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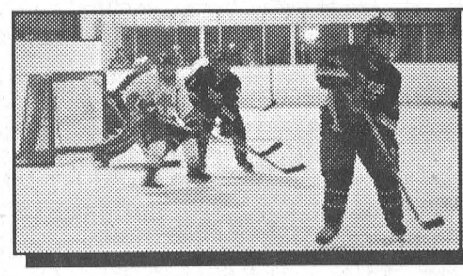

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McDonald's may come to Morrisburg

MORRISBURG – A major fast-food chain may be making its way to Morrisburg, but no one is yet ready to confirm the rumour.

Township of South Dundas planner, Donald Lewis has received an application from McDonald's Canada to renovate the existing MacEwen gas bar in Morrisburg for a new restaurant.

However, MacEwen officials will not confirm that the restaurant is coming to Morrisburg. They will only confirm that they are owners of the property and they have been in discussions with McDonald's, but nothing has been finalized, and they have nothing to report at this time.

No surprise, local hydro will cost more

WILLIAMSBURG – Speaking of the new provincial government's decision to remove the cap from electricity rates, John Allison, South Dundas' representative on the Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities Board of Directors, says, "It will cost us all more money, but the financial viability of electrical systems looks better."

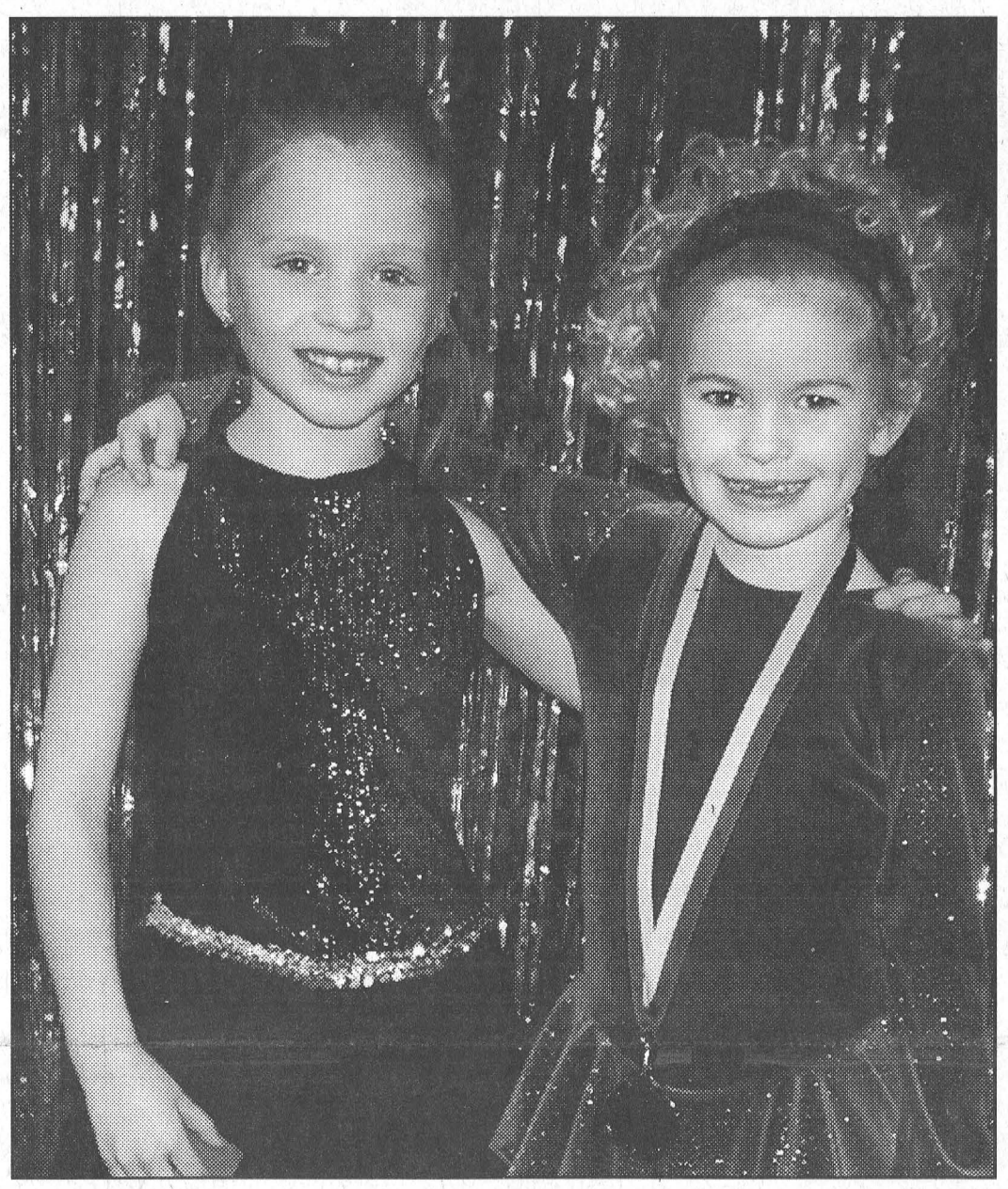
"Rideau St. Lawrence is in good shape," reported Allison at last Wednesday's South Dundas council meeting. "Our biggest challenges were presented by the government, and that now seems to be coming to an end."

