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Candidates for Councillor grilled in Matilda

BY JOSEPH MORIN
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

The all candidates meeting held at the Matilda Community Hall on Monday evening, October 30, was jam packed.

This was the second of two meetings, with a meeting last week to showcase the candidates for mayor and deputy mayor. This meeting featured all of the 12 candidates each hoping for one of the three council seats at the South Dundas table.

Moderated by Jerry Morrell, the evening was light hearted with each candidate having three minutes to introduce themselves followed by an hour of questions from the public. Councillor candidate Dale Lewis was unable to attend but all of the other candidates were ready to go.

This was a standing room only crowd. Estimates put the attendance at close to 400 people. The evening arranged by the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce went off without a hitch.

Michael Ault was the first to speak, explaining his experience and motivation to the audience. "We have to maintain our agricultural base," he said, "We have to continually go back to that to keep the Township healthy." He pointed out that all the money spent in the Township comes from the taxpayer. "You have to keep track of the money. Mr. Ault was followed by incumbent Councillor Sandra Bailey. She told the crowd about the positive achievements of the outgoing council and her role in making sure that the Township was operating efficiently. She mentioned the Dollar for Dollar program as well as her interest and determination to help further with the economic strategy of the Township. Steven Byvelds said, "I know what it takes to get things done. I would be a younger voice on council." Mr. Byvelds told the audience that his experience working and leading community groups would make him a perfect candidate to vote for.

Candidate Evonne Delegarde spoke next telling the crowd that she would work towards finding solutions for the tax system. "We have to look for a fair tax assessment system," she said. She added, "We have to market South Dundas as the place to be." Bill Dillabough was next with a statement about why he was running.

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Jerrold Boulanger receives the first poppy of the Iroquois Legion's Poppy Drive from Legion President Darlene Riddell. The drive began this week.

CHIEFTAIN PHOTO - J. MORIN

Local Scouting Movement participates in Legion's annual Poppy Blitz

BY ANDREA CARTIER
SPECIAL TO THE CHIEFTAIN

On a windy and rainy Sunday, members of the Iroquois Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Sparks, and Guides along with volunteers, braved the cold and ventured out through the streets of Iroquois to sell poppies to local residents.

The young volunteers were taking part in the Iroquois Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion's annual Poppy Blitz which took place on October 29 this year. The money raised by the sale of poppies is returned to the community by the Legion personnel as they fulfill their mandate of assisting ex-service staff and their dependents, and others in need in the area. The number one priority is ex-service personnel, but other goals include assisting the elderly or disabled, providing community medical appliances, providing meals-on-wheels, and covering the cost of poppies, wreathes and supplies.

Nancy Richer, a leader with the Scouting group, explained their role in the Poppy Blitz. "It is an opportunity for us to give back something to the Legion," she said. "The Legion is very supportive of the scouting program and helps us out during the year by sponsoring some of our activities."

The young people, accompanied by adults, returned to the Legion after they visited homes in the community, and were warmed by hot chocolate and hotdogs provided by the Legion staff.

The Royal Canadian Legion will be holding their annual Remembrance Day ceremonies on Sunday, November 5, starting with a church service at the Legion building at 2:30 pm. After the service, the participants and observers will parade down Dundas Street to the Cenotaph where wreathes will be laid.

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Lions Club and the Fire Department will participate in the memorial services, as will a pipe band from the Spencerville area.

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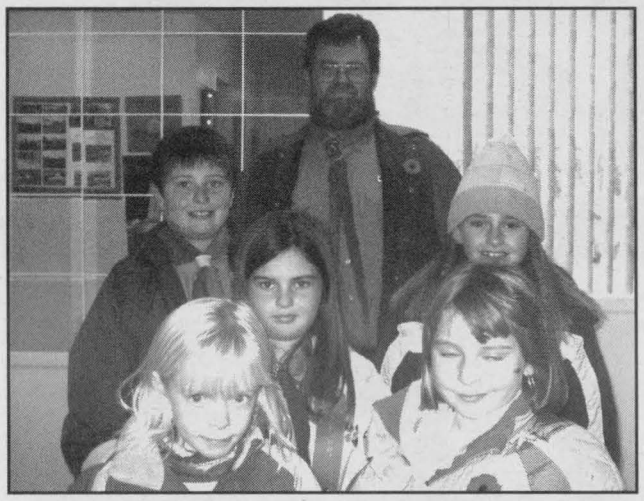
POPPY BLITZ FROM THE FRONT

Following the Cenotaph memorial, the Ladies Auxiliary will serve food at the Legion.

On November 11, the Royal Canadian Legion Iroquois Branch will hold a Remembrance Day ceremony at the community hall in Dixon's Corners. This service will take place at 11 am and members of the public are encouraged to come out and show their respect for Canadian soldiers who have died defending our freedom.



These members of the Scouting and Guiding Movement, along with volunteers, sold poppies for the Legion in the community last Sunday. Pictured here in the front row are Madison Mason and Brittany Martin. In the middle row from left to right are Bruce Fowler, Bronwyn Fowler, and Deborah Martin. Bill Fowler is in the back row.



Michelle Murphy, Nancy Richer, and Madeline Richer were among those who participated in the Legion's annual Poppy Blitz last Sunday.

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Canadian soldiers win Medal of Valour

Three Canadian soldiers have been awarded the Medal of Military Honour and a fourth the Star of Military Valour. All of the medals reflect an act of selflessness and courage in the face of the enemy.

Among them is Collin Ryan Fitzgerald, who called Morrisburg home for a time before his military career took him eventually to Afghanistan.

The three other recipients are: Sgt. Michael Thomas Victor Denine of Edmonton, Pte. Jason Lamont of Greenwood, N.S. and Sgt. Patrick Tower of Victoria, B.C.

Sgt. Denine and Pte. Lamont were awarded the Medal of Military Valour while Sgt. Tower was awarded the The Star of Military Valour.

Master Corporal Fitzgerald was deployed with 5 Platoon, B Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group in Afghanistan. He was recognized this week for outstanding selfless and valiant actions carried out on May 24, 2006, during an ongoing enemy ambush involving intense, accurate enemy fire.

Master Corporal Fitzgerald repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire by entering and re-entering a burning platoon vehicle and successfully driving it off the roadway, permitting the remaining vehicles trapped in the enemy zone to break free. Master Corporal Fitzgerald's courageous and completely selfless actions were instrumental to his platoon's successful egress and undoubtedly contributed to saving the lives of his fellow platoon members.



Master Corporal Collin Ryan Fitzgerald.

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General Rick Hillier, the Chief of the Defence Staff, issued the following statement on the first-ever awarding of Military Valour Decorations to four Canadian soldiers.

"Today is a great, proud and historic day for the Canadian Forces and for Canada. Her Excellency the Governor General-the Commander-in-Chief of Canada-announced earlier today that four Canadian soldiers have been honoured with Military Valour Decorations for heroic and selfless acts in Afghanistan in recent months.

These are among the very highest honours we have to offer for those who show courage in the presence of the enemy. More than that, this is also a first - today is the very first time these awards have been given-the first time the high standard has been met-since they were created some 14 years ago.

You need only to read the citations for these soldiers to understand the meaning of true heroism: running across open terrain under heavy enemy fire to give aid to wounded and stranded comrades; clearing burning vehicles from a roadway under fire to allow others to get to safety; taking exceptional and resourceful measures under the worst possible pressure to suppress enemy fire and save the lives of fellow soldiers.

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Royal Canadian Legion helps schools teach children about Remembrance Day

BY ANDREA CARTIER
SPECIAL TO THE CHIEFTAIN



As November 11 approaches, the Royal Canadian Legion is circulating a booklet entitled "The Story of Remembrance Day: Why we wear a Poppy" as a guide for schools as they plan their Remembrance Day ceremonies. The booklet includes teacher's notes and suggested discussions for students aged 6 -12 and 12-15.

According to the booklet, over thirteen million poppies are sold in Canada in the days before Remembrance Day. This tradition of wearing poppies has been around since 1921 as a symbol to show that the wearer remembers those who were killed in the wars as well as those kill in the numerous peacekeeping operations that our soldiers have been involved in.

The association between soldiers killed in action and the poppy has been in existence for nearly two hundred years. As long ago as the Napoleonic War, records describe the graves of soldiers in Flanders being graced by the poppy.

The poem "In Flanders Fields", penned by a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Canadian Medical Corps John McCrae, immortalized the relationship between fallen soldiers and the poppy. Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae died of pneumonia in January of 1918, but his poem lives on and is an integral part of our Remembrance Day ceremonies across this country.

In Canada, the poppy was adopted by the Great War Veterans Association as an official symbol in 1921. A French citizen, Mrs. E. Guerin, was instrumental in this process, but there is no doubt that McCrae's poem has greatly impacted generation after generation of Canadians.

The one million dollars collected annually as a result of the poppy drive is used to assist ex-service people and their dependents. Those in financial need receive help with accommodation, utility bills, clothing, food, and educational funding, as well as help with medical and dental bills.

The money raised by the sale of poppies and wreathes also helps the Royal Canadian Legion operate Service Bureaus which advocate for veterans and ex-service people.

Often help is needed when dependants seek compensation from the Government for service incurred disabilities, and to ensure that benefits to which there is an entitlement are received. The poppies and wreathes which are distributed by the Royal Canadian Legion Branches are produced particularly for the Legion, and whenever possible, veterans are employed in their manufacture.

Wreathes are purchased by businesses and individuals to honour the dead, and are placed at cenotaphs and graves on Remembrance Day. Purchasing a poppy not only shows respect for fallen soldiers, but helps the Legion do some very important work.



Chris Savard will represent SD & G in next provincial election.
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Chris Savard acclaimed as next Progressive Conservative candidate

Chris Savard will be the Ontario Progressive Conservative candidate in the next provincial election.

He was acclaimed at the Riding Association's Nomination Meeting October 26, 2006 at the Ramada Inn in Cornwall.

SD&G Riding Association President and Savard supporter, Glen Grant of Cornwall said, "The tremendous support that Chris generated during the nomination process is a good indicator of the kind of candidate we will have in the next provincial election."

"His honesty, integrity and dedication to the community is evident to those of us who have shared the Council table with him," said Grant, who is also a municipal government colleague. "I've no doubt that by this time next year, voters in this riding will have shown Chris the same kind of support, he received here tonight."

Riding Association Vice-President (Policy), Eric Duncan of South Mountain said, "We need a strong Progressive Conservative M.P.P. to represent our concerns at Queen's Park. Chris Savard has the intelligence, energy, skills and experience to do the job. We need a M.P.P. and government that will capitalize on the strengths of SD & G and provide leadership to improve those areas that need support. Chris Savard is the person that can do that." "We also need a M.P.P. with a strong understanding of the issues facing both our rural and urban communities and can provide real results for us at Queen's Park."

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Editorial Page



This red squirrel is getting ready for winter, however he still is taking a few moments to sample part of his collection of food.

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Click and point to your next Council

The new age of getting things done in a more efficient manner has finally reached to the most fundamental level. Casting your vote in any election has always been the final defining moment for many voters. These days, saving money is all the rage and accomplishing that goal without compromising whatever you are saving money on is quite a balancing act.

The recent move to have voters vote by telephone and over the internet during an election has to be a test that the federal and provincial government is watching closely. There is no doubt that this new method does save money at the municipal level of government but does it in any way cast a pall over the entire process?

South Dundas used the method for their last election as did other municipalities. The costs were lower, the turnout, according to the records was higher, and the results were acceptable. Still many voters say that they just don't feel the same way without their paper ballot.

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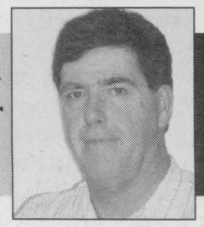
A thought...

from me to you

by Joseph Morin
Editor



Halloween has come and gone and I suppose the only event of note to look forward to is the upcoming municipal election.

The origins of Halloween are as interesting as they are illuminating.

Chances are that you did not realize that while the word Halloween had its modern day origins with the Catholic Church, the word is really a contraction and according to scholars a corruption of All Hallows Eve.

Back in the fifth century B.C. in ancient Celtic Ireland there was a holiday to celebrate or at the very lest observe the ending of summer. At that time summer for the Celts ended on October 31. The day was called Samhain or the Celtic New Year.

The Celtic culture of the day had an interesting theory that on that day, the very last day of summer based on their calendar the laws of physics somehow were suspended for a day. As a result the spirits of all of those who had died in the preceding year were able to bridge the barrier between here and the hereafter. The dearly departed would return in search of living bodies to inhabit for the next year. Apparently according to the rules for these kinds of things, sharing or taking over a living person scored bonus points when it came to finally heading off to the afterlife.

