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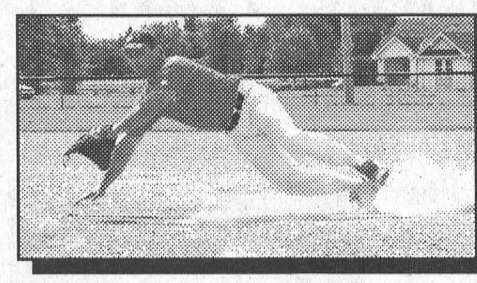

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Hospital gets thumbs up for 2007

CORNWALL – Although the shovels won't be in the ground as early as some had anticipated and everyone had hoped, the Honourable George Smitherman, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, announced last Wednesday at the United Counties building in Cornwall, that Winchester District Memorial Hospital's reconstruction project has been officially scheduled to begin in the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

"We now have official approval to proceed with our development, and we'll use the next year to prepare," said Bill Smirle, chairman of the hospital board.

Smitherman was in Cornwall to make the official announcement for the Winchester Hospital start and a funding announcement for the Cornwall Community Hospital project.

He commended local MPP Jim Brownell for his dedication to the projects in the riding and indicated it is the job of the local MPP "to make the best possible case for your community. He has been doing very strong work, and he has kept his voice strong."

Smitherman said that in Winchester the detailed designing and planning is well underway and the project, now with a price tag of just under $50 million, will begin in 2007.

He said that with the combined projects in Winchester and Cornwall, in "just over five years this area will have the most modern health care infrastructure anywhere in the province."

"This is a great day for health care in our community," said MPP Brownell. "I am so proud of standing here today. You are the champions. It's been such an exciting time to work with all of you. I wish the minister my sincerest congratulations, and my sincerest thanks for coming to this area today."

Smitherman said, following the announcement, that the message delivered would now allow people to see a real tangible movement.

Asked specifically if the ministry would be picking up more than the 50 percent share of the Winchester Hospital project as originally planned, Smitherman said, "I can't say today we've landed on that."

The local fundraising initiative at Winchester targeted $15 million for its goal. Although the goal has been reached, it does no longer represent the local 50 percent funding requirement of the project cost which has increased from about $30 million at the start to $49 million.

Smitherman said the challenge of the local 50 percent share has been recognized. "The issue on the local share is an issue we are going to work out."

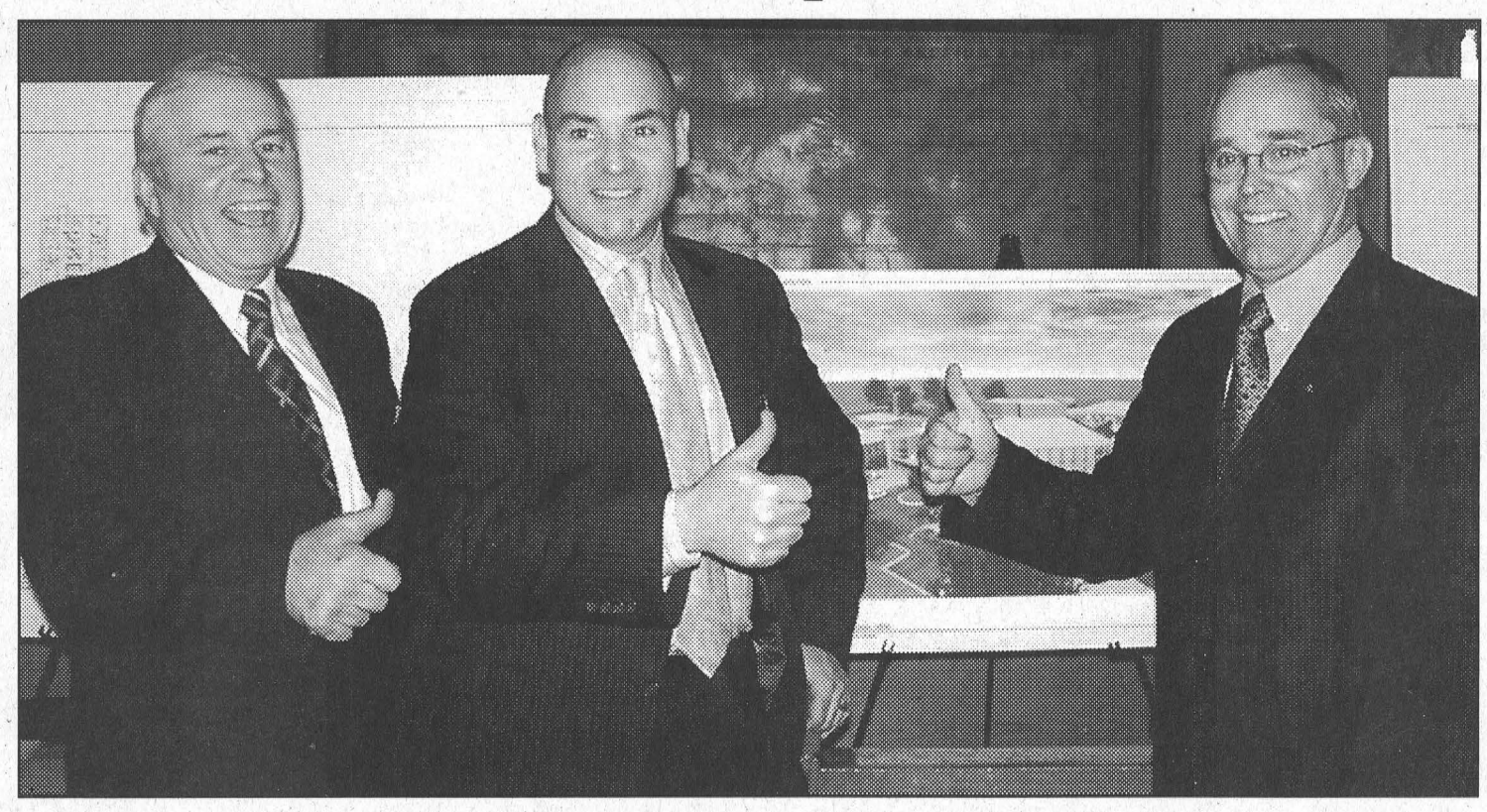
"Obviously, everyone is anxious to get moving. We have to look at things. There are thousands of decisions to be calibrated into the plan."

Although he indicated the kitty left by previous government's was dry, his government is in the process of building $5 billion in new hospitals over a five year period. "Five years in the grand scheme is not that long. We are pretty excited."

"Are we a little disappointed? Of course we are," said Smirle following the announcement. "But we are extremely pleased that in the five year plan, we are in year two."

The Winchester Hospital planning and design will be completed this January (2006), and Smirle says they will be forwarded to the ministry as scheduled. He said that although the ministry hasn't committed to any extra funding, it has been indicated that "we should keeping going, keeping moving."

"We've stressed that we have surpassed the affordability in our area. We've indicated the extra funds are a concern to us. Our request to the ministry is to seriously consider 60 to 70 percent."



Health Minister Announces Start-Up Date for Winchester Hospital *McNairn Photos*

L-r, Winchester District Memorial Hospital board chair Bill Smirle, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care George Smitherman and Stormont, Dundas & Charlottenburgh MP Jim Brownell give a thumbs up after Smitherman announced a 2007 start for the Winchester Hospital reconstruction project in Cornwall last Wednesday.

2006 Municipal Election

Ring in or log on to vote in South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG – An increase in voter participation of 25 percent provides a compelling argument for the use of the telephone/internet voting method for the next municipal election.

In the 2000 South Dundas municipal election, the vote was by mail and voter participation was just over 30 percent. In the last election (2003), council opted for the telephone/internet voting method and voter participation increased to 58 percent.

South Dundas Clerk Brenda Brunt recommended to council at the December 20 meeting, that South Dundas voters in the 2006 municipal election again use the internet/phone voting method.

"The 2003 municipal election conducted via internet/phone was an exciting new way to enable more people to conveniently exercise their right to vote," said Brunt in her report to council. "Overall the election was a success. The opportunity to be included in the first of those to conduct an election in such a fashion shows how progressive our municipality is."

Councillor Johnny Whitteker spoke in favour of the method because of voter participation. "To go from thirty-some percent to 58 percent is quite an increase. Some may not have voted because of the phone/internet vote, but quite a few did vote because of it."

He added that anyone who was nervous about the method could go to the township office for help. There was also help available at local libraries.

Speaking of the last election, South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen said, "I wasn't very impressed when I heard about the voting method, but it worked remarkably well."

Councillor Charles Barkley also spoke about the last election saying, "I was a bit skeptical." He said his concern was for the elderly people, however, he was told that they elderly are just as smart as the young people. "I didn't have a lot of negative feedback about it," he said. "It was easier access for a lot of people, and I think it worked good."

After ensuring that there will be a place in every ward where people can go for help at some time during the election process, Ewing supported the internet/phone voting method.

Councillor Sandra Bailey opposed the voting method saying that it was not a par-

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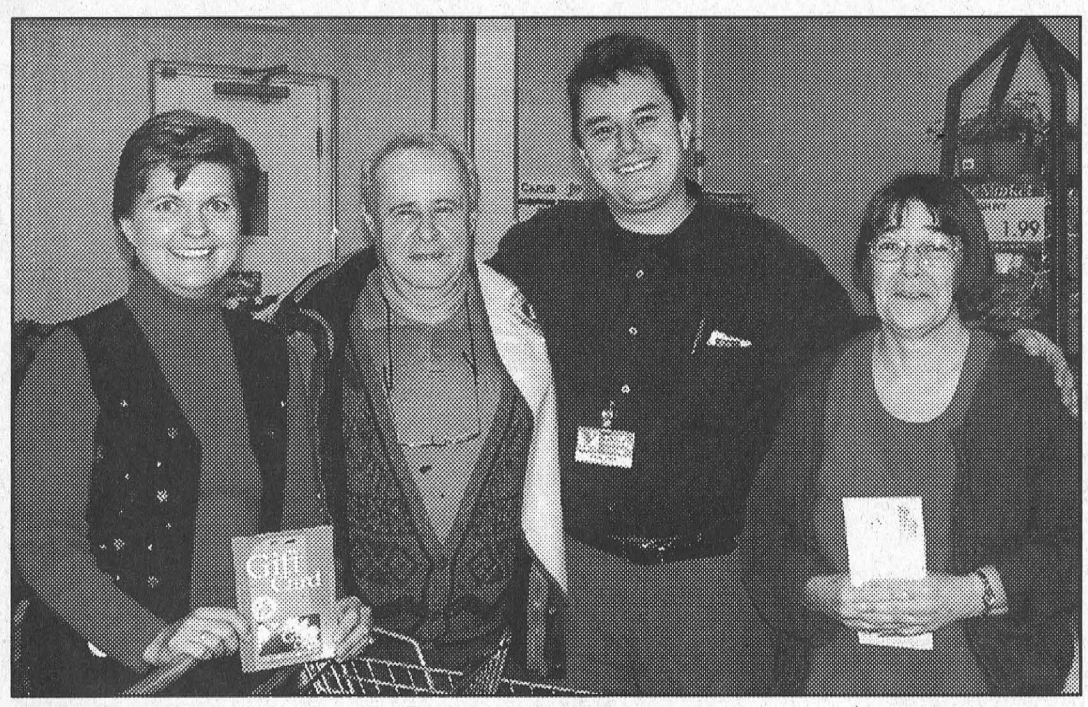


Lions Club Raffle Winners

Dr. Marilyn Crabtree will be packing her shopping cart extra full of groceries for Christmas thanks to the Morrisburg and District Lions Club annual raffle for a shopping spree at Mike's Valu-mart here in Morrisburg. Crabtree's first prize win entitles her to $300 in groceries. Pictured above, l-r, are Dr. Crabtree, Lion's member Carl Robinson, Mike Vrab and Pamela Evans. The second prize, an overnight stay in the Jacuzzi Suite at the McIntosh Inn, was won by Evans. The third prize computer stand, provided by Giant Tiger, was won by Rob Reynolds and Linton Reddick won fourth prize, a stereo system provided by Canadian Tire, Morrisburg. "These guys are really good to us," said Robinson thanking the four businessmen who sponsored the prizes, Mike Vrab, Tom Morrow, Ed Kingsley and Peter Oliver. The just over $2,000 raised will be divided evenly between the Scouting movements in Morrisburg and Williamsburg.

