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Water treatment plant

Contract terminated

MORRISBURG – *The Leader* has learned that the contract between the water treatment plant contractors, Detra Builders, and the Township of South Dundas has been terminated.

Asked Monday about the situation with the construction of the water treatment plant, South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald confirmed, "Our relationship with the contractor was terminated." He also confirmed that the contract was terminated as of December 2, 2005, but would not comment on why.

According to McDonald, township officials and Thompson Rosemount Group, the project engineers, are currently evaluating what needs to be done to complete construction of the water treatment plant. "We are reviewing where we are at and will determine the best way to move forward," said McDonald, Monday.

For the last week, there has been security at the site of the water treatment plant. "We wanted to ensure the plant was maintained and that there was no vandalism," said McDonald. Asked if the security was the result of a threat against the water treatment plant, McDonald said, "No." He added that the township is evaluating the need for security at the site on a daily basis.

According to McDonald, there are still some funds remaining in the contract, however, the overall financial impact of the contract termination is "still unknown."

Iroquois and Morrisburg Ward elected officials, councillors Bill Ewing and Sandra Bailey were contacted for comment on the matter.

"I am not supposed to comment on it whatsoever," said Ewing, late Monday afternoon.

Councillor Sandra Bailey said, "The contractor was terminated December 2, and there is a holdback. At this point and time I don't think I care to comment any further because of possible future legal considerations."

Asked if the project is in jeopardy, Councillor Bailey said, "It's not in jeopardy."

Detra Builders was awarded the contract to construct the water treatment plant to service water customers in both Morrisburg and Iroquois, in April of 2004, for around $10 million.

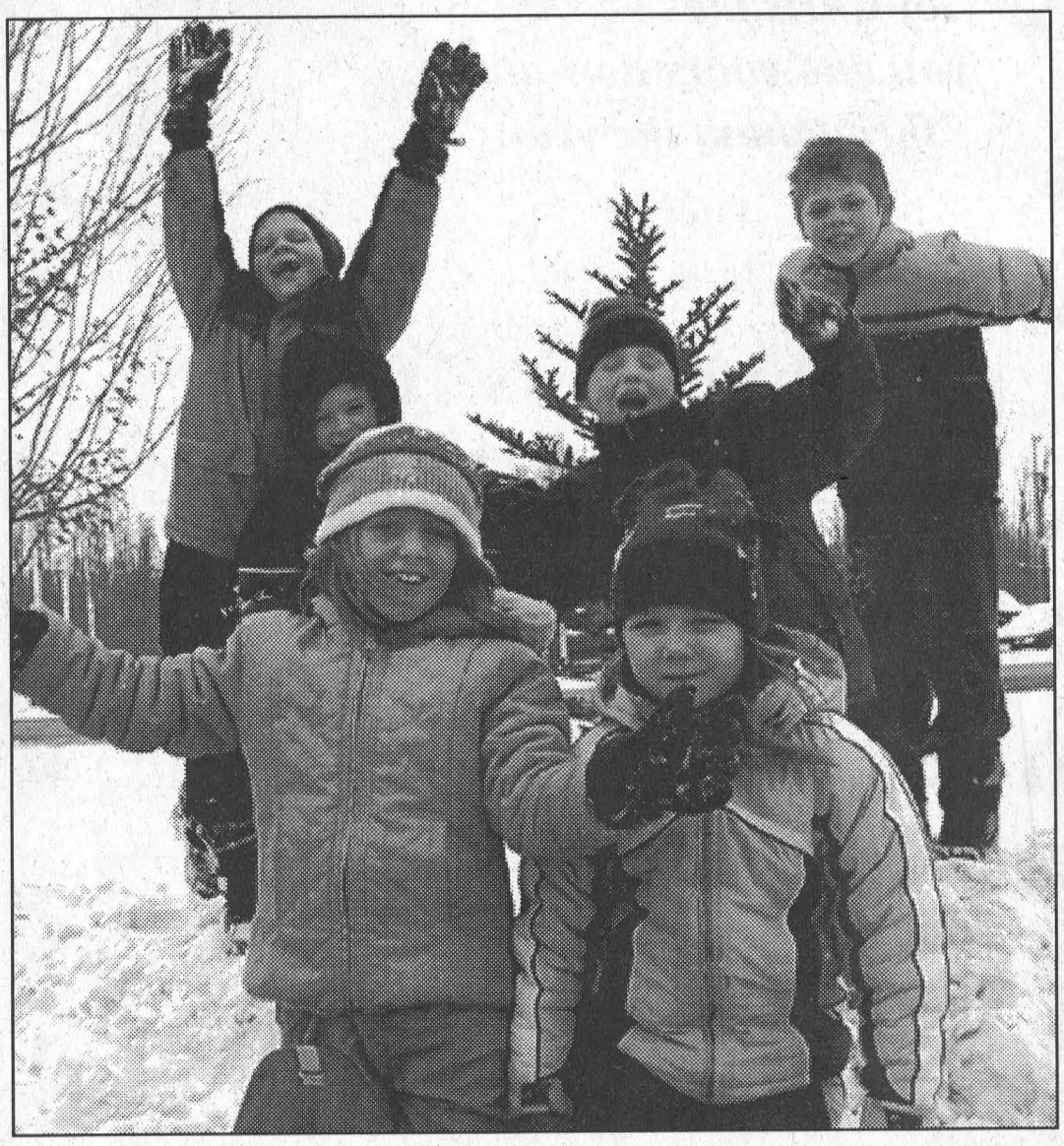
Originally scheduled to be producing water by April 2005, that date was pushed back until the end of October, and then until December 31, however, as of today, the plant is not yet producing treated water.

McDonald says that the December 31, deadline will not be met.



Whispering Christmas Wishes to Santa **Gibb photo**

Nate Murray looked very excited as he sat on Santa's knee during the recent visit of the jolly old gentleman to Iroquois Plaza on Saturday. Santa made a quick trip to the Iroquois Tourist Booth, temporarily turned into his headquarters, meeting and chatting with the children who had been eagerly awaiting him. Santa arrived riding in a decorated red fire truck, courtesy of the Iroquois Fire Department. He listened to lots of Christmas hopes and dreams and carefully edited his Naughty and Nice list. Despite the cold weather, everyone who had a chance to talk to Santa came away with a little gift, and a very big smile.



Waiting for Santa **Gibb photo**

This excited group found their own way to keep warm on Saturday afternoon as they awaited the arrival of Santa Claus at the Iroquois Plaza. Just before the guest of honour landed, children and parents took the opportunity to go on a wagon ride, provided by the Iroquois Legion. However, when the red fire truck arrived carrying a beaming Mr. Claus, everyone rushed to be the first to sit on his knee. In the front row, from l-r, are Marissa Perkins and Hailey Markell. In the middle row from l-r are Andrew Richardson and Andrew Perkins. In the back row, from l-r, are Mitchell Perkins and Travis Richardson.

Bailey stays concerned about clubhouse project

WILLIAMSBURG – Speaking of the ongoing construction of a new clubhouse for the Iroquois Golf Club, councillor Sandra Bailey continues to reiterate her notion that the project needs more overseeing.

The project was discussed at the December 6, council meeting in the context of planning.

Manager of planning and enforcement Donald Lewis discussed receiving all of the necessary information, which will allow him to issue a building permit. "I want to see this thing progress, but I want to see it progress properly."

"I am not holding the project up, I just need the bare necessities," said Lewis. He added that he is hoping someone will come to the forefront of the project.

On that issue Bailey said, "I think we've been down this path before."

In addition to a monthly financial report on the project, Bailey said, "I'd like to see someone from staff take this over. I'm uncomfortable with members of the community overseeing the project."

"The whole project needs more oversight, and I think staff would be the logical place to go," she said.

"If we had a staff person on site, it would escalate the cost of the project," said Mayor Lyle Van Allen.

Bailey clarified that she didn't expect to have a staff member on site, only someone to oversee and coordinate the project.

No other member of council came forward in favour of Bailey's idea.

"We've given that mandate to the people of the club to oversee it," said Councillor Bill Ewing.

Barkley agreed with Ewing and said, "I thought it was already being done."

Speaking about the project he said, "I was told that everything was on schedule."

Of the project budget of $350,000, Barkley said, "At the end of the day, and from the figures they gave, they gave me the impression that everything is on track and that things are costing what they said or less."

"The only extra cost so far is the fire hydrant, and, that was because of the building code," added Van Allen.

Rural expansion goes high speed

WILLIAMSBURG – The project to expand the South Dundas fibre/wireless network, to some rural areas of the municipality has recently gone high speed.

Providing an update on the project at the December 6, council meeting, consultant Barrie Crampton said, "We've gone into an aggressive hurry-up offense."

He said, "A major amount of activity will take place within the next 10 days."

This week four towers are being installed by W3 Connex, the company taking over ownership of the system.

South Dundas Clerk Brenda Brunt confirmed Monday that work on installing the towers at the municipal office in Williamsburg, at the Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners, at Riverside Heights and at Dunbar, is ongoing.

Brunt also mentioned that the township is no longer paying the $10,000 monthly maintence fee on the system.

W3 Connex should be providing wireless high speed on the new expanded system in rural South Dundas by mid February.

Second meeting

More talk at Dixon's Corners

DIXON'S CORNERS – Parents and community members were given their second and last opportunity to have their opinions heard concerning the possible closure of Dixon's Corners Public School last Wednesday evening.

The public meeting at the school was the second of two meetings. Again about 50 people attended the meeeting. About one-third of those people attended both of the meetings hosted by the Upper Canada District School Board.

Board officials presented the audience with information concerning the school and the board-wide trend of declining enrollment, which will eventually force them to examine the future of many small schools.

However, they also explained to those on hand that the timing of these meetings was the direct result of 70 percent of parents being in favour of closing the school.

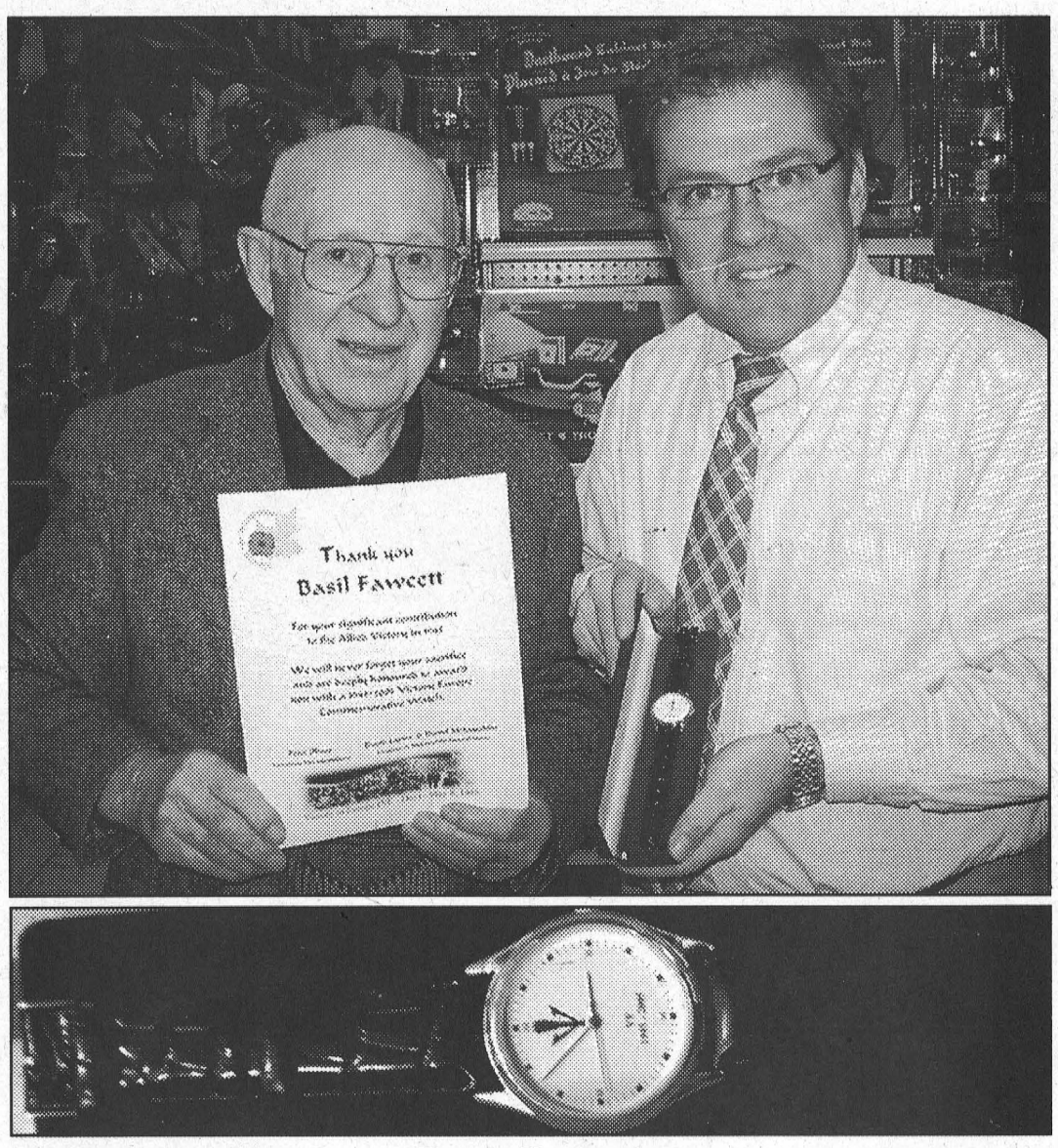
Throughout the meeting process some people were adamantly oppossed to the school's closure, and the loss of the "family atmosphere" which is unique to a small school like Dixon's Corners.

