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South Dundas embroiled in fibre "optical illusions"

MORRISBURG – It may well be the fibre optics project, run by the municipality of South Dundas, will "crash" at the end of this year.

That is when a $12,137.87 a month management and maintenance contract with Prophet Technologies ends and council will have to make a decision on the future of its telecommunications system which is falling well short of even meeting its yearly operating costs.

With just 25 customers on the system, who in total would pay less than $3,000 a month to the utility, the project continues to grow ever more costly to South Dundas taxpayers.

The Fibre Optics project began in South Dundas in 2000, and in that year capital expenditures were $533,162. That was followed by $221,000 capital expenditure in 2001 and $191,139 in 2002 for a total capital expenditure of $945,301.

Operations and maintenance cost $174,015 in each of the years 2001 and 2002 and with just $18,864 in revenue in those two years the net cost of high speed communications in South Dundas is now a whopping $1.275 million.

"The rate this is going, we can't live long enough to pay for it," said Bill Dillabough, a Morrisburg resident and former reeve of the Village of Morrisburg who was speaking at a public meeting held last Thursday night at the Legion in Morrisburg.

The meeting was called by private taxpayers concerned with the escalating costs of the fibre optics and caught the attention of South Dundas council.

Along with mayor Johnny Whitteker, and councillors Bill Ewing and Charles Barkley, the meeting was attended by South Dundas chief administrative officer Andy Brown, clerk Brenda Brunt, and South Dundas Economic Development Coordinator Anne Marie Waddell.

Approximately 50 South Dundas taxpayers were in attendance.

CAO, Andy Brown provided an overview of the project explaining the reason South Dundas built the broadband telecommunications network was because the municipality had lost 600 jobs since the 1980's, which meant negative growth and loss of tax revenues.

No private companies were interested in developing the infrastructure in South Dundas at that time. Realizing the importance to existing businesses and industries, and the importance to attracting new business and industry, South Dundas went ahead on its own.

The source of the funding initially was $550,000 from surplus hydro funds in the South Dundas Hydro account which included the villages of Iroquois, Morrisburg and Williamsburg.

The remaining $725,206 has been collected through taxation.

Brown's presentation also pointed out that on a $100,000

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Comfort photo

Carrying a Torch

Michelle Stewart and Marcy Smith were among the kindergarten students who got a chance to hold the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch, before the Grade 6 students at Morrisburg Public School left on the annual torch run last Thursday, escorted by an OPP cruiser, lights flashing and sirens blaring. See story page 8.

Still waiting for public meeting

WILLIAMSBURG–Over 450 signatures have been forwarded to the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada to express concern over the April announcement that the Williamsburg Branch of the Bank of Montreal will be closed this October.

South Dundas Mayor, and Williamsburg resident, Johnny Whitteker, joined in the fight against the closure as soon as he heard the announcement.

"I think they figure you'll go to Morrisburg and carry on as usual. We'll go to Morrisburg but we won't necessarily go to the Bank of Montreal," said Whitteker at the April 10 South Dundas council meeting.

Whitteker asked that the township request a public meeting, giving residents a chance to express their concerns.

Now, just over a month later, council is still waiting to hear from the Financial Consumer Agency which will decide whether or not the municipality will be granted their request of a public meeting.

"If they have concerns, they will set up a public meeting," explained South Dundas CAO Andy Brown.

"They follow specific procedure and protocol to ensure the request is not frivolous," said Brown.

"We're expecting to hear from them within the next couple of weeks."

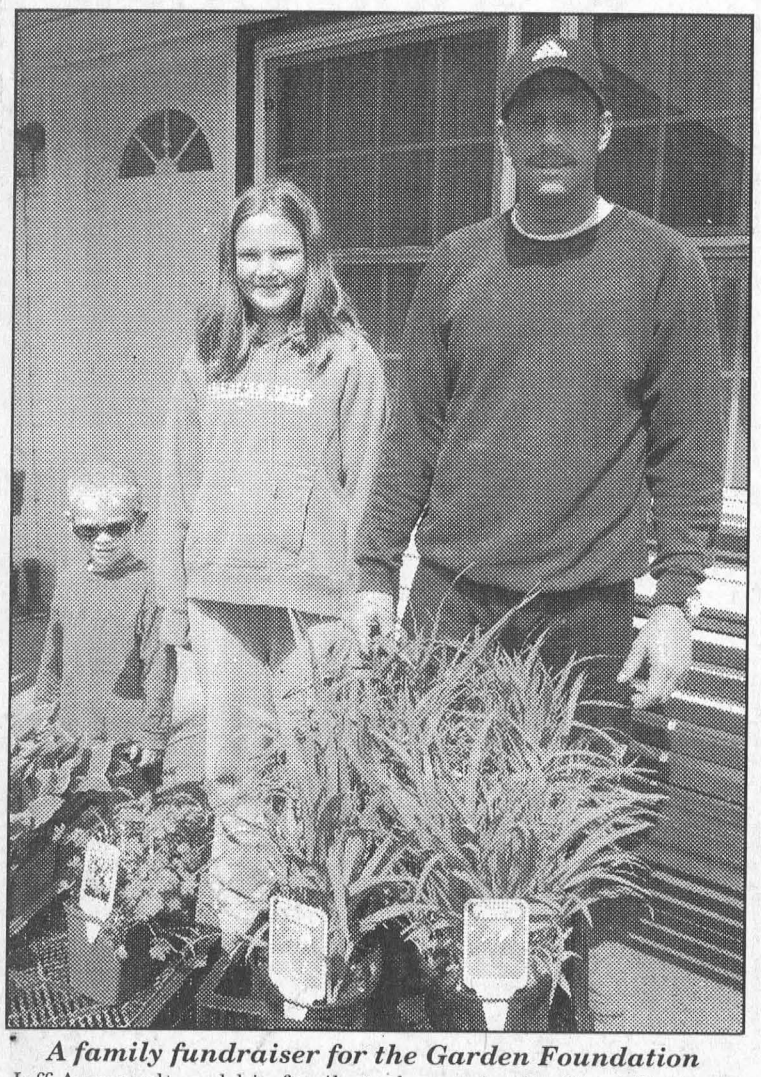
In the meantime, Brown is investigating the possibility of other banks, or credit unions coming into Williamsburg to fill the void left by the Bank of Montreal.

In addition to inconveniencing local businesses and residents who use the branch, the closure will have an effect on the municipality.

"We use it at the township office," said Brown.

If it closes, township office staff will have to travel for banking purposes.

"I think it's a done deal, but I hope not," said South Dundas councillor Charles Barkley at the last regular council meeting.



A family fundraiser for the Garden Foundation

Jeff Arsenault and his family took part in the Giant Yard and Sidewalk Sale on Saturday by selling plants in order to raise money for The Garden Foundation and the Child Life Department at CHEO. Pictured l-r are, Noah, Danyelle, and Jeff Arsenault.

Hospital eases restrictions

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital administration announced on Friday, May 16 beginning at 8 a.m., that they ceased blanket screening for SARS at the doors, eased visiting restrictions and reopened the main hospital door.

Infection control measures for SARS screening for patients coming to emergency or directly admitted to a hospital bed will be incorporated as part of the admissions process. Hospital access doors will be posted with a SARS alert advisory, directing all visitors and anyone with business in the facility to undertake the self-directed SARS screening tool.

These changes come on the recent W.H.O. ruling that Toronto has been removed from the "affected area" designation and as the number of cases of SARS in the province continues to diminish.

"We are greatly relieved to be able to put these new directives in place. It has been challenging for everyone to cope with the restrictions, but our hospital did so, very well," said hospital spokesperson Lynne Wilson.

Administrator, M. André O. Rodier, stressed the exceptional collaboration, dedication, courage and understanding of the Hospital's physicians and staff during the SARS emergency.

"Our community was faced with a serious, potential threat, and we were able to successfully live up to the challenge because of their selfless support, effort and professionalism."

WDMH visiting hours will continue to be limited from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Patients will be allowed two visitors at a time, but visitors are no longer restricted to immediate family only.

The hospital's policy around extraordinary visitation for compassionate reasons remains in effect, as it has throughout the SARS directives. Hand washing stations will be set up throughout the hospital and all visitors will be directed to wash prior to visiting patients. "Thorough hand washing remains the single most effective way to combat the spread of infectious illnesses," said Wilson.

WDMH administration expressed sincere appreciation to the community, clients and families for their patience and consideration as the hospital dealt with the SARS directives for the past six weeks.

Average of $15,000 spent on South Dundas councillors

WILLIAMSBURG–Money paid out to South Dundas elected officials in 2002 amounts to $83,579.54, including remuneration, mileage, meeting and convention expenses.

Of the four councillors, Iroquois' elected official, Bill Ewing topped the charts at $18,104.40, including the $7,500 stipend each councillor receives, $1,304.40 worth of mileage for which he is reimbursed and two conventions he attended at a cost of $2,000 payable by the township.

The remaining remuneration of $7,300 was for extra committee and council meetings that occur outside of the two regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Elected officials receive $85 per meeting.

Ewing claimed the most mileage of all of South Dundas' elected officials, including the mayor, and claimed the most remuneration for extra meetings.

In addition to the $7,500 stipend, Morrisburg's elected official, Cam Martel, claimed $842.05 worth of mileage and received $1,110.14 of unused revenue received for the Warden's Banquet, which he hosted to cap off his year as warden of the three United Counties.

Of the $16,382.19 remuneration received by Martel, $6,930 is attributed to committee and extra council meetings.

Williamsburg's elected representative, Robert Gillard received a total of $13,688 in remuneration, $7,500 stipend, $973 mileage, and $5,215 for committee and extra council meetings.

Matilda representative, councillor Charles Barkley put in for $12,295.00, the $7,500 stipend, $385 mileage, and $4,410 for committee and extra council meetings.

Mayor Johnny Whitteker received the most remuneration of $23,109.95 thanks to the $15,000 stipend received by the mayor.

He had the median mileage and meeting expense claims, coming in at $784.65 and $5345 respectively. He also had a convention expense of $2,016.30, which was paid by South Dundas township and reimbursed from the Counties.

South Dundas treasurer Lorna Seibert annually prepares a statement of remuneration and expenses paid to the municipalities elected officials, as a municipal act requirement.

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assessment residential taxpayers are paying $24.03 for the telecommunications. This compares to fire protection at $53.02, waste at $68.45, recreation at $91.42 and roads at $386.50. Commercial and Industrial pay considerably higher in each category, commercial paying $36.95 per $100,000 for telecommunications and industrial $45.09 per $100,000.

Of the 537 jobs created in the township, Brown says about 100 can be directly attributed to the telecommunications system in manufacturing, service and retail.

"There hasn't been any loss of jobs," he said. "There are industries and businesses out there that see it as an attraction. Of the 24 businesses connected, they employ over 1,000 people."

Brown said the municipality is now preparing a business plan which will be a road map for council. "We can't continue to keep building without knowing. The goal is to see a profit generated or at least to break even."

If the business plans show it is not financially viable, council will have to make some big decisions on what to do with the infrastructure at the end of this year, the main option being to sell it.

Brown said that council has expressed concerns with the costs and "that we can't keep going like this. The contract is finished at the end of this year and decisions will have to be made."

He also said the initial business plan indicated there was a potential of 160 customers.

Dillabough asked who pays for the hookup to the businesses and was told each business does.

He then questioned the cost of $61,497.59 that shows on the financial statement for RohMax.

Councillor Bill Ewing explained the township paid the initial cost to run an underground hookup to RohMax and that is being paid back by the company monthly with interest.

Brown said there are no capital expenditures for fibre this year and confirmed council owns 100 percent of the infrastructure.

Morrisburg resident, Sandra Bailey, suggested that if council was seeking to attract new businesses and people that they should have looked at the water and sewer problems in the villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois first.

"That (infrastructure) is something we have to get in control," agreed Brown.

When it was suggested that taxpayers in North Dundas don't seem to be on the hook for anything, Anne Marie Waddell explained that Storm came along after South Dundas got underway.

"They are invited to come here and use our fibre," she said. "Any ISP (internet service provider) is welcome."

John Ross of Ross Video in Iroquois explained his company is a veracious user of high speed.

"We employ 150 people, two-thirds of whom are in Iroquois. We added a lot of jobs in the last four years, and none of the jobs added were due to the municipal system."

He explained his company needs heavy communication around the world and the five megabit service he receives from his ISP is adequate.

"I think the initial attempt was extremely commendable," he said suggesting, "It be sold as soon as possible."

"I don't think the municipality should be in this business. We did our start up, and now it is time to retire it."

"I commend the municipality for having started it, but I think it is time to move out and move on."

Waddell said, "high speed is essential to a lot of businesses, whether it be private or ours."

"When private exists let them do it," answered Ross.

"We are concerned about this as a council, the same as you are," said Mayor Johnny Whitteker. "$12,000 is a lot of money."

"I think we have a good image here in South Dundas, and I think fibre optics helped create it."

Whitteker pointed to the arena, the curling club etc. saying, "All these things create an image that brings industry and that is what we are trying to do as a council."

Following the meeting Whitteker indicated council has not been hiding anything from the taxpayers.

"We are above board on this. It is costly, and we have been watching it."

The mayor also said the public meeting provided the message that council should look into unloading the system.

"The message I got was to see what the system is worth and report back to the taxpayers."

"We never did plan on a profit for quite a few years," said Whitteker. "You can compare it to when electricity first came. It was quite expensive until there were enough customers."

