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Tax bills to come soon

WILLIAMSBURG – The township will go to the people of this municipality to help them solve their cash flow problem.

People will be receiving their interim tax bill early this year.

South Dundas treasurer Lorna Seibert recommended at the December 21, council meeting that council authorize her to proceed with an interim tax bill for February 2005.

"Due to the fact that we are now receiving the major invoices from Detra for the water plant project and we are needing to borrow money from the banks until OSTAR sends us the balance of our project grant I feel it is in the best financial interest of the township that we send out interim tax billing in February this year to help ease our cash flow problems until council makes their decisions on how they plan to bill the water uses for the new plant," said Seibert in her report to council.

According to Seibert, "There is a potential to raise approximately $6 million in interim taxes, with $2.5 million of that payable to the counties and the school boards by March 30/05."

"I have a problem with this short notice," said councillor Charles Barkley.

"I can't support it. There should have been more notice. We're doing it for legitimate reasons but this is too short a notice," he said.

Barkley also confirmed with Seibert that if it did go through it would be "a one shot deal." That is, in future years they would return to their customary March interim billing.

"I agree with Charles," said councillor Ron Delegarde.

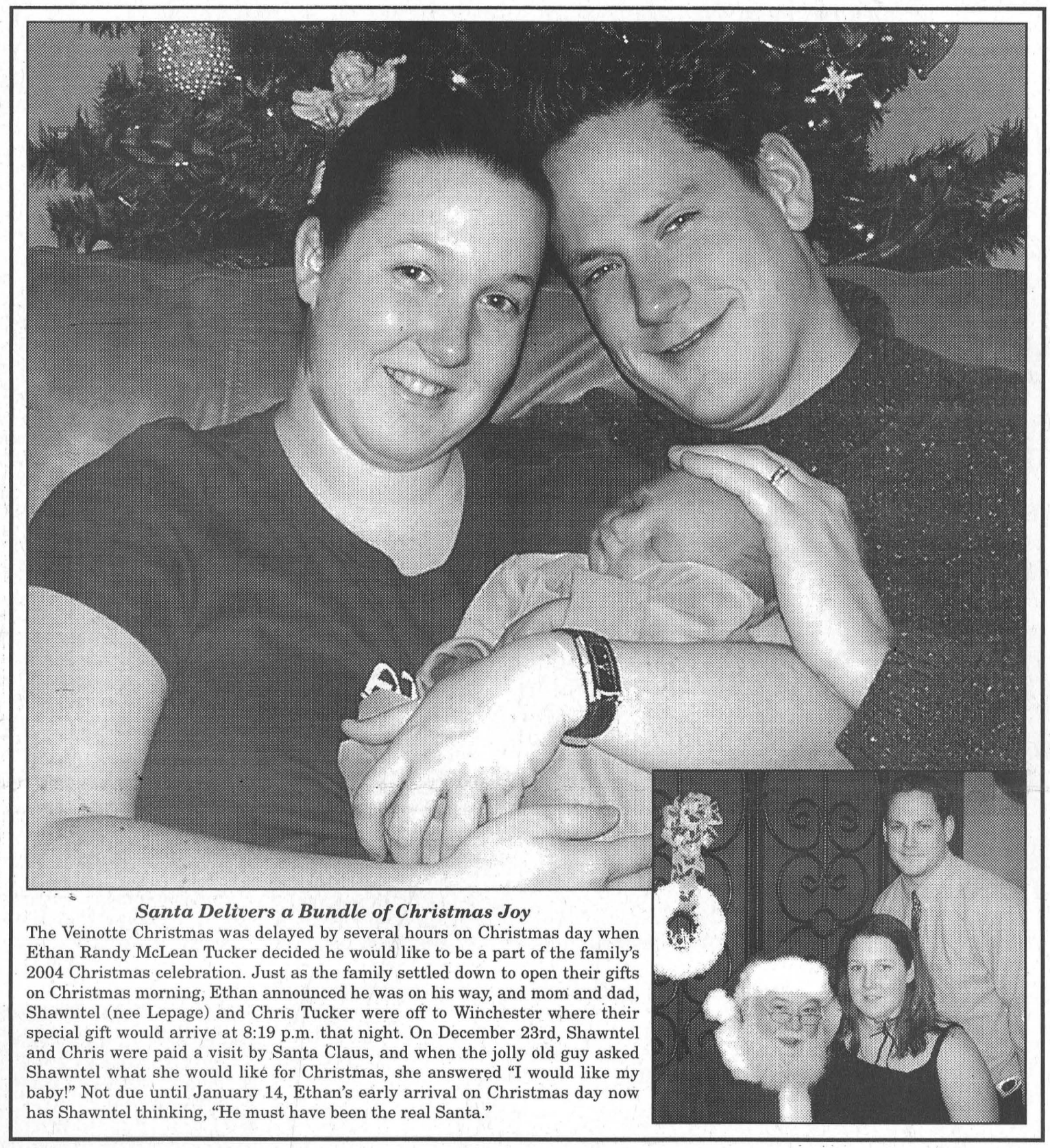
"People haven't counted on this tax bill at this time. One month makes a lot of difference. It will be a lot of stress on a lot of families. I know that for a fact," he said.

"It makes good sense, but the timing is off," added Barkley.

"I wish we could have given the taxpayers more time, but in the long run we have to look at the money we're going to save," said councillor Sandra Bailey.

"If we are going to save people some money they should appreciate that. So, I would support this (recommendation)," she said.

Council voted in favour of Seibert's recommendation.



Santa Delivers a Bundle of Christmas Joy

The Veinotte Christmas was delayed by several hours on Christmas day when Ethan Randy McLean Tucker decided he would like to be a part of the family's 2004 Christmas celebration. Just as the family settled down to open their gifts on Christmas morning, Ethan announced he was on his way, and mom and dad, Shawntel (nee Lepage) and Chris Tucker were off to Winchester where their special gift would arrive at 8:19 p.m. that night. On December 23rd, Shawntel and Chris were paid a visit by Santa Claus, and when the jolly old guy asked Shawntel what she would like for Christmas, she answered "I would like my baby!" Not due until January 14, Ethan's early arrival on Christmas day now has Shawntel thinking, "He must have been the real Santa."

OSIFA loan offered

WILLIAMSBURG – While scrambling to decide on how to cover their water project debts, the township received notice that they have received yet another loan.

Treasurer Lorna Seibert reported at the December 21, council meeting that the township has received the Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority (OSIFA) loan offer for $6 million.

The township applied for an $8 million loan through the program.

Council authorized the treasurer to sign the OSIFA conditional loan offer in the amount of $6 million by January 10, 2005, as recommended.

Seibert also reported that the township can appeal the decision of the committee.

Final BRAND approval

WILLIAMSBURG – It has taken over a year since the first announcement was made, but South Dundas Council received the Industry Canada Contribution agreement for the broadband expansion and at the December 21, meeting passed a bylaw to officially accept the agreement.

The consultant hired to do an independent study of the network, Barry Crampton, spoke to council before the vote.

He told them that the contribution agreement before them was what they had negotiated with Industry Canada over the past several months.

Of the process that has taken so long he said, "It was nothing untoward. It was just a lengthy process."

He told council different milestone dates than those listed in the agreement, saying that the final plan will have to be put forward by March 15, 2005, with the network build scheduled for May 15, 2005, and network finalization by August 1, 2005.

Councillor Johnny Whitteker mentioned that the plan outlines a cost to residents of $49.95 per month with an initial startup cost of $149.95. He said that $250,000 is in the plan to support startup costs and asked Crampton, "Is it to subsidize the $149.95?"

Crampton confirmed the subsidy but said that it has to be taken up within the first year, from the start of the contract period.

"A lot of people in the community did a lot of work to get this community selected as one of eight (to receive BRAND money)," said Crampton.

Councillor Sandra Bailey then asked Crampton a "hypothetical question," which she asked him to answer if he could.

Bailey referred back to the original announcement, and said, "Everything was predicated on the idea ... everyone thought we were receiving $1.7 million with the original plan. The proper wording was up to $1.7 million. The wording is very important."

She then asked Crampton, "Looking at the process we've gone through and the difficulties we went through with the first plan ... How would it have fared?"

According to Crampton, through the first plan they would have probably received the same amount of money from Industry Canada, the $724,537 that was received with the new and updated plan, "because Industry Canada disallowed things."

He explained that in the second round the cost of the network was reduced and some in-kind matching dollars were made ineligible.

"So it would have ended up

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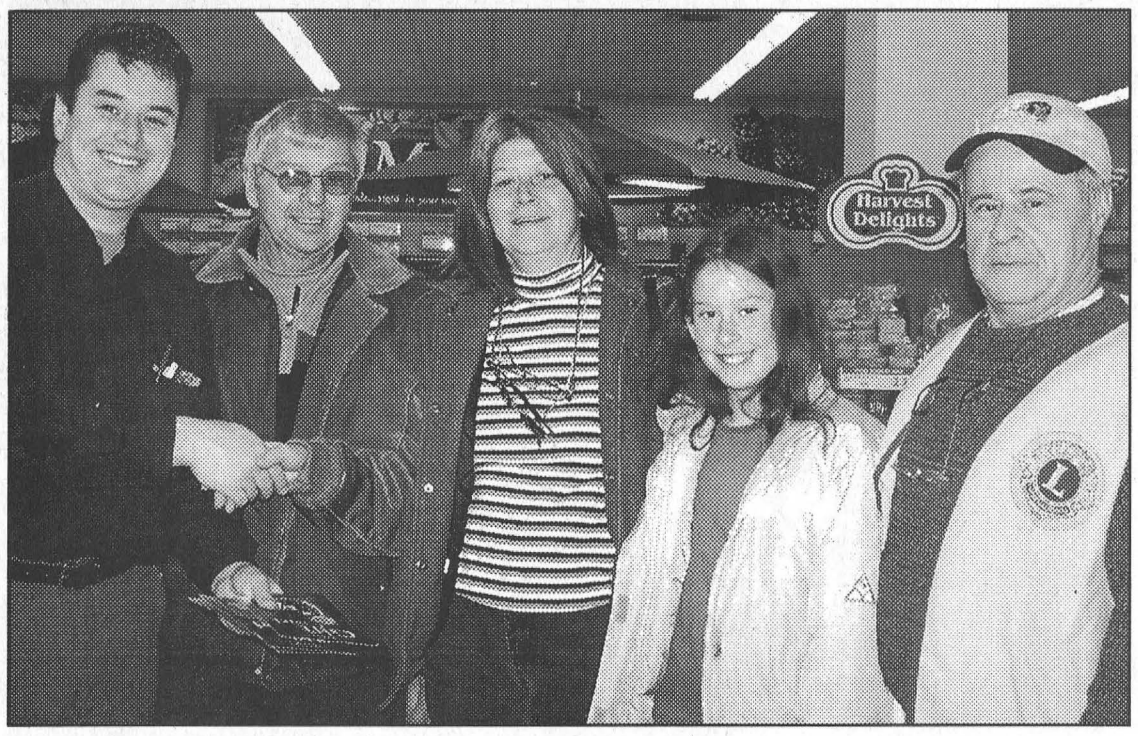


A little extra this Christmas

The Morrisburg and District Lions Club Holiday Raffle winners were drawn last Wednesday evening at the Morrisburg Arena. The first prize winner was Kate Gray of Williamsburg who won $300 in gift certificates from Mike's Valu-Mart. "The Lions Club does excellent things in our community and we just wanted to be a part of it," said Mike Vrab of Mike's Valu-Mart. Gray received her prize Monday morning at the store. Pictured above l-r are Vrab, Lions Club member Earl Wood, Kate and Maria Gray and Lions Club member Carl Robinson. All of the raffle prizes were donated by area businesses, and Robinson said that the support from the people and the businesses of the area is definitely there when the Lions Club asks. Tickets were $2 each and all 1,000 were sold. Kate said that she bought the winning ticket when she stopped to buy a Lions Club fruitcake. She says the prize will come in handy and will likely be used to pick up so special little extras for this Christmas. Mr. Fischer of Calabogie won a Jacuzzi Suite package donated by the McIntosh Inn, Edwin Baker of Inkerman won a $100 gift certificate from Giant Tiger, and Jack Bjergso won a CD stereo from Canadian Tire.

