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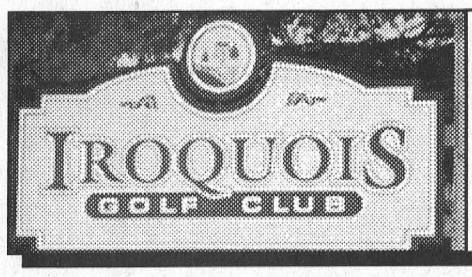

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A tribute to 50 years in politics

MORRISBURG – Several hundred friends, family members and fellow politicians joined Johnny Whitteker at the arena here Saturday night, to help Johnny and his wife Audrey celebrate 50 years in municipal politics.

First elected to Williamsburg Township council in 1954, Whitteker is now the longest standing standing politician in the province of Ontario.

Guests to the event were ushered into a beautifully decorated arena, where they viewed family and political photos covering the last last 50 years, in addition to scrap books stuffed with memorabilia of a man who has served his community with great commitment.

In addition to his wife Audrey who has been at his side for the 50 years, he was joined by his children and their families. They included sons Brian, Bruce and Barry and daughters Brenda, Betty and Berneice and his 14 grand-children.

Following a delicious meal served by AJ's Catering of Metcalfe, the evening settled down to pay tribute to a truly remarkable individual.

MP Guy Lauzon kicked if off, followed by a speech from MPP Jim Brownell. This was followed by mayors, deputy mayors and council members from all the surrounding townships.

He was presented an assortment of gifts including a new watch from SD&G United Counties council presented by CAO Mike Waddell to replace the watch he received as warden in 1975.

The final speaker for the evening was his son Bruce who spoke on behalf of his very proud family.

"Dad has five great qualities and these are the reasons he is still in municipal politics," said Bruce. He is hard working, dedicated, honest, and he has the ability to give advice and to receive advice.

Bruce also said that he had tried to figure it out and came up with the figure of over 20,000 for the meeting his father would have attended in 50 years. "At three hours per meeting that would be over 60,000 hours."

"It is nice to see so many of dad's friend and acquaintances here. Fifty years plus, what a milestone."

Bruce also credited his mom for standing by his dad's side throughout the 50 years. "When dad was at a meeting mom was at home working, answering the phone and keep-

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Nestlé closing

Impact hits 300 Chesterville factory workers

CHESTERVILLE – This community and the whole area were dealt a devastating blow with Monday's announcement that Nestlé Canada will close its Chesterville factory.

"Nobody expected this," said 32 year Nestlé employee Robert Gillard Monday.

According to Gillard, employees were notified last week to report to a meeting Monday morning. "That's not unusual."

At the meeting Kathryn Rowan, vice president of corporate affairs, announced the plant closure that will mean the loss of about 300 jobs.

Nestlé is the largest employer in North Dundas, the only large industry in Chesterville, and a key industry in the three United Counties. Stormont Dundas and Glengarry warden and North Dundas mayor Alvin Runnalls considers the closure devastating.

Gillard had the same feeling. "It's very devastating for the community considering the people they employ and the taxes they pay."

Nestlé is one of the biggest contributors to property taxes in North Dundas, and its employees make a little over $20 per hour.

"People are taking it tough," says Gillard, adding that the closure will be especially hard on families where both parents work at the plant.

With the explanation of the closure employees were also given a letter.

The letter says, "After carefully considering all options, we regret to announce that we will be closing our Chesterville factory in mid 2006. The facility requires an additional $50 million investment to upgrade to competitive technology and this level of investment could not be justified in the current business environment."

"This was a very difficult decision and we looked at every possible option to keep the factory open. Despite the $70 million invested in the facility over the last 10 years and the efforts of our employees to improve the factory's productivity, closure is the only viable option. The factory is currently only operating at 45% capacity and a $50 million investment is required to upgrade the factory and install new equipment."

"We deeply regret the impact this decision will have on you and your families. As a company and individually, we all share a deep sense of loss that goes well beyond any financial implications."

Nestlé opened their Chesterville factory in 1918 and now produces instant coffee, Nestlé Quik and instant iced-tea.



A Legend in His Time, A Man of His Community *McNairn photo*

Hundreds of friends, family and fellow politicians gathered at the festively decorated arena in Morrisburg, Saturday to help Johnny Whitteker and his wife Audrey celebrate 50 years in municipal politics. Whitteker, who is the longest serving member of municipal government in the province of Ontario, was first elected to Williamsburg Township Council in 1955, as a councillor. From 1960-66 he held the position of deputy reeve and from 1967-1997 he was reeve. He was the first mayor of the amalgamated municipality of South Dundas, holding that post for two terms from 1998-2003. In the last municipal election he was elected by the voters in Williamsburg Ward to serve as their councillor. Doug Thompson, first vice-president of Rural Ontario Municipal Association said, "Johnny Whitteker is a local legend in his time. He is the voice of the common man, he is the voice of the rural community and he is a voice respected across the great province of Ontario." For more photos and story see pages 8/9.

Five more applications to fill one council vacancy, eight seek seat

WILLIAMSBURG – The decision on who to appoint to fill the vacant South Dundas Iroquois ward councillor seat isn't getting any easier because the list of choices has grown.

Last week three people had put their names forward as applicants willing to fill the vacancy, and this Monday at noon, when the application deadline passed, the list had more than doubled in length. Five more people submitted expressions of interest.

The first three applicants were Bill Ewing, Roger Coligan and Jim Graham.

By Monday's deadline, Trevor Tolley, Mike Thompson, Brenda King, Mike Ault and Harland Veinotte added their names to the list.

Ewing remains the only resident of Iroquois who has applied for the position.

Coligan and Veinotte live in Morrisburg.

Graham and Tolley are Williamsburg ward residents.

King and Ault live in the Matilda ward.

Thompson, who lived in Morrisburg for 15 years, now lives in Winchester. He still owns property in the Morrisburg area of South Dundas.

Trevor Tolley applied for the position because "council is dealing with a lot important and difficult problems." He says with his interest and experience, "I could contribute to the solution of the problems."

Tolley is not from Iroquois but says, "It might be appropriate for council to choose the person most capable and experienced to fill the vacancy."

Tolley's political experience includes six years as a member of Williamsburg township council, four years on the executive of the Ontario New Democratic Party, 25 years as president of the NDP riding association, 13 years as chair of the Williamsburg Non-Profit Housing Corporation, and 15 years with Dundas County Community Living.

South Dundas councillor applicants:

Bill Ewing
Roger Coligan
Jim Graham
Trevor Tolley
Mike Thompson
Brenda King
Harland Veinotte
Mike Ault

"I have a fair amount of experience with running things in this community," says Tolley. He also says he has worked with current members of council Johnny Whitteker and Lyle Van Allen.

In dealing with issues specific to the Iroquois ward, Tolley, should he be selected to fill the vacancy says, "I have a mind hold meetings to discover what the people there are concerned with and thinking about. The best thing is to speak to them directly."

Mike Thompson added his name to the list because he has an interest in what is going on in Morrisburg, mentioning the water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant and taxes. "I thought I could contribute something to the community so I put my name in."

Thompson has never held political office or run for election, but says he has been involved with municipal committees, and is a volunteer with many organizations such as Heart and Stroke. He says he is thinking about running for council in the next election.

"I was surprised when Bill Ewing wasn't automatically selected," says Thompson. "He was on the previous council, came in second in the last election and I think he was a good councillor. It would be logical to have Bill get it, but when they opened it up to anyone I thought it would be a good way of getting some experience."

Brenda King decided to apply for the seat primarily because, "I see it as an opportunity to give service." She says her primary concern is for the well being of a community that has afforded, her, her husband and her family with opportunities.

Although she technically lives in the Matilda ward, King says, "I feel like I live in Iroquois. It's the community closest to me."

She says she has a good sense of the community and suggests that since there is some thought going into the ward system, this could be a good test and provide an example of how council could work without the ward system.

Although she has never held

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Cornwall Jail opens as a historical tourist attraction

A great place for a visit, but not an overnight stay

CORNWALL–It is definitely a most interesting place to visit, and at the same time it is most definitely a place you wouldn't want to stay. That's the impression a visitor to the Cornwall Jail comes away with after touring the United Counties of SD&G and City of Cornwall's latest tourist attraction.

Friday, the historic Cornwall jail, built in 1833 and vacated in November of 2002, was officially opened to the visiting public. In addition, it now houses the offices of Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism.

United Counties Warden, Alvin Runnals was assisted in the official ribbon cutting by MPP Jim Brownell, Cornwall City Mayor Phil Poirier, Raymond Lapointe chair of the CFDC and Mark Jesmer chair of Cornwall Seaway Tourism Association.

Situated on the corner of Water and Pitt Streets in Cornwall, the main block of the courthouse complex has been in continuous use since 1833. It is one of the oldest remaining public structures in Ontario.

"This is a great day for Cornwall and Eastern Ontario," said MPP Jim Brownell. "I commend everyone who worked on this... for their vision for the area and for their vision for this historic site. It tells a great story for people who come here."

Raymond Lapointe, chair of the Community Futures Development Corporation, presented a cheque for $4,975 to help underwrite the costs of the project. "It is somewhat pleasing to note, it (jail) is no longer needed for its original purpose. I am sure it will be well appreciated and recognized by the community."

In addition, the project has the full support of the United Counties and the City of Cornwall.

"On behalf of the Counties, we are proud to be involved in this process," said Warden Runnals. We really have to push tourism. They go right by and we have to stop them, to encourage them to take their time in SD&G and Cornwall."

"I would like to commend everyone who had a part in this project...for their foresight and vision...Counties Council, Mike Waddell (Counties CAO), City Council and Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism.

Mark Jesmer thanked all levels of government and organizations, "who have stood behind us. We have dropped the borders and made everyone proud."

The Jail will be open to the public daily from Victoria Day weekend to Labour Day Weekend. The tours are self-guided using a visitor's tour book and cost $4 per adult and $2 for children ages 4 to 12.

The first room in the jail you will encounter is the supervisor's office/control room which was always manned and housed the video stations for the surveillance cameras located throughout the prison.

You will see the visitor areas where the visitors and prisoners were separated by unbreakable glass and spoke through phones. You will see protective custody cell blocks which are cells whose walls are just far enough apart, for cement slabs on which were placed mattresses.

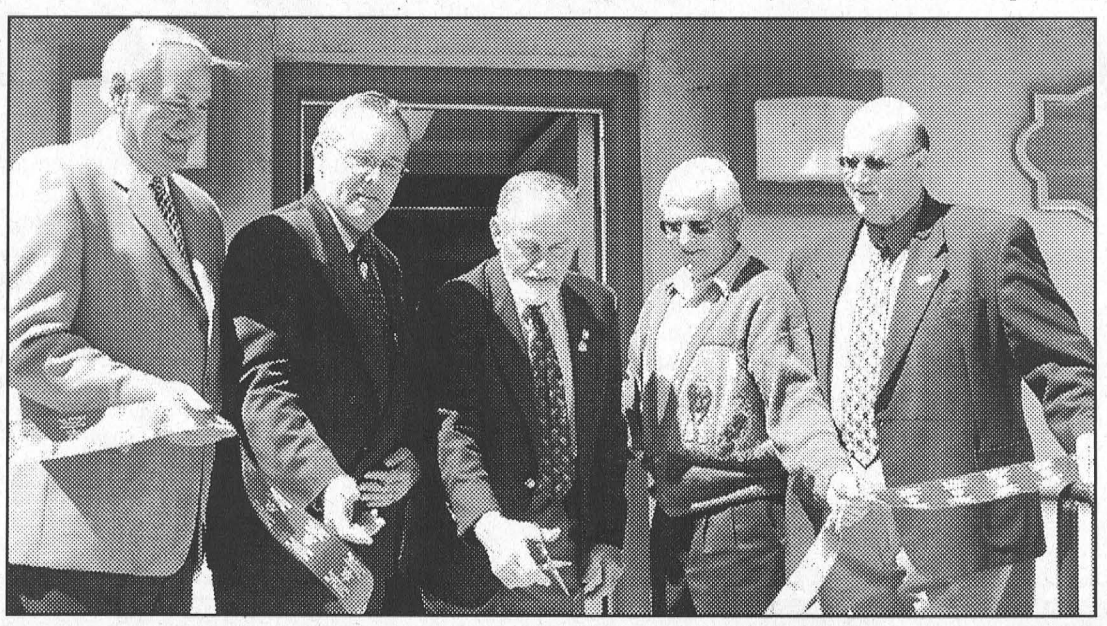
There is the outside exercise yard and what is left of the courtyard where hangings were carried out (no hangings after 1954). You will see the kitchen areas, the female cell block, the general population cell block, laundry area etc.

A display of clippings from the Cornwall Standard Freeholder tells some of the stories of the building and its inmates.

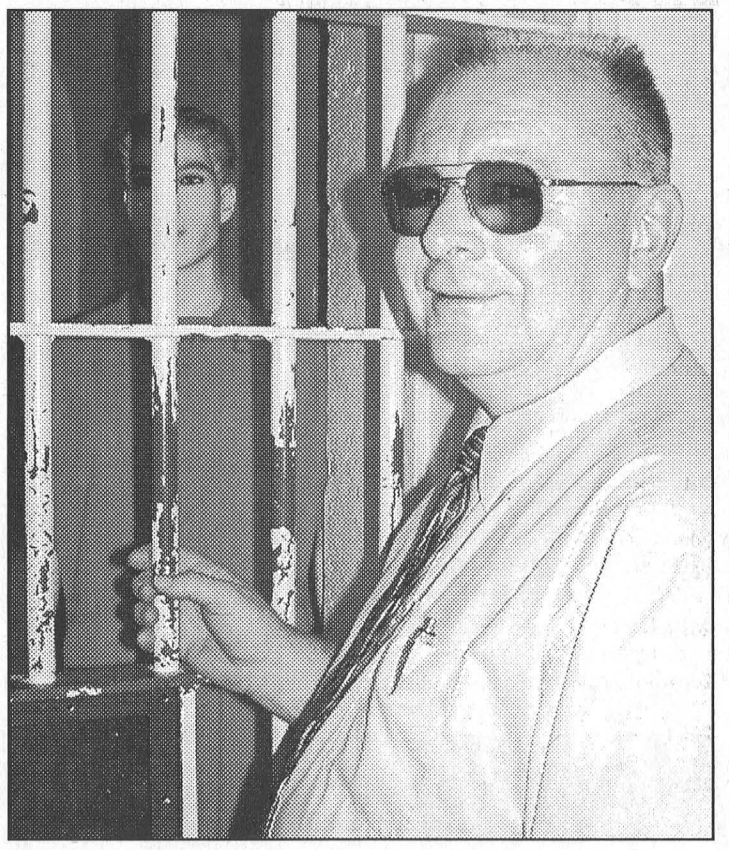
The Cornwall City Jail was one of the busiest per capita in the province, explained Candy Pollard of Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism. "They had 33 beds, but it was not unusual to have 65 inmates here. They would throw extra mattresses on the floor and the inmates would sleep on them."

Pollard explained that through her research she also learned, "that a common complaint was of the stench." Built prior to indoor plumbing, the outhouses were actually inside the building."

