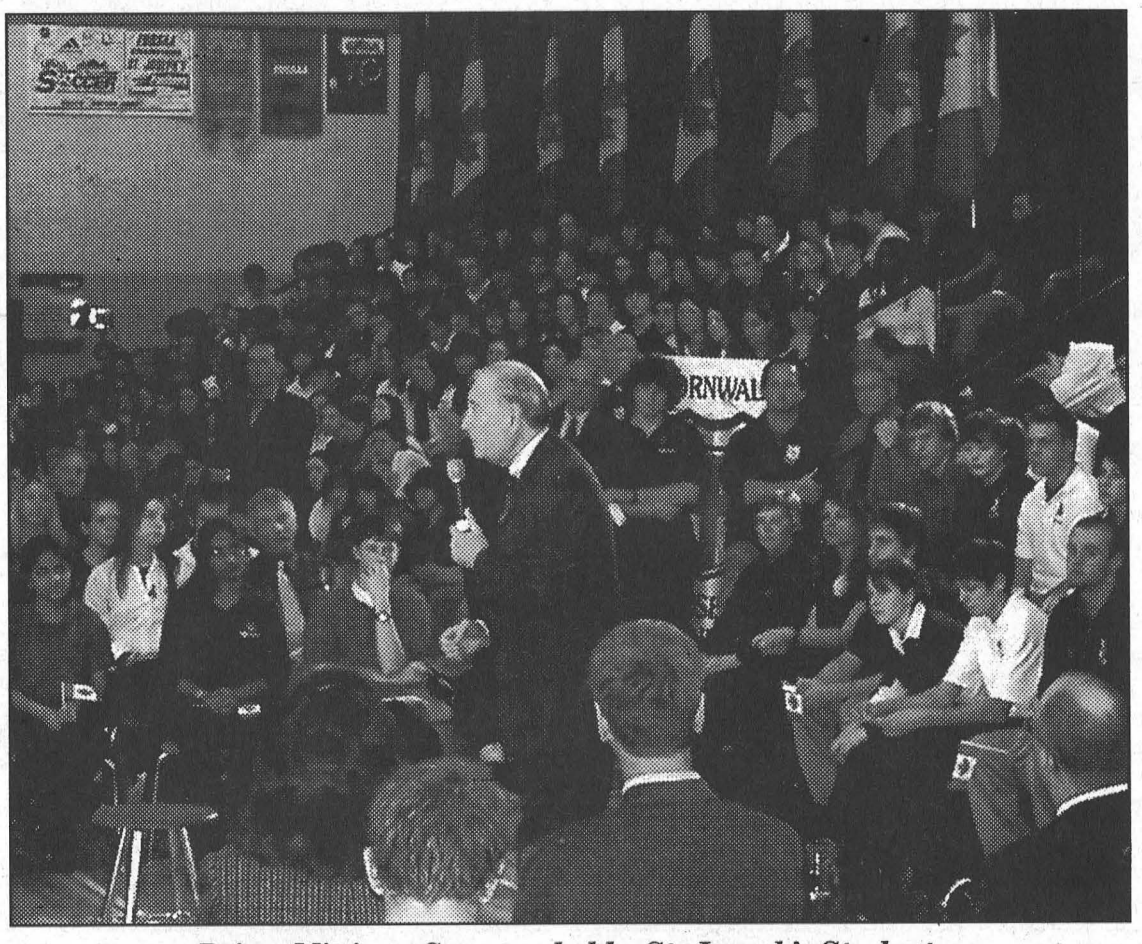
He spoke about working to build the tourism sector to bring jobs to communities in what he called, "One of the prettiest parts of Canada."

Given the opportunity to ask the prime minister questions, students touched on the issues of jobs and keeping youth from leaving communitites like Cornwall, the closure of Domtar, the accountability of government, tourism, the softwood lumber issue, world poverty and AIDS, and rural supply management.

"I am quite impressed by the nature of the questions put to me today," said Martin. "I think social conscience is an incredible trait to have, and if you want an example of social conscience you had to be in this room. I've got to say, Mr. McCue (St. Joseph's Principal Jack McCue), you should be very proud of your students."

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario chair, Ron Eamer said, "It is truly an honour to have a Prime Minister visit one of our schools. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to witness Canadian history in the making."

"We challenge our Catholic students to be reflective, creative thinkers and make responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good," said Director of Education Ann Perron. "The visit by Prime Minister Martin provided a wonderful opportunity for students to be engaged in this kind of dialogue. I was very proud of the students and the depth of knowledge they demonstrated today."



Prime Minister Surrounded by St. Joseph's Students
Prime Minister Paul Martin was in Cornwall last Thursday, on day three of the election campaign.

OPP Festive Ride week one

SD&G – Members of the SD&G OPP have been extremely busy conducting R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) checks in the three counties.

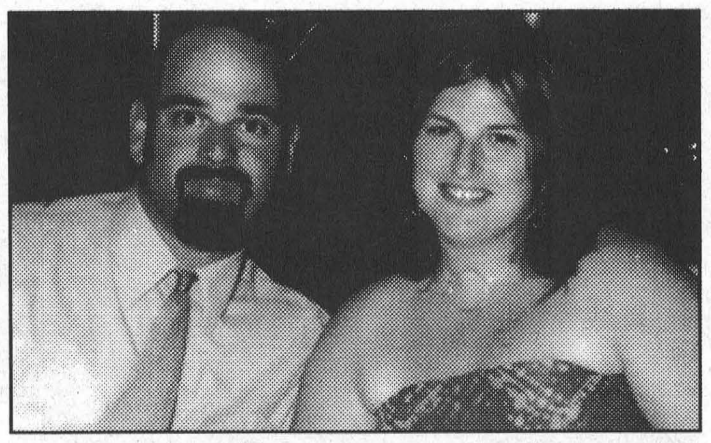
During the first week (Nov 25-Dec 04) members of SD&G OPP were checking motorists to ensure that they were not drinking and driving.

Officers checked 1,796 vehicles, issuing two 12-hour suspensions and laid two impaired charges. Officers laid 11 other traffic related charges.

Last year for the same week officers checked 787 vehicles and laid two impaired charges.

The holiday season is a busy time on our roads with a high incidence of alcohol-related fatalities.

SD&G OPP would like to remind everyone that drunk driving crashes are the most frequently committed violent crime, yet they can be prevented if the public would simply remember the three keys to safety before they head out the door to their holiday destinations: drive safe, drive sober and buckle up.



Engagement

Russel and Ann Garlough are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Rob, to Amanda, daughter of Connie Brown of Barrie. Amanda is employed by Algonquin Travel and Rob by Bell Canada, both in Ottawa. The wedding is being planned for May 2007.

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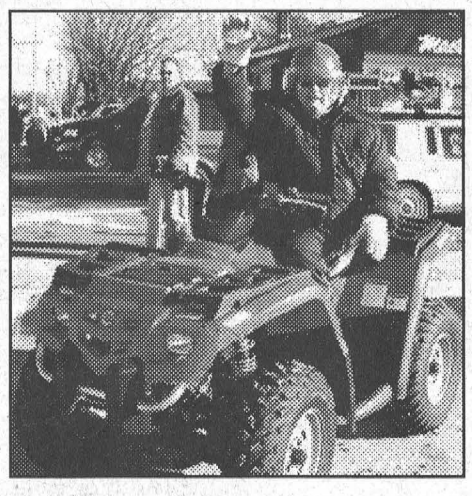


MORRISBURG – Santa came to town Saturday, and by all accounts he enjoyed his visit as much as in previous years.

Throughout the parade Santa was busy making his list of who's been naughty and nice, and by the end of the parade his list of those who had been nice this year was lengthy, as he took into account all the people who participated in the parade, and those well-wishers who crowded the streets along the parade route.

Parade organizer George Davies (pictured right) said, "Everybody I talked to said it was a fantastic effort and better than last year."

The number of parade entrants grew this year, to 47, including four bands.

"It was an ideal day and I was pleased with it. Everything went smoothly," said Davies.

He said that there were several new entries this year and made special mention of the float, which was designed by 11-year-old Cole Veinotte. "It was really fantastic."

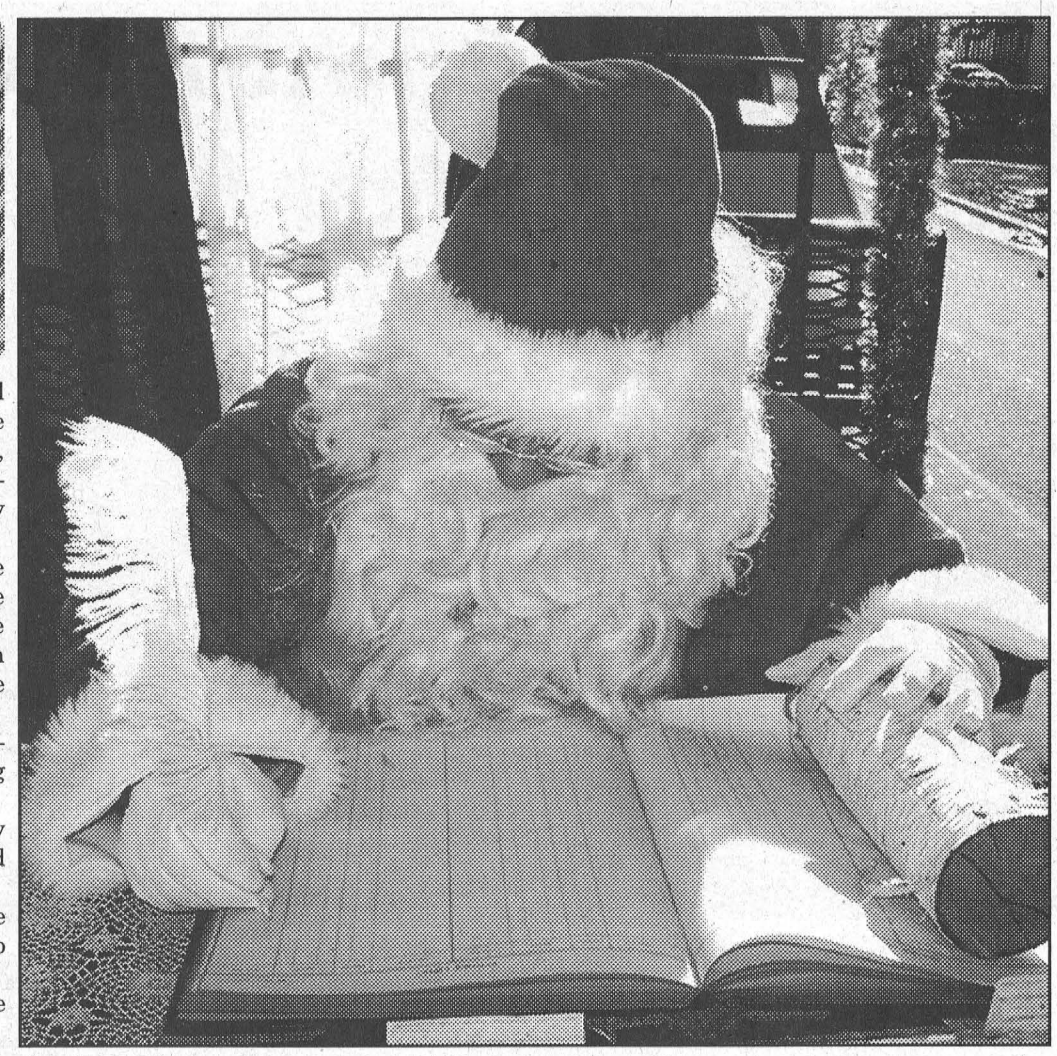
Davies continues to organize the annual event because he enjoys it, and especially the enjoyment that the people from both ends of the spectrum, the kids and the seniors get from it.