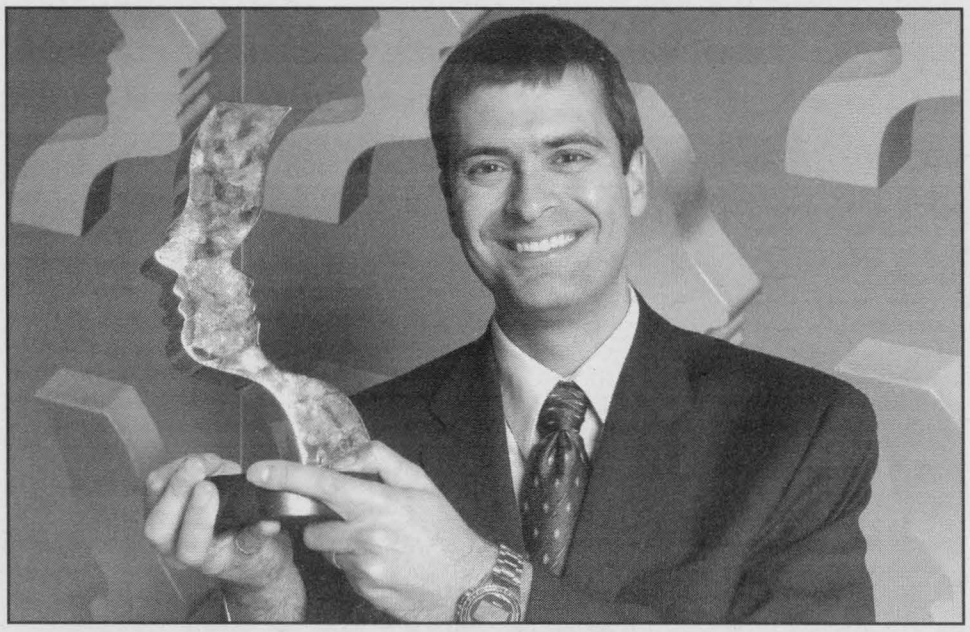
On October 31 the Celts would put out all of their fires, and dress up in costumes to scare away any spirit that might find them attractive enough to take over. Another explanation for the fires being put out could also be that all Celts wanted to be able to start their New Year fires from a common source the Druidic Fire that was kept burning all year from Usinach in the middle of Ireland.

Over time and as a result of the Roman Empire spreading to Ireland, many of the Celtic practices were adopted by the invading Romans. There were too many different non-Catholic tribes doing too many different things so the Roman answer was to try and roll as many as possible into one. The Roman's had their own special day in October such as their day to honour Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona happens to be the apple another startling coincidence. Some have suggested that the modern tradition of bobbing for apples began with the cross pollination of the Roman celebration and the Celtic New Year and eventually evolved into what we now call Halloween.

Over time and with rise of science as a way to view reality, the notion of spirits arriving in town on October 31, to look for bodies to possess started to fade. However the fun and activities surrounding the original Celtic New Year continued. Dressing up in costumes, wreaking a little havoc here and there and having a party all were activities that people wanted to continue doing. The latest story is that the custom of Halloween was brought to America by Irish immigrants in the 1840's who were escaping from the potatoe famines back home in Ireland. Historians can say with certainty that back then in New England the Halloween pranks ranged from tipping over outhouses, which must have really been annoying, to unhinging fence gates. These pranks may seem silly on 2006 but having to round up your precious cattle after they have wandered through a gate that is no longer attached to the fence must have been frustrating. The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not from the Celts but from a European custom called souling. On November 2, All Souls Day, Christians would go about begging for "soul cakes". In return they would pray for the dead to help them on their way to heaven.

Ross openGear Awarded prestigious Gemini for Outstanding Technical Achievement

Ross Video announced today the openGear Multi-Definition Terminal Equipment platform has won a Gemini for Outstanding Technical Achievement. openGear earns the Gemini for a worthy technical achievement and invention of exceptional technical value used in the production, distribution or display in the Canadian television industry. The Award was presented to David Ross, CEO at the 21st Annual Gemini Industry Gala held on Monday, October 16, 2006, in Toronto, ON.



David Ross, CEO, Ross Video, accepts a Gemini for Outstanding Technical Achievement at the 21st Annual Gemini Industry Gala for the openGear Multi-Definition Terminal Equipment platform.

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In the past, broadcasters had to choose between proprietary terminal equipment frames and lock into a single-manufacturer's terminal equipment and control system. Then in April 2006, Ross created the openGear standard to give choice to the industry. The openGear terminal equipment frame is open to other manufacturers to create products that are compatible physically, electrically and from a control perspective. Any product that is openGear compliant can plug into and will "just work" within the frame. Broadcasters and production companies no longer have to lock into a proprietary solution. Maximum flexibility and choice is now available with openGear.

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"We are thrilled openGear has won a Gemini for Outstanding Technical Achievement," said David Ross, CEO, Ross Video. "openGear has revolutionized the terminal equipment industry by giving the customer the freedom and flexibility to choose the best solution for their needs.

This award acknowledges the hard work of all the talented individuals and partners that are involved with the openGear Multi-Definition Terminal Equipment platform."

The openGear partners include Ross Video, Cobalt Digital, Ward-Beck, Claratech, B&M, Wohler, and Telecast.

openGear received the Award for Innovation in Media (AIM) and the prestigious TV Technology Magazine STAR Award (Superior Technology Award Recipient) at NAB 2006, the worlds largest electronic media conference and exhibition. openGear leads the advancement of technological equipment solutions and is setting the highest standard in the broadcast industry.

Remembrance and Memorial Day Services

BY LEN ROBERTS
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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Also those of our young men who have lost their lives in other peace keeping conflicts that are going on today trying to preserve that which was won by those who fought and died for peace and remember those who are in the hospital and those who we enjoy today who have been wounded in some way or another.

Special invitation on November 5, to all Legionaries whether you are a veteran or not. As Legion members this is our once a year moment to stop and "remember" to join in the parade to the cenotaph for the laying of wreaths. You do not have to be in uniform if you do not have one.

Also a special invitation to all organizations such as the firemen, Lions, youth groups, Masons Odd Fellows, and any other interested group.

The service starts on Sunday at around 2:30 p.m. at he Legion Hall on Dundas street. There will be a parade to the cenotaph for a wreath laying ceremony and then back to the Legion hall for refreshments and fellowship.

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SD&G County Library submits report for September 2006

BY ANDREA CARTIER
SPECIAL TO THE CHIEFTAIN

At the most recent meeting of council, the SD&G Library tabled its report for September 2006 which indicated that all the branches in South Dundas experienced high levels of patronage over the summer.

The Iroquois branch reported that the large number of seasonal visitors who took advantage of Iroquois' proximity to the St. Lawrence and other attractions utilized the library in order to check their email and access vessel transit information. According to the report, the Iroquois Branch has taken on the role of 'Internet Café' and is attracting many people wishing to use the library's two community access computers to connect to the internet. The summer reading program which focused on the theme of heroes attracted on average 14 young people to each session and was popular with parents as well as children.

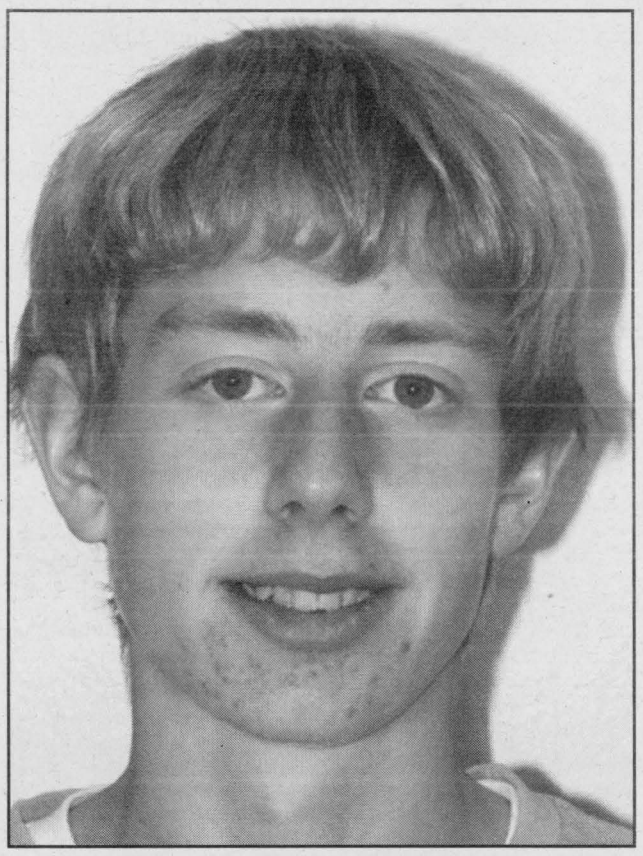
The library staff and patrons were disappointed to learn that the renovations planned for the Iroquois branch will not be undertaken by South Dundas Township this year. The staff, however, has done its best to organize the existing space and was grateful to receive two comfortable chairs. The Iroquois library employees are looking for a second-hand coffee table to accompany the chairs in order to create a cosy reading area.

The Morrisburg branch of the SD&G library also reported a very successful summer reading program with lots of children attending the sessions and a wonderful party for the participants at the end of the program. After a severe flood near the end of July, the Morrisburg library had its carpets cleaned and disinfected, and in order to prevent a similar occurrence in the future, the Township of South Dundas installed a new drain pipe and diverted a downspout away from the library entrance. Library staff is grateful to have this chronic problem put to rest.

The Williamsburg Branch of the SD&G library also reported a busy summer and a successful reading program. At the end of August a new carpet was installed thanks to the Township of South Dundas and it makes a huge difference to the look of the branch. At the same time, the Williamsburg library also received a new table to hold the two community access computers which are in constant demand.

All branches report that their new books on CD are very popular with library patrons, and library members can look forward to a growing collection in the future.

Spartan of the Month



Alex Bouwman

Seaway District High School student Alex Bouwman has been selected to be the school Spartan of the Month.

He is the captain of the high school's senior boy's soccer team. "I just love the sport," says Alex who attends each and every practice. Alex gets all of the soccer equipment ready for each practice, all of the field equipment and leads the team through their pre-practice stretch. His vocal enthusiasm for the game and his team makes a difference according to his teacher. On the field and during the game he plays every minute. Jeff Crooke his teacher says, "Alex's work ethic and stamina are unmatched. He is a leader by example and every one of his teammates are in awe by his efforts on the field. He exemplifies the 3 R's in every way imaginable."

Alex says that all he does on the filed is do what he likes to do best. He loves soccer. "As a defender I am able to see my teammates on the field," he says. "I like to try and read the plays." Alex has no problems supporting his team on the field when they are in trouble. His motto is that you can always learn from your mistakes.

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November 3 – Iroquois Legion luncheon. This week the luncheon will be ham and scallop potatoes and dessert will be black forest cake.

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November 4 – Bazaar and Luncheon. The Iroquois Anglican Church is holding their annual bazaar and luncheon on Saturday November 4 at 11:00 am. There will be baked goods, crafts and a white elephant table.

November 5 – Rememberance Day Service. The service will be at the Legion starting at 2:30 pm followed by a parade down Dundas Street to the Cenotaph where wreaths will be laid.

November 5 – Amazing Grannies. The Morrisburg Grandmothers Group supporting the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign will be having a dessert, entertainment and silent auction at the Morrisburg Legion. For more information contact Gail McCooeye at 613-543-0945.

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The Spartan's Scrawl

MATTHEW GOODMURPHY
SDHS REPORTER

Hi there and welcome to the Spartan's Scrawl. My name is Matthew Goodmurphy and I'm a senior student at Seaway DHS. I'm here to give you the inside scoop on all that goes on behind our doors, and as your inside liaison, I hope to give you insight into the numerous clubs, activities and initiatives that fill our halls with excitement.

This week, I'd like to take the time to recognize one of Seaway's most outstanding clubs – The Global Outreach Team. This humanitarian group, supervised by Ms. Brenda Como and headed by the outstanding Kayleigh Hallam, advocates charitable donation and humanitarian aid. Through various activities throughout the year, this team helps to reach out and lend a helping hand to all those in the world that are less fortunate or that might benefit from the kindness of others. To kick off the school year and bring the club to an official start, Kayleigh and fellow members have spearheaded the annual Operation Christmas Child initiative, an activity that encourages students and staff at Seaway to fill Christmas gift boxes that can then be sent to needy children in third world countries. While this initiative generally receives huge success, Global Outreach members are setting their goal even higher this year, and hope that Seaway will be able to contribute 100 gift boxes, compared to 67 in 2005. "We've even organized a milk and cookies contest for the class that contributes the most boxes," says Hallam, "and we hope that Seaway students will reach into their hearts and give hope and happiness to children that need it so much." Boxes will be collected on November 10, and will be sent to their final destinations immediately thereafter. Other upcoming Global Outreach initiatives include an AIDS awareness campaign as well as several fund-raisers for various charities.

