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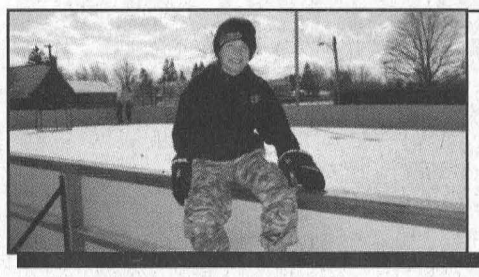

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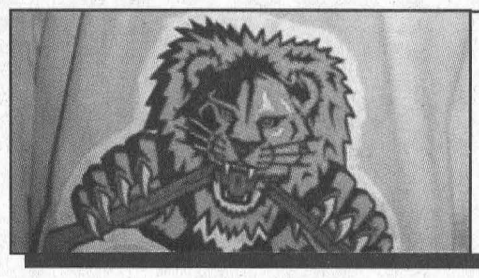

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Food bank coordinator Byers retires

MORRISBURG – Accepting a cheque from the Lutheran Church last Thursday was the last official duty of food bank coordinator, Marilyn Byers.

For the last five-and-a-half years, Byers has been food bank coordinator at the Morrisburg location, and last week she retired from that position, handing over the reigns to Laura Harbers.

Although Byers is retiring from the position, her 35 year involvement with food banks will not end completely.

She has plans to continue to help the Dundas County Food Bank with fundraising and public relations, as well as doing some relief work for Harbers.

Byers says there are a number of reasons for her retirement. She is busy preparing for her wedding which will take place in the near future, but the biggest reason is that she can no longer handle the heavy lifting that is an important part of the job.

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Council re-appoints resigning committee

WILLIAMSBURG – The economic advisory committee formed last spring, with the purpose of making recommendations to the municipality based on the economic strategic plan, fulfilled its mandate earlier this month by presenting their list of recommendations to council.

Following that report, the committee resigned because they had fulfilled their mandate as a committee of the previous council.

South Dundas economic development officer Anne Marie Waddell presented the recommendations, in writing, to council at the January 16, regular council meeting, asking them to support

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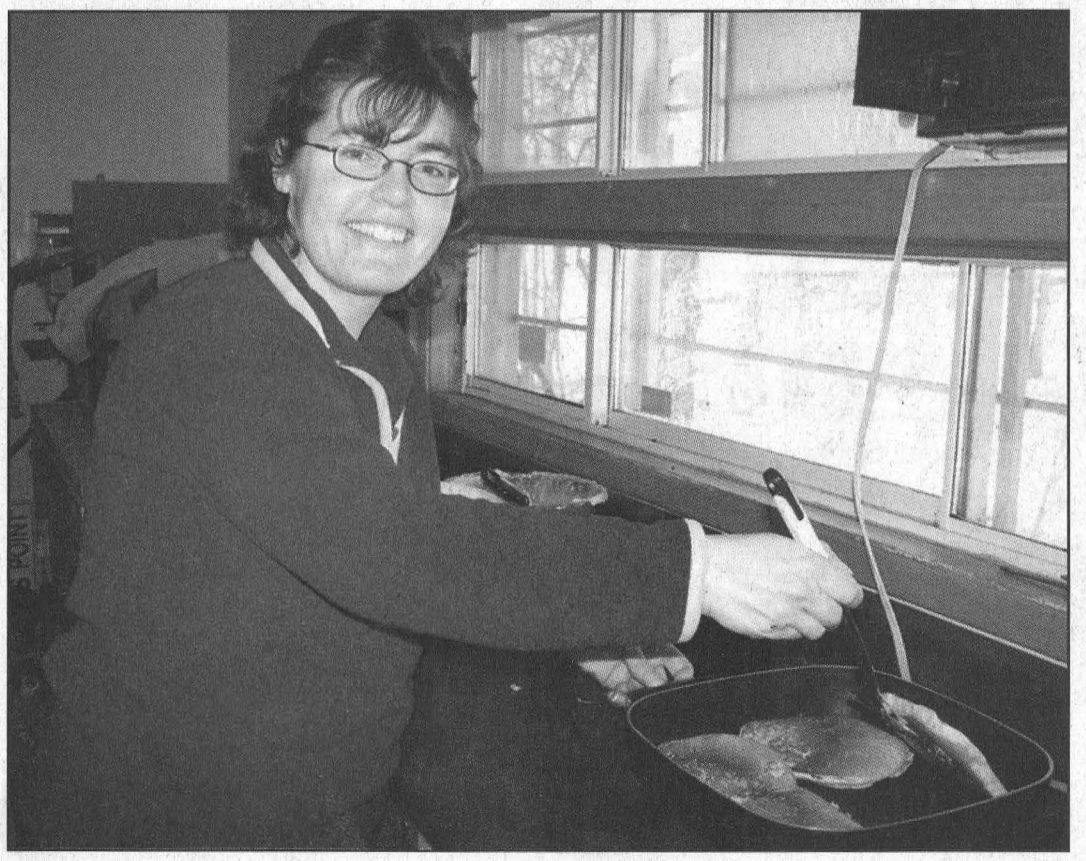
Rosy cheeks galore

Seven-year-old Madison and two and a half-year-old Abigail Mason are all rosy cheeks and smiles as they take part in the day long, fun events of Iroquois' February 3 Shiverfest. The sisters were two of the many kids and parents who came out to enjoy skating, tobogganing and games organized by the Recreational group at the out door rink. **Gibb photo**



Flipping flapjacks **Gibb photo**

Doris Hart, cooking up some pancakes for the hungry crowd, was one of the volunteers at this year's Easter Seal Society pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Girls on Snow and held at the Riverside Heights Recreation Centre on Saturday, February 3.

Young doctor's take on rural medicine

By Wendy Gibb

MORRISBURG – Aleisha Murnaghan's medical travels may have taken a detour by way of India, but they eventually brought her to Winchester District Memorial Hospital to study rural medicine.

"I arrived here with virtually no warning," Murnaghan explained during a January 25 interview with *The Leader*, "but the doctors and the community made me very welcome from day one."

She said that she had essentially made up her mind to go into rural practice by her third year.

That is part of the reason why she was pleased to come, however unexpectedly, to Winchester for training.

Mandates from the government require that all medical students spend one week in their first year, and at least one month in their fourth or fifth year practicing rural medicine.

Murnaghan completed her electives at the University of Ottawa, and made plans with some other medical students to fly to India and do her month of rural medicine there.

"I left January 1, 2007, and flew to India. January 4, I was back in Ottawa," she explained. "It seems that there were problems with our visas, and I was 'deported.'"

She still had to complete one full month of rural medicine, and India was now out.

That's when she made contact with Sylvie Forgues Martel, Chief Liaison Officer, Medical and Academic Affairs, at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

"I was staying in Gloucester," Murnaghan recalled, "and I was e-mailing all local hospitals. Minutes after I sent my e-mail, Sylvie contacted me and offered me training at Winchester."

Forgues Martel speedily assembled the paper work and forms Murnaghan needed, and contacted Dr. Wayne Domanko, who immediately agreed to become the young medical student's preceptor.

"I got my approval fax to my university in Newfoundland, and received a reply in 24 hours that said my school would okay my working here," explained Murnaghan. "This all happened on a Friday, and I started on the Monday in Morrisburg."

Murnaghan suggested with a laugh that possibly the fact that Dr. Paul Coolican, and

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An attempt to save taxpayers money

WILLIAMSBURG – At election time the issue of saving money through either contracting or doing the work in house was raised on more than one occasion by more than one candidate.

With a view to saving money, township CAO Steve McDonald and Don Lewis, manager of buildings and recreation, analyzed the issue of contracting versus hiring someone regarding cleaning municipal buildings.

The report, presented to council, January 16, outlined their findings and recommended that a part time position be created to clean some municipal facilities.

The report showed that by creating a part time position, with a maximum number of 24 hours per week, at a rate of $14.97 per hour, the municipality could expect to spend $21,164 per year, for a labourer to clean the Municipal Office in Williamsburg, the municipal building in Riverside Heights, Stampville Centre, Justice Building, Old High School, Parks/Hydro building, Iroquois Civic Cente and Matilda Hall.

Under the current contract, which will expire at month's end, labour to regularly clean those buildings cost the municipality $33,100 last year.

"This is not a decision we have taken lightly," McDonald told council. "There are substantial savings ($12,500) in the first year," he said, adding that even more money could be saved if the municipality reduces the number of municipallv owned buildings.

South Dundas mayor Charles Barkley said that the report showed that staff and council are on the same wave length. "This is a prime example of a way to reduce costs. It's a nice savings and I'm happy with it," he said.

Councillors Steven Byvelds, Delbert Jones and Jim Graham were more skeptical about the idea of hiring someone.

Jones' skepticism surrounded hours and transportation. He warned that staff will have to ensure that the part-time employee stays under the 24 hour limit, because if the position ends up full time the it would cost the municipality about the same as the existing contract.

Jones brought up the issue of transportation. "How is this person supposed to get to the buildings? Will we pay mileage or provide a vehicle?"

He said that if the municipality does that they will be spending more than the existing contract.

Graham said that transportation was also his main concern.

McDonald said the municipality has no intention of paying mileage or providing transportation. "They will have to get to the work site on their own."

McDonald asked that council accept the report and allow them to advertise the position to see what kind of response they get. "If any changes are necessary, we'll come back to council," he said.

Council agreed.

"I hope it works out," commented Byvelds.

The position has been advertised and the application deadline is Tuesday, February 13, 2007.



Bishop's office sends funds

Representatives of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Lutheran Church delivered a cheque for $1,000 to the Dundas County Food Bank Thursday, February 1. The church applied for and was awarded a bursary for the local food bank, through the Mission Committee and the Global Hunger and Development Appeal Fund of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Pastor of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches, Reverend Norine Gullons explained that the bishop's office has bursaries like this one available which allow churches to support local initiatives like the Dundas County Food Bank. She added that these funds are meant to help the food bank's young mothers, as the money is earmarked for the food bank to purchase supplies like diapers and formula. Pictured above, in front, are Bill and Virgie Kurschinski of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and standing left to right are Laura Harbers, new Morrisburg location food bank coordinator, Brenda Millard, Dundas County Food bank board chair, Russel Garlough of St. Peter's, Haley Van Allen of St. Paul's, Pastor Norine Gullons, and Marilyn Byers, retiring Morrisburg location food bank coordinator.

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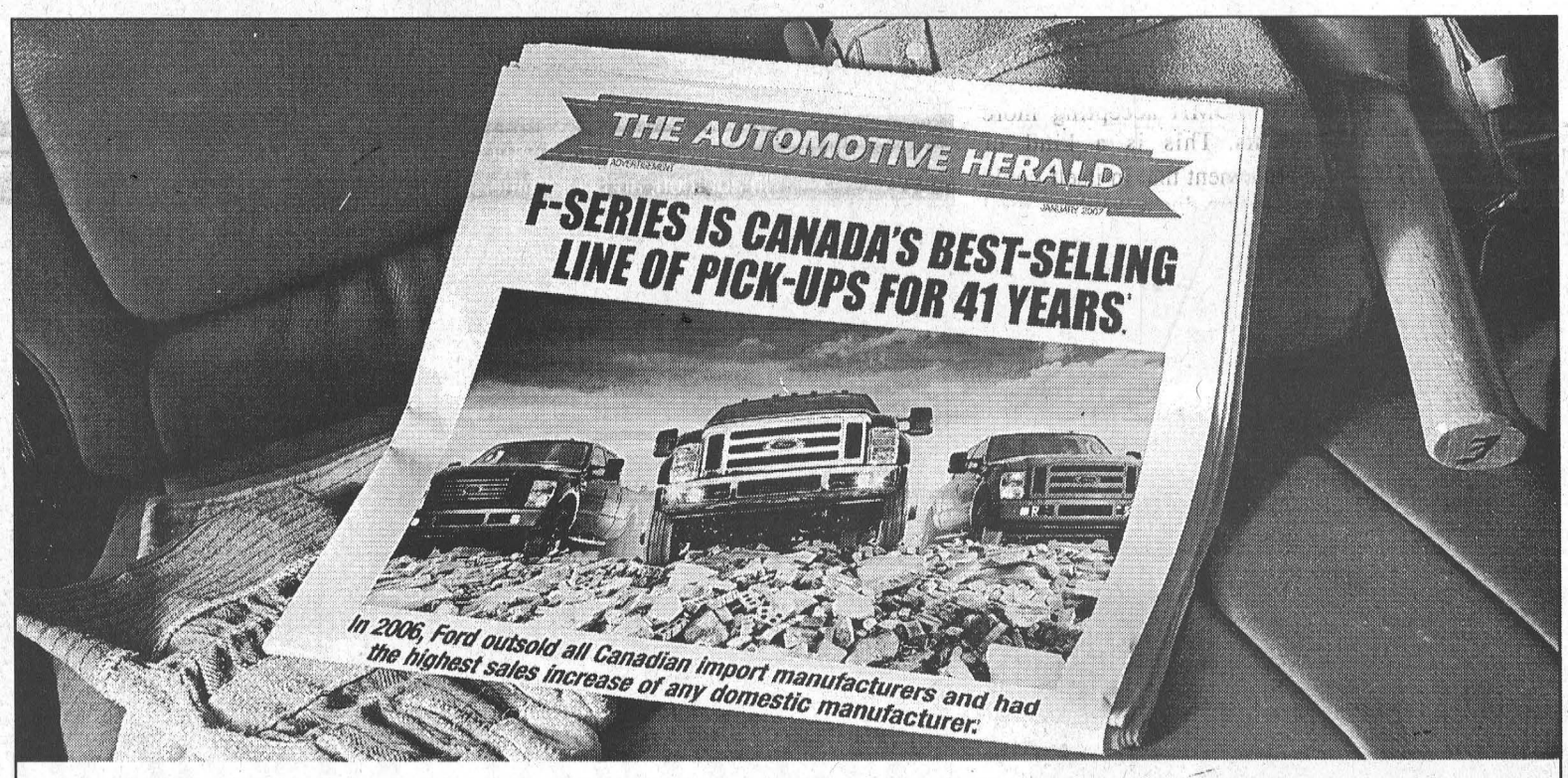

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Young doctor's take

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chester CEO Trudy Reid are fellow Newfoundlanders may have helped her case.

She can't, however, praise the efforts of Sylvie Forgues Martel too highly.

"Sylvie was the key to my getting here. She came through for me in absolutely record time."

It made an enormous difference, Murnaghan felt, that Winchester Hospital actually has a Liaison Officer. Most hospitals the size of WDMH don't, and Forgues Martel was able to really make things happen.

"I contacted Sylvie on the 5th, and had my schedule on the 6th," said Murnaghan.

Murnaghan actually hopes to enter the field of rural medicine when she graduates as a doctor. She grew up in a rural area, and was exposed to rural medicine during her medical training.

"In urban medicine, there is a lot of specialization," Murnaghan explained. "You are primarily in the office, and often don't get the variety of experiences available in rural medicine."

"There seems to be much more diversity at a place like Winchester, and a wider range of clinical experiences."

Judging by her activities in just one week in South Dundas, that appears to be true.

"I delivered a baby last Monday. I was in the Emergency Room on Tuesday. Wednesday I worked in the operating room, and Thursday I worked with patients at the clinic. I enjoyed every experience. I even got to practice my French."

The medical student was raised in Prince Edward Island, but took her initial training at Memorial University in Newfoundland. Then she came to Eastern Ontario to continue her medical education.