Others recognized that should the school stay open, the students, in future, may not have the same resources and programming opportunities as students at a larger school.

One parent, explained that she has a long history with the school, but said, "I would rather see the kids get the programs they need and deserve than keep a school open."

In explaining how the decision concerning the possible closure of the school Upper Canada District School Board Trustee Greg Pietersma said, "At the end of the day I have to do a gut check and do what I feel is best. The other trustees will take a lead from me."

Pietersma and the other trustees receive a report prepared from the public meetings, with a recommendation next week. From that report they will vote on a motion prepared from those recommendations December 21.



Veteran Honoured

Basil Fawcett, a veteran of World War Two, was presented with a special commemorative watch by Peter Oliver, proprietor of the Morrisburg Canadian Tire Store. Fawcett is one of a group of area veterans who have been given these unique watches as a reminder, during this Year of the Veteran, of their service to Canada in the War. *Gibb Photo*

Remembering our heroes

MORRISBURG – While it was hard for him to remember all the friends he lost during World War Two, Basil Fawcett was honoured to receive a special watch commemorating that conflict.

Local businessmen Peter Oliver (making the presentation to Fawcett), proprietor of the Canadian Tire Store in Morrisburg, and David Lapier and Dan McLauglin of the Marsden and Mclaughlin Funeral Homes in Iroquois and Williamsburg have taken on the responsibility of seeing that all the veterans receive these unique watches.

In total, 49 area veterans have received, or will receive, gold watches specially commissioned by the 23rd Service Battalion, a unit stationed in Hamilton,

The watch is 24 carat gold, bearing a torch and the words *VE, 1945-2005* on the face, and the phrase, *"Never Forget"* on the back. There is also a poppy on the back, an image used by special permission of the Royal Canadian Legion. The watches are available only in Canada.

Several veterans received certificates for their watches at awards banquets held in November. Now Oliver, Lapier and McLaughlin are making certain that every area veteran receives the actual watch. They will be contacting all veterans to arrange delivery of the mementos.

In addition to those who already received certificates, John Addlington, Lewis Warner, Ray Delegarde, and Gerry Duchesneau will also be presented with their watches.

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Monday, December 26TH	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27TH	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, December 31ST	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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ALEXANDRIA	431 Main Street	613-525-0355
EMBRUN	951 Notre-Dame	613-443-5346

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, December 18, 2005
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:15 a.m. - Service of Word & Prayer
7:30 p.m. - Sunday School Christmas Service
ST. PETER'S, Williamsburg
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 21, 2005
ST. PETER'S, Williamsburg
8 p.m. - Blue Christmas/Winter Solstice Community Service
Saturday, December 24, 2005
8 p.m. - JOINT SERVICE at ST. PETER'S: Christmas Carol Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, December 25, 2005
9:15 a.m. - JOINT SERVICE at ST. PAUL'S: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
The Rev. Norine Gullons
Office: 543-3154
Sunday, December 18, 2005
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. Worship
The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
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The United Church of Canada

LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Director
Lorna Casselman
Sunday, December 18, 2005
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Nursery
Children's Chatter & Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church

Williamsburg, Ontario
Rev. John Noordhof
Office: 535-1882 Church: 535-2227
Sunday, December 18, 2005
9:30 A.M.
Morning Service
Guest Minister - Rev. Brian Barr
7:30 P.M.
Evening Service
Mr. Ralph Norg
Sunday School for children ages 3-9
Child care during morning service
Please be our guest this week

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Minister: Rev. Darren May
Church 543-2005 Home 543-0142
Organist: Gary Postma
Sunday, December 18, 2005
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School
Everyone welcome!
Nursery available

Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle

Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, December 18, 2005
10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service
Tuesday –7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer
Friday – 7:00 p.m.
Youth Service
Come and see what Jesus can do for you!!

Williamsburg United Church

Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Walsh
Minister
Rev. Isabel Black
Sunday, December 18, 2005
10:30 a.m. – You are welcome to worship with us
Sunday School, Nursery Available

The Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights

invites you to worship with us this Sunday
St. James, 20 High St., Morrisburg
St. John the Baptist, Lakeview Dr., Iroquois
Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights
Rev. Craig Bowers
543-3904
Sunday, December 18, 2005
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

Living Word Ministries

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RIDE stop nets police 104 lbs. of marijuana

SOUTH STORMONT – Police ended up laying drug related charges against an Ingleside man following a RIDE program stop in South Stormont last week.

At approximately 4 p.m. SD&G OPP were conducting a RIDE program, and stopped a 2003 black Ford SUV.

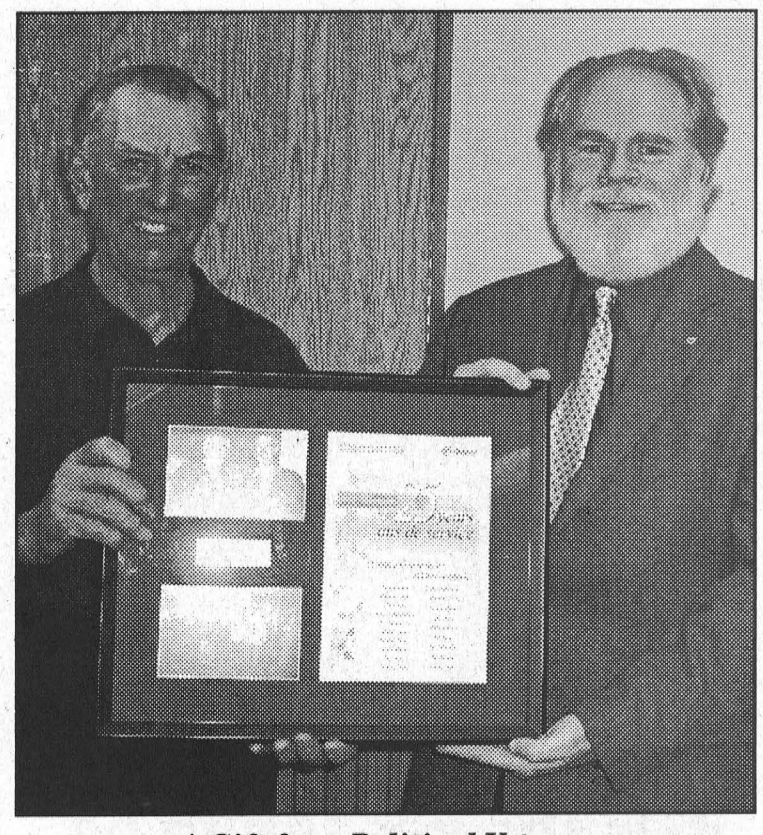
When the officer questioned the driver, due to the vagueness of his answers, and as a result of the officer's investigation, the vehicle was searched and 104 pounds of marijuana was located in the rear of the vehicle.



Police say, the seized marijuana (pictured below) has a street value of $850,000. Officers also seized the vehicle as a result of the arrest.

The driver of the vehicle, 59-year-old Kenneth Wise of Ingleside, faces the following charges: Possession Schedule II Cannabis Marihuana - over 30 grams and Possession for the Purpose to Traffic Schedule II over 3 kg.

Wise was held in custody until his court appearance for a bail hearing to answer to the charge. Constable D. Brisson is the investigating officer.



A Gift for a Political Veteran

South Dundas councillor and former Mayor Johnny Whitteker was presented with a gift from the Ministry of Municipal affairs at the last council meeting. Ministry representative Chris Gleeson dropped by the meeting to present Whitteker with the photographs and certificate honouring his long-standing contribution to the municipality. ***Comfort Photo***

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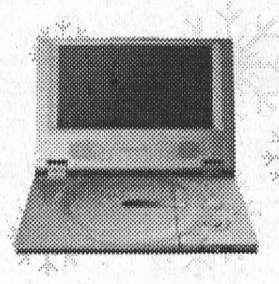

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'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la...

Once again, here at The Leader we have arrived at one of our busier times of the year, and what makes this special is that we reporters get to share in so many special holiday moments. We get to see first-hand the kind and generous nature of the people who live here in South Dundas as pictures are taken of food drive donations, of groups and choirs entertaining others in the community, volunteers packing the Christmas Food Baskets, and on and on.

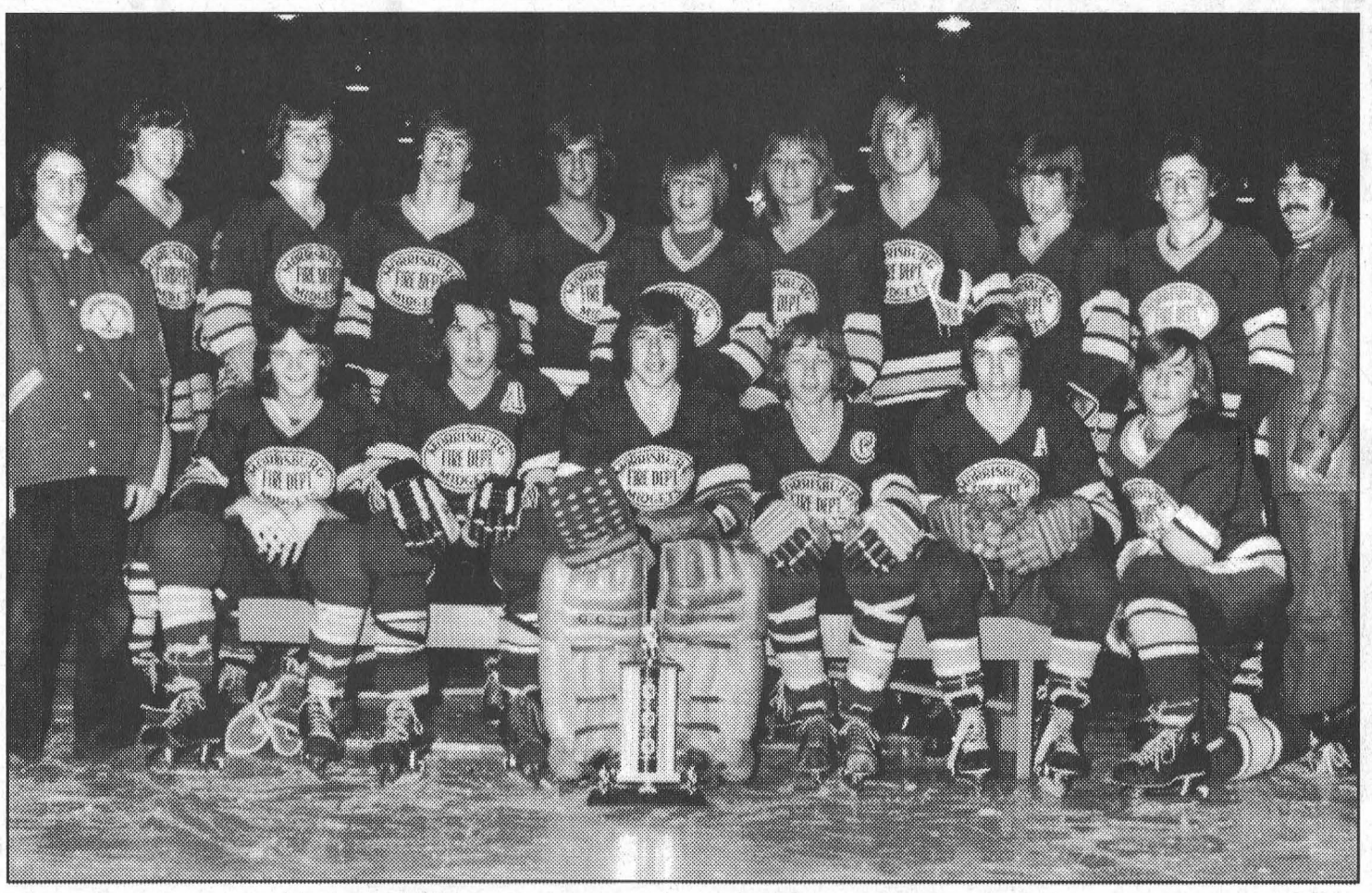
We visit the schools where, as each day passes and we draw nearer the holiday, the children get more and more excited. There are times you can truly feel the excitement in the air. Just ask any of the teachers.