Public school stays open but faces another review

BROCKVILLE – Come September, the doors at Dixon's Corners Public School will be open and welcoming students to a new school year.

Upper Canada School Board trustees voted last week to keep Dixon's Corners Public School open, but the school's future will be reviewed again by 2008.

While two-thirds of parents surveyed said they believe the school should be closed and their children transferred to Nationview Public School or Iroquois Public School, trustees respected the wishes of one-third of parents who weren't in favour of closing the school at this time.

"We're very aware that the Minister of Education hasn't supported the closure of schools and has in fact appointed people to review school closure plans elsewhere in the province. I believe those realities played a key role in our decision tonight to keep Dixon's Corners open and it wouldn't be fair to subject this community to a ministry review when we know full well that all schools of the board will be reviewed over the next three years," said Greg Pietersma, trustee for North and South Dundas, in a press release issued last Wednesday by the UCDSB.

Of the two public consultation meetings held at the school December 1 and 7, where parents received detailed information on the effects of a declining student enrollment and how it would impact programming, Pietersma said that he believed the process was very successful.

"This can be used as an example in reviewing declining enrollments at other schools," he said. "Ultimately parents must make the decision on what's best for their kids. I want to commend the parents for taking an interest in the process in an open and frank manner."

An additional public meeting will be held in the new year to debrief and discuss the findings of the public consultation.

MacDonald representative of the votes she is seeking

MORRISBURG – Last week Elaine MacDonald, NDP candidate for Stormont Dundas and South Glengarry in the upcoming federal election, was in Morrisburg to meet local people and discuss the issues.

She is very positive about this election campaign and is pleased with the feedback from the people of the riding.

"This is the first time we have had an office external to my home," she says referring to their headquarters in Cornwall.

"This really helps in terms of voter recognition. This time we are starting in the middle of the track and this is really affirming for us."

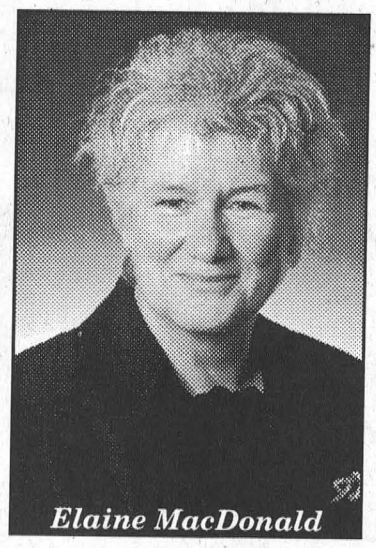
She says that she is a good candidate because, "As a working woman I feel so representative of the voters that I am trying to get."

She is finding that although talk is of how young people are disenfranchised from voting she has been surprised by the older people she is meeting who are disgusted with politics, "after 12 years of liberal rule, in which they have been so arrogant."

"Don't give up," says MacDonald. "It's time to try NDP."

She says that the key for her to win this riding is, "To have the people connect their situations and needs with NDP policies."

She says that there are two major issues in this riding - jobs and health care.



Elaine MacDonald

She spoke about the major job losses in this riding, and says, "The ironic thing is that we've probably gained more jobs than we've lost, but those jobs lost were union, family wage type jobs with benefits and pensions."

"The jobs we're getting are part-time jobs. The heartbreaker is that it takes probably three of those part-time jobs to equal one of those types of jobs we are losing."

"We're not losing jobs per se. We're losing income."

She points out that unions don't happen automatically, they are formed over years, and they raise the standard of living in the community.

"There is work to be done within the labour movement," she says.

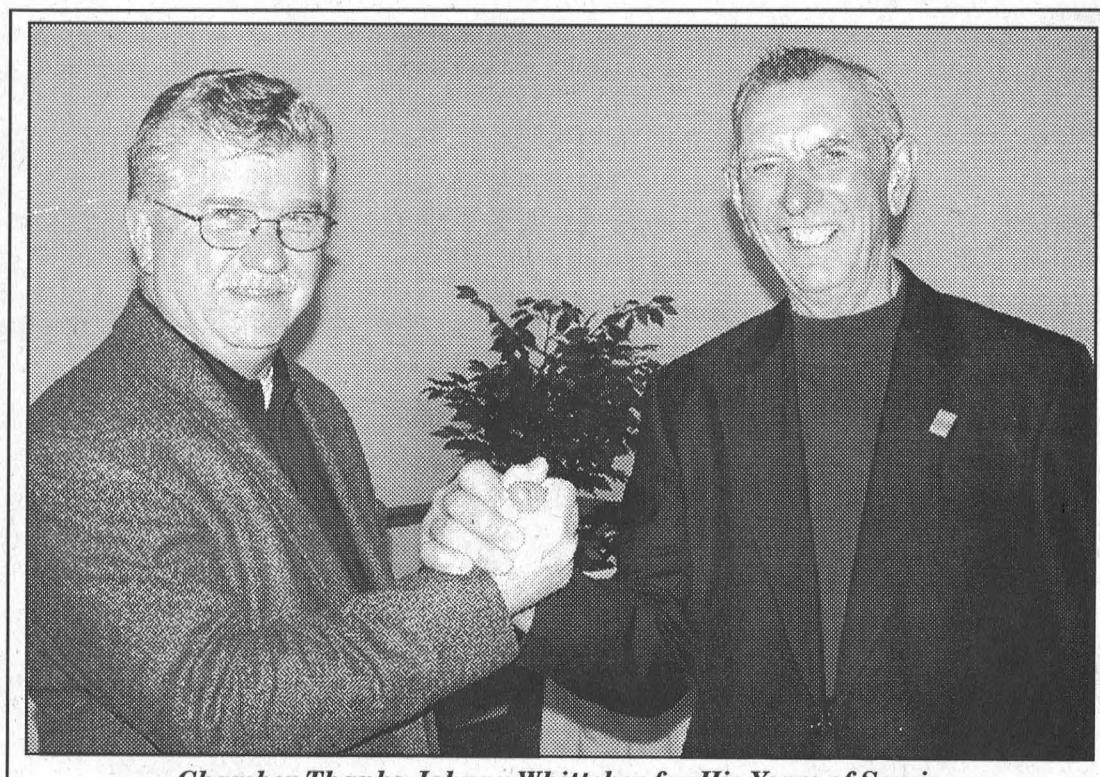
Throughout her campaign, MacDonald has heard stories from constituents about lengthy wait times for surgeries and several hours spent waiting in emergency rooms, which she says are indicators of a "stressed system."

"NDP is the only party fully committed to ensuring our health care system works."

This riding has never had a federal NDP member, but MacDonald says, "You don't have to be in power to have power."

She uses the latest budget as an example calling it Jack Layton's "brilliant NDP budget," where he "spent money on Canadians. I hope people remember this."

The goal of the NDP party is to double their representation in parliament.



Chamber Thanks Johnny Whitteker for His Years of Service

Members of the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce added their accolades to the many already given to South Dundas councillor Johnny Whitteker recently for his long-standing record of 50 years in municipal politics. "Tonight we would like to recognize one of our peers," said Chamber president Cam Martell. "Johnny, as you know, has gone through many wars. This is a momentous year for John (now his 51st year of municipal politics). John, we thank you for all of your hard work and your dedication to our community over the years." Whitteker recalled when he was first elected, Williamsburg Township had only one plough and 100 miles of roads. "Sometimes it took a week to clear the roads and by then another storm was coming. Back then people said keep the taxes down, we've got the horses and sleighs. Now they say keep the taxes down, but they don't want to lose the services." Of his 50 years, Whitteker said, "I've enjoyed every minute of it. The one good thing about old age is if you get a complaint you forget it quick." On behalf of the chamber Martell presented a gift certificate to Whitteker and his wife Audrey. "This is an opportunity for you to take your bride out. Enjoy an evening on us" said Martell.

U.C.D.S.B Chair Acclaimed

BROCKVILLE – Cornwall trustee David McDonald has been acclaimed to serve as chair of the Upper Canada District School Board for his fourth consecutive one-year term.

In accepting his acclamation to the position, Trustee McDonald told his colleagues at the Board table that "It will be an honour to serve another year as Chair and I'm feeling quite humbled. Thank you everyone."

Veteran Trustee Art Buckland who serves North and South Glengarry as well as North and South Stormont, was elected Vice-Chair.

In a secret ballot, he defeated incumbent Trustee Greg Pietersma (North and South Dundas) for the position.

Vice-Chair Buckland gave his fellow trustees and the public audience a chuckle during his nomination speech when he said, "I believe Trustee Pietersma has done a good job as Vice-Chair, however I believe old horses can still plough!"

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Ring in or log on to vote next election

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ticularly friendly method of voting for the elderly, especially the phone method for those with hearing problems.

She suggested that with the internet/phone method, polls be set up one day in each area.

Van Allen pointed out that polls would drastically increase the cost of the election.

Bailey said that when she was campaigning door-to-door in the last election "a lot of people told me they were not going to vote because of the method."

She said that she would like to see information on the number of spoiled ballots in the last election, and added that she was concerned for people who have rotary phones.

Despite her objections and concerns, council voted in favour of the internet/phone voting method.

In the last election, all municipalities in SD&G used this voting method, and in her report to council Brunt said, "all felt is was successful." She pointed out that this voting method eliminates the need for a large temporary staff, proxy voting, and the rush to count and validate the results at the end of the evening .

The cost of using the internet/phone method of voting in the last election was about $40,000, and results were determined by 8:30 p.m., rather than by midnight or later as in the past.



Fountain of Hope Draw Winner

Bank of Montreal's Fountain of Hope in Morrisburg held a Christmas draw to raise money for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange. Lori Whitteker of Williamsburg was the winner of the draw which raised just over $700 for the charity. Pictured above, left to right, are the bank's Fountain of Hope representative Wendy Hamiaux, financial service manager Sharon Whitteker and draw winner Lori Whitteker.

Comfort Photo

Riverside Heights
W.I. Christmas Meeting

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS– The Christmas meeting of the Riverside Heights Women's Institute was recently held in the George Jowett Hall with 13 Members and six guests meeting for a delicious pot luck lunch.

To start the business part of the meeting on a lighter note, two funny jokes were read.

This year our branch will again be judging the lights along Riverside Heights Drive. We will look forward to the Limousine supplied by the Riverside Heights Recreation Department. A donation from the Institute will be given to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange.

The War Bride Quilt was shown on December 2 in the Williamsburg Villa. It features photos printed on fabric of women who married Canadian soldiers and came to Canada. Some of the original war brides were present for the viewing. This Quilt will be hung in the War Museum in Ottawa. Lunch was served to all present.

Cathy Groves has tickets for the Baby and Mom basket to be raffled in June. Later, song sheets were passed around and a joyous Christmas sing-a-long was held.

Louise Doyle took charge of the exchange of gifts. In keeping with the season, it was a very merry meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 7, 2006.

