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Merry Christmas to All

Three-year-old Tiny owned by Gwen Schwerdtfeger of Riverside Heights dressed up in all his Christmas finery for his visit with Santa two weeks ago at the Canadian Tire. Tiny knows where his "bread is buttered", or more correctly where his doggy biscuits will be coming from on the 25th if Santa judges him to have been a good little doggy this past year. Of course both Santa and Tiny, and everyone at The Leader wishes everyone a very, Merry Christmas.

Food Bank crisis over, Christmas spirit prevails

MORRISBURG – Dundas County Food Bank chair Diana Pethick says that although the Bank's needs continue to grow, the serious financial crisis experienced earlier this fall is now behind them.

"This crisis is over," she says. "It is picking up."

Pethick went public in mid-October to announce that the Food Bank was down to just $500, and for the first time ever the directive was issued to its two directors, "not to buy any food."

Within days of the article appearing in the October 16 issue of The Leader the community had come on board to help out.

South Dundas council waived the Bank's rental fees for the months of November and December and the community responded with increased food and financial donations.

"The community is really rallying," says Marilyn Byers, the coordinator at the Morrisburg location of the Food Bank. "It is incredible."

The Food Bank is now experiencing its annual surge in donations due to the Christmas season, but unfortunately this surge usually has to be stretched a long time.

"Traditionally this is the time of giving and sharing," says Pethick. "It is a time of plenty."

However, this year's Christmas Exchange has come up a little short and the Food Bank will make up the shortages where they can.

"We have stuff to share," says Pethick. "It works both ways."

Pethick explains that while food and money donations are coming in now, "the challenge is to spread the plenty out for the next 11 months."

She explains that January and February are really bad for the clients. "It's winter and it is expensive."

"The hydro is crazy," adds Byers. "We are seeing families we have never seen before."

November figures for the Food Bank show 340 families being assisted in Dundas County. This compares to 273 families last year in the same time period.

In the Morrisburg location 169 families were helped.

"We served 263 people last month," says Byers. "Of this 141 were adults and 122 were children."

"They are new poor," says Pethick of the increases.

"We have more working poor," says Byers. "They just can't make ends meet."

"The minimum wage is just

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Upper Canada Playhouse

Tiny Tims deal with Scrooge on stage

MORRISBURG – Fresh from their acting debut in the Upper Canada Playhouse production of "A Christmas Carol" which ended on the weekend, Brian Van Moorsel, Eric Kohnen and Connor Woodmass all agree it was a wonderful experience.

And making it all the more wonderful is the pay cheque they received which has provided the additional excitement of planning how to spend it.

The three boys, who alternated performances in the three week run of the Classic Dickens tale, adapted for the live stage by Playhouse artistic director Donnie Bowes, are all students at St. Mary School in Morrisburg.

Eric and Connor are both nine years old and in Grade 4, and Brian is eight years old and in Grade 3.

They, with a number of other students at St. Mary's, answered the audition call but, claims Eric, "We don't have a clue how we were picked."

The boys explain they went up to Upper Canada Playhouse and read their lines while Donnie was watching. A phone call later and they had the parts.

The boys' major role was that of Tiny Tim but they also appeared as Ebenezer as a boy and a waif. It was in the Christmas dinner scene that they had most of their lines.

"Except when we said, 'God bless us everyone' at the end," explains Brian.

As for their first steps onto the stage of live theatre, "I found it easy," says Eric.

"You just had to know when to go on," adds Brian, while Eric admits to being the only one of the three who missed a line.

Brian claims he was just a little nervous for his opening night. Once on the stage he says, "you can only see the people in the front row."

"I was a tiny bit nervous, but I didn't have stage fright," says Eric. "I did forget one line, but don't put that in the paper. I just wasn't paying attention when the time came for my line."

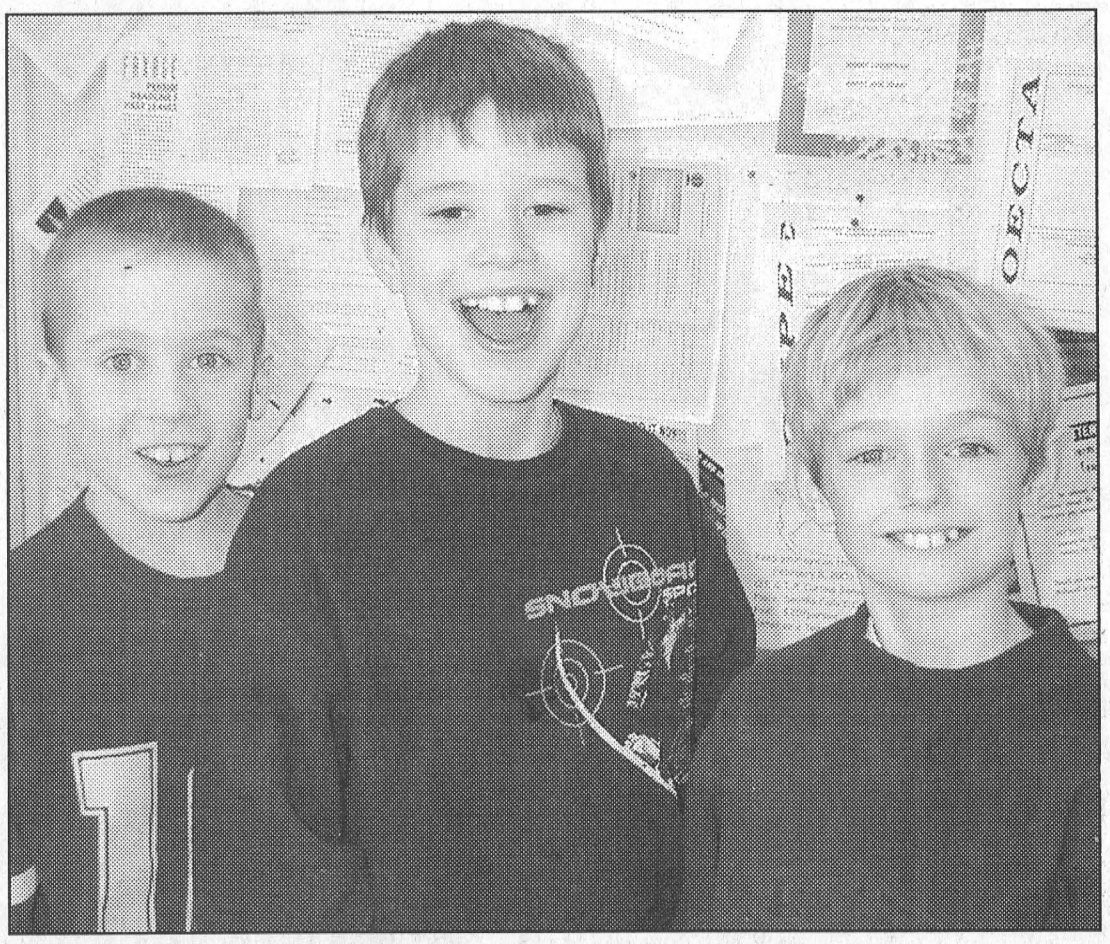
Connor, who has recently moved to Canada from England, says he had a few butterflies but says he didn't forget any lines.

Of course all three pick the dinner scene as their favourite but agree the Fezziwig party scene was pretty good too.

Their least favourite parts were the moments when "we had to be kissed," says Brian.

"We had to get hugged twice, kissed twice and patted on the head once," says Eric. "That was embarrassing."

"Especially for me. I had to do it in front of the school," adds Brian who was on stage when students from St. Mary's attended their matinee performance.



Tiny Tims of A Christmas Carol

Brian Van Moorsel left, Eric Kohnen centre and Connor Woodmass, all students at St. Mary School in Morrisburg, were the three youngsters who portrayed Tiny Tim in the Upper Canada Playhouse produce of A Christmas Carol. The boys say it was a wonderful experience and they would definitely do it all over again. One of the biggest challenges was coming up with the right facial expressions, and above they are demonstrating the expressions they used when the Christmas turkey appeared for the Cratchit Christmas dinner.

Getting to meet and become friends of the adult cast was also memorable for the boys. Brian recalls how the entire cast showed up at the Morrisburg Arena for his 8 a.m. hockey game. "It was neat. They did the wave." And when he hoisted the puck into the "top corner" for a goal, "they yelled like crazy."

The boys speak highly of all of the cast and in particular of Amanda Parsons for her singing and Sheldon Davis for his humour.

"She (Amanda) can really sing," says Brian.

"She could go in the opera someday," agrees Eric.

"Sheldon is very funny," says Connor with a giggle.

At the end of every performance the boys say there was a standing ovation which was very rewarding and made them all feel good.

The toughest part of the whole experience was the facial expressions required.

"You always had to have expression on your face," explains Eric. "Even when you were saying your lines you had to have expression on your face. End of story."

"Yah and when someone was talking you had to make sure you were looking at them," adds Brian.

Brian agreed the facial expression part was tough, but he admits to having difficulty tying his tie. Wardrobe changes were also a bit of a hassle.

The boys also conclude that for their first-ever boss Donnie Bowes was great.

"He was very nice," says Brian.

"He was very easy on you," says Connor. "He would just tell you what you did wrong."

Although none of the boys had aspirations of becoming an actor prior to the play, visions of acting careers are now dancing around in their heads.

"I want to play in the NHL or be an actor," says Brian, indicating the pay would be a deciding factor.

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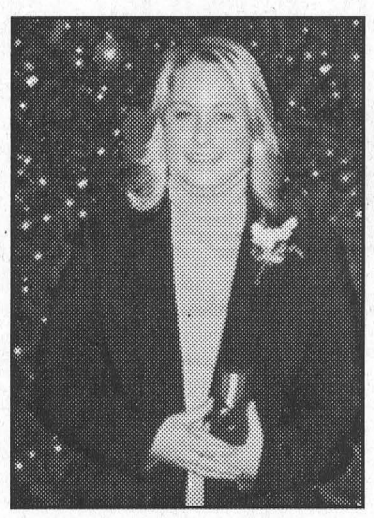
Jubilee Medal awarded

OTTAWA – In recognition of her volunteer work, largely with underprivileged girls, Julie Gurnhill was the recipient of a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal at a ceremony at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa on December 4.



Julie Gurnhill

Gurnhill, a native of the Morrisburg area, was nominated through the Public Works and Government Services of Canada where she works.

"You have been recognized by your colleagues in the department for your strong commitment and support to the Government of Canada's vision and values," writes minister Ralph Goodale in the Souvenir Program. "Your continued efforts are a fundamental part of new Canadian success stories."

The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals symbolize the important values and traditions that Canadians cherish and is a tangible recognition and celebration of Canadians who proudly strive every day to serve their fellow citizens, their communities and their country.

Julie is the daughter of Wayne and Cathy Gurnhill of Lakeshore Drive west of Morrisburg.



Making Everyone's Christmas Bright *McNairn photo*

Victoria Davidson, right, presents cheques totalling $326.69 to Dundas County Food Bank chair Diana Pethick at the Canadian Tire Store in Morrisburg last Thursday. Davidson, who is the coordinator for the Canadian Tire Foundation for Families at the Morrisburg store, said some of the money was raised at a summer barbecue and the rest was donated by customers in donation boxes at the store cash area. The Canadian Tire currently has a Christmas Program running which donates $5 to the Foundation for every six foot or higher Christmas Tree sold. If the tree is purchased using the Canadian Tire charge card or Options Mastercard the donation becomes $10. One dollar donation boxes are also filling up through the donation of Canadian Tire customers. "We are doing pretty good," said Davidson. "We've raised over $100 from the donation boxes." Employees at the store have also decided not to exchange gifts, but have donated the money they would have spent and picked up 30 Angels from area Angel Trees. "We collected $200 this way, and Peter Oliver doubled matched it. The Foundation will then match our total so we will have about $1,000." Davidson said the money that remains after the Angel toys have been purchased will also be donated to the Food Bank, an amount she estimates should be between $300-$400. "All of the staff agreed with it. They thought it was a great idea." Pethick was extremely happy to receive the money for the Food Bank. "I am just thrilled. What Canadian Tire puts back into the community and the support they give the Food Bank is just outstanding." Pethick said cash donations such as this are used to purchase items like meat and milk.

Tiny Tims deal with Scrooge

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Both Eric and Connor are looking at professional soccer careers down the road, but admit acting now holds an attraction.

As for the Playhouse audiences, the evening audiences definitely laughed more, and the school matinees were noisier.

"There was a part where everybody laughed," says Eric. "It was when he tried to catch the bowl with the spoon."

"I think some of the kids didn't get it," adds Brian.

To wrap it up, the boys urge anyone who gets a chance to give acting a try. They had a lot of fun and would do it again.

Unfortunately, they don't figure they'll get another chance anytime soon.

"They would know we are good actors, but they would probably give someone else the chance," says Eric.

"Yah, they may pick kids from other schools," says Brian.

But whether or not the next time around they get the nod, the good thing is, the money is in the bank.

"We got $50 a week for $200 total," says Eric, who along with Connor is planning to sink some of his money into Gameboy products. Brian is still shopping around and still undecided where to make his investment.

"I don't know what, but I am going to get something good after Christmas."

