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Williamsburg Oddfellows celebrate 100 year anniversary

The Williamsburg Oddfellows celebrated their 100th anniversary on May 1. To kick off the evening, a plaque was posted on the Oddfellows Hall during a presentation in order to celebrate the milestone. From left to right are Mayor Lyle Van Allen, Noble Grand Dennis Whitteker and Ed Taylor. *Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie*

Less loitering in plaza since by-law passed

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Since the trespass by-law was passed by the South Dundas Council last month, residents and merchants alike have seen less loiterers at the Iroquois Plaza.

This was the central issue of a meeting held by the merchants on April 29 at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

Two officers of the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry Ontario Provincial Police were present at the meeting to discuss this matter.

Sergeant Murray Bamber and Constable Sylvian Lamarche, both of the Morrisburg Detachment, reported that there has been less incidents of youth loitering since the by-law was passed at the April 6 meeting of council.

While the main reason this by-law was passed was because of the amount of youth loitering, anyone can be charged.

"There's not as many people since I've been here as there were three months ago," said Constable Lamarche.

"We have been moving the youth along," said Sergeant Bamber.

Merchants and residents have noticed the decline in the numbers of loiterers.

"I personally think there's been a big improvement," said Jeff Beaupre, the owner of Beaupre Jewellers, adding that he's seen more shoppers at the mall.

Sergeant Bamber explained that while the sidewalks are off limits, the youth are welcome in the common area of the plaza.

Maintaining consistency in enforcing the by-law is also important at this point.

Constable Lamarche has been at the plaza for the roughly two weeks, and will continue to be here for another two or so.

In having Constable Lamarche at the plaza on a regular basis, he has been able to get to know most of the youth.

Sergeant Bamber explained that with having different officers at the plaza every day, a person may receive several warnings about loitering before they finally receive a ticket.

There was some question as to where the youth will go once they leave the plaza.

"They're going to go somewhere else, and we're going to have to deal with that," said Sergeant Bamber.

He explained that officers doing patrols in Iroquois have been going up to the locks and driving by the beach in addition to watching the plaza.

Another issue was the tables sitting in the common area, where the youth hang out.

As it stands, the youth have been moving the tables around the plaza to suit themselves.

"This problem is going to be resolved shortly," said Sergeant Bamber, adding the tables are going to be bolted.

Sergeant Bamber stated that if "you remove the tables, you remove the problem, but you also remove a place for them to sit and eat their lunch."

There was also discussion on beautifying the plaza for the summer.

Among some of the suggestions put forth by Sergeant Bamber were the removal of the interlocking stones and the ledge of the flower bed, planting shrubs, and adding uneven stones.

"You want to make it inviting, you want to make it nice, but you want to make it inviting for the for the right crowd," said Sergeant Bamber.

Mr. Beaupre stated that he and his wife voluntarily take care of the flower beds in the common area.

After the meeting, Mr. Beaupre stated that there has been a big difference since the by-law was passed, saying that the policing is working.

"People are more comfortable walking through the plaza," he said. "Overall, it is much better."

Property taxes on the rise in North Dundas

By Dianne Fetterly
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Despite a two per cent decrease in the tax rate, property taxes will still go up in North Dundas thanks to an increase in the residential assessments. North Dundas Council passed its 2004 budget in principle during a meeting held Monday, April 26 in Winchester.

Assessment values issued by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation have gone up by 16 per cent this year, and if the municipality hadn't cut its portion, taxpayers would be paying 16 per cent more in their property taxes, explained John Gareau, Treasurer for the Municipality of North Dundas.

North Dundas also received help from the SD&G counties council, which cut its share by 7.5 per cent and the Upper Canada District School Board which announced following the meeting that it was cutting the education portion by 11.6 per cent.

"Due to the large increase in assessments this year, if all three parties (municipality, counties and school board) hadn't cut their portions (taxpayers) would be looking at a 16 per cent increase in their tax bill," Gareau said.

He explained that last year, a homeowner paid $1,718.39 on a $100,000 residential property. This year, with the 6.667 per cent decrease in taxes, the homeowner will pay $1,603.92 on a $100,000 property, a saving of $114.47. However, that same home valued at $100,000 last year, is now assessed at $116,000, increasing this year's tax bill by approximately 8.2 per cent to a total of $1,860.-55.

Despite the cuts, Gareau added everyone seemed quite pleased with the budget. "Department heads will still be able to get the work done."

The total municipal tax levy from ratepayers will be $4.077 million, up slightly from last year's $3.79 million.

North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls was fairly happy with the two per cent reduction in the tax rate. "Taxes will still be up a bit. We had lowered the rates, but with the new assessment (taxpayers) will still have to pay a little more."

"It looks a lot better than it did, he added. " We'll still be able to do a little more."

Old Cardinal library declared surplus property

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council has decided to declare the old Cardinal Library surplus land.

The decision to make the now-empty building into surplus land for the township followed a lengthy discussion at the May 3 meeting of the Council.

In doing so, the Council will be keeping their options open as to what will become of this building.

"In order to do anything with this building, we need to take this first step," said Mayor Peggy Taylor.

There is no final decision as to what will happen to the building, located at 220 Lewis Street, as of yet.

However, there are a number of possibilities open, including a new business, or allowing social service organizations use the building.

Councillor Hugh Cameron wanted to know why the land had to be declared surplus during the meeting.

"I really think we have to have a long hard look at this," said Councillor Cameron, who was the only one at the table against this decision.

"The people of Cardinal feel very strongly about this building," he went on to say. "If we declare this surplus, I think there'll be a backlash."

"Those would be the people who don't understand the process," replied Councillor Peter Martin, saying that options for the use of the building should be discussed.

Mayor Taylor explained that while the building is now surplus,

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High risk offender has moved from the area

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A man convicted of child molestation has moved into the area following his release from a federal penitentiary.

Barry Peter Bradford, 38, had moved to downtown Prescott following his release, and remained there for a week before moving out.

His location at this point has not been verified, although he had been rumoured to have moved into South Dundas.

However, police have confirmed that he has not moved into the area.

Mr. Bradford has 12 convictions on his record, and was released near the beginning of April from the Warkworth facility.

Seven of these convictions were for sexually assaulting boys between the ages of three and ten. One of these incidents occurred in Prescott in 1986.

Because of his convictions, Mr. Bradford is now under a life-time ban from parks, school yards. playgrounds, community centres, and other locations in which children aged 14 and under gather.

As well, he cannot volunteer or be employed in a job that involves being in a position of trust with kids 14 and under.

He had requested help from the Prescott Police in receiving outpatient treatment.

Prescott Police Chief Bryan Somerville had issued a public advisory on April 23 in order to inform residents of Mr. Bradford's arrival.

The chief issued the public advisory under the Police Services Act of Ontario.

This was similar to the one issued in the Niagara Region following his release.

Several local schools, including Iroquois Public School sent letters, complete with the police media release, home to parents warning them of his arrival.

The letters ask that parents go over safety precautions with their children.

Chief Somerville could not be reached for comment at press time.

Mr. Bradford is describe as a white male, 5'9", 155 pounds, with brown hair and distinctive blue eyes.

CD release honours the Lost Villages

Historical singer-songwriter James Gordon will be releasing a CD entitled *Songs From the Lost Villages* at the end of June.

Among the song titles on the CD will be *The Hydro Man, Aultsville Memories, The Soul of Moulinette, Rosie and Clay,* and *Way Back in 1893.*

Mr. Gordon had spent some time in Ingleside learning about the lost villages.

The CD will be released to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the start of the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project.

To reserve a copy, contact Rothwell-Osnabruck School at 537-2454 or the Lost Villages Historical Society at 534-8831.



House of Lazarus enjoys a successful yard sale

Volunteers at the House of Lazarus' Yard Sale take time to pose for a picture before packing in for the day. Organizers were thrilled with the success of the yard sale, which was held on May 1. The money raised at the event will be going back into the House of Lazarus. The organization has several more events scheduled throughout the summer.

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the council would not be tearing the building down, and the Council would be looking to find a use for it.

"I don't think that it would be fair to the village to leave if empty," she said.

When Councillor Cameron stated that Cardinal residents should be allowed to voice their opinions about this declaration, Mayor Taylor replied that she wanted to keep the residents informed about what would happen with the building.

"I think it's our job to let them know what we're going to do," said the mayor. "We can't tied up the downtown area like that. It's not fair to the community."

Councillor Cameron made his displeasure about the land be made surplus known, and asked for a recorded vote.

"Until I know what direction the building is headed in, I will not support it," he said, voting against the decision.

The rest of Council, with the exception of the absent Councillor Charlie Burrell, voted to have the building declared surplus.

Healthy eating for school-aged children

Fatty foods, sweet snacks, TV viewing, videogames... Poor eating habits and inactivity have resulted in a situation that will be difficult to overturn: high levels of overweight and obesity among school-aged children in our region.

In Eastern Ontario, 33% of school-aged boys and 27% of school-aged girls are overweight, while 10% of boys and 9% of girls are considered obese.

"If the situation isn't seriously addressed without delay," says Louise Simmons, coordinator of the Chronic Disease Prevention program at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, "the health of the upcoming generation will be heavily mortgaged."

Obesity, which is excess body fat, seriously endangers health. It increases a child's risk of premature death caused by chronic diseases such as coronary heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes mellitus, gallbladder disease and some cancers as the child becomes an adult. Obesity is also associated with depression and eating disorders.

Dietitians throughout our region and in Ontario have decided to focus their attention on promoting healthy eating and physical activity during the next National Nutrition month in March 2004. Cathy I. Coppola, dietitian at the Health Unit thinks that: "Adopting healthy eating habits and being physically active are the best ways for children to maintain a healthy weight. If children eat a variety of foods from the four food groups identified in Canada's Guide to Healthy Eating, and if they are active for at least an hour every day, they will maintain their weight without effort."

Parents can help. By varying the meals they serve and making sure to include healthy snacks in their children's diet, parents will help their children adopt healthy habits that will last a lifetime. "Parents are role models to their children, says Louise Simmons. What they do, their children mimic. Active parents will most likely have active children. It is also easier to regulate what their children eat if the parents eat well themselves. Chances are that the food available at home will reflect their healthier habits."

However, children spend a lot of their waking hours at school where parents can't always oversee what their children eat. "There is a new trend in schools, adds Simmons. We are starting to work with schools on the adoption and implementation of healthy nutrition policies."

Healthy nutrition policies limit children's access to junk food while increasing that of healthy meals and snacks. It can be as complete as banning the sale of any junk food on school property, including during fundraisers, or as simple as allowing children to only bring healthy snacks to school.

"Obesity is a real problem for our children, concludes Simmons. If nothing is done, it will be catastrophic to children. It's up to all of us to do what needs to be done and to do it now."

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Oddfellows donate to Trillium

The Williamsburg Oddfellows donated $12,000 to Camp Trillium on May 1 during the Oddfellows' 100th anniversary celebration. Noble Grand Dennis Whitteker, left presents the cheque to Camp Trillium's Bill Frid and his wife Linda.

Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie

McGuinty government helps students find jobs

The McGuinty government is helping more than 4,000 young people find jobs in rural Ontario to enhance their skills and gain valuable job experience, John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced on April 30.

"Our greatest advantage for building a strong and prosperous rural economy is our people - especially our young people," said Gerretsen. "This program is one way we're helping students get the workplace skills and experience they need to achieve their goals."

From April to September, the Rural Summer Jobs Service program helps students ages 15-24 find work.

Opportunities exist for businesses and community organizations in rural Ontario to get wage support of $2 per hour to hire students for up to 16 weeks.