He spoke about one of the seniors, a lady that was watching the parade from her porch.

"When Scooby-Doo stopped by to give her a candy cane she had a smile from ear to ear. That's what it's all about."

Davies sends out "a great big thanks" to all those who participated in the parade, and to all those who came out to watch it.

He is already looking forward to next year's parade and has the costumes and bands booked.





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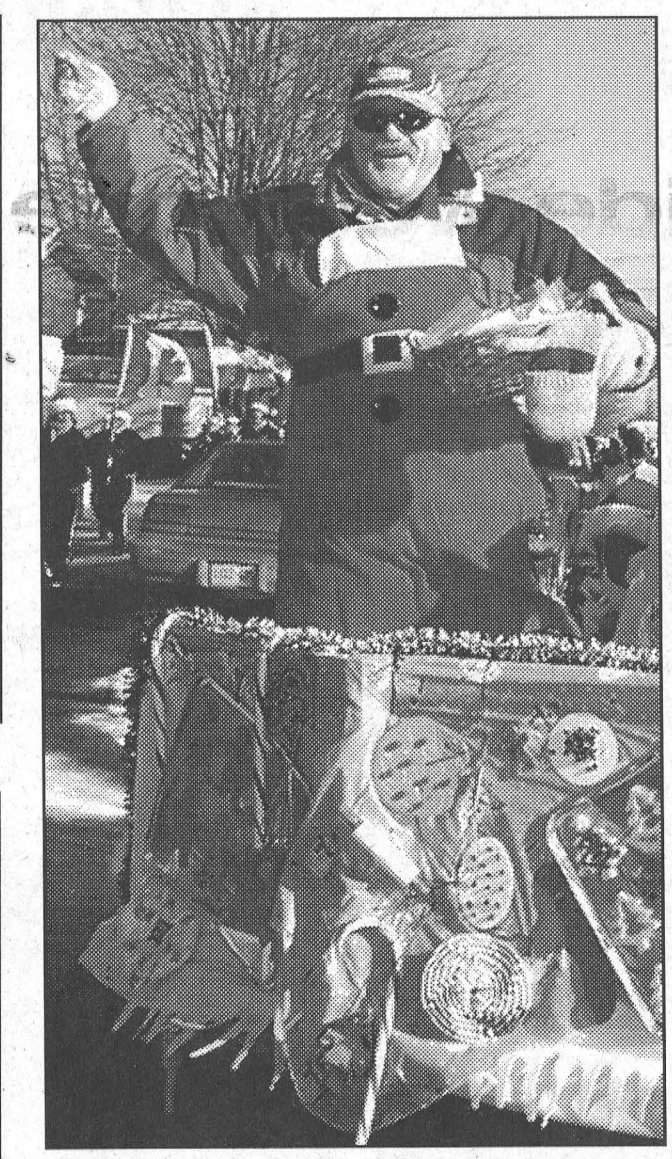

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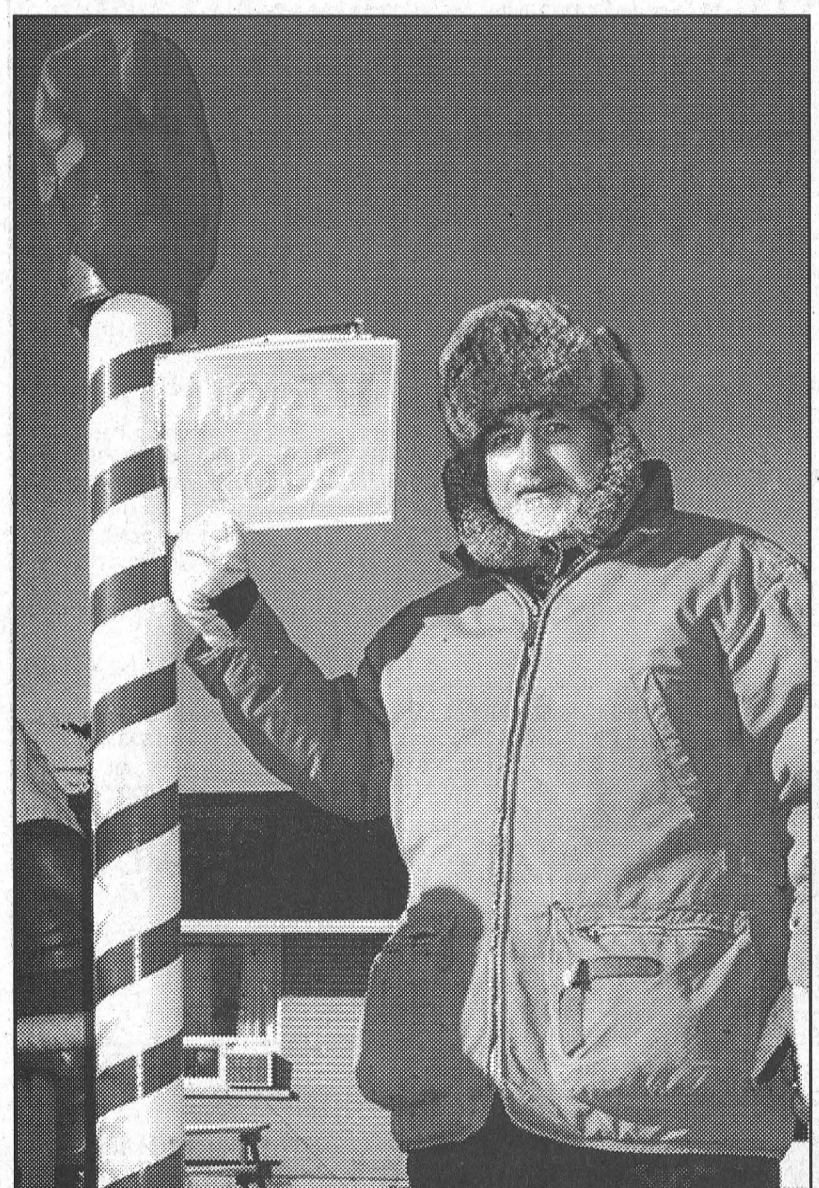
Taking Candy from Lions Kari and Brittany