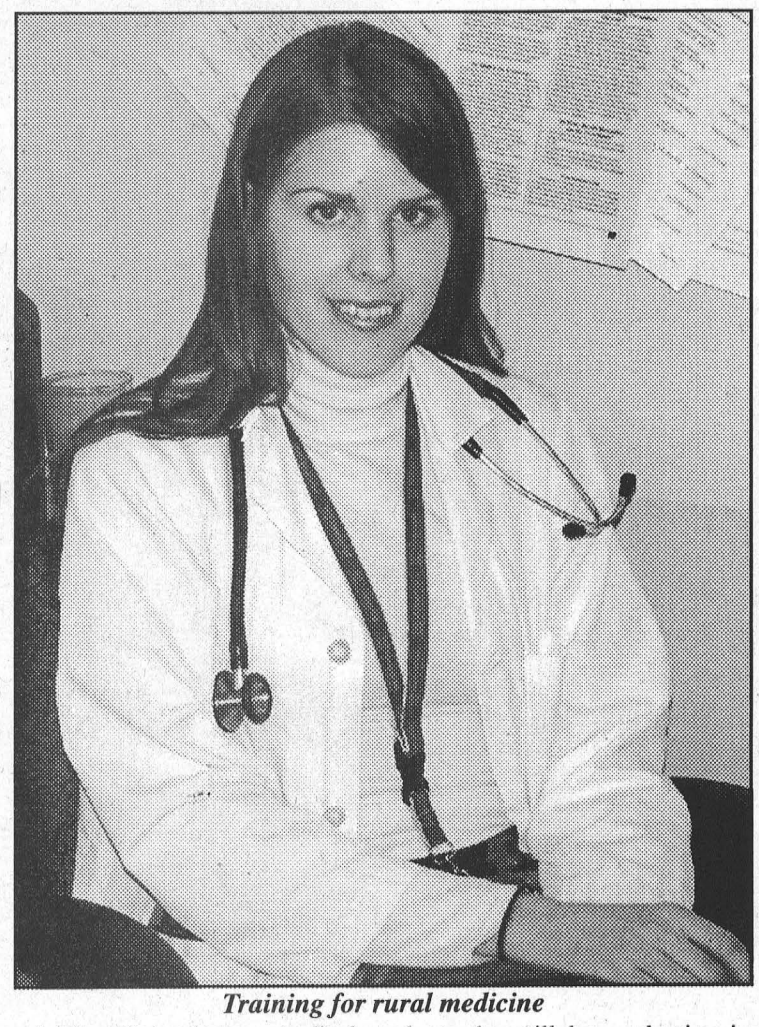
Murnaghan said that she has always wanted to be a doctor. Her mother is an emergency room nurse, and "she may have something to do with my choices."

As is normal practice for matching students and positions, Murnaghan is currently interviewing for residency status at a number of schools, with ten interviews in ten different provincial locations on her agenda.

"Residency means that you are a doctor, but you're doing on the job training," she explained. "You work long hours. At the end, you are certified and then you can go into practice. Family practice is a two year residency."

Although she is fairly certain that she, herself, will take up a rural practice, Murnaghan agreed that there are certainly difficulties ahead for rural areas hoping to attract full time physicians.

"Communities really are trying, I know," she said. "As a general rule, rural areas tend to be warmer and more open as compared to urban centres."



Training for rural medicine

Aleisha Murnaghan, a medical student who will be graduating in May 2007, spent most of January experiencing both the challenges and rewards of practicing rural medicine. She worked at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, and spent time with patients at local clinics. ***Gibb photo***

She explained that for many urban physicians "nothing is more frustrating than finding that one of your patients has been in hospital for three months and you didn't know." This is because patients who enter the hospital fall under the care of 'hospitalists'.

In a rural situation, on the other hand, "your family doctor follows you to the Hospital and keeps close tabs on your progress."

However, there still remain problems in recruiting rural doctors.

The average age for admission to medical school is now about 25, Murnaghan explained. Consequently, a person is nearly 31 when he or she becomes a certified doctor, and can take a job or open a practice.

"By that time, there are spouses and children to consider when making choices. The doctor may find that he or she can not be as open to moving away from the city, from established homes and from the spouse's job".

She felt that there were at least two factors that could have an effect on rural recruitment.

People growing up rural are more apt to come back to rural practice. "Medical schools need to increase admission of rural students, and do more recruitment in rural areas"

Secondly, students exposed to rural medicine throughout their education are more apt to come to "under serviced" areas. South Dundas, she has learned, is considered an under serviced area.

"I recently attended a meeting about WDMH accepting more residents. This is a kind of advertisement that in itself could bring future doctors to this rural area."

In the meantime, Aleisha Murnaghan has enjoyed her time studying rural medicine in South Dundas.

"It's beautiful here. I'm a horse fan and I really love all the farms in this area," she smiled. "I also like the Ottawa connection, the skating and all the outdoor activities. And the doctors I worked with were wonderful."

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Many people claim that health care in Ontario is in trouble.

National headlines and news reports routinely use terms like "crisis", "precarious situation", "critical issues", and "huge shortages" to describe the challenges being faced at all levels by those in the health system. A number of factors may have come into play.

"Baby Boomers" are fast reaching retirement age, and most are expected to live well into their eighties and nineties. They are more affluent, better educated and healthier than almost any other generation including the "Gen Xers" of today.

And there's a lot of them.

As a group, they are very likely to put a great strain on a medical system already struggling to cope with increasing demands and often decreasing funding.

Long term care is already swamped. Waiting lists for nursing homes and home care assistance are very long. Hospitals now deal with increasing numbers of fragile elderly people in their emergency rooms; elective and non-life threatening surgeries may be cancelled or delayed due to chronic bed shortages. For every five doctors graduating from medical school in this province, there are twenty communities which need a physician. Many of these graduates may not choose rural practices. Our community is already considered under serviced. Nurses are in increasingly short supply, and that situation may get worse.

Is there hope?

Well, yes. Right here, through the ongoing efforts of many, many dedicated individuals and organizations.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital, backed by incredible support from all Dundas communities, is taking proactive steps against the challenges ahead. Its *Renewing the Vision* campaign has raised millions of dollars, funds that will go a long way to guaranteeing new facilities and state-of-the-art technology for our local hospital.

The new committee, operating out of WDMH, made up of hospital, family practice and the Community Care Access Centre professionals has come up with a plan to assist elderly patients in their own homes and communities, perhaps easing some emergency area problems.

Winchester's new role as a teaching hospital is a great bonus. Not only will talented and experienced local health care professionals be able to share their knowledge and skills with the next generation of physicians, but some of the very best medical students may come into our communities, get to know us, experience rural medicine, and possibly, in the end, decide to stay.

We have a great deal going for us in our area. Whatever the challenges ahead, we have hope. W.G.



Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

There is cold and there is cold. Then there was Monday. Oh my gosh, that was cold. Even the past weekend was downright cold, although we did venture out to take in some of the games at the annual Chubbs Oldtimer Hockey tournament. According to several of the participants we talked to, the Chubbs did another great job with the annual event.

Speaking of hockey, mark Saturday, February 24 on your calendar for the annual Pond Hockey tournament in Ingleside. Organizers wisely moved this event from its earlier January time slot to February, and it appears that Mother Nature is now cooperating. Last year they were forced to cancel at midday of the tournament when mild temperatures turned the ice into a slushy mess.

Also this past weekend, Iroquois Recreation put together a success story at its outdoor "Shiverfest" which included all sorts of winter activities and games. Our reporter, Wendy Gibb who covered the event, claims it definitely was a "Shiverfest" and is now in search of some warm, winter boots. Organizers were pleased with the participation in their "Shiverfest" and are thinking they may just have the beginning of a winter carnival in Iroquois.

Also a big success on the weekend was the pancake breakfast run at the recreation hall in Riverside in support of the Dundas County Chapter of Easter Seal. Although the Girls on Snow rally was again a no go, the annual event raised $2,793 for the 2007 Easter Seal Campaign. Congratulations to all the participants and especially all those hungry pancake eaters.

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Since it was an unanimous decision by ...Ontario's Wiarton Willie, Nova Scotia's Shubenacadie Sam and Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil... it looks as if we are in for an early spring. However, and we don't like to contradict these wise weather forecasters, we do remember our grandmother telling us that "when the cats lies in the sun in February, she will creep behind the stove in March. Oh-oh.

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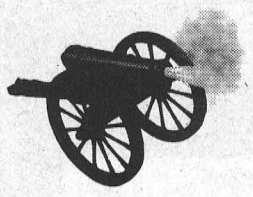
Oh, yes. Love is in the air, and Valentine's Day is just a week away. To keep it that way don't forget your sweetheart next Wednesday.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1997

The February 5 issue reported the government task force on Agencies, Boards and Commissions recommended the St. Lawrence Parks Commission remain a government agency. Under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, the Parks Commission was one of 62 operational agencies among 13 ministries that were reviewed.

Ronnie Hodgson and Barb Reddick announced their forthcoming marriage on February 14.

Denis Villeneuve was named the top goaltender at the Chubbs Oldtimer hockey tournament and was presented the Joe Billings Memorial trophy.

1987

The February 4 issue reported Groundhog Day had come and gone with none of the little critters spotting their shadows, so it looked as if an early spring was on its way.

Naomi's Family Resource Centre officially opened in Winchester with much fanfare and a great deal of emotion. Naomi's was the first family resource centre in southeastern Ontario and the 76th shelter for victims of family violence in the province.

With only five games left on the regular season schedule, the Morrisburg Jr. B Lions were still holding onto third place in the Rideau-St. Lawrence Division standings. The Westport Rideaus and Prescott Falcons were tied for first with 46 points, the Lions were next with 34 and the Brockville Tikis were right on their heels with 33. "Andy Cummins was dynamite in net," said coach Kevin Casselman following a game that saw the Lions and the Tikis tie 4-4. Johnny Morrow also had a big game against the Tikis with a hat trick performance. Bobby Jack Hart counted the fourth Lions' goal.

1977

The February 11 issue reported plans had been finalized for the Morrisburg and District Lions Club annual winter carnival which would begin on February 12 with a broomball tournament and wrap up Sunday, February 20 with a figure skating show featuring Gordon Forbes. In between there were to be dances, hockey games for all ages, suppers, skating, a pet show, bingo and movies.

Morrisburg council approved the purchase of approximately 22 acres in the Industrial Park to Canadian National Railway at $1,500 per acre. All the land involved, bordered the CNR spur line and CNR representatives pointed out they were anxious for it to be developed by a rail-oriented industry. There was assurance given that any other industry locating in the area would have rail access through the property if needed.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions lost the services of defenceman Tim Cassell who suffered a broken jaw when he was hit by a puck.

Members of the Knox Women's Club of Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg were celebrating their 40th anniversary. The anniversary celebration was presided over by president Joan Farlinger.

1967

Headlines in the February 10 issue read OPP to Police Morrisburg Soon. The decision made by council followed a lengthy discussion relative to salary and car allowance for the existing police force. Due to a lack of agreement by all members of council, the decision to accept an OPP proposal was reached.

Jean Wadds, M.P. for Grenville-Dundas announced her intention to seek the Conservative nomination for the new federal riding of Grenville-Carleton.

At the annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian church, Charles Crober, Allan Farlinger and Malcolm D. Wilson were elected to the position of trustees of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tricky, respected residents of Williamsburg, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Morrisburg High School's senior girls basketball team defeated North Dundas 16-8. Top shooter was Yvonne Van Allen with 10 points and Terri Wells added four. In high school hockey action, Mick Mabo produced a hat trick in a 6-4 win over Finch High School. Mahlon Locke, Bill Lawlor and Ralph Duvall added single goals.

1957

Headlines in the February 8 issue read: Young Canada Hockey Night Smashing Success as Local Teams Win All Games. There was a fine showing of minor hockey at the arena when the complete set of four local teams came out victorious over the out of town teams. The peewees were the first team up and they defeated Winchester 7-0. Harry Merkley scored a hat trick and Leonard Beecksted, Dale Hess and John Jackson all netted singles. The Bantams defeated Cardinal 6-1 with Paul Myers and Donald Duval scoring three goals each. In Midget action, Bill Magee and Linden Wells scored two goals each in a 7-4 win over Prescott. Brent Casselman, Leland Rowett and Leonard Casselman all added singles. The Juveniles defeated Cornwall 4-3 on a pair of goals from Canning and singles from Stitt and Larry Wells.

1947

The February 7 issue reported the winners of the Merrill Cup at the Morrisburg Curling Club were Mrs. J.E. Christensen, Mrs. L. Carr, Mrs. Cobey and Mrs. Russell Link.

Harry V. Redden sold his boat fueling station wholesale and retail coal dock on the Galops Canada west of Cardinal to the Empire Hanna Coal Co. Ltd., the largest coal company in the world. Mr. Redden's station was one of the most modern fueling stations on the chain of the Great Lakes. The equipment was capable of loading and weighing coal at 400 tons per hour.

THE MORRISBURG LEADER

Letters to the Editor

The time for a living minimum wage has come

To the editor,

The debate over a minimum wage that would actually lift a worker out of poverty is long overdue and fortunately, Cheri Di Novo, MPP for Parkdale High Park, has brought it to the Ontario Legislature.

Bill 150, the Living Wage Bill, calls for a minimum wage of $10 an hour.

The minimum wage was developed over time in Canada to ensure that a full-time worker would be able to afford the bare essentials of life: Minimal nutrition and housing. On the face of it, the $8 an hour wage, effective February 1, is actually sub-minimal. Earning the current $8 relegates a worker to the ranks of the "working poor" and a place in the long line of people forced to access food banks and other emergency services to survive.

The minimum wage is adjusted from time to time but it needs to be indexed to inflation and regularly maintained. Eight dollars is not enough.

Over the last 30 years, the minimum wage has steadily lost earning power. Had it in fact been adjusted to keep up with the pace of inflation, it would currently be $12.44, a full 70 percent higher than the current $8 and $2.44 higher than what labour activists are calling for. It was in fact frozen from 1995 to 2003. We have major catching up to do. Ontario ministers recently remedied their own comparative disadvantage by voting for a 25 percent raise for themselves, but held minimum wage workers to a mere 25 cent hike. Shame.

Critics of the $10 minimum wage cite small businesses as potential victims of the wage. Actually, only 29 percent of minimum wage workers are found in small businesses: Most work in the fast food and retail industry.

Advocates of the living wage have no quarrel with small business. In fact, many feel governments should do more to assist them as they are squeezed beyond profitability and even out of existence by corporations that enjoy competitive advantages created by the chaos of rapid globalization and one-sided free trade deals.

Employers and workers are in this together. Let's remember that wages are an investment in the economic health of the community, because that's where minimum wages are spent: In local stores and businesses.

Ordinary working people and small businesses are disadvantaged and exploited by an economy that divorces profit from local prosperity or worker security. In the name of global competition, workers are losing both and our communities are suffering as a result. In fact, not only are Ontario workers ill-served by a minimum wage of only $8 an hour, they are all to often denied the opportunity to string together enough hours at $8 to get by. Not only are entry level wages inadequate, they are usually tied to part-time jobs, with 28 hours being the norm. The time for a living minimum wage has come. In a province as rich as Ontario, we can't afford the grinding poverty of an $8 an hour wage.

Elaine MacDonald,
President of the Cornwall and District Labour Council

Reader points out error

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest the article by Ms. Wendy Gibb on the front page of your newspaper, dated January 31, 2007. Unfortunately, there is a most egregious error contained therein.

It is stated that, "In 1991, the Conservative government of then Premier Mike Harris drastically reduced the number of medical students in Ontario schools." Mike Harris did not become premier of Ontario until 1995.

Who was premier? A certain Mr. Bob Rae, NDP leader and erstwhile candidate for the leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada. I wonder if Ms. Gibb remembers Rae days?

Sincerely,
Judy Jacques.

Note: The article should have read...the NDP government of then Premier Bob Rae drastically... The Leader regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

In support of minimum wage increase

Dear Editor,

I am writing to state my support for raising Ontario's minimum wage from $8 to $10 an hour.

1.2 million people in Ontario earn less than $10 an hour working on jobs where they are underpaid and undervalued. In a province as rich as Ontario, hard working people should not be living in poverty.

If the minimum wage had kept up with inflation since 1995, it would be $10 today. Surely, those at the bottom of the pay scale should be able to share in the economy's booming growth since 1995.

While the McGuinty Government and the Conservative opposition at Queen's Park argue that raising the minimum wage will hurt the economy and cost jobs, a recent study by 85 Canadian economists and labour policy experts came to the following conclusion stating: "Modern economic research has indicated that the negative employment effects of minimum wages are negligible and can be overwhelmed by the positive impacts of minimum wages on labour force participation and consumer spending.

In addition, most minimum wage workers are employed by large service sector firms such as fast food chains and retail giants that can afford to pay their employees more.

Nor should we forget that before Christmas last year, Liberal and Conservative M.P.P.s rushed through a 31 percent pay increase that is larger than a full year's income of a minimum wage worker.

