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Senator Marshall receives a 2003 Order of Ontario

MORRISBURG – Well decorated, WWII veteran, former MP and Senator, Jack Marshall, will soon add the Order of Ontario to his impression collection of accolades.

Marshall, who now resides in Morrisburg is being recognized for his advocacy of justice and equality for Canadians and Canada's war veterans, and is among 27 Ontario residents who have been selected to receive the Order of Ontario for 2003.



The Order of Ontario recognizes and honours those who have enriched the lives of others by attaining the highest standards of excellence and achievement in their respective fields.

Marshall's field is that of political advocacy for veterans. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1968. "Before that, I would have never thought that I would have ended up in politics," says Marshall.

He spent 10 years as MP, where he became chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, after which he moved to the Senate, from which he retired in 1994.

"I spent about 27 years looking after veterans, and I enjoyed it," says Marshall. "And, I still get calls from veterans. I love it that they call."

The veterans call looking for help, when they have nowhere to turn, and the 83-year-old Marshall continues to fight for them.

Marshall can recount numerous stories of helping veterans get the pensions they deserve, and he is especially proud of the moments when they finally get their cheques.

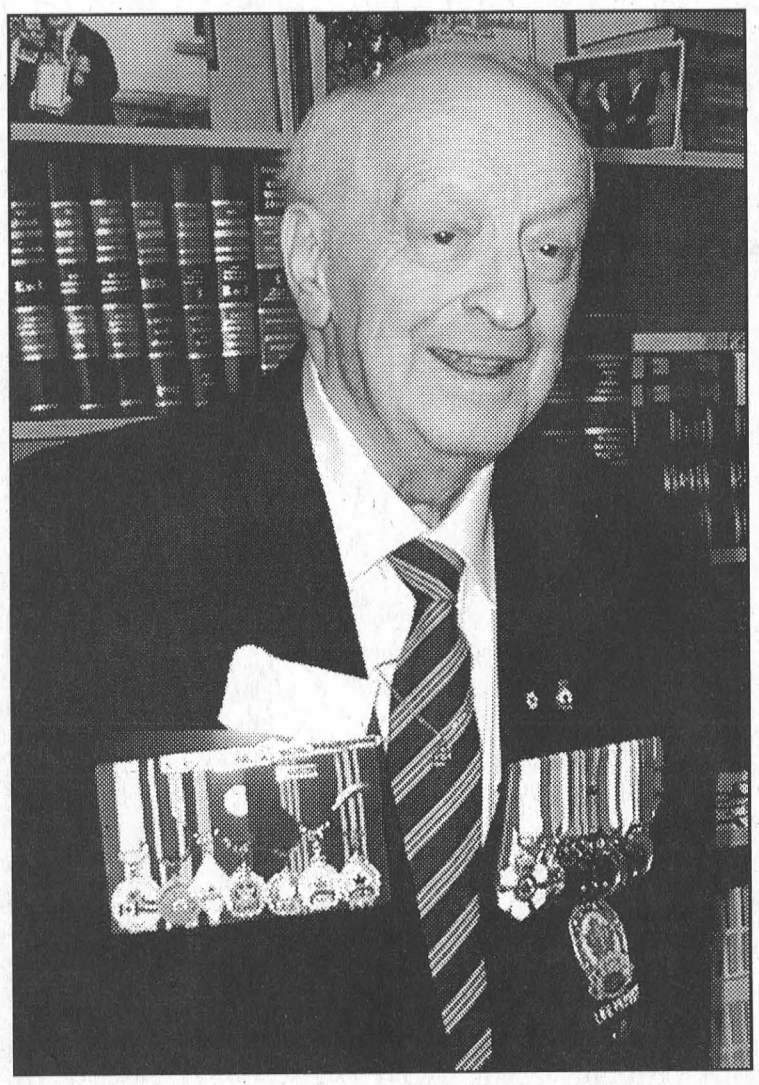
"Our veterans are well done by," says Marshall. "I think we have the best veterans affairs treatment I've seen."

That is no doubt in part to the work of Marshall.

Of receiving the honour Marshall says, "It's pretty difficult to overcome the Order of Canada," which he received in 1995, "But it is nice to be recognized."

The awards ceremony is scheduled for today (March 31), at Queen's Park. However, Marshall is unable to make the trip, by doctor's orders. "I'm very sorry that I'm not able to go," says Marshall.

Marshall is one of 373 people who have received the Order of Ontario since its inception in 1987.



Hon. Jack Marshall Order of Ontario recipient

A veteran of the Second World War; retired Senator, former Member of Parliament, and now resident of Morrisburg, Jack Marshall, is being recognized with the Order of Ontario for his advocacy of justice and equality for Canadians and Canada's war veterans for many years. *Comfort Photo*



Skate Show a Big Success *McNairn photo*

Michaela Morrow brings a touch of Mexico to the Morrisburg and District Figure Skate show which this year was done under the theme of "It's a Small World." In addition to skating in the Junior line, Michaela delighted Saturday night's packed arena with a solo performance. The above, photo was taken during Friday night's dress rehearsal. More photos on page 9.

Fibre study not public until April

WILLIAMSBURG – Results of the South Dundas Fibre Optics Network feasibility study will not be made public until after the April 6, council meeting.

"The township is still checking into a few issues raised as a result of council's (closed session) discussions about the study," says CAO Andy Brown.

A lot of that "checking into a few issues," requires seeking professional opinions, which requires time.

Brown expects that council will discuss the where and when details of presenting the feasibility study to the public at the April 6, meeting.

"I would like to come away from that meeting with a plan in place," he says.

Brown says that pushing back the release of the study, does not put the $1.7 million Industry Canada grant for expanding the system in jeopardy.

The deadline for accepting the grant has been pushed back until June 1, and Industry Canada has put it in writing.

"They have been kept informed as we proceeded through the study."

"We can't own shares, so they know that modifications have to be made."



Cody Launches Egg Campaign at Scotiabank *McNairn photo*

Easter Seal child Cody Shaver is joined by Morrisburg Scotiabank staff to officially launch this year's Easter Seal Paper Egg Campaign. Front, l-r, are Louanne Tindal, Kim McNeil, Cody, campaign organizer Linda Krug and Judy Laurin. Back, l-r, are Peter Krug, Pat Sullivan, Linda Barclay, Carol Ann Sage, Peggy Kaddie, Lisa St. Denis and Fern Duchesneau.

Easter Seal Egg Campaign kicks off

MORRISBURG–The Easter Seal Society Paper Egg Campaign kicked off in Morrisburg last Wednesday when Easter Seal child Cody Shaver dropped in at the Bank of Nova Scotia to get the egg rolling, so to speak.

Local campaign organizer Linda Krug now has eggs in various locations throughout the village and for the cost of $2 you can have an egg with your name, or the name of a loved one, put on it.

The annual Paper Egg program is a fun event and by supporting this worthy cause you are helping local Easter Seal Society children, who are children dealing with physical disabilities.

The Easter Seal Society is dedicated to helping children, youth and young adults with physical disabilities to achieve their full individual potential and future independence.

The Society funds disability solutions through financial assistance, summer camps, the Recreational Choices funding program, research, advocacy, and public and consumer education.

Once purchased and signed the eggs are put on display in the participating outlet making for a colourful, Easter like display and demonstrating the community's caring and loving nature.

In Morrisburg, eggs can be purchased at Cook's Corner, the Bank of Nova Scotia, Valu-mart, Giant Tiger, the Bank of Montreal, Jug City, and Lee's Restaurant.

There are 28 Easter Seal children, youth and young adults and their families living in Dundas County.

The local Egg Campaign is running from March 24 until April 11.



Some Featured Artisans

The annual Morrisburg & District Arts & Craft Show was held last weekend at the Morrisburg Legion. Pictured left is Ken Scott, and his carving. Scott now makes miniature replica guns to order. "People used to have their guns on display, but now with the regulations you can't do that. I can make a (miniature) replica of a gun from a picture that you can hang on the wall." He says he is surprised at how well they are selling. Pictured right is Peggy McMullen, who specializes in the art of English smocking, decorative needlework used to gather cloth and make it hang in folds. McMullen sews all of the pieces.



Morrisburg & District Arts & Crafts Show

Comfort photo feature



Staying at it

Pictured left, Jean Presley, had a large table filled with hand crochet work, such as doilies and table cloths. To pass the time during the sale, she was making a start on yet another piece. "I like to stay busy," she said. Pictured right is Bill Renshaw, who specializes in woodworking. His booth at the sale featured an assortmen of shelves and small furniture items. The work of these and many more local artisans, can be seen at The Craft Shop located on the north side of Highway 2, half a mile east of Upper Canada Village. It's open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 22, to September 19.



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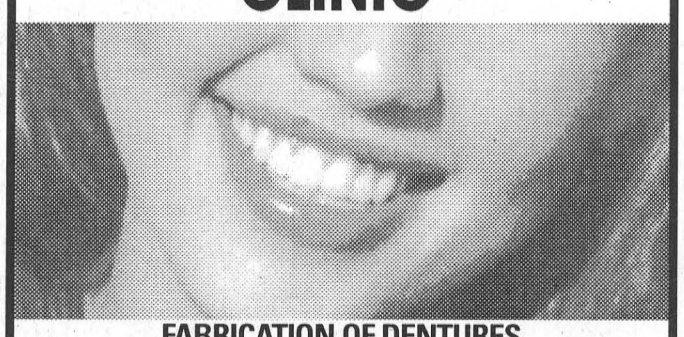

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Time and money key in library expansion

WILLIAMSBURG – The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Library Board's "Focus on Quality," may mean changes for one of the libraries in South Dundas.

The Iroquois Library Branch is one on the Library Board's target list for expansion.

A March 11, press release from Rudi Denham, CEO/Director of County Library Services says, "The Board is busy working with townships, who own the majority of facilities, on renovating or expanding busy branches such as Iroquois, Lancaster, Finch and Ingleside."

CAO Andy Brown confirmed that there have been some discussions about expanding the Iroquois Library, by making improvements to the existing premises, however anything that happens will first be subject to budget approval.

Brown doesn't forsee a huge expansion project, and suggests that improvements will be done in segments over time.

Township received 14 petitions concerning hog farm expansion

WILLIAMSBURG – A petition circulated in early February by Trevor Tolley has garnered a modest response.

Tolley circulated the petition asking for a public meeting concerning the expansion of a Bouck's Hill area hog farm. He contends that the area is environmentally sensitive, and South Dundas Council should have a public meeting to address the expansion.

The township received 14 petitions, and CAO Andy Brown says, "For now they have been filed."

Tolley is frustrated that, "A petition directed to council from a variety of ratepayers has not been brought to the attention of council."

Of the expansion, Brown says, "Everything was done according to the law, so it's out of our hands. There's not a lot we can do."

Brown says he realizes that Tolley wants a public meeting, however the Township cannot have one unless the owner of the hog farm is willing to speak to the public.

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WILLIAMSBURG – The Township of South Dundas has a policy in place, against responding to unsigned letters.

Concerns can only be addressed by the municipality if they are addressed to someone, at the township, and include a name and signatory.

Unless council decides to change that policy, concerns in unsigned letters will not be addressed, says CAO Andy Brown.

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Home and Trade Show

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Home and Trade Show is set for this weekend, and for the second year in a row it will take place in the Morrisburg Industrial Park, at Parker Professional Painting's warehouse building.

With over 60 vendors scheduled to participate, it promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Local politicians will be on hand for the official kickoff Friday evening at 5 p.m.

The show goes until 9 p.m. Friday night, and runs Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Several local retailers will have booths at the show, as will service providers. Chamber of Commerce members who don't market products suitable for a trade show venue, will still participate, but will sponsor one of the several charity organizations' booths included in the show.

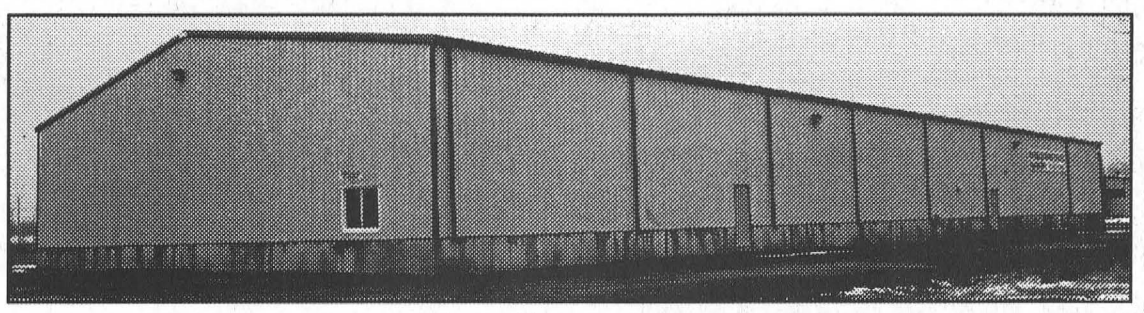
Giant Tiger will once again host a fashion show on site. The Chamber, as host will be holding door prize draws, with a large deep freeze and gift certificates as the grand prize.