Bruce MacIntosh at the North Pole

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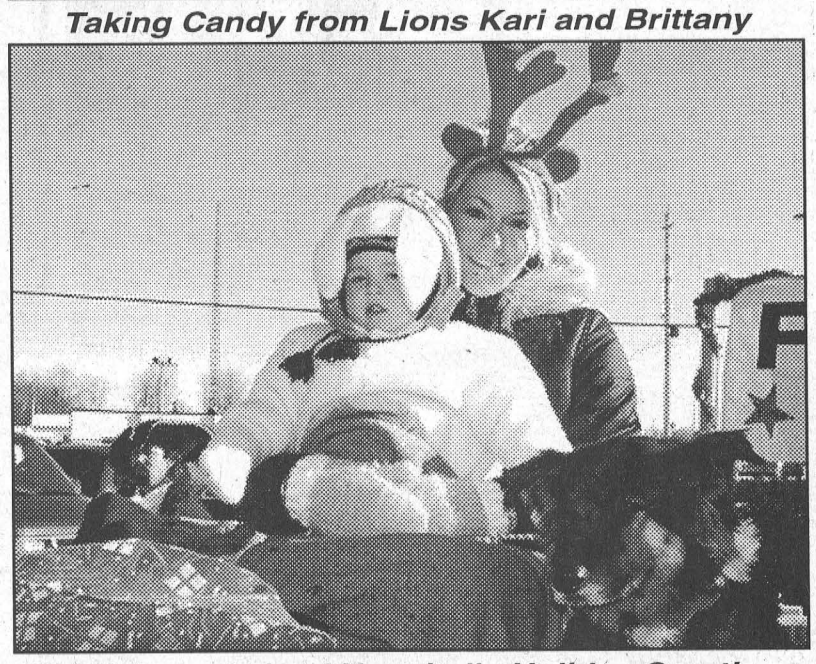
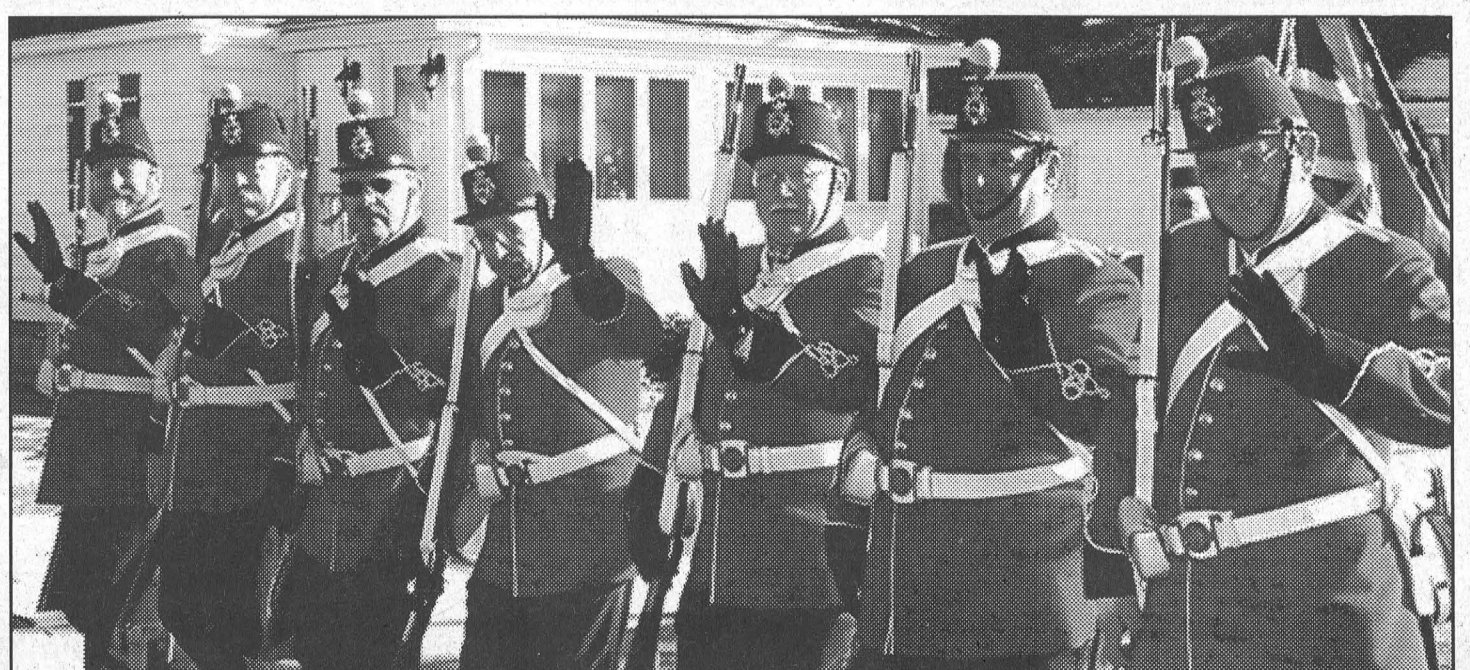


Morrisburg Animal Hospital's Holiday Greetings



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Hunterdale Outfitters Now Open

Bob and Arlene Darrach of the Shell Williamsburg Garage and Chris and Nancy Lemaire have gone into business together to provide the hunters, fishermen, and outdoors men with a local opportunity to purchase their equipment and supplies. Pictured above are Chris (left) and Bob, behind the counter of their new store located at the Williamsburg Garage. *Comfort Photo*

Top quality hunting and fishing supplies now available in Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG – "This is a farming, hunting, and fishing community, so why should people from the country have to go to the city to get their hunting and fishing supplies?" said Chris Lemaire at his new store last week.

The store, Hunterdale Outfitters, which is a joint venture between Williamsburg Garage owners Bob and Arlene Darrach and Chris and Nancy Lemaire, quietly opened for business last Saturday.

The store is located at the Williamsburg Garage, and Bob says that Chris came to him with the idea to open the store to accommodate the needs of the local community.

"It's just common sense," says Chris adding that he is just looking out for the needs of the community.

Bob adds that every business that starts up in a community generates spin-off, so he was pleased to help bring something like this to Williamsburg.

"There's nothing out here like this," says Bob.

A customer who wandered through the store confirmed what Bob and Chris were saying. "It's nice to have something like this in the area."

"We're a specialty store that caters to the needs of hunters and fishermen," says Chris.

They stock everything that is needed for archery hunting, compounds, crossbows, clothing, scents, and everything to do with all types of fishing. He also has a contact for taxidermy.

They will be selling live bait in the new year, and have applied for a licence to sell guns and ammunition, which they expect to have by spring.

In the future they hope to be involved in the Hats for Hides program, have turkey weigh ins, and hope to sell hunting licences and tags.

They have regular daytime hours and will be open weekends until Christmas.

"We are very competitive with pricing in the bigger stores and we have good quality stuff," says Chris. "We go to all the best distributors for our stock."

The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG– Betty Locke, Susan McIntosh, Cheryl Thompson and Sandra Beckstead visited Lancaster last Tuesday for a Senior Ladies' bonspiel. They reported a fine day of enjoyable curling, and played teams from Point Claire and Hudson, Quebec.

As usual, the curling was of a high calibre and the meal one of the highlights of the day.

Three Russell mixed senior teams visited Morrisburg last Wednesday morning for a 'Friendly' match. Our thanks to Cheryl Thompson and her volunteers, who hosted the event, and to Bob Fortin's Subway Restaurant, who sponsored our daytime mixed curlers. The foursome of Wally McDonald, Cheryl Thompson, Sandra Beckstead and Robert Martin won against their opponents, as did the team of Len Bellingham, Alice Thompson, Dave Salsman and Dorothy Culkin. The final Russell quartet managed a win over their hosts, Jack Dikland, Betty Locke, Ted Herriman and Susan McIntosh. After a pleasant lunch and several stories, the curlers, visitors and hosts alike, wended their weary way home for their afternoon naps.

The second draw for the senior men has begun, with twelve teams entered, the largest number in several years. Curling has been scheduled for four days a week, to provide more frequent contests for all concerned and to finish competition for the Bowman Trophy more quickly. In the first draw, for the Gerald Adams Trophy, competition among the eleven teams entered was keen, with the winners Sid Morrell, Ken Wilson, Reg Wild and Walter Reid. Well done, fellows!

Keith Brannen and three of the Thompsons, Cheryl, Alice and Steve, visited Smiths Falls on Thursday for a senior mixed bonspiel. They had a good day, winning their first game against a Manotick foursome, but losing, after a delicious, filling meal, to the eventual champions, a fine team from Perth. Keith curled well, and he showed equal dexterity in drawing his own ticket to win a set of dishes. It was a very pleasant outing for all, not the least of which was the stop at Hersheys for chocolates afterwards.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Morrisburg and Winchester Curling Clubs played host to the Branch Doug Washer Junior Playdowns. Men's teams from eastern Ontario and western Quebec were eligible, and sixteen rinks entered. Top notch curling was evident throughout, with keen competition on both days. Thanks to our local volunteers who staffed the club for the event here, including Greta McGann's group, who looked after lunches and the Saturday night banquet. Thanks are also due to the Toonders' M and M food store, who generously sponsored our club's evening meal. Officials and teams had praise for our club, its facilities, and the ice. For the record, the Winchester entry made it to the 'A' final Sunday afternoon, but lost to a Carleton Heights quartet in a hard-fought match.

Visitors enjoyed the fine shot making and the Olympic qualifying curling matches on television.

Sign up sheets are posted in the lounge for the next two-person bonspiel and for Betty Locke's Christmas Spiel, replacing our Turkey Spiel this year. Good curling to all!

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Lions Bantam House girls in tournament semi-final

PETERBOROUGH – The South Dundas Lions Girls, Bantam House League team had good results in their first tournament of the year in Peterborough on the weekend.

The girls tied their opening game against the Peterborough 2s 2-2, and then picked up a 2-0 win over Clarington Jakes in game two. Although they lost game three to Central York, 4-0 their record was good enough for them to advance to the semi-finals where they met the Peterborough #1s and lost 1-0.

Jaime Boulerice and Kristen Lapierre connected for the Lions' goals in game one against the Peterborough 2s.

Game two against the Clarington Jakes was a hard fought match with neither team able to get on the scoreboard in the first and second periods.

The Lions broke it open late in the third period with a Reagan Hall goal assisted by Boulerice. Kristen Lapierre added the insurance marker with help from Reagan Hall and Brooke Spencer.

The 2-0 win was the third shut out of the season for Lions goaltender Alyson Erwin and featured a solid defence. The forwards were on their game, back checking and passing the puck well.

Game three again featured scoreless first and second periods with Central York turning it on in the third period for the 4-0 win.

The Lions were knocked from the tournament in their semi-final game against the Peterborough 1s who posted their lone goal in the second period resulting from a scramble in front of the Lions net.

The tournament provided a great weekend for all the players and coaches.

All Candidates Debate on Agricultural Issues

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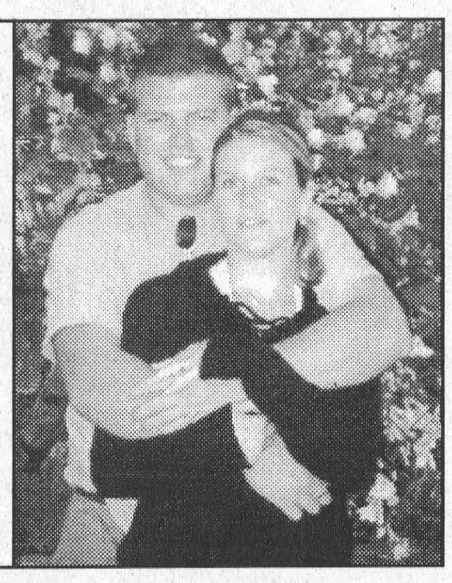
Winchester Community Centre (Upstairs Arena)

Forthcoming Marriage

Chris VanBeilen and Kelly Droppo will be married in Varadero, Cuba on December 14, 2005. Open Reception to Celebrate January 7, 2006 at Morrisburg Legion 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.



