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Coronation Friday night

IROQUOIS – Friday night will be the crowning moment for one of five young women participating in the annual Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant.

The competition starts Friday evening at 7 p.m. Vying for the title in 2004 are 17-year-old April Murphy and 16-year-olds Tracy Jones, Kaylee Van Haren, Crystal Cantin, and Lindsay Fawcett.

April, the daughter of Jeff and Debbie Murphy of Stampville, is in grade 12 at Seaway District High School and says she is, "participating in the pageant for the experience." Her sponsor is Frank Ault Excavating.

Tracy, the daughter of Sharon Jones of Iroquois, is in grade 11 at Seaway and says she too is participating for the experience, "and to show appreciation to my sponsor, Iroquois Gas Bar and Car Wash."

The participation of Kaylee and Crystal hinged on each other. When asked why they decided to participate in the pageant Kaylee said, "Crystal said she would if I would." Crystal said, "Kaylee said she would if I would."

Kaylee is a grade 11 student at Seaway. She is the daughter of Terri and Rick Van Haren of Brinston. Kaylee's future plans include becoming a teacher. Kaylee's sponsor is Plante Farm Equipment.

Crystal is the daughter of Alice and Charles Cantin of Brinston. She is in Grade 11 at Seaway, and her favourite subject is history. She hopes to become a massage therapist. Crystal is sponsored by Third High Farms.

Lindsay says, her friends convinced her to participate. She too is in grade 11 at Seaway, and is the daughter of Faron and Elizabeth Fawcett of Brinston. Her future plans include, "a career that involves working with children." Her sponsor is Murphy Sales and Service.



You're looking at the next carnival queen

The title of Matilda Winter Carnival Queen will go to one of these five young women. All are new to the competition, and one of them will be crowned Friday night at the Matilda Hall. Pictured above l-r are contestants Lindsay Fawcett, Crystal Cantin, Kaylee Van Haren, Tracy Jones, and April Murphy.

Comfort Photo

Gardner doesn't leave empty handed

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas no longer has a heritage coordinator following council's decision not to renew the contract with Kirsten Gardner.

Although Gardner was shocked by the decision, she says she has no regrets about the time she has spent working in South Dundas.

Starting with the municipality through Youth Services Canada, Gardner's role in the community developed into a full time contract position two years ago.

"The title of Heritage Coordinator doesn't always suit what I did," says Gardner who had been trying to branch out into recreation and youth services.

"The position is about dealing with people," she says, adding, "People are the biggest asset South Dundas has."

"One of the great residual effects of this job are the lasting friendships that I have made during my time here," says Gardner. "I don't leave here empty-handed."

Gardner says the unique thing about being involved in community projects is the extent to which you connect with the people. "I became a part of people's daily lives."

The six years Gardner has spent in South Dundas are filled with highlights.

Every time a new volunteer with a new idea came to Gardner, she says it was a highlight. "There is a special spark you see in people who want to do something to improve the community they live in and love."

Of the people that Gardner was involved with, perhaps most important were the Youth Services Canada participants. The program is for youth with barriers, and Gardner says "helping those kids and seeing them realize what they are capable of was extremely satisfying."

"I understand that you can't help everyone, but I think I helped a handful of them be better."



Kirsten Gardner

"I hope I have helped South Dundas be better too."

One of the first big ideas that Gardner had for South Dundas was an antique festival. "I came up with the idea when I was on a six month contract with the economic development office." Starting the South Dundas Antique Festival was a great accomplishment for Gardner.

"The first couple of years there was the thrill of seeing the big tent on the waterfront. I loved it."

An equally important highlight was moving the festival. "Moving it to Dixon's Corners was a refresher. It was a new place, with a different landscape, but most importantly, the people still came."

After working on the Save the Train project, Gardner and a friend took it upon themselves to light up the train four winters ago. "We worked three weekends on it," and Gardner who says the sheer sight of seeing everything go from complete darkness, to having that train lit up, "was one of the biggest highlights I ever had."

Gardner, who worked closely with the mural committee says, "It is something to be proud of. It can't be forgotten that the murals are a true community effort."

As part of every mural, community members, jury members, and donors all got together to see each to completion. "It is one of the first projects that truly united South Dundas, rather than dividing it by ward," says Gardner. "It was designated a heritage project, but it has been so much more. It is a public art project. Heritage is only the subject matter."

Gardner says a lot of people might not realize how hands on she was with every project

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Lockmaster's House

Lease terminated

WILLIAMSBURG – A few years ago the Township of South Dundas secured a lease agreement with the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation for the Lockmaster's house at Iroquois Point to save it from demolition.

The township immediately subleased the property to DIAMONDS Conservation and Land Trust, who opened the building to the public as an art gallery, interpretive centre, and café.

DIAMONDS gave the township notice in August that they would be vacating the building, leaving the township responsible for the lease.

Don Graham, president of DIAMONDS, says the organization is still going strong, "All we're doing is changing our residence for a while."

The cost of staying in the building was just too high for the nonprofit organization. He says, "We don't want to lose the Lockmaster's House. To find another group to take it on would be tremendous."

The former council deferred the decision on whether or not to terminate the lease for the new council. At the last meeting council CAO Andy Brown explained the history of the lease and the costs to council.

"DIAMONDS hopes the township won't cancel the lease, because it is a heritage building," said Brown.

He suggested if they decide to cancel the lease they could ask the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation to keep the township abreast of the future of the home, especially if they intend to tear it down.

Councillor Johnny Whitteker said, "I don't think we can afford it."

"I would hate to see this building demolished because we lost a tremendous amount during the Seaway Project, but the township does have a responsibility to the taxpayers as well," said Mayor Lyle Van Allen.

The decision was not the one Graham had hoped for, however he did say, "I'm sure they were all sad to do it, but they think they have to."



Mustard's celebrates 15th anniversary

Comfort Photo

Customers are appreciated at Mustard's Variety in Iroquois, and especially for the next couple of weeks. In celebration of their 15th anniversary customers are invited to enter a draw, which will see prize winners every day for 15 days, starting last Saturday. The grand prize draw will be held on the 15th day, January 17, and the adult winner will take home a DVD player. The winner of the children's draw will receive a Compu Kidz learning system. Pictured above, Ross Ferguson (left) enters his name in the draw, while owner Jim Mustard looks on. Mustard appreciates the support of his customers over the last 15 years and says, "If it wasn't for the customers we wouldn't be here." The doors opened under Mustard's ownership on January 3, 1989, and he says, "I didn't think it was 15 years yet. It went fast. I have good experiences here every day."

Exposed

SOUTH DUNDAS – Christmas Day at approximately 6 p.m. police responded to a report of an indecent act, at a County Road 2 apartment, in the township.

As a result, a 55-year-old man faces an indecent act charge, after exposing himself to a female. Constable D. Ferguson is investigating.

Theft

SOUTH DUNDAS – New Year's day, police responded to a report of a domestic situation, at a County Road 31 residence.

A 44-year-old male from County Road 2, in the township attended the residence of his ex-spouse and stole personal property of hers. He was arrested and faces a theft charge.

Constable C. Oneil is investigating.

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July starts with murals and ends with antiques

Three murals were unveiled on the same weekend. Additions to the South Dundas mural tour included the Churches mural at Riverside Heights, the Morrisburg Dairy Mural, and the Iroquois veterans memorial mural.

Watching the weather for over 90 years, the Barkley family was honoured by Environment Canada for their dedicated service. "It is the longest continuous record ever compiled in this country," said Roger Street, acting director of the Ontario section of the Meteorological Service of Canada.

The **Special Investigations Unit** was called in when an OPP cruiser and motorist collided on the Carman Road near Hainesville. The police officer involved was enroute to another call. The female motorist and her two children sustained non-life threatening injuries.

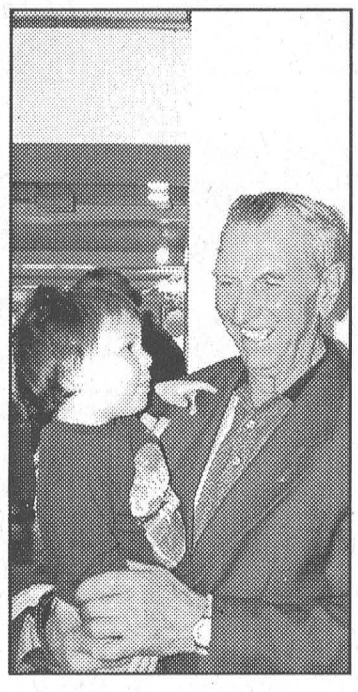
Councillor Bill Ewing tabled a motion at South Dundas Council to **disband the Counties road system**. Angry over the lack of maintenance and requests for action by the counties falling on deaf ears, Ewing felt the municipality could better look after their own roads. The motion was narrowly defeated by a 3-2 vote.

Graduating Seaway District High School student, **Brian Law was awarded a Canadian Millennium Scholarship** Excellence Award. In recognition of academic excellence, community service, leadership qualities and a keen interest in innovation, Law was awarded $4,000 renewable three times to a possible $16,000.

That 70s' Seaway District High School Reunion was held in Morrisburg and over 300 former students from the decade showed up. Also welcomed at the reunion were over a dozen teachers.

The fifth annual installment of the **South Dundas Antique Festival**, was bigger and better than ever. Attracting about the same number of visitors, the number of dealers and the antiques double over the previous year.





October - The ballot is set

The **deadline for filing election nomination papers** passed, meaning that the ballots for the November 10 election were nearly set. Prior to the deadline, Whitteker re-filed his papers but instead sought the position of Williamsburg ward councillor. Morrisburg resident Roger Coligan put his name in to oppose Whitteker. Bert Geertsma had also filed his papers for the Williamsburg ward but withdrew his name following Whitteker's announcement. The position of mayor was contested by three candidates, Lyle Van Allen, Robert Gillard and Robert Hamilton. Tim Cassell decided to run against Charles Barkley in the Matilda Ward, and Ron Delegarde was the final candidate for the Iroquois ward, opposing Zandbergen and Ewing. A two person race was set for Morrisburg between Terry Veinotte and Sandra Bailey.

The **Ottawa Carleton Credit Union** met with Williamsburg residents to discuss the possibility of opening a credit union in the village.

A single **positive ecoli test** at the Brinston municipal building, meant that its doors had to be closed to the public for a few months.

Voting by phone and internet would be the only option for voters in the South Dundas municipal election, and the municipality started to prepare voters for the process they hoped would increase voter turnout.

The **water meter installation** tender was awarded to GC Toshack with the lowest bid of $365,764.73. The contractor had a very ambitious schedule, hoping to have water meters installed in the homes of residents of Morrisburg and Iroquois by Christmas.

Augusta Street in Morrisburg would need to be completely reconstructed as part of the municipal water project. The announcement was made to council by Rick Eamon of Thompson Rosemount Group, who estimated the cost at an additional $1.4 million.

With all the hype surrounding the fibre optics network, an **all candidates meeting** for the Iroquois ward and mayoral nominees revealed that the Iroquois Golf Course was a much bigger issue for the village residents.

Industry Canada awarded a **$1.7 million grant** to South Dundas for the expansion of the fibre optics network to rural areas of the municipality.

November - Voters finally have their say

November 5, **phone and internet polls opened** for the municipal election. Help was available for voters at the municipal office and Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre.

November 10, just shortly after 9 p.m. election results were phoned in to Matilda Hall. Lyle **Van Allen was elected mayor of South Dundas**. Elected in each of the wards were Johnny Whitteker (Williamsburg), Charles Barkley (Matilda), and newcomers to municipal politics Sandra Bailey (Morrisburg) and Ron Delegarde (Iroquois).

Ross Video in Iroquois was celebrating a number of momentous occasions. The title of president was transferred from owner and founder John Ross to his son David Ross, the company celebrated its 30th anniversary and employees Louis Ho and Helen Roberts were honoured for 25 years of dedicated service to the company.

Following up on a question asked during an all candidates meeting prior to the election, councillor Charles Barkley asked municipal staff to consider doing something about the way taxes are calculated the help ease the **burden of rising property assessment values**.

Cam Martel spoke at a council meeting following the election to "clear the air." Martel made it clear that he didn't seek reelection for medical reasons, denied rumours of personal gain circulated throughout the election campaign, and expressed his displeasure with the "entrance of big city politics in our rural municipality. A block was formed to run candidates in each of the positions."

