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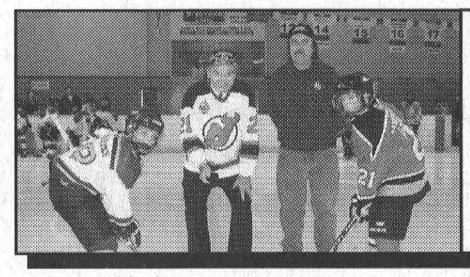

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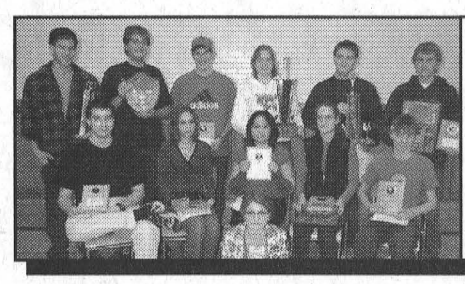

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Only a few "Little Snowflakes" for the Santa Claus Parade

The annual Santa Claus parade took place in Morrisburg Saturday, and even though the skies were clear there were a few "Little Snowflakes seen. Pictured above are two "Little Snowflakes" from the Morrisburg Preschool entry, Mackenzie Bennett (left) and Colin Minish. See Santa Claus Parade story and photos page eight.

Comfort Photo

So far, on time and on budget

MORRISBURG – Decent weather into December has helped keep the construction of the South Dundas water treatment plant progressing as scheduled.

"We are still on budget and on time," said South Dundas CAO Andy Brown.

Most integral to keeping the project moving was getting the outer shell of the building done by winter.

Now that the building has been closed in work crews will be busy throughout the winter completing the intricate electrical and mechanical work involved in the project.

When construction of the water treatment plant was tendered in April 2004, the bids came in higher than in the original funding application, because of drastic changes in market conditions. But, the project is still within the tendered budget price.

The township is still attempting to secure additional funding by working with MPP Jim Brownell and the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The start up of the new water treatment plant is projected for June 2005.

Edging closer

Industry Canada Review Committee meets

WILLIAMSBURG – As of Friday it looks like South Dundas' BRAND fibre/wireless expansion money will come through. What remains to be seen is just how much.

According to South Dundas CAO Andy Brown, Industry Canada's internal review committee finally met Thursday. "Now it's just a matter of the allocations."

Brown says he is not yet sure of the amount of funding the township will be receiving, but it is based on 50 percent of eligible expenditures.

Brown estimates that the township will release a dollar amount in about two weeks time, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

ATV vote this year

WILLIAMSBURG – A policy for allowing all terrain vehicles on township roads is expected to come to a vote before year's end.

The ATV policy is on the agenda for the next South Dundas council meeting, scheduled for December 7, in the unfinished business section. However, South Dundas CAO Andy Brown expects that it will only be up for discussion by council at the meeting.

Council has had a week since the ATV policy meeting, in Iroquois, to look at maps presented by the ATV committee. Few members of the public have stopped in to look at the maps at the township office, and Brown says that input on the matter has quieted.

He confirms that some members of council are eager to see this policy move forward and expects council will probably vote on an ATV policy at the December 21, regular council meeting.

Hiring and procurement

Policy deadline is fast approaching

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas council will soon be looking at setting in place, policies to strictly govern their hiring and procurement practices.

The policy is a requirement of the Ontario Municipal Act, and must be in place for the new year. A draft policy, which incorporates widely accepted principles from numerous local municipalities, is now in the hands of council, who are expected to vote on the matter before the January 1, 2005 deadline.

The draft very specifically outlines the procedure for hiring, right from the authority to create new jobs, to the selection of recruitment methods, to hiring priorities.

No member of council, a local board, committee of council, or an employee who is related to an applicant for a position with the township is permitted to be part of the interview process, and is not permitted to influence those responsible for selecting and hiring.

The procurement policy draft outlines, who decides when goods and services are acquired, and how.

Basically minor purchases of goods and services are made by direct acquisition, and do not require a report to council. Anything above $500 requires a report to council.

Purchases over $2,500 require three written quotations, but advertising for the quotations is not necessary unless the purchase is over $10,000.

A request for tender is necessary for purchases over $50,000, and requires advertising in local and/or trade papers and an executed contract.

The draft policy outlines the RFP (request for proposal) process which includes the engagement of professional and consulting services.

All RFPs require a report to council.

Those over $10,000 need to be advertised and written quotations submitted.

Council is expected to review, discuss and comment on the hiring and procurement policy at the next regular council meeting, December 7.



A big hug for Santa

Victoria St. Pierre is almost two, and although she was a little leery of Santa at first, she soon warmed up to him. Victoria and a long line of children got the opportunity to meet Santa at the Morrisburg Fire Hall Saturday following the Santa Claus Parade.

Comfort Photo

In support of our local animal shelter

CORNWALL–Animal shelters throughout Ontario make important contributions to the communities they serve, and during Ontario SPCA Animal Shelter Appreciation Week from December 5–11, the Ontario SPCA is encouraging the public to express their appreciation.

The Ontario SPCA S.D.&G. Branch helps the citizens of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry by providing a variety of vital services including: matching homeless animals with new homes; investigating abused and neglected animals; offering education about responsible pet ownership and other topics; and helping reunite lost pets with human families.

The Ontario SPCA also provides advice to the public about co-existing with wildlife. Each of these services makes Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry a better place to live for people and animals.

"We are so proud to be part of the communities in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry," says David McDonald Branch Manager. "We certainly appreciate the support we receive from the residents of this area, and we view Animal Shelter Appreciation Week as a wonderful opportunity to generate even greater community involvement and for the public to learn more about our shelter."

Here are some of the many ways that the public can support the Ontario SPCA S.D.&G. Branch during Ontario SPCA Animal Shelter Appreciation Week:

~Make a donation to assist with the care of the many animals in need that the shelter helps every day. The Ontario SPCA S.D.&G. Branch is a non-profit charitable organization that relies on the generosity of animal lovers to support its important work.

~Report animal cruelty and neglect.

~Spread the word about the importance of responsible pet ownership, including spaying and neutering.

~Volunteer your time to assist at the shelter or at one of the shelter's special events.

~Choose your next pet from among the many animals being cared for at the shelter. They have wonderful animals available for adoption that are just waiting for a second chance.

"Community support is vital to the success of all Ontario SPCA branches and we look forward to having members of the public visit our shelters and learn more about the important services we provide," says Lisa Veit, Ontario SPCA Director of Animal Care and Wildlife Services.

Please join us, and the animals, at the Ontario SPCA S.D.&G. Branch for Animal Shelter Appreciation Week or attend the Open House on Thursday, December 16 from 4:00–7:00 p.m. For information call 613-936-0072.



A Bombardier Ski-doo for Under the Christmas Tree?

Craig Moore isn't sure if he is going to get back into snowmobiling, but if he does, he certainly has the machine to do it. Moore of Metcalfe is this year's winner of the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association's snowmobile draw. Moore, with his family Samantha and baby Liam picked up the new Bombardier Ski-doo from Jim's Performance Plus last Thursday. Jim Primrose, who has been supplying the sleds for the draw for the last several years, said this year's prize Ski-doo Adrenalin 600 HO (with reverse and electric start) is valued at $10,000. The South Nation Association is made up of the South Dundas, Mountain, Winchester and Finch Snowmobile Clubs, and each year runs two major fundraisers, the snowmobile draw and a Bring on the Snow Dance. Funds raised from the events are use by the Association for trail safety equipment, grooming expenses and educational programs. Moore was very pleased with his win and admitted it was by far the biggest prize that has ever come his way. Although he he doesn't snowmobile much anymore due to work commitments, he said, "I tend to buy a couple tickets each year to support the club." Pictured above, are the Moore family, Samantha, Craig (seated) and Liam with Jim Primrose, and association representatives Jean MacDougall (who sold Craig the winning ticket) and Debbie Strader (seated front right). ***McNairn Photo***

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"Alight at Night", a setting for romance

MORRISBURG–Put together a charming horse-drawn carriage in a historical village, both exuding romance, more than 150,000 twinkling Christmas lights and a young couple in love and what do you get? A proposal that a future bride will never forget.

Last Thursday night, the "Alight at Night" program at Upper Canada Village officially opened for the 2004 Christmas season featuring a new partnership with Pommier Jewellers in Cornwall.

That partnership brings to the Christmas program, a horse-drawn carriage which on this occasion provided the romantic setting for Matthew Gray of Cornwall to ask "the question" of his girlfriend Pamela Fenwick from North Lancaster.

And the answer was "yes", an excited Gray told reporters after the couple's return from ride around the village.

The official opening began with a welcome from St. Lawrence Parks commission general manager, Mike Paradis.

"We are very proud to put on Alight at Night," he said, crediting, "the ingenuity, imagination and hard work" of the Commission's maintenance and marketing departments that allows, "Alight at Night" to become a reality. It is a collective effort."

"What you are going to see is absolutely fabulous. You can travel across the province and not see a village lit like this."

On hand for the official opening was George Assaly, chair of the board of commissioners for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

"...it is with great pride that I have observed the successes of the village's viable new winter product, "Alight at Night" over the last few years," said Assaly, pointing out that the challenge to the success story now is how to keep the momentum going. "And I believe the staff at UCV has managed to keep the festival alive with new programming each year."

"From increasing the number of lights each year, to the introduction of dinners at the Harvest Barn, and village bread at the bakery in year two to the addition of "Special Needs Nights" last year, all of these things have given visitors something new to come back for each season."

This year, many of the lights have been replaced by the new L.E.D. lights which consume up to 90 percent less energy than the standard Christmas lights.

"This truly demonstrates the leadership of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission in the community, by contributing towards the Ontario government's goal of reducing energy consumption of public sector institutions by 10 percent by 2007."

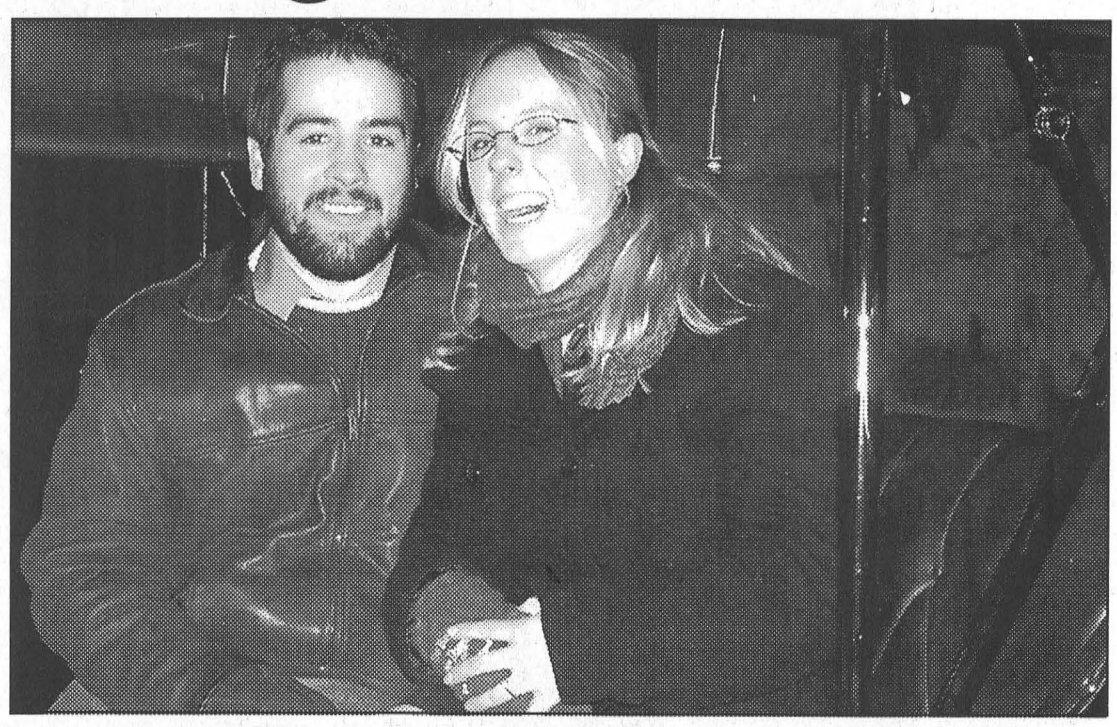
The acquisition of the new lights was made possible, in part, by a sponsorship from Ontario Power Generation which was represented Thursday night by Linda Halliday.

"We carefully choose our partners," said Halliday. "What better program than this. OPG is delighted to be a part of this, and we wish you every success."

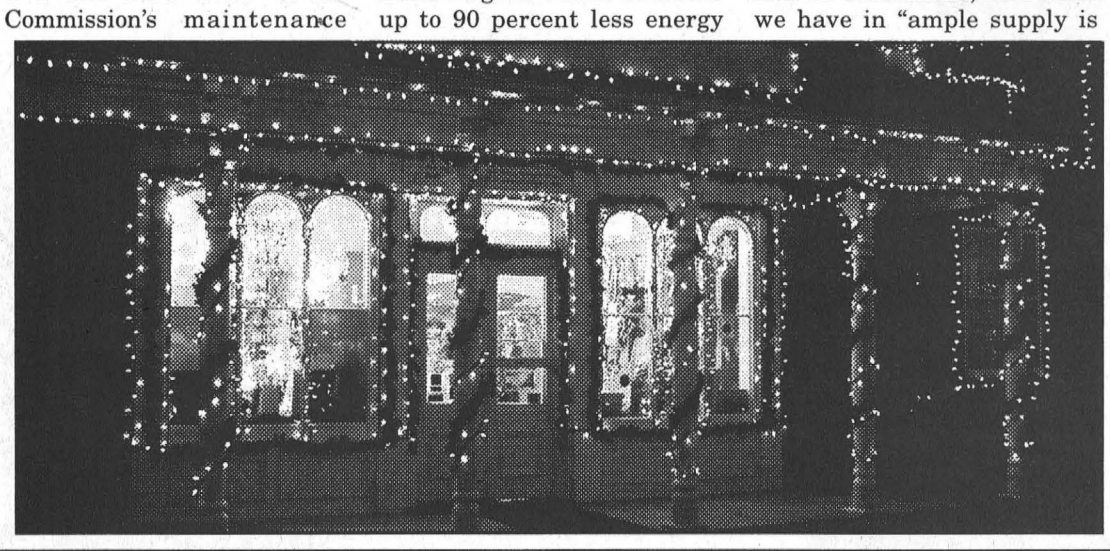
Also on hand for the opening festivities was MPP Jim Brownell, representing, not only Stormont, Dundas and Charlottenburgg, but the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Minister Jim Bradley.