We hear from the churches as they prepare their Christmas services and the Sunday Schools plan their pageants.

We see little ones all dressed up as they prepare for a visit with Santa and the opportunity to pass on their Christmas wish list. We take great pleasure in watching and photographing the reactions of the youngsters some of whom absolutely refuse to have anything to do with the big guy in red, while others all but throw themselves at the unsuspecting elf.

We enjoy the hustle and bustle of the stores packed with Christmas shoppers, and we take in the beauty of the winter landscape...either decorated for Christmas or simply dressed in nature's own decoration of snow and shimmering ice.

We write about the Apple Tree ministry's upcoming Christmas Day Dinner, the Christmas Exchange, the Christmas Angel Trees, the visits from Santa, the church and Sunday School programs. And we derive extreme pleasure in seeing the effort and time so many people put into so many causes.



Morrisburg Midget Hockey Club 1980

Seated l-r, Ronnie Casselman, Kevin Keyes, Mark Duvall, Mark Beaupre, Morgan Perrault and Allan Black. Standing, l-r, Rob Perrault, Wayne Markell, Art Marcellus, Jim Jordan, Barry Van Allen, David Myers, Steve Cruickshank, Tim Foss, John Lortie, Barry Elliott and David Rice.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

We are marching ever closer to Christmas and to the panic situation when time begins to run out, and we don't yet have our Christmas shopping completed.

For Morrisburg and District Lions Club member, Jack Notman, the panic mode comes a little earlier than it does for the rest of us when Jack begins to fret and worry that all of his angels won't be taken care of at Christmas.

For many years, now, Jack has run the annual Christmas Angel campaign covering the Morrisburg and Williamsburg areas and he is always in a fret when the deadline approaches and there are still angels hanging on the Angel Trees. As of Tuesday morning he still had more than 10 angels unclaimed and Jack was panicking.

This year's campaign is taking care of 209 angels, which says Jack, "is the second highest number of requests we have had in the 17 years I have been doing this." Last year there were only 176 angels.

The campaign to provide Christmas gifts to area children who might otherwise not receive a gift, kicked off with trees at Your Credit Union in Williamsburg, Beaver Dental in Morrisburg and the Bank of Montreal and Scotiabank in Morrisburg. Now that the 209 goal has almost been reached, Jack has moved all the remaining angels to the two banks in Morrisburg. He is hoping that a few people will now step forward and scoop up the remaining angels.

In addition, he is reminding all those who have already picked up an angel to remember the deadline to have the gifts returned is this Friday. "I always worry that they will not be returned," says Jack. "I am picking up the gifts every couple of days and there are still quite a few gifts to come in."

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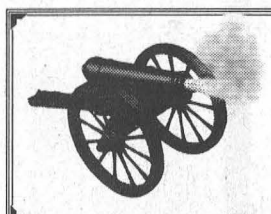
This week we send out some special birthday greetings to a couple of our Leader readers. We send our greetings to Morrisburg resident Mrs. Agnes Casselman on the occasion of her 104th birthday on December 10, and 100th birthday greetings to Dorothy Nash Bruce in Kingston who will celebrate this Sunday, December 18.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1995

The December 13 issue reported the Santa Parade in Morrisburg was a resounding success with 30 parade entries and large crowds lining the parade route. The parade was under the guidance of George Davies who through a lot of legwork increased the participation of just a few entries the previous year.

Although Morrisburg Council voted to look into restructuring and amalgamation, councillor Larry Schnurr said, "I intend to fight amalgamation and any kind of restructuring." Deputy reeve Dirk Testerink said he agreed with Schnurr that "amalgamation is totally wrong. I think it will cost a fortune." Testerink also said that if amalgamating the municipalities in Dundas County to one government, it would be impossible to run the municipality with a clerk treasurer and would require a chief executive officer.

The South Dundas Christmas Exchange was preparing to fill 190 boxes with food for those in need this year.

It was announced in the issue that Mike Barclay, son of Bob and Linda Barclay of Morrisburg, had passed the Uniform Final Examination for Chartered Accountants and was employed with Daren, Martenfeld, Carr and Co. Chartered Accountants.

1985

The December 11 issue reported that fire chief Les Bilmer and firefighter Ralph Snyder were honoured by the village for their 25 years of service to the community.

Pictured in the issue was the new Williamsburg Township Council which included reeve Johnny Whitteker, deputy-reeve, Glen Cunningham and councillors Gord McNairn, Graham Hess and Lyle Van Allen.

Branching out to take advantage of a growing real estate trade, South Mountain realtor, Grant Booth opened a new office in the Iroquois Shopping plaza.

Bill Jarvis was named Morrisburg firefighter of the year by his colleagues.

The Morrisburg Minor Hockey Association players raised over $3,000 at the annual fundraising skate-a-thon. The overall top money raiser and the winner for the peanut players was Robbie Stitt who deposited $173.

1975

The December 12 issue reported Williamsburg handed Newington a 4-1 loss in local broomball league action. Sam Locke scored a pair for Williamsburg.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions tromped over the second place Cardinal Broncos, 15-4, to take a firmer hold on first place. In the effort Doug McNairn tried to tie an old record set by Hughie Gillard (six goals in one game), but fell short scoring only five. Jeff Cassell struck for a hat trick and Brian Moran and Ernie Duvall had two goals each. Singles were added by Chuck Lawlor, Paul Doney and Jim Tuttle.

The Village of Iroquois finally reached an agreement with Ontario Hydro on the issue of the local water supply and sewage system. The financial settlement was just over a half-million dollars and was accepted by Iroquois Reeve L.D. Davies.

The Church Road (County Road 8) was officially opened. Among those taking part was United Counties Warden and Williamsburg reeve Johnny Whitteker.

1965

Pictured on the front page of the December 17 issue was Santa Claus and his helpers who were members of the Morrisburg High School cheer leading squad. They included Dawn Froats, Ginny Dalzell, Kathy Rice, Sandra Scott and Yvonne Van Allen.

The Morrisburg Combines won their 10th game in 11 starts against the Ottawa-Carleton Maroons 5-2. The win gave the club a comfortable five-point lead at the top of the standings. Jim Forrest, the Combines leading point-getter had two goals, and Wayne Wiener Brown, Mel Tomalty and Ed St. Louis supplied singles.

Scotch Pine Christmas trees were selling for $2.88 at Hodgins Lumber in Morrisburg.

1955

Headlines in the December 16 issue read: Hydro–Planning Board–Council Agree. They agreed on: the need for a study and re-evaluation of the use to be made of the existing subway at the junction of existing No. 31 Highway and the proposed location of No. 2 Highway; of the importance of raising the level of walkways through the subway; on the location of the new business centre; on the importance of parks to replace those to be destroyed in the area; of the responsibility of Ontario Hydro to replace sewer and water service; to locate the business centre, the proposed civic centre and the proposed Hydro subdivision in specified locations; and on the obligation of the Hydro Commission to provide accommodation for anyone affected by the gigantic power project. Left in abeyance was the matter of the location of federal and provincial offices to serve the area. Council was prepared to cooperate with all other bodies.

1945

The December 14 issue reported a meeting of all interested parties in promoting hockey in Morrisburg was held in the Agricultural Office to organize an intermediate team to compete in the St. Lawrence League with Spencerville, Winchester, Cardinal and Prescott. Tom Connor was elected president of the organization. The first game of the year was to be played December 28.

Rev. Gerald Fee of Ottawa, who was succeeding Rev. E.C. Lacey, was inducted at Williamsburg United Church.

More district soldiers had arrived back in Canada. Among those returning on the S.S. Mauritania was Sgt. D.G. Reddick of Morrisburg, while Gnr. E.H. Fossitt of RR2 Brinston and Gnr. C.F. Gallinger of Gallingertown arrived at Halifax aboard the S. S. Monarch. A week earlier Major Frederick Ernest Farlinger returned home aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

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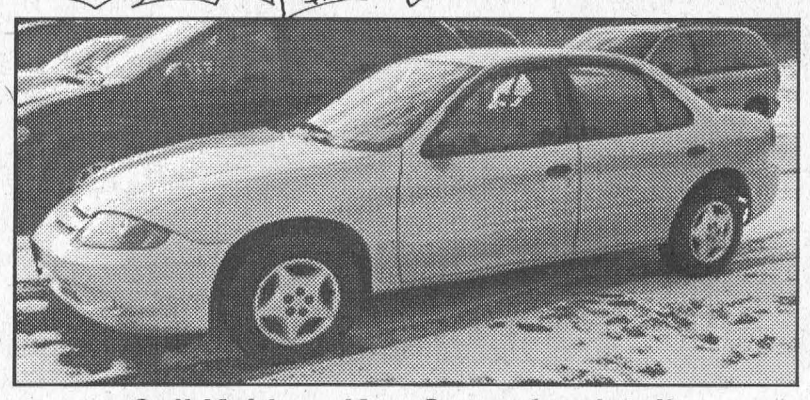

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Perspectives



Rev. Clarence Witten

Remember the Joan Osborne song? Part of it went like this: "What if God was one of us, Just a slob like one of us. Just a stranger on the bus, Trying to make his way home? If God had a face, what would he look like?"

Have you ever asked the question: What if God were down here? Or have you ever wished that he were down here?

It seems to me that to have God "with us" would be kinda nice. Those four hostages being held in Iraq sure could use God "with them." The millions of people suffering because of AIDS the world over, but especially in Africa, so much could use God to be close to them. The same goes for all of us in our own struggles and heartaches.

Wouldn't it be great to have God along side us? To help us, to comfort us, and to befriend us?

Well, the good news of the Bible is that that is what Christmas is about. In Matthew 1:21 we read that Jesus is-called "Immanuel" which means "God with us." Christmas is about God our creator looking down from heaven in love and compassion and seeing that we needed help badly. It's about God breaking into our broken and hurting world in a tangible way with all his love and power. It happened in that manger in Bethlehem. Once grown that baby layed down his life to heal the sick, to cast out demons, and to preach the good news of God's kingdom. In all that, he showed how wonderful it was to have God "with us."

So what does it take to experience "God with us"? It's possible through the greatest thing Christ did on earth and that's of course that he died and rose to take care of our sin.

You see the Bible says that our sin separates us from God. Left in our sin we would never be able to experience God with us. That's why we must acknowledge our sin and renounce it before God and receive Christ in faith as the one who died for our sin. Then we are reconciled to God and he in fact enters our hearts and our lives. He comes to be our Immanuel.

