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Motion to disband Communication Committee

"Too harsh and too fast," says Barkley

WILLIAMSBURG – Barely settled into his new seat at the South Dundas council table, Iroquois Ward Councillor Ron Delegarde tabled a motion at the Tuesday evening's regular council meeting to disband the South Dundas Communication Committee.

The motion appeared to surprise some of the approximately 20 people in the audience since council was scheduled to have a special meeting with the communication committee Thursday evening.

Delegarde said he tabled the motion, "because of the amount of money already spent on this thing."

"If I'm responsible for this money, I want every member of council to be hands on with this project."

Councillor Sandra Bailey seconded the motion and said she did so because, "This is an enormous amount of money, and the previous council handed it off to the communications committee."

She expressed her displeasure with, "the financials of the project and the job that was done."

"We have looked at the reports," she added.

"I was also disappointed that they added three additional people to the committee. It shouldn't have happened. They should have left it to us to determine if we choose to have a committee," said Bailey.

Councillor Charles Barkley spoke against the motion. "I couldn't support it at this time."

"We have a meeting with these people Thursday night. This is too harsh and too fast. We need to take a hard look at this," he said.

Barkley also pointed out, "We have more to look at than just this committee. We have to at least meet with them Thursday night."

Barkley said he would not be prepared to vote on this motion at the first meeting. "Not tonight. Dissolving it tonight serves no purpose."

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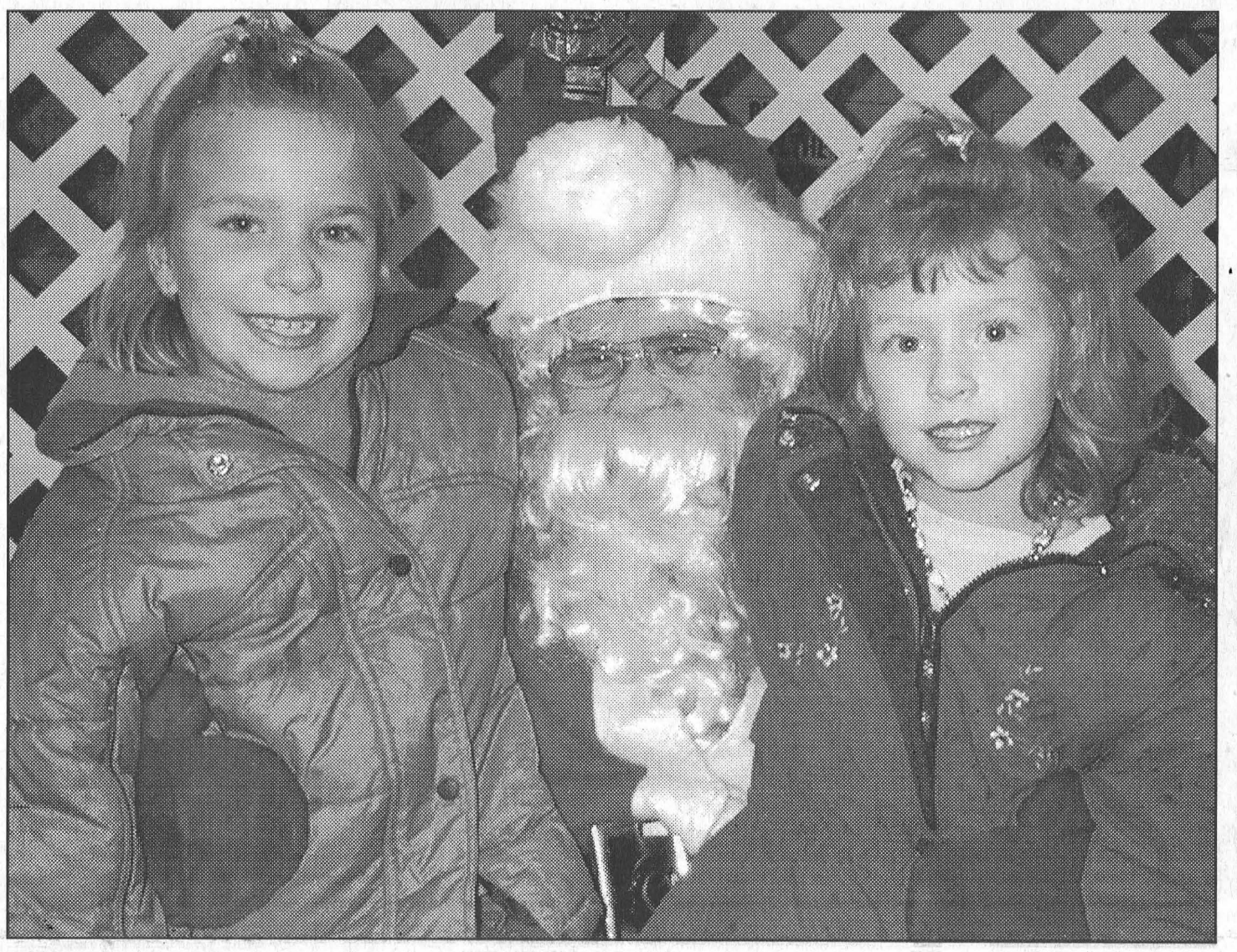

'Twas the Night Before Christmas *McNairn photo*

Samantha and Kristen Hamiaux take a moment to fill Santa in on their Christmas wish list requirements. The girls are both students at St. Mary/St Cecilia School in Morrisburg and there is little doubt they are both included on Santa's list this holiday season.

Communications committee looks to future

WILLIAMSBURG – The South Dundas Communications Committee, the working committee responsible for the $1.7 million fibre optics network expansion from Industry Canada, met with South Dundas Council Thursday night at a special meeting.

Cam Martel was acting spokesperson for the committee and presented information about the available funding and proposed expansion. He was also there to answer all questions the new council had about the project.

The original intention of the South Dundas fibre optics network was to give South Dundas a little bit of an edge over other rural communities, by offering something they don't have. By having this edge, the council of the day hoped to keep jobs in South Dundas, and possibly bring in new jobs, explained Martel.

In the earlier phases of the build South Dundas' funding applications were turned down, said Martel. "Now, we finally get one, and we are questioned about why we applied."

The grant application to Industry Canada, went through three stages of evaluation, before South Dundas was selected to receive the funding.

"They scrutinized our application, and had 24 outside agencies review our plan, in the Canada-wide application," said Martel. "We were one of 89 to make the first cut."

After the first cut, the application went through another scrutiny, where Industry Canada officials determined if the system could sustain itself.

Martel explained that unburdening council of the spending was always part of the plan from the start, and this funding and its criteria will be a way of doing it.

"The number one criteria in the BRAND application is to have partners, and the partners have to be private enterprise," said Martel.

"People who live here have come forward as part of our consortium, and put some of their assets on the table."

The partners are the South Dundas Economic Development Commission, Prophet Technologies, Brister Group, and CTCanada.

The township part of the investment is $800,000, which is the value of the fibre optics asset already owned by the municipality.

Brister Group is allowing their private network valued at $400,000 to stand as an a leveraged asset, and CTCanada, and Prophet, have come to the table with, $250,000 and $150,000 (cash) respectively.

"If you want any one of those people out, all you have to do is

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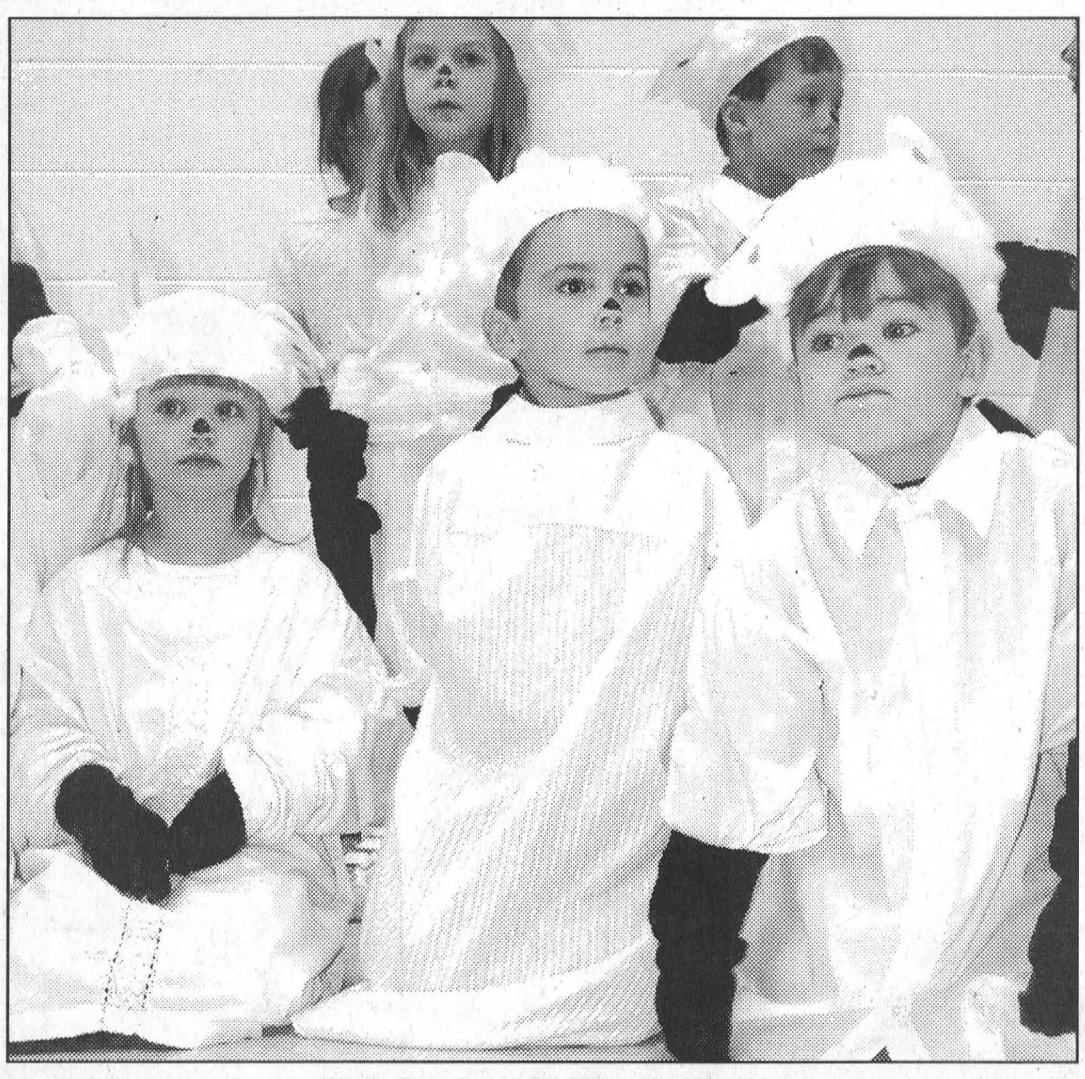

Little Lambs at St. Mary/St. Cecilia

A large crowd attended the first Christmas program put on by the students of the newly-amalgamated St. Mary/St. Cecilia school last Friday. The program kicked off with the Jr.-Sr. Kindergarten production of "The Crippled Lamb" and above are some of those wonderful little lambs including, front l-r Kennedy Douma, Stephen Snook and Noah Picotte. In back are Ally Weegar and Quinn Bennis.