The Riverside Heights Women's Institute members wish the Leader and everyone else a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Church Directory

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

Evangelical Lutheran Churches
Sunday, January 1, 2006
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
and ST. PETER'S, Williamsburg
10:30 a.m. Joint Service of Holy Communion at St. Paul's, Morrisburg
The Rev. Norine Gullons
Office: 543-3154
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. Worship
The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
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Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Director
Lorna Casselman
Sunday, January 1, 2006
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Nursery
Children's Chatter & Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Rev. John Noordhof
Office: 535-1882 Church: 535-2227
Saturday, December 31, 2005
7:30 P.M. Rev. John Noordhof
Sunday, January 1, 2006
10:00 A.M. Rev. John Noordhof
No Evening Service
Sunday School for children ages 3-9
Child care during morning service
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The Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Minister: Rev. Darren May
Church 543-2005 Home 543-0142
Organist: Gary Postma
Sunday, January 1, 2006
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
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Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, January 1, 2006
10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service
Tuesday –7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer
Friday – 7:00 p.m.
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Williamsburg United Church
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Minister
Rev. Isabel Black
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Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights
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8:00 a.m. – St. James'
9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month
11:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity

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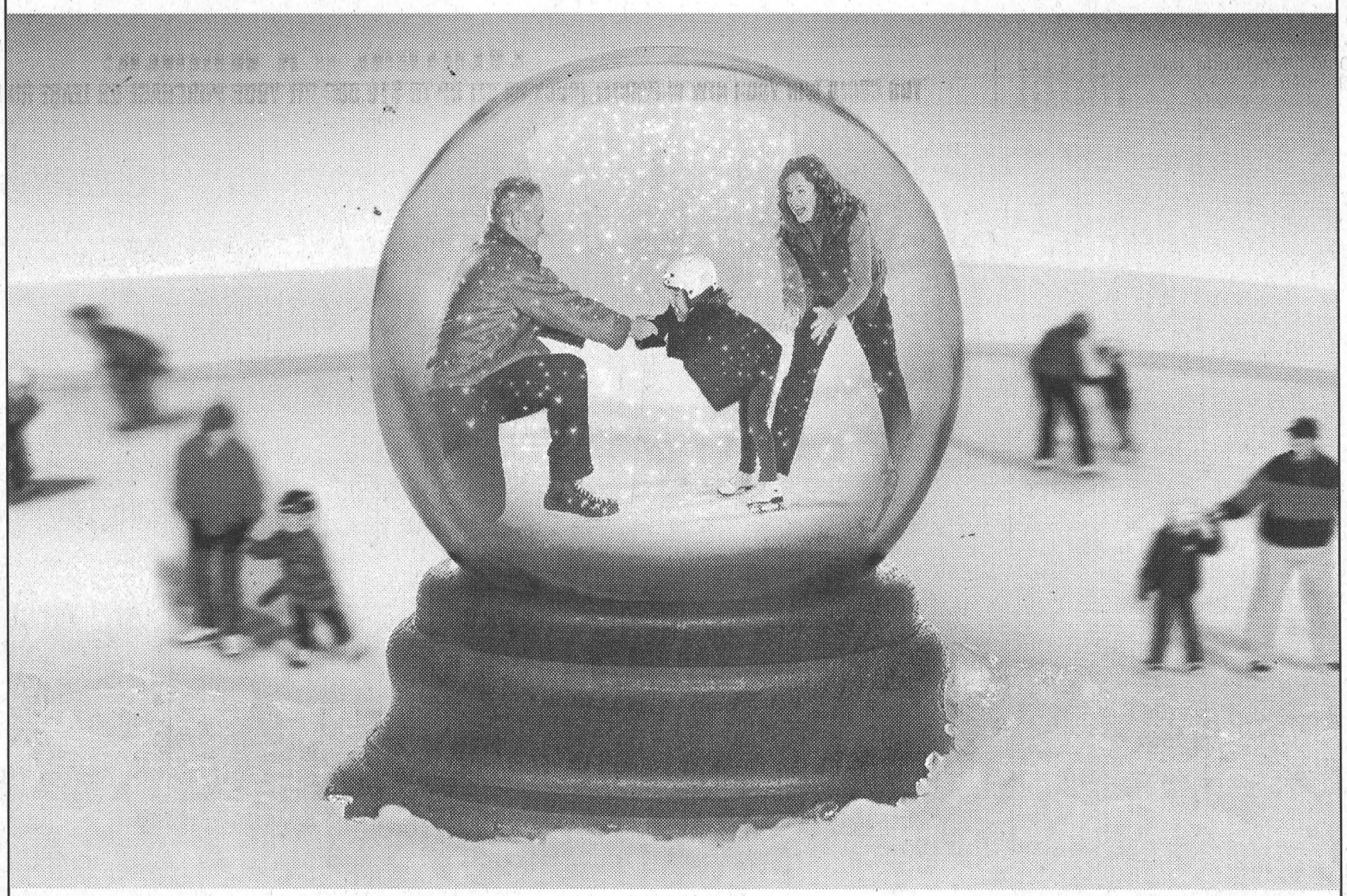

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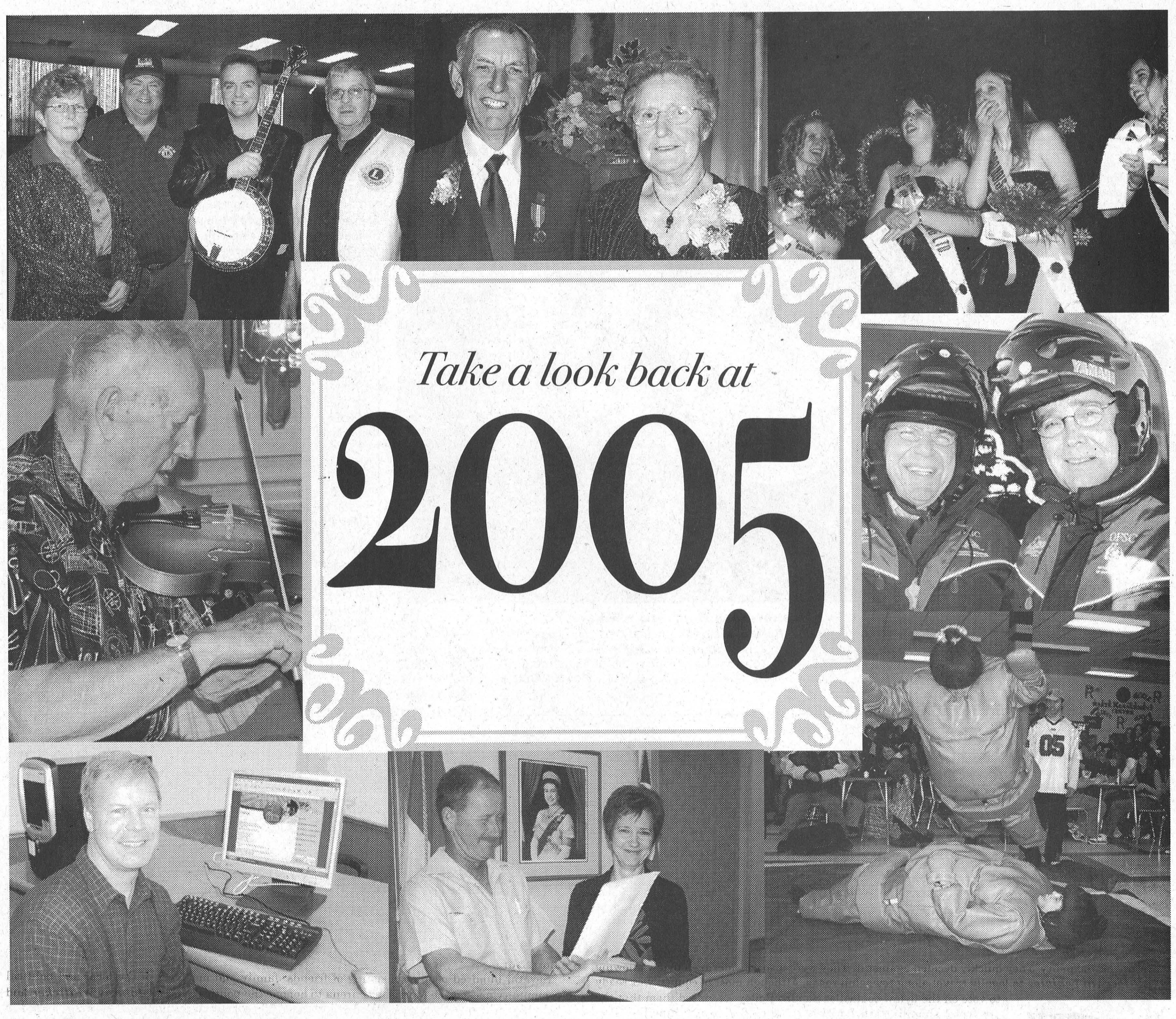

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The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1995

It was reported in the December 27 issue that both reeve Gordon McGregor in Morrisburg and Johnny Whitteker in Williamsburg were reporting tax increases, due to an overall cut in block funding from the province. There was an expected provincial funding cut of 20-25 per cent. Whitteker said 1995 had been a disappointing year in the township due to the provincial government slashing funding for a non-profit housing senior citizen project that had been in the works for three years. In Iroquois, Reeve Peter Swank was also forecasting a difficult year. All of the municipalities were dealing with the amalgamation issue. McGregor believed that eliminating the small municipalities would be a great loss to the community. He doubted there would be a cost saving through amalgamation.

Justin Hess of Morrisburg won the Junior Points Go-Kart Championship in just his second season of racing.

1985

Pictured in the December 24 issue was Fred Cunningham of Church Street who was celebrating his 90th birthday.He and his wife Della had been married for 63 years and Mrs. Cunningham was preparing to celebrated her 89th birthday on Christmas Day.

Charlie's Angels were back on track in CROMEKS senior girls hockey action with a 4-1 win over Spencerville. Tracey Ogilby and Camille McInnis counted twice in the win, and goaltender Brenda Thompson's shutout was spoiled by Denis Frank.

Paul Whitteker and Paul McCaslin had the starring roles in the "The Princess and the Woodcutter" play put on by Seaway's Grade 13 class.

There was a good possibility that Morrisburg's new ball diamonds at the waterfront would not be completed for next summer's action. A meeting was held due to concerns that the lights had not been installed correctly and the west diamond was too big for softball and too small for baseball.

1975

Pictured on Santa's knee in the December 24 issue of The Leader was Cassandra Gurnhill, as she spoke to Santa about her Christmas wish list.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions continued to roll along and were now preparing for the Junior B Hockey Tournament to be held at Hawkesbury on December 27. In their latest game they defeated Winchester 4-1. They were led by a two-goal performance from Kevin Wells while singles were scored by Doug and Bob McNairn.

In Bantam A hockey action, the Morrisburg Lions defeated Prescott 10-3. Jim Jarvis led the Lions with five goals, Scott Corden added three and Jim Whelan and Frank Hummell connected for one each.

Ottawa police morality officers had filed reports on 16 stores that opened on Sunday to cash in on the Christmas rush. The charges would come to the attention of the Ontario Attorney General who would decide if charges would be laid under The Lord's Day Act.

1965

The December 31 issue reported the Morrisburg Combines had preserved their lead in the ST. Lawrence Senior Hockey League with a 6-5 win over the Maxville Highlanders. It was their 13th win in 14 games and the biggest worry now for coach Ralph Hurley was that his winning warriors would become complacent. Jim Forrest and Red Lawlor scored two goals each, and Dan Dexter and Wiener Brown supplied singles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Cassell of Bouck's Hill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

This, the final issue of The Leader for 1965, ended the 103rd year of publication for the paper and the 50th year of publication for the Laurin family.

The Williamsburg Recreation Committee was again sponsoring a minor sports program of hockey and all boys between eight and 18 years were asked to register.

1946

Printed in the January 4, 1946 issue was a history of the SD&G Highlanders who had come home from overseas a week earlier. The history of the Regiment dated back to 1784, when the disbanded officers and other ranks of the 84th (The Royal Highland Emigrant Regiment), the 1st Battalion (King's Royal Regiment of New York), "Sir John Johnston's Greens", and a Corps of Butler's Rangers settled in the United Counties of SD&G. The service these troops provided during the American Revolution, where they fought as Loyalist troops gave them an excellent background as soldier settlers. A permanent militia regiment was formed in 1796. It was known as the 2nd. Bn. Royal Canadian Volunteer Regiment of Foot.

With this issue, The Morrisburg Leader began its 84th year of publication. Originally founded as the Dundas Courier, the name was changed to The Leader around the turn of the Century.

1935

The December 27 issue reported that Attorney General Arthur Roebuck of Ontario, had announced the appointment of several barristers as King's Counsel and among them was R.F. Lyle, who since his graduation from Osgoode Hall had been practicing in Morrisburg. He was recognized as one of the outstanding members of the bar in the three United Counties.