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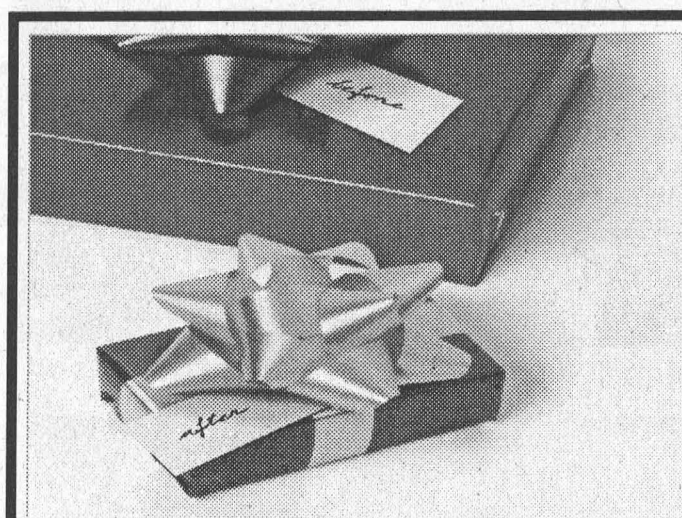

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A Different Kind of Face Off This Lions Day *Comfort Photos*

South Dundas Minor Hockey hosted their annual Lions Day Saturday at the Morrisburg arena. The day gives teams an opportunity to play exhibition games against teams they don't often face, and the opportunity to participate in special events and raffles. The highlight of Lions Day this year was Crusty's big face off for the Dundas County Food Bank. Pictured above is Crusty before and after. In the before picture Crusty is eyeing up the clippers in the hands of Louise VanMoorsel with a little trepidation.

Crusty's Lions Day face off

MORRISBURG – "Crusty, you don't look how you're supposed to look, but you look okay," was the reaction of one of the young spectators at the special Lions Day beard shaving Saturday.

One day, not too long ago, South Dundas Recreation employee Chris Wouters, better known to arena locals as Crusty, and Bill Morrow were discussing how scruffy Crusty was looking.

Crusty agreed, and thought it was about time to clean up a little, but it was Bill who suggested that he shave his beard for charity on Lions Day.

Lions Day is an annual event hosted by the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association where teams invite special guests for exhibition hockey games, and a number of special events and activities take place at the rink.

This year raffles were held to win a synergy hockey stick and hockey game tickets, to win a Sidney Crosby hockey jersey, and to win the right to shave Crusty's beard.

Those who were entered in the beard shaving raffle donated a food item to the South Dundas branch of the Dundas County Food Bank. A shopping cart full of food showcased the popularity of the beard shaving honour.

The last time Crusty shaved his beard was for his wedding 15 years ago. Although he was a little nervous about the actual shaving he was glad to do something special for Lions Day. "It's for the kids," he said, just a few minutes prior to the raffle draw.

Louise VanMoorsel was the lucky winner of the beard shaving honour.

The beard shaving took place in the centre of the lobby at the Morrisburg arena with a packed lobby of spectators looking on.

Lions Day ended up being a lucky day for more than one member of Louise's family. Her husband Jeff won the hockey stick and Senators tickets, and her nephew Brandon Bass won the Crosby jersey.

Open meeting in January

South Stormont to have Hall of Fame

INGLESIDE – Robert Thompson, Chair of the newly incorporated South Stormont Hall of Fame committee, announced last week that plans are moving forward for the first inductee ceremonies to be held on September 30, 2006.

The committee has been working diligently to formulate plans to establish a Hall of Fame that will recognize individuals and organizations that have made an important contribution to sports in the township.

"We have a number of individuals who are worthy of recognition and we are looking to honour them for their contributions," said Thompson. South Dundas has a long history of producing local sports personalities. The inductees will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame, which is to be located in the Long Sault Arena.

Mr Thompson advised that the first annual general meeting of the Hall of Fame will be held on Monday, January 16, 2006, in the John Cleary Room, located in the Long Sault Arena. The meeting will see the election of the first Board of Directors and will outline furthur details for the vear.

The meeting is open to all residents of the Township. Residents who have lived in the Township for 24 months, and have attained legal voting age will be entitled to vote at any general meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Jr. B Lions in first place, qualify for Boxing Day tournament

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Junior B Lions claimed a couple of big ticket items in their weekend action.

First off they demolished their opposition, the Winchester Hawks on home ice Friday night to the tune of 11-4, and the Kemptville 73s Sunday in Kemptville by an 8-4 count.

The wins put a little more distance between the Lions and the third place 73s and a considerable distance between themselves and the fourth place Hawks.

The wins also landed them in first place in the St. Lawrence Division standings, a position the Lions have not securely held for several seasons.

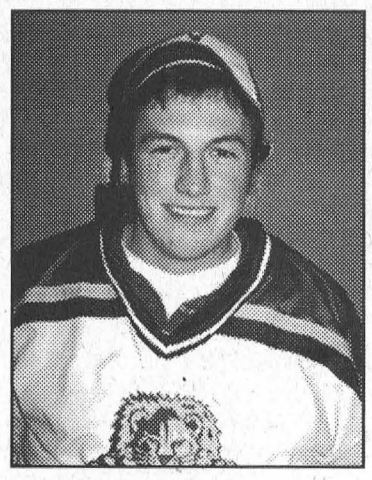
Although tied in points total with the Alexandria Glens, the Lions sit atop the standings by virtue of their 17 wins versus 16 by the Glens.

This all sets the stage for an exciting home and home series this coming weekend as the two battle it out for clear supremacy of the division's top spot.

The Lions will travel to Alexandria for an 8:30 p.m. game on Friday night, and then it will be back in the Lions' den for a 2:15 match on Sunday.

The second accomplishment for the Lions as a result of last weekend's action is their qualification for a spot at the annual Junior B Boxing Day Tournament to be played Monday, December 16 in Rockland. The Lions will take on the Metro division's first place (and host team) Clarence Castors at 12:30 p.m.

Again, this is the first time in many seasons, the Lions have qualified a team to attend the tournament which is determined after a preset number of games have been played in each of the four Eastern Ontario Junior B divisions. Each division sends its top two teams and Morrisburg qualified in second spot at the deadline.



Tyler Lafortune

Lions 11-Hawks 4

Friday night the Lions were solid throughout the game, clearly winning each of the three periods.

They led 3-1 after the first and 9-3 heading into the third as they set their sights on the 11-4 win.

Andrew Pearson was between the pipes for the win and Kyle Neville saw action for the Hawks.

The game was also a well-played affair with just 10 minor penalties called, the Lions sitting out six of them.

Their power play was also solid with the Lions scoring three power-play goals in their four opportunities.

Tyler Lafortune had a big game netting three goals and providing his help on another two, and Brad Gager also tallied a five point performance on one goal and four assists.

Cory Gove, who leads the Lions' scoring (30 goals and 21 assists for 53 points) and is tied for second spot in the St. Lawrence Division's overall scoring stats, picked up three assists.

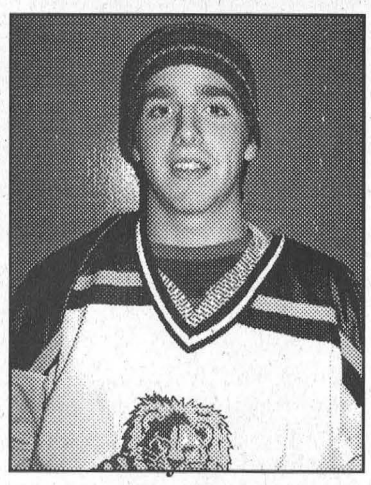
Dylan Gravely, who is right behind Gove with 52 points on 17 goals and 35 assists, added two goals and two assists Friday night.

Peter Barnett had two goals and one assist and Pat Mainville hit for one goal and assisted on two others. Justin Elliott and James Kirkwood were both good for one goal and one assist.

The Lions recently bolstered their defensive lineup with the addition of Cory Cassell who played for the Lions several seasons back and most recently at the Junior A level. Cassell provided assists on three of the Lions goals Friday night, and defenseman Noah Van Moorsel helped out on one.

Lions 8-Kemptville 4

Over the last few seasons, the Lions have not put together a good record on Kemptville ice, but Sunday they broke their jinx with an 8-4 win.



Corey Gove

They broke it open early in the game, taking a 3-0 first period lead and then outscoring the 73s 5-1 in the second period for an 8-1 advantage heading into the final frame.

The 73s attempted a third-period comeback with three goals scored in the final 10 minutes of play, but it was too little, too late, and the Lions skated away with the 8-4 win.

The Lions sat out 11 minor penalties and two 10 minute misconducts, while the 73s were assessed 10 minors and corresponding 10 minute misconducts.

J.J. Gargour was in net for the Lions. Andrew Beveredge started for the 73s and was relieved by Luke Beckstead.

The weekend results bring the Lions goals for record to 154 while they have given up 99. Alexandria has scored 122 goals and given up 87.

Alexandria has registered the least minutes in penalties with 660, Akwesasne is next with 718, Kemptville has sat out 880 and the Lions 1,044. Char-Lan has 1,127 and Winchester 1,211.

Open Wedding Reception



On November 30, 2005, Jason Rice, son of Danny Rice and Sandra Rice both of Morrisburg, and Carrie Collins, daughter of Linda and Barry Van Allen of Morrisburg and James and Kim Collins of Ingleside, were wed in Punta Cana. There will be an open wedding reception Sat., Dec. 10, at the Morrisburg Legion, 9 p.m., to celebrate their newly formed marriage.

