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$100,000 gift from the Estate of Dr. Howard Justus

WINCHESTER – A million plus $100,000 equals a doctor that has touched this hospital and community over and over again.

Bill Smirle announced last Friday afternoon that Winchester District Memorial Hospital has received a $100,000 bequest from the estate of the late Dr. Howard Justus. "This gift follows a most remarkable donation made to our Renewing the Vision Campaign in September of 2002 for $1 million."

Smirle recapped Dr. Justus' lifetime commitment to this hospital.

"Dr. Justus was a driving force in orchestrating the development of the original hospital following World War II," and was the first fundraising chairman in 1947. They fundraised $150,000, and the hospital was constructed at a cost of $166,000.

Justus touched thousands of lives during his lifetime as a practicing physician, while continuing to give back to the hospital he helped establish.

He served as chief of staff numerous times throughout his career and was involved in nine additional campaigns in support of the hospital, including lending his name and serving as honourary co-chair for Renewing the Vision.

Smirle spoke of Justus' impact on this campaign. "His gift of $1 million was a major impetus to propel the campaign forward and a ringing endorsement for what the Vision campaign proposed to do ... Dr. Howard Justus supported this vision, and he did so in a most generous manner."

The $100,000 legacy received from Justus' estate last week brings the Renewing the Vision Campaign to $14,660,000 of the $15 million goal.

"This is outstanding for an area that professionals told us could raise between six and eight million dollars," said Smirle.

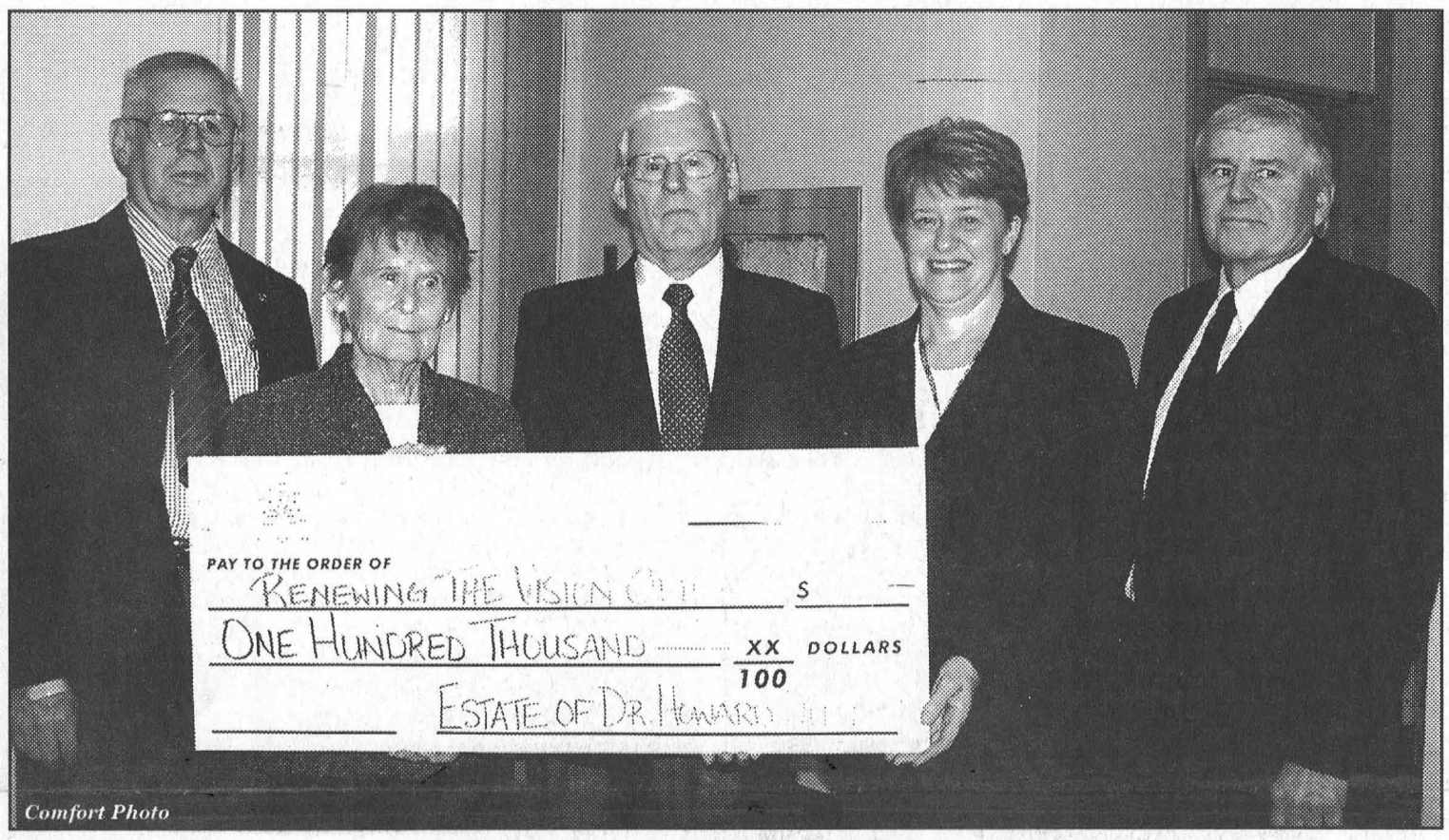
"To Dr. Duane (Justus) and to Ardeth (Hill), I thank you both for being here today and for providing us an opportunity to recognize your father and his generous financial gifts to our hospital," said Smirle adding that through his generosity he will always be remembered as someone who led by example.

Hospital Foundation Board representative Mike McInnis was also on hand to speak at the cheque presentation.

"The Dr. Justus legacy is an important contribution to moving us forward with this campaign," said McInnis. "All contributions large and small are important to the campaign."

"Today we acknowledge a gift from the estate of Dr. Howard Justus. It is right we do so because of his continuing support, firstly as one of the original founding group, and as one who, from the 1948 beginning to the date of his death, continued as a major benefactor."

McInnis said that the success of the Renewing the Vision Campaign would not have been possible without the generous bequests the foundation has received over the past three years.



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A $100,000 donation brings goal even closer

The late Dr. Howard Justus played an instrumental part in Winchester having a hospital, and a huge part in the Renewing the Vision Campaign, having already donated $1 million, while honourary co-chair. Friday afternoon, the Estate of Dr. Howard Justus presented another cheque, this time for $100,000. Presenting the cheque were Justus' children Dr. Duane Justus and Mrs. Ardeth Hill. Accepting on behalf of the Renewing the Vision Campaign were former campaign co-chair Mike McInnis and Bill Smirle and hospital CEO Trudy Reid. Above left to right are McInnis, Hill, Justus, Reid and Smirle.

Courting a vote, ATV use committee gets a date

WILLIAMSBURG – The possibility of getting council to vote on an all-terrain vehicle use policy is rolling again.

South Dundas resident Randy Strader attended the November 16, council meeting to gauge the progress of council on the implementation of an ATV policy, and after a lengthy discussion pressuring council to make a move, he got a committee meeting.

The idea of implementing a policy got its grip after a late July public meeting, which clearly showed an interest in a policy being in place.

Since then council has seen a draft bylaw prepared by staff, but they have been bogged down in the mud of the matter. They haven't made changes to the draft presented, and haven't had enough of a grip to table a vote.

Strader reported that he has a vested interest in the policy, and being in the industry, has heard a number of inquiries about this township and the possibility of a policy.

"I appreciate the work that has been done. We're up to a point where we have a policy, so when will council vote?" asked Strader.

Mayor Lyle Van Allen answered by saying, "It's my point of view, that I have felt there should be work done by the ATVers - organizational work. It's not a simple case of saying they are allowed on roads. I would like to see a committee."

On that committee Van Allen wants members of council, roads department, police and snowmobile association representation.

"I don't want all roads and I am worried about closed and unmaintained roads and ditches," Van Allen said.

Councillor Ron Delegarde told Strader that places that have policies in New Brunswick, "are in quite a mess now."

He says that if this township implements a policy and are faced with all kinds of complaints and problems there is no organized association to address them.

"I can't say I want them on all roads, but we have to push forward. We can't just sit here and ignore it," said Delegarde.

Councillor Johnny Whitteker ensured that Strader had a copy of the township insurance provider's response about the policy. South Dundas CAO Andy Brown said the focus of their response was to have a review of the state of each road they would be travelling, in case of a claim.

"All township roads are in a good state of repair, so they are all the same," said Whitteker, thus making a road by road

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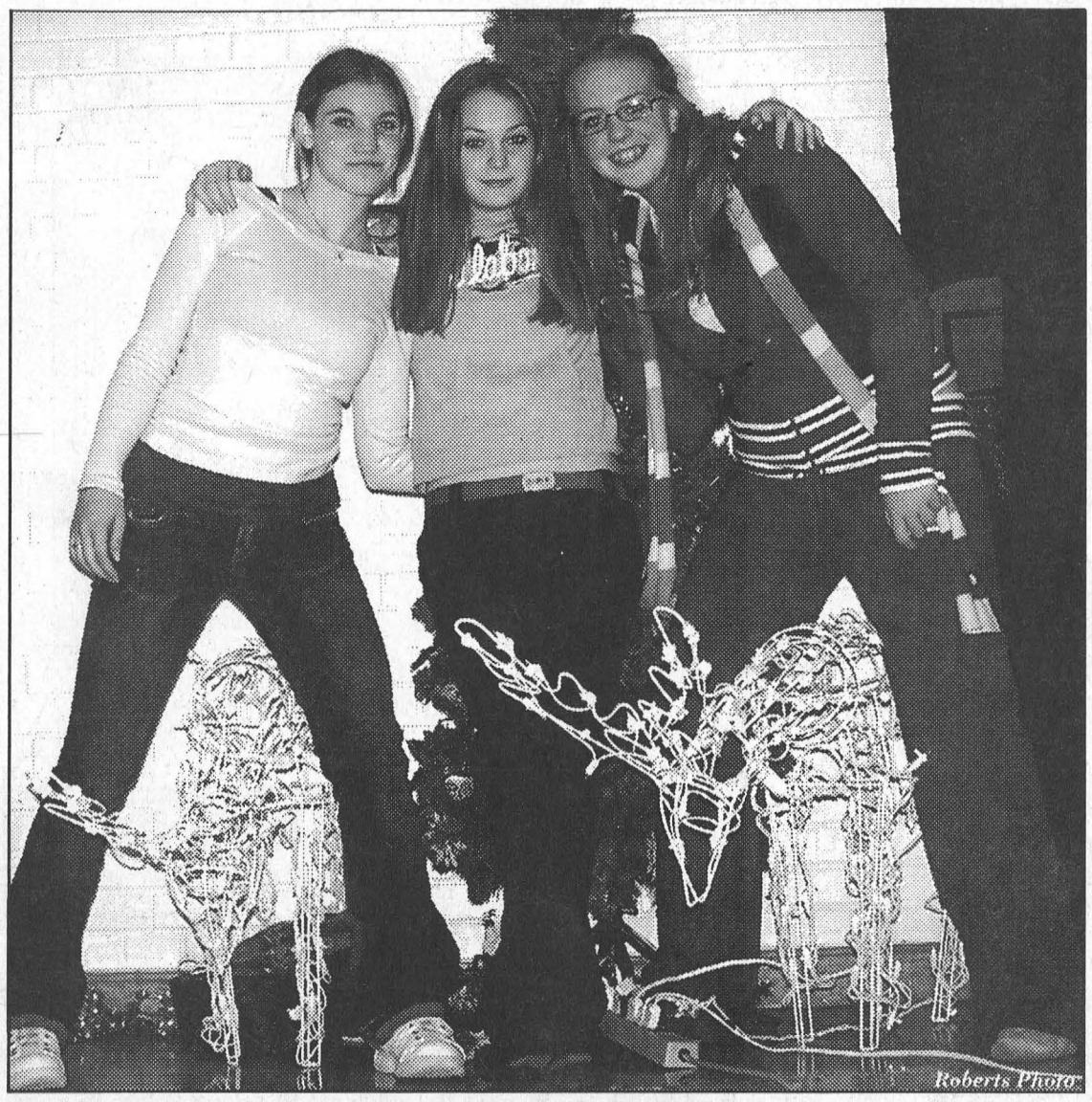

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Christmas Fashion Show with all the latest for great gift ideas

The Seaway District High School girls volleyball team, which will be travelling to Hawaii to participate in a March Break volleyball tournament, hosted a fashion show last Thursday night, to help with some of the trip's expenses. Pictured above are three of Seaway's top models for the event, left to right, Crystal Cooper, Ashley Gilmer and Natalie McDonell. Fashions featured at the show were from Biba, Revolution, Roots, Dave Jones, Edie's and Jack Fraser.

Youth sought in connection with theft

MORRISBURG – November 21, police were alerted to a theft, along Westwinds Drive in Morrisburg. A vehicle, parked at a private residence, had been entered. CDs and a gold chain were stolen.

Police are looking for a young person, last seen wearing a red jacket with a black stripe, and blue jeans, in connection with this investigation.

Anyone with information in connection with this, or any other crime, is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Williamsburg Legion seeks township help

WILLIAMSBURG – The Williamsburg Legion needs all the help it can get from the township, but the township can't do any more.

At the November 16, council meeting South Dundas treasurer Lorna Seibert reported that the township had received a request from a member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 538 in Williamsburg requesting some additional assistance on Legion taxes for 2004.

"He informed me that the membership is small and that they are having a difficult time in raising tax dollars. He also told me that they are at the stage of offering their property for sale," said Seibert.

She reported that the township of South Dundas already refunds the municipal portion of taxes to all Legion branches in the township, and has since 1999.

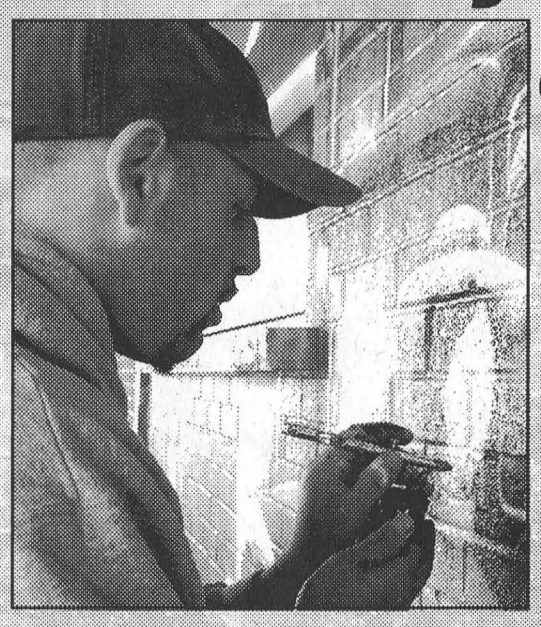
Of the total $2,125 tax levy on the Williamsburg Legion, the municipal portion refund amounts to just over $600, leaving the Legion to pay just over $1,500.

Should the township provide additional assistance, it would mean writing off the Counties and Education levies which will have to be borne by the municipality since neither the counties nor the school boards provide assistance to Legions.

"Should we assist the Williamsburg Legion, we will set a precedence to assist the other Legions and possibly other charitable organizations," said Seibert.

Council agreed with her recommendation, not to provide additional tax assistance.

Memory 'Lane' is a mural tribute to our history and community



South Dundas mural artist Mike Kelly puts a face on his vision.

MORRISBURG – Taking a stroll past the Seaway Valley Pharmacy in the Morrisburg Plaza is like taking a stroll down memory 'Lane,' thanks to the community commitment of pharmacy owners Gord and Scott Lane, and the artistic vision of Mike Kelly.

Adorning the walls and facade of the pharmacy is a mural which acts as the Lane's tribute to the past. "I did this mural because I love the murals, and I wanted to be a part of it," says Gord Lane. "And I knew right away that I wanted Mike to do this mural."

Kelly has completed five murals as part of the South Dundas mural project, and over the course of the five he says he has developed his own technique. He claims that, technically, this is his best mural.

Gord Lane played a big role in the last plaza revitalization and beautification project in Morrisburg, and he is hoping that murals will be the next big revamp.

"The purpose of the mural is to create some historic interest in our area and to show our gratitude to the many pioneers who worked hard to make this a progressive area," he says. He hopes that the mural serves to enhance and compliment the historical themes of this community, like those portrayed at Upper Canada Village.

Lane also hopes this mural will inspire other plaza business owners to follow suit and adorn their walls with similar tributes to days gone by.

Seaway Valley Pharmacy has three walls that acted as three separate canvasses for Kelly, who was happy to be painting directly on the brick. "I love working on the brick. It's very forgiving."

The facade of the building where the door is located depicts a replica 1900s pharmacy, known as an apothecary, which was moved to and restored in Niagara-on-the-Lake by the Ontario Pharmacists Association. "I kept it true to a picture supplied by Gord," says Kelly.