The neat thing is that he stays with us through thick and through thin. Even through death and into eternity. This Christmas we'll give and receive gifts. I can't think of any gift quite so special as Immanuel, God with us. If you've never received this gift, it is offered to you freely. If you have received this gift, enjoy it. Spend time with Christ this Christmas in church and at home. Nurture your relationship with him. As well, if you know the Christ of Christmas share his love and his good news, because this gift is too good to keep to ourselves.

Clarence Witten, pastor
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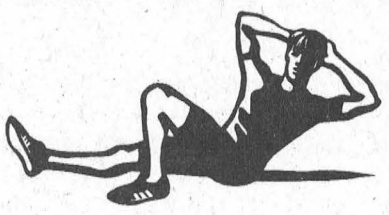

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Memories of Santa's Visit to Iroquois



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- with window guards, which prevent children from falling out of open windows, or use window stops, which prevent windows from opening more than a few inches.
- **Stairs** – Install safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs. Keep stairs and landings clear of toys and clutter.
- **Floor surfaces** – Tape loose rugs to the floor. Slip-resistant mats in the tub and on the washroom floor will prevent slipping.
- **At play** – Keep toddlers off playground equipment designed for older kids. If a child needs help to climb onto a piece of equipment, he or she should not be on it.

More importantly, supervise children at all times. Constant supervision is key to helping your children grow up safe and healthy.

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Trucks still allowed on Island Park Dr.

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas council received a petition concerning truck traffic on Island Park Drive in Iroquois at their last meeting in November, and decided on their plan of action concerning the petition at their first meeting in December.

The petition asked that council consider rerouting truck traffic from Island Park Drive to Dr. Miller Drive, because of safety and infrastructure concerns.

Revisiting the issue at the December 6, council meeting, armed with a report on the matter from Public Works Manager Hugh Garlough, council did as recommended and filed the petition.

In his report Garlough said, "Rerouting traffic to Dr. Miller Drive is not feasible as the road is in poor condition and the township would have to spend many dollars to bring it up to accommodate truck traffic year-round."

Council agreed to Garlough's recommendation. However, councillor Bill Ewing suggested that they ensure that 'Children Playing' signs are in place along the roadway.

Recreation strategic plan coming soon

WILLIAMSBURG – Recreation in South Dundas will be examined for the purpose of a strategic plan, which could be in place as soon as early February.

Earlier this year the municipality received $10,000 in funding from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund to undertake a recreation strategic plan.

According to the report, submitted to council from South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald, "The purpose of the plan is among other things to help guide, support and coordinate the efforts of the township and recreation groups / organizations in the township."

The strategic plan for recreational programs and services will be completed by Trow Associates Inc., who were hired through a request for proposal process.

RFPs were sent to six companies, and two companies responded. Of the two proposals, Trow had the lowest cost proposal of $8,960, so the $10,000 funding will cover the cost of the strategic plan, as well as marketing and advertising.

"This has a very ambitious time schedule," said McDonald. The timeline included with the report shows the study getting underway immediately, with a review of background information, data collection, research and analysis. They plan to have a facilitated meeting with stakeholders in early January, present a draft strategies report to the public a couple of weeks later and have a final draft of the strategic plan to the CAO by month's end.



Scotiabank Scores One for County Food Bank *McNairn Photos*

The hockey-themed food drive for the Dundas County Food Bank, organized and run by Scotiabank in Morrisburg sounded the final buzzer on Monday morning when staff got together with Food Bank coordinator Marilyn Byers to turn over the cash and food generously donated by the South Dundas community. Pictured above, l-r are bank employees Carol Ann Sage, Peggy Kaddie, Louise Tilley, Linda Barclay, Food Bank Coordinator Marilyn Byers, Branch Manager Nancy Lemaire, Louanne Tindal, Judy Laurin and Kim McNeil.

Scotiabank makes food deposit

MORRISBURG–There were a lot of players in the Scotiabank Food Drive Game run over the last few weeks and coming up the winner was the Dundas County Food Bank.

Monday, Morrisburg food bank coordinator Marilyn Byers was overwhelmed with the food drive results when she began the task of transporting the food from one bank to the other.

"This is amazing," said Byers as she looked over the hundreds of cans and boxes that have accumulated at the bank since the drive began in mid-October. "I've got two trucks coming to get this."

Scotiabank ran the food drive in connection with a hockey tickets draw and played on the rivalry between Ottawa Senators and Toronto Maple Leafs fans. For every food item or $1 donated to the drive, the donor received a ballot for the hockey ticket draw.

There was one early bird draw made October 27 for two tickets to the Ottawa-Tampa Bay game and the remaining draws were made last Friday, December 9.

Winners of the grand prize, of two tickets to the Ottawa-Toronto game on December 17 and two tickets to Ottawa-Pittsburgh game on February 6, were employees at Upper Canada Motor Sales. The group will decide the individual winners by having a mini-draw of their own.

The second prize of two tickets to the December 17, Ottawa-Toronto game was won by Tanya Tapley and third prize, two tickets to the Ottawa-Pittsburgh game on February 6, were won by Mark Saddlemire.

In the food drive, food donors were also asked to drop their food donations in front of their favourite team, the Maple Leafs or the Senators.

According to bank employee, Linda Barclay, the Senators appeared to have won this one.

While a lot of food was brought in, many people found it more convenient to drop off a cash donation, and the bank staff periodically took the cash for a grocery shopping trip. This way they were able to take advantage of the various grocery specials and stretch each dollar to the limit.

The majority of the food will go to the Food Bank shelves although some will be passed on to the Christmas Exchange to help fill up the Christmas baskets.

"This is a new food drive for us and it is amazing," said Byers who with her staff of volunteers at the food bank will now happily count each piece and check the expiry dates.

Branch manager Nancy Lemaire was extremely happy with the results of the food drive and the generosity of the community.

"With the ticket offer it was a good incentive," she said.

"The ticket incentive was a wonderful idea because no one has thought of this before," agreed Byers. "This is among the biggest, if not the biggest, food drive we have ever had."

The Scotiabank staff were happy with the results and all were dedicated in promoting the drive, collecting the donations and shopping for grocery items.

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Hospital "wish trees" now aglow

WINCHESTER – The annual Christmas Wish Tree Campaign was officially launched at Winchester District Memorial Hospital last Thursday, and with the lighting ceremony came the announcement that already 437 donations, totalling $23,193, have been made.

The early figures are just over half of last year's total of 900 gifts which totalled $45,000 in donations for medical equipment.

The official lighting ceremony held in the hospital lobby was opened by Terry MacLellan, chairman of the Hospital Foundation.

"Since I became involved with the Foundation, one special ritual for me has become the lighting of the Christmas Wish Trees in our visitor's lobby," said MacLellan to the crowd of hospital supporters who packed the lobby. "For me, the lighting of the trees symbolizes the spirit of giving that is so abundant in our community."

"The Wish Trees provide our community an opportunity to remember and to include those we have loved and lost, and those we choose to honour in our holiday celebrations."

Next to speak was Bill Smirle, Chairman of the hospital's Board of Directors. "...I want to thank all of the generous donors who include the hospital on their Christmas list each year," said Smirle. "Your gifts make a tremendous difference to our hospital because the donations from our Wish Tree Campaign are reinvested in state-of-the-art medical equipment and technologies."

"Since its inception, the Christmas Wish Tree campaign has raised over a third of a million, $345,000 to help us achieve this objective."

"Our hospital is most fortunate and our board is very appreciative of the generous gifts we receive every year. Thank you for your generous support in helping us to be one of the best equipped community hospitals in Ontario."

Hospital CEO, Trudy Reid said that her second time attending the Christmas Wish Tree lighting ceremony, "is as inspiring this time as it was last year when a magical forest of trees came to life in this lobby outside my office door."

"Your gifts make it possible for us to continue to update our medical equipment. But your continuing support for your hospital–expressed by your donations to our fundraising campaigns, your participation in hospital surveys, your volunteer efforts, your support for our special events, and your interest in our educational programs–inspires all of us who work here to continue to do all we can to make this the hospital this community deserves."

Hospital chief of staff, Dr. Gerry Rosenquist, for whom the hospital has been a back drop since the 1960s, said "The hospital was built by men of focused determination who had the health care needs of the people of the surrounding communities as the primary reason for making this project a reality."

"It was the community that built the original hospital and that deep connection has never lessened throughout the years."

"Today we look to the community to support the hospital for capital projects and medical equipment. You continue to come through. I can tell you that as a member of the physician community we are very fortunate to have the quality of equipment that we do... Our hospital is well equipped, and we have community support to thank for that."

The lighting ceremony was concluded with words and prayer by hospital chaplain, Robin Lane and the official lighting ceremony.

The annual Wish Tree Campaign invites the public to make a donation to the Hospital Foundation in honour of a loved one. The name of the donor and the loved one are then hung on the Wish Trees located in the front lobby of the hospital.



Alighting the Memories of the Community's Loved Ones *McNairn Photos*

L-r above, Winchester District Memorial Hospital CEO Trudy Reidy, Chief of Staff Dr. Gerry Rosenquist, Foundation Chair Terry MacLellan, Hospital Chaplain Robin Lane, and Board ChairBill Smirle perform the official lighting of the Christmas Wish Trees.



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Ladies Auxiliary Always There for the Legion

The Iroquois Legion, Branch #370, has a leaky roof. As soon as the Ladies Auxiliary heard that, they stepped forward with a large donation to the project. Thursday evening Iroquois Legion Ladies Auxiliary President Joyce Murphy presented Iroquois Legion President Darlene Riddell with a cheque for $8,000. "The Ladies Auxiliary is always there for the Legion," said Riddell. "They handed over $8,000 of their hard-earned money. I don't know where we'd be without the Ladies Auxiliary." The Iroquois Legion Ladies Auxiliary raised funds mostly through catering and operating a canteen.

Comfort Photo

Smoking cessation program

WINCHESTER–On November 9, Health Promotion Minister, Jim Watson, announced a grant of $250,000 for the University of Ottawa Heart Institute (UOHI) to fund program expansion of the Institute's highly successful smoking cessation program.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital is one of 10 hospitals that will be participating in this initiative.

Minister Watson noted the Heart Institute has developed "an innovative, world-class approach to identify and treat all smokers admitted to the institute."

"We have made important breakthroughs in treating smokers admitted to our facility...", said Dr. Andrew Pipe, director of prevention and rehabilitation service. "Last year 49 percent of the 1,300 smokers identified by the program were still not smoking six months after being discharged. This improves on the success rate of conventional cessation methods by more than 15 percent."

The UOHI identified a major outcome of the smoking cessation program is the reduction of readmission to hospital for heart attacks. A significant portion of smokers are admitted to hospital and they usually require longer and more extensive care.

The expanded program is expected to help an additional 2,100 people quit each year.

"We are proud to be a phase one pilot partner for this initiative," says Phil Marleau, V.P. Clinical Service for WDMH. "We are entering this study that builds upon best practices developed by the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and are applying these to our patients."

"We will be working with Dr. Bob Reid, chief scientist for this initiative and Bonnie Quinlan, research coordinator for the Smoking Cessation project."

The day-to-day program administration will be conducted by a nurse who will work with the University of Ottawa Heart Institute out of Winchester Hospital.

The initiative comprises three steps.

First upon admission, a patient is identified as a smoker. Secondly the patient is informed of the opportunity to become involved in the research study. Should the patient enroll in the program, he or she works with the designated project nurse to establish a smoking cessation protocol that works best for the patient. Thirdly, the patient's progress is monitored following discharge from the hospital.

Dr. Graham Jacques is serving as Winchester's Physician Champion for this program. In that role, Dr. Jacques will promote the benefits of participating in the smoking cessation program to both the patient and the medical community.

"I have become a champion for smoking cessation over the years, and I even taught smoking cessation classes for some time," said Dr. Jacques. "This smoking cessation initiative is exactly the kind of program our hospital must be involved in."