This program is part of the Ontario government's Ontario Summer Jobs program, which is investing $50 million in 2004 to assist young people across Ontario.

"By helping students succeed today, we are ensuring that Ontario succeeds tomorrow," Gerretsen said. "That's change that's working. Together, we can build an Ontario that is the envy of the world, with a quality of life that is second to none."

For more information about the Rural Summer Jobs Service program, visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website at www.mah.gov.on.ca or contact 1-888-588-4111.

For information about the Ontario Summer Jobs program, visit www.edu.gov.on.ca or contact the Training Hotline at 1-888-JOB-GROW or (416) 326-5656 in Toronto.

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Students to show off art

Iroquois Public School will be hosting their Breakfast With the Arts on May 8 from 9 to 11 am. Two plays will be presented by the school's Drama Club, and a continental buffet breakfast will be available. As well, art work from the school's students will be on display. Tickets are $6 per person for plays, the art tour and the breakfast. Tickets for the art gallery alone are $3. To get tickets, contact Mrs. Deighton, Mrs. Phifer or visit the school's Lunch Hour Ticket Booth.

CORNWALL

Annual auction set for May 6

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cornwall and District will be hosting its third Annual Wine and Cheese/Auction on May 6. The auction will be running from 6:30 to 9 pm at Jazz Magnolias. There will be both a live and silent auction. Tickets are $10 each, and are available at the agency's office, located at 101 Third St. West in Cornwall, or by calling 933-8035.

BROCKVILLE

Choir will Sing into Spring

The Brockville Community Choir will be performing their Sing into Spring concert on May 12 at the First Presbyterian Church in Brockville, starting at 7:30 pm. The choir will be performing a range of music from Canadian folk song to Afro-American Spirituals. While there is no admission charge, a free-will offering will be accepted. Refreshments will be available after the show.

CHESTERVILLE

School to celebrate 100 years

St. Mary Catholic School in Chesterville will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on May 15 and 16. On May 15, there will be a dance from 9 pm to 1 pm at the Legion in Chesterville. The Edsels will provide the entertainment. On May 16 at 11 am, there will be an anniversary mass at St. Mary's Church, with Father John Gillis officiating. Following that, there will be an open house and reception at St. Mary Catholic School starting at 12:30 pm. For more information, contact the school at 448-2158.

Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre volunteers 2004

Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre honoured their volunteers on April 27th, thanking them for all their time, knowledge, skills, abilities, talents, and interest to help others stay at home in the community.

Over 90 volunteers attended the country brunch. The guest speaker was local author Maggie Wheeler.

The volunteers of Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre have responded over the years to the unique needs of the Township of South Dundas community.

From Meals on Wheels to volunteer Fundraisers, from Helpful Kitchen Help to Dedicated Drivers, volunteering is part of their way of life.

The Board of Directors of the Williamsburg Non-Profit Housing Corporation thanked the volunteers for their many hours.

The staff also thanked the volunteers for their dedication and commitment.

The fundraising efforts of the Park Lane Grafters reached the $10,000.00 mark mis year. A plaque acknowledging their ongoing support and generosity was presented.

The tulip quilt's winning ticket was drawn. Annette De Vette, a volunteer driver, was the lucky winner.

If you are interested in learning more about the Park Lane Senior's Centre, please call Janet at 535-2924.

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Historical Society has new building

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Lost Villages Historical Society has officially opened its new building.

The society's new administration building, located in Ingleside, was officially opened on April 28.

Among those present for the opening was local MP Bob Kilger and MPP Jim Brownell.

During the opening, Mr. Brownell announced funding in the amount of $374,685 from the Ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada as part of a Job Creation Partnership with the Lost Villages Society.

This money will be employing 12 people at the administration building.

Some of the jobs set up through this Job Creation Partnership include marketing and promotion, website upgrading and expansion, events planning and public relations, grants research, and archivist, to name a few.

In doing so, the Society will be giving people on Employment Insurance job experience, as well as helping them improve their skills and re-entering the workforce.

Aside from that, the employees will also be helping preserve a part of the local history.

This new administration building comes 50 years after the construction of the Iroquois Dam and Control Locks began, and close to 45 after they were completed.

"This is a significant event," said Mr. Kilger. "The lost villages continue to be a reminder of what happened 50 years ago."

Mr. Brownell, the past president of the Historical Society, agreed.

"What you created here was sorely needed," he said to the employees. "There are great visions (for history) in the area."

The Lost Villages Society was created in 1977, and has since increased of the six villages and three hamlets lost under the St. Lawrence during the construction.

The Lost Villages Historical Society's building is located on Wales Street in Ingleside.

For more information, contact them by phone at 537-5831, or visit their webpage at www.lost-villages.ca.



Lost Villages open new building

The Lost Villages Historical Society officially opened their new administration building on April 28 in Ingleside. From left to right, Debbie Lavergne, MP Bob Kilger, Society President Jane Craig and MPP Jim Brownell. *Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie*

May is Community Living Month across Ontario

Community Livings across Ontario will be hosting celebrations and activities to increase awareness of the supports and services they provide to individuals with an intellectual disability throughout the month of May.

Community Living Dundas County is planning the following events to celebrate Community Living Month.

"Brown Bag Day" will be held on Tuesday, May 11, with the assistance of the McIntosh Inn.

May 15 will be Community Living Day at the Blue Jays game. There will be a bus going to this game from our area.

A poster campaign will highlight two local people-Tim and Sara.

The focus of this year's campaign is employment. Tim has a job at Canadian Tire and Sara works at the Village Green in Morrisburg.

A silent auction will also be held in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting, scheduled for June 17 at 7 pm at Allison Avenue in Morrisburg.

Community Living Dundas County offers support to over 80 people with an intellectual disability throughout the county.

A wide range of services are offered to individuals and their families, including respite employment accommodation supports, planning, advocacy, and recently, P.R.O., a parent support group began in the county.

Additional information can be found on our website at www.cl-dc.ca, or by calling us at 543-3737.

Hospital & township to conduct joint emergency exercise

Winchester District Memorial Hospital and the Township of North Dundas are working together to conduct a joint emergency exercise on Wednesday, May 12th to meet their respective needs of testing emergency plans.

The hospital has a requirement to conduct an exercise of its emergency department and supporting departments to meet the likelihood of a mass casualty situation.

The province's Emergency Management Act requires the Township to test its emergency response plan on an annual basis.

Planning committees in both organizations have been working for some time developing their portions of the exercise.

The hospital will test its emergency response procedures with simulated casualties.

The Canadian Red Cross is providing the talent to simulate various types of injuries.

The volunteer casualties are students of North Dundas High School.

Charles Montgomery, the hospital's emergency preparedness consultant, will direct the hospital portion of the exercise.

The Township will use a table-top exercise to meet its requirements.

This type of exercise format is a cost effective means of testing emergency plans, but it is not as dramatic as what the hospital's emergency department will experience.

The table-top exercise will be held in the Township's primary emergency operations centre at the Township Office.

The township portion of the joint exercise will be preceded by a training session for all members of the community control group and emergency operations centre staff.

Bill Shearing, the township's community emergency management coordinator, is responsible for the township's portion of the exercise.

The exercise activities at both locations will last for about two hours.

Pat Lewis, Manager of Building Services, Winchester District Memorial Hospital, who has responsibilities for emergency preparedness at the hospital and serves as a member of the North Dundas Emergency Management Program Committee/ proposed the joint exercise.

Pat said: "I saw this as a win-win situation. Both organizations could meet their needs as well as identify ways of providing more effective and efficient support to one another in a real emergency situation, I am really looking forward to May 12th."

Winchester District Memorial Hospital and the Township of North Dundas are working together to improve their responsibilities for protecting the health and safety of people when a disaster strikes the area.

The 10th annual "Farm for a Day" was well attended

By Louise Mortimer
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Grade four students from all over Grenville County 'took over' the Kemptville College's A.M. Barr Arena on Wednesday, April 21, for the 10th annual "Farm Comes to Town" event, once again organized and sponsored by the good folks at the Grenville County Agricultural Awareness Committee, local commodity groups, individual farmers, and agriculture-related businesses.

Eighteen grade four classes from eleven schools, including Oxford-on-Rideau, Kemptville Public, South Branch Elementary and Holy Cross Schools in North Grenville; Centennial '67 in Spencerville; Wolford Public School; Central Public and St. Joseph schools in Prescott; Algonquin Public School; Maitland Public School, and Grenville Christian College, or a record 450 students, now have a better understanding and appreciation for farms and the families who run them thanks to this event, for which the schools are not charged a price of admission.

Thanks to the dedicated Awareness Committee, which includes Elizabeth Streight; Rosemary Bennett; Dawn Wynands, and Karen Henderson, the students spent half a day at the college where they spent 13 minutes at each of nine different stations, where they learned all about dairy products, eggs, sheep, soil and crops, veterinary medicine, 'gears and gadgets', and beef.

The stations, run by volunteers from community-minded businesses, including Beking Eggs; both the Grenville County Sheep and Milk Producers; the Grenville County Soil and Crop Committee; Dr. Janet Wynands DVM; Grenville Beef Producers and the Grenville Federation of Agriculture, featured a presentation, demonstrations, and some hands-on presentations, as well as live farm animals.

The students' visit ended with each receiving a bag of handouts, and a small spruce tree to plant as a reminder of their field trip.

North Grenville farm owner Rosemary Bennett, who has been involved for years, told *The Chieftain* that many of the teachers, like South Branch's Mrs. Hodgson, enjoy coming to the event as much or even more than the students.

"This is my favourite field trip of the year," said Mrs. Hodgson. "It makes a big impact on the kids, as they learn how our lives are impacted by the farmers. These volunteers provide a wonderful service to the kids and the community."

Dianne Radford, another South Branch teacher, wholeheartedly agreed, and judging from the looks on the students' faces that day, there is no doubt that the students feel the same way.

Dixon's School NEWSLETTER

This is Education Week for UCDSB. Dixon's Comers is celebrating with a week of healthy eating. We want to stress to parents and students that learning is directly connected to what we eat.

Not only does eating healthy snacks and lunches affect a child's learning abilities but it also affects a child's energy and cognitive learning.

During this week and into the future, parents are encouraged to send in snacks such as cheese, cut up fruit and vegetables and lunches that incorporate Canadian Food Guide Rules.

Mrs. Swerdfeger will host a free evening with Dr. Valerie Franc, a Naturopathic Doctor, on Wednesday, May 5 at 7 o'clock.

The evening will stress the importance of proper nutrition and how certain foods affect children in negative ways.

Parents will learn the effect of diet, nutrition and lifestyle on a child's behaviour and their ability to learn.