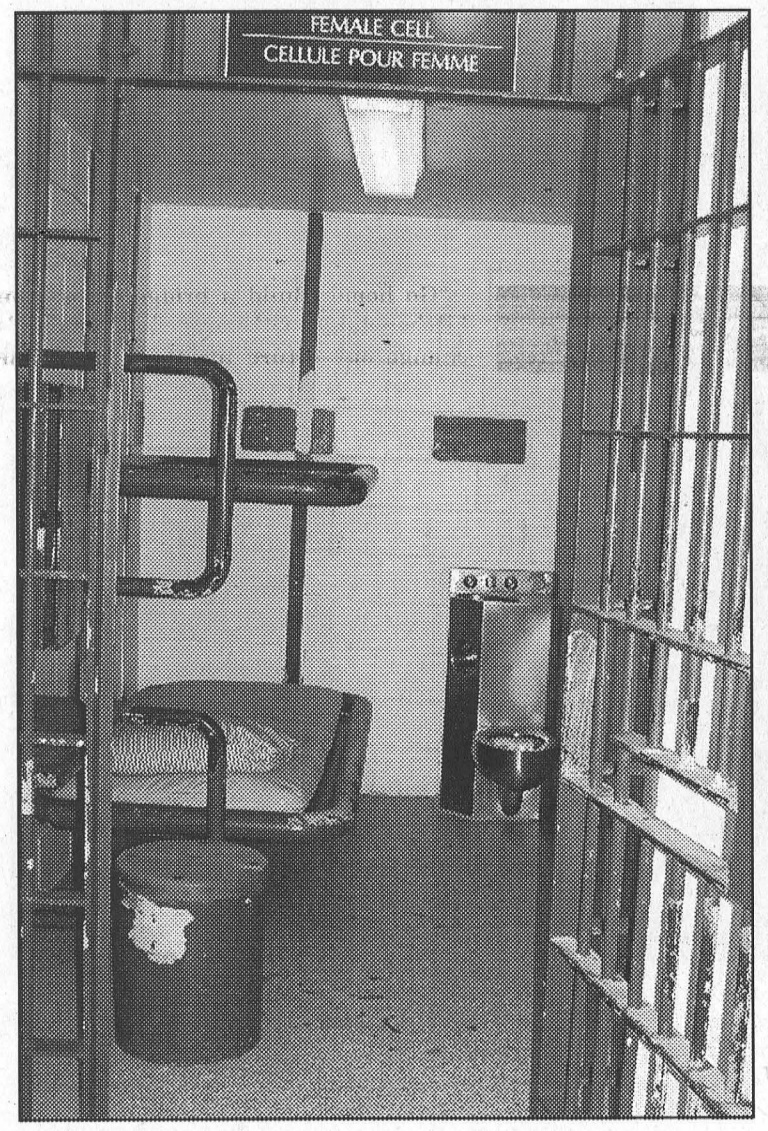
She tells of how dungeon like underground cells were discovered some years back and hints that it is rumoured the odd spirit still wanders through the building.



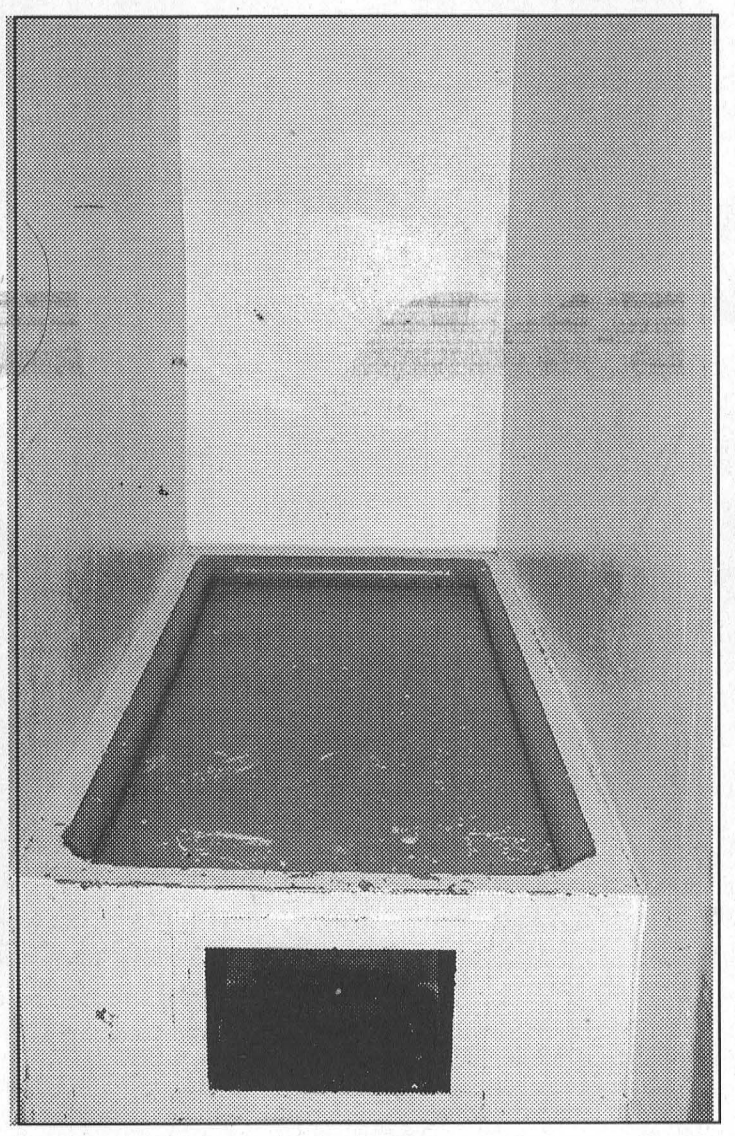
Counties Warden, Alvin Runnals, cuts the ribbon Friday to officially mark the opening of the Cornwall jail as a historic stop for visitors. He is assisted by, l-r, Cornwall Mayor Phil Poirier, local MPP Jim Brownell, Raymond Lapointe representing the Community Futures Development Corporation of S.D.&G. and Mark Jesmer, chair of Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism.



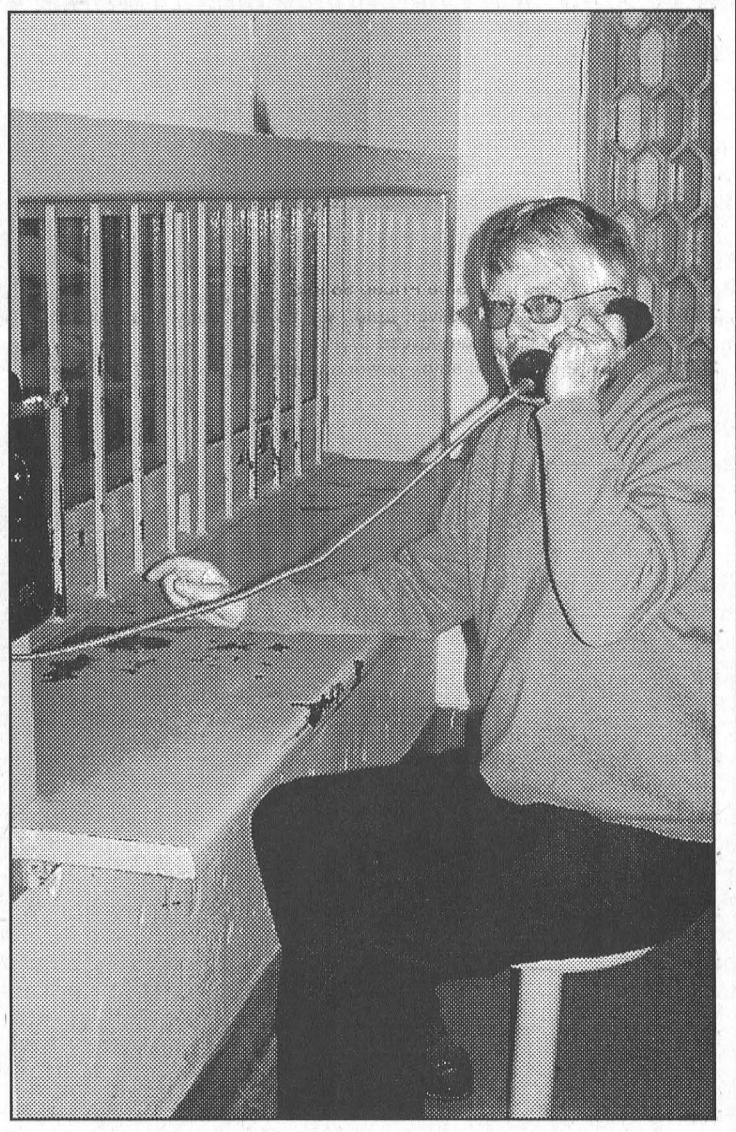
South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen checks out a protective custody cell during the opening tour.



A cell for females contains two bunks, washroom room facility and writing desk.



A wall-to-wall cement slab bed in a protective custody cell which includes none of the essentials for living comfortably.



A member of the tour plays the part of a prisoner visiting with a guest who is separated by unbreakable glass.

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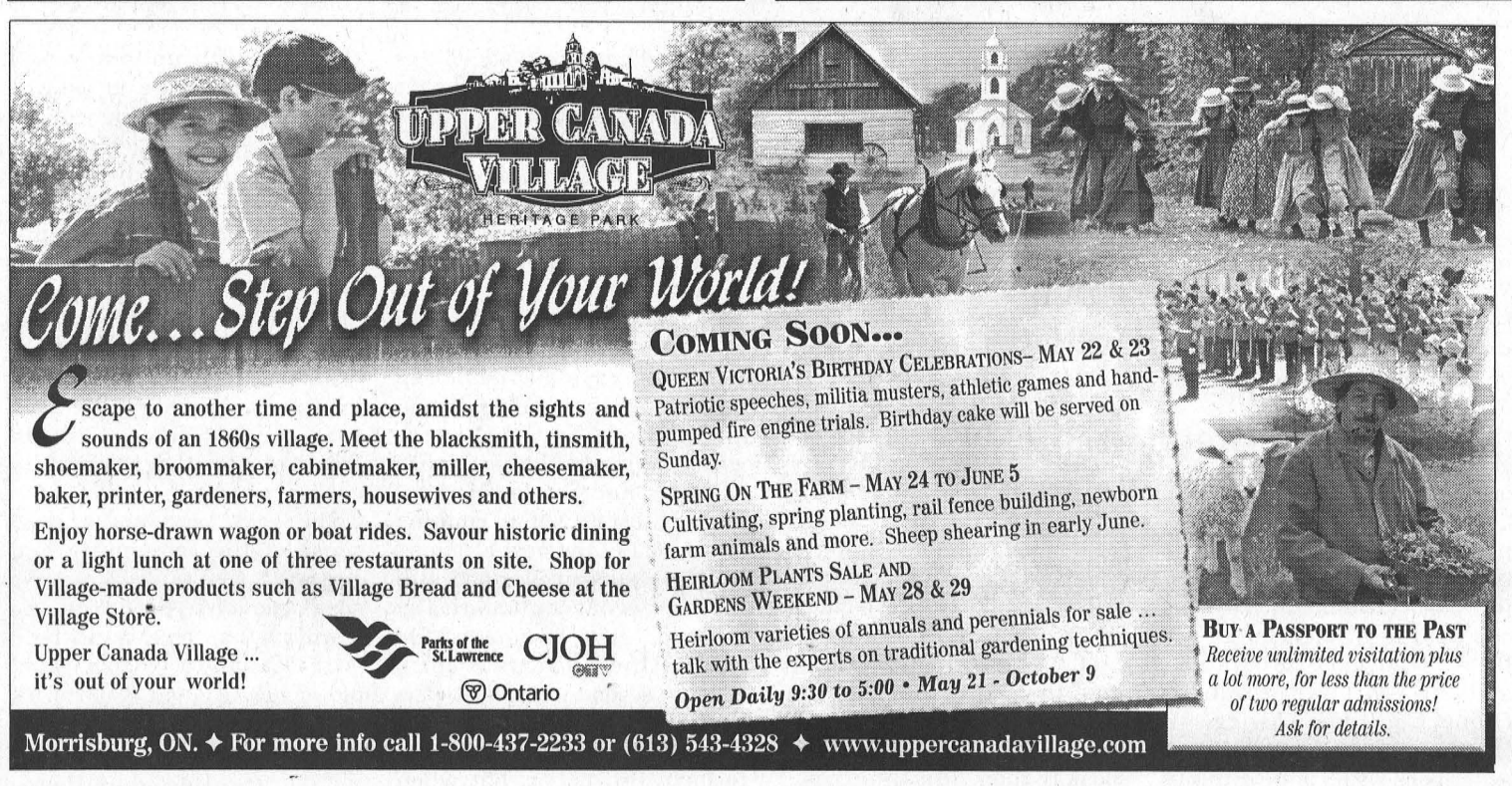

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Rob Ellis delivers message on "Safety in the Workplace"

MORRISBURG–Rob Ellis, who lost his 18-year-old son David to an industrial accident in 1999, was in town last Wednesday to deliver a very strong and powerful message on safety in the workplace, not just to regular workers but to parents and youth who are heading out into the workplace for part-time or summer seasonal jobs.

"I'm not a speaker. I'm just an ordinary dad. I assumed the company my son went to work for would take care of him and I assumed wrong," Ellis told the assembled workers at SDS Kerr-Beavers Dental.

Ellis, who prior to his son's death ran his own company, is now a key spokesperson for the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's "Safety Starts With You" workplace safety campaign. His commitment to this cause has him taking his message to receptive audiences across the province, and last Wednesday he spoke both at the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and Beavers Dental. Representatives from Quality Manufacturing and Eckel Industries also attended the Beavers presentation.

Following a brief overview, during which Ellis spoke of both Tim Hortons and MacDonalds as champion companies with quality orientation and training programs, he showed a film on his son.

"Rob tells his story over and over because the more we listen the safer we'll be," said the narrator in the film. "He encourages kids to ask more questions, more question than how much money am I going to make and how many hours am I going to get?"

Those other questions are: Will I get training and will I get supervision?

"Dave would not have asked those questions," says Ellis. "He was the kind of good kid you probably all know."

On February 11, 1999 David was killed in a large industrial mixer in a local bakery. It was his second day on the job.

"We cannot believe even to this day, how it ever could have happened," says Rob in the video. "We desperately miss David every minute of the day."

"When you go into a workplace, know what is around you. You have the right to say no if you feel something isn't safe."

Ellis then walked his audience through his experience from the time he and his family received the call that his son had been injured.

"What I want you to do as a family here is walk with me. I want you to picture someone you love."

"I just got a call from my wife. David has been in an accident and he is in the hospital. Get in the car with me and come to the hospital. The doctor is there and he asks me to come with him. My knees are shaking, I am so scared. I look inside that room at the person I love and see my son gasping for air. There is blood on the floor, blood on the walls. All I want to do is go and pull my son up in my arms and take him home to a safer place."

"The doctors don't think he will make it, but I said, 'he will make it'." Six days later, the decision was made to remove life support. Rob spoke of the drive home with his wife and children wailing.

Rob had offered David a job within his own company but when the opportunity came up he said, "go to work for someone else. Find out how they operate. He went to work his first morning at 5:30 a.m. and when he returned, 'I asked how did the job go?' He shrugged his shoulders and said 'dad it's just a job'."

"I don't think I was different than most parents. I should have built a bridge of knowledge between myself and my son."

"I let my son go the second day. They had a big industrial mixer and his job was to clean it out. He was left alone on the floor that second day. There was no lock out and no guards on the machine. It had been inspected and the company had been ordered to put things on the machine." They didn't.

"A power surge came through and without the safety equipment on the mixer, Dave had no chance. He was pulled in head first."

"It rips me every time I think of it. He just wanted to please his boss."

The company was found guilty and negligent. They installed the safety equipment and three days after Dave's death they were back in business.

After his son's death Rob returned to his work and "buried my head". But he would eventually sell his business and take up the challenge of honouring his son's memory by delivering his safety message to "your kids, your union bosses, the presidents of your companies, to ordinary Canadians and to moms and dads."

"There are 16,000 companies in Ontario and only a certain number of inspectors. That's why I thought, let's go out there and train the workers."

"I tell kids to ask two questions. Is there an orientation and is there training? I tell them to get street smart. Look around. Are workers wearing gloves, hard hats and safety glasses? Can you ask your boss questions?"