"This is a celebration of wintertime in a special region of Ontario," said Brownell. "It is your region and my region which I am proud to talk about at Queen's Park."

Brownell said the area is rich in attractions, and what we have in "ample supply is the warmth and hospitality of our people."



Matt Gray with Pamela Fenwick, who became his financee Thursday night during a romatic carriage ride at Upper Canada's Village's "Alight at Night".



Brownell also announced $12,000 in Ontario Tourism Event Marketing Partnership funding for a total of $50,480 now contributed over the four years.

Assaly then introduced the Pommier family explaining the staff at the Village believed there might be an interest in romantic horse-drawn carriage rides for two, and that the challenge for this was the cost in obtaining a sturdy carriage suitable to the winter conditions of the "Alight at Night" event.

"It is with special thanks tonight that we welcome the Pommier family of Pommier Jewellers in Cornwall, sponsors of the Village's new "Pommier Carriage."

Speaking on behalf of his family, André Pommier said, of Upper Canada Village and the Alight at Night,", "It is such a magical place, we wanted to be tied into it."

Pommier announced that 42 reservations had already been made for the carriage ride, and, from now until the end of "Alight at Night", all those who ride the carriage will be eligible to win a Pommier Jewellers hand made diamond necklace. (Winners to be announced at next year's opening.)

To mark the official opening of the carriage rides, a draw was then made for the first ride to be taken Thursday.

Unknown to most of the people in attendance, and definitely unknown to Pamela Fenwick, was that printed on all tickets in the draw box was the name of Matt Gray.

The excited couple, returned about a half hour later, with Matt announcing, that Pamela had said yes.

He told the crowd later that he thought she would say yes, but he was a bit shaky anyway.

"I suspected, but I was surprised," said Pamela.

"We have created magic tonight," said Pommier. "What a way to start a campaign."

As for the village lights, Gray couldn't remember the exact location of the proposal, but he did notice that, "the lights were beautiful."

"Alight at Night" is now open nightly through January 2 from 5-9 p.m. (It will not be open Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.) Admission is $4 for adults and $3 for children. There is an additional cost for horse-drawn wagon rides.

New this year will be live musical performances around the bonfire (Mon.–Sat.) from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with Wyatt Walsh (Wed. to Sat.) and the village's Gary Mallon (Mon. and Tues.) On Sunday evenings there will be holiday hymn singing by locals Carol Morris and Lynn Barkley in the Providence Church.

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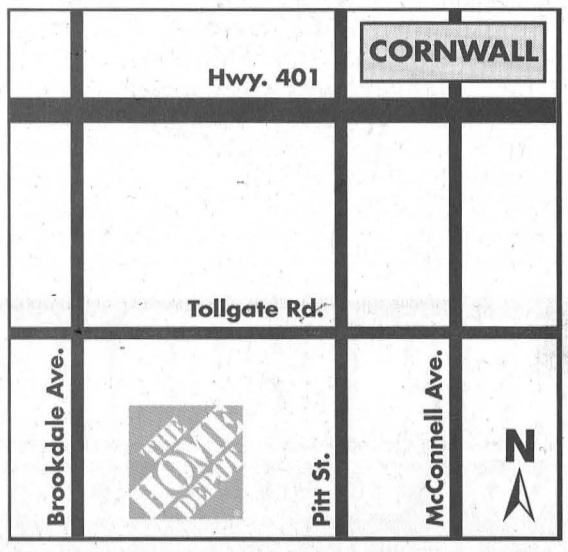

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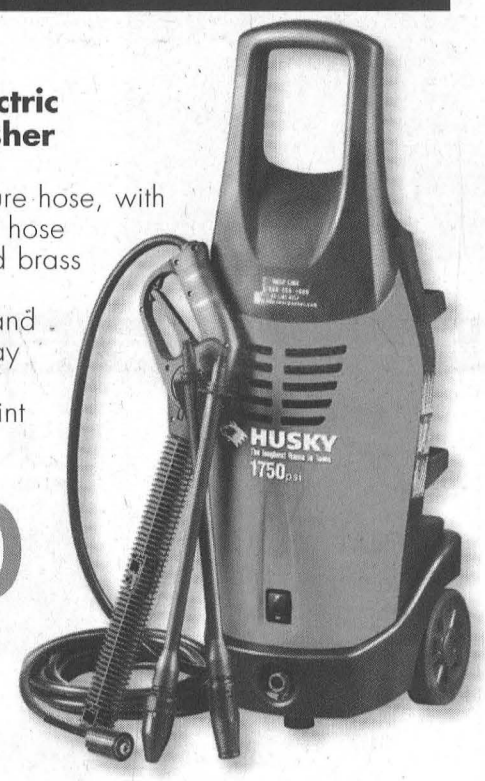

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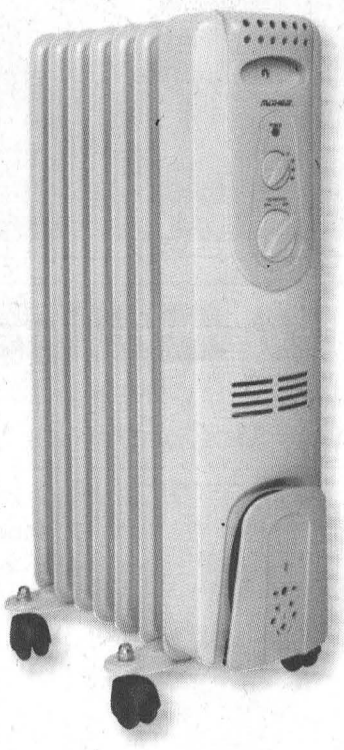

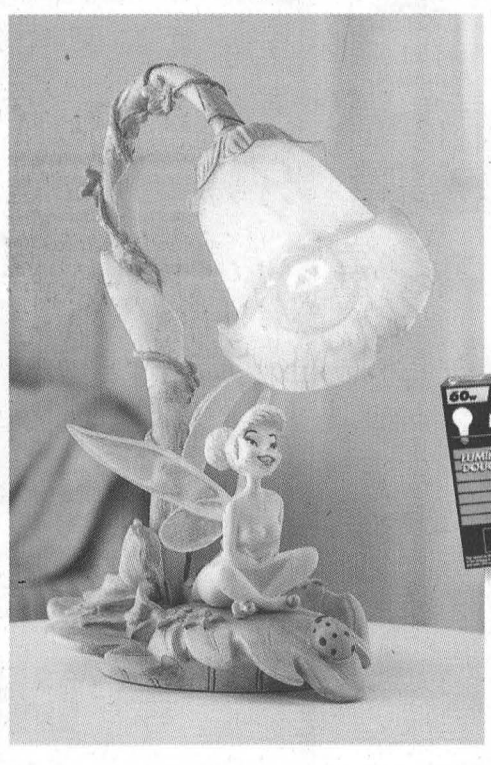

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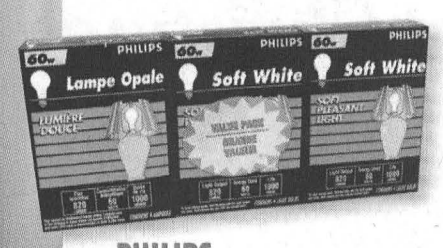

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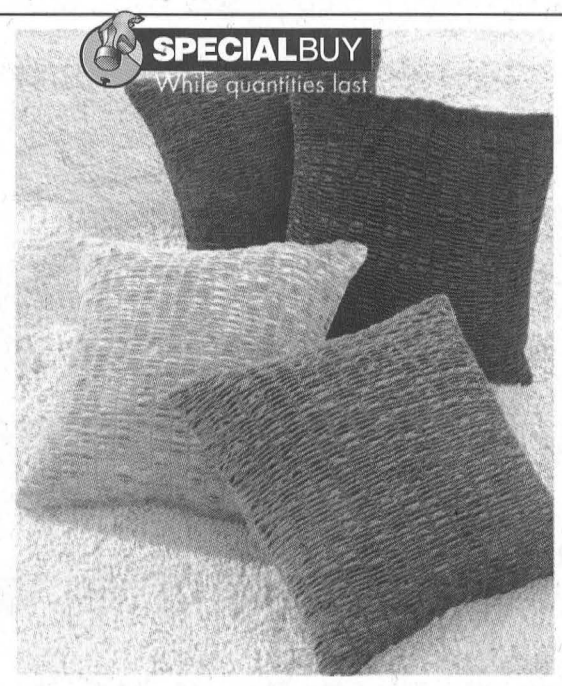

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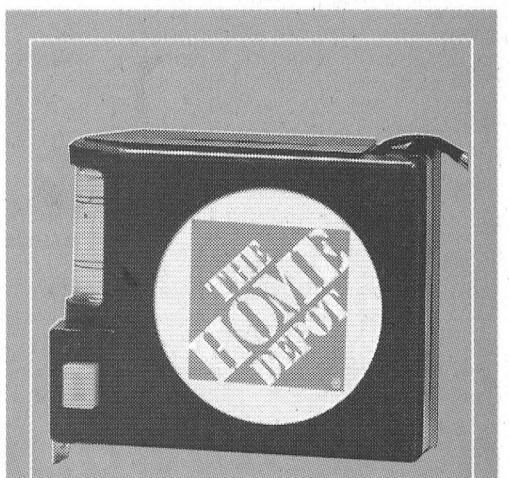

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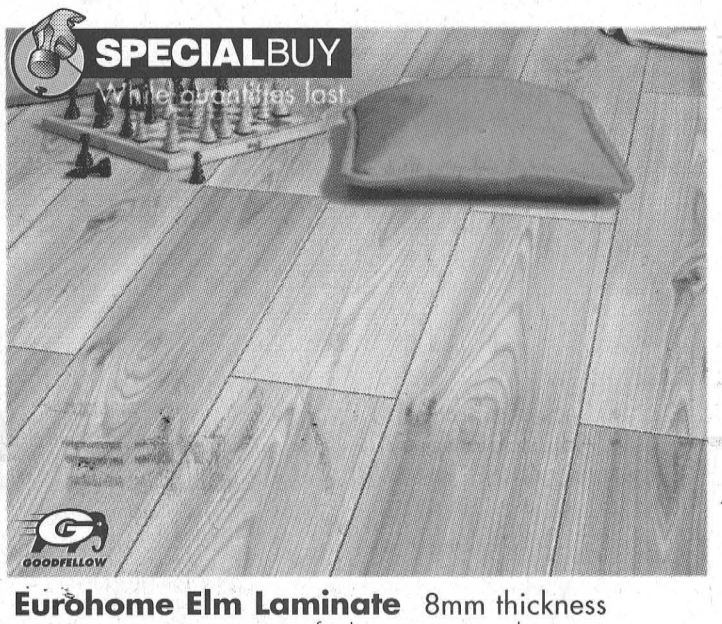

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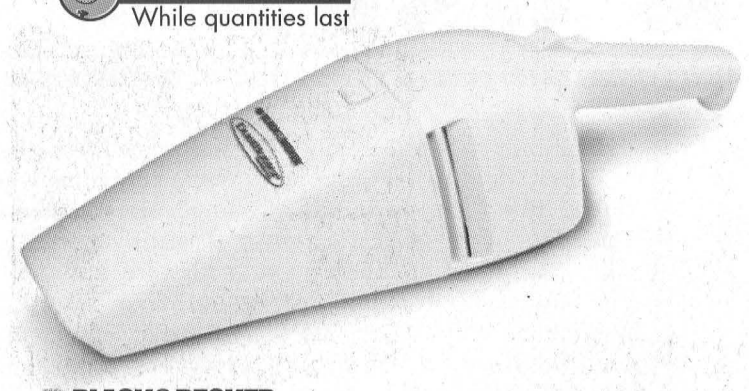

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A colourful return for *Alight at Night*

That busy time is once again upon us, so if you are looking for a place where you can get away, relax and catch your breath then we know the perfect spot. Of course we are talking about Upper Canada Village where for the fourth year, the *Alight at Night* program is lighting up the evening sky.

In each of the first three years *Alight at Night* has gotten a little bigger and better and this year is no exception. For all you romantics out there, you can now book a "Romantic Horse-drawn Carriage Ride" for two (well anymore than two probably wouldn't be all that romantic now would it). The carriage is sponsored by Pommier Jewellers of Cornwall and is a wonderful addition to the holiday event.

Also new this year is the addition of live musical performance every evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (weather permitting). Entertainment will include bonfire sing-alongs featuring guest performer Wyatt Walsh (Wednesday through Saturday) and the Village's own Gary Mallon (Mondays and Tuesdays). On Sunday evenings a stop at Providence Church will allow you to sit back and enjoy Christmas hymns sung by duet performers Lynn Barkley and Carol Morris. Best of all the entertainment is all included in the admission price which this year is $4 per adult and $3 per child (12 and under).

The Village Store is open every night, and youngsters can have their photos done with Santa on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Alight at Night has become a popular holiday outing, with over 75,000 visitors in attendance since its opening. It provides a magical holiday experience for all to enjoy, with over 150,000 sparkling lights adorning the quaint and charming buildings of Upper Canada Village. Be sure to make *Alight at Night* a part of your holiday plans.