Waddell said part of the problem is lack of volume which keeps the South Dundas prices higher. This is essentially a catch 22 situation, as the higher prices continue to keep the volume down.

Williamsburg Seniors' Euchre

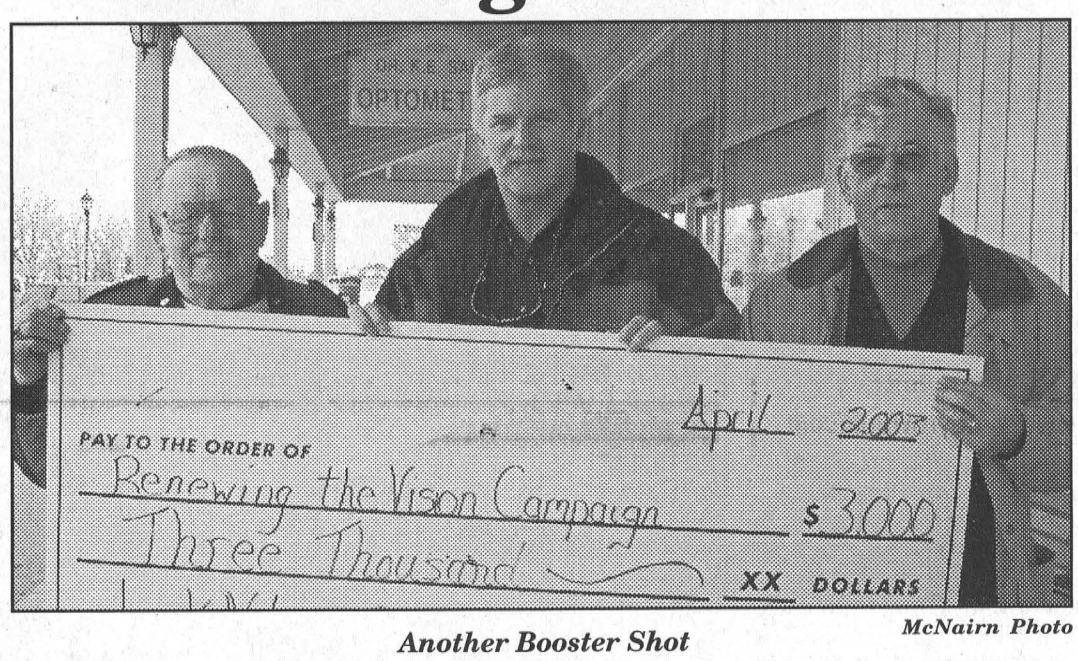
WILLIAMSBURG – Winners from the Williamsburg Seniors' euchre held Wednesday, May 14, were as follows:
White cards - Bertha Christie; Gladys Kyle; Harold Gallinger.
Yellow cards - Graham Pemberton; Keith Scott; Dwain Hess.

The door prizes went to Keith Scott and May Gelette.

Peggy Thompson; Keith Scott; Ellen Bush; Lottie Gill; Peggy Thompson and Loretta Crowder won the draws.

The next euchre will be held on Wednesday, May 28, and everyone is welcome.

Renewing the Vision



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Another Booster Shot

Mariatown resident Jack Notman, (centre) owner of Notman Motor Sales in Cornwall presents a cheque for $3,000 to the Winchester Hospital Renewing the Vision Campaign. Accepting the cheque are Morrisburg committee chair Earl Baker (left) and committee member Les Cruickshank. The door-to-door campaign continues in the Morrisburg area and should be wrapped up by the end of the month.

Measuring advantages

Economic Outlook



Anne Marie Waddell

MORRISBURG – This week's column was to address the advantages South Dundas has to offer its residents and businesses and how they are or can be measured. There have been a few developments in this past week that have changed my mind as to giving you yet more statistics and variables.

We could say that earnings per capita have increased in South Dundas. We could say there are more employees in South Dundas than there were in the last decade. We could say that the businesses in South Dundas having high-speed internet have a much higher productivity rate than those which do not.

We could give many figures that support a positive picture of economy, but then it can be argued as who determines the calculation, and, then, in turn who believes it.

It is a fact of life, however uncomfortable, that not everyone is equally well off in terms of income and wealth. It is also a fact of life that not all communities are equally well off in terms of current jobs or prospects. Likewise, there are great differences among communities in terms of individual and household incomes, the tax base of local governments, the quality of physical infrastructure - e.g. water and sewage, roads, telecommunications - and other aspects of our economy.

Change is another "fact of life." Change, however, can be interpreted as qualitative. It may be seen to be good or bad, or we may not be sure of what a change entails. Change in economic and related circumstances emanates from a great variety of sources, such as technology, political decisions, corporate objectives, family decisions, environmental issues and so on.

The fact of change raises a number of questions when we think about the economies of communities. As noted, it may be thought of either good or bad, or we may be uncertain as to what it brings. Even if it is good, or might be good, the pace of change might be unsettling.

Too many retail malls, too great a disruption of massive buildings and construction activity, too many new faces in town for residents to come to terms with easily. In addition, the good or the bad effects are evenly distributed.

If you are healthy, literate, skilled and in a higher income bracket, you can usually get the best out of change. If you are otherwise, you might seem to be the victim of change.

All of this applies to South Dundas. We are living in times of rapid change, most of which comes from outside our community (e.g. telecommunications, international trade agreements, corporate mergers). So, questions of control and management become important to our community as we look at our economy in changing times. Because of this, information becomes a strategic resource, and it's more available to some than others. The ability to access and use information becomes a strategic skill, and this skill is more available to some than others.

Even for us in South Dundas, as we seem to be successfully riding the wave of change - that we have able to take advantage of high technologies, or the advent of well off retirees and the associated flows of so-called "passive income" (e.g. pensions, investment income), the question of maintaining South Dundas' economy and "catching the next wave" remains.

No community has a fix on a secure livelihood for its residents. The fundamental ability to make the choice to stay in South Dundas, and to raise a family with the hopes that your children might at least have a choice themselves of staying (or returning to this community), is a challenge that faces us daily.

In the face of these facts of life, there are a number of options to us. We can dream of Utopian conditions and wish for better times. We can engage in sentimental reflection and pine for the good old days long past. We can engage in political action to address what we might consider root causes of the problem. We can vote with our feet and leave for the larger cities and other places of economic opportunities, if we can physically, financially and otherwise do this. Or we can respond by developing a local economic development plan that will build on our strengths and advantages to foster the social and economic well-being of South Dundas.

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Winchester Hospital

Heart advice forum

WINCHESTER – Dr. Siro Trevisanato, Chief Science Officer for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario will be visiting WDMH on June 2, where he will conduct an open forum on the importance of cardiovascular research.

It is estimated that one in four Canadians has some form of heart disease, disease of the blood vessels or is at risk for stroke. If this estimate is accurate, approximately eight million Canadians have some sort of cardiovascular disease.

The public is welcome to join Dr. Trevisanato at the Dillabough Centre from 12:30 until 1:30 to enjoy a few light refreshments while learning about cardiovascular disease and your risks.

As Chief Science Officer, Dr. Trevisanato is in charge of transferring the scientific knowledge from the researchers to not only all departments within the Heart and Stroke Foundation, but also to wider public in the province.

This transfer of information is done through providing presentations to the public and interviews to the media; reviewing communications and organizing events where the public is able to meet the researchers.

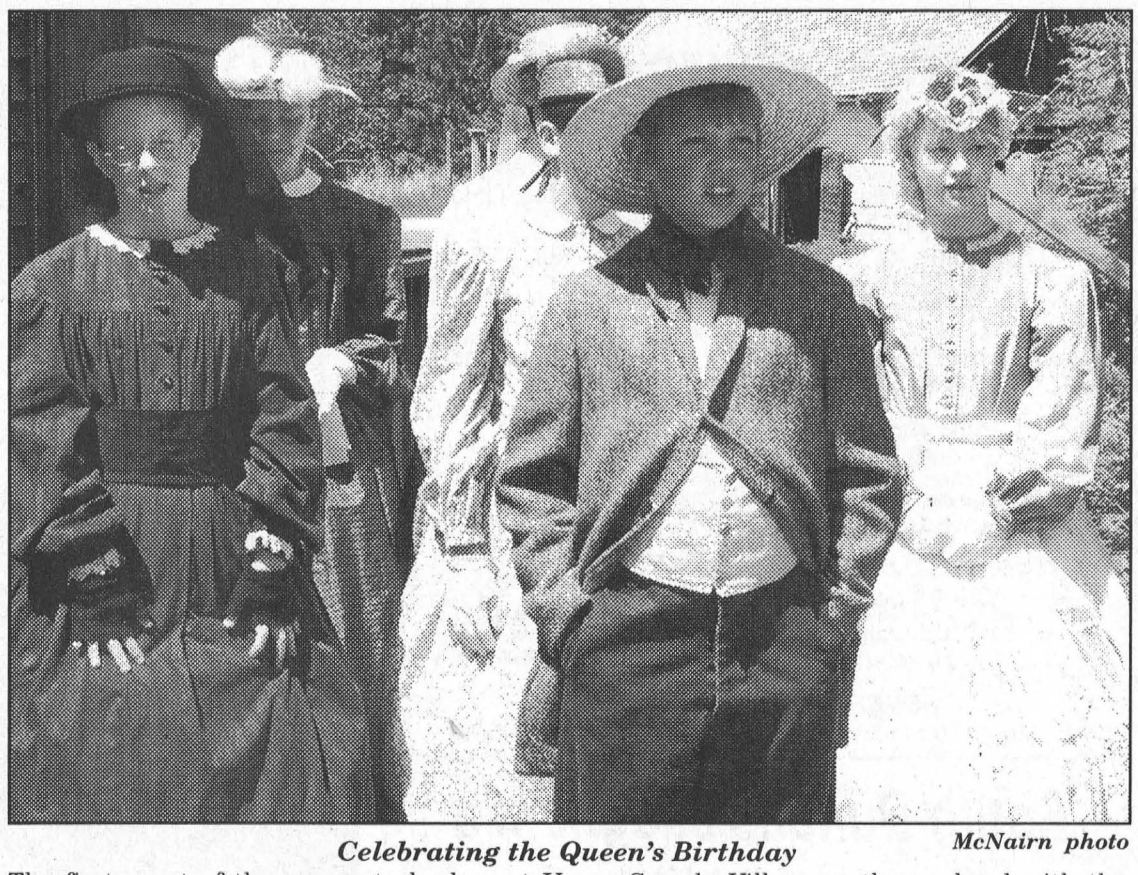
Dr. Trevisanato has a PhD in Molecular Biology from the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. He spent many years doing basic research but decided to continue in the applied field. In this field, he studies the effects of discoveries on they leave the laboratory.

Cardiovascular disease accounts for more deaths in Canada than any other disease. In 1999, cardiovascular disease accounted for 78,942 Canadian deaths.

Cardiovascular disease can occasionally appear from the side effects of other diseases. Diabetes can increase the risk of high blood pressure, atherosclerosis, coronary heart disease and stroke, particularly if blood sugar levels are poorly controlled. Insulin resistant people also have an increased risk of developing cardiovascular problems.

On the list of fatal diseases, stroke is not far from cardiovascular disease with about one fifth the amount of deaths. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in Canada. Each year, about 16,000 Canadians die from stroke, the majority of whom are women.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, call Kimberley Koopman at 774-2422 ext. 5674.



Celebrating the Queen's Birthday *McNairn photo*

The first event of the season took place at Upper Canada Village on the weekend with the celebration of Queen Victoria's Birthday. Visitors experienced firsthand the excitement felt in the spring of 1866 as villagers gathered to mark the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday and to express their optimism towards the future and the proposed confederation of the colonies of British North American. Above, the youngsters, all dressed in their finest show up at the centre of the Village to take in the festivities.

Upper Canada Village

For all your gardening needs

MORRISBURG – With spring in the air, thoughts are turning to gardening, and Upper Canada Village is once again offering a variety of heirloom plants and gardening tips to visitors during its annual Heirloom Plants and Gardens Weekend taking place on Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25.

Heirloom annuals and perennials will be available for purchase at the front entrance, featuring a wide selection of 19th century tomato varieties including both red and yellow tomatoes of various tastes and sizes, such as Jefferson Giant, Purple Calabash, Bull's Heart, and Yellow, Red, Pink and Yellow Brandywine. Yellow Plum, and red and yellow Pear tomatoes are also available (not all are available locally).

Village horticultural staff will be joined by the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Master Gardeners on both Saturday and Sunday mornings to answer questions and give advice concerning plant problems and gardening strategies.

Heirloom Plant Weekend is the first in a series of events and activities that celebrate the gardens at Upper Canada Village. On Saturday, June 14, "Spring Gardens" day plans include guided tours of the gardens, as well as hotbed workshops and garden planing for kids at Loucks Farm.

"Summer Gardens" will take place on Saturday, July 26 and "Fall Gardens" on Saturday, September 13.

In order for patrons to take advantage of the numerous regular events happening this season, the Village is once again offering "Passports to the Past", a range of annual passes for adults/seniors and youths that offer unlimited visitation and other discounts at less than the regular price of coming twice.