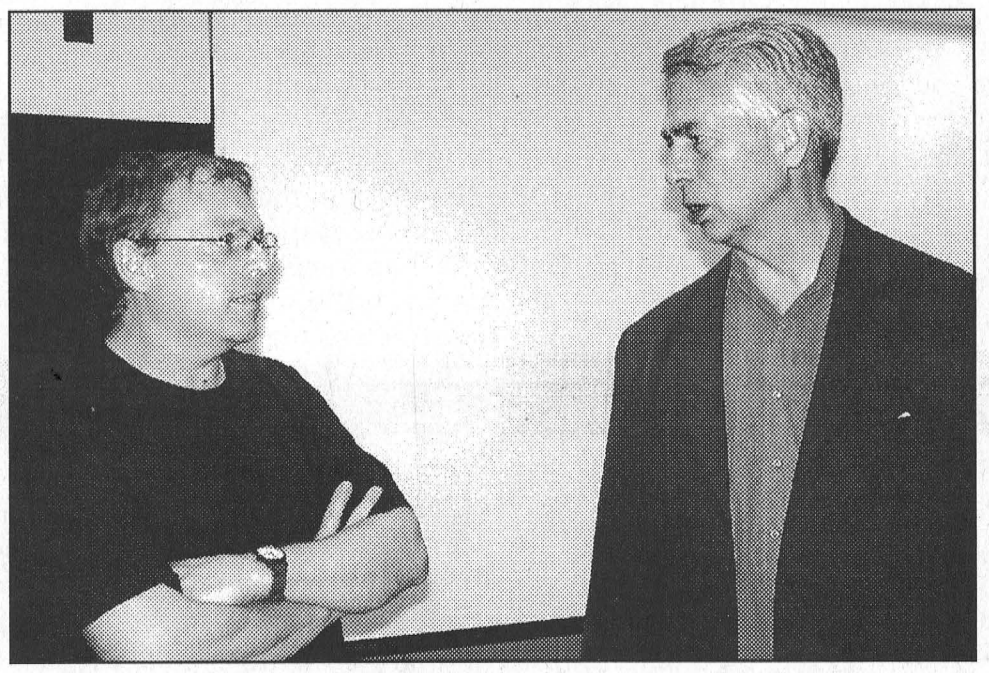
He suggests that new employees work in a buddy system where they are linked with an experienced employee.

"There has to be a trust between management and workers. We need to go beyond complacency. We need to improve in all areas."

"Everybody's suggestion is important. One company changed the uniform colour of new employees so that everyone would recognize the new employee."

"Go home. Build a bridge across the kitchen table with your children. Let's change our future together. Do it for Dave's sake. Do it for your children's sake. Do it for this company. Do it for a country."

"Lean across the table and say to your kids, 'don't work for a company unless it has orientation and training in place. When you run across a company that is not good, tell people. In a small community word travels very quickly."



Beavers employee Lee Hollister speaks with Rob Ellis

Police Reports
In the past week

SOUTH DUNDAS– In the past week police officers have responded to 108 calls for service.

A total 39 calls were received from South Dundas, 46 calls were received from North Dundas and 23 calls were received for service on the 401.

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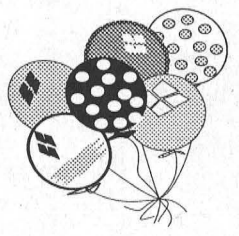

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What's another three weeks?

There has been a chair sitting empty at the South Dundas Council table for all of 2005, with the exception of one meeting. Since the seat has now been officially declared vacant one might think that council would be eager to get back to sitting at a full table, full of ideas, full of opinions and full of decision-making abilities. Apparently that's not the case.

First off, rather than just appointing the second place candidate in the last election to the vacant seat, and moving on full force with the business of this township, council opted to request expressions of interest from the public for the position thus drawing out the process of filling the seat.

Following the inessential process, the deadline passed Monday at noon, and now council has eight applications to wade through before making an appointment.

Since the application deadline was early Monday it was originally proposed that council could call a meeting for Monday evening to make a decision on who to appoint to the position of South Dundas Iroquois ward councillor. Then, arrangements could be made to swear in the new member of council at the May 17, regular meeting, and a full council could sit at the latest meeting.

Instead, we are told that council will meet behind closed doors to make the decision, which will later be announced to the public in the open portion of the May 17, council meeting. So much for a transparent decision-making process, and so much for sitting as soon as possible with a full council.

Whoever is selected as the new member of council will not officially take office until they are sworn in, and we are told that the swearing in is scheduled for the June 7, regular council meeting.

There are eight people ready and willing to take the seat on council's whim, and we're fairly sure whoever is selected would like to get down to business as soon as possible.

It's too bad that they'll have to wait. But, what's another three weeks?

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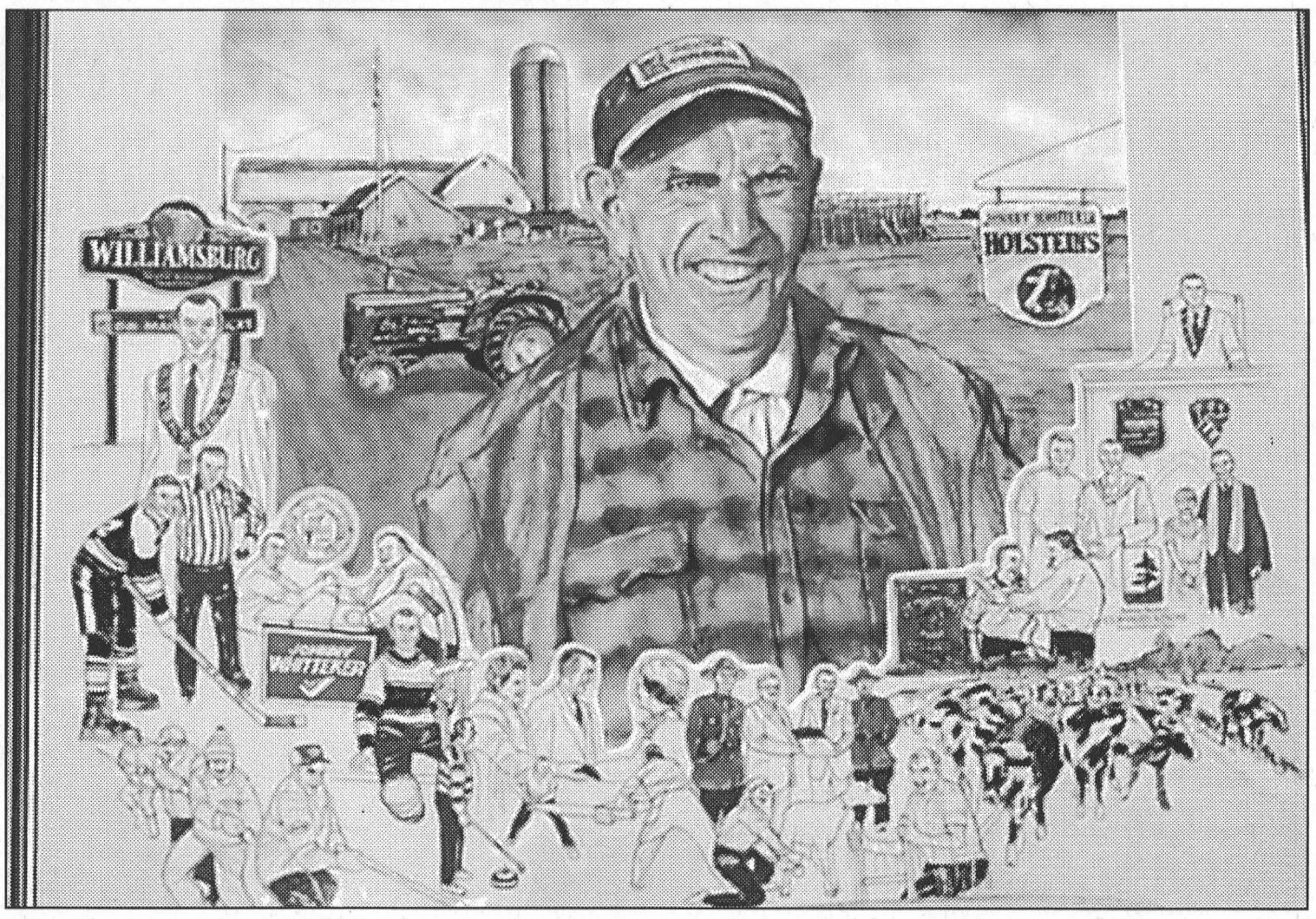

An original sketch of an original man

Glen and Iris Cunningham presented Johnny and Audrey Whitteker with this original David Yeatman sketch depicting Johnny's 50 years of work, play and municipal politics at the roast held in his honour last Saturday.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Township

A representative at the Scotiabank here in Morrisburg, has contacted us, asking us to give an individual in our community a little credit where a whole lot of credit is due. Seems after banking hours on Friday, Trevor Morozuk made a stop at the Scotia bank bank machine where, surprisingly enough, the customer ahead of him had somehow managed to forget his/her $520 cash withdrawal in the machine. Trevor scooped it up to keep it safe over the weekend, and the first thing Monday morning he showed up at the bank to turn in the money. The bank had received a call from the owner of the money, but didn't have much hope of tracking it down. Seems that was no problem at all thanks to Trevor. This is really a good deed said the bank representative.

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Coming up this weekend is the annual yard sales in Morrisburg, so you know what that means. If you want a good deal you had better be up with the birds. In addition to the always bountiful yard, garage and driveway sales scattered throughout the village, some stores are offering special promotions, Lakeshore Drive United Church is hosting a continental breakfast from 8-11 a.m. and the Riverside Heights Women's Institute will have their always popular craft and bake table located in the mall of the shopping centre.

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Also kicking off this weekend is the South Dundas Minor Soccer Program in Iroquois and this year the association has topped the 600 player mark for kids involved. The response to this program is absolutely fantastic and those who run this huge operation and all of its coaches and volunteers are to be commended. Wow! Drivers in the area of the soccer fields in Iroquois are reminded of the Saturday morning road closures to ensure the safety of the youngsters.

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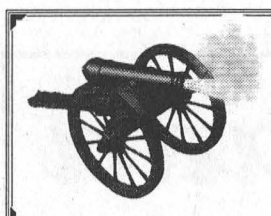
This is the first long weekend of the season, so everyone have a good one...careful don't strain with all that gardening we know you have planned. Here's hoping the weather cooperates and drive safely.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1995

The May 17 issue reported that for the second year in a row, village rate payers would see a zero percent increase in municipal taxes. Both the public and separate school boards were asking for small increases.

Liberal candidate Denis Sabourin was pictured with Jim Jordan Liberal MP for Leeds-Grenville. The two were opening a campaign office in Kemptville.

In South Dundas Intermediate Fastball League action, Pigeon Island smoked the defending champions, the Williamsburg Sidewinders 8-1. Bobby Jack Hart picked up the win tossing a three hitter. Greg Workman belted the first grand slam of the season with Rob Casselman, Mike Veltkamp and Hart aboard.

Sharon Spear had a phenomenal day at the SD&G track meet held at St. Lawrence High School in Cornwall. Spear claimed gold medals in the spring hurdles, intermediate hurdles, the 400m, in the junior girls 4X100 and the open girls 4X400m.

After 10 years of coaching, Barry Van Allen was named the "Coach of the Year." Now in its fourth year, the award made on behalf of Red Lawlor had been won by coaches Doug Casselman, Jeff LeClair and Steve Casselman.

1985

The May 22 issue reported that after seven years of talking and planning, Iroquois was to have its first full-scale subdivision since the 1950s. The construction of phase one of the Elizabeth Heights subdivision was to begin in the summer.

Keith Robinson, preisdent of the Morrisburg Minor Hockey association said amalgamation talks between Morrisburg and Iroq-Cardinal were going smoothly.

Debbie Cooper led the 54-member Seaway High track and field team at the SD&G championship with firsts in the 800, 1500 and 3000m races and tied as top overall midget girl.

1975

The May 16 issue announced the theme for this year's Old Home Week in Morrisburg would be "Let's Go Western." This year's event would run from June 25 to July 1 and would include Grand Circuit Pro Wrestling, band concerts, square dancing, horse pulling contests and a midway.

Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg was marking its centennial.

Pictured on the front page was the Morrisburg Oldtimers hockey club which had held its wrap up party. Some of the team players and management included Terry McManus, Paul Cortes, Joe Billings, Brian Van Allen, Murray Ball, Ian Houle, Bill Dillabough, Loyal Brunt, Jim Jordan, Bill Tupper, Jim Neish, Little Doug Casselman, Larry Gardner, Cameron Dillabough, Earl Brown, Allie Cameron, Big Doug Casselman, Gary Foss, Bob Carkner, Ed St. Louis, Bill Duvall, Mitch Cassell, Rowdy Gillard, Jim Notman and Gary Strader.

1955

The May 20 issue reported that George W. Tindal, clerk-treasurer of Morrisburg for the past five years, had tendered his resignation.

The Morrisburg Chamber of Commerce was recommending that now that the Hon. George Challies was no longer holding office in Ontario Hydro, and was willing to donate his service gratuitously to the municipality to assist in any way in planning, negotiation or making contacts that he be invited by council to assist the village council with issues concerning the Power and Seaway development. Mr. Challies, former first vice-chairman of Ontario, attended a public meeting in Morrisburg at which he announced his concerns with local problems in connection with the St. Lawrence Development. He deplored the lack of progress of planning in Morrisburg.

The Village of Morrisburg was to see its first municipal tax hike in four years. The high school levy was up, and the village was looking at increased costs of police protection.

The annual cadet inspection was held at Morrisburg High School. The corps, under the command of Major Ronald G. Merkley, was led by the Girls' Trumpet Band, followed by three platoons of boys and three platoons of girls.

1965

The May 21 issue reported the new Ontario Flag would be raised at Queen's Park on May 21 in the presence of the Honourable W. Earle Rowe, Lieutenant Governors and Prime Minister John Robarts.

Williamsburg Township Council was to investigate setting up a fire protection area comprising Riverside Heights and Mariatown, enabling the two communities to receive fire protection from Morrisburg.

Betty Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scott, was the fourth Morrisburg Guide to earn her Gold Cord.

The Morrisburg Mets defeated the St. Regis Mohawks 7-6 in a real thriller played at the Community Centre. Bob Barclay netted five goals.

1945

The May 18 issue reported that over 10,000 copies of the new telephone directory for Brockville, Morrisburg and vicinity were dropped in the mail. About 560 of them were being distributed in this community. Among the names with the most listings, the Casselmans led off with 18, followed by the Barkleys with 12 and McIntoshes with 10.

A brief biography was given of Mahlon Webster Zeron who was the progressive young farmer selected as the provincial Liberal candidate for the forthcoming provincial election. Zeron was born on a farm in Matilda Township, and this farm he now owned and operated with a high class herd of registered cattle. He was also well known as a licensed auctioneer. He was born in 1902, a son of Fannie Aerion and the late James Zeron. He attended rural schools and Morrisburg Collegiate and completed a two-year diploma course at Kemptville Agricultural School. He had served on municipal council for 11 years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax payer in favour of dissolving the Ward System

Dear Editor,

Having attended the public forum held at the Matilda Town Hall in Dixon's Comers on April 26th, I was quite pleased to see so many people interested in the future of the ward system for South Dundas It was quite evident, at this public meeting, that approximately two thirds of the attendees were in favor of dissolving the ward system and only one third cared to retain the status quo. This division (although you cannot please everyone) will certainly have to be considered. By the same token, the historic division of our populace caused by the ward system also has to be considered.

Being on a steering committee of council for the South Dundas Economic Development Commission attempting to lay the foundations for an economic plan for South Dundas, I must emphasize that our committee itself has identified the "ward system" in South Dundas to be a detriment to economic growth to our area. Furthermore, a previous public meeting held at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre on a stormy winter's night of February 7th, attended by approximately half the number of tonight's meeting also identified the ward system as a hindrance to economic growth for South Dundas. The present status quo is no longer feasible for South Dundas.

The present ward system encourages narrow minded thinking and protectionism of our own little corners of the Township and is a reflection of inward mentalities that no longer work in a global environment. With today's economic environment strength is in numbers and competition in economic growth can only be confronted with an outward attitude and a common sense of belonging. To retain the ward system will continue to fester the ideologies that we are working for either Morrisburg or Iroquois or Williamsburg or Matilda. If we want to survive and carve out a niche for our residents which includes all walks of life and professions then we must turn our attention to the Township as a whole community (certainly containing within it, it's own regional differences & peculiarities that we should encourage to thrive).