Church Directory

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Minister: Rev. Darren May
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Sunday, December 22, 2002
11:00 am. - Morning Worship
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Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, December 22, 2002
9:45 a.m. - Family Bible Hour
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
Tuesday –
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Friday –
7:00 p.m. - Youth Aflame
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Minister
Rev. Sandy Macpherson
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8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

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Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights
543-3904
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The Rev. Pat Martin, Assistant
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Sunday, December 22, 2002
8:00 a.m. – St. James'
9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
Christmas Eve, December 24
7:30 p.m. – St. John's
9:30 p.m. – St. James'
Christmas Day, December 25
11:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights

Roman Catholic Churches
Rev. Fr. Sebastian Arikat
Phone: 543-2544
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Saturdays - 7:30 p.m.
Sundays - 11:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Pastor: Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
Office: 543-3154 or Office: 543-2480
ADVENT-CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
Sunday, December 22, 2002
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, December 24th
7:30 p.m. at St. John's
Wednesday, December 25th
10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

The United Church of Canada
LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Director
Joanne Minish
Sunday, December 22, 2002
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
Children's Chatter, Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Pastor Rev. George Rowaan
Tel: 448-2351
rowaangj@ncf.ca
Sunday, December 22, 2002
9:30 A.M.
Fourth Sunday of Advent
"All I Want For Christmas: Third, His Glory!"
John 1:14
Church School for Children 3-9
7:00 P.M.
Carols in the Park
Outdoors at the Williamsburg Ball Diamonds
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2002
7:30 P.M.
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Day, December 25, 2002
10:00 A.M.
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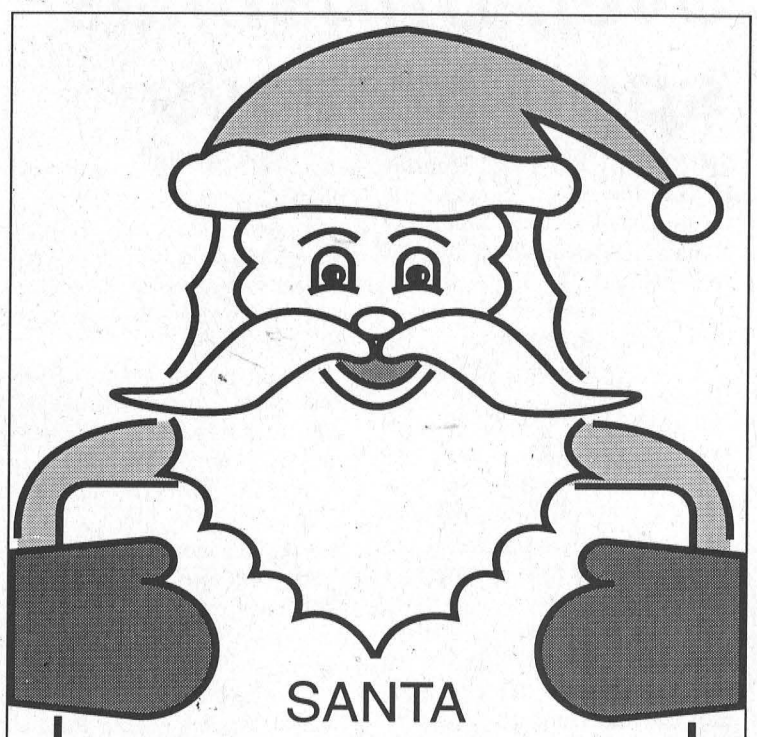

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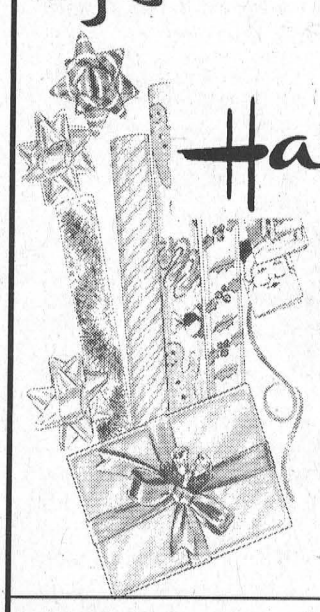
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Food Bank Crisis Averted, Needs Continue *McNairn photo*

Diane Pethick Chair of the Dundas County Food Bank, left, hands over donations she has just received from the Canadian Tire Foundation for Families to Marilyn Byers who is the coordinator of the Food Bank's Morrisburg location. The two are standing in front of shelves at the Food Bank, which although they aren't overflowing, are definitely showing the generosity of the local community. The Food Bank, thanks to the community, has pulled itself through a very tight time when both cash and food supplies were at an all-time low and while the need for both never goes away the crisis is now behind them. The Christmas season is historically the most giving time of the year for the Food Bank and these timely donations often have to be stretched through the remaining months of the year, when the "season of giving" is not foremost on everyone's minds.

Food Bank crisis over

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$6.85 an hour. If you have five children you just can't make it on that."

"That week we were down to $500, it was pretty stressful."

Pethick says the community has been absolutely wonderful and the generosity is overwhelming, adding it was a difficult decision to go public with the Bank's problems in October.

And she says she doesn't want to be in the news every week. Although happy that the Bank weathered the crisis she says the other part of the crisis, which is not just a Dundas County crisis, is the growing number of people in need.

"When is it going to stop?" she asks. "This is very scary."

"We have hungry people who are depending on us. What are you going to do? You can't not feed them."

It is hoped that early in the new year, the Food Bank will have some new, convenient programs in place at local grocery stores that will make it easier for those who want to give.

"We are also looking for people with ideas for fund-raising," says Pethick.

She says the Food Drives are great, but feels some additional new promotions would be a big help.

The Food Bank appreciates either food or financial donations. The financial donations are used to purchase perishable items such bread, milk and meat.

Williamsburg's

Best decorated houses

WILLIAMSBURG – The spirit of Christmas is alive and well in the Village of Williamsburg as nine entrants participated in the Williamsburg Community Association's house decorating contest.

James and Shelly Byers of Byers Limousine Service provided the first class transportation and treats the night of the judging. The McIntosh Country Inn were generous sponsors of the event as well.

First prize went to Bonnie Richmire of Highway 31 with 224 points, who received a prize package totalling $225.

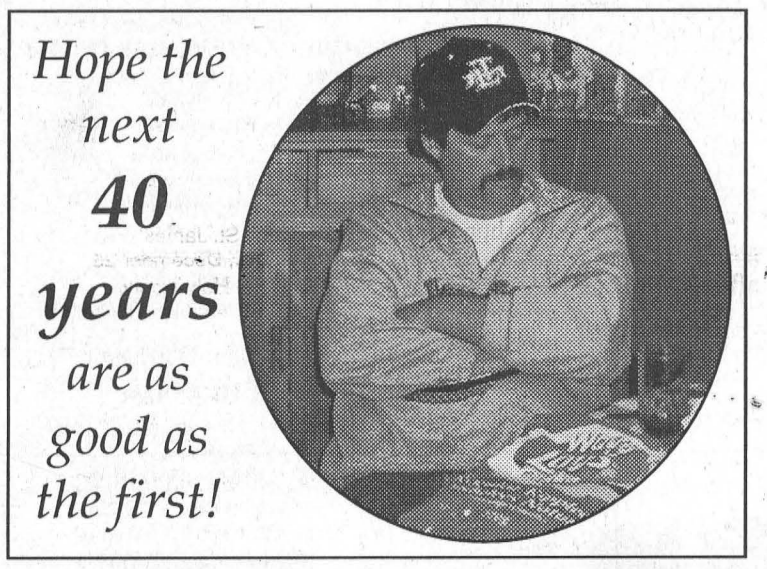
Donna Casselman of Bouck's Hill Road earned 213 points and received a $175 prize package.

Sheila Crowder from Whitteker Road scored 182 points and a third place ranking for $130 worth of prizes.

Sylvia Barkley's (County Road 18) 167 points put her in fourth place, winning $90 worth of prizes.

Bruce and Betty McIntosh of County Road 18, weren't far behind with 165 points and a fifth place ranking, for $60 worth of prizes.

Honourable mention prizes of $20 cash for their efforts were awarded to: Lois Casselman, Lyle Kehoe, Barbara Phifer, and Larry Schell.



Srs. Euchre

WILLIAMSBURG – Winners at the Williamsburg Seniors Euchre on Wednesday, December 11th were: White Cards - May Gelette, Joyce Young, Ruth Casselman; Yellow Cards- Evelyn Swerdfeger, Keith Scott, George Baker.

Door prizes went to May Gelette and Graham Pemberton. Audrey McLaren won the draw twice. Other draw winners included Jean Sutton, Lottie Gill, Glen Pemberton, Phyllis Scott, George Baker and May Gelette.

There will be no euchre throughout the Christmas and New Year season. The next euchre will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2003. Merry Christmas to all.

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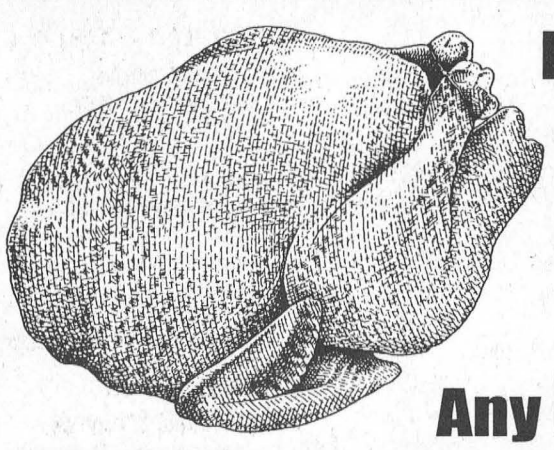

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A Merry Christmas to a giving community

"Tis the season to be jolly." For most of us, indeed it is, as we go about our holiday business of selecting gifts for our friends and loved ones and plan the menu for the annual Christmas feast.

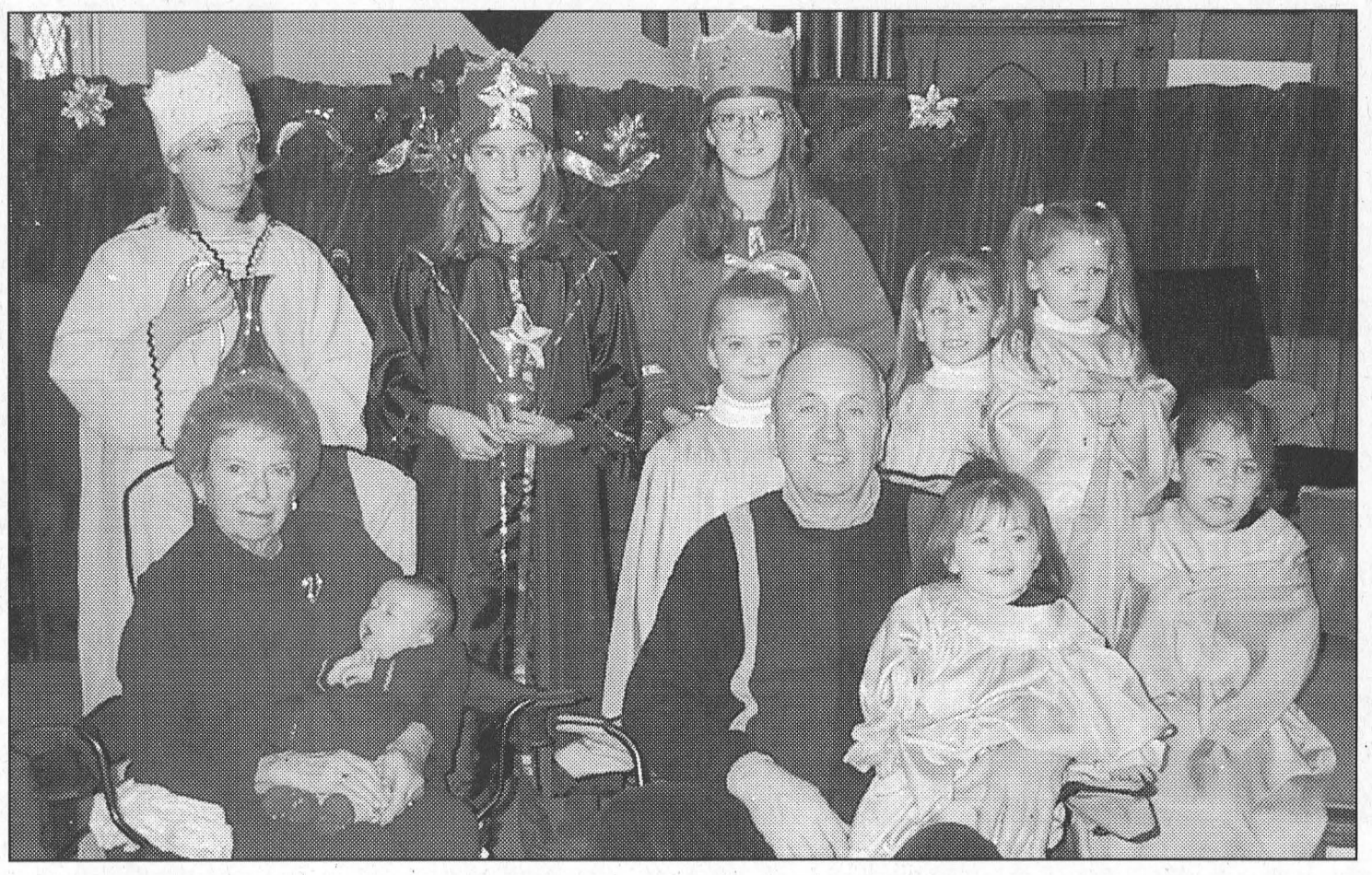
For some, Christmas isn't a totally joyous occasion. For there are those among us who don't have the means to purchase the gifts and overload the dining table. Christmas, however, isn't all about gifts and food. It is about family and love. And every year the South Dundas community in a broader sense of family, steps up to the plate to help ease the burden of the celebration for those who have fallen on bad times.

It is wonderful, each holiday season, to see the generous outpouring of assistance the residents of South Dundas provide to their neighbours. And it is wonderful to look back on a year, through which, time and time again the community has rallied to support one worthy cause after another.

This is a wonderful community and in the past year we have seen many of the wonders that make it so. We marvel at the volunteers, the movers and shakers so to speak, who give so much of their time to the community.

To all of these people, to all of our subscribers and advertisers, to all of our readers and to all of those who provide the activities and events for us to report, all of us here at The Leader take this opportunity to wish, you and your families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"May your days be merry and bright."
Terry, Sam, Mike, Jeff, Wanda, Bonnie and Rebecca.



Knox Presbyterian Christmas Pageant with Grandpa and Grandma Farlinger

Seen 'n Heard Around the Town

Monday, we were talking to Upper Canada Playhouse artistic director Donnie Bowes who, with the final production of A Christmas Carol now behind him, is planning to head home for the holidays and then take a few weeks to put his feet up and rest. Donnie was very pleased with the response to A Christmas Carol and looks forward to starting up in the spring. His final duty of the year was to announce the Playhouse raffle winners: Bert Cunningham of Morrisburg winner of the Bird Carving (crafted and donated by Mike McInnis) and Nancy Elliott of Vars winner of the Park Lane Crafters quilt.

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The long list of pre-Christmas activities is getting shorter, but as we look at the calendar we see one carolling opportunity. Coming up this Sunday is Carols in the Park at the ball park in Williamsburg ball park starting at 7 p.m.

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As we write this Around the Town we are now just nine days from Christmas and, unfortunately, our poinsettia looks to be about nine months away from turning red. Well, almost anyway. Truth is it is now developing its bracts (flowers) and a few of the leaves are a brilliant red. Unfortunately, few (maybe five or six), is the key word. At any rate, we are going to score ourselves with a passing grade, and mention to our Mom, who said "you will never get it to turn red," that, yes, we did it. Also in the little holiday flowering project was the effort to get the Christmas Cactus to do it's duty over the holidays, but it is definitely a no go. Nodda. Not a single bud, let alone a flower to be seen.

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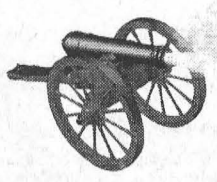
We aren't sure if it is the weather, the lack of snow cover or what, but has anyone else noticed the large numbers of Canadian Geese that have been flying? A number usually over-winter here, but we can't remember that many doing that much flying in year's past. For the non-winter person you can almost close your eyes and pretend they are all coming up from the South, it is late March, and yes, another winter is behind us. Whoops! Sorry all you snowmobilers and skiers. We are all permitted our dreams, aren't we? It is definitely looking like a White Christmas and here's hoping you all have a merry one.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1992

Ten years ago Williamsburg Township Council, in an attempt to raise tax revenues, passed a bylaw for development charges to be implemented in the coming two years on industries coming to the area. Township reeve, Johnny Whitteker, said the township needed more money and development charges were a good way of getting it.