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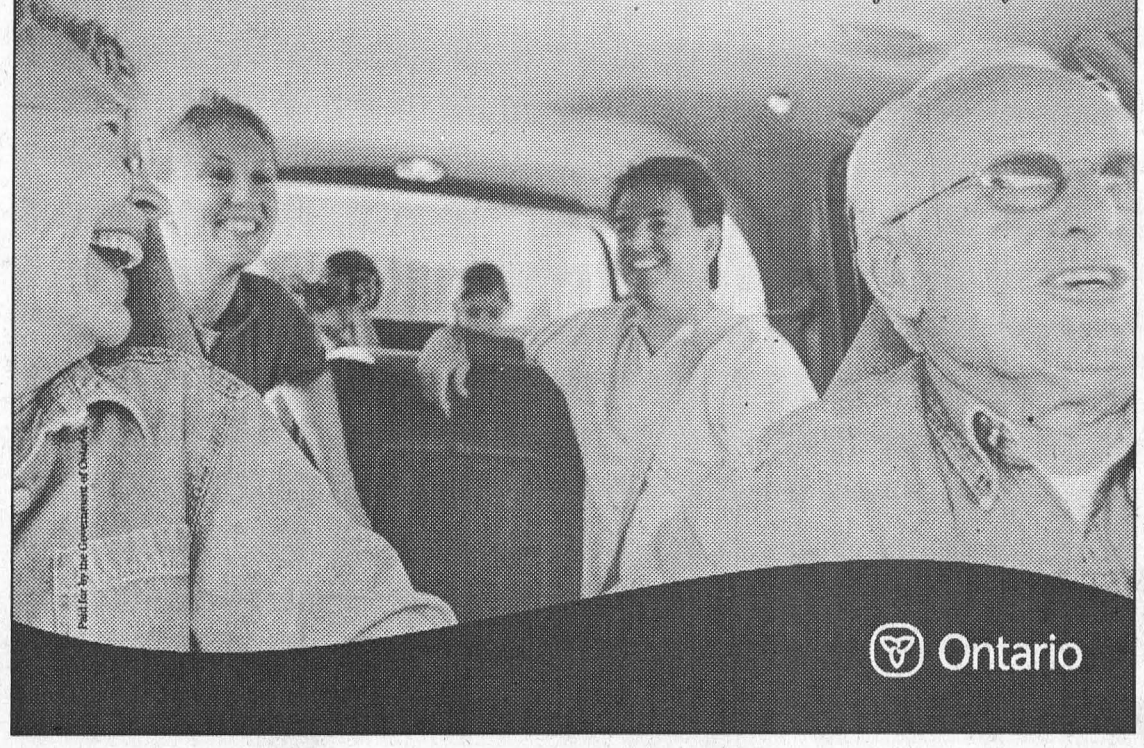

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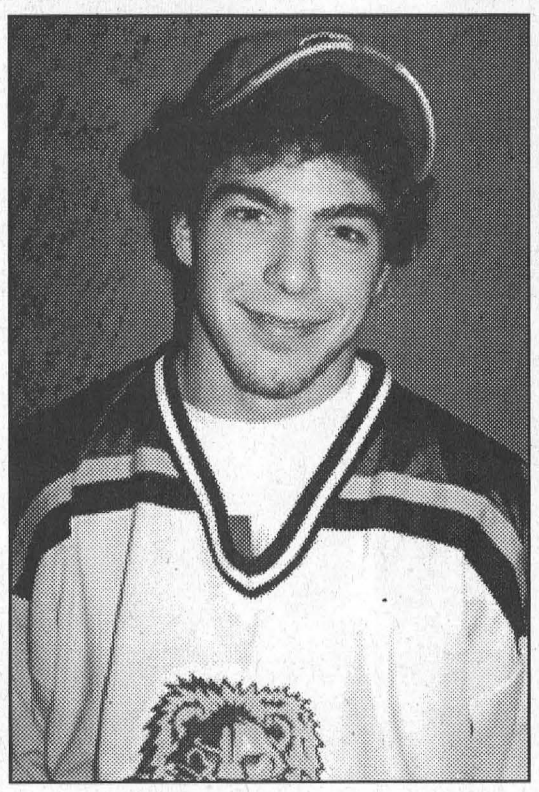
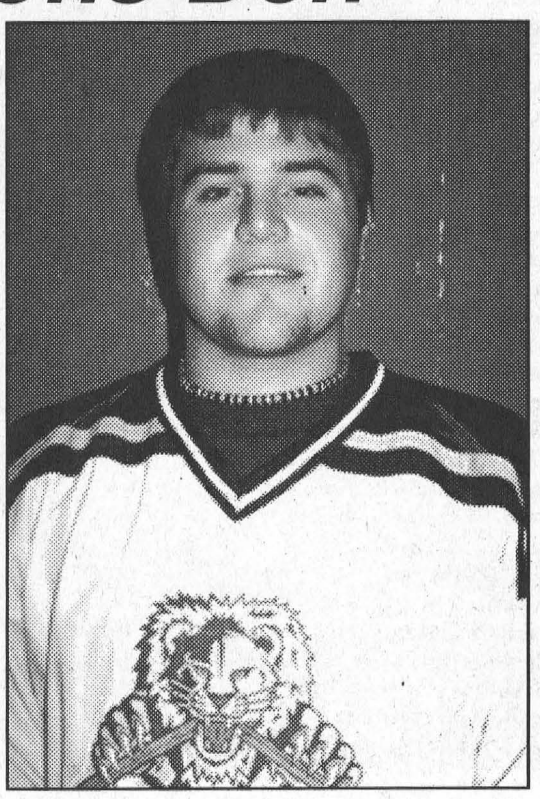


Forward Steve Cain wears the Lions #20 sweater. Steve is in his first season with the Lions. He is 17 years old and lives in Embrun. Last season, Steve played for the Akwesasne Wolves.



Defenseman Travis Baldwin, now in his fourth season with the Lions, wears the #5 sweater. A product of the South Dundas Minor Hockey system Travis is 20 years old and plans to attend college in January.

Novice Bs split games, holding on to third place

MORRISBURG – The Novice B Lions had a busy weekend, as they looked to secure their first road trip win over the Athens Aeros.

The Aeros jumped to an early lead, scoring at the 12 minute mark of the opening period. The Lions were down 2-0 when the Aeros scored over a minute later. The Lions had several chances but could not capitalize on them, leaving them scoreless at the end of the first period.

Early in the second period, Athens went up 3-0, but Shane Woolsey, helped by Quinn Bennis, got the Lions on the scoreboard at 11:02 of the period. The Lions rallied once again when Evan Mullin picked off the puck and scored a short-handed goal.

Late in the second period, goaltender Cody Smail was tested often and came up with some key saves.

The Aeros kept pressing and scored two quick goals with less than two minutes left in the period, making the game 5-2. The third period was full of scoring opportunities. Defencemen Andrew Jarvis and Josh Black each had a solid scoring chance, but could not capitalize on it.

With 52 seconds left in the game, the Lions had a difficult time clearing the puck out of their own zone; the Aeros took advantage of this. The Lions had to settle for a 6-2 loss.

On Sunday night, the team came roaring back when they took on the South Grenville Rangers. The game belonged to Cody Smail who had a solid performance in net.

The first three minutes of the first period, the Lions dominated play in the Rangers' end, but couldn't take advantage of opportunities. With two minutes left in the period, the Rangers took the lead on a power-play goal.

The Lions didn't give up, and Woolsey tied the game assisted by AJ Jarvis and Evan Mullin. In the second period, it was the combination team of Woolsey and Mullin who scored the second and third goals of the game.

The Rangers kept pressing the Lions, but ran into a hot goalie. The third period was scoreless, and the game ended 3-1.

The Lions' record of 5 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie currently puts them in third spot in the standings, just two points behind Brockville and Athens. The Lions' next home game is Sunday, December 11, against Brockville.

Midget C girls out in semi

KANATA–The South Dundas Midget C girls fared well in a midget B hockey tournament on the weekend of November 26-27, posting a pair of wins and two losses, the final loss knocking them out of the competition in the semi-final game.

South Dundas opened the tournament with a 6-2 loss to a strong Nepean entry but then righted themselves with a 1-0 win over Smiths Falls followed by a 2-1 victory against Russell.

This put them into the tournament semi-final where they again met Nepean, and again were defeated this time by a 7-1 count.

In game one against Nepean, Chantal Thurler gave South Dundas a 1-0 lead with help from Melissa Primeau. The lead held until well into the second period when Nepean's Katherine Atkinson beat South Dundas goalie Lorie Casselman to tie the game 1-1.

South Dundas came right back, this time with a goal from Ali Tait and they carried their 2-1 advantage into the third period.

Early in the third Atkinson struck again to tie it, and that was followed by goals from Samantha Walsh, Kayla Evens, Morgan Ferguson and Jenny Miceli for the 6-2 Nepean win.

In game two, again South Dundas struck early in the first period with an Ali Tait goal assisted by Jessica Goulet. This would be it for the remainder of the game, South Dundas holding on for the 1-0 win and goaltender Lori Casselman chalking up a shut out performance.

Game three got rolling with a scoreless first period and midway into the second Russell's Amanda Rylaarsdam counted.

South Dundas evened the score midway into the third period on a Lisa Hey goal assisted by Tait. With just 15 seconds left on the clock the Hey-Tait combination worked again, this time with Tait scoring and Hey providing the assist.

The 2-1 win put South Dundas into the semi-final against Nepean who turned it on for a 7-1 win. The lone South Dundas goal was scored in the first period by Brittany Lortie with Lisa Hey assisting.

The player of the game was named following each contest and the following South Dundas girls received awards: Ali Tait in game one, goaltender Lorie Casselman in game two, Courtney Keicks in game three and Lisa Hey in game four.

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Seaway Scribbles & Bits

by David Jones

IROQUOIS – As we enter the Holiday season here at Seaway, it is clear that this has been a very exciting Semester. Already the school has experienced record high turnouts to school events, several athletic successes, and numerous superbly executed fundraising activities.

Our highly motivated Students Council has demonstrated a willingness to bolster school spirit with a number of successful student activities. To kick off the year, Council planned the annual Orientation Day followed by the Terry Fox Run. In October, the school enjoyed a Much Music Video Dance which marked the best attendance of any Seaway dance in several years.

Shortly after, Seaway was entertained by Richard Cole, the Comedy Hypnotist. This past week Students Council brought a brand new event to the school: our own *Oskar Night*. As participants arrived at the school, they walked the red carpet into the Cafeteria, then watched as students presented awards for various categories ranging from "Funniest Personality" to "Craziest Hair". In its debut, *Oskar Night* raised a considerable amount of money for the Students Council which will enable them to keep the good ideas and great times coming!