The bulk of the resistance which seems to emanate from those wishing to retain the status quo comes from a few valid objections within the underlying fear of change. We may fear mat representation of our regional interests will be compromised, if not lost, within a single "at large" voting system. To this I say, that it is our responsibility as electors to question the politicians running for council & to elect the one who best represents our interests. This person may very well come from another ward other than my own. Further, it is the role and responsibility of any councillor to represent all constituents not only those who live within a fixed distance and within certain geographic boundaries. Also, by being able to vote for not only one council member but all council members, I as an elector have much more power to then influence the course of my future. I am very limited within the ward system as I have absolutely no say in the formation of 3/4 of my council! This seems very undemocratic in my opinion.

Some objection towards dissolving the ward system was the large geographic area covered by the entire township and some people felt that the entirety wouldn't be possible to canvas by someone seeking election. If someone is serious in seeking a seat on council it is in their best interest to take the necessary time to canvas. Those who are determined will succeed. Let the best person win! I must add here that I cannot recall, within the present ward system, since coming to this area in 1989 anyone actually canvassing at my door. So with all due respect the move to an "at large" voting system may force candidates to work a little harder to secure those votes rather than relying on old style politics. These changes are needed.

As was pointed out during the evening's discussion, even within the ward system one can seek a seat on council within any ward as long as they live in the township. So basically someone from Morrisburg (who lives & works there) can run in Matilda ward and theoretically win; thus, representing the Matilda ward. This in and of itself defeats the entire argument of having a ward system in the first place to ensure representation.

So as some fear the make-up of council could be solely comprised of individuals from one geographic area within an "at large" system of voting. Nothing prevents this scenario within the current status quo. Further, it is a game of politics and if one wishes to play the game you can certainly still only vote for the individual who represents your ward (and do so "en masse") and not give your vote to count for others by abstaining to exercise the remainder of your voting power & thus in a theoretical sense still retain the "ward" even within the at large system. But, that's the game of politics and you have to know how to play.

It was also noted, that within the status quo of ward system, the Depute Reeve is appointed by council to represent our township at the Tri-County level but that this position would have to become a voted "at large" position if we have an "at large" electoral system. Bonus.

Another reason to dissolve the wards. Perhaps the appointment by council was appropriate in the past, however with the new and enlarged responsibilities of the Tri-County Council having a direct impact on our quality of life; through libraries, policing, housing, roads and infrastructure etc... it should without a doubt be a position that is elected by the voters.

Past practice may have prevented many individuals from seeking that position since it was such a minute number who dictated who got the position. An "at large" voting system may quite possibly increase the potential for candidates seeking this position in knowing that the result will be decided by all the voters of South Dundas. Obviously this is a much more democratic approach. Lastly, it was also noted that within SD&G we are the last to retain the ward system. The rest of SD&G seem to be doing just fine having embraced the "at large" voting system. So what are we afraid of? Let us not fall behind as everyone else moves ahead. In today's environment catching up is increasingly more difficult and not always possible. Being ahead of the game is often the edge that is necessary for success.

This question of dissolving the wards is not a new one and has been around since the last few elections if not longer. People have had enough time to explore it. It is time now to act. As the saying goes, he who procrastinates is lost. This council was elected to make some tough decisions and decide you must. Putting this off for another four years would be ridiculous and detrimental to our socio-economic development.

If we continue to espouse an introverted ideology each of our "wards" will implode and our entire community will continue to die a slow death. It is imperative for all of us to look beyond our individual needs and to dare dream of a community working together towards a common goal within which our regional identities can continue to foster the values they were built on all the while advancing into a climate of healthy economic growth from which future generations can benefit.

Sincerely,
Victor Dupuis
(resident and business owner)

"Who Are You To Condemn"

Perspectives



Rev. Jean Udall

It seems to me that there is much talk in the community about whether or not it is necessary to attend church regularly.

The thinking goes like this: I can worship God on the golf course; I can be a good caring person without ever setting foot inside a church. Besides, church people are mostly hypocrites anyway–never practicing what they preach!

Take a moment and think about the following questions. How would you answer each one?

Which of the following is better: Coca-Cola or Pepsi?

Which colour is prettier: blue or green?

Who's funnier: Donald Duck or Daffy Duck?

Which fruit is tastier: An apple or an orange?

Did you decide which answers were right? Perhaps you noted that either answers for each question may be right. Or neither right. Or both right! Your answers would obviously depend entirely on your own personal tastes and opinions.

However, if the question were, "Which of the following is a Disney character: Donald or Daffy?" the answer would not be up to you. There is a right answer–Donald is a Disney character and Daffy is a Warner Brothers creation.

If the question were, "Which colour is a primary colour: blue or green?" the answer would not be a matter of taste. After all, blue is a primary colour and green is a secondary colour created by mixing blue and yellow.

People today seem confused, thinking that everything in life is our choice based on personal taste preferences and opinions. But when it comes to matters of "right and wrong", well, it's just NOT like apples and oranges!

Is it right to tell a little lie? Is it wrong to take papers and pens from your work place? Is it right to pass on malicious gossip? Is it wrong to actively encourage hatred for others? Is it right or even necessary to attend church regularly?

How easy for us to say, "You think it's wrong to do this, but I have a different opinion" and go merrily on your way. But God clearly tells us what things are right (like attending church regularly–see Hebrews 10:25).

God also leaves some decisions up to us (like which church we choose to attend). The important thing is not to confuse the two: If God has said something is right, we should not say otherwise.

May you rely on your faith and allow Jesus Christ to help choose His standards as your standards.

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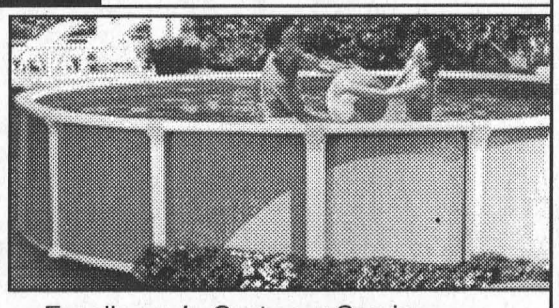

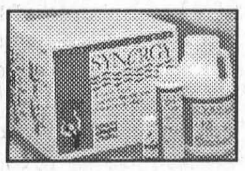

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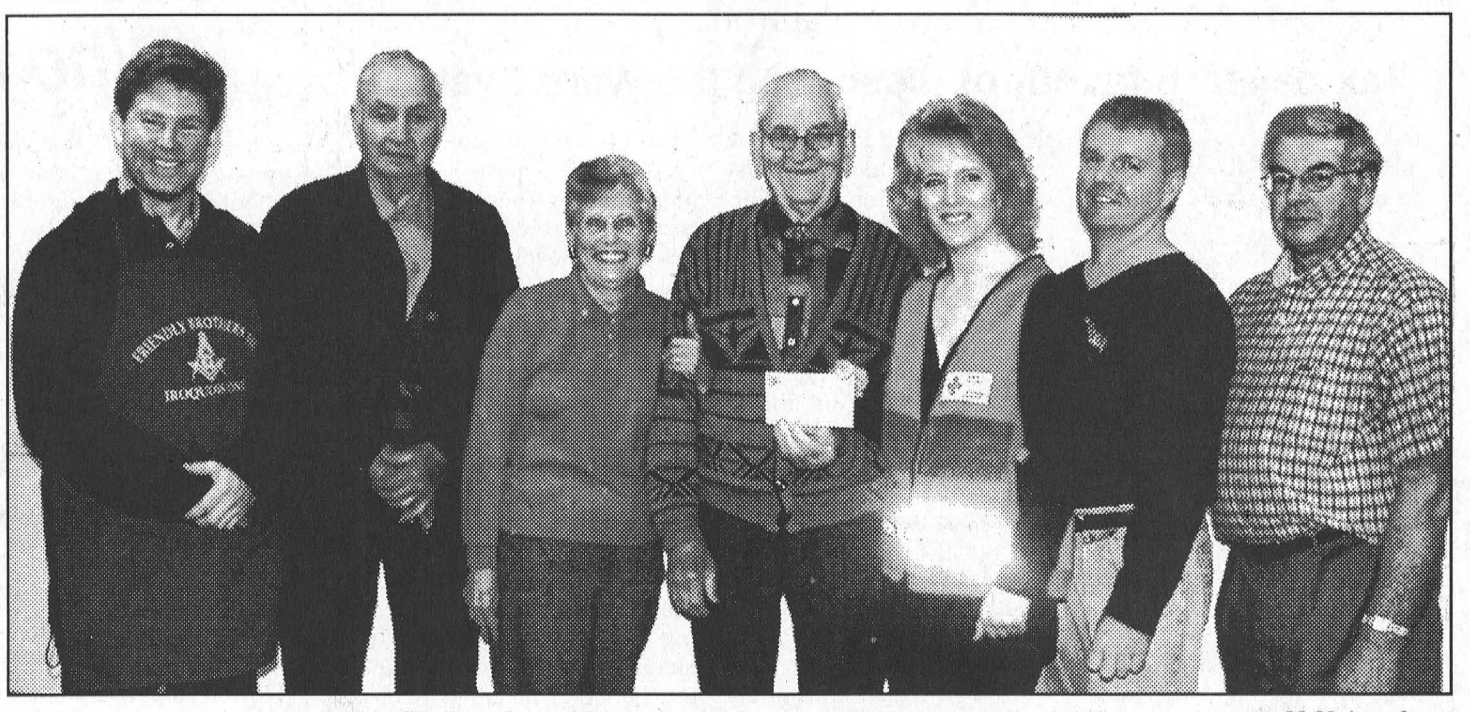

Friendly Brothers Masonic Lodge #143 Donates to Red Cross *McNairn photo*

The Friendly Brothers Masonic Lodge 143 in Iroquois was a busy spot on Saturday with a yard sale taking place on the grounds and a breakfast of bacon and eggs and all of the fixings being served in the hall basement. Special guest at the breakfast was Debbie DeBellefeuille of the Cornwall Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, and she was in attendance to accept a cheque for $450 which is earmarked for the Tsunami Relief Program. The money was raised jointly by the Friendly Brothers of Iroquois and Cardinal Mason Lodge #491 through special fundraising and a breakfast fundraiser all held earlier this year in addition to donations made at a Lodge meeting. This, explained Friendly Brothers Worshipal Master Al Beattie is just one of many good things the Mason Lodge does. Pictured above in the presentation photo, l-r are Beattie, Jim Styles of the Iroquois Friendly Brothers, Mary Whitteker representing the Eastern Stars, Ambert Brown of the Iroquois Friendly Brothers, Debbie Debellefeuille, Steve Elliott Worshipal Master of Cardinal Lodge 491 and Don Sloan of the Cardinal Lodge.

8 seek council seat . . .

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political office, King says she has gained a lot of pertinent experience through her work.

She is in the process of retiring from the Upper Canada District School Board as principal of a very large secondary school, T.R. Leger.

She sat on a number of boards of governance and boards of directors which operate politically.

Her background and expertise are in processes and procedures which she says "might be helpful."

She is very familiar with strategies and methods of evaluating information and says, "that's what a good councillor does."

Because of that, and her skills in building consensus, she says, "I think I'm in a good position to make good decisions."

King is considering running for council in the next election, and now that she is retiring she will have time and energy to devote to the community where she lives.

King also mentioned that she thinks council has a good and transparent plan and criteria in mind for filling this council vacancy.

"I have a lot of confidence in the method council is using to make this decision. I am confident that if I am not the right person to fit their criteria that the right person will be selected."

Harland Veinotte is a long time resident of Morrisburg who raised a family and ran a business here. Prior to amalgamation he was twice elected councillor for Morrisburg and twice elected as Morrisburg's deputy reeve.

"I thought I'd throw my name in, see what happens and give them (council) something to study," says Veinotte.

He is of the opinion that council should have just appointed Ewing to the vacant seat because he finished second in the last election, but since they opened it up, he decided to add his name and his experience to the list.

"I can add quite a bit," says Veinotte referring back to his prior political and business experience.

"I have knowledge on a lot of things and I know I can make decisions."

Even though he is not from Iroquois he doesn't foresee any problem in representing the needs of the town.

"One community is no different than the other," he says pointing out that both towns have water and sewer, roads, snowplowing and grass cutting.

Mike Ault was a 12 year member of Matilda council prior to amalgamation and says he has always had an interest in politics and that he has missed it since he last held office about 15 years ago.

"I always enjoyed it but times have changed and there's a big difference in how things operate now."

He sees this vacancy as an opportunity to test the waters before deciding whether or not to run in the next municipal election.

He too thinks that the vacant seat should have been given to Ewing who finished second in the last election. Since council didn't do that Ault added his name, because he is confident that he can represent the interests of Iroquois. "I think I have more interest in Iroquois than most of the other names on the list."

Jim Graham has been watching the happenings of council and has become interested in participating and thinks that now would be a good time to start. He has never been a candidate in a municipal election.

Roger Coligan has run for election twice in South Dundas, once in the Morrisburg ward and once in the Williamsburg ward. He also ran for election in Morrisburg prior to amalgamation, but has never held a council seat. He has concerns with the things that are going on at the council table and wants to see if he can help.

Bill Ewing has previously held the Iroquois ward councillor position in South Dundas and prior to that worked in the municipal field. He has run for election in every South Dundas municipal election and in the last election received the second most votes in the Iroquois ward. Ewing is ready to bring his knowledge and experience with municipal issues back to the council table.

Whoever council selects to fill the vacancy will sit as a member of council for the remainder of this term. The next municipal election is slated for November 2006.

Council will hold a special meeting behind closed doors prior to the May 17, regular council meeting to discuss the applicants and make a decision on filling the vacancy.

Acting CAO Brenda Brunt says that council will announce who they have selected in open council at the regular meeting.

The decision was not available at press time.

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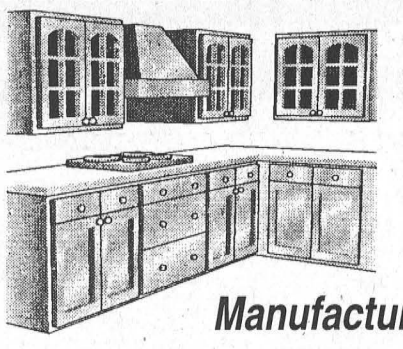

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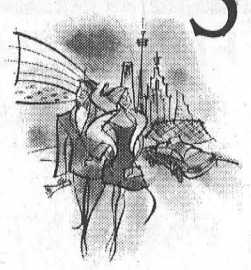

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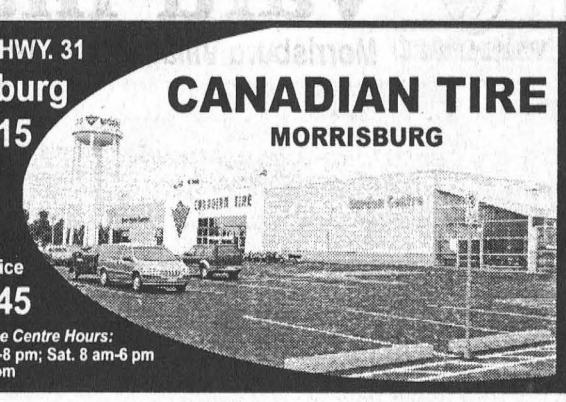
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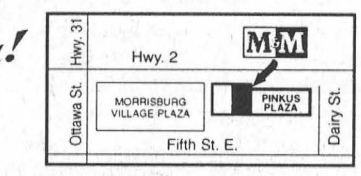

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Speaking of Johnny

"You were a mentor, an individual that I looked up to when I stepped in as a rookie. You have been that beacon. You have been that guiding light for us." – MPP Jim Brownell

"When I asked Johnny about running for office he told me, 'there's not much to it, just use common sense,' but I've found common sense isn't common."
–ROMA Representative Bill Smirle

"I've spent 25 years with Johnny Whitteker. That's more than most people spend with their wives...He made the township what it was at the time. He had a lot of good help. He has a family that is second to none. His family worshipped him and he worshipped his family ... He never missed a council meeting ...There are a few people you look up to in your lifetime. One of mine is Johnny Whitteker."
Former South Dundas councillor and friend Rowdy Gillard.