Premier Dalton McGuinty and Conservative leader John Tory should stop making excuses and agree to increase the minimum wage to $10 an hour. A higher minimum wage will improve the standard of living and purchasing power of Ontarians who are struggling just to survive. It is the right thing to do.

Brian Lynch
Cornwall,

Small Canadian breweries face bankruptcy

Dear Editor,

For more than two decades now, both the provincial and federal governments have steadily increased the tax burden on the Canadian brewing industry. The present complex lax structure originated mainly in the days when there were three large corporate breweries, Labatt, Molson, and Carling, that collectively brewed 98 percent of the beer made in Canada.

Today, there are many new microbreweries springing up to satisfy the growing demand for craft brewed beer for beer drinkers who want some relief from the monotonous industrial beer brewed by Canada's foreign owned corporate conglomerates.

Our present methods of taxing beer is benefiting the giant foreign owned producers, Labatts (Belgium), Molson (USA), and Sleeman (Japan), while making survival a challenge for these newer and smaller Canadian owned breweries for whom bankruptcy is not an uncommon fate.

Our microbreweries got their first tax break from the federal government when the decision was made to graduate the Excise Tax on all beer brewed in Canada. The old excise tax was $27.985 per hectoliter. All breweries, large and small, paid this amount of tax on every hundred liters of beer they produced. This tax was easily absorbed by the corporate breweries that benefit from the economies of scale and are able to produce beer at a lower cost per unit.

The new federal Excise Tax, effective July 1, 2006, is as follows: Beer over 2.5 percent alcohol by volume
Hectoliters (hL)
0-2000–Excise Tax ($) 3.122
2001-5000–Excise Tax 6.224
5001 -15,000–Excise 12.488
15,001-50,000–Excise 21.854
50,001-75,000–Excise 26.573
Over 75,000–Excise 31.220

So now, a small brewery producing less than 2000 hL per year, like the Draft Horse Brewery in Navan, is getting a tax break that will help to assure its future survival in the highly competitive brewing business.

Many bankrupted Ontario microbreweries from Ambassador Brewing (Windsor) to the Ottawa Valley Brewing Company might still be in business today to offer Ontarians their unique craft beers if the current federal tax break was enacted years ago. Still, it's better late than never.

Bear in mind that while the microbreweries are benefiting from the graduated excise tax, the federal government is still collecting the same amount of tax dollars from the brewing industry, only now the big players, who can well afford it, are paying a little more.

Its kind of like our graduated income tax whereby the high rollers are placed in a higher tax bracket than the people working for minimum wages.

Since the federal government has taken this positive step, what can the Ontario government do to help our homegrown microbreweries to survive?

Naively beginning what I thought would be a simple task, I soon discovered that the Ontario government taxes beer at every level of production and consumption through a myriad of taxes that would require the skill and determination of a Philadelphia lawyer to unravel.

I've selected one tax that I think I understand: the manufacturing tax. Like the federal excise tax. the provincial manufacturing tax is also graduated. It has six graduations. :Listed below are the lowest and highest rates;
Hectoliters (hL)
0 - 15,000– Tax Rate $23.16
over 150,000–Tax Rate $73.51

You can see at a glance that this tax is considerably higher than the federal tax.

Couldn't the Alcohol and Gaming Commission create a 0- 2000 hL category with a $3.122 tax rate to help level the playing field for our struggling microbreweries.

Remember- these tiny breweries don't produce a lot of beer to be taxed anyway, so it would cost the province almost nothing to implement, a revised tax structure.

How about it Jim Brownell? Dalton?

In my own way, I've decided to help our smaller Canadian owned breweries to survive. My New Year's resolution is to purchase less beer from our foreign owned corporations, less imported beer, and more Ontario craft beer.

If more beer drinkers did this, more of the profits would remain in Canada, and we would be assured of a greater variety of beer styles instead of the bland and boring industrial beer that corporate ads exhort us to drink. Think about it the next time you crack open a cold one.

Cheers,
Nick Gruich

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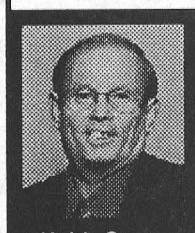
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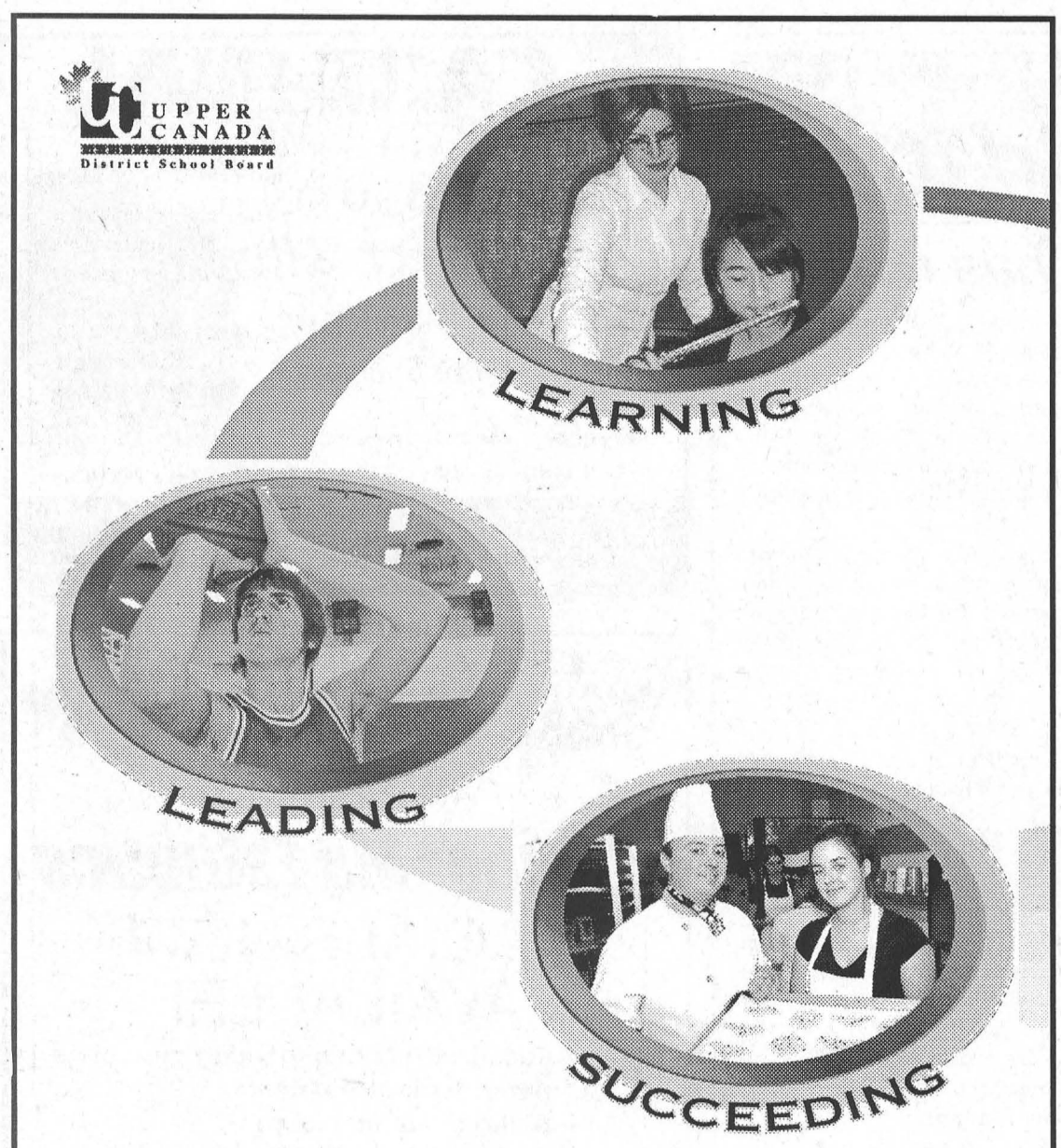

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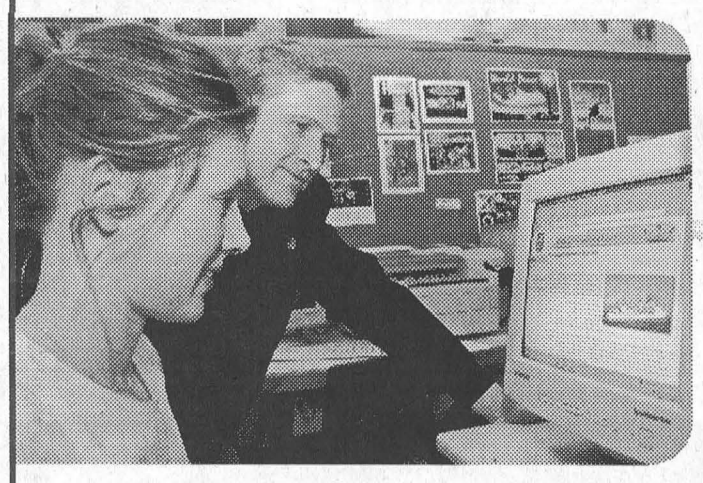

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Cow Patti Theatre offering a great evening's entertainment

CORNWALL–If you are looking for a great evening of entertainment then look no farther than the Ramada Inn in Cornwall where the Cow Patti Theatre Company production of *The Odd Couple (female version)* opened last week.

Although never exactly a big fan of Neil Simon's original *The Odd Couple*, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves Friday night and congratulate director Anna-Marie Lea and the cast and crew of the show for a job very well done.

We found the first act a bit slow, as we did the first act in the original, but it has some hilarious moments.

Lea was right on when she cast Estelle Denis of Cornwall as "vacant Vera". Denis has next to no acting experience (high school plays) but her more senior years make her character's lines all the more funny.

At one point she informs her Trivial Pursuit playing buddies that she once, "talked to a security guard at the Museum of Modern Art for 20 minutes before I found out it was a statue."

Amanda Parsons and Susan Greenfield who have the lead parts were, as we have come to expect from these two veteran actresses, right on. They injected plenty of energy into their characters and were a pleasure to watch.

Greenfield was delightful as the whacky and obsessed Florence Unger, who in addition to just having been dumped by her husband of 14 years, has a myriad of absurd physical ailments.

Not only does she get spasms in her neck when she is nervous, but a sinus condition causes her ears to close up.

Her remedy for unclogging her ears had the audience in stitches.

Parsons plays the slob, Olive Madison, who shows her soft side in dealing with her ex-husband and kindly inviting Florence to live with her, but later becomes the villain when she can no longer stand to live with the kooky Florence.

The lead characters are surrounded by their Trivial Pursuit playing buddies who are well-chosen.

They include Lea who plays Sylvie, Valerie Barrett from Alberta who plays the female cop Mickey, amateur actress Jennifer Robertson who plays Renee and Estelle Denis who we've already mentioned.

The play begins with the weekly Trivial Pursuit game. The friends deal with an extremely agitated Florence who has just split with her husband. In sympathy and because she is lonely, Olive invites Florence to move into her apartment.

The play progresses through the development of the Unger/Madison relationship and then reaches its high point when the two agree to entertain the Constanzuela brothers who live in their building.

The appearance of the Spanish brothers is by far the highlight of the whole play, and Victor Cornfoot who plays Manolo and Neil Carriere who plays Jesus are absolutely hilarious.

Their characters are struggling with the English language, which is the cause of most of the hilarity as is their wardrobe (pink Saturday Night Fever type tuxedos) and their facial and body language.

On this particular night, Carriere (who is from Cornwall and is making his professional acting debut) developed a problem with his bow tie during a main dialogue.

Like a seasoned veteran he worked the bow tie problem into his lines and had the audience howling with laughter.

We have seen Cornfoot in several bit parts in previous Cow Patti productions and at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg, and it was pleasure to see him assume a stronger role.

The show was very well done and very well acted and followed an absolutely fantastic buffet dinner provided by the Ramada Inn. The meal, both its quality and quantity, was absolutely outstanding.

For a fun evening out, by all means call the Ramada Inn at 613-933-8000 for tickets. The Cow Patti Theatre production of *The Odd Couple (female version)* runs until February 18 and offers Cabaret Theatres at $22 (no meal), Brunch Theatres at $40 and Dinner Theatres at $50.

Obituaries

Lennie Adelaide Buckmaster

Lennie Buckmaster (nee Freeman) passed away Saturday, January 27, 2007, at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, only two months after the death of her husband of 64 years, Arthur. She was 89 years old.

Formerly of Ingleside and Montreal, Lennie was born in Caledonia, Nova Scotia.

She learned many of the woodsman skills of her father Dell.

While in high school, Lennie met Art and during their decade of courting introduced him to paddling, fishing, riflery and camping. These activities, with new ones added, kept them vibrantly active until just the last few years.

Lennie centred her life at home, being a full partner by making everything "from scratch" and saving amazing money from Art's modest salary.

She enabled the family to vacation each summer at their cabin at Kedge, Nova Scotia.

Her cooking and baking were remarkable. She was willing to share recipes, but she usually managed to omit some essential ingredient.

Always there was her irrepressible humour, optimism, sense of adventure and cheer.

Lennie was absorbed by family, physical activities, and all possible combinations thereof. "We had fun."

Lennie is loved, honoured and celebrated by her children Joanne Buckmaster, Lynn (Rick) Sala, Jim (Jan) Buckmaster, her grandchildren Reid, Heather, Dell (Mackenzie), Tait (Karen), Jay (Gigi), Nick (Vicki), and her great-granddaughter Karoline.

A memorial service was held at St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg, on Friday, February 2, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Craig Bowers officiating.



Donations to St. James Anglican Church or Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg. "In the end it is only love that matters."

Herb Markell

A lifetime resident of the Brinston area, Herb Markell passed away at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, February 3, 2007, following a brief illness. He was 50 years of age.

Herb was born on May 2, 1956 to his parents Clifford and Pauline Markell (nee Sayeau). He attended local schools and married Carol White on October 23, 1976. Together they had one daughter Jennifer.

Herb will be remembered as a good-natured, honest and hard working man who was always willing to help a neighbour. He was a handyman who enjoyed cutting wood and working outside.

Herb is survived by his wife Carol, his daughter Jennifer (James) Deyo of R.R.#2 Iroquois, and his grandchildren Veronica, Michael, and Zachary. He was a dear brother to Shirley Nolan of Prescott, Linda (Jim) Richardson of R.R.#2 Iroquois, Mary Doherty of R.R#2 Iroquois, Barb (Marcel) Charette of R.R.#2 Brinston, Marilyn Walters of Ottawa, and Darlene (Raymond) Bouchard of Dundela. He was the step-son toValeda Galipeau of Ottawa, son-in-law to Berneice Keeler of Brockville, and brother-in-law to Gordon White of Toronto, Steve (Sue) White of R.R.#2 Iroquois, Paul (Karon) White of R.R.#2 Brinston, Lynn Markell of Cardinal, and Marnie (John) Tuttle of R.R.#2 Brinston.

He was predeceased by his parents Clifford and Pauline Markell (nee Sayeau), and brothers Howard and Doug.

He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 6, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Bruce North officiating. Interment followed at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston.



Pallbearers were Kevin Markell, Kenny Markell, Terry Henderson, James Rae, Curtis White, and Kerry Johnston. Honorary pallbearers were Lorne Strader and Bert Smail.

Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Council re-appoints resigning economic advisory committee

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the list of recommendations, in principle.

Council agreed.

According to the report, the economic advisory committee, targeted three large issues - positioning, getting the house in order and being ready for opportunities which may present themselves.

In discussing positioning, Waddell's report says, "There does not appear to be a focal point or strategic direction for the economic development future of South Dundas.

According to the advisory group's recommendations, the municipality needs to decide the nature of desired economic activity, for example, tourism, retirement, manufacturing, and come up with a unique selling position to present to businesses and people considering locating in this region.

The committee identified the area's history, culture and natural man-made assets as key elements of a unique selling position.

They are suggesting that a marketing firm be engaged to review and analyze these elements and determine a unique selling position best suited to South Dundas, and from there develop a marketing strategy to be implemented.

Getting the "house in order" refers to the municipality's need to ensure that infrastructure is in a good state of repair and has sufficient capacity for expanded operations.

The advisory committee would like the municipality to develop a waterfront plan and take a leadership role, along with South Stormont in developing waterfront lands owned by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and Ontario Power Generation.