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Roman Catholic Churches
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St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
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4:00 p.m. Sharing Our Faith
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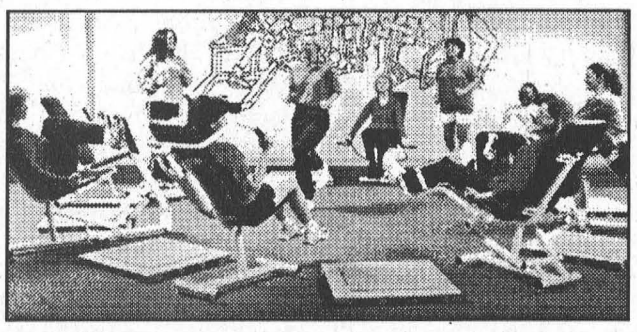
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South Dundas caught in a fibre optical illusion

Sometimes you feel like a fish that has been pulled from the water and finds itself flopping around on the dock. Well, that just about sums it up for this week, as we look at the South Dundas Telecommunications System from first one angle and then another.

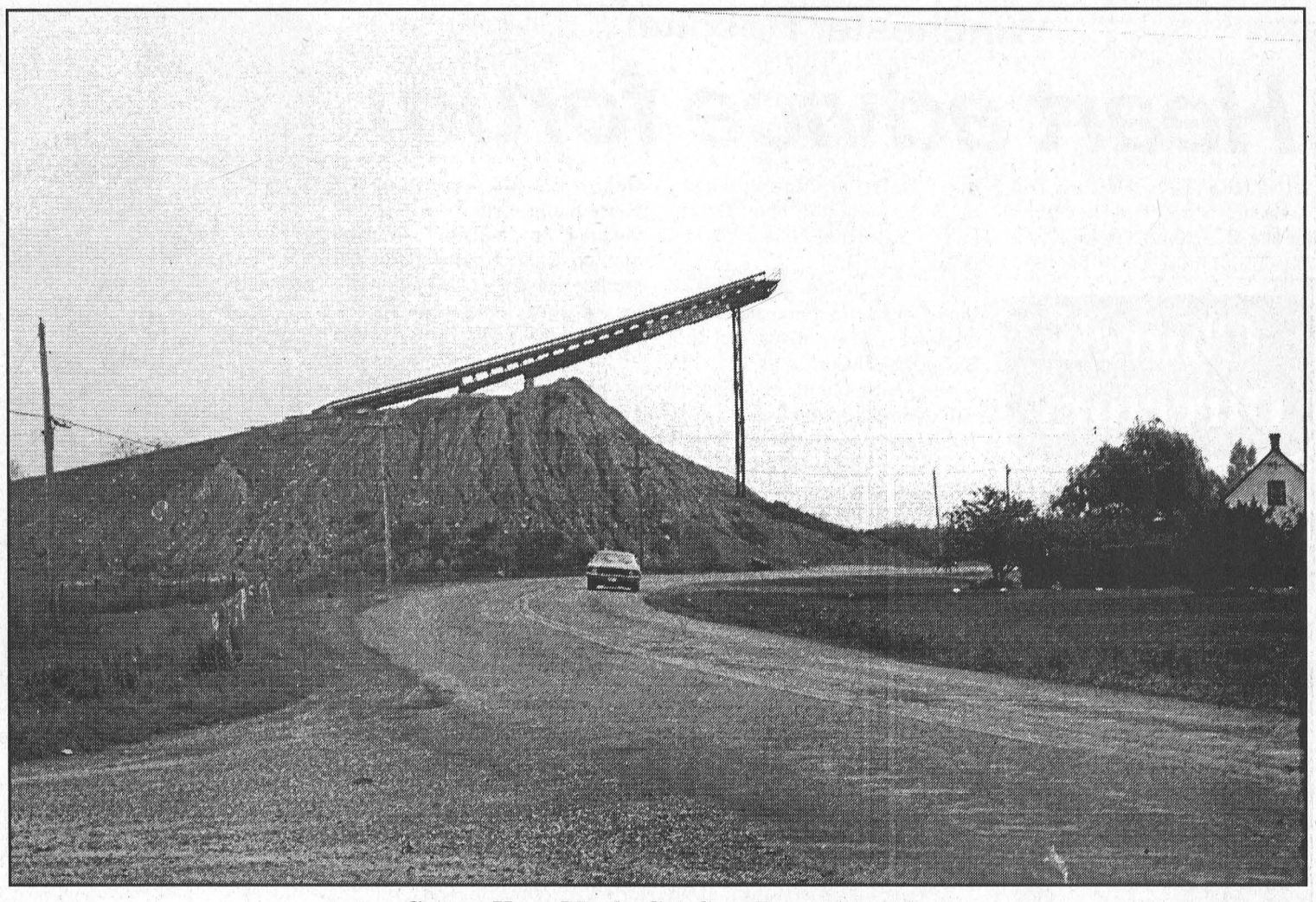
The fact that it has cost South Dundas taxpayers a pile of money is a given. The fact that it looks as if it will never even bring in enough to cover yearly maintenance and management costs looks like a sure bet as well. If we were a business person, which we are not, it wouldn't take us very long to figure out we have a problem and something has to be done. In fact, we balance the home books, as best we can with what little we have to work with, and we know it wouldn't be a good thing on the home front to be paying out five times more than we are bringing in on a yearly basis.

What we suspect started out with the best intentions in the world, seems to have now backfired and as Herman Hansen, who chaired last Thursday night's public meeting to discuss the fibre optics situation, said hind sight is a wonderful thing, but, unfortunately, it is just that...hind sight. Doesn't do anyone much good after the fact.

The Fibre Optic project in South Dundas began under our previous council and was followed up by the members of the current council. It was done to keep the jobs that we have, and hopefully attract new business and industry to the area.

What we have to look at now, is what is the next best step for all of South Dundas. The current maintenance and management contract with Prophet Technologies expires at the end of this year, and it is then that a sound financial decision has to be made.

Looking for behind-the-door conspiracies and pointing fingers isn't really going to solve any problems right now. Taking an interest in the community and running for council this November will. This is just one way taxpayers can change things they don't like.



Get on Your Mark, Get Set, Jump Again!
This week's photo is another view of the Ken Carter ramp from old Highway 2 (Lakeshore Drive). On the right is the Zeron house.

Seen 'n Heard Around the Town

With all the gardening and yard clean up, there are probably some of us who haven't had time to clean up the car, and get rid of all that clinging salt that is eating its way through the body. If that is the case, then the place to be this Saturday, May 24 is McGillis Home Hardware on Highway 2 in Morrisburg. Coming up Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Williamsburg Cubs are rolling up their sleeves for a car wash to raise funds for their pack. So head on down to Home Hardware and let the Cubs take care of your car cleaning needs.

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Gosh, Morrisburg was a busy place this past Saturday, when all those bargain hunters hit the streets for the annual yard sales. The strange part is that a lot of the bargain hunters show up long before the sellers have even made it out of bed. That early bird line was never truer.

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Coming up on Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. is the Terry Fox Run organizational meeting at the Morrisburg Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. This is the 10th anniversary of the run which provides valuable dollars to the Canadian Cancer Society, and local organizer Ross Hummell is hoping to put together a team that will help to make this September's run bigger and better than ever.

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The Provincial Liberal Association for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh and the Jim Brownell Campaign, are holding the official opening of the Liberal Campaign Office on Friday May 23 at 6 p.m. at 327 Montreal Road in Cornwall. "We are pleased that Sean Conway, M.P.P. for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, will be present for the official opening ceremonies," says Brownell. "I invite everyone to join us for the ceremonies and refreshments."

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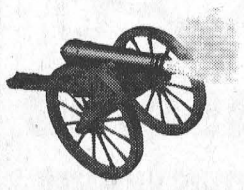
Raccoons were the big item at the Morrisburg Golf Course, Monday, when a number were spotted way up in a huge old elm tree located on the par five, fourth hole. Even though keeping your head down is a key swing thought, Mitch Cassell and his crew actually spotted them.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1993

The Upper Canada Playhouse was 10 years old, and it was celebrating with a special production starring Peter Gzowski host of CBC's Morningside and Jackie Burroughs well known for her role as Aunt Hetty in Road to Avonlea. They were playing in "Love Letters", a play by A.R. Gurney

Over one half of the Seaway High School track team qualified for EOSSA at the annual SD&G championship in Avonmore. The team captured the overall trophy for the A schools with an impressive 269 points. Collecting 112 of these points were the midget girls led by Sharon Spear with three firsts which also gave her the top midget girls title. Rhonda Beckstead tied for top senior girl, also with three firsts.

Stampville students competed in their annual field day at Seaway High, and leading the day's event was Jennifer Banford with firsts in four events.

Tim Smith and Ricki Cottrill were the low gross winners at the Morrisburg Golf Club's opening day tournament.

1983

This issue of The Leader reported Matilda township council had decided to tender for sale the 17-acre parcel of land immediately west of the village of Iroquois, just nine months after buying the contentious race track property from Iroquois. The township had purchased the property, which was zoned rural, for $15,000.

The Rotary Club in Ingleside unveiled plans for a 300-acre development along the Ingleside-Osnabruck waterfront which would include a marina, 18-hole golf course, swimming pool and tennis courts. The project would hinge on the municipality and the Parks Commission reaching an agreement on the land owned by the Commission.

Upper Canada Village was boasting reconstruction, the likes of which had not taken place since it first opened. General manager, Bob Cook, said the $820,000 Grist Mill, currently being installed, headed a list of additions, but admitted it would not be totally ready until 1984. The flour and grist mill was the only one of its kind in North America. The village also planned to open a new retail outlet for visitors wanting to sample freshly baked bread and freshly made cheese.

Hundreds of his parishioners from St. Mary's and St. Cecilia's parishes, joined on Sunday, May 8 in extending good wishes to Father Francis M. O'Connor on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

1973

The May 18 issue reported Mrs. Wilfrid Foss, with four awards, was the top winner at the Annual Tulip show held by Morrisburg and District Horticultural Society.

Early in the season the Morrisburg Mets junior lacrosse team had lost two games to Alexandria and one to Brockville. Scoring in the three games were Ernie Duval with six goals, Kevin Duvall with five, Rob Reynolds with three and Keith Dowell, Lee Beaupre, Neil Hart, Jeff Fowler, Doug Dawson and Bill Veley with singles.

Mrs. R. Mel Scott, Chairman of Meals-On-Wheels for the Cornwall area, spoke to the members of the Women's Auxiliary of Winchester District Memorial Hospital and traced its progress since its inception, three years earlier. Her talk gave many people food for thought on a Meals-on-Wheels program in this area.

Fay Shaver of Chesterville was elected president of the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club and was joined by Morrisburg residents, Graham Houze as vice-president, Douglas Grenkie secretary and Glen Keyes treasurer.

1963

Pictured on the front page of the May 24 issue was Morrisburg's "Man of the Year" Leslie Presley as he accepted the Eastern Ontario Development Association's Award of Merit at the association's annual meeting held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. Leslie Presley, who with his brother Henry Presley operated the Morrisburg Dairy, had been president of the Morrisburg Chamber of Commerce for many years and was never too busy at his own business to promote Morrisburg.

In a history of the Morrisburg and District Canadian club, it was pointed out that the club was formed in 1925 and was, in fact, formed as a Canadian Club before the Association of Canadian Clubs came into existence.

Midget hockey player Joe Billings, and Jim Notman at the bantam level received most valuable player trophies awarded by the Employees' Association of Beavers Dental. The boys were selected by their coaches Rowdy Gillard and John Rice. The Beavers association was formed five years earlier for the promotion of recreation among children, young people and adults. Funds were raised by operation of a canteen in the factory.

1943

The May 21 issue reported the Wartime Alcoholic Beverages Order, 1942, a Dominion Government Order, had restricted the gallonage of beer available for consumption. Beginning May 17, 1943 no sales of Canadian Beer for home consumption in quantities of six or more bottles would be permitted in Ontario without the surrender of the proper number of beer ration coupons. One coupon permitted the sale of one unit, which was six pints of beer. The maximum quantity authorized by the Liquor Control Board as saleable from May 17 until the end of the month was 24 pints when available. Gallonage sales quotas had to be maintained to ensure some beer would be on sale to residence consumers each business day during the month.

1933

The May 19 issue reported George D. Howith was re-elected president at the annual meeting of the Morrisburg-Waddington Softball Club.

Jed Tuttle and Sons of Matilda Jersey Farm was specializing in the delivering of Jersey Treat cream in Morrisburg and surrounding district. Customers would be able to purchase cream from their pure bred, accredited herd of Jersey cows, at 18 cents per pint.

The Brinston correspondent wrote of a lot of activity in the area: H.R. Wallace was rushing furniture to Brinston every day. Messrs. Fitzgerald Bros. and James McShane were busy peddling fresh meats, and reported trade better than expected. We can also boast of having a first class barber, Ludger Boileau of Ottawa. Jack Moore opened a tin shop in Thos. Hamilton's block. Ken Smith, in the John Murdock store, was doing a rushing business in ice cream and Stanley Merkley was selling Plymouth cars.