Another innovative organization that is currently under development here at Seaway is the Environment Club. Consisting of dedicated environmentalists, this club hopes to reduce the ecological footprint of Seaway by introducing paper and plastic recycling, researching renewable energy sources, and implementing energy conservation. While the club has had only one meeting to date, much progress has already been made. Paper recycling is set to commence next Friday, and plastic recycling should follow shortly after. "We hope to make Seaway a greener, more environmentally-friendly school," said club co-founder Jillian Toonders, "I mean, I couldn't believe we didn't even have a paper recycling program." In addition to recycling programs, the group has already initiated an environmental awareness campaign, stressing the importance of recycling and the huge environmental benefits of waste reduction. With many future initiatives already in the planning, only time will tell the response of the students and the success of this newly-formed club.

Well that's all for this time. Make sure to check back next week for updates on Student Council activities, Hallowe'en festivities, and Seaway's Art Club.

Iroquois Legion Br. 370 Newsletter

By Dar

For the fourth week in a row there were fifteen players in the Lounge enjoying a day of "Singles" play in cribbage. Finishing in first with 1068 was Roger Coulter while Andy Acelvari claimed the second spot while only two points behind Roger. Andre Gravel ended up in third place with 1061 while Bernie Montroy had the bridesmaid's honors with his total of 1057. Only six skunks were delivered and picking up two each were Glen Mattice and Ken Palmer. The Joe McDonald Memorial Cribbage Tournament is in the near future and more on this in the next couple of weeks will be mentioned.

Seven tables of euchre were in progress on Tuesday October 24 and picking up the first prize was Everett Froats while Doug Gow nabbed the second prize and having low score of the evening was Jack Shaver. Four skunks could be seen around the Branch and nabbing them were Hazel Ace, Evelyn Bradford, Keitha McConnell and I'm not sure of the name of the last person.

There were three tables of Duplicate Bridge and the high winners of the evening were Rick and Judy Darling. The Pot of Gold winner was Walter Bailey who WAS signed in.

The Friday meal for the week will be ham and scallop potatoes and dessert will be black forest cake.

This past Sunday was our Annual Poppy Blitz and as usual the youth of our area (Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies) participated on our behalf and canvassed the entire town. We are so thankful for their support at this very important time of year.

On Sunday November 5 our Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Legion with our local clergy doing the service. This will be at 2:30 pm at our Legion. Please keep this date in mind and come out to this special event. The November birthday bash will be on November 11 in the bar and lounge starting at 3 pm. Then on November 11 our Honours and Awards banquet and pot luck supper will take place. Social hour will be 6 pm, supper at 7 pm followed by handing out of awards. Hope you all can be there for a lovely time.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Len Roberts and family in the recent passing of a loving wife and mother after a lengthy ailment.

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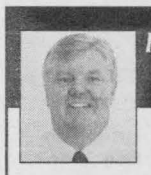
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South Dundas Economic Matters

Anne Marie Waddell, a local resident for over forty years, is the economic development officer for the Township of South Dundas. edo@southdundas.com

Youth and "Going Downtown"

Community downtowns are places where more than commerce occurs. There is a dynamic and active social function to downtown. Certainly people gather there to do business, but they may also visit downtown to take in a special event, or in some cases to socialize. Youth in particular have been "going downtown" for generations. Their visible presence has at times created a tension with merchants and government services – health, social, municipal, and educational may be housed in downtown locations - and has also generated traffic and parking issues. (Merchants often feel that "non-shoppers" take up valued parking places.)

How can we provide opportunities for youth in our downtown?

What constructive activities and programs can be provided which will lessen friction with business and property owners, shoppers and other downtown users?

The answer lies in addressing key overall issues, which affect the image of youth in the downtown environment, and their role as stakeholders in the planning of the downtown's future. These include: Improving the general public's perception of youth through establishing communication linkages and fostering dialogue between youth, downtown businesses, and downtown organizations. Introduce planning approaches which integrate youth into public spaces and activities and establish real, tangible community support for youth-oriented initiatives which meets issues and needs. Approaches taken by communities which have integrated youth into downtown planning, and programming include:

• Providing youth with the forum, and advisory support so they can transform their ideas into practical proposals and develop strategies for gaining the attention of the "powers-that-be" and the news media

• Convincing community, business, and government leaders that young people must no longer be shut out of the decision-making process and that organizations and institutions take seriously the ideas and solutions offered by the next generation

• Promoting youth infusion on advisory councils, citizen task forces, adult coalitions, school boards, etc., and supporting public and non-profit agencies in including young people from diverse backgrounds

• Plugging into a youth network and connecting like-minded individuals who are tackling similar issues and providing them with information about people, organizations, and projects in Ontario and other jurisdictions

We have a concern with crime, vandalism and the safety in our downtown area. What can we do?

Safety has become a prominent issue in many downtowns all across the country today. When dealing with this issue, downtown leaders frequently find that safety concerns are more often rooted in perception than reality. However, in terms of downtown safety, perception is reality — the issue must be addressed and resolved if our downtowns are to thrive economically. A downtown that is unsafe — or that is perceived to be unsafe — will not be able to attract the customers, users, and investors needed for that economy to flourish. Therefore, the issue of safety must be addressed as part of an overall downtown enhancement effort. Key considerations to be aware of include the following:

• Schools pay out millions of dollars each year to clean up graffiti, repair buildings, replace vandalized equipment. That means less money for new books, computers, sports equipment, and student activities.

• Local governments (and their taxpayers) pay the bills for broken streetlights, stolen signs, and vandalized parks.

• Businesses pass the costs of vandalism on to customers through higher prices.

• Studies indicate most vandals damage property for one or more of the following reasons: boredom, anger, revenge, defiance, or alliance.

• Graffiti occurs in large urban centres and to a lesser extent in smaller urban communities. Notwithstanding the extent of the problem, graffiti has an impact on properties and the overall image of downtowns. If left unchecked, it can lead to a gradual decline of the urban area.

• A community's first step to minimize the impact is to remove the graffiti immediately.

• Communities working in partnership with law enforcement almost always emerge as victors.

• Explore innovative ideas for dedaling with vandalism and those who may cause it.

• Recognize that in some cases punishment and arrests give notoriety and actually fuel future acts of vandalism, without addressing youth issues of abandonment, self-esteem and identity.

• Establish "Safe Zones for Free Expression" where artists earn "tagging" rights, through instruction and practice, and youth can go and create the art on designated walls and photograph their "artistic expressions".

• Incorporate the youth's art into public promotional programs, such as business ad campaigns, special events, sports facilities and teams."give back" activities like graffiti paint-overs, neighborhood cleaning, or shoveling snow for seniors.

• Ensure there is ongoing community support for initiatives - instructors and mentors can be volunteers.

• Educate the public, especially young people, about the costs of vandalism.

• Clean up vandalism as soon as it happens -- replace signs, repair playground equipment, paint over graffiti.

• Support recreational programs for young people in your community.

• Encourage volunteerism.

• Ensure downtown businesses are maintained at all times. Always keep exterior doors shut and locked.

• A program of co-operative "business watch" will discourage vandals.

• Report all damage to the police.

• Tap into the energy and idealism of youth. Involve young people in all vandalism prevention efforts.

• Work with schools or the arts community to paint murals on areas that are vulnerable to graffiti. Graffiti will generally not appear on walls where murals that have been painted. Make it a contest for teens.

• Adopt a street or park, perhaps in cooperation with a church or business. Plant trees, bushes, and flowers. Repair equipment and install trash containers. Organize a monthly park patrol to clean up litter and keep an eye on things.



Golfers were enjoying their game last week, as the beautiful fall weather made the Iroquois Golf Course the place to be.

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Knox Presbyterian Church holds Rummage Sale

BY ANDREA CARTIER
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER



These helpers at the Knox Presbyterian Church Fall Rummage Sale all dressed in red last Friday in honour of our soldiers serving in Afganistan. Pictured here from left to right are Myrna Van Beilen, Angie Kelly, Jada Kelly, Judy Barnhartd, and Dorothy Merkley.

CHIEFTAIN PHOTO - A. CARTIER

The Knox Presbyterian Church held its fall rummage sale this past Friday and Saturday at the Civic Centre in Iroquois. The doors of the civic centre were open to shoppers from 1pm to 6pm on Friday and 9 am until noon on Saturday. The event, organized by Mryna Van Beilen and Bill Barnhartd with help from other board members, is held in the fall and the spring of the year. The event has been a tradition with the church as long as anyone can remember. "The fall sale is usually the busier of the two," stated Van Beilen. "The weather is getting cooler and folks are looking for winter clothes." She went on to say that all the goods for the sale are donated by parishioners. People deliver all the goods to the Civic Centre, and parishioners also volunteer with the set up and running of the sale. The rummage sale serve four very useful purposes; firstly it provides low cost goods for bargain hunters and those on a fixed income, secondly it gives community members a chance to clear out items they no longer need, thirdly the goods which are not sold get donated to the House of Lazarus, and finally, it is an important fundraiser for the church. "Between the two sales we raise approximately $1000," explained Mryna Van Beilen. The money raised at the sale is put into a general fund and used for church activities. The Knox Presbyterian Church has several other fundraisers during the year. "We hold teas and bake sales," stated Van Beilen. "Our most recent tea was held on October 14 and it was very successful." These events are held at the church, while the hall is employed for the rummage sale as so many goods are donated it requires the larger space.

Amongst the helpers at the sale on Friday were four generations of Dorothy Merkley's family. As well as Dorothy, her daughter Judy Barnhartd was on hand as was Judy's daughter Angie Kelly, and Angie's daughter Jada Kelly. All were dressed in red in honour of our Canadian troops fighting in Afghanistan. Judy Barnhartd's son, Sergeant John Barnhartd is presently in Sudbury, preparing troops for a tour of duty in that war torn country. The red shirts were purchased from the Iroquois Royal Canadian Legion, and Canadians are encouraged to wear them on Fridays.

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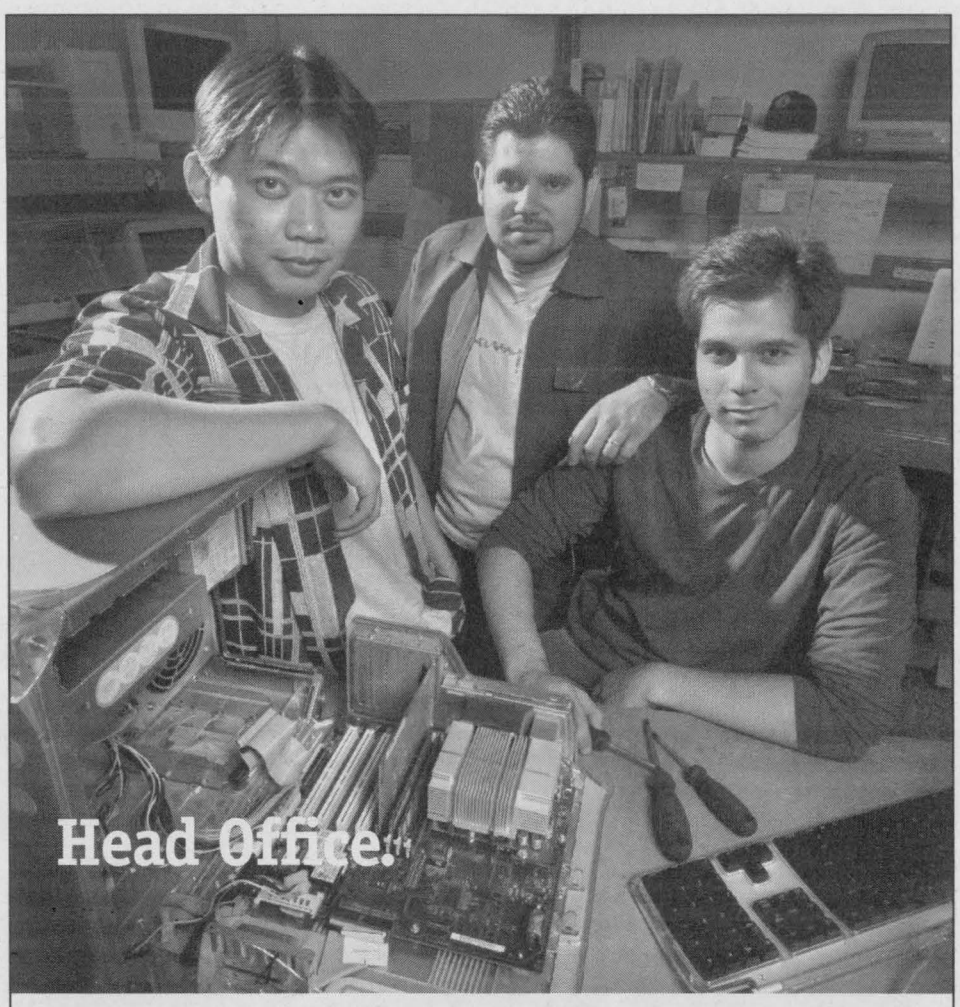

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South Dundas Christmas Exchange planning Christmas Exchange program for 2006

For many people, the count-down to Christmas is already underway. The organizers of the South Dundas Christmas Exchange are also busy, once again making plans to provide a good, traditional Christmas Dinner to needy families in South Dundas, hoping that the community support received in the past will be repeated again this year.