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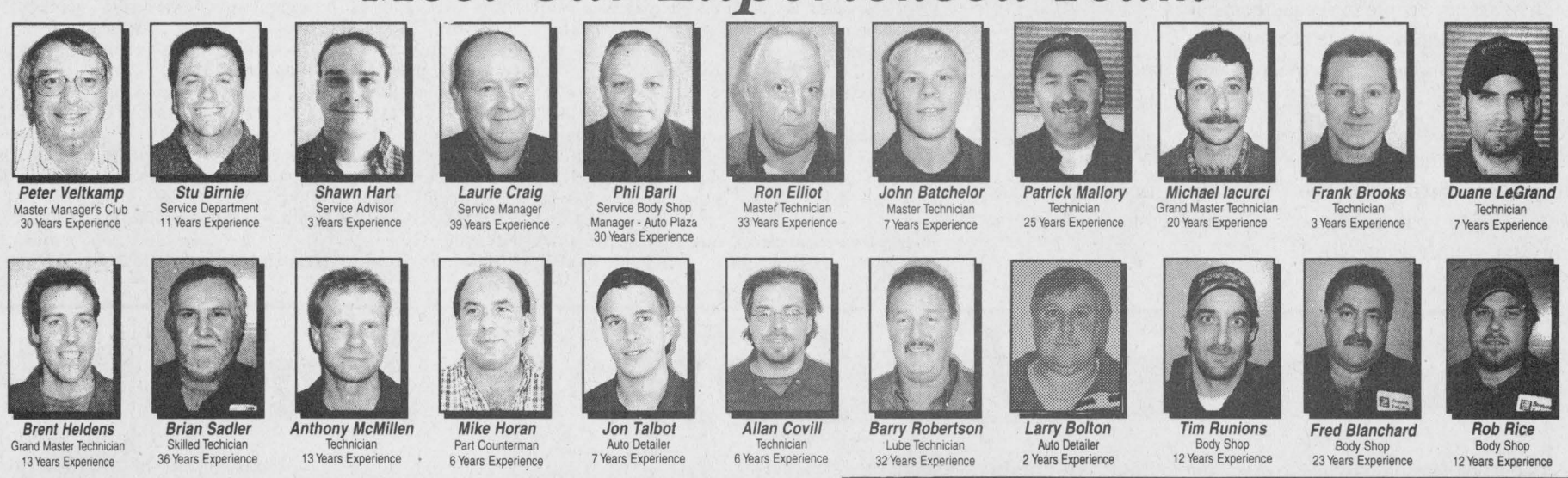
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Fifty years for Seaway

The construction of the Iroquois Lock and Control Dam began 50 years ago this year.

It's incredible that it's been 50 years since the construction began, and almost 45 since it was completed.

What's also incredible is the impact that the locks and the dam had on the area at the time, and how it changed the land along the Seaway.

For many of the older residents who lived here as the locks and dam were being built, and continue to live here now, seeing the changes created through this construction must have been something else.

Though they may not have realized it then, they became a part of a big piece of the history of the Seaway Valley.

Even those who have never had much interest in history, like myself, can't help but be fascinated with what has been going on in the Seaway Valley over the past half century.

The people who ensure that the local history is not only preserved, but to make this information accessible to the public, are going to great lengths in doing so, and their work should not go unnoticed.

People that make up groups like DIAMONDS (set up in the Lockmaster's House in Iroquois) and the Lost Villages Historical Society (who run the Lost Villages Museum and just recently opened their new administration office in Ingleside) go to great lengths to ensure that people are aware of the area's history.

In years to come, I hope that there continues to be people who are willing to put forth the effort to keep the area's history alive and well.

It's great to see that the government is willing to help out, providing funding for organizations, such as the Lost Villages Historical Society, in order to keep this history alive.

The most recent example of this was on April 28, when MP Bob Kilger announced funding up to $374,685 as part of a Job Creation Partnership with the Historical Society.

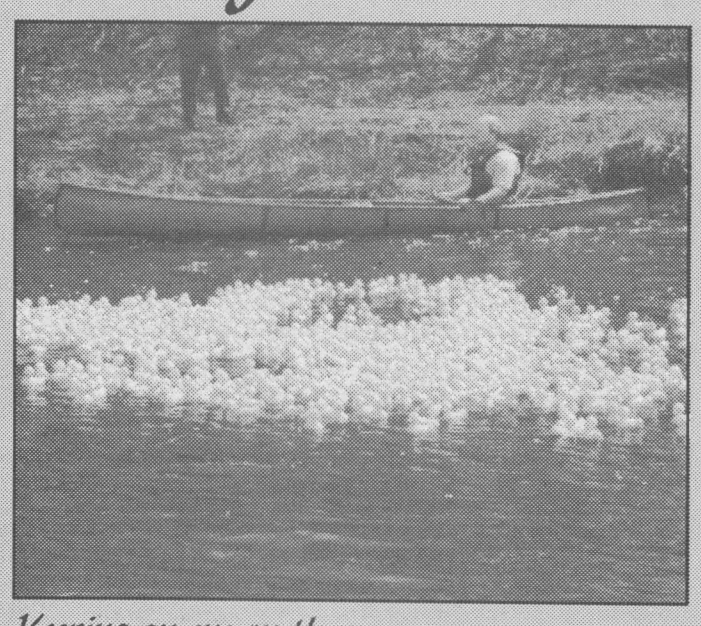
In doing so, 12 people will be hired to help preserve and promote the history of the lost villages.

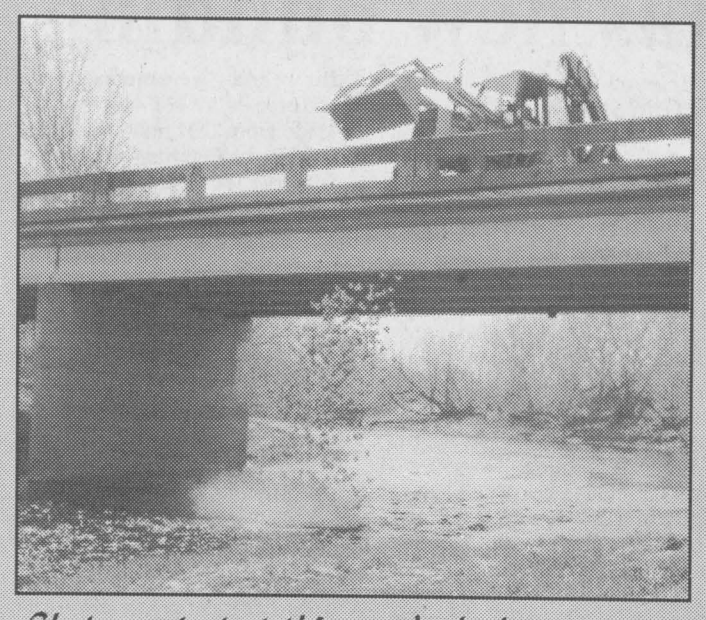
While some people may get jobs working in history-related fields, many others are willing to volunteer their time to historical organizations.

Either way, if it wasn't for these people and their love of local history, we wouldn't know about the changes that occurred along the Seaway Valley 50 years ago.

B.P.

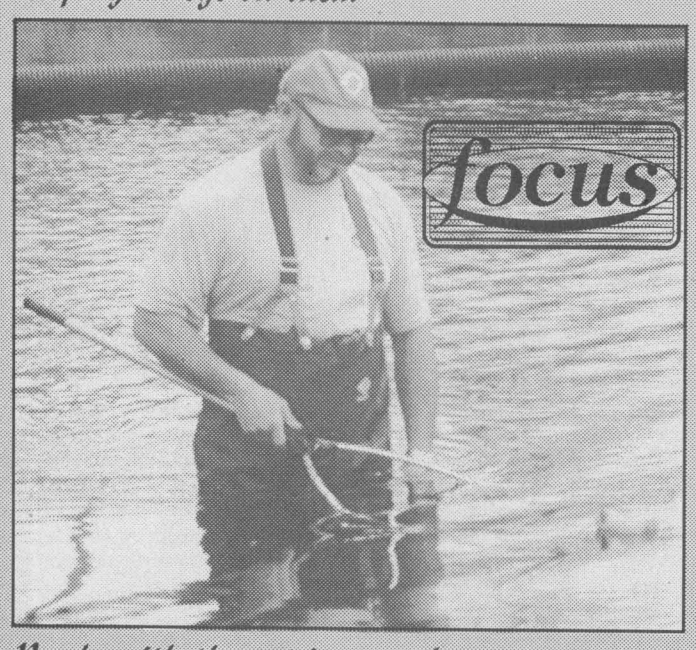
Busy weekend in South Mountain

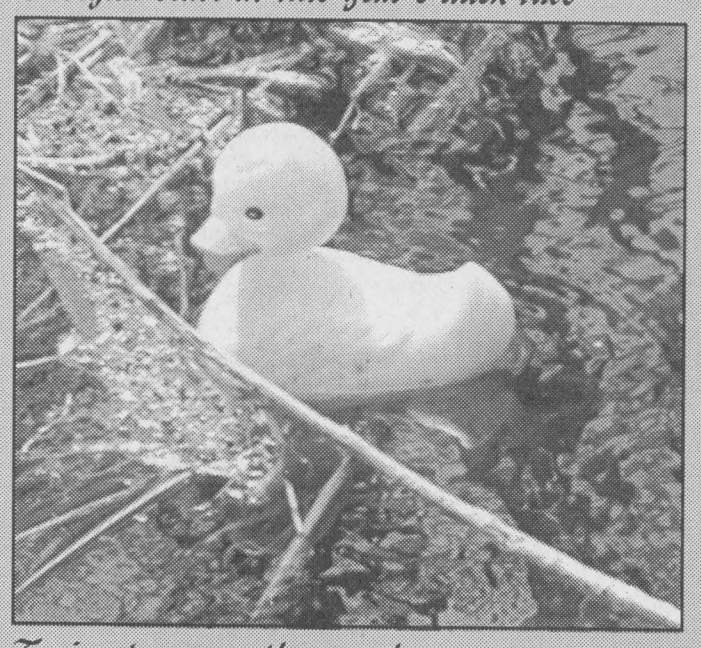




Keeping an eye on them

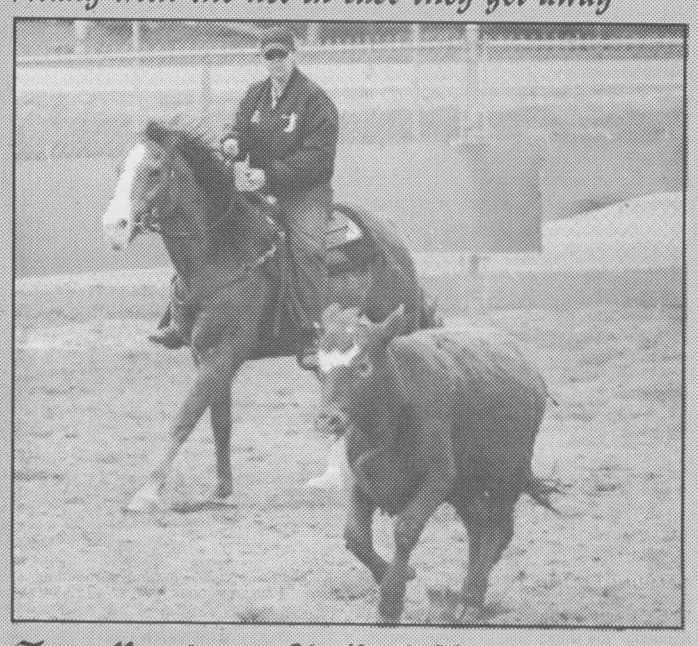
Shotgun start at this year's duck race

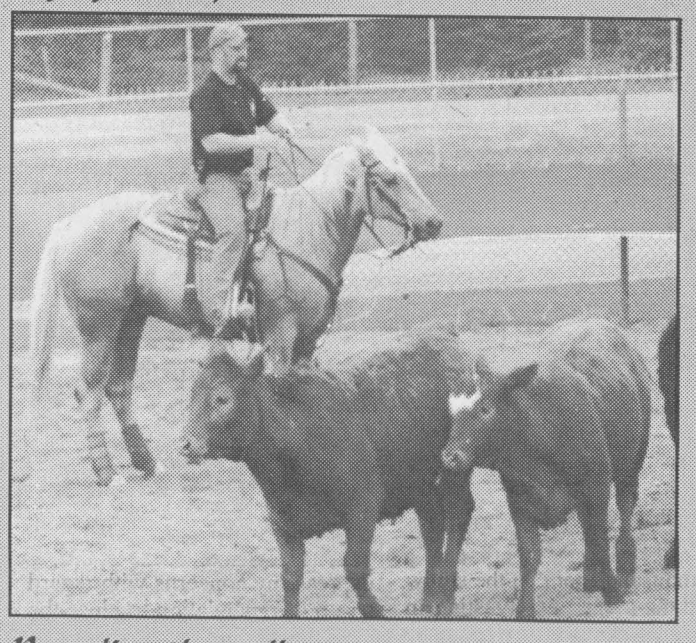




Ready with the net in case they get away

Trying to escape the crowds





Team Penning at Slo Pitch Tourney

Rounding them all up

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Hearing Awareness month

Did you know that approximately 3 million Canadians suffer from hearing loss? That's 1 out of 10 people! Hearing is one of the basic ways we communicate. From early infancy, we begin to distinguish sounds and attach meanings to those sounds. We learn our first words from hearing people speak. There are very few aspects of our lives that do not have sound associations. Through our ears, we share the closeness of a loved one's words, the joy of music, and the peacefulness of nature. Our sense of hearing can also serve as a warning device-alerting us, for example, to heed a siren or horn. Our hearing keeps us in contact with life, with people, and with the sounds of the world around us. Our hearing is priceless but we often take it for granted.