"The program is financially supported and has the advantage of having dedicated human resources to oversee implementation. I am very pleased to see it is in this hospital. As a physician, it is so disheartening to see someone who is relatively young suffer a heart attack or suffer any ailment that is related to the smoking habit."

"This project offers a higher level of success in breaking the smoking habit."



On Sunday, Agnes Casselman was joined by family and friends at The Hartford to help her celebrate her 104th birthday. In the photo above, Mrs. Casselman is pictured with MPP Jim Brownell, who brought greetings from the province, her daughter Evelyn and her son Mahlon. Mrs. Casselman was born on December 10, 1901.

Celebrating 104 years

MORRISBURG–Joined by family and friends, Mrs. Agnes Casselman celebrated her 104th birthday at The Hartford Retirement Centre in Morrisburg on Sunday.

As the oldest resident of South Dundas, Mrs. Casselman has lived through many changes since her birth in Mariatown on December 10, 1901.

Four years ago, at her 100th birthday celebration, Mrs. Casselman said she had, "not an ounce of pain."

Mrs. Casselman lived with her family in Mariatown until she was about 10 years old. At that time her father and mother John F. and Martha (Whitteker) Casselman moved the family to Strader's Hill to the family homestead.

Agnes had one sister Nina and one brother Ivan.

In 1925, Agnes married Orlando Cook who passed away nine years later, leaving her with the farm at Strader Hill and two children, Mahlon age seven and Evelyn age 2. She was predeceased by her second husband Roy Sidney Casselman in 1950.

In 1975, Aggie and Mahlon sold the farm and moved to Dixon's Corners. In 1986, after Mahlon's marriage and move to Morrisburg, Agnes located in the Senior's Apartments in Iroquois. She has lived at The Hartford for the last six years.

In addition to her family and friends, Mrs. Casselman's celebration was attended by South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen, councillor Johnny Whitteker, MPP Jim Brownell and MP Guy Lauzon.

South Dundas good at garbage

WILLIAMSBURG – In terms of waste diversion, South Dundas is better than average.

The report from Waste Diversion Ontario, the corporation mandated to develop, implement and operate diversion programs and responsible for compiling data on the quantities of blue box and other wastes diverted from disposal and the cost of municipal blue box programs, was presented to council at the December 6, meeting.

According to the report, the South Dundas waste diversion program cost for 2004 was $108 per tonne, compared to the average $233 per tonne in the rural collection south group.

Also calculated was a factor to measure program efficiency. The average for the rural south group is a factor of 6.18. South Dundas' efficiency and effectiveness factor is significantly better than that average coming in at 3.77.

Speaking of the report, South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen said, "We reached a good goal."

"We did much better than the average," said South Dundas councillor Sandra Bailey.

"That is something the municipality should be pleased with," added South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald.

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Leader Sports



Raffle Win Puts Mike Fawcett Back in the Driver's Seat

Chesterville resident Mike Fawcett and his son Kyle were at Jim's Performance Plus Saturday to check out the prize they won from the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association's annual snowmobile draw. Fawcett received a phone call at midnight from the Bring on the Snow dance held a couple of weeks ago to let him know that he had won a 600 Ski-doo Adrenaline. To say he was surprised was an understatement. "I didn't even know I had a ticket," he said. Mike's cousin Mark Simzer had bought him the ticket and was the one who informed him of the win. Mike was pleased with his luck and said "this is the icing on the cake." One year ago his wife was recovering from a liver transplant, so this year he is counting his blessings. Mike was a snowmobiler years ago, but got out of the sport. He thought of trading the snowmobile in on an ATV, but his son Kyle convinced him that they should keep it and get back into the sport. This is the 12th year for the NVSA snowmobile draw, and the 10th year that Jim Primrose of Jim's Performance has helped them by providing them with a Ski-doo for the raffle. "I don't have time to help them on the trail, so I help them this way," said Primrose. Debbie Strader, who is fundraising chair for the NVSA, said that the money raised through this annual raffle is used for trail grooming and safety equipment. Pictured above left to right are Mike Fawcett, and his son Kyle, Jim Primrose and Debbie Strader.

Still crowded at the top

Lions and Glens split games

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Lions and the Alexandria Glens met head on twice in Junior B Hockey action on the weekend and when it was all over neither was able to skate away with a clear cut decision on who is in command of the St. Lawrence Division's first place position.

The Lions went into the weekend action precariously perched in the first place spot with 36 points. Alexandria, also with 36 points, was holding down second place with their stats showing 17 wins and two ties compared to the Lions' 18 wins.

Friday night the Lions nabbed a 5-2 win against the Glens in their barn, and then Sunday the Glens charged into the Lions' den to revenge the loss with a 6-5 win.

The split in the home-and-home series results in the Lions still holding first place, although both teams remain tied, now at 36 points.

The third place 73s, just three points back of the leaders at 33 points had only one game, a 12-4 win over Akwesasne. They continue to be well within striking distance of the leaders.

Friday night in Alexandria the Lions fell behind the Glens 1-0 in the first period.

Twenty-seven seconds into the second period, Tyler Fortune struck to even it, and at 6:13 Cory Gove struck to put the Lions up by one. At 7:47 Devin Brunet counted for a 3-1 Lions' lead and the score held until 18:23 of the period when Lafortune counted his second goal, to give the Lions a commanding 4-1 advantage heading into the third period.

The Glens got one back early in the third from Alain Michaud, but that would be all they would put past Lions' goaltender J.J. Gargour.

The Lions would collect one more from Gove, his second of the game, late in the period for the 5-2 win.

The Lions were assessed five minor penalties and the Glens sat out four.

Gove and Lafortune contributed two goals each in the Lions' cause and Brunet counted once. Pat Mainville and Dylan Graveley both helped out on three goals, and Justin Elliott, Gove, and Pat McLeod had single assists.

The Glens came charging into the Lions' den Sunday afternoon unleashing a ferocious first period attack which netted them four goals (the first two while on the power play) to the Lions' one.

In the second period, the Lions roared back counting a pair of power-play markers to cut the gap to 4-3.

The Glens, however, regrouped in the third period and Alain Michaud took charge, counting two goals, to complete his three goal performance, and push the Glens ahead 6-3.

Again the Lions settled down and with Gargour unbeatable in net for the remainder of the period, the Lions again attempted the comeback.

A Cory Gove goal at 5:03 of the period cut the Glens' advantage to 6-4 and at 9:07 Pat Mainville struck unassisted to put the Lions within one of the tie.

That would be it however, and the Glens held on for the remaining 10 minutes of the game for the 6-5 win.

The Glens sat out nine minor penalties and the Lions were assessed 13 and a 10 minute misconduct.

Alain Michaud led the Glens' attack with three goals and singles were scored by Chris VanOverbeek, J.F. Fournier and Scott Cameron.

Peter Barnett scored two goals for the Lions, and Cory Cassell, Cory Gove and Pat Mainville supplied singles. Mainville also provided a pair of assists and James Kirkwood, Lafortune and Cassell picked up single assists.

Coming up this weekend, the Lions will tangle with the Rideau Division. Friday night they are on the road to t[illegible] on the Rideau Division's [illegible]irst place Westport Rideaus at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday, December 18 they host second place South Grenville at 2:15.

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St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Morrisburg	26	18	8	0	36
Alexandria	26	17	7	2	36
Kemptville	25	16	8	0	33
Winchester	27	12	12	3	27
Char-Lan	25	7	14	2	18
Akwesasne	25	1	23	1	3

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Westport	27	23	4	0	46
Sth. Grenville	25	19	6	0	38
Brockville	25	10	12	1	23
Gananoque	27	10	14	2	23
Athens	26	5	20	0	11

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Friday, December 9–
Char-Lan 4 at Winchester 8
Morrisburg 5 at Alexandria 2
Athens 4 at Westport 10
Saturday, December 10–
Brockville 1 at St. Gren. 2
Kemptville 12 at Akwesasne 4
Winchester 4 at Char-Lan 3 OT
Gananoque 3 at Athens 4 OT
Sunday, December 11–
Alexandria 6 at Morrisburg 5
Akwesasne 1 at Athens 8
Westport 15 at North Front. 3
Sth. Gren. 5 at Gananoque 7

Coming up:

Friday, December 16: Morrisburg at Westport 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, December 18: South Grenville at Morrisburg 2:15 p.m.

Midget C girls win tournament gold

KEMPTVILLE – The South Dundas Midget C girls struck gold in a two day tournament played here on the weekend.

After finishing second in regulation play behind Kemptville, the Lions roared back in the championship final to down the top-ranked Kemptville team 4-1.

The Lions took a lead early in the game with a first period goal from Jill Kirkwood and never looked back.

Midway into the second period, Kirkwood struck again, and then it was over to Ali Tait who, unassisted, made it 3-0 with 8:47 left in the period.

Kemptville's Ashley Kelly got one back cutting the Lions' advantage to 4-1, but that was it.

Late in the third, Tait hit for her second counter and the Lions claimed the tournament championship with a 4-1 win.

Tait and Cobie Wells assisted on both Kirkwood goals, and Kaitlyn MacDonald and Jessica Goulet added their help on the final.

The Lions went to the championship final with a one win, one tie, one loss record.

They opened Saturday morning against Carleton Place who held them to a 1-1 tie.

The Lions led 1-0 after the first period on a Cobie Wells' goal assisted by Jessica Goulet and Kaitlyn MacDonald. Their advantage held until the midway point of the third when Allison More scored for Carleton Place.

In game two they were up against Kemptville, who, this time out, would take a 3-1 win. The Lions were unable to come from behind a 2-0 first period deficit, managing only a single goal from Jessica Goulet in the second period. Jill Kirkwood and Chantal Thurler provided the assist.

In game three against Perth, the Lions did mount the comeback. Trailing 1-0 after the first period, they counted one goal from Ali Tait in the second period to tie it.

Chantal Thurler counted what turned out to be the winner late in the third period with help from Wells, and Kathleen German, unassisted, added the insurance with 2:24 remaining on the clock.

Players of the game awards went to Cobie Wells in game one, Jessica Goulet in game two and Ali Tait in game three. Lori Casselman handled the Lions' goaltending action.

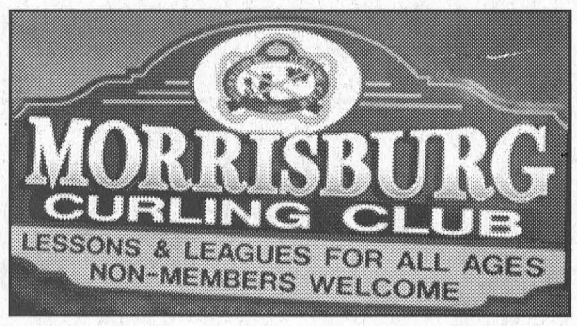
The Week In Curling

Some of the Morrisburg club's senior men visited Prescott for a bonspiel last Wednesday. One team, skipped by John Lyon, split their games. John had Wally McDonald, Jack Dikland and Bill Magee with him as they triumphed over an R.A. team from Ottawa, but lost to the Kingston foursome that ended up in first place. Well done, fellows!

Our other representatives, Bob Bedingfield, Pete Zeran, Dave Salsman and Earl Jeacle, won their first match against a strong Brockville quartet, and then met a second team from Kingston after lunch.

It was a nail biter and came down to a final difficult angle bounce off a rock in the outer ring. The opponents' rock was buried behind guards, and our skip's Brier-type shot just missed. Teams from Ottawa and other centres ensured a high level of competition, but our heroes came home with attractive team sweaters as prizes, on a very satisfying day for all concerned.

Wally McDonald had a busy week, also taking a senior mixed team to Manotick on Friday. Curling with Wally were Susan McIntosh, Jack Dikland, and Sandra Beckstead. They won both of their games, against Carleton Heights and Kemptville, and finished with the high point total on the day, taking the championship.



Over the weekend, Canada's men's and women's representatives for the curling event at the Winter Olympics in Turin were selected in Halifax. It was an incredible week, with 20 of the best curling teams in the world vying for only two positions. We likely saw some of the older curlers for the last time on the national stage. While it is sad to see them fade away, there are some superlative athletes, many of them former Canadian and world junior champions, to take their place.