The rest of the mural, the north and west walls, are not actual depiction's of anything specific, only ideas, that Kelly put together. "The mural didn't just happen," says Lane. "The idea was in place, and a few photographs were included, but Mike pretty much had a free hand with this mural, and I think he did a spectacular job."

"I liked having the freedom to decide where things go, and it really worked well because when you are building something like this it takes on a life of its own," says Kelly.

"Gord told me, he liked my work, and to do what I do," says Kelly. "I appreciate someone having that much faith in my abilities."

Kelly explains that a mural is a big commitment financially, but it is also a big commitment to have something so permanent on your building. "I'd really like to thank Gord and Scott for allowing me to portray my vision on their building. He left a lot of room for my vision. More than any other mural, this is my vision," says Kelly.

The west wall of the Seaway Valley Pharmacy mural is meant to depict a typical scene from a park along the old Seaway in Morrisburg.

The north wall of the building is filled with a vast number of details to demonstrate the hustle and bustle of a boomtown. Lane says that it's not meant to be an accurate picture, with specific buildings, etc. It was meant to be a stylized / idealized portrayal of an old time busy main street from the very late 20s and very early 30s.

Lane further explains that they didn't aim for a factual representation, not out of a lack of respect, but rather to look back at a rosy picture with the fondness that everyone holds for their hometown.

"The north wall depicts the boom years in this area, which was the time of Dr. Locke," says Lane. It was depression time everywhere but this was a boomtown, because of the people travelling to be touched by the healing hands of Dr. Locke.

"You will see Dr. Locke in the mural looking at his watch. The significance, is that we'd like to think he's still 'watching' over the area," he says.

Because of the extraordinary detail layered throughout the mural, passersby won't easily tire of looking at it. Many things can be found in unexpected places. Lane says he is in the mural, but it's not where you'd expect.

One of the most unique features of this mural was the process of building it and the attention it garnered. This is by far the most centrally located mural that was completed on site throughout the months of September and October.

"I'm used to working in my studio," says Kelly, "But now I'm getting used to people watching me work. It doesn't even bother me now. They say artists are moody, and they're right, but by doing this I've gotten over that."

Kelly estimates that about 20 people a day would stop and talk to him about the project, and through the project he really got to enjoy the people and their input, and used some of their ideas. "It was one lady's idea to put McIntosh apples on the truck on the west side. I thought that was a good idea so I used it," he says. "I really appreciate the people's input."

Kelly says that this mural has brought him a lot of attention, and Lane echoed those sentiments.

"The people that stopped and watched seemed to motivate him," says Lane. "Listening to them reminisce seemed to be a big inspiration for Mike. It brought the audience closer to him than ever before, which I think is taking him to the next level in his artistic career."

Kelly and Lane both report the feedback received from passersby was extremely positive.

"I really appreciate all of the positive comments and support throughout the months I spent working on the mural," says Kelly. "I hope that everybody gets as much enjoyment out of looking at it as I did doing it."

"I've heard nothing but wonderful comments from people wishing there were more murals like this one depicting the history of Morrisburg," says Lane. "People have been nothing but pleasant and complimentary. I've had no negative feedback from the many people who watched this mural unfold."

Under the umbrella of the South Dundas Mural Project, Gord and Scott Lane were judge and jury on this mural, because they were the only financial contributors. Lane says they made in investment in dedication to the grand old days of Morrisburg.

Of the investment, Lane says, "I am thrilled with the result. It turned out better than I thought. Every time I walk by I smile and get a warm feeling."

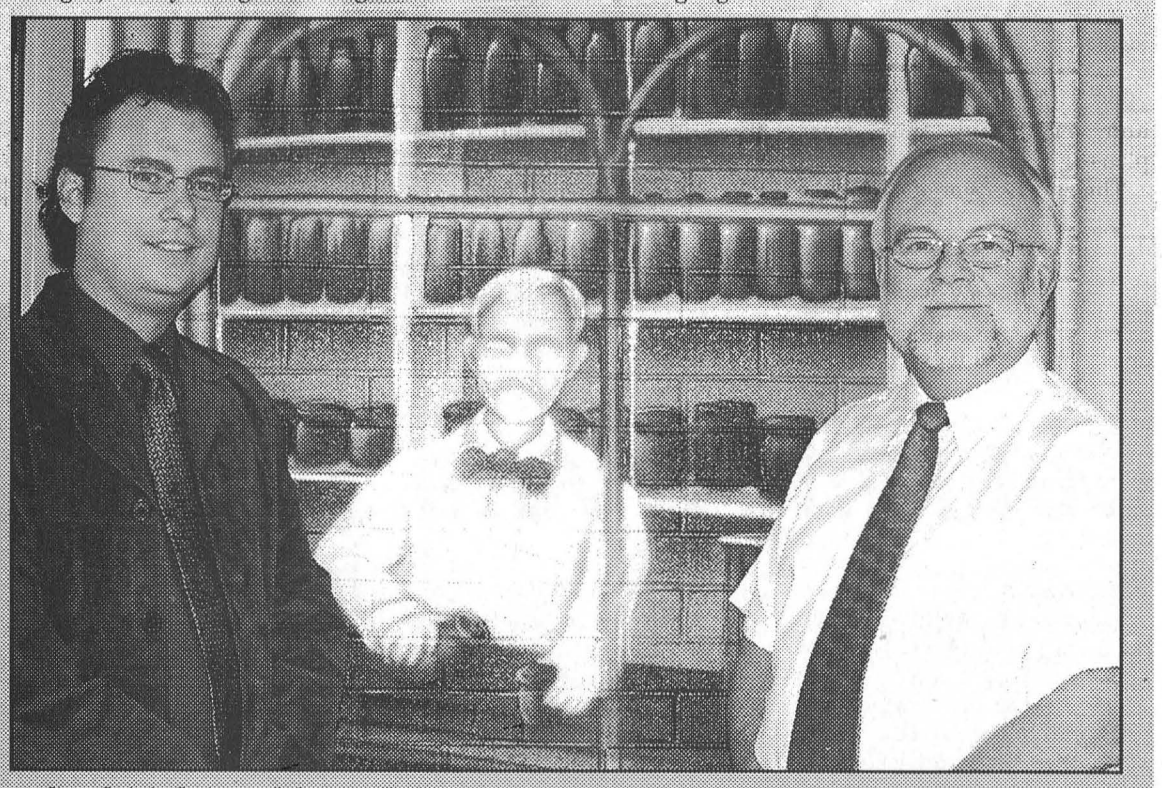
"I really hope it works as a stimulus to continue the expansion of murals (in this plaza) on the old Morrisburg theme." To go along with the mural Lane plans to add lighting and signage that follow the historical theme.

Drug stores in Morrisburg Chronologically

compiled by Lynne Cooke

1864–Medical Hall, Main Street (drugs, medicines, chemicals, paints, oils, alcohol, patent medicines, lamps shades, chimneys, school books and stationary.
1873–Central Drug Hall, Main Street (Dr. T.F. Chamberlain chemist & druggist).
1873–Medical Hall (drugs, chemicals & colours, toilet goods).
1876–telephone history began when Levi F. Selleck, druggist, stationer and telegraph operator, became the first local agent in the pharmacy with 15 subscribers.
1885–Frederick Beek Carman, pharmacist, Merkley's Block, Main Street. Entered the drugstore of Dr. T. F. Chamberlain, succeeded to the business in partner with Reuben Brown, whom he later bought out. In 1889 he sold out and went to Florida for a year, then returned and repurchased his old business. His great grandson is Steven Casselman of BIBA.
1895–Druggists F.B. Carman, L.F. Selleck, George I. Brown, C.E., Dr. W. W. Williams, V.S.
1906–David Tasker Henderson, drug store, telephone manager.
1913–D.T. Henderson Rexall Store.
1921–D.T. Henderson became Canadian National Express agent until his death in 1948.
1924–D.T. Henderson Rexall Store.
1932–Burns advertised drug store in Morrisburg and Cornwall.
1940–W.H. McNeely purchased W.C. Burns Drug Store, Meikle Block.
1942–McNeely's Drug Store - Formerly Burns Drug Store, Main Street.
1949–Malcolm Douglas (Mac) Wilson purchased the pharmacy of the late D.T. Henderson, which he operated on old Main Street until moving to the new shopping centre.
1949–Bell Telephone office moved from Wilson's Drug Store to the former public library with nearly 800 subscribers.
1953–Wilson's Drug Store.
1954–McNeely's Drug Store, Main Street. Wm. Henry McNeely pharmacist in Morrisburg for 20 years, then moved to Williamsburg where he operated McNeely's Drug Store.
1961–Wilson's Rexall Drug Store, Shopping Centre.
1975–Mac Wilson retired as a pharmacist.
1975–Seaway Valley Pharmacy purchased the pharmacy from Mac Wilson (Mrs. Wilson continued as a long time customer of the Seaway Valley Pharmacy.)
1979–Gord Lane purchased 50 percent of Seaway Valley Pharmacy.
2001–Scott Lane bought 50 percent interest in Seaway Valley Pharmacy. Both Gord and his son Scott live here in Morrisburg and plan to retire here.

***Above represents the best efforts to establish a chronological history of drug stores in Morrisburg through local residents.*



Gord (right) and Scott (left) Lane bring a mural to the heart of the plaza.

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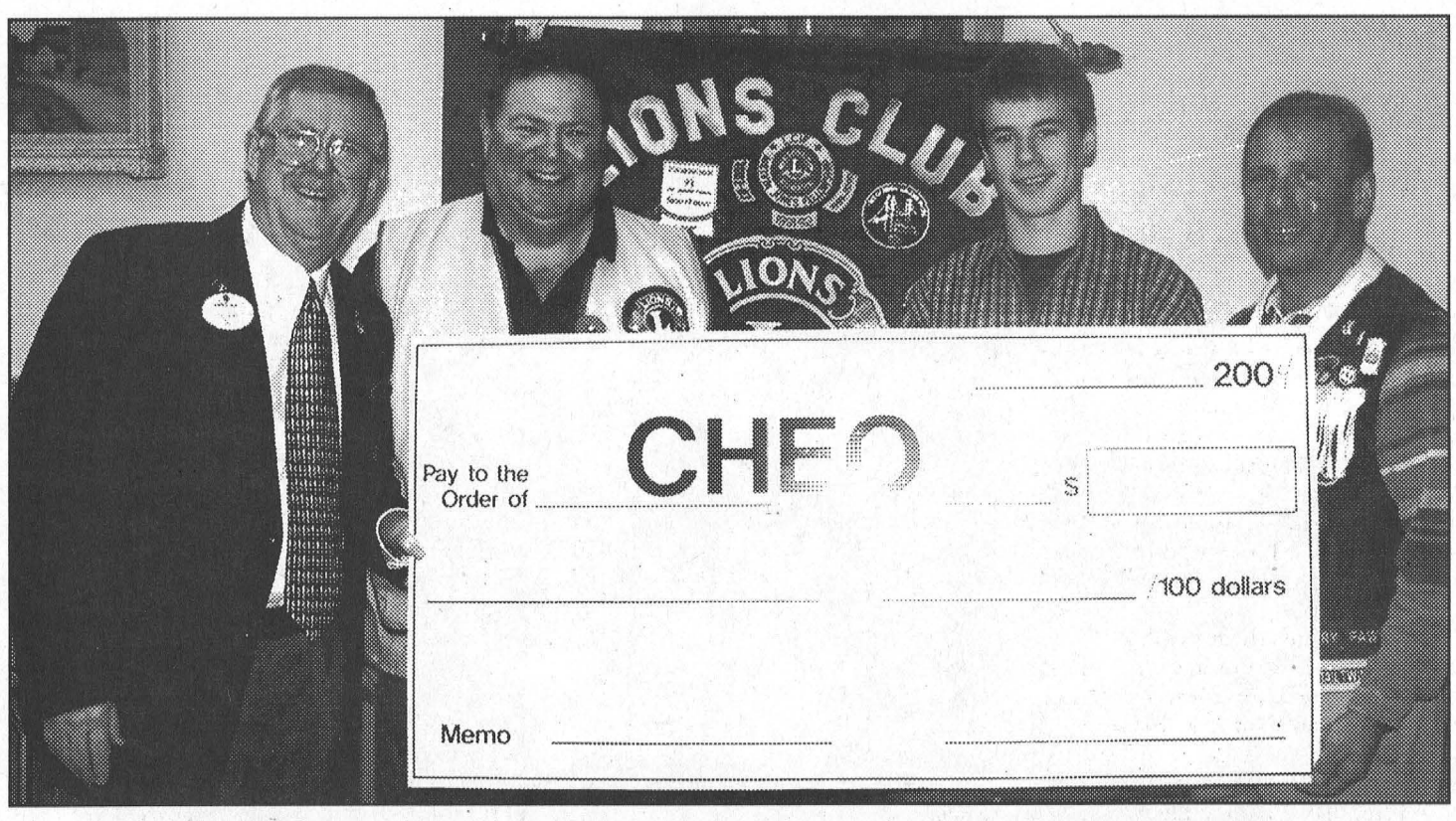

Iroquois-Matilda Lions present Ryan Williams with his biggest cheque to date

Recently, the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club heard the story of young Ryan Williams and were compelled to give. Ryan, who will be 16-years-old in February, was born with Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome, which means that his blood vessels were improperly formed. There is no cure, and treatment for Ryan has so far meant about 30 surgeries. The use of a Holmium Laser, makes the surgery less painful, but there is no such equipment here. Ryan is trying to change that. He set out two years ago to raise the $200,000 necessary to purchase a Holmium Laser for CHEO. Lions Club member Barry Fawcett brought Ryan to the attention of the club. "I know Ryan's family, and I knew of his story and I thought it was an interesting way to help." Lions Club president Paul Robertson said, "When he was brought to our attention we felt the need was there, and everyone was in favour of helping this definitely worthwhile cause." The Lions decided on a large $5,000 donation because they were impressed with the Ryan's campaign. "It's nice to see a young lad doing something good in the community," said Fawcett. Ryan says this donation is big. "I've never had this much money just handed over to me." With the $5,000 from the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, Ryan has so far raised $45,000 towards the purchase. Pictured above are David M. Voisey, Lions' district governor, Paul Robertson, Ryan Williams, and Barry Fawcett.

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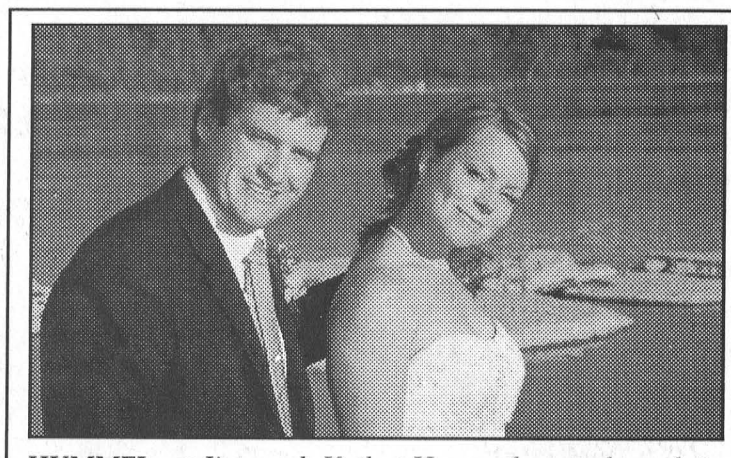

HUMMEL – Jim and Kathy Hummel are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Tim to Kathy, daughter of Bud & Evie Knezevich of Niagara Falls, Ont. The beautiful afternoon ceremony took place on the dock at Tim and Kathy's home in Westmeath, Ont. on Sept. 4/04. The bride was attended by her sister, Aime Dilibero and the groom's best man was close friend, Martin De Toit.

– We wish Tim and Kathy a long and happy life together.

Disappointing tourist season

ALEXANDRIA BAY, NY–The 1000 Islands International Tourism Council's survey of tourism businesses revealed that Summer 2004 was a weaker than average season for tourist operators around the region.

More businesses expressed disappointment in their season than in four previous surveys. While 30% of operators expressed disappointment, 29% said they were satisfied and 41% said they were pleased.

The summer got off to a slow start, with only 25% saying June business was strong. As has been the trend, August was the strongest month with 63% of those surveyed reporting strong business.

Operators in both New York and Ontario expressed similar levels of satisfaction, although more Canadians saw this year as better than last. Last year, SARS, Mad Cow Disease and other factors hurt tourism across Canada.

According to Gary DeYoung, the Council's Executive Director, while the survey answers point to less-than-satisfactory seasons year to year, businesses are still optimistic about the future of tourism in the region, with three-quarters seeing improvements over the next five years for their own businesses.

"The fact that businesses in the regional tourism industry are predicting improvements for the individual operations, while struggling with a host of negative impacts now, is a signal to us that tourism as a whole is one of the strongest, most sustainable industries for our region and its public and private sector investors."