A case of bad timing left the Winchester **Hospital digging out from bad publicity**. A tool which had not undergone a full disinfection cycle was accidentally reused. Staff caught the problem quickly and advised the one patient affected, who underwent a blood test to rule out the possibility of infection from the incident.

The **Ontario Early Years Centre** satellite location in Morrisburg celebrated its opening officially, in a ceremony that included both local children and political officials.

August is blacked out

As always, the first big event of August is **Tubie Weekend**. This year's finish was one of the most surprising in recent history, as a team of Retreads dethroned the reigning champion team Farlinger. The Retreads; Jim and Kathy Hummel, Wim and Alie Berghuis, Liz McCooeye and Dale Crowder, paddled the course in 31:31, over a minute faster than the previous year's winners.

Upper Canada Playhouse was registering a 98.6% attendance record over the first three shows of the season.

Weeds reached new heights in Counties Roads ditches all over South Dundas. Mid-August and still the mowing had not been started. Counties CAO Mike Waddell reported that the counties mowing program was experiencing an abnormal year, sighting rain and mechanical failures.

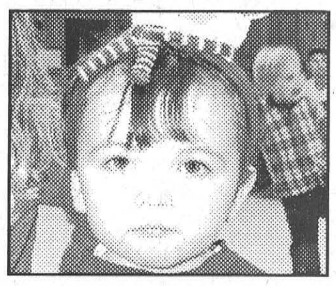
August 14 was the day the lights went out across most of the eastern seaboard, in Canada and the United States, but the lights stayed on in Morrisburg and Williamsburg. Iroquois was without power for about six hours. Residents everywhere were being encouraged to conserve energy to prevent rolling blackouts across the province.

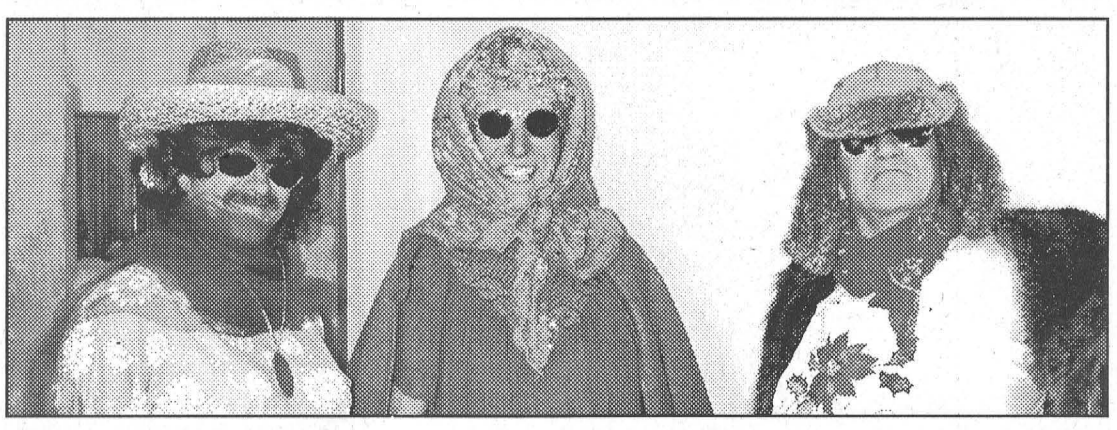
An airplane crash at the Iroquois Municipal Air Park left three dead. The only survivor was 24-year-old Fort Erie resident Tara Schertzing. This was the first fatal crash in the history of the Iroquois Air Park.

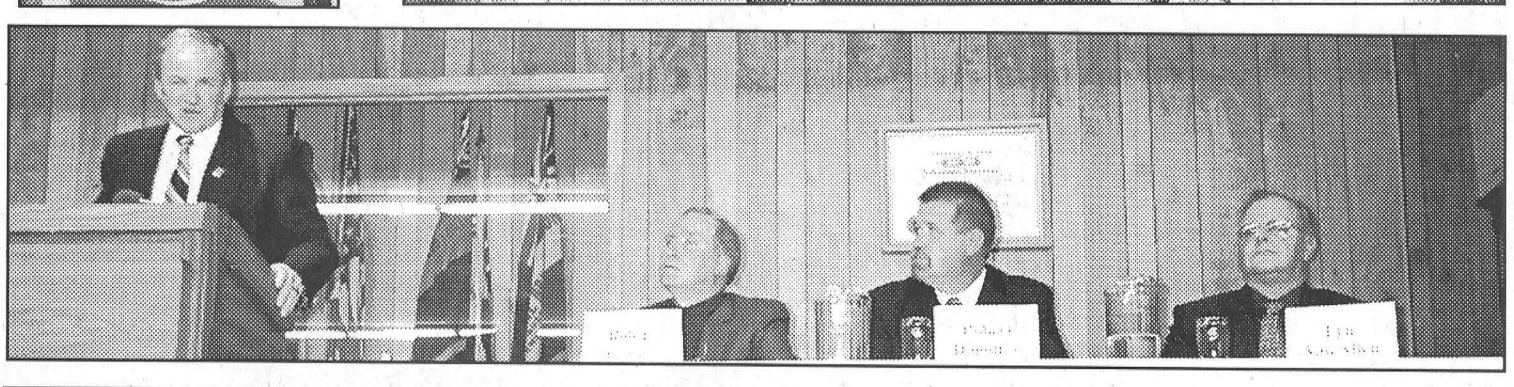
The tender for construction of the **Morrisburg-Iroquois water transmission main** was awarded to low bidder, Cornwall Gravel at a price of $3,560,450, below Thompson Rosemount Group's estimated cost of $4,004,255.

Fred Penner headlined Seaway Kids' Day, held this year at Farran Park in Ingleside. The day was designed to bring the children and municipalities of South Dundas and South Stormont together.

Weagant Farm Supplies celebrated 50 years in the farm machinery business with friends, family, customers and staff.







September has a surprising twist

Proposed rezoning of Doran Bay Resort got the attention of their neighbours from the Saver Road subdivision, who packed council chambers to demonstrate their opposition to the rezoning that would allow for a planned expansion, to include an upscale RV park.

Election fever finally came to South Dundas this month. Voters, and candidates had been waiting for an announcement by incumbent mayor Johnny Whitteker, to make their intentions known. Whitteker's intentions hit the papers in the first issue of the month. "I will let my name stand for mayor," announced Whitteker.

Richard Zandbergen filed his nomination papers, announcing his intention to run against Bill Ewing in the Iroquois ward. Councillor Robert Gillard announced that he would seek reelection in Williamsburg ward and Councillor Charles Barkley said he would seek reelection in Matilda ward.

Lyle Van Allen threw his hat in the ring for mayor shortly following Whitteker's announcement, setting up a third election which would see both Whitteker and Van Allen vying for the top spot.

The **Iroquois Golf Course could be sold**. That was the conclusion after months of discussions and financial analyses. The Board of Directors of the Golf Club was informed that the Township intends to seek expressions of interest from the private sector.

The **Eastern Ontario Garlic Festival** was hosted on the grounds of the Carman House Museum, and attracted over 3,000 visitors.

Morrisburg finally got its first election candidate in mid September when **Terry Veinotte**, filed his nomination papers. Following his announcement **Sandra Bailey** announced that she too wuold seek the position of Morrisburg ward councillor.

In the same week, local business people asked council for continued support of the **South Dundas fibre optics** network, and a "Concerned Citizens Committee" hosted their own public meeting demanding that council get out of the fibre optics business.

In a surprising **election twist**, Whitteker announced that he intended to withdraw his name from the race for mayor, prompting Gillard to reconsider his options, and decide to run for mayor of South Dundas.

December - New council charges ahead quickly

McDonald's made application to South Dundas to renovate the existing MacEwen gas bar in Morrisburg for a new restaurant, however MacEwen officials would not confirm that the fast food chain is coming to Morrisburg.

The South Dundas **Communication Committee**, on a restrained time line to move forward with the expansion of the South Dundas fibre optics network to rural South Dundas, continued to meet with Industry Canada concerning the $1.7 million grant.

The **third council of South Dundas** was officially sworn in to office. After the official swearing in ceremony it was announced that councillor Whitteker had been selected to accompany Mayor Van Allen as Counties Council representative. Council also decided to change council meetings to the first and third Tuesday evening of the month.

The Upper Canada District **School Board hooked up** to the South Dundas Fibre Optics Network, connecting Morrisburg and Iroquois Public Schools, and Seaway District High School. Should the network expand to rural South Dundas, Dixon's Corners and Elma Public Schools will also be connected.

The **Ottawa Carleton Credit Union** announced that they will open a branch in Williamsburg in the former Bank of Montreal building, early in the new year.

At the first full meeting of the new South Dundas Council, councillor Ron Delegarde tabled a **motion to disband** the South Dundas Communications Committee. Councillors Barkley and Whitteker and Mayor Van Allen asked that the motion be deferred until the new year, not wanting to make any rash decisions.

At the same meeting a **3-2 vote kept Anne Marie Waddell** in the position of South Dundas Economic Development Officer, on a monthly basis.

At a **special meeting** with the communications committee, council was confronted with two questions. Andy Bowers asked if Delegarde had a conflict of interest in making decisions about fibre optics, and Tom Morrow asked, who are the concerned citizens? Van Allen told Bowers court action is the only way to challenge conflict of interest and Morrow that he would get him the names of the concerned citizens if the members were agreeable.

Fire victims seeking help

IROQUOIS – A fire at a residence on the Flagg road on Sunday, December 21 caused severe smoke damage and loss of property for brothers Anthony, 21, and Thomas, 19 Shearer.

The brothers were renting the residence, says their grandmother Edith Gore explaining that although attempts have been made to remove the smoke from their furniture and clothing, results have not been good.

According to Gore, who contacted The Leader, Monday morning, the fire was caused by electrical problems.

"We have been trying to get them another place, but have had no luck so far," said Gore. "They are staying with their mother and sleeping on the floor. They lost everything, their furniture, dishes and clothing."

Anyone who has spare household items or clothing and who would like to help out can call Gloria and Jim Murphy at 652-2614 or Edith Gore at 543-4006. All donations to help get the boys back on their feet would be gratefully appreciated.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital

Auxiliary honours its volunteers

MORRISBURG–The December monthly meeting of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was the kind we all love.

Held at the Lion's Hall in Winchester, on December 12, it provided the opportunity to honour and celebrate the five members who had received the HAAO awards. It also provided the opportunity to pay tribute to 11 other people who help make the auxiliary what it is.

Receiving V pins for their special service were the following:

–Frankie Burton has worked for 10 years and looks after ordering and making sure the Gift Shop has the necessary sundry items which our patients require.

–Marguerite Fawcett has been active in the Gift Shop for 28 years and is responsible for keeping the shelves stocked with goodies and providing many of us with our 'sweet fix'.

–Doris Holmes, now retired, gave many, many years of loyal service.

–Doris Mills is an active cheerful volunteer working with the Sunshine Circle.

–Gerry McSheffrey has given many years of dedicated service in the Gift Shop.

Receiving Outstanding Service pins were the following:

–Marion Carkner has been a very involved and active worker. She has had two terms as president and is also president of the Winchester Unit.

–Virley Edwards who for 20 years has played an active role in the gift shop by organizing and monitoring the crafted articles that may be purchased there.

–Joan Farlinger, our current president and former president has been active in all aspects of volunteering at the hospital. For 17 years she has done a yeoman job and is currently one of the principal buyers for the shop.

–Elinor Jordan has been very active with the Morrisburg unit for 15 years and the gift shop for six years. She and Joan are amazing with their talents of purchasing items of interest. Both these ladies have a passion for keeping the gift shop what it is.

Honourary Life Membership Awards were presented to two members of the hospital staff, Chris Cross and Jean Holmes. Both have supported the auxiliary in many different ways. There continued help and support are greatly appreciated by the Auxiliary members.

Congratulation are extended to Flora Barton from Iroquois and Ruth Golden from the Morrisburg area, who were the winners of the Gift Shop Santa raffles.

A special thanks were extended to Lynn Wilson, Hospital Staff Coordinator for her help in organizing the lovely luncheon and meeting.

There is no monthly meeting in January, and anyone interested in seeing what the auxiliary is all about is invited to attend the February meeting on Thursday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Cornwall Community Hospital

CORNWALL–On January 1, 2004, the Cornwall Community Hospital assumed the ownership and operation of the two Cornwall acute care hospitals.