"No group like this has gathered for such an occasion before or will they ever again. How did he do it? Some say times were different–not true. I've been trying to figure it out, and my conclusion is, this is about the man. This is a man with great passion for his community, a common sense attribute, a great generosity of spirit. He's been in lots of debates and doesn't win them all but is all smiles regardless. I have yet to hear a sharp word from him to anyone. It's been an honour to have served with you and I will be able to say with pride in the future, that I served with Johnny Whitteker, the longest serving politician in Ontario."
North Glengarry Mayor Bill Franklin

"I am here to talk about a man who I have great respect for and great admiration for. He's been on Counties Council for 45 consecutive years, that is another record that probably won't be matched or broken. He's not there for himself. He's not worried about the accolades, and he is not worried about the record. He is worried about the people. Audrey, a lady I have great respect for, an unbelievable woman. She is referee, housekeeper and human phone book.
–United Counties CAO Mike Waddell

"Fifty years in municipal politics is a long time. I can imagine how many times that phone has rang and how many times your wife answered it. South Dundas should be proud to have such a man as Johnny Whitteker who has carried on their council for the last 50 years"
George Currier North Glengarry

"Thirty years ago I moved here and it wasn't long before I began hearing of this man, of good roads and healthy reserves. I heard about the cattle baron of South Dundas and of his 600 cattle."
North Dundas Mayor and United Counties Warden Alvin Runnals

"He is a farmer, he is a politician and he is a good friend of South Stormont."
–South Stormont Mayor Jim Bancroft

"Johnny doesn't say a lot at the table but when he does he is calm and it makes a lot of sense."
–South Glengarry Mayor Jim McDonnell

"Johnny Whitteker is a local legend in his time. He is the voice of the common man, the voice of the rural community, the voice respected across this great province of Ontario."
–Roma Vice President Doug Thompson



The Whitteker Family, l-r, Brenda, Brian, Betty, Johnny, Audrey, Bruce, Berneice and Barry



The first council following the South Dundas Amalgamation,front Audrey Rooney, Mayor Johnny Whitteker and Bev Sabourin. Back Cam Martel and Rowdy Gillard



Williamsburg Township Council 1960, clockwise, starting lower left, Lawrence Whitteker (Roads) Graham Hess, clerk Casey Schell, Reeve Don Kyle, Deputy-reeve Johnny Whittker, Harold Pemberton and Richie Warren.

Tribute to 50 years

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ing his little black book. She took all the crap over the phone and when he got home she transferred it to him in the same context it was received."

"We love you both, and are glad to see you in such great physical health. Congratulations."

Of course, last, but not least to speak for Johnny.

"I run out of words when I look at this crowd and see my friends and politicians."

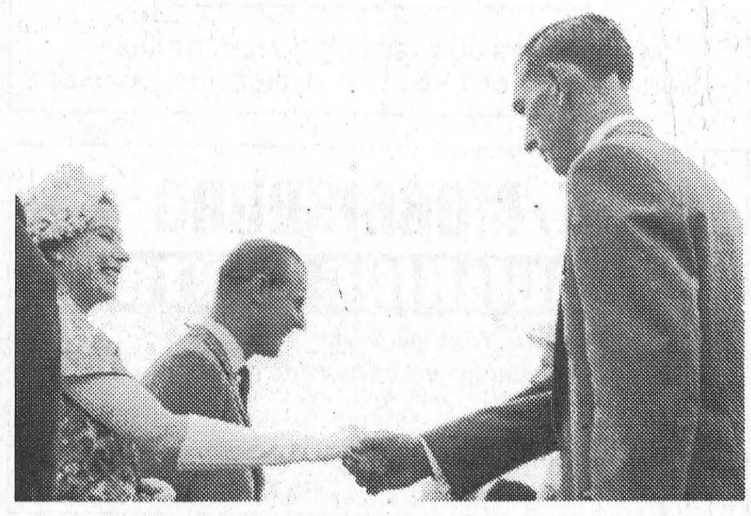
"It's really fabulous to have all you people out, I would say, for 'nothing'."

After a brief look back at the 50 years he concluded, "It's been a pleasure to have had all you people here tonight. It is an honour. I won't say never, because I never say never, but there is a good chance I won't be running in the next election."

He concluded by thanking Audrey and his family for their support. "If it hadn't been for Audrey and the family who ran the farm I couldn't have done it. Council came first. If I had a field of hay down, I always went to the council meeting."

The evening concluded with good friends Glen and Iris Cunningham presenting to Johnny and Audrey, on behalf of the South Dundas community, a David Yeatman original sketch depicting Johnny and his 50 years of work, play and municipal politics.





Fifty year political milestone

WILLIAMSBURG–For 50 years the people of Williamsburg Township/Ward have put their faith and trust in the hands of Johnny Whitteker, and now looking back at his career in municipal politics he says, "I'd do it all again."

Now councillor for Williamsburg Ward in the amalgamated municipality of South Dundas, Whitteker was first elected to township council in 1954 at the age of 27. "Six of us ran for councillor that year, and I was third. I beat the fourth person by just 13 votes."

"At the time, there were a few things I wasn't happy with, and I thought we could do better." In particular, he says those things included getting the taxes down and getting some roads in the township black-topped.

After his first year in office there was no looking back. He would sit as a councillor for five years, followed by seven consecutive years as deputy reeve under the late Don Kyle. He credits Reeve Kyle as being his mentor and used all the knowledge he had gained to serve the people of Williamsburg Township as their reeve for the next 30 years. He was elected South Dundas Mayor for two terms, and is now halfway through a third term as the councillor for the Williamsburg ward.

Johnny spent his first six years on his father's farm in Elma. Like many farms of that day, the operation was supplemented by boarding patients of Dr. Locke. In 1926, the family moved to their home across from the Christian Reformed Church in east end Williamsburg. The Elma farm was rented and their new home was built to accommodate up to 19 Dr. Locke patients at any given time. This home is now occupied by his son Bruce and his family.

In 1946, his father purchased what would become the Whitteker family farm (Whitvale) which is located a mere stone throw away from the family home.

"That first year we milked the cows by hand...my father, my mother and myself. We had 27 cows."

The farm kept him busy, but church was and always has been an important part of Johnny's life and it was at a St. Peter's Lutheran church event that he would meet a sweet, young girl from just down the road, Audrey Casselman. They were married in 1948.

"I may have made a lot of bad decisions, but that was a good one when I asked her to marry me," he says of Audrey who has been at his side through his 50 years in politics...attending 1,000s of public events, keeping his busy schedule organized, and fielding the 1,000s upon 1,000s of phone calls. "She takes the phone calls when people are irate, so by the time I call them back they have usually cooled down. She also keeps me on time for my meetings."

Johnny and Audrey are both very proud of their family, their three daughters Brenda, Betty and Berneice, and their three sons Brian, Bruce and Barry. They look forward to visits from their 14 grandchildren.

Once Johnny settled into the new farm, he began to buy up other farms. Now in partnership with his sons Brian and Bruce, the original herd of 27 cows, has grown to 600 cows and young cattle divided evenly between dairy and beef cattle. Of the partnership, he says, "they (Brian and Bruce) listen to me if they think I'm right. If they don't, they do it their own way."

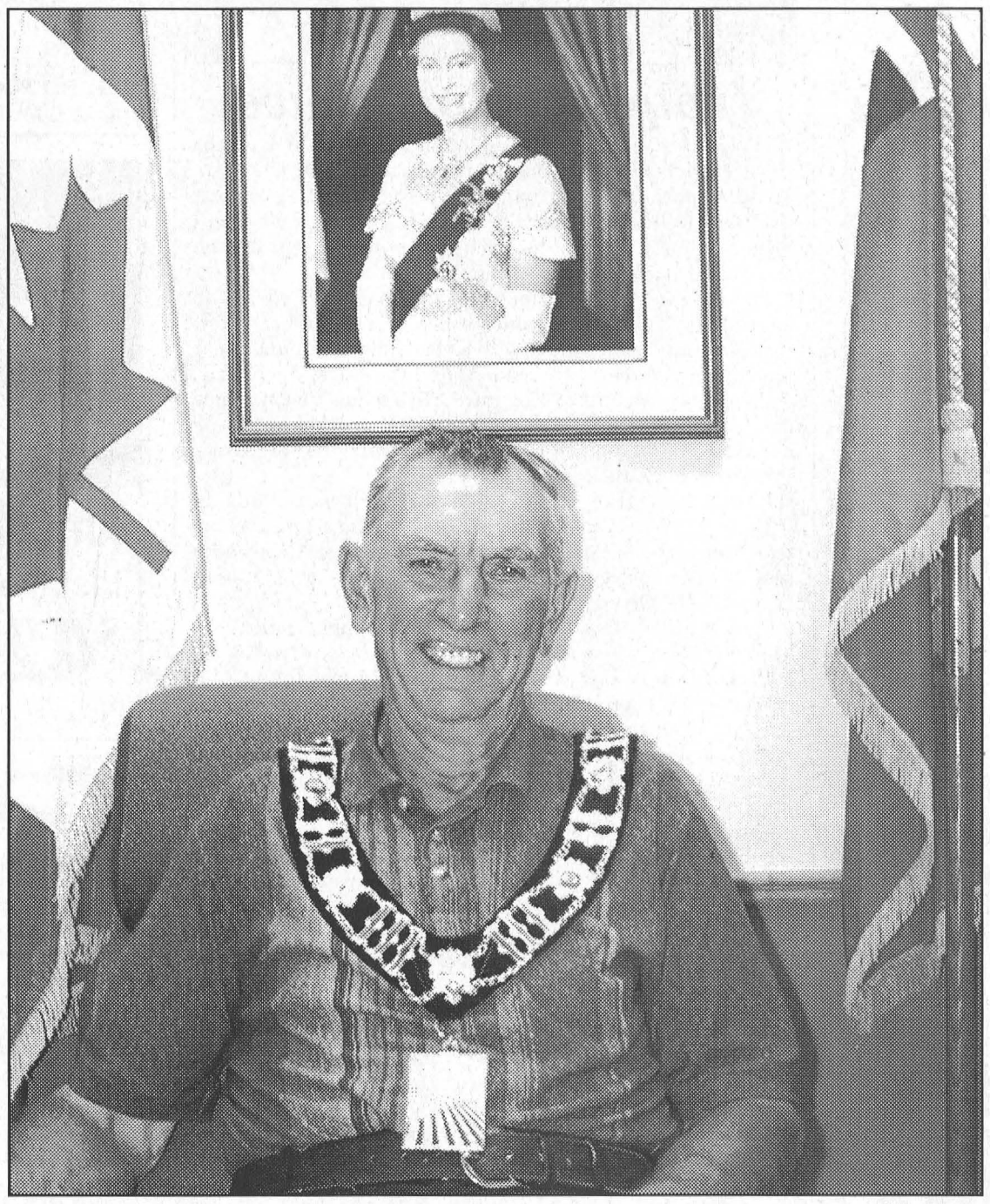
"We raise and sell both, and milk about 65 at the Williamsburg farm."

Johnny is deeply appreciative of his family and their support of his municipal career. "Remaining in municipal politics for 50 years would have been much more difficult if not for my family."

"The meetings always came first. If I had a field of hay down and there was a meeting, I went to the meeting."

"I only missed one meeting in the 50 years and that was on my 70th birthday when I broke my leg playing Oldtimer hockey. I missed a Counties Council meeting that time."

When Johnny entered municipal politics in 1954, it was at a very busy time for the whole of South Dundas as the St. Lawrence Seaway Project was just getting underway. "There were a lot of meetings, but they, Hydro, pretty well had it all planned out anyway."



Relaxing in the South Dundas Mayor's chair– fall of 2003

the roads for spring. They used to say, 'Keep the taxes down, we can go over the snow'. Now they say, 'keep the taxes down, but give us more services'."

"Today there are a lot of expenditures, and I don't think councils have the hands on like they used to have. Years ago our clerk didn't even have a secretary. We used to hire an extra person to help do the taxes. There are just so many government rules and regulations and forms to fill out now."

Twice during his municipal career, Johnny ran for the provincial Liberal party. "I ran provincially twice and was defeated. That was a good experience. I think the people made a good decision not to elect me...because, three days in Toronto and that's enough for me."

The biggest disappointment during his long and eventful career was the land deal east of Morrisburg which saw the Dupont land located east of Morrisburg turned over to the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

"They shouldn't have been able to do that. We had water and electrical, and two spur lines going in there. The end result was that we had to go out and buy more land."

That combined with the municipality's loss of waterfront property at the time of the Seaway adds up to a lot of prime vacant land. "Don't get me wrong, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission is a very valuable asset. They bring tourism and jobs, but all that land should be utilized. We get $5,000 a year from them and have I think since the Robarts government."

He is also displeased with the funding for the current water project for the villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois. "When we went into it we were looking at one third, one third, one third funding. It ends up we are only getting about 50 percent of the total, and we were told we would only have to pay 33 percent.

Since his start on Williamsburg Township council he feels he has been very successful on a number of issues beginning with the blacktop program for the township roads. "We have 70 percent of our roads black-topped in Williamsburg. Unfortunately, since amalgamation it has come to a standstill. We had a needs study done that told us there were more needs in Matilda Ward. They only had 30 percent of their roads black-topped."

He is also proud of council's accomplishment in getting a proper sewer systems in Williamsburg. "It's one of the smallest system in Ontario. I'm afraid if we hadn't got the sewers here we would have had serious health problems. It wasn't sunshine either, there were a lot of people against it. They didn't think we should spend that much money, but we were able to get 85 percent funding at the time."

He is very proud of the Park Lane Villa in Williamsburg and all of the people who made it possible, as well as the complete renovation of the Community Centre in Morrisburg, accomplished after amalgamation. "I am very proud that the Williamsburg recreation committee decided to name the ball park the J.C. Whitteker Park." Other accomplishments include the building of a modern, convenient fire hall in Williamsburg and renovations and expansions following amalgamation to the fire halls in Morrisburg and Iroquois.

Among the countless awards he has received he holds, very dear to his heart, that of the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Eastern Synod Leadership Award, most usually presented to ministers for, "exemplary service to the wider community."

"Amalgamation hasn't worked out too badly," he says, adding that what did hurt was the provincial government downloading that took place at the same time. "As a result, our infrastructure has slipped and our roads and bridges have slipped."

He says that over the years he and his councils have always had good relationships with surrounding municipalities. "One of the assets in municipal politics is all the good people you meet that you wouldn't have met otherwise."

He has also worked with some remarkable councillors and municipal staff which he is proud to call friends. "We always had some pretty good discussions at council, and we didn't all always agree, but we always left our problems at the door. We never took them home."

Feeling confident in a great future for South Dundas, he says he expects to see the dissolution of the ward system, "We stayed with the ward system. We have had two terms and are into our third and people are now thinking more as a whole. They are thinking of the bigger picture."

Asked if he has any regrets as he celebrate his 50 years in office, he doesn't hesitate as he answers, "No. I'd do it all over again. I've enjoyed it. There are a few calls you get that you don't enjoy, but it's been good."

Asked if this will be the end of his municipal political career at the end of this term, again he doesn't hesitate. "There's a good chance. But, you never say never."

"Johnny won his first election by 13 votes. What if he hadn't got those 13 votes? I'd hate to think what South Dundas would have lost if he wouldn't have been able to serve this community for 50 years." – MP Guy Lauzon

"Fifty years. It's a feat that no one has equaled in the past and no one will accomplish in the future. Audrey is to be congratulated as well. It's a family affair, just ask any spouse."
–South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen"



Williamsburg Township Council 1975–front Rowdy Gillard & Johnny Whitteker, centre Don Kyle, Casey Schell (clerk) & Graham Hess. Back, Gord McNairn and Rev. Beehmer.



Accompanied by former North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau Johnny performs his well-known Auctioneer Song at Saturday night's gala.

Other overly busy time periods included his year as United Counties warden in 1975, and the months of planning in preparation for the amalgamation of the four municipalities as South Dundas.

"What ever I was invited to, I went. There were a lot of things on the weekends to attend."

Johnny says that during his 50 years in municipal office there have been a lot of changes.