Parks of the St. Lawrence



Shepherds and wise men tend to the Morrisburg Pentecostal entry in the Santa Claus Parade

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Hats off to George Davies and all his helpers for another wonderful Christmas Parade on Saturday. There were good crowds on hand to take in the yearly spectacle and yes, even the weather cooperated. George reports he has already booked his bands for next year, and rented the costumes. We appreciate the amount of work and commitment George pours into this event every year and on behalf of the community we say a big thank you.

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The Elma Public School Council is inviting everyone to a Pancake Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, December 11 at the Williamsburg IOOF Hall. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. There is no charge for little ones under three years, while four to nine-year-old pancake lovers can eat for $4, and 10 years and up will cost $5. Now if you bring a food donation for the Food Bank you will receive $1 off the cost of your breakfast.

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Christmas is steadily drawing closer and Lions Club Member, Jack Notman who each year handles the Angel Tree program reports everything is going well, although there are still a few Angels hanging on the trees in Scotiabank in Morrisburg and Your Credit Union in Williamsburg. Those who have already picked up an angel are reminded the deadline to have the gifts returned to the respective banks is this Friday, December 10. About a handful of Angels still hang on the trees for anyone who can do a quick shopping trip and have the gifts returned by the 10th. Notman reports that the good news this Christmas is that there are fewer Angels required.

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Don't forget the Seaway Singers Concert is this Friday night at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg and tickets may be purchased at the door. As well, we hear Santa will be dropping in at the Tourist Information Booth in Iroquois at about 12:30 p.m. this Saturday, December 11. Music will be provided by the Seaway H.S. Music Department, and there will be draws and treats for young and old. Sunday, the jolly old guy will be at McHaffie's Flea Market.

The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1994

The December 7 issue reported Iroquois council members were sworn into office by clerk Betty Marlin. Council members included Art Roberts, Audrey Rooney, Bruce Mullin, deputy reeve Wilf Gibbons and reeve Peter Swank.

Classic Cuts announced that Lisa McNairn, formerly of Lisa's Hair Loft in Williamsburg, was joining the staff.

The largest deer ever bagged in the Big Buck and Doe contest, sponsored by Trevor Crowder Memorial and Swenssons, was harvested by Richard Richer of Apple Hill. The buck topped the scale at 229 pounds.

Ian Tait nailed the winner as the Atom A Lions posted a 1-0 win over South Stormont.

At Wheeler's Mr. Grocer, a 24 case of Pepsi (cans) was $4.88.

The Christmas Exchange was preparing to help about 180 local residents.

1984

Pictured on the front page of the December 5 issue was Bill 'Bo' Gale, as NHL referee Bill Friday lifted him by the seat of his pants off the ice at the Morrisburg arena. Several hundred fans were at the arena to see the Toronto NHL Oldtimers play the Williamsburg Oldtimers. Eddie Shack and Rene Robert, each with a four-goal performance, shared the limelight for the Toronto NHL Oldtimers, but, it was without a doubt, Morrisburg's Bo Gale who stole the show. Gale, Mitch Cassell and Danny Rice, billed as the world's greatest Toronto Maple Leaf hockey fans, were allowed two shots each on Toronto goalie Wayne Wood to prove, once and for all, who the topLeaf fan was among the three of them. While Cassell came closest to scoring, it was Gale who brought the crowd to their feet. Unable to remain upright on his skates, he was picked up by Friday who carried him to the net for his shots.

A bylaw amendment, changing the zoning category on the northeast corner of Highway 31 and County Road 18 in Williamsburg, paved the way for the conversion of a former store into a seven-unit apartment building.

1974

Headlines in the December 6 issue read: Dillabough is Reeve; Findlay New Trustee. When the votes were tallied Bill Dillabough was the newly elected reeve, defeating fellow councillor Robert Bright by a scant 35 votes. All other members of council were acclaimed. For the school board representative for both Williamsburg Township and the village of Morrisburg, Joan Findlay won a victory over longtime representative Dale Beckstead.

Kevin Duvall had a big night of Junior B hockey scoring four goals for the Lions, who, unfortunately lost to the Prescott Saints 9-7.

In local broomball action, Mutual Products edged the Red Barons 2-1. Jim Notman and Garth Baker scored for the Blue Jeans and Larry Garner counted for the Barons.

At Heinz' Food Market, tenderloin pork chops were $1.19 a pound, and Florida grapefruit were 10 for 98 cents.

Kevin Keyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Keyes, 52 Loyalist St. was leaving for Brigham Young University, Utah where he would undertake a two-month study of Spanish prior to taking up residence in Mexico with the mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

1964

The December 4 issue reported Frederick Joseph Barlow, a resident of Morrisburg since 1929, and owner of the George-Frederick Tourist Home until Seaway Rehabilitation died November 26. Mr. Barlow owned and operated the beautiful Victorian George-Frederick on Lakeshore Drive for more than 25 years. He was an outstanding gardener and the George-Frederick was famed for its beautiful lawns and flower gardens which extended south to the old canal.

Reeve Fred Hill was returned to his seat by acclamation and Morrisburg voters would choose four councillors from a lengthy list which included William Chesbro, William Dillabough, Harry Duvall, Carlton F. McInnis, Dallas Merkley, Arnold Payment, Dr. Donald Robertson, Willard Steinburg and Malcolm Wilson.

In Williamsburg Township, reeve Don Kyle was acclaimed and incumbent deputy reeve Johnny Whitteker was facing a challenge from Harold Pemberton. Contesting the three council seats were Earl Baker, Edward Hanson, Graham Hess, Hugh A McMillan, Martin Schneckenburger, Reginald Shaver, and Fred Wells.

1954

Headlines in the December 10 issue read: Same Four Councillors On Top in Morrisburg Village Elections. Returned to office was H.B. Duvall with 515 votes, A. Wallace Guay with 498, J.A. Edgerton with 485 and M.D. Wilson with 393. John H. Notman and Harry Ing were unsuccessful.

In Williamsburg Township, Donald Kyle, present deputy reeve, came up with 595 votes to win the reeveship over Bernice Froats who picked up 411 votes. Three new councillors were elected including Ross Hess, Mason Robinson and Johnny C. Whitteker. Graham Wells was elected deputy reeve by acclamation.

In Matilda Township, veteran reeve Orval Seeley defeated a strong bid from ex-reeve Mahlon Zeron to regain the reeveship. Wilfred Cooper, Dwight Merkley and James Milligan were elected councillors

1944

The December 8 issue reported that by a thumping majority of 247-7, the property owners of Morrisburg voted to grant a 10-year, fixed assessment to George E. Beavers, on the property used by him for manufacturing purposes. The assessment asked for was for $1,800 and was not to be used for the purpose of assessing school taxes or local improvement taxes. The bylaw was the only vote for Morrisburg people this year, as all municipal offices were filled by acclamation.

The Curling Club opened its season on December 5 with a wine and cheese party.

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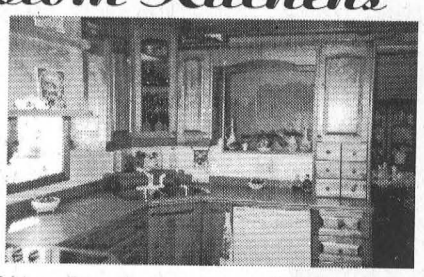

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Perspectives



Rev. Clarence Witten

You may have heard the one about the guy sailing across the Atlantic in rough seas. He's hanging over the railing of the ship looking sick and green when a sailor walks by. Trying to cheer him up, the sailor says, "Hey, don't look so discouraged. No one has ever died of seasickness yet." The nauseous passenger replies, "Oh, don't say that. The hope of dying is the only thing keeping me going."

It may be a dumb story, but it does illustrate a good point and that is that all of us need hope to go on. We need hope in our financial struggles, hope for our health, hope for our marriage and relationships, hope for our work or business. We also need hope in a world with crazy crime, wacky wars, and too many terrorists.

So let me ask you, is there hope to be had? And just where should we place our hope? I read about someone who surveyed three thousand people, asking them what they were living for. Guess what this guy discovered? Ninety-four percent of those he surveyed said that they really weren't happy now, but they would be when this, that or some other thing happened. In other word, they were all living on hope. Funny thing was though, that their hope was in a ton of different things. Some thought retirement would make them happy, others were hoping for a relationship change, still others for a promotion or maybe to win the lottery.

Now I don't doubt that there are lots of good things to hope for in our lives, lots of good things that will make us happier. But it seems to me, that there's nothing greater to put our hope in than Christmas. All you have to do is read the Christmas stories to discover that they are all about hope. In one story we see a sky full of angels announcing that God has sent his son Jesus into the world to be its Messiah. My dictionary says that a messiah is a "leader and liberator of any oppressed people." That sounds pretty hopeful to me. In another Christmas story we read that Jesus came to be our Immanuel, meaning, "God with us." That too sounds hopeful: having God "with us" in all our struggles and pain. Then there's the part of the Christmas where an angel tells Joseph to give his son the name Jesus because he will "save his people from their sins." To have our sins forgiven so we can become God's dearly loved children and one day go to heaven, that sounds the most hopeful of all. So it seems to me, if we want hope in life and in death, there's no one better to turn to than the Christ of Christmas. To receive this hope we must receive him in faith as our Saviour from sin, as our Messiah, and as our Immanuel.

But let's not stop there. As people who have hope let's be agents of hope. Extra food for the food bank would help, so would gifts for the Angel Tree, a Christmas invitation to someone lonely, and concrete gifts of love to people in countries of need.

As much as we need air to breathe, we need hope to live. I pray that the hope of Christ would be yours this Christmas and that we may all give the gift of hope to those around us.

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And the lucky winner is ...
Melody Cote of Chesterville was the winner of a unique raffle to raise funds for Winchester Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign. The draw was for a mini version of a chopper motorcycle (pictured right). The mini bike is valued at approximately $1,400. The raffle was sponsored by Royal LePage Gale Real Estate. Tickets, which have been on sale since Dairyfest, were $5 each and 536 of them were sold. Pictured above l-r are John Lamberton, Bruce Rowsell, Butch Oldford, Helen Kennedy and Ormond Savage. Absent from the photo is Robert Peddle. Oldford is a realtor. Lamberton, Kennedy, Savage, Kennedy and Peddle are Royal LePage sales reps. Rowsell is vice chair of the hospital board.

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Santa Claus comes to town

MORRISBURG – Under perfect conditions, everything fell nicely into place for another successful Santa Claus parade, here last Saturday.

"I must have done something right," said parade organizer George Davies of the pleasant weather that held out just long enough for the parade to finish. "We had just enough snow, and perfect temperatures. Some of the bands were even playing barehanded."

It seemed like the whole community was out to take in the parade, which had about 40 entries, including five bands (RCAF Cadets, Sea Cadets, Nativity Band, Defiant Sea Cadets and Royal West Academy).

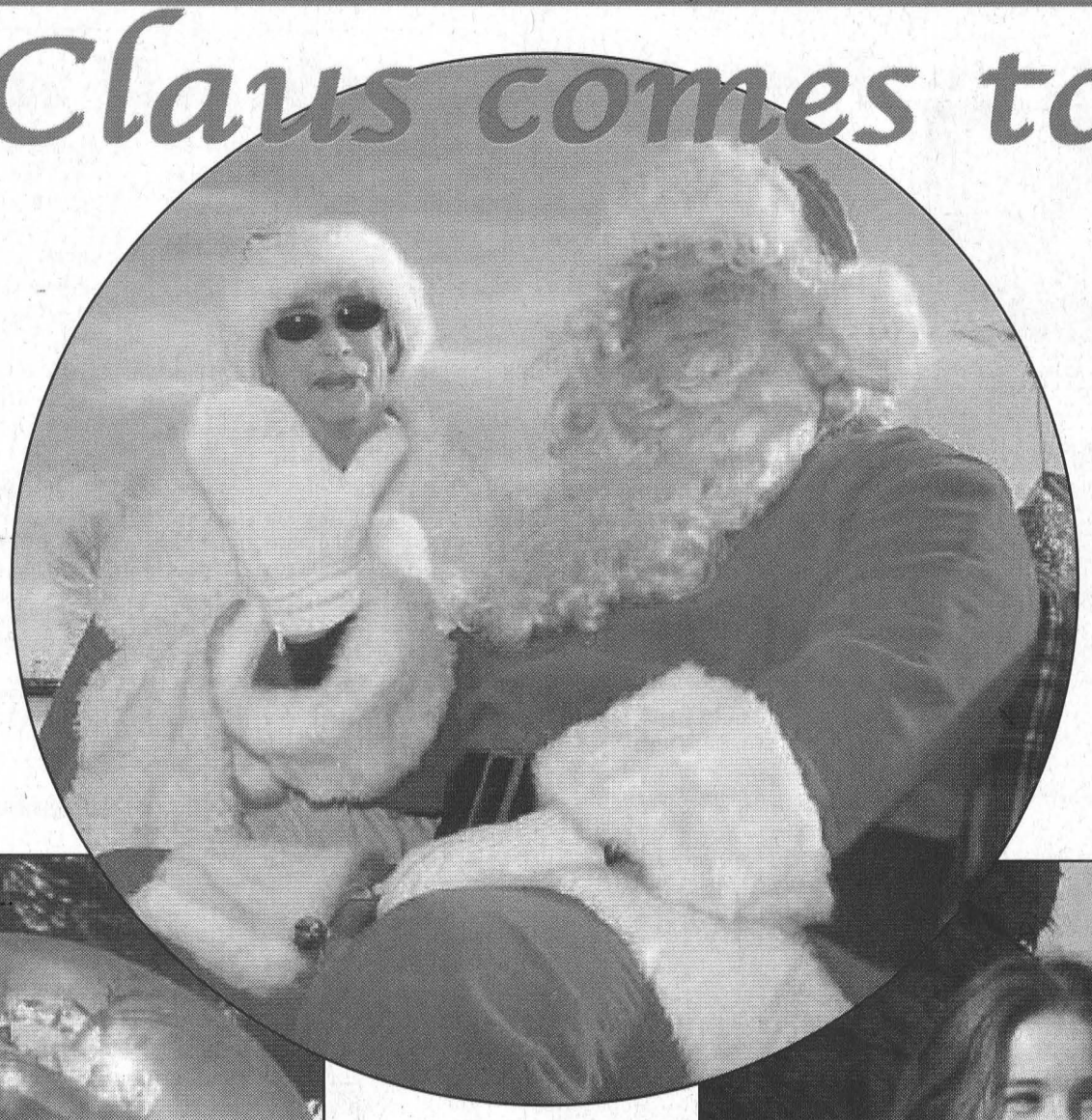
A good crowd from out of town stopped by to enjoy the festivities as well. "I was stopped several times by people from out of town wanting to know where the best place to watch the parade was," he said.