Over the past 18 years it has been proven, time and time again, that South Dundas is indeed a caring community. Through the combined efforts of local Churches, Church Groups, Community Organizations, Businesses and countless caring individuals, we have been able to bring a bit of Christmas Cheer into the lives of needy families.

For the past two years, the Christmas Exchange has returned to its original mandate, "to ensure that families in need are provided with the makings of a nice Christmas Dinner with some of the traditional trimmings."

"With the co-ordinators of the Food Bank in South Dundas, a plan was formulated which has proven to be much more efficient in getting food donations to those in need," says Carol Richer, one of the Directors of the program. "Arrangements to have singles contact the Food Bank directly for a Christmas Basket has certainly helped to make the program more manageable. This allows the Christmas Exchange to concentrate on families, while still providing assistance to singles in need."

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"Again this year, we will work closely with the Food Bank, to ensure that no person or family is left out," Mrs. Richer added.

The Hot Line will again be in operation from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, from November 113th to 24th.

As this is a private line, donated by one of the local Churches, those registering are asked NOT to call other than the days specified. **The Hot Line number is 543-2005.**

For singles wishing to register with the Food Bank, the number there is 543-0065.

And again this year, singles are encouraged to register for the Apple Tree Ministry Annual Christmas Dinner, with is held at the Morrisburg Legion. The number to call to register is 543-3904. There is no charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated if possible. Arrangements can be made for delivery in cases where people cannot get out on their own.. Again, register early!

Although the Christmas Exchange will be providing a well stocked Christmas Dinner Basket, those requiring additional assistance can contact the Food Bank at 543-0065 to discuss their needs with the co-ordinator.

The Morrisburg Lions Club is again sponsoring Angel Trees, which will be located at the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Bank of Montreal in Morrisburg, Your Credit Union in Williamsburg, and at SDS Kerr/Beaver Dental.

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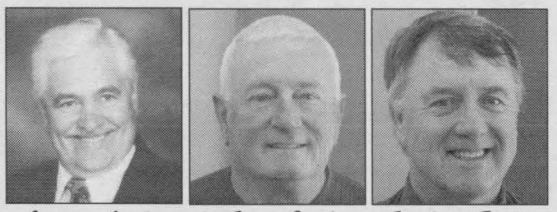

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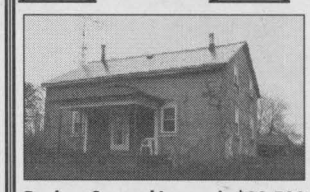

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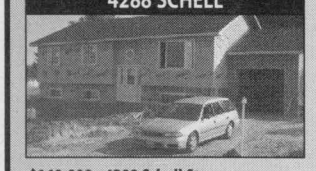

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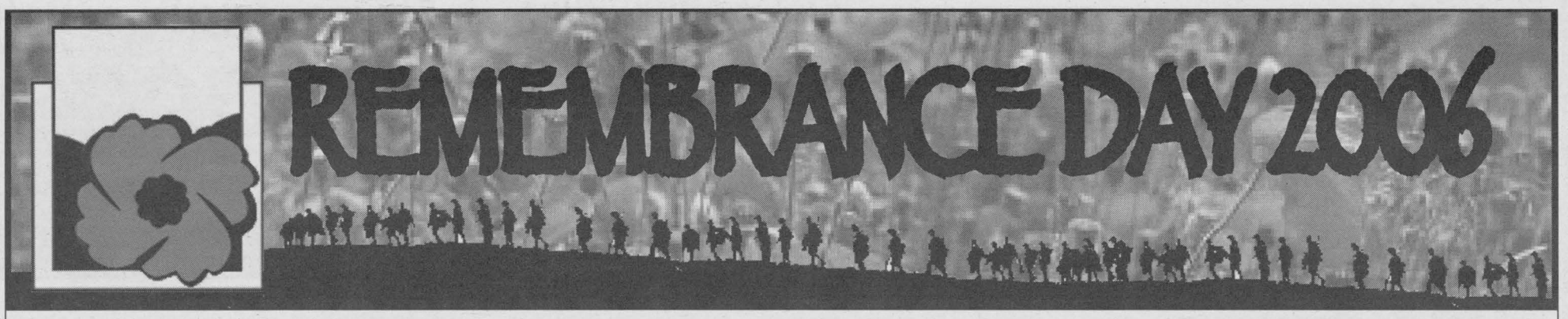

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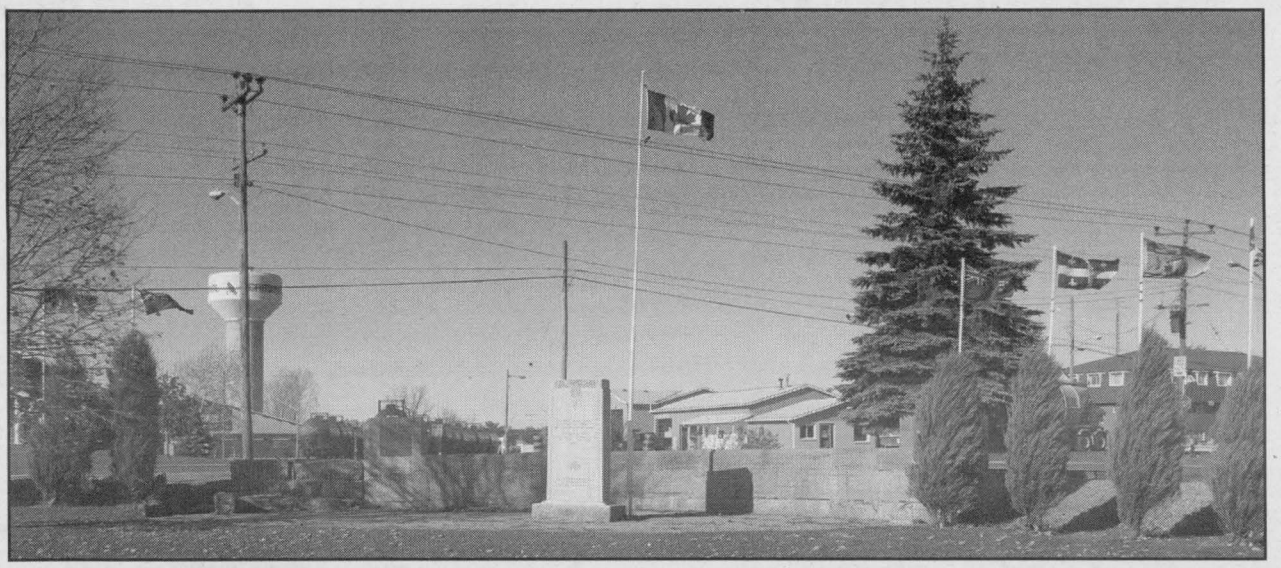

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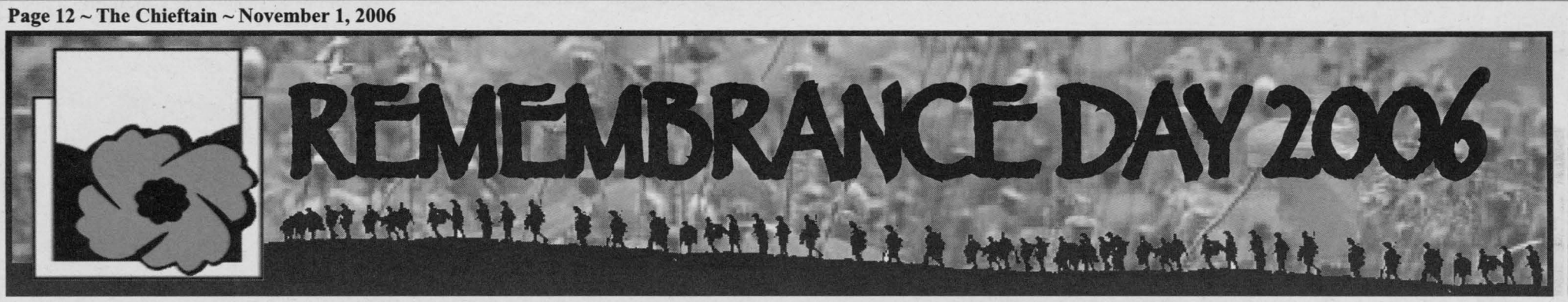

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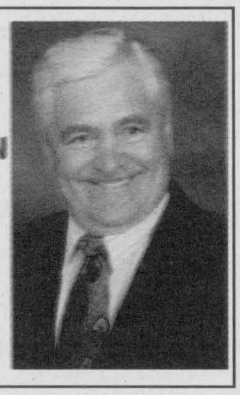
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Sports

Atom B House wins home game

BY ANDREA CARTIER
SPECIAL TO THE CHIEFTAIN



Atom B House players wish their opponents from South Grenville good luck before their home game on Saturday, October 21.

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The South Dundas Atom B House Lions played two games this past week, working hard in both. On Monday, October 22 the team travelled to Brockville where they were defeated in a hard fought game by a score of 4 to 1. The lone Lion's goal came in the third period and was scored by Spencer Heldens on a pass from Drew DeDekker. On Saturday, October 28, the team played hard but was shut out by a team from South Grenville. In their second game of the season played the Saturday before, the Atom B House team came out determined to win and they defeated their opponents from South Grenville by a score of 5 to 1.

Early in the first period, Shannon van Moorsel scored the opening goal of the game by defeating the South Grenville goaltender. She was assisted by Kaitlyn Veinotte and Drew Dedekker. The second South Dundas Goal was scored by Kyle Markell and was unassisted. Justin Swerdtfeger finished up the first period with a nice goal assisted by Shannon van Moorsel and Kaitlyn Veinotte.

In the second period, the South Grenville team rallied and managed to get the puck by Lions goaltender Christopher Alexander, making the score 3 to 1. The South Dundas team, however, went on to score two more goals in the period. Christyn Veinotte, assisted by her cousin Kaitlyn Veinotte, scored the 4th South Dundas goal, and Kyle Markell scored another unassisted goal to bring the final score to 5 to 1.

The Atom B House team will be playing games against Brockville, Kemptville, South Grenville, Athens, and North Dundas this season. The team is coached by Bruce Mullin.

In other Atom action, the Atom B Rep team has been struggling so far this season, having difficulty getting the puck in their opponents' net.

On the weekend of October 14, the Atom B Rep team played three games. On Friday, October 13, the South Dundas team was defeated in Winchester by a score of 4 to 0. On Saturday, October 14 the team lost to Charlan 5 to 0, and on the Sunday of the same weekend, they were defeated 6 to 0.

