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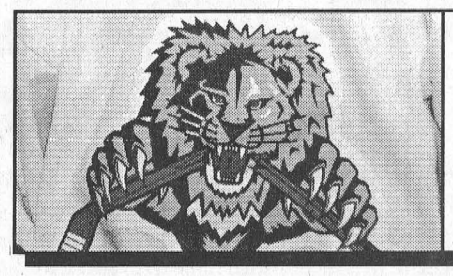

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Mayor Whitteker reflects on past, looks to future

WILLIAMSBURG – South Dundas mayor Johnny Whitteker says he isn't looking for any new issues in 2003.

"We have enough on our plate without adding new ones," says Mayor Whitteker as he looks ahead to the final year of the current municipal term and his 49th consecutive year in municipal politics.

Considering the mayor's reputation for longevity, he never closes the door on the possibility of yet another election run. "I have my toe in the door, and I won't pull it out until six months before the election."

Whitteker lists "heritage" as a success story for the municipality in the past year.

"Rather than buying houses, we are preserving heritage through murals," he says adding that in addition to the murals already unveiled, seven more are expected for next summer. "After that we will slow up on the murals."

Speaking of heritage, the South Dundas Antique Festival, an event organized by South Dundas Heritage coordinator Kirsten Gardner, also comes to mind.

When asked if the venue would change in 2003, Whitteker says he will wait for a recommendation from the heritage coordinator. "If she recommends it, we'll put it there."

South Dundas has seen a great deal of economic growth over the past year and Mayor Whitteker credits that growth to fibre optics.

"It's costing us money, but we will get that back in jobs," he says. "One industry told me they would have to go were they can get it (high speed internet)."

Currently, the operation of the fibre optics plant is costing the taxpayers money, but Whitteker hopes that in the future it will break even.

"In time if enough people hook up we hope to be revenue neutral, but that's a ways down the road."

Whitteker says South Dundas has enjoyed significant growth at the retail level the last couple of years with the relocation of Canadian Tire in an enlarged facility and the location of Giant Tiger, Tim Horton's and Pilot Insurance in Morrisburg.

The biggest issue for 2003 is the construction of the new water treatment plant for the villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois. Construction on the $13 million project is scheduled to begin early in the spring.

Whitteker says that "when all the details are nailed down," there will be another public meeting in Morrisburg to keep the public informed.

Currently, council is scrambling to purchase property for the water treatment plant. Original plans had called for construction on Augusta Street in Morrisburg where the current plant for the village is located.

Originally it was thought the site could handle the new building but it has now been decided it is too small and further erosion of the riverbank would only add to the problem.

As for the concerns of the those South Dundas residents not served by the water system he says everyone should help pay for the growth factor because everyone will benefit.

He explained that rural ward reserves and interest on a note held against the township's hydro assets will be applied towards the growth factor.

The project must proceed as quickly as possible, as one extension has been granted bringing the deadline to December 31, 2003.

Whitteker warns that right on the heels of the water project, the municipality will have to look at the replacement of the sewage treatment plants in the two villages, which can be expected to also have a multi-million dollar price tag.

As for taxes, Whitteker hopes "we can hold the rate." The budgeting process is just underway and figures are expected to be in front of council in March.

A major item that will impact 2003 tax bills will be the first of ten, $70,000 installments pledged by South Dundas to Winchester Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign.

At the county level, Whitteker will be on the roads committee, a position he is proud of. "People appreciate roads more than anything we do."

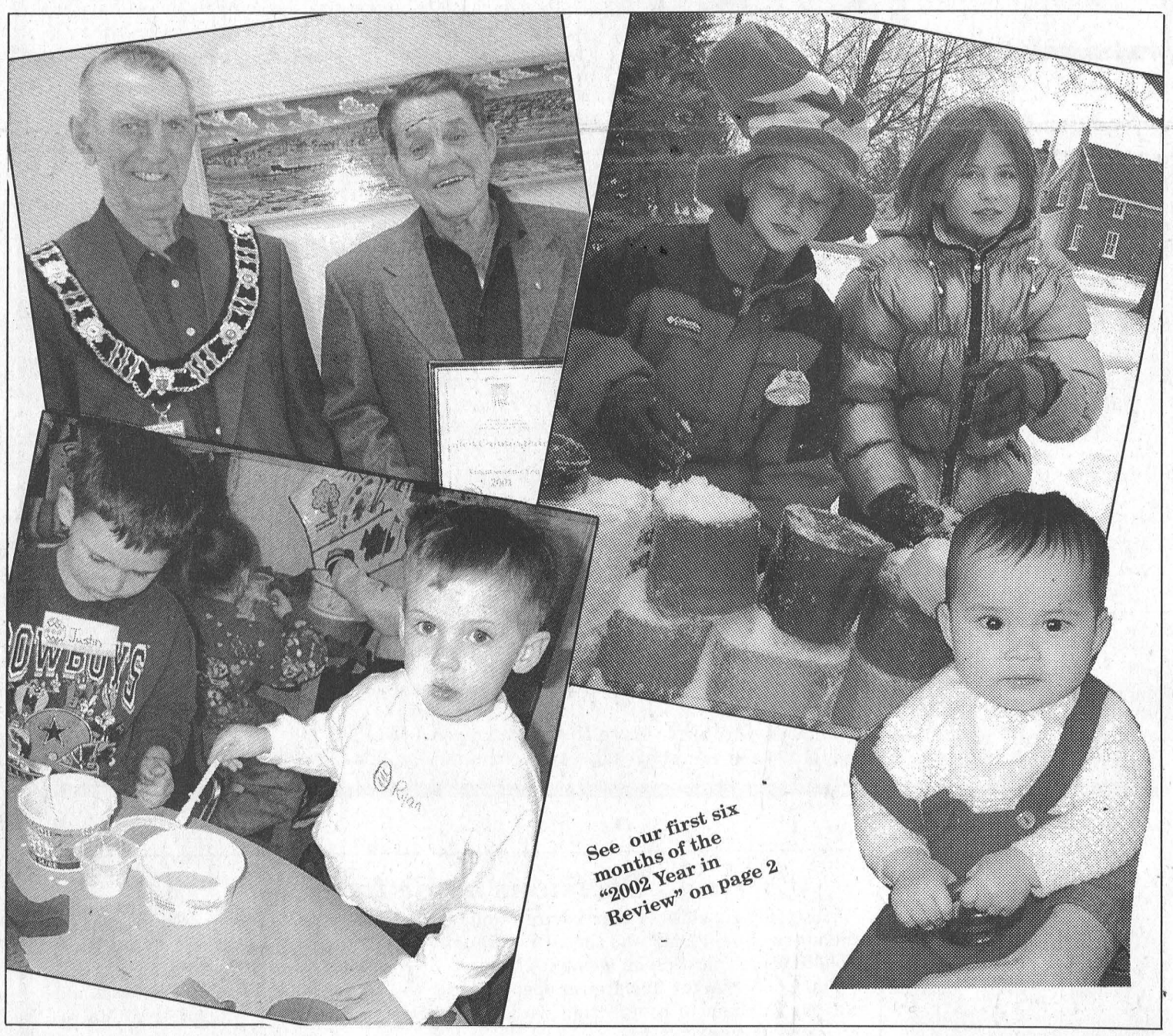
Concerning the issue of a smoking ban, Whitteker says South Dundas is already moving on the issue. "We've appointed a committee, the committee will bring a recommendation and council will go ahead with that recommendation."

"It's gradually coming anyway, we just want to move ahead faster."

Debates on whether to keep the ward system are expected to return before every election year.

This year the people decided on wards and vote by mail, a decision that Whitteker says he agrees with.

"I would like to see the wards one more time, and after that, at large. We're only five years from amalgamation, and voters deserve a representative to stand up for that municipality."



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Seaway officially closed for season

CORNWALL – The St. Lawrence Seaway officially closed for the season on December 26, 2002 with the passage of the downbound ship, CSL Laurentien, through the St. Lambert Lock near Montreal, Quebec at 20:29 hours.

The Seaway opened its 44th shipping season on March 26 and remained open for 276 days in 2002.

Estimated combined cargo passing through the Welland Canal and the Montreal/Lake Ontario sections of the system was approximately 41,117,000 metric tonnes 1.4 percent lower than in 2001.

Iron ore took first place this year among commodity shipments with cargoes amounting to 9.6 million metric tonnes - up 11.4 percent. Grain continued its downward trend by 12.8 percent.

Other commodities associated with the steel industry and other bulk cargo, declined by approximately five percent.

Estimated cargo traffic was 31,875,000 tonnes on the Welland Canal (2.2 less than last year) while traffic on the Montreal/Lake Ontario section was 28,845,000 tonnes, 1.4 percent less than 2001. Vessel transit amounted to 3,865 over the entire Seaway.

"This year's 276 day long season set no records for tonnage; still, 2002 displayed excellent binational cooperation on a number of issues of long-term critical significance to the entire Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway System," said Guy Véronneau, President of the St. Lawrence Steway Management Corporation.

"The highlight was the introduction of the Automatic Vessel Identification System (AIS), which will contribute greatly to safety, security and efficiency of traffic."

AIS will be mandatory in the new season for commercial vessels plying the Seaway waters from Montreal to Long Point, on Lake Erie.