Close vote to extend economic development officer's contract

WILLIAMSBURG – The township of South Dundas still has an economic development officer.

Extending the contract of economic development officer, Anne Marie Waddell, on a month-by-month basis was put to a vote at last Tuesday's regular South Dundas council meeting and Waddell hung on to the position by a slim 3-2 margin.

Waddell's contract with the municipality to provide economic development services expires December 31, 2003. CAO Andy Brown recommended the contract be extended on a monthly basis with the officer reporting directly to him, and the township handling all the finances and administration.

The South Dundas Economic Development Commission is a committee established by council, comprised of two members of council, both of whom no longer hold council seats.

"With the expiry of the contract, this would create a large vacuum in the organization. There are many day-to-day functions handled by Waddell that the township could not manage given its existing resources and staffing levels," he said.

Brown is completing an operational review of the entire municipal organization, that he says will address economic development.

He is encouraging council to wait for the report before taking any actions that would change the existing structure.

Councillor Sandra Bailey asked, "Is this a duplication of a service we have in Cornwall?"

Brown explained that the Counties level economic development office deals with macro level issues, such as financial programs, rather than local sites, and infrastructure.

"They are not here on a daily basis," he explained, adding that ensuring there is no duplication of service between the two offices is part of the operational review.

"This is a gap measure until then."

Mayor Lyle Van Allen said other municipalities are trying to set up economic development committees.

"North Glengarry is one of them," said councillor Johnny Whitteker in support.

Despite the opposition of councillors Bailey and Ron Delegarde, the contract with the economic development officer was extended on a monthly basis.

Once Brown's operational review is complete, and has had council's consideration, a permanent decision will be made.



Early Santa Stop *McNairn photo*

Santa Claus stopped in at the Dundas County Community Living centre last Wednesday to hand out a few gifts and to do a quick re-check of his Christmas list. The annual Christmas party was held and included entertainment by the St. Mary/St. Cecilia School choir and a Christmas dinner. In the photo above, Irwin Smith receives his gift.



Scrooge at MPS

Gary O'Neill's Grade 4 class at Morrisburg Public School performed their version of A Christmas Carol at the annual Christmas get-together last Wednesday night. Pictured above the Cratchit family sits down to their Christmas dinner. From Tiny Tim on the left played by Braiden Whitteker are Dylan DeJong, Pam Yates, Makayla McMillan, Leah Wells and Hayley Van Allen (seated). Katherine Lee (right) is Scrooge.

Provincial pressure over village sewage systems

WILLIAMSBURG – Now that the South Dundas water project is well underway, the municipality is being forced to deal with sewage issues.

In November, the Ministry of the Environment inspected both the Iroquois and Morrisburg sewage treatment facilities,finding that neither of the facilities meet provincial guidelines and both need major upgrades or replacement.

In a report to council CAO Andy Brown explained, Morrisburg's digesters do not operate, and all sewage is bypassed away from the digesters into a lagoon. As well, Morrisburg's capacity is not sufficient.

In Iroquois, the process is not working and requires at least a $350,000 upgrade.

"In the past, the province has recognized the municipality's limited financial resources and its intent to address the sewage completion of the water project," said Brown. "However, as we near the completion of the water project, there will likely be pressure to address the township's sewage systems."

That pressure comes in the form of two Provincial Officers Orders.

The Ministry has given the township until March 1, 2004 to respond to the orders that require plans and implementation schedules.

Brown is recommending that Thompson Rosemount Group be authorized to respond to the officers orders and that council budget for the cost of updating the Environmental Study Report for the sewage treatment facilities.

"The township has no option but to prepare a response," said Brown.

"The main message is that the township's sewage treatment systems require major upgrades or replacement. An environmental assessment report will tell us what the best option is, and provide a 'road map' on how to get there."

Councillor Johnny Whitteker said there is no way the municipality can afford the necessary plant upgrades without the help of the province.

According to Brown, the township will consider a strategy to lobby the province for funding.

Too harsh, too fast

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"I think you're jumping the gun a bit," said councillor Johnny Whitteker. "We have this $1.7 million grant. If it works out, it should be revenue neutral."

"I would hope they will withdraw this motion, or defer it until we meet with them," said Whitteker.

"If the previous council had looked at the numbers they wouldn't think it's premature," said Bailey of the motion.

"I don't know enough about it to vote on any motions at this point," said Van Allen. "I am not comfortable voting at this time."

Council agreed to defer the motion until after the scheduled meeting with the communication committee.

Cam Martel of the committee was in the audience for the Tuesday meeting, and on presenting to council at Thursday evening's special council meeting said, "I would like to start by registering my disappointment with this council,"

Martel referred to election promises to be on open and approachable council. "To my surprise, I learned that the communications committee was on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting," said Martel. "Even though we were scheduled for the 18th."

Martel, said, "I found a motion presented to disband the communications committee, with no notice given."

"I am really disappointed if this is how it's going to operate."

Raffle winner

MORRISBURG – May Brown of Riverside Heights is the lucky winner of a Playstation 2.

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2003 Alero GL, (3 to choose) 4 dr., driftwood & green, fully equipped, power seat, V6 & more, 19,500 - 32,500 kms. **Sale Priced from $15,495.**

2003 Cavalier & Sunfire (7 to choose) VLX & SLX, fully equipped, including power windows, locks & keyless entry, 11,000 - 27,000 kms. **Sale Priced from $13,295.**

2003 Regal LS, beige, 3.8 V6, cloth interior, alum wheels, tempmatic air, fully equipped, 22,000 kms. **Sale Priced $21,995**

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2002 Cadillac Deville, white, fully equipped, grey leather interior, 31,500 kms. **Sale Priced $31,995.**

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Communications committee future

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bring your money to the table," said Martel.

Martel says Industry Canada wants to make sure this project goes ahead.

"I think we got off to a bad start, and we are here to start new," he told council.

"Failure to act on this would be one of the biggest failures in decades," he warned. "We are here to try and alleviate some of the issues, or pack it up and send it home. It is important, if we can, to make it work."

Martel asked council to take a business approach to the proposal. "If it's scrutiny on the financials you want, get your own people to scrutinize them. That's all we're asking."

"This is too much to play games with."

Also asking council's permission to speak to the issue were Arden Schneckenburger, Bill Barclay, and Tom Morrow.

Schneckenburger, a Williamsburg farmer told council, "If we do not go ahead we are not going to attract young people to our community."

"We need economic development and communications if we want to keep a balanced community."

Schneckenburger asked council for due consideration, and said, "Review is good, but don't drag it out."

"I am asking council to move forward with this," said Bill Barclay. "We have a golden opportunity to do so."

"It is a great accomplishment to bring $1.7 million into the community, and we don't have to pay it back," said Barclay.

"I want to keep our jobs and our kids here, and have clean growth," said Tom Morrow. "That can happen through communications."

"Somehow this has gotten off target," said Morrow. "We have a tremendous opportunity knocking on the door, and the door is open a crack."

Morrow asked council to "get the true facts and get on to the business of running the township."

Councillor Sandra Bailey questioned Martel on several of the financial aspects of the funding application.

Bailey said, "It's disingenuous to say we have the money." She said if the communications committee doesn't answer Industry Canada's questions satisfactorily they won't get the money.

Martel assured Bailey that the money is there for the township, and they are working closely with Industry Canada to adequately answer their questions.

Bailey argued that "the business plan is flawed," despite the scrutiny of Industry Canada.

Bailey said that if businesses are benefiting from the use of the fibre optics system, they should pay the true cost.

"Everything can't be cost recovery," answered Schneckenburger from the audience. "Some things have to be for the betterment of the community."

Bruce Mullin pointed out that businesses pay a large portion of property taxes, and create jobs, so by supporting business, there is a benefit to the community.

Mayor Lyle Van Allen, admitting that he doesn't know much about the system asked if the fibre optics might become obsolete.

Laura Bradley (VP Engineering at Prophet Technologies) answered, "It will never become obsolete. It might break and need to be replaced, but it has a 20 to 50 year life cycle."

Van Allen asked, when the project would have to get started in order to ensure the funding is available.

Martel estimated mid January.

CAO Andy Brown said, "We have to start as soon as possible. The key is to get the agreement in place, and the sooner we do that the better."

Van Allen asked Prophet Technologies representatives, "If the project goes ahead, can you guarantee the $12,000 subsidy will disappear?"

They answered yes.

"There is no reason we can't meet our targets," said Martel.

Van Allen had the final comment of the evening and said, "Some of us did get off on the wrong foot."



Attending the Manager

Spencer Fawcett, left, and Matthew Helmer take their parts in the St. Mary/St. Cecilia School Christmas production of "The Crippled Lamb" very seriously. The school offered to family and friends their first Christmas program of the newly amalgamated St. Mary/St. Cecilia School last Friday.