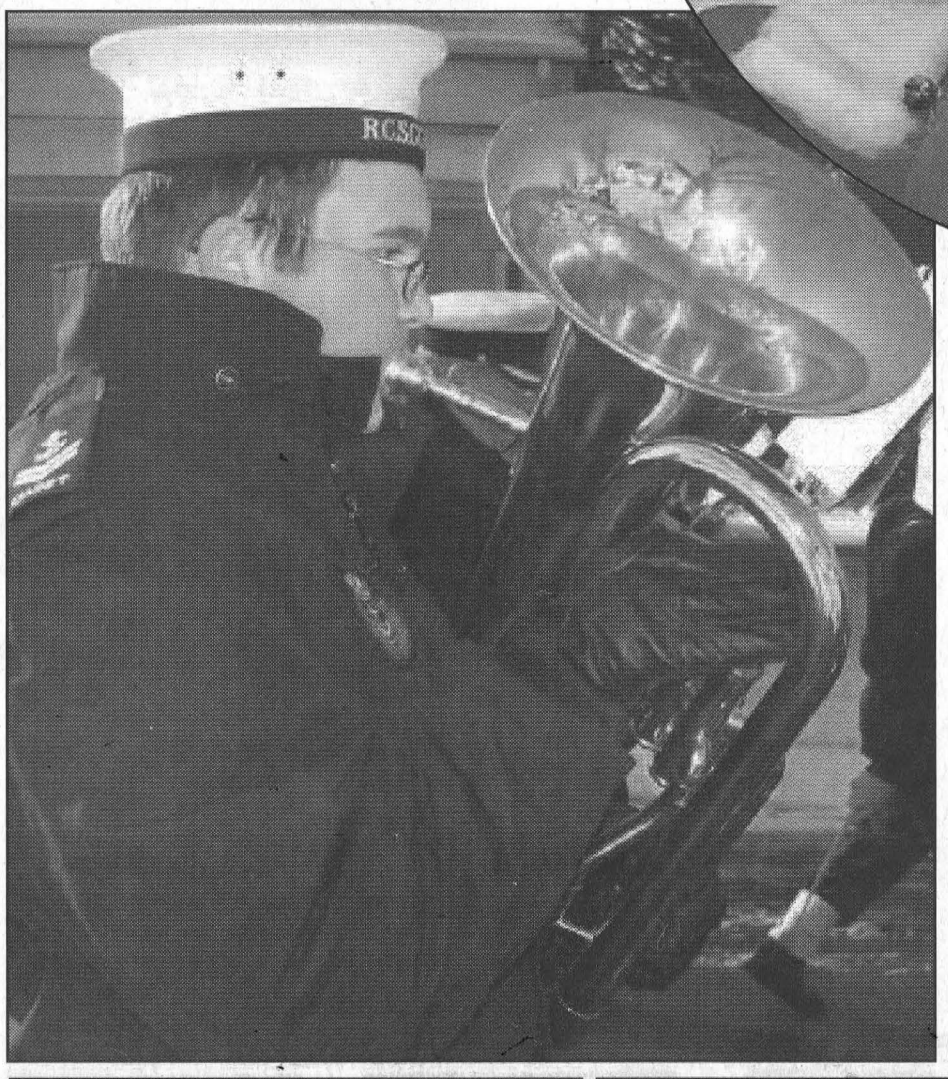
This year Davies had a large number of volunteers from the local high school to help out the day of the parade. "They filled the costumes nicely, and did a super job along the parade route."

Playing an integral part in helping with the parade are Anne Marie Waddell, Robbie Corrie, Mike Thompson, Matt Snyder, Cathy and Ken McPherson, the Fire Department, Jim's Performance Plus, Carl Lapier, Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities and George's wife Nancy and daughter Lori. Davies is also thankful for the financial support that he receives from area businesses. The money is used to secure bands and to pay for the parade from year to year.

"All in all we were tickled with the way things came together and worked out," said Davies, who is already getting started on next year's parade.

"I already have the costumes and bands booked for next year," he said. "And, we are hoping for even greater participation next year."





Pictured from the top (clockwise) are guests of honour Santa and Mrs. Claus. Mary and Joseph tend the manger on the Knox Presbyterian Church float. The Morrisburg Scouts perfect their parade wave. A Crimestoppers tip led to the arrest of a Grinch trying to steal Christmas. Jamie Garlough is bundled up outside the BP Scouts igloo. Steven Whitford's family and neighbours huddle in the Thompson Tim-br Mart sleigh. The Morrisburg Junior B Lions join in the festivities. Bands belt out Christmas favourites.

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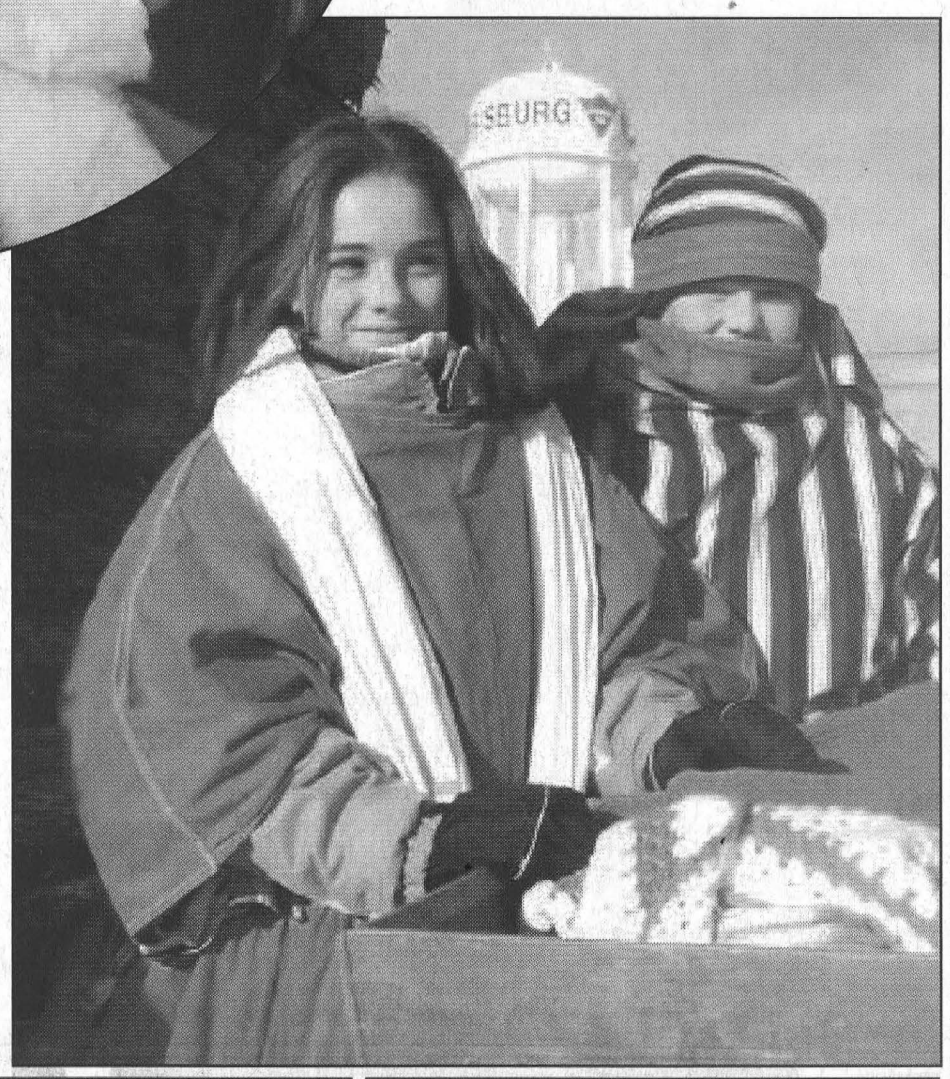

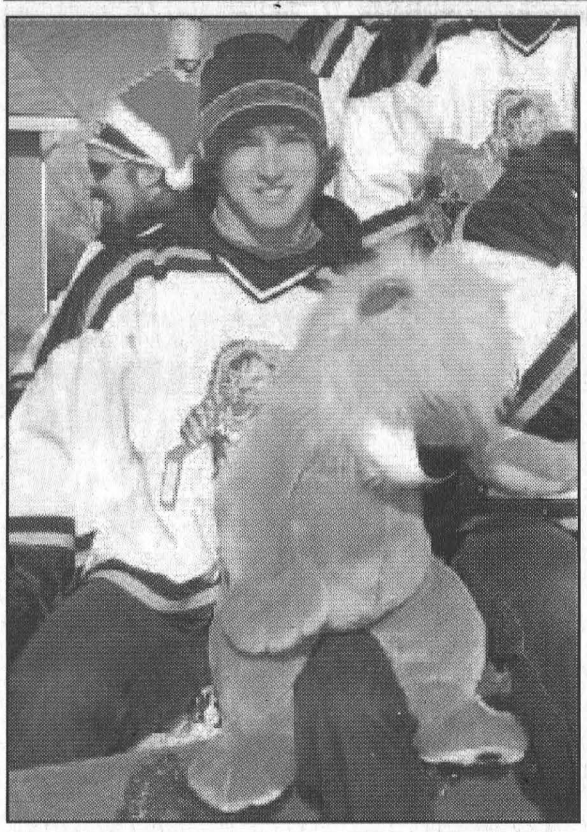



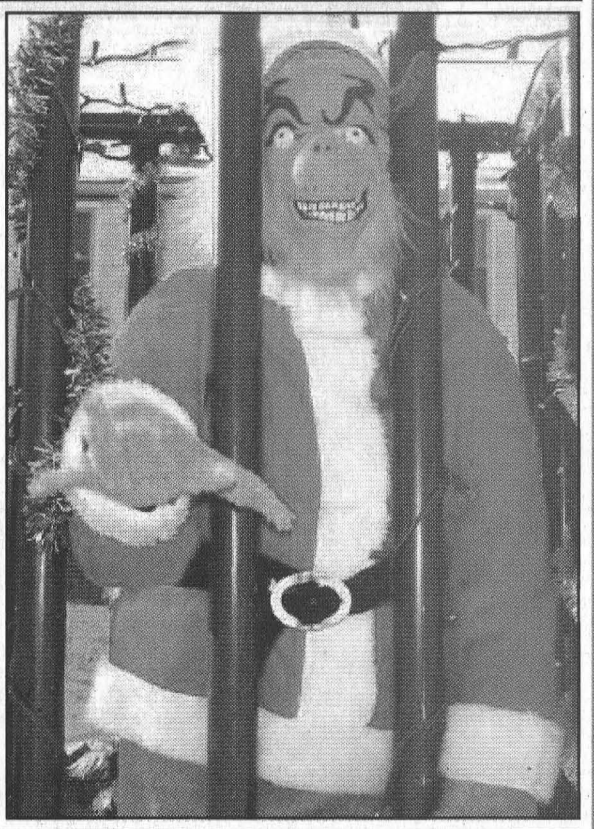

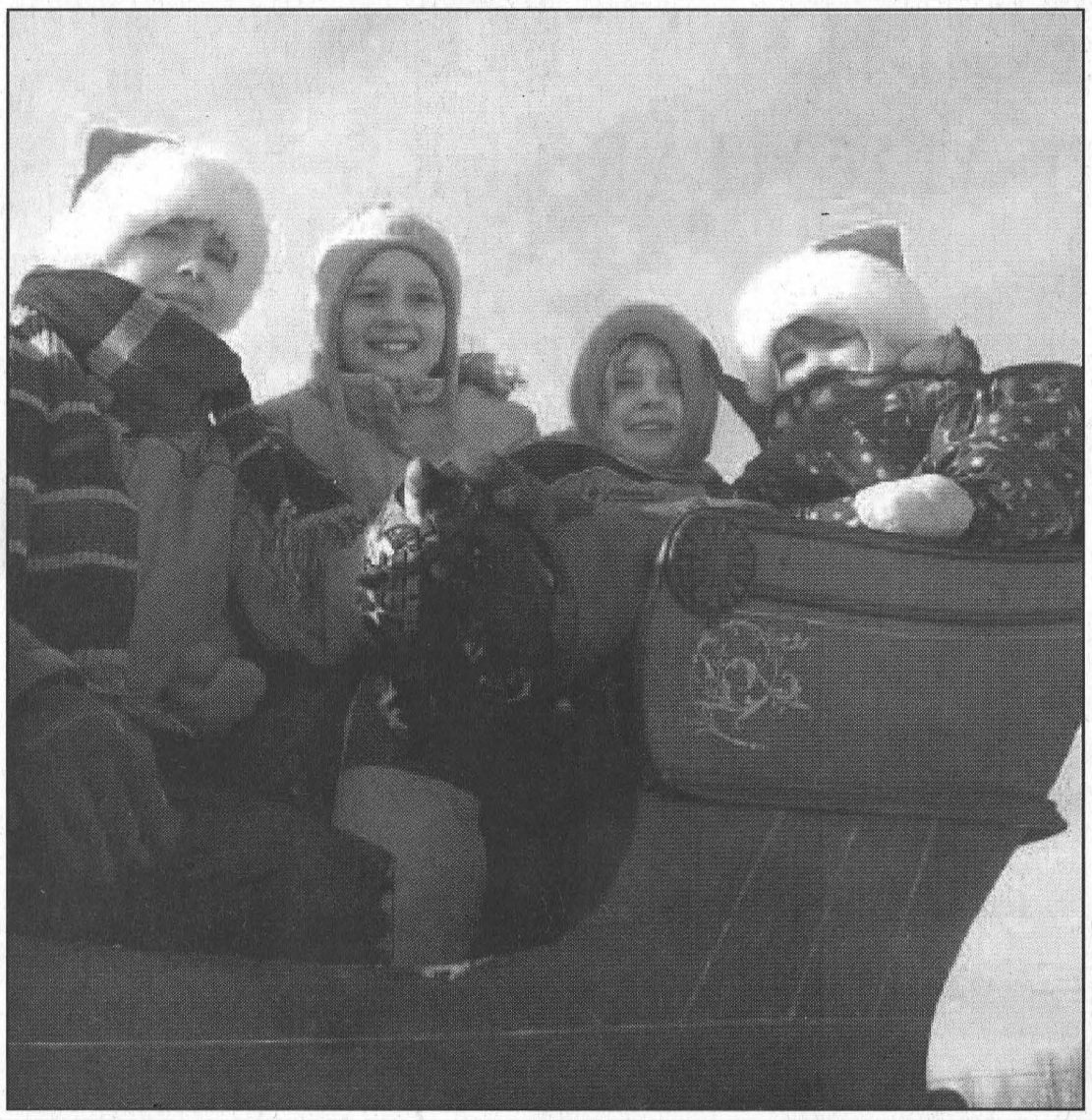



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Lions thank Hugh McKay

Above the South Dundas Peewee Lions surround Hugh McKay who was presented with a gift thanking him for supporting South Dundas Minor Hockey. Below, Hugh McKay dropped the puck for the honourary face-off before the Peewee game on Lions Day, Saturday.