Allison says RSL will probably increase its rates, pending approval. He explained that South Dundas users currently pay low service charges, because the municipality retained ownership in the utility. "Every bill is a little bit of a dividend."

Allison expects that even with a price increase, RSL rates will continue to be below those of Hydro One. "We will continue to be somewhat low, but within reason."

Rideau St. Lawrence currently provides water billing service for the Township of South Dundas, and Allison says, with the installation of meters, RSL is still capable of providing this service, as they do for Prescott.

Allison says the system is both good for the municipality and the ratepayers. "We can read the hydro and water meters at the same time. It's simply done."



A Skater's Big Moment *McNairn photo*

Alyssa MacMillan (left) and Erin Stewart were among 328 skaters who participated in the annual Invitational Skate hosted by the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club on the weekend. The competitions began just after noon on Saturday and ran through until about 10 p.m. They resumed Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. and wrapped up at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday night. It was a memorable weekend for Alyssa and Erin who are pictured above at the awards podium. Erin skated to a second place medal finish in the CanSkate Ladies D group and Alyssa picked up the fourth place ribbon. For related photos and story see pages 4 and 9.

The big tree tradition continues in Iroquois

IROQUOIS – In keeping with tradition, a 25 foot tall Christmas tree was installed in the centre of the Iroquois Shopping Plaza Friday morning.

A giant Christmas tree has stood in the plaza to mark the season for decades. "There has been a tree here every Christmas since the time of the Seaway," said Iroquois Business Group president Jeff Beaupre. "It has always been a part of our community."

The project of installing the Christmas tree is now a partnership between the Iroquois Business Group, the Township of South Dundas and Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities.

"The tree was generously donated by Fowler's Tree Farm, (Marge, George and Bob Fowler)," added Beaupre, who says the project is a real community effort.

Along with the tree, part of the Iroquois Business Group initiative is to light up every business, and the area in front of the plaza.