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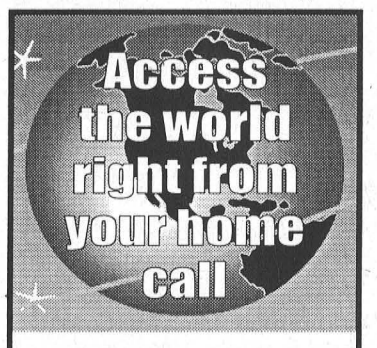

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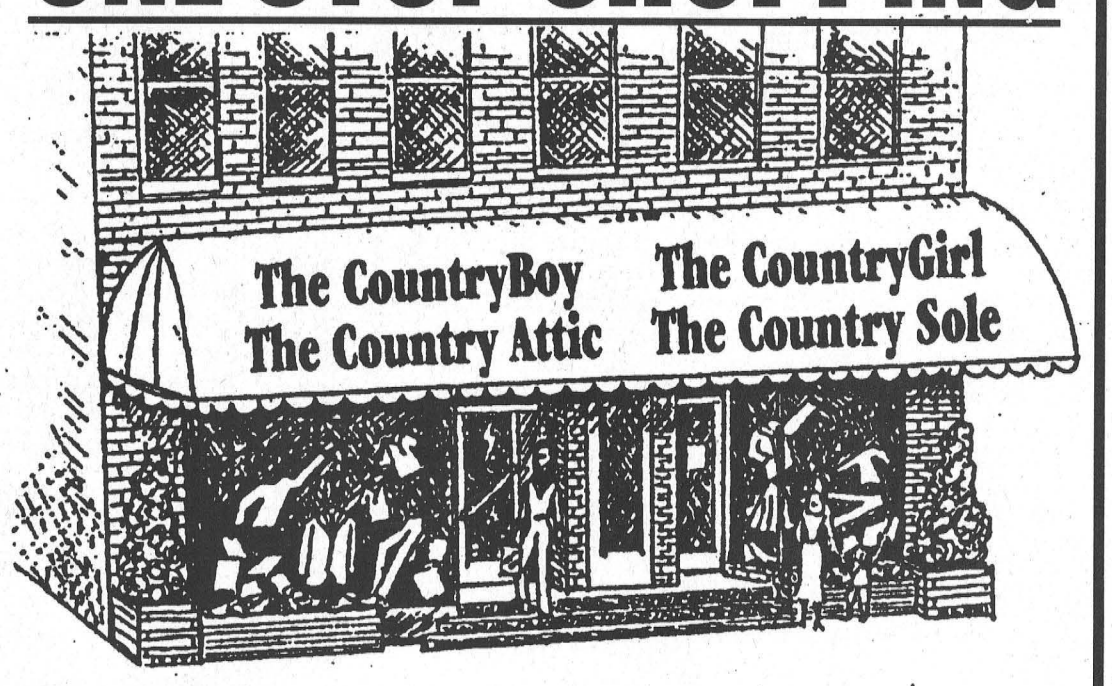

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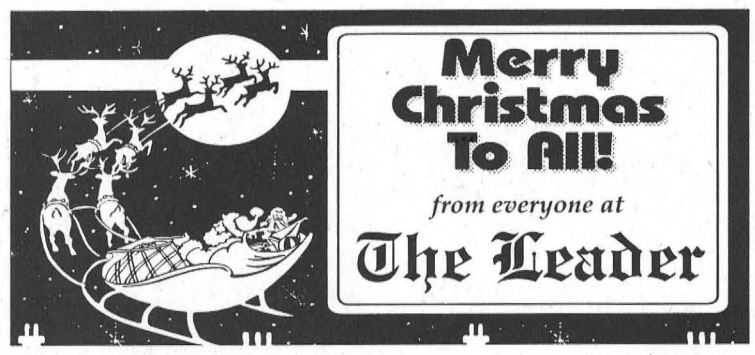



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St. Mary/St. Cecilia School Choir Entertains

The St. Mary/St. Cecilia School visited the Dundas County Community Living centre last Wednesday morning. Unfortunately, due to the ice rain the school buses didn't run, leaving the choir which normally numbers 45 singers, with just eight members. However, the eight singers did a wonderful job which was much appreciated by everyone at the centre. In the above photo, front l-r are Shailyn Richer, Kayla Snook, Paige Morris and Fallon Longtin. Other choir members in the back row, who can't be clearly seen were Kamryn Frank, Christyn Veinotte, Lisa Trumble and Morgan Hass.

'Twas the night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there:
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
"Now, DASHER! Now, DANCER!, now, PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! On CUPID! On, DONDER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.



And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes--how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

By Major Henry Livingston Jr. (previously thought to be by Clement Clarke Moore.)

The Leader Blast from the Past

1993

The December 22 issue reported Christmas had come early in Williamsburg with the announcement from Ontario Housing Minister Evelyn Gigantes that the Williamsburg Nonprofit Housing Corporation would receive funding for 31 units. The project was to consist of one and two storey row houses in blocks of five or six units each.

The Richer family of 12 Lanhurst St. in Morrisburg claimed first prize in this year's Village House Decorating Contest. According to the story Carol Richer had most of the ideas, but her husband Murray and children Chris and Angie did most of the work.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission was proceeding with the idea of leasing a number of their closed parks to the private sector said General Manager, Frank Shaw.

The Morrisburg Public School gymnasium was full to overflowing for the school's annual Christmas concert. Principal Wyman Barton reported one of the biggest crowds ever for the concert which involved all 230 children from junior kindergarten to Grade 3.

Students at St. Mary School brought Tchaikovsky's well-known classic, "The Nutcracker" to life

The Dundas County Hospice hosted its second annual Light-Up-A-Tree Campaign raising $595. The tree was located in the Morrisburg Shopping Plaza and by making a donation, passersby could put a light on the tree.

1983

Pictured on the front page of the December 21 issue was Morrisburg village Reeve William Dillabough as he took his seat in the warden's chair following swearing in ceremonies in Cornwall. Dillabough became the 10th Morrisburg politician to become warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, the last being Mike McInnis.

Tory Noble Villeneuve swept to a large victory in the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry bye election to become a member of the legislative assembly in Queen's Park.

Rohm and Haas Canada Ltd. Morrisburg Plant was honoured by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association for going 1.8 million man hours without a loss time injury.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions, plagued by injuries and absenteeism, lost to the Kemptville 73s, 12-4. Bobby Hart was not dressed for the game, and Garry Beckstead and Allen McNairn were out with injuries. The Lions were preparing to meet the Winchester Hawks in their opening game of the 10th annual Boxing Day tournament being held in Brockville.

Morrisburg Figure Skating Club president Marina Simpson announced the club would be hosting its first ever spring skating school.

1973

The December 21 issue reported that Ontario Motorists could now obtain their 1974 passenger car and trailer licence plate renewals at 291 issuing offices throughout the Province. Under the new system motorists would not receive new plates but would be provided with a sticker to be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the present rear plate. Fees were $23 for a four-cylinder vehicle and $32 for a six-cylinder.

The Morrisburg Squirts defeated Ingleside 7-1. Bob Deleavey led the attack with two goals, and Todd Casselman, Eric Degray, Don Black, Mike Cummins and Peter Westphal added singles.

In broomball action Williamsburg defeated Ingleside 5-1. Scoring for Williamsburg were Doug Casselman, Bryan Dawley, Dennis Casselman, Tom Whelan and Brent McIntosh.

The rapidly spiraling costs of newsprint and every other commodity that went into the production of a newspaper had forced The Leader to increase its yearly subscription rate to $5.

Genuine Scotch Pine Christmas Trees were selling for $2.88 each at Hodgins Buildall Store on Highway 2.

1963

The issue reported the Morrisburg Dunbrik Orfuns had opened the Intermediate hockey season with two wins, the first over Cardinal 4-1. Scoring for the Orfuns were Bob Duvall, Don Duvall and Hap Martineau with two. In other action, Williamsburg defeated Iroquois 5-3 on goals by Paul Beckstead, Earl Brown, Bill Casselman, Ron Casselman and Bob Schell.

The Morrisburg Combines went down to a humiliating 7-5 defeat at the hands of the Lancaster Dogers in one of the poorest exhibitions of third (or fourth or fifth) rate hockey ever seen in the Morrisburg and District Community Centre.

Hamburg was three pounds for $1 at Brinston's.

1953

The issue reported that Second Lieutenant Peter Valcombe was committed for trial in the next assizes of the Supreme Court of Ontario, following conclusion of his preliminary hearing on a charge of murdering pretty Marie Anne Carrier, whose nude body was found in a ditch near Iroquois.

Reeve George E. Beavers proclaimed Saturday, December 26, 1953, Boxing Day a Civic Holiday.

The area had its first taste of snow, and the snow plow made its first appearance on the front road on December 14.

According to the Williamsburg correspondent two of Williamburg's best known and longest married couples were observing their wedding anniversaries. On December 9, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phifer observed their sixth anniversary and on December 18, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Forward would be married three years.

1943

The issue reported that Gerald Crober, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crober had been discharged from the Canadian Army on physical grounds which was good news for the Morrisburg hockey team.

His many friends in the district learned with pleasure that Tommy Tindal, Morrisburg's most noteworthy hockey player in many years, was going great guns with the Stratford Kroehlers in the O.H.A. Junior A group. Tommy was splaying the pivot position on the first line. The Stratford Beacon Herald classed him "easily the best forward player on the ice".

A. MacNamara, director of National Selective Service and deputy Minister of Labour had issued a personal appeal to farmers and farm workers to undertake war-essential work this winter in cases where they could leave the farm without affecting the agricultural production.

A question of conflict

WILLIAMSBURG – A rate payer wants to know if councillor Ron Delegarde, as an employee of Bell, has to declare a conflict of interest in making decisions about the South Dundas fibre optics system.

At Thursday evening's special council meeting, the South Dundas Communications Committee made a presentation giving council an opportunity to have any of their questions about the fibre optics system answered.

Cam Martel, of the Communications Committee addressed a rumour that Bell Canada will bring DSL to South Dundas.

"It is a good program. It is excellent for urban centres, but it will not go to the rural customers, who we are trying to reach," said Martel.

Later in the meeting Delegarde returned to the issue.

"Talking about misinformation, DSL goes out three kilometers," he said.

"A Bell employee told me they are having trouble with DSL roll outs," said Martel.

"If the service is so bad why are there 1.4 million customers on high speed?" asked Delegarde.