Morrisburg lawyer Doug Grenkie was chosen as one of a committee to select judges throughout Ontario. The announcement of the appointment of new members to the Judicial Appointments Committee was made December 2. Grenkie had been in private practice since his call to the bar in 1970 and had also served as part-time Assistant Crown Attorney since that time. He was currently the federal prosecutor at the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Morrisburg.

After six years as general manager of the Upper Canada Playhouse, Lois Rosenquist was stepping down. Lois saw the playhouse grow from a $65,000 budget and a six-week season in 1984 to a projected $480,000 budget and a 14-week season in 1993.

Arden Schneckenburger of RR1 Morrisburg proudly accepted the title of the 1992 Farmer of the Year at the annual meeting of the Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

The Morrisburg Jr. B Lions gave their mentor Doug Casselman a great Christmas gift when they defeated the Char-Lan Rebels to earn a berth in the Boxing Day Tournament. The Lions were in first place with 32 points and were followed by Winchester and Char-Lan with 24 points each.

1982

Twenty years ago, the Morrisburg Bantam B hockey team coached by Steven Casselman and Stan Mabo won their home tournament scoring 15 goals and giving up just two in three games. Some of the team players were Johnny Morrow, Mike Casselman, Lyle Schell, Jim Bennis, Greg Whitteker, Dennis Froats, Mike Stewart, Todd Barnhart and Sean Baker. Andy Cummins was the goaltender.

Morrisburg Junior B Lions captain Gary Beckstead had a great weekend picking up seven points in two games for a season total of 13 goals and 13 assists. During this time the talented defenceman had been assessed only four minutes in penalties.

Laurie Steward, Chairman of the Pit Committee, the senior students lounge located in the basement of Seaway High School which had been closed in the spring, reported the lights had been repaired.

Residents of Matilda Township had decided to oppose a change in federal electoral boundaries which was bouncing the township and neighboring Iroquois for the fifth time in 15 years to another federal riding.

Studio 231 at the Loyalist Hotel was advertising its New Year's Eve bash.

Roger Bouchard, president of the Morrisburg Merchants Association, said the Christmas season was a relatively good one. Most merchants were reporting they were doing at least as well as they had the year before.

Bob and Ted were advertising their Christmas treats available at the Morrisburg Bakery and Delicatessen on the mall.

1972

The December 15 issue reported the death of Orin W. Duprau, a former well known Morrisburg merchant and a member of the municipal council.

The Morrisburg Lions after two weeks without a game tied Alexandria Glen and then lost their first game of the season, to the Glens 6-3. They were now tied for first place with Cardinal. Michael Bourgeois of Embrun led the division scoring with 30 points and Dick Byers of Cardinal was second with 21. The Lions held the next three spots with Chuck Irvine at 20, and Gary Hess and Brian McNairn tied with 19.

Celebrating her 80th birthday on December 25 was Lyda Hummel, who since 1916 had lived in her comfortable home at 64 Meikle Street and had witnessed many changes that had taken place in Morrisburg. Her memories included the time when her house and the one next door stood alone on what was then a dead end street. At that times cattle grazed in open fields where there were now lines of houses forming Fifth, Duncan and Augusta Streets.

At Hodgins Lumber Limited, Scotch Pine Christmas trees ranging from five to eight feet high were selling for $2.88.

Real Estate Broker, Gordon W. Thom had a two storey solid brick home for sale in Morrisburg for $21,500. The exceptionally well kept home on an 89 by 110 foot lot featured three bedrooms, a modern kitchen, four-piece bath, wall-to-wall carpeting and a garage.

1962

The issue reported G.E. Garlough of Williamsburg was presented a second year Ontario Agriculture Scholarship at the Ontario Agricultural and Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph.

The Morrisburg Public School auditorium was filled to capacity for the annul Christmas concert. Andy Henophy, as the grandfather in the operetta entitled Heigh-Ho Holly, stole the show.

F.M. Parks, principal of Morrisburg High School and his son, narrowly escaped injury in a car accident.

1952

Fifty years ago, the Aultsville correspondent reported that snow and cold weather were prevailing and the snowplow had made its first appearance on the roads.

A new store in Williamsburg, Ritas, located two doors west of the Pinkus Restaurant was selling ladies dresses for $5.95 and kiddies plaid lined jeans for $2.98.

Weegars Confectionery was suggesting for Christmas gifts a box of "Jimminie Crickets", the newest thing in candies.

Monkey Business starring Cary Grant and Marilyn Munroe was playing at the Cameo Theatre.

1942

A toast to our boys at Christmas, wherever they may be, was printed on the front page of the December 18 issue.

A public meeting was arranged to reorganize the local hockey club. Morrisburg's junior hockey teams for the past two years had enjoyed a batting average of 1,000 percent as far as their own league was considered. The past season they were beaten out of the Citizen Shield finals only on a referee's ruling.

Miss Doreen Beckstead of Williamsburg received a note from Harry Price, a sailor on a British destroyer, thanking her for her charming Christmas gifts packed in a "little blue ditty bag."

At Morley's store fresh lemons were three for 10 cents.

Penny bank overflows

MORRISBURG – All last week, students at Morrisburg Public School have been checking under the couch cushions and between the car seats in search of pennies.

The entire student body was asked to bring in pennies for the school's annual penny drive, this year to benefit the Morrisburg and District Lions Club Angel Tree and the Morrisburg branch of the Dundas County Food Bank.

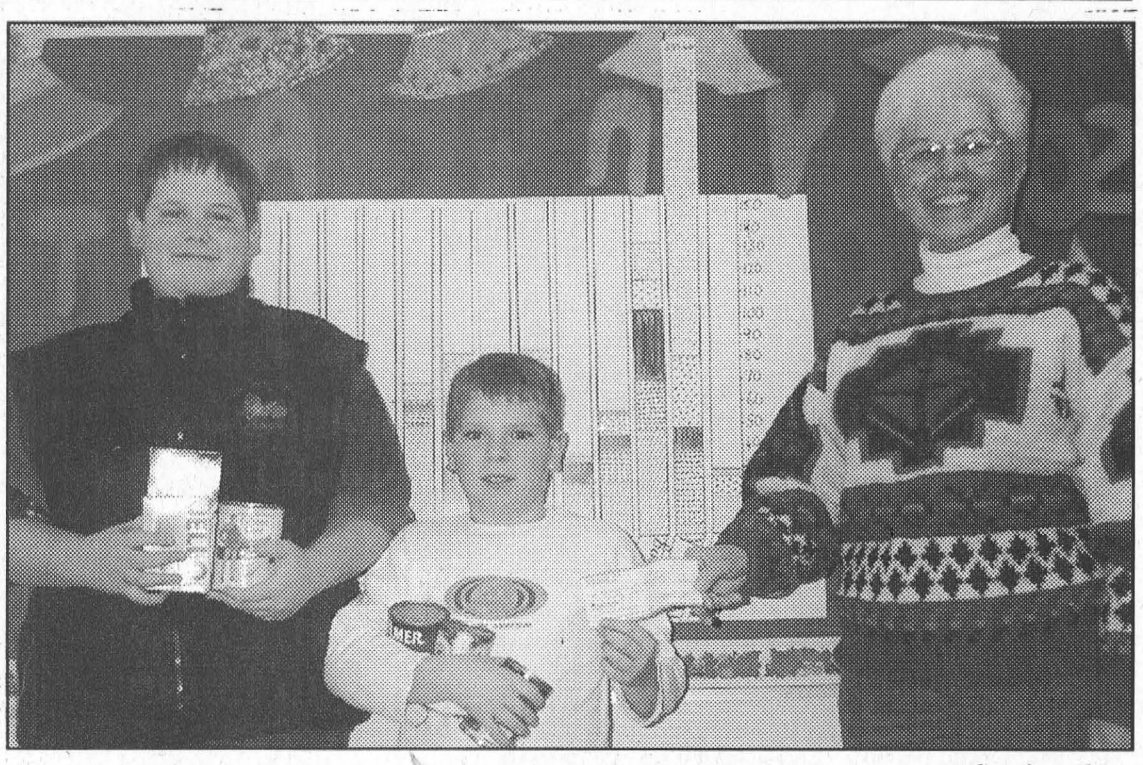
Both the Angel Tree and the Food Bank will receive half of the $859 raised.

Of course, the bank frowns upon 85,000 pennies being dumped on the counter, so someone had to count and roll the coins.

Staff and students are grateful for the time and effort put in by Ilona Thomas and other parent volunteers who undertook the tedious task.

By far, the lion's share of the money raised was collected by John Pollock's grade 5/6 class, which raised $239.66.

The top fundraisers will be recognized during a party at noon on Wednesday.



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Pennies Add Up for Charity

Morrisburg Public School hosted the annual penny drive to raise money for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange and the local Food Bank. The school collected $866.10 that was used to purchase 12 gifts for the Lions' Angel Tree. The rest of the proceeds were donated to the Food Bank. Here Marilyn Byers, coordinator for the Morrisburg location of the Dundas County Food Bank, accepts a cheque for $94.50 and two cases of food donations from Jesse McKeown (left) and Jaron Hess. Jesse and Jaron are both from Mr. Pollock's grade 5/6 class which collected the most pennies ($239.66). Their class was treated to "a huge cake" donated by Mike's Valu-mart. Both Byers and Pricipal Jack Barkley were impressed with the community's support.

Upper Canada Playhouse ends biggest season ever

MORRISBURG – Over 5,000 people started their Christmas season in a special way this year when they attended the Upper Canada Playhouse production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Among the 5,000 were over 1,600 school children who attended specially scheduled school shows and a large number of families who attended the public performances.

"It was a great way to end our year," said the show's director, Donnie Bowes. "We thought it would be popular, especially with the great crowds this summer, but this has been incredible."

A Christmas Carol, the second show in the Playhouse's move to off-season programming, followed the return of the summer hit *Maggie's Getting Married* which also played to packed houses in October.

"People told us they wanted shows year-round, and they've certainly come out in astounding numbers," adds Bowes. "And they are telling their friends. Every performance is packed with people who have never been to the Playhouse before."

As an added bonus these newcomers to the Playhouse are booking tickets for the summer season too.

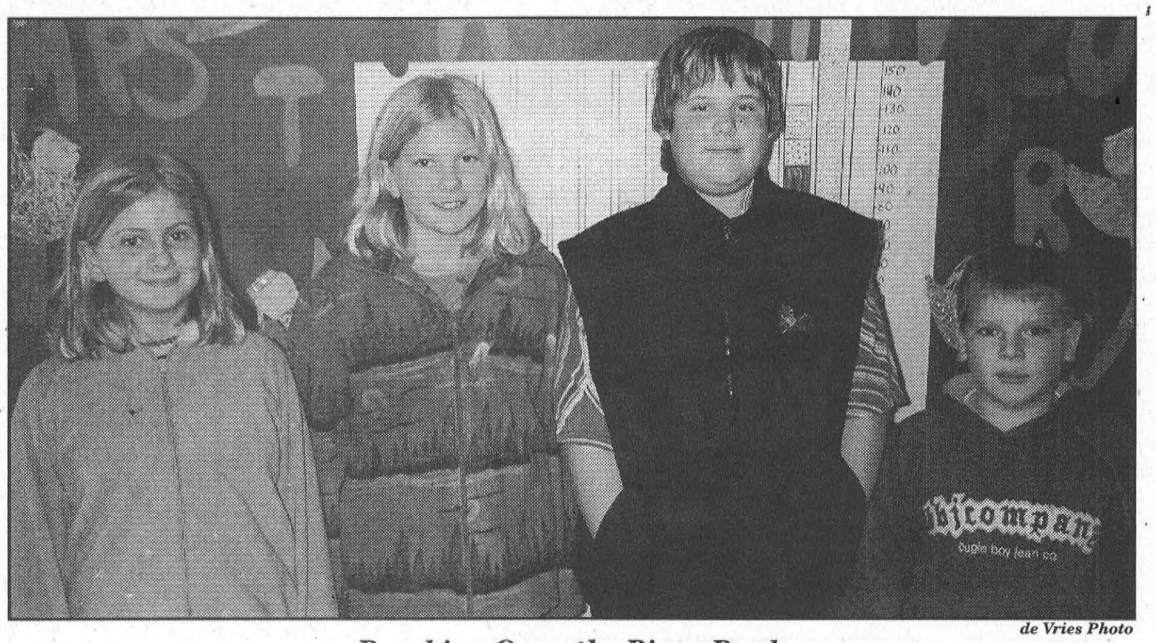
The summer of 2002 saw a record 19,000 people go through the Playhouse doors. Factoring in the October and Christmas shows, the total attendance figure for the year hovers around 27,000.

There has been a tremendous momentum building over the past two seasons, and this has meant, not only success for the Playhouse, but local businesses too.

Bowes suspects one of the reasons for the success of *A Christmas Carol* was that this particular version, which he adapted from the classic Dickens tale, was written for everyone in the family.

It was performed on a revolving stage to keep the action continuous, which in particular helped to keep the attention of the younger children. The live singing and fiddle playing added the seasonal touch to the story.

"It was great to see the whole family come out to the Playhouse to see a live show," says Bowes. "We were happy to have been part of everyone's Christmas and look forward to being part of their summer again."



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Breaking Open the Piggy Bank

Students at Morrisburg Public School held their annual penny drive and raised $859 to benefit the Morrisburg and District Lions Club Angel Tree and the Morrisburg branch of the Dundas County Food Bank. The grade 5/6 class raised more money than any other due to the efforts of stud nts such as (l-r) Melissa Loucks, Jessica Loucks, Jesse McKeown, and Jaron Hess.



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Holiday Cheer

The Cardinal Redbirds brought song and merriment to the Park Lane Seniors' Suport Centre last Wednesday. The Redbirds, made up of Cardinal and area singers, provided a delightful afternnon for the gathering which included seniors from throughout the area. Above Redbird, Ann Gladstone visits with Irene Carr, centre, and May Gellette (right).

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Last Wednesday, Dec. 11th in James Fraser Hall saw the community of Morrisburg join the Fraser family in saying goodbye to James Forrest Fraser, the last veteran of World War I living in the district. Jim had lived a full life and was active to the end. He had not only lived to the age of 104 years but had lived them to the fullest. We shall not see his like again. He lived in three centuries and saw great changes during his lifetime.

Tickets are available at the bar for the New Year's Eve party and at $15:00 a person and are a real buy for an evening of dancing, party favours and a buffet. Join your friends and comrades in seeing the old year out and the New Year in.