Comfort Photo

Gillard asks council the million dollar questions

WILLIAMSBURG – Water customers in Iroquois and Morrisburg are getting anxious to find out what the water project will cost them, so former South Dundas councillor Robert Gillard brought the issue to the December 21, council meeting.

Gillard explained that he had an apartment up for rent review, but he has not yet heard the upfront water cost. "Does anyone have any idea what it will cost me?" he asked.

South Dundas CAO Andy Brown, said that council will have to set up a meeting as soon as possible to find out more about the water costs.

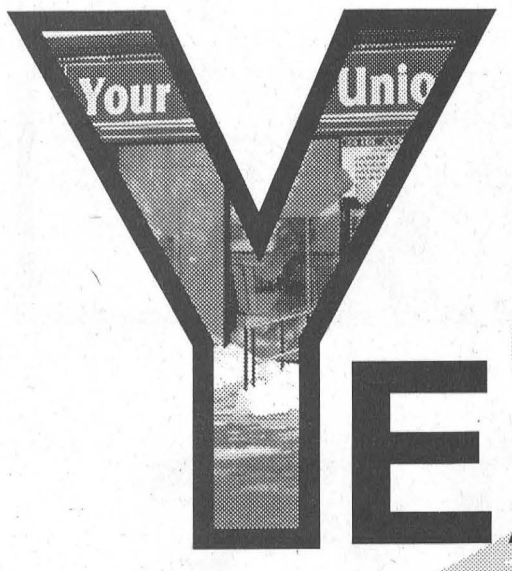
"In early January?" asked Mayor Lyle Van Allen.

"Yes," said Brown. "We need to finalize those things."

Gillard also asked council about all the interim borrowing that the township is doing to cover their costs until other funding comes through.

The township has now borrowed several million dollars, and Gillard wants to know who is paying the interest on that money, the users or the general account?

Van Allen said that only municipal water users are paying that interest.



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JANUARY

Building up to a crowning moment five young women started the new year with the hope of being crowned **Matilda Carnival Queen**. Vying for the title were Lindsay Fawcett, Crystal Cantin, Kaylee Van Haren, Tracy Jones and April Murphy. When the spotlight faded at the end of the competition Jones held the title of Queen and Cantin was Miss Congeniality.

South Dundas **Heritage Coordinator Kirsten Gardner said good-bye** to a community where she spent six years building events like the Antique Festival, saving the train and erecting murals. The newly elected South Dundas council decided not to renew her contract position. Also ended by council was the lease on the **Lockmaster's House** in Iroquois which served as a home for DIAMONDS Conservation and Land Trust.

Mustard's Variety in Iroquois was marking their **15 years in business** with 15 days of prizes raffled to the store's customers.

South Dundas council was busy in the early part of the new year. They learned that **property assessments values were up an average of 16 percent** in South Dundas, so without raising the tax rate, the township would automatically be collecting more money. They weren't long to start spending, authorizing a **$20,000 independent review of the South Dundas fibre optics system**. This council decided they were worth the same in dollars as the last council and left their **honorariums and per diems the same**, with the mayor receiving a $15,000 per year honorarium and councillors $7,500 per year. A $100 per diem for all members of council stayed in place, along with an $85 per diem for special meetings.

With the municipal and provincial elections just behind us there would still be a federal election to come and although the date was not set, Alliance candidate **Guy Lauzon announced his intention to seek nomination as the Conservative candidate** for Stormont - Dundas - South Glengarry.

SDS Kerr Beavers exercised two one week plant-wide shutdowns as a result of high inventory levels throughout its supply chain.

FEBRUARY

A summary of council expenses revealed that **council paycheques totaled just over $82,000 in 2003**, which was just slightly lower than the year before.

Trevor Tolley started petitioning the expansion of a **Bouck's Hill hog farm** although township staff found the expansion is a permitted use under the current zoning.

The community of Williamsburg celebrated the grand opening of a new banking establishment, **Your Credit Union**. The credit union set up in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Montreal which had closed its Williamsburg branch.

Cam Martel asked that his name be removed from the Industry Canada BRAND funding application. "The bottom line is, it doesn't help the fibre project if I stick around. So if I go away, maybe it will ease up for the good of the community," he said in an interview with *The Leader*. Meanwhile something detrimental to the community was happening.

Two **anonymous documents were posted and circulated** making claims about secret organizations trying to dictate council decisions, randomly naming local businesses which the anonymous author deemed in support of the claims, and urged action in support of councillor Ron Delegarde. Mayor Lyle Van Allen read a disclaimer saying that the township and council did not condone, and was unaware of the preparation and distribution of the documents.

While all this was going on council moved on to more regular business and started **budget deliberations**. In light of the increased assessment, they were hoping that with cuts they could keep from increasing taxes.

After some scrutiny from council, and expressions of interest from outside organizations for the operation and management of the **Iroquois Golf Course, status quo** was achieved. Council decided to leave management of the club with a group of members, Iroquois Golf Club Inc., with changes to their financing situation. Mayor Lyle Van Allen and councillor Charles Barkley suggested that the current clubhouse could be put up for sale and a new clubhouse may be in the golf course's future.

The installation of residential **water meters** in the Morrisburg and Iroquois was about 75 percent complete.

MARCH

The month came in like a lion politically. South Dundas resident Andrew Bowers filed a **conflict of interest application** against newly elected Iroquois Ward South Dundas councillor Ron Delegarde. Any person entitled to vote in a municipality is entitled to do so if they believe an elected official has contravened the act. Bowers, contends that Delegarde has a conflict in decision-making concerning the South Dundas fibre optics network because he is an employee of Bell Canada. Delegarde's solicitor asked that the case be dismissed, but Justice Cosgrove refused, because it is a matter of public interest. At the outset of the issue, **Mayor Lyle Van Allen wasn't keen on council voting** on any matters concerning the fibre optics network without councillor Delegarde. Before the month was through Delegarde and Bowers were back in court, with more information filed. Justice Cosgrove warned that the **issue may have to go to trial**, but said that would be decided at a later court date. The fibre issue was everywhere. The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce was pressuring councillor Sandra Bailey for information about the study council ordered and the **security of the $1.6 million BRAND funding** awarded to the municipality but not yet secured.

Tenders for the **South Dundas Water Treatment plant** were in, and all received were in the $10 million to $11 million range. When the water plant was in the funding stages, engineers' cost estimate was about $7.3 million, but drastic market changes resulted in significantly higher bids.

Another anonymous poster surfaced making accusations about the fiber optics system and the economic development office. The poster which surfaced at the Williamsburg Post Office brought a harsh reaction from the CAO who called it gutless and slanderous. There were a few other things happening in the area outside the of realm of South Dundas council.

Winchester Hospital received a planning and design grant of up to $4 million to support their redevelopment (Renewing the Vision) planning. Ontario Health Minister George Smitherman visited the hospital to announce the funding and commitment of the provincial government.

Senator Jack Marshall, a well decorated WWII veteran, and long time MP and veterans affairs advocate **received the Order of Ontario**. The medal was added to his impressive collection of accolades, which also included the Order of Canada.

APRIL

The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual **spring home and trade show**, which has grown by leaps and bounds over the last couple of years, thanks to a perfect location, the Parker Professional Painting warehouse in the Morrisburg Industrial Park.

Seaway District High School announced with a touching and emotional assembly their inaugural **Relay for Life** event, to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen read the motion that awarded the **water treatment plant tender to the lowest bidding company, Detra Builders, in the amount of $9,965,398.** While giving the go-ahead to a multi-million dollar water project, council **spent another $1.28 million on curbside garbage and recycling collection**. Waste Services Incorporated was awarded the five year tender, by submitting a bid that was almost a million dollars less than the next closest bid.

After experiencing a large number of complaints and problems resulting from **high school students congregating at the Iroquois Shopping Plaza**, the OPP were named agents of the municipality giving them the authority to lay loitering charges.

Former South Dundas, Morrisburg Ward councillor **Cam Martel was elected president of the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce**, replacing Tom Morrow.

Council and Consultants went public mid month with the fibre optics feasibility study. The study outlined the **fibre exit strategy,** implemented to get the municipality out of the fibre business. The public information session revealed that the network would be sold, but the expansion of the fibre/wireless system to rural South Dundas was still planned to go ahead, making use of the Industry Canada BRAND money.

Although the professional actors had not yet returned to the stage for the 2004 Upper Canada Playhouse Season, a few players were strutting their hour upon the stage. The Apple Tree Ministry's volunteer cast of characters brought **Hyacinth** back to the stage for their annual food bank benefit show, and the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club staged their biannual fundraising production, this year, **Curse of the Werewolf.**

Council was still trying to work out the budget. In the final draft a 4.4 percent tax rate decrease was proposed, but wouldn't become official until the next meeting. By the time the next meeting rolled around some councillors expressed concern about a decrease, and proposed keeping the tax rate increase at zero. They still didn't make a final decision. Council did vote however to **fund residential water meter installations** through the township's reserves and reserve funds. Residents not connected to the water system did not contribute to those reserves used to pay for the water meters in any way.

MAY

The **Morrisburg and District Lions Club** pitched council with an idea to install a **concession stand at the Morrisburg Waterfront**. They wanted to act fast, so that it could be up and running this summer. Council **initially voted down** the Lions proposal, but when the mayor realized that the vote was lost, asked immediately to have it brought back to the council table again.

The **new garbage contractor** started and early on things were a mess, but they asked residents to bear with them as they worked through the difficult transition.

Thompson Rosemount Group and the township hosted an information session to let Morrisburg's **Augusta Street residents see the plans for their street** slated for a complete reconstruction.

At the annual Welcome Wagon Conference in Ottawa, **Morrisburg** was selected 2003 Ontario Region **Community of the Year** for a population under 8,000.