Hearing loss is invisible and often goes unnoticed by the Hard-of-Hearing individual until the effects of an untreated hearing loss affects them and everyone around them. The most common cause of hearing loss is presbycusis, hearing loss due to aging. Other causes are prolonged exposure to loud noise, infections, head injuries, certain medications, and genetics.

Symptoms of Hearing loss are:

* Often asking people to repeat themselves
* Television/Radio volume is louder
* Difficulty understanding people when background noise is present
*Social isolation
* Difficulty understanding people because they "mumble"

If you or someone you know is suffering from a hearing loss, please talk to your family doctor. Your doctor may recommend you have your hearing tested.

Tales from the past... a look back in our files

Five years ago
May 5, 1999

An exciting new business venture was launched for the 1999 summer season at the Parks of the St. Lawrence. The **Ottawa River Boat Company** Limited signed a partnership agreement to operate a cruise boat at **Crysler Park Marina.** The 65-passenger boat was to be operational from May to October, with seven departures daily.

Iroquois Beavers were on hand May 1 as **Scouts Canada** members planted trees across the country. Millions of evergreen trees are planted each year by youth members and in 1999, Iroquois Scouts teamed up with the **South Nation Conservation** to plant pine trees.

The **Seaway Valley Singers** had everyone tapping their toes as they brought back memories to those in the crowd, who gathered at the **United Church in Morrisburg** on May 1. **Michael Goodwin** directed the talented group, while **Margaret Brown** accompanied him on piano and organ.

Upper Canada Village launched it newest tourist attraction in front of staff, guests and reporters. 'The Scow', a replica of a 19th Century barge popular in the area., was lowered into its new home at the village. The boat cost about $75,000 and was built by **Glengarry Restoration and Conservators** near Avonmore.

Willard Duncan of Iroquois was recognized for 35 years of dedicated service to CASCO during a retirement party held in Cardinal. Duncan had no immediate retirement plans.

The **Kiwanis Club of Prescott** recognized a group of kids who were deemed 'terrific kids' by their peers. Those presented with awards of t-shirts, rulers, pens and a certificate were : **Evan Lavelee, Matt Hayes, Miranda Kenny, Carlene Smith, Michael Walsh, Carrie Calhoun and Timmy Rudow.**

Scott Cook took top spot in the opening weekend Pike Derby hosted by the **Cardinal Fish and Game Club.** He won $100 for having the largest fish in the contest.

Members of the **Legion Dart** league were recognized at an awards banquet. League champ honours went to the team of **Jeff Donnelly, Pat Thompson, Donna Hodgsons and Art Ault.** Second place honours went to the team of **Jake Easter, Kevin Laming, Linda Birch and Diane Baker.**

The **House of Lazarus** celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special event held at the IOOF Hall in South Mountain. **Lazarus House's** aim is to help fill the gap for the less fortunate in the community.

Ten years ago
May 4, 1994

The Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce Home and Trade Show was fast approaching with over 40 exhibitors already signed up for the show. Since so many businesses and organizations had shown interest in exhibiting at the show, a waiting list had to be started. The show was slated for May 13 and 14 at the Morrisburg Community Centre.

The **Williamsburg Community Association** was presenting its third annual giant yard sale on May 7. Over 30 households and another 30 businesses were participating in the event, which promised something for everyone.

Golf season kicked off at area courses with golfers converging on **Iroquois, Williamsburg and Upper Canada golf courses.**

Seaway District High School retained the 'A' division championship at the **Dave Stevens Memorial** meet held at Seaway. Not only did Seaway retain its title, it finished third overall for the day.

Iroquois Legion Branch 370 gathered to present awards to members of the cribbage league. **Joe McDonald** was awarded for having the highest average.

Seaway District High School student **Melora Fader** joined the 'Save the Whales' campaign and was passing around petitions for residents to sign.

At Chieftain press time, **Melora** had 230 signatures on her petition.

The **Dundas County Hospice** held an appreciation night for its in-home volunteers at the **Winchester Springs United Church.** The hospice had 35 volunteers who made home visits and supported the terminally ill.

The Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario had set up a climbing tower crane to teach students how to operate that type of equipment. The first set of classes were to begin by the end of May, with 50 students expected to train on the crane each year.

Fifteen years ago
May 3, 1989

Lloyd Beckstead and his horse **'Princess'** stopped by **Dixons Public School** to demonstrate what 'wheels' were like before the invention of the automobile. Students were given a short ride in the carriage.

The youth group of the **Free Methodist Church in Cardinal** held a bridal tea in the church hall on April 29 to raise money for a group to go on a Mission tour to Mexico during the summer.

Modelling bridal gowns were **Val Dillon, Christine Bowman, Mary MacDonald, Sharon Place, Linda MacDonald and Rosemary Hanes.**

Area schools including, **Nationview Public School in South Mountain, Iroquois Public, Dixons Corners Public and Stampville Public,** celebrated Education Week with a number of activities held throughout the week.

the bottom line

Local residents are invited to come out to **South Mountain** on June 12 to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise and help the **House of Lazarus** all at the same time. This is the day of the House of Lazarus' five kilometre walk from South Mountain to the House of Lazarus in Mountain. The Mountain and District Lions are the community sponsors for the event and the focus of the walk is to collect food and raise awareness of rural poverty. Their goal is to collect 5,000 food items and $5,000. For more information or to take part please call 989-3830.

Speaking of good deeds, a number of local groups held events over the weekend to raise money for some very good causes. The **South Mountain Knights of Columbus** held their annual **Duck Race on the South Nation River** on Saturday to benefit the **Winchester Hospital, Lazarus House** and other local charities. As well, on Sunday, a walk was held to raise funds for the **North Grenville Community Hospice. Participants** walked, ran or jogged the course to raise money for the vital organization.

Grab the kids, collect some pledges and head out to Brockville on Saturday, May 8 for the **Brockville Rifles March** for the **March of Dimes**. Those who have collected pledges will march from the armory at 10:30 am a huge hot dog cook-out will follow from 11 am to 1 pm at the armory. All proceeds from the event go to the **Ontario March of Dimes**. For more information please call 342-2755.

If walking is not your thing, but you still want to help the **Ontario March of Dimes** then come out to the **Prescott Legion on Saturday, May 29** to tickle your funny bone. T**he Kinsmen Club** is hosting a stand-up **Yuk Yuk's night**. Doors open at 7 pm and three comics will be featured beginning at 8 pm. Tickets are available at the Legion, PlayitStar, from Kinsmen members or by calling Art Hitsmen at 925-1315 or 734-8486 or at artg.hitsmen@canadapost.ca.

Come out to the **blood donor clinic at South Grenville District High School on Wednesday, May 12** to give the greatest gift of all, the gift of life. The clinic, which is being sponsored by the **Prescott Kinsmen and the Grenville Fish and Game Club**, will be held from 2 to 8 pm. **Canadian Blood Services** encourages donors to make an appointment, but walk-ins will also be accepted. To make an appointment please call **1-888-2-DONATE.**

This week's Bottom line When I was growing up and made mistakes, my dad always told me that if we didn't make mistakes we couldn't learn from them. Being a kid at the time I didn't really grasp what that meant, but it made me feel better. As I grew up I realized more and more what he meant and that he was right. Isn't it something how when we're growing up we think we know it all and when we grow up we realize that not only were our parents right most of the time, but that all along they only wanted what was best for us?

LETTERS

A very concerned citizen

To the editor:
To the Taxpayers of South Dundas:

I can barely believe what has happened in the first 6 months of new Municipal Government. We have an elected Councillor who has offended the Farming Community (in a Public Meeting), and also the Business Community in another meeting. This same Councillor, when asked about the 60 letters of support for proceeding with the Industry Canada funding, said, "They should have sent their letters with a cheque attached". Quite a comment from a Councillor. Needless to say I am concerned, as I think most taxpayers should be.

All of this over Fibre Optics. To me, the issue is not Fibre Optics, but Taxpayer's money, and how it is spent. In other words a healthy dose of both Business and Common Sense. Whether we agree or not, the previous Council built the Fibre Optic system and applied for and won a $1.696 million Industry Canada award to expand it to our Rural Communities. Our Council decided to commission a $20 thousand study, that I would hazard to guess now has turned into $30 thousand.

In any event, the financial analysis of this situation is relatively simple. If the Industry Canada grant had been accepted immediately, the roughly $11 thousand per month maintenance fees for the current system would have switched from the Townships responsibility and be drawn out of the $1.696 million award. No cost to the taxpayers of South Dundas (or at least very little). If we do the math, that is $66 thousand. If you add to that the $30 thousand spent on the study, you arrive at the figure of $96 thousand. For ease of calculation, let's round this off to an even $100 thousand spent. What have we received for this money? A study that tells us it is a good business plan and should go ahead.

If we had really wanted to spend this money, imagine for a moment we had taken this approach:

Accept the grant immediately; save the $66,000; trust Industry Canada's assessment and save the $30 thousand spent on the study; spend the money by investing in the system; cost of a connection under the Industry Canada plan is $500; this means we could have connected 200 subscribers free of charge; once someone is connected the retention factor is typically over 90; this means 180 would stay connected, plus the 30 or more already connected; 210 connected would mean a paying system

Council has used the excuse that they could not have ownership in a "for profit" corporation. Well, this may or may not be true, but one thing for sure, they could have ownership in a "non profit" corporation. A couple of legal changes, and problem solved. It would be far better to re-invest any income back into enhancing and upgrading the system anyway. If we had proceeded this way, Council would have something of real value, to sell or keep as they saw fit. The way it is now, I would be very surprised if we even get the funding. The loss of this funding will send a strong message to both the Federal and Provincial Governments. It may be some time before we see future applications taken seriously, no matter what they are for.

One last comment. Does anyone besides me wonder why we had a public meeting to discuss the consultant's report, before it was even released for anyone to view?

Whether you are pro or con, I would think you would have preferred to have it in your hands at least a day before the meeting. Seems a little contrived to me. It's going to be a long three years.

A "Very Concerned Citizen"
Tom Morrow

Concern over library closure recommendation

To the editor:
Mr. John Hope
Chair, Board of Directors,
Stormont Dundas & Glengarry County Library
26 Pitt Street
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South Mountain Library
Dear Sir.