Veronneau also said the Seaway's ongoing modernization program, will receive welcome direction from a major binational research project to hopefully commence next year.

"The Canadian government is considering participation in the five year-year feasibility phase of the comprehensive Great Lakes Navigation Feasibility Study," he said. "This study would investigate the cost of maintaining the existing structures for the next 50 years, as well as the economic, social and environmental effect of large-and small-scale capital improvements to the entire system, and ecosystem restoration opportunities."

"The study would also provide realistic information for enlightened decisions on where and how investments should be made. We believe Canada's participation would be a wise move."

Veronneau noted progress with the automation of locks and bridges, and mentioned that the Seaway's binational Web site is thriving.

"It is now attracting some 80,000 page requests a month from users in search of the most complete navigation information available. We successfully launched some useful new e-business features this year, which are providing popular Seaway customers."

The St. Lawrence Seaway System closes during the winter to make way for a substantial maintenance program on its 13 locks and connecting channels. Next year's Seaway navigation system will begin March 25, 2003.

Credit to firefighters and council

Fire incidents back to normal in 2002

WILLIAMSBURG – The South Dundas Fire departments got a bit of a respite in 2002, following a busier than normal year in 2001.

Fire chiefs Philip Thompson of the Iroquois Department, and Gary Barkley of the Williamsburg Department in a report to council credit a reduction in grass and brush fires calls in 2002 to revisions in the township burning bylaw passed by council in the spring.

"I believe that the requirement for people to apply for a burn permit, which also states their responsibilities should the fire get out of control, has a positive effect, zero grass fires and three brush fires," reported Thompson.

"As fire chief of the Williamsburg Fire Department I would like to thank council for supporting changes to the township's Burn By-Law and Burn Permits," wrote Barkley.

"Although it has added to the fire chief's work load, I believe that the regulations and numerous burning inspections conducted by the fire chief's this year have had a huge impact on the decline of grass and brush fires. Williamsburg only responded to one grass fire and one brush fire this year."

Thompson also mentioned the large number of false alarms that the Iroquois Department was faced with. Almost one quarter of their calls (55) were false alarms (13).

The trend at the other departments was not so significant, with Williamsburg reporting only two false alarms (six percent of their calls) and Morrisburg reporting eight false alarms (13percent of their calls).

The Iroquois number was somewhat skewed as six of their false alarm calls were to the same location. According to Thompson, the problem has since been "located and rectified".

In light of the current county move to bring the problem of false alarms for police under control, Thompson reported "the fire chiefs and clerk are working on a policy to address this issue in the future."

The Williamsburg Fire Department had to replace breathing apparatus this year at a cost of $13,910.55, an expenditure the Morrisburg Legion generously contributed $6400 to. They also report they are "on target for the approved 2002 budget."

The newly renovated and expanded South Dundas Township -Iroquois Fire Station was officially opened on September 21, 2002.

2002 in Review

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Cold but busy January

Angus-Palm Canada Inc. announced it would be setting up shop in part of the former RohMax building east of Morrisburg. The RohMax plant site had been vacant for six years until Angus-Palm, a manufacturer of steel enclosures for heavy equipment, decided to move in.

Responding to the enormous popularity of its **Alight at Night** program, Upper Canada Village decided to extend the event a further four days. Organizers expected about 5,000 people to take in the spectacle, but over the holidays, more than 25,000 people attended Alight at Night.

While ice fishing one day, area residents Gord Vaughan and Paul Osler heard the cries for help of a Cornwall man who had **fallen through the ice** at the Crysler Marina. Together the two rescued the man, who was grateful, if a little chilly.

Customers of Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities had to make **catch-up payments** to compensate for having been assessed at outdated billing rates.

The Township of South Dundas made an application to Human Resources Development Canada for a **$300,000 grant** to help educate area businesses in the use of the community's high-speed communications network.

Seaway District High School student Marcie Venema was named **queen** at the annual Matilda Carnival.

The **Ontario Heritage Foundation** recognized 13 volunteers from South Dundas for their efforts to preserve culture and promote history.

South Dundas residents breathed a sigh of relief when it was announced that the **LCBO** outlet in Morrisburg would not be closing its doors or reducing its hours. The LCBO did reconsider its level of service in the area during a regular review process but decided the service was appropriate.

Council kicked off its **first meeting of the new year** by passing three bylaws dealing with the civic address system, sewer line repairs and connections, and the sale of municipal property.

February brings change

The Ontario Provincial Police began an investigation into a number of incidents throughout SD&G in which **counterfeit ten dollar** bills were passed.

A **chimney fire** that got out of control did extensive damage to a Morrisburg home.

Mariatown couple **Ken MacPherson and Cathy Dykstra** were overjoyed at returning from China with their baby daughter Trina Yan Fu, whom they adopted through an agency that helps couples adopt children from Asian countries.

The **Dundas County Food Bank** made a point of thanking the many donors and supporters who had helped the organization keep its shelves full by handing out awards of appreciation at its annual general meeting.

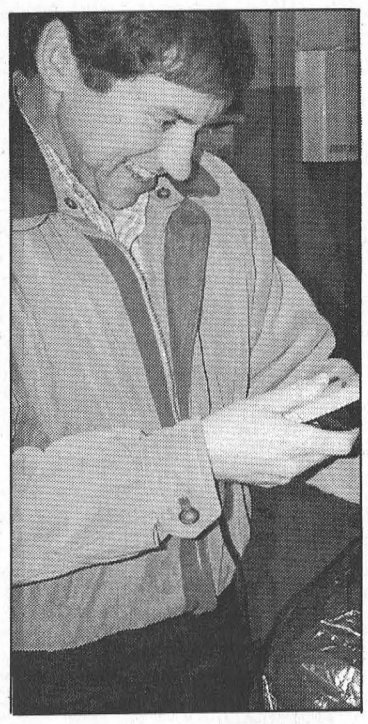
The South Dundas Mural Committee came together in Iroquois to discuss a new phase of the township's mural project, with plans to see **new works of art** go up in Morrisburg, Winchester Springs, Brinston, and Riverside Heights.

South Dundas heritage coordinator Kirsten Gardner asked for, and received, permission from council to relocate the 2002 edition of the **South Dundas Antiques Festival** from Morrisburg to Dixons Corners.

Council opposed a change suggested by the United Counties that would see individual township **emergency planners** replaced by a counties-wide coordinator.

The **District One Snowmobile Association** of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs announced that it would hire a full-time manager in the spring to oversee the ever-expanding tasks administered by the office.

Area snowmobilers were upset that a plan to turn **DuPont Provincial Park**, east of Morrisburg, into a nature conservancy would stop them from using the trails that traverse the wooded area.



Big plans in April

Member of Parliament Bob Kilger and Member of Provincial Parliament John Cleary announced that they would be opening joint **constituency offices in Morrisburg**.

A government-appointed mediator ordered the two sides in the month-long **OPSEU strike** back to the bargaining table.

After completing six months of advanced training in Toronto, the first four **advanced-care paramedics** in SD&G returned to duty.

The annual general meeting of the **Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey Association** erupted into anger when those in attendance disagreed on a number of issues.

An Information Technology Forum, the first of its kind in the area, was held in Iroquois and turned out a good-sized crowd that wished to learn more about **high technology**.

It was announced that a planned appearance by famous children's character **Theodore Tugboat** later in the summer had to be cancelled when the organization that operated the tugboat went bankrupt.

More than 300 people attending an awards banquet at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa saw South Dundas councillor **Cam Martel** receive a Canarie Iway award for his contribution to the development of South Dundas' fibre/wireless communications network.

Life returned to normal for Morrisburg resident **Kevin Spencer,** who returned to work after a four-year roller coaster ride of treatment for testicular cancer.

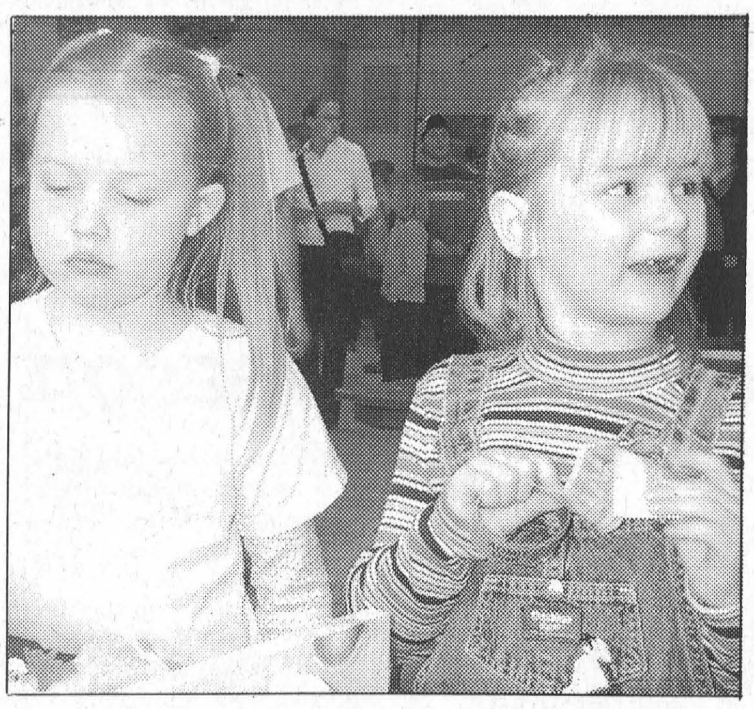
A large crowd attended a symposium in Winchester at which the results of a **bullying survey** conducted throughout Dundas county were released and the causes of and solutions to in-school bullying were discussed.