Although the halls had already been filled with children, **St. Mary - St. Cecilia Catholic School celebrated its official opening and blessing**. The school's gymnasium was dedicated to the memory of longtime trustee Peter Van Moorsel.

A **BRAND Request for Proposal call was answered** by four companies. The company awarded the fibre/wireless expansion work are slated to become the new owners of the system. The Communications Committee would review the four proposals received and make a recommendation to council.

Seaway District High School students pulled an all nighter for the Canadian Cancer Society, by hosting a Relay for Life event. Students walked their new track from dusk until dawn and brought in more than $40,000 to help in the fight against cancer.

After the budget deliberations were finally completed, and the provincial and counties rates were in South Dundas tax payers who experienced no change in their property assessments would be paying around **seven percent less property taxes** than last year.

The Lions Club's proposal for a waterfront concession stand came back to council for a second look, at the mayor's request. **Van Allen ended up being the swing vote**, by changing his mind the project was given the green light.



JUNE

Federal elections were next on the agenda for voters. While Stormont-Dundas - South Glengarry incumbent MP Bob Kilger was opening his campaign office, NDP candidate Elaine MacDonald was mainstreeting in Morrisburg. Also running for the member of parliament were Tom Manley for the Green Party and Conservative Guy Lauzon.

W3 Connex. Inc., was selected as the BRAND vendor. The newly named South Dundas Broadband Commission made this their first recommendation to council. The BRAND vendor is the company selected to expand the South Dundas fibre/wireless network to the rural areas, and once complete take over the existing system. Councillor Johnny Whitteker asked that the vote be recorded. Councillors Barkley and Bailey and Mayor Van Allen voted in favour of the recommendation and Whitteker against.

Former councillor **Bill Ewing formally asked council to rescind** the motion passed allowing the Morrisburg and District Lions Club to install a concession stand at the Morrisburg Waterfront Park. Ewing told council that this type of operation was prohibited at the designated location, and would have a negative impact on existing businesses already struggling.

Randy Veinotte met with council to make them aware of the **needs of Morrisburg Industrial Park business owners**, mainly better drainage and an alternate exit to the park.

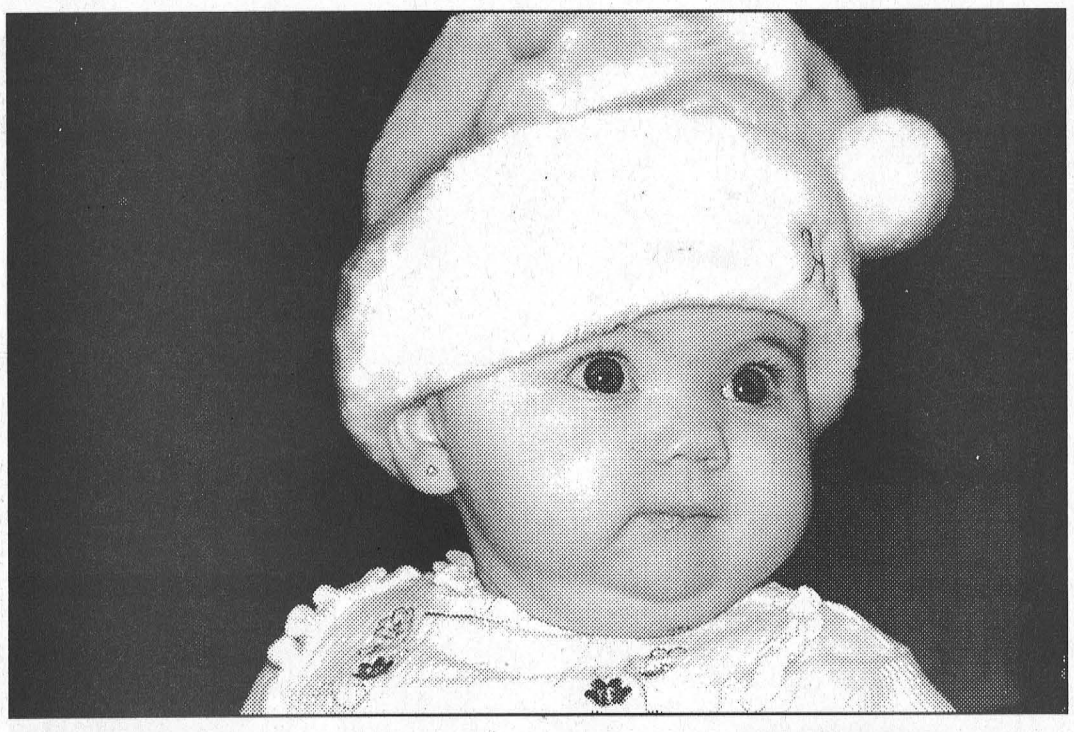
Bringing the Big Mac to Morrisburg, McDonald's opened its doors, sharing a location with the MacEwen gas bar.

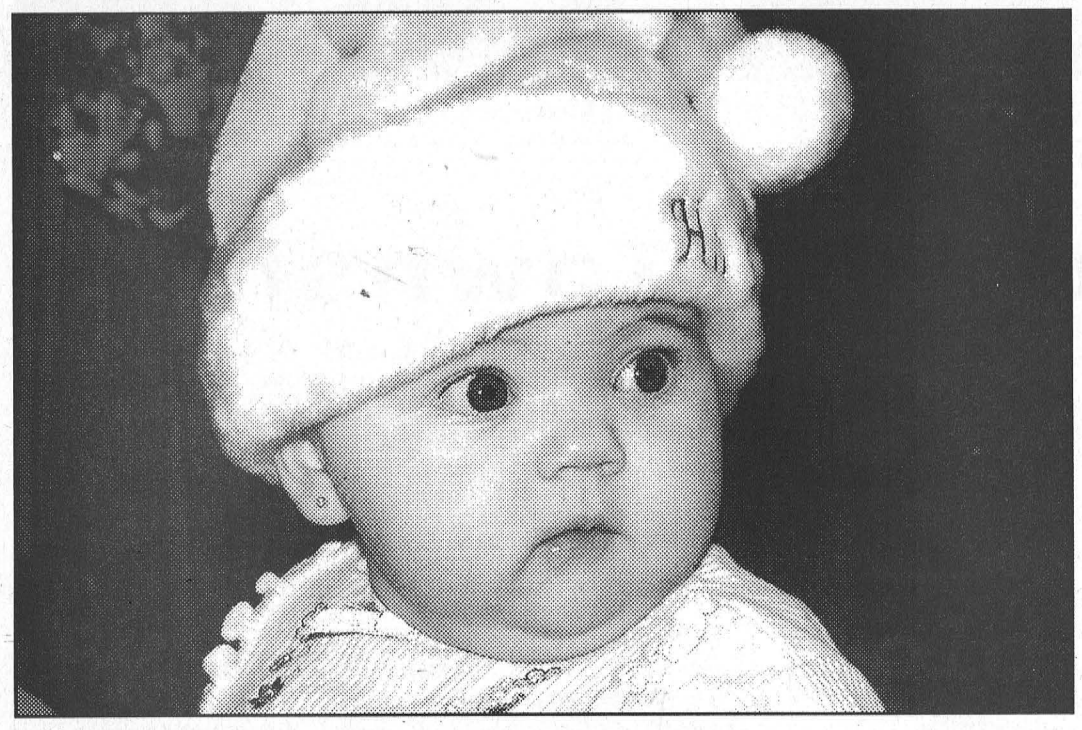
Both Morrisburg and Iroquois were **preparing for Canada Day celebrations.** Iroquois was inviting everyone to stop by and enjoy the festivities, and Morrisburg Fire Department was getting ready to bring the fireworks back to Canada Day in Morrisburg.

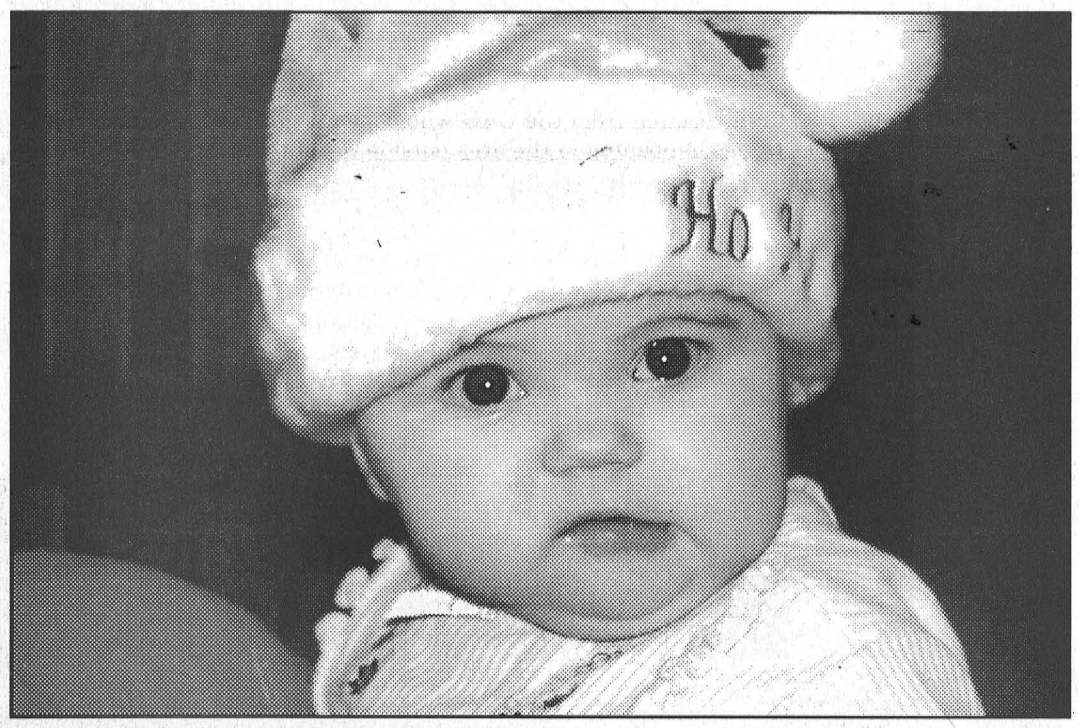
Canadian Tire became the first organization in South Dundas to **adopt-a-road**, making a commitment to clean up highway two from their store to the Operating Engineers.