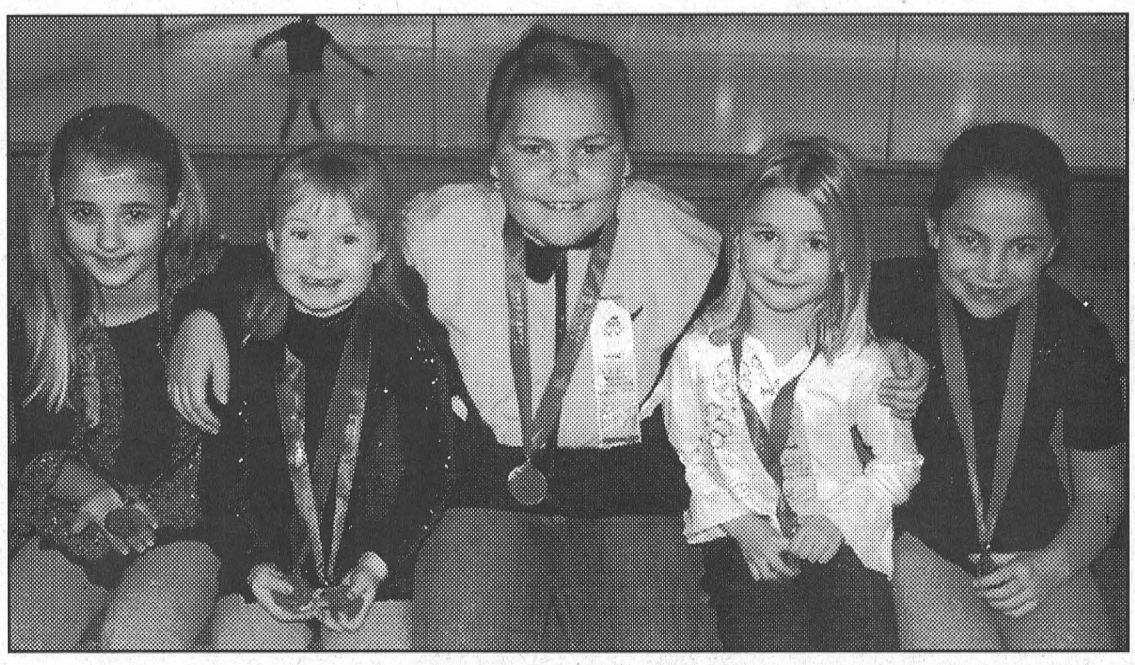
Only a few months into the sports calendar, Seaway already has two Championships to its name in Mixed Doubles Tennis (Scott Hallam and Sam Langton), and Girls Golf (Lauren Keyes, Jen Wilson and Kayla Beckstead). In addition to these successes, soccer Coaches Crooke and Elliott are excited about their respective teams and have high hopes for a championship in the future.

This year Seaway has seen growth in its cross-country team, posting several top 25 results and a very respectable seventh at EOSSA for Nick Thomas of Grade nine. On the basketball front, both the Junior and Senior Girls finished their seasons with stellar six and two records. They are now looking towards their EOSSA appearances.

In Volleyball, the Junior Boys team fell just short of a championship, losing a heartbreaker in the semifinals. The Senior Boys just missed on a playoff berth. Way to go, Seaway!

Fundraising has been very successful this year already. On November 12, our second annual Trivia Night, held here at Seaway, brought the school and the community together, and raised a substantial amount of money towards our sign fund. In addition to this, the Yearbook Committee and Students Council are working together on selling chocolate bars. The funds raised will be used for yearbook production and future student events.

Next week, I'll be back with more *Scribbles & Bits* from Seaway.



Young Skaters have a Big Day in Athens *McNairn photo*

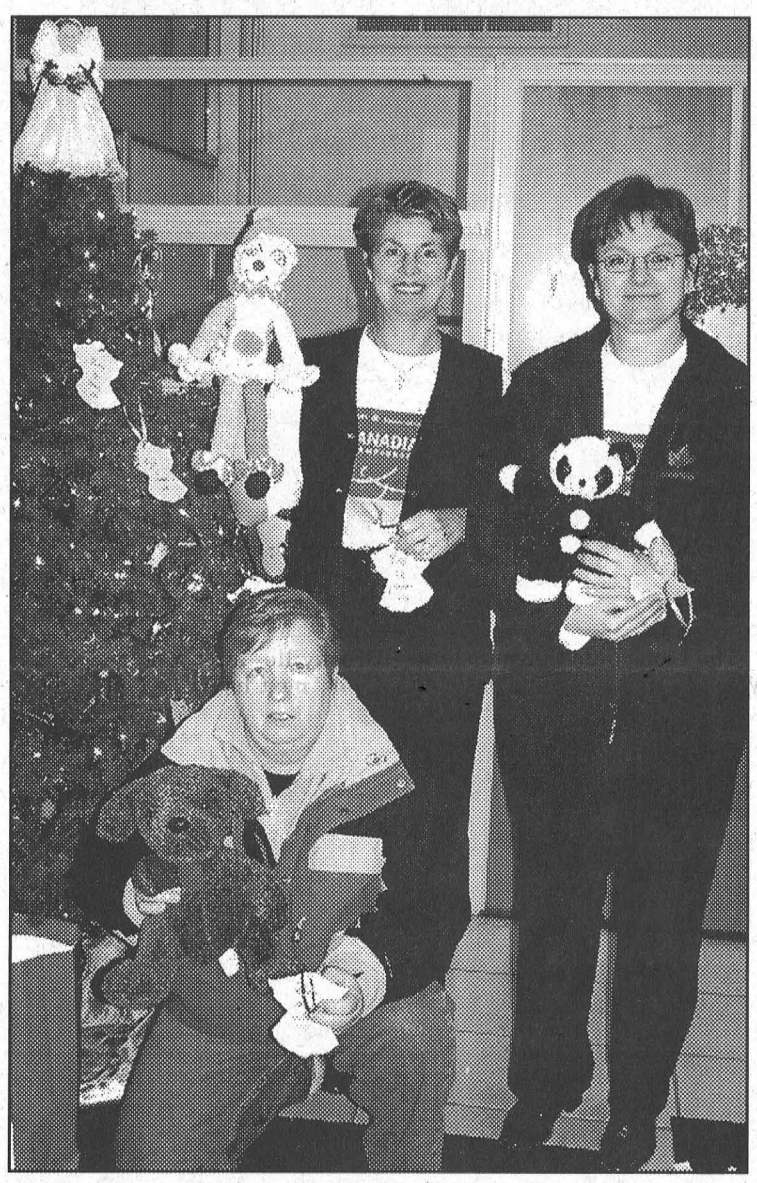
Sunday, December was a big day for some of the younger skaters in the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club when they competed in the Mighty Strokes for Minnie Folks competition in Athens and came home with their fair share of medals. Pictured above these successful skaters include, l-r, Emilie LaMarche, Kristyn VanHoof, Natalie Beatson, Abby MacMillan and MacKenzie Whyte. MacKenzie claimed a gold medal in the Gumdrops skate and Natalie a first in the Cupid category. Abby picked up her first place finish in Elements. Kristyn skated to a pair of silver medals in the Frosty the Snowman category and her Elements, and Emilie won a silver medal in her Elements.



Morrisburg Skaters Solid in Athens Competition

The Morrisburg and District Figure Skating club had solid representation at the Mighty Strokes for Minnie Folks Competition held in Athens on Sunday. Pictured above, front l-r are Alyssa MacMillan, Mikayla MacMillan, Kristen McMillan, Kaila VanHoof and Alisha VanHoof. Back, l-r are Allison Lee, Haley Van Allen, Gillian Beatson, Katherine Lee, Jessica Bass and Logan Patterson. *McNairn photo*

Iroquois quick with support



Angels in Iroquois *Comfort Photo*

The Angel Tree for the annual Christmas Exchange, went up Friday morning in Iroquois at the Bank of Montreal, and by Friday afternoon, most of the 44 angels were already gone from the tree. Organizer of the Iroquois Angle Tree, Sandra Lee Johnston was overwhelmed by the community's support of this project when she counted only 17 angels remaining on the tree. Pictured in front is Johnston, and standing are Bank of Montreal staffers Catherine O'Reilly and Alma Walsh.

IROQUOIS – "I can't imagine waking up Christmas morning without something under the tree," said Iroquois Angel Tree coordinator Sandra Lee Johnston last Friday afternoon at the Bank of Montreal in Iroquois.

That's why Johnston didn't hesitate to help the South Dundas Christmas Exchange gather Christmas gifts from the community for Children in need.

She contacted them early in the season to volunteer to coordinate the tree for Iroquois.

Staff at the Bank of Montreal, Iroquois Branch, happily put up the tree and first thing Friday morning, Johnston hung the 44 angels, representing 44 area children in need of a gift this Christmas, on the tree.

Johnston says that number is down from other years. "I hope that's a good sign."

The 44 children range in age from infant to 12 years old, and the split between girls and boys was even.

Only five hours after the angels first adorned the tree at the bank, 17 remained on the tree.

Johnston was overwhelmed by the quick response and support of the community to this project. "It's really great," she said.

The deadline for returning the new, unwrapped gifts to the Christmas tree for pickup is Friday, December 16.

Johnston suggests that gifts be placed unwrapped, with the angel attached, in a Christmas bag, to allow for easy sorting.

Skaters solid at Athens

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Morrisburg Ice Queens team of Haley Van Allen, Gillian Beatson, Jessica Bass and Alisha VanHoof 2nd in pre-preliminary team event.

Drug charges

MORRISBURG – November 26, the SD&G OPP Criminal Investigation Unit, Project Paragon Drug Enforcement team and detachment members executed a search warrant at a residence along Sir Jame Morris Drive.