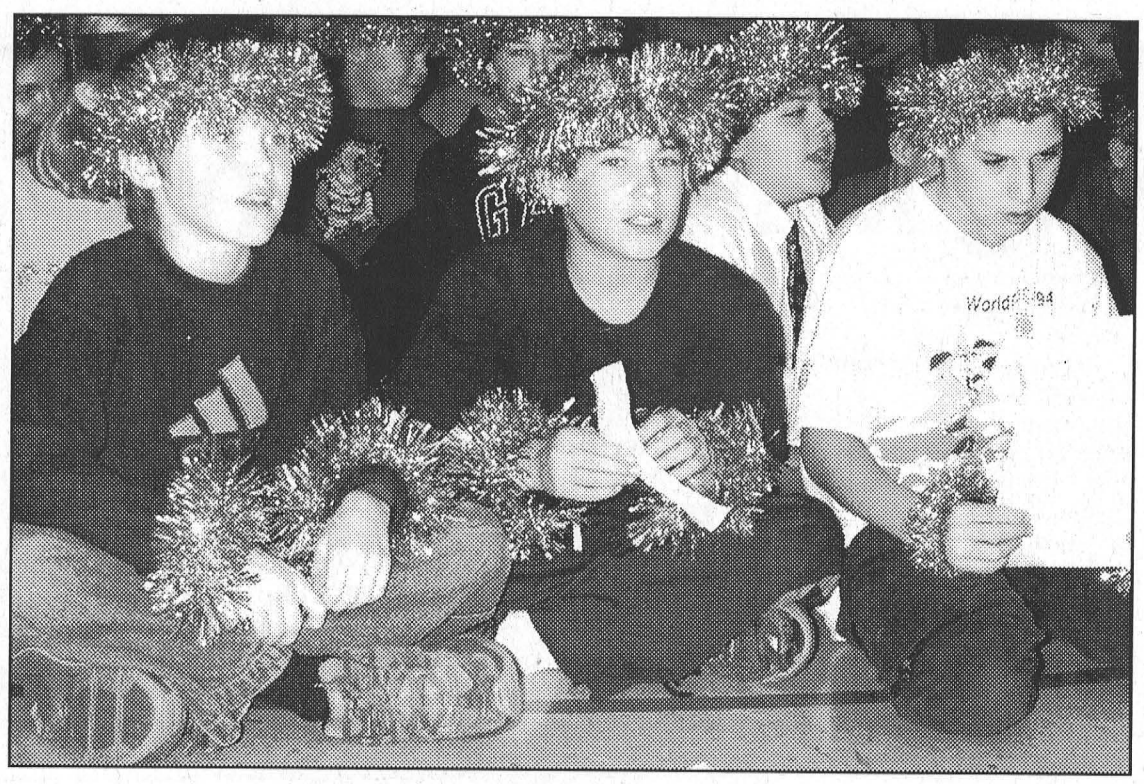
Martel pointed out that those are not rural customers.

Andy Bowers interrupted the discussion from the audience, by asking Delegarde, "Have you declared your conflict of interest?"

"I don't have to declare conflict," responded Delegarde.

"The Act states an employee cannot speak to this," said Bowers, referring to Delegarde's employment status with Bell.

Mayor Lyle Van Allen interrupted and told Bowers, "You have to challenge it with court action."



A Merry Christmas Sing-Along

Skylar McManus, Derrick Johnson and Casey Stone, all members of the Grade 6 class at Morrisburg Public School joining in for some Christmas tunes, during the annual holiday get-together at Morrisburg Public School last Wednesday night.

Ratepayer's concerns will wait for staff to respond

WILLIAMSBURG – One evening meeting into the third term of South Dundas council, the scenario that councillor Charles Barkley had warned of has happened.

Morrisburg resident Harland Veinotte, spoke to the new council about an old concern at last Tuesday's South Dundas council meeting.

"This is an old wound, and it has been bugging me for a long time," said Veinotte.

His concern is with the township's management of the numerous contractors hired to look after various maintenance contracts for the municipality.

Veinotte used snowplowing as an example. "There doesn't seem to be any control," he said, asking who is responsible for overseeing the activities of the contractors.

"That would be Brian Cooper with Hugh Garlough, or acting lead hand at the time," said Brown.

When Veinotte continued, Mayor Van Allen said, "It's too bad our manager of roads isn't here this evening. We can ask him these questions and get back to you."

Councillor Charles Barkley asked, "Where is our roads manager tonight?"

Barkley went on, to explain that having night meetings will cost taxpayers $14,000 a year. "I'm in favour of having night meetings, but I want department heads here."

"We discussed it, just for this reason. If people have a problem, we're not in a position to answer."

Search warrant leads to arrests

SOUTH DUNDAS – An early morning search warrant in the township resulted in a drug seizure.

During the early morning hours of December 19 members of the Project Centrum, street level drug enforcement team, in conjunction with members of the SD&G OPP executed a search warrant at a private residence located along County Road 1.

A total of 17.9 pounds of marihuana buds, having a street value of approximately $129,935 were seized by police.

Charges of possession for the purposes of trafficking, and possession of a substance are pending against two males, aged 47 and 27, who are the occupants of the property.

Both men were released following their arrest and will be scheduled to appear in provincial court in the village of Morrisburg on February 3, 2004 to respond to the charges.

Church Directory

Roman Catholic Churches
Rev. Fr. Sebastian Arikat
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.
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St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Pastor: The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
Office: 543-3154 or Office: 543-2480
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Wednesday, December 24, 2003
7:30 p.m. St. Paul's, Morrisburg
Thursday, December 25, 2003
St. Paul's, Morrisburg
10 a.m. – Holy Trinity, Riverside
Sunday, December 28, 2003
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. Worship
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. Worship
New Year's Eve Healing Service
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10:00 A.M. - Rev. Wieger DeJong
Guest Minister
Sunday, December 28, 2003
9:30 A.M. - Rev. Wieger DeJong
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Sunday School for Children ages 3-9
7:30 P.M. - Evening Worship
Rev. Wieger DeJong
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Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, December 28, 2003
10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service
Tuesday –
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer
Friday –
7:00 p.m. - Youth Service
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543-3904
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The Rev. Pat Martin, Assistant
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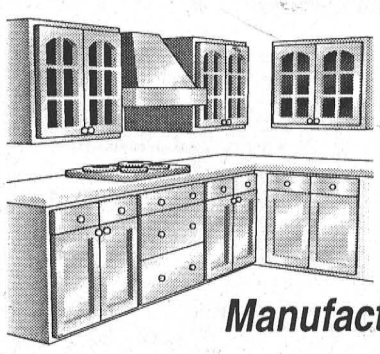
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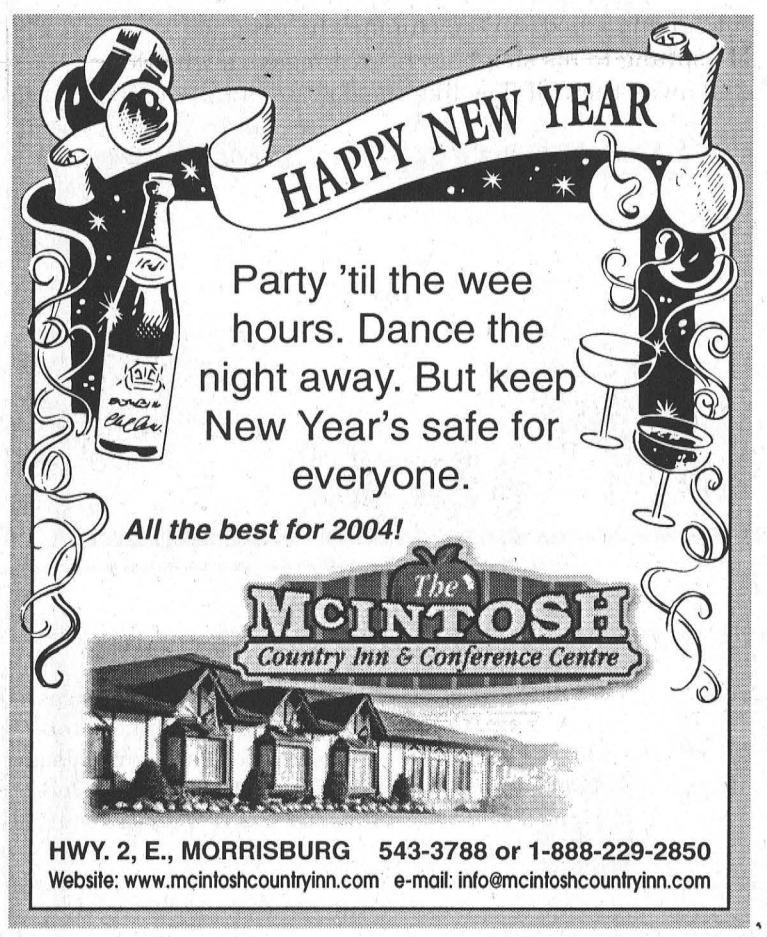

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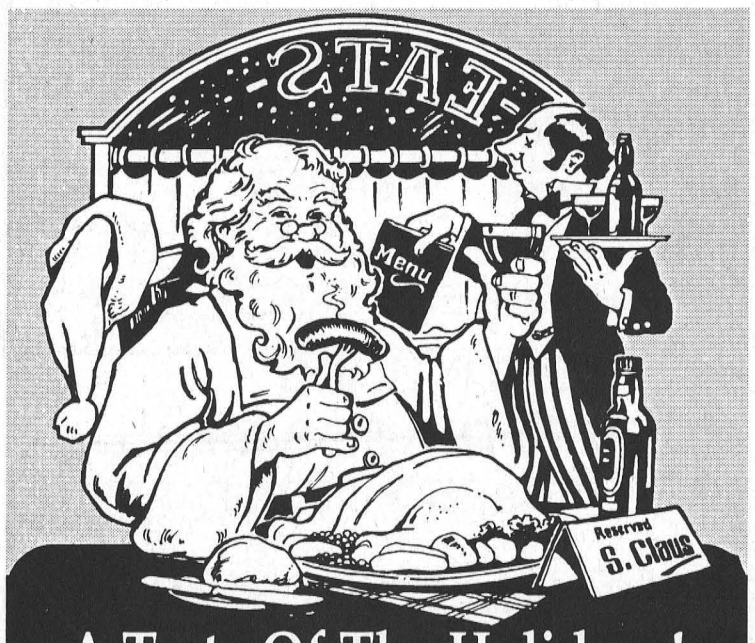

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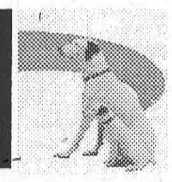
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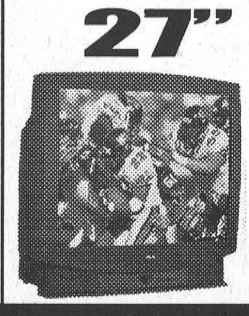
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WDMH CEO André Rodier is leaving March 31, 2004

WINCHESTER – Winchester District Memorial Hospital Board Chairman, Bill Smirle announced Monday that André O. Rodier will leave his position as Chief Executive Officer effective March 31, 2004 to become the full time CEO at Hawkesbury & District General Hospital. Currently, Rodier serves as the CEO for both hospitals.