They would like to see municipally owned industrial and commercial lands be improved to make them more attractive and marketable to potential new business.

They would like to see a community improvement plan developed to assist existing businesses, and help those businesses improve awareness of funding opportunities and potential tax rebates.

Since the availability of services to employees of businesses considering relocation is important the group suggests that a business retention and expansion program be implemented, that recreation planning, funding and management be integrated across South Dundas and that support to the hospital and other local medical facilities continue.

The group has identified that South Dundas needs to be able take advantage of economic development opportunities which may present themselves.

"There is a need for South Dundas to remain prepared to deal effectively with desirable economic development opportunities," says Waddell's report to council.

The economic advisory committee has recommended that South Dundas' "existing and experienced" economic development officer operating on a year to year contract from the office in Morrisburg have a full time staff dedicated to the service of economic development opportunities.

They would like to see a review of the existing office and its operations to determine if it is adequately staffed, has the necessary materials to meet the needs of future economic development, and is located in the best place to provide the needed services.

The group would also like to see effort related to economic development opportunities coordinated between neighbouring communities, with leadership from the United Counties.

The committee would like to see South Dundas, as a municipality, support efforts on a regionally coordinated effort to have the province establish Eastern Ontario as an economic development zone, with appropriate incentives for companies to locate here, and to promote and encourage new investment and further development in Upper Canada Village in time for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

After accepting the report in principle, council also accepted the resignation of the committee, as requested.

They then immediately voted to re-appoint the committee to allow them to work on the above recommendations.

The pursuit of any of the recommendations made is contingent on the allocation of funds through the municipal budgeting process which is scheduled to get underway sometime this month.

NEWSLETTER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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Oops . . . we forgot to mention thank you to Judy Veinotte for her contribution last steak night, so thank you. From time to time we do miss people, so please remember all volunteers are greatly appreciated.

The 3rd annual Super Bowl Party was Sunday, February 4th. The lounge remained open for the game and a good time was had by all. And again thanks to those who volunteered their help. They are Kathleen Kelsey, Timmy Carkner, Anna Nicolier and Michele Urquhart.

All the half a beef tickets are now sold. The draw will be March 30th, 6 p.m. at Branch 48.

Saturday, February 17th the Legion will be hosting a Dinner/Dance with proceeds going to "Raise the Roof Fund". Bar opens at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and dancing at 8:00 with "The Cowboy Way". We will be serving BBQ Roast Pork cooked on a Spit, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, baked beans, apple sauce and a "Raise the Roof" Cake. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are $15 single or $25 couple and will also be available at the door for those wishing to attend the dance only.

Last Saturday Terry Laurin & Mo Praine, Keith Johnston & Ron Perrin placed third in the District Cribbage playdowns in Orleans. They now go on to represent Branch 48 for the Provincial title in Grand Bend on March 10th. Congratulations guys, and also to Iroquois Branch 370 for their first place finish.

Sunday's cribbage was visited by a rather large family of skunks. Out of 12 players only one was fortunate to miss the family. First place to Patricia Casselman, second Dorothy McBain and third place to Marie Mattice. A very nice skunk pot was won by Audrey Henophy. This Sunday features Euchre at 1:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

The meat draw was won by Kevin Pilon and the Pot of Gold was won by Robert Baker.

Entertainment will be cancelled for the next two Fridays due to circumstances beyond our control.

Until next time – ***Comrade Janice***

Food bank coordinator Byers retires

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Byers says she will miss being the food bank coordinator because she will miss the people, both the volunteers and the clients.

"This community has always been awesome," says Byers. "Whenever there is a need, they always step up to the plate."

Byers has a great deal of confidence in Harbers who is taking over her position. "I know that Laura fits the bill," she says. "She is a Christian who felt the call of the Lord to come here. I believe this is a ministry, not a job, and she will do very well."

Harbers first got involved with the local food bank about five years ago as a regular donor. Through her parents' business, she regularly dropped off milk and dairy donations to the food bank.

Last fall Harbers started to volunteer regularly at the food bank, and last month started working with Byers to learn the many details of the position to take over in Byers' retirement.

Harbers lives in Brinston and is a member of the Dixon's Corners Community Christian Reformed Church.

She is pleased to be taking over the position, even though she has very big shoes to fill.

"I really like the idea of being able to help the community," says Harbers. "It is a fulfilling job, that can be stressful at times because there are lots of details to learn." She is looking forward to mastering the details of the job and getting to know the clients.



New food bank coordinator in Morrisburg

Last week food bank coordinator at the Morrisburg location, Marilyn Byers (right) retired from the position she held for more than five years. Taking over the position is Laura Harbers (left). **Comfort photo**

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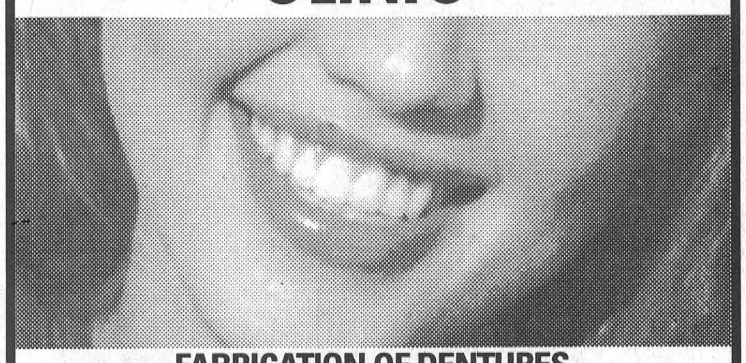
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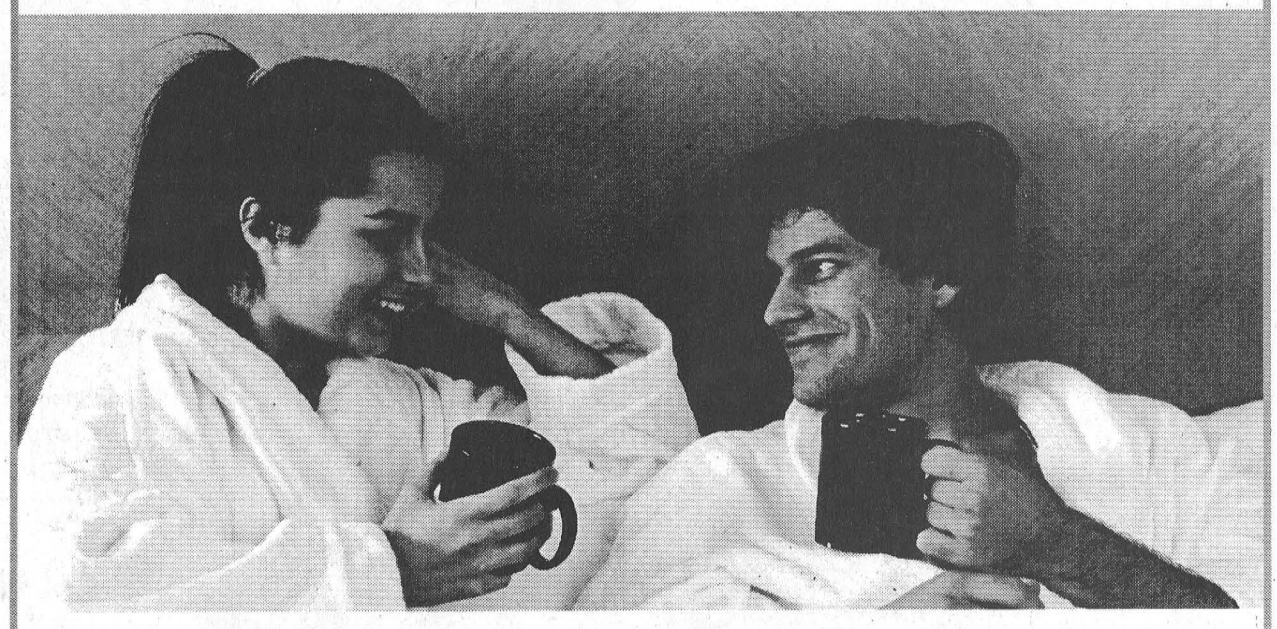
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Weather cold, pancakes hot at Easter Seal fundraiser

RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS - The lack of deep snow, which prevented the trails from being open for riding, did not slow down the fund raising efforts of the Girls on Snow club. On February 3, 2007, they raised $2,793 for the 2007 Easter Seal campaign during their pancake breakfast held at the Riverside Heights Recreational Centre.

" If we'd only had four or five more inches of snow, we'd have been off and running," said Jean MacDougall, spokesperson for the snowmobile club. "There wasn't quite enough." However, the beautiful weather certainly brought out lots of people to enjoy delicious pancakes, courtesy of the Brewers Recreation Association.

"Business has been steady since nine a.m." said Scott Robinson, who was volunteering with the Brewers R.A. "The Recreation Centre is a great location for this annual breakfast, right off the snowmobile trails.

Bonnie Wright, in charge of fund raising for the Easter Seal campaign, praised the hard work and dedication of the Girls on Snow, their associate snowmobile clubs, Brewer's R.A. and the people at the Recreation Centre.

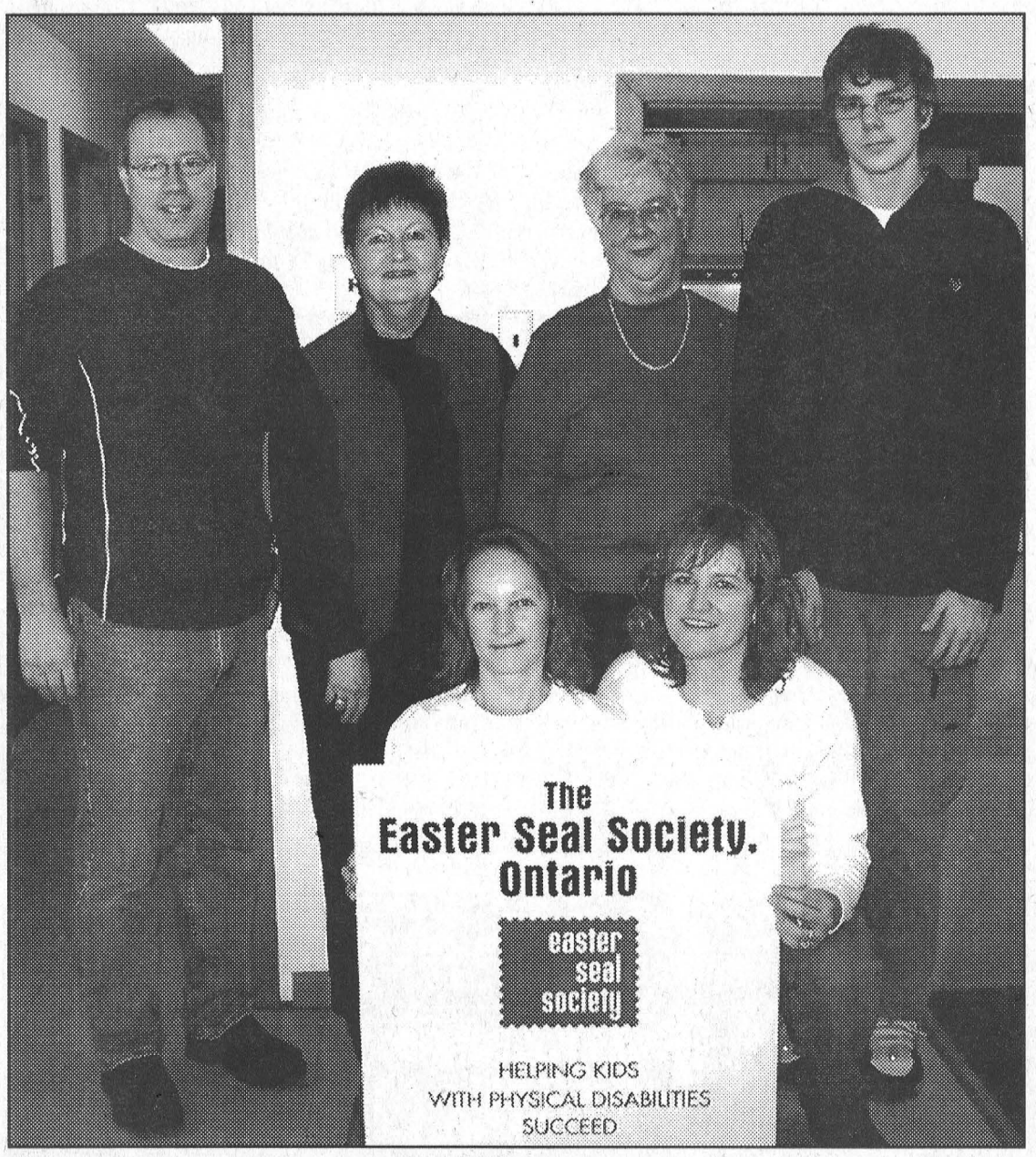
"These fundraisers are very important to me," she said. "We have 21 children in South Dundas, all with different types of disabilities, registered with the Easter Seal. The funds raised all go to kids like them."

Easter Seal is the charity of choice for the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. The fundraiser began with the Whipper Billy Watson Run some 40 years ago, and has continued ever since. In the last four decades, the OFSC has raised nearly $500,000 for the Easter Seal Society. Joining in this year's activity were the Winchester Township Snowmobile Club, the Finch-North Star Club, the South Dundas Snowmobile Club, and the Mountain Trail Blazers.

Enjoying breakfast was 2007's Easter Seal Ambassador, 15-year-old Alexander Smellink, who says that he and his family have come out every year. "Easter Seal has been important in my life," he said. "I was able to go to Camp Merrywood, run by Easter Seal, which is near Smith's Falls this year."

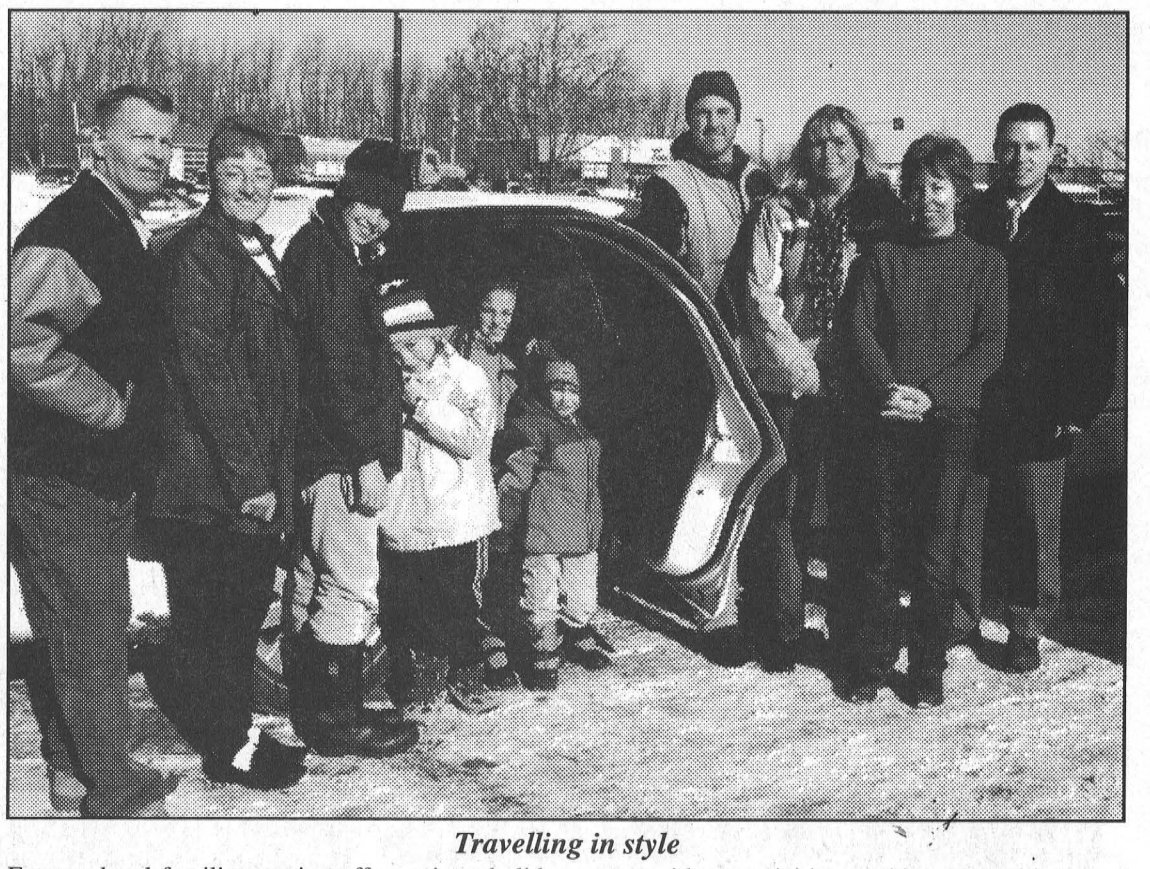
His mother, Marja Smellink, is a parent representative for the Easter Seal Society. "I joined to help other families make good use of the Easter Seal programs."