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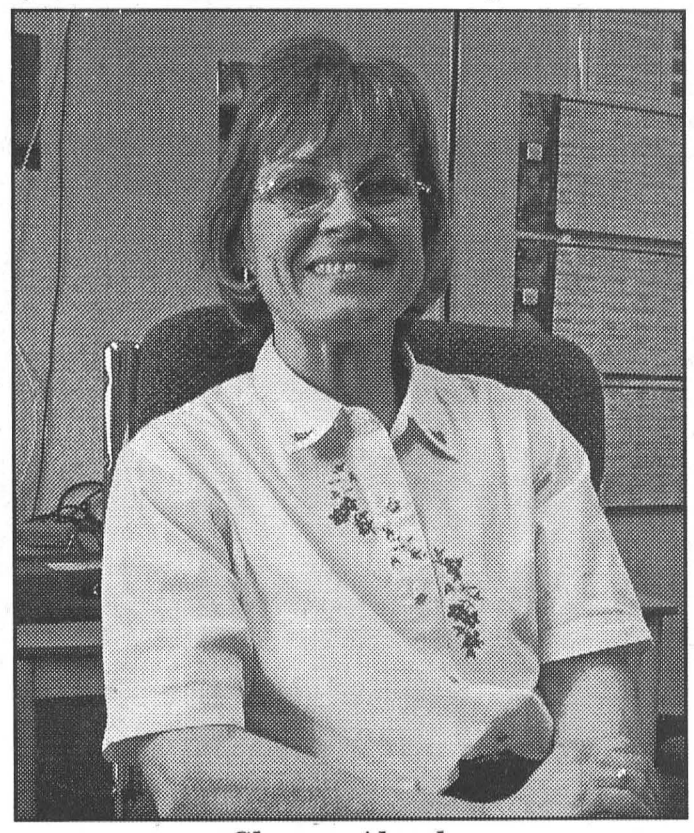
Nielson to stay at St. Mary's

MORRISBURG – "I am very excited as you can well imagine," says St. Mary School principal, Donna Nielson, who has been named principal of the soon to be amalgamated St. Mary and St. Cecilia Schools.

To be known as St. Mary-St. Cecilia Catholic School, the amalgamation will be in place when classes start this September in an expanded and renovated school building in Morrisburg.



Changes Ahead

Donna Nielson, current principal at St. Mary School in Morrisburg will be returned as principal to the amalgamated St. Mary-St. Cecilia School in Morrisburg this September. An expanded and renovated building will greet the students when they return to class this fall, and Nielson says it is a very exciting time for everyone involved.

"I have officially accepted the appointment and the letter went out to parents on Tuesday (May 13)," says Nielson, who became principal of St. Mary School in September 2002.

A 22-year veteran of both the public and separate boards, this has been Nielson's first time as principal having spent more than two decades in the classroom.

Linda Callaghan, current principal at St. Cecilia in Iroquois, will be at St. Francis Xavier in Brockville in September.

"She is very happy about that," says Neilson. "Linda lives in Brockville, so it worked out well for her."

The new St. Mary-St. Cecilia school will house junior kindergarten to grade 8 and 158 students are projected for next year.

"We will have a new gym, three new classrooms, a completely renovated old structure, a 1,000 square foot kindergarten area, a resource room and a beautiful computer room/library," says Neilson as she looks over the plans for the building.

The front entry and office areas will see a major change and expansion. A new classroom will be located on the north side of the existing entry, and the new gym will be constructed to the north of this.

The three current classrooms will be spruced up and are getting new windows, new duct work to convert the heating system, and new ceilings.

The kindergarten and computer/library rooms will be in the current gym. The remaining two new classrooms will be located at the west side of the current school.

To ease the students into the amalgamation Nielson says, "We are already doing transitional activities."

"We have invited the grade five and sixes over, and St. Cecilia School is hosting an end of the year playday so all of the students will be doing activities together."

Nielson will also visit St. Cecilia and get to know the students there before the end of this school year.

A closing ceremony for St. Cecilia School is set for June 8 and will include an 11 a.m. mass.

Nielson says the numbers weren't there and an eventual closure was inevitable.

"By closing it now, we are able to do things the way we want. It's not a forced thing. It was a real community effort."

"We are really looking forward to it. We've only had positive feedback from the parents and the community."

Nielson says that once the older kids see the new additions and the new gym they are going to become really enthusiastic.

"All the sports and activities they enjoyed at St. Cecilia they'll continue to enjoy here."

Also in the plans is a new outside yard which will include a soccer field complete with nets, a basketball court and jumping pit for track and field.

In addition, the St. Mary school committee project results in the play structure for the younger children.

"We have a design for the outside, but it won't be done until after the building is completed."

Nielson says she was aware of the amalgamation last fall when she became principal at St. Mary, but "I didn't realize it was going to be this wonderful. It's been a nice surprise."

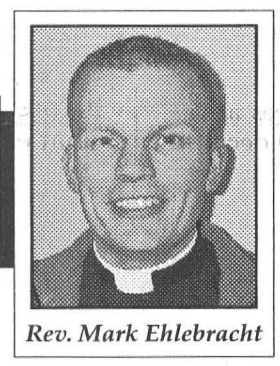
"We have had good cooperation from both parishes, the school committees and the parents."

"I think we will be fine. We have some strong teachers coming in, and it will be a journey, but we will work together and solve our problems together."

"It's a great community for doing that."

Embracing, Creating, Including

Perspectives



Rev. Mark Ehlebracht

Peace, friends.

In a movie I watched recently, the story unfolds of a mother and daughter who move to a small village where they are received with less-than-open arms. The weeks go by and it' s now Easter and Père Henri is in the pulpit. He is heart-sick and chagrined at the events of recent weeks. Reflecting on the meanness of local Lenten realities, the young priest preaches: "I want to talk about Christ's humanity. I mean how he lived his life on earth; his kindness; his tolerance. We must measure our goodness not by what we don't do; what we deny ourselves; what we resist; or who we exclude. Instead, we should measure ourselves by what we embrace, what we create, and who we include."

As a model for the Christian life, I can think of none better. Not that it's easy, of course. Out in the "real" world, the second shoe has dropped. Military action has begun and continues in Iraq and in Afghanistan. We'd all expected it, sooner or later. Well, it's here. Every morning and every night we hear and read about more casualties as the war lingers and continues to rear it's ugly head. Reports deeming the "first civilian casualties of the war" are now far from memory. They join the innocent of New York and Washington, the long-suffering of Kabul, the refugees pouring into Pakistan, and countless others to give face and shape to the reality of human terror and misery.

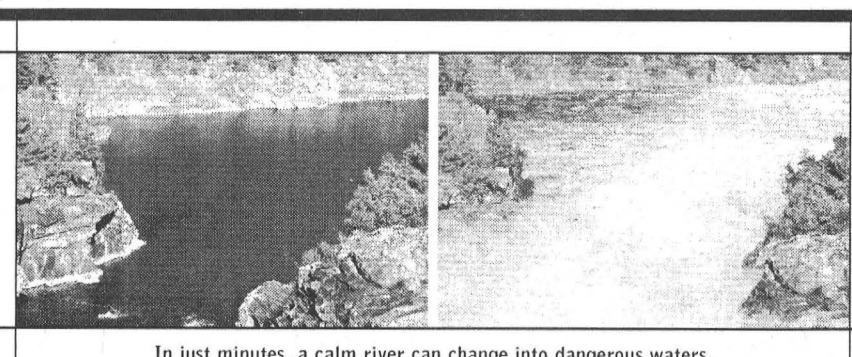
How might our world be different were we more tolerant of people of other cultures and faiths? How might things be different if we were to measure our lives by those whom we include, rather than exclude? Sad fact it is, that our 4000 years of written history are littered from end to end with the tales of people killing, persecuting or reviling one another in God's name. Let it not be so among us!

The community that I serve stands for tolerance and acceptance in Christ's name, and we invite others to stand with us. Let us teach our children the path of forbearance and let us welcome the stranger as a friend. History notwithstanding, I cannot imagine that Jesus would have had it any other way. Can you?

In Christ,

Mark

Pastor Mark is the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Parish of St. Peter's in Williamsburg and St. Luke's in Dunbar.



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Antique Festival

DIXON'S CORNERS –Preparations for the 5th Annual South Dundas Antique Festival are well underway, and booths inside the Matilda Hall are sold out. Outdoor vending space is also going fast.

"I've never seen it like this," says organizer and heritage coordinator Kirsten Gardner.

"July 26 and 27 is going to be huge for South Dundas," she says referring to the Antique Boat Show that will be held at the Galop Canal Marina Landing in Iroquois on the same weekend.

She explains, "this year the Antique Boat Show is benefiting from the promotional plan for the Antique Festival." It includes advertisements on PBS, that will begin early June, and will be seen in prime time.

In addition to the on air commercials, Gardner has arranged for a half-page ad in the PBS Insights Magazine that has a circulation of 40,000.

The South Dundas Antique Festival is now the featured attraction on a new website, southdundasevents.com.

The website features a photo gallery from last year's festival, a map and directions to the Matilda Hall location, and dealer registration information.

Students caring for environment

IROQUOIS – Seaway District High School's Envirothon team has been positively representing SD&G, over the past couple of weeks, at the regional and provincial Envirothon Competitions.

Grade twelve students, Lindsay Sheppard, Eric Vachon, Brittany VanBeilen, Kristen Keyes, and Frankie Buwalda, along with their coaches Karen Koivumaki and Melissa Ringler, attended the 10th annual Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Envirothon Competition in Apple Hill on May 2.

Seaway's team celebrated a double victory by winning first place in the competition and by doing the best any Seaway team has done at the competition in the approximately 8 years that there has been an Envirothon team at Seaway.

They were competing against teams from North Dundas District High School, Glengarry District High School, Char-Lan District High School, and Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School.

Their unexpected win was a result of their test scores on areas such as forestry, wildlife, and aquatics and their presentation on urban sprawl.

A very enthusiastic Kristen Keyes said "It was great (to win)" adding, however, that they were really surprised.

Teammate Lindsay Sheppard concurred saying, "We were one of the only schools who didn't have environmental science."

Their win in Apple Hill provided them with the opportunity to represent their school further by competing at the Ontario Envirothon Championships in Lindsay on May 8 to 11.

Approximately 95 students, from 19 schools located across the province attended the competition where they wrote more tests, saw more presentations, and participated in more hands-on activities, including maintaining trails, repairing a boardwalk, and cleaning garbage.

In order to prepare for the competitions the members of the Envirothon team practiced during their lunch hour and they attended workshops about wildlife, aquatics, forestry, and soils. They also went to Ottawa to the Museum of Nature.

Coach Melissa Ringler is very proud of the students saying, "They have been wonderful ambassadors of our school."

Coach Karen Koivumaki was equally pleased with the students but noted that with most of the team graduating next year "We need to recruit new members."

The students thanked members of the Stewardship Council for making their Envirothon experience so enjoyable.

Seaway's Envirothon team will not find out for a couple of weeks how they placed in Lindsay, but if they win the Ontario Envirothon Championships they will go on to represent Ontario in the national competition.



Envirothon team wins first place in regional competition
Seaway District High School's Envirothon team won first place at the regional Envirothon competition in Apple Hill, on May 2, and recently represented Seaway at the provincial competition in Lindsay, on May 8-11. Back l-r are, coach Karen Koivumaki, Brittany VanBeilen, Lindsay Sheppard, Frankie Buwalda, and coach Melissa Ringler. Front l-r, are Eric Vachon, and Kristen Keyes.
Courtesy photo

Euchre

MORRISBURG – May 12.
First - Beatrice Shaver.
Second - Luella Keeler.
Third - Hazel Easter.
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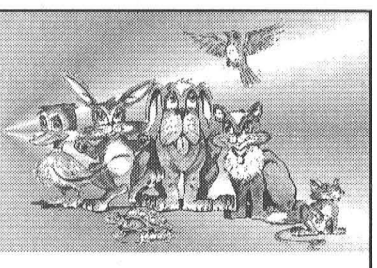
Draw winners - Lottie Gill and Beatrice Shaver.

Back to Nature



MORRISBURG – We have had in the last couple of weeks, since last running the Back to Nature column, some really interesting sightings which we thought should be reported.

First up comes sightings at feeders east of Williamsburg where, on Mother's Day, we spotted a male Rose-Breasted Grosbeak.

He was a real eye-catcher with his bright red breast and black and white wing feathers as he fed on the ground under the feeder. We suspect the female, which resembles a Purple Finch was also there, but we were unable to distinguish her as there were a number of finches and sparrows also feeding.

As we were watching the Grosbeak among the other birds, we noticed an unusual looking sparrow which stood out because of the black and white stripes on its head.

A quick check in our bird book, and we determined we were seeing a White-Crowned Sparrow which has probably stopped in for a bite to eat as it migrates to its summer range farther north.

Later that same afternoon, a Northern (Baltimore) Oriole dropped in.

Here in Morrisburg, Claire Dunn reports she has a pair of Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks visiting her yard, along with an Indigo Bunting.

She says she had some Indigo Buntings a few years ago, but this is the first she has spotted them in quite some time. The Indigo Bunting is a brilliant color, an almost iridescent blue which darkens on the crown.

Of course gardening is the order of the day and trying to get the lawn mowed between rains has become a battle.

The skunks have become regular evening visitors as they dig up lawns in search of grubs. It is hard to say what is worse; the skunks tearing up the lawns in search of the grubs, or the grubs killing the grass.

We spoke to an expert on winter damage to some of our evergreen shrubs and were told to trim them back, fertilize and put the water to them.

In particular we have a pair of Yews whose needles, along the top and one side are very brown. They were a bit expensive to buy, and are also a good five or six years old, so we really don't want to lose them.