For the public, this is exciting news as the Hospital will begin to better serve the needs of the community through better integration and better access to services.

In the immediate future the public can expect the same people providing the same quality of services in the same place as before. The only difference is a new corporation with a new name.

If you call the hospital, don't be surprised when you hear "Cornwall Community Hospital - Hôpital communautaire de Cornwall" with the site name either McConnell or Second Street.



MILLWARD-DICKENSON – June 21, 2003, Wendy Dickenson and Eric Millward were united in marriage at St. James Anglican Church, Morrisburg. Wendy is the daughter of Sylvia Dickenson of Brockville and the late Edwin Dickenson. Eric is the son of Orval and Arlene Millward of Morrisburg. The happy couple honeymooned in Alaska and currently reside in Iroquois. Thank you to our attendants, family and friends for all their love, support and best wishes.

Looking for a new way to solve an old problem

WILLIAMSBURG – The OPP want the community's help in addressing concerns over mischief at the Iroquois and Morrisburg shopping plazas.

"We are looking for volunteers to work with us and make an action plan," said OPP Senior Constable Julie Cyr at the last South Dundas Council meeting.

"We would like to bring the stake holders together to reduce incidences of drugs and loitering," she told council.

Those stake holders include local business associations, schools, students, and business owners.

"We would like to meet with the students and make them part of the solution," she said.

Councillor Johnny Whitteker suggested that police presence in the area helps prevent the problem.

"We do that," said Cyr. However she would like to see alternate measures in place to help alleviate the problem.

"We don't want to move the problem. We want to resolve it."

Mayor Lyle Van Allen, spoke of the success of building skate parks in other municipalities, and making the kids responsible for them.

Cyr agreed that it has worked, and she would like to see something done here. "But I can't do it on my own." Van Allen offered for the municipality to coordinate a meeting where all the players can get together to work on the problem. The meeting is expected to take place in mid January.

SD&G's 2004 Community Reinvestment Funding

CORNWALL – The McGuinty Government is pleased to provide the Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry with $10,172,000 through the 2004 Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF), Jim Brownell MPP for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh announced December 24.

"The McGuinty Government is committed to growing strong communities by helping them to plan, manage and invest for the future," Brownell said.

The funding includes $8,925,000 in CRF funding, $285,000 in CRF Bonus, and $962,000 in Supplementary Assistance. This represents an increase of $1,049,000 over the announced 2003 CRF allocation.

The CRF is an important source of provincial funding to municipalities, especially in northern and rural communities. Program costs, which are updated in the CRF base funding formula, are for services such as childcare, public health, social housing and social assistance.

In the Fall Economic Statement, the government repeated its commitment to improve public services in a fiscally responsible manner. Review of the 2005 CRF will be part of an extensive and broad consultation process to determine how public services can be sustained and adequately funded in the long term. In the new year, municipalities will be invited to participate in the consultation process.

"Our municipal partners are a priority with this government," Brownell said.

"I am pleased that we are providing municipalities with advanced notice of their 2004 CRF funding which will assist them in setting their budget priorities."

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Protecting the earth

With a New Year beginning, people often feel overwhelmed by all that's going on around them. Cruelty to animals, vanishing species, global warming–the list seems almost endless. However, each one of us can take small steps in our daily lives to make the world a better world for all of us, according to The Humane Society of Canada (HSC).

"With the world's population approaching 6.5 billion people, even daily decisions like using disposable items, can have a huge negative impact on the Earth," says Al Hickey, HSC Western Regional Director. "On the bright side, even small environmentally-friendly acts, like using refillable pens, can have a significant positive influence on the planet."

"Reduce, reuse and recycling will play an even greater role if we are to ensure the Earth remains a reasonably healthy ecosystem," says HSC Executive Director Michael O'Sullivan. "In this rapidly changing, technological era, the amount of garbage being created by our species is staggering. Perfectly functional cell phones and computers, to name but two items, are routinely being discarded in favour of the latest model."

"We need to ensure strict recycling measures are put in place so that all items that can be reused or recycled are."

O'Sullivan also asks people to remember there is a proven link between cruelty towards animals and violence against people.

"Kindness towards animals makes us better people," he says.

What you eat is also important. Many people are reducing the amount of meat in their diet, asking more questions about the impact of factory farms on water quality and purchasing organically grown foods.

How you get to where you're going is another way to help the environment. "Deciding to leave your car at home, when you can walk, bike or roller blade improves you own health and the health of the environment," says O'Sullivan.

The Humane Society of Canada is asking Canadians to start doing the little things that will result in a greener planet so that all species will have a brighter future.

"Remember that, at the end of the day, all of the problems facing animals and nature stand on two feet."



Morrisburg Collegiate Institute Senior Leaving Class, 1906

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Seen 'n Heard

Around the Town

It is kind of nice to be back on a regular schedule. It is weird when Fridays feel like Mondays, and Thursdays seem more like Saturdays. Ah well, another year is behind us and a new one has arrived We've all now made those New Year's resolutions we probably won't keep and hung the new calendars on the walls. So the time is here to buckle down and do what we do every January–curl up on the couch under a warm blanket, catch some extra shut eye, do a little reading, watch a little television...and of course dream of spring.

You can't help but notice though that the days are definitely getting longer. That is a good sign, unless you are a snowmobiler. Because of the lack of snow so far though, we won't go there as we know it must be very disappointing for those who love the winter sport

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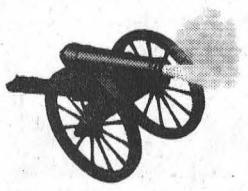
Even though you might not be able to get out on the snowmobile or skis, you can still come on out to the Matilda Winter Carnival set for this weekend January 9-11. The Carnival has been shortened to just one weekend this year and kicks off with the Carnival Queen pageant at Matilda Hall Friday night beginning at 7 p.m. Five lovely young women are after this year's title and entertainment will be provided by Billy Sypes and Lacey Venema.

The snowmobile rally on Saturday has been cancelled, but the annual car rally, this year being run by the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club is a go with registration from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Matilda Hall. There is afternoon entertainment at the Hall, followed by supper and an evening dance featuring Eddie and the Stingrays.

A pancake breakfast will be served Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hall and children's entertainment will be provided by Little Ray's Reptiles at 10 and 11:30 am. A kids fun day is slated for the parking lot from 1-3 p.m. The Brinston Trio performance Sunday night from 7-7:30 followed by an ecumenical church service.

Although the Carnival has been shortened there is something for everyone and the newly-formed organizing committee hopes to see you there.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1994

The January 5 issue reported seven local residents were seeking the Matilda Carnival Queen crown including Jodi DeJong, Marguerite LaFaver, Nonnie Benson, Carole Kirkwood, Tammy Henderson, Sara Tibben and Morgan Allin.

Local retailers were reporting moderately good Christmas sales this year.

Astronaut, Dr. Dave Williams, who was in the area visiting family over the Christmas holidays was preparing for an upcoming mission to the Russian Mir Space Station.

The Morrisburg Fire Department was called to a fire at the Operating Engineers Training Institute where a fire had broken out at the construction site of a new repair building. There was little damage.

In his year end review Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker spoke of the difficulties the township faced in spending, due to the social-contract transfer payment cutbacks. He was hoping that a number of the projects postponed in 1993, due to lack of money, would be carried out in 1994.

1984

In the January 4 issue, local OPP detachments were crediting the year's Anti-Impaired Driving Program with keeping the number of New Year's Eve impaired driving charges to zero.

Weather conditions were good for winter activities at Upper Canada Village which included horse-drawn rides through the village, cross-country skiing on groomed trails, and tobogganing at the Long Sault Parkway, Crysler Park and the Memorial mound. It was expected skating would begin by the weekend on the canal near Bellamy's Mill.

Ross Beckstead was presented a plaque commemorating his 65 years in the Grand Lodge of Williamsburg 349. Making the presentation were Harold Pemberton and Roger Tupper.

The Morrisburg Lions announced they were replacing coach Peter DeRooy, who was in his second season with the club, with Ken Morrow Jr. who had coached the Lions in the mid 70s. Morrow would be joined on the bench by Rowdy Gillard.

1974

The January 4 issue reported the provincial government had named 96 lawyers to the Queen's counsel when Attorney-General Dalton Bales announced the annual New Year's Honors List for the legal profession. Among those honoured was Carlton Fosdick McInnis of Morrisburg, a former reeve of the village and warden of the United Counties, and a current member of municipal council.

A group of Morrisburg church women had undertaken a drive to raise funds to purchase a cardiograph machine for use at the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic in Morrisburg.

Goalie John Vaughan of the Beavers broomball team had a superb night in net as Beavers surprised Mariatown with constant hustling. Bruce Beaupre and Gord Dillabough scored for Beavers in the 2-0 win.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were holding second place in league standings, 10 points behind the Cardinal Broncos. In their latest outing, they had tied the Metcalfe Jets 2-2 on goals by Kevin Duvall and Chuck Irvine. Ron Gravelle and Moe Robinson scored for the Jets.

Noted hockey and baseball star, William K Coir died December 24 at the age of 80. A butcher by trade, he played hockey in Hamilton and Montreal and baseball in Cleveland, Ohio.

1964

The January 2 issue reported the marriage of Judith Marion Elaine Garrah of Kingston to James Murray Ball of Channel, Newfoundland. The wedding took place in Channel where the groom, a native of Morrisburg, was a constable in the RCMP and the bride was an RN at Channel Hospital.

Over 1,600 hockey fans were at the arena for a Saturday match between the Morrisburg Combines and the Syracuse Stars.

Murray A. Ball announced he would sponsor the Morrisburg Orphuns intermediate hockey club to be coached by Henry LeDuc. With Donny Duvall back on the team and Rev. James McGregor, a top player, it was expected that some excellent hockey would be played during January and February.

Charlie Farlinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Farlinger of Morrisburg had returned from attending Reisch American School of Auctioneering at Mason City, Iowa and was expected to go into the auction business.

1954

Headlines in the January 8 issue read Beer Store Bandits Sentenced Today. The young men were sentenced by Magistrate F.M. Cass in connection with the December 4 holdup of the Morrisburg store of the Brewers Warehousing Company in which three employees were robbed, two were brutally assaulted and a customer was assaulted. One was sentenced to six years in penitentiary

Nearly 100 guests attended the reception for the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fetterly of Aultsville. The Fetterlys were married in Hoasic and spent most of their married life farming in the vicinity of Dundas and Aultsville.

The inaugural meeting of the South Dundas High School District Board was held in Iroquois. The new high school district was composed of Morrisburg Iroquois and the greater portions of Matilda and Williamsburg townships. At the meeting B. J. Saver was elected chairman and C.M. Crober as vice chairman.

1934

Not since the hockey record of the famous Maroons, crowned with the Benson Trophy in 1929 and 1930, had Morrisburg fans had an opportunity to witness faster hockey than that which the Tigers were displaying. Unfortunately, the team was having financial problems due to lack of attendance. In their most recent outing the Tigers defeated a powerful Cardinal team 3-2 in overtime. Scoring for the Tigers were Del. Robinson, Chuck Lapierre and Ray James.

The Hanesville correspondent wrote the Christmas concert was a credit to Miss Florence Waddell, teacher.

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SD&G OPP Festive R.I.D.E results

More 12 hour suspensions

SD&G – Local Festive R.I.D.E. results are in and police say, "The increase in 12 hour suspensions is of concern as drivers continue to take a chance in driving after consuming. This decision could be fatal and not worth the well-known consequences, considering all the alternatives available."

During last year's campaign officers checked 3,998 vehicles. That number is up significantly this year to 5,064 vehicles stopped.

There was no change in the number of impaired driving charges laid, at 19 for both years.

The number of 12 hour suspensions went from 13 last year to 32 this year.

Taking into account that more vehicles were stopped this year, the result is an increase over last year.

Roughly 0.3 percent of drivers stopped last year were given 12 hour suspensions. This year the number doubled to 0.6 percent.

As a result of that increase, "The SD&G OPP Traffic Management Plan will continue to include the focus on curbing drinking and driving all year round via enforcement of traffic laws and include strategies such as R.I.D.E. programs."