All the money raised at events like the pancake breakfast is used by the Society to help defray the costs of special equipment and to provide recreational programs for children in Dundas county.



Girls on Snow fund raise for Easter Seal Society

Snow or no snow, the Girls on Snow snowmobilers came through again for the annual Easter Seal Campaign. The beautiful weather brought many South Dundas people out to enjoy the pancake breakfast, sponsored by the group, on Saturday, February 3, 2007, despite the fact that there wasn't quite enough snow to see the trails open. Pictured above, back row (l to r) are Scott Robinson, Brewers R.A., Bonnie Wright, fund raiser for Easter Seals, Jean MacDougall, Girls on Snow and Alexander Smellink, Easter Seal Ambassador. In front, kneeling, (l to r) are Debbie Strader and Heather Erwen. Girls on Snow.



Travelling in style

For two local families, setting off on winter holidays came with a special bonus this year, a ride to and from the airport in a sleek limousine from Byers Limousine. The Whyte and Gibeault families were the winners of a fall promotion sponsored by Thom Travel and Sun Holidays. Anyone who booked a Sun Holiday Package had their names entered into a draw for a luxury ride to the Ottawa or Montreal airports. "Thom Travel and Byers Limousine created this special package about three years ago," said Debbie Byvelds of Thom Travel. "This year we chose two winners from our Morrisburg and Chesterville offices." The Whyte family just returned from the Dominican Republic, and the Gibeault family will be travelling to the Dominican later this month. Pictured above (l-r) are Raymond Gibeault, Judith Gibeault, Louise Sharpley, Emily Hitsman (the Gibeault's granddaughter), Mackenzie Whyte (in the limo) Carter Whyte, Peter Whyte, Tracy Whyte, Debbie Byvelds and James Byers.

Engineering changes hands

WILLIAMSBURG – To ensure that the township is receiving the best value for its money, staff sent out a request for proposal (RFP) for engineering services at the Church Road waste disposal site.

As a result of the RFP, Robinson Consultants will be taking over the work from Thompson Rosemount Group.

"Since 1998, TRG has been looking after this landfill site. Although there is no dissatisfaction with their work, staff felt we should ensure we are receiving the best value for our money," said public works manager Hugh Garlough in his January 16, report to council.

Of the four engineering firms who submitted RFP's to supply service to the Church Road site, Robinson Consultants was the least expensive at $85,208 for a term of four years and Thompson Rosemount Group was the most expensive at $101,840 for the four year term. Also submitting RFPs were WESA at $99,327.17 and Jp2g at $87,372.97.

Garlough recommended accepting the proposal from Robinson Consultants.

"The Township and Robinson consultants have a good working relationship and I feel this will continue to give the Township of South Dundas a professional result at our County Road 8/Church Road landfill site."

Council agreed and voted in favour of accepting the proposal from Robinson Consultants.

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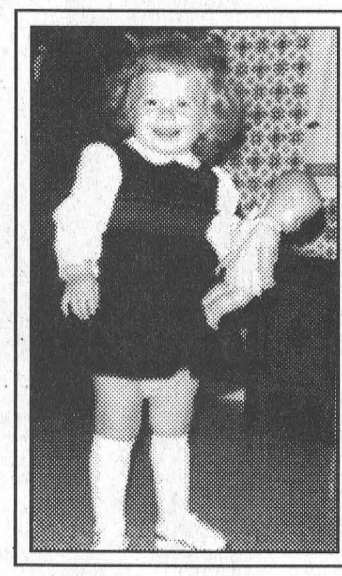

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Leader Sports

Chubbs host weekend of hockey

MORRISBURG–Eighteen area hockey teams provided some top notch action in the annual Morrisburg Chubbs Hockey tournament at the arena here on the weekend.

The tournament began Friday night and games ran throughout the day Saturday. It all wrapped up Sunday afternoon, when after the 27 games of hockey, the top two teams in each of the four divisions met head on for their division championship.

The Western Wonders and The Whites kicked it off in the Bud Light Division, the Whites finishing in first place in robin play with an undefeated record against the Seelers (5-1), Blue Flavo (7-5) and the Wonders (4-2).

Paced by a two goal performance from Pat Quenneville they continued their winning pace in the final defeating the Wonders 5-3.

Chad McMillan, Derek Bird and Jeremy Alguire added single goals in the 5-3 win, and scoring for the Wonders were Evan Tait, Peter Thompson and Brandon Van Allen.

Next up was the (six-team) Blue Light Division championship game between Kevin Markell and the Sweet Lou Crew.

The Markell team went undefeated in division play with wins over Cooeye's Crew 7-3, the Loan Sharks 6-1 and the Hasbeens 5-1.

For the final they met the second place Sweet Lou Crew who defeated the Happy Hasbeens 7-4, the Firebirds 5-2 and tied the Loan Sharks 5-5.

It was a battle to the end as the game was tied after the first period 1-1 and 4-4 at the end of regulation time forcing sudden death overtime.

Just a little over one minute into the overtime Mike Thompson scored from Rob Thurler giving the Markell team the Blue Light Division championship.

Thompson and Rob Thurler provided two goals each in the win and Chris Cavanaugh added a single. Jonathan Thorton was the winning goaltender. Answering for Sweet Lou Crew were Jason Denio, (two goals), Sean Boulerice and Jeff Duke.

The final in the Budweiser Division was between the Flagg Creek Snappers and the Wolves. The Snappers finished round-robin play in first place with wins over the Wolves 1-0, the OC Rebels 4-0 and Les Boys 7-5.

After their opening loss to Flagg Creek, the Wolves defeated the OC Rebels 7-2 and Les Boys 5-3.

Midway into the first period of the championship game, Flagg Creek went up 2-0 but the Wolves came charging right back to tie it 2-2 as they headed for the 6-3 win.

Craig Holmes led their effort with three goals and singles were scored by Jerry Gibson, Tylor Copeland and Mike Ennis (empty net).

Dwayne Backes answered for Flagg Creek with a pair and Brad Holmes supplied a single.

The final championship game of the day was between the Pizza Hut team and Brockville-based Coneen Construction (Terry's Trojans).

The Trojans took a 3-1 lead in the first period, but Pizza Hut charged back in the second to even it off at 3-3. With 4:39 left in the game the Trojans went up 4-3 and then polished it off with an empty net counter for the 5-2 win.

Matt Hummel and Doug Sheffield scored two goals each, and Chris Leeder added a single for the Trojans. Scoring for Pizza Hut were Bill Dillabough, Perry Brunt and Jamie Baxter.

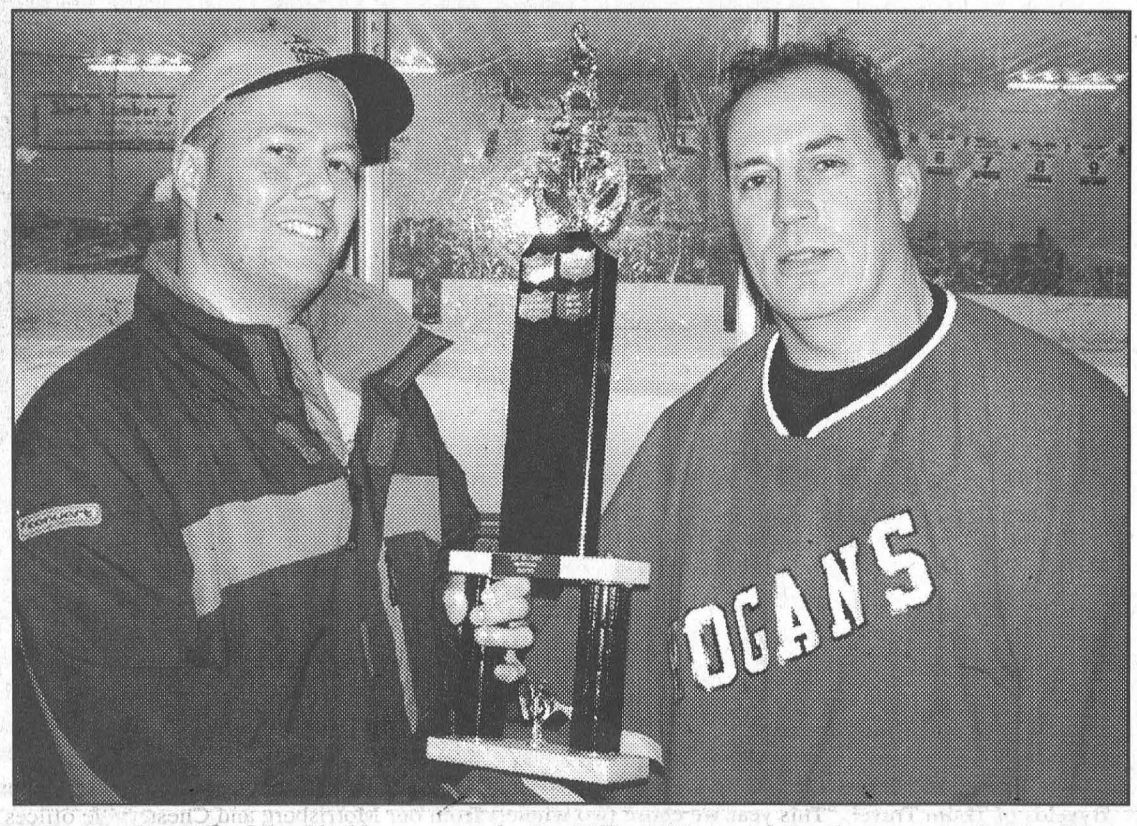
Following the completion of the final games, members of the Chubbs organization announced this year's individual winners.

The recipient of the Joe Billings Memorial Trophy for top goaltender was Terry McCann of the championship Trojans Coneen Construction team.

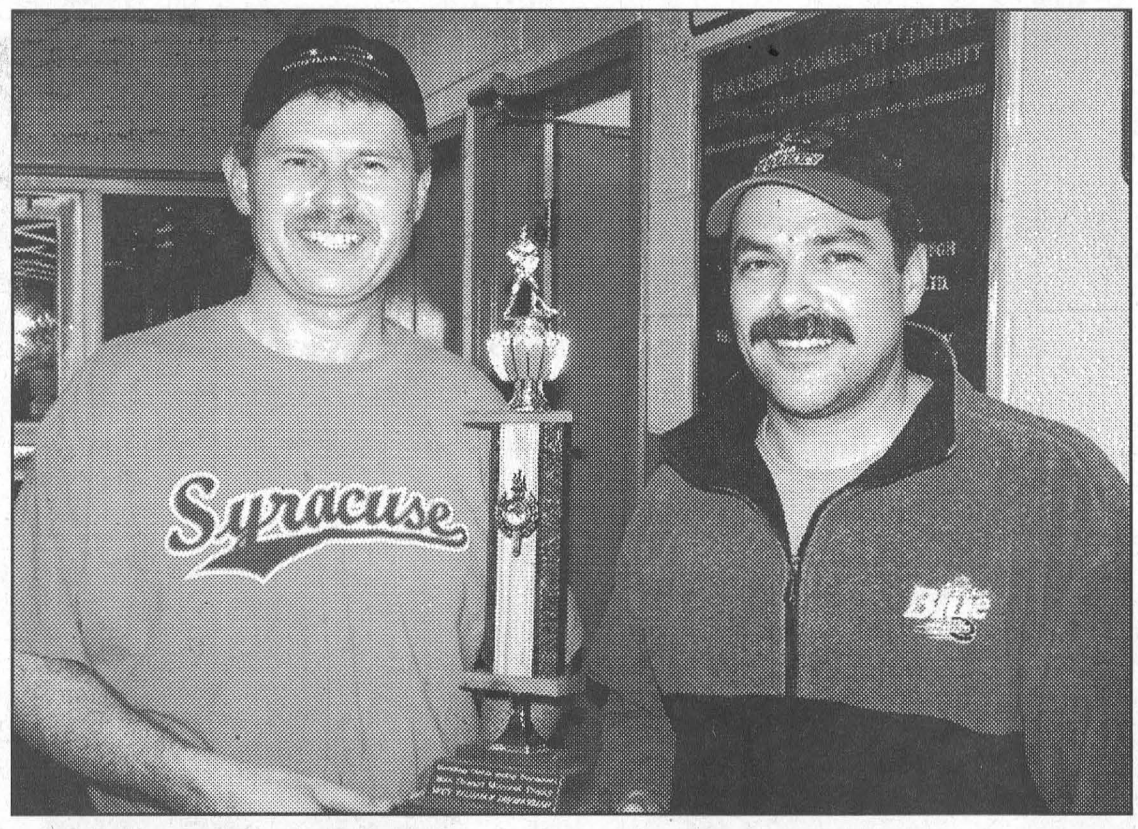
"We would like to thank the organizers and everybody involved with the tournament for the good hockey and the good time had by all of us," said McCann on behalf of his team. "We hope to be back next year."

McCann has played in the tournament five times with Joe Hummel's team. With Hummel not icing a team this year, McCann organized the Coneen (Trojans) Construction team which had five players including himself over 50 years old and six young fellows who were sons of players from the Coneen Construction Oldtimers team, including Joe's son Matt.

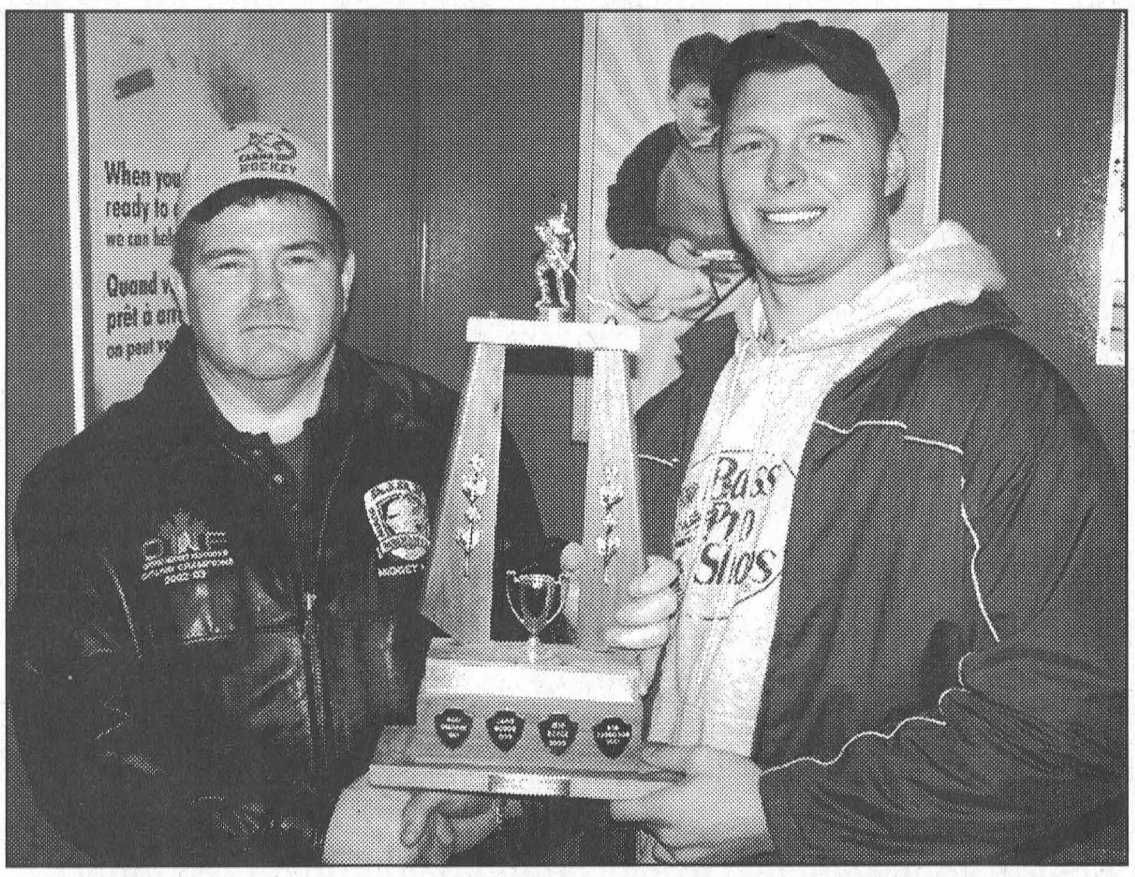
The tournament MVP and winner of the Cam MacLennan Sr. Memorial Trophy was Craig Holmes of the Chesterville Wolves. Pizza Hut's Doug Thorpe of Morrisburg was presented the Mike Steward Memorial trophy as the most valuable defenceman.