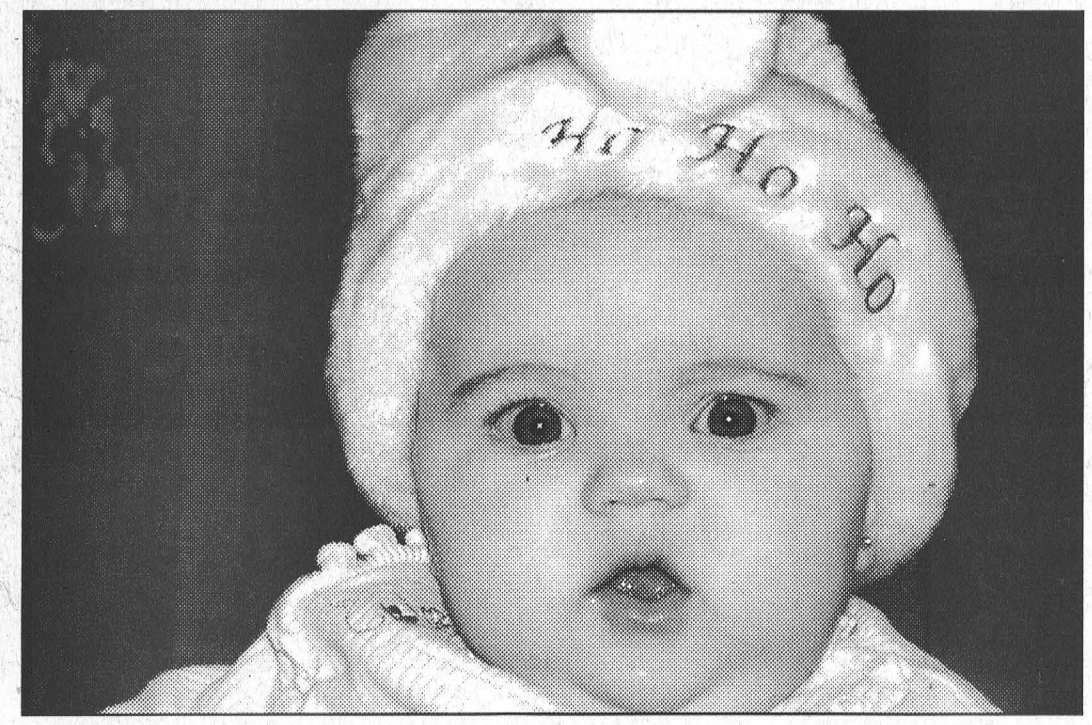
Conservative Guy Lauzon unseated longtime Liberal MP Bob Kilger. Lauzon's election was a result of very strong support outside of the City of Cornwall.

The Many Faces of Christmas









By four-month-old Emily Alexander

Saving Lockmaster's shed

IROQUOIS – Dedicated to the restoration of the Iroquois Galop Canal and area, the Galop Canal Marina Project is pleased to report that the community has reacted favourably to the challenge of saving the Lockmaster's Shed down at the old canal site.

Donations have been received from local institutions and concerned individuals, and the members of the project are hopeful that others in the community will be forthcoming with more support.

Monday December 13, Steven Smellie and Andrea Cartier presented an outline of the project to the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club.

Smellie said he was grateful for the opportunity to meet with some of the most influential members of our community.

The president of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions, Paul Robertson, invited the project staff to keep the Lions updated, and to present to them again in the spring.

Smellie says he is confident that the Lions Club and other service groups in South Dundas are committed to the revitalization of our unique waterfront area.

Just this past week, the Galop Canal Marina Project received news that the building would be secured so it will remain intact until such time as the construction can proceed.

The Galop Canal Marina Project staff is looking forward to the time when the Lockmaster's structure is again a vibrant part of our village and an integral part of the restoration and revitalization of the Galop Canal and surroundings.

Final BRAND approval

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the same," said Bailey.

Crampton said, "The community will get the same service as in the first plan, but it is costing less to do it."

In the contribution agreement approved now by Industry Canada and South Dundas council, the project will cost $1.4 million, with Industry Canada kicking in $724,537. The township is on the hook for $174,528 cash. The remainder of the costs are attributed to in-kind contributions ($362,209) from W3 Connex, the company selected to complete the build and take over the existing network. Other parties' in-kind contributions add up to a total of $187,800.

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Letter

Don't let this happen to you

To the editor,

This is a letter to all parents with children.

On May 18, 2004, our son was killed when the ATV he was riding overturned, killing him instantly.

Looking back now, I can see how wrong I was to even let him ride the ATV alone.

This letter is to remind all parents, please abide by the law. It is there for our safety.

Please remember to keep your kids safe.

It has been tough to cope with the loss of a child. Don't let this happen to you.

Sincerely,
Jeff and Wendy Welsh

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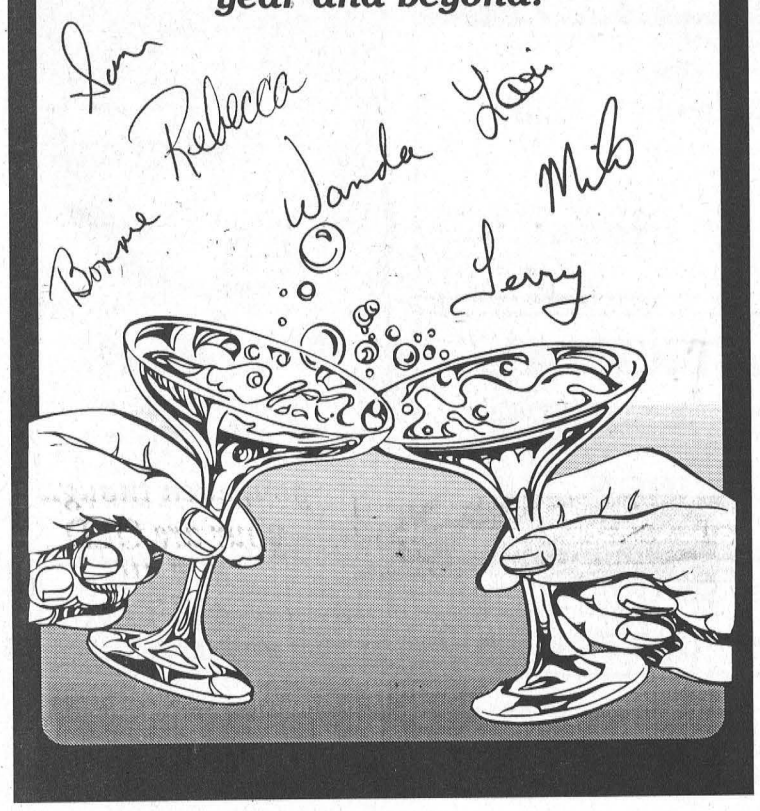
A New Year's toast for long life, good times, love and laughter throughout the coming year and beyond.





Winter Wonderland at St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg. (Photo, early 1990s)

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

Once again Christmas has come and gone, and there are probably a few of us who are just a little bit heavier for it. We actually haven't seen or heard much around the township over the last week, as, like all of you we were busy celebrating the holiday with our family.

We did learn one lesson though this Christmas and that is to be specific about the gifts we would like to receive. On our last shopping trip to the city we met with the hubby at a predetermined spot. When he arrived, we asked what he had bought us and the answer was "nothing. I don't know what to buy."

In a moment of craziness, we turned and point to the first thing we saw, which in this case was a bottle of perfume in a Sears display. "You could buy me that perfume, that would be great," we answered.

And on Christmas morning, sure enough, one of the gifts we unwrapped was that specific bottle of perfume.

As we unwrapped it we heard him exclaim, "Be careful of that stuff, it's liquid gold. How much do you think that thing cost me?"

Unable to answer, as we hadn't even looked at it the day we suggested he buy it, we went high and guessed at $60. When he rolled his eyes, and did the old Price is Right thing, "higher" we shuddered and have now decided we just don't want to know.

So we have now learned a couple of lessons. A, be specific and know what you are doing or B, if you are going to be spontaneous, stand in front of a car dealership or expensive jewellery store before you point your finger.

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The only thing we have on our calendar is still a few weeks off, but, just so you can make your plans, mark the weekend of January 21-23 for the annual Matilda Carnival.

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Now as we sign off, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers, advertisers, and contacts a Happy New Year, and issue a reminder that if you are enjoying the bubbly this New Year's Eve, be safe, don't drive.

The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1994

The December 28 issue reported the mother-daughter duo of Grace and Barbara Lewis of Iroquois were yelling Bingo. The two had won $10,000 on an Instant Bingo card.

Declining tax revenues and unplanned spending initiatives were forcing Williamsburg council to dip heavily into its reserves to cover 1994 expenses. The Dejong group home contributed heavily to the budget overrun, as did the Schell Street subdivision. Township clerk Mike Waddell estimated about $400,000 would have to be removed from the reserves, which he said would leave the reserve bucket just about empty.

Beginning January 1, municipal councils and most local boards would be required, under new legislation, to conduct their business in the open. The new legislation was to make local decision-making more transparent and local decision makers more accountable. Under bill 163, only a limited number of concerns, such as property acquisition, personal matters and litigation would now be acceptable for discussion without the public present, and any final decision would have to be made in an open public meeting.

Roast beef was $3.99 a pound at Mr. Grocer.

1984

The December 26 issue reported that with the cooperation of Mother Nature, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission would again be offering a complete range of winter recreation opportunities. Skiers had five trails in Crysler Park from which to choose and snowmobilers could enjoy 11 km of wooded parkland at Crysler Park. Daylight skating on the Upper Canada Village canal was to begin as soon as the water was frozen.

Charlie's Angels girls' hockey team gave up just one goal in a 5-1 victory in Komeks league action. Scoring for the Angels were Camille McInnis and Robin Guiterrez with two goals each and Tracey Ogilby, with a single. The Angels were coached by Donnie Mabo.

1975

Pictured on the front page of the January 3 issue was Carson Baker of Morrisburg as he received a certificate from Roger Belanger, Director, Eastern Region of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority. The certificate recognized 25 years of service to the Government of Canada.

Management of the Morrisburg Lions Hockey Club announced they would be adding three players to their roster, all of whom were on the roster the previous year. They included Gerry Zeron, Dale Swerdfeger and Doug McNairn.

Family Outfitters Ltd. was having its 23rd Anniversary Sale with prices slashed up to 50 percent on all ladies, men's and boys clothing and sportswear.

1964

The December 25 issue reported production had resumed at Caldwell Linen Mills in Iroquois, following settlement of a strike which shut down operations for more than a week. Plant manager Alfred Clark reported an agreement had been reached giving workers a general increase of five cents an hour the first year and six cents an hour in the second year.

The editor wrote that he had been trying for the past few weeks to buy one of the new, all-but-official Canadian flags, but at the time of the writing they were not yet available in Morrisburg.

The first game for the 1964-65 Morrisburg Juniors was to be an exhibition against the Rideau Juveniles of Ottawa on December 29. Information was that the local juniors had a red hot, devoted squad who would take a lot to be beaten.

1954

It was reported that E.R.R. Funke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolphe Funke of Morrisburg was the winner of a $300 scholarship at Queen's University. Edgar was a second year student in mechanical engineering. The scholarship was awarded by Ontario Hydro and announced by Hydro Chairman Robert H. Saunders.