In 1965, for instance, the budget for Williamsburg Township was $166,100. The budget for South Dundas in 2004 was approximately $4 million.

"Before I was elected they didn't plow the roads. They'd lay the cars up for the winter (which saved on tires) and in the spring they would have a bee. Everyone would strap ploughs to their sleighs and wagons and open

Among the Cedars

WILLIAMSBURG –The first champs of the club season stepped into the Cedar Glen winners circle on Sunday, May 15. Cheryl Lowe shot a 91 and Craig Villeneuve a 76 to win the low gross in the ladies and men's division opening day tournament and capture the top prizes in A class.

Pat Reaney wrapped up the low gross in B flight with a 104, and Candace Burns won C flight with a 109. Barbara Mabe finished out the ladies wins claiming the low gross in D flight with a 112.

For the men, Gary Burns topped B flight with an 82, and Brett Bird led the C flight shooters with a 90. D flight was won by Charles Bathurst with a 103.

Ladies net winners were: Denise Lafave in A flight, Heather Lockett in B, Marie Beckstead in C and Leona Bathurst in D. The men's net winners were: Dennis Villeneuve in A flight, Gary Lafave in B, Mike Shaw in C and Henri Dupuis in D.

The ladies started their weekly ladies night action with warm temperatures, which gave way to some chilly action as the evening progressed. Muriel Whitteker held on for the A flight win with a 45 (retro), and Sharon Whitteker won B flight with a 51. A 55 gave Allison Banford the win in C flight, while Tabatha Casselman won D flight with a 54. The only net prize of the evening went to Brenda Casselman in D flight. The closest to the pin winner was Lori Emmell.

The men held their weekly Thursday night activities in extremely cool temperatures, and this time out it was Kevin Whitteker leading the field with a 38 to narrowly edge out Craig Villeneuve's 39.

B flight was won by Ron Ferguson with a 39, and Doug Lowe was the low shooter in C with a 41. Bill Kooistra claimed the D flight win with a 50. Net winners were: Kirk Barkley in A flight, Todd Walker in B, and Pete Rome in C. Joe Cass and Michael McAllister won for closest to the pins, and Eric Don produced the longest drive.

In Tuesday night scramble and wing night action, this week's low gross winner was the team of Kevin and Jeff Whitteker who combined for a 32. Tabatha Casselman and Allison Banford, and Jim and Wendy Casselman posted 23.25s to tie for the low net.

Coming Events:

Saturday, May 28–Winchester Fire Department Fundraiser tournament.

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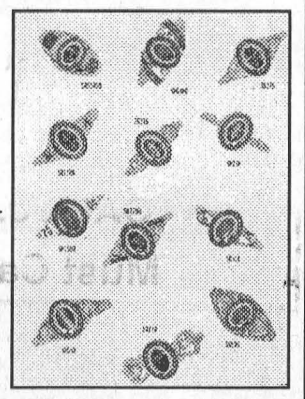

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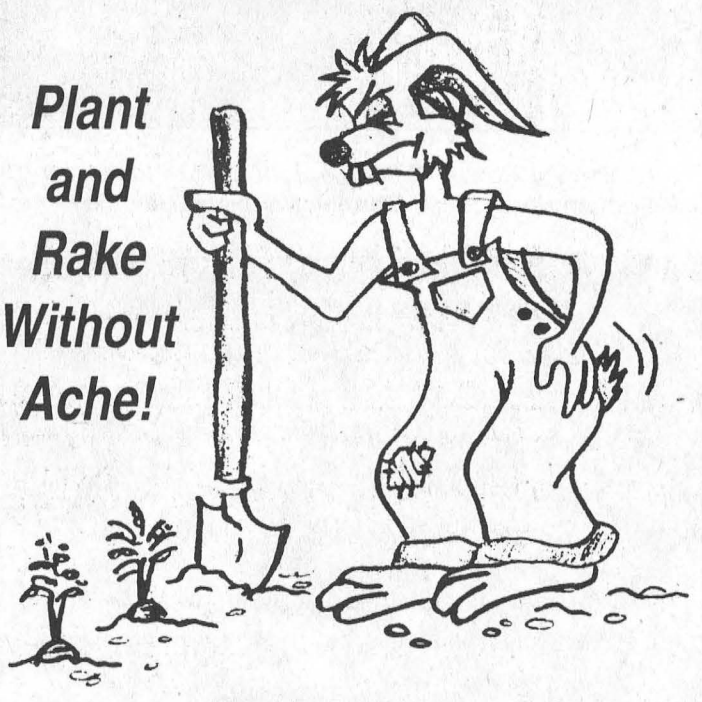

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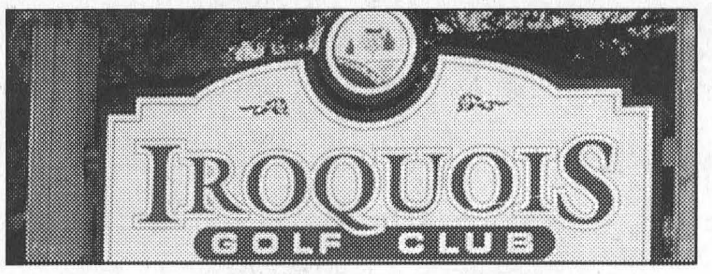

Iroquois Golf News

IROQUOIS–It's early in the season, but not too early for the first registered hole in one at the Iroquois Golf Club. On Tuesday morning, Sue Sloan who has been golfing for just five years, collected the first ace of her career on the seventh hole. Playing with Helen Robichaud, Sue used a four iron on the 96 year par three hole. Congratulation Sue.

On the weekend the club members participated in the opening day tournament which was a captain and crew format. Coming in the winner with a very solid seven under par scored was the team of Evonne Delegarde, Rick MacKenzie, Joanne Lewis and Steve Martineau. Two teams tied at minus five and they included Bill Anderson, Dave Sloan, Les Craig and Gail McCallam, and Barry Barkley, Garry Barkey, Grace Patterson and Allie Cameron.

The seniors kicked off the week on Wednesday, May 11 with a scramble. Finishing in first place in the action was the team consisting of Bart Castleman, Jack Shaver, Arnie Fader and Ed Thompson. Second place went to Cathy Marston, Gerry Houde, Eric Orgee and Blanche Daw.

Cold weather played a big part of men's night action last Thursday, and when it was all over there were two teams leading the way tied with 30 nets. They consisted of Don Martelle and Garry Barkey who got the nod for first place and Steve Martineau and Brad Windsor who took second spot. The next low net of the evening was a 31 and again two teams finished tied. They were Barry Barkley and Steve Lidster, and Ron Swank and Mike Tobin.

This Thursday, May 19 men's night is sponsored by Lloyd McMillan Equipment. There is a 5:45 p.m. shotgun start and participants are asked to sign up by today Wednesday, May 18. Cost is $5 (prizes) for members or $20 for non-members (prizes and green fee). Participants can make up their own groups and the format is a two-person net best ball with a hidden partner after play is complete.

Ladies Twilight play begins tonight Wednesday, May 18. (tees are closed from 4-6 p.m.) Non-members are welcome at a $10 cost for nine holes, and everyone is invited to visit the Sycamore Lounge after play to partake of the Eat Smart Program now available. Participants are invited to call 652-4367 to book a tee-time as a group or an individual.

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The dart season has finished for another year with the mixed league presenting the branch with a generous cheque.

The Legion convention in Brockville saw our Branch 48 presented with an award for 80% membership renewals, a Plus for our new membership chairman.

Cribbage winners on May 15th were 1st Rick Darling, 2nd Pat Casselman, 3rd Jim Scott, 4th Judy Darling. The skunk pot went to Glen Mattice and boobie prize to Keith Johnson.

The next Steak BBQ will be held on Friday, May 27th, with Betty Landon supplying the entertainment. Advance tickets are available at the bar, so get yours early and don't be disappointed. Everyone is welcome.

Plans are in the making for a bus trip to the new War Museum in Ottawa. Watch for details in this column and on the Branch bulletin board.

Bingo is on Thursday night as usual, so come and test your luck. Some luck lady won almost $700 last week.

Next general meeting is May 25th, so please try to attend.

That's all for now . . . ***Comrade Bill & Helpers***

Heavy foot

MORRISBURG– A 55 year old woman from Quebec, was charged with speeding, 155 km/hr in an 80 km/zone along County Road 2.

The woman was en-route to Morrisburg to attend court on a charge of speeding.

Vandalism

MORRISBURG– Two incidents of vandalism were reported to police in the Village of Morrisburg this weekend.

On May 13 a vehicle was keyed while parked at private residence.

On May 14 tire ruts were found in a private residence yard from a vehicle driving over the lawn.

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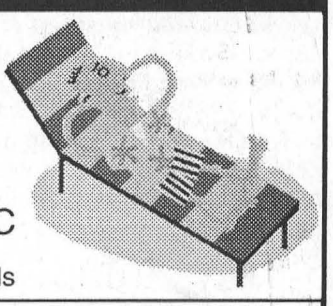

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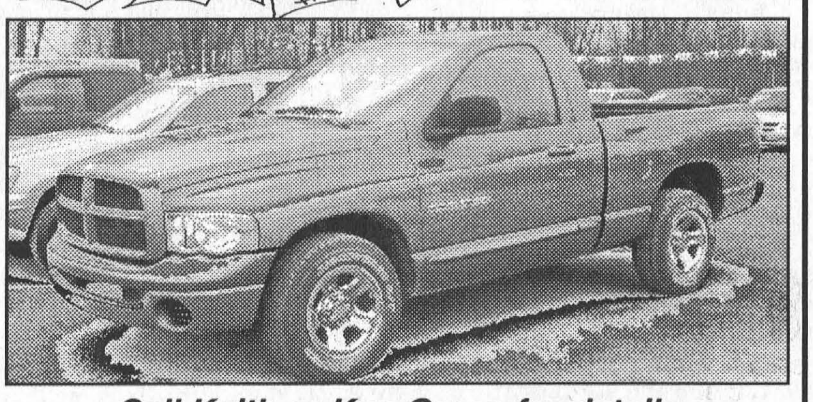

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This Week at MGC

MORRISBURG –The temperature was dropping faster than the putts at the weekly ladies night last Wednesday, but many of the gals hung on to finish play. The featured game of the night was the total score on the course's three par threes and three par fives and claiming the win in A flight was Monique Patenaude with a 27. Carolyn Weegar stepped in to win B flight with a 29 and Giselle Hooles equalled that score to win C flight. Wrapping it up was Shelley Broad who shot a 36 for the win in D flight.

Net winners were Diane Gallinger in A flight, Anita Cooper in B, Elsie Guindon in C and Shannon Casselman in D. Denis Lebrun won for closest to the pin on number 11. The evening was sponsored by Scotiabank and 45 ladies braved the cold front that moved in, in the early evening hours. Next week's sponsor is KBD Transportation in Iroquois.

In men's night action Thursday, it was a very full field of close to 100 golfers and topping the play was Lance Lepage who shot a 34 to win A low gross. John Vincent was close on his heels with a 35 to win B low gross, and Bob Duvall carded a 41 for the win in C flight. Net winners were Blake Barry in A, Jack Barkley in B and Mick Mabo in C.

Many thanks go this week to club member Alan Black who donated his construction business service to the club for some major renovations done to the ladies locker room. Also Andy Patenaude and Bob Youmelle have had their hammers and saws out to do a little repair construction and it is all very much appreciated as it certainly helps the club to keeep our costs down. Deanna Cassell has volunteered to water our flower planters, and we notice someone has cleaned up the flower bed near the third green. Two weeks ago, Orval Delage gave up a few hours and kindly helped us to put together our new furniture. If you are a member who sees a way you can help out by all means leave your name at the snack bar and we can put you to work, if only for a couple of hours. Every little bit helps and it all helps keep our membership rates down.

Some events to note on the calendar are the Brewers Tournament (private) this Friday, May 20 with teeoffs beginning at 4:30 p.m. and the Three-Man Scramble (open) scheduled for Saturday, May 21. Registration is now being accepted at the club for the Three-Man.

The mixed two-ball and wing night on Saturday, May, 28 is now almost full. Registration is $15 per couple which includes golf and prizes. Non-members are welcome at a reduced green fee rate of $10 plus the registration. Tee-offs begin at noon. Wings and a specials menu will be available for those who work up a hunger and a little music will be piped in to top the day off.

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Upper Canada Village opens this weekend

MORRISBURG– At Upper Canada Village, the upcoming holiday weekend marks more than its Opening Day on May 22. On Sunday and Monday, May 23 and 24, the Village is encouraging the public to take a trip back in time and join in its Queen Victoria's Birthday Celebration, an event that was already widely recognized as an important national holiday in the 1860s.

Signs of a 19th century celebration will be evident as soon as visitors pass through the gates of the Village during the annual outdoor event, with flags and colourful bunting adorning many of the heritage buildings on site.

A number of historical activities scheduled for Sunday and Monday will bring to life the same community excitement that would have been felt in Upper Canada in the year 1866.

The true tribute to the Queen will be at 1:15 p.m each day, as Villagers and visitors to the site will join in singing "God Save The Queen", hear patriotic speeches and recitations, and offer three cheers to "Her Majesty".

On Sunday, there will also be a patriotic "tableau" put together by children from the Village, and a Feu-de-Joie (the successive firing of rifles) by special guests the Brockville Infantry Company will complete the ceremony.

Children and adults alike will be thrilled during the Fire Engine Trials scheduled for both afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

The "Queen", a shiny new state-of-the-art engine of the day, will be hand-pulled by the Fire Company and a stream of water shot through the air.

On Sunday, the Brockville Infantry Company will be encamped in front of Upper Canada Village.

Throughout the morning, they will perform patrols, drills and maneuvers with military precision.

Non-uniformed village men will be recruited and drilled as part of a sedentary militia muster on Sunday afternoon just before 1pm.

It is rumored that even visiting children and their parents may be sought after to join in the militia drills, where they will be invited to dress in a red coat, and have their skills tested (2:45 p.m).

The Brockville Infantry Company will return for another demonstration of their prowess Sunday afternoon (3:30 p.m).

Always a popular part of any 1860s celebration, and sure to be a hit for modern-day guests at Upper Canada Village, are a number of athletic games such as tug-of-war, relay races and sack races, to be held on Sunday afternoon at 2pm.

After the games, children and their families will be invited to have a piece of birthday cake and drink of lemonade.

A highlight at the same time on Monday afternoon will be a friendly game of baseball that takes advantage of the arrival of spring, where villagers and visitors alike will gather in the fairgrounds to play, adhering to the old-fashioned Massachusetts rules.

"Queen Victoria's Birthday Celebrations" is the first in a series of events at Upper Canada Village in May, including "Spring on the Farm" (May 24 to June 5), and "Heirloom Plant Sale and Garden Weekend" (May 28 and 29).