Smirle stated that the Board regrets to lose Rodier. "The Board is sad to see this happen. Mr. Rodier has given our hospital excellent leadership. He has overseen the development of our master plan that will see our facility redeveloped. He has steered us through the SARS crisis; he has worked tirelessly to ensure that we receive our three-year accreditation."

"The Board sees his leaving as a challenge. However, on the positive side we have the time to conduct a thorough candidate search. Our hospital is in a sound financial and operational position, and we have a strong organizational and management structure in place," said Smirle.

The boards of both the Winchester and Hawkesbury hospitals established a relationship in 1999 to share a CEO. The objective at that time was to optimize administration costs and promote system integration in the context of the rural hospital networks.

Both boards agreed to closely monitor how this innovative arrangement met the executive leadership needs.

Since then each hospital has expanded services within their respective communities and has undertaken plans for major development.

In addition, during the last few years the management of the hospitals has become increasingly complex, addressing ongoing HR shortages, implementing reporting procedures for greater public and ministerial accountability, and coping with the fallout of SARS.

"The task of managing two hospitals is definitely more challenging than it was at the time our hospital and Hawkesbury entered into our shared agreement," said Smirle.

Recently, both hospitals decided it was time to revisit the agreement in light of the changes and challenges affecting hospital management needs today. Each hospital decided they need to have a full time CEO in place.

"This has been a tough, personal decision for me," said Rodier.

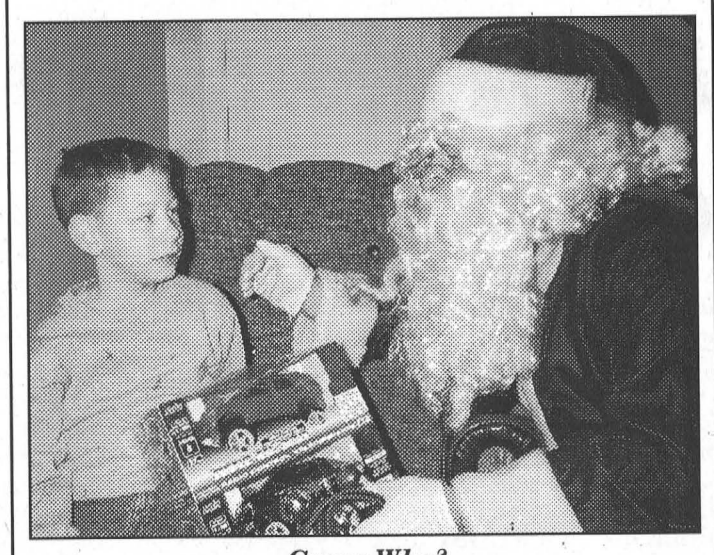
"I enjoy working with the physicians, the staff and the volunteers here. I have always been very proud of the quality of service delivered to our patients, and it has been a pleasure to work in a community that is so wholly supportive of what we do here and where we are going with our redevelopment plans."

"Between now and the end of March it is business as usual at Winchester District Memorial Hospital," said Smirle.

"Mr. Rodier will continue to work on the key issues, such as hospital redevelopment, follow-up on our accreditation report, and our strategic plan, as well as provide the day-to-day leadership required to keep this hospital moving forward on all fronts."

All other existing shared arrangements between the Winchester and Hawkesbury hospitals will remain in effect. Winchester District Memorial Hospital has already begun the search process to find a new Chief Executive Officer.

Rodier has been CEO of Winchester Hospital since September 2000.



Guess Who?

Cody Shaver got a special early visit from Santa at his home in Morrisburg on Sunday night. Santa flew in from the North Pole to hand out presents for the Dundas County Council for Easter Seals. Before he left Santa made sure he had Cody's wish on his list for the big sleigh ride on Wednesday night. ***McDonell photo***

Who are concerned citizens?

WILLIAMSBURG – While listening to discussions on the future of the South Dundas fibre optics system, at a special council meeting Tuesday night Tom Morrow came up with a question he wanted answered.

Addressing council, Morrow who is president of the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce said, "I've counted three references to the concerned citizens group. I would like to know who are the concerned citizens?"

Councillor Sandra Bailey immediately denied referring to the group in discussions about the South Dundas fibre optics system.

"I mentioned the concerned citizens when talking to Thompson Rosemount Group earlier," she said.

"I consider myself a concerned citizen," said Mayor Lyle Van Allen.

Morrow asked, "Is there a group called the concerned citizens?"

Van Allen said, "There was a group."

Bailey interrupted and said, "We're not a cult."

"Who is we," asked Morrow. "When you say concerned citizens are you talking for everyone? I would just like to know if there is a special interest group."

Van Allen said he will check with the group and give Morrow a list of names, if they are agreeable.

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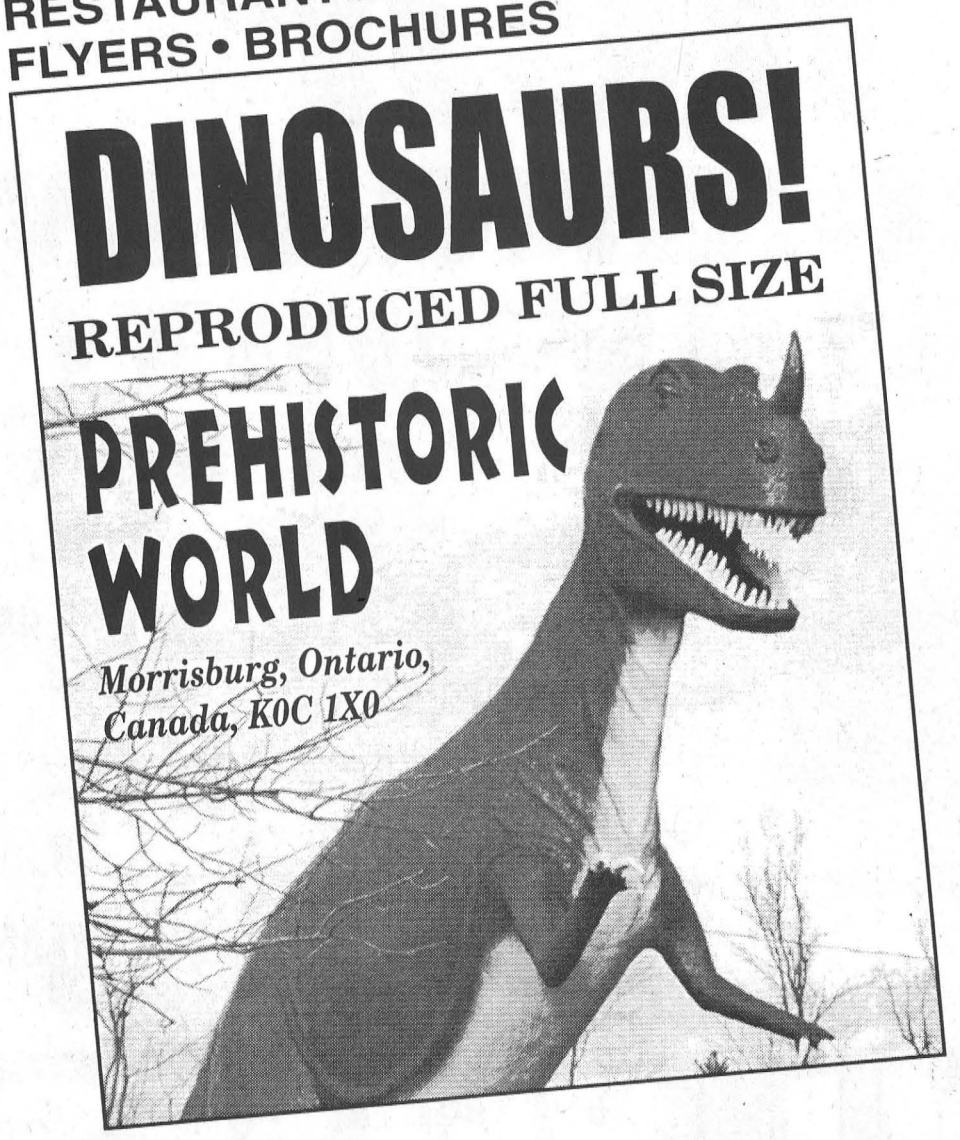

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Bank tender awarded

WILLIAMSBURG – Day-to-day municipal banking services will be looked after by the newest kid on the block.

The Ottawa Carleton Credit Union (OCCU), which has not yet opened its doors in South Dundas, was awarded the municipality's day-to-day banking contract for a term of five years at last Tuesday's council meeting.

Bidding on the banking contract were the three banks currently located in South Dundas and the OCCU, which will be located in the former Bank of Montreal building in Williamsburg.

The OCCU recently agreed to purchase the building, and the Bank of Montreal will vacate the premises in early January. The OCCU expects to have its door open in Williamsburg by late January.

Of the proposals received from each of the banks, "The proposals from the Bank of Montreal and the Credit Union are equal with a few exceptions," said CAO Andy Brown.

The credit union did not provide a fixed rate for short-term borrowing.

Brown suggested that since the township will need to borrow funds to interim finance the water project, the best procedure would be to go out for competitive bids when required.

"All financial institutions could bid on this borrowing need, and we could guarantee the water users the lowest interim financing costs," he said.

According to Brown, the cost of banking in Morrisburg equates to approximately one week of lost time per annum plus mileage. Using the credit union in Williamsburg would not change the costs to the township.

"There is also an issue of security, associated with transporting funds," added Brown, recommending OCCU be awarded the contract.