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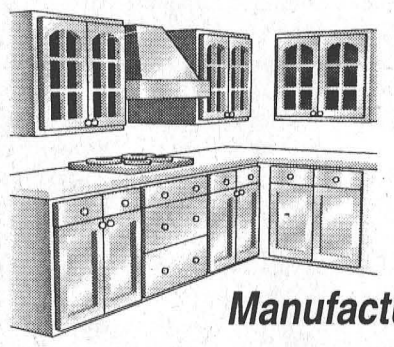
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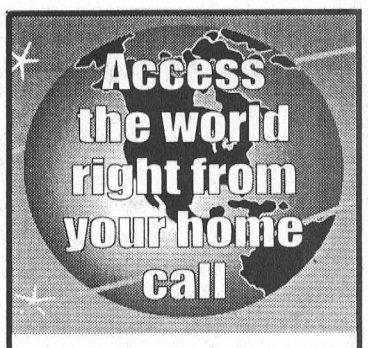

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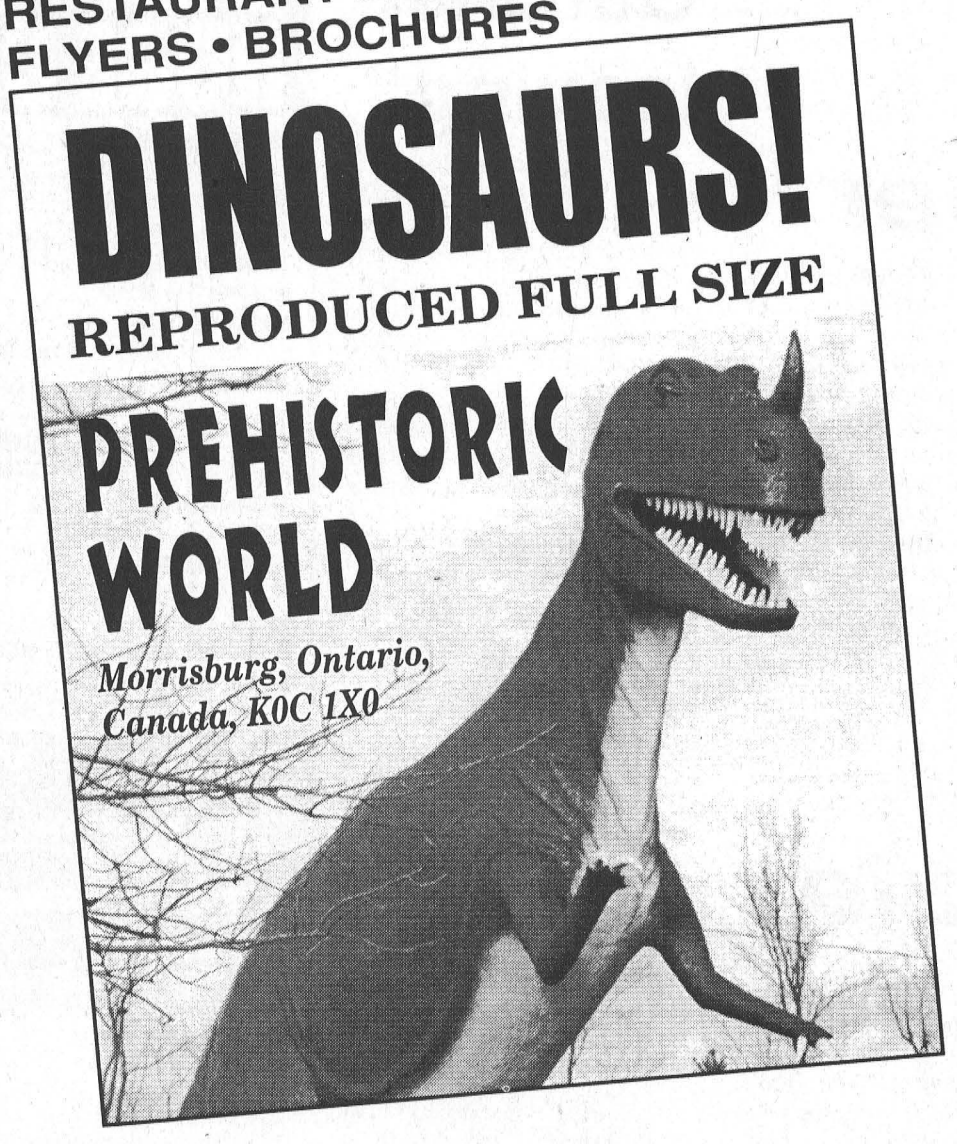

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A winter tradition continues

DIXON'S CORNERS – In danger of losing the Matilda Winter Carnival, a committee of Brinston area residents came forward to ensure the carnival remains a winter tradition.

The newly formed Matilda Winter Carnival Committee consists of Bev Sabourin, Janis Gilmer, Nancy Blokland, Brenda Guerkink, Cindy Peters, Jean Markell, Lloyd Markell, Robert Bennett, Bill Horner and Lorne Strader.

All have been involved with the Carnival in one way or another in the past, so the carnival though slightly revamped, will be much like the carnival of old.

The biggest change is the length of the celebration. Rather than spanning two weekends, everything will take place in one action-packed weekend January 9-11.

The carnival kicks off Friday night at 7 p.m. with the Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant. This year five young women are vying for the title. They are Kaylee Van Haren, Crystal Cantin, Lindsay Fawcett, April Murphy and Tracy Jones.

Pageant-goers will be treated to entertainment by Billy Sypes and Lacey Venema.

The annual car rally is the featured attraction for Saturday. This year the rally is being organized by the Iroquois and Matilda Lions Club. Registration starts at 11 a.m. and concludes at 1 p.m.

Dinner will be provided from 4-6 p.m. by the Brinston United Church and Mary Perry will entertain throughout the afternoon (1-5 p.m.). The day wraps up with a dance featuring music by Eddie and the Stingrays.

Entry into the car rally is $3 per person, dinner is $7 per person and the dance is $8 per person. A special rate of $15 per person is available to anyone participating in all three of the events.

Sunday morning the newly crowned Carnival Queen will be serving up pancakes from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Little Ray's Reptiles will make presentations at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Organizers are hoping to plan a few more activities for Sunday afternoon, and will announce any changes to the schedule Friday night.

Sunday evening the Brinston Trio will perform from 7-7:30 p.m., followed by the ecumenical church service.

All events take place at the Matilda Hall. Due to the mild winter weather the snowmobile rally and sleigh rides are cancelled.

OBITUARIES

Ella May Whitteker

Following a courageous battle with cancer, Ella May Whitteker passed away on December 22 at Winchester Hospital. She was 77.

Ella May was born in Williamsburg Township, April 9, 1926, the daughter of Henry and Effie Barkley (nee Gordier).

In her early years she worked at Woods' Restaurant in Williamsburg and as a mother's helper.

After marrying Harry Whitteker, October 28, 1948 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Manse in Williamsburg, she became a wife and a mother who not only completed her domestic duties on a daily basis, but was also very helpful and capable when it came to doing farm chores.

A lifetime resident of the area, Ella May was a member of the Brinston Rebekah Lodge #342, and enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and quilting.

She was the loving wife of the late Harry Whitteker and dear mother of Russell (Pat) of RR#2 Brinston, and sister to Garnet (Audrey) Barkley of Williamsburg.

Ella May will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Eric (Angie) Whitteker of Winnipeg, Douglas Whitteker of Chesterville, and great-grandchildren Haylee Jade Whitteker-Jensen and Erin Marie Whitteker-Jensen. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ella May was predeceased by sisters Agnes Beckstead, Mildred Beckstead, Viola Noble and brothers Silas Beckstead, Glen Barkley, Orlin Barkley, Henry Barkley and Fred Link.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Friday December 26 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on December 27, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mark Ehlebracht officiating. Interment of cremated remains will be at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston.

Donations to the Children's Wish Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Olive Neild

Olive Neild passed away at Cornwall General Hospital on Thursday, December 25. She was 90 years old.

Born July 5, 1913 in Williamsburg Township, Olive was a homemaker who lived her entire life in the Morrisburg area until a year ago when she moved to the Heritage Manor Retirement Home in Cornwall.

Olive was the daughter of Arthur and Agnes Weagant (nee Gogo), wife of Walter Neild, and dear mother to Harry (Faye) of Cornwall and Lester (Cheryl) of Napanee.

She will be fondly remembered by six grandchildren, Rufina (Lance) Gillette of Potsdam, Rachel Neild of Ottawa, Kevin Neild of Toronto, Laura (Pete) Ryder of Waterdown, Steven Neild of Napanee, and Julie Neild of Napanee.



Olive Neild

She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Olive was predeceased by brothers Luke and Bernard "Bud" Weagant.

She had been a member of the St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg since 1927.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Saturday, December 27 from 1 p.m. until the funeral service at 3 p.m. Rev. Bill Byers officiated. Spring interment will be at St. James Anglican Cemetery, Morrisburg.

Donations to Winchester Hospital or the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Hartley Carkner

Hartley Carkner of RR#2 Iroquois passed away December 26, at Winchester Hospital. He was 83.

The son of Reuben and Elizabeth Carkner (nee Shaw) Hartley was born June 25, 1920 and raised in Williamsburg Township.

In 1938, Hartley moved to Iroquois and got a job at Susie Tindall's orchard on the Iroquois Point, where he worked until 1956 when the orchard property was expropriated by the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

He then went to work at Thompson's Lumber for 18 years before starting his own painting business in 1974. He painted until the summer of 1995, when he decided it was time to retire at the age of 75.

Hartley married Jean Carkner (nee Wilson) in Iroquois on December 21, 1946.

He was predeceased by his wife Jean, a son Glenn, a brother Lloyd, and sisters Marion Warren and Dorothy McMillan.

He will be sadly missed by his children Lyall (Joan) of Cardinal, Betty, Kevin, Paul, and Steven all at home, a sister Muriel English of Brockville and a brother-in-law Arlie English of RR#2 Iroquois. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Hartley enjoyed riding his scooter and visiting with his friends and neighbours.

Friends called at Marsden and McLauglin Funeral Home, Iroquois on Wednesday, December 31, from 10-11 a.m., followed by a service at the funeral home with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Iroquois Point Cemetery. Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Allan MacKenzie

Allan MacKenzie passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Ottawa General Hospital on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, following a brief illness.

Born at North Nation Mills, Quebec on March 1, 1920, Allan's family moved to the farm on MacKenzie Road in South Dundas Township when he was just three months old. He resided there for his entire lifetime.

Allan joined the army in 1939 and served overseas from 1939 until 1945 as a member of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. Following his time in the army his careers included farming, heavy machinery operator, and school custodian.

He especially enjoyed his job as custodian at Elma Public School where he was well known for his good-natured teasing of the staff.

Throughout his life, Allan enjoyed travelling to Northern Ontario and Quebec, and he especially enjoyed taking long walks through the woods.

Allan will be sadly missed by his wife of 47 years, Jean Barkley, his daughters Helen Burke of Kingston and Bonnie MacKenzie of Kitchener, his granddaughter Christine (Christopher) Wright of Peterborough, his sister Evelyn Marker of Smiths Falls and many nieces and nephews throughout the country.

Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in the spring.

Memorial donations to Winchester Hospital or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg.

Christmas Spirit in a jar

Perspectives



Rev. Clarence Witten

"I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month." This is what someone wrote in Better Homes and Gardens. I love the sentiment because I love Christmas. Everyone is so nice at Christmas.

We give gifts to one another. We're generous to the less fortunate. We serve at community Christmas dinners. And everything is so festive: sparkling lights, boughs of green, decorations of all kinds.

I also love getting together with family and friends; lots of conversation, playing games, and lots of laughter.

Of course, part of Christmas is all the food: the tables spilling over with the finest delicacies and some kind of junk food or another always in reach.

Ah, Christmas. Isn't it wonderful. If only there was a way to make it last all year long, especially that "Christmas spirit".

We could try on our own to keep in the Christmas spirit, but I don't think we would do too well. I think if we're honest we'd probably have to admit we find it hard enough to maintain the Christmas spirit through Christmas. As much as we try to be loving, kind, joyful, and generous our old grumpy and selfish selves have a way of surfacing. So a whole year of true Christmas spirit would be nigh to impossible.

As dismal a picture as this may seem, there's hope. I think there really is a way to keep the Christmas spirit all year long.

No, it's not in bottling it up in jars and opening a jar of it every month. Neither is it in us pasting on a smile or trying just a little bit harder. No. The best way of keeping the spirit of Christmas is through Jesus who is the heart of Christmas.