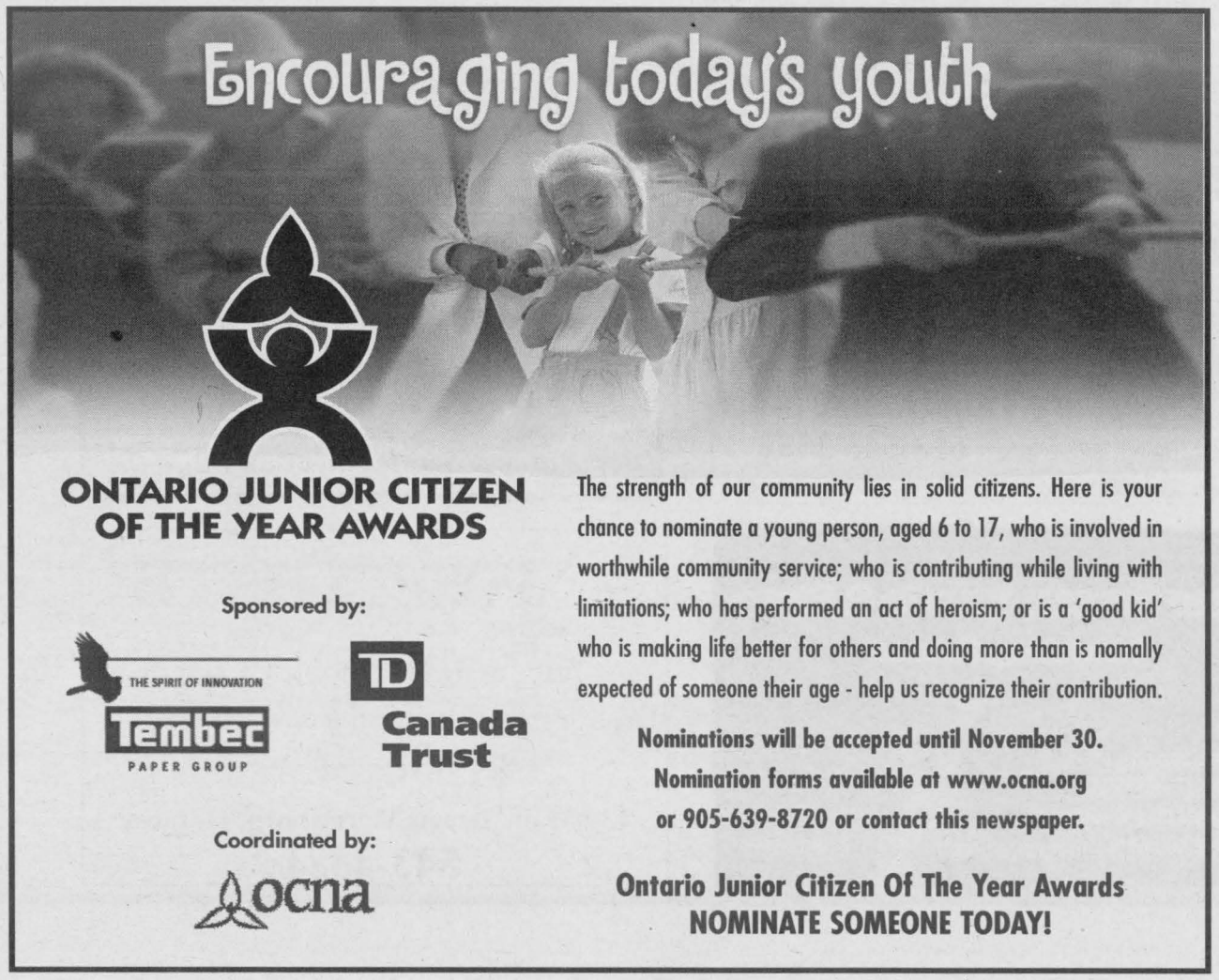
On Friday, October 20 the team rallied and had a good game against South Stormont, losing a hard fought game by a score of 2 to 0. The team lost to Kemptville 3 to 0 on Saturday, October 21 at home, but worked hard, especially in the second half of the game. On Monday, October 22 the team had their best game of the season in Cornwall, losing 4 to 3.

They lost a game the following night to Long Sault, and were defeated again this past Saturday by NGS. The team is made up almost entirely of players who haven't played at this level before and they are working on meshing and determined to improve their scoring record.

As the season progresses the team will undoubtedly turn things around and working together they will be able to best their opponents' goalies. The Atom B Rep team is coached by George Michels. Dan Lalonde is assistant coach for the team. Gary Hart and Nancy Swank are trainers, and Steve Martineau is manager.







Morrisburg Curling Club

The senior men are at it again. Bob Bedingfield, Peter Zeran, Raymond Benoit and Karl Duncan played in the Limestone Bonspiel, Kingston's first in their new $4.2 million, six-sheet facility, The Royal, on Saturday. The fellows defeated a Kingston rink 8-5 in their first game and lost a cliffhanger 5-4 to a strong Navy team in their second. The new club, all paid for, gets rave reviews from all, from ice to change rooms to kitchen. Well worth a visit, the boys say. By the way, some may have heard that the Hylands Club in Ottawa has been condemned with serious roof problems. The feeling is that with the cost to repair it, the building will never reopen. A pity.

The daytime ladies entered a team in the Ottawa Recreation Association's bonspiel, held last Wednesday. Alice Thompson, Susan McIntosh, Betty Locke and Kathy Norg took seven of eight ends in their first game, defeating their opponents from Cityview and coming out with the top score. After lunch in the R.A.'s restaurant, they took to the ice against the defending champion Navy Club team. Navy are still the champions, but our Morrisburg foursome finished fifth overall in the 12 team bonspiel, and came home with good prizes.

Our daytime ladies returned to the wars on Friday, playing at the Kemptville rink. Alice Thompson, Susan McIntosh, Sandra Beckstead and Dorothy Culkin won their first three ends against Huntley, but fell short of a victory. It was a one game 'spiel, and after a lunch and the presentation of prizes, they headed home, already planning more forays to bonspiels organized by other clubs. Stay tuned.

In other news, the Gamble, our four-club mixed competition, will be held at the Winchester club on Nov. 17th, and two foursomes from our club will compete there. Local men's teams are invited to enter our Founders Bonspiel, being held here Nov. 25th. On the distaff side, there are five teams entered already in the Women's Invitational Bonspiel, scheduled for Nov. 18th.

The club's leagues are running smoothly, with a number of new curlers, especially on Friday night. In addition to Fridays, our president is looking after the Tuesday night men's draw. Some help with either league would free him for heavy general responsibilities. Also, with the increased membership, there's a premium on lockers. Perhaps the club will have to invest in some additional ones!

The first two Friday night draws for the House of Gold (our 50/50 draw) saw winners declared, so members are paying attention and getting their names in. Over the year, this draw nets about $2000 for the club, and we thank the members for their participation. The Nevada tickets sold here also add to the club's finances, with this money earmarked for our young curlers' programs.

Next Tuesday morning sees our first Mixed Friendly Bonspiel, as Russell arrives for a visit and lunch. Finally, our draft machine should be repaired this week, and we are looking into replacing our aging bar fridge. That's all, folks. Good curling to all!

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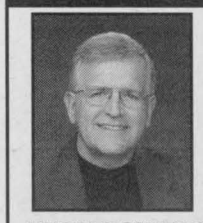

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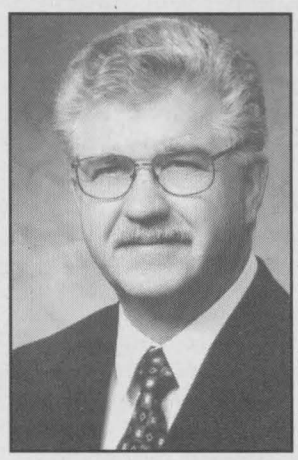
2006 South Dundas Municipal Election



Charles Barkley

"I have to say that I would prefer something else," says Mr. Barkley He added that he would, if elected, take a hard and long look at the different voting systems that are available. "I feel that voting is a religious thing with many people." While Mr. Barkley is happy with the recommendations of South Dundas staff about the voting practice that was recommended, he believes that the new council should look at all of the other options. He admits that the cost has to be a factor but how voters relate to the process is just as important. Mr. Barkley likes the idea of having a voting booth where voters have a paper ballot and at the same time having the option to vote electronically.

Charles Barkley lives in Dundela and is a livestock drover and a cash crop and beef farmer. He is currently a South Dundas Councillor with 23 years of experience in municipal politics. He served as the Reeve of the former Matilda Township for two terms.



Cam Martel

"The idea is to increase the voter turnout," says Mr. Martel. He says that he has heard about the concerns some voters have about it but he feels that if instructions are followed correctly there should be little problems. "It is very simple," he says. Mr. Martel will look at the issue again if voter satisfaction is low. "Every process has to be revisited on a regular bases. You want to always stop and take a look at it to make sure you are on the right track."

Mr. Martel lives in Morrisburg. He is a businessman. He served as a Councillor on the former Morrisburg Council.

After amalgamation Mr. Martel served for another six years on the South Dundas Council including acting as the Council representative at the United Counties Council. He worked as the SD & G Warden for one term.

Mr. Martel wants to work towards an economically healthy business environment in South Dundas as well as review the current economic policies in South Dundas. His goals include maintaining the municipalities infrastructure and planning for the future.



Ed Merkley

"I would have no problem looking at it again," said Mr. Merkley. He added, "I do not mind it but people have beeen telling me that they would like a return to the paper ballot. Ballots could prove to be more expensive but could also be money well spent."

Ed Merkley lives in Williamsburg and is a South Dundas businessman. He is the owner and operator of Merkley Tire. He has lived in South Dundas all of his life.

This is his first time running for a political office.

As an interested member of the South Dundas community Mr. Merkley is involved with the Ontario Harness racing Association as well as the 4-H Club.

As the South Dundas Mayor Mr. Merkley wants to find a way to keep people in South Dundas, maintain a healthy economoic environment and plan a future for South Dundas that benefits all its residents.

His compelling reason to offer himself as the South Dundas Mayor is his belief that being honest with residents about their community and what needs to be done to keep it healthy is what he can offer voters.

As the 2006 election draws near and candidates make their final pitch to voters, one question has been voiced about the credibility and effectiveness of the telephone and internet voting process. Here are the candidate's answers.

Mayoralty candidates for the 2006 South Dundas Election



Lyle Van Allen

Mr. Van Allen says that while he prefers the ballot as a first choice for many voters, the new system of combining telephone voting and electronic voting does bring out more people to vote. "There are pros and cons about it," he says. Mr. Van Allen says that 80 percent of the voters he has spoken to, in this year's election, like the system and are happy with it. Even though Mr. Van Allen feels the new system has helped to get more voters out. He says "I would want to look at it again," He would like to see a system of voting that perhaps combines one or more of the different option that the Township has to chose from. "You should never put blinders on," he pointed out adding, "You should be open minded to new ideas." He feels that the council has to ensure that the South Dundas infrastructure is maintained and stays healthy. He wants to continue with the success that he has had lobbying the federal and provincial governments for their share of municipal capital projects and protect the economic and social interests of South Dundas.

No Polling Stations for November elections

BY ANDREA CARTIER
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In a bid to save money, many municipalities across Ontario have opted for telephone and internet voting as opposed to traditional polling stations for the upcoming November 13 election. South Dundas is just one of many area townships which will determine its leadership in this method.

According to a pamphlet delivered to every residence in the municipality, eligible voters who are registered electors on the Voters' List will receive a first class letter containing all the information they require in order to vote. The letter will contain the toll free telephone number that can be utilized for voting purposes, as well as the website where electors can register their vote. In order to make the process secure, each elector has a personalized and confidential Voter Identification Number and a password. All electors should receive their Voter Information Letter which will be labeled "Important Information 2006 Municipal Elections" after October 25, 2006.

Voting begins by telephone and internet at 9 am on November 8, 2006 and closes at 8 pm on November 13. As there will be no polling stations, all voting must be accomplished using the telephone or a computer with internet connectivity.

The Municipal Office will be open to assist any voters who require help. From November 8 through to November 13, the office will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on a daily basis, and has been designated as a help centre. Telephone and internet access will be available at this location for those who require it.

In order to facilitate internet voting, the County Libraries have public access computers with internet service that are available to community members, and the libraries will strive to provide privacy for residents using these computers for voting purposes. The Iroquois branch of the SDG County Library will be open on November 8 from 10 am to 2 pm, November 9 from 2 pm to 8 pm, November 10 from 2 pm to 4 pm, November 11 from 10 am to 12 noon, and on November 13 from 10 am to 6 pm.

Only residents who are on the Voters' List will receive their Voter Identification Number and password through the mail. A list of all eligible voters has been prepared and can be viewed at the Municipal Office in Williamsburg. Residents who are not on the list can be added by providing proof of identification and voter eligibility. The results of the election will be available on the Township's website located at www.southdundas.com.

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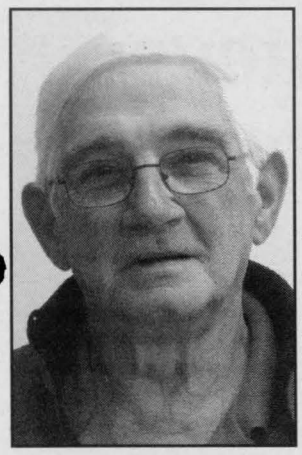

Roger Coligan

"There are a lot of people who are gun shy about it." says Mr. Coligan. He stated that, "I would most certainly look at it again." One of Mr. Coligan's concerns, one also shared by some voters, is that if, in a household with several people who are eligible to vote, one person is asked to call or electronically vote for other voters in the household, there is no guarantee that the appointed person will truthfully carry out the other voters wishes. Mr. Coligan feels that if a speaker phone was used then all the voters in the house would be able to hear where the votes are going. that person will carry out the wishes that the others have.

One of his concerns is ensuring that the Municipality is financially sound, makes effective financial decisions and looks after the South Dundas community.

Mr. Coligan's belief is that the Township government needs to be more accountable in their decisions, and more transparent in their dealings with the South Dundas community has result in his desire to be the new deputy mayor of South Dundas.