Councillor Charles Barkley asked if the credit union would have opened a branch in Williamsburg without the municipality's business, and Brown said they would.

He added that he has discussed technology issues with them as well, and is confident they will be able to meet the municipality's banking needs.

The councillors voted unanimously in favour of awarding the contract to the OCCU for a five year term.

Kids' stories of Christmas

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

"Y ep-ey -yeh its here its here its finely here. I am so excited I can just hear him falling down the chimney", said grace.

Thump. "OUCH, my bum!" said A voice in the chimney

"He is here. He is here", Grace said.

"Santa where is your red Santa suet?"

"I am not Santa I am your dad" said Santa.

"I was just cleaqning the chimney for Santa ok so do not call me Santa!" Said dad.

That night the little girl Grace herd foot steps on the roof.

. Ho,Ho,Ho.

Mary Christmas and a happy New Year.

THE END

By: Tanya Gadbois

CHRISTMAS EVE

It is Christmas Eve, I am excited and I can't get to sleep. My home smells like turkey, stuffing, bread, cooked carrots, my feet and my mom has a lot of baking to do. My grandmother is coming to my house and she is going to help my mom with the baking and then we are going to call all my cousins and all my aunts and uncles and they are coming to our home. After we all eat we are going to play in our playroom. My mom called Nicole and me for Christmas and my mom called my cousins up to open the present's that she bought them for Christmas.

By Melissa Toonders

SANTA

HO!HO!HO!

I think I hear the jolly man coming down the chimney now. Crunch, Crunch he is eating the chocolate chip cookies, Slurp, slurp, he is drinking the chocolate milk. Now I hear him taking out presents. Now he is climbing up the chimney.

By Eric Anderson



Angel Tree Delivery

Morrisburg and District Lions Club members Jack Notman, Keith Robinson and Kirsten Gardner deliver the Angel Tree toys to the Legion where the volunteers with the Christmas Exchange take over to sort and categorize the items. South residents provided gifts this year to 171 Angels through both the tree program and other donations.



Santa's Helpers Sort Gifts

Audrey Henophy (left) and Angela Richer sort through some of the toys donated by the community to ensure all children in the community receive a gift this Christmas. The distribution of the toys is done in coordination with the provision of food through the South Dundas Christmas Exchange.

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Iroquois P.S. Lions win championship

IROQUOIS–The Iroquois Public School senior girls volleyball team have just come off an absolutely outstanding season that saw them crowned the Upper Canada District School Board champions at the Tournament of Champions played two weeks ago.

"They've had a pretty good year," says a very proud coach Dan Armstrong. "It's rare to get a group like this."

Over the season the girls produced an impressive match record of 30 wins and just three losses, and breaking that down further they have a games record of 60 wins and just nine losses. They are also the champions of three of the five tournament they competed in and runners-up in the other two.

There are five regions in the Upper Canada District School Board and they were the champs of the East Division.

"They have good playing skills," says Armstrong. "We always play three hits, and we control the ball."

Many of the girls are in grade 8, and several have been playing for coach Armstrong for three years. "It is just the right combination this year. Many are looking forward to playing for the high school."

The Lions won the Grenville Invitational, and the Southeast Regional Championship for with a perfect game and match record. They were finalists at the KCAT Invitational and semifinalists at St. Joe's Invitational. Their crowning moment was at the Board's Tournament of champions.



Iroquois Lions Win Upper Canada Board's Volleyball Title

Members of the Iroquois Public School senior girls Upper Canada District School Board's championship volleyball team front l-r are Courtney Vivaraies, Bailey Hollister, Jane Moss and Kathleen German. Back, l-r, are Taylore Mattice, Melissa MacLeod, Sierra Gillard, Jenna Shay, Stephenie Cochrane and coach Dan Armstrong. Candace Billings was not available for the photo.

Denio leads Lions

WEST[PORT–A lengthy road trip and an outstanding five goal effort from Jason Denio was just what Santa ordered for the Morrisburg Junior B Lions who hit the ice here Friday night and ended up on top of a 7-6 overtime win against the Rideaus.

The good times ended there however, as Sunday on home ice the Lions were downed by the visiting South Grenville Rangers 6-1.

Friday night in Westport, the Lions trailed their hosts 2-1 after the first period and 5-4 heading into the third.

Early in the third they turned it, Denio tying it with a power-play marker at 4:50 and then giving the Lions the lead at 8:53.

The Rideaus got one back on the power play at 10:10 from Greg Kerr to tie the game at 6-6. The tie held for the remainder of the game to force the overtime.

It looked as if the overtime would go scoreless, but with just seven seconds left on the clock Mike Carbino, with help from Justin Elliott found the spot and the Lions claimed their sixth win of the season.

Denio, who is a danger to most opposing goaltenders, scored the lone first period goal for the Lions, and then after Elliott kick-started the Lions in the second period, added two more. His final two goals came in the third period.

Elliott also had a big game providing one goal and assisting on four others including the overtime winner. Marc Lemire picked up two assists and Mike Carbino and Jon Chambers had one assist each.

The game was a rough encounter with the Lions drawing 11 minor penalties, a fighting major, a misconduct and two game misconducts. The Rideaus drew 10 minors, and identical maiors.

Jeff McIntyre was in the Lions nets for the win and faced 43 shots, while the Lions produced 45 shots against Rideaus goaltender Tyler Kennedy.

Sunday on home ice the Lions, with a very short bench, couldn't get it going as they dropped behind quickly in the first period and trailed 4-1 heading into the second. The Rangers finished their scoring with two goals in the second period for the 6-1 win.

Erick Selleck had two goals for the Rangers and Jacob Wiley, Carl Gerow, Brian Marks and Brandon Kelley produced singles against Lions goaltender Matt Van Egmond.

Affiliate player Kent Nugent scored the Lions lone goal with help from affiliate Sheldon Beckstead. Also seeing action as affiliates were Evan Tait and Matt Van Moorsel.

The Lions drew 10 minor penalties and two misconducts and the Rangers sat out nine minors and one misconduct.

The Lions are in Brockville on Tuesday, December 23 for a 7:30 p.m. game and host Gananoque on Saturday night, December 27 at 7:15 p.m. They are on the road to Athens on Sunday, December 28 for a 7:30 p.m. game.

This year's Jr. B Boxing Day Tournament is being hosted by the Carleton Place Kings in Carleton Place. Representing the St. Lawrence Division are the Kemptville 73s and the Char-Lan Rebels.

Kemptville opens the tournament at 9 a.m. when they take on Ottawa West and Char-Lan plays their first game against Metcalfe at 2 p.m.



Senior Boys Finish Solid Season

The Iroquois Public School Lions have completed a very solid season in elementary school senior boys volleyball, finishing in first place in the South East division to earn the right to advance to the Tournament of Champions. "The Lions played well at the championship, but came up one game short of making the playoffs," says coach Robin Gibbs. Pictured above the Eastern Division Champs from Iroquois, front l-r are Robin Gibbs, Justin Saunders, Andres Menges, Jesse Lapier, Greg McCaslin and Brett Avery. Back, l-r, are Travis Tyo, Randy Whitford, Jordon Hawn, Ryan Swank, Frank Choi and Liam Mills.

The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG–Last Tuesday our senior men hosted the Winchester curlers in a 'friendly' match. It was sociable, but our men were not overly kind, as they won all three matches. Kari Duncan and Wally McDonald's teams combined for the first victory, John Lyon and Bob Bedingfield's quartets took the second, and Neil Williams and John Wilson's foursomes completed the sweep. This time Arnold Centen had more help in the kitchen, and the good-natured Winchester fellows went home full and with their thirst quenched.

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Prescott senior men visited Morrisburg on Wednesday and what a difference a day makes! Prescott won every match, defeating teams skipped by Don O'Brien and John Wilson, Pete Zeran and Mac Currie, and Eric Orgee and Jack Dikland. They even told funnier stories. The few bright spots for the day included the sociable bartending of Raymond Benoit and a delicious cake baked by Maureen Williams.

The ladies' Wednesday night curling league enjoyed a party following their last game before the break. Congratulations to the winning team: Barb Rabideau, Debbie Strader, Debbie Mabo and Claire Locke. Wally has agreed to look after the league and will have the teams ready for the first game January 8.

Our daytime mixed curling league wound up play with a delicious turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Winning the Bradford Trophy for the first draw was the team of Wally McDonald, George Barry, Len Bellingham and Barry Esson.