Hydro Chairman, Robert H. Saunders reported a survey in Iroquois, involving personal interviews with 283 families who resided in the village had been concluded and a similar survey for the section to be flooded got underway in Morrisburg on December 9. The results of the preliminary survey in Iroquois showed that 66.8 percent of home owners stated they would like to move their present dwellings to the new Iroquois; 5.6 percent said they intended to sell their homes and leave town; 23.7 percent planned to sell their homes and build or buy in the new town site; and only 3.8 percent gave no indications. It was also reported that on November 26, an agreement of far-reaching importance was signed between Ontario Hydro and Caldwell Linen Mills, Iroquois, covering the purchase by Hydro of the company's existing plant and dwellings. Under the agreement with Hydro, the Caldwell Linen Mills would build a new plant located approximately one mile north of the present factory.

1944

Headlines in the December 29 issue read: Flynn Block Destroyed by Fire with $25,000 loss. Fire completly destroyed the Flynn Block, at the corner of Main and Lock Streets. Prompt action by the fire department under Chief Herbert Clark prevented the blaze from spreading to the St. Lawrence Music Hall Hotel, the Post Office and the Bradfield Hardware Store across the street from the Flynn Block. The families of Pte. L. Stata and William Adams resided in the two storey brick veneer block. The Adams family saved some equipment from their barber shop and beauty parlour. The upper level of the building was occupied by the building's owner Arthur Flynn, who ran a law business there.

The issue also reported, the Morrisburg Board of Trade held an emergency meeting to discuss the local fire department and the equipment at their disposal. It was decided representatives would be sent to the next council meeting to recommend the immediate reorganization and proper training of the fire department and the purchase of a utility truck and necessary equipment, suitable for snow ploughing. The group was also to recommend a garage be provided to house said truck and the A.R.P. pumper together with the fire equipment and that the garage be heated so the equipment would be usable at any time.

Xenopus makes Christmas presentation

MORRISBURG – Xenopus, here in Morrisburg, spread around some Christmas cheer last Thursday when they presented a $500 cheque to the Community Care Access Centre.

The donation was made up of employee contributions which were matched by the company. On hand to accept the donation were Wes Libbey chairman of the centre's board of directors and communication officer Joël Côté.

"We have been looking for a community organization to give some money to at Christmas time," explained Xenopus' Joanne Kydd. "Christmas is the time when we are giving from our hearts."

"We looked around and found that many families of our employees have used your organization and are very thankful for the services you provided them."

"We are delighted to be able to do this."

The presentation was made by company president Gustel Fischer as the employees looked on.

Speaking on behalf of Community Care, Libbey told of his experiences which involved the care of his father and currently the care of his mother-in-law.

Through the service, he and his wife were able to find assistance for the care of their elderly relatives which enabled them to keep them at home.

"The nice thing about staying at home for a senior is the quality of life. The system is set up so my mother-in-law can die at home," said Libbey.

"That is the kind of service we provide. That's my personal experiences that are important to families."

Côté thanked the company for the donation and took a few minutes to explain the services available through Community Care which is located on Cotton Mill Street in Cornwall and serves individuals of all ages in the counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell, and Akwesasne.

"Our case managers go into the home and assess the person requiring care. We provide homemaking and nursing services and can provide referrals to the appropriate other services so you don't have to sift through the Yellow Pages. We are a one stop shopping."

"Our case mangers visit and do assessments, and can help arrange access to long term nursing care facilities."

"We can provide medical services and supplies in the home," he added.

"The government has recognized it is less expensive to keep people in their homes, and we pride ourselves in being able to serve people in their homes."

"We also provide social work, perhaps for a person who has lost a loved one."

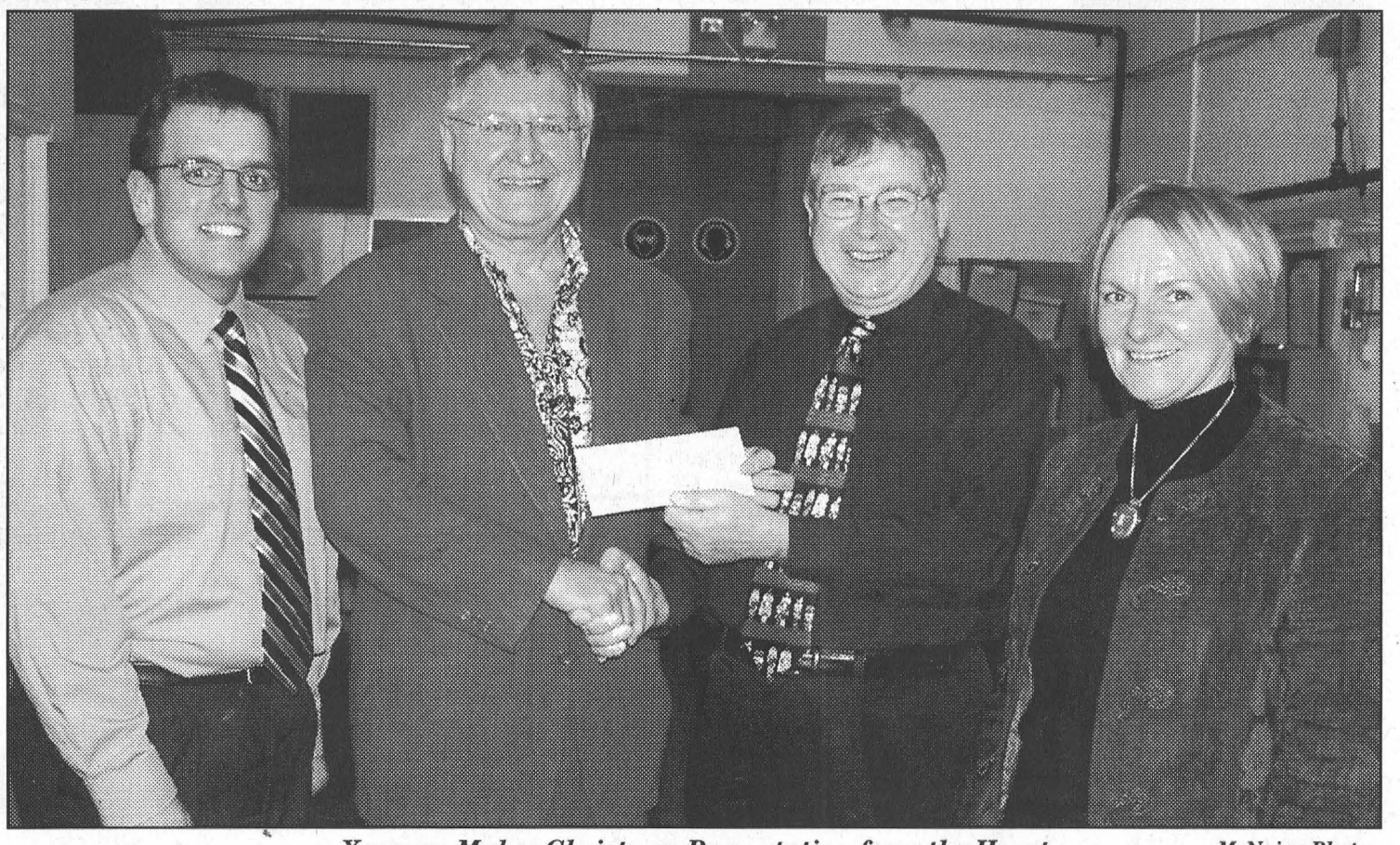
"Our key service is case management. We don't just say, sorry we can't help. We have over 500 agencies we can refer you to."

In addition to geriatric assessments and placement service, nursing care, and personal support and respite care service, Community Care provides rehabilitation services such as physiotherapy, occupation therapy, speech language therapy, social work and dietetics.

It can also provide medical supplies and equipment and access to Ontario Drug Benefits and ambulance transportation.

Offices are located in Alexandria, Casselman, Cornwall, Hawkesbury and Winchester. They can be reached by calling 1-800-267-0852.

There is no cost for the services provided by Community Care, however there could be costs for some services provided by some referred services.



Xenopus Makes Christmas Presentation from the Heart *McNairn Photo*

Employees and management at Xenopus presented a $500 Christmas cash donation to the Community Care Access Centre at a plant gathering last Thursday. Pictured above, l-r, are Joël Côté (Community Care communication officer), Xenopus company president Gustel Fischer, Community Care chair Wes Libbey, and Xenopus representative Joanne Kydd.

Allison reports on Rideau St. Lawrence

WILLIAMSBURG – Presenting his year end report to council John Allison, council's appointed Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities board member, was there to answer council's questions.

Councillor Ron Delegarde told Allison he was concerned about Rideau St. Lawrence's lack of tree cutting as it has resulted in some outages in Iroquois.

Allison reported that they implemented a program to try and avoid these types of outages.

Delegarde also expressed concern about RSL's removal of isolators in Iroquois.

"It's a bit of a call," explained Allison. He confirmed that RSL had removed isolators when they amalgamated the systems. "We felt there were too many."

"Now with fewer isolators there are fewer points to check if there is an outage," said Allison. "We did reorganize to some degree, but we feel it works better now."

Councillor Charles Barkley brought up the issue of billing for watered meter, which RSL will do in this municipality.

Allison told council that the township should probably plan on implementing a water meter maintenance program because Measurement Canada will likely get involved and start treating water meters like hydro meters. "You should probably plan accordingly."

Councillor Johnny Whitteker pointed out that RSL residential service rate is still lower than that of Hydro One.

Allison reported that RSL's rate will increase about one or two percent next year.

Delegarde asked Allison about RSL's plan for Smart Meters.

Allison explained that the implementation of the meters will be designated by the province and "we want to make sure we get the right meters."

Allison said that the cost benefit analysis of the Smart Meter Program "will be terrible," and questioned whether or not people would shift usage patterns enough for it to work successfully.

"There will only be a small percent of the population that will be able to do much with it. Businesses open during regular business hours will have to pay the premium rates."

He also said that one of the main program difficulties is data storage. With the Smart Meters there may be much as one reading per hour per customer, worth of data that will have to be stored.

"But, it looks like it (the implementation of the program) is a political decision," said Allison.

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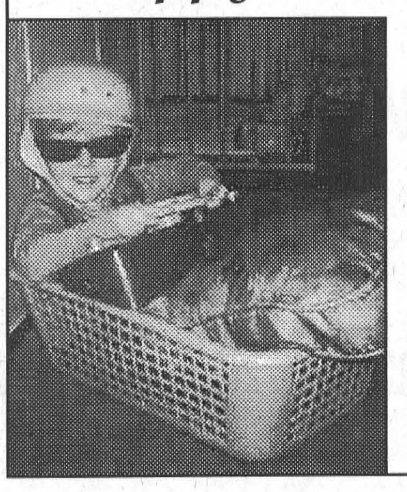

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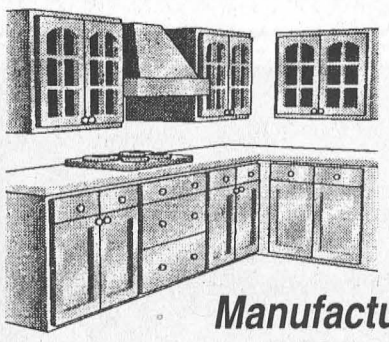

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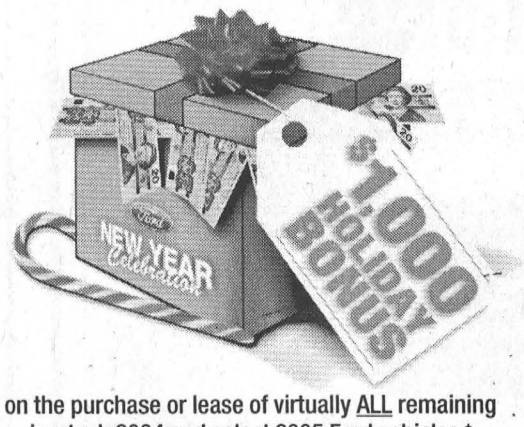

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Obituaries

Fae Brinston

Fae Brinston, a lifelong resident of Brinston, who for the past three years resided at Wellington House, Prescott, passed away there peacefully on December 16, 2004.