It was announced that a **Tim Horton's** outlet would open in Morrisburg at the site of the former Chan's Garden restaurant along Highway Two.

United Counties council announced that it would pledge **$7 million** to four hospital restructuring projects in Cornwall, Winchester, and Glengarry.

Sixty members of the Traditional Timber Framing Research Advisory Group visited the township to take a look at South Dundas' many **historic barns**.

Council expressed concern over proposed changes to the Ontario Public Fire Safety guidelines. The proposed changes would require faster **response times,** even though rural, volunteer fire departments do not have the flexibility of city departments.



Money and murals in May

As part of an effort to close old cases, the Ontario Provincial Police renewed investigations into cold files, including the 1957 murder of **Constable Ronald Pitt** of the then Morrisburg Police Department.

The Ontario Public Service Employees' Union ratified an offer made by the provincial government and brought an end to an **eight-week strike**.

Grades seven to nine students at Rothwell-Osnabruck school in Ingleside completed projects designed to showcase the history and **heritage of the Seaway**.

The **World Youth Day cross**, being carried by Catholic pilgrims from Montreal to Toronto, stopped off in Morrisburg and was the centrepiece to celebrations at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The **Renewing the Vision campaign** to raise funds for the renovation of Winchester District Memorial Hospital launched to much fanfare and ushered in an ambitious plan to raise $12 million for hospital restructuring.

Morrisburg resident Peter Coligan won a **$55,000 Jaguar** in the Ottawa Hospital Lottery.

In response to a directive from the United Counties, township council discussed the matter of **duplicate road names** in the township that may cause confusion for emergency services.

Reverend Darren May was introduced as the new minister at the Presbyterian churches in Morrisburg and Dunbar.

A large crowd turned out for the unveiling of two **murals in Iroquois**, one depicting the main street in old Iroquois and the other, the Caldwell Linen Mill.

The **Holy Trinity Memorial Anglican Church** in Riverside Heights celebrated its 100th anniversary with a special service attended by members of the congregation and past pastors of the church.

The United Counties building in Cornwall was **renovated** back to the look it had in the mid 19th century.

Members of area Lions clubs raised $16,000 for Winchester District Memorial Hospital through a **bike-a-thon**.

South Dundas council gave permission to the Iroquois Golf Club to begin planning the construction of a **new clubhouse** at a new location on the northwest corner of the course.

The **Christian Reformed Church** in Williamsburg celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special service and open house.

Local resident, volunteer, and community supporter **Marg Reynolds** received the VON Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her extensive contributions to many charitable and community organizations.

March is a dramatic month

Township council announced that South Dundas residents would see a 5.7 percent **increase in their taxes** due to an extra levy imposed by the municipality, which averaged out to about $31 more in taxes for each household.

The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce and the township's heritage coordinator, **Kirsten Gardner**, came to logger heads over the proposed relocation of the South Dundas Antiques Festival.

As a result of a regular reshuffling of personnel in the Ontario Provincial Police, **Sergeant Brent Mattice** once again took over as administration sergeant at the Morrisburg OPP detachment.

An OPP officer was injured and a man killed during a **shootout along Highway 401** near Morrisburg.

Canadian Tire in Morrisburg gave the Dundas County Food Bank a big gift by providing the trucks to transport **25,000 pounds of food** from a reclamation depot in Toronto. Canadian Tire also provided the forklift and personnel to unload the material and warehouse space to sort it.

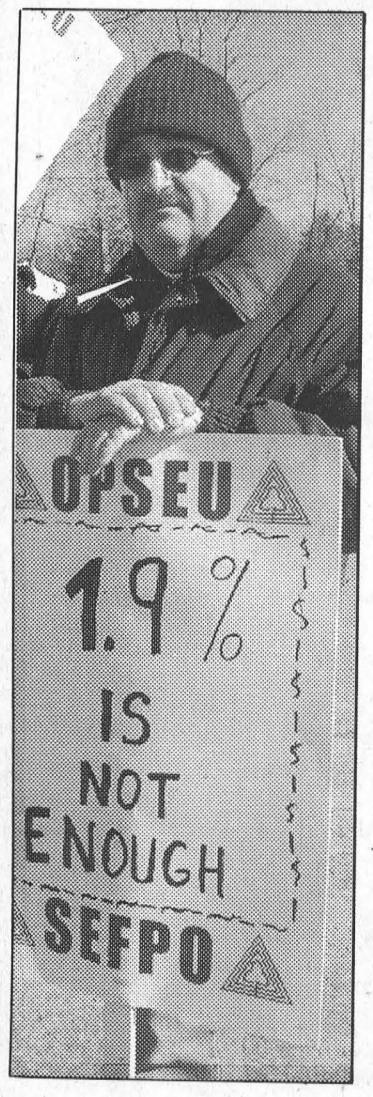
Nearly 150 local members of the **Ontario Public Service Employees' Union** went on strike, putting at risk the opening of seasonal attractions such as Upper Canada Village and the Upper Canada Golf Course.

Township council revealed that a tentative sale had been made of the $300,000 **club house** at the Iroquois Golf Course.

Conservation group DIAMONDS announced that it would be opening the **Lock Master's House** on Iroquois Point as the St. Lawrence Seaway Interpretive Center sometime in the summer.

Morrisburg resident **Bradley Fischer**, 5, who has cystic fibrosis, had a wish granted through the Make-a-Wish Foundation and received a brand new, state-of-the-art computer system.

Provincial Liberal energy critic **Sean Conway** was at the McIntosh Inn to make a presentation regarding the planned deregulation of the province's electricity market.



Decisions made in June

The grade six class at Morrisburg Public School were escorted around the village by members of the RCMP and the OPP during the annual **Law Enforement Torch Run**, held to benefit the Special Olympics.

The **Lock Master Tea Room** opened under the management of Peter Paquette and Sandra Tubman in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Seaway Interpretive Centre, operated by DIAMONDS.

It was announced that **Pilot Insurance** would be relocating a branch office from Brockville to Morrisuburg and constructing a new office building on Campbell Street.

A split vote at a regular council meeting decided that **Thompson Rosemount Group** would be given the contract to engineer and oversee the planning and construction of the township's new water treatment facility for the villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois.

The Upper Canada Playhouse began its **summer season** with the hit comedy "The Odd Couple".

Vice-principal **Yvon Mayer** of Seaway District High School and principal **Dick Turner** of Iroquois Public School both retired after long and successful careers in education.

Morrisburg resident Doug Nugent won a **$230,000 home** through a Grenville Christian College fundraising lottery.

A series of thunderstorms lit upon the region and **caused some damage** to trees and hydro lines in the Williamsburg area.

Max Keeping, well-known CJOH news anchor, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the local council of the Easter Seal Society.

A number of Seaway District High School students helped collect used bicycles from the community to be donated to **impoverished families in Honduras**.

Colourful banners were erected around Williamsburg as part of an effort by the Williamsburg Heritage Society to spruce up the hamlet.

The Iroquois and Matilda Lions Club put on a play called **"Murder Most Fouled Up"** to raise money for local charities and collected a total of $6,800 to be distributed to area groups.

Church Directory

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Minister: Rev. Darren May
Organist: Gary Postma
Sunday, January 5, 2003
11:00 am. - Morning Worship
11:00 am. - Sunday School
Everyone Welcome!
Nursery Available

Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle
Pastor: Rev. Duncan Perry
Office 543-2681
Sunday, January 5, 2003
9:45 a.m. - Family Bible Hour
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
Tuesday –
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer
Friday –
7:00 p.m. - Youth Aflame
Come And See What Jesus Can Do For You!!

Williamsburg United Church
Minister
Rev. Sandy Macpherson
Organist
Susan Barkley
Sunday, January 5, 2003
10:30 a.m. - Welcome to Worship with Us!
Sunday School & Nursery Available
Third Sunday Each Month
8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights
invites you to worship with us this Sunday
St. James, 20 High St., Morrisburg
St. John the Baptist, Lakeview Dr., Iroquois
Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights
543-3904
The Rev. Bill Byers, Rector
The Rev. Pat Martin, Assistant
Visitors welcome, Members expected
Sunday, January 5, 2003
8:00 a.m. – St. James'
9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
11:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity
7:30 p.m. – St. James'

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

St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Pastor: Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
Office: 543-3154 or Office: 543-2480
WORSHIP & LEARNING
Sunday, January 5, 2003
ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
11:15 a.m. Worship
3-6 p.m. Pastor's Open House

The United Church of Canada
LAKESHORE DRIVE UNITED CHURCH
Morrisburg, Ontario
Rev. Jean Udall, Minister
Office Telephone 543-3079
Organist & Choir Director
Joanne Minish
Sunday, January 5, 2003
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
Children's Chatter, Sunday School

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario
Pastor Rev. George Rowaan
Tel: 448-2351
rowaangj@ncf.ca
Sunday, January 5, 2003
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
Sunday School for Children ages 3-9
7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship
Child care always available
Please be our guest this week
Monday 7:30 p.m.
Cadets Boys Club: ages 10-13
GEMS, Girls Club: ages 10-13
Wednesday 7:00-9:30
High Impact Youth Ministries
High School age and beyond
Thursday 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study

Attend the Church of Your Choice this Sunday

Bowl for millions

Wallace named honourary chairperson

CORNWALL—Cornwall Police Chief Tony Repa, chairperson of the 2003 Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bowl for Millions, has announced that Tom Wallace will be the 2003 Honourary Chairperson.