The weather was a clear factor on this years summer tourism. While 25% of operators said the weather was a positive factor this year, over three-quarters had said it was a positive factor in 2001 and 2002. Retailers and food service businesses generally had more positive views of the weather than attractions and recreational businesses.

Canadian operators saw the strengthening Canadian dollar as having a negative impact. This year only 24% of Canadian responses thought the exchange rate had a positive impact, as compared to 78% seeing a positive impact in 2002.

This year, the survey asked about the seasonality of tourism operations. Over half of those that answered the survey said that they were open on a seasonal basis, with Americans being more likely to be seasonal than Canadians. Overall, 45% said that 80% or more of their business takes place from June-August. When asked about ranking priorities for promoting other seasons, operators generally indicated Spring as needing the most additional promotion.

The 1000 Islands International Tourism Council mailed the survey to about 900 operators in the region. A total of 279 usable surveys were returned representing operators from throughout the St. Lawrence Valley in eastern Ontario and Jefferson County, New York.

14-year-old girl charged with assault

IROQUOIS – An investigation by SD&G OPP into an assault during school lunch hour November 22, at the Iroquois mall has resulted in criminal charges against one person.

A 14-year-old South Dundas female has been charged with assault causing bodily harm against another 15-year-old girl, who was taken to the Winchester Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Court has been set for January 27, 2005 in Cornwall.

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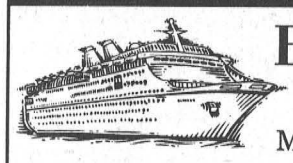

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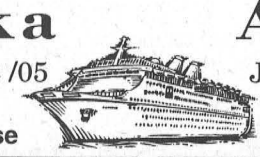

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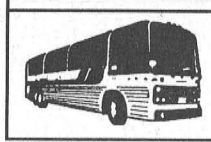

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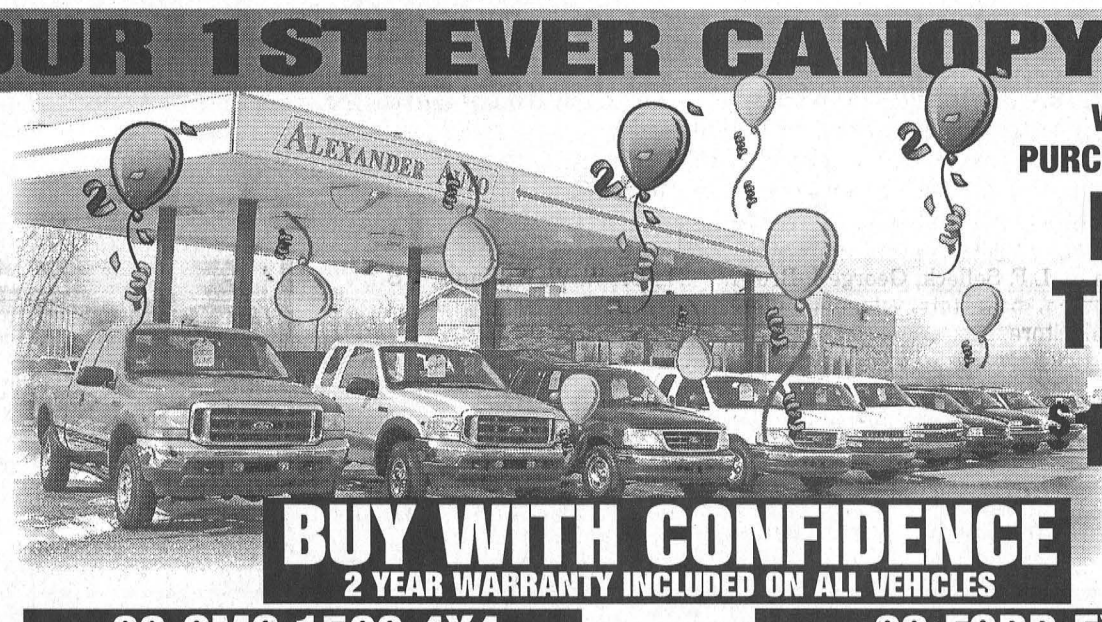

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Why do today what you can do tomorrow

It's November. That month when it's dark in the morning, and dark when you go home from work. That month when we almost always see more cloudy days than days bursting with sunshine. That month when everything is barren, brown and dull, and the cooler temperatures and frosty nights warn us there is much worse ahead. To make matters worse, we celebrate, or more truthfully, try not to celebrate a birthday during the month of November.

Generally, a day in November in the newsroom means that by about 2 p.m. we are "all thought out and wrote out" and feel like stretching back and catching a short nap. That would be fine, except on a Tuesday such as today, when the one item we have not yet written is the weekly editorial. This is generally the piece that is left to the very last every week, as one of us tries to figure out what topic we should express our opinion on to the public.

And guess what. We are sitting here looking at the computer screen. It is dark outside. It is dull and we are tired having spent an entire day on the computer resizing every article we wrote. Quite frankly, we can't think of a single opinion on a single subject that we want to share with anyone.

So the topic we are chosing is procrastination until this space is filled, just like we've procrastinated the rest of this dreary month. We've left our work to the last minute, Christmas shopping has not begun (we don't every know what to buy), decorations are still in their boxes in the attic, our leaves aren't raked nor our flower beds cleaned. The fall house cleaning is yet but a future plan on which we plan to procrastinate for a lengthy period of time. So for the month of November we've come up with the motto: Why do today, what you can put off until tomorrow.

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This very old photo was taken by photographer S.B. Fell, of Morrisburg, Ontario. If anyone recognizes any of the subjects, Diane Fox, Mountain, Ontario, 989-2166, would like to hear from you.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is coming to town. That's right. Santa is scheduled to make a stop right here in the village of Morrisburg for his annual ride in the Santa Claus parade, this year set to take place on Saturday, December 4. Parade organizer, George Davies, says everything is falling into place and the only other thing he needs to make this year's parade a whopping success, is all of those thousands of us who live in South Dundas to crowd onto the streets of Morrisburg and offer up our appreciation of that jolly old elf and his many supporters.

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Speaking of Santa and the holiday spirit, we encourage everyone thinking about attending the Upper Canada Playhouse's production of Norm Foster's Dear Santa to get your tickets early. We were at a press conference with the cast last week, and we just know this is one nobody is going to want to miss. The show opens this Thursday night and tickets can be purchased by calling the Playhouse box office at 543-3713.

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Coming up tomorrow night, Thursday, November 25 the public is invited to the Morrisburg Library at 7:30 p.m. when Anne Marie Shields, author of "Lost Villages, Found Communities" will be reading from her book. Shields is a retired teacher, counselor, and school principal whose love for the natural beauty of this region, the people and her appreciation of our rich Canadian history were a source of inspiration for "Lost Villages, Found Communities: A Pictorial History of the Lost Villages of the St. Lawrence Seaway". Her book tells the story of some of the founders of this area and their contribution to our Canadian heritage. It highlights the geography of the St. Lawrence River and its history, some unique Eastern Ontario architectural features, the Seaway and Power project and its impact on the riverside communities which resulted in the creation of the Lost Villages.

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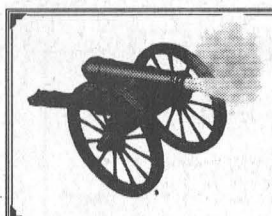
Coming up Saturday night, is Seaway High's Trivia night at the Morrisburg Legion. If you are looking to pick up a little knowledge stop in.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1994

Headlines in the November 23 issue read: Reeve McGregor blasts auditor's report. Morrisburg water safe to drink. A Queen's Park report from the office of Ontario Auditor Erik Peters listed Cornwall, Long Sault, Newington, Ingleside, Iroquois and Morrisburg among 151 of 490 Ontario water treatment plants not living up to provincial standards. A number of modifications had been made to the distribution system in Morrisburg, and a regular maintenance system was put in place to monitor bacteria and chlorine levels hourly.

The BIA in Morrisburg had purchased a Carillon system for the clock tower in the Morrisburg Shopping Plaza.

The parishioners of St. Mary's in Morrisburg were preparing to celebrate their 150th anniversary in 1995. Father Timothy Shea said many special events were in the planning stages.

1984

The November 21 issue reported the Morrisburg planning board had given Peter Swank site plan approval, paving the way for the construction of a four-storey, 12-unit apartment complex immediately west of the Morrisburg Legion.

After travelling 15,000 kilometers across the province, the Bicentennial Stone was brought to its final resting place in the new Queen's Bicentennial Gardens at Upper Canada Village.

Iroquois Village council was one of the first municipalities in the area to take advantage of a Smiths Falls company's offer to provide cable television to Eastern Ontario households.

Wayne Gurnhill won the 1984 Big Buck contest sponsored by Charlie's Sport Shop. He received the Trevor Crowder Memorial Trophy and $60 for his 142-pound, six point buck harvested in the Calabogie area.

1974

Headlines in the November 22 issue reported that Charlie Crober chaired the all-candidates meeting organized by the Morrisburg Chamber of Commerce. Current councillors Bob Bright and Bill Dillabough, who were seeking election to the reeve's chair both spoke, as did reeve Earl Baker who was not seeking re-election. C.F. McInnis, Al Belanger and Fred Hill had all been acclaimed as councillors, as had deputy-reeve Edwin Jones.

1964

Headlines on the front page of the November 20 issue read: DuPont buys 1,200 acres here. The property purchased extended along the St. Lawrence, and north to the CNR main line forming an irregularly-shaped block bordering Morrisburg on the west and Riverside Heights on the east. Most of the land was acquired from the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. Mr. Carl Reinke, manager of DuPont's Public Relations Department said it would be about a year before the company definitely decided which of its many products would be manufactured at the new location.

At a conference of the Eastern Ontario Development Association, the Industrial Award of Merit was presented to Caldwell Linen Mills for its outstanding contribution to the economic growth of Iroquois. In the past four years, the number of employees had risen from 272 in 1960, to 564 in 1964.

A stabilization pond to handle excess sewage was under construction along the shore of the St. Lawrence west of Hoasic Creek. The 10 acre lagoon was a comparatively new operation for sewage disposal.

1954

Headlines in the November 26 issue read: Mass Compensation Meeting to Be Held in Morrisburg, Monday. Perhaps the most important mass land grab deal since this Seaway Valley area was taken from the Indians is now on our doorstep. Some alarming statements have been uttered by Robert H. Saunders, among them a statement to Osnabruck Council that someone is bound to get hurt by this development. The unanswered question is "should any of those who have lived in this area, been good citizens, and contributed to the development of this whole Province suffer financially as a result of this project?"

George E. Beavers, G. William Gorrell and A. Wallace Guay were running for reeve in Morrisburg and for councillors, voters would choose from 11 candidates.

In Williamsburg Township, Bernice Froats, Donald Kyle, Charles Marselis and E.A. Van Allen were running for the reeve's seat and 13 individuals were vying for council seats.

In Matilda Township, Orval Seeley, Allan Farlinger, Mahlon Zeron, John Thompson, Alfred Deeks, John McGowan and Harold Boyd were running for Reeve.

1944

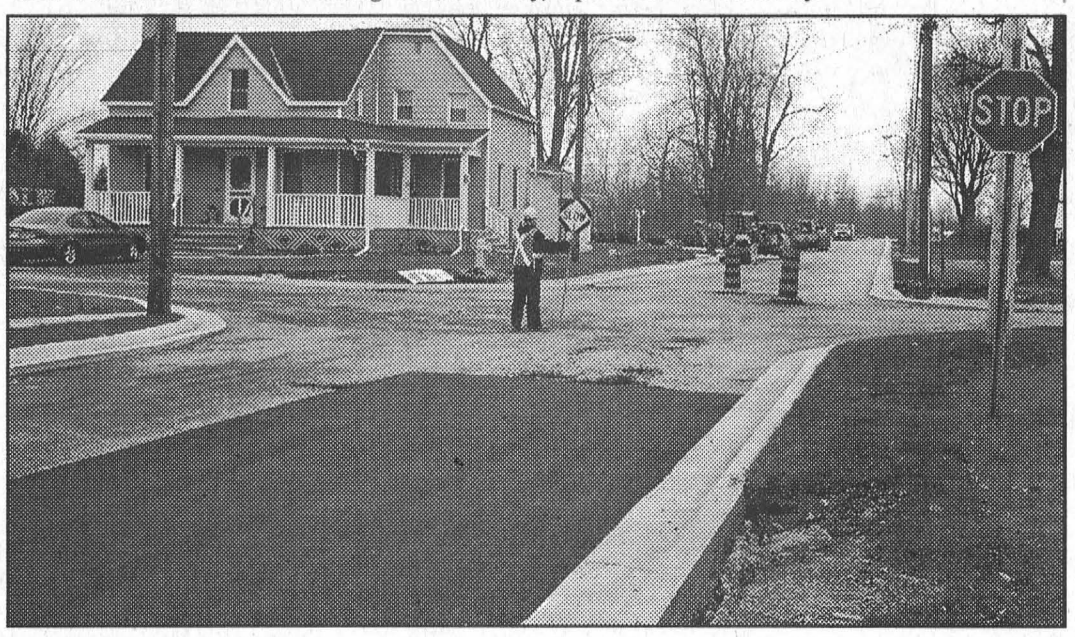
Printed in the November 17 issue was a letter from George E. Beavers to the property owners of the Village of Morrisburg. During the upcoming municipal election, property owners would vote on a bylaw that would grant a fixed assessment for the properties used by George Beavers for manufacturing purposes. The bylaw would fix his assessment for manufacturing purposes for 10 years at $1,800, which was double his assessment in the last roll. "I have been offered good inducements to leave Morrisburg and take my business to other towns. In addition to my present industries making medicines, tooth and dental brushes, I am establishing a new industry in Canada to manufacture scientific instruments which require considerable capital investment. My payroll in 1944, will be approximately $25,000. I consider Morrisburg my home and would like to grow with the village.

Lying wounded in a grain field for two and a half days, deceiving Nazi soldiers into thinking he had been killed, Tpr. George Robinson of Morrisburg was finally rescued. His tank was hit, killing two crew members instantly. Three including Robinson jumped out. When one was shot and killed, Robinson fell too and pretended he was dead. The third was taken prisoner. "I stayed for about six hours, then I crawled through a grain field toward our lines." He was spotted again and shot in the hip. "I guess they thought I was really dead this time. I laid their for two days and a half before Polish troops caught up to me and took me to a hospital."



Augusta Street Construction on Its Last Legs *McNairn photos*

The pavers moved into place last week as the final stages of the Augusta Street reconstuction got underway, spelling the end of about four months of disruption for the occupants of some 55 residences. A raw watermain was installed under the street allowing water to be pumped from the St. Lawrence to the new Morrisburg-Iroquois Water plant still under construction on the north side of Highway 2. In addition to the watermain, a new sewer line was also installed. The end result is a street, the envy of most other streets in Morrisburg, complete with a new sidewalk and curving and obviously, a pot-hole free roadway.



Are we there yet?

When I was a child, my father used to take us on beautiful long car trips. Once we travelled to New York through the hills of Pennsylvania. On another journey we went around Cape Breton's Cabot Trail, and one summer, we discovered the north shore of Lake Superior.

Being a normal "kid", I would grow impatient along the way and relentlessly inquire, "How much farther is it Dad?" My father would reply, "We're almost there...just a few more miles." This exchange would be repeated over and over until our arrival. Honestly, I don't know how my Dad put up with me over hundreds and hundreds of miles, the question coming to him again and again, but one thing is certain: I never doubted his word or his promise that we were going to get there.

Perspectives

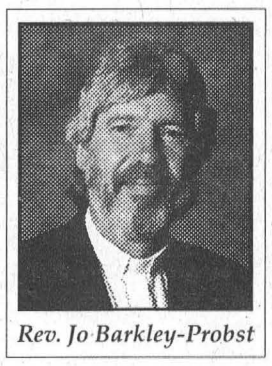
No matter how long the journey, I always trusted that:
a. Dad knew where he was going,
b. we had enough gas for the trip, and
c. it was going to be wonderful when we finally got there.

Life is often compared to a journey. We don't always know where we're going until we get there. Along the way, our prayers can resemble the child asking: "How much farther is it Dad?" Sometimes we simply have to wait.

Experience teaches us to sit back and enjoy the view as we travel through brilliant sunshine or pouring rain, through open fields or wooded glens, past tall trees swaying in the breeze, or ocean vistas with sunlight dancing on the waves. Whatever the view out our window, it's comforting to talk to the driver even if it is only to ask "Are we there yet?"