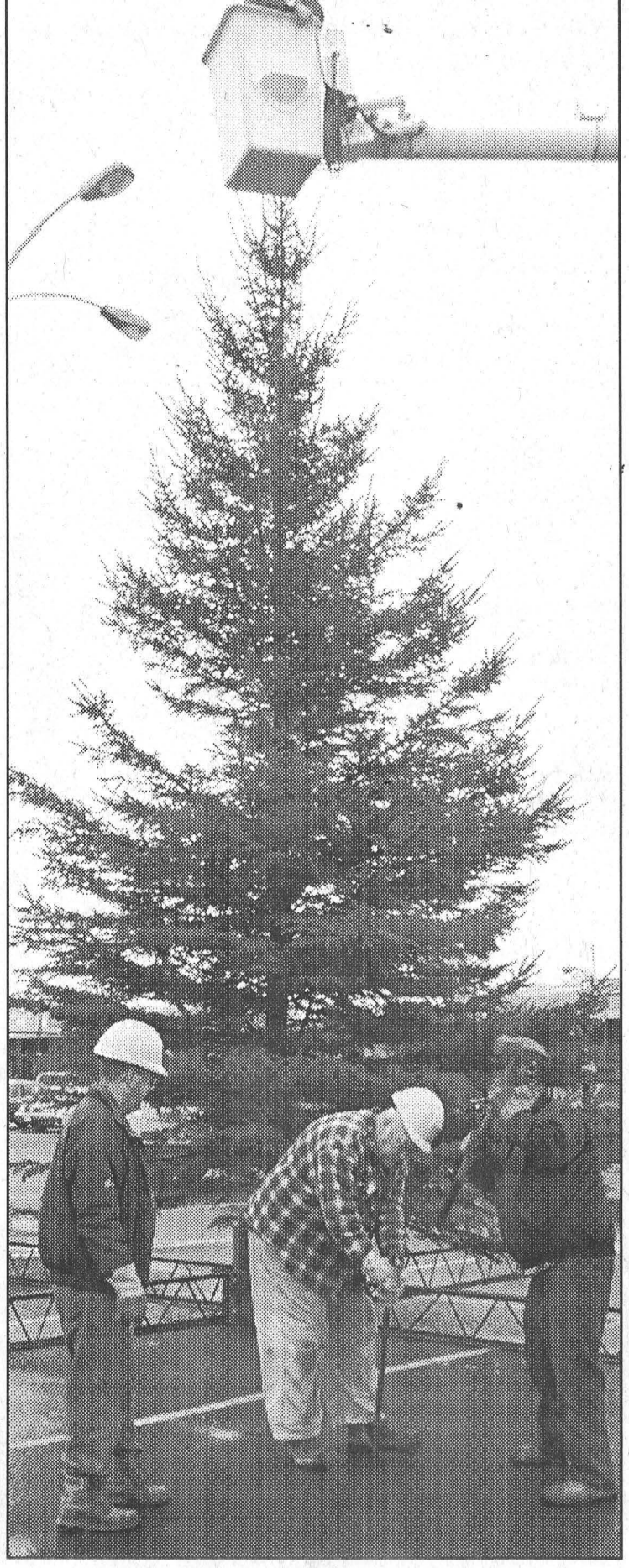
"In the spirit of giving, the business group donated the lights," said Beaupre. "South Dundas township staff puts them up, to help us keep the spirit of the season alive."

The information booth, located in the plaza has been lit up, and transformed into Santa's Workshop for the season. Thanks to the artwork of Kent McDermid, Santa stands on the rooftop and welcomes everyone to the plaza.

The Iroquois Business Group will host its Christmas activities on Saturday, December 13.

The Iroquois Fire Department will drop Santa off at his workshop at 1 p.m. on the 13th were he will be handing out candy and small gifts to the children of South Dundas. There will be gift basket draws for the adults who come with their children.

Beaupre invites everyone to come to Iroquois and enjoy the day's festivities.



Pictured right, South Dundas Township and Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities workers get the giant tree ready for decorations.

South Dundas Communications Committee

Trying to keep moving forward

WILLIAMSBURG – The South Dundas Communications Committee is on a restrained time line to move ahead with the expansion of the fibre optics network to rural South Dundas, explained councillor Cam Martel at the last South Dundas Council meeting.

The Committee, which includes, Roy Brister, Cam Martel, Bill Ewing, Andy Brown and Anne Marie Waddell, submitted a year-end report at the last council meeting.

The report includes a synopsis the committee's accomplishments over the past year.