The branch Seniors and Veterans are planning a tour of the Lights at Upper Canada Village on Friday, Dec. 20th. Due to wagon limitations the tour can only accommodate 40 people so if you would like to go please let the service officer know at 543-3304 or see Ross Hummell at the legion. It will be the first forty so book early, Those going on the tour are asked to be at the Legion for 5:45 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. departure.

Nearly all the cookies for life members and other recipients have been delivered and I would like to thank those who delivered them and also those who volunteered to help. It was nice to know that people not only read this column but that they are also willing to help when asked. It is not only the Christmas season that brings out good will but I also obtained a volunteer driver to add to my list.

Sunday afternoon pub events are cancelled until the New Year, it looks as if the dart steak shoot has been cancelled and the euchre and cribbage events may be dropped as well if attendance does not improve. Winners of the euchre tournament on Dec. 8th were 1st Charlie Eamon, 2nd Lee Ouderkirk, 3rd Evelyn Schwerdtfeger, 4th Malcom Gore. Winners of the cribbage tournament were 1st Norm Stone, 2nd Audrey Henophy, 3rd Bob Henophy, 4th Evelyn Schwertfeger, who also won the skunk pot.

Bar hours for the Veterans Lounge are Dec 24th closed at 5:00 p.m., Dec, 25 & Dec 26th closed, Dec 31st closed at 5:00 p.m. Jan 1st, 2003 closed.

It does not seem possible, but another year has flown by and there is just one thing to add to this entry and that is to wish all the members of the legion, my reader in Winchester, the staff of the Morrisburg Leader and their readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



OPP Report

IROQUOIS – On December 15 police were called to the scene of a break and enter which occurred shortly after 9 p.m. at the Canada Post building in Iroquois.

A forced entry was made into the office area, where the thieves conducted a search. The extent of the theft has not yet been determined.

Police are looking for information in relation to a green vehicle, parked at the plaza during this time and believed to be involved in the incident.

Const. J. Doolan is investigating.

MORRISBURG – On the evening of Sunday, December 15 police were alerted to a commercial break and enter at Aquarius Pools in the Pinkus East End Promenade in Morrisburg.

The extent of the theft is undetermined at this time. Const. S. Lamarche is investigating.

SOUTH DUNDAS – On Sunday, December 15 police began an investigation into a theft from a home under construction in the Wallace Road area.

Sometime during December 13-15, entry to the site resulted in the theft of tools.

Const. D. Holmes is investigating.

TRAFFIC UPDATE– Over the past week police investigated 27 motor vehicle collisions in Dundas County. Other investigations resulted in two charges in connection with alcohol-related drinking and driving offences (not related to R.I.D.E.) and two investigations under the Liquor Licence act.

R.I.D.E. UPDATE – This week 199 vehicles were checked resulting in nine roadside screening tests being conducted, one 12 hour drivers licence suspension, one charge under the Liquor Licence Act, one charge for Possession of a Substance in connection with a marijuana seizure and the apprehension of one suspended driver.



Euchre Club Donation ***Comfort photo***

The Brinston Euchre Club, which meets weekly has made several charitable donations in the past year. The group's most recent donation was to the Dundas County Hospice. Reina DeJong (centre) of the Hospice accepted the $300 cheque, from Bev Sabourin (left) and Alberta Albers (right). This donation marks their fourth donation of the year, as they previously gave money to the WDMH Renewing the Vision Campaign, and Matilda Recreation, as well as contributing money to the installation of a new carpet in the Brinston Hall that they use. Participants pay $2 each to play and are provided with a weekly luncheon put on by Sabourin and Albers. DeJong was grateful for the donation, "you had fun raising this money that will go a long way to helping someone with a life threatening illness."

Security Alarm Bylaw

Counties deal with false alarms

SD&G – The United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry and the Ontario Provincial Police have been working together to find a solution to the problem of false alarms, which waste time and police resources.

All of the alarm calls in 2001 were false. This amounts to 1742 false alarms in SD&G during the 2001 calendar year.

Since the number of false alarms in SD&G has been identified as consuming a significant quantity of police service resources, which could be better utilized to enhance police presence in the municipalities the counties have passed a Security Alarm By-Law that will take effect January 1, 2003.

According to the by-law, all businesses and homeowners who use an alarm system must register their alarm systems, whether monitored or non-monitored.

The registration fee is $36 for a three year period for residential and business alarm systems. Senior citizens age 65 and over are exempt from the registration fee. A separate registration fee is required for each alarm site, and registration includes one non-chargeable false alarm during each 12 month period.

The by-law now allows offenders to be charged a fee for false alarms.

One false alarm will cost the owner nothing. However, a fee is incurred for every false alarm after that within a one year period. A second false alarm will cost $25, a third, $50. Four false alarm calls within a year will cost the owner $100 and suspension of police service for a one year period. Police will respond if there is separate indication that there is a crime in progress.

An alarm user whose alarm system causes a request for police response to a false alarm that is not registered or suspended will be fined $200 in addition to any other administrative fees.

A false alarm is defined as an alarm dispatch request to the Police Service, when the responding officer finds no evidence of an offense or attempted offense after having completed a timely investigation of the alarm site.

A alarm is considered false when it is activated unnecessarily, improperly or for a purpose other than that for which it was installed, including: mechanical failure, unauthorized testing, atmospheric conditions (i.e. weather), excessive vibrations, power failure, and user error.

Copies of the Registration form, brochure and the Security Alarm By-law can be obtained through the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry website at www.sdgcounties.ca. Registration packages can be obtained at the United Counties office, municipal township offices and local police departments.

Good news for Upper Canada students

BROCKVILLE – Test results released by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) report good news for the progress of students in the Upper Canada District School Board.

The EQAO strongly discourages ranking schools or school boards as "Rankings tell us nothing about why scores are high or low. They invite simplistic and misleading comparisons that ignore the particular circumstances affecting achievement in each school Ranking tends to distract people from addressing the critical issues of how to improve learning for all students."

However by comparing this year's results to last year's and by comparing Board-level changes to Province-wide changes the progress of students is monitored.

Standardized tests, designed to ensure that students are meeting the standards of the new provincial curriculum, are administered in grades 3, 6 and 9. Currently released results are from tests administered to students in grades 3 and 6 last May. Grade 9 students were tested in academic and applied mathematics only, last January.

Province-wide the trend for test results was no change. Across grades 3 and 6 this year's test results did not differ significantly from last year's in the reading and math assessments.

Both grade 3 and grade 6 students did however show improvements in writing ability. Four percent more grade 3 students met provincial standards, while 2 percent more grade 6 students achieved provincial standard.

Grade 9 students were tested in math only and showed large improvements in both the academic and applied math testing with increases of 14% and 8% respectively.

The trend in the Upper Canada District School Board was one of improvement across all grades and subject areas.

More grade 3 students in the Upper Canada District School Board met provincial standards in reading (5%), writing (6%) and math (3%).

Five percent more grade 6 students achieved provincial standard for reading. The group also showed the two percent increase that was noted province wide. There were however, no significant changes in their mathematics results.



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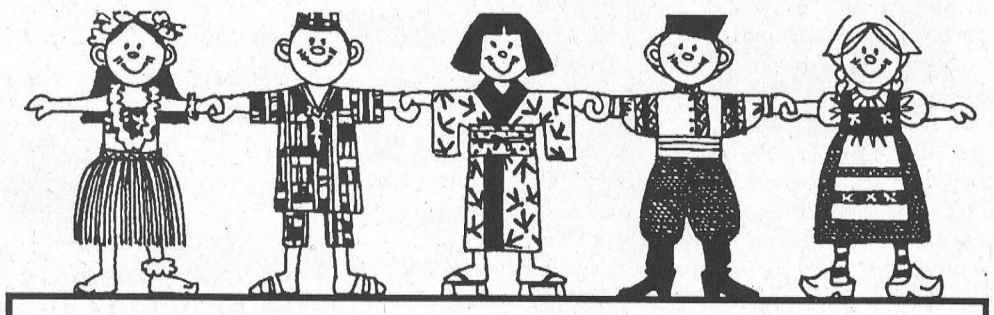

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OBITUARIES

Jim Fraser passes in hospital at 104

A resident of Morrisburg since 1974, James (Jim) Forrest Fraser passed away peacefully at the Winchester hospital on Saturday, December 7. He was 104 years of age.

Born December 1, 1898, at Angus County, Scotland, he was the son of the late John Fraser and the former Margaret Simpson.

Jim moved to Mariatown in 1974 with his brother Tom and sister-in-law Laura.

Jim Fraser's life was a life well lived. A recent newspaper article about him featured a picture of him, draped in his medals. Over his lifetime, he received plaques for life achievements, France's Legion d'honneur award, notes and letters from the Queen and local dignitaries, and he was on hand to cut the ribbon opening the final stretch of Veteran's Memorial Highway. This was a man to whom we could ascribe much honour.

Though he was a man of many stories, with a well-colored life, richly textured by over 104 years of experiences, he was a humble, shy Scotsman. He was proud that the Queen signed a certificate for him in his name, but much humbled by it too, with almost a sense that the fact it was for him, made him almost uncomfortable.

Jim Fraser was a man who looked to others and was ever mindful of his fellow humans. He was a foot soldier in World War I, but he never believed that he himself played a large role in preserving our freedom. His reflections on the war were



James Forrest Fraser

always focused on the others, those who didn't make it home. He spoke with school children about war, to tell them how horrible it was. No matter your age, in whatever life story he shared, there was always a lesson for the other person to hear.

Jim Fraser was a very social minded man. Many know, whether it was at the golf club, curling club, legion or during singing or rifling, he was always concerned with the well-being of those around him. He dedicated himself to welcoming and incorporating people into the community of Morrisburg, the little town he loved so much, as best he could.

Jim was an intelligent, well read, quick-witted man with a very dry sense of humour. He was humble, modest, practical and had a keen interest in people. Most of all, he was ever faithful to his family, his Scottish heritage and to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He served as an elder at one point in his life. Jim was a man of impeccable faith according to his family. In fact, some would say that he was a "Morrisburg Icon", and all would agree that his passing is a great loss to the community.

He will be dearly missed by nephews and nieces Ian (Carolyn) of Smiths Falls, Allan (Mary) of Morrisburg, Sheila (Terry) McDermid of Brockville, Janet (Wesley) Stitt of Heuvelton, New York and Douglas (Patricia) of Arnprior and numerous nieces and nephews in England and Scotland and dear sister-in-law Nell Fraser of Scotland.

He was predeceased by his sisters Annie and Margaret and brothers William, John, Thomas, Peter and Robert.

Friends called at the James Fraser Hall of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #48, Morrisburg, on Wednesday, December 11, from 10 - 11 a.m. A memorial service was held at the Legion at 11 a.m., with Rev. Darren May officiating.

A eulogy was delivered by nephew, Doug Fraser, Gord McGregor played the bagpipes and the Morrisburg Legion Men's Choir sang several pieces. The Legion was filled to capacity and it was certainly a testament to "a life well lived".

Donations to the Winchester Hospital, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Parker Funeral Home, Morrisburg was entrusted with the arrangements.

(The above information was taken from Rev. Darren May's Message "A life well lived")

Area will miss Bill Sheldrick

A resident of 51 Sheldrick Drive, Morrisburg for 43 years, Bill Sheldrick, passed away at Winchester Hospital on Saturday, December 7, after a one year battle with cancer. He was 72 years of age.

Born February 9, 1930, at Gananoque, he was the son of the late Irvine Sheldrick, and the former Dorothy Larmour.

On July 1, 1954, he married Joan Smith, at Knox Presbyterian Church, Morrisburg, who survives.

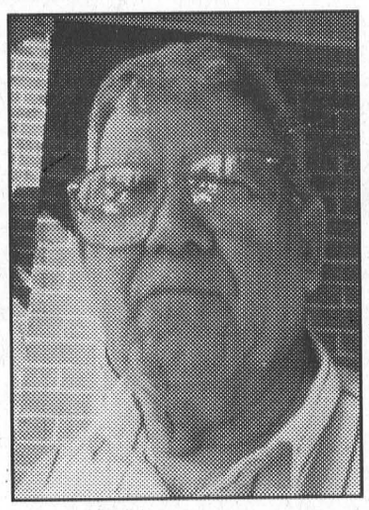
Bill was a construction supervisor with Ontario Hydro for 42 years before retiring in 1991. He supervised the upgrading and construction of electrical distribution and transformer stations throughout Ontario and was involved in the safety operations of Ontario Hydro's Nuclear Power Generating stations.

Bill touched the lives of his colleagues not only in the working environment but also on a personal and family level. He extended a helping hand with employment opportunities to fellow community members, most of whom are still Hydro One employees today. Bill worked as a construction consultant to Ontario Hydro for several years after his retirement.

He became actively involved in Scouting over 30 years ago when he became troop leader for his community. He served as Assistant District Commissioner for many years and as President of the St. Lawrence District. With the assistance of several community individuals and organizations including local Lions Clubs and Legions, Bill developed a youth camp (Camp Sheldrick) on Nesbitt Road south of Winchester. Bill also organized an international scouting movement with troops from Pennsylvania which continues as an annual exchange of friendship and camaraderie. Anyone who went through scouts had their lives touched by this grandfatherly man.

No matter what task needed to be done there was no task too big or too small for Bill to handle. He was the last person you saw in the spotlight, but the first to come forward when something had to be done.

Bill started the monster yard sales at the scout hall, to help pay scout membership fees for



Bill Sheldrick

young people whose families couldn't afford the cost. He helped save the Old High School for use by community groups when it was being considered for demolition.

Bill was the caretaker at Knox Presbyterian Church, Morrisburg for more than 30 years, and also served as an elder. He was a member of the Excelsior Masonic Lodge #142, Morrisburg.

A kind, compassionate, and caring individual, he will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing this truly inspiring man.

Along with his wife, Joan, Bill will be sadly missed by his children Judy Sheldrick of Russell, Cindy (Rick) Froats of Morrisburg, Bill Jr. of Cornwall, and Paul of Morrisburg; by his brothers and sisters Hilda Meek of Battersea, Russell (Theresa) of St. Catharines, David (Nancy) of Ottawa, by his grandchildren Katrina, Kimberly, William, Bryan and Clayton as well as by nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister Jean Sheldrick.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg Monday, December 9, from 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday, December 10, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Masonic Lodge service was held on Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

The funeral was held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Morrisburg, on Wednesday, December 11, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Darren May officiating.

Interment was held at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Morrisburg.

Pallbearers were Rick Froats, Hartley Hodgson, Steve Coligan, Frank Albert, Donnie Lewis and Graham Houze. Honourary Pallbearers were Sid Drennan, Lee Ouderkirk, Gerry Robinson, and Stan Mabo.

Donations to Scouts Canada would be appreciated by the family.