You see, what really is the spirit of Christmas? Well I think most of us would say it's feelings of love. It feels so good to be loved and share love.

It's also feelings of joy. Life has so much struggle and hurt, that it feels good to experience a bit of joy.

And it's feelings of peace. In the middle of life's tension and stress to feel a smidgen of calm and rest.

The absolutely fascinating thing is that those attitudes of love, joy, and peace are precisely the things that Jesus came into the world to give us. The Bible says that when we open our hearts to Jesus and receive Him as our Saviour and Lord, God becomes our Father who showers us with his love and fills our lives with his spirit.

What does God's Spirit give us? The list is found in Galatians 5:22-23, where we read that the "fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace" and so on. So it seems to me if we really want the Christmas spirit all year the best way is to bottle it up, not in jars, but in us. It's to receive Jesus and his Spirit for his spirit alone can give us the "Christmas spirit" all year around.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I hope you enjoyed and shared some Christmas spirit. Now through Jesus, may it be your and mine throughout 2004.

Pastor Clarence Witten
Community Christian
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Golf and water, not a good mix

WILLIAMSBURG – There is some concern that the installation of the water transmission line may affect the golfing season in Iroquois.

The underground line crosses the Iroquois Golf Course, and at a special information meeting with Thompson Rosemount Group councillor Charles Barkley asked, "Will it be completed for the golf season?"

"The contract requires work to be completed within a time frame and then penalties are imposed," said Rick Eamon of TRG. "The contractor has been informed of this."

Barkley said "There is concern that revenues are down because of the disruption and that will cause a bigger problem in the spring."

Gardner leaving

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she has been involved with. She jokes, "I was a mural sander, a tent peg putter inner, a table stacker, and a sign putter upper. I've been everything from Barney in the Christmas parade to a Lions Club member."

Gardner is the first female member of the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, and wears the title proudly.

"That was a definite highlight. For them to take a chance on me, I am grateful for the opportunity."

Gardner first became involved with South Dundas in 1998 under a Youth Services Canada placement, was hired part-time by the municipality as a millennium coordinator and spent two years as a full time heritage coordinator.

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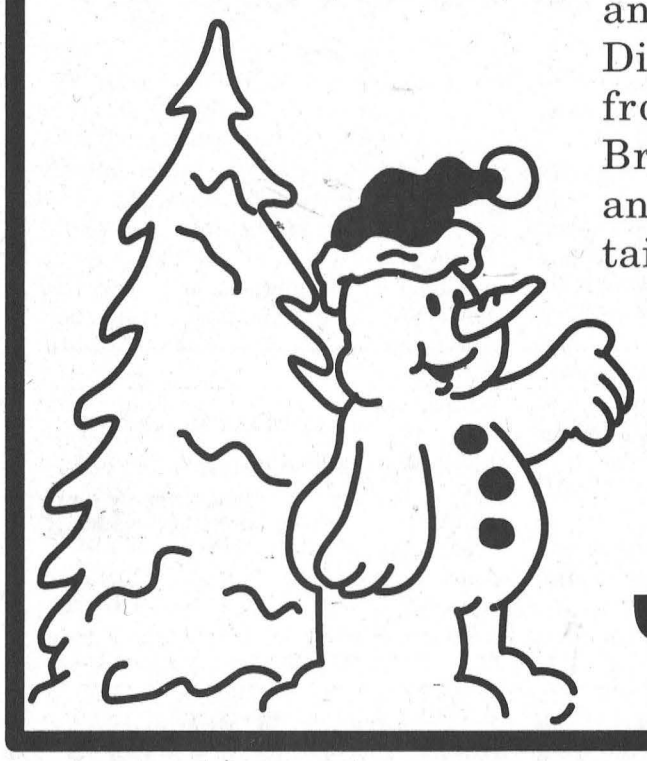
29TH ANNUAL MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL

Friday, January 9th –
7:00 p.m. – MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL QUEEN PAGEANT

This year five young area women are vying for the title. They are Kaylee Van Haren, Crystal Cantin, Lindsay Fawcett, April Murphy and Tracy Jones. Pageant-goers will be treated to entertainment by Billy Sypes and Lacey Venema.

Saturday, January 10th –
ANNUAL CAR RALLY, DINNER & DANCE

This year the rally is being organized by the Iroquois and Matilda Lions Club. Registration starts at 11 a.m. and concludes at 1 p.m. Dinner will be provided from 4-6 p.m. by the Brinston United Church and Mary Perry will entertain throughout the afternoon (1-5 p.m.). The day wraps up with a dance featuring music by Eddie and the Stingrays. Entry into the car rally is $3 per person, dinner is $7 per person and the dance is $8 per person. A special rate of $15 per person is available to anyone participating in all three of the events.



Sunday, January 11th – PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The newly crowned Carnival Queen will be serving up pancakes from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The day will be filled with entertainment for the kids. Little Ray's Reptiles will make presentations at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Organizers will announce further afternoon activities on Friday night.

Sunday evening the Brinston Trio will perform from 7-7:30 p.m., followed by the ecumenical church service.

All events take place at the Matilda Hall. Due to the mild winter weather the snowmobile rally and sleigh rides are cancelled.

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2003 - Sports in Review - 2003

Action on the Morrisburg links

The year's golf action got swinging in the middle of April, and the course came through the winter in good shape. It was expected the course would see even more improvement as the season progressed when, in May, the club got word that its permit to pump water from the river had been approved and the anticipated water system could now be installed. A $30,000 Trillium grant had been received in the fall and was dependent upon the approval for the water.

The first big club event of the season was the annual Men's Open Tournament which was won by Prescott golfer Drew Edmonds who led the field of 91 golfers with a 70. Dean Cummins won B flight with a 78 and Mitch Cassell won C with an 82.

It was another full field for the annual Top Flite Mixed Two-Ball tournament sponsored by Sam Moss, and prevailing through a cool, wet day was the brother-sister duo of Sam Laurin and Linda Barclay who posted an 80 for the win.

The Club Championships were the next big item on the agenda and when the final ball dropped in the cup it was Kevin Duvall with rounds of 76-73 and Barb Sheridan (96-93) claiming the men's and ladies' championships. Mike Deschamps won the men's B championship and Terry Laurin took C. In the ladies field it was Diane Gallinger winning B, Sherry Boulerice taking C and Kitty Moore claiming D.

It was a day of very close play at the ladies annual open tournament in August which attracted a field of 80 plus golfers. Morrisburg's Monique Patenaude shot an 84 and then took the win over Upper Canada's Elaine Harward in a playoff. Morrisburg's Donna Dillabough shot a 92 and claimed the B flight championship in a playoff against Cornwall's Georgette Carrigan, and Kitty Moore (107) won the D flight title in a playoff against fellow Morrisburg golfer Heather Black.

The season closed with final men's and ladies tournaments. Club captain Lance Lepage shot a 72 to win the men's events, and Monique Patenaude and Barb Sheridan combined for an 80 to win the two-person ladies event.

Installation of the course's water system started in the fall but was sidelined by wet weather with expectations it would be finished early in the spring of 2004.

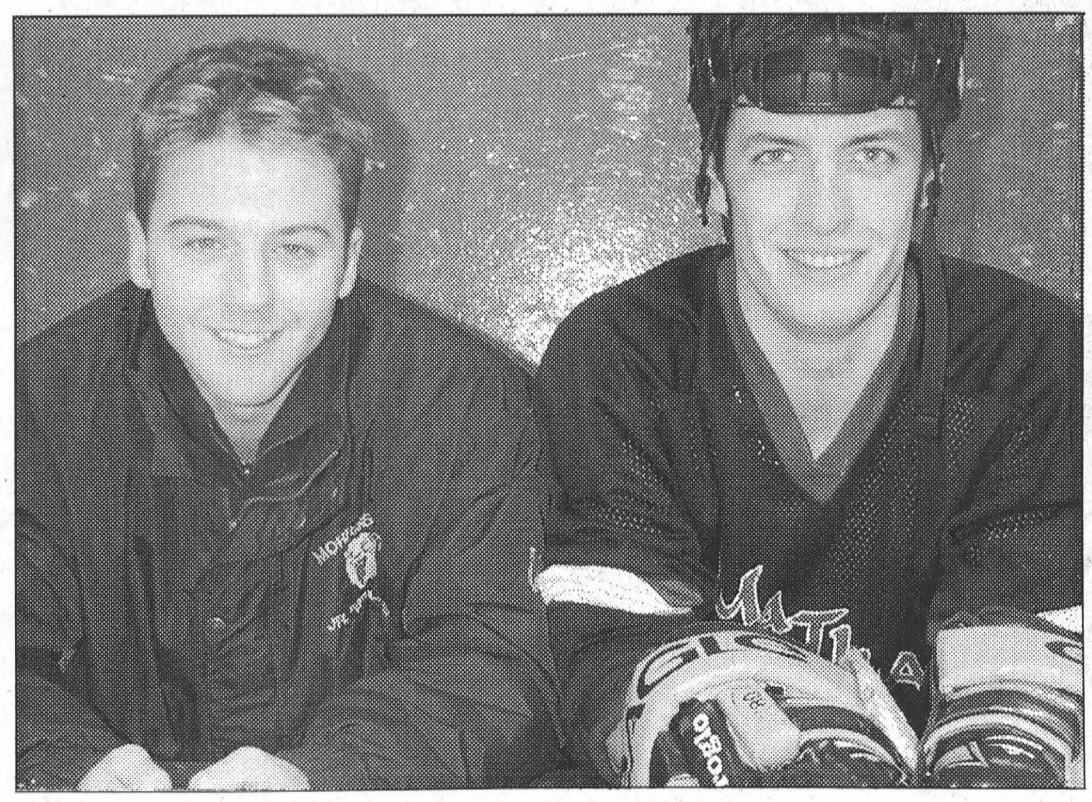
At the club's annual fall meeting Sam Laurin was elected president replacing outgoing president Bob Barclay and new faces on the executive were that of Donna Dillabough and Bonnie McNairn who were elected vice-presidents. Also new to the board were greens chair Jeff Cassell and ladies club captain Monique Patenaude. Roy Gummeson (seniors) Sean Boulerice (treasurer) Lance Lepage (club captain) and Alice McNairn (secretary) were all returned to their positions.

Golfers representing the club on the various teams this year were:

Ladies Valley–Bonnie McNairn, Monique Patenaude, Brenda Stitt, Barb Sheridan, Diane Gallinger, Debbie Mabo, Judy Laurin, Sherry Boulerice, Carolyn Beckstead, Giselle Hooles, Kitty Moore, Becky Harper, Helen Youmelle and Donna Dillabough.

Men's Border–Kevin Duvall, Brian McNairn, Mike Deschamps, Pete Larose, Lance Lepage, Charlie Moore, Jeremy Stewart, Scott Corden, Garry Beckstead and Gary Besner.

Men's Valley–Tim Smith, Kevin Duvall, Brian McNairn, Lance Lepage, Mike Deschamps, Scott Corden, Garry Beckstead, Mike Barclay, Jack Newsom, Terry Laurin, Rob Stitt, Alf Gorman, Harold Chalker and Jeremy Stewart.





Lions lose key veterans to overage

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions opened the year with a 6-1 win over the South Grenville Rangers to head into the home stretch of regular season play in fifth place behind Akwesasne.

They gained momentum under head coach Garry Beckstead in late January dumping first place Alexandria, 9-6, and second place Kemptville, 7-3, to remain in contention for a playoff position.

Charlie Froment, Wayne Garlough and Jon Chambers were named to the St. Lawrence Division's Veteran All-Star team and rookies named to the "Prospects All Star Team included goaltender Matt Van Egmond, defenceman Cody Casselman and forwards Danny Schwartz and Justin Elliott.

The Lions took their game right to the wire, and in a must-win game for both the Lions and the Wolves they downed Akwesasne 8-3 to claim fourth place and the final playoff spot.

The St. Lawrence Division all-star teams were announced at the end of February and the Lions named to the first team were Wayne Garlough to left wing and Jon Chambers to defence. Charlie Froment was named to the second all-star team and Cody Casselman to the rookie squad.

The Lions headed into the first playoff round against the Alexandria Glens and hung up their skates in five games.

In May, the Leader featured a story on defenceman Cody Casselman who had been called up by the Nepean Raiders (he was drafted by them in 2002) and became part of the Raiders team to win the Central League Championship.