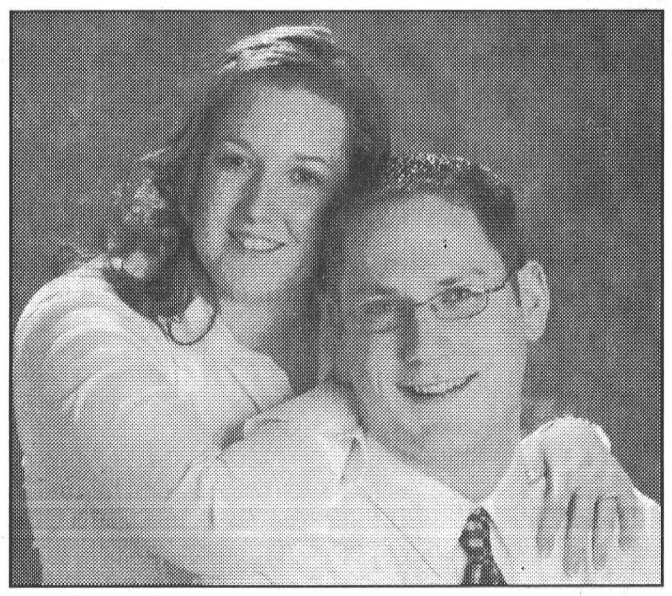
Checking the gardens we find half of our tulips will flower and the other half are just leaves. And they were absolutely beautiful last year which was their first spring.

Perhaps someone has tips on where we are going wrong. We have been told tulips really use up the nutrients in the ground around the bulbs and should be either fertilized heavily or moved around. Of course, we did neither.

They are also in a semi-shade area which remained covered with ice and snow until quite late.

Oh well, we'll try the fertilizer, and maybe they will be better next year.

Shawntel and Christopher
along with their parents
Randy and Cindy Veinotte of Morrisburg
and Robert and Georgie Tucker of Brockville



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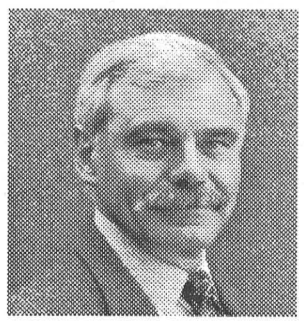

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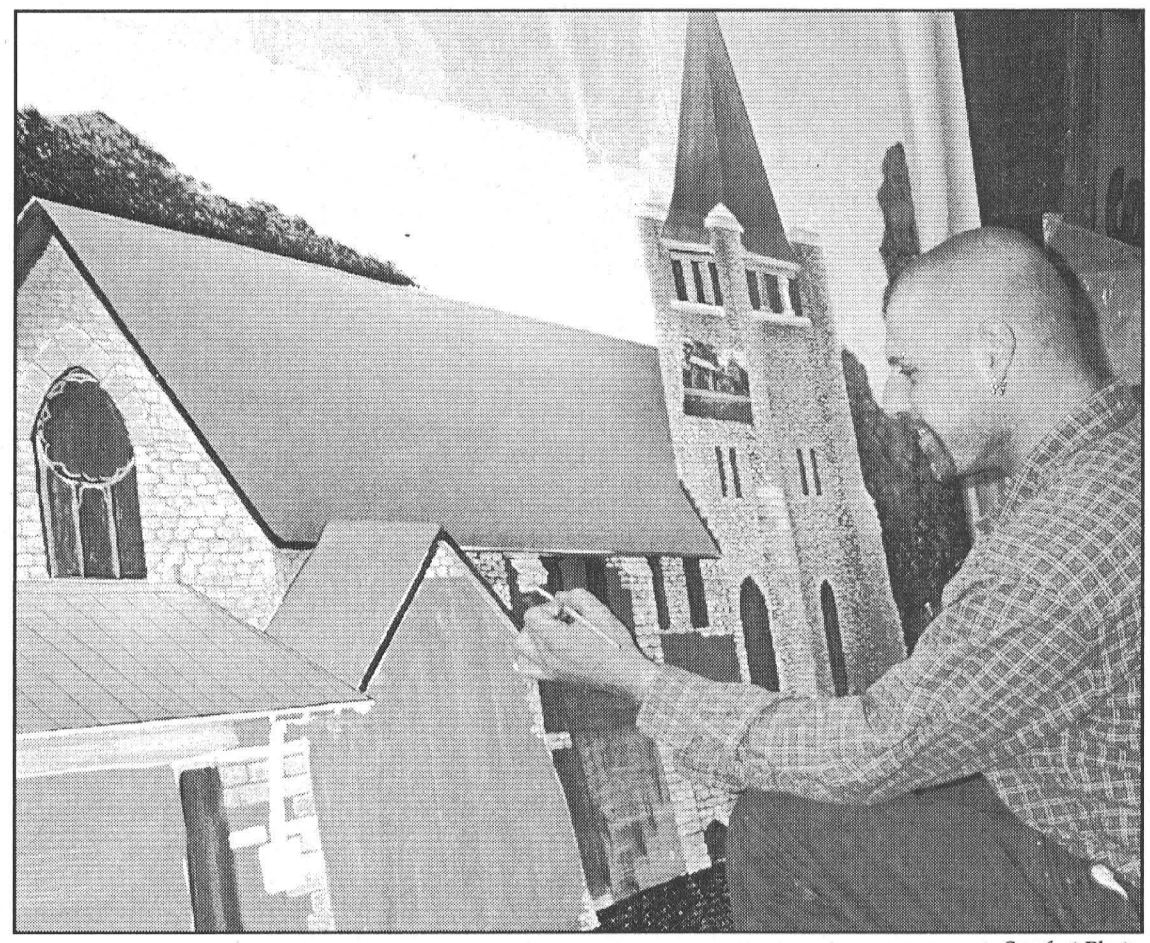

Brick by Brick *Comfort Photo*

Mike Kelly started with a full size paint gun, and now uses a number three paint brush to give the stonework on the Riverside Heights Anglican Church the appropriate detail. He was working on the mural in his Glen Stewart Paint Shop last Thursday, and will spend two full days on this church alone, for the mural that depicts the churches of South Dundas.

Committee and community still driving South Dundas murals

MORRISBURG – The summer of 2003 will be colourful thanks to the hard work and dedication of the South Dundas mural committee, which is about 25-30 members strong.

The first new splash of colour will appear within a month at the East End Plaza in Morrisburg where installation of the Morrisburg Dairy mural, will bring some larger than life characters to town.

The Riverside Heights, Churches of South Dundas mural, was one of the first proposed, and is now quickly taking shape at the hands of South Dundas mural artist Mike Kelly.

Once the churches mural is installed Kelly will spend his time in the parking lot of Giant Tiger, working on site to continue old Main Street Morrisburg from the Upper Canada Playhouse.

The two South Dundas Legions have juries working on their murals.

The Iroquois mural is underway with renowned mural artist John Ellenberger at the helm.

The Morrisburg Legion jury is working on a troop train that will be stationed on the east side of the Morrisburg Giant Tiger store.

Ellenberger has also been selected by the jury for the early agriculture mural slated for the Williamsburg Oddfellows building.

With a dozen teachers serving on the jury for the education mural that will face northward on the east end of Seaway District High School in Iroquois, the idea phase has moved very quickly.

David Yeatman, an artist highly in demand, has been asked to do a maquette for the group.

The committee and mural jury members are all working extremely hard to see their vision take shape.

"The mural project would not be as successful if not for the hard work and dedication of the volunteers," says heritage coordinator Kirsten Gardner who works with the committee.

Everyone on the committee is there on a strictly voluntary basis, putting a huge number of hours into all phases of the murals, as well as creating promotional material such as a driving tour tape and a booklet, both of which will be available this summer, she explains.

"Glen Cunningham is chairing the project and actively continuing to fundraise for this important project," says South Dundas CAO Andy Brown.

The jury of each mural is responsible for their own fundraising, though the township administers the finances and issues charitable donation receipts.

Eighty percent of mural funding comes from the community in the form of monetary donations.

"We are very grateful that South Dundas is such a generous community," says Gardner.

Grade 10 Literacy Testing

IROQUOIS – Board and school results for the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) completed October 23 and 24, 2002 have been released.

All students who registered in Grade 9 in September 2001 and who are working toward and Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) must write and pass the OSSLT. Also, students who were unsuccessful in the February 2002 administration must rewrite the OSSLT.

The OSSLT is based on the reading and writing skills that have been learned up until the end of Grade 9. Students completed six reading tasks and four writing tasks over four 60-minute sessions. Two sessions were held on the morning of each day.

The data was reported using two methods. Method 1 provides a percentage breakdown of all students in the cohort who are working toward an OSSD, including information for students who were absent on both days (e.g., absent due to illness) and excluding information for students who were exempted from writing the test because they are not working toward an OSSD.

Method 2 provides a percentage breakdown of those students who fully participated in the OSSLT, excluding those students who were absent or who are not working toward an OSSD. Students are considered to have fully participated if they were present on both days of the administration. Seaway had 100 percent attendance over the two day period.

At Seaway, 67% of the 131 students who wrote the test for the first time passed both components of the test, compared to 65% at the board level.

Of the 32% who did not successfuly complete the test, 20% passed one of reading or writing.

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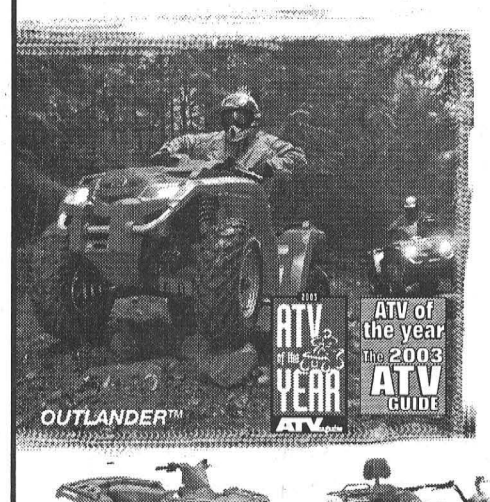

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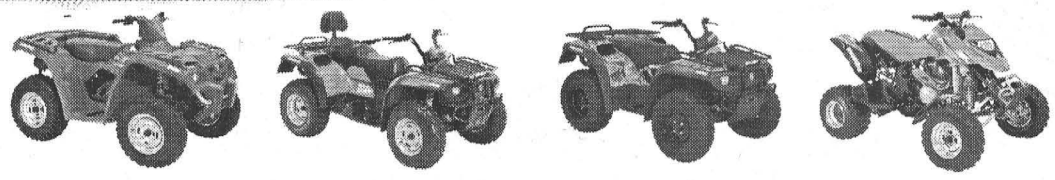

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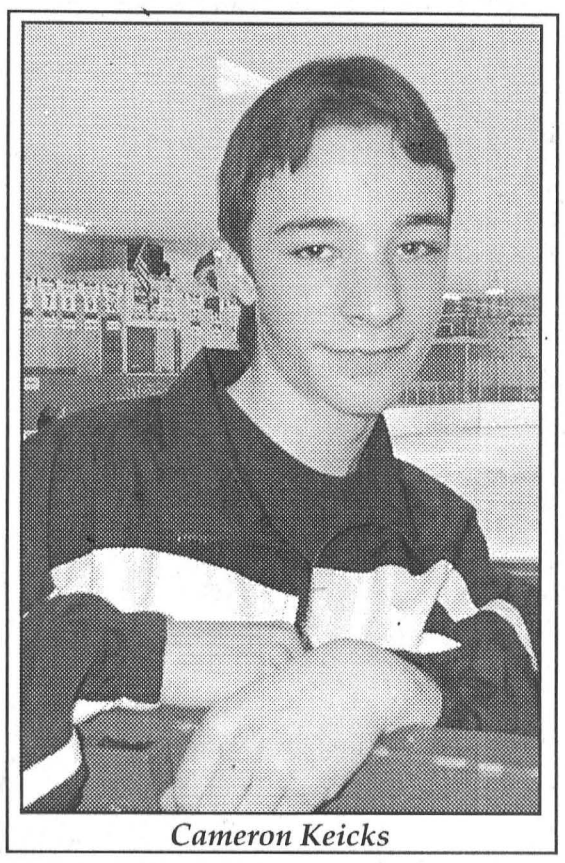
Skating for Gold

MORRISBURG – Music and skating are big issues for Cameron Keicks, and combining the two has become one of the things he does best.

This past skating season Cameron completed gold skating levels in Dance and Interpretive, to add to his gold level in Skills which he earned a year earlier.

To have three golds is really big time says his coach Allison Scott-Morrow a club professional with the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club. "Not everyone can say they have done that."



Cameron Keicks

Scott describes Cameron as a very dedicated skater who works very hard to achieve his goals. "He is an awesome skater to teach," she says.

Cameron starting skating at age five, but didn't stick with it very long. He eventually returned and danced competitively for three years while continuing to skate freestyle.

After getting out of the competitive dance loop, Cameron continued to dance but he focussed on the test stream.

He collected his first gold in skills, developed from what used to be figures, during the 2001/2002 skate season.

"Instead of doing them on figures, we now do patterns, and we skate them to music," explains Cameron. "They still look at your edges and turns, and when you get higher up, they mark you on your timing with the music."

Skaters work their way through preliminary, junior and senior bronze, junior and senior silver and finally gold to complete their skills.

"There are three sets of music for each and preset patterns are skated for each," says Cameron, who did not have to retry any of the levels.

With his first gold under his belt, Cameron went in search of more gold this past winter skating season. His hard work resulted in his next golds in dance and interpretive.

Dances are set up in each of the same categories as skills with several dances per category. At the gold level there are five dances, and a skater must pass four.

Cameron passed the Samba first, and then the Argentine Tango and Quick Step. His final dance was the Viennese Waltz for his gold level pass.

For testing, Cameron partners with Morrisburg club professional Penny Mann (also his dance teaching pro) who describes him as "a great dancer."

Of all the dances, Cameron says he likes the Fox Trot best. His least favorite is the Harris Tango. "I got stuck on that one. I think I failed it three times."