Wallace has been a long time supporter of the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters agency serving on the Bowl for Millions Committee for over 15 years. In 1988 Wallace was named Honourary Big Brother of the year. Wallace will assist in the promotion of the 2003 Bowl for Millions.

The 2003 Bowl for Millions will take place on Saturday, February 1, in Cornwall at the Olympia Bowl, Nativity Lanes, and the Bowling Palace of Cornwall and on Sunday, February 9, at the Alexandria Lanes in Alexandria and at the Chesterville Bowling Lanes in Chesterville.

Chief Repa says that Bowl for Millions is a fun event and that a variety of prizes has been lined up for the 2003 Bowl for Millions with the grand prize being $500 donated by the Rotary Club of Cornwall. There will also be a draw for $250 for bowlers having pledges totaling $100 or more.

Wallace is challenging residents of Cornwall and the Three United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry to take part in Bowl for Millions on a team of five or six co-workers, friends, fellow students, club or family members. Wallace states: "Bowl for Millions is the major fundraising activity of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cornwall and District. With the continuing increase in the number of lone-parent families in Cornwall and S.D.& G., the need for the mentoring programs provided by the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters agency is greater than ever."

Both Wallace and Repa indicate that the community's continued participation in Bowl for Millions will be greatly appreciated by the local agency and the children it serves.

Team entry forms and sponsor sheets can be obtained by contacting the agency office at 933-8035 or by dropping by the office at 101 Third St. West, Cornwall, as well as at the Chesterville Bowling Lanes, Main St. Chesterville and the Alexandria Lanes, 296 Main St., Alexandria.

More efforts to restore wild turkey population

Ontario received an early Christmas gift this year thanks to a wild turkey release held by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Kemptville District and the National Wild Turkey Federation Canada, on December 18.

Wild turkeys disappeared from Ontario around 1907. However, between 1984 and 1987, 275 turkeys were trapped in the states of Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, and Vermont and released in Ontario, signaling their return.

The first Ontario release was in March of 1984, at Backus Woods, where 14 birds were released.

Now, an estimated 48,000 wild turkeys cover the Ontario province as efforts to restore this majestic bird to the province continue.

"Our government is proud to partner in projects that improve and replenish fish and wildlife in Ontario," said Natural Resources Minister Jerry Ouellette. This partnership has worked so well that about 20,000 wild turkey hunting licences were issued in Ontario this year."

Deemed one of the greatest wildlife conservation success stories, the comeback of the wild turkey is traditionally celebrated this time of year by the National Wild Turkey Federation with symbolic wild turkey releases.

"This is a special moment in wild turkey conservation history," said Dr. James Earl Kennamer, NWTF senior vice-president of conservation programs. "We are proud to partner with Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources for the benefit of the wild turkey."

The releases are exciting moments in the outdoors, as the wily birds are set free into the wild, helping establish or maintain healthy flocks in that particular region.

By attending a wild turkey release attendees get an up close look at the wild turkey and how it was brought back from the brink of extinction while capturing a moment in conservation history.

Eamer returned as board chair

KEMPTVILLE – Trustees of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario have reelected Cornwall-Glengarry Trustee Ronald Eamer to a second term as Chair of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario for the upcoming year.

The election took place during the inaugural board meeting of the third term on Tuesday, December 3 at the Kemptville board office.

"Our board continues to successfully blend our Catholic faith with our educational system," said Eamer. "We do all this despite the constraints of the current funding environment."

"We are committed to building a strong faith community that emphasizes the vital relationship between the home, school and parish."

"I am proud of the excellent leadership we have in our school system–from administration, teachers and support staff. The positive attitude of our students is no accident. It is a result of the commitment of the dedicated people in our system."

Trustee Charles Adams was also reelected as vice-chair of the board for a second term. Adams thanked the board for their continued support and said he looked forward to the challenges of another year, including the many construction projects underway throughout the system.

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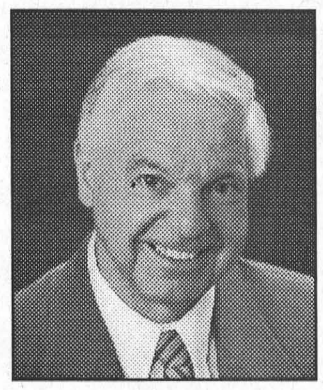
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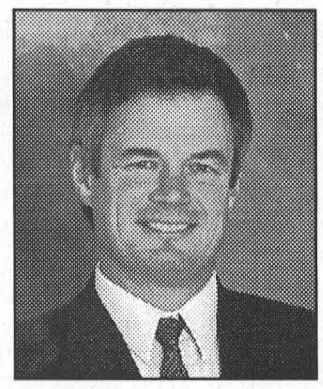
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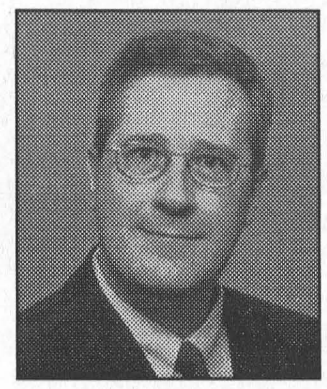
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Yesterday? or Today?

Isn't it funny how some things never change while other things do. The following was written by Leader Editor, Art Laurin, in his jogging around Column in October 1952.

Our taxation system is all mixed up. Perhaps it's time to revise it.

Taxes are collected and spent by three governments-municipal, provincial and federal. The revenue and expenses of all three public bodies are way out of proportion.

The municipalities don't get enough, the provinces and the federacy get too much.

The logical way to correct the situation would be to reallocate taxation fields so that body's treasury will balance. Instead the money collected by taxes is moved around from one to the other until each is, presumably satisfied.

The municipalities, which depend almost entirely on real estate taxes to finance their obligations, find this revenue is insufficient. So they beg for grants from the province, and sometimes from the federal government. These bodies have more than they need, so they can afford to give some away.

Since beggars cant be choosers, the municipalities have to accept the money any way they can get it. And since money talks, the province and the federal government tell the municipalities how they'll use the gifts the receive.

Although the municipality has only one source of revenue, the services to paid for by the municipality have grown. Meanwhile the Province has passed its own laws and imposed new types of taxes i.e. gasoline, automobile, liquor etc. to fill its coffers, taxing opportunities denied the municipalities although all provincial revenues come from the same people living in the same municipalities.



Winners of the Dodge Trophy 1944-1945
Left to right: J.E. Christensen, skip; R.H. Armstrong; W.E. Adams; J.J. Christensen

Seen 'n Heard Around the Town

Well here we are, about to head into another new year. That of course means many of us are pondering what New Year's Resolutions we can make that will probably be forgotten just a few weeks in. We made it through Christmas with no snow, a disappointment to some, and real treat for others.

But the time has now come when we seriously need some snow. Obviously the "Girls on Snow" snowmobile rally is counting on some of the white stuff. A reminder that this year's event is in support of the Easter Seal Society and is scheduled for Saturday, January 11. Anyone interested in participating ... yes there will be snow... can contact Jean MacDougal at 543-3480 for details and pledge forms.

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In the South Dundas Community we can't start a new year without the annual running of the always popular Matilda Carnival. The official opening of the 28th annual carnival is set for Saturday evening, January 11 at Matilda Hall. Along with the official ribbon cutting ceremonies some of the area's finest young ladies will be vying for the Carnival Queen title.

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Once again the holidays provided the opportunity for some interesting family stories and this one comes out of the kitchen of the youngest daughter, the same one who thought she was purchasing lava rocks for her barbecue and in fact filled it with charcoal briquettes.

This time around she was using a recipe that called for buttermilk. You got it. A little melted butter mixed with some milk and she figured she had filled the recipe requirement. And we thought we had thoroughly prepared her to go out into the big, wide world.

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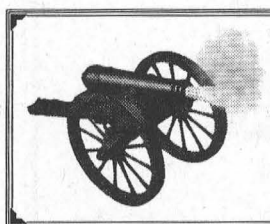
It is a little last minute, but Sam tells us there are still a few New Year's Eve tickets left for the Morrisburg Golf Club. Anyone interested can contact Sam or Sean Boulerice. And with that in mind we once again remind everyone that, if you are drinking, don't drive. It is worth the effort to ensure everyone has a safe trip into the new year.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1992

The December 30 issue reported Scott Veinotte had made the best of his three minute shopping spree netting $342 worth of groceries at Mr. Grocer on December 23. Sponsored by the Morrisburg Lions Club, the annual shopping spree was won by Verna Dixon of Iroquois. Mrs. Dixon was unable to do the shopping so she had her grandson Scott do it for her.

The Morrisburg Village Stylists were the winners of the Gordon Thom Cup for having the best store front in the mall. Every year at Christmas time, all stores in the BIA were judged on the appearance of their decorated store fronts. Village Stylist owner, Angela Hess, was joined for the championship photo by her employees Gayle Hart, Brenda Lafortune, Lise Mondoux and Angela Richer.