Bill Ewing

I do not have a problem with the new system. It means that more people will want to vote," he say adding . "but I would definitely look at other options." Mr. Ewing believes that a combination of the two systems, electronic voting and a paper ballot, may be more acceptable to voters. "I have spoken to a lot of people who are comfortable withe the telephone and electronic voting." Mr. Ewing cited says that in the last election the voter turnout was over better than in the past at over 50 percent, perhaps because of the electronic and telephone voting system in place at the time.

Bill Ewing is a current South Dundas Councillor. He has more than 25 years of municipal experience in a variety of positions specifically with municipal water, roads, parks, recreation, sewers and all of the different aspects of the hydro system. Mr. Ewing, a businessman, believes that the South Dundas community is an important part of his life. He says, "I have a vested interest in the community and the welfare of all residents of South Dundas. Your concerns are my concerns."



Robert Gillard

"I know that the older voters are not in love with it," said Mr. Gillard. "Three years ago we did it and we had a great turnout." Mr. Gillard says that he would have preferred a system that incorporated a ballot and some form of electronic or telephone voting. "I would change it to a paper ballot and an electronic vote. I think what people want is choice," he said.

Robert Gilllard is a life-long resident of South Dundas. He served on the Williamsburg Council from 1976 to 1998 . He was the Deputy Reeve from 1979 to 1982. He has, during his career as a South Dundas Councillor, served on a number of community boards and committees.

Mr. Gillard wants to bring more nursing home beds to South Dundas. He also wants to plan for the future of South Dundas by making sure that the proposed sewage treatment plant in Morrsiburg is completed in a timely fashion.

Mr. Gillard says that the Municipality needs more facilities for a growing population of seniors and he wants to encourage economic growth primarily in industrial and commercial areas of the township.

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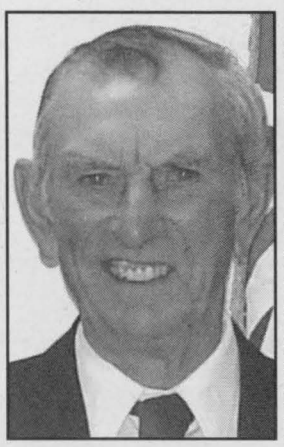
Deputy Mayor candidates for the 2006 South Dundas Election



This picture shows Dundas 4-H members surrounding: (seated, L to R behind the cheque) Ron Wilson, Treasurer of the Dundas County 4-H Association, Tony Fortin, Agricultural Accounts Manager, Scotiabank at Chesterville, and Dr. Willie Armstrong D.V.M., proprietor of Upper Canada Wood Products. During the summer of 2006 the 4-H Association raffled a log house (built by the 4-H Woodworking Club in 2005) as a fundraising project. The Shotiabank cheque presented at the 4-H Awards Night (October 21) by Tony represents their matching donation under the bank's community support program. Dr. Armstrong, the primary leader of the Woodworking Club, provided the know-how, the tools and the impetus for the raffle as well as donated all the material used in construction.



Johnny Whitteker

"I think that it is a good thing," says the veteran politician. Mr. Whitteker says that the number of people who take the time to vote has gone up in South Dundas as a result of the new way of voting. If there were any problems or complaints he says that he would have no problem looking at the entire process once more.

Johnny Whitteker is a veteran of all aspects of township politics with a record of 52 years sitting at the council table. He is a beef and dairy farmer, and has lived in South Dundas all of his life.

Mr. Whitteker is a current Councillor with South Dundas and has been a member of the United Counties of SD & G Council for over 50 years.

Mr. Whitteker has served his community as the Reeve of Williamsburg as well as the Mayor of the South Dundas Township.

He believes in sound and common sense planning for the present and the future of South Dundas as well as maintaining the Township's infrastructure.

A healthy economic environment and good land use planning are high on his list of priorities.

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Michael Ault

"I do not agree with it at all," he says. "It is not democratic," he pointed out saying that if a household has eligible voters and not all of them want to cast their vote, then one of the voters in the house could conceivable use their votes to vote his or her way without anyone else knowing. Mr. Ault believes that at the very least the voting process should involves a paper ballot and if necessary one other form of voting. He said that he would like the new council to take another look at the process before the next election.

Michael Ault is a life-long resident of South Dundas, living in Brinston. He served the former Matilda Township as a councillor for 12 years. He is no stranger to local issues.

For the past 40 years he has worked in the South Dundas community as a project manager in the construction industry.

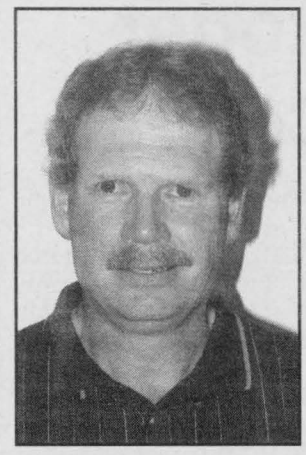
His profession has given him experience dealing with municipal construction projects as well as the municipal and community funding process that drives them.



Sandra Bailey

"I really prefer a blended method. Some people are uncomfortable with the computer," says Ms. Bailey. She believes that you can try all kinds of different ways of voting but the tried and true method of using a paper ballot is the best to ensure an accurate and honest election result. Ms. Bailey says that she has been told by some voters that their experience voting by phone or by computer was less than satisfying. "It may be confusing and you have to follow the instructions carefully," she says. While Ms. Bailey would have no problem revisiting the voting method being used for the next election she says that you have to protect the integrity of the voting process.

Sandra Bailey is currently a South Dundas Councillor. She hails from Morrisburg where she was born and continues to live. As a member of the South Dundas Council since the previous election in 2003 Ms. Bailey has been vocal and adamant about ensuring that the council is accountable and that its dealings and processes are transparent to the public.



Steven Byvelds

"I do not personally have an issue with it, it is very efficient, but I do know that there are some that do," he says. Mr. Byvelds wants to revisit the issue after the election. He believes that after the election there should be enough data from the election results to determine if electronic and telephone voting is the way that the Township wants to go in the future.

He is a graduate of The Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program and is a past Director and Treasurer of the Ontario Corn Producers Association. Mr. Byvelds community experience includes involvement with the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association, the Dundas Milk Producer Committee, acting as the Ice Chair of the Morrisburg Curling Club. He is currently a member of the Property and Finance Committee of St. Mary's-St. Cecilia's Parish in Morrisburg and Iroquois.

As a candidate for a councillor position with the South Dundas Council, Mr. Byvelds stands for fair and honest government.

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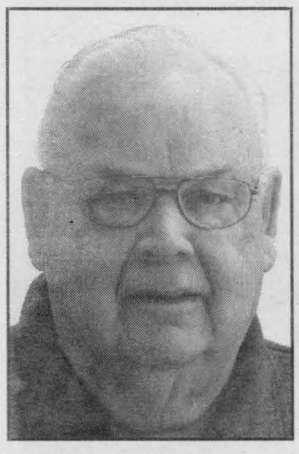
Candidates for Councillor 2006 South Dundas Election



Evonne Delegarde (Kolff)

"I would like to revisit the issue. I have had a lot of complaints. People are telling me that they would like to return to the paper ballot." Ms. Delegarde says that the different voting choices would have to be thoroughly researched and costed out to make sure that taxpayers were getting their money's worth. She believes that the system that the township is going to be using is very user friendly.

She has promised to deliver, responsible, accountable, educated and well informed decision pertaining top finances and services for all of the residents and ratepayers of South Dundas. Her mayor concerns are: the proposed, sewage treatment plant, economic development, financial accountability, the Iroquois Golf Club, property taxes and assessment, senior's housing, recreational, facilities in the Township and roads and bridges. She would like to put a hold on taxes and work towards lowering them.



Bill Dillabough

"I would have preferred the paper ballot," says Mr. Dillabough. "I would want to look at it again. Voters should have more choice." Mr. Dillabough feels that residents may not have had an opportunity to provide feedback on the voting process and that he would like to find out what the voter thinks before the next election.

Bill Dillabough lives in Morrisburg, is retired and has lived in South Dundas for much of his life.

He has experience as a past warden of SD &G as well as serving the Village of Morrisburg as the Reeve for 16 years.

He is concerned about the high property tax assessments that have plagued the province and the taxes. He would like to monitor the Township's tendering process more closely and ensure that all roads in South Dundas, specifically in Morrisburg and Iroquois are in good shape.

Mr. Dillabough believes that the council has to make stronger representations to other levels of government concerning senior's housing, long term care facilities and provincial downloading.



Carol Fowler

Ms. Fowler feels that the paper ballot, even though there was problems with it, was a better choice for most voters. She believes that seniors especially, do not like the new way of voting. "I would like to look at all of the options," she says. Ms. Fowler strongly believes that voting is an important moment for residents and that they like to be able to have the right to make a personal vote. She points out, "You have to respect what people want,"

Carole Fowler is the owner and operator of the Brinston General Store. She has lived in the area all of her life. She has been involved in various community events and wants to help make South Dundas a better place to live.

Although she is a first time candidate, Ms. Fowler believes that her management skills, business and life experience place her in an ideal position to move her Township forward.

Property taxes, long term care facilities, recreational opportunities for youth and good responsible fiscal management of the Township is what she is after.

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Jim Graham

" I do not mind the internet voting probably because I am used to using the internet," he says. He also believes that the telephone is a bit cumbersome. Mr. Graham feels that an interesting alternative is a mail in vote where voters send their ballot in to the Township by mail. Another concern he has with the paper ballot is the notion of proxy voting when voters are allowed to cast a ballot for someone else. He also admits that using a paper ballot would be more costly and time consuming. He says , however, "If enough people want it then they should have it."

Jim Graham is a retired Ontario Provincial Police Officer who moved to South Dundas in 1987. He believes that a council has to excel at not just doing things right but making sure that they are doing the right things. Mr. Graham believes that the province has been downloading services on to the lower tier governments such as South Dundas, but without including the necessary funds to operate them.

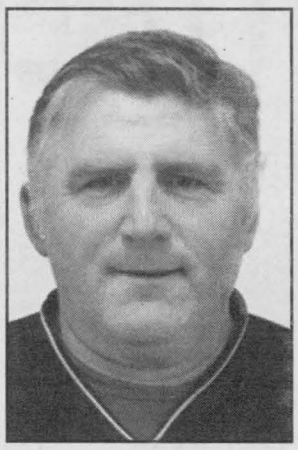


Delbert Jones

I have no objection to evaluating the current voting system and considering other options if I am elected. There does still seem to be many people that are not aware that the voting is by internet or phone. (I suspect some of the confusion may come from the fact that provincial and federal elections continue to use paper ballots.) I suspect that a system that transitioned to 100% telephone/internet voting over time by still allowing voting with paper ballots as an option may have made more sense. I am certain that in a very few years the entire population will learn that it is much easier to stay home and vote by internet or phone.

Delbert Jones was born in South Dundas. He is currently working for the Upper Canada District School Board. He has 20 years experience in financial management, human resources and operations.

He is currently the Co-Chair of the South Dundas Economic Advisory Committee. His platform includes a proactive approach to economic development, lobbying the provincial government to address inadequate funding, and attracting new doctors to South Dundas.



Dale Lewis

"I have been talking to a lot of people who are not comfortable with it," says Mr. Lewis. "Some voters do not have a push button phone. What will they do?" Mr. Lewis is concerned that some voters will become frustrated with the process especially the telephone part of it and not vote at all. If elected he would definitely take a second look at all of the options regarding the voting process including keeping the paper ballot as part of it.

Dale Lewis is a life-long resident of South Dundas.

He is a former employee of the St. Lawrence Manufacturing Corporation and helped to oversee the safe dismantling of the plant.

While he is a first time candidate he believes that his community involvement and experience will make him a good choice for voters.

His community involvement includes over 30 years working with the minor hockey association in South Dundas. He has served on the recreation boards in both the former Matilda Township and in Morrisburg.

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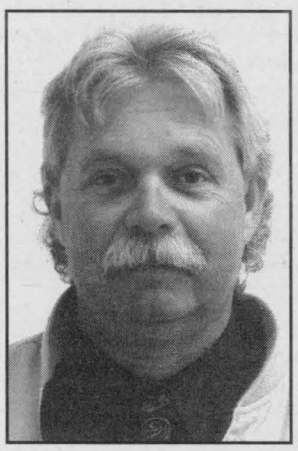
Mary Anna Petre

"I do not have an issue with it personally," says Ms. Petre. "There are some concerns from some of the people who are not comfortable with it." Mary Anna Petre feels that even though there are some pros and cons about the voting method, she believes that voters will adjust to it. "If there was an issue with it," she says, "Then I would have no problems revisiting it."