For those with ears to listen, the reply can be heard:

"It's just a few more miles my child.
Sit back, and enjoy the view.
You're not alone, you know.
Just look at all the others out here
on the King's highway.
They're on the way too.
Just sit tight child, continue to pray
and don't lose heart.
Have a little faith.
Trust that I know where all this is leading.
Know that I care for you just as Jesus said.
Look to the hills and know that I am with you.
And leave the answering of your prayers
to me."



Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst

Faith teaches us to trust that:
a. God knows where he taking us
b. there is enough Grace to last an eternity, and
c. it will be wonderful when we get there.

That's the beauty of being in communion with God.

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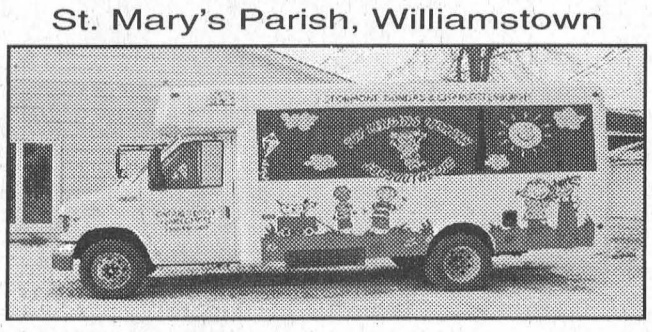

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Roll of copper wire is stolen

IROQUOIS - A theft from a Trans Canada Pipe Lines construction site in the English Road area of South Dundas Township resulted in the theft of a 30 inch roll of copper wire, valued at approximately $1,500. Const. A. Gagnon is investigating.

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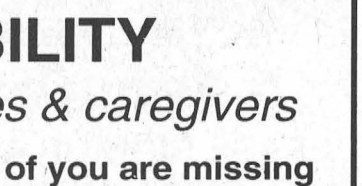

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Township asks for public opinion about ATV use

Initial input inconclusive

WILLIAMSBURG – The initial response to the township's query for input on implementing an ATV policy has been limited.

The township requested input from their insurance company, which has suggested a few key items that township officials need to take into account when considering a policy.

According to a memo from the insurance company, "if it becomes apparent that claims are arising regularly out of this change in road use we expect the insurance companies will ask who has passed a bylaw allowing this use and then make additional charges to offset the anticipated claims."

The memo says, "the mix of regular autos and ATVs on the roads will clash and accidents will result which will be more severe in nature than automobile to automobile accidents due to the unprotected nature of the rider, leading to very high claims settlements due to the cost and permanent nature of long term care for severely injured persons."

According to the insurance company, "a total inspection and review of the suitability of each and every road would be mandatory before allowing this use so that the municipality would have written records to use as a defense in the courts showing they considered the hazards and dealt with them in prudent fashion."

It was also pointed out that they are not aware of specific standards for allowing ATV use on roads, but "feel the possibility of successfully defending any action is much reduced."

In addition, first respondents to the township on the matter of a potential ATV policy have listed a number of concerns.

One respondent urged council to consider carefully the impact of such a policy in light of the potential for property damage, the diversion of police from more important matters and the potentially detrimental interference with snowmobile clubs and their landowners.

Another respondent said that she was "very uncomfortable with the concept of ATVs sharing the public roads," and said it was too soon for an ATV use policy to be put in place, and that it is "neither required nor necessary."

A couple of Williamsburg residents also expressed their opposition.

One said, "council has a responsibility to ensure public roads are safe. Allowing ATVs on the roads will create unnecessary perils for motorists travelling the roads as well as for the users of ATVs with a false sense of security."

The other Williamsburg resident said, "by opening our roads and streets to ATVs you decrease the safety on those streets and in turn decrease the standard of living within the township. Additionally, by opening our roads and streets to ATVs you can expect outside ATV users to gravitate to South Dundas Township to enjoy the blacktop which they are unable to access in other municipalities. Noise here may become an issue."

A letter in favour of allowing ATVs on township roads said, "As an ATV owner I am in favour of driving on township roads and streets in order to get to trails where ATVs are permitted. I realize that owning an ATV does not give anyone the right to trespass."

The above feedback received by the township as of November 16, represents less than half a percent of the total population of South Dundas.

Courting a vote, ATV use committee

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review unnecessary, in his opinion.

"I have always stood by ATVs being allowed on all township roads, but they shouldn't travel on unopened road allowances. That should be the only exception," said Whitteker.

Strader said that they would eventually like to have a South Dundas ATV club. "I thought we were going about it the right way. Before we invest all that time and energy, we need to know about the roads."

"What's wrong with putting a bylaw into effect and then updating it? Let's get something off the ground so we have a foundation to start with. I am asking for a very simple plan. We need to vote on this. We do it or we don't."

Councillor Sandra Bailey then asked if there was a policy in North Dundas or if they had a club.

After answering no, Strader explained that a group, of which he was a part, met with the CAO to help get a simple plan off the ground. "I thought we had major progress, but we have a problem with decisions."

"You can do this," he told council.

Van Allen suggested that maybe they could do something at the next meeting, and then hedged saying he would like to hear more input about specific roads.

"I think passing a bylaw for all roads is going backwards. Can we not have it right first? Do you have problem with forming a committee to look at it?" he asked Strader.

"I am not in disagreement with forming a committee to get this to go," he responded. "What do we have to do next? We would like to work with you people on this, if that's what you really want." Strader then asked council if they could give him a date for the first committee meeting.

Bailey suggested that Brown could meet with them and organize something, set up a date, and get back to them.

Strader pressed for something more concrete, and Brown suggested that he could call him the next morning with a date.

Strader pointed out that while this township is waiting to do something ATV users are taking their money elsewhere. "There are all kinds of areas in South Dundas for ATVs to drive. If we happen to be proactive and move forward then we could have organized trails. Let's be proactive and set an example for other townships."

Before leaving the table Strader asked for a little affirmation from council, "Are we moving forward with this?"

"We will look at it and bring it back to council," said Van Allen. "We will form a committee and report back to this body that has to make the bylaw."

"Are we doing this to get something done or to go through the motions?" Strader again asked.

"We want to come up with a reasonable solution," said Van Allen vaguely.

Councillor Sandra Bailey then said, "To answer your question Mr. Strader, it would not be an exercise in futility."

"Why don't we just set a date for the meeting tonight," said councillor Johnny Whitteker, "We're all present."

They set a tentative date this month. "If nothing else I've got a meeting out of a meeting. I'm satisfied," said Strader.

No BRAND money yet

WILLIAMSBURG – The township of South Dundas can see the BRAND money for the South Dundas fibre/wireless expansion hanging in the balance, but they can't seem to get to it.

The application is in the final stage with Industry Canada, which requires that their internal review board meet for final approval.

The meeting was originally scheduled for November 4, but was then rescheduled to November 18, for "internal reasons."

Township CAO Andy Brown reported this week, that the meeting did not go ahead as scheduled. "Friday, I was informed that at the last minute the meeting was cancelled again."

Brown only knows that the meeting didn't happen. He does not yet know when it will take place.

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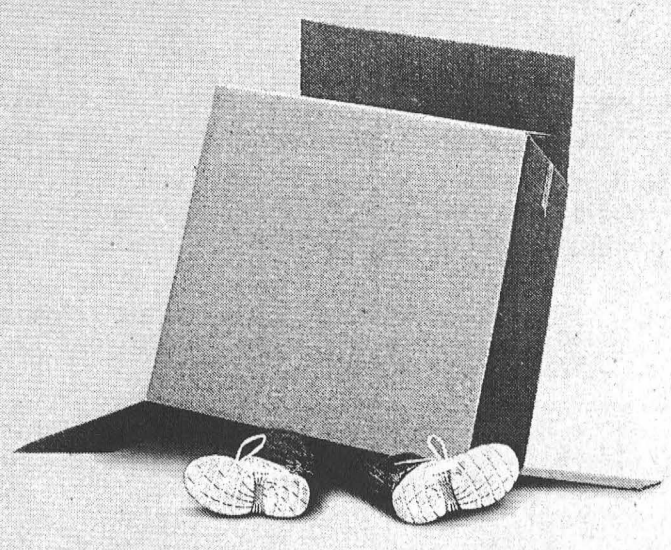

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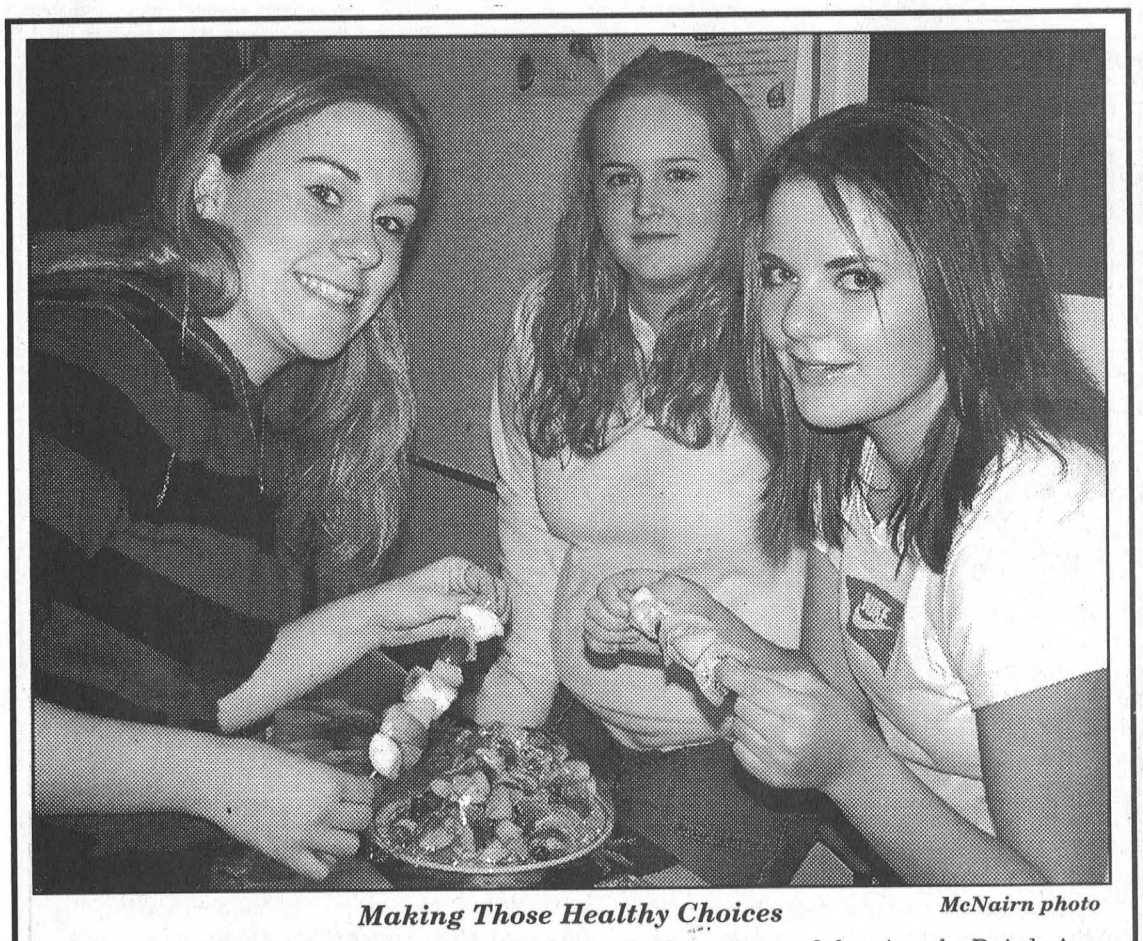


Making Those Healthy Choices *McNairn photo*

The Seaway District High School Healthy Lifestyle Committee of, l-r, Angela Baird, Amy Myers and Lorraine Baylis, were dishing out "fruit kebobs" during the school's lunchtime last Thursday. The purchase of a "fruit kebob" also entitled the buyer to a healthy eating guide. "We are promoting healthy choice at lunchtime," said public health nurse Suzanne Grisel who works with the committee which is under the direction of teacher Brenda Como. Also on hand at the lunchtime health fair which coincided with Drug Awareness Week was Julie Ethier of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. The theme for Drug Awareness Week was "to talk. Don't sweat the small things. The intent is to get youth to talk to parents about the small things, then the bigger things won't be as hard to discuss." Ethier explained that teenagers often have difficulty speaking about the problem(s) they are experiencing in their relationships, friendships and schoolwork.

More trouble with youth

WILLIAMSBURG – Trouble with youth calls in South Dundas are up from 12 in October 2003 to 21 in October 2004.

OPP Sgt. Linda Bootsma reported at the November 16, South Dundas council meeting that police had a number of calls in the month of October at the high school in Iroquois or related to students during school hours.

She said they had also received a number of skateboarding complaints in Iroquois, however when police arrived the skateboarders were gone.

Bootsma reported that skateboarders are allowed to skateboard at any establishment that gives them permission, but permission is not generally granted during business hours because it is a hazard to customers.

"There is a skateboard park in Morrisburg," said councillor Sandra Bailey.

Bootsma pointed out that the complaints were all from Iroquois not Morrisburg.

Other trouble with youth problems have involved mailbox damage, commonly known as mailbox baseball. Bootsma reported that one youth was caught and made restitution.

She said that restitution is common in youth cases, where the youth has no previous record, and has committed a property crime.

"It sounds like a good way to handle it," said councillor Johnny Whitteker.

Mayor Lyle Van Allen was very concerned that even when restitution is ordered, he seemed to think that it is often not done.

"We would expect the victim to let us know if restitution wasn't done," said Bootsma, who was unaware of the situations Van Allen had described.

You can't always get what you want

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas council told the counties what they want, but they aren't going to get it.

South Dundas council requested that the speed limit along County Road 2 through Iroquois be reduced to 60 km/h, and extended to encompass the Brinston Road and Carman Road intersections.

They received a response from SD&G County Engineer, Don McDonald, at their November 16, regular council meeting.

"The recommendation is no change to the existing speed limits. Although this is not the action you requested, we trust you can appreciate the reasoning behind our recommendation," he said.

According to the report, the speed limit, originally set by the province, is reasonable for this road which they say is basically straight and rural, with good sight lines, and well constructed curves.

"The road does not look as if a lower speed limit is required. It is doubtful that reasonable drivers will consider a speed limit below that already in existence as reasonable. Speed limits that are set below 'reasonable' engender disrespect for other posted speed limits," reported McDonald.

Mayor Lyle Van Allen reported that the counties have not yet voted on McDonald's recommendation. "We were able to stall it."

Councillor Johnny Whitteker said the counties will be coming up with a new policy shortly, and this township request will then be included at that time.

Officer honoured

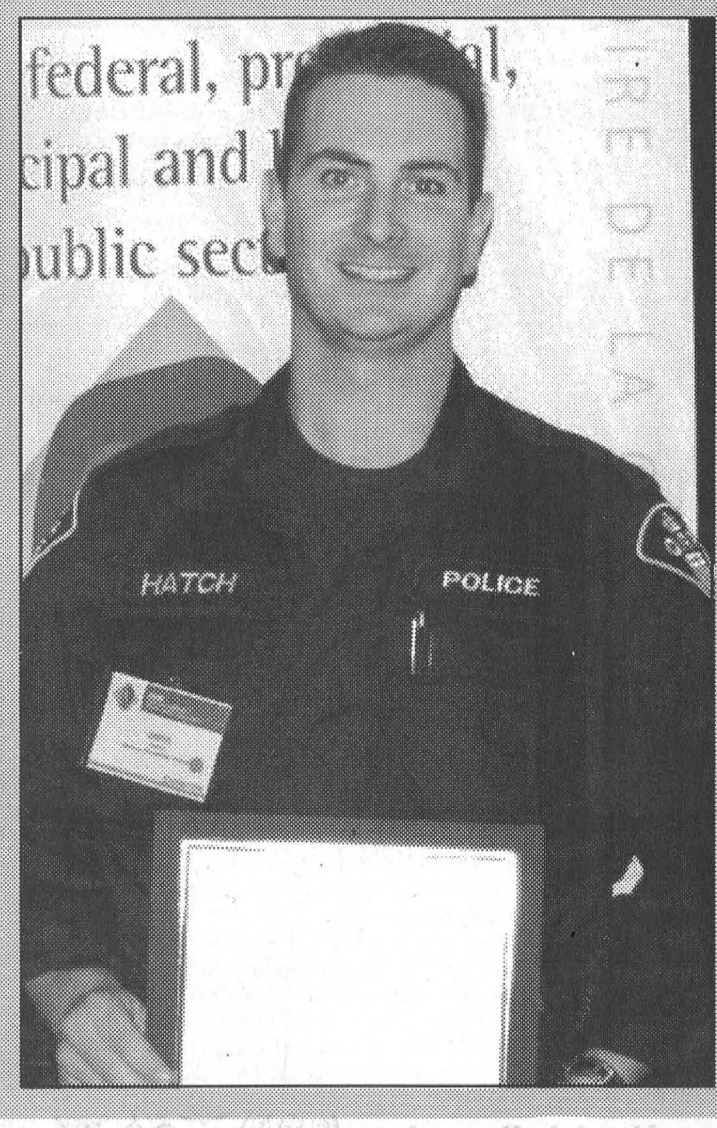
TORONTO – SD&G OPP Constable, and member of the Eastern Region Emergency Response Team, John Hatch was recently honoured at a provincial public works presentation.