A pair of unbeaten teams would hold the basketball spotlight Friday night, December 27 when the Morrisburg Ferry Sailors clashed with the Ranger Seconds in an Ottawa City League fixture in the YMCA. With five straight victories behind them, Morrisburg was entering the game seeking to continue their undefeated pace.

D.K.M. Stewart, of the Superintendent's Department, Toronto, was named to succeed Mr. Graybiel as manager of the Bank of Montreal in Williamsburg.

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The Year in Review

January

started with a giving community which maintained the spirit of giving throughout the holiday season and well into the new year.

Welcoming in her first new year, Hannah Elizabeth Turcotte was born at 4:29 a.m., and was Winchester Hospital's ***first baby of 2005***. Hannah is the daughter of Victor Turcotte, and Morrisburg's Karrie Veinotte.

The local Red Cross received a large number of donations for ***Tsunami relief*** in South East Asia. In the first three days after the natural disaster the local chapter had received over $70,000 in donations from over 600 people. The local outpouring continued for a number of weeks, with many organizations donating money to the effort. Morrisburg Public School's students led a fundraising initiative which allowed them to donate over $900 to the Red Cross.

The ***Matilda Winter Carnival*** celebrated its 30th anniversary. As long as there has been a carnival, local teenage girls have competed for the honour of being crowned Carnival Queen. In 2005, five contestants, Leanne Bing, Keri Ward, Lesley Blokland, Katie Corden and Tiffany Biemond, participated in the pageant. Katie Corden won the honour. Leanne Bing was Miss Congeniality and First-Runner-Up.

A conflict of interest application filed by South Dundas resident Andrew Bowers against South Dundas, Iroquois Ward councillor Ron Delegarde ended up ***in court*** for one-week in mid January and was heard by Justice Denis J. Power. It would be a number of months before Power released his decision on the matter.

South Dundas council was pondering the possibility of the clerk performing ***civil marriages*** in the municipality. They quickly decided against it. They were also considering a bylaw allowing ***all terrain vehicles*** to legally travel along township roads. Although most of council was ready to vote on the bylaw councillor Sandra Bailey convinced them that the vote should wait for the return of absent councillor Ron Delegarde.

February

began in much the same spirit as the previous month, however, South Dundas council started to get busy with decision making.

Myrna Anderson wanted to do something to help the Tsunami relief effort so she enlisted the help of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club to host a benefit ***Jamboree***. The day-long jamboree attracted large crowds to Matilda Hall and raised about $10,000 for the Red Cross. Seven-year-old Mackenzie Whyte of Morrisburg also joined in the Red Cross Tsunami relief effort. With the invitations to her ***birthday party***, Mackenzie asked her friends to bring a donation for Tsunami relief rather than buy her a gift. She collected $750 which was donated to the Red Cross.

The figures for South Dundas council's ***remuneration*** and expenses were released. Elected officials cost the taxpayers $77,240 from January 1 to December 31, 2004. That number was down about $5,000 over the previous year. Elected officials in 2004 attended more meetings, so their remuneration was higher, but they claimed less mileage resulting in the overall savings. But, that overall savings was more than eaten up by the added expense of having staff attend evening council meetings, which cost the township well over $10,000. A change in wording resulted in a small raise for elected officials. There used to be two types of meetings - regular, and special, and elected officials were paid differently for those meetings, receiving $100 for attending a regular meeting and $85 for a special meeting. They decided that from now on, all meetings would be regular meetings for which they receive $100.

An ***ATV bylaw*** was finally tabled by council for a vote, and with the support of a reluctant mayor and councillors Johnny Whitteker and Charles Barkley, ATV's were allowed on township roads, north of the 401, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., effective immediately.

South Dundas township was suffering from cash flow woes as a result of the water treatment plant construction project, while waiting for OSTAR funding.

The Morrisburg and District Lions Club decided to move Antiquefest to it's original location at the Morrisburg waterfront.

March

was the month where a a long-awaited issue was resolved and a long-awaited target was met.

The month started with a decision that the municipality had been waiting months to hear. Justice Denis J. Power released his ***judgment*** in the conflict of interest matter. He completely exonerated Delegarde from having any conflict of interest in decision making concerning the South Dundas fibre network. At a press conference hosted by Delegarde and his lawyer, Leo Courville, the councillor spoke out about the whole process for the first time in 14 months. Courville said that this case was precedent-setting and called Delegarde a trailblazer. Delegarde said that the lengthy ordeal was emotionally frustrating and stressful to him, his family, his employer, council and all taxpayers of South Dundas. At that press conference he indicated that he was ready to settle back into his council seat, which sat empty for many months. Delegarde attributed his absense directly to the conflict of interest application process. However, he did not return to council for the remainder of the month, which put council in the position of having to vote on a resolution allowing Delegarde's absence from council to surpass the timeline outlined in the municipal act after which the seat can be declared vacant.

The ongoing water treatment plant project had township staff and council working to juggle funds and a number of loans, and while the township was doing that South Dundas CAO Andy Brown announced that the ***schedule for project completion*** was revised. Originally scheduled for completion this spring, Brown indicated that the township was now looking at completion in late summer/fall.

Asked to start considering the future of the ***ward system*** of election in South Dundas, council agreed that they would like to have a public meeting to determine public opinion on the matter.

Winchester District Hospital's ***Renewing the Vision*** Campaign met the $15 million community fundraising target.

Morrisburg resident Susan Mark's design for this year's Tim Hortons ***Camp Day T-Shirt*** was selected as the national winner. Every employee in every Tim Hortons across Canada and the United States wore a T-Shirt sporting the design created by Susan, who works as a baker at the local Tim Hortons and enjoys art as a hobby.

For the first time ever, the Morrisburg and District ***Lions Club*** inducted a husband and wife team into their organization, Larry and Donna Carswell.

April

was an all around wet month. In addition to all of the rain that caudse a number of problems, the township was talking about water with the public. The month was also marked by a couple of changes in the municipality.

The month was off to a wet start, when some Morrisburg residents had their fill of heavy rains. In September of last year, an extraordinary rainfall resulted in damages due to ***water backup in basements***. Just as many of the insurance claims were paid out, the damage repaired, and the basements put back to normal, several homeowners experienced the same problem again. A group of affected homeowners decided to band together and take the issue up with the township. Hearing the concerns of the residents council agreed to look at purchasing a pump large enough to handle the overflow from large rainfalls at the Morrisburg pumping station all of the time as a short-term solution to the problem.

The Volley for Cancer organizing committee announced that they would be donating the proceeds of this year's event, for the very first time to the ***Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre*** because it is where people, living in this area and diagnosed with cancer, are most likely to receive treatment and care. "We want to make sure every dollar raised hits close to home," said Kevin Spencer. "There is a need at the cancer centre."

South Dundas Township and Thompson Rosemount Group hosted two meetings to talk about upcoming changes to ***water rates*** in Iroquois and Morrisburg, which will result from metered water billing on water flowing from the new Morrisburg-Iroquois Regional Water Treatment Plant. Although the water charges are not official until council passes a water rate bylaw. At the time of the meeting a TRG representative said the residents of Morrisburg and Iroquois will be paying about a dollar a day for water from the new plant. Residents will also be subject to either a one time lump sum water payment to cover the capital cost of the project in the vicinity of $3,000, or a monthly capital portion payment of between $15 and $20.

In a surprise move, ***South Dundas CAO Andy Brown*** announced his resignation from his post with the township. He filled the position for two-and-a-half years, and said that he was moving on to North Grenville, which he called a larger, fast-growing municipality. South Dundas ***Clerk Brenda Brunt was appointed Acting CAO***.

South Dundas councillor Ron Delegarde returned to the South Dundas council table after a lengthy absence for the April 19 council meeting. That meeting ended up being his last. One week later, April 26, his ***resignation from council*** was hand-delivered to Clerk Brenda Brunt.

May

as in nature was marked by new growth and in addition to that new growth, a large number of people gathered together to take a look back at and honour an unprecedented milestone in municipal politics which many say will never be equalled.

South Dundas started the month looking for a councillor to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of the Iroquois Ward South Dundas councillor. Common practice is to appoint the second-highest vote getter in the election to the seat if they are willing, however council instead decided to accept applications from the community at large for the position. Eight people applied for the position including Bill Ewing, Roger Coligan, Jim Graham, Trevor Tolley, Mike Thompson, Brenda King, Harland Veinotte and Mike Ault. By the end of the month, council had decided through the application process to appoint ***Bill Ewing*** to the seat, the same person who finished second in the Iroquois ward in the last election.

As planned a meeting to gauge public opinion concerning the future of the ***ward system*** in South Dundas was held, and about 60 people attended. Of those in attendance two-thirds spoke in favour of eliminating the ward system for the next election.

South Dundas Council voted to ***hold the line on municipal taxes***, and once combined with the Counties and Education levies, South Dundas residents will be paying the same amount of property tax as the year before.

A major expansion and renovation project got underway at ***Upper Canada Motors*** in Morrisburg.

Several hundred people consisting of friends, family and members of the local and political community packed the Morrisburg arena to honour the political legend, ***Johnny Whitteker*** and help him celebrate the unparalleled milestone of 50 years in municipal politics. First elected to Williamsburg Township Council in 1954, Whitteker is the longest serving politician in the Province of Ontario.

Nestlé Canada announced that they will be ***closing the Chesterville Factory***, which will translate into the loss of 300 jobs by mid 2006. Longtime employees said that the closure was totally unexpected.

For the second time in recent history, the Iroquois golf clubhouse building was put up for sale, but this time it was sold. The historic landmark building was bought by Canadian Carpin Holidays, who will call it River Island Manor and use the building to host professionally guided, all inclusive luxury carp fishing tourists, most of whom come from Europe. An agreement between the purchasers and the township was signed, however the deal does not officially close until the new year. They did not get the full $599,000 asking price for the building. Township officials would not say how much they did get for the building.

June

the month that the tourist season gets into full swing, brought with it the possibility of renewing tourist interest in this area.

Lumac Development Corporation president Rod MacDonald spoke about a proposed ***$150 million tourist attraction*** for the Crysler Farm Park. The five year redevelopment plan includes an expansion of Upper Canada Village, the addition of a 300-400 room water park resort hotel, family adventure park and eventually a residential retirement community. Estimates showed that 1,000 jobs could be created through the project, which is going through the approval stage.

Hoping to get the ball rolling on an expansion idea that they have been trying to get off the ground for several years, the ***Williamsburg Nonprofit Housing Corporation*** invited MPP Jim Brownell, to tour the existing Park Drive Villa, which has a huge waiting list of potential tenants, and Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre. Brownell, said that the tour provided him with a total understanding of the facility, and that he would work to advocate government funding.

Command at the SD&G OPP detachment, headquartered in Long Sault, underwent a significant change. Gone from the top spots were Inspector Mike Hopkins and Staff Sergeant Mike Aho. Put into the positions were Inspector Ray Westgarth and Staff Sergeant Dave Springer.

Fallen firefighters were commemorated in Toronto with a newly installed ***memorial***. Among the 344 fallen firefighters were the names of Iroquois Firefighters John Mason, Allan Holmes, Randy Thompson, Dennis Fisher and Joe Billings who lost their lives when the emergency van in which they were travelling was struck by a train, March 19, 1981. Among those attending the memorial's unveiling were Iroquois Fire Chief Phillip Thompson, past and present members of the Iroquois Fire Department, families of the late firemen, and South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen.

Traffic issues in South Dundas were on the mind of SD&G counties engineer Don McDonald. He was in town to pitch the idea of a ***two-way-left-turn-lane*** to Morrisburg residents. Response to the lost cost solution to traffic congestion along County Road 2 in Morrisburg was positive. While in town, McDonald also confirmed that the long-awaited left-turn lane at the Brinston Road would go ahead this year.

Thompson Rosemount Group Vice-president Rick Eamon and South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen held a joint press conference to try and dispel rumour and ambiguity surrounding the ongoing South Dundas water treatment project. Eamon provided a detailed explanation of how the project costs went from ***$13 million to $17 million*** and how the township is being blocked from receiving additional government funding.