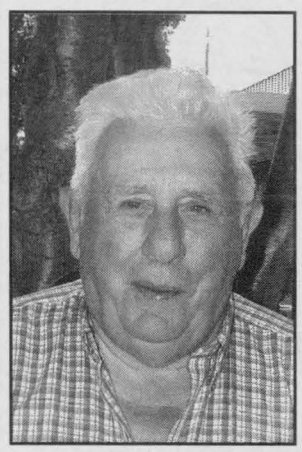
Mary Anna Petre is a member of the Seaway District High School Council and a past Chairperson with the Knox Presbyterian Board. She has lived in South Dundas all of her life, and is originally from the former Matilda Township. Mary Anna Petre served for 12 years including 11 years as the chairperson with the board as manager of Knox Presbyterian Church in Iroquois. She has acted as the school trustee for the Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry Board of Education. Mary Anna Petre believes in serving her South Dundas community with honesty and integrity, representing all residents and ensuring the public funds are used wisely.



Gerben Schaillee

Mr. Schaillee says that there are compensations to voters by using the telephone and electronic vote. The current method, he feels is more cost effective and may result in a better voter turnout. "It is difficult for some but you cannot have it both ways," he was referring to the council's mandate to spend taxpayers money effectively and wisely. "If it turned out to be unpopular, I would want to look at it again." The method the Township is using this election, works out to around $3.50 per vote to process.

Gerben Schaillee is a first time candidate. He is running because he wants to ensure that the South Dundas Council makes responsible and effective financial decisions. Mr. Schaillee feels that the municipality has to consider a review of property tax issues as well as to find a way to enhance and grow the tourism aspect of the municipality. He wants South Dundas to focus more on the situation of seniors and on recreational opportunities for youth and seniors. Mr. Schaillee believes that South Dundas residents expect a fair tax rate and that their council be able to make effective and timely decisions.



Peter Swank

"I would like to look at it again," says Mr. Swank. "Anybody can vote for you and me.

I think it should be both ways," he added referring to the option of having telephone voting along with a paper ballot. "You do not want to make it more complicated than it already is.

Peter Swank has lived in South Dundas most of his adult life. He is retired after 50 years of growing his construction business, Swank Construction.

He served the former Matilda Township for three years as its Reeve and was a Councillor in both Iroquois and Matilda for 16 years. Mr. Swank believes that the council has to act decisively and correctly when it comes to financial matters and the ability of the South Dundas community to bear the brunt of their council's financial decisions. He wants a stable and productive business environment as well as fair and affordable property taxes for residents.

Mr. Swank would like to see more doctors come to South Dundas as well as more families. His goal is to ensure that South Dundas is a safe and healthy, prosperous community for people to want to live in.

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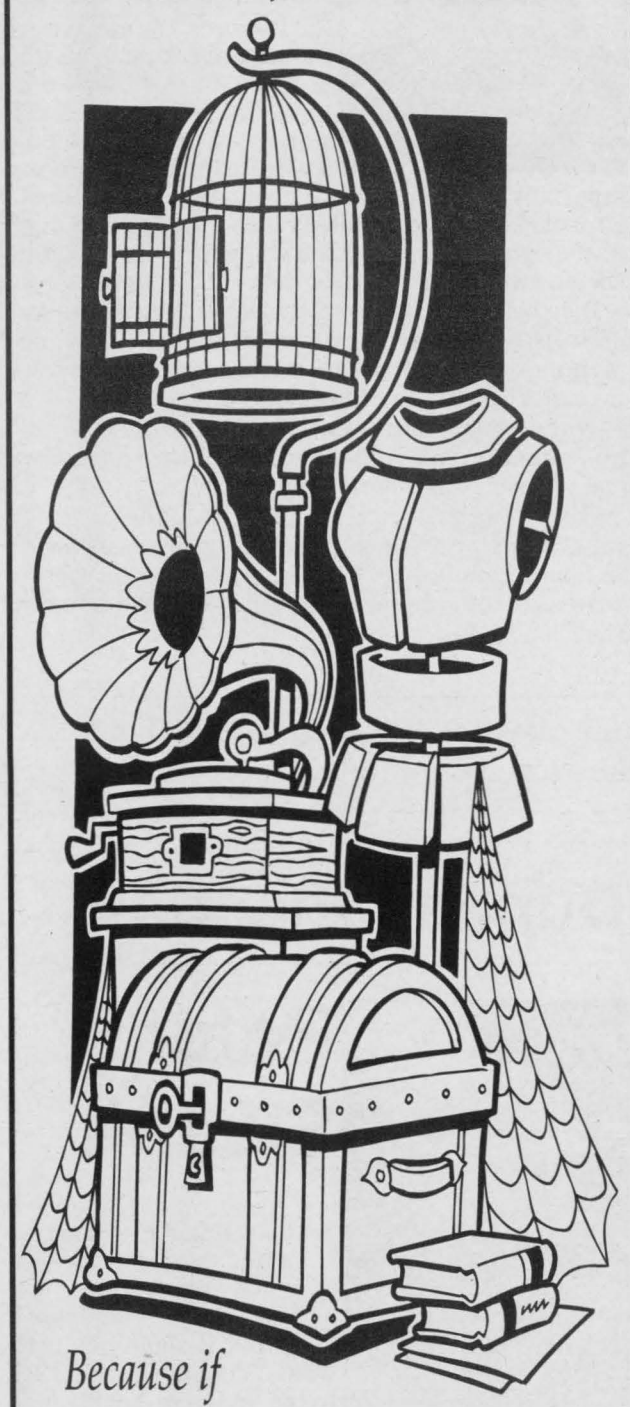

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THANK YOU: Bill and I would like to say a big thank you to family and friends who attended our Surprise 40th Anniversary party. It meant a lot to us to see so many smiling faces. Special thanks to Pat and Kim, Jamie and Sarah, and Betty Cooper, you guys rock. Thanks also to The Edgewater for a great meal and service. Thanks again.
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We would walk right up to Heaven,
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No farewell words were spoken,
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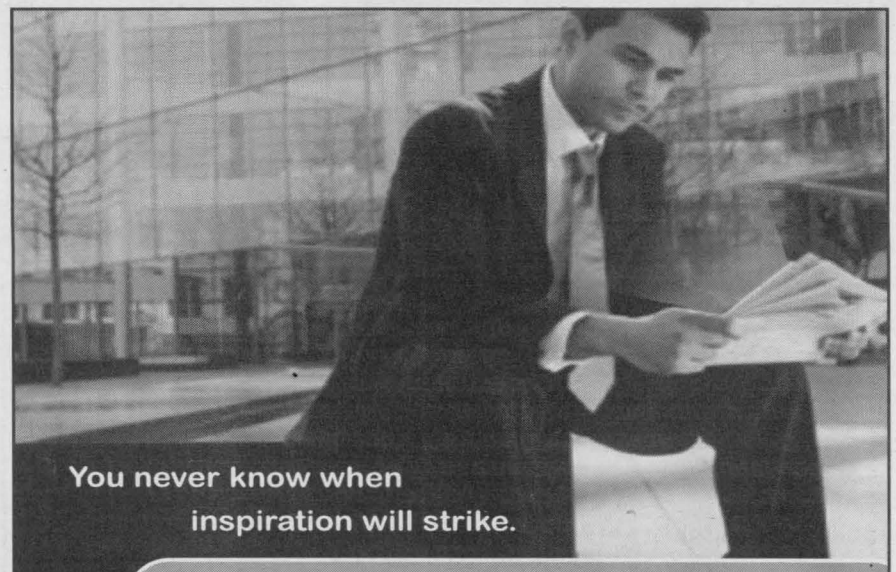

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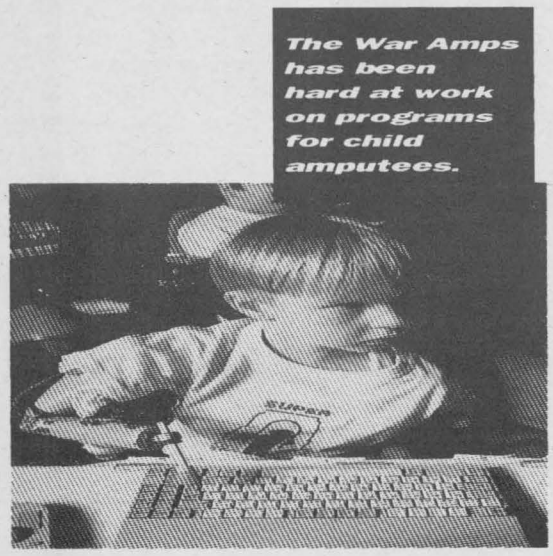

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Michael and Debbie are proud to announce the arrival of identical twin grandsons on July 13th, 2006. Proud parents are Wendy and Andre Gagnon. Big brother Ian can't wait to teach them all he knows about trucks.

Nathan Andre arrived at 2:20 pm weighing 6 1b 2 oz and Spencer Andre followed at 2:22 pm weighing 6 1b 1 oz.

These cute fellows are great-grandsons to Lee and Jean Shaver of Iroquois, and Grandma Higgins of Vernon B.C., and nephews of Sherri Dixon of Winchester Springs. Watchful grandparents from above are Grandpa Bernie, Grandma Phyliss and Grandma Ellen.



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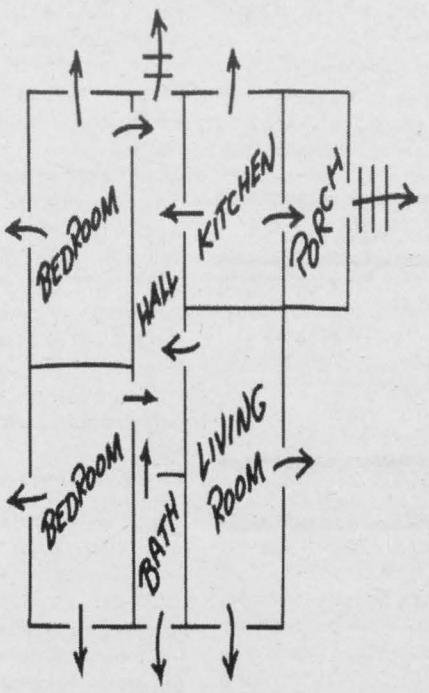

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Voting will commence on November 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. and conclude on November 13, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. You will require the letter in order to participate.

To accommodate all electors **the Municipal Office will be open** to answer questions or to assist any elector from Wednesday, November 8th to Sunday November 12th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on **Election Day**, Monday, November 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

With this alternative voting system, there **will not be any polling or voting stations**. In addition, no proxy voting will be permitted.

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The Municipal Office is designated as the "Help Centre"; internet or telephone access will be available to any elector requiring such service. The Libraries will be available for internet access as well, please call for hours of operation. Please call 613-535-2673 or 800-265-0619 should you require further information.

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Bantam C House on a winning streak

BY ANDREA CARTIER
SPECIAL TO THE CHIEFTAIN

The South Dundas Bantam C House Lions won their fourth game of the season by defeating the Brockville White team by a score of 6 to 2 this past Saturday in Morrisburg. This was the closest any team has come to matching play with this Lions team. On Monday, October 22 the Bantam House team travelled to Smith Falls for a game, and defeated their opponents 6 to 1.

The team also defeated the North Dundas Demons by a score of 6 to 1 in a home game played on Saturday, October 21. Just 13 seconds into Saturday's game, the North Dundas Demons managed to defeat Lions goaltender Tyler Kelly on a quick shot from a face off deep in the Lions zone. The Demons were to lead the game for less than a minute, however, as the Lions scored at 14:06 of the first period to tie the game 1 all. The scoring for the South Dundas team was opened with a goal by Robert Zandbergen with assists going to Dustin Blok and Stephen Gellner. In the last two minutes of play in the first period, the South Dundas team scored two more goals to end the period ahead by 2. Derek Hutt scored at 1:28 of the first with an assist from David Baird, and Stephen Gellner scored an unassisted goal with just 27 seconds left on the clock in the first period.

The second period saw an early goal by Nick Tupper who was assisted by Philip German, and the South Dundas Lions started third period play up by a score of 4 to 1. At 14:14 of the third Eric Heldens scored with the assistance of Nick Tupper, and 8 seconds later, Stephen Gellner scored another unassisted goal.

The team is coached by Mitch Hutt. Larry Heldens, Doug Tupper, and Glen Blok are assistant coaches for the team, and Ron Gibson is the team's trainer. The team is co-managed by Tom Beatson and Roseanne O'Beirn. The team plays home games on Saturdays at 1 pm.



