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School closures proposed, five in Dundas County

BROCKVILLE – Five schools in Dundas County will be closed and grade 7/8 students will be educated at high school if the recommendations of the Boundary 2020 Proposal comes to fruition.

In October 2005, trustees of the Upper Canada District School Board directed administration to conduct a single study of all families of schools in Upper Canada in order to address program enhancement, consolidation and boundary alignment. The review, entitled Boundary 2020 addresses the issue of declining enrollment which has left the board with more schools than are needed for the number of students in the area.

From the review a list of school closures and boundary re-alignments were proposed. Presently students in Dundas County are part of either the Seaway Family of Schools or the North Dundas Family of Schools.

Today the Seaway Family of Schools consists of Dixon's Corners, Inkerman, Nationview, Morrisburg and Iroquois Public Schools and Seaway District High School.

The proposal stemming from the Boundary 2020 review says that Dixon's Corners Public School should be closed effective September 2008 and Inkerman Public School should be closed effective September 2009.

The review indicates that boundaries should be redefined leaving only Iroquois and Morrisburg with kindergarten to grade 6 schools. Grade 7 and 8 students will attend Seaway District High School.

Nationview Public School would be re-aligned to the North Dundas family of schools. The Morewood, Maple Ridge and Elma Schools would be closed effective September 2009, thus

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Proud Politician

Jim Brownell was re-elected member of provincial parliament for this riding last Wednesday evening with resounding support, winning by about 3,800 votes. Brownell, who was proud of his work in the riding over the last four years, was equally proud that the constituents of the riding confirmed their support in him by re-electing him to the Queen's Park post. Pictured above he holds his first grandchild, two month old Emma, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cornwall where family, friends and supporters gathered to congratulate him on his election win. *Comfort photo*

Jim Brownell re-elected

CORNWALL – As election day approached incumbent MPP Jim Brownell started to get a good feeling, and his good feeling was confirmed by the voters of Stormont Dundas South Glengarry on election night, when he was re-elected to the seat at Queen's Park by more than 3,800 over his next closest challenger.

Brownell received 18,609 votes, to Chris Savard's 14,782.

Brownell supporters gathered at the Knight's of Columbus Hall in Cornwall last Wednesday, October 10, after the polls closed at 9 p.m. to await the results of the provincial election.

About an hour after the polls closed the television media were reporting that the Liberal government would be elected to their second consecutive majority government, and not long thereafter, they were declaring Brownell the winner of this riding.

With about 40 of the more than 240 polls reporting Brownell led by more than 1,000 votes and the trend continued with the gap gradually widening to the final 3,827 vote margin of victory.

Speaking to the crowd of supporters gathered at the Knight's of Columbus Hall Brownell thanked all the members of his great and very focussed team and promised his constituents more of the same work ethic when he returns to Queen's Park. "I am going back to advocate for our community," he said.

His says his first priority will be to dialogue and network with his many colleagues returning to Queen's Park.

The Liberals held 67 seats in the last government and with this election will hold 71. The Conservatives will hold 26 seats and NDP 10 seats.

Brownell has a number of ideas for this riding and says he will focus on poverty reduction and economic opportunities to bring prosperity to the area.

Of the campaign Brownell said he had a good feeling when he was knocking on doors, but was disappointed by his leadership being called into question at the candidates' debates. "I don't know what I'd have to do," he said. "I worked hard to make sure this riding has been firmly on the

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Guild Welcomes Guests

Held every two years, the Upper Canada Quilter's Guild Quilt and Craft Show and Sale attracts hundreds of visitors. Held at the Stampville Centre last Friday and Saturday, the event featured displays, demonstrations, items for sale, quilt appraisals, a luncheon and tea. Pictured above Patty Latourell demonstrates some machine quilting techniques. The Upper Canada Quilter's Guild has over 50 members, who meet every second Tuesday at the Stampville Centre. The group consists of avid quilters, people wanting to learn the skill and people who are just interested in the craft. *Comfort photo*

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Children's Chatter & Sunday School

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St. John the Baptist Church celebrates 50 years in Iroquois

IROQUOIS – Parishioners and their families and six of the priests who have served the parish since 1957 joined together in a grand celebration, on October 13, of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church's 50 years in the community of Iroquois. It was a time, as guest Reverend David Crawley put it, to celebrate "the warmth of this church and the big hearts of its people."

There were displays of church memorabilia and photos for participants to browse through during a social time, and a special power point program of the faces and events at St. John's over the last 50 years. Organizers have also created a book which recalls the church's 50 years in Iroquois.

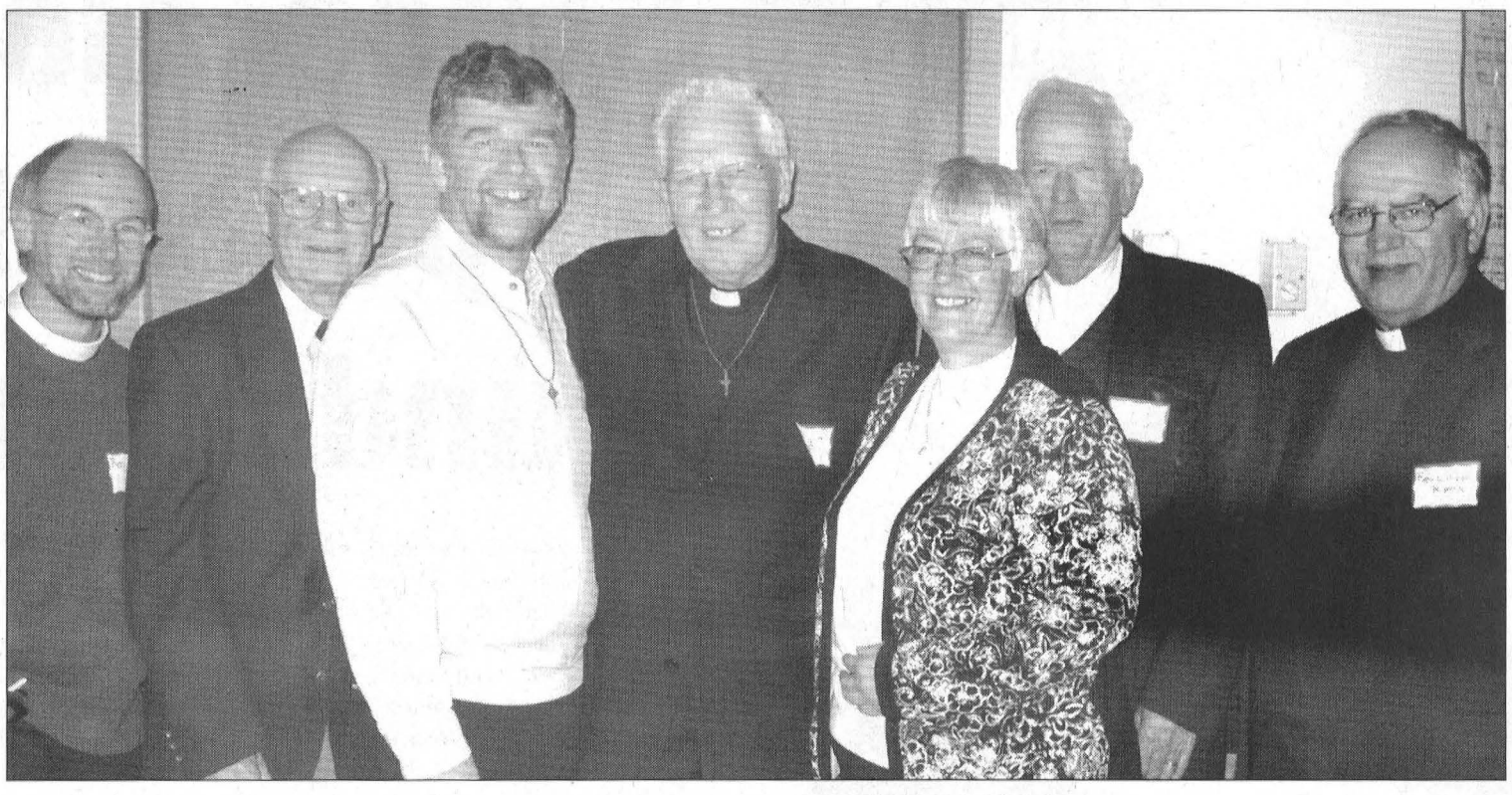
Chief organizer Arlene Armstrong and her committee, who had been planning the celebration since early summer, were very pleased with the community response. The present church was built by Hydro when the original St. John's was torn down during the development of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1957.

St. John's first priest, the Venerable Reverend Ralph Smith, shared anecdotes of those construction years, including the fact that on the afternoon the church's cornerstone was to be dedicated by the Bishop of Ottawa, parish wardens discovered, to their horror, that it was still sitting, forgotten, in a warehouse in Brockville.

Fortunately, the stone was retrieved in time, and, as Cathy Gooch, speaking on behalf of her father, Canon Francis Gooch (unable to attend the celebration due to illness) said, "St. John's became an integral part of this community."

Canon Harry Brown talked of the challenges faced by the Church over the years, and how the parish has continued to meet those challenges with "true faith." Reverends Bill Byers and Patricia Martin, both recalled their time at St. John's with warmth and affection, citing particularly how people "opened their hearts" to them from the beginning. Venerable Reverend Sid Irwin spoke of the church's mission to "go forward into the next 50 years in Jesus' name."

Following a dinner prepared by the ACW and helpers, and music provided by Dustin Rhodes, Brian MacMillan and Wendy Gibb, St. John's present rector, Craig Bowers, ended the evening with the reflection that "our people reach out in faith. We truly let our light shine."



Anglican Priests Join in Parish Party
Six former rectors of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church joined incumbent Craig Bowers and members of the congregation and their families in a celebration of the church's 50th anniversary in the village of Iroquois on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Pictured above, left to right, are Reverend Bowers, the Venerable Reverend Sid Irwin, Reverend David Crawley, the Venerable Reverend Ralph Smith, Reverend Patricia Martin, Canon Harry Brown and Reverend Bill Byers. *Gibb photo*

School closures proposed

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leaving Nationview, Winchester and Chesterville with kindergarten to grade 6 schools. These schools would feed North Dundas District High School, which will also include grade 7 and 8 students.

Four accommodation review committees are setting out, across the board, to host public consultation sessions about the proposed changes.

The local meeting will take place, Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 7 p.m. at Seaway District High School.