Fae was born August 8, 1911, in Irena, Ontario. She was one of seven children in the family of Gertrude (Stone) and Alzon Seeley.

She married Thomas Lloyd Brinston in June of 1932. They saved to build their first house which was shortly followed by a working farm, complete with greenhouses.

With a labour of love she would work long hours taking care of her flowers, vegetables, chickens and geese. People would come from miles away to buy her flowers and vegetables.

One of her favorite leisure time activities was watching the birds in her feeders. Many people who attended Brinston baseball games will remember Fae selling pop to thirsty fans and players.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Every August the entire Seeley family would celebrate Rae and Fae's (the twins) birthdays by going on family picnics.

After 20 years of marriage Fae and Lloyd were blessed with the arrival of their only child, a daughter Marlene. Some of Marlene's earliest childhood memories include Fae protecting her from the barnyard geese.

In 1978, Marlene and her husband Garry Lewis were blessed with the arrival of Fae's granddaughter Tracy.

Tracy spent much of her time at her grandmother's house as a child and has many cherished memories of grandma. She fondly recalls late night hot chicken sandwiches made to order "just the way she liked them", fresh cut roses in the fridge, and a seemingly endless supply of candy and cookies hidden around the house.

Following Lloyd's death in 1986 Fae remained in Brinston.

Fae loved country music. Even in her eighties, Fae could be found two stepping at the local dance.

When not attending social functions, Fae would spend the remainder of her time tending her roses and visiting with friends. She was also a member of Brinston United Church and the Matilda Rebekah Lodge #342 for many years.

She remained a social butterfly until losing her vision in her ninetieth year. Fae's love of flowers, especially roses, will continue to thrive through her daughter Marlene and the family hopes that there will be roses for Fae to attend to in heaven.

Fae is survived by her daughter Marlene (Garry) Lewis of Brinston, her granddaughter Tracy (Charlie) Tucker of Edmonton, her sister Leaola Laporte of Cornwall,



sisters-in-law Stella Seeley of Morrisburg and Irene Seeley of Prescott.

She was predeceased by sisters Mildred Companion and Arlene Bradford, and brothers Rae, Clifford, and Wilfred Seeley. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois, on Monday December 20, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, December 21, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating.

Interment followed at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston. Pallbearers were Bill Horner, Hubert Lapierre, John Francis, Brian Seeley, Floyd Thompson, and Terry Relyea.

Donations to the C.N.I.B. or Brinston United Church would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Ralph Wylie

A lifetime resident of the area, Ralph Wylie, passed away December 20, at Brockville General Hospital. He was 64 years old.

Born January 5, 1940, in Matilda Township, he was son of the late Clifford and Dora Wylie (nee Hanson). Ralph lived in Prescott and was a construction labourer.

He was brother to Pauline Harper of Morrisburg, Velma Casselman of Dixon's Corners, Eileen McCargar of Glen Stewart and Ray Wylie of Brinston. Ralph was predeceased by a sister Deltra Jordan and brothers Parker, Harold and Maynard.

He will be missed by dear friends Doug and Heather Healey of Prescott. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

There was no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg. Interment of cremated remains will be at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston.

Donations to St. Vincent de Paul Palliative Care would be appreciated by the family.

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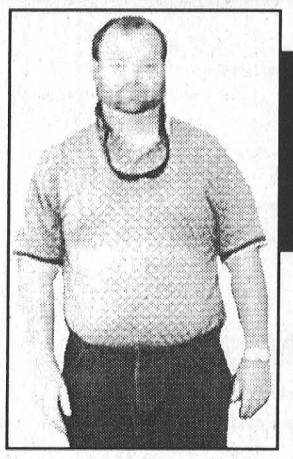

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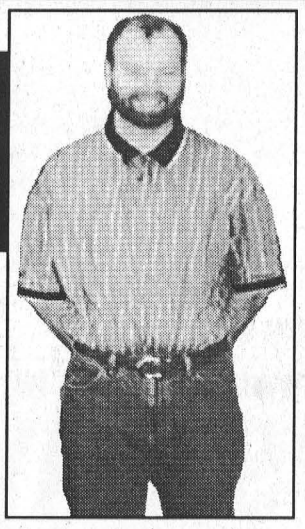

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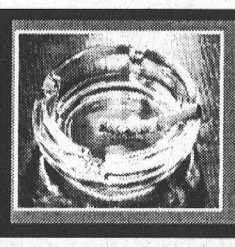

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Cynthia Foss

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Auxiliary president, Elinor Jordan said, "We are so thrilled to have this quilt for our raffle. We have 2000 tickets available, and we have already sold 600. We will be sold out by the time of the draw at our annual fall bazaar in October 2005.

Foss is a member of the Upper Canada Quilter's Guild, and she has been quilting for eight years. She enjoys all facets of quilt-making. She retired from Winchester District Memorial Hospital from the nursing staff in 1996, and cannot believe how the time has flown since then.

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Notice of Filing of Addendum

An Amendment has been completed to the 1999 Environmental Study Report which was issued on the 5th of May 1999. The Addendum contains details on the revised preferred alternatives for the replacement of the existing wastewater treatment plants in the Villages of Iroquois and Morrisburg.

By this Notice, the Addendum is being placed on the public record for review in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, the Township intends to proceed with the construction of this project in the summer of 2006, pending the approval of funding from the Provincial and Federal governments under the Canada Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMFIR).

The Addendum is available for review at the following locations with hours as noted:

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Friday	14:00 - 16:00	13:00 - 16:00	
Saturday	10:00 - 12:00	10:00 - 14:00	10:00 - 12:00

Further information may be obtained from the Township's consultant, the Thompson Rosemount Group Inc., 1345 Rosemount Avenue, Cornwall, Ontario. Telephone (613) 933-5602. Attention Mr. Marco Vincelli, P.Eng., Project Engineer.

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Figure skating gold

Skaters with the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club put together a huge finish to their 2003/2004 season with strong performances at area competitions.

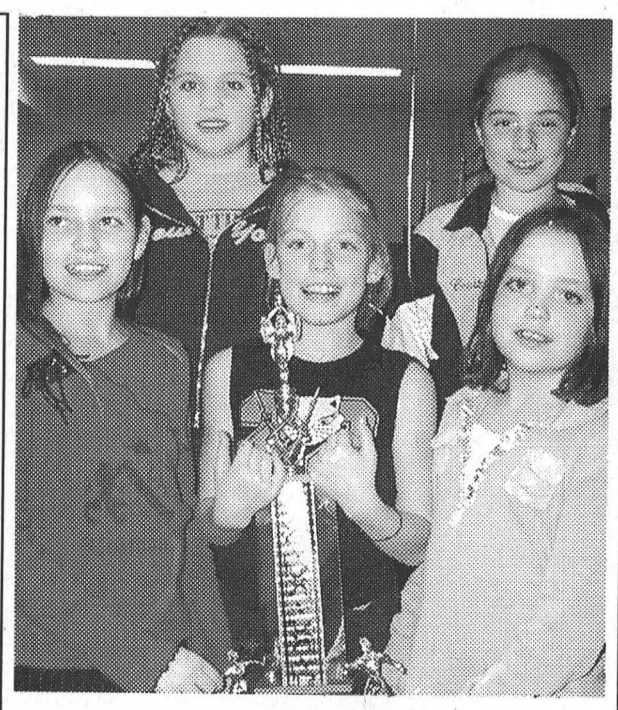
In January, four skaters claimed gold medals at the Prescott Invitational including Meghan Adams (2) and Hayley Mills, Kelsey Hall and Jessica Thompson with singles. Later in the month Kelsey Hall and Hayley Mills, and Haley Van Allen and Kaila Van Hoof, skated to gold medals in pairs while Hall and Morgan Hass picked up individual gold medals.

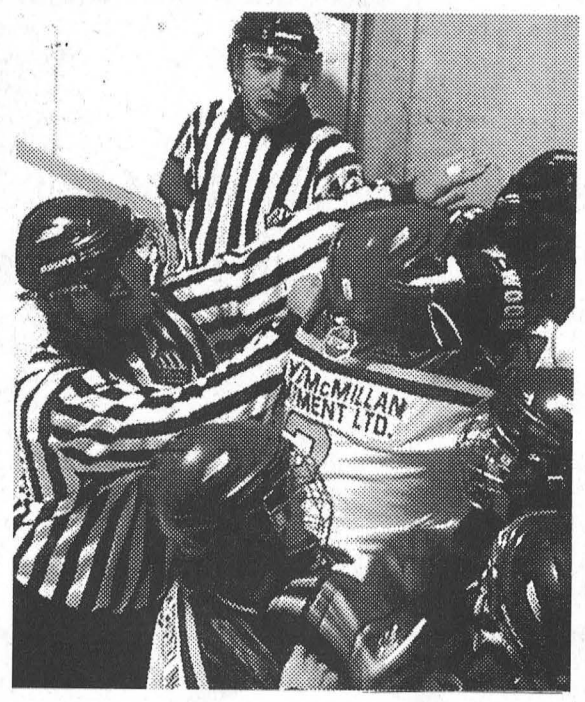
In February, Erin Stewart won gold at the Perth Recreational Skate and all the skaters put it together to win the Seaway Valley Interclub overall points championship hosted in Morrisburg. To do this club skaters amassed 19 medals including two gold medals each from Courtney Thompson, Jessica Thompson, Brianna Stewart, and Kelsey Hall, and singles from Amy Veltkamp, Hayley Mills and Morgan Baxter.

In March, it was a big team effort in Winchester that again gave the local club the overall points championship. This time Adams skated to three golds and Erin Stewart and Mills to two golds apiece. Logan Patterson, Kelsey Hall, Alyssa MacMillan, Kristen Stewart and Kaila Van Hoof all picked up single gold medals.

The season ended with the annual ice show, this year skated under the theme of "It's a Small World". At the club banquet, departing club professional coach Tara Hickman was honoured and Hayley Mills was awarded the Skate Canada Star Skate $100 bursary. Sandra Scott, with 25 years of service to the club, was honoured as a volunteer, Meghan Adams was presented the Star Skate Award and Cameron Keicks was named for the Program Assistant Award. The Canskater of the Year was six-year-old Allison Lee.