The ***Galop Canal Project*** development plan was put before council and given, in principal, approval. The plan includes a number of small redevelopment projects to help revitalize the area over time. However, council made it clear that they did not have any money to put into the project, so they should seek funding from other sources.

APT Prophet Technologies filed a ***claim against the township*** concerning the South Dundas fibre optic system. South Dundas and APT came to an agreement and the matter was settled out of court, but neither APT nor the township would discuss the settlement details.

With the end of the school year came the end of an era at Seaway District High School. Four of the school's longest serving, much loved and respected teachers, ***Wendy Gibb, Sandy Decker, Janeen Wagemans and Donna Notman retired***. "These four ladies define Seaway," said principal Roy Lalonde. "They have given their heart and soul, and Seaway will never be the same." In addition to saying good-bye to their much-loved principal, ***Jack Barkley***, students wished he and teachers Ron Gillard and Dan Strong well in their retirements.

The congregation of ***Knox Presbyterian Church*** in Morrisburg celebrated the 125th anniversary of their church.

Ray Cooney's ***Funny Money*** was on stage at the Upper Canada Playhouse.

Obituaries

Madeline Cooke



A lifelong resident of the area, Madeline Cooke passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, December 22 after an illness of 2.5 months. She was 88 years old.

Born on February 8, 1917, at Hanesville, Madeline was the daughter of the late John and Jenny (nee Lennox) Fossitt. She was predeceased by her husband Lorne Cooke whom she married on October 24, 1936 at Winchester United Church.

Throughout her lifetime, Madeline lived in several communities in Dundas County including Winchester, Hallville, Inkerman, Iroquois, Hanesville and Cass Bridge. For the last 5.5 years she lived with her daughter Marian in Riverside Heights.

When Madeline lived in Inkerman, she ironed nurse's uniforms for nurses at Winchester Hospital on the condition that she would eventually get a job on one of the hospital wards. After almost five years, she was asked to join the staff on the maternity ward where she cared for the newborn infants. Her rewarding career, caring for the infants, spanned 25 years and she became affectionately known as "Cookie".

Madeline was a member of St. Andrew's United Church in Hallville. Her number one priority was her family. She treasured each and every member of her family and she was happiest when they were all together.

When Madeline had the time, she loved to crochet, and many homes are adorned with beautiful doilies and afghans she created. Daily crossword puzzles and word jumble helped to keep her mind active and alert.

She was a farmer's wife who possessed all of the necessary skills such as cooking and baking in addition to being able to lend a helping hand with the farm chores.

Madeline will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Marian (Jerry) Michalicka of Riverside Heights, and by her grandchildren Kim (Stewart) Wheeler, Murray (Patty) Michalicka, Myrna (Jamie Cheney and Steven (Fay) Barkley. She was loving great-grandmother of Alison and Erin Wheeler, and special "mother" of Sharon (John) Mulkerns of Kingston. She was dear mother-in-law of John Barkley of Riverside Heights and will be mourned by many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her daughter Lorna Jean Barkley, by her sisters Leaphy Dewland, Winnie Banford, Lily Hanes, Lola Dvornsky, Verla Cooke and Keitha Fossitt and by her brothers Jim and Elmer.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Friday, December 23 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Marion Milnes at the funeral home on Saturday, December 24. Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Pallbearers were Murray Michalicka, Myrna Cheney, Jamie Cheney, Kim Wheeler, Megan Mulkerns and Lauren Mulkerns. Honorary pallbearers were Steve Barkley, Fay Barkley, Alison Wheeler, Erin Wheeler, John Mulkerns and Sharon Mulkerns.

Donations to Winchester Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Lorrie Ball



Following a lengthy battle with cancer, Lorrie Ball of R.R.#3 Williamsburg, passed away at her home on Saturday, December 17. She was 51 years old.

Born on August 29, 1954, at Windsor, Ontario, Lorrie was the daughter of the late Paul Desjardins and Reta Desjardins (nee Garlick) of Tilbury. She is survived by her mother and her loving husband Rob Ball, whom she married on May 27, 2005, in Cornwall.

Lorrie was born and raised in the Windsor area and lived there until she moved to the Williamsburg area in 1987. She lived at her R.R.# 3 Williamsburg address for the last five years.

A labourer at St. Lawrence Corporation in Iroquois, Lorrie enjoyed shopping, cooking and visiting with family and friends.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Rob, her mother Reta and her children, Dana Beckstead of Lanark and stepson Jason (Lori) Ball of Winchester. She was loving grandmother of Ethan and Owen and dear sister of Debbie Desjardins of Tilbury and Bill of Belle River.

She will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Monday, December 19 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Darren May at the funeral home on Tuesday, December 20. Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville.

Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre would be appreciated by the family.

Obituaries

Dorothy Maude Minish

A former resident of Morris Glen Court senior's building in Morrisburg, Dorothy Maude Minish, passed away peacefully with her children at her side at Wellington House in Prescott on Wednesday, December 11. She was 70 years old.

Born May 27, 1935, in North Augusta, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Clifford Ernest and Margaret (nee Bigford) Sunderland. On December 3, 1955, at St. Peter's Anglican Church in North Augusta, she married Cecil Minish who predeceased her in 1996.

Dorothy had several careers in her lifetime. She worked as a bookkeeper at the original Automatic in Brockville, and in 1970, she returned to school to become a registered nursing assistant. She worked at the Brockville Psychiatric Hospital for several years, and she and Cecil ran a general store in Algonquin. She was also a partner as his bookkeeper during the many years that he drove truck.

Dorothy loved spending time with her family and friends, and prior to becoming ill in June of this year, she was an active resident of Morris Glen Court Senior's Building in Morrisburg where she would often be seen, with an apron around her waist as she organized "hair day" or whichever was the next "social". She enjoyed evenings spent playing cribbage and visiting with the other neighbours.

Dorothy was loving mother of Rickey (Cathy Coote) of Glen Becker, Brenda Kenney of Prescott, Kevin of Morrisburg, Barbara (John) Bourne of Stittsville and Wayne (Jo-Anne) of Glen Becker.

She was dear grandmother of 12 grandchildren: Derrick, Joshua and Kaitlyn Minish; Miranda and Stacy Kenney; Ryan, Dustin, Daniel and Michael Beach; Brendan Bourne; and Drew and Colin Minish all of whom were the apple of her eye.

She was cherished sister-in-law of Phyllis Pimperton of North Augusta, Hazel (Wilbert) Shanks of Elgin and Billy (Sharon) Minish of Frankville.

She was predeceased by her infant granddaughter Victoria Irene and sisters Doreen (Lloyd) Moore and Lila (Kenneth) Kinch. She will be sadly missed by numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Wednesday, December 14 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, December 15, by Reverend Craig Bowers, and interment was at the Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Maitland.

Pallbearers were Chad and Brad Davis, Jason Hawkins, Paul Salmon and Kasey and Tim Kinch.

Memorial donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Condolences and donations may be made at parkerfh@personainternet.com

Robert James McGimpsey

A resident of Matilda Township for almost 20 years, Robert James McGimpsey passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, December 1 after a prolonged and difficult illness. He was 82 years old.

Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia on November 17, 1923, he was the son of the late William Robert McGimpsey and Elaine Jones of Sydney.

After Bob's parents were killed in a car accident leaving him orphaned at the age of eight, he was taken to Venezuela where he was raised by his uncle, Thomas Wilfred Jones who was the curator of the Bolivar Museum in Caracas.

As a young man, Bob sought to return to Canada. He moved to Montreal where he graduated from McGill University, driving taxi at night to help finance his education.

Bob married Rita St. Denis with whom he had three sons, William, Don and Alan.

He worked for Canadian Aeronautics Enterprise assisting in the design and development of Trans-Canada microwave net-work.

With his family, Bob moved to Ottawa in 1965, where he was assistant director at the CBC responsible for data processing.

He and Rita divorced in 1968, and a year later Bob joined the University of Toronto as manager of Financial Information Systems.

In 1970, Bob married Bunny (nee Emond), and for nearly 20 years they lived in Etobicoke where they made many friends. At the University, Bob was responsible for the development and implementation of Unifacts and Unistaff, the personnel payroll data base by means of which all university employees are paid.

Bob retired in 1987, and he and Bunny came to Matilda Township where he enjoyed his retirement years.

His hobbies were stained glass working, reading and computers, computers computers. He taught night classes at T.R. Leger School in Morrisburg and enjoyed "helping out" anyone with a computer problem. Bob served on The Heart and Stroke Foundation" board for three years.

A quiet, kind and gentle man, Bob will be lovingly remembered by his wife Bunny, his daughter Terry and sons Bill, Don and Alan.

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SD&G Warden

Fife elected

CORNWALL–North Stormont mayor Dennis Fife was elected deputy warden at a Counties council meeting in Cornwall on Monday, December 19.

Fife, 49, served as Warden in 2004, and due to his election as deputy warden, he is now in line to return to the Warden's chair in 2007.

His return will make history as he would become the first municipal politician to serve two terms as warden of the United Counties of S.D. and G since 1850. In order to do so, however, he first has to be reelected in North Stormont in the municipal election in the fall of 2006.

Last week's election resulted in Fife defeating South Stormont Mayor Jim Bancroft in a secret ballot.

Moving into the warden's chair for 2006 is South Glengarry Mayor Jim McDonnell.

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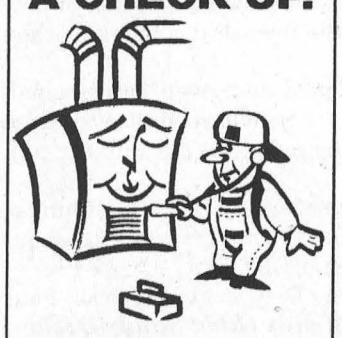

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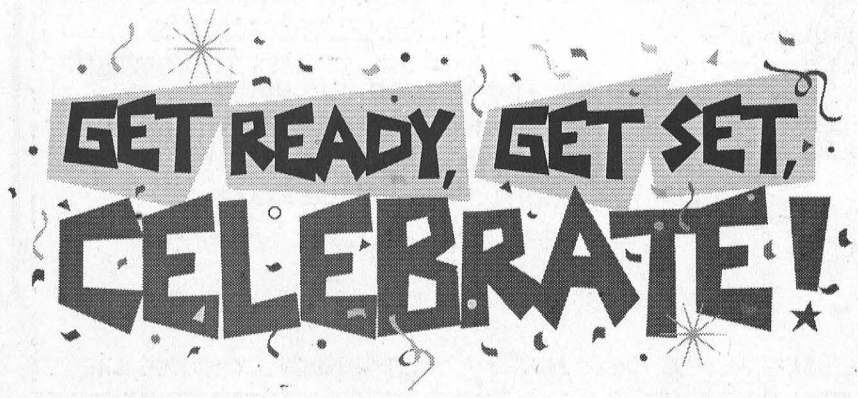

The new year is the perfect time to get together with friends old and new, so when you're celebrating this year, remember to drink responsibly and don't drink and drive . . . always use a designated driver. We want everyone to start the year off right by staying healthy and safe for the coming year.

New Year's Resolutions

Perspectives



Rev. Norine Gullons

The traditional Scottish tune penned by Robert Burns is always sung amongst my close friends on New Year's Eve:

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
We twa hae run aboot the braes
And pu'd the gowans fine.
We've wandered mony a weary foot,
Sin' auld lang syne.
We twa hae sported i' the burn,
From morning sun till dine,
But seas between us braid hae roared
Sin' auld lang syne.

January first is just around the corner. Father Time ushers in a New Year at Times Square in New York City. We start to think about New Year's Resolutions in secular society.

"Repent".....now there's a God word for you and I for January. In fact, the month of January finds our society all about the work of repentance. We strive to turn our lives around, because we know how short life can be and how 'someday' may not come if we don't make it happen! Even John the Baptist said we've got to turn our lives around in order for us to be able to see REAL life! What better time of the secular and of the Christian church year to do this than right now.....right when we have just celebrated the birth of the Christ child in our midst and hopefully within our hearts.