In January, the committee was asked by the South Dundas Economic Development Commission to be the working committee for the building of the rural broadband business plan, for which it had received $30,000 in matching funds from Industry Canada.

CTCanada was selected to write the business plan, which included a Request for Proposal for a vendor to.do the actual build of the infrastructure, and Prophet Technologies was selected as the winning bidder.

After the technical and financial scrutiny of Industry Canada the application was selected to receive $1,696,000 in funding.

The committee has met with Industry Canada representatives, and Martel says, "They would like us to continue, to maintain our course until we are told differently. So that's where we are right now."

"Is the deadline for the $1.7 million March?" asked councillor Charles Barkley.

"Yes," answered Martel.

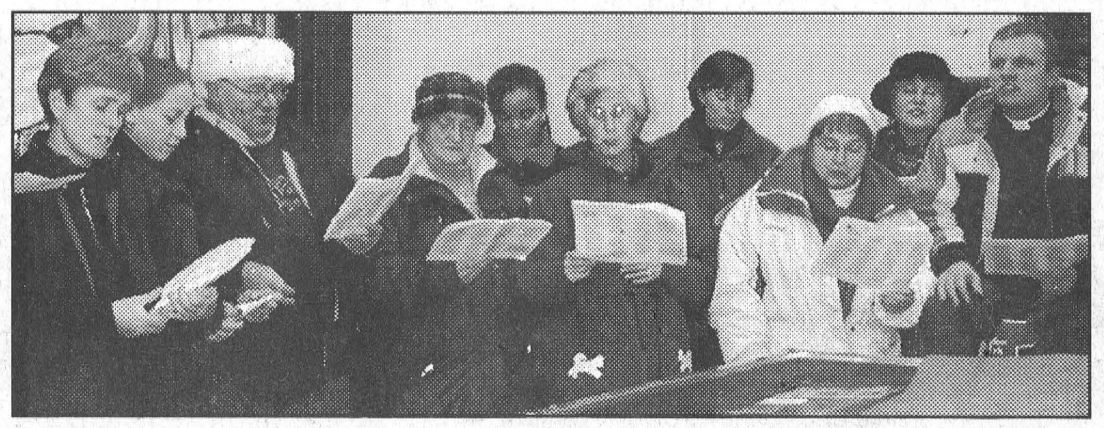
"So if no effort is made (to proceed with the build), how will they (Industry Canada) interpret that?" asked Barkley. "Will they give the money to someone else?"

Martel suggested that may be the case, since the SDEDC went through a competitive process to earn the grant, however, "They are encouraging us to go forward," he said.

Martel also mentioned that private and public partnerships are an integral part of the project.

"We have be in communication with the Bells of the world in the past, and they weren't interested," said Martel.