There will also be draws for special gift certificates that can be redeemed with any Chamber of Commerce member business.

Most of the participants will hold prize draws of their own, so your chances of winning are good.

"The facility is climate controlled. The weather doesn't matter, the building is dry, warm and professionally done," says Chamber of Commerce president Tom Morrow.

"As chamber members, Parker Professional Painting gives us the building at virtually no charge. This building has everything you could ask for," says Morrow, who adds that they deserve a big thank you.



Parker Professional Painting a Perfect South Dundas Trade Show Venue

Seaway Valley Singers preparing for concert

WILLIAMSBURG –Under the direction of Reverend Mark Ehlebracht, the Seaway Valley Singers will perform a spring concert at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg, on Friday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. This year proceeds from the Spring Concert will be donated, in part, to the hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign.

Said WDMH Foundation Fundraising Committee Chairperson Nancy Wilson, "We are very pleased to be involved with the Seaway Valley Singers, this is exactly the type of community involvement that has brought the Renewing the Vision Campaign such marvelous success!"

The Seaway Valley Singers perform a variety of music suitable for all ages, from spiritual praises to Broadway favorites.

Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased at local pharmacies, including the Seaway Valley in Morrisburg, or by contacting the Foundation office at Winchester District Memorial Hospital at (613)-774-2422, ext. 5296.

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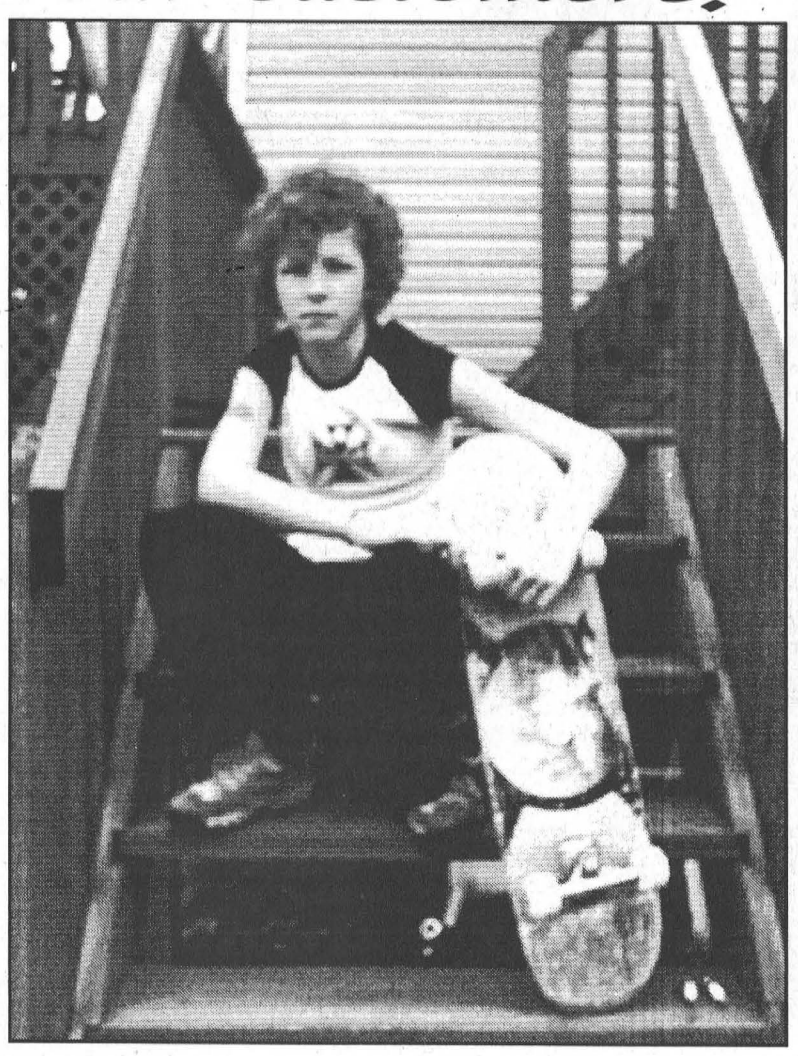

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Ontario beef farmers welcome funding

Ontario beef farmers are applauding the announcement of additional disaster assistance for farmers affected by the BSE crisis. Prime minister Paul Martin announced that a $680 million Transitional Industry Support Program will be made available to Canadian beef producers. Beef farmers will also be eligible for some of the $250 million in general transitional funding.

Application forms were to have been available on the Agriculture and Agri Food Canada website by the end of last week, or by calling, 1-866-367-8506. Federal officials have also promised that they will begin issuing cheques in early April.

The president of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, Ron Wooddisse says the news couldn't have come at a better time, and it should provide an immediate and necessary cash infusion to farmers struggling to survive this situation.

The BSE crisis is now in its eleventh month and Ontario farmers have already lost in excess of $150 million, according to Wooddisse.

Ron Bonnett, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, hopes that even better news will come after the April cutoff for comment. The United States Department of Agriculture's comment period on the proposed rules for exporting live cattle to the U.S. is scheduled to end on April 7. Industry and Canadian government officials alike are hopeful that the closing of the comment period will soon be followed by news about the border reopening.

While the announcement will provide a huge boost to the Canadian Livestock sector, everyone realizes that the only real solution to the crisis is to get international borders reopened to Canadian Livestock, says Bonnett.

"We must regain access to those export markets if Canadian farmers are to survive.

Ontario Cattlemen's Association
Ontario Federation of Agriculture



Morrisburg and District Figure Skate Club Skaters Skate Around the World
Photographed during Friday night's dress rehearsal from Scotland, l-r, are Pamela Yates, Sophia Currier, Payton Bradford, Jessica Baldwin and Mackenzie Whyte.

Seen 'n Heard

Around the Town

Okay folks. It is time to spring the clocks ahead. That's right. This Saturday night, we all lose an hour's sleep. Not a problem. It's a sacrifice worth making and one we've been anticipating for weeks now.

Even better, we'll all probably sleep a bit better in the wee hours of the mornings, as we fake the birdies out who have been waking us with their chirping, long before we are prepared to crawl out.

And how about this weather? It is fantastic. Speaking of birdies we are hearing of some golf courses opening up this weekend, but our understanding, as of today and that could change, that the target for the Morrisburg Course, (if the weather conditions remain perfect) is Easter weekend.

Remember the key word is weather. A lot of work has been done in the clubhouse over the winter and early indications that the greens have come through in good shape. So, get the clubs out, get them ready, because it is not long now.

The Morrisburg Clubhouse is open this Saturday to accept memberships so for more information and to pay for the coming season drop by.

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Just a reminder to all you soccer nuts...this Saturday, April 3 is the last chance to register for the South Dundas Soccer League. The registration is from 10 a.m. until noon at Iroquois P.S.

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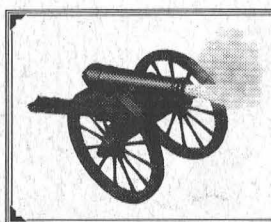
This Saturday, April 3, Hyacinth is returning to town. That's right the Apple Tree Ministry's fundraising play for the Dundas County Food Bank, *Hyacinth Returns* is all set to hit the Playhouse stage for two shows, a matinee at 2 p.m. and the evening show at 7 p.m. Tickets are just $2, and there will be a free will offering at each performance. Last year the Apple Tree Ministry raised $2,800 and is hoping to top that this time around. Tickets are available at the Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Morrisburg and The Nook in Iroquois. For an evening of laughs and a great way to support our Food Bank get your tickets today.



The Leader Blast from the Past

Compiled from The Leader's files

1994

The March 30 issue reported OPP Constable Tony Kerr came to the rescue of an elderly woman who had fallen in chest-deep water near her home at Morris-Glenn Court. Officer Kerr was off duty when he spotted Susan MacDonald in the ditch behind MacEwen's Garage. She was floating and in distress.

Noble Velleneuve, incumbent MPP for SD&G and East Grenville, announced he would be seeking the Progressive Conservative nomination. According to riding association president Carson Elliott there weren't any other contenders at that time.

Iroquois/Matilda Lions club actors were preparing for their production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* in late April.

At Whitteker Meat Market in Williamsburg sides of pork were selling for $1.29 a pound, and Canada Grade A Red Brand Steer Beef Loin was $3.49 a pound.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were trailing the Athens Aeros three games to one in the best-of-seven final. The Lions lost game four 4-3, and according to coach Johnny Morrow it was a result of not playing three periods of hockey.

Morrisburg Figure Skater, Melanie Warren attained her Gold Dance status, a huge achievement.

1984

The March 28 issue reported taxes were going up. The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry school board was looking at a 7.5 percent increase while the Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Separate School Board increase was nine percent.

The Morrisburg and District Lions Club was kicking off a week-long, door-to-door blitz as part of a campaign to raise money for the laboratory expansion at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The Morrisburg Peewee B Lions posted a 3-0 win over the Athens Flyers to claim the 1983-84 Upper Canada Minor Hockey League championship. Members of the team were Randy Whitteker, Jamie Smith, Kevin Eamon, Robbie Casselman, Corey Casselman, Greg Wells, Perry Brunt, David Serviss, Jason Rasenberg, Randy Burke, Dean Beckstead and David Casselman. They were coached by Donnie Wells and Doug Casselman.

Brandon Boivin scored a hat trick to lead the Morrisburg Peanuts to a 12-2 win over Long Sault.

1974

The March 29 issue reported Morrisburg's very lovely winter Carnival Queen, Cindy Tennant was the new district 'Queen of Queens". The pretty grade nine Seaway District High School student was selected from among nine beautiful contestants. The event was sponsored by the Metcalfe and District Lions Club.

The Morrisburg Combines defeated Edwardsburg Oilers three games to one in their best-of-five O.D.H.A. Intermediate semifinal series. The Combines took game four 3-2 on goals by Brian McNairn, Jack Duncan and Larry Garner. The Combines would now meet Lanark.

Crowder Monuments entered a new phase with the opening of its new shop in Williamsburg. Crowder Monuments was one of the largest monument and lettering businesses in Eastern Ontario. In 1973 Dwight Crowder was joined by his son Dale in the business.

Porterhouse steak was selling for $1.79 a pound at Heinz Food Market and T-bone steak was $1.69.

1964

The March 27 issue reported the death of Dr. Edwin Lyall Brown. Dr. Brown set up practice in Aultsville in 1901 where he remained for 56 years until the time of the Seaway rehabilitation when he retired to Morrisburg.

The water level in the St. Lawrence River had dropped to its lowest point in 30 years. River men said they had not seen the level so low since the dry years of 1933-34.

Knox Presbyterian Church in Winchester Springs burned to the ground just shortly after a joint evening service had been attended by congregations of the area. The church was built in 1880 and was a white frame building valued at $10,000. Villagers were able to rescue a number of items including the pulpit and the linen memorials of the church founders.

1954

It was reported in the April 2 issue that George F. Jowett was named head of the newly reorganized Chamber of Commerce. It was decided to call the association the Morrisburg Chamber of Commerce and membership fees were $5.

The Hess Market was reopened for business following a fire a couple of weeks earlier. A complete new stock had been purchased.

The Canadian Women of the World were holding a dance, round and square, at the White House Ranch, it being the third anniversary of the local camp. The Whitteker Orchestra, featuring Uncle Ezra at the "Mike", was to provide the music.

The ladies section of the Morrisburg Curling Club held its closing banquet with retiring president Mrs. H.W. Meikle in charge of trophy presentations. The Douglas Whitteker Crown Derby Plates were won by the Mrs. C.A. Louden rink which included Mrs. G Tindal, Mrs. Hotson Meikle and Mrs. Lorne Mattice.

1944

Headlines in the March 31 issue read St. James Church to Mark 50th Anniversary. On April 18, 1893 St. James Church, Morrisburg was consecrated by the Archbishop of Ontario, the Most Reverend John Travers Lewis D.D. The Church was built of stone and constructed in early English style. Its solid oak seats were capable of seating 400 people. The building stood on the site of the old church which was erected in 1857 and was torn down in the spring of 1893.

The Morrisburg Hockey Club held its annual banquet at Burling's Lunch. Occupying a prominent place at the centre of the head table was the Gill Trophy, won by the junior team. It was flanked by the McNeely trophy won by the midget team and Hunter Trophy emblematic of the town league championship.

Dr. K.A. Blancher, dentist, was moving his office to his residence on Division Street.

The Rhea Rita Salon was offering new magic for hair with the exquisite Shelton's Gold Wave.

Heaven Can Wait was playing at the Cameo Theatre.



More Dollars for Hospital Pot ***McNairn photo***

On behalf of his employees, himself and his store here in Morrisburg and the Canadian Tire Foundation for Families, Peter Oliver was pleased to bump his original pledge of $15,000 for Winchester Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign to $20,000 last week. In attention to increasing the pledge, Oliver presented a cheque of $5,000 to Morrisburg Fundraising coordinator Earl Baker, left, and Lynne Wilson who is the Community Relations Coordinator for the Winchester Hospital Foundation.