Trisha Elliott was presented her Gold Artistic award by Morrisburg Figure Skating club CFSA chairperson Ruth Barsi. To earn her Gold Artistic had been a goal since Trisha started skating.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions lost a heartbreaker to Vanier in their opening game of the Junior B Boxing Day tournament in a shoot-out.

1982

In the December 29 issue, OPP Corporal Ralph Thompson reported the number of impaired drivers caught over the holiday weekend was down from previous years. He indicated there was only one impaired driver charged over the Christmas weekend and hoped the stats would remain good over the New Year's weekend.

Pictured on the front page were the 16 young ladies seeking the Matilda Carnival Queen Crown. This year's contestants included Lisa McIntosh, Mary Ann Karelse, Betty Dewitt, Patty Primrose, Karen Locke, Cindy Ault, Karen VanBeilen, Carolyn Mellon, Dianna Steele, Jennifer Sluiskes, Cindy Anderson, Angie Murphy, Rose Froats, Linda DeVries, Kelly Morrow and Tracy Collier.

Few of the area's leading politicians were predicting a rosy picture for 1983 although each was expressing encouraging thoughts to pull together in rough economic times. Morrisburg reeve Bill Dillabough said it was no secret that the municipality's backs were to the wall. Dillabough was very concerned about the four empty locations in the Morrisburg Shopping Centre, the possibility of more businesses closing and the realization that all levels of government would have to slow their spending programs. Williamsburg reeve, Johnny Whitteker expected the township would get the shovels in the ground in 1983 for the Williamsburg sewer project and the Williamsburg senior's housing project. Matilda township reeve, Lorne Strader said it would be a year of watching where the money was spent.

1973

The January 5 issue reported the inaugural meeting of the newly elected council of Morrisburg was held with all members in attendance. The clerk read the results of the December election which showed the following elected: Reeve, K. Earl Baker; Deputy reeve, Edwin D. Jones; Councillors J. Robert Bright, W.D. Dillabough, C.F. McInnis.Tthe clerk administered the oath of office to the members after which Rev. C.W. Earle offered a prayer for Divine guidance.

The SD&G Roman Catholic school board signed an agreement with its teachers which nullified the resignation of more than 500 teachers and ensured they would be back in the classrooms following the holidays. The first phase of the agreement gave category one teachers a starting salary of $7,400 per year and up to $13,295 for a teacher in category three.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns of Riverside Heights were pictured celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions remained ahead of the Cardinal Broncos by five points following holiday action. Over the holidays, Brian McNairn led the Lions to a 9-1 victory over Prescott with three goals and Dale Swerdfeger supplied a pair. Singles were scored by Allan Hare, Gary Hess, Chuck Irvine and Chuck Lawlor.

The Morrisburg Loyalists lost an exhibition game to the Embrun Panthers, 7-3, in Chesterville's new arena.

1963

The January 4 issue reported that more than 1,000 spectators turned out on Saturday, December 29, 1963 to celebrate the official opening of Morrisburg's new Community Centre. Hon. F. M. Cass, Attorney General of Ontario, cut the red ribbon which spanned the centre width of the artificial ice surface. The Old and New Order met during the ceremony when William Snyder, manager of the former arena, handed the keys of the new building to Junior Cassell, general manager of the Community Centre. M.P. Jean Casselman dropped the puck on the first hockey game to be played in the building, and Carl Collette of the Lancaster Dodgers and Bill Dillabough of the Prescott-Kemptville Combines handled the face-off duties.

For the first time since World War I, Morrisburg had a licensed cocktail lounge where liquor could be purchased by the glass. The Settlers Lounge at the Loyalist Hotel opened Saturday, December 29 and proprietor Parker Locke reported a modest business in the first few days of the operation.

1943

A sleet storm blew in from the east on Tuesday, December 27 and continued all day on Wednesday, December 28 causing damage throughout the district to telephone/telegraph and power lines as well as inestimatable damage to orchards and shade trees. In the village of Morrisburg there were almost 150 telephones out of commission. Hydro service locally was interrupted several times.

Hit the hardest was a section between Williamsburg and Winchester where as many as 20 hydro gangs from as far away as Windsor worked on repairing the damage. The stormed forced the cancellation of the January 1 issue of The Leader.

1932

Printed on the front page of the December 30, 1932 issue of The Leader was a letter from Ontario Premier George S. Henry to the people of this district.

According to a report from Wm. Hamilton Limited of Peterborough, the estimated cost of remodelling the lower power house in Morrisburg was $32,534. This included complete modern equipment which, with an eight-foot head, would develop 300 H.P. The cost of installing a diesel engine in the upper power house, which would develop approximately the same amount of power, was $16,000. The Village of Morrisburg had made application to the Hydro Commission of Ontario for 400 H.P. and had received an agreement back from that body. The agreement called for a payment of $30 per horsepower per year and a $100 payment per month to cover all capital and operating costs.

Reader's Digest survey reveals Canadians optimistic about 2003

TORONTO, ON, December 29, 2002 – The majority of Canadians believe 2003 will be a good year for them and their families, though they're less certain about the economy and even more unsure about the rest of the world.

According to a recent Ipsos-Reid poll conducted for Reader's Digest Magazines (Canada) Ltd. – publisher of Canada's most trusted magazine* - three-quarters (77%) of Canadians say they trust "that 2003 will be a good year for myself and my family". Just over half (53%) say they expect Canada's economy to grow next year, but one in four (26%) found themselves unable even to guess whether the economy would improve. Canadians aren't giving up, though: Eight out of ten (84%) are confident they'll have the same job this time next year.

Canadians are less sure about the state of the world in 2003. Only one-quarter (23%) say they "trust that in 2003 the world will be a safer place".

Other Findings

Family Trust

- Three quarters (76%) trust that their family will be together for the holidays at the end of 2003 – residents of Quebec (70%) are the least likely to say they trust their families will be together for the holidays at the end of 2003.
- Three-quarters (72%) of Canadians with children at home say they trust that in 2003 they will spend more time with their children as a priority.

Financial Trust

- Residents of Atlantic Canada (64%) and Ontario (59%) are the most likely to say they trust the Canadian economy will grow in 2003, while residents in Quebec (44%) are the least likely.
- More working men (62%) than women (57%) say they trust they will make more at work than they did this year.

Trust in this world . . . and beyond

- "I trust that in 2003 the world will be a safer place" is held by 24%, one-third (32%) hold a neutral view on this subject, while 42% disagree with this proposition – older (30%) and middle aged (24%) Canadians are more likely than younger (17%) Canadians to hold this position.
- One-fifth (22%) of Canadians say they "trust that life on another planet will be discovered in [their] lifetime." More men (25%) than women (20%) agree with this proposition.
- Six in ten (61%) say they "trust that God exists" and half (51%) "trust that angels exist."
- Residents of Saskatchewan/Manitoba are the most likely to say they trust in the existence of God (78%) and in the existence of angels (71%).
- Women are more likely than men to trust in the existence of God (66% versus 55%) and angels (60% versus 40% of men).

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About the Survey

These are the findings of an Ipsos-Reid poll conducted on behalf of Reader's Digest between September 25th and November 7th, 2002. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 1,007 adult Canadians.

OBITUARY

Gunther Giese

A resident of RR2 Chesterville for the past 26 years, and formerly of Navan and Germany, Gunther Giese passed away on Wednesday, December 25, at the Ottawa General Hospital. He was 70 years of age.

Born September 21, 1932, at Germany, he was the son of the late Karl Giese and the former Erna Schwerdtfeger.

On July 20, 1956, he married Ilse Fischer, at the Ottawa Court House.

Gunther was born and raised in Germany. He immigrated to Canada in 1951 and settled in Ottawa. In the late 1950's he and his family moved to Navan and they lived there until 1976 when they moved to RR2 Chesterville.

He enjoyed gardening and training standard-bred race horses. Gunther worked as a clerk at CarQuest in Ottawa for 24 years before retiringin 1997.

He will be sadly missed by his children Derry (Vera) Moke of RR2 Chesterville and Cindy Wolfe of RR2 Williamsburg, by his brothers and sisters Waltraut Kaiser of Germany, Ruth Elbers of Germany and Siegrid (Lothar) Hanf of Germany, as well as by grandchildren Jesse Wolfe and Amber Moke and by nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother Eckard.

There was no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg.