Comfort Photos

Lions thank McKay

MORRISBURG – "Lions Day is a fun day to celebrate our own hockey association," said Bruce Wells, secretary of South Dundas Minor Hockey at the third annual Lions Day held here Saturday. In the midst of the fun the Minor Hockey Association took time out for a special thank you.

Hugh McKay annually hosts the Randy McKay (his son and retired NHL player) golf tournament and donates the proceeds to the South Dundas and South Stormont Minor Hockey Associations.

Over the last five years the tournament has raised over $22,000, $12,500 of which has been donated to South Dundas Minor Hockey.

Minor Hockey President John Hanson, says the money is important to the program because it is used to offset the cost of ice time.

McKay said he had been holding a small golf tournament every year, and when it started to become profitable he gave the money to minor hockey. "Since then it's been growing and we've been giving more every year," said McKay.

"We raised $9,000 last year and this year we are hoping to get over the $10,000 mark."

The South Dundas Minor Hockey presented Hugh McKay with a framed original six plate and puck for outstanding support of Minor Hockey.

"It is really beautiful," said McKay. "I wasn't expecting it, and it is really nice. I am very grateful to receive this plaque."

Hot goaltending leads Midget Bs

MORRISBURG–Led by some hot goaltending from goaltenders Robbie Bongers and Jared Dallas, the South Dundas Midget B Lions carved out a pair of victories in Upper Canada Minor Hockey League action this week.

Bongers saw action in last Thursday night's game as the Lions went to work on visiting North Dundas for a 3-1 win.

The Lions went up 2-0 in the first period on goals from affiliate player Andrew Adlington and Even Tait. Andrew Peters and Tait provided the help on the Adlington tally, and Matt VanMoorsel assisted Tait on goal number two.

Midway into the second period, Shaun Gilmer struck for North Dundas to cut the Lions advantage in half, but that would be it.

The 2-1 Lions advantage held until the final minutes of the third when Brandon Elliott counted from Sheldon Beckstead for the 3-1 win.

The Lions drew seven minor penalties, a double minor, a five minute fighting major and game misconduct, while North Dundas was assessed four minors, and the identical majors.

Sunday, December 5, the Lions were on the road to Akwesasne where they claimed a 3-0 victory with Jared Dallas in net for the shut out.

The Lions went up 2-0 in the first period on goals from Greg O'Neil (assisted by Kent Nugent) and Even Tait, unassisted.

Tait completed the scoring midway into the second period with help from Jordan Tryon and the Lions held on for the 3-0 win.

The game was a rough affair with the Lions drawing 13 minor penalties, two fighting majors and two game misconducts, while Akwesasne was assessed 12 minors, two fighting majors and game misconducts and two 10 minute misconducts.

The Lions travel to Maxville this Thursday night to take on NGS, and will play their next home game against Akwesasne on Thursday, December 16.

Jr. B Lions run into roadblocks

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Junior B Lions ran into more than they could handle in St. Lawrence Division Junior B hockey action on the weekend giving up a pair of lop-sided losses.

Friday night on home ice, they held on for a 3-3 first period tie against the Kemptville 73s, but then collapsed in the second period as the 73s struck seven times (four times on the power play) to their lone goal from Glenn Belmore to carry a 10-4 advantage into the third period.

The Lions tightened it up in the third, keeping the 73s from the scoreboard while they got one from Justin Elliott to lose the game 10-5.

It was a big win for the Kemptville 73s, as they have now settled into second place in the standings one point ahead of the Winchester Hawks and just two points behind first place Alexandria.

Brett Brady led the Kemptville scoring with three goals, Tyler Rasa and Ross Piaskoski had two each and Scott Farrell, Marty Brayman and Codie Grant scored singles.

Kirk Bolduc, Justin Elliott, Pat McLeod, Chad Galipeau and Glenn Belmore scored for the Lions.

Lions goaltender Andrew Pearson started and was replaced by Matt Van Egmond. For the 73s, Roberto Lappa got the start and was relieved by Matt Baribeau.

The Lions drew 11 minor penalties and a 10 minute misconduct to Mike Belmore, while the 73s sat out 10 minors and a game misconduct for checking from behind.

Fresh on the heels of Friday night's loss, the Lions headed into Alexandria where it didn't get much better in a 9-3 loss. Again they held their own in the first period holding the Glens to a 1-1 tie.

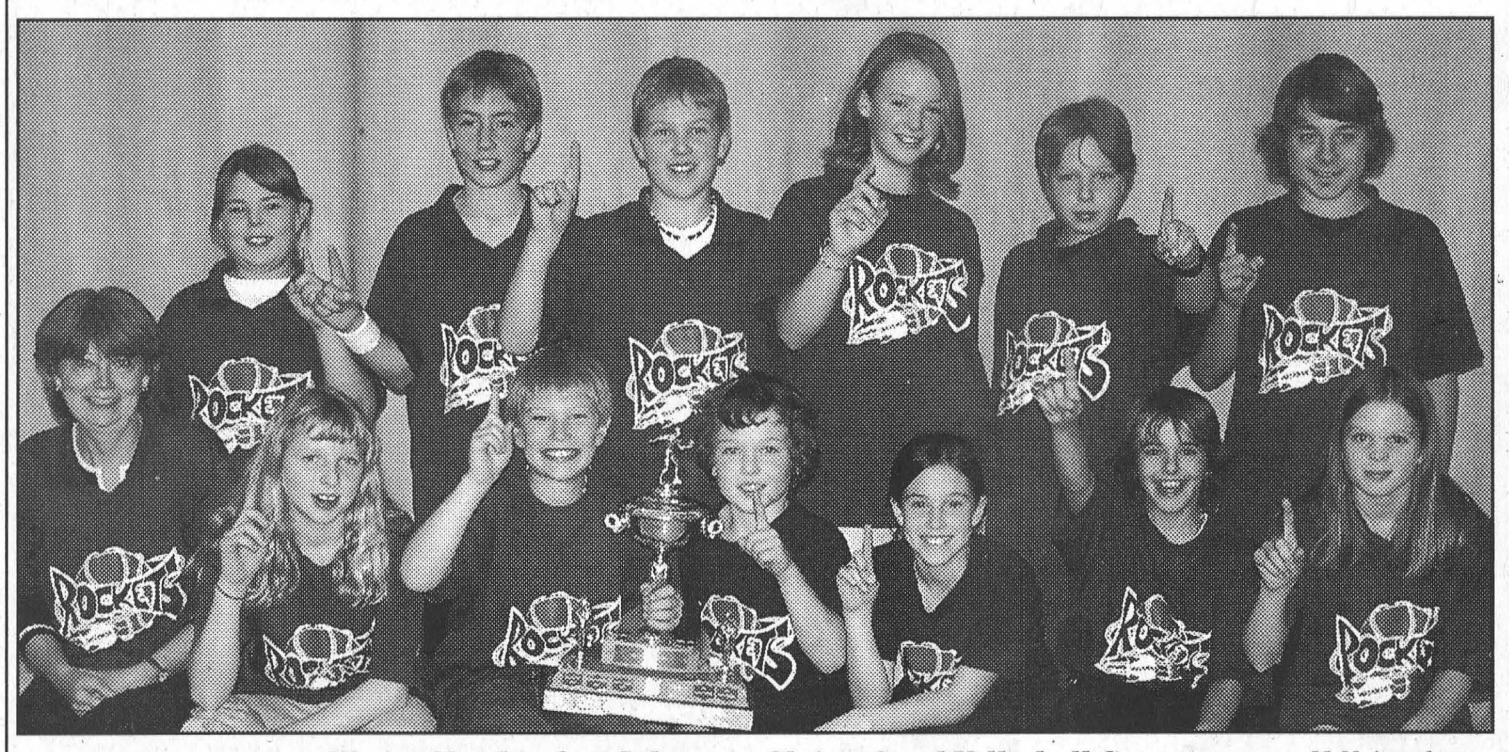
But in the second, it was the Glens all the way as they struck four times to the Lions one for a 5-2 advantage as they headed into the third period.

Nick Adam led the Glens scoring with three goals, Jamie Jean-Louis added a pair and singles were scored by Jeff Menard, Pat Brunet, Jeremy Ryan and Pierre Paul Décoeur.

Pat McLeod, Jordan Scheffer and Mike Carbino scored for the Lions.

Pearson was in net for the Lions and Charles Lavigne saw action for the Glens. The Lions sat out seven minors penalties and the Glens drew six.

Inkerman is number one



We Are Number One–Inkerman Claims Co-ed Volleyball Crown *McNairn photos*

Inkerman Public School went undefeated in the annual County Soccer tournament held last Wednesday at Seaway. All that stood in their way was the St. Mary-St. Cecilia team, which, also undefeated in regulation play, was unable to hold them off in the championship final. The champs pictured above, front l-r, coach Vanessa Smith, Andrea Ceelan, William Fawcett, Stewart McKellvie, Victoria Gibson-Crowder, Braydon Schenk and Stephanie Stewart. Back, l-r are Ashley Larmour, Dylan Fawcett, Slater Koekkoek, Amanda Giles, Brett Cobourn and Dustin Tinkler.

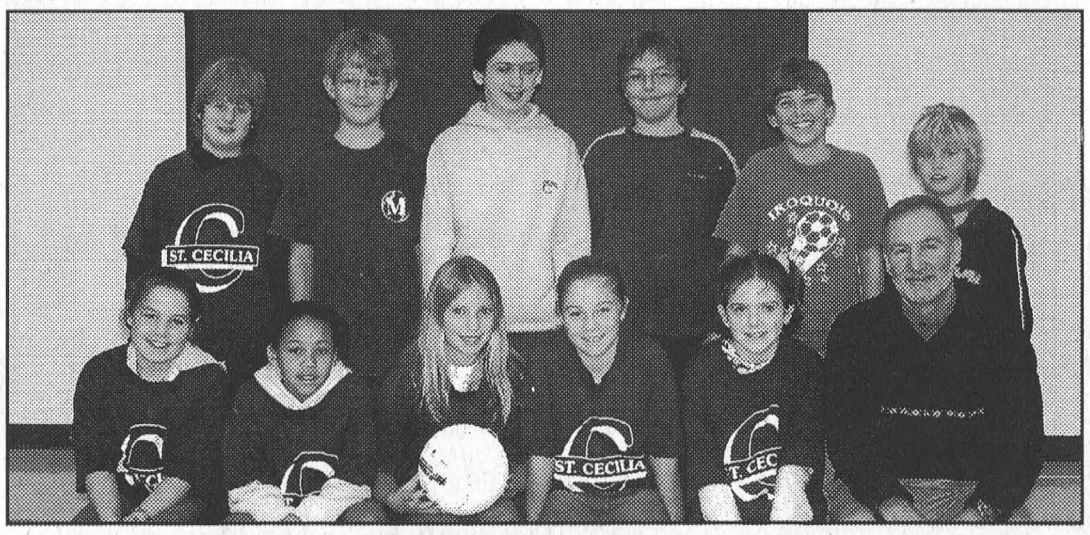
IROQUOIS–It came down to a final showdown between Inkerman Public School and St.Mary-St. Cecilia and when the final ball had been served it was Inkerman claiming the annual Dundas County Co-ed Volleyball championship.

The tournament, played at Seaway District High School last Wednesday, attracted teams from 10 area schools who played in two divisions.

Inkerman went undefeated in their division with wins over Iroquois, Nationview, Winchester and Dixon's Corners.

St. Mary-St. Cecelia posted an identical story in their division putting together their wins over Morrisburg, Elma, Chesterville and Morewood.

They put up a tough effort for the championship.



St. Mary-St.Cecilia Undefeated in Regulation Play

St. Mary-St. Cecilia went all the way to the championship final undefeated but then ran into a strong Inkerman squad. Pictured above, front row l-r, are Shery-Lynn Harbers, Kailyn Bowmen, Sarah Casselman, Amy Veltkamp, Samantha Saucier-Meagher and coach Wally Baker. Back, l-r are Sam Hodgson, Bobby Robichaud, Matt Saucier-Meagher, Alan Trumble, Curtis Pashak and Brady Baldwin.