Canadian Tire raises the bar

MORRISBURG–In cooperation with the Canadian Tire's Foundation for Families, local dealer Peter Oliver announced to Winchester Hospital representatives last Thursday that on behalf of himself, his employees and the Foundation he was upping his pledge to the Winchester Hospital Renewing the Vision campaign from $15,000 to $20,000.

Oliver was able to do so because of a special initiative offered by the Foundation which allowed dealers to put together proposals for certain projects. The Morrisburg Store put together a proposal for funds for Winchester Hospital and was one of two stores in the Ottawa Valley Region to be successful, and, as a result received $5,000.

"Today I am giving you a cheque for $5,000," he told Lynne Wilson who is the Community Relations Coordinator for the Winchester Hospital Foundation and Earl Baker who is the Renewing the Vision Coordinator for the Morrisburg area. Also on hand for the presentation was Vision co-chair Mike McInnis.

"The hospital touches everybody," said Oliver. "Everybody wins in these situations."

With the local Canadian Tire Store now meeting more than half of its $20,000 commitment, Oliver praised his employees for their contributions.

"The staff has really stood behind this," he said. "It is great to see the generosity coming from so many people. I think it inspires people."

Thanks to the $4 million provincial planning grant recently announced, Wilson said she hoped the shovels would be in the ground within the next 18 months. The Renewing the Vision fundraising campaign is now pushing towards the $13.5 million mark of its $15 million goal.

God Doesn't Just Live In A Building

Perspectives



Rev. Pat Martin

Have you ever had a song from a musical keep playing through your head long after the show is over? The song that has been on automatic replay in my head this week is, God Doesn't Just Live in A Building, from the Roger Jones' musical Wildfire. Sometimes, a song sticks with me because it has a catchy tune but, in this case, it is the words, which have caught my attention.

God doesn't just live in a building,

God doesn't just live in a book.

God won't be just locked up in customs,

he's ev'rywhere that you look!

God isn't just shut up in hist'ry,

though he is seen through all time.

God doesn't just work to your schedule,

and he won't toe your neat line!

You are his meeting place, you are his speaking place,

And as you seek his face he lives in you.

We've seen him face to face, in Jesus know his grace,

And in his dwelling place his power flows through!

Wildfire, is about that period in the early church when the followers of Jesus were trying to express their belief that God has spoken in a powerful new way through Jesus, the risen Christ. As we all know, institutionalized religion does not take well to change, and wasn't keen on the idea that God would reveal the God-self in some powerful new way, especially a way that was not easily controlled or understood.

In the show, Stephen sings these words in response to a situation that existed some 2000 years ago, but I believe these words are timeless.

When I was in seminary, we had lots of discussions about humanities on-going relationship with God. One of my professors used to say that, as people of faith, we feel most comfortable when we walk forwards with our backs to the future. Not that the past isn't important. It is. But it is not the only place where God is to be found.

Our task is to reflect on the past, and to use the insights we find there to figure out what and how God is speaking to us today. The problem comes when we try to limit God to past conversations. But then, that's a lot safer, isn't it? Recognizing that God is a dynamic, living entity who seeks an ongoing relationship with us in the here and now, can be a deeply disturbing realization.

I suspect it is particularly disturbing for people of the twenty-first century who are used to compartmentalizing our lives. We like to have a place for everything and keep everything in its place (except in my house). I suspect that also means trying to keep God in a particular place. After all, it's a bit inconvenient if God keeps popping up at unexpected times and in unexpected places.

But God will not be locked up to some assigned place in our agendas, anymore than God will be locked up in history, scripture, or a building.

When I think about it, it is really quite amusing. Every spring we witness God's creative power come bursting through the dark, frozen earth. If we open our eyes, we can see God's power bursting out all around us, doing the most amazing things.

Every Easter we remember God's power at work in the resurrection of Jesus. Not even death could contain him. It is simply not possible to contain or control God. I wonder what would happen if we all (individuals, church, society), stopped trying to contain God and simply let God be God, and allow that power to flow through.

Pat Martin

WDMH

New CEO announced

WINCHESTER –Bill Smirle, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Winchester District Memorial Hospital, announced Friday, that Trudy Reid has been appointed Chief Executive Officer for Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Reid who will assume her responsibilities with the hospital in mid May, brings a wide range of health management related experience to this position.

Reid has a most impressive and wide-ranging background in management and diversified experience in a variety of health care environments. She comes from the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre, where she served as Chief Operating Officer & Director, Regional Planning & Administration and as Associate Vice President Integrated Cancer Program since 2001.

In these capacities she was responsible for the operations of a two site Regional Cancer Program and its regional clinics, accountable for an operating budget of $27 million and a staff of 450.

Additional responsibilities included responsibility for the Ontario Breast Screening Program for Eastern Ontario; Women's Breast Health Centre plus three additional diagnostic centres planned for 2004 and 46 oncology inpatient beds and accountable for an operating budget of approximately $30 million.

One of the manyaccomplishments Reid achieved during her years at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre was developing the terms of reference and managing the $65 million Capital Expansion Project which resulted in a recommendation to consolidate services on one site in 2007 and open a new site at a large community hospital by 2012. She further developed the terms of reference for the functional space planning for this project.

Prior to joining the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre, Reid served as Integrated Manager for two academic health sciences centres at London Health Sciences/St. Joseph's Health Care from 1998-2001. In this capacity she oversaw the development and management of the decision support infrastructure and relationship management system for the academic medical staff.

Reid has run her own consulting service, Reid Consulting, providing a range of services to the health industry in the areas of organizational restructuring, program planning and development and operational management.

She obtained her Masters in Health Administration from the University of Ottawa and a certificate in business administration from Red Deer College in Red Deer, Alberta and began her work on health care as a nurse in Central Newfoundland Hospital in Grand Falls, Newfoundland after receiving her diploma in Nursing from St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's Newfoundland.

Reid's extensive and diverse background will be a strong asset as she assumes responsibilities as CEO for Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Her demonstrated accomplishments in project management, her wide range of experience in strategic planning and her focus on patient centred care models make her an ideal person to assume leadership for our Hospital community.

The Board of Directors has appointed Joan Garrow, V.P. Programs & Clinical Services to serve as acting CEO for the Hospital effective April 1, 2004 until mid May, when the new CEO will be in place.

Andre O. Rodier left his position as Chief Executive Officer on March 31, to become the full time CEO at Hawkesbury & District General Hospital. He was serving as the CEO for both hospitals.

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MORRISBURG–The first weekend of April is about more than remembering to put the clock ahead one hour or to change the batteries in your smoke detector...it's about remembering the Canadian Cancer Society's pledge to make cancer history.

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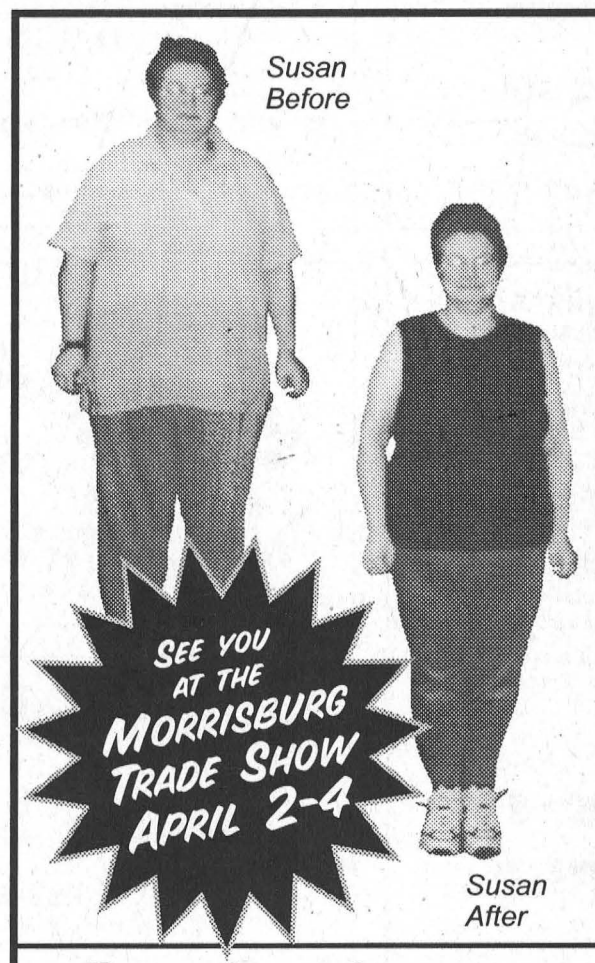

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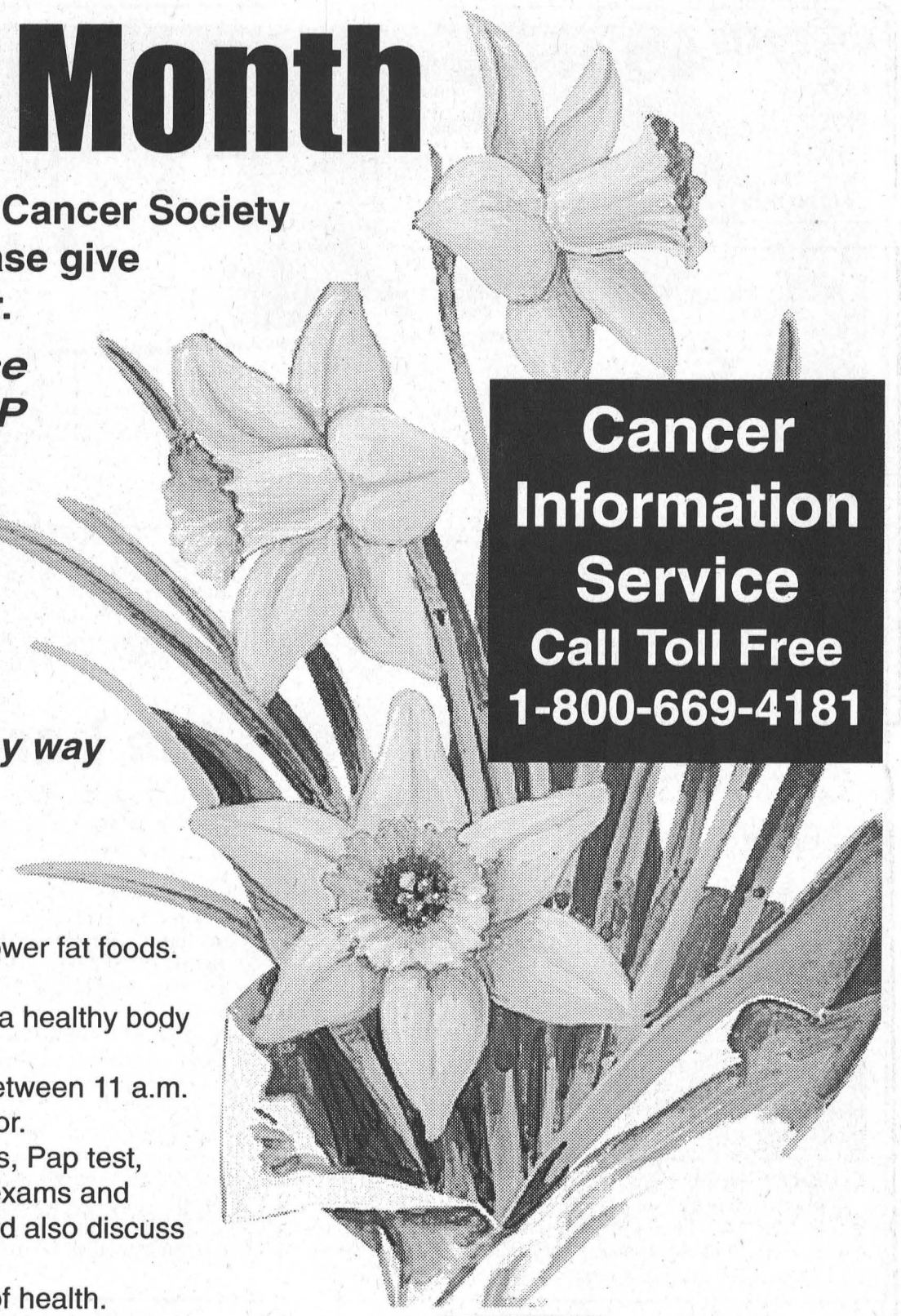

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6. Visit your doctor or dentist if you notice a change in your normal state of health.
7. Follow health and safety instructions both at home and at work when using, storing and disposing of hazardous materials.

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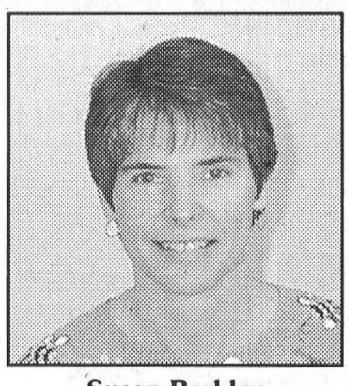

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Brownell praises "Renewing the Vision" campaign

TORONTO–MPP Jim Brownell praised the efforts of the greater Winchester community in their "Renewing the Vision Campaign" in his first statement upon the legislature's resumption.