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

COMING EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
If you want to drink that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Call AA, 543-3484. Meeting every Thursday, 8 p.m., Lakeshore United Church. 40tfc

SOUTH WILLIAMSBURG RECREATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tues., Dec. 13, 7 p.m., George Jowett Recreation Hall, Riverside Heights. Persons interested in joining the committee and volunteering for various positions are welcome. 48-49c

LIVING WORD MINISTRIES FREE FAMILY MOVIE
"Christmas Child" Fri., Dec. 9, 7 p.m., at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre. Information, Pastor Larry Cromie, 340-6252. 48-49c

SEAWAY VALLEY SINGERS PRESENT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Fri., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church. Tickets at the door, $10 seniors, $8 children. Refreshments will be served. 48-49c

WILLIAMSBURG ODDFELLOWS DECEMBER COMING EVENTS
Sat., Dec. 10, WRD; Sat., Dec. 17, Oddfellows Christmas party. Potluck. Social hour 6, supper 7. Oddfellows supply turkey, dressing and gravy. 49p

9TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER
Sun., Dec. 25, 12:30 p.m., Morrisburg Legion. Information, reservations call before Dec. 20th, 543-3904 (Anglican Church office). Sponsored by The Apple Tree Ministry of the Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights. 49-50p

TURKEY DINNER
With all the trimmings Fri., Dec. 16, noon until food is gone, Iroquois Legion Br. 370. $7 per person. Takeout available. All are welcome. Sponsored by Legion Ladies Auxiliary. 49-50c

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Elma Public School Council invites you to join them on Sat., Dec. 10, 8 a.m.–11 a.m., at the Williamsburg I.O.O.F. Hall for a pancake breakfast. Bring a food donation for the food bank, and get $1 off your breakfast. 49c

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IN MEMORIAM

SHELDRICK–In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, Bill, December 7, 2002.
With a broken heart I whisper low,
"God bless you, Dad, I love you so.
As long as I live, I'll always be glad
That I was your daughter,
And you were my dad."
–Forever remembered Rick, Cindy and Clayton 49p

IN MEMORIAM

DOUGALL–In memory of my loving and much loved brother, Tom, Dec. 3, 2004, who I miss daily.
We had many pleasant times, and I have happy memories. Tom had spent approximately 25 summers here prior to relocating permanently in January 2001. He enjoyed time with "the boys" and other functions at Branch 48 Legion and visiting other friends in the area that he had known for many years. A grateful thanks to all for making his too short a time living in Morrisburg happy, content and pleasant.
–Sadly missed by sister Mabel Stanford 49c

WESTPHAL–In loving memory of our very dear husband, father, and Opa, Heinz, who was called by our Lord on December 5, 2000.
Our hearts ache still.
–Sylvia, Peter and Lisa, Monika and Gerry, Brandon, Jordan and Elese 49c

SADDLEMIRE–In loving memory of our parents, Stu, Dec. 2, 1995, and Ethel, January 13, 2000.
Time may wipe out many things,
But this they wipe out never.
The memory of those happy days
When we were all together.
–The Gang from Happy Hollow 49p

BOURRETTE
Joe, 1914–2002; Laurette, 1923–1995; Sarah Brown, 1981–2000.
Do not mourn for me,
For I have not left you
Look into the eyes of my children and grandchildren
You will find me there.
–Love always Lera, Ernie, Richard and Stacey 49c

SMIRLE–In loving memory of our mother, Joan, who passed away December 13, 2004, and our father, Lloyd, who passed away January 14, 1998.
Till memory fades and life departs,
You live forever in our hearts.
–Love always, Shirley, Les, Terry and families 49p

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BOUCK–We, the family of JoAnne Bouck, would like to thank our many friends and relatives for their flowers, cards and donations to CHEO and the ALS Society of Ontario in memory of JoAnne and Rev. Janet Evans for her comforting words. We would also like to thank: everyone who made visits and calls, sent food and provided us with a great deal of comfort in our time of sorrow; the Iroquois United Church women for their excellent luncheon after inurnment; Harp player, Carlene Ellis, who is JoAnne's great niece, for the two selections she played during the service; Jean Payette and William Fraser who provided the eulogies; the nurses honor guard for your presence at the service; and Jack Yourt for playing the bagpipe selection at the inurnment service. Special thanks to David Lapier and Dan McLaughlin of Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Homes. 49c

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DEATHS

RALPH, Pauline "Polly" Gelinas-Ferguson–Peacefully at the West Island Palliative Care Residence, Kirkland, Quebec, on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, Pauline "Polly" Ralph of Montreal, formerly of Morrisburg in her 77th year. Beloved wife of the late Ronald Ralph (1986). Loving mother of Denis Brunke (Fran) of Toronto, Linda (Bill) Bracher and Chantal (Stephane) Raymond, both of Montreal. Dear grandmother of Jennifer, Jeffrey, Leigh-Ann, Jeanne, Patrick and Colleen. Cherished sister of Thérèse "Terry" Bergeron of Prescott and Yvette Vachuda of Vermont. Polly will be missed by her nieces, nephews and many precious friends. She is predeceased by her parents Mécléa "Paul" Gélinas and Ida Bigras and brother Jacques "Jack" Gélinas. Friends will be received at the Parker Funeral Home, 28 Sir James Morris Drive, Morrisburg, on Saturday, December 10, 2005, at 1 p.m., where the Memorial Service will be held in the chapel at 2 p.m., with Rev. Daniel Ryan officiating. Inurnment Fairview Cemetery, Mariatown. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society gratefully acknowledged. Condolences and donations may be made at parkerfh@personainternet.com 49c

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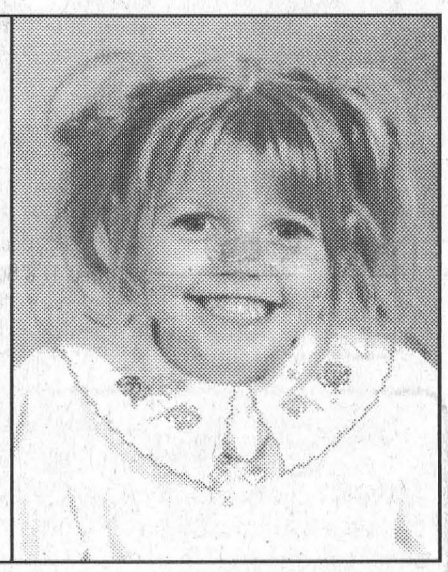



Obituaries

JoAnne Kathlene Bouck



JoAnne Kathlene Bouck (nee Fraser) passed away peacefully at home, in the arms of her loving family, on Saturday, November 26, 2005, following a three year battle with ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

JoAnne was born in Vancouver, B.C., on January 26, 1949. She was the daughter of William and Ada Fraser. JoAnne moved with her family to Cambridge (Galt) at the age of nine. Following her graduation from high school, she moved to Cornwall where she attended the Cornwall Regional School of Nursing. She graduated in 1970.

JoAnne married Gary Bouck on August 2, 1969, and together they had two wonderful daughters, Robin and Janis.

JoAnne started her career working in Winchester for two years, and then in Brockville for the last thirty years until she was diagnosed with ALS in November, 2002. JoAnne loved her work as an obstetrical nurse, and made many friends over the years.

JoAnne enjoyed reading and knitting. Even after her illness was discovered, she made sweaters for her nephews and grandchildren. JoAnne loved to travel to the warm climates in the winter. She and Gary went on a cruise to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Two years later, they discovered Aruba: JoAnne loved that island. She and Gary traveled to Aruba four times, the last time in January of 2005.

The highlight of her recent years was being able to take her immediate family to the Dominican Republic for a week. JoAnne took great pleasure in watching her grandchildren frolic in the sand and water. That was a trip the family will always remember.

In the last three years, JoAnne became a dedicated worker for the ALS Society. She raised money for the Society through the three walks in which she took part. The latest was September of 2005.

She was a volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society for a number of years. She also loved to help out CHEO whenever she could.

JoAnne is survived by her loving husband Gary, her daughters Robin (Dean) Armstrong of Cambridge, Janis (Wes) Campeau of R.R.#5 Spencerville, and her brother William (Marg) Fraser of Cambridge.

She was a loving Nana to her three grandsons Carter and Dryden Armstrong, and Will Campeau. She was a great aunt to many nieces and nephews.

JoAnne will be fondly remembered by her many friends throughout the area.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois, on Wednesday, November 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Funeral services were held in the Funeral Home at 1 p.m. with the Reverend Janet Evans officiating. Inurnment followed at the Iroquois Point Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gary Bouck, Dean, Carter and Dryden Armstrong, and Wes and Will Campeau. Luncheon was held at the Iroquois United Church immediately following inurnment. Memorial donations made to the ALS Society or to CHEO will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Morrisburg	24	17	7	0	34
Alexandria	24	16	6	2	34
Kemptville	24	15	8	0	31
Winchester	25	10	12	3	23
Char-Lan	23	7	13	2	17
Akwesasne	23	1	21	1	3

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Westport	24	20	4	0	40
Sth. Grenville	22	17	5	0	34
Brockville	23	10	11	2	22
Gananoque	25	9	14	1	20
Athens	23	3	19	0	7

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Friday, December 2–
Akwesasne 2 at Alexandria 8
Winchester 4 at Morrisburg 11
Saturday, December 3–
Athens 6 at St. Gren. 12
Kemptville 5 at CharLan 6 OT
Sunday, December 4–
Morrisburg 8 at Kemptville 4
Alexandria 4 at Winchester 4 OT
CharLan 11 at Akwesasne 5
Brockville 1 at Athens 3
Westport 5 at Gananoque 4

St. Lawrence Scoring Leaders

	A	G	Pts.
Pat Turcotte, CL	13	43	56
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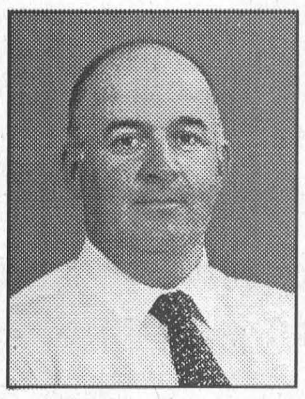

SD&G– We are experiencing a number of daylight break and enters in our area north of Cornwall. The culprits are stealing jewelry, appliances and anything else of value.

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These criminals quite often come to your door and give the name of someone they are "looking for." They may say they are looking for a lost dog, or provide some other excuse. Call the O.P.P. If you do not answer their knock, you might become a victim. If you fail to call us, your neighbour may become a victim.

At this time of year, the criminals know you are buying Christmas gifts. Your cars and homes become targets if you don't take proper precautions. Keep your doors and windows locked. Cover your purchases in the car with a blanket, or store them in the trunk.