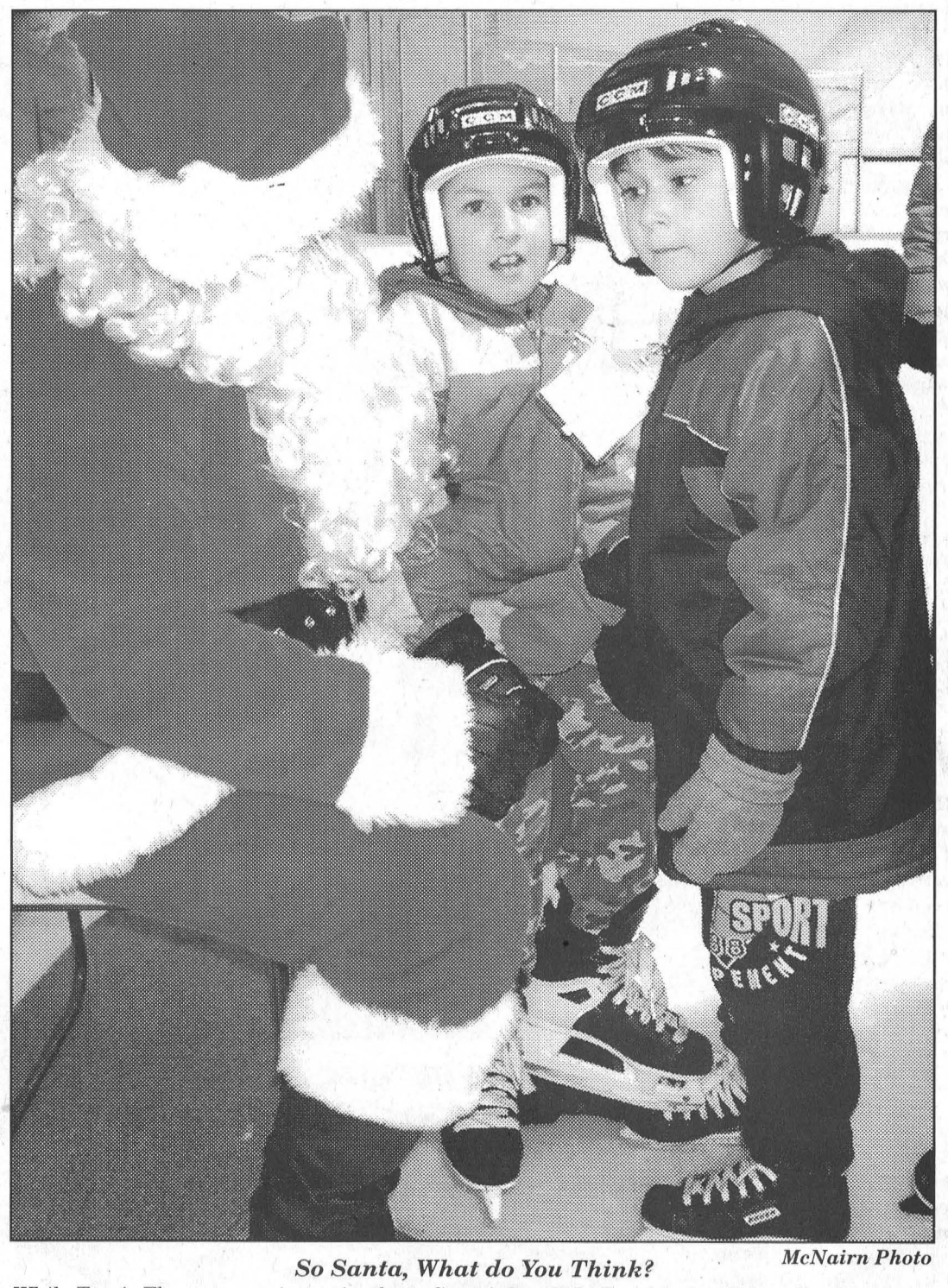
The Friday night mixed curlers completed their first draw, and the trophy winners will be announced next time. Joe McCooeye has worked hard at running the league, and expects some additional teams after Christmas.

Last Friday night Joe McCooeye and Jack Dikland organized the annual Turkey Bonspiel. For this year, the trophies were gift certificates instead of dead birds. The winning team, Betty Locke, Glenn Cougler, Len Bellamy and Eric Johnson, flew off with four of them and the trophy. Derek Tupper, Greta McGann, Dale Roberts and Wayne Pulfer were second, while Pete Zeran, Wally McDonald, Dorothy Culkin and Donna Stephens were third. Winners in the draw to the button were Peter Zeran, Joe McCooeye and Wally McDonald. In deference to the wanton slaughter of poultry at this time of year, pizza and cold cuts were the order of the day.

The senior men have finished their last draw before the break, with one team winning every game. Taking home the Lorne Kinkaid Trophy were Peter Zeran, Earl Jeacle, Dave Salsman and Dave King. Well done, fellows!

The club remains busy, with flooding Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, a rental Christmas Day, the Heart and Stroke Bonspiel on Saturday, and the Two-Person Bonspiel on Sunday.

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday, and good curling!



So Santa, What do You Think? *McNairn Photo*

While Travis Thompson waits patiently on Santa's lap, Kyle Bouchard and the jolly old guy are deep in discussion. Santa visited the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club skaters on Monday, December 22.

North Dundas Mega Tournament

Atom B House Lions win B Championship

WINCHESTER–The South Dundas Atom B House Lions got off to a slow start in the North Dundas Mega Tournament but then turned it on in games two and three to bring home the B championship silverware.

The tournament was played out of the arenas in Chesterville and Winchester from December 12-14 with the Lions kicking off their action Friday night with a 2-0 loss to Embrun.

"The kids played really well, but some were battling the stomach flu, so we had the "fear factor" chuck bucket on the bench," says coach Ernie Beckstead.

The Lions hung in against Embrun, giving up one goal in each of the second and third periods to Dominick Braziadei and Nicholas Holliday.

Saturday it was a different story as the Lions went to work to carve out a 7-1 win over Kanata and earn entry into the B championship final.

Following a scoreless first period Kanata opened the scoring with a goal from Mack Gordanier. That sparked a ferocious Lion attack which netted three goals before the end of the frame for a 3-1 Lions advantage heading into the third.

In just a little over four minutes the Lions scored another five unanswered third period tallies for the 8-1 win.

Marc Beckstead led the scoring with three goals and one assist and Andrew Zandbergen scored twice and helped out on two goals. Single goals came from the sticks of Michael Zandbergen, Andrew Beatson and Philip German. Zandbergen, German and David Baird earned one assist each.

For the final, the Lions met head on with Sandy Hill in a game that proved to be a nail biter all the way.

Scoreless after the first period, it continued that way through the second and well into the third.

Finally, with just 4:46 left on the clock Andrew Zandbergen, with help from Michael Zandbergen, connected for what would turn out to be the only goal of the game.

The win also marked a shutout for goaltender Hunter Jones.

"It was a very exciting game," says Beckstead.

"The kids played great all weekend and our goaltending was excellent."

"Hopefully, we'll be able to take this moment into our next tournament on December 23 in Long Sault."

The Lions are also preparing to host their home tournament on Tuesday, December 30.



Atom House B Lions Win B Championship

The South Dundas Atom House B Lions used a goal from Andrew Zandbergen to defeat Sandy Hill 1-0 and win the B championship at the North Dundas Mega Tournament played at the Winchester and Chesterville arenas December 12-14. Pictured above, front l-r, the champs are David Baird, Michael Zandbergen, Jeremy Hough, goalie Hunter Jones, and Marc Beckstead. Centre, l-r are Dylan DeJong, Andrew Zandbergen, Philip German (arm raised), Julie Derue, Andrew Beatson, Luc Plamondon and Amy Veltkamp. Back l-r are Albert Zandbergen, coach Ernie Beckstead and Mike Veltkamp. Leah Wells was absent.

Letters

Twas The Night Before Christmas

"Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night". Said the big man on Christmas night before he headed to Morrisburg to have his yearly nap in the cabin. Ms. Claus and the elves have been at the cabin since December 4, 2003. the elves were working on bringing snow from the North Pole with the spare reindeer that are in training. This is the most important part of training. The new reindeer have to learn to pas the test that makes them Santa's real reindeer.

Santa and his reindeer landed at the airstrip on January first/03. When Santa let Blitzen out he went to Fixit his owner. Ms. Claus brought out the cookies. Santa took the biggest cookie of all. Ms. Claus made the biggest cookies on Earth. Santa woke up on July 4/03. The elves loaded the sleigh and headed to the North Pole to start making the toys for all the girls and boys. The reindeer needed to get their owners to polish their equipment for December 24, 04 when they take flight.

By Travis Ron McMillan

Contest winners

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS–Congratulations go to the winners of the Christmas House Decorating Contest in Riverside Heights.

Winner of the first place prize was the fabulously decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Beckstead who receive an evening at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg courtesy of the Inn.

The second place prize of a flex pass to the Upper Canada Playhouse 2004 season went to David Keeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Michalicka won the third prize consisting of a $50 Valumart coupon.

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BIRTHS

HORNER–Everett is excited to announce the arrival of his sister Amelia Margaret, born October 17th, 2003, weighing 7 lbs. 15 ozs. Thankful parents Steven and Sarah, also grandparents Bill and Elaine Horner, Prentice Smith and Pat Smith. 52c

IN MEMORIAM

HAYSTEAD–In memory of my parents, Rankin, December 25, 1994, and Mabel, January 2, 1992.
Gone but never forgotten.
–Arnold and Stella Haystead 52p

NORTON–In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Bea Norton, who departed us on December 27, 2000.
In our hearts we thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
Now all we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.
–Lovingly remembered and dearly missed by Vicki, Paul, Joey and Jamie 52p

WHELAN–In loving memory of Don who passed away on December 27, 2001.
No farewell words were spoken
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–Phyllis, Bryan, Tom, Kent and their families 52p

THANK YOU–I would like to thank the community for its support during the Girl Guides of Canada, 1st Williamsburg Pathfinders, December 13th raffle ticket blitz. Your generous support will enable the young ladies to attend winter and spring camps. Congratulations to all the winners - Mark Roode, Reg LaPorte, Jeff Moore, Penny Murton, Helen Zewuster and Bonnie Lanthier.
–Louise Vachon, Guider, 1st Williamsburg Pathfinders 52p

Holiday Greetings

RICE–I wish with all my heart a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2004 for all. The kindness, gifts, cards and your concern is very much appreciated. Since I won't be mailing cards this year, I hope you will all pass this word along to all my friends. Enjoy the season and may God Bless you all.
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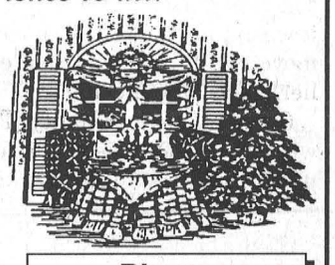
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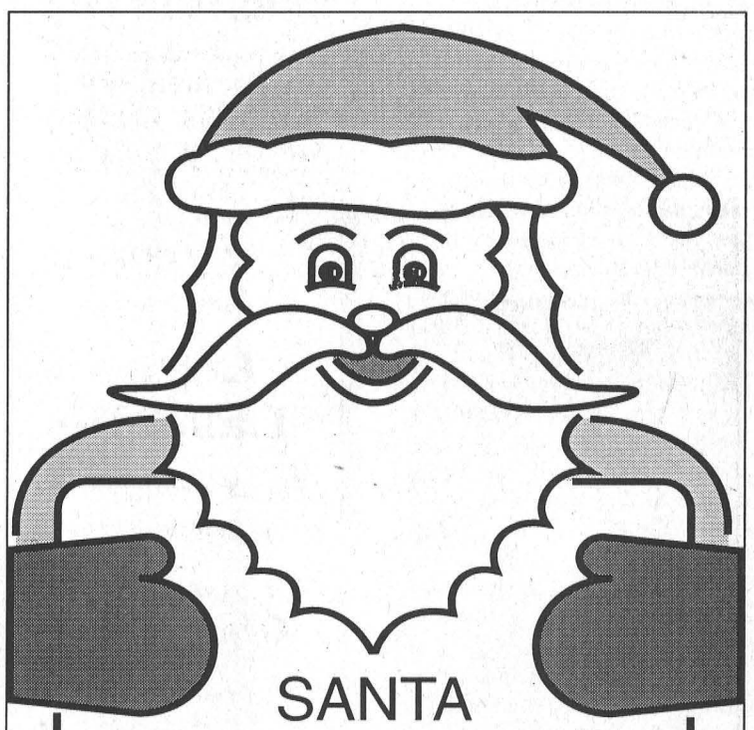