When Cameron isn't working on his own dances, he is busy partnering with other skaters in the Morrisburg Club. At a spring school test day in Morrisburg a few weeks ago, he danced with 14 skaters who were testing.

Adding the dance partnering to his own skating, he says he is at the arena three times a week for four hours each time. When not skating he is practicing with his alternative rock band "Wrongfully Accused" which will be performing in Iroquois on Canada day.

With his gold dances completed, Cameron is now working on his Diamond dances which have six dances in total. "They are very, very hard," says Cameron who is currently working on the Rumba.

His third gold is in interpretive skating which replaced what used to be artistic. Interpretive skating has four levels, and each skate is two to three minutes. The skater receives the music and then goes to work to choreograph a program.

"When you are ready you test," says. Cameron. "For gold and silver, I did Lord of the Rings. That was a lot of fun. I really liked doing that.".

In interpretive, skaters are marked for how well they interpret the music. At the gold level a maximum three jumps and three spins are allowed, and Cameron points out, "they are just there to highlight the music."

"I pretty much made my own program, then Allison helped me to make sure it looked right."

"Cameron is good at listening to music and choreographing his program," says Scott who has been coaching Cameron for about seven years. He picks his music and has an idea of what he wants to do. Then I help him to add the intricate foot work to make it flow and to make sure he uses all the ice."

Once a skater has his Gold Interpretive, and Cameron is the first to achieve it in the Morrisburg Club since it changed from artistic, skaters can continue to work on programs and test at the gold level, because, it becomes a fun thing.

Cameron is 14 years old and a grade nine student at Seaway District High School. His plans are to continue skating to complete his diamond dances, and he will continue to work on interpretive programs. Along with this, he has his dance partnering with other Morrisburg club members and amateur coaching with the young skaters in the CanSkate program.

"We are very lucky to have him. We are very proud of him," says Scott. "The younger skaters love him. He has great leadership qualities and is very reliable."

New driving range waiting to tee off

MORRISBURG–Local golfing enthusiasts will soon have a new practice range to hone their skills thanks to the Parker family. Florida golf course owner, Arlie Parker, planted the seed, giving his son A.J., who owns and operates Parker Professional Painting in the Morrisburg Industrial Park, the idea to build a driving range.

Four years ago work started on clearing land to accommodate a warehousing building on the property. On seeing the space, "my dad gave me the idea," said A.J.

Arlie started his Florida golf business with a small driving range, which then turned into an executive golf course.

He suggested to his son, A.J., that a driving range would be a great way to give his granddaughter, Ashley, something productive to do.

A.J. followed the idea to fruition, and now the Industrial Drive*ing* Range in Morrisburg is set to open within the next few weeks, with Ashley managing the day to day operations.

"We were hoping to open for the long weekend," said Cindy Parker, "but the week of rain set us back."

"We want to make sure when we open up, it's opened up properly," added A.J.

"Ashley's grandfather has had her working around the golf course since she was young," said A.J. "He and I have put things in place to give her some management experience."

Ashley's mother, Cindy, says, "She is very excited about it."

"We're going to have fun with it," said A.J., who is already looking at the prospect of expanding the driving range by putting in a batting cage.

"We want to provide some recreation for local youth," A.J. said.

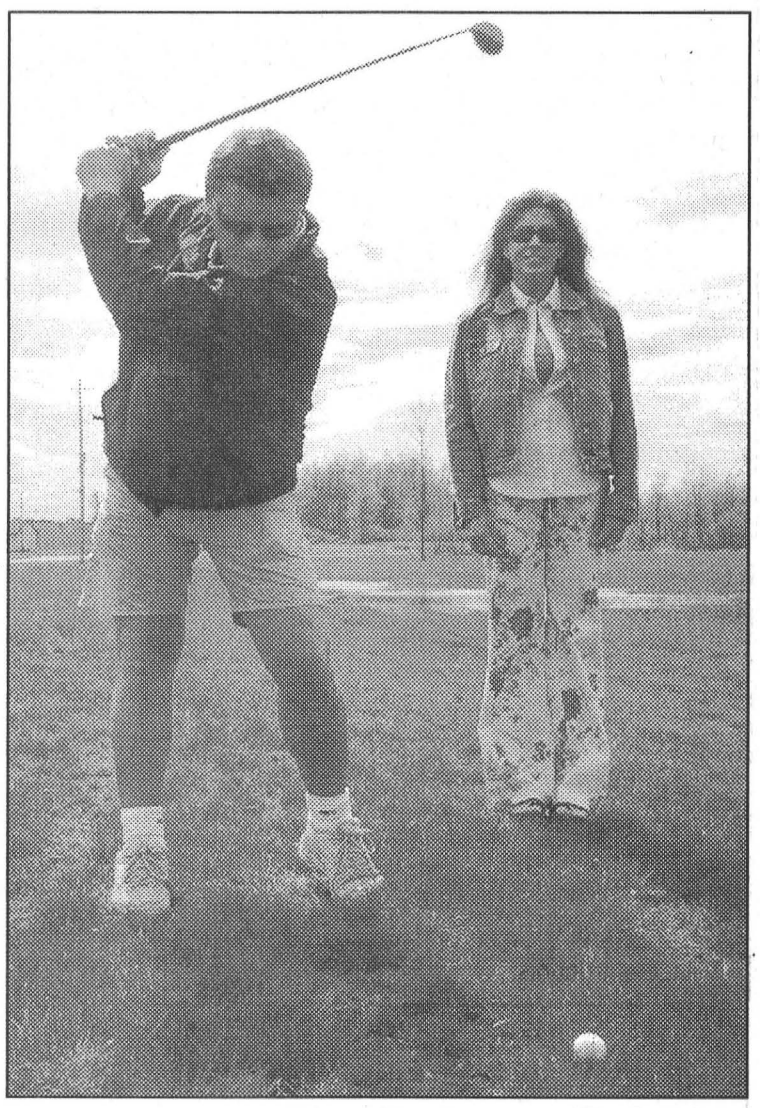
"I played a lot of ball, so when we put in the batting cage, I would like to give the proceeds back to minor ball and minor hockey programs in South Dundas."

He sees the batting cage as a possibility for this year.

When the driving range opens, they will be open during daylight hours. "We're looking at an early start, about 6 a.m., to accommodate the early birds."

"We might look at installing lights for the future, depending on how well received the range is, but the first step is to get up and running."

The 250-300 yard driving range is located in the Morrisburg Industrial Park, just off Highway #2.



Range Ready ***Comfort photo***

A.J. Parker makes a few practice swings as his wife Cindy looks on. The two are hoping to tee up a new family venture. Located in the Morrisburg Industrial Park, just off Highway #2. INDUSTRIAL DRIVE–*ing* RANGE will open within the next few weeks.



Ready to Run

Micheal Langlois was the first Morrisburg Public School Grade 6 student to carry the Law Enforcement Torch for the Annual Special Olympics run held last Thursday. In front, l-r, RCMP officer Mike Harvey, and OPP officers Guylaine Monfette and Josh Dorsey ran with the students and collected donations along the way.

Students carry The Torch

MORRISBURG–The 17th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics hit the streets of Morrisburg last Thursday with Morrisburg Public School's grade 6 class carrying a torch for the thousands of Special Olympics athletes across the province.

Eastern Ontario communities including Morrisburg, Winchester, Kemptville, Alexandria, Maxville, Brockville and Prescott each participate and fundraise in the torch run, in their own way.

"Here in Morrisburg, the kids from the school get involved," said Guylaine Monfette, OPP coordinator for the Eastern Ontario group.

The only thing missing from the Morrisburg run, is the Special Olympians, explained Monfette. "Next year I would like to involve them."

This year's run took the Morrisburg students down Lakeshore Drive, and past the ball diamonds before they headed through the plaza, collecting donations for Special Olympics.

OPP constable Josh Dorsey, coordinator for Dundas County, got the Morrisburg group a head start on their fundraising, by collecting donations at the Morrisburg Tim Hortons location earlier in the week.

Dorsey collected $900 in donations from Tim Hortons patrons in only a couple of hours. The owners, Bob and Denise St Denis, then "kicked in a $100 donation," said an appreciative Dorsey.

"Tim Hortons (Morrisburg) also sponsored refreshments for Winchester and Morrisburg," added OPP Constable Al Lummiss.

Official corporate event sponsors are Car Quest and MacEwen.



Heading for Water

With the final hurdle of getting the permit to pump water from the St. Lawrence River now out of the way, the Morrisburg Golf Club received its Trillium Grant of $30,000 which was approved in 2002 for the club's proposed irrigation system. With the permits and financing now, in place the local club will be put back on the schedule of the company hired to do the work. With the rain of the last few weeks, irrigation doesn't seem to be a big priority now, but, Sam Laurin, the club's greens chair is hoping the work will be done by the end of July. The project will take water to all greens and tees and cover all of the fairways. Construction should not disrupt play, and it is expected to be completed within a two week time frame. Above, Laurin, right, is joined by the club's past-president Roy Gummeson who handled a large portion of the paperwork required for Trillium and the various government agencies.

Gervais sisters, a musical duo

MORRISBURG – Practice really does make perfect, as is the case with young piano prodigies Kate and Kennedi Gervais. The two sisters have been wowing crowds at competitions for years, and Kate, the oldest of the two, has yet to celebrate her tenth birthday.

Nine-year-old Kate, and seven ("going on eight") year-old Kennedi have been playing the piano since they were three, and it shows. Medals the girls have won at recent competitions are on display at their home for visitors to admire.

Parents Noreen, a veterinarian, and Marc, an information technologist, are very proud of their four children, all of whom have shown an interest in music at some point in their young lives.

The girl's oldest brother, Kyle, is an extremely talented piano player, and although he no longer takes lessons, he continues to play on a regular basis for his own enjoyment.

Seventeen-year-old Kory played the piano off and on for five years but has since given up the hobby.

Kate and Kennedi both began playing the piano at the age of three at the Village Music Academy in Chesterville. Noreen is very impressed with the girls teacher, Alicia Hutchinson, saying, "She always has new teaching methods. She's a great teacher, and she's fun."

The girls are currently learning the Suzuki method which is a teaching method based on listening to a variety of music and instruments, primarily the violin.

This summer the girls, accompanied by their parents, will attend a Suzuki music camp in Quebec, where they will receive special lessons and watch or participate in a concert every night.

To prepare for festivals, Kate and Kennedi are required to practice every single day, although Kennedi admits, "We don't always do that." In order to stay sharp the girls try to practice for one hour every day.



Kate and Kennedi Gervais ***Kaddie photo***

One of the things the Village Music Academy stresses is the importance of performing. The girls have been taught how to properly bow before they sit down on the piano bench. They are also encouraged to play in front of people as often as possible to become accustomed to a large audience and to lose any nerves they may understandably have.

Kate and Kennedi have played in many church festivals and spring concerts as well as going to Ottawa to participate in the Kinsmen Festival and the Canadian Music Showcase.

The girls most recent success was their trip to Ottawa, in April, to compete in the Kinsmen Festival where they performed separately and as a team. Their duet for 'Walking the Dog' won them 1st place.

"I was stunned when we won first place for 'Walking the Dog,'" said Kate, who was equally surprised to win another first place for one of her solo performances. "I thought I was going to be third. I thought I was going to be bad at 'Sonatina' but I did really, really well."

Kate and Kennedi may be extremely busy with their piano lessons and practicing but they haven't forgotten to find time for their friends, family and, of course, fun.

Besides piano, Kate also really enjoys drawing, reading, painting and even writing songs and poems. This year she is playing on baseball and soccer teams, coached by her dad.

Kennedi also enjoys painting, drawing and sometimes singing. Her favourite singer is Napanee native, Avril Lavigne. Kennedi is also looking foward to playing baseball and soccer.

Both girls have a long way to go before entering the real world, but they already have an extensive list of possible career choices. Kate would like to be an artist, an author, a veterinarian, or a pianist, but she's still deciding because, "I have lots of choices." Kennedi definitely wants to work with animals either as a veterinarian or a marine biologist, saying, "I want to work with dolphins."

Their big brother Kyle, who just completed his first year at Queen's University, majoring in biology, is a big help and inspiration for the girls. According to Noreen, "Kyle is a lot of help. Whenever I can't go to class he takes them."

Recently, Kyle has been playing a lot of jazz and has even been teaching Kate. "He inspires me," says Kate who has been enjoying the extra lessons from her big brother.

Kate and Kennedi's raw talent is outweighed only by their hard work and dedication. "We are very proud of them," said Noreen, "It's a lot of work and they practice so hard." It's worth it in the end, however, because, "They are always really pleased when they do well."

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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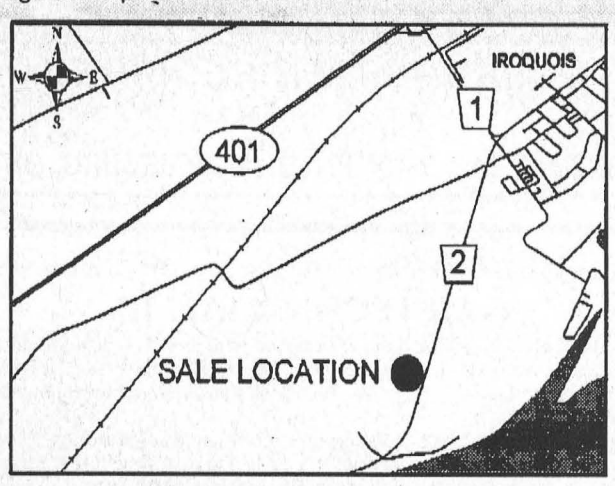
Property Sale File K-06891 Matilda

The Ministry of Transportation is offering for sale by Public Auction 19.8 acres in Lot 29 Concession 1 Range 1 Geographic Township of Matilda in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. The property is situated on the north side of County Road 2, 1 km west of the Village of Iroquois.