The conclusions resulting from the public consultation process will be announced by **January** 2008. The board of trustees is expected to make final decisions by May of 2008.

The Upper Canada District School Board has posted its Boundary 2020 Educational Proposal Packages for each family of schools on its website at www.ucdsb.on.ca



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MPP Jim Brownell re-elected

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map," he said, adding that bringing 22 of the 24 provincials to this riding has given great exposure to the issues of this area.

Asked about addressing this area's need for long term care beds, Brownell said, "I will be there to advocate. I will meet with anyone anywhere to advocate for my riding."

To his opponents Brownell said they all fought a good fight.

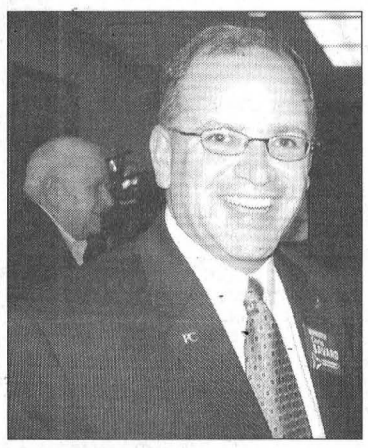
NDP Candidate Lori Taylor (pictured top) was the first of the candidates to make her way to Brownell's victory party to offer her congratulations.

Taylor captured the support of 2,795 voters (7.3%), bettering the NDP performance in this riding in the last election by more than 1,200 votes.

Green Party candidate Elaine Kennedy (pictured right) captured 4.4 percent of the popular vote in SDSG, with 1,678. She was a little disappointed that the party's support was down from the last election, but it was down only by 255 votes.

PC candidate Chris Savard (pictured below) made his way to the Ramada Inn to address his supporters around 11 p.m.

"We ran one hell of a campaign," said Savard. "We ran a campaign I'm very proud of. Thousands of people believed in our platform and came out to support us."







"In the end I won't walk out of here with my head down. I don't think we could have worked any harder than we did and I have no regrets."

"I thought this might be a closer campaign race," said Savard, adding that he was a little surprised by the numbers but must accept the voters' decision.

According to Savard the faith-based school issue was a real factor in this area. "We never got a chance to deal with the other issues in our campaign," he said.

Just before midnight, Savard met with Brownell in person. His message to Brownell was much the same as the one he delivered to his supporters. "I am proud of my campaign," he told Brownell. "I'd rather lose it in a dignified manner," said Savard. "I spoke straight and told the truth the whole time."

Voter turnout in Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry was 52.3 percent. Across the province turnout was the lowest in more than 70 years with only 52.6 percent of those eligible exercising their right to vote.

In the referendum for electoral reform support for the existing system was strong, with 63 percent of the people across the province supporting the existing system and only 37 percent voting for a change to the mixed member proportional system of government.

Locally support for the existing system was even stronger with 73 percent supporting the status quo and only 27 percent liking the MMP option.



Ministry concludes fibre optic fact finding exercise

WILLIAMSBURG – Last year the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dug into the records of South Dundas Township, on a fact-finding mission. The result of that dig was made available earlier this month.

The fact-finding exercise was launched as a result of a request to the ministry for an official investigation regarding the development, financial and administrative control of the South Dundas fibre optic network system implementation.

The fact-finding mission is now complete and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing John Gerretsen sent a letter to South Dundas Mayor Charles Barkley discussing the ministry's findings.

"Based on our research, the ministry had found that, in the project's early years, municipal and project practices were perhaps less than optimal," said Gerretsen in the letter. "While there was council oversight, reporting to the council by the communications committee was not formalized and may have given rise to the impression that it was insufficient."

"Our fact-finding determined that, although informal in nature, there was indeed regular reporting of the committee's activities to the municipal council."

Gerretsen's letter says that the exercise revealed that South Dundas township has greatly improved its reporting and committee requirements.

"The ministry welcomed the opportunity, which this exercise presented, to consult with our municipal partners and concerned citizens in order to ensure that the public interest was respected. I am pleased that the municipality continues to develop more rigorous policies and procedures to ensure that the public interest is upheld," concluded Gerretsen.

From the project's beginnings until the system was transferred to the private sector the municipality and council were fully aware of the scope and costs of the project. In 2003 the reporting practices and reporting to council improved markedly.

"This municipality, although stumbling occasionally in its early years, has been very diligent in learning from past errors and creating new practices which provide for greater transparency in its procedures and operations," concluded the report. "This municipality has faced a number of challenges, but has shown the ability to rise to them and learn from miscues."

The fact finding exercise was not, in any way, a formal inquiry, and had no legal or coercive element to it.

Early in 2006 a group of local residents complained to the RCMP about the administration of the BRAND project, alleging that financial improprieties took place.

After an investigation the RCMP determined that there were no grounds for charges to be laid.

Commercial users support alternative

MORRISBURG – Two dozen water users, representing commercial and multi residential property owners, gathered last week at a Morrisburg BIA hosted meeting to discuss the issue of capital cost recovery for the South Dundas Regional Water Treatment Plant.

The purpose of the meeting, held at the McIntosh Inn, was to gather input from the commercial / industrial / multi residential property owners.

Meeting Chair and President of the BIA presented another potential cost recovery solution, that he told the users council will be considering. Although he would not say who the source of the proposal was, he did say that it came from a reliable source, who is a member of council.

The proposal presented by Ewing at the meeting outlined a lump sum payment of $2,500 by all property owners on the water system, with a monthly payment of $11 added to all water bills, regardless of whether the property is commercial, residential or multi residential. He also explained that property owners would also have the option of paying the monthly fee up front to eliminate it from their water bills.

"This proposal just came to light this week," said Ewing. "I think it's a hell of a good deal if the figures are accurate."

"It sounds reasonable," said Randy Veinotte. "This is a great idea," said Helen Laurin. "$2,500 is affordable and reasonable," said Mei Chung.

Because the people attending the meeting had a serious interest in this new alternative proposal, Ewing told them he would contact township officials on behalf of the businesses to express their unanimous support.

A final decision on the cost recovery method is expected at the October 23 council meeting.

THANK YOU!
MERCI!

A sincere "Thank You" to all the citizens of Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry for your encouragement and support.

Let's move forward together over the next four years.

Jim Brownell, your MPP - elect for Stormont, Dundas & South Glengarry.

De sincères remerciements à tous les citoyens de Stormont, Dundas et Glengarry Sud pour votre encouragement et votre appui.

Allons de l'avant ensemble pendant les quatre prochaines années!

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2020 is coming

There is a very important meeting being held at Seaway District High School on Tuesday, October 23, 7-9 p.m. It is meant to give area parents a chance to hear directly from representatives of the Upper Canada School Board about the major changes in education that are currently scheduled to start as early as September 2008.

The changes are the result of a document called the **Boundary 2020 Educational Proposal**. In 2005, trustees of UCDSB directed administration to conduct a study of its schools in order to address "program enhancement, consolidation and boundary alignment." The findings of this report will affect virtually every child in this region from elementary enrollment to high school graduation.

The predictions outlined in the **Proposal** cannot be ignored. Board research indicates that "*we have more schools than are needed for the number of students we serve*." Tax payers cannot continue to finance schools which are steadily declining in enrollment.

For many parents, the immediate and most dramatic illustration of change will involve the closure of three of five area elementary schools. In **2020**, the Board proposes to shut down Dixon's Corners, Inkerman and Elma Public Schools from 2008 to 2010. Morrisburg and Iroquois will operate from Kindergarten to grade six only. Under the **Proposal**, all grades 7-8 students will then be transferred to Seaway District High School or North Dundas District High School based on school boundaries, which the Board also proposes to correct and realign.

These actions will mandate changes in curriculum (especially in French core and immersion), and in how the high schools in particular will have to be adapted to cope with an influx of younger students into traditional secondary schools.

The UCDSB has some tough decisions to make in order to meet the long term needs of area students. **2020** lays out its strategic plan.

The Board is asking for input from parents and educators in discussing reasonable, and financially sound solutions to major issues.

The meeting October 23 is a crucial one. Attend and make your voice heard now. The consequences of **2020** are long term. W.G.



Youngsters and this Python check each other other during a demonstration put on by Little Ray's Reptiles at the annual Waterfowl Day hosted by the Friends of the Sanctuary on Sunday.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a new weekly meeting of Overeaters Anonymous beginning Tuesday, October 30, from 7:30–8:30 p.m. at St. John Baptist Anglican Church in Iroquois. Overeaters Anonymous is not a diet club. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. One becomes a member simply by having the desire to stop eating compulsively. Founded in 1960 with three members, OA views compulsive overeating as a physical, emotional and spiritual disease that can be arrested, not cured. Members seek recovery on all three levels by following a 12-step program patterned after that of Alcoholics Anonymous. For information you can call 613-330-4912 or email southdundasoa@sympatico.ca.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes, that time is approaching. Just six weeks away from the Santa Parade in Morrisburg, parade marshal George Davies has asked us to invite anyone and everyone to get involved in this year's parade. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 and George is looking for everyone (groups, businesses, individuals) who might be interested in entering this year's parade. You can call him at 543-3336 for more information.

Two new Cancer Support Groups have started at the Ontario Engineers Training Institute, east of Morrisburg, a patient's group for patients and survivors and a family and friends group. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. For information call Larry or Suzanne Guilboard at 543-3213.

Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1997

The October 15 issue reported Seaway District High School had graduated 84 students, nine of them Ontario Scholars. The Ontario Scholars included Scott Barkley, Michael Brunt, Stacey Gibson, Stephanie McKeen, Natalie Patterson, Hugh Porter, Andrew Robertson, Sarah-Jane Whittaker and Rebecca Zandbergen. The Outstanding Graduate Award went to Shannon Boyd, and the valedictorian was Scott Barkley.

The Iroquois Public School Senior Boys Soccer team was crowned the 1997 County Champs. Members of the team were Jamie Henry, Derek Hamilton, Jeff Madge, Chris Marshall, Brian Law, Jason Sullivan, Jason Hodgson, Scott Carswell, Patrick Glauser, Greg Cooper, Ian Tait, Scott Boucher, Leslie Crawford and Todd Beckstead.

In January 1997, the provincial government published the recommendations of a review committee on all its agencies, boards and commission. It was recommended that the St. Lawrence Parks Commission remain a government agency, but be reviewed to find the most appropriate and cost effective method of delivering its services. This included studying whether the private sector could be used to deliver the Parks more commercial activities. The first phase of this was a Request for Expressions of Interest and Qualifications from potential business partners. Included in the process were the Upper Canada Golf Course, Crysler Park Marina, food and retail service at Upper Canada Village and maintenance services for Crysler Park and Long Sault destinations.