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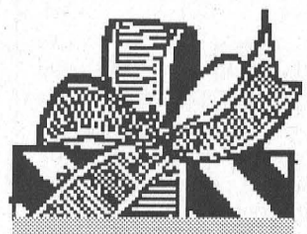

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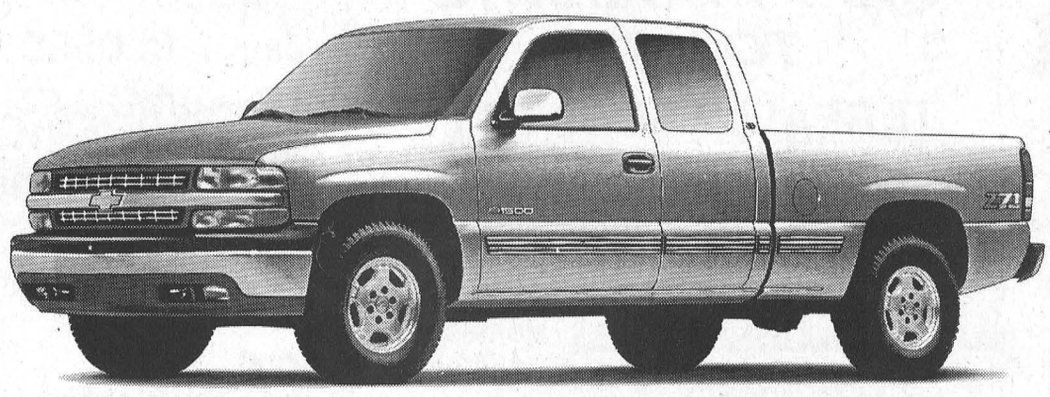

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Letters to the Editor

Romanow Report offers hope

Dear Editor

The Romanow Commission Report released on November 28 is the last, best hope to revitalize and expand public medicare. Indeed, it represents our values as a people.

Health care must be publicly funded and available to everyone and it must be one-tier health care. As Roy Romanow has indicated in his report, the public health care system can deliver better health care at less cost than the private, for-profit sector.

I urge the federal and provincial governments to show true leadership and to act on the recommendations of the Romanow Report now. The federal government must ensure that there is enough stable funding available to the provinces to enact the recommended programs such as access to diagnostic imaging, prescription drugs, home care, primary care reform and services in rural communities. The premiers and their provincial governments must co-operate and be accountable for how these health care funds are spent.

Canadians are fed up with the continual federal-provincial bickering over medicare.

We as citizens must let our federal and provincial representatives know that we want them to fight for medicare. We want them to enact the recommendations of the Romanow Report.

Reforming and expanding publicly funded medicare will provide better care and at less cost overall. This is the Canadian way.

Yours truly,
Brian Lynch

Thanks for the help

Dear Editor

As we celebrate our 10th year of offering services to anyone with a life threatening illness in Dundas County, it is necessary to acknowledge and express gratitude to our local newspapers for the support you so generously give us.

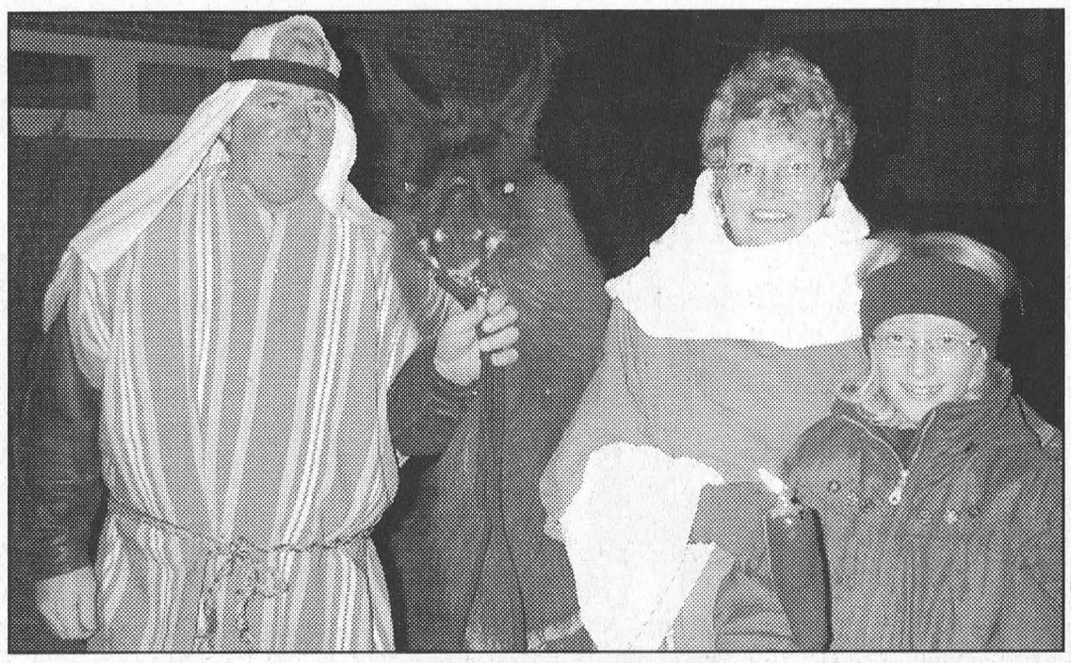
Despite your busy schedules and deadlines I always receive a friendly and receptive voice from staff and reporters. We are especially pleased with the coverage you have given us over the years which has certainly contributed to our success in creating awareness, educating the community and reaching out to those in need of our support.

You are always approachable and helpful when we seek your guidance and expertise for promotional ads.

Our organization is so very fortunate to have our small community newspapers. We appreciated you and sincerely thank you for your continued support and attention.

Wishing your reporters and staff a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Reina DeJong
On behalf of the Dundas County Hospice.



Mary and Joseph lead Mexican Posada *McNairn photo*

Richard and Becky Wagner played the parts of Mary and Joseph during the Knox Presbyterian celebration of the nativity on Friday, December 13. The celebration was a Mexican "posada", a reenactment of the search for lodgings made by Mary and Joseph on the night Jesus was born. Participants in the Posada gathered at Lakeshore Drive United Church, where with torches, candles and lanterns, they began the trek to Knox Presbyterian for refreshments and a worship service. Richard and Becky are joined, above, by Leah Wells who made the trek and "Tex" who stood in for the traditional donkey.

Timothy Christian News

WILLIAMSBURG – As I write this there are just three days to go until our major Christmas concert. A lot of time and effort has gone into the program and all of you reading this are invited.

A cantata, "Everlasting Lord," performed by the entire school, as well as our Praise Team, a vocal solo, a vocal trio and a poem make up our Christmas program. It all happens this Thursday, December 19, at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come and make this part of your celebration of God's gift to us, His son, Jesus Christ.

We recently hosted a Christian book fair at our school. Over $1,800 worth of books and CDs were sold and we were glad to provide this service to our community. We also received a percentage of the sales and this goes right back into purchasing Christian materials for our school.

Our annual chocolate bar sale has come to an end. Our 7/8 class won the pizza lunch/video with a per student average of $84.22. Our top three individual sellers were Julie Van Foort, Bonnie Witten and Matthew Tibben. We thank our broader community for their support of our sale. All proceeds of this go to our "Student Fund."

Things wind down this week with a Christmas assembly, a gift exchange and a skating party. Should be fun!

All of us a TCS wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!
Gary Postma
Principal

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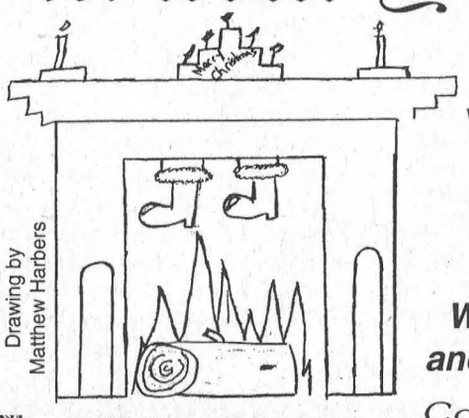

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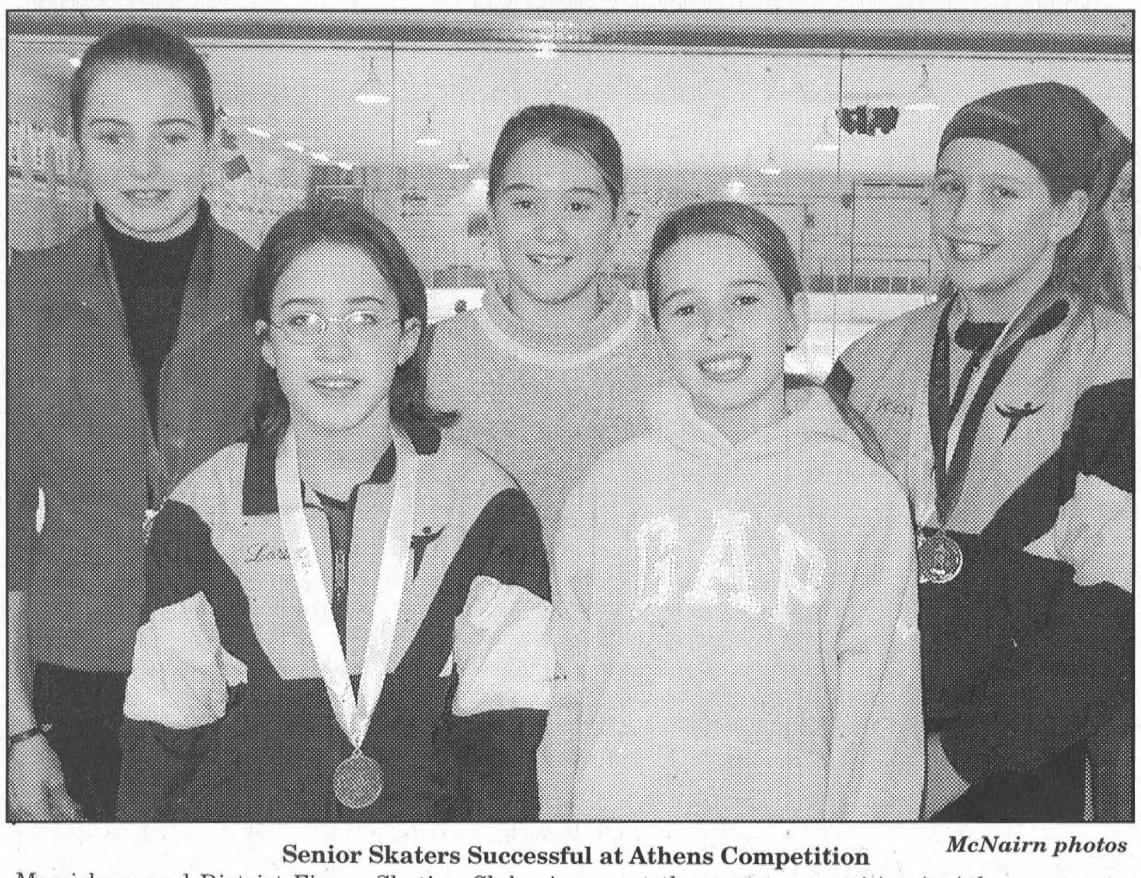


Senior Skaters Successful at Athens Competition *McNairn photos*

Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club winners at the recent competition in Athens were, l-r, Courtney Thompson, Lorrie Casselman, Hayley Carr, Brianna Stewart and Hilary McQuaid.



Success at the Intermediate Level

Morrisburg and District skaters who brought home medals from Athens at the recent competition were l-r, Hayley Mills, Kelsey Hall, Alex Leroux, Jessica Thompson and Brooke Spencer.



Canskate Medal Winners

Winners at the Canskate level in Athens were front, l-r, Logan Patterson, Morgan Baxter, Jessica Bass and Alisha VanHoof. Back, l-r Haley VanAllen, Kaila VanHoof, Bryanna Hickman, Kelsey Baxter, Morgan Spencer.

Morrisburg Figure Skating Club

Skaters in Athens

ATHENS - Morrisburg Figure Skaters competed at the Athens Competition on December 1, garnering impressive results.

Canskate - First - Haley Van Allen and Logan Patterson. Second - Morgan Spencer and Kelsey Baxter. Third - Alisha VanHoof, Kaila VanHoof, and Jessica Bass. Fourth - Morgan Baxter and Bryanna Hickman.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies "B" - Alexandra Leroux 2nd, Brooke Spencer 3rd.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies "A" - Kelsey Hall 1st, Hayley Mills 2nd.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies "C" - Hayley Carr 4th.

Preliminary Ladies "A" flight 1 - Jessica Thompson 1st, Brianna Stewart 4th. Flight 2 - Hillary McQuaid 3rd, Lindsay Gilmer 5th.

Preliminary Ladies "A" flight 1 - Courtney Thompson 1st, Kaitlyn MacDonald 4th. Flight 2 - Lorie Casselman 3rd.

Interpretive 1 - Alexandra Leroux 5th. Interpretive 2 - Hilary McQuaid 2nd.

Individual Elements Stages 3&4 - Alisha VanHoof 2nd. Stages 5&6 flight 1 - Morgan Baxter 2nd, Jessica Bass 3rd. Flight 2 - Logan Patterson 3rd, Kaila VanHoof 5th. Flight 3 - Bryanna Hickman 2nd, Kelsey Baxter 4th.

Individual Elements Pre-Preliminary flight 1 - Kelsey Hall 1st, flight 2 - Hayley Mills 2nd.

Team Elements Stages 4&5 - Logan Patterson, Kaila VanHoof and Alisha VanHoof 5th. Stages 6&7 - Jessica Bass, Morgan Baxter, Kelsey Baxter, Hayley VanAllen, Bryanna Hickman 7th. Pre-Junior Category 1 - Kelsey Hall, Hayley Mills, Alex Leroux, Jessica Thompson 1st. Category 2 - Lorrie Casselman, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Hilary McQuaid, Brianna Stewart, Courtney Thompson, Lindsay Gilmer 4th.

Allen Chung off to the Canadian Championships

FREDERICTON – A pulled groin muscle was the major obstacle facing Morrisburg figure skater Allen Chung at the Eastern Canadian Challenge at the end of November.

But Chung, who has shown spunk and determination throughout his skating career, hung on just enough to claim a qualifying spot.

In early November he posted one of his best performances ever at the Eastern Ontario Section Skate in Bowmanville when he finished second overall in the junior men's category with seconds in both his long and short program.

The results of his decision to take a year off school and move to Toronto where he could get quality coaching were evident in this skate.

Unfortunately, during the preparation for the next step to the Canadian Championships he pulled the groin muscle.

Chung's mother Mei, made the trip east to watch Allen compete, where she was somewhat puzzled with the quality of his skate in the short program which placed him eighth.