Morrisburg Men's Darts

Results for Week of November 22

MORRISBURG–**D.P.M. 12 wins.** Philip Jamieson 7, Dave Wells 3, Mike Osborne 2. H.S. Jamieson 2X140-121, Osborne 140.
26ers 10 wins. Kevin Fredette 5, Roy Prieur 4, Wayne Hunter 1. H.S. Fredette 140-138-135, Prieur 140, Hunter 125.
Superflys 11 wins. Eric Dow 6, Ron Geurkink 3, Dave Dow 2. H.S. Geurkink and Dave Dow 140s, Eric Dow 135-124.
Tommyknockers 11 wins. Fred Diegel 4, Kris Scott 4, Jamie Scott 3. H.S. Diegel 140-125, Jamie Scott 140, Kris Scott 125.
Century Plus 13 wins. Frank Marriner 5, Jim Scott 5, Guy Hart 2. H.S. Marriner 140-125, Hart 140, Scott 127.
Leafs 9 wins. Mark Ault 4, Jeff O'Neil 3, John Hitsman 2. H.S. Hitsman 140, Ault 120.
Big Boys 7 wins. Bernie Montroy 4, Darren Tyo 2, Wayne Belanger 1. H.S. **Belanger 180**-140-139, Montroy 125-120.
No Bulls 3 wins. Ron Bradford 2, Ivan Shearer 1. H.S. Bradford 134.
Redneck Renegades 8 wins. Dale Baker 4, Keith Johnston 4. H.S. Johnston 127, Eric Sypes 116.
What's Up 6 wins. Tom Shearer 4, Floyd Elliott 2. H.S. Chris Sloan 140-112.

League November Standings

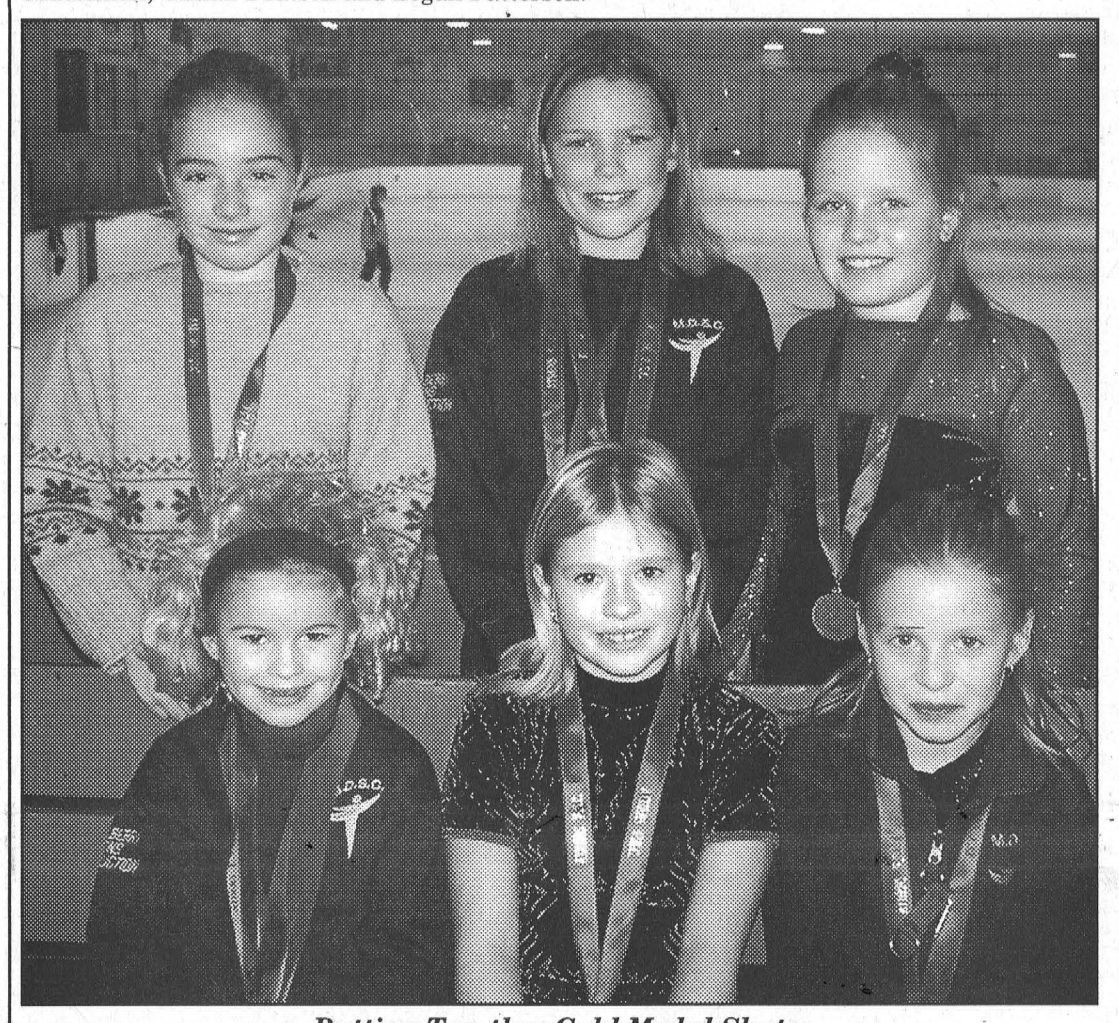
D.P.M.	67	Big Boys	42
26ers	55	Redneck Renegades	41
Century Plus	54	Leafs	37
Superflys	52	No Bulls	29
Tommy Knockers	50	What's Up	23

Local skaters loaded down with medals



What a Team...They Bring Home the Gold

The Morrisburg Figure Skating Club's "Morrisburg Blizzards" team put it all together in the "Mighty Strokes for Minnie Folks" competition in Athens on Sunday to claim gold medals in Team Elements. The Blizzards are front, l-r, Erin Stewart and Allison Lee. Back, l-r Alyssa MacMillan, Gillian Beatson and Logan Patterson.



Putting Together Gold Medal Skates

Gold medal winners at the Athens "Mighty Strokes for Minnie Folks" Competition on Sunday, December 5 were front, l-r, Erin Stewart, Jessica Bass and Alyssa MacMillan. Back, l-r are Katherine Lee, Gillan Beatson and Mikayla MacMillan.



It's "Mighty Strokes for Minnie Folks"

Turning in solid performances at the "Mighty Strokes for Minnie Folks" competition in Athens on Sunday were front, l-r, Logan Patterson, Alisha Van Hoof, Allison Lee and Hayley Mills. Back, l-r are Kayla Van Hoof, Morgan Hass and Kristen Stewart.

MORRISBURG–Members of the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club were extremely busy on the weekend with some competing in the "Loves to Skate" competition in Carleton Place on Saturday, and others heading to Athens for the "Mighty Strokes for Minnie Folks" skate.

In individual competition Erin Stewart had a big day picking up a gold medal in Stage 5 elements and a silver in Stage 5 Freeskate.

Bryanna Hickman-Korac also had a big day scoring a gold in pre-preliminary elements and a bronze in pre-preliminary ladies free.

Other gold medals were earned by Alyssa MacMillan, Gillian Beatson and Jessica Bass all in introductory ladies free flights, and by Katherine Lee and Mikayla MacMillan both in pre-preliminary ladies free flights.

Hayley Mills picked up a pair of silver medals in preliminary ladies free and in individual elements, and Alisha Van Hoof claimed a silver in introductory ladies free. Logan Patterson scored a silver medal in Canskate individual elements.

Bronze medals were won by Allison Lee and Kaila Van Hoof in their Introductory ladies freeskates.

A big day was had by members of the Morrisburg and District Club's Blizzards team who combined to win gold medals in the group elements stage six and seven division. The team members included Erin Stewart, Alyssa MacMillan, Logan Patterson, Allison Lee and Gillian Beatson.

Sunday, the club received gold medal representation from Haley Van Allen, and Morgan and Kelsey Baxter at the Carleton Place "Loves to Skate" competition. Van Allen won her gold in introductory ladies free, and the Baxters both won gold in pre-preliminary ladies free.



"Loves to Skate" Winners

Hayley Van Allen, left, Morgan Baxter and Kelsey Baxter (absent) love to skate, and the proof is in the first place medals each brought home from the "Loves to Skate" competition in Carleton Place on Saturday, December 4. The Baxter sisters won their medals in the pre-preliminary free category and Van Allen was successful in introductory ladies. ***McNairn Photos***

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Santa Claus Parade to make it a whomping success. A special thank you to the following donators:

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If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please accept our apology and our sincere thanks for your part in the success of this year's parade.

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Bantam Bs

Hold on for a tie

MORRISBURG–In a very physical game this past Saturday, the Bantam B House Lions played the second game of a home and home series with the NGS Braves.

NGS won the opener, and the Lions were out to avenge the loss.

The visitors scored first at the 10 minute mark of the first period on a screened shot by Adam Konink.

The game was a close checking affair throughout, with chances and hits at both ends of the ice.

The line of Tommy Keyes, Thomas Corden and Nick Hogan did an excellent job of using their speed to forecheck the opponent.

Goaltender Jordan Hawn had his best game of the year closing the door on the Braves until Lions forward Brad Munro scored, unassisted, to tie the game early in the third.

With eight minutes left on the clock, the momentum clearly changed, with the Lions pressing for the win. The hard work paid off when Pat Chesbro scored the go ahead goal at the three minute mark. Assisting on the goal were Kris Quirouette and Liam Mills.

Chesboro has been a solid performer all season, notching three goals in the last two games.

NGS mounted a desperate attack in the final three minutes, peppering the Lions net and finally managed to get one past the Lions keeper with 53 seconds left to salvage a 2-2 tie.

The hard working Lions are starting to gel under the leadership of coach Scott Corden and expect to have more success as the season progresses.

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

St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Pastor: The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
Office: 543-3154 or Office: 448-3812
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ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
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10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Children's Chatter, Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Tel: 535-2227 or 543-4311
Sunday, December 12, 2004
9:30 A.M.
Rev. Gary VanLeeuwen of Athens
Sunday School for Children ages 3-9
7:30 P.M.
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10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
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Tuesday –7:00 p.m.
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543-3904
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11:00 a.m. – St. John's

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The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – At Cornwall's recent Heart and Stroke Curling Bonspiel, Anita Cooper, Mahlon Locke, Carolyn Beckstead and Paula Locke from our club entered a team. They won both their games, but finished out.of the prizes in the huge bonspiel. Well done, for a good cause. Don't forget the one in Morrisburg on Saturday, January 8.

Our senior men were off to Prescott last week for a big bonspiel featuring top teams, lunch, and a delicious supper. Bob Bedingfield, Karl Duncan, Earl Jeacle and Dwight Gilmer dropped both of their games, while Don O'Brien, John Lyon, Gerry Thompson and Neil Williams split their pair. The men assure that on balance it was a great day.

Barb Rabideau, Cheryl Thompson, Susan Mclntosh and Betty Locke entered the Lancaster bonspiel last week, winning both of their games, including an overpowering victory over a Hudson, Quebec team.

The local champions came home with attractive baskets of gifts as prizes, finishing second overall. Our women's teams are becoming well-known at area bonspiels.

Wally McDonald took a men's senior team to Metcalfe Wednesday, including Steve Thompson, Ken Wilson and Dave King. They defeated a Navan rink in the morning, had a fine lunch, and then tied a powerful R.A. team, unfortunately finishing just out of the prizes.

The sign-up sheet for the Friday, December 17 Turkey Bonspiel is filling up. Organizers tell us they can handle 48 players or 12 teams.

Details are on the sign-up sheet in the lounge, and prizes will likely include the trophy and turkeys for the winning team and the six top draws to the button. Hope to see you there!

That bonspiel will conclude regular curling here until January, except for special events, rentals, and the Two-Person Bonspiel, likely on Dec. 26. The exception is the senior men, who have a large number of teams and are having to curl on that last week before Christmas to finish the current draw.

Teams will note there has been a change in the schedule to allow our ice man to flood the ice on Dec. 23 and 24. See the sheet on the seniors board for the revisions.

The Executive met Monday night and we'll have highlights next week; minutes will be placed in the book in the lounge.

Good curling to all!

Legion Darts

MORRISBURG–**Go Getters 4–Happy Gang 3.** Getters Outs: Wayne Hunter 2, Roy Prieur, Gail Scarbo. H.S. Prieur 132-122. Gang Outs: Caroline Geertsma, Mark Ault, Jean DeJong. H.S. Gertsma 112.

4-Aces 5–Floyd's Flitties 2. Aces Outs: Jamie Scott 3, Liz Hunter 1, Pauline Harper 1. Flitties Outs: Floyd Elliott 2. H.S. Arnie Fader 125, Elliott 101.

Freddie & 3 Js 4–Like Mike 3. Freddie Outs: Fred Diegel 2, Junior Cassell, Joanne Stone. H.S. Diegel 140. Mike Outs: Mike Osborne 3. H.S. Osborne 140-133, Emilie Caines 120.

Malcolm in the Middle 4–Bull Shooters 3. Malcolm Outs: Kris Scott 2, Liz Gatien, Malcolm Gore. H.S. Scott 129. Shooters Outs: Brian Erratt 2, Bert Harper. H.S. Charlotte Cougler 119.

Happy Campers 5–Bashers 2. Camper Outs: David Wells 3, Michelle Brooks 2. H.S. Kathy Kirker 145. Basher Outs: Jim Scott 2.

Ambitious 4–Clam Gang 3. Ambitious Outs: Cecil Lewis 2, Gordon James, Frank Beaulne. H.S. Lewis 133. Gang Outs: Carolyn Gale, Donnie Lewis, Audrey Henophy. H.S. Lillian Thatcher 117.