We sort of do an annual check in with our values and priorities. What will be the number one focus this year? As we strive to get the areas of our lives in order along with the financial, physical, and psychological let's not forget the rest of our personal stories.

It's a hard thing to do but a look at our emotional and spiritual selves may provide us with a more complete photo of who we really are. We heard the good news of a great joy on Christmas Day. According to that angel this joy is meant for everyone. So, come January do not be afraid to take time to allow God's gift of forgiving grace to enter into your life and let the joy of a new year begin!

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Informal rally for Manley



Local Support for Manley
Iroquois resident, Duncan Edmonds rallied local Liberal supporters at an informal gathering at his home on December 20. Above he welcomes Tom Manley (left).

IROQUOIS – Local Liberal supporters expressed their support of Tom Manley at a wine and cheese party at the home of Duncan and Nancy Edmonds on Monday evening, December 19.

Duncan, has been a friend of the Martin family for a number of years and has known Prime Minister Paul Martin since the early 60s when he was involved with his father's election campaign in the Trudeau days.

The former owner of Old Arthurs Book Store here in Morrisburg, Duncan is very impressed with Manley and of his chances in the riding.

"I think he's cabinet material," said Duncan. "He is quite an outstanding person. I think Tom is the best candidate we have ever had here."

"In the 45 years I've been around Canadian politics, I've learned to recognize a good guy," he told the crowd of about 100 supporters.

Manley was accompanied to the rally by his wife Isabel who has been at his side to establish the family owned feed mill operation in Berwick.

He told the crowd that nationally the picture looks good, and we "have to apply the new good here to this riding. We have to redefine the focus of what our assets are. We have to focus on our local food economy, and we are a prime location to produce energy and put it on the grid."

Economically, we have to focus on light manufacturing. We have local manufacturing that are success stories he said mentioning Eckel Industry in Morrisburg and Ross Video in Iroquois.

"These are small businesses run by individuals who take risks, who have ideas and who are creative."

"The Federal government has a large range of tools for small businesses."

Manley was questioned about the corn issue, and informed of the difficulty it is causing for Casco in Cardinal. Although Casco is not in this riding, Manley expressed his concern and understood the ripple effect that tariffs placed on the cheaper U.S. corn will have on Casco which buys corn both from the U.S. and Canada.

Manley is taking a break from the campaign trail over the holidays. He will attend a number of debates lined up in the riding in the new year.

More funding please

Minister declines meeting

WILLIAMSBURG – The mayors of South Dundas and South Stormont asked for a meeting with the Minster of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and she declined.

A letter, on behalf of the mayors of South Dundas and South Stormont was sent to the minister, Leona Dombrowsky, in late October by local MPP Jim Brownell.

The letter requested a personal meeting with the minister to discuss additional funding for the water projects of the two townships.

"As Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs and the MPP for a rural riding, I am keenly aware of the concerns facing rural Ontarians," said Dombrowsky in the letter.

However, unable to meet with the mayors and township representatives, she said in the letter that the Director of the Rural Investments Branch, would contact Mayors Lyle Van Allen and Jim Bancroft, to arrange a meeting with ministry staff.

At the December 20, council meeting Van Allen suggested that they pursue this meeting with ministry staff.

"We can," said South Dundas Clerk Brenda Brunt. "I don't know what good it will do," she added.

Van Allen agreed but said that it can't hurt to continue their efforts.

Over the past year, the township, along with the water project's engineering firm, Thompson Rosemount Group, have lobbied the province for additional funding, to meet the initial federal and provincial commitments of two-thirds funding of the eligible cost of the project.

TRG and the townships have continued to argue that the 1/3-1/3-1/3 funding requirement has not been fulfilled because of a policy developed by the province, after the fact, that restricts funding on projects that are considered enhanced. The province considers the Morrisburg-Iroquois project in South Dundas and the South Stormont project enhanced projects.

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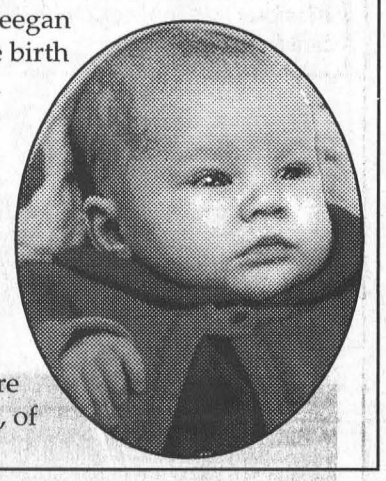

Andy, Sonya and brother Keegan are thrilled to announce the birth of Melina Elizabeth Sharpe. Weighing 8 lbs. 12 ozs., she was born at the Civic Hospital, in Peterborough, November 5, 2005. Proud grandparents are Margaret and David Sharpe of Havelock and Tom and Ingrid Coligan of Morrisburg. Great grandparents are John and Irmgard Molzahn, of Williamsburg.

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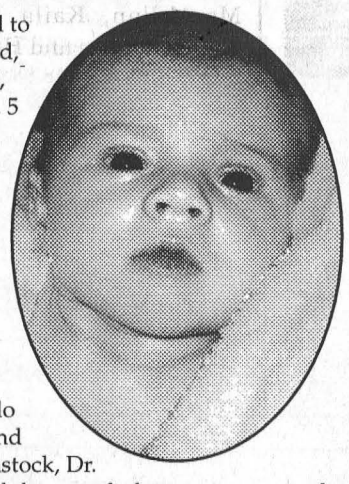

We, Steven and Maarit, are thrilled to announce the birth of our first child, Fiona Hilary, born on November 7, 2005, at 12:33 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 5 1/2 ozs. Delighted is Oma Tina Serviss of Morrisburg, Mummi Raija Ritokoski of Sault Ste. Marie and great granny Jenny Serviss of Morrisburg. Grandfathers Kenneth Serviss and Vilho Ritokoski are greatly missed and are here in spirit. Welcomed by aunts, uncles and cousins Glenn, David, Christine, Kennedy, Riley and Finn, Lynne and Michael, Neilo and Rose, and Airi, John, Shelby and Dylan. A sincere thanks to Dr. Henstock, Dr. Jamieson, our Doula Sue Cross and the superb doctors, nurses and staff at Kingston General Hospital. Finally, a special thank you to Steven (Daddy) for all your outstanding love and support throughout the nine months and more. You are a natural daddy.



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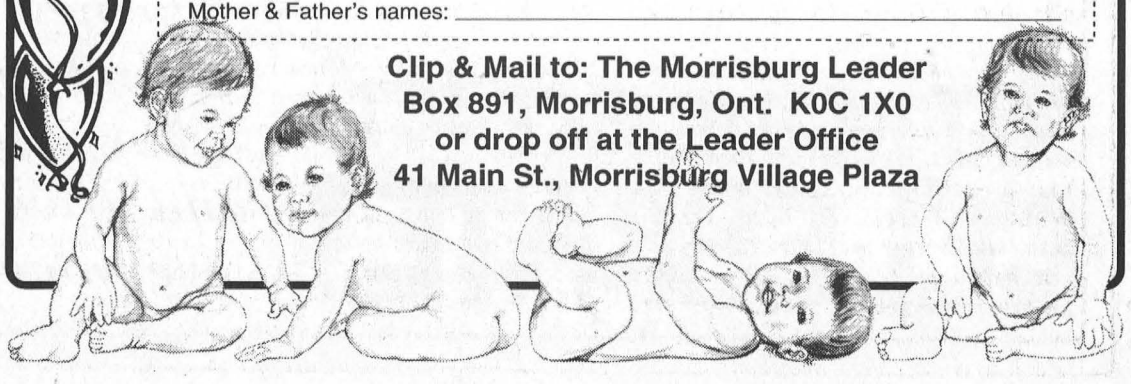


Sports in Review 2005 Sports in Review

Success at Seaway High

A highlight for Seaway High athletes came in late February when the senior girls volleyball team won the SD&G championship to earn the right for the second time in four years to advance to EOSSA. Team members were Ellen Fader, Leah Summers, Jen Wilson, Holly Byker, Melissa Groniger, Michelle McMillan, Kayla Spruit, Kate Edwards, Katelyn Merkley, Gina Roberts, Liz Errinton, Alyssa Baker and coach Lilace McIntyre. Unfortunately, the champs got caught up in an administrative error (paperwork) and had to bow out of EOSSA.

In June, the school honoured its own, naming David Patterson and Erynn Henry as the top athletes of the year. The Irv Francis Award for Excellence in Academics and Athletics was presented to Amy Jansen and Dan Toonders.

Athletes were back in training with the return to school in September and a trip to the golf course resulted in the team of Lauren Keyes, Jen Wilson and Kayla Beckstead winning the girls golf championship. Equally as impressive on the tennis court, Scott Hallam and Sam Langton won their championship.

The midget girls basketball team had a big year winning the SD&G championship in one of the most exciting games, coach Kevin Kennedy has ever seen. Team members included Jessica Dodge, Marcie Jamieson, Kayla Beckstead, Brittany Durette, Cat Liezert, Jaime Boulerice, Taylor Mattice, Brittany Elliott, Hilary Prowse, Sarah Bowers, assistant coach Melissa Groniger and trainer Megan Boulerice.

Both the junior and senior girls basketball teams had solid regular seasons but bowed out in the playoffs. The juniors finished second in league play, and the seniors tied for first place.



Gary Hart heads minor hockey

South Dundas Minor Hockey teams rolled through January maneuvering their positions as they headed towards the playoffs in late February. The Midget B Lions (fourth in regular season play) bowed out in their first round of playoffs to North Dundas.

The Bantam B Lions, however, were in the hunt defeating the NGS in their first playoff round and South Stormont in the next round to advance to the Eastern Division final.

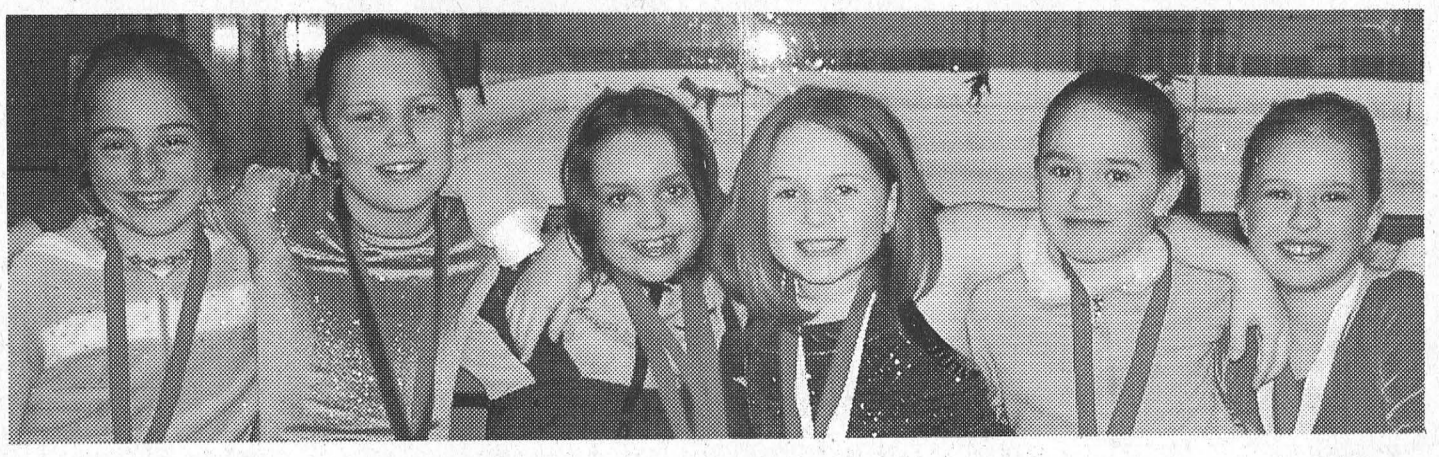
The Novice Cs defeated South Grenville in round one but lost out to Ogdensburg.