"I thought it was important to state what can be done in this House with a little determination and asking the right questions," said Brownell. "As my first question in the House was regarding the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's campaign, I was proud that in this session, my first Member's statement should be the fruition of that question."

On November 26, 2003, MPP Brownell asked the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care if he would meet with himself and community representatives to discuss the "Renewing the Vision Campaign". Following that question, the Minister met with stakeholders and MPP Brownell at the Hospital on March 16, 2004.

At this meeting, the Minister announced approval for a planning and design grant of up to $4 million dollars to support the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's redevelopment plan.

"I believe that the Winchester community should be commended for their extraordinary efforts in fundraising for their hospital's redevelopment campaign. The Winchester District Memorial hospital is an excellent model for community involvement and commitment to heath-care in Ontario, and I thank Minister Smitherman for his support, and commend the community in their efforts."

Turn Off Your Screens and Get Active

CORNWALL–Children across the region are preparing for the "TV Turn Off" Challenge. Some might be watching less television to wean themselves, while others might be wastching even more to stock-up.

The fourth edition of the contest is taking place April 19-25. Children who participate could win prizes of $50 to $100 in sports equipment, and the school with the highest participation rate in each of the sub-office regions will receive $100 in sports equipment.

In Canada, one in three children is overweight and one-third of those are obese. One of the reasons is that children are not active enough and do not burn the calories they consume. Watching too much television undoubtedly contributes to the epidemic that is child obesity.

According to the latest Nielson survey, children are watching an average of 25 hours of television a week. We can only imagine what that number would be if we added the amount of time spent watching movies, or in front of a computer.

The "Turn Off" Challenge's goal is to show children that there are fun alternatives to watching television. Children need to incorporate physical activity at a very young age if we want them to grow onto healthy adults. Parents and family members are encouraged to join their children in healthy activities.

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SD&G Community Futures Development Corporation

New Executive Director

CORNWALL – The SD&G Community Futures Development Corporation is pleased to announce that Derrick Moodie has been appointed to the position of Executive Director for a one year term starting April 1, 2004.

Moodie will be replacing James dePater who will be taking a one year leave of absence to focus on managing the Community Ventures Capital Fund - an equity financing vehicle that was started by dePater and the SD&G CFDC in 1999 and now covers the United Counties of SD&G, Prescott-Russell, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville Counties.

Moodie has been with the SD&G CFDC since June 2002, filling the role of Economic Development Officer.

dePater has provided leadership in economic development since he joined the United Counties of SD&G in 1994 and amalgamated with SD&G CFDC in 1997.

Moodie is looking forward to filling the large boots that will be left by dePater. "There are some challenges facing us in the next year as our economy adjusts to changes in the business cycle. I am sure there will be times when we will be tapping James on the shoulder for some of his insight and experience," said Moodie.

SD&G CFDC Chair, Charles Sangster said, "The board has been pleased with Derrick's performance to date and we are confident that he will be able to hit the ground running in his new role."

The SD&G CFDC provides economic development services, small business financing and counselling, business to business linkages, and government liaison services to the businesses and entrepreneurs in the SD&G and Cornwall Region.

The SD&G CFDC is funded through a partnership with Industry Canada and the United Counties of SD&G.

The Community Ventures Capital Fund (CVCF) was established by the SD&G CFDC in 1999 and provides growth and venture financing through debt and equity investment. The CVCF now serves most of eastern Ontario where it has been a catalyst of growth and development.

Third constituency office opened by MPP Brownell

WINCHESTER – Morrisburg, Cornwall, and now Winchester, that makes three constituency offices for Stormont - Dundas - Charlottenburgh MPP Jim Brownell.

The MPP and his assistant Heine Bruining were in Winchester last Thursday afternoon to announce the opening of the new office, located at the North Dundas Township office in Winchester.

Brownell and Bruining will be making use of the mayor's office in the building, one morning a week.

"It's good to have the opportunity to have a place to address provincial concerns here," said North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls.

North Dundas clerk Joanne McCaslin announced that the office will be open Thursday's from 8:30 a.m. until noon, starting April 1. "And that's no April fool's joke," she added.

Constituents are to book appointments through Brownell's office (1-800-514-9660).

"We will be in Winchester in the morning and Morrisburg in the afternoons (1 - 4:30 p.m.)," explained Bruining. "We will expand or decrease the hours as needed." Bruining will be in the office the bulk of the time to deal with constituents' concerns. Brownell will be available in the office intermittently, depending on scheduling.

"If and when I'm required, I'm here," said Brownell, who believes strongly in making connections with his rural constituents and rural politicians.

It's nice to be able to make arrangements to be in this building," said Brownell.

Regarding the number of constituency offices, Brownell said that he has to be cognizant of the budget that is used to pay for these offices, and adding that "North Dundas has been very kind in working out an arrangement that will fit into our global budget for offices."

"My roots are in the rural area. I've always been able to connect very well with rural people, and I want to continue to do that," says Brownell. "This gives me the greatest opportunity to connect with the people."



This Makes Three *Comfort Photo*

MPP Jim Brownell (centre) officially opened another constituency office last Thursday afternoon. The latest office is located at the North Dundas Township municipal office in Winchester. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Thursday's starting April 1, and will mostly be used by Brownell's associate Heine Bruining (right). Brownell will be there when scheduling permits. The office being used is that of North Dundas Mayor Alvin Runnalls (left), who is pleased constituents will have a place in North Dundas to have their provincial concerns addressed.

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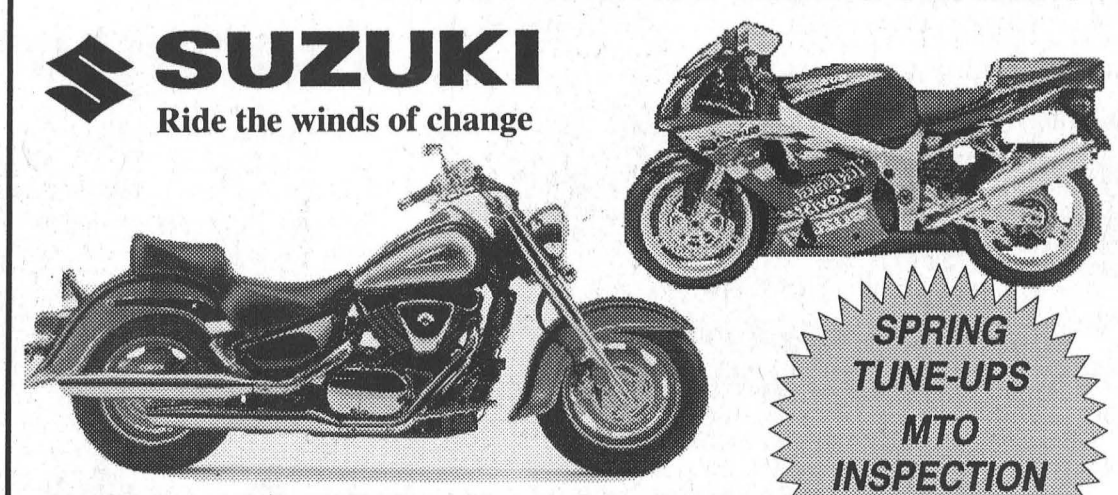

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One Big Happy Family

Pictured above is the family of Hyacinth, who Returns to Morrisburg, this Saturday, April 3. Above the family of Hyacinth is gathered at their home in England discussing her upcoming trip. The play serves as an annual fundraiser for the Dundas County Food Bank, and features an eight member inner cast. Seated in the centre is Hyacinth, played by director Wendy Gibb. Seated left is Richard, better known as Nick Lee. Standing l-r are; Onslow (Jack Barkley), Rose (Jane Lee), Daisy (Debbie Fournier), Elizabeth (Elizabeth Porter), Daddy (Bill Rumble) and Emmett (Doug Jarvis). ***Comfort Photo***

Hyacinth Returns Saturday

IROQUOIS – "Hyacinth is pretty put out that the Vicar got a better venue than she did, and she returns to Morrisburg to set things straight," says Rev. Pat Martin. That's the premise of the Apple Tree Ministry's latest fundraising play for the Dundas County Food Bank, *Hyacinth Returns*.

The Apple Tree Ministry has been hosting such fundraisers for a number of years. Early on they generally hosted singing entertainment, but decided three years ago to try a play, *Hyacinth*, based on the British sitcom, *Keeping up Appearances*.

Hyacinth hit the stage three years ago at Morrisburg Public School. The second year, the *Vicar of Dibley* took the stage at the Upper Canada Playhouse. Now *Hyacinth Returns* getting the chance to take to the playhouse stage. Some of her family will tag along, much to her dismay.

Cast member Debbie Fournier describes the family, as "dysfunctional to say the least."

"En route to Morrisburg Hyacinth's luggage gets lost, and that's just the first in a long line of difficulties," says Martin. "Things conspire to make life as difficult as possible, but she sails full steam ahead."

Director Wendy Gibb calls the play, "straight comedy entertainment with lots of music and some really talented people."

"Everyone volunteers giving their time and energy. We mostly have a good time doing this, and the people seem to like it too," says Gibb.

In addition to the eight member inner cast the show feature many entertainers and singers, says Martin, who adds, "The Ladies from the Red Hat Society will be doing a special number."

Tickets for last year's show, sold out quickly, so they have expanded this year to two shows, Saturday, at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m., at the Upper Canada Playhouse.

"It's growing a little every year," says Martin.

Tickets are $2, and are most easily available at Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Morrisburg and The Nook in Iroquois. There will also be a free will offering at each performance.

Last year the Apple Tree Ministry raised $2,800 through this fundraiser, and with the addition of a second show they would like to surpass that mark.

The show revolves around Hyacinth and her family. Hyacinth, played by director Wendy Gibb, is married to Richard, played by Nick Lee. She is described as a little upper crust and proper, in contrast with her sisters Daisy and Rose. Bill Rumble plays their father.

Daisy is played by Debbie Fournier. Daisy wants a little romance in her life, and she looks to her husband Onslow (Jack Barkley) for that romance, but he's not having any part of it. "I like to say Onslow is bone idle," says Fournier.

Their other sister Rose, played by Jane Lee is also looking for romance, but in a much different way. She's interested in pretty much any man, at any time, and in this production she has her sights set on Emmett, played by Doug Jarvis. Emmett and Elizabeth, played by Elizabeth Porter, are the family's neighbours.

The cast was at Seaway District High School last Wednesday evening shooting a video that will be played at the beginning of the shows.

"First we play a clip of the tv show, then the video clip of the family, set in their English home, and then the live show hits the stage," says Martin.

South Mountain Library Branch supporters

Hoping their efforts aren't in vain

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Still unsure of their future, the South Mountain Library Branch has received a bit of reprieve. The SD&G County Library Board decided at their March 25, meeting not to close any branches until June 30.

"We're glad for the reprieve," said North Dundas Councillor and Mountain Township resident Estella Rose. "But three months is not really much of a reprieve."

"We would have felt better if they had said they would wait until the next counties budget. It's really unfair to go back to the counties for more money after their budget has already been set."

The County Library Board initially decided that the South Mountain, Maxville, Moose Creek, and St. Andrew's libraries would be closed, not as a cost savings measure, but as a way to provide better quality service at the remaining branches.

"We were trying to convince them, to keep the status quo," said Rose, explaining that status quo would mean that they wouldn't need any more money from the counties this year.

"They were not interested in that," she said.

Rose believes that if they had asked the other branches if they would like their facilities and hours expanded at the cost of closing branches like South Mountain, they would come to different conclusions. "No one would want other libraries to close," said Rose.

The community is working to get and stay behind their library. "We've already started a Friends of the Library group, which is a positive thing that has come out of this," said Rose.

She also says the readership at the branch has increased 20 percent in the last two years, and there is potential for it to grow even more as the village's growth, and new construction continues.

"Hearing about the closure in a press release, doesn't really give you a chance to improve things."

She also pointed out that the motion delaying the possible closure until June 30, "didn't say that more readership would keep it open. So, these things may all be in vain."

Rose estimated that about 50 people made the journey to Cornwall from South Mountain for the March 25, Library Board Meeting. She was impressed by the significant number of supporters from the small community.

Reprieve until June 30

Library board delays possible closures

CORNWALL – At the Library Board meeting of March 25, 2004, in front of nearly 100 library supporters, the Board decided not to close any branches until June 30.

"It's a pleasure to be among so many people who feel passionately about libraries," said Frances Marin, acting chair.

The intent of the board's motion was to rescind the previous branch closure motion, pending a discussion with the Counties for funding to keep all branches open, while proceeding with the enhanced hours and service improvements originally part of the "Focus on Quality" plan.

What happens after June 30, depends on the response from County Council, the townships, and the public.

There continues to be a strong commitment from the Board in support of the principles of "Focus on Quality."

Marin provided a history of the public feedback process that the library has undergone since 2001, as well as background information about the system.