Go-Getters	114	Happy Campers	77
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Seaway High School awards under-grads

IROQUOIS–Ninety awards, acknowledging 116 students in 15 subjects were handed out at the Seaway District High School, Grades 9-11, awards ceremony Friday .

The annual awards ceremony honours those students who were in Grades 9-11 the previous school year.

This year's guest speaker was local businessman David Lapier of Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Homes who spoke of his days as a Seaway High student.

Although reluctant at first to speak, he said that after thinking it over, "I realized that the five years I spent here at Seaway were very significant in making me the person that I am today."

Lapier started high school at Seaway in the fall of 1981, having graduated from Iroquois Public School.

"...I developed a positive attitude about this new adventure called high school, and I immediately became involved in school life."

He would be the first male grade nine student to take home economics, and would be heavily involved in school council activities. He was student council president while in grade 12.

"During all my activities, I developed some fairly good leadership skills which have served me very well since high school. During the past 18 years I have been a member of many committees and organizations and there is no doubt the training and confidence in my abilities that I gained during my years at Seaway have been a key factor in my wanting to be involved in community life."

He also attributed the social skills he developed at Seaway as a benefit, not just to his life, but to his career as a funeral director.

It was at Seaway that he says he learned good work habits. While he was trying to hurry librarian Mrs. Brown along one day, as he was behind in an assignment, she pointed to a sign on the wall which read, "A lack of preparation on your part, does not necessarily constitute an emergency on my part".

"I never forgot that, and I know I learned a very valuable lesson that day."

After graduating Seaway, Lapier attended the University of Ottawa graduating with honours in the business administration program. He attended the Funeral Service Education program at Humber College in Toronto where he again graduated at the top of his class.

He credits the teaching staff at Seaway with instilling in him his good study habits that benefitted him greatly at the post secondary level.

He also thanked and congratulate four of his teachers who will be retiring at the end of this year: Sandra Decker, Janine Wagemans, Donna Notman and Wendy Gibb.

"I enjoyed my days here at Seaway, and I encourage each and every student here to make the most of the opportunities that you have. I challenge each and every one of you to get involved, be friendly, and most importantly enjoy yourselves, so that in 20 years, you too will be able to reflect proudly and fondly on the years that you spent here.

Lapier was thanked by vice-principal Beth Smith who then turned the podium over to Gisela Kerr who is the head of Student Services.

Awards were handed out to top students, Grades 9-11 last year, in Visual Arts, Drama, Photography, Music, Computer Studies/Business, Geography, English, French, History, Law, Career Studies, Mathematics, University of Waterloo Math Contests, Family Studies, Physical Education, Science and Technical Education.

Proficiency Awards for the highest averages in their grade cohort were presented to:

Grade 9–1st Matthew Goodmurphy, 2nd Katherine Choi, 3rd Nicholas Ault.

Grade 10–1st Dayna Schneckenburger, 2nd Cameron Keicks, 3rd Adam Bilodeau.

Grade 11–1st Brandon Zewuster, 2nd Adam Keller and Candice Henry, 3rd Lindsay Fawcett.

Seaway High Honours–over 90 Club:

Grade 9 – Matthew Goodmurphy.

Grade 10 – Cameron Keicks and Dayna Schneckenburger

Seaway Honours:

Grade 9–Nicholas Ault, Alex Bouwman, Jonathan Byvelds, Katherine Choi, Curtis Collins, Brooke Gilmer, Kayleigh Hallam, Sarah Mackler, Sean McMillan, Michael Tatton, Jillian Toonders, Jessica Vandodewaard, Michael Wells.

Grade 10–Carolyn Augusta, Jennifer Baird, Alyssa Baker, Adam Bilodeau, Holly Byker, Alfonso Casani, Katherine Corden, Rose Deighton, Henri Devries, Elizabeth Errington, David Jones, T.J. McManus, Timothy McMillan, Ryan Morrow and Kayla Spruit.

Grade 11–Jesse Coligan, Meagan Derksen, Johanna Ebeling, Hanna Ehlers, Lindsay Fawcett, Candice Henry, William Howard, Adam Keller, Jason Kenney, Katelyn Merkley, David Patterson, Stephanie Racine, Dan Toonders, Peggy Welsh Nicholas Whelan, Brandon Zewuster.

Perfect Attendance–Alex Bouwman, Megan Boulerice, Katherine Choi, Chantelle Murphy. (All grade 9 students).

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Certificates–Christina Goodridge, Christine Thompson, Stacey Lapier, Ashley Rathwell, Tanya Wood, Ashley Morrow, Cobie McIntosh, Danny Markell, Jonathan Winter, Cody Murphy, Charles Bilmer, Justin Edwards, Nick Radu.

Principal Roy Lalonde closed the assembly by congratulating the students and thanking the parents.

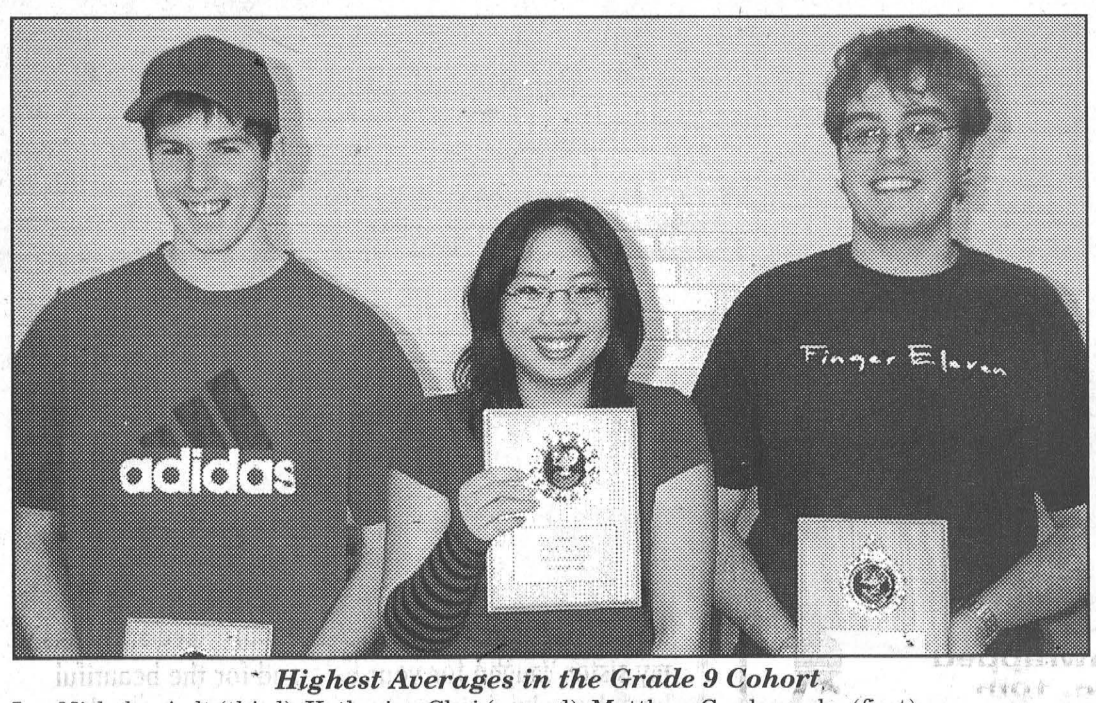
"I am amazed by the number of parents here this afternoon. Educating our future is a very, very, demanding task. It is certainly not a task the teachers in this institution can do alone."

"I congratulate every student at Seaway for being a tremendous component of this school. Each and every one of you has achieved."



Some Seaway High School Success Stories

Students receiving individual awards at Seaway's Academic Awards ceremonies for students in grades 9-11 last year were (seated front) Candice Henry and, seated l-r, Adam Bilodeau, Lindsay Fawcett, Katherine Choi, Dayna Schneckenburger and Cameron Keicks. Standing, l-r are Andrew Vivaraies, Matthew Goodmurphy, Nicholas Ault, Kristen Greenough, Will Howard and Adam Keller.



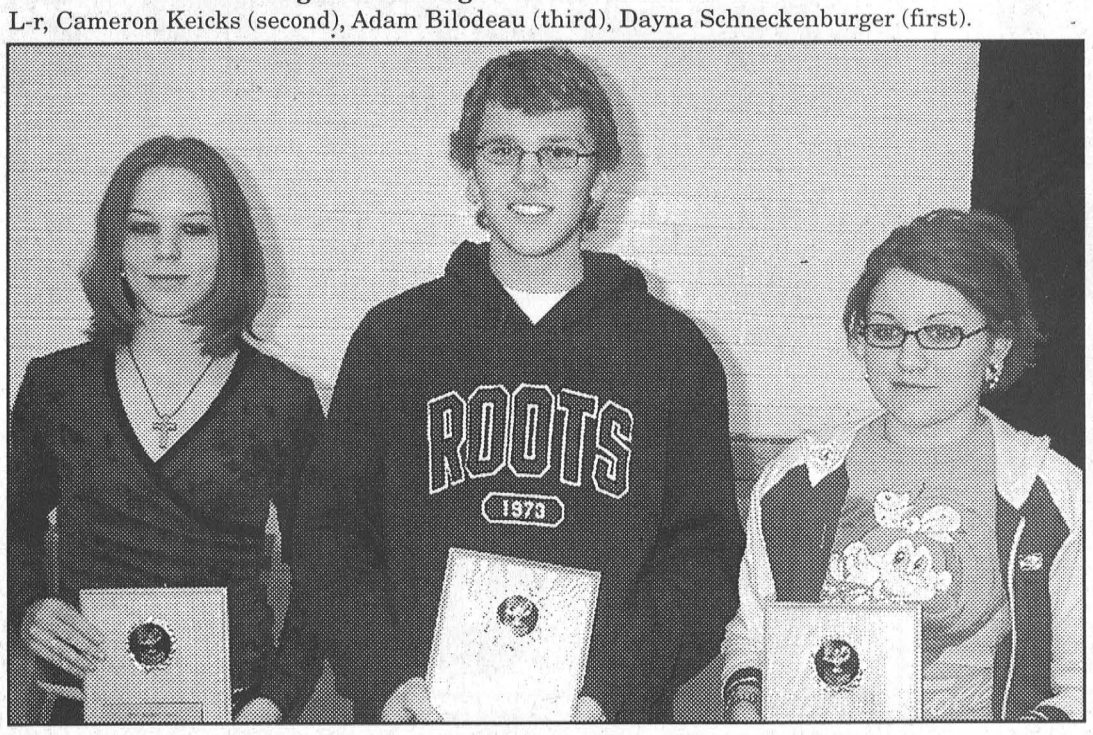
Highest Averages in the Grade 9 Cohort

L-r, Nicholas Ault (third), Katherine Choi (second), Matthew Goodmurphy (first).



Highest Averages in the Grade 10 Cohort

L-r, Cameron Keicks (second), Adam Bilodeau (third), Dayna Schneckenburger (first).



Highest Averages in the Grade 11 Cohort

L-r, Lindsay Fawcett (third), Adam Keller and Candice Henry (tied for second). Top grade 11 student Brandon Zewuster was not available for the photo.

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Marking the season with a memory

WINCHESTER – There is always something special about lighting a Christmas tree, but there is always something a little extra special about the annual Winchester District Memorial Hospital Christmas Wish Tree lighting.



Comfort Photos

The annual tree lighting ceremony took place Thursday afternoon in the hospital lobby, where staff, patients, and members of the community gathered to watch.

The Wish Tree is a very special fundraising initiative for the Hospital Foundation.

The Christmas campaign invites the public to make a donation in honour of a loved one. Special ornaments, bearing the name of the person to be remembered are hung on the trees in the lobby.



Flipping the switch
Pictured are Hospital CEO Trudy Reid (right) and Foundation Chair Terry MacLellan given the honour of lighting the Wish Tree.

"Some of the notations we read in the office are very moving. Many donors make a gift honouring a loved one every year. It is very touching," said Foundation coordinator Lynne Wilson, prior to the ceremony.

Foundation chair Terry MacLellan spoke at Thursday's ceremony.

"This is a season of anticipation and excitement, and we all have our favourite celebration rituals ... For some the season is not so lighthearted," he said.

He spoke of the special gifts and ornaments adorning three trees located in the hospital lobby, covered with the names of family, friends and loved ones. "This is an opportunity to remember those loved and lost."

Winchester Hospital vice-chair Bruce Rowsell spoke of the importance of these donations.

"These gifts make a tremendous difference in our hospital, because they are invested in equipment," he said.

Since its inception the Wish Tree Campaign has raised about $300,000 for hospital equipment and upgrades. Over 500 donors to this year's campaign have given about $30,000 so far.

"We appreciate these gifts that make up one of the best equipped community hospitals," said Rowsell.

This is hospital CEO Trudy Reid's first Christmas at Winchester Hospital and she wondered early on in the campaign why Lynne was putting up bare trees.

"She told me not to worry, that soon they would be so full of decorations that you wouldn't be able to even see the trees," said Reid.

The trees, now filled with decorations and messages, "remind you why this community is so supportive of this hospital," she said.

"In 30 years I have never seen such a well equipped hospital," said Reid. "This is an incredible story of the investment this community makes in this hospital."

Chaplaincy coordinator for the hospital, Robin Lane, spoke of the importance of caring for the human spirit in the hospital setting, and offered a timely prayer before the Wish Tree was officially lit.



The Lighting Ceremony
Speaking at the annual Christmas Wish Tree Lighting Ceremony were l-r, hospital vice-chair Bruce Rowsell, chaplaincy coordinator Robin Lane, hospital CEO Trudy Reid and Foundation chair Terry MacLellan.