"I talked to his coach after he skated and he told me not to worry," says Mei. What she didn't know about, because Allen didn't tell her for fear she wouldn't let him compete, was the pulled muscle.

When he did only two triples and one double axle in the long program Mei knew something was up.

"The coach told me after," she says. "Somehow he managed to skate through it."

Mei says Allen's Toronto coach is extremely impressed with his level of skating, especially when you consider the minimal training he has had to get to where he is.

"He told me that while other skaters are having one or two lessons per day, Allen is taking only four lessons a week."

Allen is now preparing for the Canadians which this year are in Saskatoon from January 6-12.

Along with the challenge of preparing for his skate and allowing the pulled muscle to heal, is the problem of finances for the trip.The Canadian Figure Skating Association assists the skaters with their accommodation costs, but transportation, meals and the costs of their coaches are the responsibility of the skater.

Any individual, club or business interested in assisting this young man who is representing the South Dundas Community at a National level can contact his Mom.

Jr. B Lions drop two in play and standings

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Junior B Lions have been clinging to third place, by a slim margin over the Char-Lan Rebels. An unfortunate weekend has them falling two spots into fifth position. The Lions opened the weekend with a 5-2 loss to the Char-Lan Rebels, and followed that up with a 6-5 overtime loss to the Akwesasne Wolves.

The Lions bench was missing a couple of key elements for their Friday night home game against the Char-Lan Rebels. Assistant Coach Bob Deleavey was serving a one game suspension from the previous weekend's game against the Kemptville 73s. Assistant captain Matt Collins was also sidelined for his first game of a three game suspension assessed in the same match up.

The Rebels took it to the Lions early in the game going up by four goals before the end of the first period, thanks to the play of Steve Jarvo and Pat Johnson who combined for three of the four markers.

The Rebels huge lead in the first prompted the Lions to pull their starting goalie Matt Vanegmond, replacing him with Jamie Lalonde. The Rebels added one more goal in the second, a power-play goal at the 10 minute mark to round out their scoring.

The Lions only offense came in the third. Justin Elliott scored at 8:40 of the final period with Jeff Lefleche and Danny Schwartz assisting. The Lions final goal came only two minutes later with Jason Denio netting one on a set up from Matt Bergeron and Schwartz.

Saturday night the Lions played the Akwesasne Wolves in their building, facing their former net minder Sean Pollard for the first time.

The Lions jumped to an early lead thanks to the efforts of their top scorers Charlie Froment and Wayne Garlough.

Froment counted the first two with Nick Desneves and Cory Cassell helping on the opening goal at 2:17 of the first period. Froment scored his second goal unassisted midway through the opening period.

Garlough scored only minutes later with Matt Bergeron assisting, giving the Lions a solid three goal lead heading into the second period.

The second period however would belong to the Wolves who battled back and had the game tied at three by 18:45 of the frame. Lion, Matt Bailey would give his team a slim one goal lead to take into the final frame scoring with just over a minute remaining in the second. Lefleche and Elliott earned the assists.

The Wolves pulled ahead of the Lions in the third period, scoring the tying goal at 3:54 and the go ahead goal at 4:32 to give them a 5-4 lead over the visiting Lions.

Bailey wouldn't wait long to score his second goal of the night with Denio and Gagnon assisting, tying the game once again and keeping the Lions in the contention for the win by forcing overtime.

The game would be decided in the sudden death final frame. The Lions were assessed a minor penalty while the Wolves took advantage of the power play and scored the winning goal.

Despite the Lions loss they earned one point for the overtime effort, but dropped in the standings nonetheless.

The Lions next two games could see their position in the standings change once again, as they will travel to Char-Lan to face the Rebels in their building Saturday night. The Winchester Hawks will visit Morrisburg for a Sunday afternoon game with a 2:15 p.m. start time.

Junior B Standings

St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Alexandria	26	15	8	2	33
Kemptville	27	13	8	3	32
Char-Lan	28	13	13	2	28
Akwesasne	25	12	10	2	27
Morrisburg	29	12	15	1	26
Winchester	26	9	12	3	23

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Brockville	25	18	4	3	39
Gananoque	27	17	9	1	35
South Grenville	25	15	9	0	31
Westport	28	14	12	0	30
Athens	28	12	12	1	28

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Tuesday, December 10-
Alexandria 6 at Gananoque 7 (OT)
Friday, December 13–
Akwesasne 7 at Alexandria 6
Char-Lan 5 at Morrisburg 2
Saturday, December 14–
Alexandria 1 at Winchester 4
Kemptville 4 at Char-Lan 5 (OT)
Morrisburg 5 at Akwesasne 6 (OT)
Sunday, December 15–
Winchester 4 at Kemptville 4 (OT)

Coming up:

Saturday, December 21–
Morrisburg at Char-Lan 7:45 p.m.
Sunday, December 22–
Winchester at Morrisburg 2:15 p.m.

St. Lawrence Scoring Leaders

	G	A	Pts
Adam Spirk, Kemp.	29	24	53
Charlie Froment, Mor.	28	25	53
Pat Johnson, Char.	15	38	53
Wayne Garlough, Morr.	21	29	50
Steve Jarvo, Char.	26	23	49
Darren Trenholm, Win.	22	18	40
Derek Duval, Char.	14	26	34
Jason Denio, Morr.	21	17	38

Peewee C Lions topple opponents

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Peewee C Lions toppled all opposition standing in their way in Upper Canada Minor Hockey league action this week.

The first to roll over was North Dundas on Friday, December 13.

The day may have been unlucky for North Dundas but not for Lions shooter Evan Harper who posted his fourth hat trick of the regular season.

North Dundas held their own in the first period of the game keeping it even at 3-3. But in the second the Lions struck twice to carry a two goal advantage into the third where they hit for another three unanswered tallies in the 8-3 victory.

Harper led the Lions scoring charge with his three goals and helped out on another two. Daniel Stevens scored twice and singles came from the sticks of Drew Hutt, Brad Munro and Thomas Corden.

Munro had a pair of assists and Hutt and Corden helped out on one goal each.

Also picking up assists were Drew Morrow and Nathan MacDonell.

Victory number two for the week was over Massena 5-1.

Again their opponents were first on the scoreboard, but Drew Hutt scored unassisted to cancel that effort.

In the second period Spencer Peters, Jordan Derue and Evan Harper all scored for a 4-1 Lions advantage, and in the third Harper hit for his second for the 5-1 Lions win.

Brad Munro had a pair of assists and Nathan McDonell, Drew Hutt and Daniel Stevens helped out on one goal each.

THE WEEK IN CURLING

Last week saw the Morrisburg club host the Ontario Senior Games Mixed Regional Championships again. Last year's gold medal winners, Morrisburg's Bob Bedingfield, Alice Thompson, Tony Toonders and Eleanor Allison lost to Jack Dikland, Cheryl Thompson, Don O'Brien and Betty Locke. In turn, the new local champions were upset in an extra end by the Winchester representatives. Meanwhile, Cornwall defeated Russell, and the two winners met for the right to go to the Provincial Championships in London in February. Again, Winchester's Gary Price entry came from behind to defeat Cornwall and win the gold medal. Silver went to the Cornwall team, with the Dikland rink winning the bronze.

The Thompson foursome competed in the Metcalfe senior open bonspiel recently and curled well, if unsuccessfully, dropping tight games to Vankleek Hill and a Metcalfe men's quartet. Everyone enjoyed a delicious home-cooked meal between games and no member of the bottom six teams admitted to winning the 6-49 with their prizes, lottery tickets.

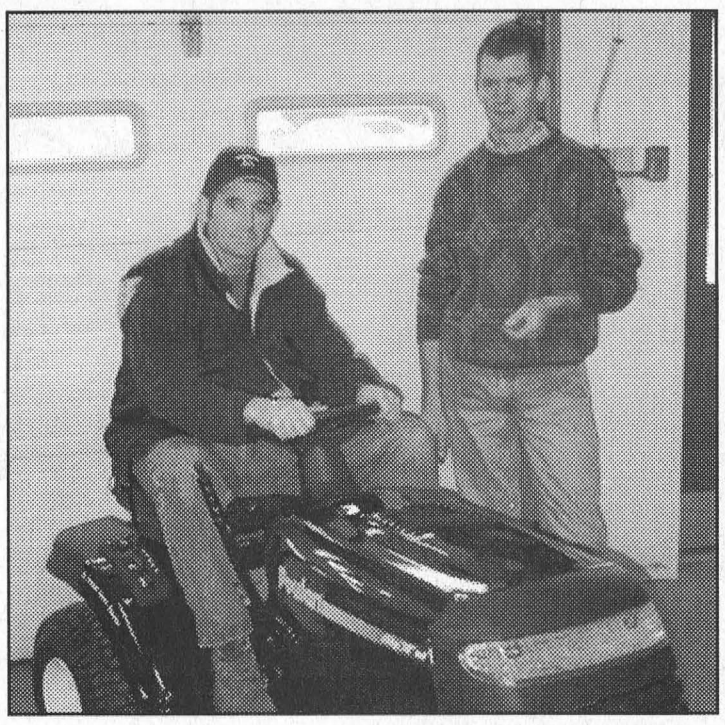
Early results of league play are in: the Tuesday afternoon ladies' champions for the first draw are Cheryl Thompson, Betty Locke, Donna Stephens and Bonnie Cameron-Wright. We hope to have the rest next week.

The senior men hosted three Cornwall teams in a friendly competition last Friday. In the total point, total end score, Morrisburg emerged victorious, winning 18 ends to 16. Local teams were Steve Thompson, Fred Hofman, Reg Wild and Doug Jarvis combining with Sid Morrell, Martin Schneckenburger, Len Bellamy and Eric Johnson in a ten-end draw.

Peter Zeran, Wally McDonald and Wayne Pulfer, helped Mac Currie, John Wilson, Ron Brown and George Barrey win, while on the third sheet, Eric Orgee, Dwight Gilmer, Bill Magee and Don Hutt assisted Jack Dikland, Clare Dunbar, Charles Farlinger and Stan Britten in doing the same. A pleasant lunch was followed by mutual best wishes and more than a little humour, after which the visitors returned to the big city.

The annual turkey bonspiel will be held this Friday night at the club, beginning at 7:00 p.m., with a total of ten turkeys up for grabs. At present we have only three curlers on each of the twelve teams, so Jack Dikland invites members and friends to sign up. Not only could your team win a turkey each, but your names could be inscribed on the trophy to be presented at evening's end. A highlight of the evening is the draws to the button by the competitors on each sheet, with you-know-what as a prize.

Over the holiday, we plan another of the popular 'Two Person' bonspiels, again open to non-members as well. We use six rocks apiece for six ends and nobody sweeps so we invite you to sign up in the lounge for that one. ***Good curling to all!***





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Minor Hockey Fundraiser winners

Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey announced the winners of their annual fundraiser and pictured here are the two top prize winners. On the left is Glen Mackler (seated), of Morrisburg who won a Poulan Pro lawn tractor supplied Wim Berghuis of Eastern Engines, Williamsburg. On the right is, Jean Christie of Nepean who won a computer supplied by Randy Thompson of Micro-Pro II, Morrisburg. The third prize winner's name was not supplied. Fourth prize went to Tyler Mills who received a $500 gift certificate from Hartley's Sport Shop. The prizes were purchased by minor hockey from fundraising money paid at the time of registration and supported by all of the businesses through pricing. The fifth prize (a $500 gift certificate for Mike's Valumart) was donated by Mike Vrab. "We had great support from all of the businesses who gave us good prices on the prizes", said Debbie Heldens of Morrisburg Minor Hockey. "The fifth prize was totally provided by Mike Vrab. He has been wonderful to the Minor Hockey Association."

Bantam C Lions

December too close to call

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Bantam C Lions hold a record of 1-1-2 for the month of December, after battling in a number of extremely close and low scoring games.

The Lions played only one of their last four games in their own building, and are holding their own on the road.

December 15 the Lions travelled to Alexandria, for a game they controlled right from the opening face off, winning 6-1.

Isaac Streit got the Lions on the board in the first, scoring the only goal of the period, with Scott Speer assisting.

Two goals were added in the second period, one by Darren Baldwin, with Streit and Ryan Morrow assisting. The other was scored by Craig Duvall. Morrow and Brandon Elliott had the assists.

Keeping up the trend, the Lions added three goals in the third. Jarrel Green (from Sheldon Beckstead and Andrew Adlington) scored one. The final two were counted by Elliott with Jordan Tryon and Baldwin assisting on the first, and Craig Duvall and Tryon assisting on the second.

December 13th, the Lions were handed a loss in a tight 2-1 game in South Stormont.

The South Stormont team was up by two goals by the end of the second period, and held on to win by only one goal as Beckstead brought the Lions to within a goal by scoring at the seven minute mark of the final period. Tryon had the assist.

December 9th South Stormont had played in Morrisburg, in yet another closely contested match up, which ended in a three all tie.

South Stormont was on the board first, scoring the only goal of the opening period.

The Lions scored early in the second as Beckstead scored with Duvall assisting. The teams traded goals back and forth in the final five minutes of the second, each counting two. Beckstead got his second of the game with Duvall assisting once again. Duvall then scored his own goal which tied the game at three. Adam Schnurr had the assist.

On December 2nd the Lions recorded a 3-3 tie against North Dundas in Winchester.

The Lions had a 2-1 lead heading into the third period on the merit of goals by Beckstead (from Tyler Mills, Colin Chesbro) and an unassisted goal by Streit.

Kurtis Corry (from Elliott and Speer) scored early in the third to put the Lions up 3-1. North Dundas battled back and tied the game before time expired.

Senior golfers celebrate season

MORRISBURG–The Morrisburg Golf Club's senior group gathered at the clubhouse recently for their annual Christmas party.

A large selection of hot and cold finger foods were served in the nicely-decorated clubroom, after which all joined in the singing of Christmas Carols in front of the fireplace.

Barb Sheridan did her usual fine job of auctioning off a few gifts, and a Christmas basket provided for donations collected $314 for the Renewing the Vision Campaign at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital.

Donations to the evening party were made by Merle Wells, Phil Filsinger, Peter Ozinga, Lew Warner, Reg Wild, Margaret Brown, Gary Stover, Elgin Porter, Phil Tinder and Jim Banford.