By late March the on-ice action had ended and the action moved to the board room where Gary Hart was elected association president replacing John Hanson. Hanson moved to 1st vice-president and Bert Marcellus was elected second vice-president.

At the annual general meeting it was reported the association budget for 2004/2005 was over $140,000 and despite some successful fundraising, which brought in over $10,000, the association was looking at a $9,600 shortfall.

The local teams hit the ice full throttle in late September skating their way towards Lions Day in early December. Saturday, December 3 was the day that Chris "Crusty" Wouters beard came off as the popular arena staff member joined in the day's festivities.





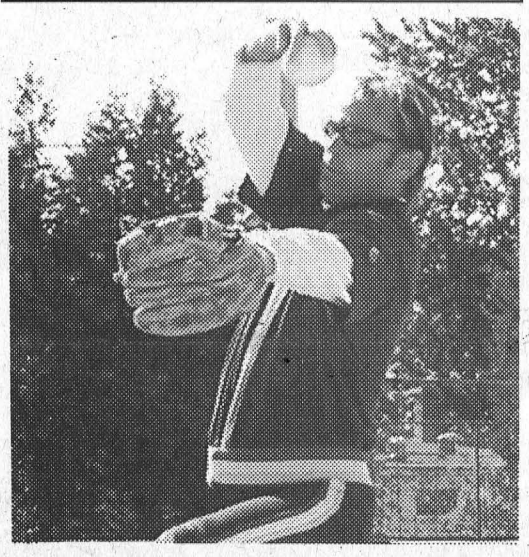
On the Diamonds

As winter turned into spring, local athletes hung up their skates and pulled out their ball gloves keeping diamonds throughout South Dundas extremely busy.

Claiming the summer's Major Boys (11-12) championship titles were the Morrisburg boys when they defeated Prescott 4-3. Team members were Gareth Cochrane, Donovan Hogan, Marc Beckstead, Kyle Adams, Braden Whitteker, Curtis Brandt, Brandon Foster, Simon Thomas, Bobby Robichaud, Brandon St. Louis and Sam Hodgson.

At the Major Girls level it was the Iroquois girls, undefeated during the regular season and the playoffs, claiming the championship with a final win against Winchester. The lineup for the girls included Kailyn Bowman, Amy Veltkamp, Jessica Thompson, Carley Lawlor, Danyelle Tessier, Lacey McCaslin, Kristina Swank, Taegen Mills, Teresa Veltkamp, Jessica Earl, Sarah Casselman, Marcie Baldwin and Kelsey Hall.

In softball action, the Williamsburg Senior girls won their championship. The team members were Emma Vaughan, Kassie Whitteker, Jenna Shay, Alex Lascelle, Shawna Brassard, Jenny Vaughan, Kelly VanHoof, Stacey Johnston, Jordan Schaillee, Katie Hendriks, Caroline Breitler and Jack VanHoof.



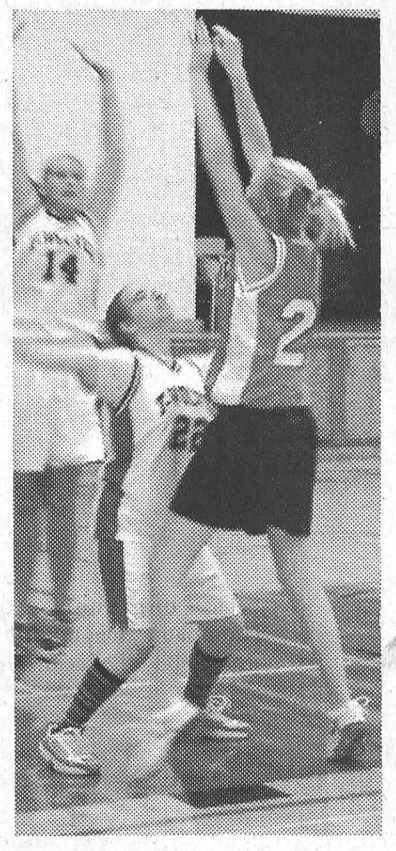




Figure skating

Members of the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club celebrated the New Year with some big skates at the Precious Edges competition in Brockville. Bringing home gold medals were Alyssa MacMillan, Kaila MacMillan, Kelsey Baxter, Katherine Lee and Hayley Mills.

Meghan Adams skated the skate of her life for a first place win at the Eastern Ontario Starskate Invitational Championship February, 18-20. The win advanced her to the All-Ontario Trillium Skate in Waterloo in mid-March where she won a bronze medal at the junior bronze ladies level.

At the end of March, skaters placed third at the Winchester Invitational with gold medals going to Hayley Mills (3), Jessica Bass (2) and Hayley Van Allen, Gillian Beatson, Kelsey Baxter, Logan Patterson, Katherine Lee and the team of Kelsey Hall and Mills.

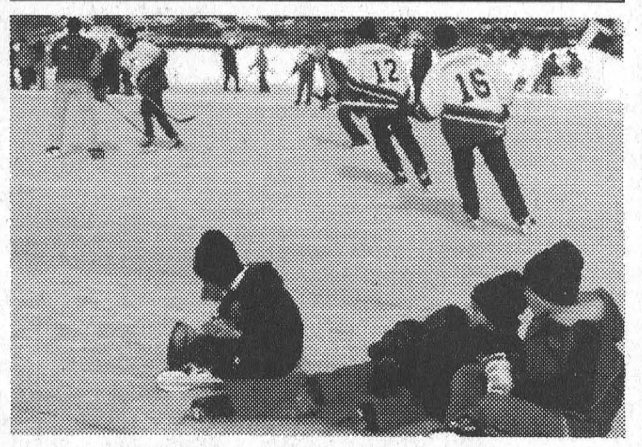
The club held its annual skate show at the end of March skating to a Cinderella theme, and the season wrapped up at their annual banquet in April. Awards were presented in various categories and Abby MacMillan was named the CanSkater of the year.

The club skaters returned to the ice in late September and Jessica Thompson kicked off the season winning a bronze medal at the Autumn Skate in Ottawa. In mid-October she added a silver medal from the Limber-Up competition in Amherstview.

At the end of November, the Morrisburg and district skaters claimed the points championship of their home invitational which was attended by more than 300 skaters.







A sweeping year for Morrisburg curlers

Senior curlers at the Morrisburg Curling Club kicked off 2005, by successfully defending, for the sixth consecutive time, the Parnell Cup. The rink included Pete Zeran, Earl Jeacle, Karl Duncan and Dave Salsman.

In late January the junior rink of Calvin and Curtis Collins, Jaron Hess and Andrew Cassell won a Cornwall bonspiel while a ladies team of Betty Locke, Alice Thompson, Sandra Beckstead and Dorothy Culkin were the champs of a Robbie Burns tournament in Prescott. At home Sid Morrell, Tony Toonders, Keith Brannan and Jim Locke claimed the Hugh Hutchison Memorial Trophy competed for annually in conjunction with Robbie Burns Day.

Wendy Casselman, Alice Thomson, Sandra Beckstead and Donna Stephens won the Wednesday Night Women's second draw, while second draw winners in senior men's play were Neil Williams, Gerald Wynands, Martin Schneckenburger and Dave King.

In February, the Little Rock Curling program received a special delivery from Tim Horton's Bob and Denise St. Denis who donated vesta and turtlenecks for the 24 curlers in the program.

Junior curlers Bobby and Christine Robichaud and Connor and Anna Woodmass won their division at a Little Rock Tournament in Prescott. Robichaud then teamed with Connor Woodmass, Travis McMillan and Luke Whitteker to win the A trophy at the Big Four Competition in Metcalfe which entitled them to advance to Zone play in March. At the Zone they were eliminated with two losses.

In early March, the Jim Fraser Trophy for senior men's play was won by Bob Bedingfield, Len Bellamy and Eric Johnson, and J.J. Hollister and Jeremy Schnurr defeated Wally McDonald and Don O'Brien in the final to win the annual two-person bonspiel.

At the double rink Cornwall Curling Club bonspiel for the McLennan Trophy, two Morrisburg teams combined for the win. They included Bob Bedingfield, Jack Dikland, John Lyon and Dave King, and Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, Raymond Benoit and Neil Williams.

The Thursday Night Competitive League wrap up in March resulted in John and Ian Wilson and Kathy Norg and Mike Staebler claiming the win. The Thursday night men's league Pat Lid trophy was won by Joe McCooeye, Bob Bergland, John Allison and Josh Laurin. Dave Salsman, Bob Fortin, Sandra Beckstead and Elsie Guindon claimed the Thursday morning championship.

Friday night mixed league play ended up with two teams tied. They included Nancy Skakum, John Toonders and John and Cathy Marston, and the team of Wally McDonald, Susan and Dave McIntosh, Rolf Lehmann and Jeannette Paquette.

The Dodge Trophy, emblematic of the club championship, was won by Ian and John Wilson, Kathy Norg and Mike Staebler.

The season ended in early April with the club's annual awards banquet. In mid-October curlers dusted off their brooms and hit the ice for another season.

Jr. B Lions end soft start strong

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions ended a dismal season in February well out of playoff contention and wrapped up their season in early May with their annual awards banquet. Justin Elliott was named MVP, and Chad Galipeau won awards as the leading scorer along with the club's Lady Byng. James Kirkwood was named Rookie of the Year, Jamie Gadway Best Defenseman and Cory Gove Best Forward.

The Lions returned to the ice in mid-September with a much more experienced team and kicked it off with a pair of wins in their weekend opener. They continued strong throughout the weeks battling back and fourth with the Kemptville 73s for second place. By early December they made their move, their second place standing qualifying them for the annual Boxing Day Tournament. A couple of big wins over Kemptville and Winchester put them in the St. Lawrence Division's first place but by they end of the month they fell back into second place. They met with reasonable success at the Boxing Day Tournament winning their first game against Clarence Creek and losing in the semi-final.

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–Lovingly remembered and sadly missed, Mom, Dad, Melissa and Mathew and family 52p

WHELAN–In loving memory of my husband, Donnie, who passed away on December 27, 2001.
I think of you in silence,
And I often speak your name,
But all I have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
They say that time heals everything,
But I know that isn't so,
Because it hurts even more today,
Than it did four years ago.
–Remembered and missed every day by Myrna and Nikita 52p

DEATHS

BARLOW, Frederick William–Peacefully at Henrico Doctors Hospital, Richmond, VA, on Friday, December 23, 2005, Frederick William Barlow of Richmond, VA, formerly of Morrisburg in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Jessie Adams (1980). Loving father of Margaret (Carl) Hayes of Richmond, VA, Devon Spencer of Portland, OR, Rick (Judy) of Edmonton, AB, and Bill (Mikako) of Seattle, WA. Dear grandfather of Scott Williams of Washington, DC, Devon (Richard) Cushman of Richmond, VA, Morgan Spencer of Portland, OR, Ryan and Caroline Barlow of Edmonton, AB, Katrina and Laura Barlow of Seattle, WA, and cherished great-grandfather of Parker Cushman of Richmond, VA. Predeceased by his parents Fred Barlow and Mamie Steele and one brother George. Friends will be received at the Parker Funeral Home, 28 Sir James Morris Drive, Morrisburg on Friday, December 30, 2005, from 11–1 p.m. where the funeral service will be held in the chapel at 1 p.m. with Rev. Jean Udall officiating. Interment Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Memorial donations to the Salvation Army gratefully acknowledged. Condolences and donations may be made at parkerfh@personainternet.com 52c

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On the bench and in the bleachers, sports in review for 2005

In the January 12, 2005 issue pictured were Midget B Lions Greg O'Neill, Kent Nugent, Matt VanMoorsel and Even Tait as they presented a cheque to Morrisburg Fire Department, Deputy Chief Kevin Keyes. The money was raised during a half and half draw and donated to the fire department in memory of the late Johnny Lortie.

In mid January, a special meeting was called by South Dundas council in order to discuss with ATV users, a bylaw allowing them on certain township roads. The end of January saw the start of a new event, the South Stormont Can-Am Pond Hockey tournament which was played on the pond on a picture perfect Canadian winter day. The 16-team event was a fundraiser for the Cornwall and Winchester Hospitals and included Ottawa Senators alumni players.