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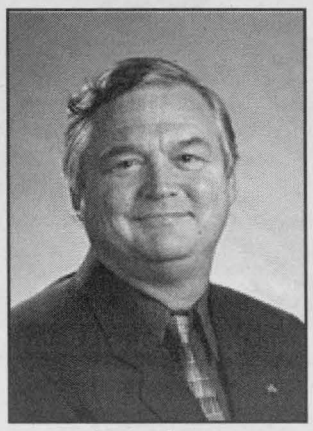
Phantoms are afoot in Ontario

BY PETER LOVE
CHIEF ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER

Halloween has just passed and we had many ghosts and goblins among us. But did you know that there are phantoms lurking in your home all year round stealing your electricity? If you've never heard of "phantom load," you're certainly not alone. These energy stealers live among us every day in the form of a steady, slow drip of wasted energy from the many appliances and other equipment in our homes. Add up the phantom kilowatt-hours used in the more than four million Ontario households, and it's easy to see how much energy is wasted every day. According to Natural Resources Canada, these lost kilowatt-hours represent up to six per cent of our energy consumption per year, or nearly a whole month's worth of electricity.

Finding the phantoms

When you turn off an appliance, is it really off? Not always. From coffee-makers to televisions to laptop computers, many electrical appliances can't be switched off completely without unplugging them. Today, an average home may contain at least 25 phantom loads: cordless phones, televisions, DVD players – even doorbells. Like most phantoms, phantom loads are easier to spot at night. Track them down by turning off all your lights and looking for the telltale glow of LEDs or other tiny lights. It can be shocking to realize how many of these green or red-eyed phantoms stare back at you.


Peter Love

Who you gonna call? Load busters

Power bars can help stop electricity losses due to phantom load. By plugging your computer, television, DVD player and stereo into a power bar, you can stop them from drawing phantom load simply by switching off the power bar. And as always, switching to ENERGY STAR models for those appliances that are impractical to unplug is also a good way to reduce energy consumption. *The role of the office of the Ontario Chief Energy Efficiency Officer is to develop, coordinate and stimulate electricity conservation and demand management. For more information and to learn more about the Every Kilowatt Counts money saving coupon program, call 1-866-859-9898 or visit www.ConservationBureau.on.ca.*

Cold weather means more time indoors – Time to think about the air quality in your home

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The return of cooler weather brings back autumn's yearly traditions: turning back the clocks, raking fallen leaves, and closing up doors and windows as we prepare to spend more time indoors during the winter.

When it comes to our homes, there are many things to consider as the mercury drops, from weatherproofing doors and windows to replacing furnace filters and general maintenance to keep out cold drafts. While these activities can save us a few dollars in energy costs, they can also result in reduced fresh airflow through the house, leading to poorer indoor air quality.

"The health of our lungs plays a large part in our overall state of health," says Lyndon Madden, marketing manager for Electrolux Home Care Products Canada. "Many people have concerns about outdoor air quality and the effects of pollution on their health, but few of us take the time to think about the quality of the air in our homes, which is just as important."

According to studies by Health Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, indoor air can be significantly more polluted than outdoor air. The average Canadian spends close to 90 per cent of their time indoors, making indoor air pollution a serious health concern.

Internationally, indoor air pollution has gained the attention of many organizations and governments, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, the United Nations and many governments worldwide. Several initiatives exist to address the problem, such as the WHO Programme on Indoor Air Pollution and the Clean Air Initiative, a global environment partnership supported in part by the World Bank.

In Canada, the Lung Association works with partners including Beam Canada, a division of Electrolux Home Care Products Canada, to help Canadians understand and eliminate indoor pollutants.

The Lung Association divides indoor air pollutants into two categories: biological and chemical. Biological pollutants such as dust mites, pet dander and pests can easily be removed with a regular cleaning routine that includes vacuuming.

"Indoor air quality can be greatly improved with the use of a vacuum that has a sealed HEPA filter, or ideally, a central vacuum system," says Madden.

A central vacuum system takes dirt and dust off the floors and from the air, out of the room, through a hose system in the wall and into a sealed canister located in the garage or basement, ensuring that virtually no pollutants escape the vacuum.

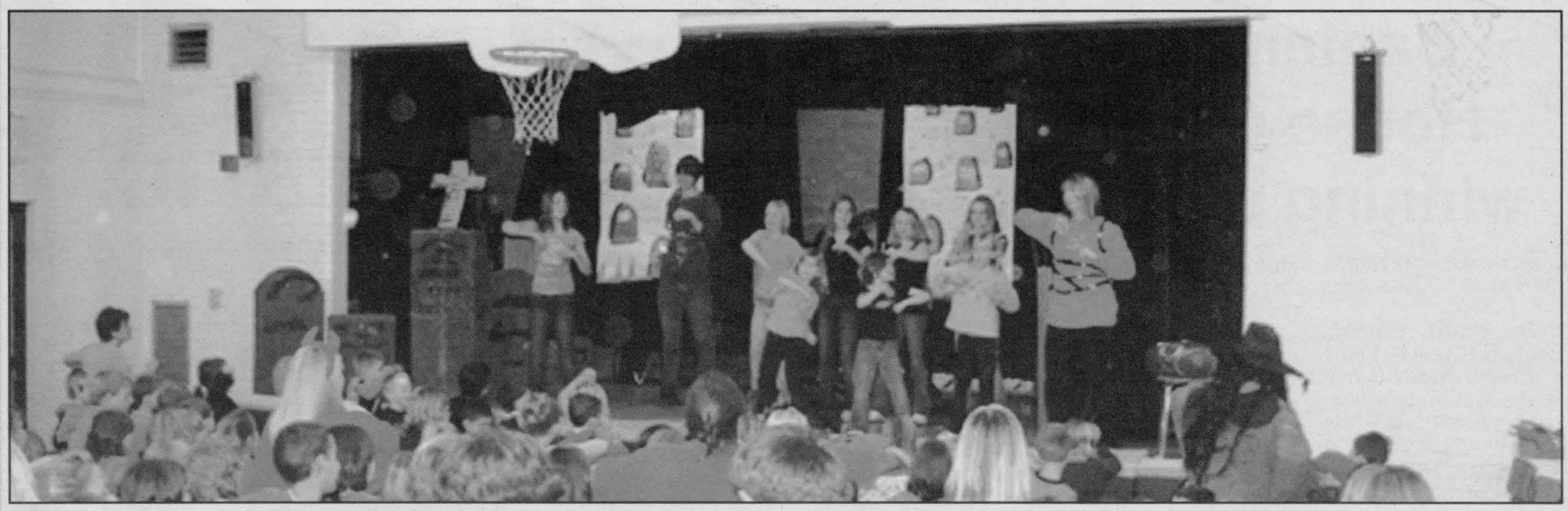
The Lung Association classifies air-freshening sprays, pesticides and gas appliances that can emit harmful gases as chemical pollutants.

These pollutants can be eliminated with regular appliance maintenance, venting and regular house cleaning using ecologically friendly products, which reduce the need for air fresheners, harsh chemical cleaners and pesticides.

To maintain cleaner indoor air, an essential part of a healthy home, there are several things you can do:

1. Vacuum air vents and heat registers seasonally.
2. Use a ventilating bathroom fan and kitchen fume hood to extract humid air.
3. Vacuum drapes, blinds and furniture regularly.
4. Minimize the use of pesticides indoors by eliminating pests' source of food.
5. Consider purchasing an air purifier with a HEPA filter.
6. Keep your home clutter-free to reduce the surface area on which dust can collect.
7. Replace traditional dusters with your vacuum's brush attachment.
8. Install a carbon monoxide detector.
9. Vacuum your mattress monthly to help remove dust mites.
10. Wash or vacuum stuffed animals regularly.

The Lung Association offers further tips on how to improve the air quality in your home with an interactive guide available at www.yourhealthyhome.ca.



Students at the Iroquois Public School held their Halloween Bash in their gymnasium on Tuesday afternoon.

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CANDIDATES FROM THE FRONT

"I am running because I have great concerns about the efficiency of our South Dundas Council and that if elected he would see that the tendering process and rules were observed in the Township.

He also wanted to make sure that the waste water treatment project stayed on course. Carol Fowler admitted that, "This is a big challenge for me." The Brinston store owner and operator went on to say that she felt her working experience and achievements made her an ideal candidate for council. "I do not have all of the answers but I would respect all that you had to say," she said.

Jim Graham has been eager to take on the role of a South Dundas Councillor since early March. His proven management and decision making track record, he feels are required to move the Township into the future. He pointed out that in his career with Ontario Provincial Police and dealing with multi-million dollar budgets and projects have prepared him for the kind of work a councillor is expected to be able to do.

Delbert Jones was next. He began his remarks by saying, "I love this area, its history and the life style we have." He had four main points to his election platform. A proactive economic strategy, accepting and understanding the Township current economic reality, striving for a united South Dundas and taxes. He said, "The system is broken, the system is unfair and the system must be fixed." Mary Anna Petre said, "I want to be your voice on the South Dundas Council." She believes that her experience as a mediator, teacher and her belief in the South Dundas community make her a great choice for council. "I like to leave things better than I found them," she said. She promised to always listen, have integrity and demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

Gerben Schaillee explained his past experience, that in many ways mirrored what any township has to deal with. He said that he would like to review some of the Council's decisions and take a look at taxation. "I want to restore confidence in the Council.

The final speaker was Peter Swank. He said that he wanted to work towards a safe and healthy community and that it was very important for the new Council to have members who had the kind of municipal experience that he had.

The question and answer period lasted for about an hour and fifteen minutes. Questioners were allowed to ask their question to three candidates at one time. The first question was what the candidates would do to bring industry to South Dundas. Mr. Graham said, "We have to make our community healthy and inviting," adding that he wanted to get rid of any negative attitudes that were standing in the way. Mr. Jones answered, "We have a fantastic place to live." He said that the Township had to make a name for itself that was different from other communities. Ms. Delegarde responded with, "I would like to take a look at the tax rate and compare it with other municipalities." Her idea was to attract industry by ensuring that South Dundas was an economically viable place to set up a business or as a place to call home.



Bob Bennett asks the candidates a question.

CHIEFTAIN PHOTO - J. MORIN

The next question was about the development of the Township's water front areas. Mr. Schaillee said, "I do know that there is a committee set up to look at the waterfront, but it is five years too late," he said Mr. Schaillee said that proper planning would have to take place and that developing the areas along the St. Lawrence was a good idea, Sandra Bailey said, "In late 2004-2005 she asked that a committee be formed. It was not." She added that the Council would need input from the community and that the new council should have a hand in choosing committee members.

Mr. Byvelds commented, "I would certainly like to see a group put together. We have to look at all of the options."

The next question asked candidates what their vision was for the future of South Dundas. Mr. Byvelds said that he felt the Township had reached a stage in its life when people had to consider what was good for South Dundas, not just Iroquois or Morrisburg.

Recreation was the next issue with a question about centralizing all recreation in the Township under one committee roof. Ms. Delegarde said, "I still think that you should keep the ones, (recreation committees) in each area. They should be run by one big one." Bill Dillabough said, "I think you should have just one body in South Dundas."

Another question concerned getting the best return on tax payer's money in the South Dundas. Mr. Byvelds said, "When it comes to new spending I would apply good business common sense. When it comes to special interest groups they have to have a very good plan." He added, "I agree that if we have to say no, we have to say no."

Ms. Delegarde said, "I think it is very important that we keep out taxes to minimum." She said that she had no problem saying no. "I would be willing to listen to any special interest group but I would want to have input from the community.

Mr. Schailee answered, that he did have the backbone to say no and that the Iroquois Golf Course was an example of an issue that had to be looked at.

The mention of the fate of the Iroquois Golf Course brought got the attention of everyone at the meeting. A question about what to do about the golf course was asked.

Mr. Swank said that if the golf course could not survive financially then it should be sold. Carol Fowler said that if it belonged to the Township and was in debt then it should be sold. Mr. Delegarde suggested that a group of people appointed by the new council should be overseeing the golf course and that, in the end, selling the golf course may be the answer.

A question about the fate of the Township's Official Plan was asked. Ms. Bailey said "Even if we were to come up with our own official plan we would be overridden by the Untied Counties plan and the provincial Plan.

Mr. Dillabough said that the Township should take control and develop its own official plan.

A question about the proposed Morrisburg Sewage treatment plant was asked. Ms. Bailey said that the time line was completion in 2009. She said that the Council had hired a project manager and had put out tenders for a consultant and engineer so that whatever problems the recently over budget water treatment plant experienced would not happen to the waste water treatment project. Ms. Bailey pointed out that she had not supported the way the first project was carried out. "Had we had this with the other project we would not be 8 million in the hole." Mr. Graham said that he was pleased that the Council went with a project manager. Mr. Dillabough said that many costly mistakes have been made and that the Township would be better off having their own engineer on staff. Mr. Swank said that he understood that mistakes have been made and why was the Council not being held accountable for those mistakes.

Another question about selling the Iroquois Golf Course was asked. Mr. Byvelds said, "If we get to that point a new Council would have to look at all of the options. Mr. Graham said, "I would like to see the golf course remain a golf course." Mr. Graham believed that if it had to be sold at least keep it as a recreational asset to the community. Mr. Jones mentioned that he would like to understand how the golf course issue came to be and then deal with it in the present.