Donations to Winchester Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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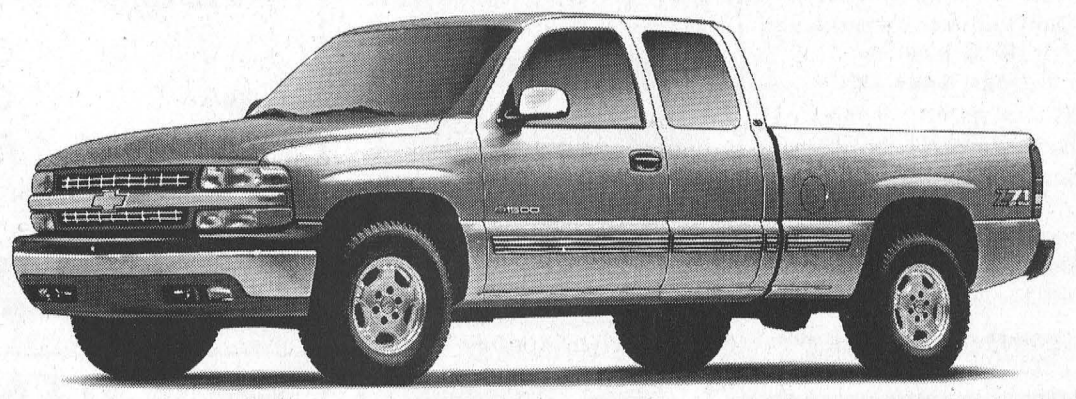

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COULTHART, Harold–Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 23, 2002, in his 86th year. Born March 25, 1917, to William and Ethel (Edgerton) Coulthart at North Winchester. Beloved brother of Ralph (late Maisie Eamer) of Morrisburg. Loving uncle of Angela, Stephen and William (Carol) all of Nepean and Gary (Rozie) of Morrisburg. Predeceased by his parents, sisters Nelda Lapierre (Harry), Jean Kelly (Clifford) and brother Donald Coulthart. There will be no visitation for Harold. Memorial service to be held at a later date followed by interment of cremated remains at the Morewood Presbyterian Cemetery. Donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Chesterville Funeral Home (613) 448-2120. 1p

MacARTHUR, Myra Ellen–Peacefully at the Montfort Hospital, Ottawa, on Wednesday, December 25, 2002, Myra Ellen MacArthur (nee Ault) of Ault Island in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Colin Souter (Mac) MacArthur, R.C.N. Dear mother of Gail (Ted) Lowe, Miriam LaPierre, both of Morrisburg and Craig MacArthur of Ault Island. Sadly missed by six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents Arthur Donald Ault and Mary Irene Dunne and son-in-law Charles LaPierre. A memorial service will be held at The Parker Funeral Home, 28 Sir James Morris Drive, Morrisburg, on Saturday, January 4, 2003, at 11 a.m., with Pastor David Skinner officiating. Spring inurnment St. Lawrence Valley Cemetery, Long Sault. Memorial Donations to the Winchester Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. 1c

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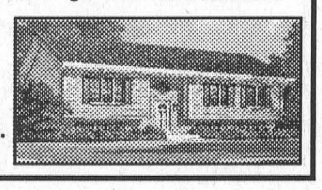

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Dated at Morrisburg this 17th day of December, 2002 for publication on December 24, 2002, January 2, 2003, January 8, 2003 and January 15, 2003 and for public posting.

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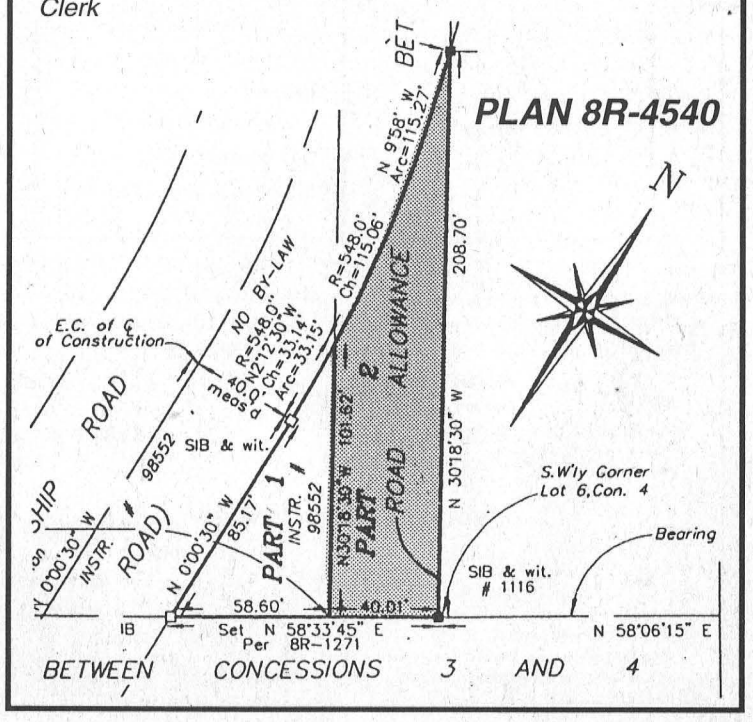

2002 Sports Review

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Seaway controls the floor

As exams wrapped up in January at **Seaway** District High School, **athletes** headed into a year that would see them **distinguish themselves** on the **basketball** court at the end of one school year and the start of the next.

The senior Spartans picked up their 21-3 record at the end of exams and headed into the completion of their season which would produce a 28-5 record and an SD&G playoff semifinal win against North Dundas 71-59. They then claimed the **SD&G championship** in a 65-44 win over General Vanier, with a 20-point effort from James Delegarde and another 15 points contributed by Neil Edwards. They qualified for the Ontario championships when they finished second to Bayridge at the EOSSA finals. At OFSAA they were disappointed, winning only one of three games, and an exciting, successful season came to and end.

Members of the Spartans SD&G championship team included Neil Edwards, Jason Locke, James Morrell, Jon Bilodeau, Casey Strong, Trevor Hanes, Zach Murphy, Matt Peters, Brian Law, James Delegarde, Bryan Groniger and coach Mark Lewis.

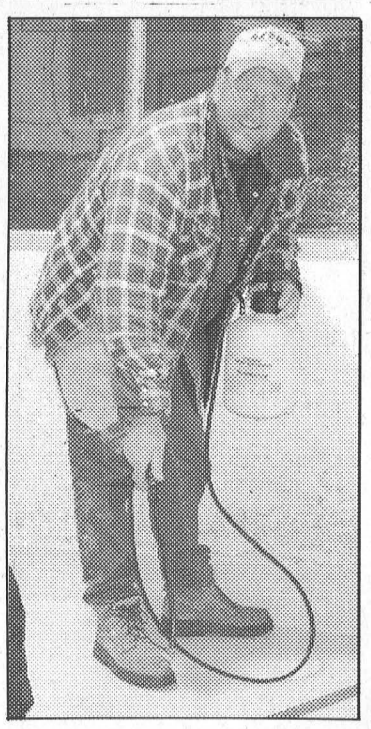
Just as busy serving up their school **championship** was the **junior girls volleyball** team who took on Tagwi for the SD&G championship winning three straight sets to claim their first ever counties title. Members of this Spartan championship crew were Adriene Leroy, Natalie Byker, Carissa Casselman, Melanie Weatherhead, Erin Hendriks, Kate Edwards, Jackie Vander Meulen, Terri Sypes, Margaret Pope, Brittany Spratt and coach Heidi Van de Glind.

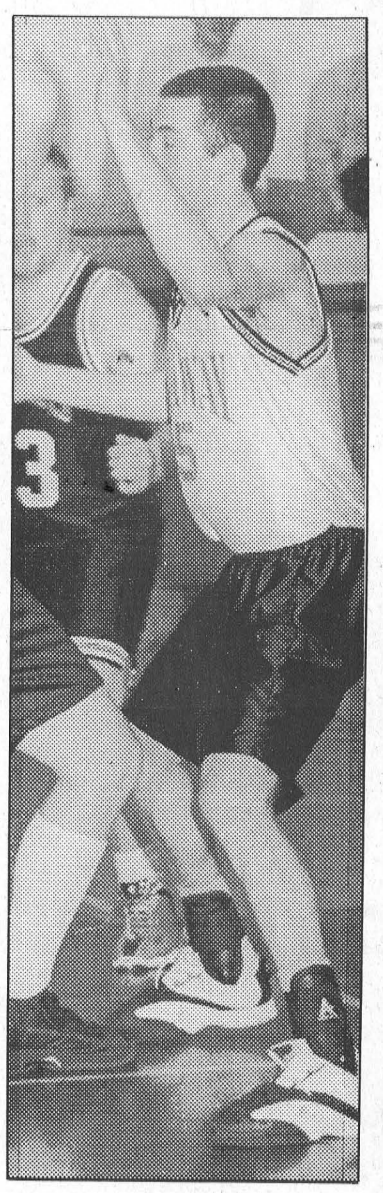
Special recognition came to Seaway and in particular to **basketball coach Mark Lewis**, who since joining the staff in 1998 had coached his teams to four straight SD&G championship and four berths in EOSSA. As a result the governing body of high school sports in Ontario, recognized Lewis with the OFSAA **Award for Leadership** in School Sports.

Still on the court, but this time on the **badminton** court, Natalie Potvin and Katherine VanHaren won SD&G gold medals in midget women's doubles play, and James Delegarde and Matt Peters brought home a silver in senior men's action. Bronze medals were claimed by Warren Leroy and Dustin Delegarde.

The **Seaway senior girls** team came to the front and centre of sports in the fall of 2002 as they set to work to win their own **SD&G championship.** They finished the regular season in first place, undefeated in AA school action. They then downed North Dundas 44-31 in semifinal play and turned a 47-38 win over Glengarry into their SD&G championship crown. Coached by Rob Currier the team included Maegan Whitteker, Joanna Gilmer, Kristen Keyes, Natalie Byker, Melissa Groniger, Rob Currier, Samantha Boone, Kate Edwards, Jackie Vander Meulen, Kelly Verhoeven and Carissa Casselman. The girls advance to EOSSA in Brockville where they lost back-to-back games.