1987

The October 14 issue featured the 25th anniversary celebration of Rooney Feeds in Iroquois. Frank Rooney had purchased the Merkley Feed business in 1962, which since then had grown from two employees to six and from one truck to four.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions had completed their exhibition schedule and were now prepared to open the regular season. Some of the players on this year's squad under head coach Kevin Casselman were defencemen Sean Baker, Jim Bennis, Greg Whitteker, Mike Fetterly, Sean Lapier and Steve Horner. Returning to the forward lineup were Johnny Morrow, Bobby Jack Hart, Rod Lemieux, Randy Mullin, Lyle Schell and Charlie Carbino. Veteran goaltenders, Andy Cummins and Kent Pilon, were both returning.

The Morrisburg Junior cheer leading squad received an honourable mention at the competition held in Iroquois. Members of the Morrisburg junior squad included Morning Hunter, Jennifer Morrow, Amy White, Sherri Dolan, Leslie McIntosh, Jennifer Baker, Crystal Hummel, Tara Hill and Leanne McNairn.

This year 11 teams would be wearing the Morrisburg colours in the Morrisburg Minor Hockey Association. This included the Charlie's Angels girls team. In total 135 youngsters were preparing to play hockey this year.

Kim Bucking and Lisa Van Hoof led the Seaway Senior Spartan basketball team to a 48-30 win over St. Josephs.

Valedictorian David Mott and Outstanding Graduate Krista Duncan led a parade of 145 graduates at the annual Seaway District High School Commencement Ceremonies. The school's seven Ontario scholars included Dwayne Backes, Grace Casselman, Kevin Dalrymple, Mark Garlough, Robert Hamilton, Katherine Shaw and Nancy St. Pierre.

Rothwell-Osnabruck graduated 50 students including Ontario scholars Holly Armstrong, Kelly Dafoe, Jennifer Gillespie, Owen Hollister, Heidi MacLean and Cheryl Yakamovich.

1977

The October 19 issue reported Morrisburg village council voted against a proposal by the Morrisburg Old Home committee to construct a track (of some type) along the waterfront just east of the Morrisburg public dock. The track was offered at no cost to the taxpayer and was to be kept up by the committee. It was felt a track of some sort was needed to enable the committee to bring in new and different entertainment to keep Old Home Week increasingly popular.

The Morrisburg Minor Hockey organization, under the direction of president Lynden Casselman, had signed the area's first lady convenor in Linda Dowell at the Bantam level.

This year's Iroquois Trade Fair at Seaway District High School involved about 30 local merchants and businessmen.

The ice surface at the Morrisburg Arena was ready, and the first public skating was scheduled for October 22. Under the recreation director Doug Moses, the arena had undergone much dressing up over the summer including the painting of the entire building and an overhaul of the ice producing equipment.

Over 50 people interested in preserving Loyalist History and the Unity of Canada attended the first meeting of the St. Lawrence United Empire Loyalist Branch. The Branch had its charter granted May 14.

The new St. James Hall was to be officially opened on October 23. The basement hall project had commenced in the summer of 1965, when a hole was broken through the north wall of the church and the process of removing the earth from beneath the vestry and other places began. The digging was not without its risky moments. As the earth was removed props had to be set up to prevent the floor from collapsing into the basement.

1967

Pictured on the front page of the October 20 issue of The Leader was Fred M. Cass who had remained the favorite politician of the voters of Grenville-Dundas riding in the provincial election that saw the Progressive Conservative leader John Robarts reelected to power in Ontario.

Charles Lawlor scored twice and Hughie Gillard and Simon Ibbotson added singles in a 4-0 Morrisburg Public School soccer win over Hallville Public School.

Also pictured on the front page was the new home for the Morrisburg Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. The new building was located along Highway 31 just north of the village of Morrisburg. For several years, the local detachment had been housed in rented premises in the Morrisburg Hydro Building.

Gail Lafreniere and Henry Storgaard, who had been chosen head girls and head boy at Seaway District High School, were pictured in the issue.

George Gould was honoured on his retirement by the staff of Upper Canada Village. Born at Yarmouth, N.S., where he operated a blacksmith shop until 1960, his knowledge of oxen was as important to the village as his skill in blacksmithing. He had arranged to have a fine team of oxen sent to the village.

1957

The October 18 issue reported Charles Weegar, formerly of Morrisburg and recently associated with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests at Chapleau, Ontario, had left that service to join the ranks of the municipal police force at Renfrew, Ontario.

Carter's Garage in Mariatown, offering general repairs to all makes of cars and trucks, was now open for business.

The results of the Morrisburg Public School field day showed Jimmy Notman, Rickey Vaughan and George Rannick finishing in the top three spots in the boys, age 6 and 7, sack race. Sandra Roles won the girls softball throw (8-9) and Barbara Barclay won the girls (10-11) throw. The girls 50-yard dash (6-7) was won by Sandra Windsor, with Yvonne Van Allen placing second and Elaine Thurston third.

1947

The October 17 issue reported Donald S. Becksted was elected president of the Morrisburg Junior Hockey Club at a meeting in the Forester's Hall. It was not yet known what league in the district the junior hockey club would play. Harold Epps was the new junior hockey coach. He had 24 years of hockey experience, having played for Peterboro in the senior OHA and for Sherbrooke in the Quebec Senior League.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian Manse, Prescott on September 27 when Rev. Hyslop united in marriage, Hazel Luella June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Casselman, to William Earl Baker youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Morrisburg. The bride looked charming in a street length dress of powder blue rayon crepe with black accessories. After a dainty lunch was served by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Duval, the happy couple left on a motor trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls.

At the Morrisburg Locker Plant Retail Market, oranges were four dozen for 85 cents and round steak was selling for 43 cents a pound.

Letters to the Editor

"Liberals now have a (false) majority"

To the Editor,

The referendum on electoral reform is over, and Ontario's opportunity to change how we elect our governments is lost, but before the moment fades from our memories it is instructive to reflect on the results of the recent election, and on how they might have been different under a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system.

This past week a sound majority of Ontarians (58%) rejected the McGuinty Liberals, voting instead for other parties. Yet in spite of this the Liberals now have a (false) majority government, and complete control of our parliament for at least another four years.

The Conservatives (who campaigned hard against MMP) received 32% of the vote, yet they now hold absolutely no power in our parliament, and can do nothing but bang their desks and hiss and boo while the Liberals ram whatever legislation they like down our collective throats. Democracy, Ontario-style!

Under an MMP system, the Liberals would have received only 42% of the seats in parliament, proportional to the percentage of votes they received, and forming a minority government they would have had to work with other parties, including the Conservatives, to draft legislation that would receive the support of the majority of members of parliament (and hence reflect the opinions of the majority of Ontarians). Such a minority government would have enjoyed inherent stability, given that there would be no prospect for any party to bring the government down in order to benefit from a false majority in their favor.

Oh well, we reap what we sow. Perhaps in another two hundred years Ontarians will once again get an opportunity to reform their electoral system. And perhaps then we'll use it.

Doug Beards

Proposal discourages companies/investors

To the Editor,

I was very shocked that another new proposal was presented by Councillor Steven Byvelds at the council meeting October 2, 2007.

He realized that his proposal was not favoured by the residents of Morrisburg and Iroquois, but instead of reviewing the existing three proposals, he invented another one and presented it in a way that appeared to be an attempt to punish the residents of Morrisburg and Iroquois.

His new proposal is definitely discouraging to any companies or investors considering investing in our township. His formula to charge the commercial, multi-residential and industrial properties is unfair.

The water treatment plant recovery cost charge should not be based on the amount of water used, property value or the nature of the business. The reasons are as follows:

1) Businesses already pay consumption on their monthly water bills based on their water meter reading.

2) The nature of business can be changed at any time. For example, the commercial property located at 25 Main Street Morrisburg, in the shopping centre was a Home Hardware. It then became Paul Stewart Electronics, the become Legends Restaurant, and is now a Dollar Store. All along these businesses have used the same pipe. Only the water consumption has been different. Another example is the commercial property located at 33 Main Street, Morrisburg, in the shopping centre. It was a dry cleaner before, but it has been vacant for many years. The nature of the business in that location is unknown. How can you charge these properties based on the water usage over the past years instead of the original water connection?

3) Several local stores provide public washroom service which should be provided by the township. They have never been subsidized by the township or even gotten a thank you. Now they are being penalized for providing that service which is unfair.

Our township should be thankful for having all of these commercial, industrial and real estate investors who absorb lots of township operational costs by paying their higher property taxes and providing jobs for our residents. Without these investors our township would be in big trouble.

If we want our township to grow, we need investors to invest in our township. They have to be treated fairly and made to feel appreciated. By enacting Mr. Byvelds' new proposal, it definitely will deter any new development and may discourage existing investors.

With the present economic environment, any negative movement may be catastrophic for the whole township.

Remember. Who got us in this mess? - an engineering firm, poor decisions and mismanagement of our finances by our municipal officials. Don't let it happen again.

Now I miss our old ward system of municipal government, which had local a local representative to fight for local issues. This is a perfect example of what can happen if you don't have your local representative.

However, I agree that we should not prolong this matter. Let's hope our councillors will choose a wise and reasonable solution.

Mei Chung

A caring community?

Perspectives



Pastor Clarence Witten

We've just had an election, a referendum, and a local debate on how we ought to pay for our new water treatment plant. As I watch these events I am wondering what they say about where we are at or where we are going as a culture. In the election, what appears to have doomed the Tories was their plan to pay for faith-based schools. Maybe I'm reading it wrong, but it seems to me that the majority of us said: "What we care about is our school system(s). The government should do all it can to make them the best that is possible. As for those faith-based schools that serve those minorities of different religious faiths or evangelical Christians, why should we care for or pay anything for them?

Then there was the referendum on mixed member proportional government. I admit that many of us may have been hesitant about this system of government because we were simply unsure of what it was all about. It would have helped to have more information and discussion about the whole issue in order to make an informed choice. I also acknowledge that people had concerns about some of the details of how this system would have been implemented. Nevertheless, the basic advantage of switching from the first-past-the-post system we have now to some kind of mixed member proportional system would have been to give smaller, minority parties a chance to elect MPPs and to have a say in our provincial parliament. To this we said a resounding "No."