At the annual awards banquet, Wayne Garlough and Charlie Froment were co-recipients of the most valuable player trophy. Froment was the Lions leading scorer and also named best forward while Garlough had the most assists. Jon Chambers was named most valuable defenceman and Cody Casselman the rookie of the year. Goaltender Jamie Lalonde was named most valuable player in the playoffs, Matt Bailey won the Lady Bing and Justin Elliott the coaches award.

The Lions kicked off the 2003/2004 season in September with their annual training camp which attracted 50 players. They opened the year's schedule losing on the road to Char-Lan 7-2 but produced a 5-1 home-ice win over the Winchester Hawks. Unfortunately they would not pick up their next win until November.

Early in December John Rice, who founded the Lions, was presented a pass to all Junior B Hockey games by Lions G.M. Ron Casselman in recognition of his contributions and support of Junior B hockey over the years.

Just in time for Christmas, the Lions defeated Westport 7-6 in overtime thanks to a five goal performance from Jason Denio. As the year closed, the battle for the basement continued between the Lions and the Winchester Hawks, with the Lions moving slightly ahead.

Odds and ends in 2003 sports

On the ball diamond, the White's won the annual Junior B Blooperball tournament run in conjunction with Tubie weekend and towards the end of August at the arena, Orange Crush claimed the regular season ball hockey championships in a tight battle with White Lightning. White Lightning then reversed the situation in the playoffs to take that win.

The U14 Seaway Kickers who played out of Iroquois won the Dundas County League Soccer Championship.

The Iroquois Minor girls won their league championship and in Williamsburg in late August fifth place Barkley's Beefcakes upset the Bootleggers to win the Williamsburg Slo-Pitch Championship. Iroquois Slo-Pitch action was dominated by the Shavers who were undefeated in the regular and playoff season.

The Randy McKay golf tournament at Cedar Glen raised $7,000 to be split between the South Stormont and South Dundas Minor Hockey Associations and golfers raised $3,700 for the Winchester Hospital breast screening and awareness programs at the fourth annual Let's Go for Breast Cancer Awareness tournament.

In September the Morrisburg and District Lions club made its final $50,000 payment of its $120,000 pledge to the Morrisburg Arena and the Morrisburg Legion had a record response for the Annual Terry Fox run with 70 supporters showing up.

Down Riverside way, the Merkleys won the 15th annual Family Blooperball Tournament and the Riverside Snowmobile Club, thanks to its "best-ever" snow drags, donated $4,000 to CHEO and $2,000 to Winchester Hospital's Renewing the Vision campaign.

Early November saw the opening of a Nature Trail east of Iroquois through a partnership between Domtar and DIAMONDS, and in conjunction with minor hockey's Lions' Day, the new "Leo the Lion" mascot, cosponsored by all South Dundas teams and club using the Lions logo, was introduced to the community. Leo was made welcome by Mayor Lyle Van Allen.

The Seaway Square dance club, under the direction of Harold and Marion Moore danced the old year away to celebrate their club's 15th anniversary.





Iroquois Public, a force to be reckoned with

In elementary school sports, Iroquois Public had outstanding results in 2003.

At the South East Regional Track and Field meet in the spring, Brittany Elliott was named top junior girl for the second consecutive year breaking two records on the track, and Bret Avery took top junior boy with a pair of firsts in the 100m and long jumps. From St. Cecilia, Dominic Petralia claimed top senior boy.

Morrisburg Public School dominated on the ball diamonds, with both their junior girls and boys claiming the annual three-pitch championships.

The champs for the girls included Meghan Adams, Kaila Beckstead, Kari Bennett, Jessica Loucks, Bailey Hollister, Rikki Johnston, Jessica Page, Kristen Lapierre, Jessica Dodge, Aaron Mabo, Arial Gillard and Taylar Tippins.

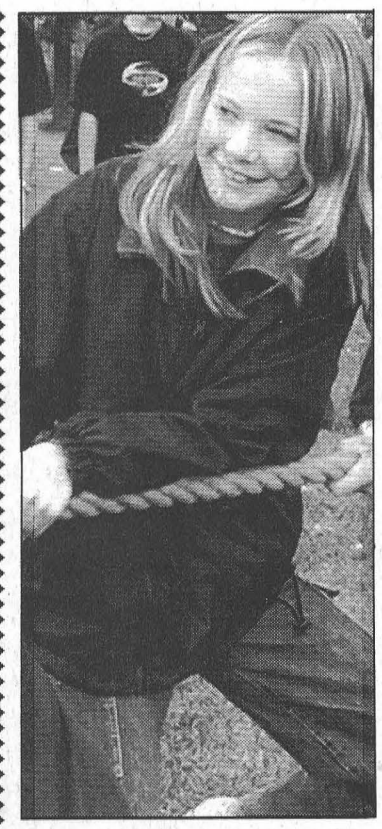
The championship lineup for the boys included Vincent Bilmer, Curtis Whitteker, Scott Summers, Tommy Keyes, Spencer Peters, Nicholas Thomas, Conner Hodgson, Jay Keller, Jesse McKeown, Michael Langlois, Harley Welsh and Drew Morrow.

The first big event when school went back in September was the Cross-country run at Iroquois Point attended by 1,091 students.

Again Iroquois public had a big day producing the top peewee girls team which included Casey Leizert, Jessica Thompson, Jessica Earl and Chloe Smellink.

Heading indoors in late fall, the Iroquois Public school senior girls volleyball team set to work on a very impressive record winning the Board's Tournament of Champions after placing first in the East Division.

They had an enviable match record of 30 wins and only three losses, and the champs included Courtney Vivaraies, Bailey Hollister, Jane Moss, Kathleen German, Taylore Mattice, Melissa MacLeod, Sierra Gillard, Jenna Shay, Stephenie Cochrane, Candace Billings and coach Dan Armstrong.





Morrisburg skaters set all time club record

Figure skater Jessica Thompson kicked off 2003 by earning a sport on the Team Eastern Ontario with her best ever skate at the Eastern Ontario Trillium Star Skate Invitational Championship. Jessica won her flight and placed second in the finals besting 75 skaters at the pre-preliminary level to cut a spot on the Eastern Ontario team which would compete in Whitby in March.

Skaters in the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club had a huge season winning a number of team trophies at area competitions including the top points trophy at the Winchester Invitational in late March to set an all-time club record.

The club season drew to an official end with the performance of the annual skate show, this year dubbed "DeJaview" and featuring Sailor Moon, the Flintstones, Hawaii 5-0 and Gilligan's Island.

Cameron Keicks capped off a good year completing his gold skate levels in dance and interpretive skating to add to his gold level previously achieved in skills.

After the summer break, the skaters headed back to the Morrisburg arena for another season start, and they literally picked up where they had left off winning the Gilmer Pharmacy Points Trophy at the Morrisburg Invitational skate in late November which attracted 328 skaters in the two day event.

In total the Morrisburg skaters picked up 11 gold medals, two from each of Brianna Stewart and Brenna German and singles from Lyndsay Gilmer, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Kelsey Hall, Meghan Adams, Jessica Thompson, Courtney Thompson, and Morgan Baxter.

The next stop, in early December, was the Mighty Strokes for Mini Folks competition in Athens where another seven gold medals were captured. Meghan Adams and Brianna Stewart claimed two wins each and Kelsey Hall and Kaitlyn MacDonald added singles. In the team event Team Avalanche, which included Adams, Hall, Hayley Mills, Brianna Stewart, Amy Veltkamp and Kaitlyn MacDonald, claimed gold.



Big League Champions *McNairn Photo*

Members of the Morrisburg Big League team that won the 2003 championship got together one more time before the end of the year last Tuesday night. The girls won the championship late last summer taking the first playoff round two games to one against Winchester for the right to advance to the championship final against Williamsburg. The first game was a close match with Morrisburg taking the win 3-2. Williamsburg came back in game two for an 8-4 win to even the series at a game apiece. Morrisburg won the championship in game three with a 16-9 win in six innings. Pictured above the champs are, front l-r, Amanda Annable, Lindsay Whitteker, Kaylee Morrell, Carrie VanAllen, Karla Nugent, Kimberley O'Neill. Back l-r coaches Garry O'Neill and Perry Morrell, Ashley Parker, Abbey McCann, Jenny Dillabaugh, Adrienne Leroy, Kristen Lemaire, Jennifer Jones and coach Gerry Whitteker. Absent-Tracy Jones.

Bantam Bs lose in final

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Bantam C House Lions played good hockey to work their way to the championship of their Christmas break tournament here on Monday, December 29, but then fell victim to Char-Lan 3-1.

The Lions opened in the tournament with a 3-1 win over South Grenville, falling behind 1-0 in the first period.

"In the first period we were still asleep," said coach Dale Lewis. "South Grenville came out playing hard and Jordan Hawn made some good saves."

The Lions got their legs in the second and third periods, Jordan Derue tying the game late in the second with help from Kurtis Corry.

They turned it on in the third for a pair of goals from Dustin Gillard, assisted by Jordan Cooke, and Sebastien Brassard who nailed his first goal of the season after making a nice move around South Grenville goaltender Michael Campbell.

In game two goaltender Steven Baird was unbeatable as the Lions went to work for a 3-0 victory.

Brassard kicked it off in the first period with help from Liam Mills and early in the second Dustin Gillard put them up 2-0 with help from Brad Munroe. The two then switched it up for goal number three, this time Munroe putting it in the net and Gillard providing the assist.

The win put the Lions in the A championship final against Char-Lan who came out on top 3-1.

"Char-Lan had a very good team plan," said Lewis. "They looked after their own end first. They made us make mistakes and then scored on them."

Char-Lan went up 2-0 midway into the first period on goals by Andrew Cattanall and Matt Levac which came just nine seconds apart.

The Lions got one back late in the frame from Bryce Fournier, unassisted to tighten it to 2-1, but that would be it.

Jeffrey Duval counted Char-Lan's insurance marker late in the second period and then hung on for the 3-1 championship win.

South Stormont worked their way to the B final to claim the crown with a 4-3 win over South Grenville, and North Dundas claimed the C championship with a 3-1 win over Smiths Falls.

In league play the Lions kicked off the new year with a pair of wins, a 9-1 victory over the Kemptville 2s on Saturday and a 5-1 victory over NGS in Finch on Sunday.

They opened strong against NGS, Issac Streit, Nathan McDonell and Kurtis Corry all counting in the first period. NGS got one back early in the second. With 1:29 showing on the clock Dustin Gillard struck unassisted to boost the Lions advantage to 4-1.

Streit polished it off with the Lions final goal in the third period for the 5-1 win.

Jordan Hawn had a solid game with two assists and Jordan Cooke, Brad Munroe, and Gillard had one assist each.

Details for the 9-1 victory over the Kemptville 2s were not provided.

Two wins

Lions roar into the new year

MORRISBURG–The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were on the prowl as they skated into the new year, and for the first time this season they swept their weekend action.

Not only did they sweep their action, but they kicked it off Saturday night in Williamstown by knocking off the first place Char-Lan Rebels 5-2.

Following that they hosted the Winchester Hawks on Sunday, putting together a powerful four-goal first period and then holding on for a 4-3 win.

Saturday night in Williamstown, the Lions led throughout the game. Pat McLeod put them on the scoreboard 2:04 into the game and at 13:55 of the first period Kyle Jarvis added goal number two.

The Rebels got one back from Julian Moffat at 15:23 and the 2-1 Lions lead held throughout the second period and into the third when, at 7:14 Matt Walsh put them up 3-1.

The power-play unit then went to work for a pair of goals, the first from Pat Sauve at the 10 minute mark and the second from Chad Galipeau just 35 seconds later.

Derek Crawford scored the Rebels final goal with less than one minute left in the game leaving the Lions with the 5-2 win.

Jeff McIntyre saw action in net for the Lions facing 34 shots, while the Lions had 31 shots against Rebels goaltender Anthony Fricchione.

The Lions were assessed nine minor penalties and the Rebels drew 11 minors, a double minor, a five minute fighting major and game misconduct.

Jason Denio picked up three assists and Pat Sauve backed his single goal with two assists. Also helping out on two goals was Cory Gove.

Jon Chambers, Tyler Lafortune and Kyle Jarvis all picked up single assists.

Sunday afternoon on home ice, the Lions put together a ferocious four-goal first period and then hung on for the rest of the game for a 4-3 win.