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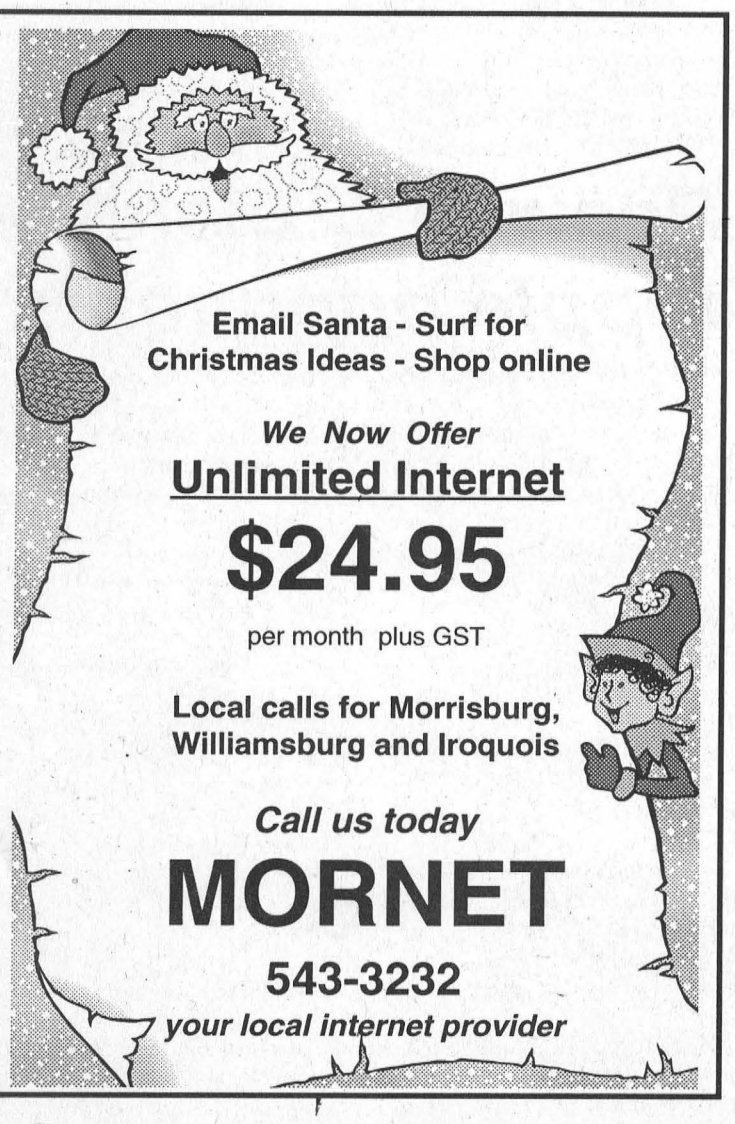

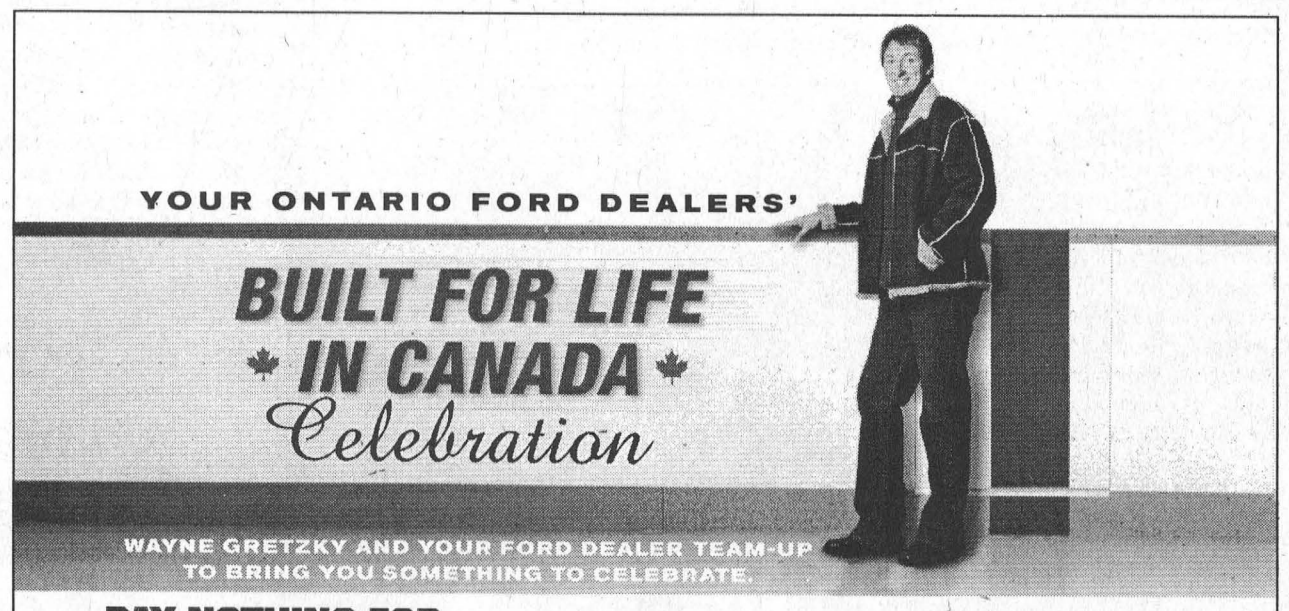

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January run

Girls on Snow for Easter Seals

MORRISBURG – This year when the "Girls on Snow" suit up for their annual adventure the Easter Seal Society will be going along for the ride.

This year marks the first year that the "Girls on Snow," snowmobile fun run has teamed up with Easter Seals as a Snowarama event.

Easter Seals is dedicated to helping children, youth, and young adults with physical disabilities achieve their full individual potential and future independence. Easter Seal Society funds are used for financial assistance, summer camps, research, advocacy, and education.

There are over 50 Snowarama events across Ontario which raise money for the Easter Seal Society. The "Girls on Snow" participants will be collecting pledges, and all money collected will benefit the Dundas County chapter of the Easter Seals, helping with the needs of local children like Kayleigh Boyd.

Kayleigh, the daughter of Terri and Dean Boyd has been chosen as "Tammy" for the local run.

Fifteen-year-old Kayleigh was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome at the age of 26 months. Rett Syndrome, a neurological disorder, seen almost exclusively in females can interfere with every body movement, including; walking, hand function, eye gaze and speech.

Today, Kayleigh spends at least two hours a day receiving physio-therapy. She uses a specialized computer, keyboard, and programs to learn and complete modified school work.

In order for her to express her needs, desires, choices and feelings, Kayleigh either eye points or touches picture symbols. She practices these skills every day.

Kayleigh gets around in a manual wheelchair. Additional challenges include seizures, scoliosis, osteoporosis, and severe pain attacks. Even with these challenges Kayleigh still finds time to enjoy going to movie theatres, watching television with her family, listening to the latest music, and shopping.

The Easter Seal Society has supported Kayleigh in many ways over the past 13 years. They have assisted with the cost of the four wheelchairs she has needed, as well as the purchase of standing frames, walkers, a kangaroo feeding pump, and specialized computer equipment, all of which must be updated and replaced as she grows.

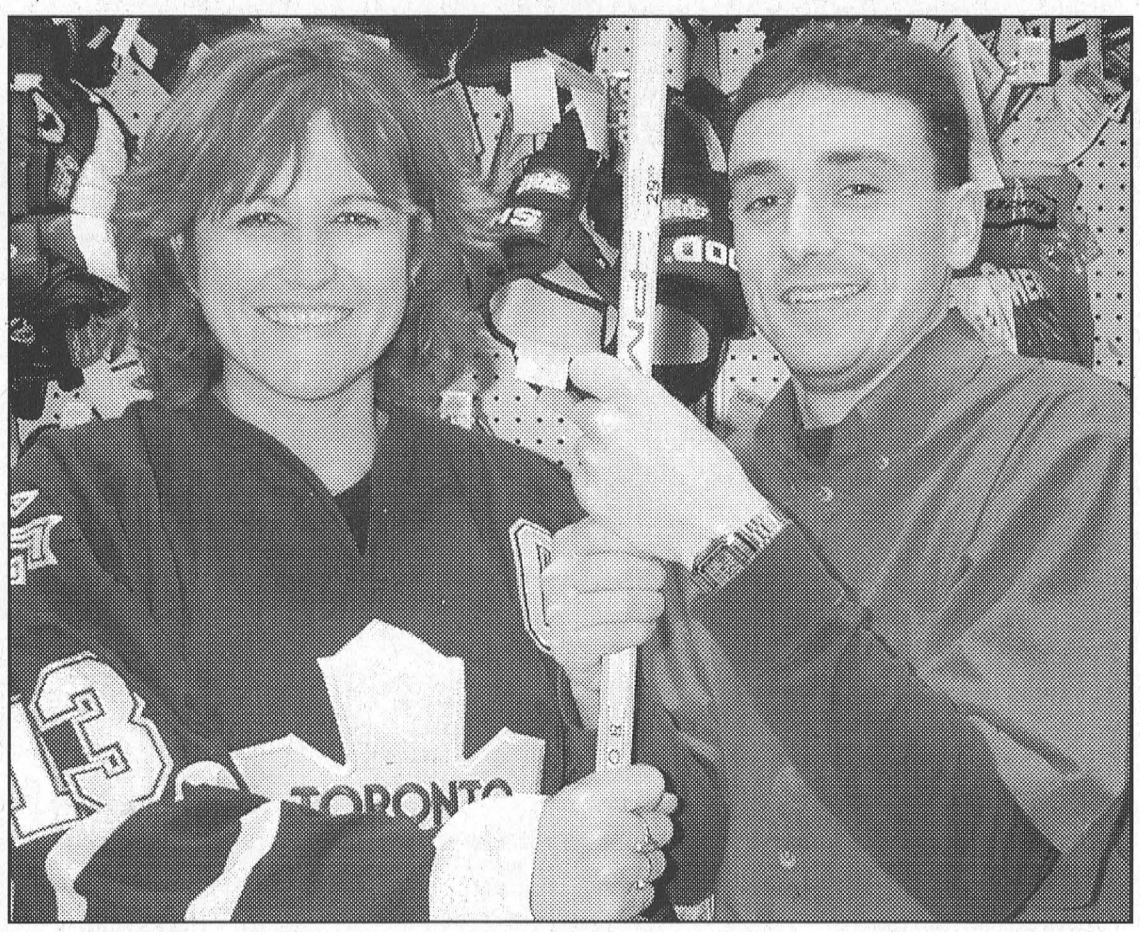
She has attended the Easter Seal camp twice. The Society has played a pivotal role in allowing Kayleigh's parents to give her the best quality of life possible.

"Girls on Snow" will raise money for Easter Seal kids like Kayleigh, helping them to experience independence, acceptance and achievement.

This year the snowmobile run will take place a little earlier than in previous years. On January 11, 2003 the run will start at the Morrisburg Fire Hall at 9 a.m. with the Snowarama Pancake Breakfast.

The Breakfast is open to anyone at a cost of $5 for adults and $2.50 for children and takes place from 9 a.m. until noon.

Anyone interested in participating in the "Girls on Snow" run is asked to contact Jean MacDougal at 543-3480 for information and pledge forms.



All I Want for Christmas *McNairn photo*

Christmas came early for Heather Erwin of Hallville when she was notified that she was the winner of a Matt Sundin autographed CCM Replica hockey jersey through the 'Stanley Cup Road Trip' contest held at Canadian Tire stores, in partnership with CCM and NHL earlier this year. As luck would have it, Erwin who plays in the Women's Hockey League in Winchester, says her favourite team is the Maple Leafs. She says, she guesses now her favourite player is probably Matt Sundin. The 'Stanley Cup Road Trip' was a national contest organized by Canadian Tire, CCM and the NHL from August 11 to November 18. Erwin filled out her ballot at the Canadian Tire Store in Morrisburg and dropped it in the ballot box provided in-store. More than 170,000 ballots were collected. Erwin, who is employed in the advertising department of the Winchester Press, is pictured with Derrick Casselman, Sports Supervisor at the Morrisburg Store.

Riverside Darts

RIVERSIDE–**Rosebuds-6 wins.** Outs: Bernie Montroy 3, Colleen Keeler, Gus Dickson, Fay Markell. H.S. Montroy 140.
Double Trouble-8 wins. Outs: Cecil Tyo 4, Gerry Sypes 2, Sharon Lewis 2.
Arabs-6 wins. Outs: Brenda Sypes 2, Ann Lewis 2, Linda Birch 2.
Two Chicks-6wins. Outs: Roger Trudeau 2, Dalton Hart 2, Matt Julien 2. H.S. Hart 116, Trudeau 102.
Canadian Team-5.5 wins. Outs: Peter Montroy 3, Cecil Keeler 2. H.S. Sypes 125, Montroy 105.
Lumber Dummies-6 wins. Outs: Ernie Beckstead 5, Pat Hart 1. H.S. Hart 133.
Pointless-7.5 wins. Outs: Dennis Baker 3, Arnold Keeler 3, Lisa Lewis.
Roundups-6 wins. Outs: Cecil Lewis 2, Alex Hart 2, Wanda Montroy, Charlie Hancock. H.S. Hart 134, Lewis 133, Wereley 125.
Fun Gang-5 wins. Outs: Floyd Elliott 3, Merle Burke 2. H.S. Elliott 140, Burke 101.
2 Guys-8 wins. Outs: Dione Chater 4, Lyle Beckstead 2, Elva Baker, Ronnie Moore. H.S. Beckstead 119, Moore 111.
Eric's Bombers-5 wins. Outs: Caroline Geertsma 2, Eric Sypes, Vera Burke, Artie Thompson. H.S. Sypes 112.
Born to Cry-3 wins. Outs: Dave Svenson 2, Doreen Montroy 1.