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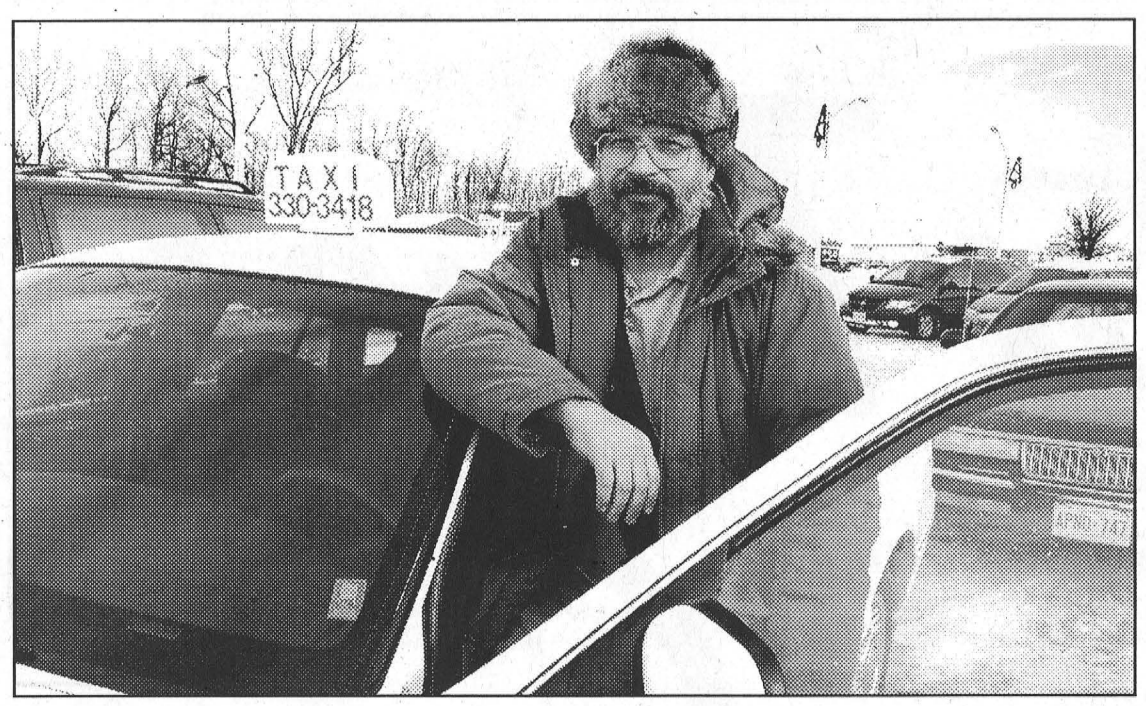

New Taxi Service Starts Up

Taxi service has returned to South Dundas thanks to Robert Quenneville who has been driving taxi for two years in Cornwall. Quenneville has moved to Morrisburg and set up his base here to serve all of South Dundas. He officially started his business Monday, and can be reached at 330-3418. His back-up number is 543-3252.

New taxi service sets up in South Dundas

MORRISBURG–For those people who have been grounded since the retirement closure of Casselman's Taxi in early December, relief has arrived.

Effective Monday, December 22 Quality Taxi, owned by Robert Quenneville hit the road to return the much needed service to South Dundas.

Quenneville has been driving taxi in Cornwall for two years, and is extremely excited about opening his business in South Dundas.

"In Cornwall I was just a driver. Here I am an owner. It's an opportunity."

Based in Morrisburg, Quenneville will be providing service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Advance bookings can also be made.

"The licence was issued Thursday, (December 18) and if it wasn't for the fact we have to move we'd have started earlier," says Quenneville.

Calls made to Quality Taxi will go to Quenneville's cell phone at 330-3418. If by chance he is out of reach on his cell a backup call can be made to his home at 543-3252 which will be forwarded to him on his cell.

"I am going to try to supply a service the customers will find convenient," says Quenneville, adding priority will be given to emergency calls.

Quenneville says he looks forward to his move to the community. "It is a little more relaxed here."

Although based in South Dundas, he will also provide long distance services. If long distance trips, say to Brockville, are of a quick return nature metered rates will apply to the destination and a flat $10 rate will be charged for the return.

"It should be interesting. I was raised in the countryside so coming here gives me more of a feel of being in a friendlier environment."

Cash payments will be required at the time of service and Quenneville says the car will be readily available during the day and at peak times. He says it will take awhile for him to determine when the peak times are.

"I will be on call at night," he says which only means it may take a few minutes extra to find his shoes.

For his new business Quenneville has purchased a comfortable car which will seat up to five people.

"The idea was to get a car with sufficient space inside and a trunk big enough for groceries."

Quenneville says he looks forward to getting established in the community and says he enjoys the experiences he gets from driving taxi.

"People are interesting. You never know who you are going to meet or where you are going to go."

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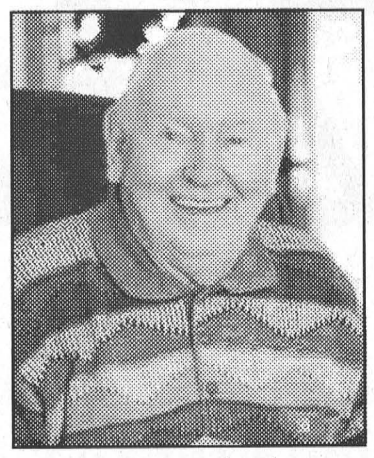
Dalton Ralph Crysler Dawley



Dalton Dawley

A descendant of the Crysler family (Crysler Farm) and a Veteran of World War II, Dalton Ralph Crysler Dawley of Morrisburg passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, December 18, following a brief illness with diabetes. He was 80 years old.

Dalton, the son of George and Mary (nee Crysler) Dawley, was born in Cornwall on July 13, 1923. He was raised just east of Morrisburg on the family farm along the St. Lawrence River and attended public school at S.S. #3 east of Morrisburg.

Following his graduation from Morrisburg Collegiate Institute in 1940, he worked for a brief period with the Federal Government in Ottawa before enlisting in the military.

A member of the 1st Canadian Battalion of the 6th Airborne Paratroopers Division, Dalton was stationed at Bulford Camp near Salisbury, England. During the Second World War he served in Belgium, Holland and Germany.

It was while serving in England, that he met his future bride Phyllis Abbot whom he married in Durington All Saints Church, in Durington, England, on May 29, 1945.

Following the war, Dalton and Phyllis returned to Morrisburg where they raised their family of three boys. Dalton initially worked as a surveyor in Ontario and Quebec before going into business with Harry Ing and Bill Dillabough. They formed a company called Triangle Amusements and the three worked together for six and one half years. After the partnership was dissolved, Dalton went to work at Dupont Canada, Maitland Site, where he remained as a chemical operator until his retirement in August of 1985.

Dalton was a longtime member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #48, Morrisburg, where he loved visiting with his friends and playing cards and darts.

Dalton is survived by his loving wife Phyllis and his three sons: Bryan (Karen) of Mariatown; Tom (Wanda) of Morrisburg; Kent (Carol) of Morrisburg. He will be remembered fondly by his granddaughters Laura (Derek) Lowson of Morrisburg and Shanna Dawley (Chris Lalonde) of Cornwall; by his great-grandson Kaeghan Dawley Lowson; by his brother-in-law Bill (Marge) Abbott of Wiltshire, England and his sister-in-law Agnes Herbert of Hull, England.

He will also be sadly missed by his nieces, nephews and many friends throughout the area.

Dalton was predeceased by his grandson Jason Dawley, a sister Ruth Dougall and a brother Rudolf.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Friday, December 19 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Legion service was held there on Friday at 9 p.m., and the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Bill Byers at the home at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 20. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, Mariatown.

Pallbearers were Chris Lalonde, Derek Lowson, Jim Adlington, Jack Notman, Gerry Duchesneau and Bill Jarvis. Honourary pallbearers were John Jones, Percy Salmon, Don Ferguson, Les Bilmer and Allan Casselman.

Donations to the Diabetes Society or Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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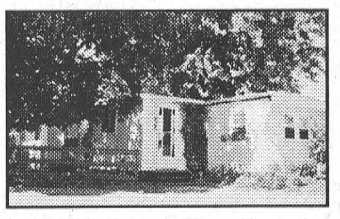
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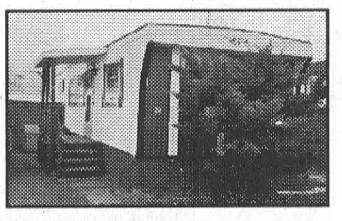
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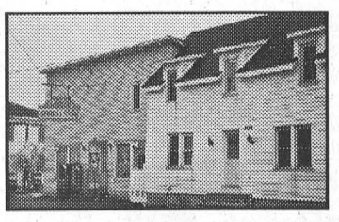
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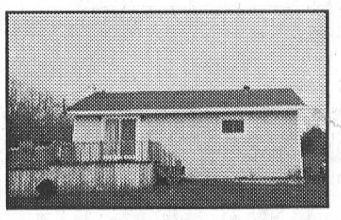
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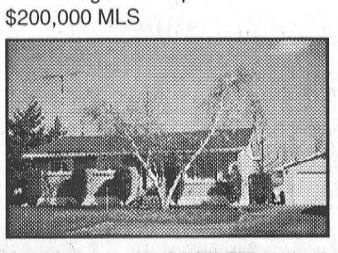
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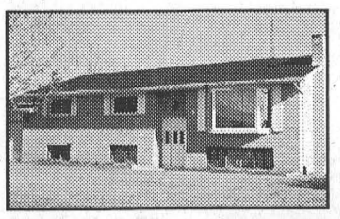
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