Shannon Kleibrink from Calgary, who was defeated by Sandra Schmirler's unbelievable shot in her previous bid for the Olympics, won this time on her own last shot. It took a perfect draw to knock off the young former junior champion from British Columbia, Kelly Scott.

Winnipeg's Jeff Stoughton, former Canadian and world champion, lost on Sunday to Brad Gushue, Newfoundland's Canadian and world champion, who was strengthened by the addition of Russ Howard. Gushue will represent us at the Olympics. It may have been the best curling match ever played, for while there were few 'circus shots, there was a precision and skill level from both teams that is seldom seen. It's too bad we can only send one men's team.

This Friday evening our club is holding its Christmas bonspiel. Betty Locke and Sue McIntosh report two full draws for what sounds like an interesting event. Besides the prizes, rumour has it we'll be warming up afterwards with chili. All the details will be available next week.

Several new members have signed up for after Christmas, and we welcome them to the club. Many of our curlers take time off in the cold weather for trips south or to the west coast, so we're doubly happy to see these replacements.

Until next time,
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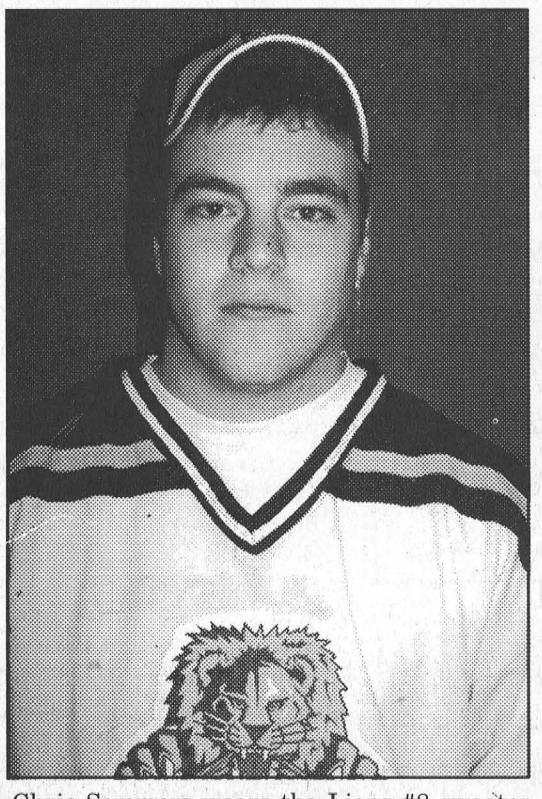
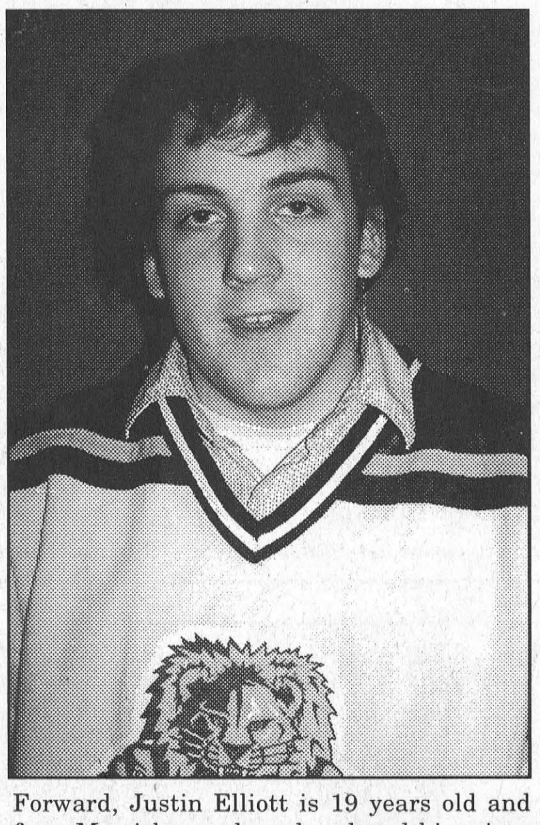


Chris Sommers wears the Lions #8 sweater and sees action both on defense and as a forward. Chris is from Newington and played minor hockey in Long Sault. A graduate of R-O, he is attending Algonguin College where he is studying electrical engineering. He is playing his second season with the Lions.



Forward, Justin Elliott is 19 years old and from Morrisburg where he played his minor hockey. A graduate of Seaway District High School, Justin attends St. Lawrence College in Kingston where he is in his second year in a Law and Security Corrections Course. This is Justin's fourth year with the Lions.

SDHS volleyball players go to McGill



The Spartans and Marlets Practiced together at McGill University

IROQUOIS – Members of the Seaway Spartans girls volleyball teams had an opportunity to look into the future last week.

Friday, December 9, Seaway volleyball coaches Kevin Kennedy and Lilace McIntrye travelled to Kevin's alma mater, McGill University in Montreal, to practice with the University's ladies volleyball team, the McGill Martlets.

"They are the fifth ranked women's volleyball team in the country," said Kennedy Monday.

"It was a great opportunity for the girls to practice at the McGill Field House with their team." In addition to McGill's players, the University head coach ran the practice.

He said that it was a learning opportunity for both Seaway's players and the coaches, who all learned a number of new practice drills, and the players provided the girls will great advice and feedback.

"It was a great opportunity for them to see the facilities that a university has, and for the seniors especially to see what the next level looks like," said Kennedy.

In addition to the experience they left with, the team also provided the girls with McGill Martlets t-shirts.

At the end of practice they had a practice game against the McGill team. "The girls learned a lot from them, but they were holding their own against them."

He added that this is a valuable experience that he and McIntryre would like to offer the volleyball team members every season.

Sixteen players from Seaway made the journey to Montreal.

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Bantam Bs solid at Silver Stick

PEMBROKE–The South Dundas Bantam B Lions put forth a solid effort in the Silver Stick Tournament here on the weekend going undefeated in division play before bowing out to the Napanee Stars in the quarter finals.

In their first game on Friday night, the Lions faced off against the Gananoque Islanders and skated to a 3-2 victory.

The Lions led 1-0 after the first period on a goal by Drew Hutt assisted by Scott Summers, and 2-1 after two periods thanks to a goal this time scored by Scott Summers from Drew Hutt.

The Lions finished off the game with a goal from Nick Thomas with Tommy Keyes providing the assist and the Lions held on for the 3-2 win.

Lucas Stewart was between the Lions' pipes for the win.

In game two on Saturday, the Lions scored a 2-1 victory over the Petawawa Patriots.

After a scoreless first period, Scott Summers connected unassisted in the second period which ended tied 1-1.

In the third period, Summers struck again for what would turn out to be the winner. Nick McCaslin and David Toonders picked up assists on the goal and Tyler Gallinger was in net for this match.

In their next match, the Lions came up against the West Carleton Warriors and cruised to a 6-3 win.

The teams were tied 1-1 after the first period, Scott Summers scoring the Lions lone counter unassisted.

In the second period they added a pair from David Toonders assisted by Zach Brandt, and Connor Hodgson assisted by Drew Hutt and Scott Summers.

The Lions added another three goals in the third period for the 6-3 win. Connor Hodgson kicked it off with Alex McLaughlin assisting. This was followed by an unassisted Nick McCaslin goal and the final counter from Toonders assisted by McCaslin.

Lucas Stewart guarded the goal for this win.

With their perfect 3-0 division record, the Lions next faced the Napanee Stars in quarter final action dropping the game 5-2. Scoring for the Lions were Drew Hutt assisted by Patrick Chesbro and Daniel Stevens assisted by Connor Hodgson.

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Winchester Hospital Auxiliary honours its members

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary chair, Elinor Jordan greeted and welcomed over 100 volunteers who enjoyed a delightful luncheon in the Lions Hall here on Thursday, December 8. Bill Smirle brought greetings from the hospital board of directors and talked about the spirit of the caring community that feeds into our hospital, and Dr. Gerry Rosenquist, chief medical officer, preempted grace by mentioning that we are defined by what we do and that makes us who we are. He reminded us, how, as a community, we have always cared for and worked for the hospital. Trudy Reid, CEO, thanked the Auxiliary members for their continued support and congratulated everyone for coping so well with the changes that impact us.

After a delicious traditional Christmas fare, turkey with all the trimmings catered by Star Caterers, we were treated to a hilarious time with Rosemary Rutley as Zelda who delighted us with her philosophy of life.

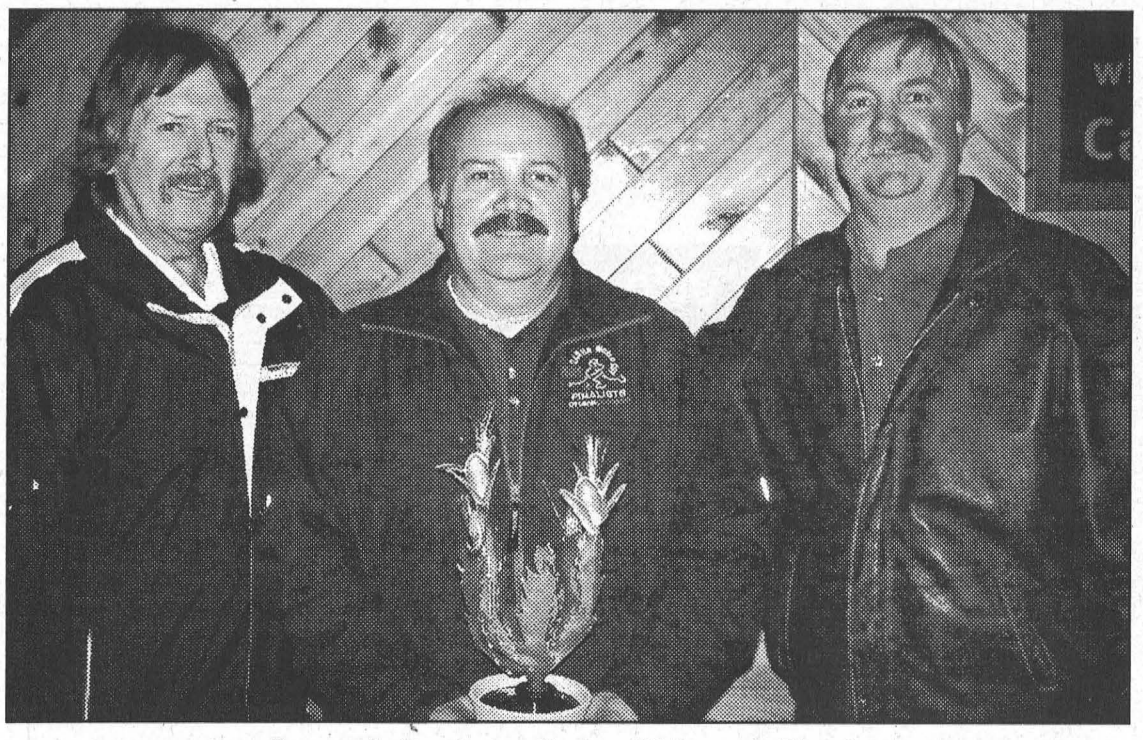
The time provided us with the opportunity of honouring those members who should be given special recognition. Ethelwyn Carkner read a special tribute to Margaret Johnstone who was a recipient of the HAAO Life Time Member Award in the fall. Margaret's two daughters were there to see their mom accept her pin.

Joan Farlinger read the tribute to Dorothy Houze who also received the HAAO award. In addition, six auxiliary members received special recognition at the Ontario Voluntarism Award Ceremony in Ottawa in the fall. They were Rita Bray, Doris Cross, Edith Baker, Dorothy Houze Ethelwyn Carkner and Roma Hylarides.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following people for their years of valuable service: Rita Barrett, Evelyn Cowan, June Gibson, Luella Cummings, Connie Crowder and Phyllis McIntosh. VP awards were presented to Denise Coyle, Tar Fawcett and June Perry for their dependability and their willingness to help out whenever possible.