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Cornwall Motor Speedway

Memorable night for season opening

CORNWALL – It was a memorable night for 2nd generation Modified pilot Lee Ladouceur and veteran Brian MacDonald as Cornwall Motor Speedway kicked off the 2003 racing season on Sunday night.

Ladouceur scored his first ever Modified feature win at Cornwall in the second 20 lapper after MacDonald had romped to victory in the opener.

"I drove the last four laps of the first feature on a flat tire, but that put us up front for the second feature," said an excited Ladouceur after the victory.

The youngster is a former champ in both the 4 cylinder and Late Model divisions before making the jump to the Modifieds two years ago.

Mark Hitchcock tried the inside groove on a couple of late restarts but was no match for Ladouceur on this night. Dan Jalbert, Martin Roy and Richard Chauvin made up the rest of the top five.

MacDonald stormed by early leader Stephane LaFrance on lap 4 of the first 20 lapper and went the distance from there. "I was just trying to stay at the bottom and not make any mistakes and it paid off," said MacDonald.

Danny O'Brien settled for second in front of Hitchcock, Laurent Ladouceur and Roy.

Dave Bissonnette picked up the top spot just prior to half way and cruised to a win in the 20 lap Late Model event.

"The secret was setting the car up for a dry track and then back pedalling a bit because sometimes you go faster by going slower," said the Bulldog in the victory lane.

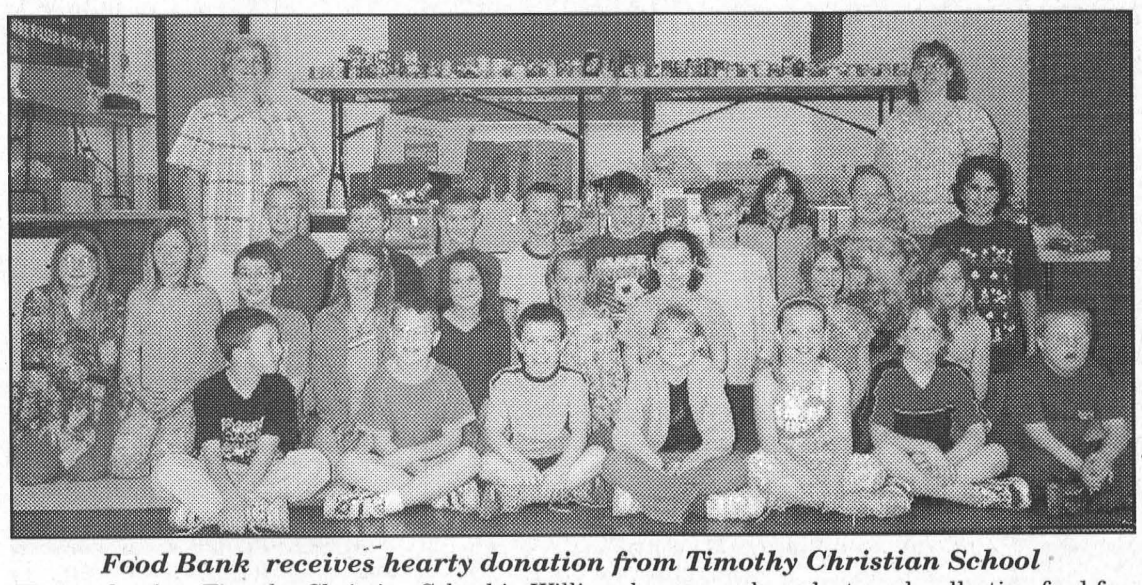
Stephane Lebrun using his back up motor was second with Marcel Pecore, Billy King and Dave Marshall in tow.

Tammy Jalbert started on the pole and led all 15 laps in the Duke main event. Jalbert also had a couple of close calls in traffic and on a couple of late restarts but held off Gaetan Amesse, Chuck Van Winden, Kevin McRae and Kevin Duffy.

The most competitive race of the night was the 12 lap Rookie shootout with Billy Woodward Jr. being the last of 4 different leaders in the last 5 laps.

Woodward in a backup car beat early leader Andrew Russell to the finish stripe. Dan Lortie, Kurtis McPhee and Martin Walter also recorded top 5 finishes.

The Speedway returns to action next Sunday night at 7 p.m., with a full race program featuring all four divisions including a special 50 lap Mr. Radiator series event for the Late Model-Pro Stocks.



Food Bank receives hearty donation from Timothy Christian School

The students at Timothy Christian School in Williamsburg were busy last week collecting food for the Dundas County Food Bank. A total of 1053 cans of food was donated and the grade 3/4 class (above) won a pizza party for collecting the most food. Diane Pethick, director of the Dundas County Food Bank was very impressed with all of the students at the school saying, "It's just terrific and they seem to really enjoy it." ***Kaddie photo***

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Salary Range will be $29,765. - $34,503.

If you are interested in the position of Bilingual Clerk/Cashier, please pick up an application package from the address below. This package contains a job description with further instructions on how to apply. Please note, **we do not accept resumes**.

Applications must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2003.

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TRAVIS DUMOULIN MEMORIAL CANADA DAY 3-PITCH TOURNAMENT
Tues., July 1. Call to register your team, 613-989-1534. Open to first 8 teams. 17-25c

OFFICIAL OPENING OF LIBERAL CAMPAIGN OFFICE
Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh Provincial Liberal Association and the Jim Brownell Campaign will hold the official opening of the Liberal Campaign Office Friday, May 23, 6 p.m. Campaign office is located at 327 Montreal Road, Cornwall. 21c

ROAST BEEF SUPPER
At the Brinston United Church on Friday, May 23rd beginning at 4:30 p.m. Adults $10 and children 6–12 years, $5. For tickets call the manse 652-4997, Rita 652-2411, Debbie 774-0529, Gwen H 652-4732 or Gwen B 652-4792. Take-outs available. 21c

DIXON'S CORNERS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY YARD SALE
Sat., May 31, Matilda Hall, from 8:30–1. If you would like to book a table for $10 **OR** have items you would like to donate to the school to sell, please contact Brenda, 652-2908. Lunch is available. Proceeds to the school. 20-22c

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
The family of Ken and Hazel Prunner invite family and friends to an open house at the Riverside Heights Recreation Hall on May 24th, between 2–4 p.m., to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. 20-21p

FAREWELL RETIREMENT PARTY
To honor Dr. Ross and Shirley Davis. Local entertainment, luncheon, fellowship Sun., May 25, at Avonmore Community Centre, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. 20-21c

TWO-FAMILY YARD SALE
8 Casselman Road, Morrisburg, Sat., May 24. Something for everyone. Cancelled if raining. 20-21p

YARD SALE
5129 Carman Road, north of Iroquois, then 3 km. west. Sat. and Sun., May 24 and 25, 8 a.m. start. Various household items. 21p

HOUSE OF LAZARUS YARD SALE
Sat., May 24, 8–noon, 2245 Simms St., Mountain. **Volunteer entrance fee: one food item.** 21c

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. #48 MORRISBURG 10 LEGION ST. MORRISBURG
Tuesday, May 27, 7 p.m., Terry Fox Run committee meeting. All those interested in making our 10th Anniversary Run a success please come out and join the Terry Fox team. **Wed., May 28**, 2 p.m., euchre tournament . Entry fee, $5. All money returned as prizes. **Fri., May 30**, steak barbecue beginning at 5 p.m. This is our first barbecue of the season so join your friends at the branch and get an early start on the summer. 21c

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE
Sat., May 24, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., 5 km. west of Williamsburg, 11836 Cty. Rd. 18. Fishing boat, tent and numerous items, some freebies. 21p

SEAWAY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION TICKET SALE
Tickets are now available and can be purchased on May 31st, 1–4 p.m., at the Morrisburg Legion, or contact Shirley at 543-2787. There is a high demand, so buy yours soon! 21-22p

MIXED PARTY
For Andrew McEwan and Megan Gallagher Sat., May 24, 9 p.m.–1 a.m., Jazz Magnolias, Cornwall. DJ and light lunch served. 21p

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RUTHERFORD–Thanking friends, neighbors, family for cards, flowers, gifts received on my 93rd birthday. Special thanks to Karen Gorrell and Jay Carkner for 90–93 plaques, also to Shirley Billings for gifts, birthday cake, coffee, tea, Millie's own banana bread. These acts of kindness will always be remembered.
–Melinda Rutherford 21p

COUNTRYMAN–We would like to thank all of our friends, neighbors and relatives for the flowers, cards, donations and contributions of food following the death of our dear mother. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses of Winchester and Mont Forte hospitals. Also to Marg Hutt for her preparations for the reception following the funeral.
–Beatrice Countryman 21c

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HELP WANTED–A secretary for local District Council, Easter Seal Society. Call 543-2547 for more information. 21p

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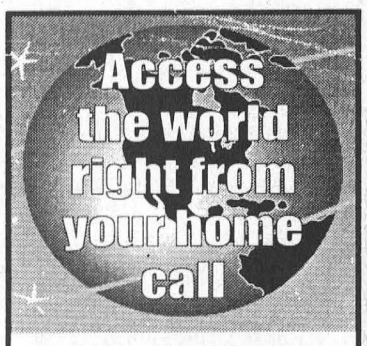

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JOB DESCRIPTION: To interpret the life and work of a typical baker in a rural 1860s community; to provide relief interpretation in trades shops; to interpret Village life and features; to provide program support and customer service; and to ensure the safety of visitors and staff; and to protect the resources of the site.

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In your application/résumé, please indicate specifically how your experience, skills and knowledge relate to the duties and qualifications stated above. Applications/résumés quoting **file no. SLPC-UCV-12/03(4)** must be received by no later than **Friday, May 30, 2003** at **4:30 p.m. SEND TO:** Human Resources Division, The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, 13740 County Road No. 2, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0, telephone (613) 543-3704, fax (613) 543-2847, e-mail Pierre.Pinet@parks.on.ca.

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Seaway sends 16 to EOSSAA

IROQUOIS – By the end of a 14 hour day, 16 individual competitors from Seaway District High School won the right to compete at the EOSSAA track meet, by finishing fourth or better in their event.

Coach Don Lewis was impressed with the efforts of the entire team. "Our entire track and field team made an excellent showing at the SD&G meet," he said.

Alyssa Baker won top midget girl in SD&G, placing first in midget girls 100 meter dash, and 80 meter hurdles events, and third in the 200 meter dash.

Amy Jansen qualified for EOSSAA in four events as a result of a second place finish in the junior girls 400 meter dash, a third place finish in 300 meter hurdles, and a fourth place finish in the 200 meter dash.

Other EOSSAA caliber performances from midget athletes came from Meagan Derksen (fourth, girls 80 meter hurdles), Lauren Keyes (second - high jump, first - shot put), Kayla Spruit (second - long jump), and Craig Douma (second - triple jump and discus throw).

At the junior level, Justin Elliott and Rob Harbers finished third and fourth in the 800 meter run. Elliott also qualified in boys triple jump with a fourth place finish.

Lauren Dallas took home fourth in girls 80 meter hurdles and Jacquie Vandermeulen will represent Seaway in junior girls high jump by virtue of a fourth place finish.

Erin Hendriks placed third in girls shot put, Katie McElheran placed fourth in javelin and Callie Pittico placed second and fourth in discus and shot put respectively.

Josh McElheran took home third in the boys 200 meter dash and Jon Barnett placed fourth in the junior boys 800 meter run.

The junior girls relay team placed first and will compete at EOSSAA as well.

Among the Cedars

WILLIAMSBURG – Dave Bird was the A flight winner at Cedar Glen Men's Night on April 24.

Bird shot a 40 to lead the men's field in A flight, while Mike Guy claimed the flight's low net.

A low gross was won by Gary Burns in B flight with a 40. Kevin Lalonde claimed the low net.

Rocky Richmire won C flight with a 45 and Joe Cass was the net winner.

In D flight Brad LeClair edged Michael DeSerres by one stroke for the win with a 48. Jim Boyd claimed the low net.

Phil Douglas and Jim Boyd picked up closest to the pin wins while Paul Casselman had the longest drive.

In ladies night action, Ann Cook led the ladies field last Wednesday night with a 48.

There was only a one stroke difference between the top four finishers with Muriel Whitteker posting a 49, Phyllis Workman a 50, and Brenda Ramsay a 51.

Closest to the pin winners were Marie Beckstead and Sheila Crowder. Muriel Whitteker produced the longest drive.

In other Cedar Glen news, the annual Dr. Locke Memorial Tournament took place last Saturday, May 17 with Phil Douglas, Deb Blaine, Robbie Waddell and Grant McMillan coming in first in their respective categories.

Phil Douglas shot a 78, on 18 holes, to win men's low gross. Jeff Whitteker, Rob Termeer, and Jason Byvelds rounded out the top four with an 81, 86, and 97 respectively.

Deb Blaine won ladies low gross with a 90. Brenda Ramsay shot 101 and Susan H. McIntosh finished third with 110.

The junior low gross victory went to Robbie Waddell and Grant McMillan shot an 80 to win the juvenile low gross.