Then there's the water treatment plant business. It seems that uppermost on the minds of our municipal council was to distribute the cost of it as fairly as possible. When I read about the reaction and the petition that was given to seek to overturn the council's initial decision, I couldn't help but wonder what was driving this reaction and petition. I didn't hear much concern for those who are less fortunate, those who might be less able to pay a bill that would be equally given to all.

As I said, all this makes me wonder about where we are at or where we are going. They say that one good test of a democracy is how it treats its minorities. When I read the Bible I discover that even God is particularly concerned that minorities and those who are less powerful are not only not mistreated, but that they have the same rights as the majority (see Exodus 22:21, Leviticus 24:22). Based on the examples mentioned above, I have questions about whether we really care for the equal and fair treatment of those in minority communities.

Another good test of a culture is how it cares for the "other person", not just ones own best interest. Here too, we discover in Scripture that God has a special concern that we be compassionate and caring for those who are less fortunate and needy (Psalm 10:14,18) Of course, no one showed us the importance of loving others better than Jesus. He died on the cross out of love and concern for us. Now he calls his followers to show the same love and concern for others. Based on the examples cited earlier, I would ask how much of a sense of community and concern for others we have, especially concern for those less well off than ourselves. Canada is a great country. Part of our greatness has always been the heart that we have had for our minorities, immigrants, and the less fortunate. May we never lose that heart.

Pastor Clarence Witten
Community Christian Reformed Church
Dixons Corners

SD&G OPP briefs

Possession

SOUTH DUNDAS – A traffic stop along Highway 401 in South Dundas resulted in the seizure of a 40 grams of suspected marijuana.

The 35-year old driver of the vehicle and his passenger, both from Sherbrooke, Quebec, were arrested and charged with possession.

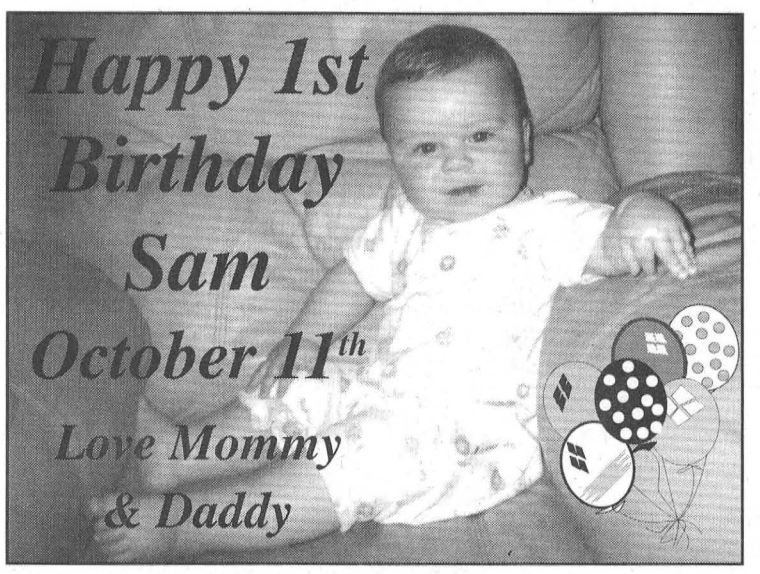
They are scheduled to appear in Morrisburg court December 4.

Influenced

MORRISBURG – Around 2:30 a.m., October 13, police stopped a vehicle on Fifth Street in Morrisburg.

They found the 21-year-old South Dundas man operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

He was arrested and charged with Drive Over 80 mgs, suspended driving and use plate not authorized for vehicle He will appear in Morrisburg court December 4, 2007.





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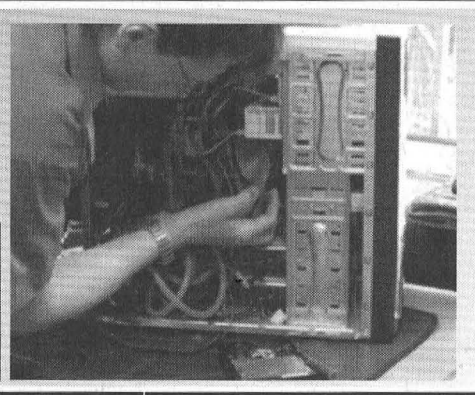

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ANNIVERSARY SUPPER
Tues., Oct. 30, 4:30 p.m. Ham and scalloped potatoes. Takeouts available. Adults $10; under 12 $5; preschool free. 42-43p

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–Peggy Wilson 42p

HUTT–We wish to thank Lisa, Ann and Penny for the lovely party in honour of our anniversary. Thanks also to relatives and friends for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and best wishes.
–Fred and Betty 42p

DEATHS

PARKINSON, Frank Ronald–At University Hospital, London, ON, on Saturday, October 6, 2007, in his 75th year. Frank Ronald Parkinson of Prince George, B.C. Beloved husband of Linda (nee Walsh). Much loved father of Kathleen Nugent (Douglas), Morrisburg, Kevin (Charlie), Cheryl, Patricia Murray (Donnie) and Karen (Darrell) of Prince George, B.C. Dear grandfather of Karla and Kent Nugent, Richard and Brodie Parkinson, Corey McKaughan, Chad Parkinson, Randi (Buswell), Shelby and Cole Murray and one great-granddaughter, Alexis McKaughan. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society. 42c

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–The Prunner Family, Sally and Don Francis

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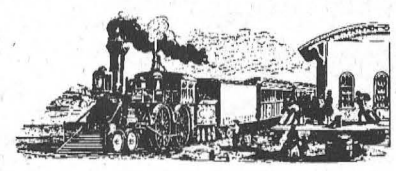
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Iroquois Legion Newsletter

IROQUOIS –My apologies for not having a newsletter available for you last week, but as I was enjoying the Thanksgiving weekend with my family, I found that I ran out of time for preparing it. I will do better this week.

At euchre on October 2, there were seven tables. Picking up the first prize was Andy Acelvari while Willis Douglas claimed the second prize. Goldie Sypes nabbed the low score of the evening. Not one skunk was in sight for the entire evening.

The Pot of Gold winner on October 5 was Mike Lindsay, who was signed in.

On Saturday, October 16, Thanksgiving weekend, only eight players showed up for the cribbage league, and "doubles" was the name of the game. Taking the first prize with a total of 1,038 points was Ted Grattan, while Andre Gravel came in second, only six points behind Ted. Patricia Casselman came in third with a score of 1,016 points. Managing to take the Bridesmaid honours for the day was Ken Palmer, with his total of 1,006. A total of ten skunks appeared on the day, and picking up two each were Bernie Montroy and Willis Douglas. Glen Mattice roped in a trio of the furry pole cats.

On Saturday, October 13, there were 13 enthusiastic cribbage players gathered in the lounge. Andre Gravel came in first with a total of 1,078 points while Ted Grattan was just two points behind Andre. Bob Esford proudly sat in the Bridesmaid Chair with his count of 1,043. A total of seven skunks were seen scooting around the lounge, and Patricia Casselman managed to pick up two.

The Pot of Gold winner Friday was Sharon Lewis, who was signed in.

The Friday luncheon is baked chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes and vegetables. The dessert will be cake with a broiled topping.

At euchre October 19, there were seven tables. Taking first was Doris Wright, while second place went to Jean Dunbar. Evelyn Bradford ended up with the low score of the evening.

October 20 we will be having a steak barbecue. It is $12 per person; the event starts at 4 p.m. The number of tickets is limited. We look forward to seeing you there.

Comrade John Morrison, our Service Bureau representative in Ottawa, will be making his itinerary visit to our Branch the week of October 29. Anyone interested in seeing him regarding benefits for veterans and their dependents, should contact Comrade John Wilson at 613-652-4958 to arrange an appointment.

Our Legion general meeting will be this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Our Zone Commander Ken Sorrenti and Deputy Zone Commander Sharon Murray will be making their official visit to our Branch. I am hoping we can count on a good membership being in attendance.

Lauzon appointed

OTTAWA – Guy Lauzon, MP for Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry will assume the role of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a strengthened Ministry on Wednesday, October 10, releasing an updated list of Parliamentary Secretaries who support Ministers with their parliamentary duties, and appointing two new Government House officers.

"I am honored and excited to take on this dual responsibility," said Lauzon. "Serving my constituents in SD&SG is a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity and these two ministries are very critical to our riding's future."

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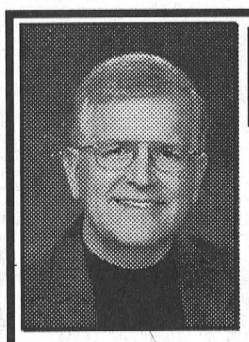
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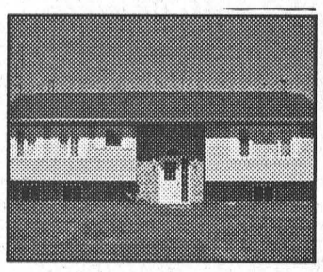
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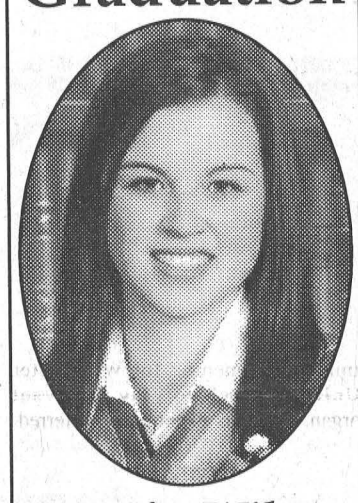
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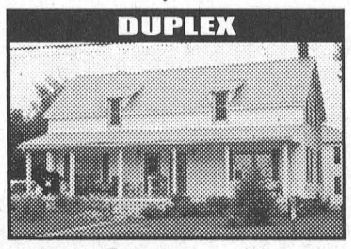
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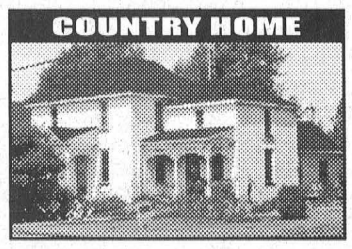
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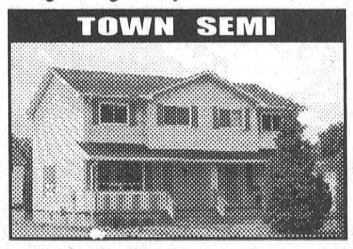
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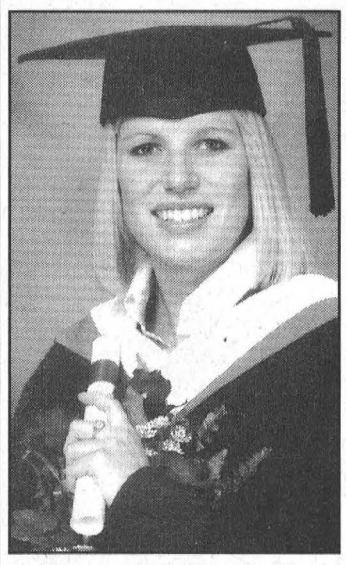

Laurie Wilson

Brock University

Congratulations to our daughter, Laurie Wilson, for graduating from Brock University in St. Catharines with honours and on the Dean's List with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a Concentration in Criminology. Laurie is now at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall in the Social Services Work Course.