Elementary Loop

In elementary school sports **St. Cecilia's** senior girls **basketball** team, led by Melissa Groniger, posted a 15 win-5 loss season to walk away with two championship tournament wins. Coached by Bruce Milks, the team included Groniger, Natalie McDonell, Stephanie Toonders, Lise Thurler, Stacey Lunn, Elizabeth Casselman, Patricia Pepers, Chelsea Kelly, Megan Boulerice, Jennifer Wilson, Leanne Bing, Jenny Whitteker and Erynn Henry.

In **track and field** action Brittany **Elliott** representing Iroquois Public School was named top junior girl athlete at the annual meet with three first place runs. From St. Cecilia's, Adam **Caesar** posted two first on the track and another in high jump to claim the top boys award.

Morrisburg Public School had some mighty fine representation on the **baseball** diamonds, both the junior boys and girls teams winning their respective titles.

Coached by Jack Barkley the team included Terry Whitford, Evan Harper, Frank Choi, Randy Whitford, Brad Munro, Travis Markell, Jay Keller, Tommy Keyes, Nicholas Thomas, Scott Billings, Spencer Peters, Jordan Derue.

The girls were coached by Mrs. Beavers and their lineup included Samara Lavallie, Jordan Schaillee, Sierra Gillard, Karina Johnston, Lorie Casselman, Bailey Hollister, Jessica Edmonds.

Fall sports action kicked off with a good showing for MPS at the annual **Cross Country** Run at Iroquois Points. Led by Nicholas Thomas who was named top junior boy, **MPS** was named **top junior boys** team which included Jay Keller, Thomas, Tommy Keyes, Jaron Hess, Drew Morrow, Vincent Bilmer, Joe Streit, Connor Hodgson, Myles Bouchard, Spencer Peters and Kyle Gallinger.

The fall **soccer season** saw **Iroquois Public** claim the junior boys championship at the annual tournament hosted by Morrisburg. Team champs were Jody Shearer, Adam James, Travis Fawcett, Cory Shearer, Dane Levere, Drake Levere, Thomas Corden, Matt Hanson, Lucas Stewart, Daniel Stevens, Neil Bouwman and Nick McCaslin.





From the Blue Line

The **Atom C Lions** kicked off the new year by winning the B championship of a Long Sault tournament with a 2-0 win over Kingston City Cougars. Nick Thomas and Drew Hutt provided the goals.

In March, **the Atom B Lions** captured the Upper Canada Minor Hockey **East Championship** in a series win over the Char-Lan Rebels. They then went on to claim the championship at the **18th Annual Ronald MacDonald Tournament** in Ottawa in March. Undefeated in regulation play they defeated Kanata 3-1 in semifinal action and Gananoque in the championship. Great goaltending was provided by Steven Baird and affiliate Lucas Stewart. Chris Tindal received the tournament MVP offensive award and Ali Tait the tournament MVP defensive award.

In early April, the **Atom Bs** put the finishing touch on a big season when they beat Smiths Falls to win the **Upper Canada Minor Hockey League Championship.** Team members were Andrew Menges, Steven Baird, Pat Bongers, Jesse Lapier, Lucas Stewart, Daniel Stevens, Scott Douma, Alix Tait, Jane Moss, Justin Saunders, Chris Tindal, Tommy Keyes, David Toonders, Alex Whalen and coaches Sam Moss, Tom Tindal and Wes Douma.

The annual general meeting of the Association developed into a shouting match in early April as a lot of in-house fighting among board members during the season was brought to light. At the meeting Barb Levere moved to past-president and **John Hanson became president** of the apparently troubled association.

At the annual awards banquet in April, a very deserving **John Lortie** was presented the **Earl Steinberg Memorial Trophy** for his dedication to minor hockey and the youth in the community. Lortie had served on various positions on the minor hockey board including president.

At the annual banquet, **best defense** awards at the various age levels went to Matt McNairn, Kristina Swank, Julie DeRue, David Baird, Josh McElheran, Evan Tait, Ryan Morrow, Derrick Thompson and Nathan McDonnell.

Offensive award winners were Mitchell Thurler, Matt Hanson, Sheldon Beckstead, Kyle Jarvis, Brett Derue, Steve Gellner, Robert Zandbergen, Nick Tupper and Curtis VanAllen.

Another minor hockey season kicked off in September and in November the association received a wonderful donation from **Tim Horton's** owners Robert and Denise St. Denis who provided four sets of sweaters for the youngsters in the Initiation program.

In December the Association hosted the first ever **Lions Day** which featured a puck-dropping ceremony by South Dundas Mayor Johnny Whitteker and a full day of Lions games at the local arena.

December also represented the **40th anniversary** of the opening of the arena on December 29, 1962.



Figure skating spins

The figure skating season kicked off with Morrisburg skater **Allen Chung** competing at the Junior men's level at the Bank of Montreal's Canadian **Figure Skating championship** in Hamilton. Chung, who was representing Eastern Ontario, had a poor skate in his short program which placed him 13th overall out of 26 skaters and ended any chance of a medal. But, never one to stop skating his best, he produced a great long program which saw him move up to seventh overall.

Local skaters also had good skates at the **Precious Edges** Skate Competition in Brockville. Hayley Mills and Jessica Thompson and Meghan Adams and Amy Veltkamp came home with gold medal in pairs skating and Thompson and Hilary McQuaid scored individual gold medals.

The skate season ended for the Morrisburg and District Club with its **annual year-end show** attended by several hundred Moms, Dads and proud Grandparents.

The season wrapped up with a banquet at which Kelsey Hall, Meghan Adams, Amy Veltkamp, Lindsay Gilmer, Kristen Phifer, Cameron Keicks and Lorie Casselman were named **"skills winners"**. Skate Canada bursary winners were Alisha VanHoof, Jessica Thompson, Lorie Casselman, Kristen Phifer, Meghan Adams and Logan Patterson.

Making a decision to take a year off from university, **Chung** headed to Toronto where he would skate out of a **Richmond Hill Club** in a quest for another trip to the Canadians. In late November the decision to train in Richmond Hill was evident as he **placed second** overall in the Eastern Ontario Sectional in Bowmanville to advance to the Eastern Canadian Challenge in Fredericton in December. A **pulled groin muscle**, going into the Challenge, prevented him from a top finish, but he hung on to earn a spot at the Canadians coming up in early January in Saskatoon. As a show of support the Municipality of South Dundas purchased a **banner**, which was signed by local supporters and friends which was sent to Saskatoon to support Allen during his skate.

In late November the Morrisburg and District Club skaters put together their largest team ever for the annual Morrisburg Invitational Skate and won the **Gilmer Pharmacy trophy** for the competition's top points.



Iroquois Golf

Ladies Valley League: Betty McDermid, Margo Anderson, Betty Styles, Sally O'Brien, Marge Lapier, Kim Lalonde, Mary Jean Craig, Judy Madden, Betty Locke, Ida Palmer, Nancy Barkley, Cheryl Elliott, Anita Gilmer Debbie Malette.

Mens Valley League: Bill Dove, Rob Delegarde, Bill Anderson, Chris Barkley, Rick MacKenzie, Brent Mattice, Les Craig, Don O'Brien, Donny Martelle, Matt Anderson, Roger Levere, Garry Barkley, Bob Mann, Lyle Mattice, Ted Styles.

Iroquois Junior Valley: Mitchelle Levere, Brandon Elliott, Jesse Lapier, Justin Saunders, Josh McElheran, Steve Claxton, Ryan Sloan.

Holes-in-one: Hole # 13 Barry Barkley, Betty Locke and Ed Orlicky. #9 Leslie Wright.

Odds and Ends

Led by a shutout performance from goaltender Craig Smith and two goals from Derek Holmes, the **Flamingos** won their division championship at the annual **Chubbs hockey** tournament in February. Smith won the Joe Billings Memorial trophy for his goaltending, and the Cam MacLennan Memorial Trophy went to forward Rob Casselman as the tournament's MVP.

Also in February, mild weather made for a wet time at the annual **Jason Hill Memorial** Snow Volleyball Tournament at the Cedar Glen Golf Course. This year's champs were **Dirty Birds**, Bobby Bird, Jamie Barkley, Wayne Garlough, Emily MacDonnell, Angie Thompson and Chris Barkley.

In early March, Philip Jamieson and Angie Reid placed first in singles play in the **Darts Ontario** Qualifying Shoots. They became part of a 19 member eastern Ontario team that competed in the Ontario Championship in St. Catharines.

Four **local gals**, Sarah Myers, Lauren Keyes, Jennifer Wilson and Amy Myers were featured in April for their involvement in the Brockville Girls **Hockey** Association.

In early May, **Cory Cassell** of Mariatown, who played in the Rideau St. Lawrence Kings Association, was drafted in the eighth round of the OHL bantam draft, and the Morrisburg Legion **Branch 48** Ladies Auxiliary Dart team of Doreen Montroy, Florence Merkley, Doreen Pycroft and Loretta Kennedy were off to the provincial championships.

The **Morrisburg Recreation** Association was on shaky ground in May with the resignation of its board members, but, led by Sandra Bailey, a group stepped forward to save the organization with the immediate priority being the village swim program.

In June, Garry Barkey and Brian Fawcett, representing the Iroquois Legion, led the **Legion Zone Golf** Qualifiers at the tournament played at Iroquois.

Peewee Cs celebrate

Another tournament championship

LONG SAULT– The Morrisburg Peewee C Lions posted their second tournament championship of the season at a Christmas break tournament here Friday when they downed South Stormont 3-1 in the day's final.