Meghan Adams kicked off the fall of 2004 by winning a silver medal at the Figure 8 Autumn Skate in Ottawa and then 300 skaters, representing 24 clubs, turned out for the annual Morrisburg Interclub Invitational in late November.





Golfers busy at Morrisburg Club

The 2004 Morrisburg Golf Club season kicked off with the first men's and ladies night in early May, and in June Kirk Barkley shot a 77 to win the annual Men's Open. Kevin Duvall won A flight with a 78, Donnie Mabo B flight with a 79 and Bob Bergland and Jim Strader shared the C flight win with 89s.

In July, Vicki and Brad Boivin shot a 73 to win the annual two-ball competition, this year sponsored by the Giant Tiger Stores in Morrisburg and Prescott.

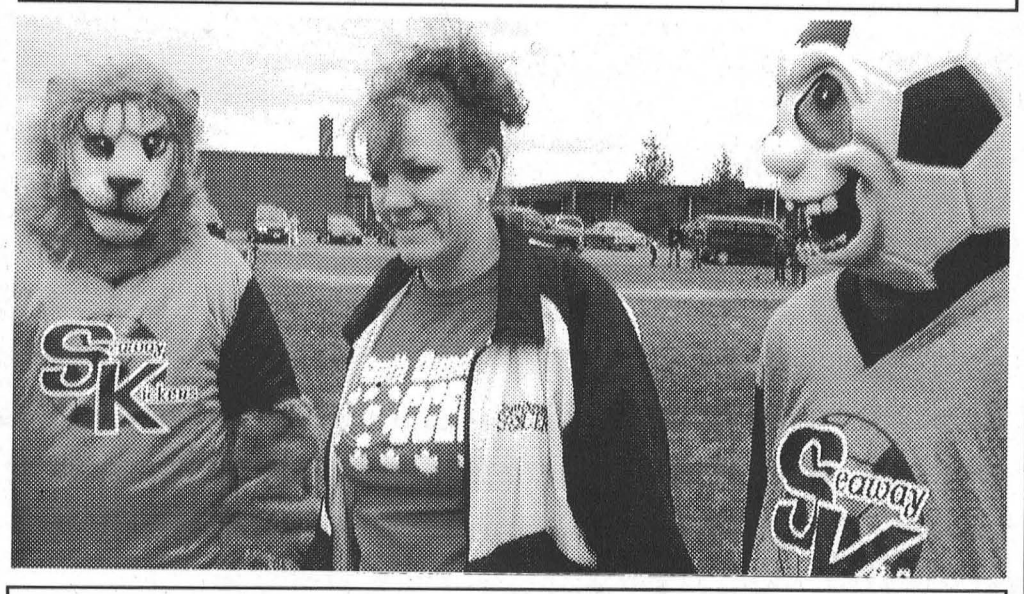
Lance Lepage put together a 36 hole total of 154 to win the men's club championship, while Dave Myers won B and Andy Allard won C. For the ladies, Monique Patenaude claimed the championship with a 36 hole total 178, while Diane Gallinger won B, Sherry Boulerice C and Shannon Casselman D.

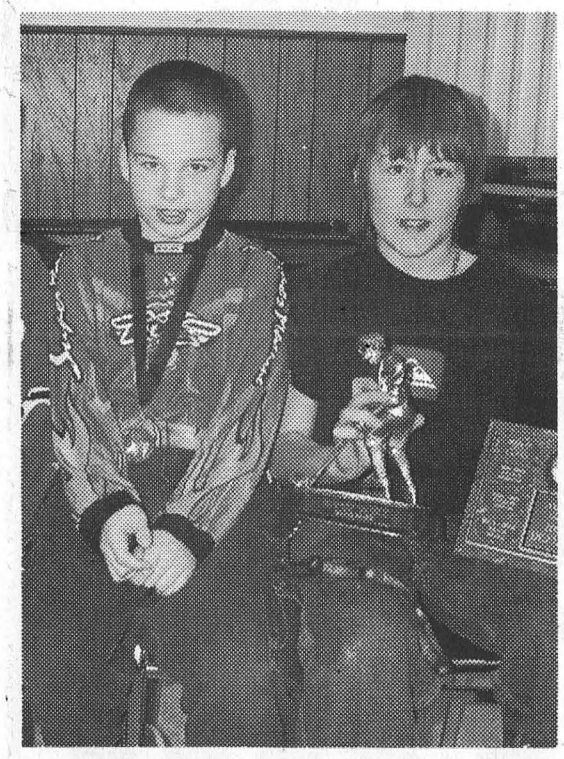
At the Junior Club Championship played in August, the winners were Tanner Hummell, Nick Thomas, Gareth Cochrane, Stephenie Cochrane and Matt Hummell.

Kevin Duvall, Doug Brewster, Kirk Barkley, Blake Barry, Lee Beaupre, Dave Myers, Mike Laurin, Brian McNairn and John Vincent earned spots on the Men's Border League team, and the Men's Valley League team consisted of Duvall, Tim Smith, Brewster, Kirk Barkley, Beaupre, Myers, Laurin, Korey Casselman, Allen Casselman, Jack Newsom, Bob Barclay, Allard, Bob Duvall and Vincent.

Representing the Morrisburg Club at the Ladies Valley League played at Summer Heights were Monique Patenaude, Beth Rivington, Bonnie McNairn, Diane Gallinger, Lori-Anne Davies, Judy Laurin, Deanna Cassell, Heather Black, Patty Boucher, Kitty Moore, Barb Allard, Shannon Casselman, Barb Sheridan and Linda Barclay.

Kent Nugent shot an 81 to win the Morrisburg Junior Invitational, and Chris Tindal, Matt Hummell, Jess McKeown, David Toonders, Gareth Cochrane, Nick Thomas, Stephenie Cochrane and Jay Kellar represented the club at the Junior Valley League played at the Sandy Row Golf Course in South Mountain.





Iroquois golfers win

Members of the Iroquois Golf Club had a very solid season when, in August both their men's and junior Valley League teams claimed wins at the annual tournaments.

The men's team won on their home turf and consisted of Bob Mann, Bill Anderson, Ron Martelle, Don Polan, Lyle Mattice, Les Craig, Brooke Leightizer, Robin McIntosh, Ed Orlicky, Garry Barkey, Cameron McIntosh, Harry McCallum Jeremy Adams, Barry Barkley and Matt Radley.

The Junior team claimed their win at Sandy Row. The team consisted of Cameron McIntosh, Jesse Lapier, Brandon Elliott, Nick McCaslin, Lucas Stewart, Brittany Elliott, Liam Mills and Adam Patrick.

The ladies team fell just short of making it an Iroquois sweep when they finished second to Summer Heights, this year's host. The Iroquois team consisted of Gail McCallum, Nancy Barkley, Judy Madden, Karen Cooke, Margo Anderson, Cheryl Elliott, Helen Robichaud, Sue Sloan, Betty Locke, Jennie Clifford, Jane McLaughlin, Ida Palmer Kim Lalonde, and Marge Lapier.

Tough seasons for Junior Bs

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions roared into 2004 with a pair of wins, just enough to keep them ahead of the basement dwelling Winchester Hawks.

In mid-February they hung up their skates, finishing the season in fifth place in the St. Lawrence Division of the Eastern Ontario Jr. B Hockey League.

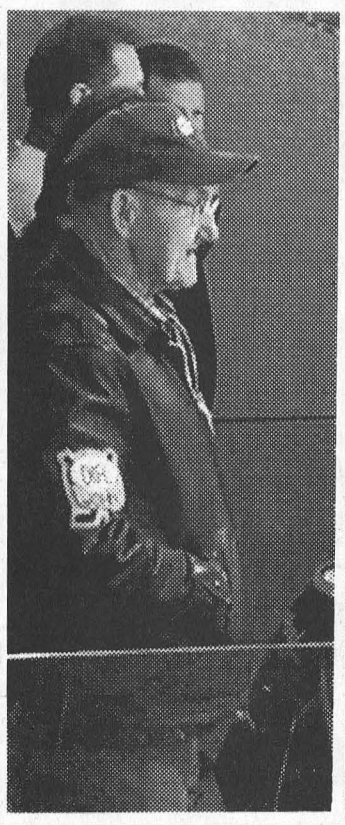
Despite the team showing, Jason Denio had a strong offensive season posting 69 points on 45 goals and 24 assists to finish in fifth place in the division's scoring race.

In April, the Junior B organization held a Junior B Alumni game night featuring three games of former Lions in 40 year plus, 30 year plus and 22 year plus categories. The current day Junior won all three of the games, which opened with the 40 plus game and a surprise goal from Mark Beaupre (assisted by Jim "Sudsy" Whelan) just 30 seconds into the action. Scoring against the Juniors in the three games were John Morrow and Rob Casselman with two goals each, Lindsay Weegar, Lyle Schell, Scott Robinson, Randy "Tug" Mullin and Peter Barnett. The evening of festivities kicked off when Mr. Hockey of Morrisburg, John Rice crossed the ice to take his spot on the bench behind the 40 plus alumni team.

The Juniors wrapped up the season in May with their banquet at which Jason Denio cleaned up on the individual awards. Denio won the leading scorer award and was a co-winner of the best forward and team MVP with Justin Elliott. Kyle Jarvis won for most assists and Chad Galipeau and Mike Carbino were named Rookies of the Year. The most valuable defenceman was Mike Carbino and Pat McLeod was named best defensive player and named the winner of the coaches trophy. The most improved hardware went to Cory Gove, and Tyler Lafortune won the Lady Bing for sportsmanship.

The Lions said good bye to Denio, longtime defenseman Jon Chambers and Matt McBean.

The Lions, under coach Garry Beckstead, opened the 2004/05 season with a pair of losses and it took them nine games before they were able to post their first win. By the end of December they were firmly in last place in the St. Lawrence Division. Shortly into the season coach Beckstead was forced to give up his position for health reasons and was replaced by Ron Belmore.







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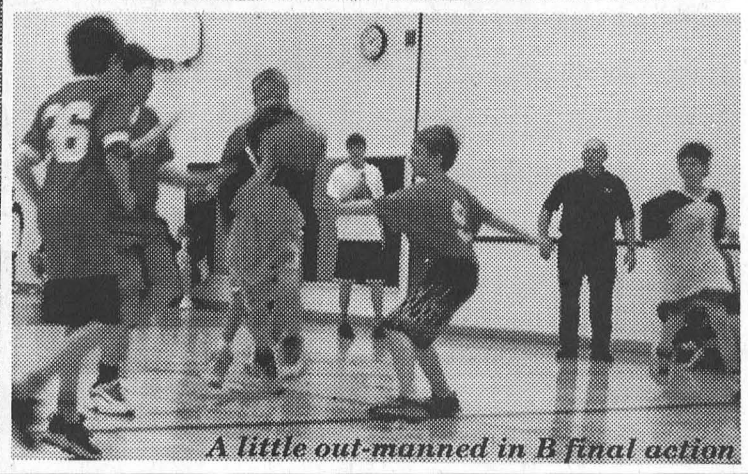
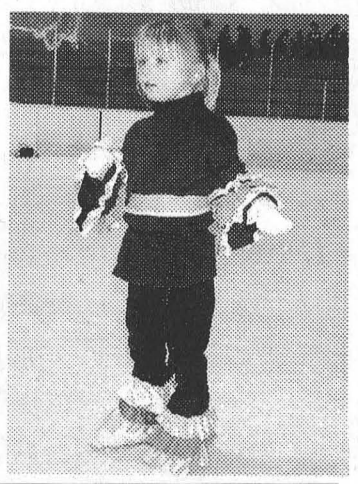


A little out-manned in B final action





Minor hockey sees changes and additions

Teams of the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association moved into the new year looking for strong finishes and spots in the playoffs.