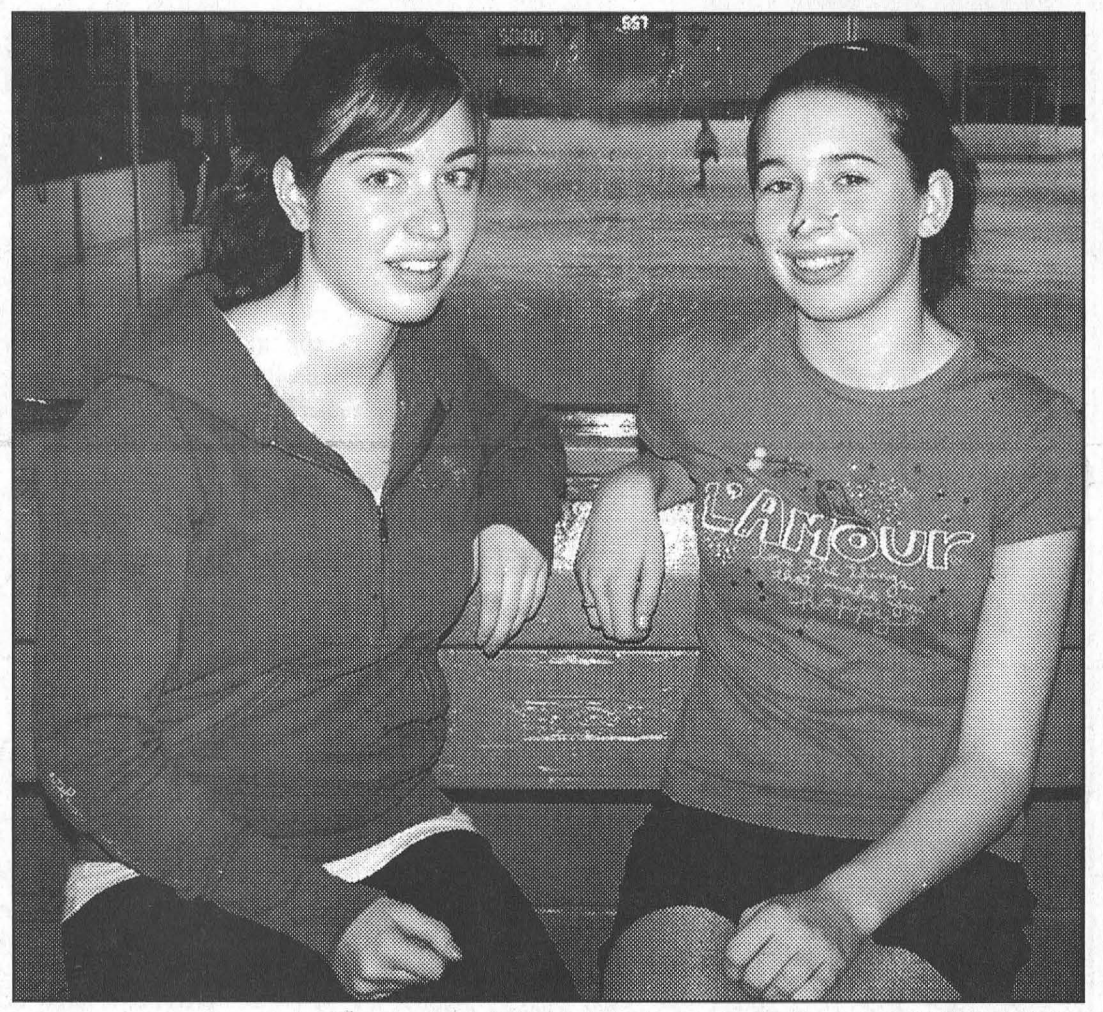
Mike Barclay, left, of the Chubbs presents the Joe Billings Memorial Trophy to top goaltender, Terry McCann who played for the Blue Division Champions, Coneen Construction of Brockville.



Doug Thorpe of Morrisburg, left, receives the Mike Steward most valuable defenceman trophy from Doug Cassell of the Chubbs. Thorpe played for Pizza Hutt, Cornwall.



Craig Holmes, right, of the Chesterville Wolves was named tournament MVP and received the Cam MacLennan Sr. Memorial trophy from Cam MacLennan. *McNairn photos*



'Skills' Gold Test Passes Completed *McNairn photo*

Kelsey Hall, left, and Brianna Stewart put together a couple of success stories on the ice recently, when both passed their CFSA gold "skills" tests.

Local skaters earn gold in 'skills' testing

MORRISBURG–Friday, January 19 was a big day for Morrisburg and District Figure Skate Club members Kelsey Hall and Brianna Stewart.

It was the day that the two local skaters ended months of very hard work with the passing of their gold 'skills' tests at a test day hosted by the Prescott Figure Skating Club.

Brianna, who is 14 years old and a grade 9 student at Seaway District High School, has been skating for about eight years. She began working on her gold skills level last March and was pleased that it took her less than a year to complete.

"Skills are fun. I like it," she says explaining that skills require the skater to successfully skate patterns using steps, turns and edges. They are skated to music and use the whole ice surface.

Kelsey is 14 years old and a grade 8 student at Iroquois Public School. She too was excited to pass her Gold Skills, especially because she was sidelined from much of her skating last year due to a knee injury.

Although she is back doing some freestyle skating now, the injury prevents her from attempting jumps. As a result she was able devote most of her ice time to her skills and passed her gold test in far less time than she had expected.

Both girls are coached by Allison Scott, who was extremely pleased with their accomplishments.

"I have taught Kelsey for approximately nine years," said Scott. "Last year, she had to unfortunately give up freeskate because of injury, so this season she returned with the goal to achieve her Gold Skills. And that she did, achieving it in mid season, no less."

Scott explains it is often normal to spend a whole season on a skills level as they can be quite complex. Each skills level is comprised of three different patterns of steps, turns and edges. "To master each one can take quite some time."

Although Kelsey had planned to test for her gold in March, because she had been focusing most of her time and energy, and working very hard on her skills, it was decided to try it at the January test day.

"Obviously, her hard work paid off and she achieved her goal even sooner than we both had imagined. How sweet that was."

Scott, who has coached Brianna for eight years, was equally impressed with her results.

"Brianna had started practicing her gold skills last spring school, so she had a jump start coming into this season. However, she had chosen to skate less days this year, and therefore, it was also quite exciting for her to pass at mid-season."

"Brianna is still working on her freeskate and dance tests, so hopefully this isn't her last gold test!"

Scott says she and the girls were thrilled with the gold passes, which are an "awesome accomplishment for a skater."

Midget B Lions handle A calibre hockey

OSGOODE– The South Dundas Major Midget B Lions moved up a level to play in the Osgoode Rideau Don Mott Memorial A tournament this past weekend.

While the Lions narrowly missed the playoff round coaches George Menges, Tom Tindal and Barry Keicks thought overall the weekend was a success with the boys raising their game to another level and competing very well against some tough opposition.

For their first game the Lions were pitted against the Parkdale (Hamilton) Panthers. The Lions were slow to adjust to the much faster paced game and gave up an early 2-0 lead to the Panthers. Only some incredible goal tending by the red-hot Graham Peters kept the Lions close.

At the break, the Lions regrouped and took the play to the Panthers.

Opening the Lions' scoring at 9:57 of the second period was Conner Hodgson with assists going to Drew Morrow and Collin Chesbro. Two minutes later Nick McCaslin would buried the tying goal with Chris Tindal and Morrow assisting.

The Panthers took back the lead to open the third but the Lions had no give in this game.

Tindal scored midway through the third to knot the score at three; picking up assists was Noah VanMoorsel and Chesbro.

The Lions came close to winning when Michel Thurler hit the post late in the game but the game ended tied 3-3.

Later that evening, the Lions met the Embrun Panthers, but the same effort shown against Parkdale could not be found this game, and the guys dropped the second game of the tourney 4-1.

Peters again was strong in the Lions' net but the effects of the first game was apparent with the Lions being beaten to most loose pucks and taking too many minor penalties.

Tindal scored late in the third to break up the shutout with assists going to Hodgson and Morrow.

Going into game three against Montreal Lakeshore, the Lions needed a big win to have any hope of advancing to the playoff round. The Lions did their part by skating to a decisive 4-0 win.

The first period was scoreless with the Lakeshore goalie putting in a Peters-like performance.

Finally in the second, the unending pressure the Lions put on Lakeshore paid off with Scott Summers scoring a power-play goal from a point shot. Tindal picked up the lone assist off the draw.

Two minutes later Jesse Lapier put the Lions up by two with McCaslin picking up the helper. With the Lakeshore goalie wearing down, Hodgson picked up his second of the tourney off a feed from Summers. Tindal closed out the scoring from Summers and Ty Keicks.

The Lions needed a win by Embrun over the hometown Osgoode Rideau Senators to advance, but were sent home with an Osgoode win.

This was the first South Dundas team to complete at a tournament of this level, and the local guys played strong hockey displaying the high calibre of Midget hockey in South Dundas.

The Lions next home game is this Thursday at 8 p.m. against Akwesasne.

The Timothy Times

News from Timothy Christian School

WILLIAMSBURG – We have just passed the halfway mark of an excellent year. Our students are learning a lot and behaving extremely well.

TCS introduced new programs this year. We have a brand new Computer Program for grades 1-8 every Wednesday morning, a Primary Choir (1-4) on Thursdays and a Senior Choir (5-8) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also host individual piano lessons at the school for the first time. These programs are all working out extremely well; students, parents and staff are happy with them.

Year two of the strategic plan is being implemented and keeping lots of us busy, in this, our 44th year of providing Christian education in our community.

The staff, program committee and myself have been assessing our latest standardized testing results, and we're very pleased. Every other year, students in grades 3-8 write the Canadian Tests of Basic Skills, a series of tests to determine how students and programs are faring in these areas: Vocabulary, Reading, Language, Math, Science and Reference materials. As a whole group, our students have done the best that they ever have, exceeding even the overall results of our umbrella organization, the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools.

Students and staff will be participating soon in the bi-annual Jump Rope for Heart program.

All reading this column are invited to the annual TCS Bazaar which will be held at the Matilda Hall on Saturday, March. 3.

TCS has been a blessing to hundreds of children and we are processing potential enrolments. We would love the chance to talk about or show you our Christian school, with its rich, Christ-centred curriculum. Visit our website: Call or email us if you're interested. (535.2687 or principal@tcswilliamsburg.ca).

Road win for Midget House

CHESTERVILLE–The South Dundas Midget House Lions were on the road this week, picking up a 5-1 win over the North Dundas Demons.

The Lions led 2-1 after the first period and increased their advantage to 4-1 after two.

Scoring for the Lions were Ryan Swank, Randy Whitford, Kurtis Corry, Dustin Gillard and Brad Munro.

The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – Saturday found two of our Little Rocks teams in a bonspiel at Brockville. Brett Weegar, Haley Van Allen and Kelsey Craig played three games, winning one, tying one, and losing their third. Our other team, made up of Alice Cameron, Carly Smith, Nicole Toonders and Laura Taunton had the same result and ended up in the middle of the pack. It was a good result in a big competition.

Sunday, Morrisburg hosted the Junior Big Four competition, competing with teams from Russell, Metcalfe and Winchester competing. Bob Robichaud, Luke Whitteker, Connor Woodmass and Mitchell Collins lost a close first match against Russell, but bounced back to win their second against Metcalfe to make it to the 'B' final. There they triumphed, winning the first five ends of the match and cruising to a win for the 'B' championship.

Our other team, Cameron McIntosh, Emily and Ken Nishibori and Liam Barkley, won their first game against Metcalfe, and took a strong Winchester foursome to an extra end before losing their chance to go to the 'A' final on the last rock of the match.

A call that had those behind the glass gasping was a takeout by our team on the fourth shot of the extra end. As curlers know, a guard cannot be removed from play until after the fourth rock has been played. But this guard was perfectly placed in front of a buried shot stone.

Our skip made the call, and his lead threw a perfect tapback, removing the shot stone, but leaving the guard still in play. Winchester, however, was just too strong, and went on to win the 'A' final title with a lopsided win over their competition.

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Our club was well represented with our two fine young teams, and thanks are due to the coaches and volunteers who helped in the hosting of this successful bonspiel.

Three of our men's teams were in Prescott for a three-game competition last week. Robert Houze, Craig Harriman, Larry Cooper, and Mahlon Locke won two of their games. John Wilson, Jack Barkley, Dave King and Doug Jarvis were winners in one game, while Bob Bergland, Sam and Josh Laurin, and Al Black won all three of their matches, two of them on Bob Bergland's draws to the button. This is the second undefeated year for this team. Well done, fellows!

The men's Merkley playdowns, Metcalfe, Winchester, Russell and Morrisburg, are on next. Again, two teams represent us.

The four challengers for the two positions competed last Monday night. Robert Houze, Bob Bergland, and Sam and Josh Laurin, as well as Alan Black, Craig Harriman, Mahlon Locke and Matt Laurin were victorious. Morrisburg will host the battle for the trophy next Saturday.

For the senior men, playdowns for the Sullivan competition are scheduled this week in preparation for the annual four-club showdown next Wednesday.

Last week, our day ladies traveled to Prescott for a friendly bonspiel. Their habit is to meld teams from the two clubs so that neither club triumphs over the other; all curlers just make new friends. On this occasion, Jeannine Beaupre, Susan McIntosh, Sharon Van Allen, Alice Thompson, Betty Locke and Dorothy Culkin traveled to our neighbouring club. After the games, the ladies repaired to the dining room for treats and liquid refreshment before heading for home. The Prescott curlers will be making a return visit on some Tuesday afternoon in the near future. We look forward to their visit.

A number of teams in several divisions are involved in out-of-club competitions in the next little while, and we'll have the results to you as soon as possible. Good curling to all!