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Obituaries

Georgina Styles

A resident of the Hartford Home, Morrisburg, for the last 13 months, Georgina Styles passed away at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, October 7, 2007. She was 84 years old.

Georgina was born on a farm in Osgoode Township on November 19, 1922, to her parents H. Arnold Meyer and Ellen Belle Meyer (neé Watson). She grew up on the family farm in the company of her five sisters and three brothers. However, she was the only one of her family who kept farming when she got older.

On November 6, 1943, she married Gerald Styles at St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg.

Together they raised two daughters, Linda and Mary. Georgina and Gerald owned their first farm on the Church Road, then later moved to a beautiful farm on the Nation River.

After Georgina and Gerald moved to Williamsburg, they maintained a huge kitchen garden. Georgina loved canning, pickling and preserving. She was also keenly interested in baking and cooking.

Georgina was involved in her community, and was a member of the Red Cross Quilters for many years. It was hard for her to cope after Gerald died last year, but she kept her spirits up by going to church services and taking exercise classes at The Hartford.

Georgina was a small woman, just barely over five feet tall and slight in build. But when she smiled at you with her huge smile, and took hold of you with her strong hands, you knew instantly that she had a huge and caring heart.

Georgina is survived by her daughters Linda (Tom) Nixon of St. Albert, Alberta, and Mary (Garry) Whitteker of Williamsburg. She is also survived by her siblings Sonia (Gerald) Smith of Prescott, Isabel (Duane) Locke of Prescott, Barbara Vincun of Ingleside and Hunter (Margaret) Meyer of Kingston.

Georgina was the dear grandmother of Tricia, Paul, Tammy, Stacey, Shelley and Tracy and the loving great-grandmother of Kole, Ainsley, Cambrie, Easton, Ryan, Samuel, Michael, Brooke and Brandon. She is also survived by many



nieces and nephews.

Georgina was predeceased by her sisters Gladys Walker and Ellen McIntosh and her brothers Duncan and Wallace Meyer.

Friends called at the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on October 9. Funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Riverside Heights, on October 10 at 2 p.m., with the Reverend Stephen Silverthorne officiating. Interment was at the St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Long Sault.

Pallbearers were Vince Cousineau, Dan McIntosh, Ray Lee, John Walker, Hubert Barkley and David Lapier.

Donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by Georgina's family.

Byron Johnston "Jack" Saver

Jack Saver, a long time resident of Iroquois, passed away peacefully on September 25, 2007, at the Montfort Hospital, Ottawa, following a brief illness. Jack was in his 80th year.

He was the son of the late Byron Joseph Saver and the late Iva Saver.

Jack was the loving husband of Joan, whom he married 53 years ago. He was the dear father of Michael Saver of Toronto.

He will be fondly remembered by many other close relatives and friends.

Mr. Saver was a well known local merchant, and served on the Iroquois Village Council. He was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a proud parishioner of St. Cecilia's.

A true gentleman, Jack will be sadly missed.

At Jack's request, there was no visitation at the funeral home until the funeral.

The Mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Iroquois on Friday, September 28, at 11 a.m.

A private interment followed.



Donations to the Montfort Hospital Palliative Care Team, 713 Montreal Road, Ottawa, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Melinda "Millie" Rutherford

A long time resident of Winchester, Williamsburg and Morrisburg, Melinda "Millie" Catherine Rutherford passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She was 97 years old.

Born Monday, April 25, 1910, in Winchester Township to the late William Billings and the late Robina (neé Bilow) Billings, Millie was the second oldest child in a family of ten. She grew up in the Winchester area until she began working for Dr. Locke in Williamsburg.

At this time she met the man of her dreams, Homer Rutherford, who also worked for Dr. Locke. They were married on January 6, 1934, at her parents' home in Winchester. After their marriage, the young couple moved to Williamsburg and continued working for Dr. Locke.

They had one son, Edward, who was the apple of his mother's eye.

As grandchildren and great-grandchildren came along, Millie was so very proud of them all. She would do anything to help where she could.

Later Homer and Millie moved to Morrisburg, and she remained a resident of the town from 1945 on.

In Morrisburg, Millie eventually began her own laundry business in the back of her home on Fifth Street. She did well in the small community. She had a contract job working for Upper Canada Village as the Village hired out its laundry to be done. She worked at this job until her retirement.

Millie always worked hard, but she also found the time to enjoy her family and friends.

Millie had many hobbies. She loved to spend time with her best friend, Mrs. Kierstead, making family quilts. Knitting was another passion she had, making many knitted items for family and friends.

She also enjoyed fishing, and was a great sports fan of both hockey and baseball. After retirement, she and Homer did a lot of camping and travelling.

Millie belonged to the Rebekah 373 Lodge.

Millie was a member of the Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle, and very involved with her Church, especially the Women's Ministries. She loved her church family and often invited them home to share her freshly baked goodies.

At her funeral service, many traditional hymns were sung including a solo by Josie Casselman. A special tribute was offered by Garry Hall, *Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet*.

Millie was predeceased by her parents William and Robina Billings, and her sisters, Mary Skuce, Rachel Dillabough, Lillian Sargent and baby Georgina. She was also predeceased by her brothers Clifford and Jim Billings, and by her grandson, Joe Billings.

Millie was the beloved wife of the late Homer Rutherford (October, 1992), and the dear mother of the late Edward Billings. She was the cherished mother-in-law of Florence Billings.

Millie is survived by her grandchildren Caroline (Art) Sanger and Bobby Billings. She will be dearly missed by numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, and her sister Della Craig and brothers Fred and Don Billings.

Millie will always be remembered by her many nieces and nephews, especially Edna Deschamps.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Monday, October 8. The funeral service was held at the Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle on Tuesday, October 9 at 11 a.m. with Reverend Lorna Casselman officiating.

Pallbearers were Randy MacMillan, Archie Mark, Andrew Sanger, Jacques Martineau, Bobby, Doug and Jamie Billings. Interment was at the New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged.

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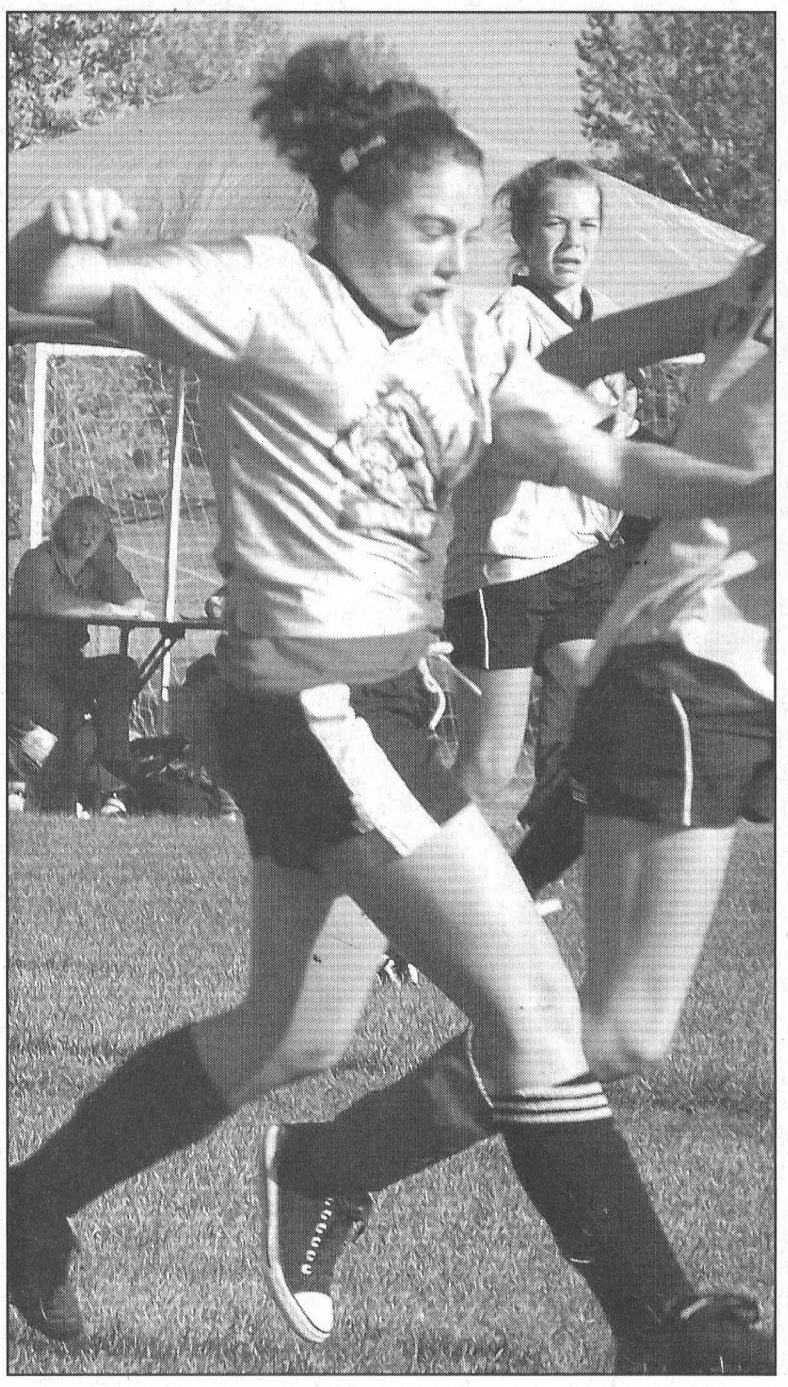