"There are 11 county library systems in Ontario. Compared to the other systems, we are fifth in the number of people served, and fourth in the number of branches. So the service we offer is some in the middle. When it comes to money, however, we are 11 out of 11," said Marin.

"In 2001, the most recent year that figures are available for comparison, we received from local taxes, $12.69 per person. The average for county systems was $19.77 per capita," she continued.

"The County is aware of the difference in funding compared to other systems, and has been supportive when the library board has requested additional funding."

"In 2004, Counties Council faced increases in ambulance costs, policing, hospital funding, roads and health unit expenditures and other services."

"The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Library has a lot of branches, but a small budget."

"After the closures, only seven out of the 15 will meet provincial guidelines for minimum space requirements and hours open."

"The Board's plan is long-term and system-wide," Marin concluded.

"Sometimes providing the best possible service means making tough decisions. (In 'Focus on Quality') the Board decided to take a positive step to providing better overall service, increasing the hours in eight branches, providing additional staff in four of the busiest branches, allowing books to move more quickly between branches, and staying within the County Council's budget allocation for 2004."

There are plans to meet with some of the delegations to hear their suggestions for the future particularly to discuss ways to increase awareness of service in our communities.

"Many people are still unaware that each of our branches (small as they are) provide access to our entire collection of 160,000 books, audio tapes, videos and magazines," says Rudi Denham, CEO, Director of County Library Services.

Another wonderful show as

Skaters find, "It's a small world"



From Egypt: l-r, Brianna Stewart, Hayley Mills, Kelsey Hall

MORRISBURG–Once again, the arena in Morrisburg was jam-packed Saturday night for the always entertaining Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club's annual skate show.

This year's theme was "It's a Small World", and, to prove it so, skaters performed to music and in costumes representing countries from throughout the world.

Club skaters have had a phenomenal competitive skating season this year, and showed why with a number performing their programs to the delight of the audience.

Skating solos were Jessica Bass, Jessica Thompson, Hayley Mills, Lindsay Gilmer, Erin Stewart, Allison Lee, Alyssa MacMillan, Kirsty Robinson, Michaela Morrow, Kristen Stewart and Cameron Keicks.

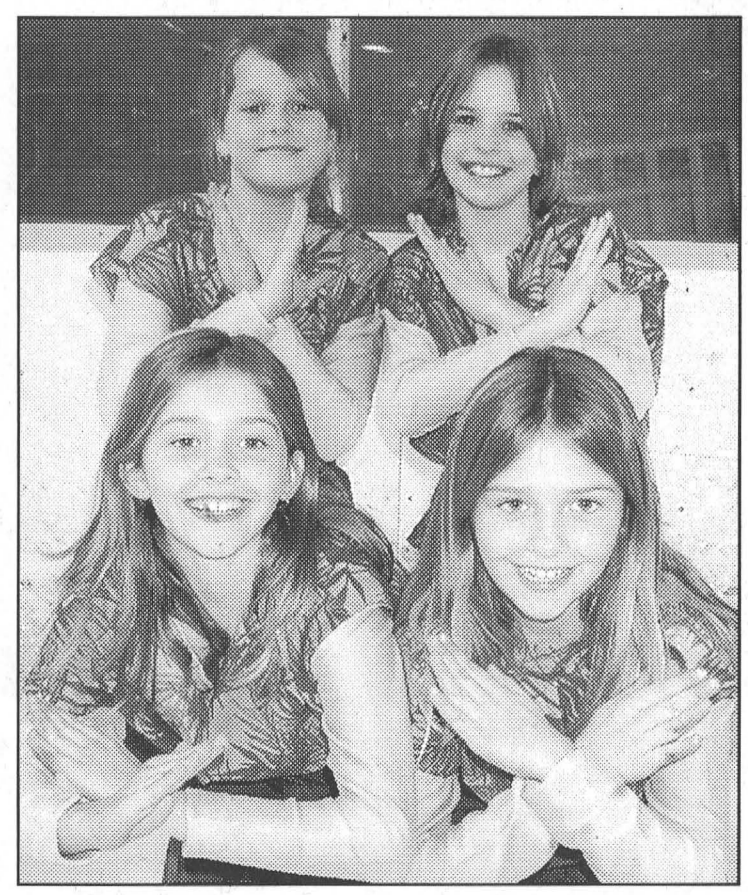
Courtnay Thompson and Kathleen German, and Kaila VanHoof and Haley Van Allen skated their competitive pairs programs.

Putting programs together in groups of threes were: Mikayla MacMillan, Leah Wells and Morgan Hass; Logan Patterson, Jessica Bass and Alisha VanHoof; Hayley Mills, Kelsey Hall and Brianna Stewart; Amy Veltkamp, Jessica Thompson and Meghan Adams.

The junior group of Kristen McMillan, Taylor Boyle, Haley Boyle and Jenna Yates skated out of Africa, and from Mexico the Intermediate skaters were Katherine Lee, Kelsey Baxter, Kristen Stewart and Bryanna Hickman.

Always a delight to the audience were the performances of about 70 Canskaters who in groups brought their talents from places like Ireland, Spain, Australia, Japan, China, Latin America, Mexico, Jamaica, Scotland and France.

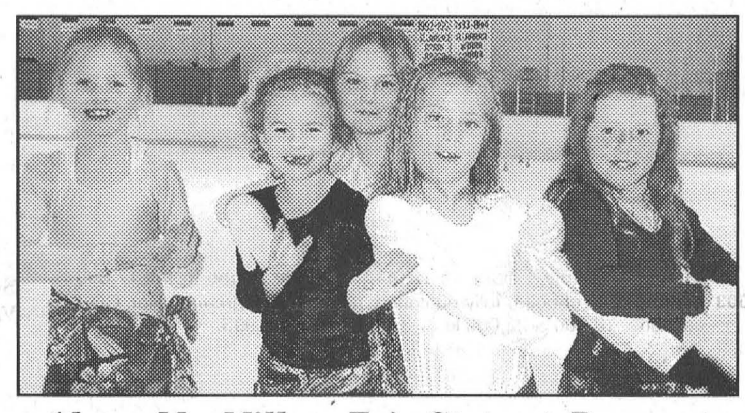
A special performance was given by a group of YMCA skaters led by an Indian Chief.



Front Hayley and Taylor Boyle, back Jenna Yates (left) and Kristen MacMillan



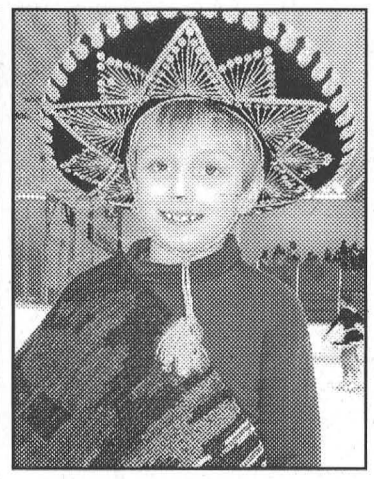
Janice Stevens, Morgan Baxter, Brenna German



Alyssa MacMillan, Erin Stewart, Breanne Froats, Allison Lee, Sierra Kelsey



From Ireland: Lauren Snyder, Abby Trizisky



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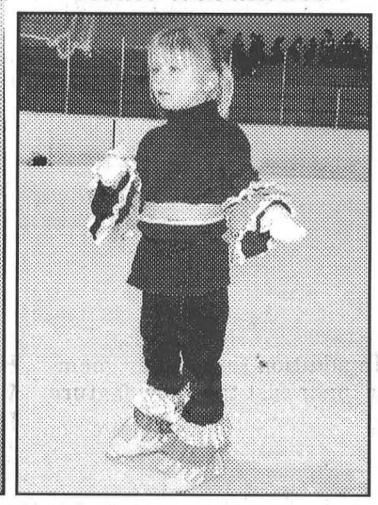

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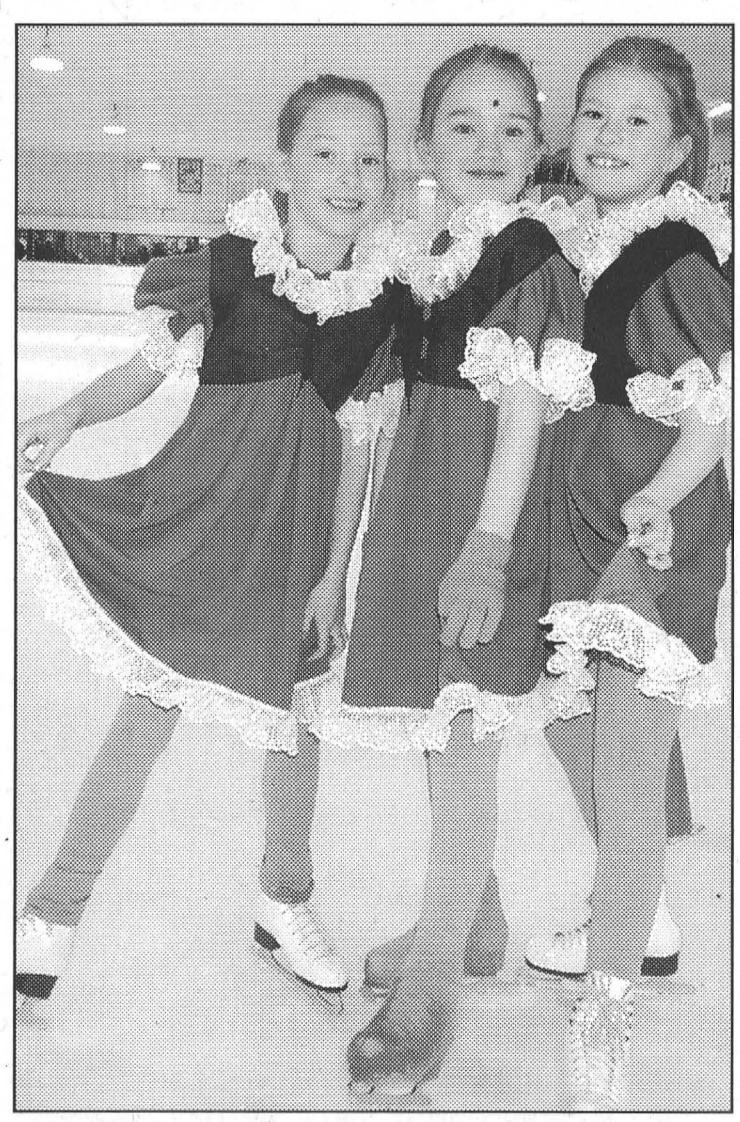