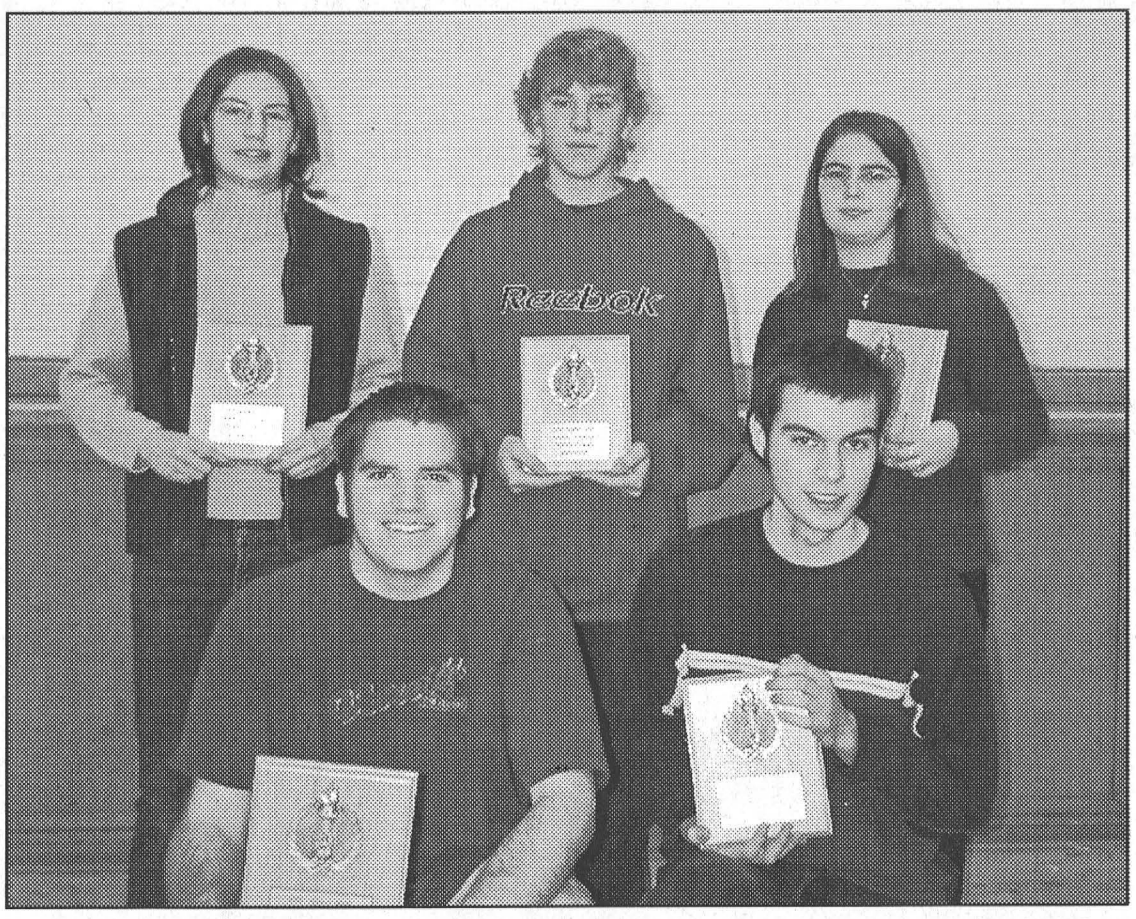
"Maybe now that we have some money, they might be interested," said Martel, adding that he will encourage those partnerships.



Music to Shop By

Members of the Seaway Singers choir under director Rev. Mark Ehlebracht entertained shoppers at Mike's Valu-mart during the shop until midnight event held by merchants in Morrisburg Friday night.

Academic awards handed out at Seaway



SDHS General Proficiency Award Winners *Comfort Photo*

Seaway District High School held their annual academic awards ceremony last Tuesday. Top students in every subject received recognition for their efforts. Above are the grade 10 and 11 general proficiency award winners. Above front l-r, are grade 11 winners, Samuel Bilodeau, first with an average of 90.9 pecent, and Adam Goodmurphy second with an 88.6 percent average. Absent from photo is third place Agnes Weiershauser (88.1%). Back l-r are grade 10's top three students, Meagan Derksen (first - 86.6 percent), Adam Keller (second - 85.6 percent) and Stephanie Racine (third - 84.6 percent).