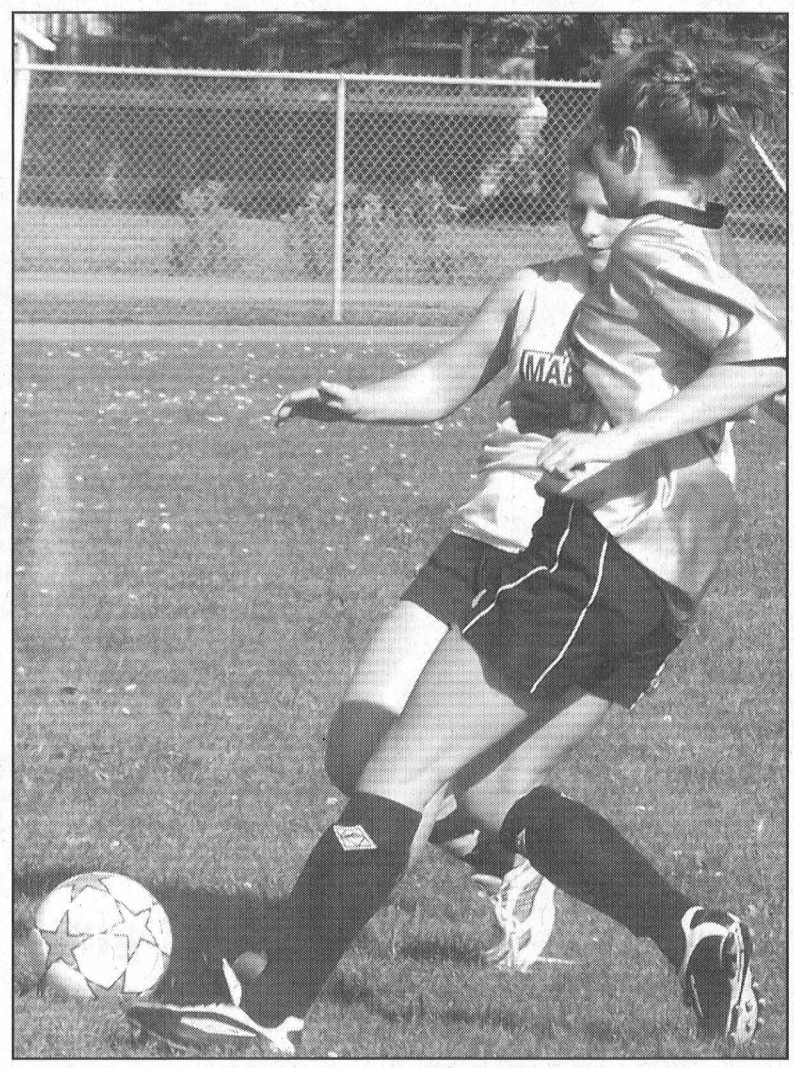

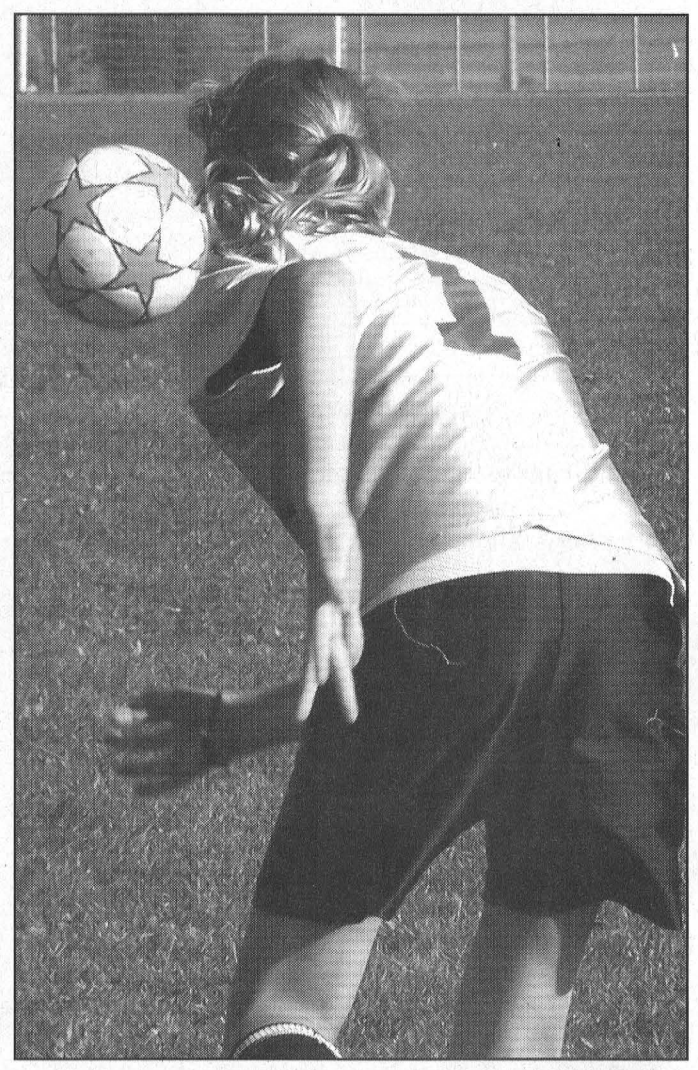



The Iroquois Senior Girls Soccer Team won the South East Regional Soccer Championship at the annual tournament played at Iroquois last week. Pictured above, front, l-r the champs are goal keeps Bridgitte Whitteker and Jordyn Bruce. Centre, l-r, are Terran Hall, Kelsey Douglas, Mikayla MacMillan, Lesley Ann Tupper, Shawnya Lewis, Jessica Earl, Pam Yates and coach Robin Gibbs. Back, l-r, are Larrisa Beaupre, Katherine Lee, Michaela Morrow, Jade Millward, Chloe Sm[illegible]link, Gillian Beatson, Leah Wells, Jessica Thompson and Stephanie Venema. Pictured top left, is Katherine Lee who has just successfully kicked Iroquois' opening goal against Maple Ridge. Centre top, Jessica Thompson works the ball and at the right, the ball does a little work of its own. *McNairn photos*

Iroquois-Maple Ridge battle for championship

IROQUOIS–The Iroquois Senior Girls Soccer team defended their title at the annual South East Regional Soccer Championship tournament played here last Wednesday.

As it was in 2006, it was Iroquois squaring off against Maple Ridge for the championship and for the second consecutive year, it was Iroquois coming out on top, this time by a 4-0 count.

The first half of the final game was scoreless, and in the second Katherine Lee got it rolling for Iroquois. That was followed by goals from Gillian Beatson, Michaela Morrow and Pam Yates.

Iroquois goalkeepers, Jordyn Bruce and Bridgitte Whitteker were flawless throughout the day, while the team posted a 4-0 win over St. Mary's/St. Cecilia's, a 5-0 win over Boundary and a 1-0 win over Nationview in their semi-final.

The Ridge defeated St. Joe's 2-0 and Nationview 1-0 and then eliminated St. Mary's/St. Cecilia's 2-0 in their semi-final.



Tops on the Links and in the House *McNairn photo*

The team of, l-r, Lindsay and Carolyn Weegar and Shelley and Jason Broad (skip) swept and swung their way to the overall championship of the annual Swing and Sweep tournament jointly hosted by the Morrisburg Curling and Golf Clubs on Saturday. The champs picked up 35.5 points on the golf course, shooting a two under par 34 in the nine holes of play. To that they added 15.5 curling points for the overall win. Swinging in for the golf win was the team of Joey McCooeye, Wally and Joanne Baker and Steve Summers, who actually tied the overall winners with 35.5 points. The Broad team put together five pars, three birdies and one bogie for their point total while the McCooeye team posted seven pars and a pair of birdies. The rink of Carolyn Beckstead (skip), David and Bonnie VanMoorsel and Tony Gross were the top curlers with 16 points. Ten teams of four players each participated in the annual event organized by Mahlon and Paula Locke. Each team played a nine hole scramble at the golf club where they were served lunch and curled six ends at the curling club where the day wrapped up with a dinner and prize presentations.

Lions down Rebels, upended by Hawks

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Junior B Lions kicked off their weekend action on home ice Friday night with a 7-3 win over the Char-Lan Rebels but became victims of the first place Winchester Hawks, Saturday night to the tune of 8-3.

The Lions got a big effort from Chad Galipeau in Friday night's win. The veteran forward, who has not seen much action since he was sidelined with a non-hockey related injury, produced a four point effort on one goal and three assists.

Unfortunately, he was not in the lineup for Saturday night's game against the Hawks.

The Lions' veteran players did the talking early in Friday night's game, their line (Galipeau, Legace and Lafortune) responsible for the first four goals.

Tyler Lafortune and Kyle Legace backed up Galipeau with single counters and two helpers each, and the line set up veteran defenceman Cody Casselman for a single.

The Lions led the Rebels 3-1 after the first period and 5-1 after two.

Finishing off the Lions scoring were Cory Royer, Chad Carter and Brock Bissonette.

Josh Loney, who was in net for the Lions' win, faced 32 shots from the Rebels, while Pat Quenneville and Leroy Swamp saw action for the Rebels, giving up seven goals on 46 shots on net.

The Lions scored two goals on nine power-play opportunities while the Rebels were good for one in seven tries.

The Lions sat out eight minor penalties and the Rebels were assessed 10.

Friday night's win ended a five game losing streak for the Lions who are holding the St. Lawrence division's basement position.

Saturday night in Winchester, the division's first place Hawks had a fairly easy time of it as they headed for their fifth win of the year, and their second this year against the Lions.

Kyle Legace struck first for the Lions at 11:24 of the first period, but then the Hawks took over. They moved ahead 3-1 in the first period and pushed their advantage to 5-1 early in the second, before Tyler Lafortune counted the Lions second tally at 8:57 while the Lions were on the power play.

The remainder of the second period was scoreless and just under two minutes into the third Conner Hodgson (midget affiliate) counted a short-handed goal for the Lions with Legace providing the setup.

That was it for the Lions and the Hawks struck three more times for the 8-3 win.

Ben Collins counted three goals for the Hawks, and singles came from the sticks of Alex Krumans, Nick Enright, Ryan Workman, Parker Davies and Cory Huybregts.

The Lions managed just 19 shots against Hawks' goaltender Michael Hitesman, while Lions goaltender Josh Loney gave up eight goals on 49 shots.

The Lions drew 19 minor penalties, one fighting major, four misconducts, and one game misconduct, while the Hawks sat out 11 minors, one fighting major, two misconducts and one game misconduct.