As a ratepayer within the Township of North Dundas and as a contributor to the SD&G County taxation system; I am writing to you, as Chairman of the Board, to express my concerns with regard to a recommendation to close the South Mountain Library.

I have made several attempts to obtain specific information from the CEO. My requests have been functionally ignored; some of the responses have been of a belittling nature - totally unacceptable to me.

As you are aware, I have on several occasions requested the specifics of the evaluating criteria and weighting systems so that the "Friends" could provide a more positive operational response from a community perspective.

A) The "Strategic Plan" of 23 Oct / 03 (Goal 5; Strategy 5.2 "Provide attractive, appealing, well-maintained facilities in locations that meet the needs of all United Counties residents") indicates that your staff will - - - "Prepare evaluation report for each existing branch based on a wide range of criteria including usage stats, size and condition of facility, costs, hours open and other issues." - -. Since this evaluation report must exist; I do not understand why I have been unable to obtain a copy. Further; it would appear that the Township of North Dundas was not made privy to this inspection and evaluation either. The Township spent a considerable sum of money (in excess of $30,000.00) to improve this facility to designated criteria approximately three years ago. (In fact, North Dundas has expended substantial amounts at all four facilities within its jurisdiction.) Obviously; new conditions have been imposed.

B) What are the "other issues" referred to in this analysis?

C) What are the specific costs attributable to this library - certainly the issues such as excessive costs to transportation, excessive book time in transit, etc. identified to "Friends" are not viable criteria.

D) It is to be noted that Ms. Denham's recommendation for the closure of South Mountain Library was erroneously (and, according to the "Focus on Quality" release), solely based on - - "due to declining usage" - - -); this, in fact, when the facility had shown (21%) increase in usage over the last two years. What other errors in the evaluation / recommendation process might be contributing to the angst being suffered by this community? What were the criteria used to ascertain that this particular library was a sub-par performer?

E) Section 21 of the Public Libraries Act - entitled "Operation of branch libraries by County Board Library" - states that:

- - - "A county library board shall operate a branch library in each local municipality that operated a public library before the municipality became part of the public library system unless the county council and the council of the municipality concerned agree otherwise. R.S.O. 1990 c P.44,s.2-1" - - -

It would appear that the proposed closure would be in contravention of this legislation.

F) "Focus on Quality" places heavy emphasis on lack of quality of service as a prime factor in the recommendation for closure. A review of the Library Strategic Plan, October 23, 2003 logically (and clearly) indicates that the great majority of these factors are the responsibility of the Library staff. Short-falls can not simply be assigned to the community served. These should be rectified at the appropriate level - and not by closing a facility.

G) "Friends of the South Mountain Library" (as an organization or individually) have always been staunch supporters of this facility and its objectives - dating back to its inception. They must be recognized, not as subservient to the Librarian (and her system); but as dedicated partners, knowledged and effective contributors in the operation of the library, concerned for multiple aspects of the community. As you are aware; they continue to strive to encourage programme development, usage and support; in fact, providing leadership in many aspects.

H) I Please note that the CEO is erroneously identified as a Board Member on the internet listing of Board Members.

Please direct the County Library CEO to make this information available forthwith.

I thank you for your immediate action and timely response.

N. Zrymiak



Spencerville Volunteer Fair

The Spencerville Agricultural Society held their first annual volunteer recruitment fair on Sunday, May 2, at the Drummond Building. Journalist Tom Van Dusen, above, and Cheryl Marshall, Director of the Leeds & Grenville Volunteer Bureau spoke about the value of volunteerism.

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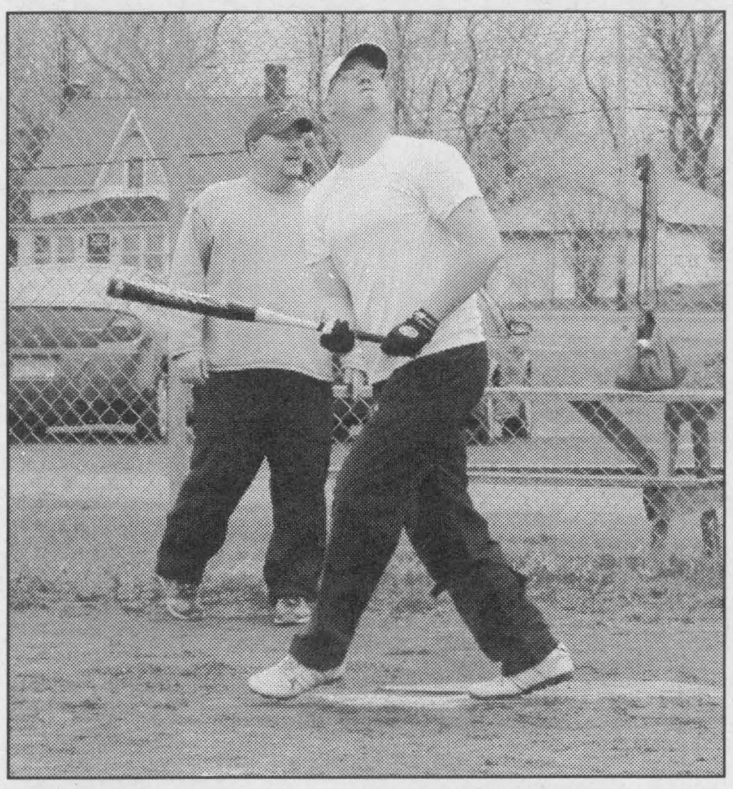

Playin' in the rain

The South Mountain Slo Pitch was a rain or shine event, and 4 men's teams as well as 4 mixed teams came out on Sunday, May 2, from as far as Smiths Falls, Chesterville, Morrisburg, Kemptville, and Winchester to play in the rain, though the rain did let up just before noon. Above are Smiths Falls and Chesterville men's teams.

Chieftain Photo - L. Mortimer

Brockville Ontario Speedway gears up for new era & major changes

Brockville Ontario Speedway will become the beast of the east in DIRT racing this season with some major changes that will please fans and competitors alike. The quarter mile bull ring known as the B.O.S. will feature the mighty big block DIRT Modifieds on a weekly basis for 2004. Brockville becomes the only DIRT track in Ontario to run the class every Friday night throughout the season with opening night on Friday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m.

The main difference between the 358 Modifieds, the track's feature class for over a decade now and who will continue to compete at Brockville and their big block cousins is the size of the engine. Most big blocks unleash 454 cubic inch 8 cylinder Chevys, Fords and Dodge power plants on the DIRT circuit.

"This move sets Brockville as the leader of the pack in Modified racing in Eastern Ontario," said co-promoter Paul Kirkland. "We are very excited about the upcoming race season and possibilities of the fan favourites from our neck of the woods battling it with some of the biggest names on a weekly basis right here at Brockville."

The purse has also been enhanced with more money up for grabs on a weekly basis with special rewards for 358 Modifieds who can handle the big boys. The track will also be paying for heat races and be part of a special three track series with Can-Am Speedway and Thunder Alley in Northern New York that rewards those who compete at all three facilities.

Regular Friday night racing will feature the Big Block-358 Modified class, Sportsman, Street Stock and 4 cylinder Rookie Stock classes.

The season will also feature two visits from the always popular Empire Super Sprints on May 28th and August 13th. The Turning Stone Casino 358 DIRT Modified Tour will also make two stops for 100 series races at Brockville on June 22nd and September 17th. The track will also welcome for the first time ever the DIRT Sportsman series to town on September 10th. There will also be a pair of Monster Truck Shows sandwiched in during 2004 on July 26th and 27th .

Brockville Ontario Speedway has also constructed a brand new go cart track. The track will operate every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. beginning May 19th.

Events: Fri., May 14, Rockway Pontiac/Hudson Ford, 50 lap Season Opener, Big Block/358 Mods, Sportsman, Street Stock, and Rookies; Fri., May 21, 1000 Islands Rv Centre, Full show; Fri., May 28, Swiffer presents ESS Super Sprints + Sportsman, SS, Rookies; Fri., June 4, Tri County Mechanical, Full show + Spectator Bag Race; Fri., June 11, 730 Truck Stop, Full show + Big Rig Time Trials; Fri., June 18, G. T. Automotive, Full Show + Mid State Vintage Stock Car Club; Tues., June 22, Coca Cola Classic 100 Lap Turning Stone Casino 358 Modified Series, plus Street Stock, and 30 Lap Rookie Race, Time Trials 6:30 pm; Fri., June 25, Tackaberry Construction Fan Appreciation Car Load Night, Full show plus Kids Relay Tire Race; Fri., July 2, Dave's Radiator Sales & Service, Full show + Kids Rad Filling Contest; Fri., July 9, Full Program + 40 Lap Street Stock Race; Fri., July 16 Northwood 2 Construction, Full show + 358 Modified Syracuse Qualifier; Fri., July 23,steve Polite Sand & Gravel, Full show; Mon., July 26, Monster Truck Show (admission not included in season pass); Tues., July 27, Monster Truck Show (admission not included in season pass); Fri., July 30, Burger King presents full racing program; Fri., Aug. 6, City A-1 Radiator & Tire, Full show + Spectator Bag Race; Fri., Aug. 13, Swiffer presents ESS Super Sprints + Modifieds, SS, Rookies; Fri., Aug. 20, Kemptville Truck Centre, Full show + Big Rig Time Trials; Fri., Aug. 27, Mid State Vintage Stock Car Club, Full show; Fri., Sept. 3, Final Points All Classes, Full show + Ladies SS Powder Puff; Fri., Sept. 10, Dingwall Motorsports present 1st Annual 50 Lap Sportsman Dirt Tour Race, + Modified Run What You Brung, SS, and Rookies; Fri., Sept. 17, Q Country 102.9, 98.7, 96.7, & YES FM present 100 Lap Turning Stone Casino 358 Modified Super Dirt Series + SS, Sportsman, and Rookies, Time Trials 6:30 pm; Sun., Sept. 19, Kanes Towing presents Fall Monster Enduro, 150 Lap 8 Cyl., and 50 Lap 4 Cyl. Race, 2 pm start. Schedule subject to change. All changes made in sufficient time to notify the spectators, participants, and press.

Weekly divisions consist of Big Block/358 Modified, sportsman, street stock, and 4 cyl. rookies.

All races start at 7:30 pm except where noted. (Wheel chair access).

Islanders struggle in weekend tourney

The St. Lawrence Islanders won one, tied one and lost three to place out of the medals in a Kingston tournament over the weekend.

The Islanders tied the first game 1-1 against the Kingston Beast . The Beast held much of the play until late in the third. Eric Morotti broke the tie with 14 seconds remaining in this exciting game. The goal was assisted by Michael Karam.

In game two against the Syracuse Stars, the Islanders lost 4-2. The two goals for the Isles came from Michael Karam and Eric Morotti with assists coming from Mike Prosper and Scott Forbes.

They downed the Upper Valley Vipers 6-3 with Morotti scoring 5 times with the lone goal by Mitchel Chartrand. Assists in the Morotti quintuplet were Alex O'Neil (2), Brendan O'Neil, Mitchel Chartrand, Cody Johnson, Brandon Timmons and Curtis Van Allan.

The Islanders played the Beast Prospects twice but lost both in lopsided affairs 11-0 and 9-0. Both goaltenders, Robert Nault and Taylor Warren played strong games despite the scores.



Scouts take part in annual Scoutrees project

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in the Upper St. Lawrence Valley Area came from Iroquois, Prescott, Brockville and Algonquin to help plant over 4,500 trees in this year's Scoutrees project. The weather was perfect and helped to attract close to 200 youth and adults to take part in the event. The hungry planters consumed over 400 hot dogs and cases of bottled water.