Midget hockey had been revived with the change of age category which added one year at the level, and the local Midget B Lions, coached by Barry Van Allen, finished the season in second place behind North Dundas and South Grenville (tied for first). The Midgets ousted Char-Lan in quarter final play, but lost to South Grenville. The Peewee Bs defeated Alexandria in the semi-finals and lost to North Dundas in the championship while the Bantam Bs lost to the Char-Lan Rebels in the East Division championship.

The Midget House Lions, after finishing the season in second place, defeated North Dundas in quarter-final play and Alexandria in the semi-finals. They lost in the Eastern Championship final to the North Dundas Demon 1 team.

In late March, 34 Atom B hockey players participated in a Charity All-Star Game Skills Competition organized by Ernie Beckstead. The local Atom B team was represented by Amy Veltkamp, David Baird and Marc Beckstead. Benefitting from the event was the local Food Bank and the South Dundas Hockey Association.

At the annual general meeting in April, Dale Adams moved to past president, leaving the president's position empty due to the absence of a 1st vice-president who had resigned during the season. The spot was eventually filled by John Hanson.

The hockey season officially ended April 17 with the annual banquet held in three segments in which Debbie Heldens and her helpers served 460 people.

The 2004/2005 season got underway in September and in October a special series of games was played to commemorate the inaugural season of the new South Dundas Girls Hockey Association. Under president Dale Adams, the association had attracted 61 girls.

Lions Day in early December was another huge success and the special guest for the event was Hugh McKay, who, with his son (Randy) annually hosts a golf tournament to raise money for the South Dundas and South Stormont Associations.

Soccer attracts 550

The South Dundas Soccer Association opened with a training camp which attracted 200 players and they were joined by another 350 as the season officially kicked off on May 22. "We have 42 teams this year," said association president Candace Menges. The association also fielded six travelling teams.

Along came Canada Day and with it Soccer Day in Iroquois when the association hosted its annual tournament won by the Prescott Gunners.

World Cup Soccer came to Iroquois at the end of July for the season finale. The biggest feature was the spectacle provided when 550 players, sporting their team colours and flying their 42 flags from countries around the world, lined the track at Seaway District High School.

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Hill brothers heading to Daytona

MORRISBURG–While their friends are spending Christmas battling the elements of a Canadian winter, Trevor and Travis Hill are relaxing briefly on the beach in Daytona, winding down from a long drive to Florida and getting ready to wind up for a few laps around the Daytona Speedway track.

The brothers, who have been kart racing for many years, have decided that 2005 will be the year they concentrate their racing skills on longer tracks and as a result they will compete in the Dunlop Tire National Road Racing Association series of nine races

The series kicked off in Daytona over Christmas running December 27-29, and last Wednesday, December 22 the boys were preparing for the long drive south with their dad Paul and their uncle David.

"We are getting ready to do some big racing," said Trevor last Wednesday.

Both boys starting racing when they were about 12 years old, and they have honed their driving skills on three-quarter mile tracks at junior racing levels. Both Trevor, 18, and Travis, 16, now race at the senior level (16 years and up).

"We are still in karts, just faster karts," explained Trevor.

The difference between the two racers is the classes they elected to race in when they moved into the senior category.

For Trevor the decision was to run in the 125 Shifter Class while Travis runs in the Rotax 125 Max Class.

For those not race savvy, Trevor explains his cart has a transmission and "It's wide open. Anything you can do, and as much money as you can throw at it, they allow it."

Travis' kart on the other hand has no transmission and its motor is sealed. "Mine you rely more on the driver," says Travis.

The Hill team actually moved onto the longer tracks this past summer, catching part of the 2004 season and since then have raced in Vancouver, British Columbia in the Canadian National. A busy season saw them in a street race in Barrie, in two or three races in New Hampshire and in Atlanta, Georgia.

The big difference for the team which is sponsored by Allkart of Italy through its U.S. distributor in Boston, Massachusetts, is the increased travelling and the longer season.

"We are still with Allkart and they are based out of Boston," said Trevor. "We were doing well with them, so we thought why not try this."

In their first races on a long track in New Hampshire in mid-October the boys posted a pair of wins. Next stop was Atlanta where they came away with a win and a third.

The Dunlop tire National Road Racing series circuit runs the big tracks from Daytona up the Eastern Seaboard. Their previous sprint racing in Canada had them on tracks that vary from a half mile to just over a mile. Now they run on tracks of 1.6 miles, which is the shortest, to over 3.5 mile tracks.

The tracks also feature changes in elevations and various curves. It is key for a driver to learn the track.

"In sprint it is just power," said Travis. "But on the long track it is mental. It helps to have good equipment, but you have to be thinking of when you are going to make your move and where you want to be."

"You have to think ahead," says Trevor. "It's all timing and strategy."

"So far we are pretty good at it," says Travis.

Among the biggest obstacles for the boys has been financing. "We'll always accept money," says Travis.

"Over the last few years, we've tried to budget our money and use it wisely," says Trevor.

The boys are most appreciative of the local sponsorship they receive. They recently built a trailer with assistance from Quintan Structure Steel in Winchester, Morco Trailer Products in Kingston and Capital Quick Bodies in Ottawa.

Throughout their racing years, they have been assisted locally by Parcoll Products, Jim's Performance Plus, the St. Lawrence Motorsports Park in Morristown, New York, Goodwood Cartways of Stouffville, and Colonel's Sign Shop out of Inkerman.

"About every two to three races we have to rebuild engines," says Trevor who is attending Algonquin College and is taking the Motive Power Technical Course. This, he says is basically "a mechanic with some business sense."

"We do all of our own motor work. It's all in-house."

Travis is in Grade 11 at West Carleton Secondary and his future plans lean towards graphic art. "Everything to do with art I love," he says. "I design all of our graphics."

"He (Trevor) can hold the wrench and I'll hold the paint brush."

"Yeah, he'll make it pretty and I'll make it go fast," agrees Trevor.

As for their futures on the race track, both admit they dream of shifting gears into sports car racing.

"Right now we are happy to do our karting," said Trevor. "But, sports cars are where we would love to go."

"We would need a big, generous supporter to go into cars," added Travis.

The boys had their trip to Daytona planned out, including Christmas Day spent on the beach to recoup from the drive to Florida.

They were to move into the track on the December 26th and the races were scheduled to run from the 27th to the 29th. Both were very, very excited about the opportunity to run the legendary Daytona track.

"We'll be home for new years," said Trevor, with Travis adding, "Hopefully to celebrate a win."

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WHELAN–In memory of my dear husband, Don Whelan, who passed away December 27, 2001.
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And my heart is filled with pain,
This earth would be a heaven,
If I could hear your voice again.
Three years have swiftly passed away,
But still I don't forget,
For in my heart that loved you best,
Your memory lingers yet.
–Remembered every day, Myrna 52c



HARMER (Ducharme)–In memory of a dear mother, daughter, sister and granddaughter, Barbara, January 2, 2004.

The Voice of the Wind
When the warm breeze of April
caresses you part of it will be me.
When you look into the eyes of my
children part of them will be me.
When a snowflake of winter plants a
kiss on your cheek, that kiss might
well have been me.
And the dust which appears out of
nowhere may be part of the dust that
was me.
Through the promise of morning and
the voice of the wind I will always
have something to say.
To reflect on those wonderful
moments and warm you as you make
your way.
All things that we both were a part of
will continue to brighten each day.
Making room for the sound of your
laughter by remembering I'm not far
away.
–Love always Mom and Dad 52p

NORTON–In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Bea Norton, who passed away four years ago, December 27, 2000.
In our hearts we thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name,
Now all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Sad are the hearts that love you
A silent tear still falls
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.
Your memory is our keepsake
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–Thanks to you all, Sue Roberts 52p

SMIRLE–We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who expressed their sympathy, sent cards, food, flowers or donations during the recent loss of our mother, Joan Smirle. Special thanks go to Mart and Sally Prost, the South Williamsburg Recreation Association and the Riverside Heights Women's Institute. The support of our good friends and neighbours has helped us get through this difficult time.
–Les, Terry and Shirley Smirle 52p

BRINSTON–The family of the late Fae Brinston wishes to thank everyone for their support, care and concern shown to us during the recent passing of our mother, grandmother. We wish to thank the staff of Wellington House for the kindness and care given to mother/grandmother over the years. We also wish to thank Rev. Doug Carnegie, the pallbearers, Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home and the ladies from Brinston United Church who catered the luncheon. Thanks also for the many cards, phone calls, floral arrangements, charitable donations and food brought to our home during this sad time. We wish to thank Lynn Gilmour for playing the organ and for her support "shoulder" during this difficult time.
–Marlene and Garry Lewis, Tracy and Charles Tucker 52c

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DEATHS

FRYER (Fountain), Sylvia Helen–In loving memory of Sylvia Helen (Fountain) Fryer who passed away on Saturday morning, December 25, 2004, at the Extendicare York. She was 93. Beloved wife of Ken Fryer, predeceased 2001. Loving mother of Bill (wife Lorna) of Sudbury and Brian (wife Anne) of Harrow. Cherished grandmother of Paul, Erin (Bob), Christy (Robin), Sean (Traci), Cameron, Jamie (Alana) and great-grandchildren Cara, Evan, Lyrik, Ethan and Lia. Dear daughter of William and Alice Fountain, both predeceased. Dear sister of Wilfred and Glen both predeceased. Born in Sault Ste. Marie, she was Sudbury's first kindergarten teacher with the Sudbury Board of Education, teaching at Alexander Public School and R.L. Beatty Public School. She and Ken enjoyed many wonderful years of retirement in Iroquois, Ontario. Sylvia loved to travel and did so all of her life. She was skilled in crafts, especially as a potter. At Sylvia's request, there will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held in the spring. Cremation took place at the Parklawn Crematorium. Donations to the charity of your choice appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home. 52c

NOTICE

From the "LOVE OF GOD" by D.A. Carson
"People do not drift toward holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayer-lessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated."

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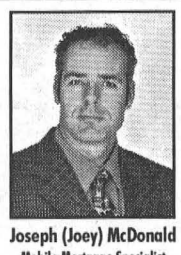
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