Local Life Member Award pins were presented to Verley Edwards, Betty Wilson and Gerry McSheffrey who have, for at least 10 years, shown commitment and dedication through service to the hospital.

Outstanding Service Award Pins were given to Joyce Francis, Gertrude Oschman and Dawn Oulette in recognition of their continued service.



Iroquois Business Group Welcomes Howie

Iroquois Business Group president Jeff Beaupre (left) and Iroquois Business Group member Doug Byers (right), Thursday morning presented Gord Dillabough with a gift to welcome him to the community. Thursday Gord opened his restaurant, Howie's Bar & Grill. Beaupre welcomed Gord and said, "We wish him well in his future endeavours at Howie's Bar & Grill." Dillabough said, "I am happy to be here and I hope to be successful. We want families to come here and enjoy themselves. This is not just a bar."

Comfort Photo

Mayor concerned

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen is concerned with the amount of industrial land available in the municipality.

After seeing a map outlining the proximity of wetlands to designated industrial land, he mentioned his concern at the December 6, council meeting.

He suggested that the township persue trying to get back even a parcel of the industrial land lost to the Dupont Nature Reserve.

South Dundas CAO Steve McDonald said, "They're not going to give it back. We would have to pay."

Seaway Scribbles & Bits

by David Jones

IROQUOIS – Boasting an impressive record already, this year's Student Council continues to demonstrate its desire to energize Seaway's student body with a number of exciting student activities. Events on the horizon include: a student/teacher floor hockey game, the annual Christmas Concert and a "Movie Night."

The first of these activities, the floor hockey game, will take place this month on December 15. This year Seaway expects to "ice" a very competitive student team in an effort to combat the latest addition to the teachers' team, Mr Ford.

Following this will be the much anticipated Christmas Concert. No participants have been confirmed, but a number of musical performances and skits are probable. All proceeds from these two events will be contributed to the local food banks. This commitment demonstrates this Students Council's resolve to make a difference in both Seaway and the community.

After the holidays have ended, Students Council plans to bring Seaway its first "Movie Night." The details are still being worked out, but word has it that a large screen will be set up in the gym for this exciting new event. Way to go, Students Council!

Seaway continues to experience athletic success as the Boys' Basketball and the Girls' Volleyball seasons commence. On December 6, the Senior Boys' Basketball team kicked off the season by cruising to a victory over Tagwa.

On December 6, the Girls' Volleyball team also hosted a number of competitive games. Both of these teams have demonstrated great promise already. There is much to look forward to in Seaway athletics.

As mentioned before, Students Council has two major student events in the works. All the proceeds will be going to the local food banks. In addition to these, chocolate bar sales are booming and have been a great success for both the Yearbook and the Students Council. Things are looking good from the Fundraising Front.

On December 6, Seaway held a workshop at the McIntosh Inn. Dubbed "Spartan Synergy", the workshop focused on current issues at Seaway, and on building teamwork skills. About 45 students participated in the workshop.

The cooperative education department invited St John's Ambulance to Seaway to provide Co-op students with the chance to obtain their Emergency First Aid Training. This program generally costs $65 per participant, but was made available to co-op students for just $5.

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

Obituaries

Riek "Peppy" Pepers



Riek "Peppy" Pepers passed away at Winchester Hospital on Wednesday, December 7, 2005. She was 85 years old.

The daughter of the late Johannes and Maria (VanZuthen) Kerkhof, Peppy was born in Erp, The Netherlands, July 22, 1920.

She married the late Harry Pepers in Holland in June of 1949. That same year they immigrated to Canada, settling originally in Quebec. Later they took up farming in Glen Becker. Peppy, a homemaker, lived on the farm until 1983 when she took up residence in Morrisburg.

Peppy was keenly interested in gardening and playing cards. She enjoyed traveling, especially to British Columbia where she would visit her sisters. She was also interested in Politics and remained a true Liberal government supporter.

Peppy was a generous lady who was always willing to help anyone in need. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg, and, for over 51 years, an active member of the Catholic Women's League.

Peppy is survived by her brothers and sisters, Johanna (Adrian) VanHoof of Vernon, B.C., Dora Vanderwyst of Holland, Harry Kerkhof of Gravenhurst, Peter (Annie) Kerkhof of Holland, John (Betsy) Kerkhof of Holland and Sjaan (Martin) Vandeleest of Vernon, B.C.

She was predeceased by her sisters Henrietta Timmers and Maria Klaassen.

Peppy will also be remembered fondly by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A Catholic Women's League Service was held on Friday evening at 6:45 p.m.

Funeral service took place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg on Saturday, December 10, at 11 a.m. Father Chisholm officiated. Interment was in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Morrisburg.

Pallbearers were Jeff VanMoorsel, Raymond VanMoorsel, Pat Byvelds, Peter Pepers, Harry Pepers and David Nicolaassen.

Donations to the Winchester Hospital in Peppy's name would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Frances "Fran" Brunet

Frances "Fran" Brunet passed away peacefully at Woodland Villa, Long Sault, on Friday, December 9. She was in her 85th year.

Fran was the daughter of the late Harry Bruce and Marguerite (Holmes) Duvall. She was the wife of the late Joseph Rene Brunet.

She was predeceased by her sisters Isabel Clarke and Winnie Fleming, and by her brothers Clayton and Ralph Duvall.

Fran is survived by sisters Marie (Bill) Merriam, Betty Prunner, and Donna (Earl) Jeacle and brother Gary (Sylvia) Duvall. She will also be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home, 28 Sir James Morris Drive, Morrisburg, on Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 9 a.m. The Funeral service was held in the Chapel at 11 a.m., with Reverend Bob Matheson of Trinity United Church, Ingleside, officiating. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery, Mariatown. Memorial donations to the C.N.I.B. or the Dundas County Hospice would be gratefully acknowledged.

Condolences and donations may be made at parkerfh@personainternet

Ruby Hall



Ruby Jane Hall passed away peacefully at Brockville General Hospital on December 3, 2005. She was 90 years old.

Born in Williamsburg Township, Ruby was the daughter of the late Charles and Velma Stata. She was predeceased by her brothers Ernest and Grant, and a sister, Gladys Hutt.

Ruby is survived by her husband of 64 years, Clinton Hall. She is also survived by her two daughters: Nelda (Bert) Hunter of Kemptville, and Bonnie (Ted) Hoy of Cardinal.

She will be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, Alison (Steve) Riasyk of Cornwall, and Marty (Kerry) Hoy of Toronto. Ruby is also survived by a sister, Mabel Swerdfeger of Iroquois; a brother, Lyle Stata of Cobourg; a sister-in-law, Arlene Stata of Morrisburg; and a brother-in-law, Douglas Hall of Quyon, Quebec.

Ruby was a resident of R.R.#1 Cardinal for most of her life. With her husband, she farmed and delivered mail for 39 years.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening and spending time with her family and friends. For many years, she especially liked traveling in the motor home looking forward to trips to Florida.

The funeral service was held on December 6, 2005, at 11 a.m., with Reverend Howard officiating. Interment followed at St. Andrew's and St. James Cemetery. The Pall bearers were Bert Hunter, Ted Hoy, Alison and Steve Riasyk and Marty and Kerry Hoy.

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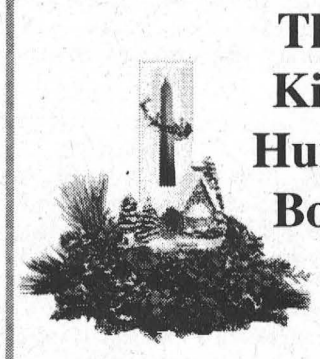

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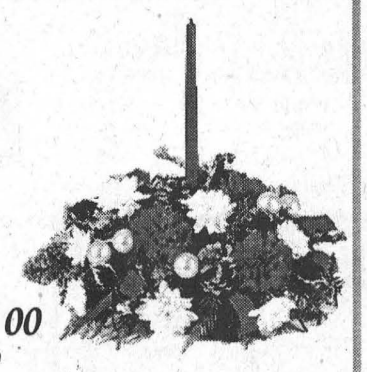



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–David Carr, G.T.T. 50p

FAWCETT–We, the family of the late Sandra Fawcett, wish to sincerely thank everyone for their gracious support in our time of sorrow. Thanks to our work places for their care and support, our fellow workers and friends, neighbors and family and long distance family. For the phone calls, cards, food, flowers and donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre and Winchester Hospital and charities of your choice, thanks. A very special thanks to the Iroquois Firefighters, ambulance, police for all they tried to do for Sandra (Mom). Thank you to Rev. Janet Evans and Rev. Doug Carnegie for the service, the Iroquois Ladies Auxiliary for the lunch afterward. A very special thank you to Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home (David, Danny, Monica). All your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.
–Harry, Brent, Vaughan, Aaron, Andrea, Annabella, Amberzine and spouses and grandchildren 50c

HALL-We, the family of the late Ruby Hall, wish to sincerely thank everyone for their support in our time of sorrow. Thank you to friends, neighbors and family for cards, visits, flowers, food and charitable donations. Thank you also to the nurses, staff and volunteers on the 1st floor of the Brockville General Hospital, Bayshore Home Care and the Access Centre. Special thanks to the staff at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Rev. Howard for his comforting words and the Friendship Group at the Presbyterian Church for the lovely lunch following. These kindnesses will be remembered always. 50p

McGimpsey–The family of Robert (Bob) McGimpsey wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to our caring friends, relatives and associates for the floral tributes, cards, food and donations to the Iroquois United Church remembering Bob. Also Rev. Janet Evans for her words of comfort, her home and hospital visits and beautiful service, the Iroquois United Church women who provided a wonderful lunch, Margaret Whisselle (church-organist) who also sang, Robert Thompson's dulcet tones and our faithful choir. It was an uplifting service and Bob was deservedly honored. Thanks to Dr. Geoffrey Peters for his care and understanding. Last and not least, all the "coffee buddies" for their flowers and their "special farewell send off." Pallbearers were Andrew, Bobby, Brad and Paul McGimpsey, Art Gill and Peter Swank, we thank you.
–Bunny, Don, Terry, Bill and Alan 50p

BROUSE–Thank you to my family and friends for telephone calls, cards and goodies when coming home from my surgery at the Heart Institute in Ottawa. A special thanks to Dr. Paul Hendry and nursing staff on the third floor, at the Heart Institute. Your kindness and interest is greatly appreciated by Carole and I.
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DEATHS

MINISH, Dorothy Maude–Peacefully, at the Wellington House, Prescott, on Sunday, December 11, 2005, Dorothy Maude Minish of Morrisburg in her 71st year. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Minish (1996). 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. Dear grandmother of twelve grandchildren. Cherished sister-in-law of Phyllis Pimperton of North Augusta, Hazel (Wilbert) Shanks of Elgin and brother-in-law Billy (Sharon) Minish of Frankville. Predeceased by infant granddaughter Victoria Irene, sisters Doreen (Lloyd) Moore and Lila (Kenneth) Kinch. Sadly missed by numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received at Parker Funeral Home, 28 Sir James Morris Drive, Morrisburg, on Wednesday, from 2–4 p.m. and 7–9 p.m., where the funeral service will be held in the chapel on Thursday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Craig Bowers officiating. Interment Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Maitland. Memorial donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation or Heart and Stroke Foundation gratefully acknowledged. Condolences and donations may be made at parkerfh@personainternet.com 50c

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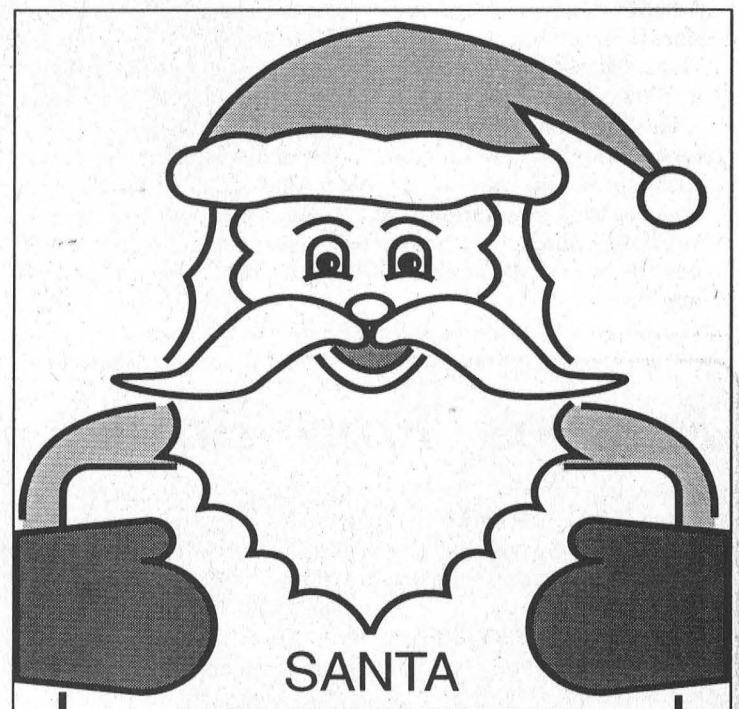
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Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Provincial recognition

WINCHESTER–Members of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary enjoyed a luncheon at the Lions Hall in Winchester last Thursday, and at the end of the program took a few minutes to recognize their long-serving volunteers.