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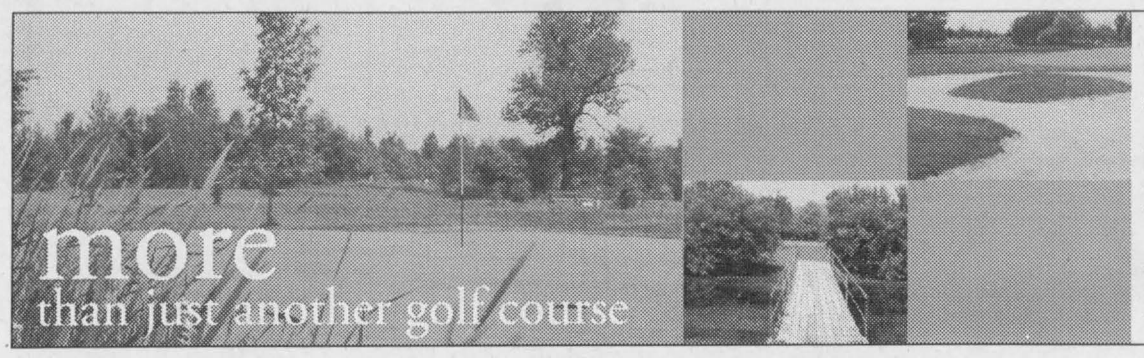

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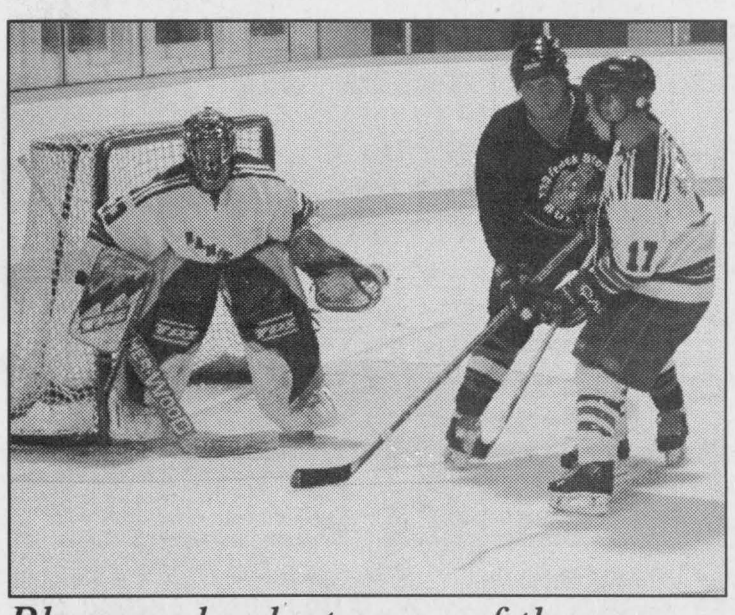


Players play last game of the season

The South Grenville Rangers Junior B club faced off against the Bulldog Old Tymers in Cardinal on May 1. The Rangers eventually won the game 8-7, scoring the only goal in a shoot-out. The game raised funds for the Junior B squad.

Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie

New OPP Chief Superintendent a traffic expert

By Louise Mortimer
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Motorists take note: there's a new 'sheriff' in town. His name is Jay Hope, he's the OPP Eastern Region's new Chief Superintendent, and there's a good chance he knows the Highway Traffic Act as well as the back of his hand.

The Chieftain went to Eastern Ontario Region's Smiths Falls Headquarters last week to meet Hope, who took over the position formerly held by Chris Lewis, on March 18.

Hope, whose last assignment was involvement in the OPP's Provincial Traffic Review Project, in Orillia, where he was posted since 2001, has held a variety of posts with the provincial police, including Director of Human Resources, and Regional Commander of the Greater Toronto Region, where he was in charge of 10 detachments.

The new Chief, who was born in Toronto, explained that in spite of the fact that he worked in the busy Toronto Region, the Eastern Ontario region, though more rural in nature, is quite a bit larger, boasting 31 detachments, including 17 host, and 14 satellite detachments, not to mention almost 2,700 kilometers of highway, and close to 1,200 officers answering to him.

He added that his new post is essentially a lateral move, with the same rank, though he considers it a very different and interesting assignment, with a combination of rural, urban and seasonal issues, like waterways to patrol, not to mention a local favourite winter pastime, snowmobiling.

The 46-year-old Hope, who has been with the OPP since July of 1979, went on to say that he will have no problem with the rural setting, which is quite familiar to him, since he's also worked in the even more rural town of Emo, population 500, near Fort Francis, about 24 hours north of Toronto.

"There's no need to shake things up right away," Hope replied, when asked about any anticipated changes. Speaking highly of his predecessors, including Lewis, he added that he'll just sit tight and observe for the next few months before suggesting any new direction.

The Superintendent does expect to put his traffic expertise to good use, and he will address the issue of growing traffic concerns in the area. He also intends to increase traffic awareness.

Hope stated that he wants to emphasize the 'team' or 'family' style loyalty which he feels goes hand in hand with policing, as well as an OPP philosophy, to "...emphasize that we are part of a larger organization, or community."

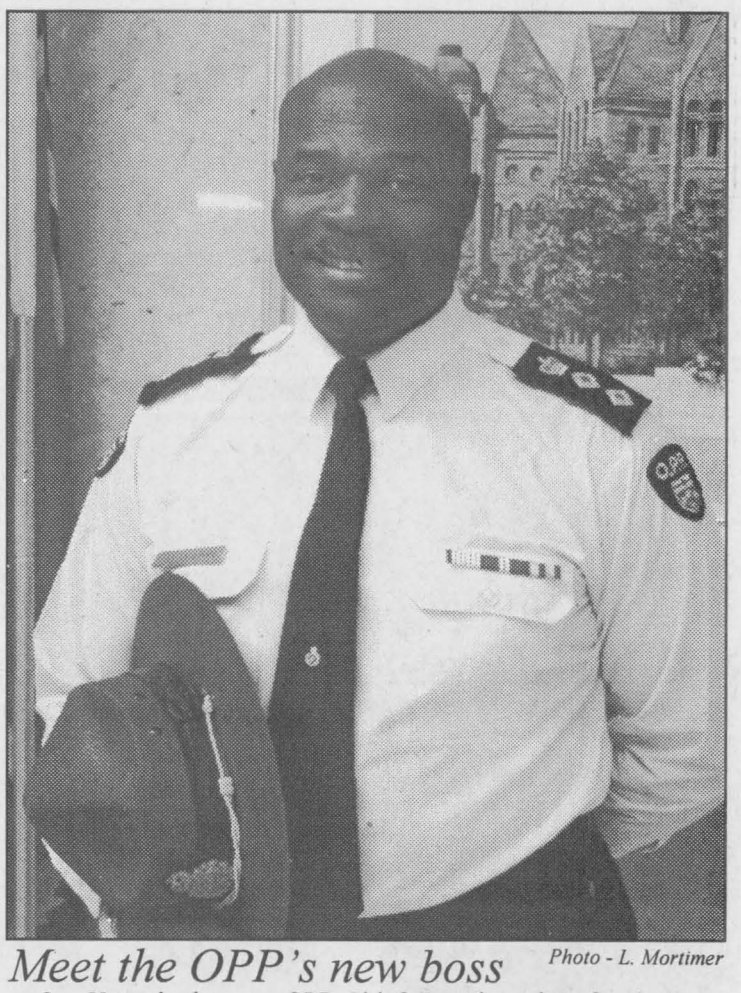
"We espouse core values with our communities and police services boards, which include accountability, respectful relationships with those in the community, and our counterparts; diversity and understanding; continuous education; and fairness, courage and caring," said the Chief, who wants to ensure that these OPP values and traditions are abided by in Eastern Ontario.

Hope, his wife Heather, a teacher, and his two young children will be settling in what is perhaps the Region's fastest growing municipality, North Grenville, at the end of May, where the couple purchased a home in the quiet village of Oxford Mills.

He gave his assurances that they intend to be very active in the community, sitting on committees, and so on, something he considers important as a member of the OPP.

"I expect my officers to be community officers, whether they are coaching, active outside the job, or on the job. Though we're not on duty 24 hours a day, we carry this badge 24 hours a day," he said, stressing the importance of politeness, and example.

"I'll also maintain an open door with the media. I want to hear what's going on in the community. I want to be a part of the community," said the very congenial Hope.



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Meet the OPP's new boss

Jay Hope is the new OPP Chief Superintendent for the vast Eastern Ontario Region. He is stationed at the Regional Headquarters in Smiths Falls, where he has been in charge of the area's 31 detachments and roughly 1,200 staff, since he took over the position from outgoing Chris Lewis on March 18.

Access to employment program

The Cornwall & District Immigrant Services Agency (CDISA) recently launched its New Canadian Access to Employment Program in the five counties of Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and Prescott-Russell which is funded by the Government of Canada.

As newcomers face many barriers to successful integration in a new community, let alone a new country, the program's aim is to assist them, many of who are foreign trained professionals, gain access to employment.

This is done through providing information on the uniqueness of the Canadian work culture and job search methods, assisting with accreditation processes, referrals to community agencies and other venues to make their job search successful.

Predictions have been made that by the year 2011 nearly 100 of the new labour market will be filled by immigrants and New Canadians.

Baby Boomers are past their child-rearing prime and we must look overseas to offset declining fertility and increasing death rates.

Thanks to new policies put in place by Citizenship & Immigration Canada, a majority of newcomers are highly skilled and educated (in the year 2000, 44 of male immigrants had university degrees compared to 19 of Canadian males) and were recruited with the purpose of productively integrating into our societies and filling the skilled marketplace.

Sadly, the statistics show that very few are actually working in their profession and that most are working in survival jobs earning on average 31% less than their Canadian counterparts, while others are dependant on the system. It is vital to the Canadian economy that we provide any opportunity to assist newcomers find appropriate employment and become the productive members of our communities that they anticipated when they were recruited and allowed entry into Canada.

Not only does their involvement enrich the Canadian labour pool, but many of them bring leading edge methodology and strategies that will allow us to increase our competitiveness in the global economy.

An information and registration session will take place in the Conference Room at Job Zone d'Emploi in Chesterville on Monday, May 10th from 10 am until 2 pm for any newcomer who feels they may benefit from the agency's services.

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A 19-year-old Vine Street man was assaulted as he walked along Pitt Street shortly after 2 a.m. on the 25th of April 2004.

The man was walking with another 19-year-old male in the area of Pitt and Twelfth Street when two males approached them.

One male made a demand for money and punched the victim. An unsuccessful attempt was made to get the victim's wallet and then the two males fled to an SUV and drove off southbound on Pitt Street.

They were last seen going westbound on Eleventh Street West. The vehicle is described as a four-door grey SUV.

The suspect who assaulted the victim is described as a white male, 5'10" medium build, English speaking and wearing a red hooded sweater and a ski mask. The second suspect is described as a white male, 5'9" medium build, English speaking wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and a ski mask.