Hatch received recognition for his work in the development of the "Search and Rescue Pre-Plans in Dementia Care" project, a joint initiative of the Eastern Region Emergency Response Team and the Alzheimer Society of Cornwall and District.

A search and rescue preplan manual was developed for use by long-term care facilities that house patients with dimentia that are at risk of wandering.

The manual includes demential and wandering risk information, templates for detailed patient profile forms, staff strategies for dealing with potential wanderers, and policies for responding to a missing person incident.

This proactive preplanning greatly enhances search and rescue effort and is crucial to improving the chances of survival of the missing dimentia patient.



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Motivational speaker talks to Seaway High students

IROQUOIS– "Two hundred years ago you weren't here, and 200 years from now you won't be here. This is a one-time opportunity at your life."

These were just some of the many inspirational messages delivered last Wednesday by motivational speaker Eric Deegan of Nova Scotia to the student population of Seaway District High School.

Deegan began by telling the students of his success which has enabled him to own homes in Australia and Nova Scotia and a condo in Ontario, in addition to cars, horses, a motor home and a boat.

He explained too, that to get to where he is today wasn't always easy.

"When I was 11 years old I came home from school and my mother had committed suicide. I held her for eight minutes as she took her final breath."

He went on to explain how his father left him and his brothers, and how he spend his youth in nine foster homes, "some good, some terrible." He also dealt with the suicide of two brothers.

He recalled experiences while playing college football and junior hockey where he learned, "attitude is a disease."

After reading a newspaper article about the teenage generation he decided he, "wanted to do something to tell people that teenagers in Canada are awesome."

That something was to run across Canada in 1994 from the west coast to the east coast. When he started out he was unable to garner much support but that changed as the run went on.

During the run that took 10 months Deegan ran in the morning and spoke at schools in the afternoons.

"I don't believe in luck," he told the students at Seaway which became the 867th school he has spoken at. "You have to prepare for your opportunity to come. By the time I went across Canada the whole thing was paid for."

After the run, he began to speak to people about doing something with their lives which was the start down the path to his success.

"People will often shoot themselves in the foot on their opportunities. They will often set themselves up not to be successful."

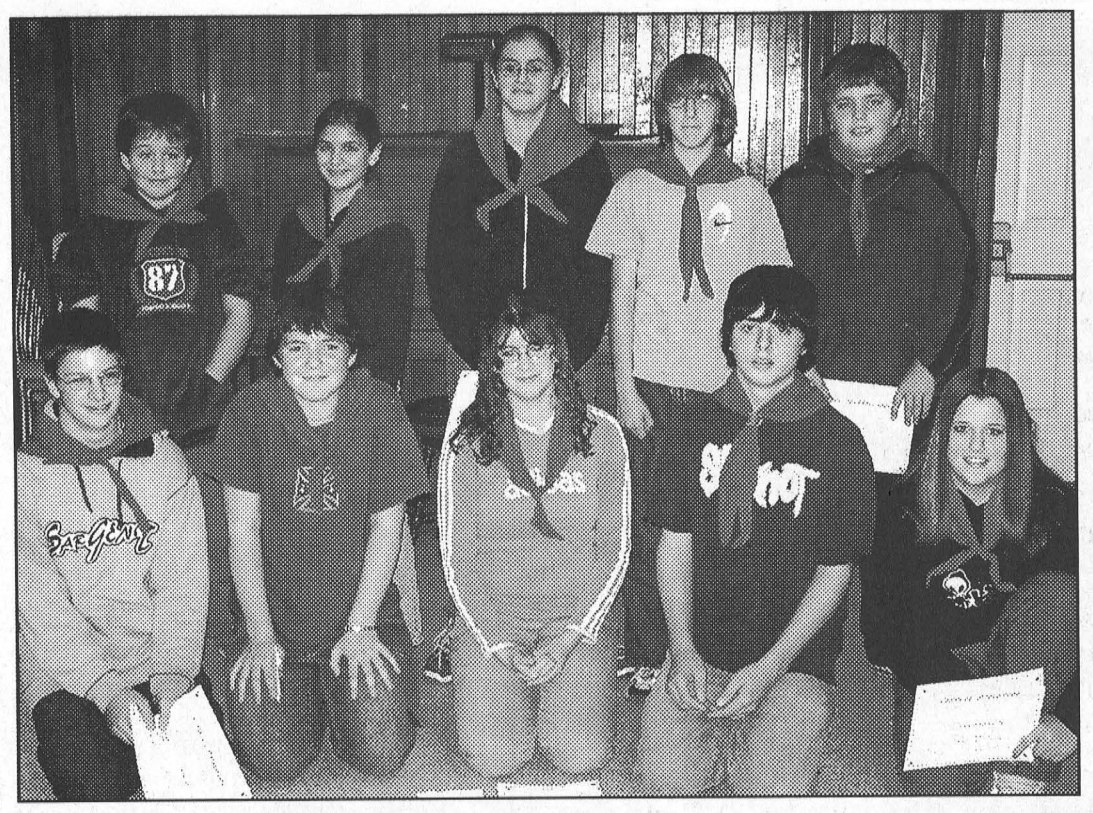
"In North America, we should be some of the happiest people on earth. We have so much, yet I am constantly dealing with suicide, drug problems, financial problems..."

He delivered to the students the philosophy that, "I cannot change yesterday, it's gone. I cannot change tomorrow, it's not here. What I have is today."

"Life is really where you want to go. So write down your dreams and pursue those dreams."

"Life is really how you view it and where you want to go with it. The brain is a powerful tool."

"I have met a ton of amazing teenagers who are doing wonderful things. There is a path to success. Write down your dream and go for it."



1st Williamsburg Baden-Powell Scout Association

The first Baden-Powell Scout Association formed this fall in Williamsburg, and last Monday night the first group of youth was invested as Explorers. Front row, l-r, members of the 1st Williamsburg Baden-Powell Scout Association include Alex Berseth, Megan Prunner, Emma Vaughan, Anthony Johnston and Stacey Johnston. Back, l-r are, Michelle Merkley, Amanda Lalonde, Jenny Vaughan, David Jansen and Colin French. Brent Winterburn was absent.

Return to Scouting basics

WILLIAMSBURG – Scouting history was made in Williamsburg on Monday, November 15 when members of the 1st Williamsburg Baden-Powell Scout Association were invested as Explorers.

The new group is led by Gerry Robinson who has 23 years of Scouting leadership experience and Joanne Jansen who has been involved in Guides for nine years.

"We have jumped ship from Scouts Canada," explained Robinson. "The Baden-Powell Scout Association goes back to the brass roots of scouting."

"There are more outdoor activities, and that is where the kids should be. It gets them away from indoor meetings and away from their computers. We are going to teach them more respect for the outdoors."

The Baden-Powell Scout program involves the earning of badges. Participants work through various levels including: Otters, Timberwolves, Explorers and Sr. Explorers (combined), and Rovers.

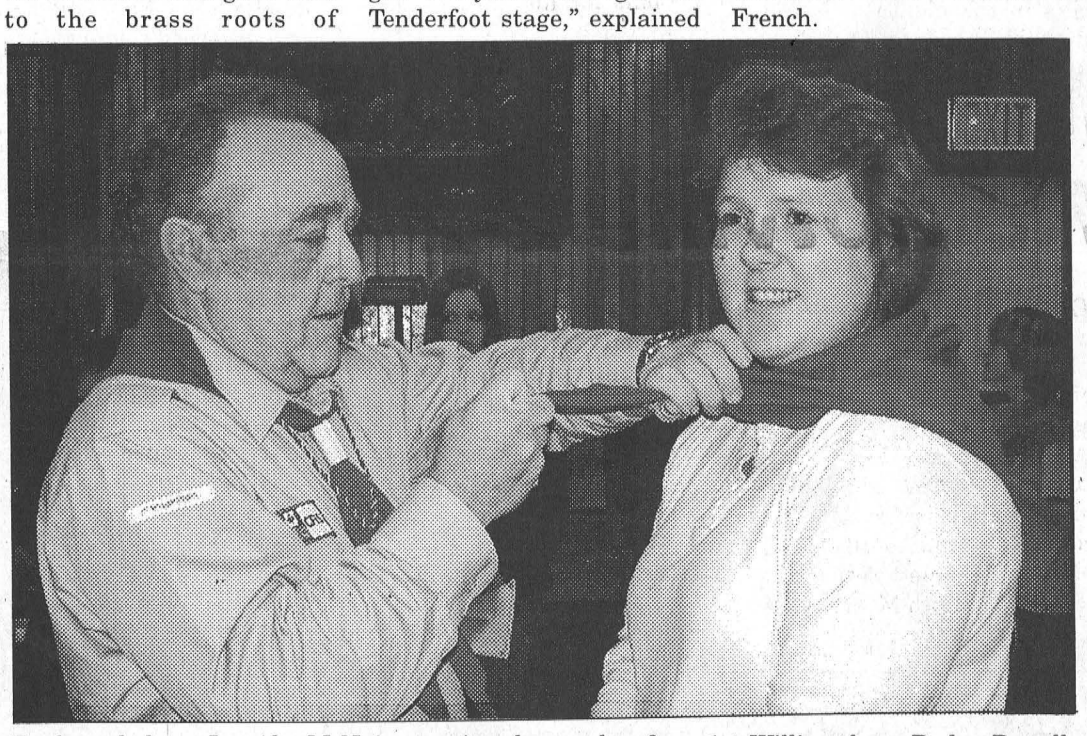
The 1st Williamsburg started in the fall, and "we got everyone through the Tenderfoot stage," explained Robinson. "Now it changes. We are going to move on."

"It is going well," says Jansen of the first couple of months. "We've created our own camp to accommodate our kids."

Jansen says, she has enjoyed the change. "It's a challenge. It's more outdoors, and that is me."

For the investiture each participant was required to know The Scout Law and to recite The Scout Promise.

Assisting Robinson and Jansen are Explorer helpers Tracey McCallom, Jennifer McNairn and Cameron French.



Explorer helper, Jennifer McNairn receives her necker from 1st Williamsburg Baden-Powell Scout Association Explorer leader Gerry Robinson.

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Leader Sports & Leisure

Shaky start for Peewee B Lions

MORRISBURG – The start of the hockey season was a little shaky for the South Dundas Peewee B Lions, but lately they have rebounded.

They lost in exhibition games 6-1 to Charlan, 7-6 to Long Sault and tied Winchester 2-2.

The next game played was a league game that had the Lions back in Williamstown to face Charlan. The Lions lost 10-3.

Adam Tindal scored two of the Lions goals and Matt McNairn scored the other. Assists were credited to Austin Marcellus (two) and McNairn.

Game two of the season didn't get any better as the Lions were handed a 7-3 loss at home to the Cornwall Royals.

Lions goals were scored by Cory Fowler, Stephan Gellner and Eric Heldons. Brandon St Louis, Skylar McManus, Kyle Adams, Curtis Fowler, Zach Dowson and Jordan McCaslin were credited with assists.

The Lions would finally pick up their first point of the season at home tying Alexandria 1-1.

The Lions had the lead on a goal scored by Austin Marcellus and assisted by Riley Nicolaassen and Alex McLaughlin, but Alexandria was able to sneak a goal past Lions goaltender Simon Thomas with only 57 seconds left for a 1-1 tie.

After a few practices and some adjustments, the Lions were off to the Turtle Dome to meet Akwesasene, and win the game 7-4.

Lion's goals were scored by Cory Fowler, Adams, Tindal, Marcellus (two) and McCaslin (two). Picking up assists were Curtis Fowler, McCaslin, St Louis and Adams (two).

Curtis VanAllen was the net minder in the Lions first win for the season.

The Lions next stop was in Cornwall to face the Royals again, this time looking for, and coming up with, a better result, winning 8-2.

The Lions led 4-0 after one period and 6-0 after two periods. The two teams would exchange two goals each in the third to end up with an 8-2 final tally.

Lions goals came from Tindal (two), McCaslin (two), Adams, McNairn, Gellner, and Derek Hutt. Assists went to Zach Dowson, Gellner, Cory Fowler (two), McManus, McNairn (two), Hutt, Gareth Cochrane and Eric Heldons.

Simon Thomas backstopped the Lions for his first win of the season.

Midget girls tie Kemptville 2-2

MORRISBURG–The South Dundas Midget C girls came up with a 2-2 tie when they hosted Kemptville in league action Sunday.

After a scoreless first period, goals were traded in the second. Kaleigh McNeil put Kemptville on the board at 7:03 and Kasey Bennett responded at 8:26 with Sarah Myers earning the assist.

At 8:49 of the third period McNeil struck for her second goal and Kemptville held on to their 2-1 lead until the final minute of the game.

With Jennifer Wilson and Kristen Phifer providing the setup, and the game down to just six seconds left on the clock, Sarah Myers counted to enable the Lions to salvage a 2-2 tie.

Legion Darts

MORRISBURG–**Bull Shooters 4–Go Getters 3.** Shooters Outs: Brian Erratt 2, Charlotte Cougler, Bert Harper. H.S. Erratt 134. Getter Outs: Judy Scott, Wayne Hunter, Roy Prieur. H.S. Hunter 125.

4-Aces 5–Like Mike 2. Aces Outs: Liz Hunter 3, Jamie Scott 2. H.S. Scott 125-115. Mike Outs: Emilie Caines, Marie Mattice. H.S. Stacey Wilton 103.

Malcolm in the Middle 5–Happy Gang 2. Malcolm Outs: Kris Scott 5. H.S. Scott 140-120. Gang Outs: Caroline Geertsma, Glen Mattice. H.S. Mark Ault 120.

Happy Campers 4–Freddie & the 3 Js. Camper Outs: David Wells 4. H.S. Wells 140, Michele Liddy-Brooks 117. Freddie Outs: Joanne Stone, Fred Diegel, Janice Warner. H.S. Diegel 101.

Bashers 6–Clam Gang 1. Basher Outs: Jim Scott 5, Joann Perry. H.S. Scott 2X140, Kim Erratt 108. Gang Out: Murray Boettger.

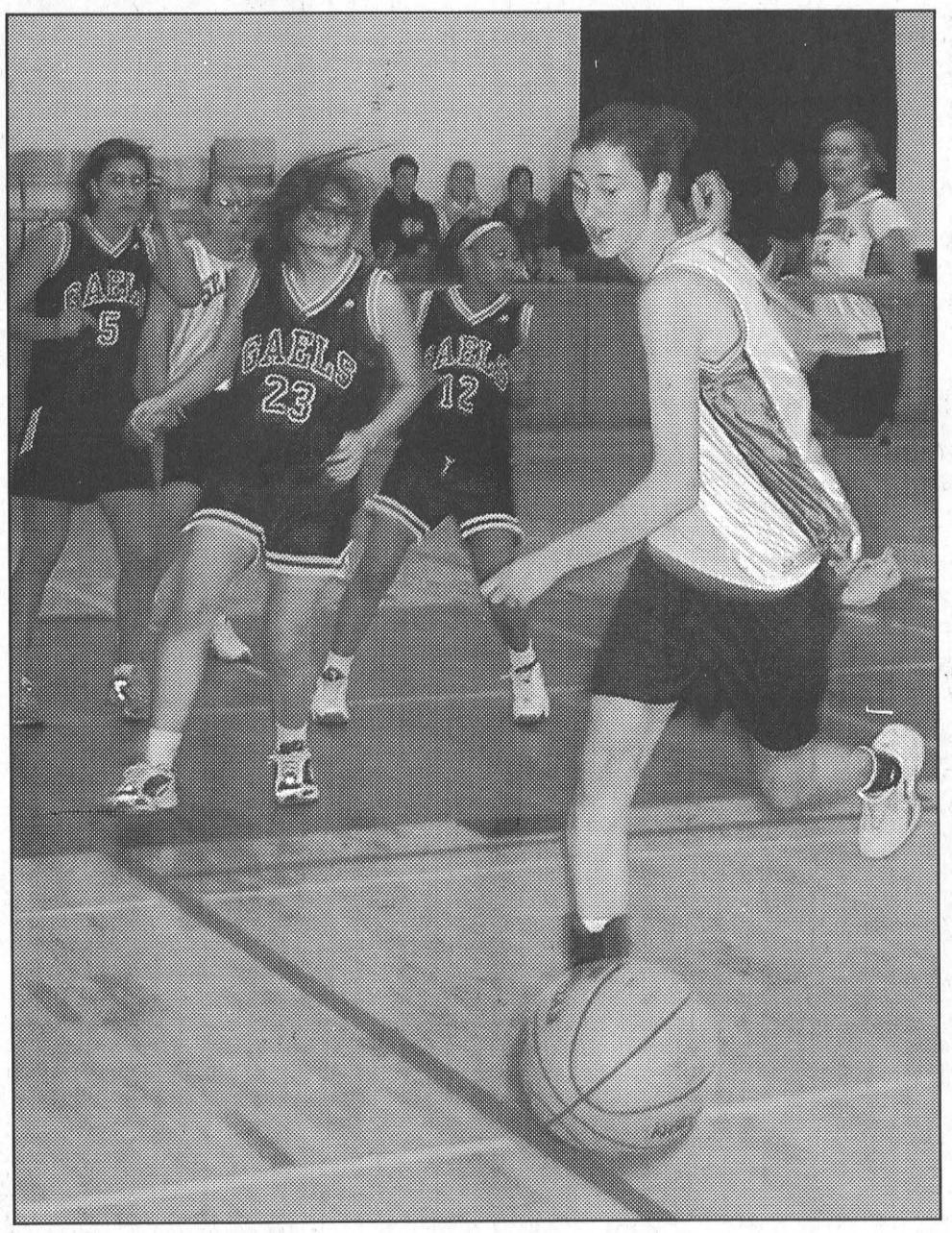
Floyd's Flitties 5–Ambitious 2. Floyd's Outs: Keith Johnston 2, Patty Baker, Keith Johnston, Floyd Elliott. H.S. Johnston 101. Ambitious Outs: Gord James, Frank Beaulne. H.S. Cecil Lewis 125.