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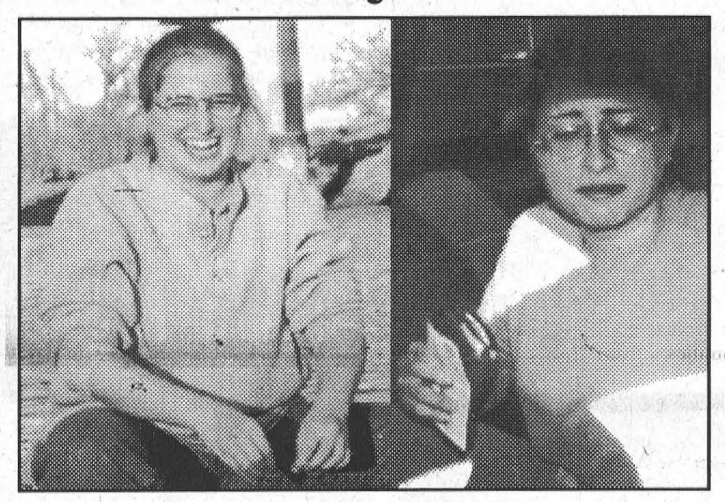

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If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please accept our apology and our sincere thanks for your part in the success of this year's parade.

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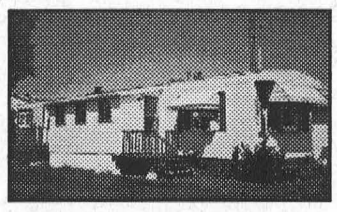

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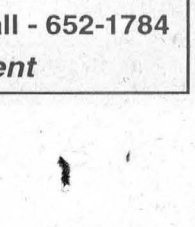

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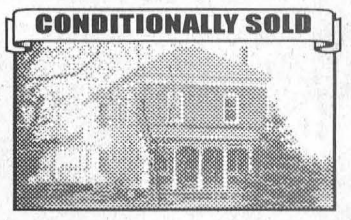

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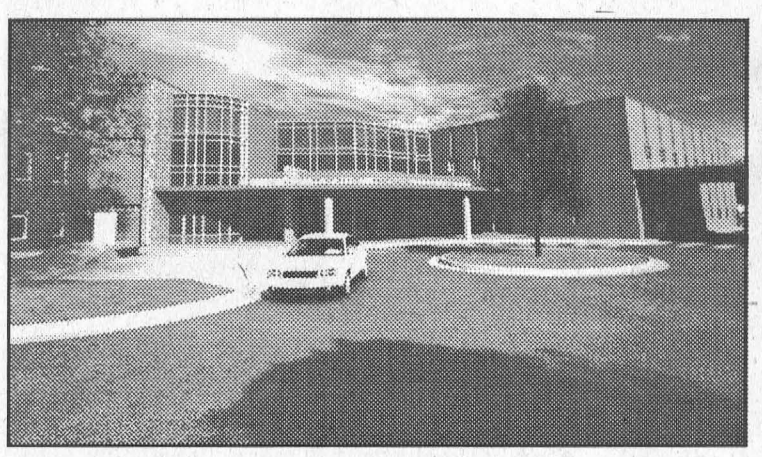
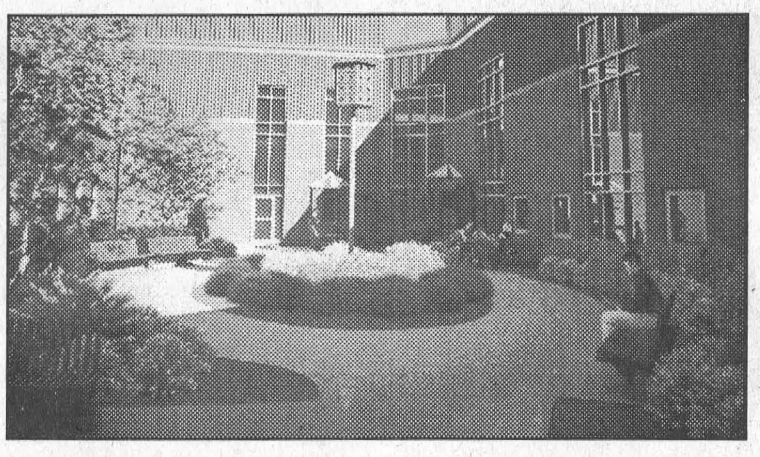
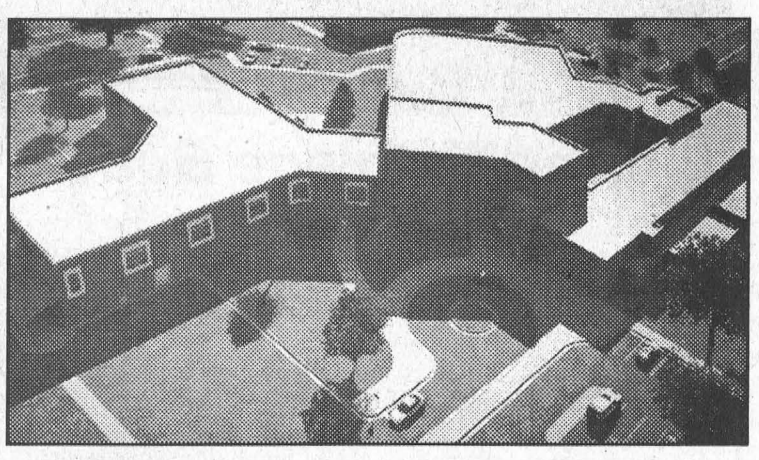






New look Winchester Hospital

MORRISBURG – Winchester District Memorial Hospital officials have been making the rounds to show the community the nearly finalized plans for the upcoming hospital expansion project, and last Wednesday evening they brought the charts to Morrisburg.

The plans showcased at the Morrisburg Legion are the 95 percent complete working architectural drawings of the hospital project.

Vice president of clinical service and redevelopment Philippe Marleau provided a guided tour of the floor plans which include a new D-shaped addition, and the renovation of about 60 percent of the existing hospital. Forty percent of the existing hospital, the west and south wing, will be demolished.

Principal architect for Parkin Group, Robert Boraks said that one of the challenges in this design is the number of phases of the project which are essential to keep the hospital in operation throughout the process. "It is a complex issue to build a hospital and keep it running at the same time."

The project will include 12-14 months of new construction, and a six month renovation.

Taking into account the input from various sources, the redesigned hospital will feature more access points to alleviate congestion around the main entrance, better accessibility, a more prominent location for the cenotaph, and a courtyard containing a therapeutic garden, which will serve as a focal point.

The new design consolidates care services in one location, and the newer parts of the hospital like the lab and dialysis unit, will stay the same.

Through the over $40 million project, Winchester District Memorial Hospital will increase in size from 85,000 square feet to 133,000 square feet. It will grow from 55 to 60 beds, 17 of which will be complex continuing care and 38 acute care beds.

Following these information sessions, the final changes to the design will be made before the plans are submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for approval to go to tender.



Proud of Hospital Plans

Left to right, Architect Robert Boraks, WDMH CEO Trudy Reid, Hospital Board Chair Bill Smirle and VP of Clinical Service and Redevelopment Philippe Marleau each show of their favourite depiction of the new hospital.

Comfort Photo

Hospital officials expect a Ministry announcement for early spring 2006, and Marleau said, "We are still on target for shovels in the ground by spring 2006."

That statement was echoed by both Hospital CEO Trudy Reid and by Hospital Board Chair Bill Smirle.

Attending the meeting to view the plans last week was former Renewing the Vision Campaign co-chair Mike McInnis who said, "There has been a tremendous effort to work through the process to come up with the right concept for the future of this hospital."

Smirle who is very enthusiastic about taking these plans to the public said, "The people of this community have been wonderful in giving to something that they believe in. Their expectations for the hospital are high and they should be."

He talked about the evolution of the hospital plans from their original form to this phased-in greenfield approach.

He explained that when they took the original plan to the province they suggested the greenfield approach which includes more new construction and less renovation.

For sometime staff have been preparing plans for both the original option and for the greenfield option and about four months ago the province said that the greenfield option made the most economic sense.

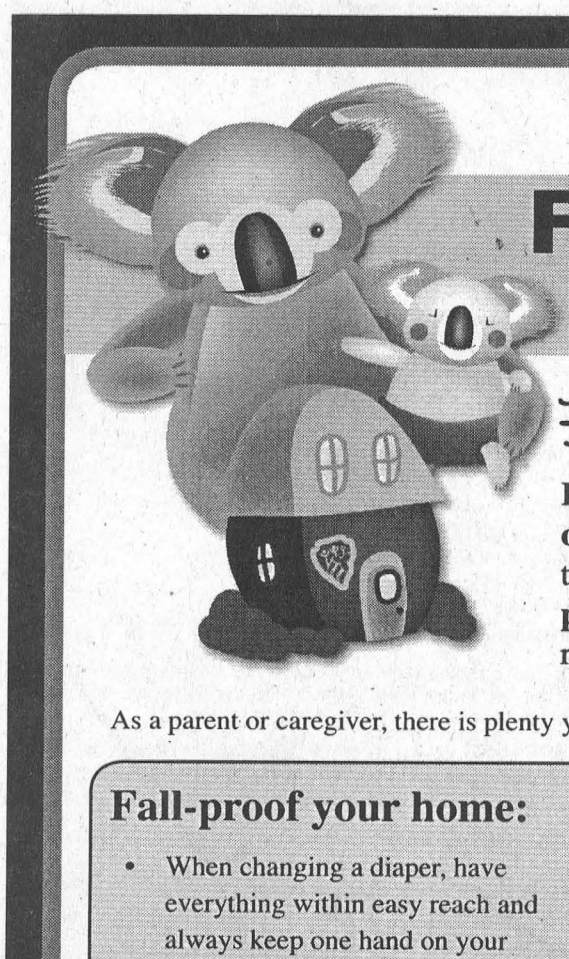
Smirle said that this project has had a lot of good support from the Ministry and Ministry officials all along and that they have been helpful in meeting the needs of this aggressive plan. "This process usually takes two to four years, and we're doing it in two years and a couple of months."

Smirle says that they are asking the Ministry to consider a 60:40 funding split rather than a 50:50 funding split. "They haven't said yes, but they have told us to keep going."

Reid was very pleased with the positive reaction of those who have seen the plans. "Seeing these plans is important. What you have here is the look and feel of the hospital."

"This is what your money produced and we're pretty proud," said Reid.

She added that this will not be the only opportunity for people to view these plans. They will show them to groups, service clubs, and other organizations on request.



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