It was the second time the two met in the event and it was the second time the Lions roared to victory.

The Lions kick-started their day with a 5-0 shutout over North Dundas. Steven Baird provided the unbeatable goaltending as the Lions went to work in front of him.

They led 1-0 after the first period and 2-0 after two. They turned it on in the third for three tallies for the 5-0 victory.

Connor Hodgson and Patrick Chesbro had two goals each and Brad Munro struck for a single and helped out on another two.



Christmas Tournament Championship for Peewee C Lions

The Morrisburg Peewee C Lions are putting together an enviable tournament record, their second championship obtained in Long Sault last Friday. Members of the championship Lions squad, front l-r, are Drew Morrow, Brad Munro, goaltender Steven Baird, Drew Hutt and Connor Hodgson. Back, l-r, Evan Harper, Nathan McDonell, Spencer Peters, Derrick Thompson, Pat Chesbro and Thomas Corden. The Peewee C Lions are coached by Tom Hodgson, back right, and Scott Corden, back left is the assistant coach.

Evan Harper and Thomas Corden had two assists each and Nathan McDonell had one.

In game two, Baird landed himself a second shutout, this time over South Stormont 3-0.

The Lions posted one goal in the first period from Brad Munro with help from Thomas Corden.

Late in the second the Lions turned it on for the win with two tallies the first from Corden and the second from Harper.

Chesbro and Munro provided the setup on the Corden tally and McDonell and Andrew Hutt helped Harper.

With two wins under their belts the Lions now advanced to take on South Grenville for the second time that day.

It was in this game that Baird gave up his only goal of the tournament to Scott Neilson, who struck for an unassisted power-play goal late in the first period.

That goal evened the game at 1-1. The Lions Daniel Stevens had scored just two minutes earlier assisted by Pat Chesbro and Brad Munro.

It was late in the second period that Chesbro connected for what turned out to be the winner with help from Stevens and Munro. Steven, with his second of the game, added the insurance in the third with Thomas Corden assisting.

Single point weekend

Jr. B Lions make coaching change

MORRISBURG – The Morrisburg Junior B Lions worked their way through a coaching change on the weekend picking up a single point in an overtime 6-5 loss to the Kemptville 73s Sunday night.

The Lions opened the weekend action under former assistant coach Garry Beckstead who took over from Barry VanAllen.

The coaching change was confirmed by team director Jack Bjergso.

"We decided it was time to make a change because of the direction the team was going," said Bjergso. "The team is in a slump, and we felt it was time to make a move."

Beckstead took over the duties for the weekend and Bob Deleavey remains as assistant coach. The two joined the team with Van Allen. Bjergso says there are no plans to fill the remaining assistant coaching position at this time.

VanAllen was in his second season as the Lion's head coach.

The single point picked up by the Lions in the Sunday overtime loss to Kemptville allowed them to move two points ahead of the last place Winchester Hawks who lost both of their weekend encounters.

It was a third period collapse and penalties that did the damage Sunday night. The Lions went two up in the first period and stretched their advantage to 4-0 early in the second.

The 73s hit for two power-play tallies late in the second to make it 4-2 before the Lions got them stopped with a counter from team captain Wayne Garlough to end the period at 5-3.

In the third the 73s started the comeback with their third goal at 7:35 and their fourth just 27 seconds later to cut the gap to 5-4. They salvaged the 5-5 tie with 19 seconds showing on the clock.

Stephane St. Denis counted the winner early into the overtime frame.

Jamie Lalonde was in net for the Lions and handled 35 shots while the Lions produced 21 shots.

On the penalty page the 73s were assessed four minors and the Lions drew 10 minors and a 10 minute misconduct.

Wayne Garlough led the Lions scoring with two goals and Nick Desneves, Jason Denio and Matt Bailey scored singles.

On Friday night, December 27 the Lions were blanked by the visiting first place Alexandria Glens 3-0.

After a scoreless first period the Glens counted their first tally at 7:03 of the second while on the power play.

Their second goal came at 12:58 of the third, again while they had the man advantage, and they polished it off with 3:33 showing on the clock.

The Glens had just 11 skaters on the bench, and coming up with their goals were Luc Lanthier, Chris Van Overbeek and Dominic Decoeur.

The Glens drew five minors and a 10 minute unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, while the Lions sat out six minor penalties.

The Lions will play their first game of the new year on home ice this Friday, January 3 when they host South Grenville. Game time is 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 5 they travel to Athens for a 7:30 p.m. match.

The regular season is now heading down the homestretch and, with the standings fairly tight, the Lions are looking for a big finish in their remaining 12 games.

JR. B SCOREBOARD

St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Alexandria	30	18	8	2	40
Kemptville	31	15	9	4	37
Char-Lan	32	16	14	2	34
Akwesasne	29	14	11	3	32
Morrisburg	33	12	18	1	27
Winchester	30	10	15	3	25

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Brockville	29	21	4	3	46
Gananoque	31	18	10	3	39
Westport	31	16	12	1	35
South Grenville	30	16	13	0	33
Athens	32	13	13	3	32

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Friday, December 27–
Athens 5 at Westport 6
Sth. Gren. 2 at Brockville 10
Char-Lan 5 at Winchester 2
Alexandria 3 at Morrisburg 0
Saturday, December 28–
Gananoque 6 at Athens 6
Brockville 4 at Akwesasne 5 OT
Kemptville 3 at Sth. Gren. 5
Sunday, December 29–
Sth. Gren. 1 at Gananoque 6
Winchester 1 at Alexandria 4
Akwesasne 5 at Char-Lan 6
Morrisburg 5 at Kemptville 6 OT

Coming up:

Friday, January 3–South Grenville at Morrisburg 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 5–Morrisburg at Athens 7:30 p.m.

Alexandria wins Jr. B tournament

WINCHESTER – The Winchester Hawks provided their hometown fans plenty of excitement at the annual Junior B Boxing Day Tournament here last Thursday.

The Hawks opened in the event with a 3-2 win over Ottawa West to earn a spot in the semi-final match against Goulbourn who had ousted Gananoque 5-0 in their opener.

Also opening strong were the St. Lawrence Division's first place Alexandria Glens who took out Carleton Place with a 5-2 win.

They advanced to the semi-final against Brockville who had run up a 4-1 win over South Ottawa in preliminary round play.

It would be the St. Lawrence division teams who would dominate the day when the Hawks posted an exciting 3-2 overtime win against Goulbourn and Alexandria defeated Brockville 4-2.

These wins set the stage for the St. Lawrence division showdown between Alexandria and Winchester which went to the Glens by a 5-2 count.

Francis Longtin, Ben Desnoyers, Luc Lanthier, Dimitri Toupikov and Steve Woens counted for the Glens and Darren Trenholm answered with both Winchester goals.

Big comeback for Midget House, split games in pre-season action

MORRISBURG—The Morrisburg Midget House 2 (Gold) Lions hosted Winchester on Tuesday, December 10, and skated to a 5-5 tie.

Morrisburg came out flat in the first period with only one goal by Brandon McKendry unassisted, while the Hawks managed two markers.

Winchester came out strong in the second scoring two more goals making it 4-1.

Later in the second frame, Anthony Lemaire scored off a pass from Chris Duvall, ending the period with a 4-2 score.

In the third period the Hawks scored their final goal to seemingly put the game game out of reach for Morrisburg, but the Lions couldn't be held back.

They pulled together and answered with goals from McKendry, his second, assisted by Lemaire and Damon Barkley, and from Lemaire, also his second, from a McKendry pass, which brought the Lions to within one goal.

Late in the third Brandon McKendry tied the game 5-5 with his third goal assisted by Barkley and Matt VanMoorsel.

On Tuesday, December 17, Lewisville, N.Y., was in town and handed the Lions a 3-1 loss. The only Morrisburg goal scored in the penalty ridden game was by Derek Baldwin, assisted by Mathieu Baron and Greg O'Neill.

On December 19, the Lions travelled to Maxville and shut out the home team 4-0.

Morrisburg's first goal was from Baldwin, assisted by Anthony Lemaire. Minutes later Baldwin scored his second of the night from a Mathieu Baron pass.

Baron counted goal number three with help from Tyler Norgaard and Brandon McKendry connected for the fourth and final Lions tally, assisted by Mathieu Baron and Kyle Weegar.

On Sunday, December 22, the Midget House 2 Lions were in Alexandria, where they suffered a 2-1 loss.

Alexandria was on the scoreboard first in the second period, but Morrisburg answered right back with a goal by Mathieu Baron, assisted by Norgaard.

Alexandria went ahead again in the third period to end the game 2-1.

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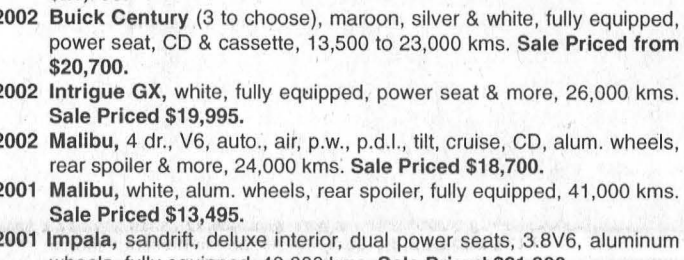

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