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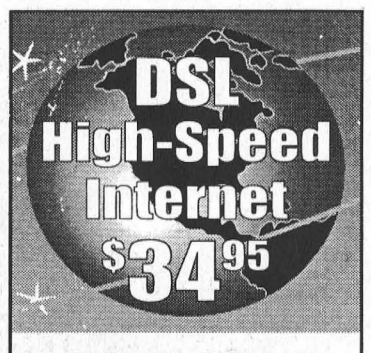
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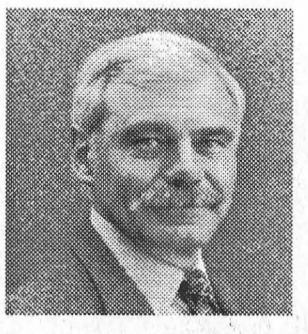
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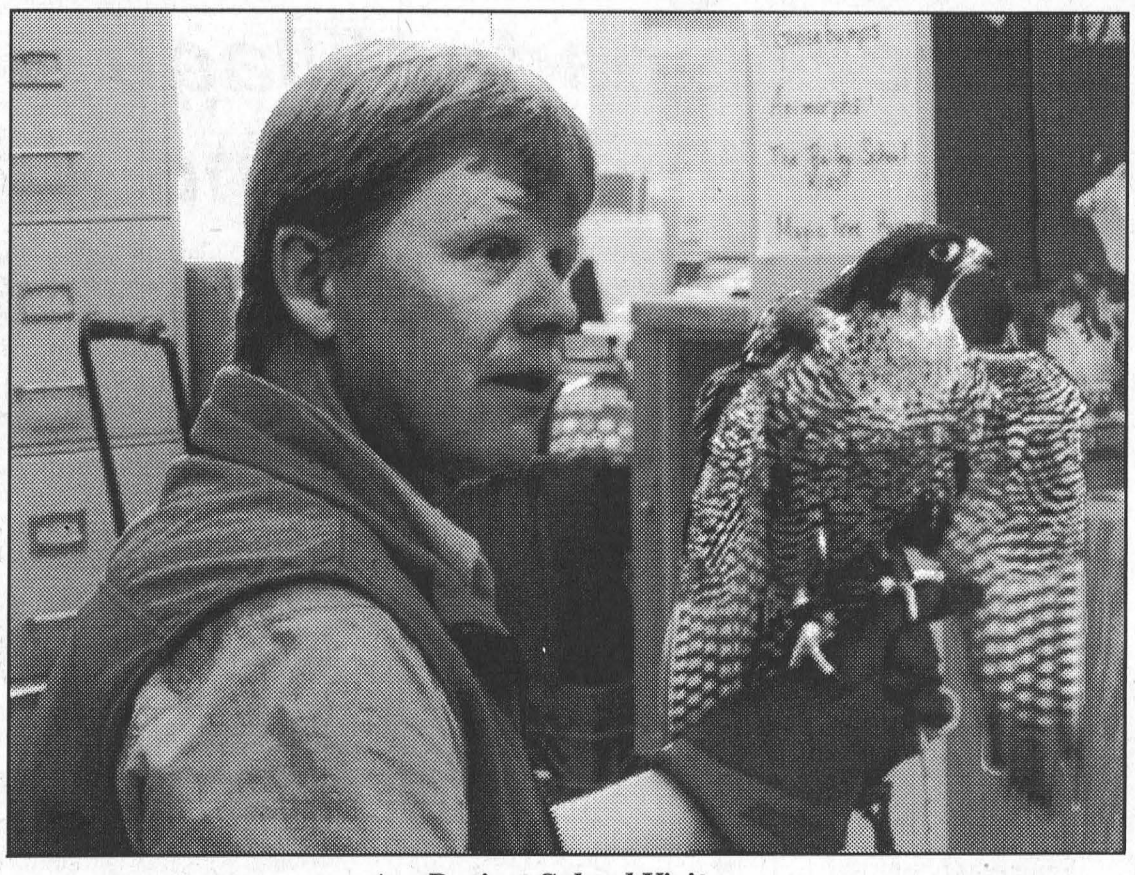

Project School Visit
Mark Nash of The Canadian Peregrine Foundation educated the students at Iroquois Public School about The Peregrine Falcon with the help from his friend Qetesh. *Lozo Photo*



IPS Students Get A Visit From A Special Guest
Grade five and six students at Iroquois Public School get an up close look at Qetesh, a 24-year-old female Peregrine Falcon. *Lozo Photo*

IPS students participate in "Project School Visit"

IROQUOIS– The students at Iroquois Public School received a visit from a very special guest on Tuesday. Her name is Qetesh, a 24-year-old female Peregrine Falcon.

The Canadian Peregrine Foundation has been visiting schools around Ontario as part of "Project School Visit". An educational program, sponsored by TransCanada Pipeline, is being presented to elementary school students to raise awareness about Ontario's endangered birds of prey.

Mark Nash of The Canadian Peregrine Foundation, presented the students with a video that educated the students on the reasons behind the Peregrine Falcon becoming an endangered species.

The video explained how DDT, a spray used world wide to kill off annoying bugs in farmers fields, was causing the Peregrine Falcons eggs to be too soft and reproduction impossible.

After the video the students were asked questions about what they had just viewed and Nash explained more about the efforts being made by The Canadian Peregrine Foundation to ensure the extinction of this bird will never happen.

The students were then introduced to Qetesh, named after the Egyptian goddess of love and nature. Qetesh has been with The Canadian Peregrine Foundation since 1996 when she was retired from her duties at the Canadian Wild Life Service Captive Breeding Facility in Wainwright, Alberta.

Qetesh was part of the artificial semination program at the facility.

The students watched and asked questions about Qetesh that Nash was thrilled to answer.

When it was time to leave Nash handed out postcards and wash-off tattoos to all the students.

He also asked of the students to draw a picture of a Peregrine Falcon and then have their teachers submit it to The Canadian Peregrine Foundation. The pictures will be posted on their web page with the student's names.

The school was left with 30 copies of "A Student's Guide to Ontario's Endangered Wildlife" and a copy of the video all provided by TransCanada Pipeline.

Mark and Qetesh are headed off to Toronto area schools next. The Project School Visit has been to over 6,000 schools.

The Canadian Peregrine Foundation has scheduled the releasing of young Peregrines into the wild next year in the Brockville and Charleston Lake areas.

For more information on The Canadian Peregrine Foundation visit their web site: www..peregrine-foundation.ca

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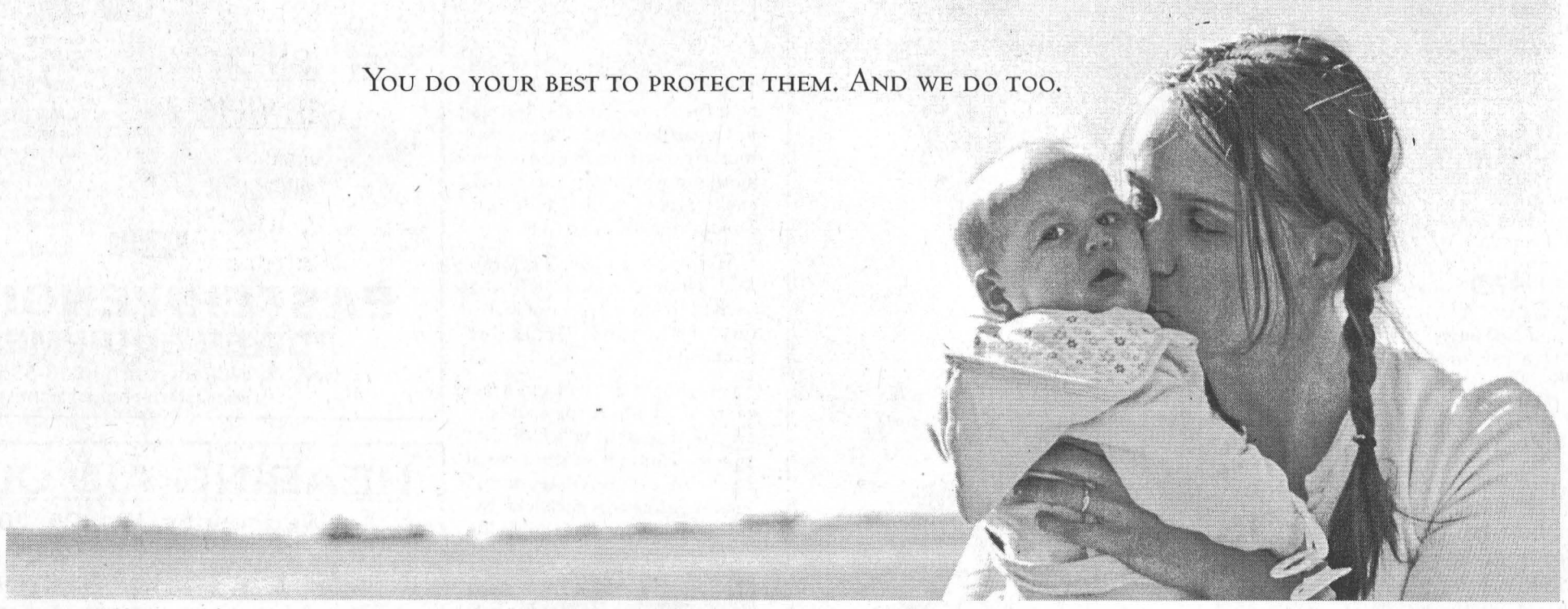

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Local Scouts Plant Trees

South Nation Conservation and Scouts Canada teamed up to plant some trees within the watershed in South Dundas Township on May 7. Pictured above are the local Scouts who spent the day as tree planters. Quite appropriately May 1-7 was National Forest Week. Through the annual Scouts Trees Program 50,000 trees have been planted in the Upper St. Lawrence Valley area, 15,000 of those have been planted in the last three years.

Winchester Hospital

Exciting evening for gala

WINCHESTER – Joan Farlinger, who chairs this year's Spring Gala in support of Winchester District Memorial Hospital says the committee has put together an exciting evening for the third annual event coming up on Saturday, June 4.

The committee has been successful in securing corporate sponsorship from Parkin Group, ZW Group, Marshall & Murray, CIBC Private Wealth Management, Integrated Planning Resources Inc. and WDMH.

"This sponsorship is allowing us to do some special things this year, including having musical entertainment during the social and dinner hours featuring Simply Jazz and dancing the evening away to the classic rock tunes of The Fabulous Edsels."

The silent and live auction features a range of items that will appeal to everyone. Guest auctioneer, Hugh Fawcett will have a spirited time enticing the audience to bid up Desserts for a Year by Gloria Byers; a hand-quilted "double wedding ring" patterned quilt by Annie Barkley and Bonnie Houlahan; two one-week, all-inclusive vacations to Sol Luna Mares Resort in Holguin, Cuba and Sirenis Cocotal Beach Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic from Winchester Travel; a sleigh ride and dinner packages for 40 people, along with DJ services from Two J's DJ Service and a limousine ride to the farm for eight people from Greg Young Limousine Service, all coordinated and and hosted by Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm; a Rideau River fishing trip from Paddletales: a hand carved wood mallard drake by local master carver, Mike McInnis, and more!

In addition, the photo art of Dr. Duane Justus will be on display and available for auction. If you missed out on your chance to pick up one of his nature shots last year, there are more on display this year.

Master of ceremonies, Dr. Paul Coolican will keep the evening on track and no doubt, in good humour. The fun begins a 7 p.m. when guests will be asked to take their seats and enjoy a first-rate meal from AJ's Valley Food Services.

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Road closures for safe summer fun

WILLIAMSBURG – Only in South Dundas are impending road closures a sure sign, not of construction, but of a couple of popular sporting events.

At the May 3, regular council meeting South Dundas approved two requests, one from Volley for Cancer and one from the South Dundas Soccer Association. Both were requesting road closures.

The South Dundas Soccer Association this year has 570 children from all over the municipality participating in their popular soccer program that runs in Iroquois, and starts this weekend.

They make use of soccer fields in the school yards and across from the Iroquois Public School, so they asked that the road between them, Lakeview Drive (between College and Elizabeth Streets) be closed to traffic every Saturday from May 21 to July 16 and again on July 22 and 23.

Council agreed to the important safety precaution.

The Volley for Cancer organizing committee asked for permission to close Canada Way Road August 20, for their day long charity volleyball event.

Their request also included permission for the use of Earl Baker Park in Morrisburg where the 11th annual tournament will be held.

Council granted permission.

Councillor before CAO

WILLIAMSBURG – As soon as the vacant council seat is filled, South Dundas council will be looking at filling another vacant seat, that of chief administrative officer.

Following his resignation, Andy Brown officially left the post last week, and now South Dundas clerk Brenda Brunt is acting CAO.

She says that the township hired the Howard Allen Group to consult in the hiring process, which is not yet underway.

The position has not yet been advertised, but Brunt says they will do that as soon as they have filled the council vacancy, which is expected to be completed at the next regular meeting.

Abilities awareness week at SDHS

IROQUOIS – A week filled with various activities at Seaway District High School is focused on abilities awareness.

This week is abilities awareness week at Seaway and Monday students attended a kickoff assembly hosted by staff members Heidi MacDonald and Gisela Kerr.

The purpose of abilities awareness week is "to appreciate and enhance the abilities of our students at Seaway as they continue to strive for success."

The assembly was all about encouraging students to be proud of their various talents and to help them understand that everyone is different.

The theme of the assembly was that laughter and success are contagious. Laughter leads to success, and people can go a long way to both of those things by choosing their attitudes.

Activities for the remainder of the week include funny hat days and Hoops for Heart with an abilities awareness twist.

All week students will be collecting pennies to donate to the Easter Seal Society.

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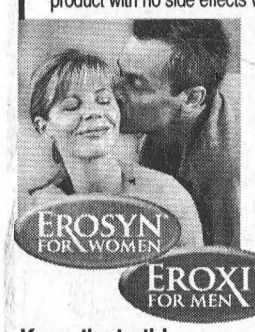

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TENDERS

Serial No.	**PT 2005-009**	**HEATING – QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS** Various Projects
	PT 2005-0010	**PLUMBING – QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS** Various Projects
	PT 2005-0011	**ELECTRICAL – QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS** Various Projects
	PT 2005-0012	**CARPENTRY – QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS** Various Projects

Tenders will be received for the above until **THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.** by the Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation at 1916 Pitt Street, Unit 11, Cornwall, Ontario, K6J 5H3, c/o the Manager, Capital Works & Maintenance, John Robinson, from whom details and specifications may be obtained or telephone (613) 938-7717, quoting the serial number as above. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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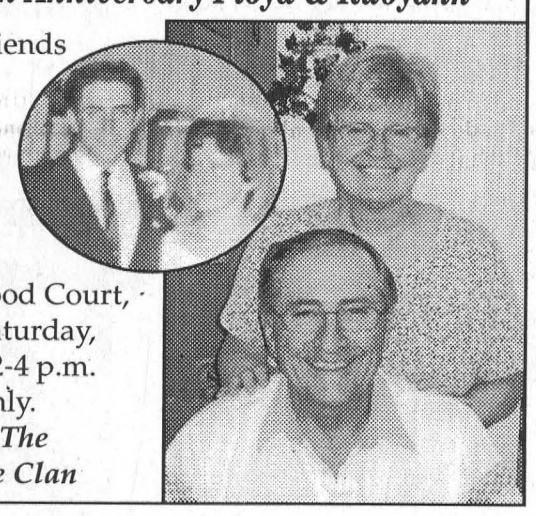



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2005

1) COUNTY ROAD NO. 6 RECONSTRUCTION:

The north/south section of County Road 6 - from County Road 13 south to east/west section of County Road 6. Tenders in this regard are:

a) Subdrains – Supply & place approx. 3,700 l.m. of 100mm perforated plastic subdrain with filter cloth and approx. 14 non-perforated 120mm corrugated steel pipe & rodent traps.

b) Pulverizing – Approx. 19,650 square metres.

c) Concrete Box Culvert – Construction of a 7.5 metre extension to an existing 4.1m x 1.785m open footed culvert.

d) Granulars – Supply and place approx. 9,580 tonnes of Granular "A" and 11,775 tonnes of Granular "B" plus pick-up of additional quantities and 100 tonnes of rip-rap.

2) COUNTY ROAD 2 POLE INSTALLATION – Supply and install four base mounted aluminum poles complete with 8.5m single arm and Rb48 signage at County Road No. 2 in Morrisburg.

3) GUIDERAIL – Remove and replace approx. 1,671 l.m. of guiderail and install eccentric loaders and related work (incl. supply and place 700 tonnes+ of Granular "M") at various sites in S. D. & G.

4) TWO LOADER WEIGHING SCALES – Supply and install scales on 2 County loaders at 2 locations. Also to include training of County staff.

Tender forms including information to bidders, specifications and deposit requirements for the above may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

PLEASE TELEPHONE (1-613-932-1515; EXT. 209) IN ADVANCE TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL TENDER DOCUMENTS.