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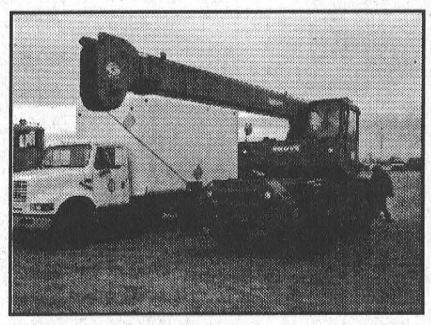

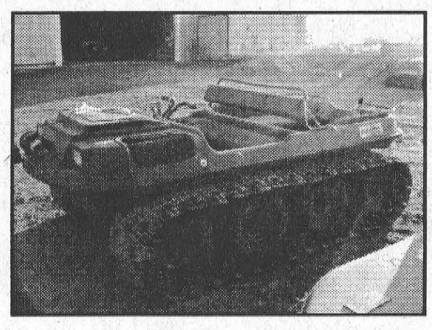

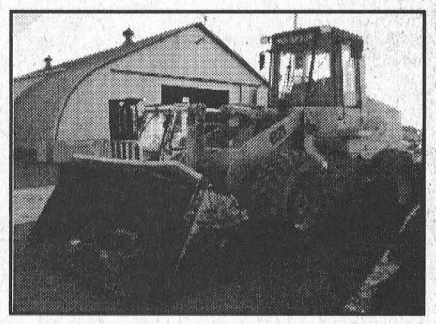

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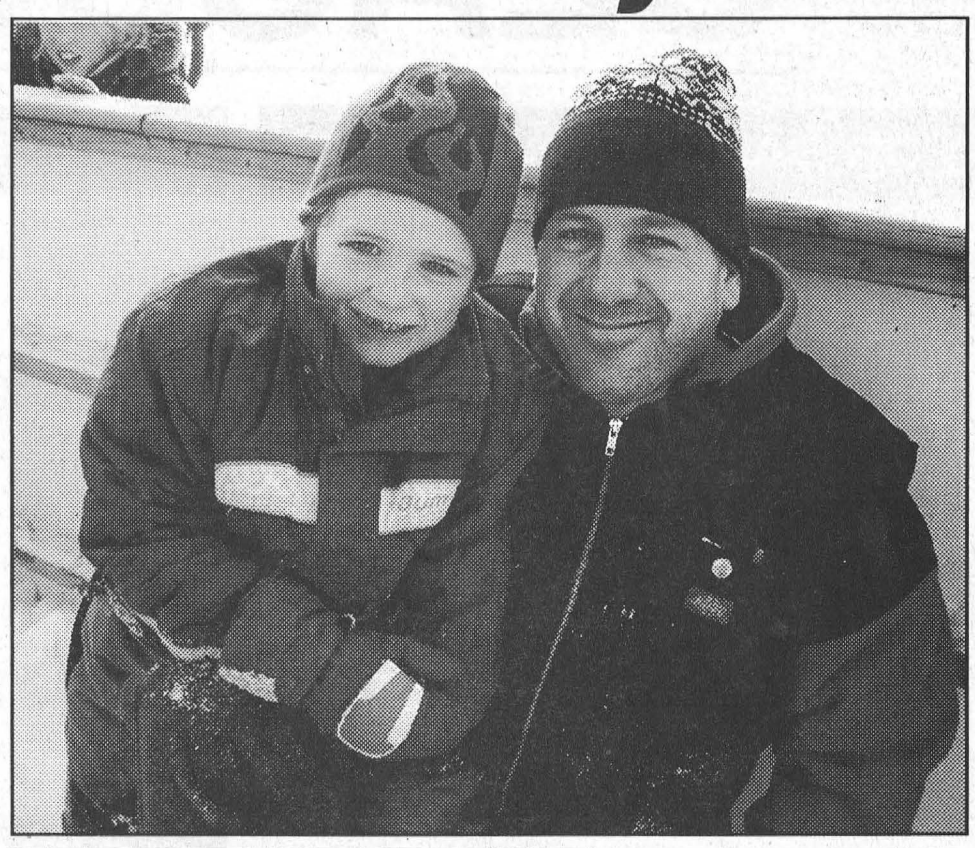
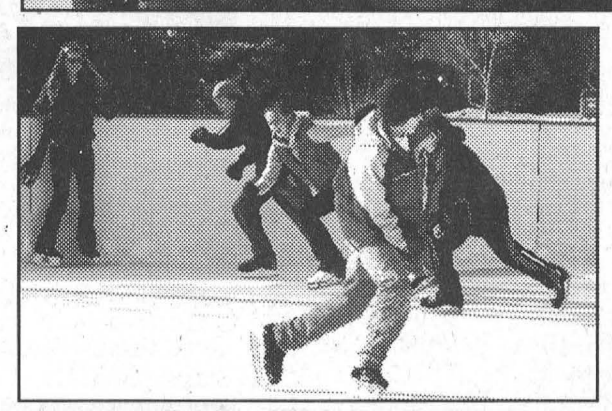
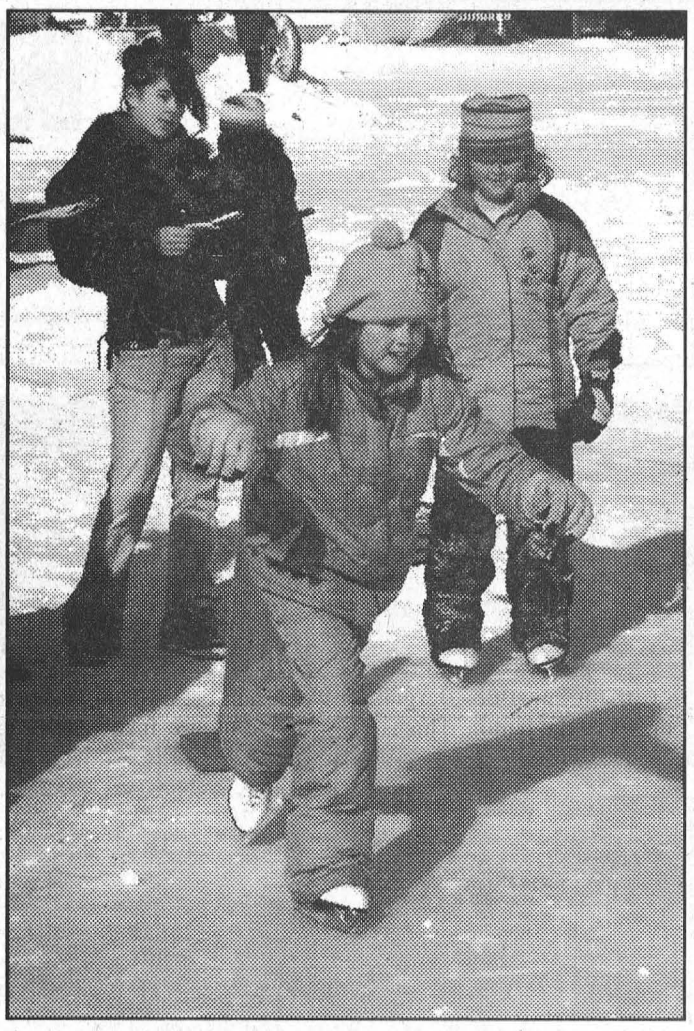




Taking part in Shiverfest events are, upper far left, Bailey Davidson, Emily Hector and Brittany Martin in a snow arch. Pictured above are Devon Burns and dad, Jodie. Below, (l to r) are Ashton Urquhart, Ryan Hey and Tiffany Shearer. Emily Hector gets ready to race, far bottom left, while several teens take part in the free skating, immediate left.



Sun and snow make for a great day

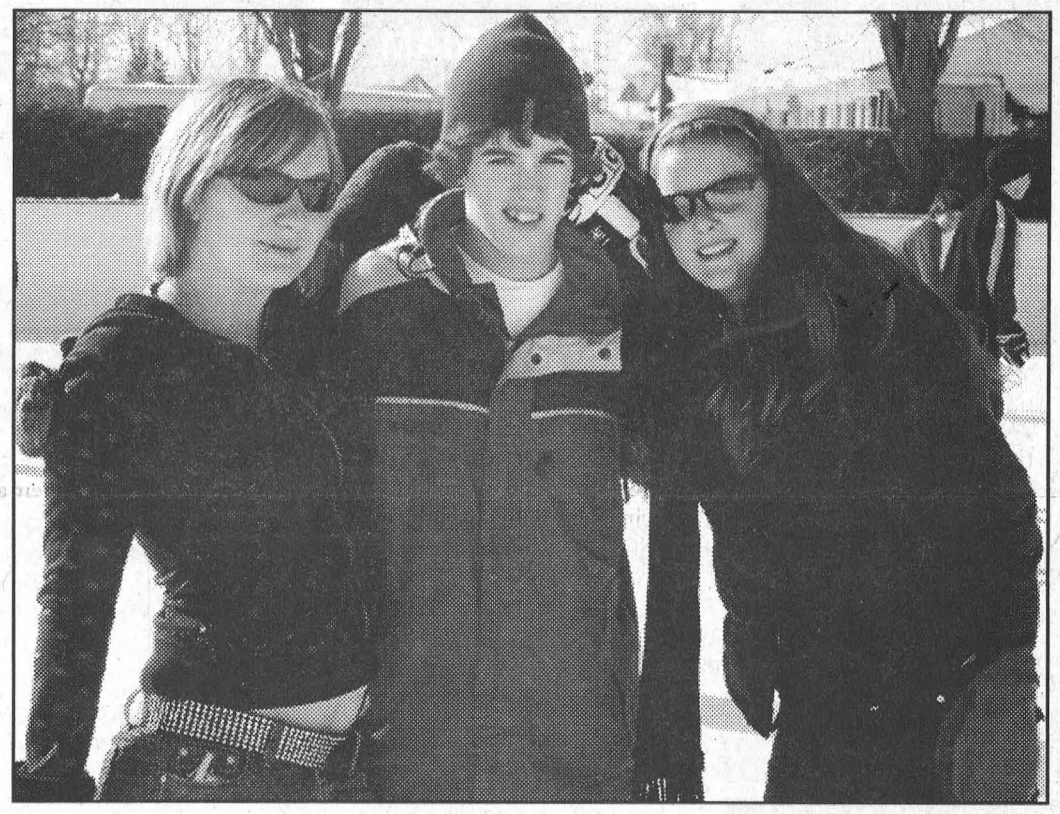
IROQUOIS - By noon on Saturday, February 3, 2007, nearly 175 children of all ages had arrived at the out door rinks in Iroquois to take part in what organizer Clayton Barkley was already calling the "first annual Iroquois Shiverfest."

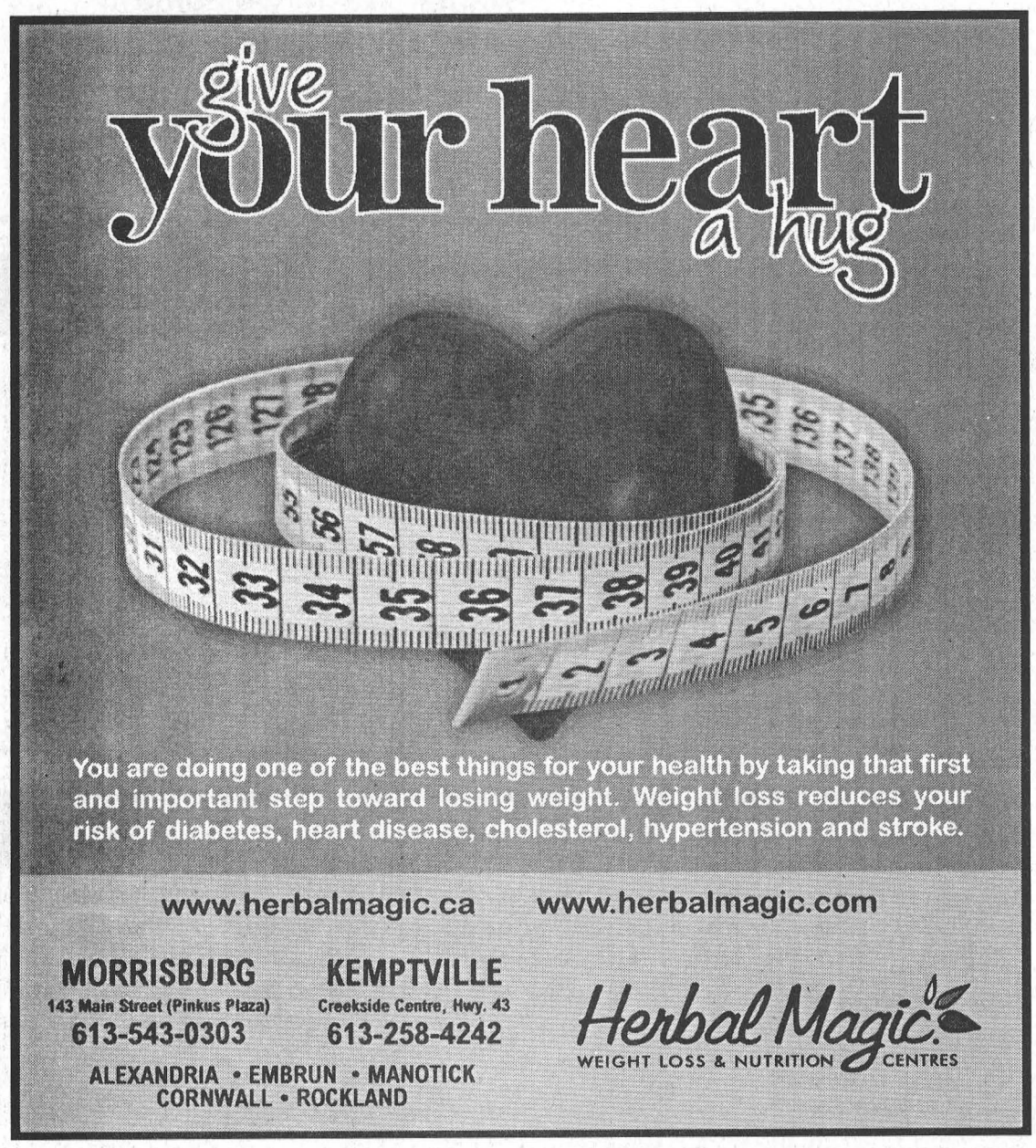
With perfect sunny weather, good snow and solid ice, both adults and kids enjoyed the out door events which took place during the day.

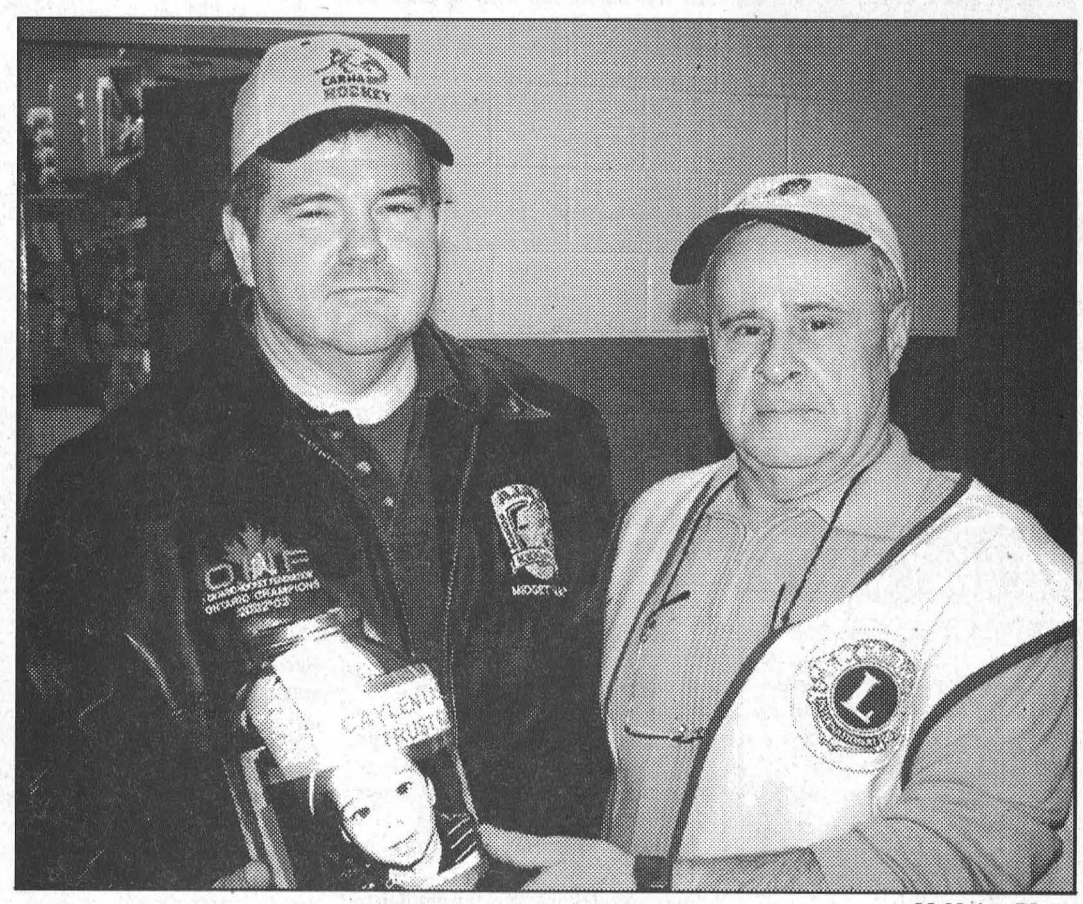
There were many activities organized at Paradise Pond and Hockey Central Pond from skate races, toboggan runs, obstacle courses and shinny, to igloo building and even a hot dog eating contest. From the smallest entrants to the oldest, it was clear that every one was having a great time.