League Standings

Go-Getters	94	Malcolm in Middle	62
Four Aces	77	Freddie & 3 Js	59
Happy Gang	66	Bashers	58
Bull Shooters	66	Floyd's Flitties	51
Like Mike	64	Ambitious	50
Happy Campers	63	Clam Gang	46

SD&G Basketball

Glengarry upsets Seaway



Seaway Ousted in Semi-final Action

Melissa Groniger chases down a loose ball during SD&G senior girls semi-final basketball action at Seaway last Tuesday. The charged up Glengarry squad pulled ahead early in the second half and Seaway was never able to recover giving up a 45-35 loss.

IROQUOIS–A charged-up Glengarry District High School team stopped the Seaway Spartans cold in their tracks in SD&G A school basketball playoff action here Tuesday.

The Gaels (3-5 in the regular season) opened their afternoon of action with a 30-24 win over Tagwi in the quarter-final for the right to advance to the semi-final against the favoured Spartans (6-2 in the regular season).

The charged-up Gaels then held their pace against the Spartans to work their way to a 45-35 win and the right to advance to the championship final.

The game was close in the first quarter, but in the second the Gaels held the Spartans to a single basketball from Holly Byker as they took a slim 21-18 lead into the second half.

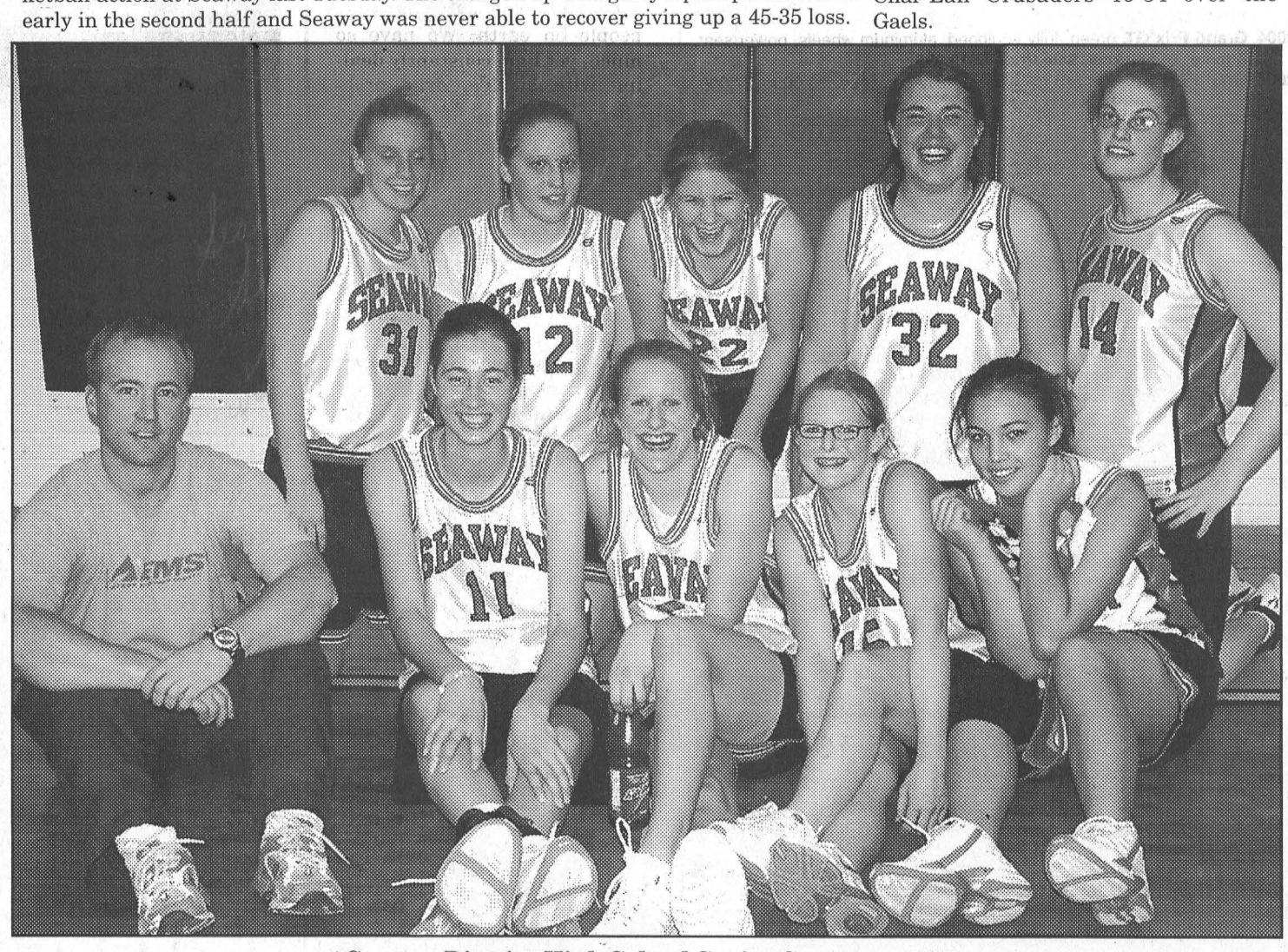
Byker continued to pace the Spartans in the second half, feeling the extra pressure when Erin Henry retired to the bench on fouls early on, and Seaway's powerful Melissa Groniger followed her early in the final quarter.

Glengarry held the advantage 32-24 at the three-quarter and stretched it to a 10 point lead early in the final. Seaway was never able to overcome those 10 points.

Sabrina Barsellino led the Gaels to their upset win with 19 points and Byker answered for the Spartans with 19. Groniger and Ashley Vandermeer had six points each in the Seaway effort.

In other action Tuesday, Holy Trinity defeated Rothwell-Osnabruck 41-37 in their quarter-final for the right to advance against the Char-Lan Crusader (regular season champs). The Crusaders, led by a 22 point performance from Kaitlyn Tierney, advanced to the A school championship with a 53-46 win over Holy Trinity.

That set the stage for the final showdown Wednesday which was won by the Char-Lan Crusaders 46-34 over the Gaels.



Seaway District High School Senior Spartans 2004

The Seaway District High School Senior Spartans finished the SD&G regular basketball season in second place and were knocked from the playoffs in semi-final action by the Glengarry Gaels. Member of this year's squad, front row l-r, were coach Trevor Thompson, Melissa Groniger, Amy Jansen, Sarah Myers and Erynn Henry. Back, l-r, are Katie Corden, Ashley Vandermeer, Tollea Gillard, Holly Byker and Erin Hendricks.

Lions play tough, but still lose two

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were clipped for another two losses in Eastern Ontario Junior B hockey this past weekend, but while they have settled well into the St. Lawrence Division basement they continue to be no pushovers.

Friday night on home ice, they were doubled 4-2 by the visiting Alexandria Glens, and Sunday night in Kemptville they lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to the 73s in overtime.

Friday night in Morrisburg, the fans were treated to a scoreless first period, followed by a ferocious attack by the Glens in the first 10 minutes of the second.

The attack netted them three goals against Lions goalie Matt Van Egmond before the Lions got them stopped with Chris Sommers' first of two.

Midway into the third period, the 73s struck again for a 4-1 lead and Sommers connected for the Lions final goal with six minutes left in the game.

Scoring for the Glens were Simon Langevin, Cris Van Overbeek, Mathieu Hebert and Jeremy Ryan.

Jamie Gadway and midget affiliate Kent Nugent assisted Sommers on his first goal, and Justin Bhatt and Kirk Bolduc picked up the assists on the second.

The Lions drew three minor penalties and a five minute high sticking major, while the Glens sat out three minors and a 10 minute misconduct.

Sunday night in Kemptville goals were at a premium against the Lions new goaltender Andrew Pearson, and the 73s Roberto Lappa.

With just 28 seconds left in the second period Chad Galipeau counted for the Lions with help from Jordon Scheffer and Kirk Bolduc, and the 1-0 Lions lead lasted until the final minute of the game.

A two minute minor penalty for slashing to James Kirkwood with just 1:36 left in the game would prove costly for the Lions. It took the 73s just 54 seconds into the penalty for the power-play goal from Ross Piaskoski that tied the game 1-1 and sent it into overtime.

Tyler Raca scored unassisted early into the overtime for the 2-1 Kemptville win.

The 73s outshot the Lions 31-27 and served five minor penalties to the Lions six.

Coming up this weekend the Lions host the Akwesasne Wolves Friday night, November 26 at 8:15, and Sunday they are on the road to Winchester for a 2:15 p.m. start.

Junior B Scoreboard

St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Alexandria	20	13	6	0	27
Winchester	23	11	8	2	26
Kemptville	19	11	7	1	23
Akwesasne	21	9	10	1	20
Char-Lan	19	9	9	1	19
Morrisburg	23	5	16	0	12

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Sth. Grenville	21	16	3	2	34
Brockville	20	15	3	1	32
Gananoque	22	13	8	0	27
Westport	21	8	12	0	17
Athens	23	3	19	0	7

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Saturday, Nov. 20–
Kemptville 6 at Akwesasne 4
Winchester 1 at Char-Lan 4
Westport 1 at Gananoque 6
Sunday, Nov. 21 –
Winchester 1 at Alexandria 3
Akwesasne 4 at Char-Lan 5
Morrisburg 1 at Kemptville 2 OT
St. Grenville 11 at Athens 1
Brockville 4 at Gananoque 3 OT

St. Lawrence Scoring Leaders

	G	A	Pts
Nick Paas, Win.	19	26	45
D. Trenholm, Win.	22	19	41
P. Brunet, Alex.	15	18	33
S. Swan, Win.	9	23	32
Chad Galipeau, Mor.	11	19	30

Morrisburg Men's Darts

Results for Week of November 15

MORRISBURG–**D.P.M. 11 wins.** Cecil Lewis 5, Dave Wells 3, Mike Osborne 3. H.S. Lewis 139-125, Wells 127.

26ers 11 wins. Kevin Fredette 5, Scott Strader 4, Wayne Hunter 2. H.S. Fredette 135, Hunter 125, Strader 120-105.

Superflys 12 wins. Dave Dow 5, Eric Dow 4, Ron Geurkink 3. H.S. Eric Dow 2X140, 121, Geurkink 140-101, Dave Dow 121-116-104.

Tommyknockers 10 wins. Fred Diegel 5, Jamie Scott 3, Kris Scott 2. H.S. Diegel 117, Jamie Scott 105.

Century Plus 12 wins. Jim Scott 5, Frank Marriner 4, Guy Hart 3. H.S. Scott 125, Marriner 121.

Leafs 5 wins. Jeff O'Neil 2, John Hitsman 2, Mark Ault. H.S. O'Neil 139-131-122, Hitsman 122-120, Ault 120.

Big Boys 11 wins. Bernie Montroy 6, Wayne Belanger 3, Darren Tyo 2. H.S. Belanger 4X140-135, Tyo 120.

No Bulls 4 wins. Ron Bradford 2, Ivan Shearer 2. H.S. Shearer 123-118, Bradford 3X121.

Redneck Renegades 10 wins. Dale Baker 4, Eric Sypes 4, Keith Johnston 2. H.S. Baker 140, Johnston 138.

What's Up 4 wins. Chris Sloan 2, Tom Shearer 2. H.S. Floyd Elliott 121-114, Sloan 113.

League Standings After Week 2 November

D.P.M.	38	Big Boys	28
26ers	34	Redneck Renegades	24
Superflys	34	Leafs	22
Tommy Knockers	31	No Bulls	20
Century Plus	29	What's Up	10

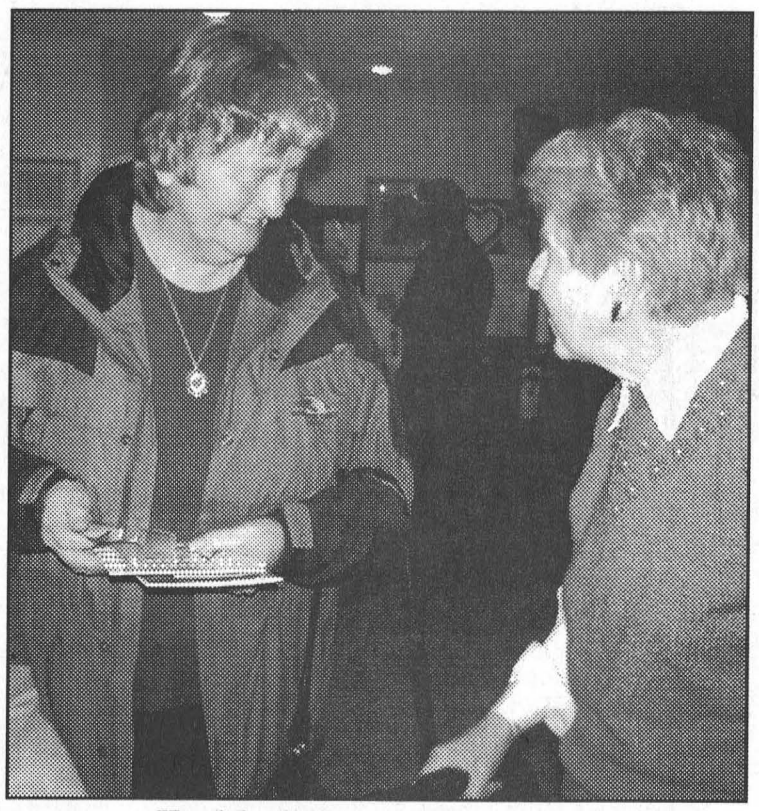
Ali Tait leads Lions

MORRISBURG–The South Dundas Bantam B girls have posted one win and two losses in recent league action, their lone win coming on home ice against Potsdam on Sunday, November 14.

Ali Tait led the Lions effort scoring all of their goals in the 4-0 win.

Tait scored twice in the first period and added a goal in each of the second and third periods. Bailey Hollister picked up the assists on the first and final goal.

This past Sunday, November 21 the Lions hosted Perth and gave up a 4-0 loss. and on Friday November 19 they were in Brockville where they were blanked 1-0.



Healthy living at The Hartford

The Hartford Retirement centre hosted its first annual Health Fair last Wednesday afternoon. About a dozen health related informational displays filled the lobby for the fair which was open to residents and interested members of the public. Elaine Madore, community relations manager at The Hartford, said they decided to organize the event to help give residents and locals easy access to information. "We've had a good reception," she said. Pictured above Grace Dikland (left) and resident Vivian Reddick, stop and pick up some information from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. ***Comfort Photo***

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The poster awards for Remembrance day are as follows: Public school in colour - Jamie Webster, grades 1-2-3; Leigh Wells, grades 4-5-6; Kate Gervais, grades 4-5-6. St. Mary's school in colour - Bailey Gillard, grades 1-2-3; Vickey Van Hoof, grades 4-5-6; black and white - Laura Casselman and Libbey McGovern. Congratulations to all winners.

The bursarys from the Legion awarded to the Seaway District High School students are to the following: Caitlyn Boyd; Parker Boyd; Crystal Leigh Elderbroom; Colin Mackler; Katie McLeltheran; Samantha Pemberton; Sarah Tuttle; Amber Vaughan and Jessica Veinotte. Congratulations to the winners and spend your money wisely.