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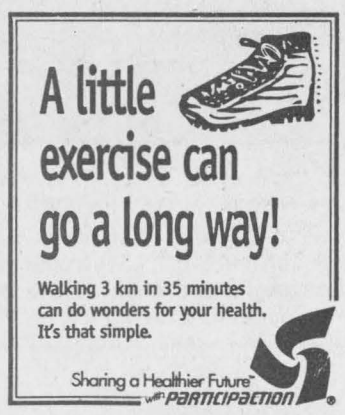

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PRINS-GERVAIS: Christine Prins and Roger Gervais are pleased to announce the birth of Jacob Thomas Prins-Gervais, brother of Madeleine and Melanie, grandson of Henry and Shelley Prins of Iroquois. Jacob was born on May 2, weighing 7 lbs, 1 oz.
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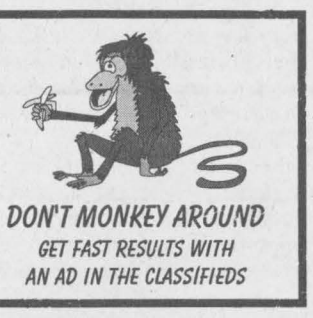

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Any questions, contact

Doug Froats
Waste Coordinator
774-5157

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Township of South Dundas Committee of Adjustment

APPLICATION NO. A003A-2004 & A003B-2004 FOR MINOR VARIANCE

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

Re: 4127 Brinston Road, Brinston, ON

Location of Property: Pt Lot 18, Concession 06 RP8R950 Parts 1,2, & 3 (Matilda Ward)

Purpose of Application: To reduce the setback requirements of Zoning By-Law 93-34.

Effect of Application: To permit proposed construction of addition.

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

Date: May 17,2004 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 05th day of May, 2004
Brenda M. Brunt, Secretary-Treasurer
Township of South Dundas Committee of Adjustment

Township of South Dundas
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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSING & SALE OF LAND

PURSUANT TO SECTION 34 (1) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001, S.O. 2001, CHAPTER 25

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of South Dundas intends to consider a by-law to close and sell a portion of road allowance between Lots 30 & 31, Range 2, Concession 1 in the former Township of Matilda, now the Township of South Dundas. The portion of road allowance is south of Arlie Road.

AND FUTHER TAKE NOTICE that the by-law will be considered at the regular meeting of Council on June 1, 2004.

DATED at Williamsburg this 5th day of May, 2004 for publication on May 5, 12, 19, 2004.

For further information please contact the Municipal Offcie at 613-535-2673.

Brenda Brunt, AMCT
Clerk



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Walleye season opens- fishing regulations revised

The Ontario government has issued the 2004 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary to ensure proper conservation and protection of the province's fish stocks, and contribute to a healthy natural environment, Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay announced on May 4.

"The great fishing opportunities in Ontario are second to none," said Ramsay. "But anglers need to make sure they know and follow the rules to preserve this great natural resource."

The walleye season opens locally on May 8, 2004 in Divisions 6, 7, 9,10,12A (Lake St, Francis) & 29.

In Division 8 and 11 (Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River), the season opened Saturday May 1st.

In Division 12 (Ottawa River) the season opens Friday, May 7th.

Angles are encouraged to check the 2004 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for catch, possession and size limits for the lake(s) they will be fishing on.

The ministry reminds anglers of the following important guidelines; anglers must have a valid fishing licence; anglers must abide by the daily limits for various species or combinations of species; where length limits apply, anglers should measure their fish carefully, and any fish caught while angling must be kept whole so the length can be measured by conservation officers; fishing is banned in fish sanctuaries; if an angler accidentally catches a species for which the season is closed, or catches a fish of prohibited size, the fish must be immediately returned to the water; when fish are being transported or stored, they must be packaged so they can be easily identified and counted; a resident angler who catches his/her own baitfish or leeches cannot have more than 120 at any time.

More information on rules, regulations and fishing sanctuaries is available in the 2004 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, from licence issuers, ministry district offices and on the ministry's web page at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/-pubs/pubmenu.html To help protect our natural resources, members of the public can report violations to local ministry offices or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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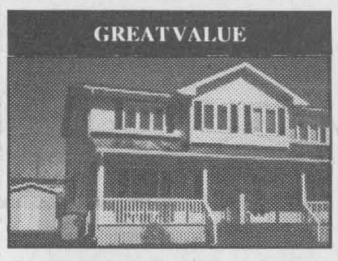

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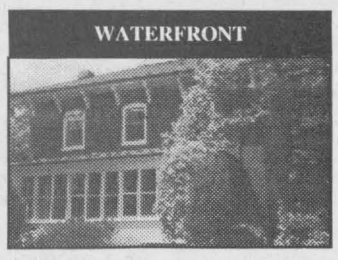

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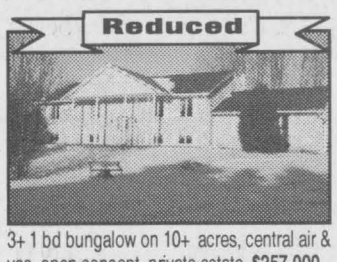

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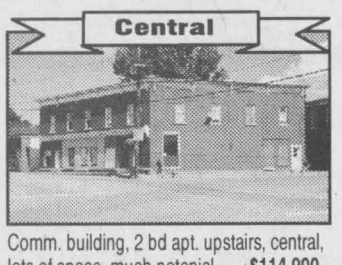

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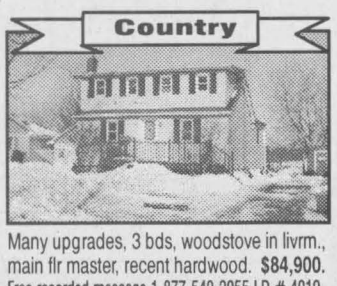

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To improve recyclable collection services, homeowners are requested to adhere to the following regulations:

Place recyclables at the curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. No recycling material may be placed curbside at anytime other than the designated collection day. Empty receptacles and any uncollected recyclables **must** be removed from the curbside no later than 8:00 p.m. the day of collection.

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GREEN PAPER BOX RECYCLABLES (beginning the week of May 10, 2004)

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- Newspapers & flyers (glossy or plain) — No Styrofoam, no plastic
- Fine paper (i.e. writing, computer, mail) — No handles, no plastic bags
- Magazines, catalogues & telephone directories — No hard covered books
- Boxboard such as cereal, cracker & cookie boxes, detergent/laundry cartons, shoe & tissue boxes, over the counter drug boxes (i.e. toothpaste, toiletries, cough syrups, medicine and cosmetics), paper egg cartons, toilet & paper towel rolls and pizza boxes — No waxed or coated boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard-flatten all boxes before placing in the green paper box

BLUE BOX RECYCLABLES (week of May 3, 2004)

Ensure that all items are empty and rinsed clean.

- Glass bottles and jars used for food & drink — No light bulbs
- Metal food & beverage cans — No ceramics, no mirrors
- Plastic bottles marked on the bottom with a recycling symbol containing the numbers 1 or 2 (soft drink, juice & water, LCBO, household detergents, home cleaning & laundry products, windshield washer, vinegar, shampoo and lotion bottles — No window glass, Pyrex; No herbicide/pesticide bottles; No aerosol or paint cans; No car fluid bottles; No foil with paper or lamination
- Aluminum pie plates & foil, rigid foil containers & trays
- Shreddings in a clear plastic bag

Please note:

Replacement blue and or green paper boxes may be purchased at cost at the Township Office.

The Chieftain
Arts & Entertainment

~ May Is A Busy Time For Legion
~Kingston Youth Wins Competition
~Seaway Choir Raises Funds

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

Before I go too far in my "Newsletter," I owe an apology to Glen Adams, Jeremy Adams, Rick Sayeau and Bobby Sayeau. If you can recall, in my write-up of last week, I had stated that the boys represented the Branch at Prov. Darts at Port Rowan and that they were not fortunate enough to have any wins, whereas they did. Out of eight games, they won two and had chances to win four. Sorry about that, Comrades, I goofed, but the next time I promise to get my facts straight.

As mentioned before, the Cribbage League has retired for the summer, but will resume after Labour Day week-end in September. But I'm quite sure if anyone of you want to play a game of Crib any afternoon, there is always someone just waiting for you to drop in and participate.

On Tues. April 27, there were eleven tables of Euchre and picking up the first prize was Inez Farmer and Jean Dunbar nabbed the second prize. The door prize went to Carol Thompson and having low score of the evening was Phyllis Thompson.

At Bridge (played on the same evening) four tables were kept occupied and at the end of the evening the high winners ended up being Dick Gaiser and Doug Grerkink.

The Pot of Gold winner was Rick Sayeau, who was NOT signed in. Therefore, his winnings just make the pot sweeter for someone next week.

The Fri. luncheon for this week is to be a "Delicious" Chicken Casserole with Garlic Toast and dessert is Black Forest Cake. Winner of the free dinner is Penny Fairfield.

The Ladies Aux. will be having their General Meeting this Thurs. May 6 at 7:30 pm/

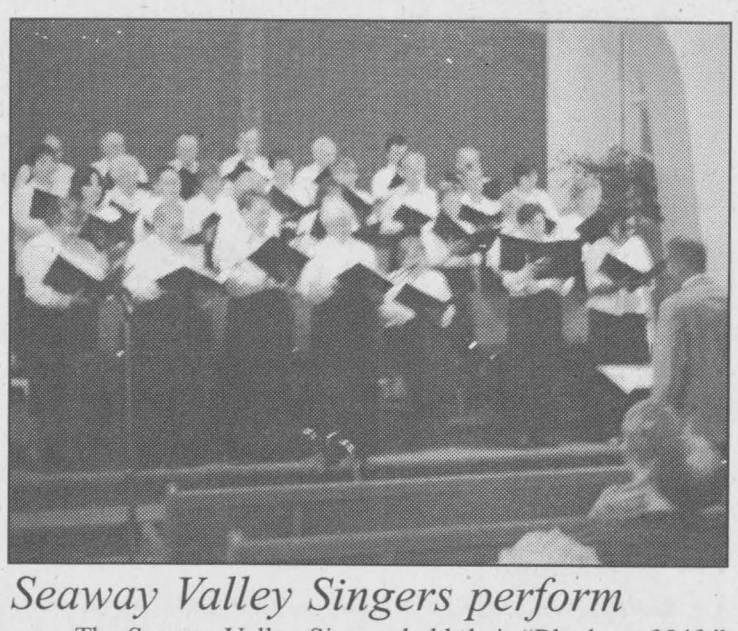
This coming Sat. evening the Mixed Darts League will be having their Banquet for the season and following the meal the handing out of awards will be taking place before an evening of dancing.

Mark these dates on your calender-Pub Craw May 22, leaving the Legion at 11 am and returning around 8:30 pm (if they don't get side tracked!). This is always a fun time dropping into other Legions for a visit that usually lasts for one and a half hours before moving on to another Legion. The cost is $10 per person and anyone is welcome to join in. Just drop in the Branch, sign your name and give your $10 at the bar.

Then, Sat. May 29 "The Revivals" will be on stage for the evening providing 50-60's and some country music for all you that enjoy a good evening of dancing. This will be from 8 pm till midnight with a light lunch. Cost is $7 per person and all are welcome. Many that attended the dance the last time they were at the Legion were asking for them to be brought back. Hope you can attend.

Before signing off this week-a belated 91st birthday for our veteran comrade Cooke Sisty and may you have may more.

Until next week-take care.



Seaway Valley Singers perform

The Seaway Valley Singers held their "Rhythm of Life" Spring Benefit Concert at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg on Friday, April 30. There were about 175 people in attendance and the concert raised about $2,500 for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital "Renewing the Vision" Campaign. *Chieftain Photo-T. Roach*

Seaway Valley Singers "Rhythm of Life" concert raises $2,500 for Winchester Hospital

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Seaway Valley Singers gathered together at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg on Friday, April 30 for their "Rhythm of Life" concert.

The concert was held to raise funds for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign and they raised about $2,500.

It was "an uplifting spring concert in support of the WDMH Renewing the Vision Campaign" and there were about 175 people in attendance.