Barkley and fellow organizer Connie Shearer, on behalf of Iroquois Recreational, praised the generosity of local businesses and individuals who supplied the food, drinks and prizes, and sponsored events at Shiverfest.

"This is the beginning, we hope, of an annual Iroquois Winter Carnival," said Barkley.

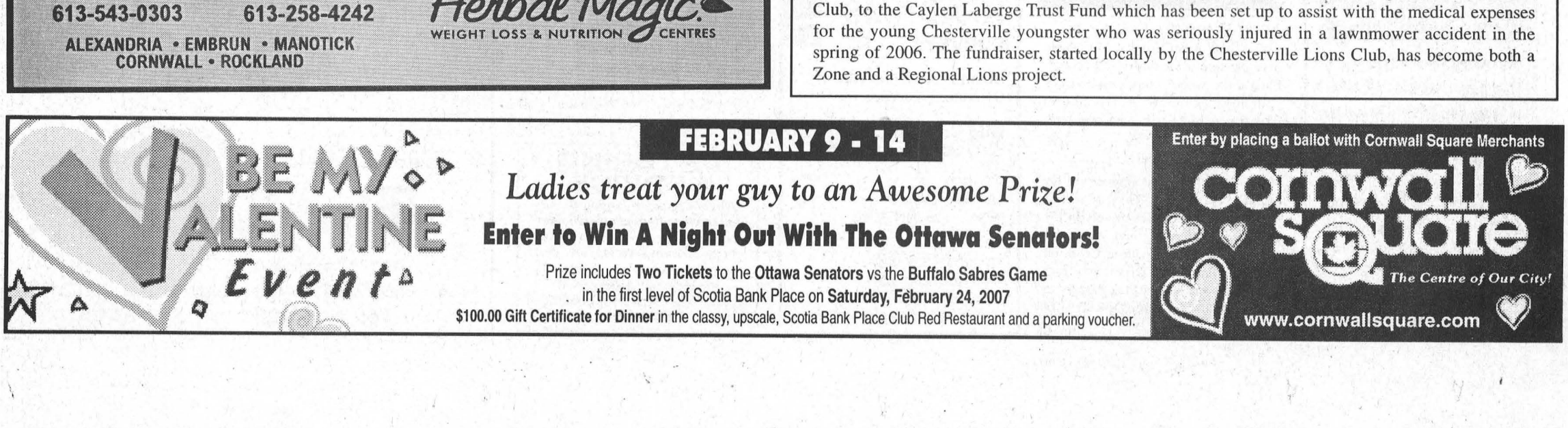






Tournament Participants are All Winners *McNairn Photo*

On behalf of the Chubbs Hockey organization and the participants of the annual tournament that took place at the arena in Morrisburg on the weekend, Cam MacLennan (left) turns over a donation jar, containing $600, to Morrisburg and District Lions President, Carl Robinson. The money was raised from tip money donated by the Chubbs from their refreshment table as well as donations made by tournament participants. It will be presented, through the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, to the Caylen Laberge Trust Fund which has been set up to assist with the medical expenses for the young Chesterville youngster who was seriously injured in a lawnmower accident in the spring of 2006. The fundraiser, started locally by the Chesterville Lions Club, has become both a Zone and a Regional Lions project.



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IN MEMORIAM

CASSELMAN–Glen, February 9, 2005.
Two years have passed us by,
Good times are sadly missed and never to be forgotten.
As a friend you were always there even if the sun wasn't shining.
A visit at "Your resting place" a whisper says "See you later, Bud."
–Albert, Kathleen and family 6p

CASSELMAN–To a dear brother, Glen Edward, who passed away suddenly February 9, 2005.
Your memories still linger here at our place,
Though it's been two years since we've seen your smiling face.
We still hear your laughter, in our hearts you're still here,
We miss you Glen every day of the year.
–Always in our thoughts, Faye and Harold 6p

CASSELMAN–Glen, February 9, 2005.
It feels as if you're always walking and looking over us.
In life, there's only love, in death we still love you.
We hold you tightly within our hearts that no one else can fill.
There's an ache in our hearts that will never go away.
Some think it's all in my head, but we know it's all in my heart.
I can no longer run for we are as one.
We think of all your precious years,
Through your smiles, memories and touch that we miss so very much.
–Love you always and forever, Emma, Victoria and Ashley 6p

STANFORD–In loving memory of our dear friend, Mabel, February 7, 2006.
Your spirit guides us daily;
We miss your loving presence.
–Love Ralph and Sandra Sinnett 6p

FERGUSON–Dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Ross, February 11, 1994.
Thirteen years ago we said our goodbyes,
Not a day goes by we don't think of you.
We often talk of you and remember the good times we had,
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–Always loved and missed by your family, Bernadette and kids 6p

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Jr. B Lions healthy, need strong finish

MORRISBURG–With just a handful of games remaining in the regular season schedule, the playoff positioning in the St. Lawrence Division of the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey league remains too close to be called.

In this past weekend's play, the Lions were no contest for the second place Hawks in Winchester Friday night. The end result was a 6-3 Hawks win.

The Lions regrouped and on Sunday headed into the Akwesasne Wolves' barn where they skated to a crushing 12-1 win.

The Lions now trail the Hawks by eight points in the standings with five regular season games remaining. Two of these games are against the Hawks, including one played last night (Tuesday) in Morrisburg.

Keeping pace, just four points back of the Lions are the Kemptville 73s, who, with just four games remaining, could very well make their move and challenge the Lions for third spot.

That makes this Friday night's game between the 73s and the Lions very key for the division's third place finish.

Friday night in Winchester, coach Eddie Gove says the Lions didn't play well in the first period, "but we were able to come out of it not too bad."

The Hawks took a 1-0 first period lead on a power-play goal from Ben Collins at 13:39 and that held until well into the second period.

At 5:17 of the second period, Ryne Gove struck for the Lions to even it.

That lasted just a little over a minute, when Collins, the St. Lawrence Division's top scorer, struck for his 36th goal of the season to again push the Hawks ahead.

The Lions came charging back to tie it 2-2 on a power-play goal from Cory Gove, but again it wouldn't last.

At 8:44 the Hawks again edged ahead, this time on a Cory Huybregts and they hung on until the last five minutes of the frame when Collins completed his three goal performance and Colin Bowie counted to give the Hawks a 5-2 advantage heading into the third period.

The third period was scoreless until the dying minutes when Nick Enright gave the Hawks their sixth and final goal at 17:51.

The Lions got one more from Ryan Wong on the power play at 19:10.

Lions coach Eddie Gove, says the Lions were right there, but again did not play three periods of hockey.

"Winchester played well. They have a good team. You can't play just one period of hockey and expect to beat a team like Winchester."

Gove says the Lions were not sharp coming out of the gate, but turned it around in the second period even though its was in the second period that the Lions were outscored 4-2.

"The second period was our best period," he says. "Unfortunately we couldn't finish and every time they has a chance they scored."

"We could have had five or six goals. We were just missing."

"We also weren't good in our own end. We weren't picking up the late guy."

Gove says his goaltending was good. Jesse Labrecque started in the Lions net and was relieved by Andrew Pearson in the second period.

"There was no real problem, Jesse just got a little rattled."

Gove was looking for better results for last night's game (Tuesday) in Morrisburg against the Hawks. "Everyone is now healthy, and we'll have (Travis) Baldwin and (Pat) Mainville in the lineup."

Neither of the two played last Friday night in Winchester. Baldwin was serving a suspension and Mainville was unable to make the game due to weather-related weather problems.

In Friday night's game the Lions were assessed 16 minor penalties and a fighting and game misconduct to Kyle Lagace. The Hawks sat out 17 minors, one misconduct and a fighting and game misconduct to McFaul. The Lions scored two power-play goals and the Hawks one.

Sunday, the Lions had few problems against the Wolves. They led 4-0 after the first period and 9-1 after two. They scored three more times in the third period for the 12-1 win.

It was the Wolves Matt Parisien who spoiled Andrew Pearson's shut out just 12 seconds into the second period.

Christopher Ayotte, Justin Elliott, Cory Gove and Kyle Lagace had two goals each for the Lions and Ryne Gove, Cody Casselman, Chad Galipeau and Joshua Legue contributed singles.

The Lions sat our eight minor penalties and one misconduct, while the Wolves were assessed five minors and a misconduct.

Coming up this weekend the Lions host the Kemptville 73s this Friday night, February 9 at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, February 11 they are on the road to take on the first place Glens at 1:30 p.m.

JR. B SCOREBOARD

St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Alexandria	36	27	5	4	58
Winchester	35	27	8	0	54
Morrisburg	35	22	11	2	46
Kemptville	36	19	13	4	42
Akwesasne	36	8	24	4	20
Char-Lan	36	7	27	2	16

Coming up:

Friday, February 9–Kemptville at Morrisburg 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 11–Morrisburg at Alexandria 1:30 p.m.



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Girls Win Smiths Falls Tournament

The South Dundas Midget B girls defeated Carleton Place 3-2 to win the championship of a Smith Falls tournament on the weekend. Pictured above, front l-r are coach Barry Keicks, Chantal Thurler, Lorie Casselman, Christine Stewart, Jessica Goulet, Courtney Keicks and Ali Tait. Back, l-r are Sarah Myers, Alexandra Walsh, Kelly Velthuis, Lisa Hey, Brittany Elliott, Coby Wells, Melissa Primeau, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Jill Kirkwood, Stephenie Cochrane, coach David Tait and trainer Lori Davies.

Goal scored just in time

SMITHS FALLS – Alexander Walsh scored with just 30 seconds left in the championship final of a Midget B girls hockey tournament here on the weekend to break a 2-2 tie and give the South Dundas Lions a 3-2 championship win.

The Lions worked their way to the final, opening in the tournament with a 2-2 tie against the hometown Smiths Falls team.

In game two, they were nabbed 2-1 by the Carleton Place Cyclones, but they righted themselves for game three to post a very solid 5-0 victory over Brockville.

Thanks to the big win over Brockville, the Lions ended up in first place after round-robin play with their points total.

The Lions opened in the tournament against Smiths Falls, and were first on the scoreboard when Lisa Hey connected on a power-play goal late in the first period. Melissa Primeau and Stephenie Cochrane provided the assists.

With just two seconds left in the first period, Smith Falls evened it with a Tia Laidlaw counter.

Laidlaw was heard from again with a goal late in the second period which allowed Smiths Falls to skate into the third period with a 2-1 edge.

Finally with 1:16 remaining in the game, Ali Tait put one home for the Lions, with help from Christine Stewart, and the game ended tied 2-2.

Next up were the Carleton Place Cylcones who handed the Lions a 2-1 loss.

The Cyclones went up 1-0 midway into the second period on a Leslee Brown goal, but Stephenie Cochrane scored unassisted for the Lions to even the game 1-1.

The Cyclones got the winner from Brittany Nolan at 7:09 of the third period.

In their final game of the round robin, goaltender Lorie Casselman was unbeatable in net as the Lions went to work for the 5-0 win.

Scoring was well spread around with Melissa Primeau, Lisa Hey, Brittany Elliott, Jill Kirkwood and Ali Tait all notching singles. Adding their help on the goals were Chantal Thurler, Courtney Keicks, Christine Stewart, Alexandra Walsh, Elliott, Jessica Goulet and Cobie Wells.

In the championship final, the Lions met the Cyclones for the second time, but this time it was the Lions coming out on top.

The Lions went up 1-0 in the first period on an unassisted goal from Brittany Elliott.

Their advantage held until 12:09 of the second period when Brittany Nolan scored on the Cyclones power play.

The Lions came charging right back, and at 14:03 Stephenie Cochrane gave them a 2-1 lead with help from Chantal Thurler and Sarah Myers.

The Lions were unable to put it away early in the third period, and at 6:55 Leslee Brown connected for the Cyclones to again tie the game.

With just 30 seconds left on the clock, Alexander Walsh came through with help from Elliott to give the Lions the 3-2 win and the tournament championship.

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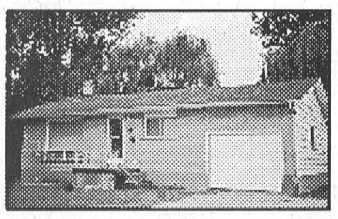
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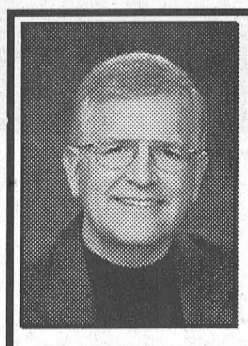
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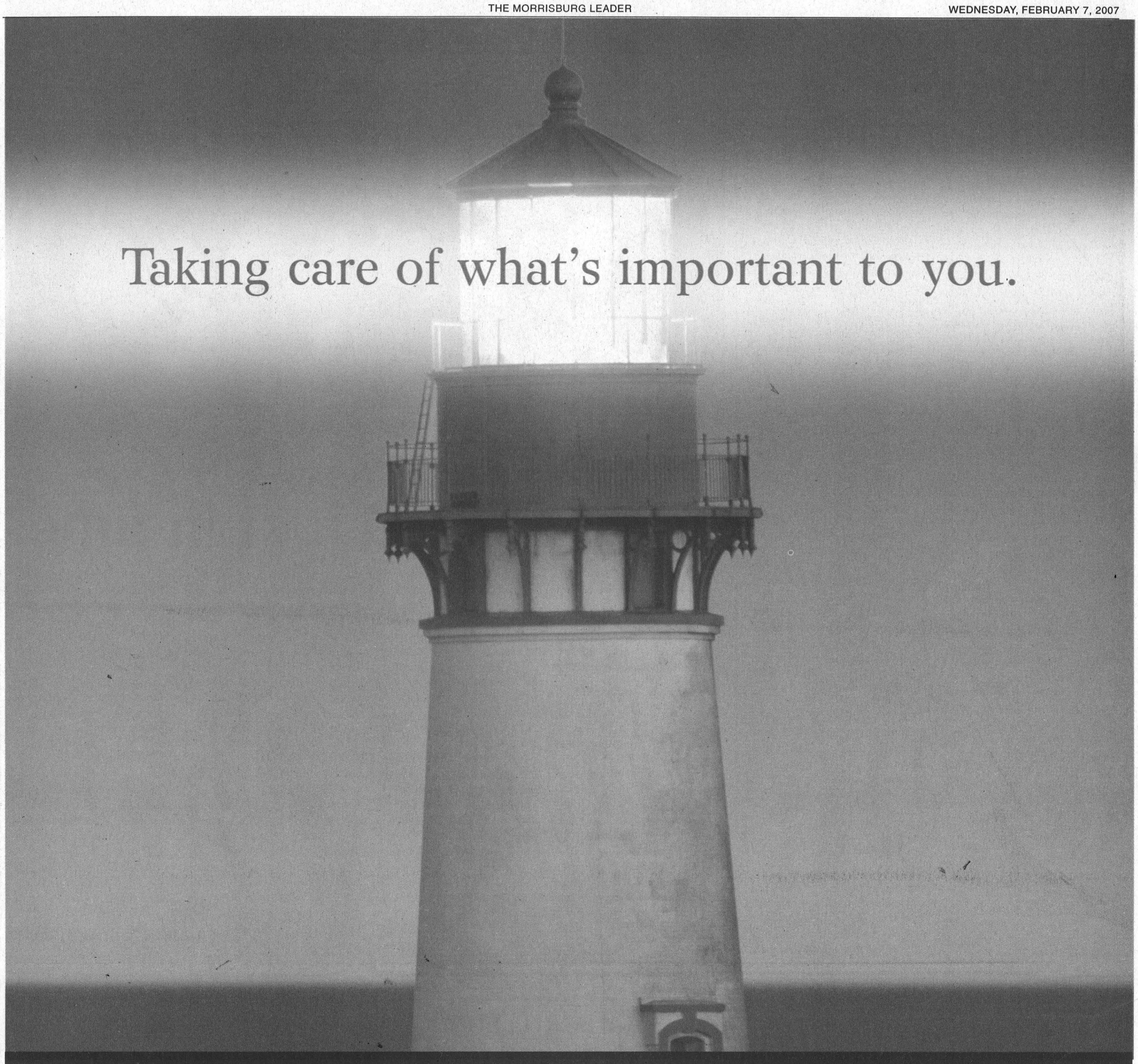

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