Early February saw the 37th running of the Chubbs Oldtimer Hockey Tournament at the arena in Morrisburg. Jacob Dionne of the championship Grumpys team won the Joe Billings Memorial for top goaltender and the MVP and winner of the Cam MacLennan Senior Memorial Trophy was Dwayne Backes who played for the Jamie Mac team.

Fifteen participants in the Girls on Snow event in February raised $3,000 for Easter Seals, and this year's Snowarama ambassador was Jason Edge.

The Morrisburg Senior Combines travelled to Barrie where they won their second consecutive provincial crown at the Ontario Senior Winter games. Goaltender Les McAllister posted an incredible tournament record giving up just two goals in six games and registering four shutouts.

A record nine teams competed in Cedar Glen's annual snow volleyball tournament played in memory of Jason Hill. This year on a bright and sunny, but very cold, day, $1,465 was raised for the Jason Hill Memorial Bursary at Seaway High. Players on the winning team were James Morrell, Rob Waddell, Kelly Verhoeven, Trevor Haines, Laura McDonell and Neil Edwards.

In early March, seniors at The Hartford in Morrisburg were busy working out with Ken Grant, fondly remembered as "the General" when he hosted CFRA's breakfast show.

In May, the Morrisburg Legion's Mixed Dart League finished its season at an awards banquet. Receiving league hardware were the Go Getters, the regular season champs who included Judy Scott, Wayne Hunter, Gail Scarbo and Roy Prieur. The Bashers Jim Scott, Joann Perry, Sharon Lewis and Mert Carbino won the playoff championship. Mark Ault and Joan Oakes won for sportsmanship, Dave Wells for men's high score, Mike Osborne for men's outs, Liz Hunter for ladies outs and Carolyn Gale for ladies high.

Jamie Webster and Danielle Whitteker, both nine years old, landed a whopping 12 pound channel catfish and then attempted to hold the big guy for a photo.

The Garry Shaver Memorial Blooperball Tournament for Easter Seals was won by the Titans and raised $4,900 bringing the tournament's five year total to over $20,000.

The ball diamonds were busy everywhere and in late June, the Iroquois Oldtimer Hockey Club ran a slow-pitch tournament which raised $900 for the Iroquois Recreation Association.

The Avonmore team won the annual SD&G Mutual Aid golf tournament at Morrisburg, and in July a record setting 190 golfers raised just under $35,000 at the Chad Kilger tournament played at Upper Canada Golf Course in support of Special Olympics.

The Morrisburg Beach Patrol of Trista Levere, Kelcie Hickman, Lorraine Baylis and Jessica Eastman hit the water in July while in Iroquois the beach was being watched by Jennifer Jones, Alyssa Whitteker, John Locke and Jeff Eamon.

The Ray Barkley Mixed Blooperball Tournament hit a homer in July in Williamsburg bringing the six year total raised for the Seaway High Bursary to $13,290. The Cecil Lewis team also hit a homer to defend its championship title for the second consecutive year.

They came, they fished and they met with measured success in the Renegade Bass Series' third event of a five event series run on the St. Lawrence in late July.

Also in late July, the Robert Farlinger team was back in form, reclaiming their Tubie Crown at the 35th running of the annual event. The Farlinger crew included Robert and Allan Farlinger, Glenn Smirle, Nancy Jordan, Isabella Jordan and Kate Edwards.

Tubie weekend also featured the annual Junior B Lions blooperball tournament which was won by the Cecil Lewis team of Joey Dufresne, Tony Barkley, Nat Robinson, Linda Birch, Jennifer McNairn, Philip Jamieson, Jeff Keeler, Dee Lewis, Pete Lewis, Bill Hummell, Wayne Garlough, Chris Mabo, Mike Prunner and Ali Markell.

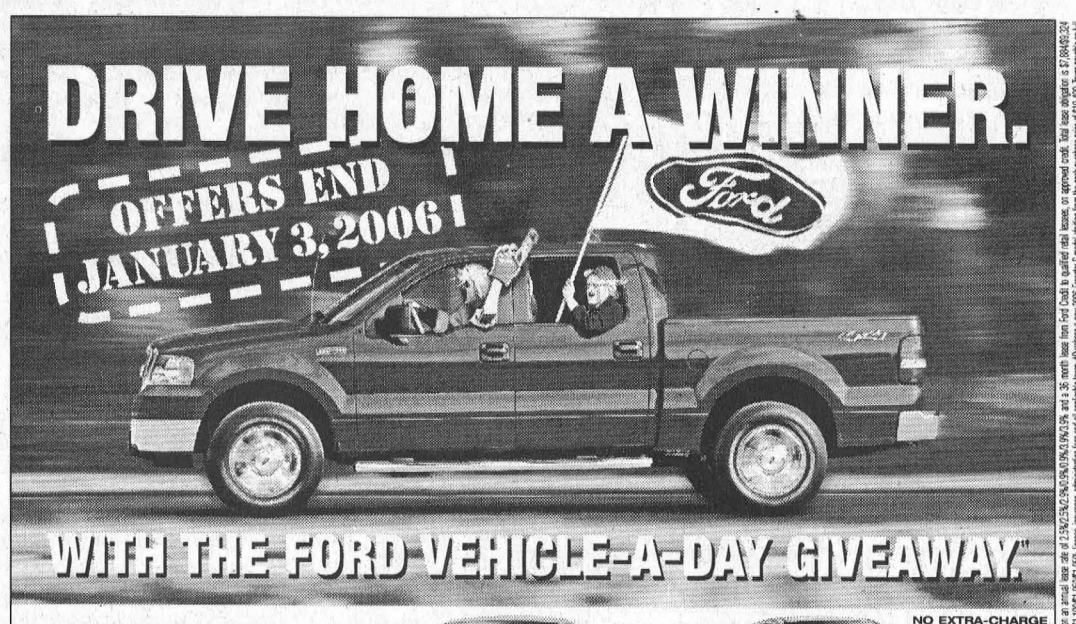
In August, the Riverside Rascals turned the clock back 30 years, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first organized ball team to play under the Riverside Heights banner. The reunion returned most of the players from the 1975 Rascals team.

Sixty-six teams competed in the 11th annual Volley for Cancer Tournament raising $40,000 for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre.

August was highlighted for some local fishermen with the win of a silver medal in the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Junior Carp Tournament. The silver medal team consisted of Andrew Peters, Brandon Elliott, Graham Peters and Malcolm Welch.

The Dundas Men's Roller Hockey League wrapped up at the end of the month with Blue Thunder winning both the regular season and the playoff championship. Blue Thunder players were Richard Gauthier, Brian Shaver, Justin Elliott, Billy Henderson, Gary McInnis, Robert Thurler, Aaron Sherrer, Marcus Tanner and Trevor Moroquk.

Roller hockey was still an item in October when local players, under the organization of Brian Shaver, raised $4,054 for Easter Seals in the fourth annual tournament played in Williamsburg. Later in the month Easter Seals received a $1,000 boost in a Curves sponsored event at the lanes in Chesterville.



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SD&G County Library gets Trillium grant

CORNWALL – It was announced December 6, that the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Library is one of the recipients of an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

Minister of Culture Madeleine Meilleur announced that a total of $24.5 million would be distributed throughout 437 community organizations.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives $100 million annually from Ontario's charity casino initiative.

The grants were made possible through the work of MPP Jim Brownell and the Friends of Ingleside Library, who supported the application.

According to the announcement Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Library receives $19,500 to enhance organizational capacity to serve library patrons in 18 small rural communities through increased collection of books on CD and the provision of a book drop in two communities.

The branches in Ingleside and Iroquois will house the new outdoor book returns, and the balance of the grant will develop a books on CD collection available to all branches. This is Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Library's second grant. The earlier grant provided book returns for six other branches.

Other area winners include the Township of South Glengarry, which receives $35,000 over six months to improve the access and amenities at the Char-Lan Recreation Centre so that people with disabilities can fully participate in community activities offered on site.

Seaway Scribbles & Bits

by David Jones

IROQUOIS – Because I am now enjoying the holiday season, I have only a few "Scribbles & Bits" to report this week.

Student Council Scoop - While this year's Student Council has been working diligently to maintain the reinvigorated school spirit, they are now receiving a much deserved break in the form of the holiday season.

Last week I spoke of the success of the student/teacher floor hockey game in which hundreds of students gained entrance with a non-perishable food item. This week I am proud to announce that, while the game was very competitive, the students triumphed as anticipated.

The teacher's team was led by the scoring tandem of Jeff Ford and Trevor Thompson while the students found their offensive might in a line dubbed "the Power Line". This line featured Ryan Morrow, Craig Duvall, Andrew Adlington, Scott Speer and Sheldon Beckstead.

Already I am looking forward to next year's game and the inevitable student victory.

This year's Christmas Concert went forward as planned. In three weeks I'll have more information on this exciting event. No new details from the Movie Night front, but the event has been confirmed for a January date. I am looking forward to the continued work of Student Council after the Christmas Holidays.

Sports Centre - The Senior Boy's Basketball team had two games before the break. I'll have more details on the outcome of these games later. The Girl's Volleyball teams did not play this week. Their season will continue after the break.

Fundraising Front - This week we saw the success of two Student Council fundraisers. The floor hockey game enjoyed enormous student support and, with admission being a non-perishable food item, there is much to donate to the local food banks.

The Christmas Concert, as usual, packed the gym indicating that this event was also a fundraising success. I'll have more from the Fundraising Front in the coming weeks.

Student Vote 2006 - Last week Seaway unveiled its Student Vote designed to raise political awareness among students. This week, the teachers representing the major political parties have adorned their classroom doors with their party's platform. The vote will be held on January 12th.

I'll be back in three weeks with more "Scribbles & Bits" from Seaway.

Early success for Seaway's Senior Boys

IROQUOIS – So far, so good, describes the early season for Seaway District High School's Senior Boys Basketball team.

Pleased with the efforts of his team, Jeff Ford reported last Thursday morning that the boys in league play won their first four games. They faced Tagwi, Glengarry, Héritage and North Dundas.

"We've been practicing quite a bit," he said, to which attributes their early successes. Also helpful, is the team's experience. "Most of the boys are returning players," said Ford.

"John Locke is our main offensive weapon. He and Craig Douma have been playing really well for us."

In addition to their offensive strength they are also strong defensively. "Alex DeKleine gets a lot of rebounds and is a good defender."

The boys will return to action after the Christmas break, and are looking forward to continued success.

Peewee C girls take over first

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Peewee Girls moved into first place in the Peewee C division of the Ottawa District Women's Hockey League with a 3 - 1 win over Carleton Place last Friday.

South Dundas has 19 points so far this season with eight wins, three ties and three losses.

Breanna Peters led the Lions to victory over Carleton Place with three goals. Peters is the team's leading scorer with 14 goals and 7 assists.

The team's coaching staff includes Bill Morrow, Bruce Wells, Mike Veltkamp and Nancy Swank, and players include, Danyelle Tessier, Breanna Peters, Sarah Casselman, Kristina Swank, Leah Wells, Amy VeltKamp, Randi Melenhorst, Katie Beach, Lily Streit, Morgan Spencer and Michaela Morrow. Jessica Whitteker is the goalie.

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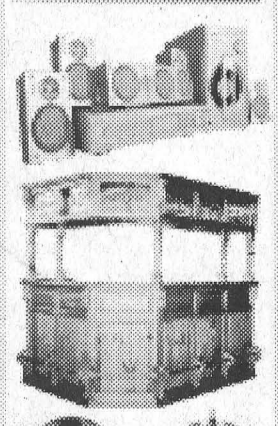

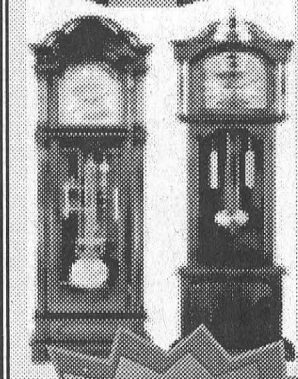

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