The choir sang many songs including, "There's No Business Like Show Business", "Away From the Roll of the Sea", "Ain't Got Time to Die", "'Cross the Wide Missouri", "Ave Verum (KV 618)", "Amazing Grace", "Song for the Mira", "Down by the Riverside", "Anne of Green Gables", "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" and "Rhythm of Life". The choir's accompanist, Valerie Kilpatrick also performed a piano solo at the concert.

"Everything went very well and we were delighted and pleased. I am very proud of the choir and what they did," said Musical Director, Reverend Mark Ehlebracht.

The Seaway Valley Singers is a non-profit organization which started in 1993 and is based in Williamsburg. Their purpose is "to provide their members with the opportunity to learn, sing, enjoy and perform choral music for their own aesthetic enhancement and for the entertainment of the general public."

They rehearse every Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg. Anyone who wishes to join them is welcome and are encouraged to come out. For more information on the choir please call 535-2569.

Kingston youth wins Classical Idol Competition

Marek Krowicki, a young pianist from Kingston was declared the winner at the Festival on the St. Lawrence, Young and Emerging Artists Competition in Brockville, on Saturday, April 24.

Krowicki, 16 years old, the first Classical Idol, won an all-expense trip to Edmonton and the opportunity to participate in the Resonance at Winspear concert hosted by the Alberta College Conservatory of Music.

Jennifer Palmer, a flutist from Kingston won second prize, while Zachery Havens of Brockville took third. Palmer and Havens were both awarded scholarships for educational programs sponsored by Festival on the St. Lawrence.

The competition featured senior prizewinners from the Kingston Kiwanis Festival, Brockville Lions Club Festival and the Cornwall Kinsmen Music festival. The youth had the opportunity to gather together backstage and share stories prior to taking their turn on stage at the Brockville Arts Centre. The decision for the judges was not easy as the competition was very high.

Krowicki won his first Kiwanis Festival class at age four, and since then has gone on to win many competitions. While he won this competition playing the piano, he is also an accomplished violinist and organist.

The Young & Emerging Artists Program is an integral part of the mandate of Festival on the St. Lawrence to create opportunities for young people in the arts.

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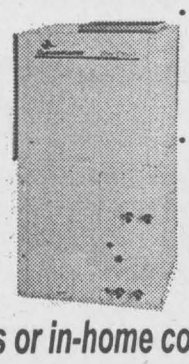

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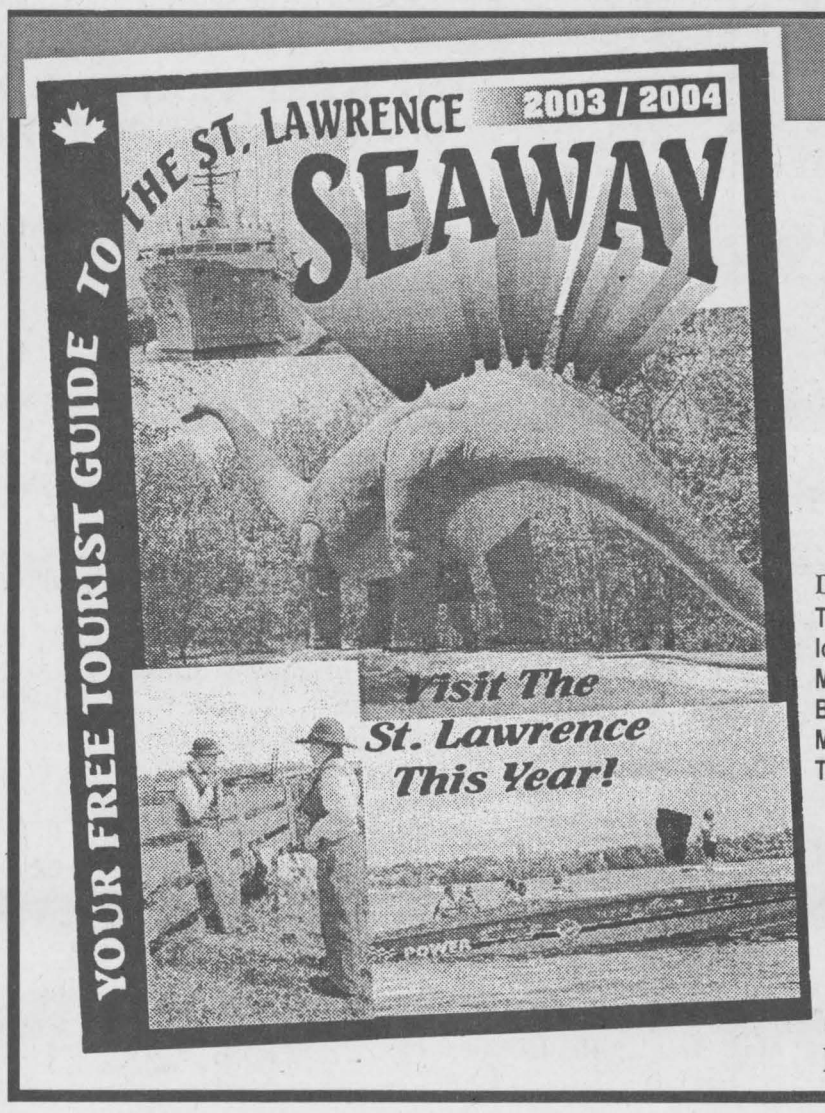

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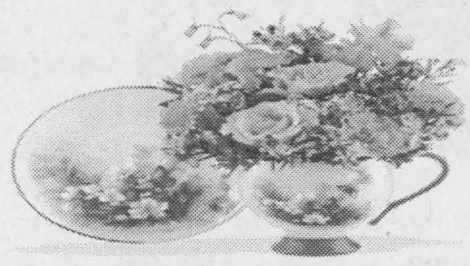

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1 If that sounds like your town, here's what you do: in 250 words and four to five pictures, or a video, tell us what makes your town the Most Talented Town in Ontario.

A panel of expert judges will evaluate your entry and come up with a winner. The deadline for entries is May 14. Winners will be announced on Studio 2 in the week of June 7, so stay tuned. The grand prize is a feature documentary about your town to air on Studio 2.

Send your entries to: Most Talented Town P.O. Box 200, Station Q, Toronto, M4T 2T1 Email: talentedtown@tvo.org All attachments should be included as jpegs.

Thus is Studio 2's fifth annual contest. Our previous contests have covered Ontario's Prettiest Town, Most Historic Town, Best Main Street, and Greenest Town. These Ontario-focused contests are designed to celebrate Ontario and help residents learn about the province's rich history, geography, and culture.

No phone calls please. Best of luck.

OBITUARIES

Mary Groniger

Peacefully on April 4 at the age of 83 in the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Dear Lord, please give Mary a peaceful place in Paradise, redeemed from tears and suffering in the company of those who preceded her, including two babies taken from her early in life.

Please accompany Mary straight into Heaven, there to rest in Your peace and where she will be welcomed with open arms by her parents and two brothers and by Karl's parents, brother and sister.

Mary's intention having always been to do good to others, she devoted some years as volunteer assistant to hospital patients needing care at the Lazarus House, and in service to seniors.

Mary was for forty years a member in good standing of the C.W.L.

Fond memories of Mary include her resting in a favorite easy chair and watching the ships sailing past on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Her hobby was the care and cultivation of flowers to which she devoted endless hours, she herself seemed to be like a beautiful rose surrounded by a multitude of flowers.

My dear children and grandchildren may we all keep Mary, Mother and Oma foremost in our minds as a model and a guide.

Yes, Oma, it was very sad and difficult to see you go, but we shall be forever thankful that you were part of our lives.

Mary was predeceased by brothers Bill and Ben Brus.

Mary is survived by her brothers John (Rita) Brus of Quebec, Theo (Marie) of Holland, sister Anna Heuthorst of Holland and sister-in-law Dien Brus of Quebec.

She is also survived by her children Thea (Mrs. Terry Russell) of Fergus, John (Rina) of RR1 Iroquois, and Josie (Seth O'Hara) Groniger of Brockville.

The funeral took place at St. Cecilia's R.C. Church in Iroquois on April 7, with Fathers Arikat and Appelman officiating.

The pallbearers were Richard, Bryan and Kevin Groniger, Martin Pepers, Joe Vanderpoul and Gerald Wynands.

Lurinda Beckstead

Passed away at the Ottawa General Hospital on April 30 at the age of 60.

Lurinda was born at home in Prescott on March 28, 1944. Short, cute and chubby, she was always smiling and she was the apple of everybody's eye right from the beginning.

Very popular throughout elementary school at St. Mark's Catholic School, she was constantly surrounded by her many friends.

When she got to high school, she found her niche and a great dancing partner in Leonard Beckstead. They won all their dance contests during their high school years, and following high school they decided to make their relationship permanent, and they were married on July 4, 1964 at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church in Prescott.

Following their marriage, they moved to Morrisburg and they have resided in Morrisburg since that time.

Lurinda was always a good athlete, excelling in whichever sport she played.

She was an excellent golfer and a number of years ago, she won the ladies club championship at the Morrisburg golf club.

When she was no longer able to play sports, she became an advocate for the Kidney Foundation, canvassing and speaking to transplant groups.

A life-long, active member of the Catholic Women's League, she held different positions in their organization.

Like her mother and father, her faith was always firm.

Lurinda was very devoted to her family, and she will be dearly missed by her entire family, and by all of those people who had the privilege of knowing her.

Lurinda is survived by her husband Leonard, her children Carolyn Beckstead of RR#2 Iroquois, and Lenny (Whitnie) of Iroquois.

She is also survived by her brothers and sisters Mary (John) Melady of Egmondville, Bill (Barb) Lemaire of Athens, Chuck (Pat) Lemaire of Kingston, Alberta (late Gordon) McNairn of Baltimore, Mike (Patti) Lemaire of Morrisburg and JoAnne (Bob) Cartwright of Wasaga Beach.

Lurinda was the much loved nan of Morgan and Tyler, and the dear niece of Kate Colquhoun of Oshawa.

She will be fondly remembered by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The burial was held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg, with Father Arikat officiating.

Grace Serviss

Passed away on April 30 at the age of 83 in the Winchester Hospital.

Born on September 28, 1920 in Matilda Township, Grace spent her early years working as a housekeeper in Cardinal for $1.50 per week.

During the war, she worked at the Marina in Prescott making supplies for the military.

Following the war, she worked at a number of different locations, including Ontario Hydro, Iroquois Motel and the Caldwell Linen Mill.

Grace was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was very dedicated to her extended family as well, and she served as the primary caregiver for her father-in-law and mother-in-law in their later years.

She was an excellent cook and she enjoyed having company for meals.

Grace was predeceased by her brothers Elmer, Oliver and Carme, and sisters Lillian Turner, Ruth Ault, Lulu Ault, Ida Merkley, Glenna Sommerville, Jennie Grant and Marilyn Thorne.

She is survived by her sister Marilyn (John) Thorne of Iroquois.

Grace is also survived by her children Shirley Kardos of Brockville, Anna Lee Wise of Cornwall, and Wanda Orava of Brockville.

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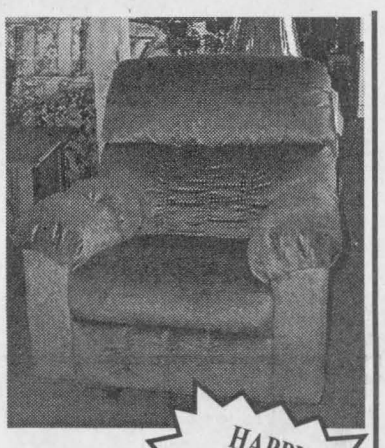

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