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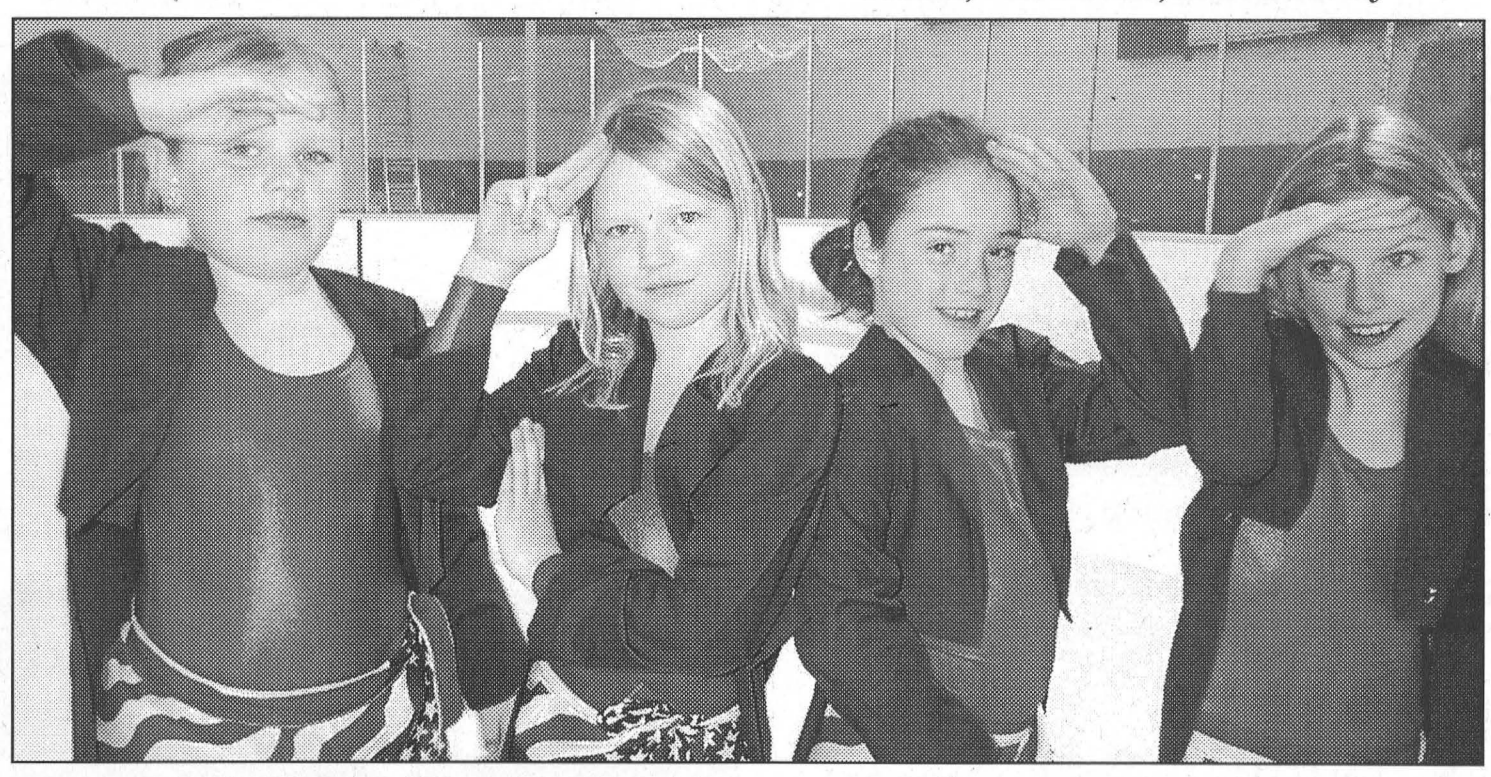
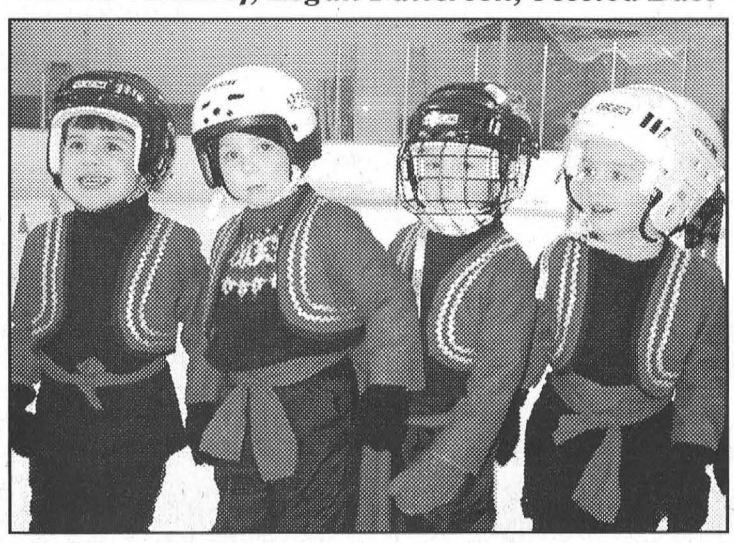


Mikayla MacMillan, Brenna German, Katherine Lee, Janice Stevens



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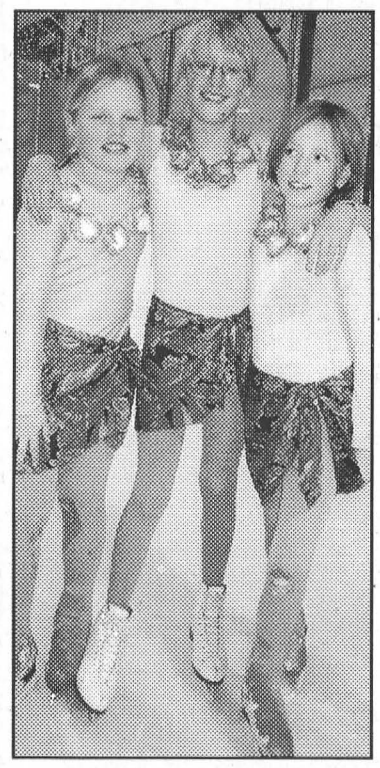

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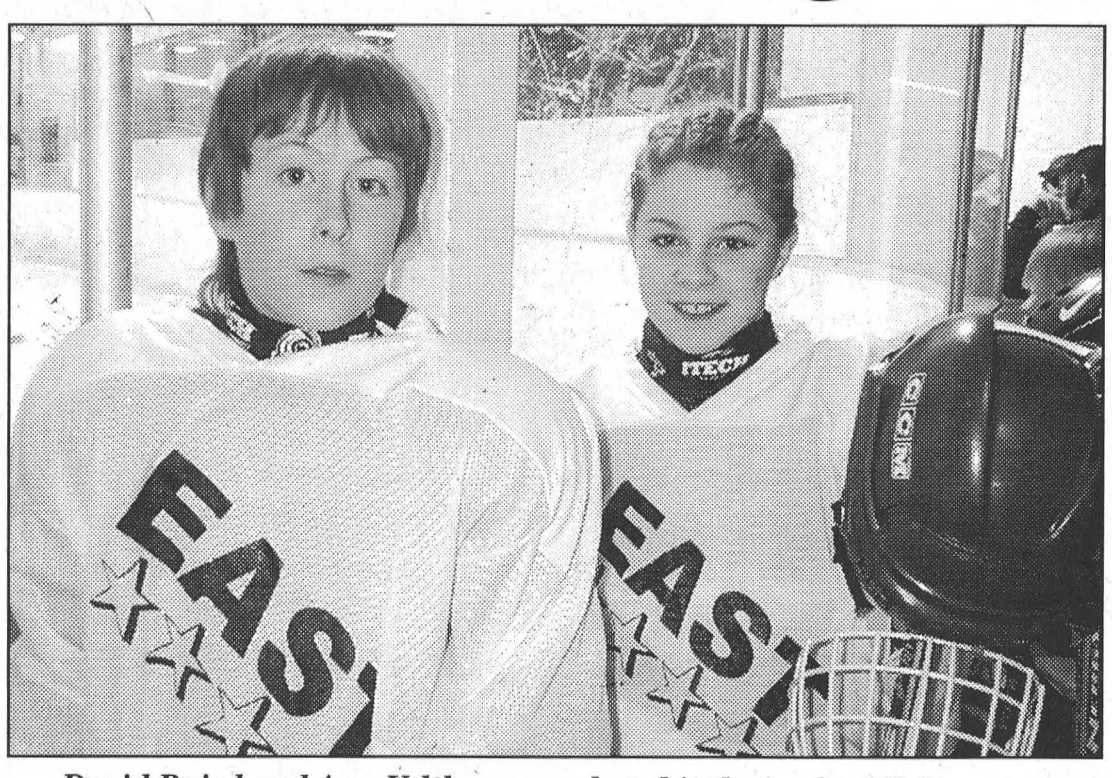
Atom B House All Stars

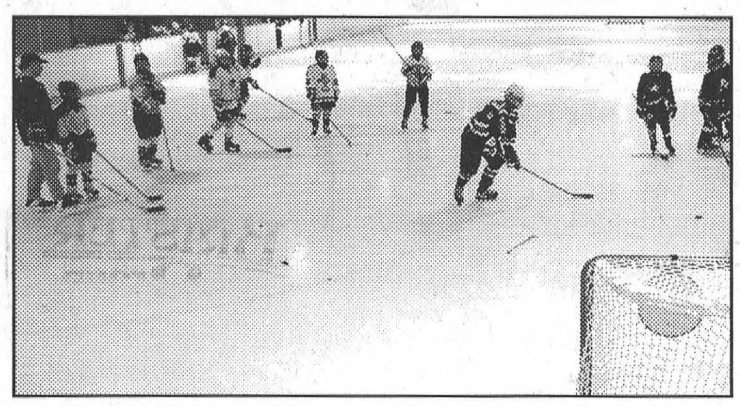
Great ending in East versus West



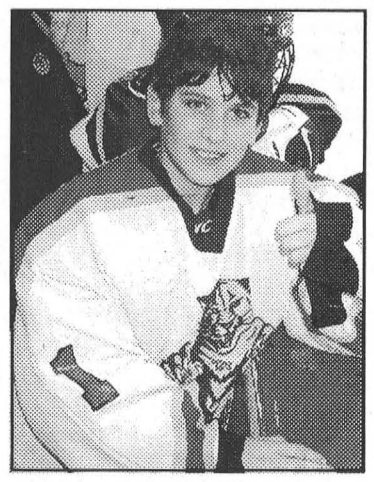
David Baird and Amy Veltkamp ready to hit the ice for All Star game



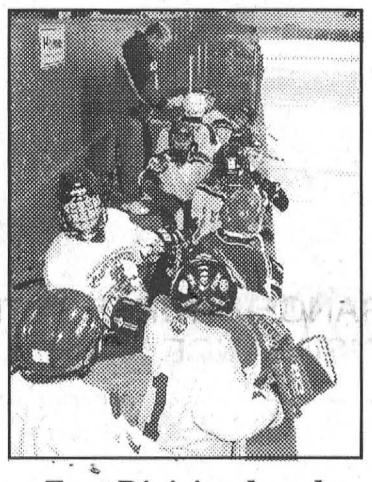
Initiation teams entertain at break



Shooting at targets was tough competition



East goalie Michael Boyd from Kemptville



East Division bench

MORRISBURG – The East Division Atom B House All Stars showed no mercy on their counterparts from the West, here Sunday night, as they went to work to carve out an 11-2 victory.

Several hundred people were in the stands to watch the East versus West evening of action which included a set of skills competitions, an entertaining Initiation game and the East versus West all star game.

The all star game was dominated by the East team which included local players Marc Beckstead, David Baird and Amy Veltkamp.

The East led 5-0 after the first period and 9-2 after the second. Handling the East's goaltending duties were Alex Billord and Michael Boyd.

Tyler Lashomb, Wes Pelkie and Tray Lawrence had two goals each and Marc Beckstead, Ryan Byers, Dylan Giberson, Tanner Smith and William Lackey provided singles.

Answering for the West were Brett Herlehy and Adam Sosnowski.

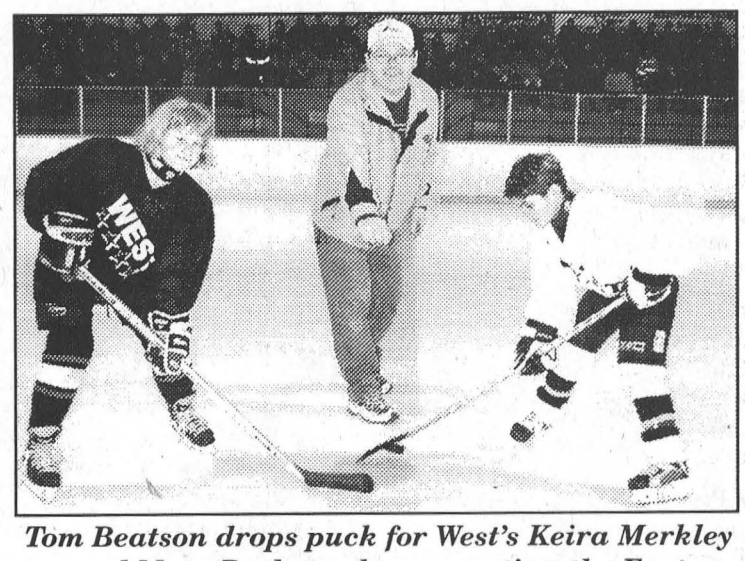
The evening kicked off with the skills competitions which consisted of timed relay races, target shoots, breakaway shoots on the goaltenders, and timed stick handling.

That was followed by an entertaining Initiation game involving teams from the South Dundas program.

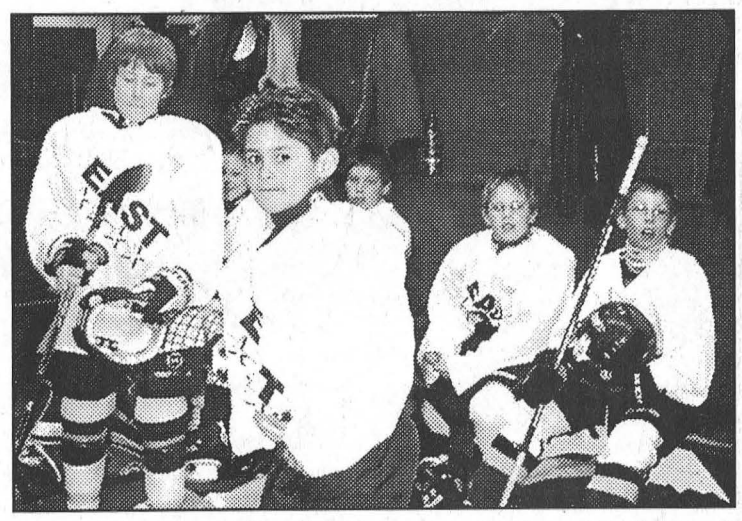
The South Dundas Minor hockey association was represented by Tom Beatson who dropped the puck for a ceremonial face off between Keira Merkley from the West and Marc Beckstead from the East.

Organizer Ernie Beckstead was very pleased with the outcome of the evening which saw a full table of food donated for the local food bank, and the local minor hockey association benefiting from a half and half draw.