A very nice job on the asphalt around the Legion. Special thanks to Rick Baker for organizing; to Cruickshank Construction for the work and to Danny Rice and Lyndon Casselman for the cleanup outside. It looks a lot better.

We have a nice selection of Christmas gifts in the Legion cabinet in the lobby . . . take a look.

Branch 48 New Year's Eve party is booked with Betty Landon entertaining and a lot more going for us. We will have an update next tissue.

Sunday, November 28th there is an Open Euchre Tournament in the pub beginning at 1:30 p.m. It's only $5 per person and all entry fees are returned as prizes.

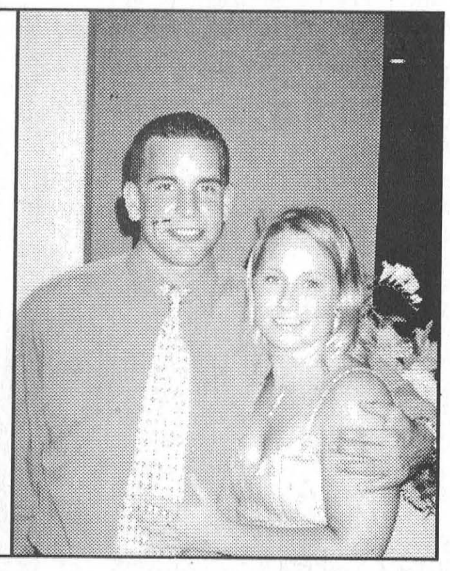
Our Sunday meat draws are available to everyone each week, but to win you must participate and buy a $2 ticket. Lisa Arthurs won the meat draw this past week. A steak BBQ maybe???

There's Bingo every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the James Fraser Hall.

Until next time – Comrade Bill

Forthcoming Marriage

Wayne and Kathy Gurnhill are very happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Mike Buller, of Belleville, Ontario. The wedding will take place in Morrisburg, on July 2, 2005.



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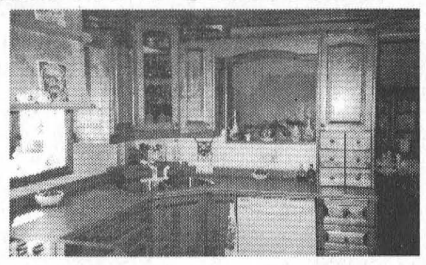

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Children's Chatter, Sunday School

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Sunday, November 28, 2004
9:30 A.M.
Elder Ralph Norg
Sunday School for Children ages 3-9
7:30 P.M.
Rev. Darren May of Morrisburg
Child care during morning service
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11:00 am. - Sunday School
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Nursery Available

Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, November 28, 2004
10:30 a.m. - Family Worship & Children's Bible Hour
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service
Tuesday –7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer
Friday – 7:00 p.m.
Youth Service
Come And See What Jesus Can Do For You!!

Williamsburg United Church
Guest Speaker
Louise Shaw
Organists – Susan Barkley, Lynn Gilmour, Joanne Stevens
Sunday, November 28, 2004
10:30 a.m. – Welcome to Worship with Us!
Sunday School, Nursery Available

The Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights
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St. John the Baptist, Lakeview Dr., Iroquois
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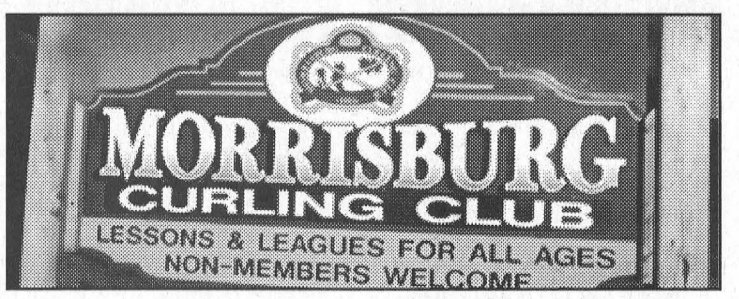
The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Curling Club's senior men have been active: Bob Bedingfield, Peter Zeran, Earl Jeacle and Karl Duncan competed in a senior men's bonspiel in Cornwall last Monday. They represented us well, but prize money is hard to come by in a 24-team event, and they returned empty-handed.

Undaunted, on Wednesday, Bob took his team to a Winchester 'spiel. They split their two games there, and came home with prizes. Another senior team of Don O'Brien, Jack Dikland, Raymond Benoit and Wally McDonald did the same, Jack picking up team entries for the January senior men's bonspiel here.

The first defense of the senior men's Parnell Cup for our champions will be held in Morrisburg Friday. As hosts, we are allowed only one team, so a playoff was held last week between the two vying for the honour. In a close match, Jack Dikland, Raymond Benoit, Bob Burgess and John Lyon defeated Bob Bedingfield, Peter Zeran, Earl Jeacle and Karl Duncan.

Our Little Rockers competed in a Manotick bonspiel last Saturday and won their



first two games handily.

Coach Jack Dikland reports that Bobby Robichaud, Travis McMillan, Cameron McIntosh and Connor Woodmass played well, but came up just short in the playoff in the 18-team event. Well done, boys!

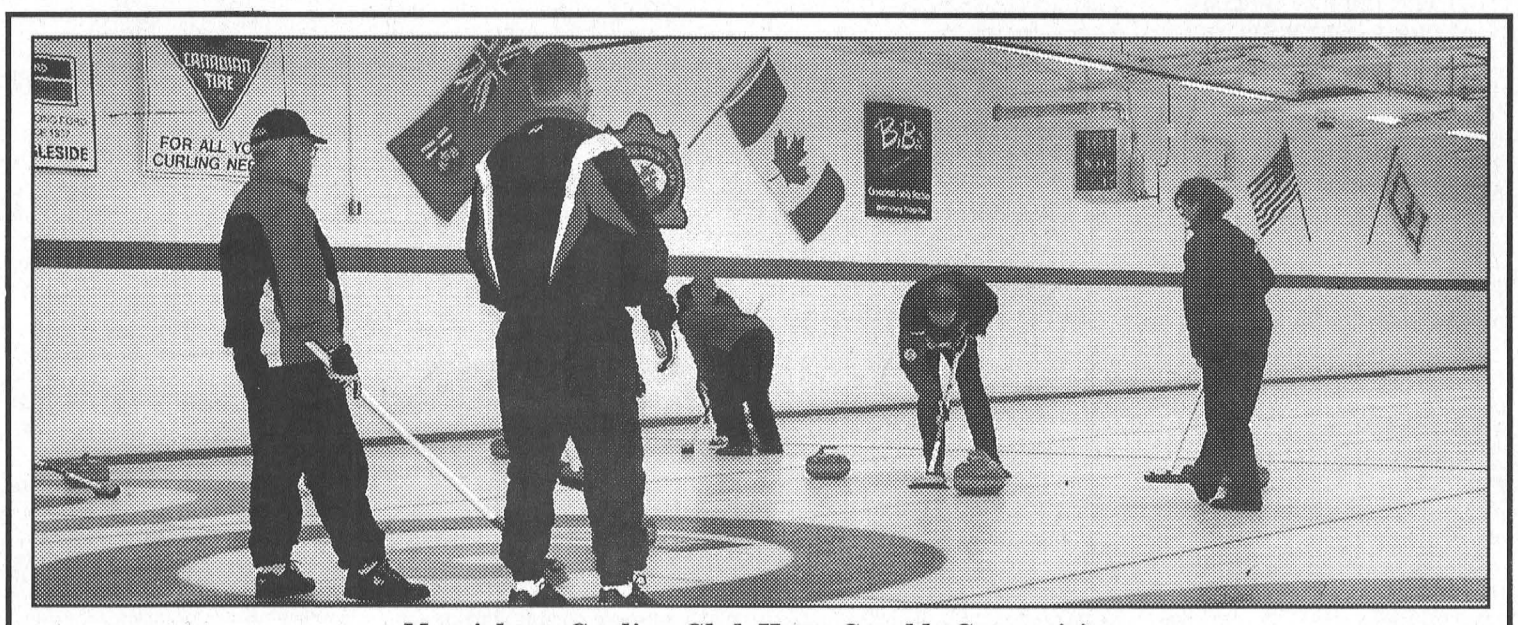
Saturday we were busy, hosting the Gamble Mixed competition. Our curlers did well with Joe McCooeye's rink just missing a trip to the final. Other members were Leanne Coady and Ian and Cathy Wilson. After a fine roast beef dinner prepared by Sam Laurin, the finals were played. Craig Harriman's foursome made it to the "B' final and lost a very tight match to a strong Metcalfe quartet. Craig's team included Carolyn Beckstead, Mahlon Locke and Kathy Norg. The 'A' final was won by Russell, who defeated the other Russell team for the Gamble Trophy, donated by the ancestor of one of the members. All four finalists received engraved pins commemorating their achievement. As always, thanks are due to the volunteers who handled the arrangements.

Tuesday, the local women hosted a bonspiel, and this Saturday the men's Founders Bonspiel, sponsored by Strader Motors, is on, with teams from various Eastern Ontario rinks participating. A sign-up sheet is posted in the clubhouse for the latter event, as a few more volunteers are needed.

In national curling. Sherry Middaugh's team is rated as the one to beat, with Anne Merklinger and Jean Hanna in the top 10. Also in the Ontario Curling Report, the top 20 money winners in men's and women's curling are listed.

Finally, a thought from Sweep! The Trojan sponsorship, which got curling headlines across the country, may soon be followed by Hooters, and an on-line casino outfit. Is this a sign of aggressive marketing by our sport to raise awareness, or an indication that companies are seeing an advantage in being identified with curling, or both?

Good curling to all!



Morrisburg Curling Club Hosts Gamble Competition

Both ice surfaces were busy as the Gamble Mixed was hosted by the Morrisburg Curling Club. Here Skip Craig Harriman watches as Mahlon Locke does the sweeping, leading his foursome, which also included Kathy Norg and Caroline Beckstead, into the "B" finals against a strong Metcalfe quartet. The "A" final was played out between two teams from Russell.

Seniors euchre at Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG – Winners at the Williamsburg Seniors euchre Wednesday, November 10 were as follows:

White Cards – Hubert LaPierre, Jean Beckstead, Jean Sutton.

Yellow Cards – Bev. Kropp, Graham Pemberton, Dwain Hess.

Door Prize – Hubert LaPierre, Jean Hutt.

Draw – Stella Casselman, Loretta Crowder, Ruth Casselman, Muriel Miller, Hubert LaPierre, Dwain Hess, Joyce Strader.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW & LUNCHEON

Sat., Nov. 27, 10–4 p.m., Stampville Centre. Silent auction, healthy luncheon, bake table, raffle, 30+ craft tables. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke Foundation. 46-47c

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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Paul's Gospel
Romans 16:25

By W. Edward Bedore, Th.D.
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"Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began" (Rom. 16:25).

The gospel (good news) that Paul refers to as **"my gospel"** is not a gospel about Paul, but a gospel given to Paul from heaven by the resurrected, ascended, glorified, and highly exalted Lord Jesus Christ Himself (see Galatians 1:11-12; Ephesians 3:1-7). To acknowledge that Paul received special revelation that had never been revealed to anyone before in no way contradicts the Bible or minimizes the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, just the opposite is true.

To accept the plainly stated fact that Paul was chosen by God for the special purpose of revealing the gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ to the whole of lost humanity is to agree with God. With Israel held in unbelief because of her rejection of Christ as God's Anointed King and Redeemer, Paul, the leader of the rebellion against Christ (see I Timothy 1:15-16), was saved by a special act of God's grace and sent to the Gentiles (nations).

Paul's God-given message of hope declared that God's never before revealed program, the Dispensation of Grace, was now in effect. The Kingdom program of Israel as foretold (prophesied) in the Old Testament was at the same time put on hold until God's purpose for the Body of Christ is fulfilled. The blueprint for this present Dispensation of Grace that we live in today is found only in that portion of God-inspired Scripture given to Paul, God's apostle to the Gentiles.

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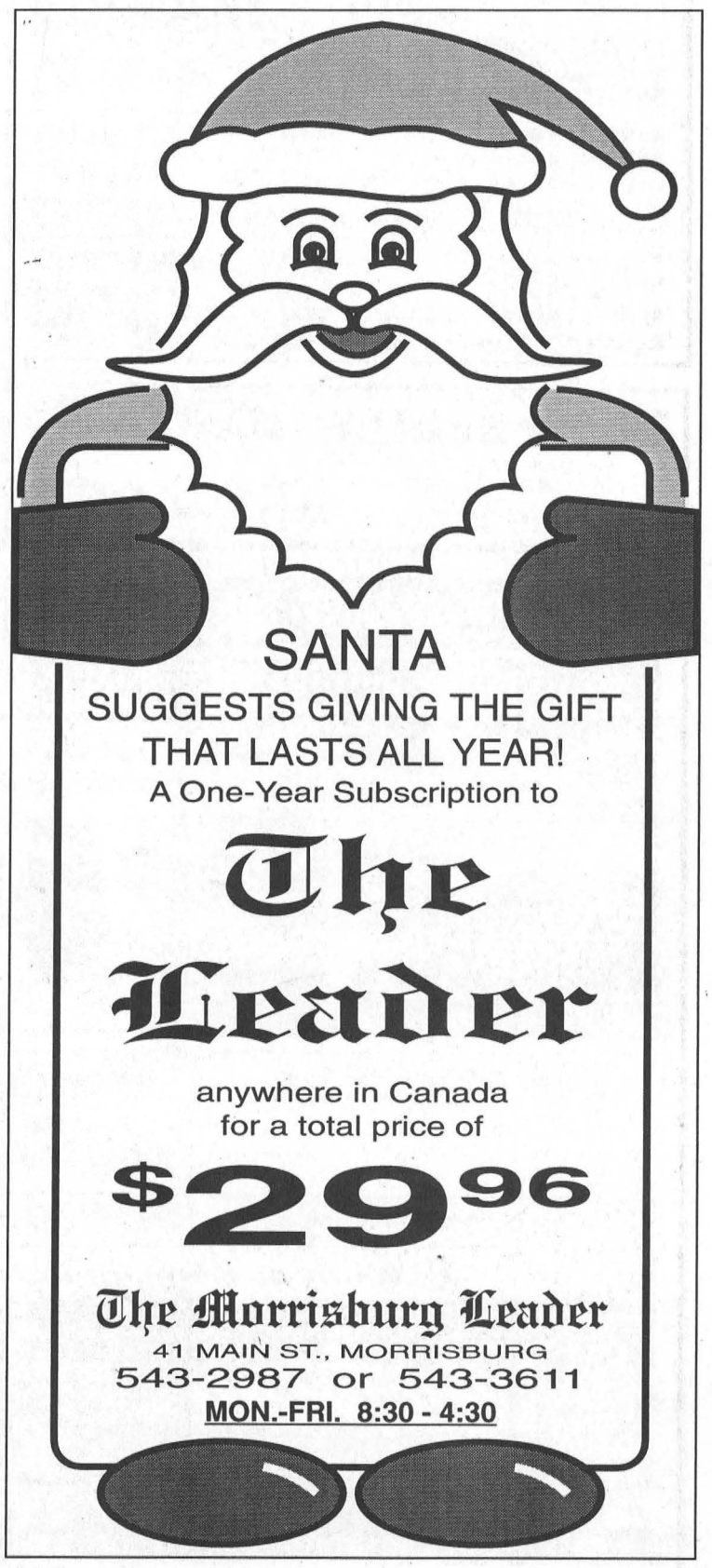

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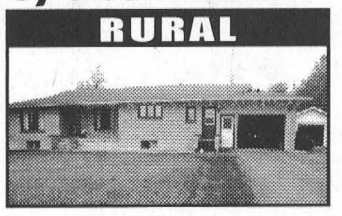

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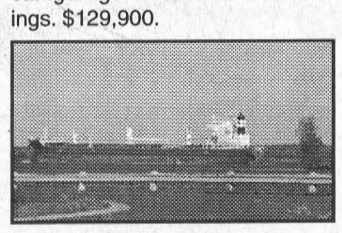

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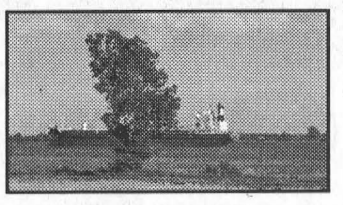

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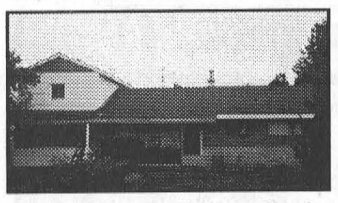

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Obituaries

John Lortie

A man of many interests and passions, and a lifelong resident of the community, John Lortie passed away suddenly at his home east of Williamsburg on Monday, November 15. He was 43 years old.

John was always ready to serve his community. He joined the Morrisburg Fire Department in 1991, and over the years he attended many sessions at the Fire Training School in Vermont.