League Standings

Rosebuds	157	Pointless	128
Double Trouble	153	Roundups	127
Arabs	148	Fun Gang	126
Two Chicks	136	2 Guys & 2 Gals	124
The Canadian Team	136	Eric's Bombers	110
Lumber Dummies	134	Born to Cry	91

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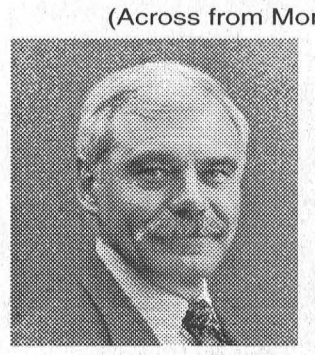
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BINGO
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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 48, MORRISBURG HOLIDAY HOURS
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Tues., Dec. 31, 9 p.m.–1 a.m, D.J., $15 per person, after midnight buffet. 51-52c

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Matilda Recreation is now accepting nominations for the volunteer of the year award, in memory of Garry (Mutt) Shaver, to be presented at the 2003 Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant on January 11th. If you know a South Dundas Resident who is a deserving, active volunteer, and you feel this outstanding person is worthy of this nomination and recognition, please contact either Bev Sabourin at 652-2405 or Janice Gilmour at 652-4714 for more details. 48-51c

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The 28th annual Matilda Winter Carnival is fast approaching and the Matilda Recreation Committee is now accepting applications for the Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant. The pageant will take place on Sat., Jan. 11, 2003. This will be open to all girls in South Dundas with the first 10 applications being accepted. You must be between the ages of 15 (before December 31, 2002) and 18. Please contact Janice Gilmour at 652-4714 for more information or an application form. 48-51c

BIRTHS

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mary-Jo Rosenquist and Ian Wilson of Orillia, Ontario, announce the birth of a son, Duncan Gerrard Wilson, 7 lbs. 10 ozs., December 14, 2002. A brother for two-year-old Spencer. Proud grandparents: Lois and Gerry Rosenquist. 51p

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But many silent tears are shed
When others are asleep.
–Forever in our hearts, daughters-sisters, Audrey and Dorothy, their husbands Larry and Terry 51p

STANDRING–In loving memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather, Hubert Roy, who passed away three years ago on December 21, 1999.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.
–Irene, Beverley, Donna and Robert 51p

ST. JOHN–In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, William, who passed away December 19, 2001.
We are sad within our memory
Lonely are our hearts today
For the one we loved so dearly
Has forever been called away.
We think of him in silence
No eye may see us weep
But many silent tears are shed
When others are asleep.
–Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Bruce St. John and Faye Byvelds and families 51p

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FOR RENT–One bedroom apartment in Ingleside. Phone 543-3604. 51tfc

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NOTICE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Christmas greetings to all my friends and relatives. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.
–Vivien Reddick 51p

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3. God's workmanship, created in Christ–(II Cor. 5:16,17; Eph. 2:10).
4. Saved by grace, through faith, entirely apart from works–(Rom. 4:4,5; Eph. 2:8,9; Titus 3:5).
5. Made accepted in the Beloved One–(Eph. 1:6,7).
6. Justified by the finished work of Christ–(Acts 13:38,39; Rom. 3:24; 5:8,9; 8:33,34).
7. God's inheritance–(Eph. 1:18).
8. Sealed by the Spirit unto the day of redemption–(II Cor. 1:20-22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30).
9. Kept by the power of God–(Rom. 8:29-31; I Pet. 1:5; Jude 1,24).
10. Never can be separated from the love of Christ and of God–(John 13:1; Rom. 8:34-39).
11. Has received everlasting life–(John 3:36; 6:47; Rom. 6:23).
12. Shall never perish–(John 3:16; 6:37; 10:28). 45-52p

LOST

LOST–100 ft. roll white aluminum and double nail bag with hammer, knife and tape measure lost between Morrisburg Building Centre and Augusta St, Hwy. #2, Morrisburg, Monday, Dec. 3. Phone 535-2186. 51p

CARD OF THANKS

BAILEY–We would like to express our sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbors in the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Irene. Your visits, cards, flowers and memorial donations were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Karen and staff at The Hartford Home, to Dr. Domanko for his professional care, to David and staff at Marsden-McLaughlin Funeral Home, the pallbearers, the U.C.W. for the lovely luncheon following the service and to Rev. Yvonne Willis for her comforting words and prayers.
–Sincerely, the Bailey family 51p

FRASER–To begin, we wish to thank the people of the community for all the friendship and kindness given to our uncle Jim during his retirement in Morrisburg. His life was full. Membership in the Presbyterian Church, and life memberships in the curling club, the golf club and Legion Branch 48 are something to be proud of. His love of singing and choirs will be well remembered. For the shelter and compassion given to him at the end of his journey, we want to thank Karen Jones and the staff at the Hartford; the Winchester District Memorial Hospital; Dr. Houze and other faithful doctors and nurses. Finally, for the memorial service, our thanks to Branch 48 of the Canadian Legion, the Men's Legion choir, piper Gord McGregor, Sarah Barclay Thomas and the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion. Most of all, our heartfelt thanks to Bonnie Parker and Rev. Darren May for a fine service and a whole lot of strong support.
–The Fraser family 51p

SHELDRICK–On behalf of the Sheldrick family, we would like to thank everyone who showed their support during our recent loss. Special thanks to Dr. Houze and Dr. Heyman and all of the nursing staff at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care Bill received during his illness. Thank you to the Home Care nurses and to the Red Cross who always made him laugh. Special thanks to David and Monica at the funeral home for making a difficult time as relaxed as possible. Also, to Rev. Darren May for his kind words and quiet presence. Thanks to the Scouting organization for acting as the Honor Guard. To Billie Donaldson for keeping everyone in line (dad would have loved it). Thanks to the active and honorary pallbearers. Thanks to the Presbyterian Church Choir and ladies who served a lovely lunch. To all of you who sent food, cards and flowers, you touched us all. To all those who made donations to Camp Sheldrick, the Cancer Society and Winchester Hospital, thanks!!!! Everyone's outpouring of love and support will be thought of often. Thank you all!!!!
–Joan, Judy, Cindy, Bill and Paul 51c

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No Tinsel or Lights for This Big Guy

No, this tree won't be gracing anyone's home this Christmas season. This is one of several trees moved at the Morrisburg Golf Club in early December. The tree mover acts like a giant spade, cutting into the ground and removing the tree roots and all. This particular tree was moved from behind the fifth green to a space along the green on number nine, where it and another large specimen will hopefully block those golfers attempting to take a shortcut on the dogleg left hole. The Morrisburg Golf Course has undergone considerable changes this fall, which along with the new green built for the seventh hole, includes a large pond put in along the east side of the ninth green. From the time the spades cut into the ground above until the tree arrived at its new location on the right, took only minutes...a big job in a short time.

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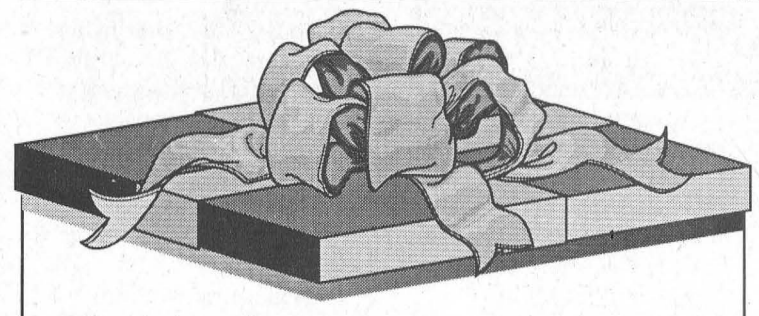

THANK YOU!

Morrisburg, Williamsburg & Area

Once again the spirit of the season and the spirit of the community have been demonstrated by the overwhelming support of our 2002 Angel Tree Program.

One local group who continues year after year to support less fortunate children in our area is the Ladies Auxiliary of the Morrisburg Legion who generously support gift purchases through their bingo fund.

Another quiet, yet supportive group are the employees of Beavers Dental / SDS Kerr, who for several years have coincidentally co-ordinated an Angel Tree in their plant. Organizers Darlene Marcellus and Darlene Phifer are always anxious to help and exemplify the spirit within their workplace. As well, Donna Hodgson, co-ordinator of the Club 478 Social Committee of St. Lawrence Corp. (Caldwell's) of Iroquois, provided several extra gifts after their Christmas Party and again this year, Peter Oliver and his staff at Canadian Tire decided that rather than exchange gifts internally they would collectively give to the Angel Tree. Their thoughtfulness is also much appreciated.

And of course, to the dozens of anonymous area residents who provided the quality toys, their reward comes the morning of the 25th knowing their chosen child is also going to have a great Christmas.

It is an honour to co-ordinate the efforts of so many.

On behalf of President Steve Prowse and the entire Morrisburg & District Lions Club, we again thank everyone for their support and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely
JACK NOTMAN
ANGEL TREE COMMITTEE
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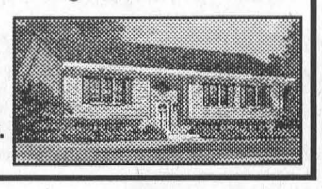

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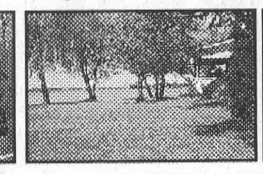

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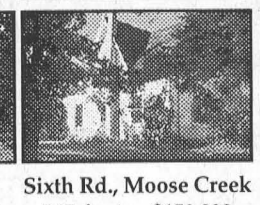

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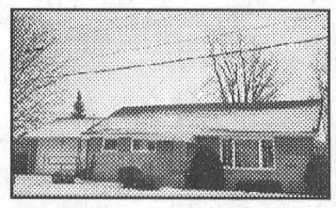
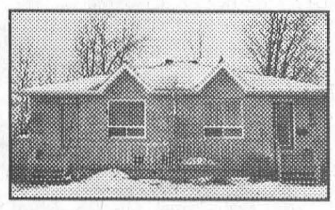
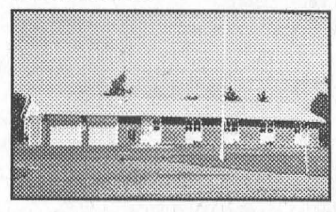


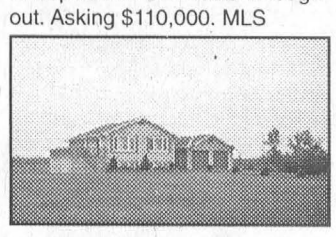
SPACE IN AND OUT. 1640 sq. ft. bungalow in Morrisburg on a 136' x 140' corner lot. Generous sized rooms, some hardwood floors, and a number of upgrades including windows, exterior doors, and gas furnace. Asking $159,900. MLS



NEW LISTING, ONLY FIVE YEARS OLD! Attractive, well maintained semi-detached bungalow close to shopping, schools, clinic, and post office. Open concept living room, kitchen, and dining area. Full unfinished basement. Abundance of cupboards & closets throughout. Asking $110,000. MLS



COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE HEART OF FIBRE OPTIC, SOUTH DUNDAS – located on County Rd. 31 just south of Hwy. 401. Building 30' x 90' including 2 car garage. Six offices, 4 storage rooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and large reception area. Large parking lot in front and rear. Irregular lot 125' x 175'. ASKING $139,000. MLS



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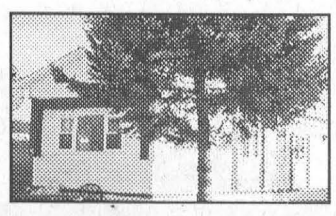

MOBILE HOME – Two bedroom Alpin 14' x 64' mobile home on rented lot. Living room 13' x 14', kitchen 15' x 5.5', and dining nook 10' x 9'. Attached insulated workshop 15' x 7.8'. Upgrades include windows, doors, and shingles. Located at Markel's Mobile Park, just north of County road #2. ASKING $35,000 MLS.

Another trip to space for Dr. Dave Williams

WILLIAMSBURG – When Isobel Williams of Williamsburg gets word her son, Dr. Dave Williams is planning a trip, she doesn't get the kind of travel plans most moms would expect.

That is because Dr. Williams is one of Canada's six active astronauts and the highest-ranking, non-American at NASA where he presides over 500 employees and a multi-million dollar budget as director of the Space and Life Sciences Division in Houston.

His latest travel plans, a six-day mission to the International Space Station in November, were announced by the Canadian Space Agency in Ottawa last Thursday.

During the mission Dr. Williams will do three space-walks as construction of the station continues, adding a truss segment and solar panels.

Isobel says the news of her son's mission, his second, is very exciting.

"I'd love to go with him," she says. "I think the view would be marvelous."

Dr. Williams was selected to the Canadian Space Agency in June 1992, and he completed basic training in May 1993. In the spring of 1998 he was on board the Space Shuttle Columbia for the 16-day Neurolab mission which conducted a series of 26 life science experiments in the shuttle's Spacelab module.

Isobel says that when that mission was announced she was a bit concerned, as the Columbia was an older shuttle. During the Christmas before the missions she discovered, "he wasn't nervous, so I decided I wasn't going to be either."

Isobel was in Florida for the take off and then flew to Florida to care for her grandson.

"Everyday I could see what he was doing on television," she says. "It was really interesting, and it was fun because you could see them floating around in the shuttle."

Although she says she wasn't aware of her son's interest in the space program, it was something he nurtured from a young age.

"He was also interested in underwater activities and fascinated with Jacques Cousteau," she says. This interest pointed him towards SCUBA diving in his early teens which would later become an asset to becoming an astronaut.

Dr. Williams is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine from McGill University with a Doctorate of Medicine and a Master of Surgery. He holds a fellowship in Emergency Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

In the early 1990s he was practicing and teaching in Toronto when he answered a recruitment ad for Canadian astronauts.

"There were 5,330 applicants," says Isobel. "Six were Rock bands and 100-200 were kids under six years old. After six months they cut the number down to 20 who went to Ottawa for intense testing and he was one of four picked."

Also on the November 2003 mission will be American teacher Barbara Morgan who trained as backup to Christa McAuliffe on the doomed Challenger Shuttle mission which exploded just after takeoff 17 years ago.

McAuliffe and six other crew members were killed and after this fateful event all shuttle flights were cancelled for two years.

Morgan went back to teaching until four years ago when she began training to be an astronaut again.

Canada, NASA, Russia Japan and the European Space Agency are partners in the International Space Station.



A Citrus Celebration *McNairn photo*

The Parent Council/Fund-raising committee treated nine Seaway High School students to lunch at Subway last Wednesday the reward for an orange-selling job well done. The school's citrus campaign fund-raiser was carried out in the fall and thanks to the generosity of the community, the staff and students a Seaway high and a number of local businesses who donated prizes it was deemed a big success with $1,800 raised . The money will help fund the graduations bursaries and some student activities during the year. Top sponsors of the event were Pizza Pizza, Subway for donating half of the winner's lunches and Byer's Limousine Service who provided the transportation to Morrisburg Wednesday. Winning their lunches were front l-r,, Sarah Warren, Lindsay Whitteker, Nora Casselman and Michelle Ault. Back l-r are Ashley Beaudoin, Kyle Scott, Nicole Disheau, Melissa Groniger and Tiffany Duvall.

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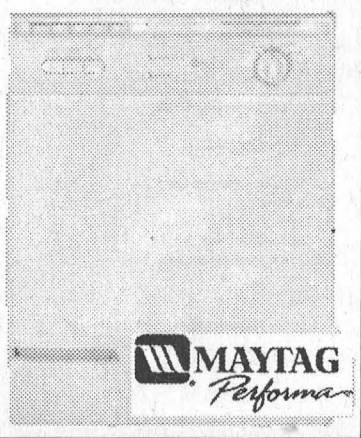

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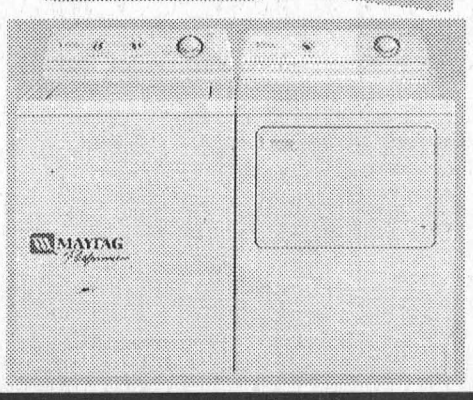

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