In early November, two Winchester Hospital auxiliary members, Dorothy Houze and Margaret Johnstone received life membership awards at the Hospital Auxiliaries of Ontario Convention in Toronto.

Johnstone, who did not attend the Toronto convention, was one of just two lifetime recipients this year with more than 50 years of service. Houze has been involved with the auxiliary for 37 years.

Thursday, Ethelwyn Carkner read the letter of recommendation from the Winchester Hospital Auxiliary that accompanied Johnstone's nomination for the life membership.

Johnstone joined the Auxiliary in 1948, and according to the recommendation did everything from sewing curtains, to turning up at the kitchen door with jams and jellies.

"The hospital has played an important role in her life," read Carkner. "She has always been active in the auxiliary and was one of the organizers of the garden party which was the social event of the summer."

For the last 10 years, Johnstone has been president of the Summers-Cass Bridge, Maple Ridge - Winchester Springs unit of the auxiliary.

Houze's recommendation, read by Joan Farlinger, highlighted her 37 years of service to the auxiliary.

"Dorothy started as a volunteer on the tuck cart," read Farlinger. "She has been vice-president of the auxiliary for the last two years, and for the past 15 years she has opened her home for meetings of the Morrisburg unit."

Over the years, Houze has lent her talent and organizational skills to projects such as house tours, marathon bridge parties and numerous fundraising teas and barbecues.

For the last five years she has convened the hospital bazaar which takes place in October and is one of the major auxiliary fundraisers.

"Dorothy is the chair of the "In Memorium" Fund and has put in many hours of dedication and time making receipts and doing bank deposits."

"Dorothy is a hard working dedicated, auxilarian."

Houze received her pin at the convention in Toronto.

In mid-October special recognition was awarded to six hard-working Auxiliary members: Ethelwyn Carkner, Roma Hylarides, Eddie Baker, Dorothy Houze, Doris Cross and Rita Bray.

These awards were presented at the Ontario Voluntarism Award Ceremony in Ottawa. Recognizing outstanding acheivements of volunteers in Ontario, they were presented through the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.





Auxiliary Volunteers Honoured

Winchester Hospital would not be what it is today without the Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary would not function as it does without the hard work and dedication of its members. In early November, at the Hospital Auxiliaries of Ontario convention in Toronto, two of these dedicated members, Dorothy Houze (above left) and Margaret Johnstone received life memberships. In the photo below, are five of the six Winchester Hospital Auxiliary members who received Outstanding Achievement Awards for Volunteerism in Ontario through the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. Pictured front are Dorothy Houze (left) and Doris Cross. Back, l-r, are Ethelwyn Carkner, Roma Hylarides and Eddie Baker. Rita Bray was absent.



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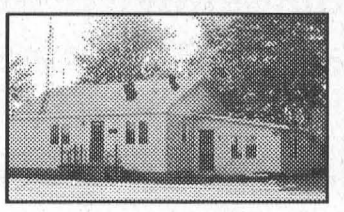

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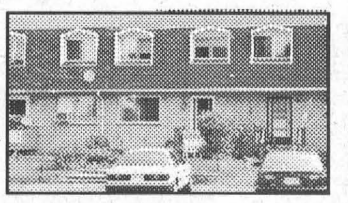

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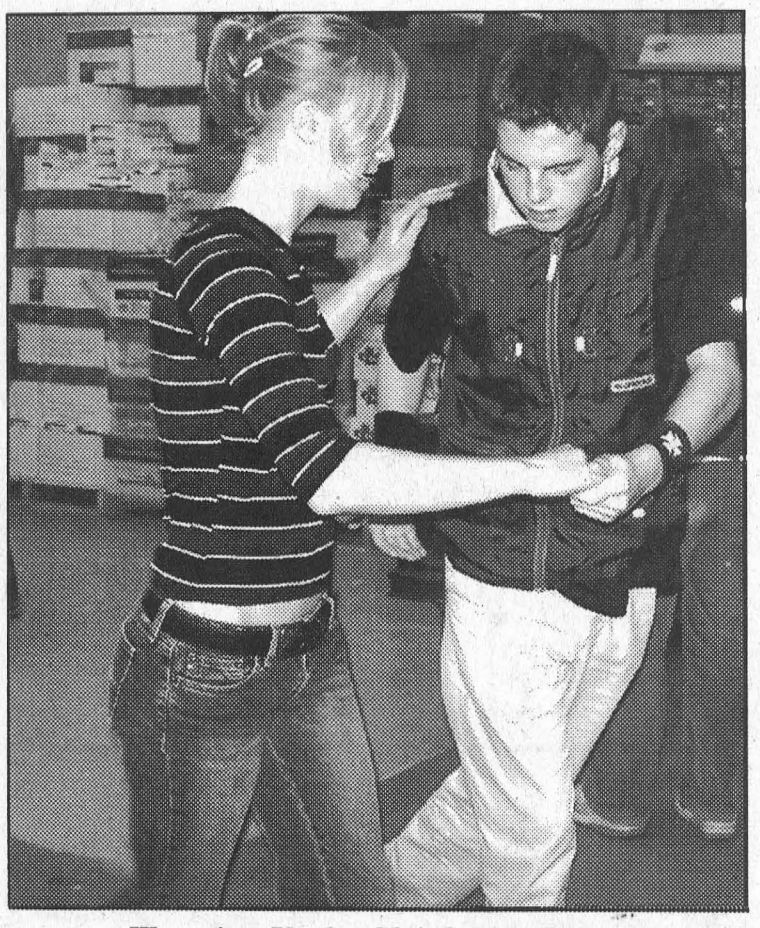

Warming Up for Sleigh Bell Swing

Members of Seaway District High School's Swing Dance Club are this week warming up to host an evening of Big Band Dance. Pictured above are Megan Madge and James Jones.

Sleigh Bell Swing

IROQUOIS – Seaway District High School's Swing Dance Club is inviting members of the community to come and join them Friday evening, December 16, for an evening of Big Band Dance.

Starting at 7:30 p.m. there will be great seasonal Big Band music to enjoy, which will be followed by a free swing dance lesson at 8:30 p.m., for anyone interested in giving it a try.

"What we do here is East Coast Swing," says club leader, and Seaway District High School teacher Jason Edge. He says that it is easy to learn and, "It's the world's most popular form of swing dance."

The Seaway swing dance club meets twice a week at lunch hour and between 15 and 20 people attend.

Edge says that the students who belong to the club are excited about having members of the community come to the school Friday night. "It's a party for the public."

The event takes place in the room where the club meets. Entrance to the event will be at the east parking lot of the high school, through the blue doors with the swing dancers painted on the outside.

Edge welcomes anyone interested in learning the dance to drop by, and says that anyone who just wants to enjoy the music and watch the kids dance is welcome to do so as well.

The room will be set up like a café, and the club members will have sweet treats available, and Fine Italian Cappuccino, Espresso, Edge's trademark non-coffee Milano Lattes, water and soft drinks available for sale. The money raised goes to the Swing club.

"Admission is free so please get your dancing shoes on and join us as we welcome the holidays with an evening of dance and good cheer," invites the club members.



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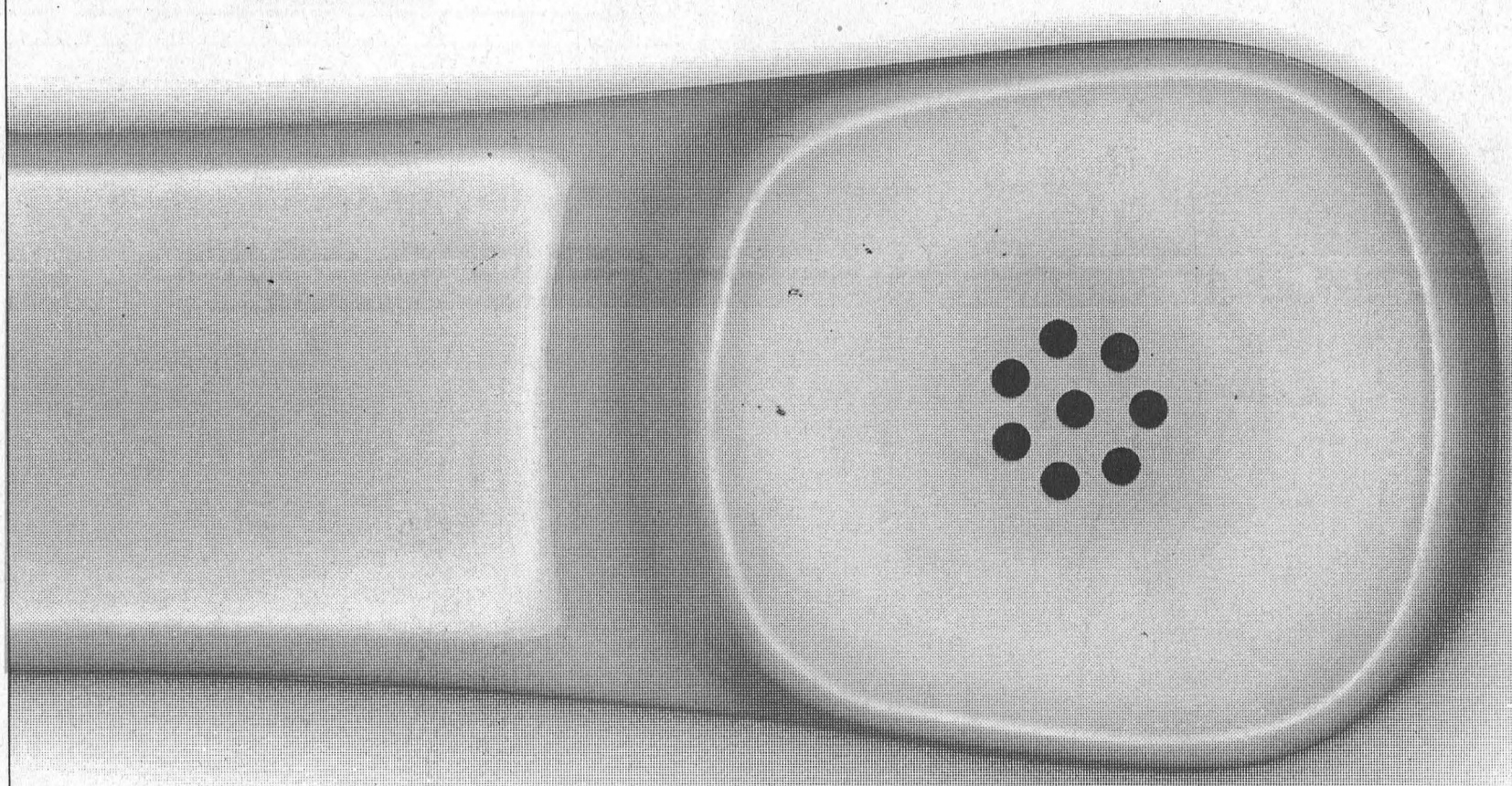

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