Both teams counted one goal while on their power play.

The Lions have only one game this weekend when they travel to Gananoque on Sunday for a 7:30 p.m. start.



Goaltender Mark Casselman and defenceman Karen McFarland guard against a shot from Mike Shaver during action at the sixth annual Ball Hockey for Easter Seals played at the outdoor rink in Williamsburg Saturday. The annual event, organized by Brian and Tracey Shaver attracted 10 teams this year. The B side of the event was won by Chris Phifer's team who defeated the Scott Francis entry 6-2. Members of the Phifer team were Hillary Harper, Clayton Froats, Teresa Burd, Chris Phifer, Josh McElheran, Jordan Tryon and Mike Shaver.



Ball hockey organizers Tracey and Brian Shaver, with help from Brendan, present a cheque for $3,488.50 to Margaret Reynolds (Special Events Chair) and Alexander Smellink (Easter Seal Child) who are representing the Dundas County District Council of the Easter Seals Society, Ontario. The money was raised through pledges picked up by members of the 10 teams who participated in the sixth annual Ball Hockey Tournament, donations, and a draw. The top fundraisers among the players were Tammy Shaver with $235, Jason Ibbitson with $190 and Bill Streng $160. Also attending the event was Regional Easter Seals chair and local council chair, Ian McLaughlin.



The James Morrell team came up with a big finish to defeat the Robyn Sadler's entry (defending 2006 champs), 4-2 for the 2007 championship of the Easter Seals Ball Hockey Tournament. Pictured, front, l-r, the 2007 champs are Greg Millard, Laura MacDonald, Kelly Verhoeven and Jason Byvelds. Back, l-r, are Rob Waddell, James Morrell, Adrian Glauser and Billy DeJong.

Annual swing & sweep kicks off curling season

MORRISBURG–The leaves are turning colour and providing cover for golf balls on the first hole of our course. It's time to take sports inside. Farther west, still close to the St. Lawrence River, an unusual pile of snow is forming behind another clubhouse. It must be time to start curling again!

Oh, why not play both sports on the same day? We'll have a lunch between games, finish the day off with a home-cooked banquet, and await the awarding of prizes, the presentation of a trophy, and the sweet torture of flashbulbs, as cameras record the event for posterity. Maybe we'll get our names in the paper.

Saturday, the Morrisburg Swing and Sweep for 2007 shivered into being. With wind and rain, and a little sunshine, 40 hardy souls braved the elements for the annual rite of fall.

At the urging of Mahlon Locke and his hard-working staff of volunteers at the Morrisburg Curling Club, the participants played nine holes of golf at the local club, and then hurled rounded granite rocks along pebbled ice surfaces for six ends of further competition.

For the record, the golfers first to the prize table were Joe McCooeye, Wally and Joanne Baker, and Steve Summers. The team managed seven pars and four birdies in their victory.

Top curlers were Carolyn Beckstead, David and Bonnie Moorsel, and Tony Gross.

Combining sports and scores, all bowed to Jason and Shelley Broad and Lindsay and Carolyn Weegar who claimed the overall win and the championship hardware.

Finishing second overall was the senior men's team of Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, Neil Williams, and Raymond Benoit.

Mahlon has been organizing this day as long as most of us can remember, and most hope he'll do it forever. It was a smoothly-run event again, with able assistance from his wife Paula, Gretta McGann, John C. Toonders, Wally Baker, and many others.

It was a great day, and all present thanked Mahlon and his crew for maintaining this long-standing tradition in our community.

The various leagues start play this week, and we'll report on them shortly.

In speaking with those who have been playing at the venerable club this fall, the ice is keen and true, and all of us are full of hope that our games will improve as we travel along the sheets, now being scraped daily.

Curlers here are delighted that the Executive found the extra money for this additional ice preparation, and we thank the ice technicians for the effort in preparing the surface. It looks perfect!

We'll have more on club news next week, but a tip of the hat to several local curlers.

Club treasurer Kathy Johnston received the Ray Kingsmith Award from the Canadian Curling Association over the summer. The award is given to the Canadian curler who best exemplifies a dedication to curling.

Allan Brunt was elected to the presidency of the Ontario Curling Association, and Ian McGillis is the Director of the Rules Committee for that same Ontario Curling Association. You make us proud, folks.

Good curling to all!

Midget girls win 2, lose 1

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Midget House girls have skated solidly into the 2007/08 hockey season with a pair of wins and one loss.

They got it rolling with a 1-0 win against the Cornwall Greens on Sunday, September 30. After two periods of scoreless hockey, Brooke Spencer counted with help from Kassie Whitteker giving the girls their first win of the year. It was also the first shut out for goaltender Lorie Casselman.

In game two on Saturday, October 6. they went up against the Cornwall Greens and this time were unsuccessful, losing to the Greens 2-0.

Scoring for the Greens were Amanda Bourassa and Carey Alexander.

The most recent win was on Saturday, October 13 when the girls nabbed the Cornwall Golds 4-1.

Courtney Thompson had a big game with two goals, while singles were scored by Laurena Matthies and Reagan Hall.

Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey
St. Lawrence Division
Weekend Results

Standings	G	W	L	T	Pts
Winchester	7	5	2	0	10
Char-Lan	7	4	2	0	9
Akwesasne	8	4	4	0	8
Alexandria	5	2	3	1	4
Morrisburg	8	2	6	0	4

Friday, October 12
Brockville 6 at Westport 3
Winchester 6 at Alexandria 5 OT
Char-Lan 3 at Morrisburg 7
Saturday, October 13
Gananoque 2 at Sth. Grenville 3
Morrisburg 3 at Winchester 8
Akwesasne 2 at Char-Lan 5
Sunday, October 14
Alexandria 4 at Akwesasne 2
Westport at Athens 4
Sth. Grenville 7 at Gananoque 3

Lions Schedule
Sunday, October 21: Morrisburg at Gananoque 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 24: Morrisburg at Brockville 7:45 p.m.

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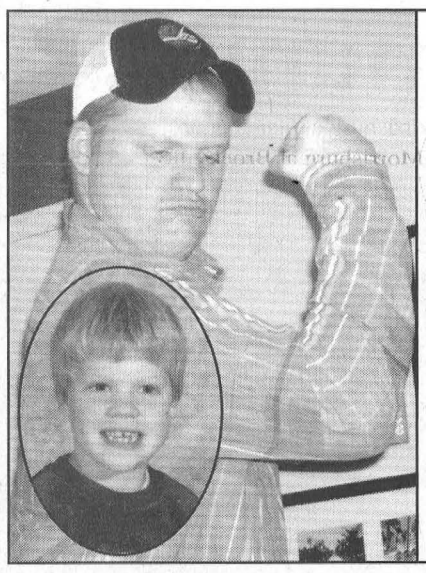
Fire Prevention Week *McNairn photo*

Members of the Iroquois Fire Department visited Iroquois Public School on Wednesday, October 10 as part of their Fire Prevention Week activities. IPS students enjoyed a visit with Sparky and a close-up look at the Iroquois fire truck with Fire Chief Philip Thompson, pictured above. The day also included a school fire drill and talks with the students by the department's Fire Prevention team of Trevor Riopelle and Shawn Markell. To allay their fears in an emergency situation, students in the lower grades were provided a look at a firefighter in full emergency dress with breathing apparatus. "If you hear someone calling out, 'fire department, anyone here', you yell out to them," stressed Markell. "If you know we are there be very vocal and yell at us."

Williamsburg Seniors' Euchre

WILLIAMSBURG – The winners for the October 10 Williamsburg Senior Citizens Group Euchre held at the J.W. MacIntosh Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg were as follows: White card - Muriel Gow, Bob Dawson, Thelma Cary; Yellow card - Bert DeWitt, Doug Gow, Ruth Casselman; Door prizes - Evelyn Schwerdfeger, Audrey McLaren; Draws - Muriel Miller, Gladys Kyle, Jean Hutt, Lorraine Tupper, Muriel Gow and Audrey Casselman



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Contributing to a Greener Learning Experience

Last Wednesday, 1,000 Islands Toyota dealer Rick Walker dropped off a $2,500 Toyota grant to assist the Iroquois Public School parent committee with the school's greening project. Pictured above, l-r are committee co-chairs Helen Tupper and Carola Tibben, Rick Walker and IPS principal Toby Sebalj. Joining them are Tibben's children, Maria (left) and Rebekah who, along with other little ones will enjoy the benefits of the school's greening project in the years to come.

Toyota helps Iroquois Public get a little greener

IROQUOIS – Iroquois Public School will be a little greener thanks to Toyota Canada and Rick Walker of the 1,000 Islands Toyota dealership in Brockville.

On Wednesday, October 10, Walker dropped in at Iroquois Public School where he presented a $2,500 greening grant to the school enabling them to continue their greening program started by the school's parent committee three years ago.

"We would like to see more of this," said Walker. "This is only our second school in the five years the Toyota Evergreen Foundation program has been running."

Walker was impressed with the greening done at Iroquois Public School to date, and also impressed with their greening site plan.

Walker explained the Toyota Evergreen Foundation program is a result of Toyota's belief in greening.

"Our long-term aim is to create enough environmental positives to offset the negatives that cars create."

The Toyota Foundation provided a $1,000 donation to Iroquois Public which was matched by the 1,000 Islands dealership which then topped it up by another $500 for the $2,500 donation.

"It looks like you have a great project here, and we are pleased to be a tiny part of it," said Walker as he viewed the plan designed by teacher Clayton Barkley.

On hand to accept the donation were parent committee co-chairs Helen Tupper and Carola Tibben and principal Toby Sebalj.

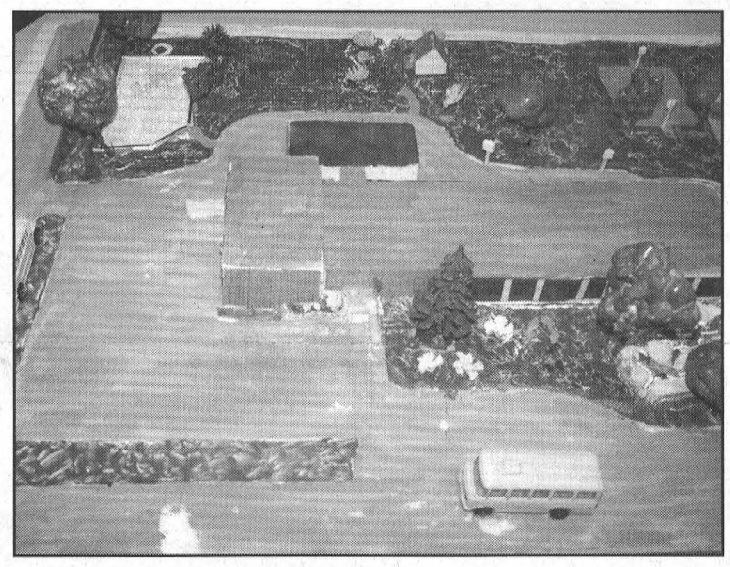
Tupper thanked Walker and Toyota and said the donation would probably be put towards the purchase of trees to enhance the greening work already completed.