Men's net winners were Darrell Shelp, Lawrence Larocque, Jim Casselman, and Michael DeSerres while Cheryl Lowe and Joan Larocque were the net winners for the women.

Residents of South Dundas

Qualification Statement: South Dundas Economic Development Commission for the Township of South Dundas, is in the process of developing a business case and plan for the advancement of high-speed communication services to the rural areas of Brinston, Iroquois, Morrisburg and Williamsburg. The project being contemplated is the result of a grant received from Industry Canada under the Broadband for Rural and Northern Development Pilot Program www.broadband.gc.ca. The implementation of this project will be contingent to the success of obtaining further funding from Industry Canada. Your help is appreciated in taking a few minutes of time to complete a survey of your current communication uses and future thoughts.

Visit **southdundas.com** and complete the survey on line or watch for a copy in the mail. Copies are also available at the SDEDC office, 141 Main Street (Plaza), Morrisburg and the Township office in Williamsburg. Deadline for completion is Monday, May 26, 2003.

For further information call Anne Marie Waddell at 613-543-4558. Fax 613-543-3644 or email at sdedc@twpsd.net

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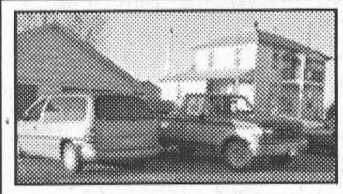

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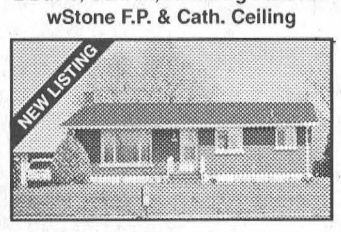

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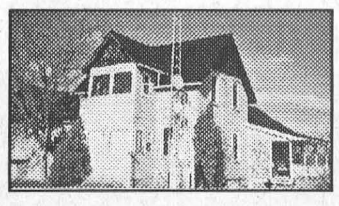

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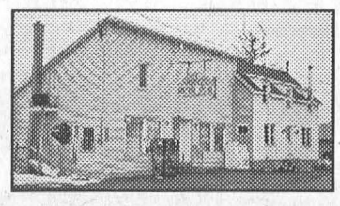

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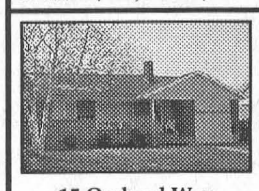

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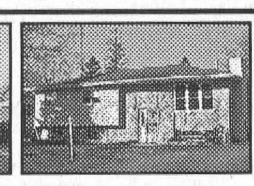

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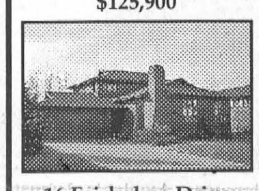

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Friday, May 23, 2003 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 24, 2003 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Program Dates –

Session #1 July 7 to July 25
Session #2 July 28 to August 15

Fees will be as follows:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

PART OF LOT 31, CONCESSION 1, MORRISBURG

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Dundas will hold a public meeting on the 22nd day of May, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at the Township Office, to consider a proposed Zoning By-law amendment under Section 39 of The Planning Act.

This Zoning By-law amendment is to rezone part of a property from Residential Holding (Rh) to Residential (R) in order to permit the redevelopment of the property for a single detached dwelling.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed amendment and copies of the proposed amendment are available for inspection at the Township Office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of South Dundas this 21st day of May, 2003.

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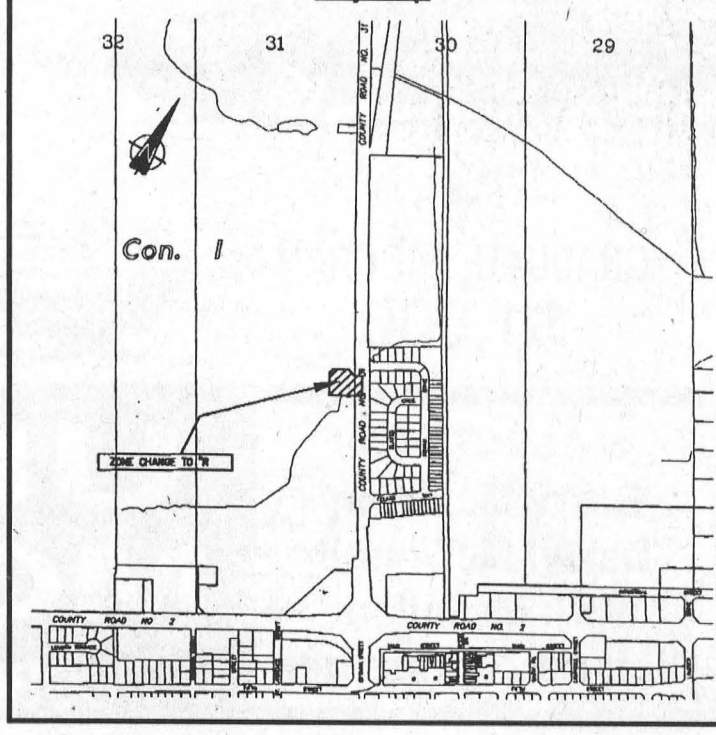


Rock on with JoelG and Skateyate

IROQUOIS – This Thursday night put down the television remote control, pick up your car keys and head to Iroquois.

As a special addition to their concert tour, Christian rock bands, JoelG and Skateyate will be performing at the Iroquois Civic Centre, for one night only, on Thursday, May 22.

JoelG, aka Joel Gelensye, is a solo artist, who grew up in Inkerman. He attended Seaway District High School, as well as North Dundas District High School.

Joel was asked by the Dixon's Corners Christian Reformed Church and Youth Group to do a concert. He is excited about the opportunity, saying "It's great to be coming back."

Joel, who has been performing for years, describes his music as "unadulterated, guitar driven thinkrock!"

He says it's hard to place his music in a specific genre but admits it sounds a bit like Dave Mathews Band, Matchbox 20, and the Counting Crows.

Joel has always loved singing, but he's only been taking it seriously as a career for approximately three years.

Recently, JoelG has been travelling around doing concerts, but he is also working on an album that is to be due out in September.

Also performing at the concert is Skateyate, a punk rock band who describe their style as "fast, fun, and energetic!"

Paul Terpstra, Matt Curry, James Lanigan, and Matt Earls, aka Skateyate, have been a band for just over two years and, according to Paul, "We have loved every second of it."

They are looking forward to playing in Iroquois for their second time, saying, "the last time we played we had one of our most memorable shows."

This summer Skateyate is recording their debut album which is to be released September 19.

Both JoelG and Skateyate love performing but they also love sending a positive message to teenagers. "We want to get teens excited about music and send a positive message," says Joel.

"All of us are devoted Christians and we want to offer kids not only music but answers to life's questions, and help them with growing up," said Paul.

Doors open for the concert at 7 p.m. and the cost is $5/person. This event is for high school students or older. There will be door prizes and a snack bar and according to Joel, "It's gonna be a lot of fun!"

The bite on West Nile Virus

CORNWALL – The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is aiming to take the bite out of the West Nile Virus (WNV) with an aggressive four point plan that calls on public awareness and co-operation.

"Forewarned is forearmed in this battle against a potentially deadly virus," explained Thérèse Bourgeois of EOHU.

"As with most public health issues, the key to combating WNV is prevention...and that's the basis of our plan to control the spread of this virus."

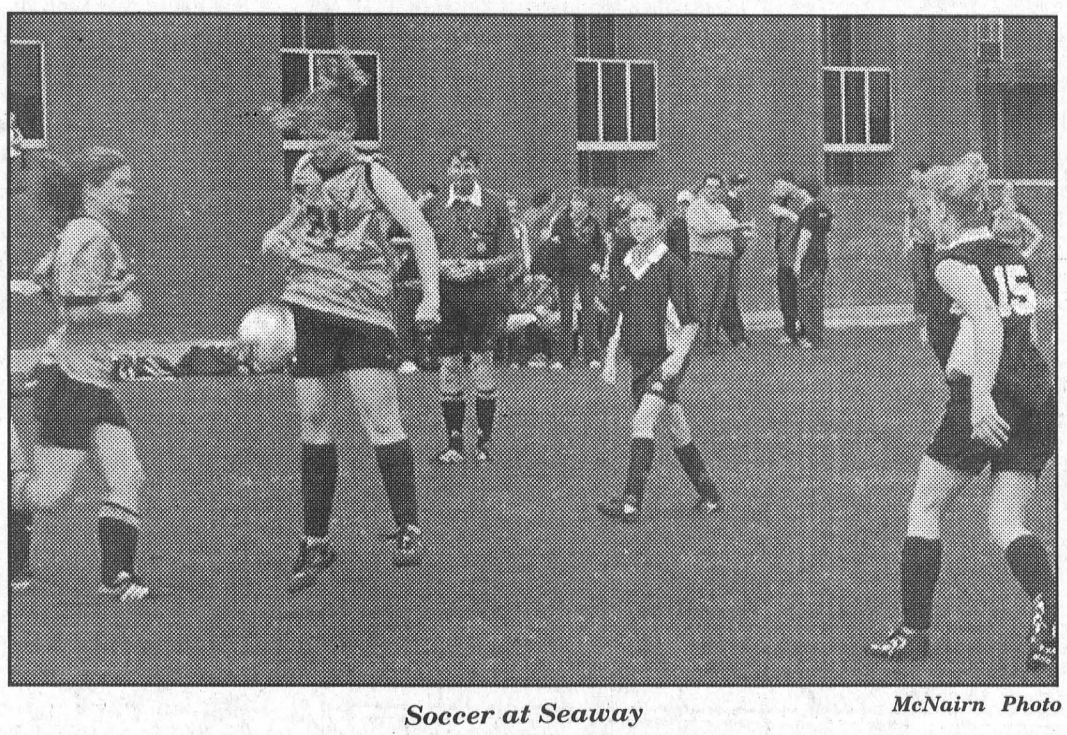
Over the next few weeks, and throughout the summer, this paper will detail each of the four elements of the WNV control campaign.

"Local media has long been a partner in helping EOHU distribute crucial health and safety news. The public has come to rely on their community newspapers for up-to-date, practical tips and facts that literally could save their lives. This WNV awareness campaign is just one more example of why EOHU–and the public–appreciates this partnership."

The highlights of the four-point plan are:

- Local Risk Assessment, identifying breeding sites and mosquito population.
- Dead Bird Surveillance.
- Dead Bird Submission.

Watch upcoming issues of this paper for detailed explanations of each of these steps. Or contact EOHU anytime for more information: 933-1375 or 1-800-267-7120, www.eohu.on.ca



Soccer at Seaway ***McNairn Photo***

Soccer was the name of the game at Seaway District High School on Friday as North Dundas was in town to take on the Spartans. Above is some of the junior action in a game that resulted in North Dundas taking a 2-0 win. In senior action it was Seaway picking up the win by a 1-0 score.

The 19th Hole

Morrisburg Golf Club's Men's night for Thursday, May 15th was sponsored by Chevron Construction and winning the "A" Low Gross was Blake Barry with a score of 36. The "A" Low Net winner was Charlie Moore, who scored a 33.5. The "B" Low Gross winner was Bryan Cochrane with a score of 37. Alan Castleman scored 30.5 to win the "B" Low Net. Neil Williams won the "C" Low Gross with a score of 44 and Earl Wood won the "C" Low Net with a score of 31.5.

The Closest to the Pin winner on hole two was Allan Black and the Closest to the Pin winner for hole five was Lee Beaupre. Eric Wemerman was the Closest to the Pin winner on the ninth hole, par four.

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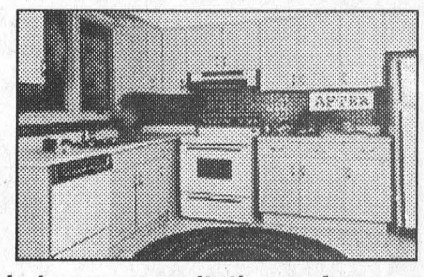

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Sat., May 24	Open House for the Community Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
	Gospel Concert The Bowes Brothers, The Ryans and others Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall	7:00 p.m.
Sun., May 25	Regular Sunday Morning Service Speaker: Rev. Terry Pitt, Former Pastor Ellen Pitt and Melissa Pitt ministering in song	10:30 a.m.
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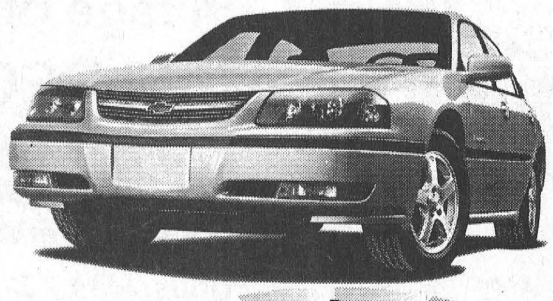

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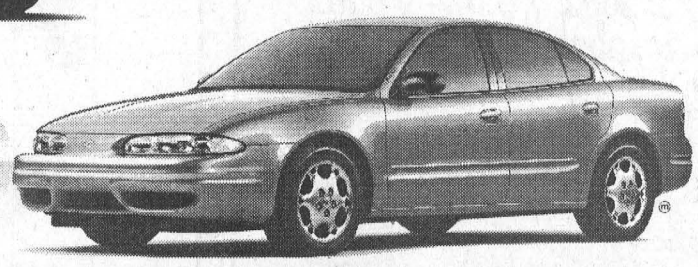

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