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Basement of old high school will be open from 3–5 p.m., Sat., May 21, to accept donations. Food Bank Yard Sale Sat., May 28, old high school basement, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. 20c

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 21, 18 Westwinds Dr., Morrisburg. Many items, 4 Vilas maple chairs. Open 8 a.m. 20p

FAMILY YARD SALE
34 Laurier Dr., Morrisburg, May 21, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Rain or shine. Barbies, etc. Something for everyone. 20p

YARD SALE
Sat., May 21, 32 Orchard Way, Morrisburg. Starts at 8 a.m. Something for everyone. 20c

COMING EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
If you want to drink that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Call AA 543-3484. Meeting every Thursday, 8 p.m., Lakeshore United Church. 40tfc

DUNDAS COUNTY PLAYERS
Presents "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling, May 27 and 28, June 3 and 4, 8 p.m. May 29 and June 5, 2 p.m. There will be a light lunch available at Sunday matinees only. Old Town Hall, 478 Main St., Winchester. Tickets $10, available at Shadbolt's, 774-2008 or Terry MacLellan, 774-0510 20-21c

SEAWAY VALLEY PHARMACY FREE SCREENING CLINIC
For blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol, Fri., May 27, 9 a.m.–1 p.m, by nurse. Free coffee, dietetic snacks, information brochures. 20-21c

DUNDAS COUNTY HOSPICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Mon, June 20, 7 p.m., at Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre, Williamsburg. Guest speaker Dr. A Thomas. Refreshments. 20c

YARD SALE
16 Augusta St., Morrisburg, May 21 and 22. Rain or Shine. 20p

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
We're running out of space and need to make room for new inventory! Clearance on interior doors, insulation, aluminum shutters, mouldings, paint mistints, cabinet pulls, gardening supplies, rental equipment and much more. Fri., May 20 and Sat., May 21. See you there at the Morrisburg Building Centre. 20c

DOCKSYDE OPENING THURSDAY, MAY 19
Opening weekend special, Fri., May 20, Sat., May 21, Sun., May 22, free small ice cream cone with any meal combo. Open 10 a.m.–10 p.m. daily. Now serving soft ice cream, milk shakes and Docksyde Ice Storms. Music in the park: Fri., May 20, 6–10 p.m., Craig Tallica & Thin Lizzy; Sat., May 21, 3–7:30 p.m., Rogue & Cory Mervin Coons; Sun., May 22, 2–5 p.m., Betty Barkley, Don Morrell & Janell Moore. Weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs. 20c

YARD SALE
Sat., May 21, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., 12165 Cty. Rd. 4, halfway between Morrisburg and Mariatown. Household furniture, table and chairs, - 2 sets, microwave, luggage, coats, clothes, etc. 19-20p

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50 Augusta St., Morrisburg. Open Wed., Thurs., Fri., 3:30–8 p.m., Sat., 8 a.m–2 p.m. 4" pots $2 each. Rain or shine. 20p

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May 21 and 22, 9 Lions Rd., Morrisburg, 8 a.m.–3p.m. Brand new exercise equipment, magnetic mattress topper, bedding, antiques, Partylite, CB radio, air conditioner, above ground pool slide, children's items and a whole lot more. 20p

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Sat., May 21, Lakeshore Drive United Church, Allan Hall. Stop for continental breakfast before village yard sale, 8–11 a.m. 19-20p

PLANTS, CRAFTS, GENTLY USED ITEMS, BAKED GOODS SALE & MORE
Morrisburg Shopping Centre, clock tower area, Sat., May 21, 8 a.m.–12, by Riverside Heights W.I. 20c

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 21, 8 a.m.–4p.m., 66 High St., Morrisburg. 543-2851. 20p

YARD SALE
May 21, 22 and 23, 5710 Mill St., Mariatown, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Freezer, lawn furniture, household, Halloween and Christmas items, toys, clothing, luggage. 20p

YARD SALE DAY BREAKFAST
Take a few minutes from your yard sale schedule and enjoy breakfast at the Morrisburg Golf Club. Serving from 7 a.m. on. Two eggs, bacon, ham or sausage, homefries, toast and coffee all for $3.97 plus tax. Open for breakfast daily at 7 a.m. beginning Fri. May 20. Public welcome. 20c

BIRTHS

STOYLES–Arthur and Kara (Potter) Stoyles of Ottawa are thrilled to announce the birth of Olivia's baby sister. Holly Grace was born April 19, 2005, weighing 7 lbs 11 1/2 ozs. Proud grandparents are Arthur and Doreen Stoyles of Newfoundland and Noel and Willa Potter of Riverside Heights. 20p

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THANK YOU–Community Living Dundas County wishes to thank all those who ordered a lunch during our Brown Bag Awareness Campaign. Thanks to the McIntosh Inn for preparing the wonderful lunches. Special thanks to Derek Claxton and the kitchen staff for all their hard work. 20c

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HELP WANTED–Construction company in Iroquois looking for experienced labourers. Send resume to Box 438, Iroquois K0E 1K0 or fax 652-1563. 20-21c

HELP WANTED–Part-time, full-time evening kitchen help required. Apply in person at the Tea Room, Williamsburg, 535-2463. 20c

LOST

LOST–Large, male, tabby cat, black/grey, lost in Mariatown area. Answers to "Buddy". Last seen Wed., May 11. 543-4112. 20p

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Once again, we would like to thank our community for the outpouring of support and compassion that we have received during Mitchell's illness and recent passing. Please accept our thanks for the overwhelming number of cards, floral arrangements, contributions of food, phone calls, e-mails, hospital visits, charitable donations to CHEO, words of support and prayers during this very difficult time. We have been deeply touched. A special thank you to Father John Gillis for his dedication to Mitchell and the beautiful Mass of the Angels on May 4th. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the celebration of Mitchell's life so memorable – Byers Funeral Home, Tammy McRae and musicians, St. Mary's Helping Hands, the pallbearers, and our families and friends. We will never forget our friends on 4 North and Mitchell's caring and compassionate team of doctors and nurses. Your kind and caring spirits have reached our hearts and will always be appreciated and remembered. Mitchell was a special and well-loved little boy, which is evident by the number of hearts he has touched. Without a doubt, we know that he is in Heaven watching over us.

Forever grateful,
John, Kerry and Mikyla Guy

Seniors euchre at Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG– Winners at the Williamsburg Seniors' euchre on Wednesday, May 11 were as follows:

White Cards–Bob Dawson, Everett Froats, Audrey McLaren.

Yellow Cards–Hubert LaPierre, Lorraine Tupper, Ray Casselman.

Door Prize–Bertha Christie, Lorraine Tupper.

Draw–Jean Casselman, Lyle Hess, Dwain Hess, Bob Dawson, and Harold Gallinger.

The next euchre will be held Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m, and everyone is welcome.

Obituaries

Johanna Westervelt



A long time resident of Brinston and loving mother of six, Johanna Westervelt passed away at her home on Sunday, May 8. She was 67 years old.

Johanna was primarily a homemaker, but in her earlier years she worked at Coon's General Store in Brinston.

Born in Zelhem, The Netherlands on March 13, 1938, she lived in Halle, The Netherlands until she was 11 years old. Her family left Halle by boat on April 29, 1949 to move to Canada. They arrived in Quebec City on May 8, 1949 and traveled by train to Picture Butte, Alberta. In 1950, her family moved to Brinston and she has resided there for the past 55 years.

Johanna was a member of the Matilda Women's Institute, The Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, and "Be a Blessing Ladies Society" at Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

She was an avid gardener and she also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and doing needle work.

Johanna is survived by her husband Gerrit and her children Gerald (Pamela) of R.R.#2 Brinston, Evelyn (Gerald) VanStarkenburg of Pembroke, Margaret Westervelt at home, John (Jana) or R.R.#2 Brinston, Martin (Trudy) of Boucks Hill, and Calvin (Sheila) of Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is also survived by nieces and nephews and will be fondly remembered by 11 grandchildren.

She will be lovingly remembered by her brother and sisters; Grace (James) Kolff of Iroquois, Arie (Janny) Geurkink of R.R#2 Iroquois, Henry (Jessie) Geurkink of Brinston, and John (Coral) Geurkink of R.R.#2 Iroquois.

Friends called at Mardsen and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and the funeral service was performed by Rev. John Noordhof at The Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, in Williamsburg on Wednesday, May 11.

Pallbearers were Bill Zandbergen, Henry Zandbergen, Bill Tibben, Ralph Tibben, Herman Devries, Bert Smail and Lorne Strader.

Donations to the Canadian Bible Society or Winchester District Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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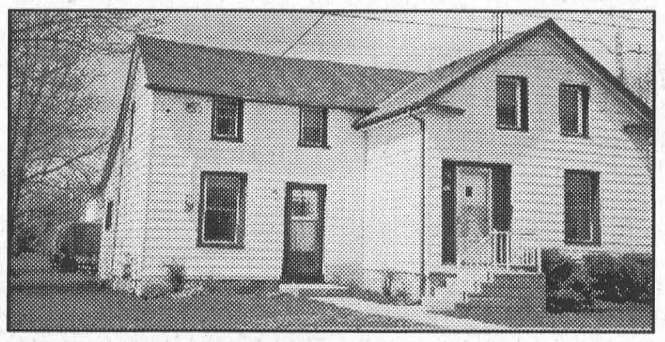

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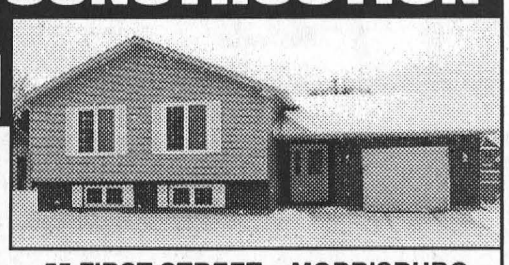

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APPLICATION NO. A003-2005 FOR MINOR VARIANCE

(Section 45 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 13)

Re: 37 Prospect Road, Morrisburg, ON K0C 1X0

Location of Property: Pt. Lot 4, Plan 46 (Morrisburg Ward)

Purpose of Application: To reduce the setback requirements of Zoning By-Law #11-80.

Effect of Application: To permit proposed office addition to existing building.

TAKE NOTICE THAT an application under the above file numbers will be heard on:

Date: May 30, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Municipal Office
Address: 4296 County Rd. 31, Williamsburg ON

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & LAND DESCRIPTION or a key map showing the location of the subject land is available at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

You are entitled to attend at this public hearing in person or you may be represented by counsel or an agent to give evidence about this application. Signed, written submissions that relate to the application shall be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Municipal Board Hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Committee decision may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by the applicant or another member of the public.

To appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, send a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer for the Committee outlining the reasons for the appeal. You must enclose the appeal fee of $125.00 for each application appealed, paid by cheque, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

If you do not attend this hearing you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2005.

Brenda M. Brunt, Secretary-Treasurer
Township of South Dundas Committee of Adjustment

Include giving blood in holiday planning

MORRISBURG– As Canadians prepare to celebrate the Victoria Day long weekend, many patients will be fighting to celebrate life itself. They'll urgently need blood.

Canadian Blood Services, Ottawa, is encouraging local residents to make an appointment to donate blood and platelets during the run-up on Victoria Day.

On Thursday, May 19 there will be an afternoon and evening clinic in Morrisburg. To book an appointment please call 1-888-2-DONATE.

Holidays and long weekends are always a difficult time for the blood system. While blood and platelet donations traditionally decrease because people are away on holidays or busy with family activities, the demand for blood usually increases due in part to an increase in trauma cases such as car accidents.

"Along with trauma patients, we also need to maintain our blood supplies for our other critically ill patients, cancer patients, and patients who require blood transfusions on a regular basis," says Acting Regional Director, North/East Ontario and Nunavut, Diane Ayre. "Patients who need emergency surgery or ongoing medical treatments during the weekend and the following months will be very thankful for your donation."

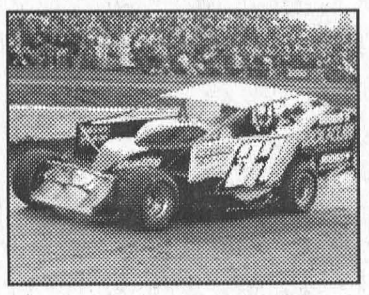
With a shelf life of only five days, having platelets during a long weekend period is always a challenge. Platelets are used in the process of coagulation or clotting the blood.

A single platelet treatment for a cancer patient or child with leukemia requires six to eight units. Platelets are also used to treat people who have suffered injuries resulting from traumas. They are one of the four components (red blood cells, plasma, white blood cells and platelets) that make up blood.

Canadian Blood Services is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization that manages the blood supply in all provinces and territories outside of Quebec and oversees the country's Unrelated Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

Canadian Blood Services operates 42 permanent collection sites and more than 15,000 donor clinics annually. The provincial and Territorial Ministers of Health provide operational funding to Canadian Blood Services. The federal government, through Health Canada, is responsible for regulating the blood system.

Plank continues his winning ways at Cornwall Speedway's season opener



CORNWALL – The 2004 Cornwall Speedway track champion Dale Planck continued his winning ways capturing the win at the first 30 lap 358 modified feature of the season Sunday night at the Cornwall Motor Speedway.

Planck, who won seven features at Cornwall in 2004, wasted no time in moving to the front of the 20 car field. He took the lead from Kyle Jacobs on lap 12.

Jacobs and Planck swapped the lead following a lap 15 restart, before Planck took over for the remainder of the race.

Jacobs spent the rest of the race battling with local racer Kyle Dingwall. Jacobs finished second, and Dingwall finished a strong third. John Lazore finished fourth and veteran Dave Heaslip rounded out the top five.

After taking a year off from racing at the Cornwall Speedway George Renaud returned to the pro stock division. He lead all 20 laps of the feature to take the win. William Adams, Stephane Lebrun, Marc Therrien and Scott Kocher were the remainder of the top five.

Stuart Mullin had an impressive first attempt in the semi pro division. A former rookie driver at the track, he took the lead just before the halfway mark and drove to victory in the 15 lap event. Dion Oakes was second followed by Gaetan Amesse, Richard Turcotte and Jean Boissonneault.

The rookie class featured the largest number of cars for the evening. The 12 lap event included a multi time roll over by Kevin McClelland in the early going and a three car mishap featuring the top three cars with three laps remaining.

When the dust settled, Andrew Russell picked the win. J.P. Lebarge was second followed across the finish line by Nico Leblanc, Cory Jalbert and Scott Nurse.

Shed repairs get on track

WILLIAMSBURG – Looking to keep a building with a tilt from swaying even further discussions took a slant of their own at the May 3, South Dundas Council meeting.

Geraldine Fitzsimmons and Steve Smellie of the Iroquois Landing Galop Canal Project attended the meeting to update council on the progress of the project and to ask permission to secure the historic Lockmaster's shed at the Galop Canal site.

The purpose of the project, funded through a Human Resources and Skill Development Canada job creation partnership, is to develop a plan for the Galop Canal waterfront area in Iroquois, while giving participants important work experience.

Those working on the project have been through steering committee and public consultation phases and are now working on the second draft of their plan that they will eventually present to council.

Fitzsimmons explained that they had met with contractors about securing the shed, and only one was willing to do the work and provided them with a price.

The group has applied for a number of small grants to help cover the cost of the minor project and said that they will fund raise to cover what ever cost remained.

"We are seeking permission to go ahead and secure the Lockmaster's shed. We will lose it if we don't move quickly," said Fitzsimmons.

Instead of dealing directly with the request for permission, discussions were sidetracked.

South Dundas mayor Lyle Van Allen said he would like to have someone look at the quote given to the project.

Councillor Sandra Bailey asked the group a number of times about the HRSDC money they had received.

Once Fitzsimmons explained that the money was to create a plan, and not to cover work on the area, Bailey then spoke about having someone look at the quote, as was suggested by Van Allen. She then suggested they defer the request.

Councillor Johnny Whitteker then stepped in. "I don't mind giving them permission to secure the shed if they are fundraising to pay for it. I'll move a motion."

Councillor Charles Barkley agreed, "I don't mind either. I don't know why we're even discussing it."

"Give them permission and let them go, just don't come back and ask for money later," said Barkley. With this warning, he added, "It's a nice gesture to keep council abreast of what you are doing."

South Dundas clerk Brenda Brunt asked if the Lockmaster's shed was a priority in the plan they are working to complete.

"The shed needs to be preserved," said Smellie.

"So you are making it a priority?" asked Brunt.

"Only because we have to," answered Smellie.

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