A small garden with pathways are in place on the north side of the school thanks to funds from a previous $4,600 Toronto Dominion Friends of the Environment grant combined with a school board allocation.

Also in place are large rocks at the front of the school which are the beginning of a rock/flower garden.

"We plan to work our way around the school," said Tupper. "We want to do more greening to the east in the senior student area."

The Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds helps schools create outdoor classrooms to provide students with a healthy place to play, learn and develop a genuine respect for nature.



Iroquois Public School's Greening Plan

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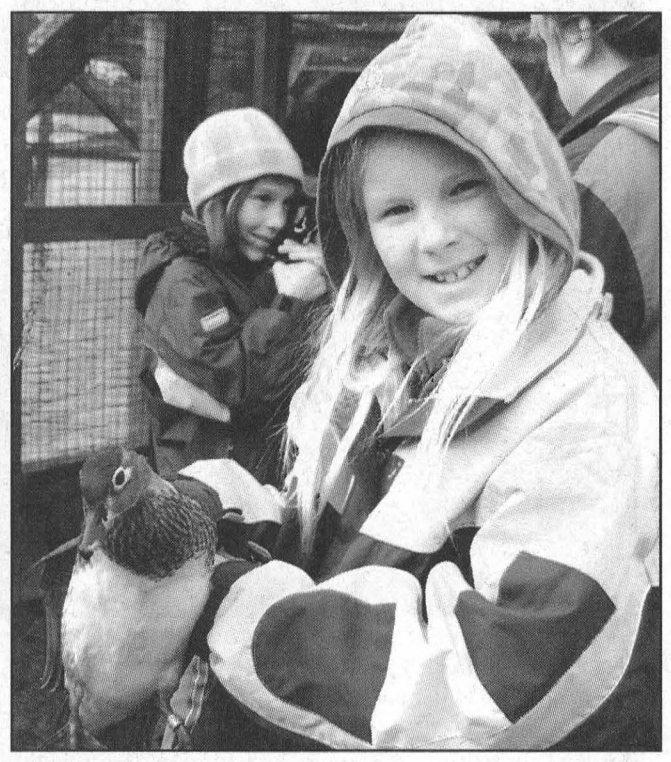
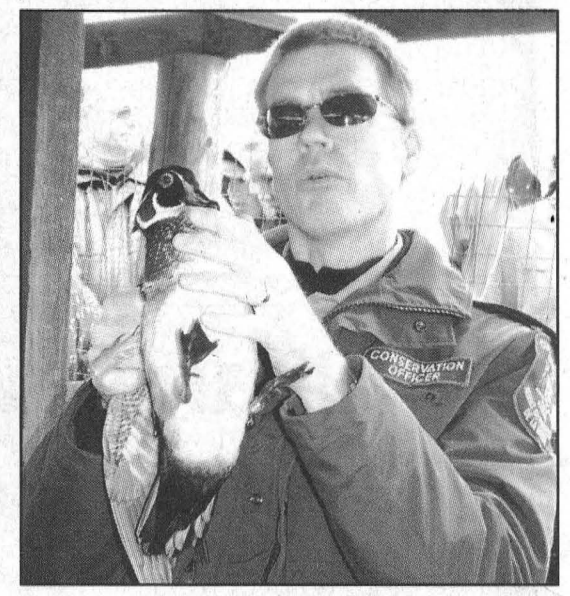
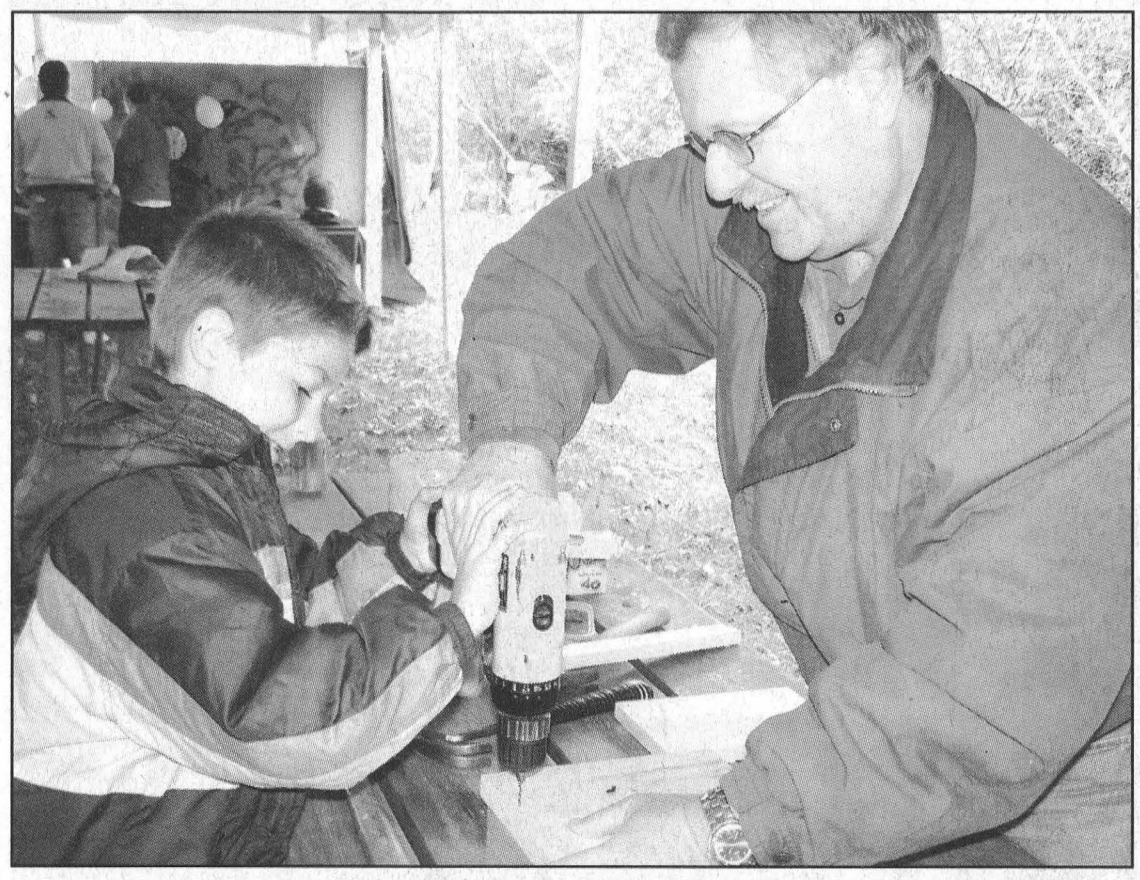




Hundreds of people, joined the ducks and geese to flock to the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary Sunday for the Friends of the Santuary's annual Waterfowl Day. This year's event included the opportunities to learn about the animals from the Muskoka Wildlife Centre and snakes from Little Ray's Reptiles, and to participate in the Ministry of Natural Resources duck banding program. Genadi brought his Gypsy Magic Show, and youngsters built their own bird feeders and had their faces painted at the very popular event which is a major fundraiser for the Friends. Pictured above, Hayley Shaver (left) joins her cousin Ty and his mom Rhonda Shaver of Morrisburg to discover how soft and warm this giant python really is. Top right, Stormy Howard of Morrisburg prepares to release a wild duck. At the right is the Muskoka Wildlife Centre's Dr. Who with his handler Nick, and far right is Conservation officer Gary Rupert.

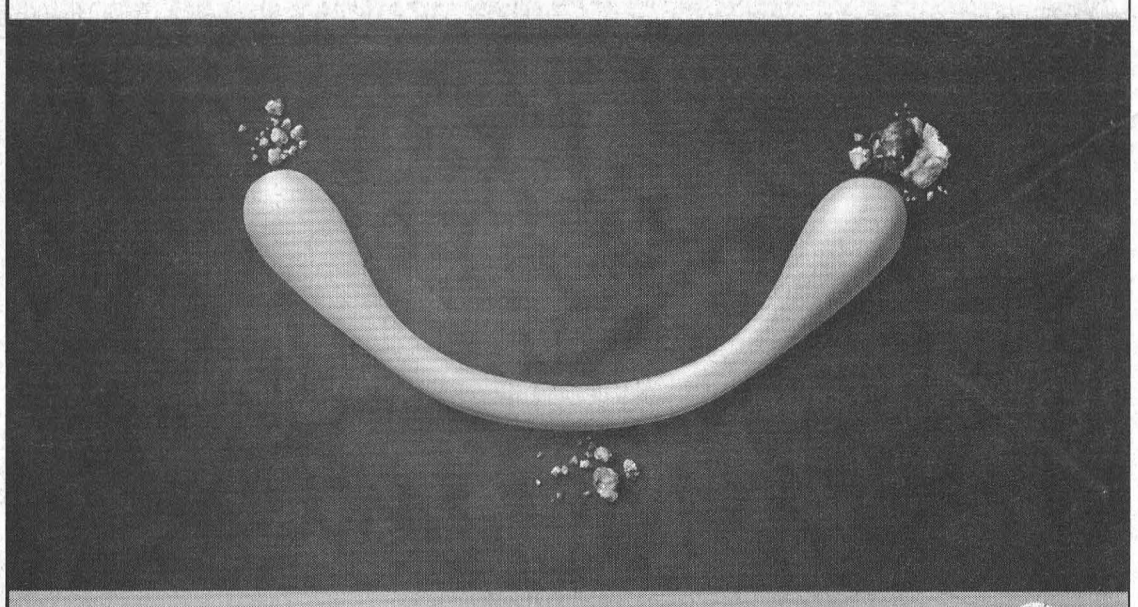


Tessa Rodrigue of Williamsburg benefits from a little face painting.



Jack Barkley of Morrisburg assists Cameron Segein of Long Sault with his bird feeder construction. *McNairn photos*

Thank you for bringing a smile to our community.



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