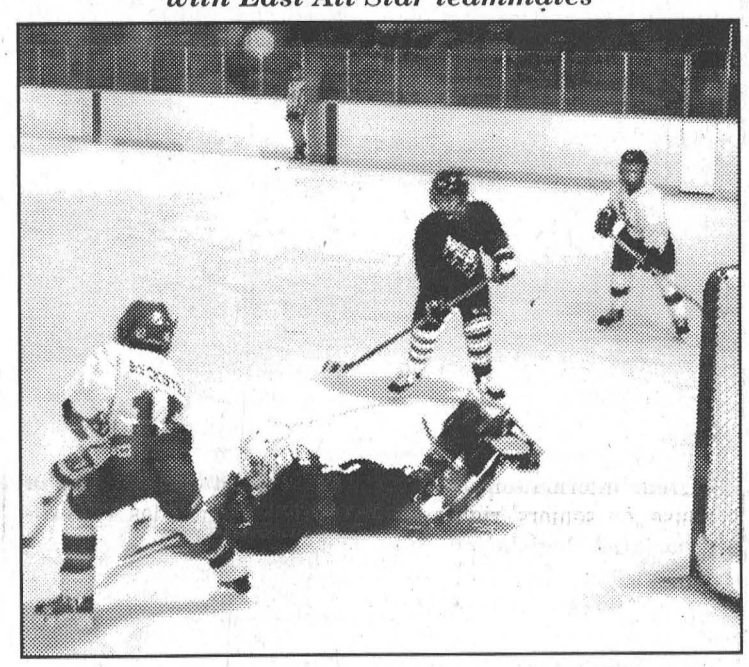
And right on target, all the All Stars had a great time.



Tom Beatson drops puck for West's Keira Merkley and Marc Beckstead representing the East



South Dundas' David Baird and Marc Beckstead with East All Star teammates



West goalie stops Marc Beckstead on this one

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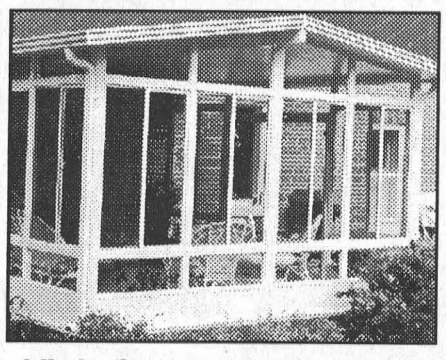

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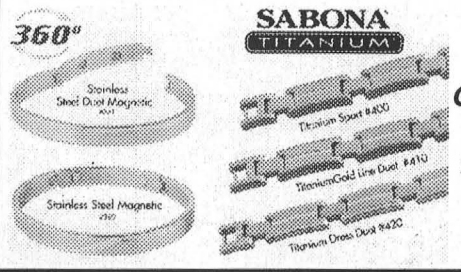

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Friday, April 2nd, 2004

from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3rd, 2004

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at Morrisburg Arena

Division	Ages	2004 Fees
T-Ball	4-6	$25.00
Novice	7-8	$35.00
Minor Baseball	9-10	$45.00
Minor Girls Softball	9-10	$45.00
Major Baseball	11-12	$55.00
Major Girls Softball	11-12	$55.00
Junior Baseball	13-14	$60.00
Senior Baseball	15-16	$70.00
Senior Girls Softball	13-15	$70.00
Big League Baseball	17-18	$80.00
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NOTE: Ages are as of December 31st, 2004

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Saturday, April 3rd, 2004

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at J.C. Whitteker Park, Williamsburg

Division	Age	Fees	Shirt Deposit	Total
BASEBALL				
T-Ball	4-6	$25.00	(Included)	$25.00
Novice	7-8	$35.00	$10.00	$45.00
Minor Boys	9-10	$45.00	$10.00	$55.00
Major Boys	11-12	$55.00	$10.00	$65.00
Junior Boys	13-14	$60.00	$10.00	$70.00
Senior Boys	15-16	$70.00	$10.00	$80.00
Big League	17-18	$80.00	$10.00	$90.00
SOFTBALL				
Minor Girls	9-10	$45.00	$10.00	$55.00
Major Girls	11-12	$55.00	$10.00	$65.00
Senior Girls	13-15	$70.00	$10.00	$80.00
Big League Girls	16-25	$80.00	$10.00	$90.00

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East division finalists

Midget House season wrap-up

MORRISBURG–The South Dundas Midget House Lions finished their season with some great hockey, ending tied for second in the standings with an impressive 13 wins, only five losses and six ties for 32 points which sent them into the play-offs against North Dundas #2.

In two games the Lions moved on to the next round by defeating the Demons 7-4 and 6-0. Andrew Tupper was in net in game one and Jeff Eamon nailed the shut out in game two.

Providing the goals in game one were Kyle Scott, Matt Thompson, Andrew Peters, Jordan MacGregor, Dan McLaughlin, Scott Speer and Ryan Morrow. Game two scorers were Andrew Adlington with two, Ben Baker, Matt Thompson, Craig Duvall, and Ryan Morrow.

In second round action the Lions met a fast hard hitting Alexandria team. It was expected to be a close series ,and the Lions were ready to go.

Game one ended tied 2-2. Jeff Eamon got the start between the pipes and Kyle Scott and Craig Duvall notched the Lions goals.

The Lions faced the next two games on the road and game two again ended in a 2-2 tie. Andrew Tupper guarded the Lions pipes while their goals came from Matt Thompson and Ryan Morrow.

For game three Eamon was back in net and the Lions found themselves trailing 1-0 after one period. They evened it after two with a Matt Thompson goal.

Period three was close at both ends, but Andrew Peters gave the Lions the lead halfway through the frame for a 2-1 lead. With time winding down, the Lions got their insurance from Matt Thompson assisted by Jordan MacGregor. Andrew Peters scored in the open net for the 4-1 victory.

The Lions were now off to the Eastern finals against the first place North Dundas #1 team. which had lost only three games all year, twice to the Lions.

Andrew Tupper was in net for game one in which penalties cost the Lions four power-play goals in a 5-2 loss. Thompson scored both Lions goals.

In game two at home, Eamon got the start. The home town crowd and the home ice surface set up for what would be one of the best games the Lions played all year.

This fast paced game saw the Lions skate to a 3-1 win. Ben Baker got the Lions started and Jordan McGregor added the other two.

Back to Chesterville for game there was the feeling someone was going to win. The Lions came out really flying going ahead 2-0 after the first.

In the second, the Demons got on the board to make it 2-1. The Lions got into penalty trouble opening the door for North Dundas who scored twice for a 3-2 lead. The Lions tried to come back but the Demons goalie got stronger as they got closer to victory. The Lions were unable to score and the Demons captured the eastern division championship.

Lions coach Mike McManus thanked his players for their hard work all year as they showed teams everywhere they went that they were one of the best teams around. Thanks also were given the parents for their cooperation throughout the year.

"We had great team chemistry and it showed in our play," says McManus. We had a lot of fun over the hockey season. This is a team I wish I could keep together each year, as it was one of the most fun years I have had as a coach. I hate for the season to end."

Overall the Midget House Lions had a great year being the Eastern Division Finalists, winning two tournament A championships, one tournament B championship and finishing once as a tournament A finalist.

Their record total was 28 wins, nine losses and eight ties in 45 games played.

Timothy Christian News

WILLIAMSBURG –Our primary grades are heading out to the sugar bush on a class trip. That, along with a horrifically muddy playground, is a sure sign of spring!

We have just begun our third and final term. Our students work hard around here, and we pray that we all may continue to teach and learn well in the last three months of the school year.

Our school community got together a few weeks ago and had our annual bazaar. We had a lot of fun and raised almost $11,000 for the school.

We have just finished up our basketball intramurals. This has kept our students in grades 5-8 happy during the winter months! Next up: soccer. All of us appreciate the extra time and effort that Rita Bergsma puts into our intramural program.

Our theme this year is "Look Up and Look Out." We look up to God daily and ask for his blessings; we look out for each other and for people who need help.

Currently there are two "look out" projects underway at TCS: kids are reading a lot of books for the biannual MS Readathon and many of our kids are participating in an art project depicting the importance of mission projects around the world.

April 26-30 is our Christian Education Week. This year's CEW theme is "Living Hope" and that theme comes from a Bible verse, 1 Peter 1:3, which reads, "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus." We have all kinds of activities scheduled for the week, I'll write about them next month.

Gary Postsma,
Principal

Senior abuse workshop to address the problems

CASSELMAN–The Abuse Education, Prevention and Response Project community training workshop has been rescheduled to this Thursday and Friday, April 1-2 at the Casselview Golf Club.

According to Canadian research, four percent of seniors have experience or are experiencing abuse. Some experts put the figure at 15-20 percent.

Despite their best intentions, usually no single service provider can meet the complex needs and challenges presented in a situation of elder abuse.

How can we improve the system of care required by elders who are abused or vulnerable to abuse?

The two day Community Training Workshop facilitates information-sharing between community members; provides current information on elder abuse, on seniors' rights and associated legislation, e.g. Substitute Decision Act, Health Care Consent Act, POA, etc; facilitates mapping out what currently exists to assist seniors; and helps to identify where and how we go from here.

Representatives from SD&G, Prescott Russell health and social services, housing and community support services, police services, long term care facilities and services mandated to prevent and address all types of violence and abuse are being invited to participate, although numbers will be limited.

The individual who attends should be interested in the issue of elder abuse and able to represent and make decisions for their sector or agency at this important event.

Bernadette Clement, a lawyer with the SD&G Legal Clinic, will assist Judith Wahl from the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly. There will be an opportunity for discussion in both English and French and resource materials, will be available in both languages.

The cost of the workshop of $50 which includes refreshment breaks and lunch.

For information call Joel Cote, Communication Officer for the Community Access Centre for the Eastern Counties at 936-1459 (extension 166).

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COMING EVENTS

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

SPRING YOGA
Wednesdays, 9:30–10:45, 7:30–8:45, April 7–May 26. Lakeshore Drive United Church. Cost: $45 or $6 per class. Instructor: Marni Marriott, 543-4075. 11-13p

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For Jason Coons and Charlotte Armstrong Sat., April 10, Heritage Restaurant (Cork & Barrel Pub), Chesterville. Doors open 8 p.m. $5 per person. 12-14p

PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
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DUNDAS FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE MEETING
Wed., April 7, Meeting Hall, Chesterville Town Hall, 8 p.m. 13c

YARD SALE
Fri., Sat., April 2, 3, 44 Beach St., Iroquois. Children's toys, basinet, crafts, baby supplies. 13p

MIXED PARTY
In honor of Jody Fraser and Scott Weagant Sat., April 10, 7 p.m., at Operating Engineers Training Institute, $5 at the door. D.J. Light lunch at midnight. 13-14c

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THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
Scripture Reference: Ephesians 2:8-9
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To believe is to be persuaded, to rely upon, and to trust in someone. God alone is trustworthy. "If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful (trustworthy): He cannot deny Himself" (II Timothy 2:13). We can depend on God when He states He will save us upon believing. 11-17p

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–Arleen Eckford and the Barkley family 13c

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–Ernie and Leisa Beckstead 13p

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The Week In Curling

MORRISBURG – The Tuesday night men finished off their season with pizza last night. Congratulations to the champions in the second draw, winners of the Pat Lid Trophy: Ian Wilson, Joe McCooeye, Bob Matheson and Frank Lalonde.

Our Tuesday afternoon ladies, in their final game of the season, had their friends from Prescott over for another friendly match yesterday. Who knows, the groups might even go for an interlocking schedule next year.

The Friday night mixed curlers have finished a very successful season. Winners of this draw were Gary Gallinger, John Toonders, Curtis Hynds and Monica Currier.

Friday the daytime men had their last friendly bonspiel of the year, with Brockville providing the opposition. Three of our teams curled five ends in the morning against the visitors, and three more finished off the games after lunch. Some of the players for the afternoon game forgot they were invited for lunch, so the rest of us had extra sandwiches and dessert. Pity. The Morrisburg heavies won two of the games. The skips were Ray Benoit, Jack Dikland, Wally McDonald, Neil Williams, Steve Thompson and Bob Bedingfield. Since it is late in the season, there was considerable substitution among the ranks of the hosts. Our senior men finish their last draw this Friday. Thanks to Gerry Thompson for coordinating an extremely complicated schedule, with twice the number of friendly matches we generally have, sandwiched in between the regular league games.

The Thursday night competitive league is in the midst of playoffs, and we may have the results by Wednesday night.

Janet Levere, who works in Williamsburg and curls out of the Winchester club, took a ladies' team to Stirling for the Trophy Event. They acquitted themselves well at the regional playdowns, winning one and losing two games. By the way, entries in many of the OCA events are often low. Next year, why not look at divisions for which you qualify, and plan to enter? Whether you win or not is relatively unimportant. You travel to different clubs, meet other curlers, and get to exchange news and views with them. Curlers are highly social, and are interesting people with whom to spend a day.

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In World Junior championship play at Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, the Mouzar rink from Canada finished first in women's round robin play, but lost in the final end to the Norwegian team, as the young Canadian skip was light on her last draw.