His commitment to the Fire Department included the Muscular Dystrophy Drive and, he never refused the opportunity to drive the pumper in local parades. John had proudly served as the Department's Captain since 1998. For many years he was the fire department's treasurer, and he was a Fire Prevention Officer. His support and encouragement of others to succeed was unfailing.

John's other passion was hockey. He started refereeing in 1985, and attained his Level 5 in 1999, which qualified him to referee Junior A, B, and C hockey as well as all levels of minor hockey.

In 2003, John was the recipient of the Earl Steinberg Award for Outstanding Contribution to Minor Hockey. He was involved in the Morrisburg Minor Hockey Association for almost 20 years, and served as the association's Referee in Chief for three years. He held a Level II Trainer Certificate and an Intermediate Level Coaching Certificate. He was President of the Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey Association in 2000.

As of January 2005, John would have been employed for 25 years at SDS Kerr / Beavers Dental. He worked his way up from the "floor," to his most recent position as Packaging and Shipping Supervisor. He



served on several plant committees related to Safety, Environmental Awareness and Emergency Preparedness.

Over the years, John was the Plant Photographer at Beavers, his keen eye capturing special moments at many plant events. He also enjoyed creating photo memories at many local weddings and family portrait sittings.

John's community involvement, outside the Fire Department, included co-chairing the Terry Fox Run in Morrisburg, and he was a regular donor for The Canadian Blood Services having donated 41 times. He eagerly assisted in the Let's Go Girls Golf Tournament in raising awareness for Breast Cancer Prevention benefiting Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

His children, Brandan, Bradley, Brittany and stepsons Jason and Kyle proudly remember his motto "Say what you mean, and mean what you say".

John will be sadly missed by his loving wife Julie, his children Brandan, Bradley and Brittany, and his stepchildren Jason and Kyle. He will be lovingly remembered by his father and mother, Leo and Catherine Lortie of Morrisburg; his sisters Yvonne and Elizabeth (Steve Ross) of Morrisburg; his grandmother Stella Farrell of Morrisburg; by his nieces and nephews, and by his aunts and uncles, cousins and many friends.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Thursday, November 18 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Morrisburg on Friday, November 19th at 11 a.m., with Father Chisholm officiating.

Ever mindful of John's commitment to the fire department, the children transported his body to the funeral service in the Morrisburg Fire Department's Rescue Unit 3. An Honour Guard of Fire Fighters representing the Morrisburg, Iroquois, Lancaster, Cornwall, Mississauga and Ottawa Fire Departments saluted the family as they entered the church. Interment of cremated remains will be at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg.

Pallbearers from the Morrisburg Fire Department were Mark St. Pierre, Scott Robinson, Kevin Spencer, Bill Hummel, Mike Van Allen and Dale Kelly. Honorary Pallbearers were Bob Duvall, Doug Wilson, Kevin Keyes, and Robert Hamilton.

Donations to the Morrisburg Fire Department or the C.N.I.B. would be appreciated by the family.

Sandra Primrose

A lifetime resident of RR#1 Iroquois, Sandra Primrose (nee Empey) passed away at home on Thursday, November 18 following a lengthy battle with cancer which she fought with courage and determination. She was 58 years old.

Sandra worked as a secretary for 30 years at Seaway District High School where she developed a reputation for being a very hard-working and conscientious person. Following her retirement she joined her husband, Jim to work at their family business, "Jim's Performance Plus".

Sandra is survived by her husband Jim whom she married on April 22, 1983, and her stepchildren Patty (Donald) Lewis of RR2 Iroquois and Jim Jr. at home. She will be deeply missed by her parents Carl and Marie Empey of RR#1 Iroquois and by her siblings, Gordon (Helene) Empey, Judy (Donald) Fetterly, and Fannie (Darryl) McDonell, all of RR#1 Iroquois.

She was a loving aunt to Bob (Jodi) Fetterly, Chris (Tanya) Fetterly, Peter Empey, Paul Empey, Natalie McDonell, and Nathan McDonell. She was the proud great-aunt of Alayna, Emytt and Owen.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois on Sunday, November 21 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was held at Iroquois United Church on Monday, November 22 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating. Interment followed at Iroquois Point Cemetery. Pallbearers were a special niece Natalie McDonell and nephews Bob Fetterly, Chris Fetterly, Peter Empey, Paul Empey and Nathan McDonell.

Donations to the Sandra Primrose Memorial Bursary or the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre would be appreciated by the family.

Lum Bosma

A longtime resident of Iroquois and Hanesville, Lum Bosma passed away at the Wellington House Nursing Home in Prescott on Monday, November 15. She was 92 years old.

Born January 31, 1912 in Odoorn, The Netherlands, Lum was the daughter of the late Egbert and Geertruida (nee Middel) Ottens. She was predeceased by her husband Abraham Bosma whom she married on March 15, 1938 in Holland.

In 1952, she and her family immigrated and settled in the Pembroke area. In 1957, they moved to the Hanesville area where Lum lived until 1974, when she moved to the Iroma apartments in Iroquois. She remained in Iroquois until 2001 when health problems forced her to move to the Wellington House.

A member of the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church and Matilda Helping Hands, Lum was a very kind person who was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed assistance.

She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, and over the years she donated many handmade items to local charitable organizations.

Lum will be lovingly remembered by her children Grace (Jacob) Rook of Cobden, Tressa (Glenn) Lapier of Hanesville and Bea (Lucas) VanBeilen of Hanesville. She will be sadly missed by her siblings Zus Verhoof and Trui Boscher, both of Holland. Oma will be fondly remembered by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was dear mother-in-law of Gwenneth Bosma of Hanesville.

She was predeceased by a son Eppie Bosma and 13 brothers and sisters.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Wednesday, November 17 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was performed by Rev. Clarence Witten at the home on Thursday, November 18 at 11 a.m. and interment was at the New Union Cemetery at Williamsburg. Pallbearers were Mark VanBeilen, Mike VanBeilen, Ron VanBeilen, Annette VanBeilen, David Hartle and Terry Bartlett.

Donations to Winchester District Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Roy Thomas Hasson

A resident of the Hartford Retirement Centre, for the past four years Roy T. Hasson passed away on Monday, November 15 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls. He was 89 years old.

Born May 6, 1916, Roy was the beloved husband of the late Loretta C. (nee Lehman) Hasson. He was the loving father of John and his wife Sandra of Welland, and Ken and his wife Vicki of Iroquois.

Roy was the loved grandfather of Chris (Valerie) Hasson, Laurie (Drew) Clements, Scott and Dana and the much loved great-grandfather of MacKenna and Paige Clements and Lauren Hasson. He was dear bother of Joseph (Emma) of RR#1 Ariss, James (Kay) of RR#7 Guelph, Mary (Lloyd) Zinger of Woodstock and the late Jack Hasson, Lloyd Hasson and Beatrice Moyer.

Friends and family paid their respects at the Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home in Guelph on Thursday, November 18. The funeral mass was conducted by Rev. Bernie Carroll on Friday, November 19 at 11 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Guelph. Internment followed at Marymount Cemetery, Guelph.

Pallbearers were Chris Hasson, Scott Hasson, Dave Hasson, Joe Hasson, Herb Beitz and Drew Clements.

Donations to the Holy Rosary Church Building Fund and the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be gratefully appreciated by the family.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel at the Hartford Retirement Centre, Morrisburg on Friday, November 26 at 11 a.m.

Irene M. Stewart

Irene M. Stewart (nee English) passed away quietly at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Saturday November 20. She was 81 years old.

Born May 5, 1923, Irene was dear wife of the late Alva James Stewart who predeceased her on June 13, 1983.

Irene was the loving mother of Paul (Wendy) Stewart of Morrisburg, and Dave (Rose) Stewart of Morewood. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Carrie, Rachel, Jimmy, Christopher, Brooke, Roxanne, and Grant. She was dear sister of the late Cameron (the late Elva) English, and Thelma (the late Lloyd Townsend). She will be missed by many nieces and nephews, neighbours



and friends and by her dog, Coco.

Visitation was at the Winchester Funeral Home on Monday, November 22, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m and on Tuesday November 23 from 12 noon until the time of the service.

The service was held Tuesday November 23 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of the Winchester Funeral Home with Rev. Bert de Bruijn officiating. Burial followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville.

For those wishing, donations to Winchester District Memorial Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society, or the Alzheimer Society would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Norm Foster's *Dear Santa* opening this week at The Playhouse

Santa is not the only North Pole star,

MORRISBURG - There are those rare occasions when you get the feeling that something is going to be really, really good, and such was the feeling at last week's press conference with the cast of Norm Foster's *Dear Santa* opening this week at the Upper Canada Playhouse.

In a nutshell, or maybe this case a Christmas stocking, the cast members who are all popular favourites with Playhouse audiences, were having an absolute blast with *Dear Santa*.

Back on stage together is the dynamic Duncan family trio who delighted us in the smash hit production of Foster's *Maggie's Getting Married* in the summer of 2002.

They are of course Kathleen Egan Veinotte (Maggie), Rona Waddington (Maggie's sister Wanda) and John Weir (their dad Tom Duncan).

This time around, however, the girls still have special feelings for Weir, but of course, ho, ho, ho, that is because Playhouse Artistic director Donnie Bowes has cast him as Santa.

"You will see the down home version of Santa," promises Weir, admitting that to play the part a little extra padding is required.

This time around, Veinotte is playing Kit Bishop, a character half her age. This, she says, is interesting. "I'm a teenage stowaway with attitude."

Veinotte arrives at the North Pole by train. "My little brother has written a letter to Santa, and he wants it to be hand delivered because he didn't get his wish last year."

Waddington has the honour of playing Santa's housekeeper Octavia. "I am a confused housekeeper whose IQ is about room temperature." For the romantic holiday spin, Octavia has a crush on the workshop chief of staff, Algernon Gladstone, played by Richard Bauer.

"He is consumed with his work so he doesn't notice Octavia's advances," says Bauer who you'll remember as Ken (with the hilarious hearing problem) in this summer's *Rumours* and Stanley the upstairs neighbour in *Run for Your Wife*.

In this day and age, not even Santa can get away from those persistent sales people and that's where Tim Hughes, playing Lou Flapdoodle, comes in.

"Mr. Foster, I think, was looking for some funny sounding names," he says of his Flapdoodle handle.

"My role is to sell Santa a new sleigh because his a seen better days," says Hughes. "I have the latest in sleigh technology."

"It even has global positioning," adds Weir (Santa.)

Last but not least, is Sweenie McArthur who claims he is "playing a character who has no reason to be here. I am the foreman (Bozidar) and I have problems with the English language."

"The kids are going to love him," says Bowes. "He is Russian, and he says everything backwards."

"I think his character has more Christmas than the rest of us...He has more pure joy in him," claims Veinotte.

The set for *Dear Santa* is divided between Santa's office and Santa's workshop which is filled with toys from Sears in Cornwall.

According to Veinotte the toys have made rehearsals interesting as, "Donnie didn't tells us which toys moved or made noises."

Bowes is very enthusiastic about *Dear Santa*. "He (Foster) has clearly written Dear Santa knowing theaters like a show that appeals to all ages at Christmas time."

In addition to the professional cast, the audiences will be afforded the pleasure of seeing local youngsters on the stage as part of two choirs and two sets of elves.

"We have kids from both Morrisburg Public and St. Mary-St. Cecilias," says Bowes.

"The characters are all real, but eccentric," says Bowes. "Santa is probably the most normal character in the show."

The cast is claiming *Dear Santa* will be a delightful start to the Christmas season for the audiences.

"It's a fun show," says Weir (Santa).

"Just seeing the set, puts you in the Christmas spirit," says Waddington, adding, "Everyday is Christmas when you are working with Donnie."

"I think the school shows are going to be a blast," says Veinotte and Hughes adds, "It is appealing to both kids and adults. It truly is a family show."

Dear Santa is a relatively new show and has been a box office smash at Theatre Orangeville and Theatre New Brunswick.

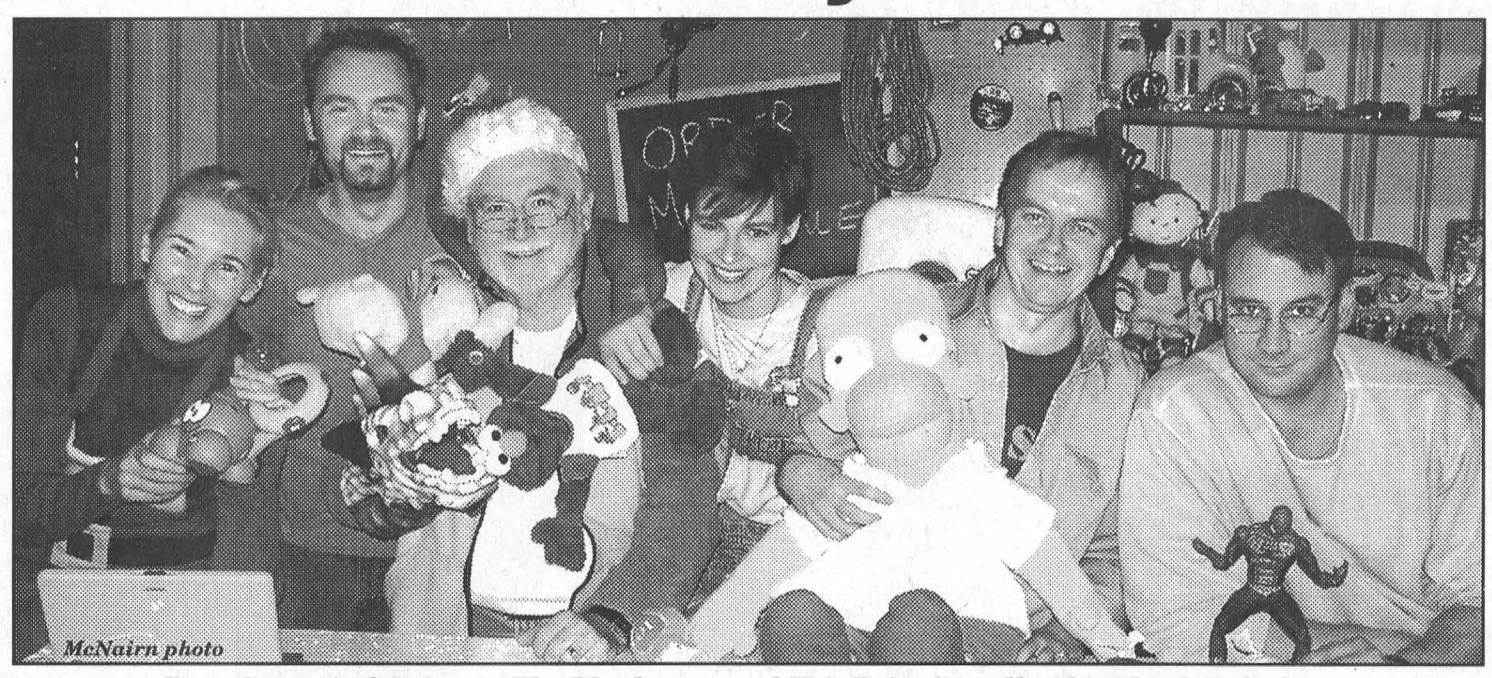
Bowes says that for adults who enjoy Foster's great wit and hilarious situations, this show is a must see. And for the children, it's a magical and hilarious Christmas story they won't soon forget! Combine that with one of the strongest casts The Playhouse has had to date and the addition of the local children, and it makes for one big Christmas present for everyone.

The story hinges on a hilarious plot filled with fun and Christmas spirit. It's Christmas at the North Pole, and Santa's Workshop is a beehive of activity. His staff is behind schedule, and the Elves are working around the clock. A Detroit salesman arrives to sell Santa the latest model sleigh, and he unknowingly arrives with a teenage stowaway with a special Christmas wish.

On top of all that, Santa's housekeeper has fallen in love with his Chief-of-staff, the foreman has forgotten to order enough glue to finish the toys and the North Pole Christmas choir rehearsal is not going well.

It all makes for a chaotic and hilarious Christmas comedy that the whole family will enjoy.

The show, sponsored by Ontario Power Generation, opens this Thursday night, November 25 and runs through December 19. Tickets are selling quickly, and can be purchased by calling the box office at 543-0665.



Dear Santa is Coming to The Playhouse, and He's Bringing all of his North Pole Crew
The cast members for the Upper Canada Playhouse production of Norm Foster's *Dear Santa* are having a blast as they set up shop at the North Pole and prepare to bring a hilarious Christmas story to Playhouse audiences that is promising to leave everyone laughing throughout the holiday season. Described by artistic director, Donnie Bowes as one of the strongest casts to date, they include, l-r, Rona Waddington, Sweeney MacArthur, John Weir, Kathleen Egan Veinotte, Timm Hughes and Richard Bauer.

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