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Sat., Dec. 11., Tourist Information Booth. Music starts at 12 p.m. Santa arrives at 12:30 p.m. Music provided by members of the Seaway D.H.S. Music Dept. There will be draws and treats for both the young and old. Don't forget your Christmas wish list for Santa! Sponsored by the Iroquois Business Group. 49c

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MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL
30th annual, January 21–23, Matilda Community Hall, Dixon's Corners. Fri., Jan 21: Carnival Queen Pageant, 7 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 22: Car/Snowmobile Rally, Dinner, Dance featuring Eddy & the Stingrays; Sun., Jan. 23: pancake breakfast, entertainment, sleigh rides and evening Ecumenical service. Call Nancy 652-2096, Cindy 652-2715, Janice 652-4714, for more details. 49/51/1c

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The 30th annual Matilda Winter Carnival is fast approaching and the Committee is now accepting applications for the Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant Fri., Jan. 21. Open to all South Dundas girls with the first 10 applications accepted. Must be between the ages of 14 and 17 (before December 31, 2004). Contact Nancy Blokland 652-2096 for info or application forms. Last day to register: December 15, 2004. 49-50c

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Sat., Dec. 25, 12:30 p.m., Morrisburg Legion. Info/reservations, 543-3904 (Anglican Church office). Sponsored by The Apple Tree Ministry of the Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights. 49-50p

IN MEMORIAM

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–Isabel and Mike McInnis 49p

NOTICE

MATILDA RECREATION
Is now accepting nominations for the volunteer of the year award, in memory of Garry (Mutt) Shaver, to be presented at the Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant, Jan. 21. If you know someone who is a deserving, active volunteer, and you feel this outstanding person is worthy of this nomination and recognition, please contact either Nancy Blokland 652-2096 or Janice Gilmour 652-4714 for details. 49-50c

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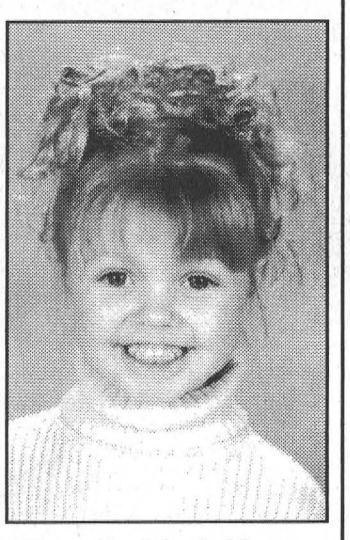

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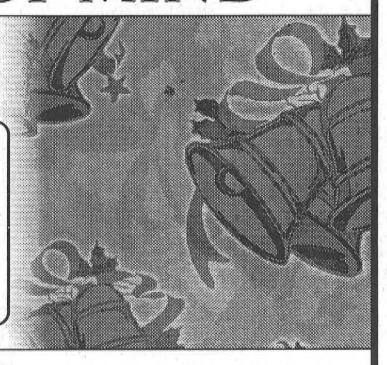

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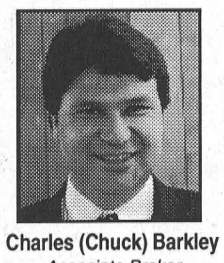

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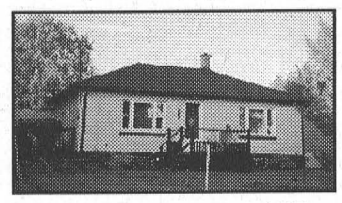

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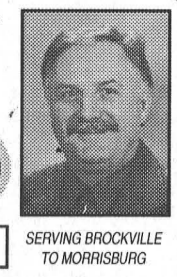

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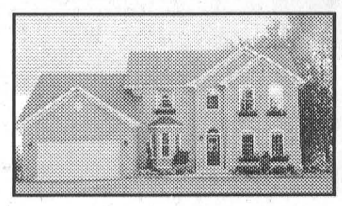

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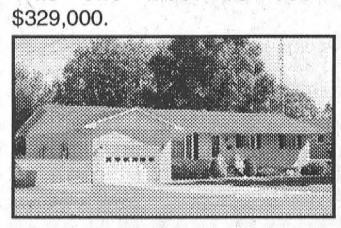

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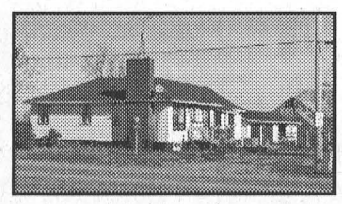

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Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism

Council visits South Dundas

MORRISBURG – Representatives of Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism took on the part of the traveller here Wednesday, November 24 visiting representatives of various local organizations to talk tourism.

Mike Lalonde, executive manager of Cornwall Seaway &Valley Tourism explained how the organization worked, who it represents and its achievements.

Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism (CSVT) was created in 1995, when Cornwall Regional Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Seaway Valley Tourism Association merged. The merger was supported by the City of Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The organization operates under a Board of Directors with Marc Jesmer (Day's Inn), the current president.

North Dundas councillor Bill Smirle represents the United Counties on the board, Chris Savard the City of Cornwall and Jancis Sommerville the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

Membership in Cornwall & Seaway Valley tourism is open to local operators of tourism-related businesses which include accommodations, attraction, food service, retail business and patrons.

"We currently have 226 members," said Lalonde pointing out that 75 are from the City of Cornwall, and the remainder are from the counties.

"This is because the majority of the attractions are outside the city, while most of the accommodations are inside the city."

He reported the 43 members from South Dundas, benefit through: listing in the visitor guide; web site listing; both regional and Ontario Travel Centre brochure distribution; ability to participate in cooperative marketing opportunities; provision of information; promotion at leisure travel shows; assistance in development of marketing tools and programs; the ability to apply for road signage.

He said Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism's mandate is to promote and market the region as a viable destination and getaway for potential visitors in various target markets. This is accomplished by working cooperatively with local tourism operators and industry partners.

Priorities include: Targeted marketing and specific advertising; visitor information service; industry education and information sharing; local awareness; tracking and statistics.

The association puts out 50,000 English visitor guides and another 10,000 French guides. "We also produce a Calendar of Events which we duplicate on our web site."

In total, CSVT distributed 325,000 brochures for its members last year.

"We have brochure racks at 21 locations," said Lalonde. "We have racks in all the major hotels and chamber seasonal information kiosks."

"We also have about 300 signs out there," he said of the SD&G road signs with the red maple leaf emblems.

Four years ago a promotional mural was applied to a Seaway Express trailer which travels regularly from Quebec City to Toronto.

Most recently the organization coordinated the effort to have Highway 2 designated as Heritage Parkway, in an effort to get people off the 401 between Brockville and Lancaster. Talks are also underway with the Ontario Waterfront Trail group to extend that trail which runs from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Brockville, farther east.

According to Lalonde stats show that the Cornwall Seaway Valley Area attracts one million visitors annually, accounting for over $100 million in spending. This creates 2,500 jobs which pay out $45 million in wages. The municipalities benefit from taxes (property and business) by about $5 million.

"Tourism is not that visible," said Lalonde. "It's not that structured. The money is spread around, so you don't get the sense of the total amount."

In addition to Lalonde, Anne Marie Waddell, Economic Officer for the Township of South Dundas and Cam Martel, president of the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce both spoke.

"Tourism and economic development are very closely related," said Waddell. "Lots of times people think of heavy industry, taxes and jobs. It's a little more than that in this day and age."

With a new economic development plan now in the works, she said, the township has four distinct areas of economic development listing agriculture, tourism, industry and large business, and commercial and services.

"We need everybody's input to make it a community-based plan. Our objective is to include all stakeholders."

Martel said, the Chamber's objective is to promote the healthy aspects of our neighbourhood, "but we are much bigger than just South Dundas."

"We are the 1,000 Islands and the Seaway Valley. We are part of the big picture, but we can't play in this game because it is too big and too expensive."

"These folks are going to get the people here, and it is up to us to attract them into our community."

He said the Chamber is currently reviewing its approach.

Lalonde explained the success of the CSVT in its partnership with the 1,000 Islands Group. "They are an international group on both sides of the river. It is getting us into the markets we could never afford before."

CSVT is now located in the restored Counties building. For more information log on to www.cornwalltourism.com or phone 938-4748.

Riverside Heights W.I.

Celebrate the holidays

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS–The December meeting of the Riverside Heights Women's Institute began with a delicious Pot Luck lunch. Eleven members and seven guests enjoyed many different dishes.

The business part of the meeting followed, with correspondence from the South Dundas Christmas Exchange being read. A monetary Donation will be given to the Exchange, along with knitted articles.

The War stories book, written by Women's Institute members has been published and is now ready for sale.

It was then mentioned that the plug-in type air fresheners could be a fire hazard, as well as using plastic wrap in the microwave ovens.

The list of shut-ins was revised, and 24 will be visited this holiday season by Institute members who will deliver Christmas wishes and a little gift.

The Christmas exchange of gifts then took place. Members enjoyed seeing what everyone received.

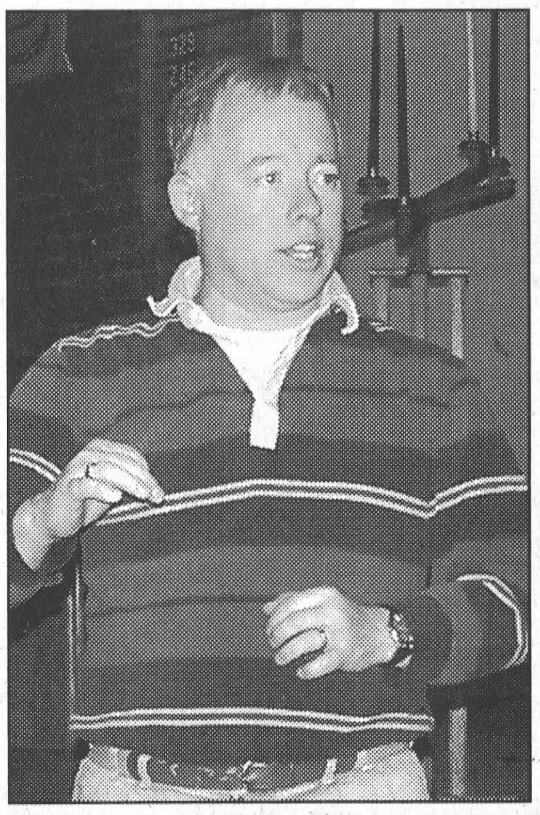
The door prize was won by Carol Parker.

The members of the Riverside Riverside Institute would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Seaway Valley Singers preparing to "Sing with the Angels"

WILLIAMSBURG–Members of the Seaway Valley Singers choir are busy preparing for their upcoming annual Christmas concert which will take place this Friday night at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg.

Under the direction of their new director, Robert Jones (pictured left) of Chesterville, the choir will entertain their audience with music of the Christmas season, both secular and sacred.



"We've been practising faithfully, every Wednesday night since September," says choir president Robin Lane. "Our conductor is very professional, and he expects a lot from us."

This will be the first concert for the choir, under Jones, who replaced Rev. Mark Echlebract who left the area after the end of last year's season.

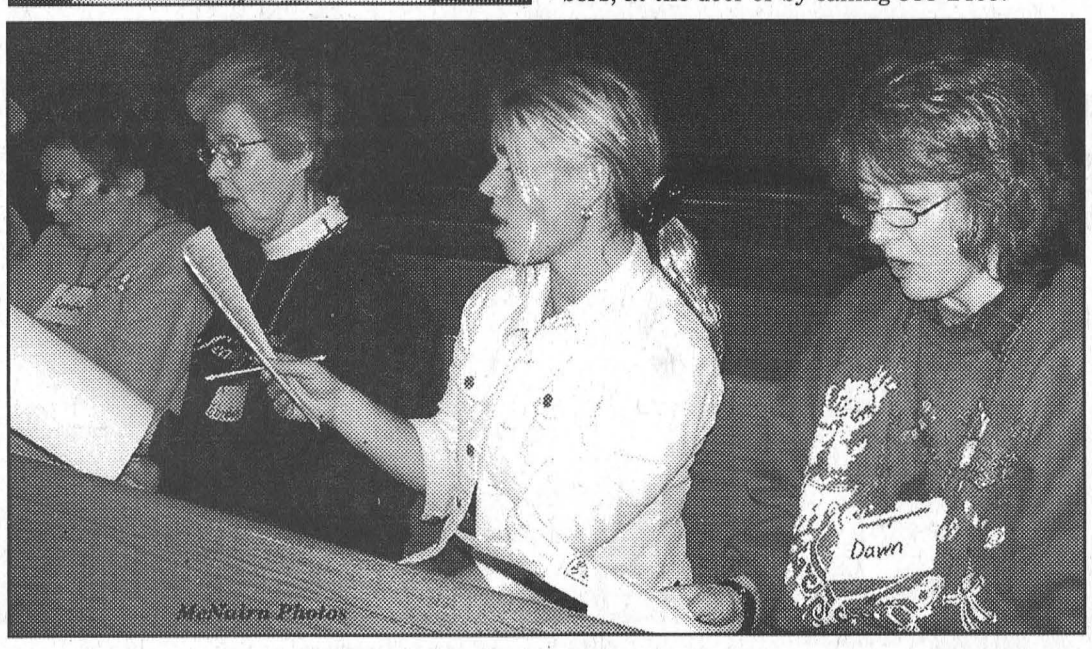
He is a native of Windsor, and a graduate of the University of Windsor with a a Bachelor of Music. He has a Master of Music from the University of Western Ontario and holds Associateship and Choir Master diplomas from the Royal College of Organists.

In addition to his choir duties with the Seaway Valley Singers and a choir in Ottawa, he oversees youth and adult hand bell choirs in Winchester. As a special highlight in Friday night's "Sing With the Angels" the junior hand bell choir will be performing.

The Seaway Valley Singers choir consists of 13 sopranos, nine altos, four tenors and three base singers. Their two concerts each year have become very popular.

Friday night's show will feature popular and familiar Christmas songs and hymns.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for seniors and students. They are available from choir members, at the door or by calling 535-2469.



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