The men's Sherrard foursome, from Canada, were eliminated in a tiebreaker, and Sweden defeated Switzerland in the final on Sunday afternoon with a thrilling last shot.

We had two very fine rentals over the weekend, with Cheryl Lowe's group on Saturday organizing an excellent bonspiel, and the Hercheves family party on Sunday. Cheryl curls out of our club, and for years was one of the prime organizers behind the Kraft Bonspiel. She hopes to make this an annual event, and we look forward to having them again next year. The Hercheves family, now out of Montreal and Toronto, still has roots in the area, and is frequently back for a visit. Monday afternoon saw some visitors from Japan dropping in for a visit, and tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 we have the closing banquet, awards presentations, and our annual meeting. Sunday, the final bonspiel of the year, the Two-Person Mixed, will finish the season. Thanks to all who have made the season such a successful one. Good curling to all!

Spring clean-up praised

Warning against burning plastics

TORONTO–Anne Mitchell, Executive Director of the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP) is praising spring clean-up efforts of post-winter trash across the province of Ontario.

However, Mitchell wants to alert Ontarians to the environmental and health dangers of burning their plastic bottles, packaging and bags in backyard fire pits and burn barrels.

"This is a major source of toxic pollutant emissions that can seriously harm the environment and human health," she said.

Environment Canada studies reveal that one in four Ontarians regularly use burn barrels at their homes or cottages. The relatively low temperatures and low-oxygen combustion of backyard burn barrels, combined with the tendency to burn plastic bags, PVC waste, plastic bottles and containers, releases cancer-causing dioxins, furans, polyaromatic hydrocarbons, benzene, heavy metals and other pollutants into the air.

These harmful products fall back to earth and contaminate plants, soil and water.

A 2002 study from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) states that "backyard barrel burning" is the largest source of dioxin and furan emissions in the US, and a 2003 Environment Canada report indicates this practice is the largest remaining single source of environmentally occurring dioxins in Canada.

The burn barrels of less than 40 households can release the same combined amount of dioxins as a modern incinerator designed for servicing up to 120,000. Increased concern arises from the fact that open burning often takes place in rural areas, in close proximity to agricultural operations, where pollutants are absorbed by food crops.

Mitchell offered solutions, suggesting, "The problem can be reduced at the source, by 'buying smart' and choosing items with less plastic packaging, and by aggressively reducing household garbage volume by composting organic kitchen wastes.

It is also important to use approved landfills, and while it is less convenient to have neighbours share the task of transporting garbage and recyclables to a distant landfill or depot, it certainly is preferable to breathing in toxic smoke from burning plastic."

"Dioxin and furan pollution, especially when it is associated with burning plastic and other waste in backyard burn barrels, could be greatly reduced through the implementation of programs expanding the recycling and waste management services in rural areas of Ontario," continued Mitchell.

Mitchell went on to say that, "Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont have banned the burning of household and farm trash like plastic baling twine and plastic containers, and a proposed ban is currently being considered in New York State as well."

"I hope Ontario will follow this lead in the near future. This is an issue that deserves the attention of both Health Minister Smitherman and Environment Minister Dombrowsky. I urge them to act quickly to protect the health of Ontarians and our environment."

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Committee looking at future tourism strategy

WILLIAMSBURG – A meeting was hosted by the township, in mid-February, at the Iroquois Civic Centre, to bring together local stakeholders in the tourism industry.

The result of the meeting the formation of a small committee that will work towards setting up a tourism strategy for South Dundas.

They have had one meeting, and CAO Andy Brown says, "It was very productive."

The Ministry of Tourism, which was involved in the initial public meeting, has offered to facilitate another public session, however a date has not been set just yet.

Brown says he recognizes that it is too late to put a strategy in place for this year, but looks forward to having something in place for future tourist seasons.

When the next public meeting is scheduled, Brown says it will focus on a strategy for the next tourist season, but we will also look at what we can do immediately.

"We need to improve communications, inventory our assets, and work on beautification," says Brown. "Not we as a township, but we as a community."

"There are so many stakeholders, in so many different sectors, we need an updated strategic plan."

"This has to be a community based thing."

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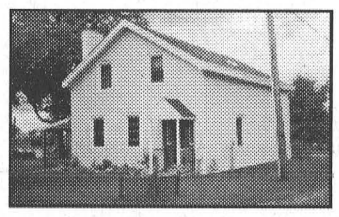
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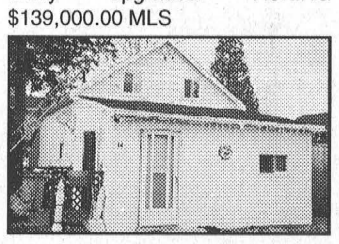
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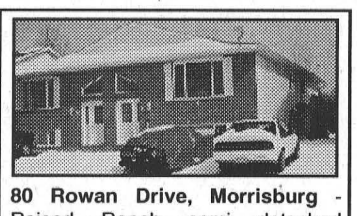
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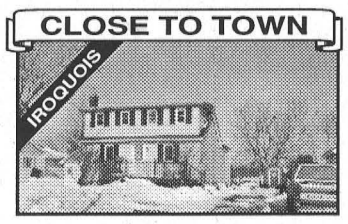
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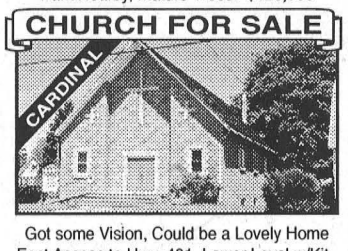
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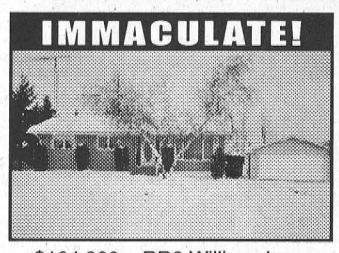
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Township helping to organize recreation in South Dundas

WILLIAMSBURG– Recreation in South Dundas is getting organized.

CAO Andy Brown, Manager of Recreation and Municipal Facilities, Don Lewis and councillor Ron Delegarde hosted a meeting of representatives of South Dundas' recreation organizations, March 23.

Eight representatives attended the meeting, the main purpose of which was to discuss facility management and program funding, says Brown.

This meeting was also held to discuss information and facts and to collect information on the buildings.

"We need to get the entire picture," says Brown.

Water issues in regards to testing at municipal buildings were discussed, with the representatives, as was the issue of implementing a bylaw appointing the OPP agents of the municipality to allow them the authority to enforce the trespass act, in areas owned by the municipality.

"The feeling of the people, that is the recreation representatives, is that they want it passed," says Brown. "Their feeling is that it is required."

Some recreation programs in South Dundas receive some funding from the municipality and others do not. Brown expects that these subsidies will be discussed at a future meeting, to allow the township to implement a policy for funding recreation organizations.



YMCA Figure Skaters Delight the Audience *McNairn photo*

The mystery skaters at Saturday night's annual Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Show were this wild and whacky crew straight from the YMCA. Not only did they enthral the audience with their skating skills, but they were all right there when it came to the hand gestures done in conjunction with the popular song. The YMCA crew, front l-r, include Rick Gilmer, Donald Black, Andy Lee, Robert Currier and Bill Morrow. Back, l-r are Matt Hall, Kevin Stewart, Bruce Wells, Mike MacMillan, David Lapier and Doug Gilmer.

Bantam C Girls

Playoff fate

MORRISBURG – The South Dundas Bantam C Girls hockey team is waiting for their playoff fate to be sealed.

The league consists of only five teams, so playoffs are handled in round robin fashion. South Dundas' four game playoff record is two wins, a loss and a tie. Now they are waiting for the outcome of the remaining games to see if they will make it to the championship match, where the top two teams will face off, at the Fred Barrett Arena in Gloucester, April 4.

The Bantam C Girls started the playoff round with a close 2-1 loss to Brockville, March 7.

Ali Tait scored the lone goal for the South Dundas team, unassisted in the second period. Her goal tied the game at one, but Brockville pulled out the game winning second goal in the third period.

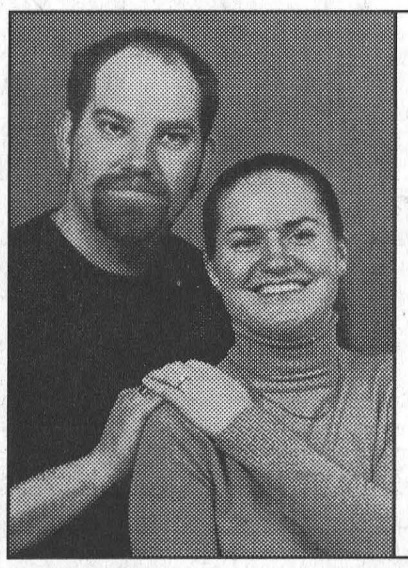
In their second playoff game South Dundas hosted Russell, March 9, and won 3-1.

Again Tait was the only goal scorer for South Dundas, netting all three. Tait scored unassisted goals in both the first and second periods. Her third goal came in the final minute and a half of the third period. Katie Casselman assisted.

South Dundas next traveled to Gananoque March 24, where the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Tait scored the South Dundas goal and Katie Casselman assisted.

The final round robin playoff game for South Dundas was played against Kemptville, March 25. South Dundas won, in the Kemptville arena 3-1.

The Lions held a 2-1 lead by the end of the first period, on goals scored by Tait, unassisted, and Jill Kirkwood, with Sarah Mackler and Kaitlyn MacDonald. Tait added South Dundas' third goal in the final period, with Katie Casselman assisting.



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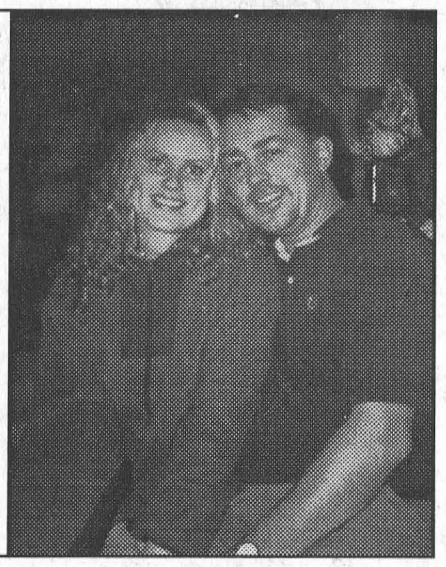
Forthcoming Marriage

Erlene McGuire of Ottawa is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Tara, to Bobby Jack Hart, son of Guy and Gayle Hart of Morrisburg, on Sat., May 8, 2004, 4 p.m., Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Riverside Heights. Open reception to follow at Morrisburg Legion, 7 p.m.



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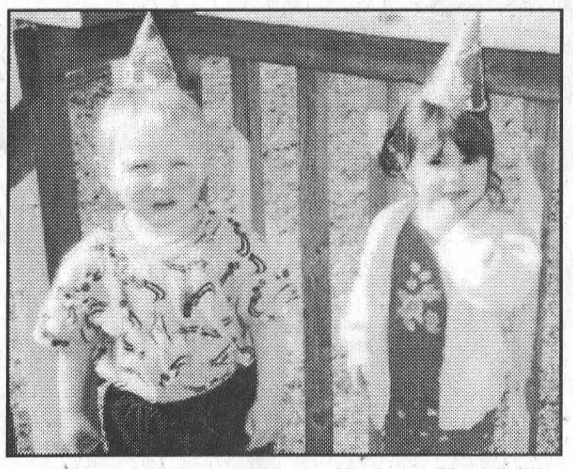

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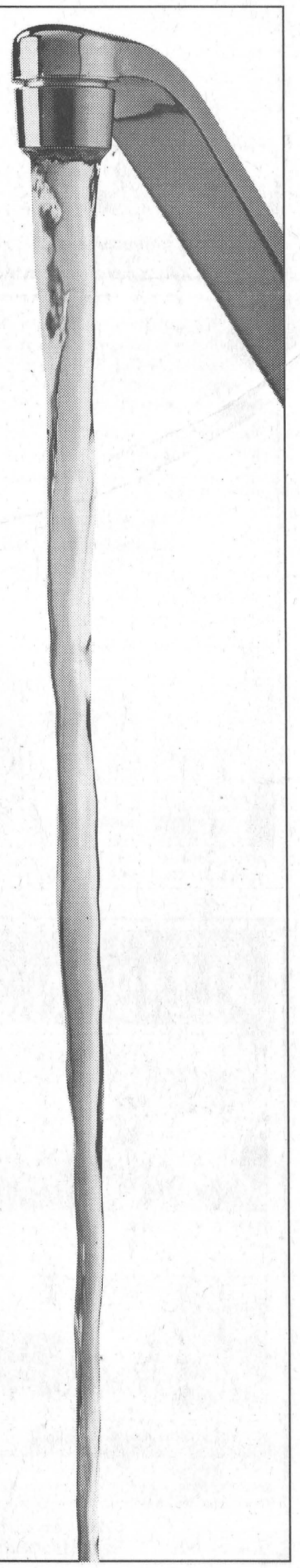

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