Pat Sauve started it off at 3:33 of the first period with help from Jon Chambers, and less than one minute later Chad Galipeau struck for a 2-0 lead with the assist going to Justin Elliott.

The Hawks came back strong with back-to-back goals from Robyn Sadler and Shawn Smail to even it at 2-2, but the period was far from over.

The Lions struck for two more, at 16:50 and 18:06, from Tyler Lafortune and Matt McBean, respectively, to carry a 4-2 lead into the second period.

The Lions would be unable to put anything more past Hawks goaltender Nick Bergamini, while the Hawks beat Jeff McIntyre once more while on the power-play at 8:55 of the third period.

The Lions were assessed seven minor penalties and the Hawks sat out four minors.

Cory Gove assisted on two goals, Pat Sauve added one assist to his goal, and Jon Chambers, Justin Elliott and Kyle Jarvis had one assist each.

The weekend wins help stretch the gap between the Lions and the last place Hawks, the Lions now holding fifth place with 22 points.

Coming up, the Lions host Alexandria Friday, January 9 at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday, January 11 they are on the road to Kemptville for a 7:15 p.m. game.

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The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG–Steve Boucher and Allan Black may have played the final of the Two-Person Bonspiel on sheet 'B' over the holidays, but they won the overall title this year, the 'A' Championship. My usual apologies for the error.

The champions in the Friday night mixed league-first draw are Gerry and Cheryl Thompson and Paul and Ruth Robertson. The Friday nighters are back at it this week.

Next week, TSN is televising the Canadian Mixed Championship, from Schumacher, Ontario. Two weeks later is the Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Championships from Vernon, B.C. Good viewing is ahead for all who love curling.

The Canadian Curling News, recently brought back from near oblivion, lists the top 50 money winners in its December edition. On the men's side, Wayne Middaugh, Glenn Howard and Randy Ferby hold down the top three spots. You have to scan to 19 to find Russ Howard, and 31 for Ed Werenich. Times are changing. On the women's side, Sherry Andersen, Shannon Kleibrink and Jennifer Jones were the top three, with Anne Merklinger 15th, and Sherry Middaugh in 20th spot. Recent results have doubtless shifted some of these positions.

'Sweep' reported last month that Randy Ferby has been laid off from his job in the oil business. He was told it wasn't because of the time he took off work, but perhaps it was a factor. Even with the more respectable paydays the top curlers have now, it isn't a living. Curlers need full time jobs, and time off for curling can be a problem–unless you manage a golf course, like some people.

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NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

We thought we were doing well with the curling sticks many of our seniors use. The first annual Canadian Wheelchair Championship was held in November at the Toronto Cricket and Curling Club. The winners are off to Sursee, Switzerland later this month for the World Wheelchair Championship.

We know our curling sticks extend the time those who love the game can play it, and it would be nice to see local people confined to wheelchairs still competing at some level. A video is available from the CCA and Curl Ontario, and Ontario plans to extend the development of the sport to centres including Ottawa next year. Now if only our club was wheelchair accessible...

Looking beyond the next Winter Olympics to 2010, the Games are being held in Vancouver, a fact burned into the minds of those guiding the Canadian Curling Association and the World Curling Federation.

It is expected that, after hockey, curling will be the top focus for Canadians at the Games. With Canada as the preeminent nation and promoter for curling in the world, people like Warren Hansen, manager of media relations for the CCA, said recently, "If Canada doesn't do it right, it's certainly unlikely that another country will be in a position to improve on Canada's profile at the Olympics." We look forward to exciting qualifying competitions to choose our representatives at the Winter Olympics.

And finally, this weekend, the Holiday Inn/Best Western Challenge is scheduled at the local club.

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ALL persons having claims against the Estate of Donald Frederick Merkley, late of R.R. 1, Iroquois, Ontario, K0E 1K0, who died on or about the 3rd day of November, 2003, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of January, 2004, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not be liable to any person whose claims he shall not then have notice.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2003.

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MORRISBURG GOLF CLUB SENIORS POTLUCK SUPPER
Will be held at the clubhouse for members and guests Thurs., Jan. 8, 6 p.m., followed by a movie. 53-1p

INFORMATION SESSION ON FINANCIAL PLANNING, WILLS & TRUSTS
Speaker: Mr. Orville Endicott, Legal Council to Community Living Ontario; Session 1: Mon., Jan. 12, 7 p.m., Community Living Dundas County, 55 Allison Avenue, Morrisburg. Session 2: Tues., Jan. 13, 7 p.m., Community Living Stormont County, 280 Ninth Street West, Cornwall. 1c

WILLIAMSBURG ODDFELLOWS COMING EVENTS
Sat., Jan. 10, Kathy and Friends, 8–12, light lunch served, $6 admission; Sat., Jan. 24, Seaway Valley Country, 8–12, light lunch served, $6 admission; Sat., Jan. 31, Country and Western Jamboree, Merrickville Legion, 2–10, sponsored by Williamsburg Oddfellows Branch #349, supper and jamboree $10, proceeds for Camp Trillium Kids With Cancer; Sun., Feb. 8, fish fry, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., all you can eat, $10. 1p

MEN'S SENIOR HOCKEY GAME
Sat., Jan. 10, St. Lawrence Falcons vs Cobourg Lynx at Leo Boivin Community Centre in Prescott, 8:20 p.m. 1p

DEATHS

PREVOST, Dominic and Liam – Suddenly at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Wednesday, December 24, 2003. Infant twin sons of Martin Prevost and Marsha Markell of Morrisburg. Dear brothers of Jordan. Maternal grandsons of Ricky and Margaret Markell of RR# 2, Brinston. Paternal grandsons of Bernard Prevost of Hull and Lise Grenier (Paul Lozier) of Gatineau. Maternal great-grandsons of Iona DeVries of Cornwall and Rene (Sandra) DeVries of Avonmore. Paternal great-grandsons of Armande Grenier of Maniwaki. Dear nephews of Richard Prevost of Calumet and Pascal Prevost of Vanier. Also survived by several great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins. A private family graveside service was held at St. James Anglican Cemetery, Morrisburg, on Monday, January 5, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Joachim Barkley-Probst officiating. Donations to the Infant Memory Program at the Ottawa Civic Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg. 1p

WYATT, Morris W.–Suddenly at the Winchester & District Memorial Hospital, on Tuesday, December 30, 2003. Morris Wyatt of Iroquois in his 81st year. Dear son of the late Connell and Pearline Wyatt. Dear companion of the late Irene Vittorio and her son Sammy. Loving bother of Lawrence (Vi) of Kars and Shirley Gibson of Iroquois. Predeceased by five brothers, Lloyd, Donald, Lyle, Roy and Clair, and by one sister Cora Easter. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois, on Wednesday, from 1–2. Funeral service with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 7, 2004, at 2 p.m. Donations to the Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. 1c

CUMMINGS, Evelyn Lois–Peacefully at Lennox and Addington County General Hospital on Friday, January 2, 2004, Evelyn Fetterly. Beloved wife of the late Brock Cummings. Dear mother of Richard (Agassiz, B.C.) and Heather and Gary Shetler, Napanee. Dear sister of Lula Eamer, Murla McMahon, Gwenneyth McMillan and Bert Reveller. Sister-in-law of Irene Fetterly. Fondly remembered by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brothers Milton and Thomas. The family received friends at the Wannamaker-Tierney Funeral Home, Napanee, on Sunday, from 2–4 and 7–9 p.m. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Monday, January 5, at 10 a.m. Interment was held Monday afternoon at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the L&A Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. 1c

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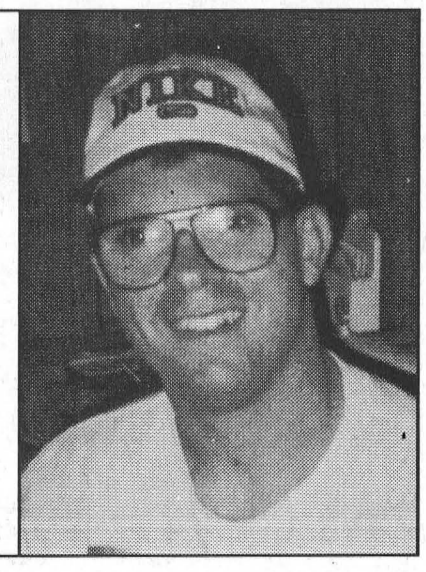

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We also gratefully acknowledge the following: Morrisburg & District Lion's Club; Iroquois/Matilda Lions Club; SDS Kerr/Beaver Dental; Operating Engineers; Seaway District High School; T.R. Leger School; the Catholic Parishes of St. Mary and St. Cecilia; the Anglican Parish of St. James and St. John; St. Mary, St. Cecilia School; Lakeshore Drive United Church; Iroquois United Church; Williamsburg United Church; Matilda Pastoral Charge; Knox Presbyterian Church; Knox Women's Club; St. Paul's Lutheran Church; St. Luke's Parish; St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish; Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church; Matilda Christian Reformed Church; Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle; Helping Hands; St. Mary's, St. Cecilia's Catholic Women's League; Riverside Women's Institute; Seaway Valley Pharmacy; Morrisburg Leader; Iroquois Chieftain; Craig Packaging; Mike's Valu-mart; S&F Foodland; Good Companions; Whitteker's Meat Market; Smyth's Apple Orchard; John Verhoeven Egg Farm; Canadian Tire Corporation; Giant Tiger; Home Hardware; Bank of Montreal - Morrisburg & Iroquois; Bank of Nova Scotia; Royal Bank; St. Lawrence Medical Clinic; Williamsburg Royal Canadian Legion; The Beer Store - Morrisburg; Friendly Brothers Lodge; Order of the Eastern Star, Morrisburg and Iroquois Branches; Iroquois Royal Canadian Legion; Iroquois Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary; MorrisGlen Seniors; Nestles; McIntosh Inn; Ducks Unlimited; and the many remarkably generous private donors.

Thanks to your participation and generosity, over 200 food hampers and toys for almost 250 children were distributed to those in need, helping to make the Christmas Season a bit brighter. Once again, ***Well Done South Dundas!!*** (If we have inadvertently missed any group, business or organization, please accept our apology and our sincere thanks for your part in the success of this year's campaign.)

South Dundas Christmas Exchange Committee

Lions, Selects meet head on in final

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Atom C House Lions scored 17 goals and gave up just one in two games to advance to the A championship final in their home Christmas break tournament here last Tuesday.

Unfortunately, in the final they met head on with a determined South Stormont Selects squad that collected three quick second period goals for a 4-2 championship win.

John Cleary opened the Selects scoring with an unassisted goal late in the first period.

In the second Austyn Ryan put them up 2-0 with help from Jordan Chisholm.

The Lions got one back from Marc Beckstead assisted by Dylan DeJong and Leah Wells with 3:22 left in the second period, but the Selects weren't finished yet. In the last minute of play they collected another two goals from Cleary and Scott Maloney, both unassisted to take a 3-1 lead.

Beckstead counted his second, and the Lions final, goal of the game with help from Andrew Zandbergen in the third period leaving the Selects with a 4-2 win.

"It was a hard fought game and exciting for the fans," said coach Ernie Beckstead who commended all of the players on all of the four teams in the tournament. "The kids never got to take their equipment off from the time they got dressed until after the finals."

"With no rest of more than an hour between games all the kids put on great finals," he said adding a thank you to the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association for allowing the tournament to go ahead with just four teams.

In the B side of the tournament, Russell claimed the crown with a 5-3 win over Char-Lan.

The Lions opened strong in the tournament with an 8-1 win over the Russell Warriors, Brittney Bekkers nabbing the lone Warrior goal midway into the first period.

Marc Beckstead led the Lions scoring with three goals and Andrew Zandbergen, Michael Zandbergen, Andrew Beatson, Philip German and Dylan DeJong provided singles.

In game two the Lions went on a powerful scoring attack for a 9-0 win over the Char-Lan Rebels.

Andrew Zandbergen led the scoring with three goals, and Marc Beckstead had a pair of goals and three assists. Single goals came from the sticks of Michael Zandbergen, Philip German, Dylan DeJong and Luc Plamondon.

The Lions goaltending is provided by Hunter Jones and Jeremy Hough.

Coach Beckstead thanked the tournament sponsors which included Hartley's Sport Shop, Canadian Tire, Mike's Valu-mart and Tim Hortons.

"And a special thanks to all the parents, referees and rink staff for making the tournament run so smoothly."

Peewee B Lions upset favourites

ARNPRIOR– The South Dundas Peewee B Lions gave a good accounting of themselves in a 12-team, three division tournament here on the weekend when they worked their way to the tournament championship and along the way scored a major upset victory.

The Lions opened in the event with a devastating 11-0 shutout over the Deep River Knights and then backed that up with a 6-1 win over the Goulbourn Minor Rams.

In game three they met the hungry Smiths Falls Bears team and were forced to settle for a 3-1 loss their lone goal coming from Daniel Stevens assisted by Connor Hodgson and David Toonders.

Despite the loss, the Lions advanced to the Sunday afternoon semi-finals with a wild card berth to go up against the tournament favourites from Russell/Metcalfe, who were undefeated this year and who hadn't yet given up a goal during the tournament.

But they hadn't yet met up with the Lions, who would produce one of their best games of the season to nab Russell/Metcalfe for a 4-3 win and the right to advance to the final.

Scoring for the Lions were Daniel Stevens with two assisted by Drew Morrow and Spencer Peters, Connor Hodgson from Daniel Stevens and Drew Hutt on a penalty shot.

In the final the Lions came up against a fast skating, good passing, take the body Pembroke Kings, and lost a 5-2 decision. Scoring for the Lions were David Toonders helped by Drew Morrow and Michel Thurler, and Connor Hodgson assisted by Daniel Stevens.

In game one against Deep River, Lucas Stewart was in net for the shutout while Drew Hutt led the scoring attack with three goals. Curtis Van Allen and Drew Morrow had two goals each and singles came from the sticks of Daniel Stevens, Michel Thurler, David Toonders and Jordan McCaslin. Both Connor Hodgson and Tommy Keyes assisted on three goals.

In the 6-1 win over Goulbourn Connor Hodgson scored twice and Drew Morrow, Daniel Stevens, Patrick Chesboro and David Toonders had singles. Drew Hutt, Josh Veltkamp and Spencer Peters helped out on two goals each.

Peewee B House

Lose heartbreaker

BROCKVILLE–An unassisted goal from Kemptville's Reilly Winterbottom with 5:41 left in the championship of a peewee B house tournament was the deciding factor in a highly contested match between Kemptville and the South Dundas Lions here last Monday.

Carson Broccolo opened the scoring midway into the first period, but the Lions came roaring back to even it with a goal from Bailey Hollister assisted by Derek Hutt.

The 1-1 tie held throughout the second period and well into the third when Winterbottom nabbed Lions goaltender Kyle Gallinger for the winner.

The Lions were strong throughout the tournament opening with a 7-2 win over Gananoque and then downing Kingston 5-2 for the right to advance to the championship final.

The Lions led Gananoque 1-0 after the first period on Kyle Saunders' first of two goals. They turned it on to outscore their opponents 3-2 in the second to carry a 4-2 advantage into the third period.

Eric Heldens and Matthew McNairn both scored unassisted in the second period and Joseph Streit added goal number four with help from Heldens.

The third period was dominated by the Lions with Saunders and Heldens hitting for their second goals and Bailey Hollister adding a single in the 7-2 win.

For their next match the Lions met up with Kingston and after a scoreless first period they went up 2-1 in the second on counters from McNairn and Austin Marcellus.

Kyle Saunders, Bailey Hollister and Lance Hodgson provided the third period scoring for the 5-2 Lions win. Hollister and Zachary Dowson counted one assist each.

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2003 **Lesabre Custom,** silver, cloth interior, fully equipped, 28,000 kms. **Sale Priced $24,495.**
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2002 **Intrigue,** blue, fully equipped including power seat, fold down back seat & more, 30,000 kms. **Sale Priced $16,395.**
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2002 **Alero GL,** 4 dr., red, V6, auto., air, power seat, fully equipped, 26,600 kms. **Sale Priced $13,495.**
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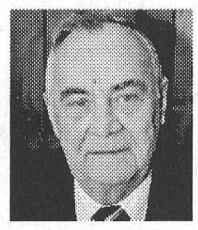
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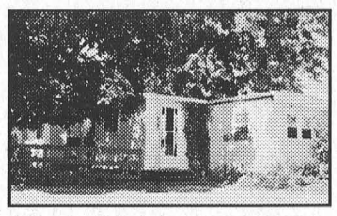
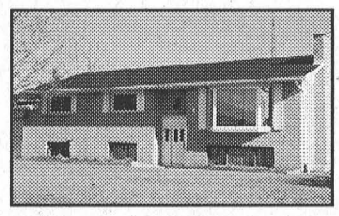

MORRISBURG – Three bedroom Mobile Home. Great shape, well maintained. Washer and dryer hook up in storage room. Upgrades includes windows, gas furnace, central air, laminated flooring in living room and hallway. Asking $22,000. MLS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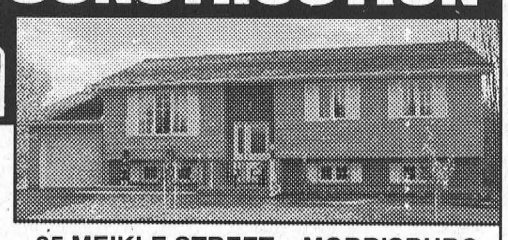

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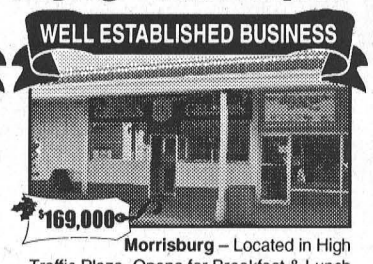
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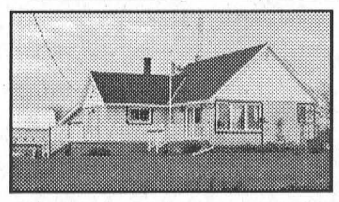
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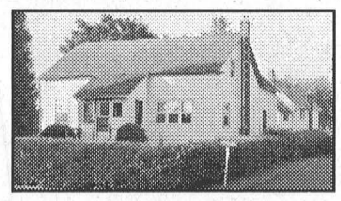
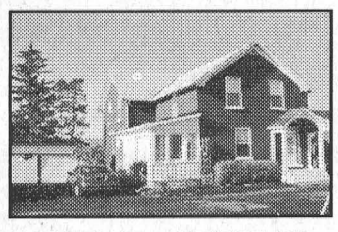

LAURIER DRIVE, MORRISBURG – Roomy older home, ideal for young family. Close to golf course. Four bedrooms. $84,900.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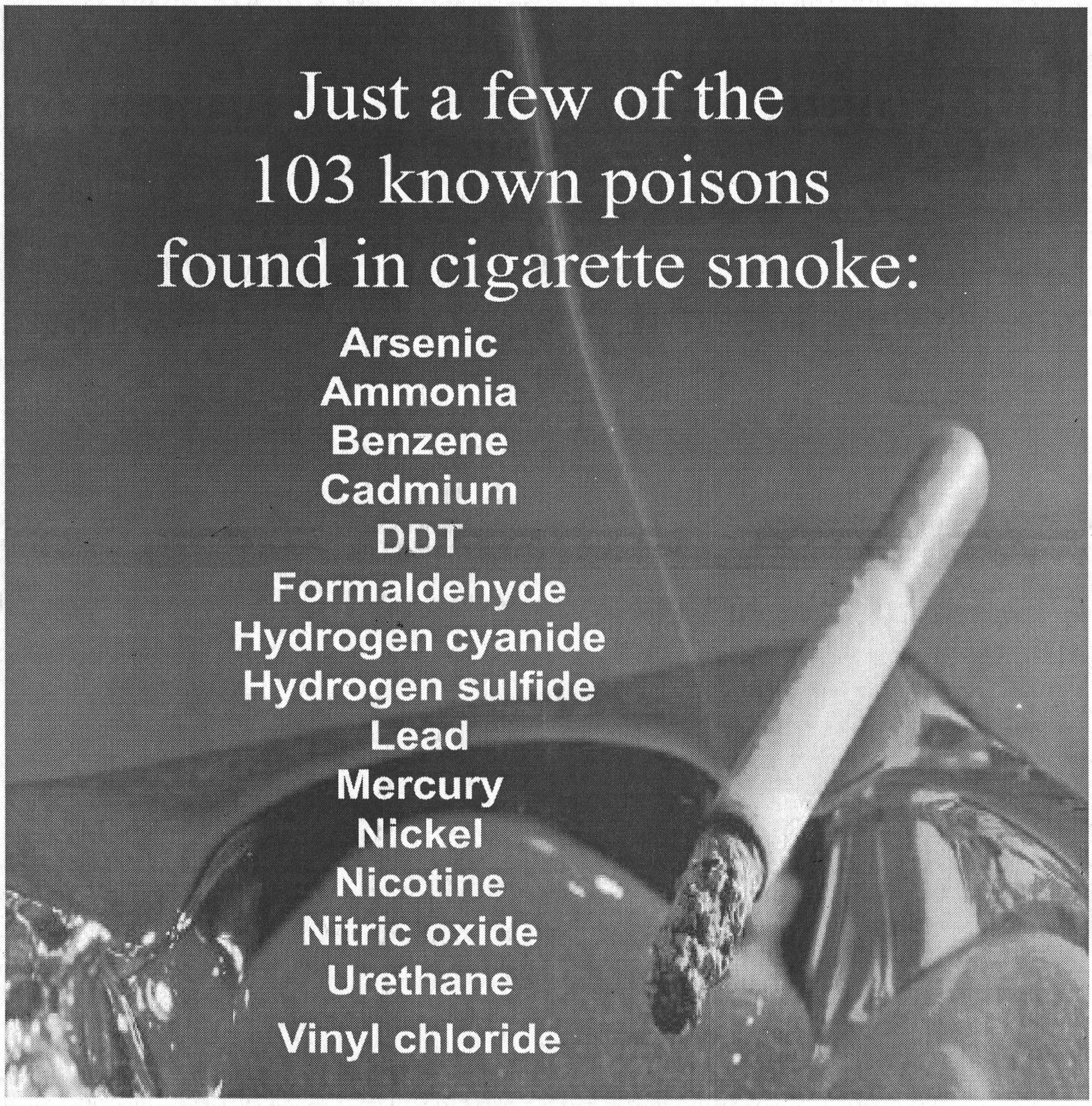
Impacts of Smoking & Benefits of Quitting

THE FACTS

- Smoking is the most significant cause of preventable illness, disability and premature death in Canada (Chief Medical Officer of Health Report 1996).
- Tobacco related disease kills 33 people a day in Ontario. Yearly, it kills 12,000 Ontarians and 45,000 Canadians.
- Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer for both men and women.
- The minute smoke from a cigarette touches your lips it begins to attack living tissue – it attacks the mouth, tongue, esophagus, air passages, lungs and stomach; breakdown products from the cigarette eventually reach and attack your bladder, pancreas and kidneys.
- Women who smoke during pregnancy have an increased risk of delivering a low birth weight baby. More than one-third of all deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) are due to maternal tobacco use.
- Secondhand smoke contains more than 50 chemicals known to cause cancer and is one of the leading causes of preventable death in Ontario.

THE GOOD NEWS

- If you stop smoking before the onset of irreversible heart and circulatory disease, your body will begin to repair itself. Repair begins almost immediately.
- Within 20 minutes of quitting, your blood pressure, pulse, and the temperature in your hands and feet all return to normal.
- Within eight hours of quitting, the carbon monoxide and oxygen levels in your blood return to normal; and smoker's breath disappears.
- Within 24 hours of quitting, your chance of a heart attack decreases.
- Within 72 hours of quitting, your lung capacity will have increased and you'll find it's easier to breathe.
- Within one to nine months of quitting, your energy level will increase; you won't cough as much; sinus congestion will be alleviated; and you won't be so short of breath.
- Within one year of quitting, your risk of heart disease is half that of a smoker.
- Within two years of quitting, your heart attack risk drops to near normal.
- Within five years of quitting, the lung cancer death rate for the average pack-a-day smoker decreases by almost half; your risk of stroke is reduced; and your risk of mouth, throat and esophageal cancers is half that of a smoker.
- Within 10 years of quitting, your risk of dying from lung cancer is similar to that of a non-smoker.
- Within 15 years of quitting, your risk of heart disease is the same as that of a person who never smoked.



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