Honour Roll

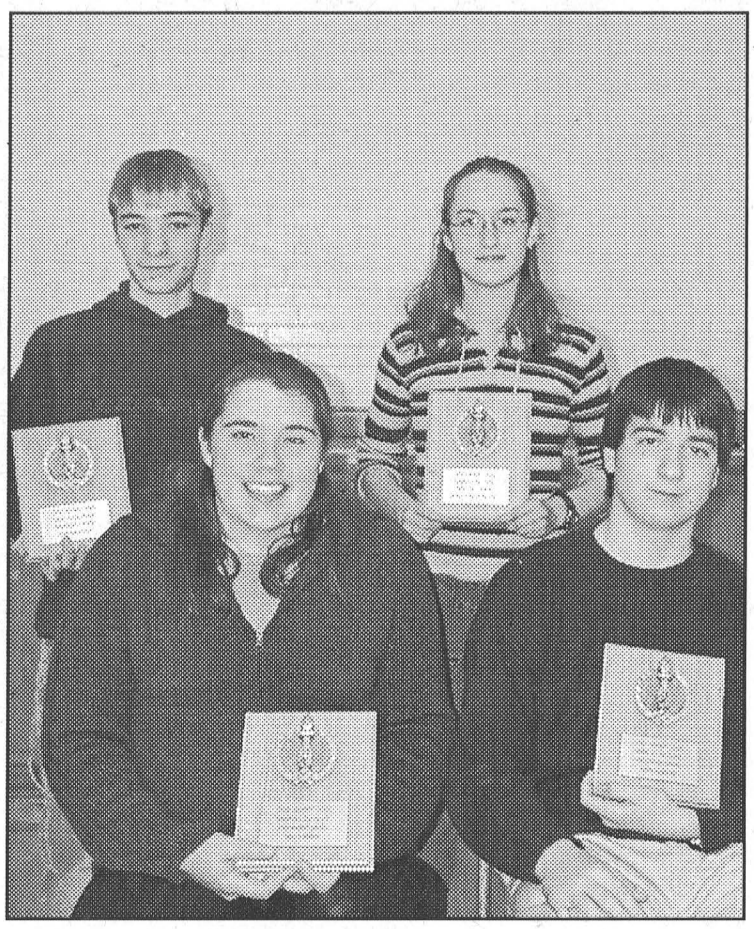
Grade 9 - Carolyn Augusta, Jennifer Baird, Alyssa Baker, Holly Byker, Rita Cormier, Rose Deighton, Henri DeVries, Elizabeth Errington, David Jones, Cameron Keicks, Sarah Lascelle, T.J. McManus, Timothy McMillan, Ryan Morrow, Kayla Spruit.

Over 90 Club - Adam Bilodeau, Dayna Schneckenburger.

Grade 10 - Angela Baird, Shannon Beckstead, Andrew Byvelds, Jesse Coligan, Jennifer Cummings, Meagan Derksen, Lindsay Fawcett, Christina Goodridge, William Howard, Tracy Jones, Adam Keller, Woody McCadden, Gregory O'Neil, Natalie Potvin, Stephanie Racine, Dan Toonders, Peggy Welsh, Nicholas Whelan.

Grade 11 - Douglas Cox, Robert Cox, Alyssa Dekleine, Sally Dentz, Adam Goodmurphy, Kevin Groniger, Erin Hendriks, Matthew Hoftyzer, Robert Nieter, Sara Stime, Sarah Tuttle, Mélanie Weatherhead, Agnes Weiershauser.

Over 90 Club - Sam Bilodeau.



Proficiency Award Winners

Among the students awarded for their academic achievements at Seaway District High School's annual academic awards assembly were grade 9 general proficiency award winners, Adam Bilodeau (front right) first, and Dayna Schneckenburger (back right) second. Holly Byker (front left) and Cameron Keicks (back left) shared third place honours.

SDHS individual subject award winners

Art - T.J. McManus, Kristen Schaillee, Patricia Pepers, Christina Goodridge, Jennifer Cummings, Emma Stime, Sally Dentz. **Business Education** - Meagan Derksen, William Howard, Sarah Scott, Alyssa Dekleine (x2), Agnes Weiershauser. **Career Studies** - Angela Baird, Lorraine Baylis, Meagan Derksen, Leah Summers. Civics - Jennifer Cummings. **Computers** - Cameron Keicks. Drama - Adam Bilodeau, Leanne Bing, Woody McCadden, Robert Nieter, Sam Bilodeau and Matthew Hoftyzer. **Family Studies** - Katherine Van Haren, Kate Wilson, Callie Dickson (x2), Stacey Lapier, Amy Tryon, Caitlyn Markell, Jennifer Devries, Erin Hendricks. **History** - Mikhail Honarvar, Matt MacDonald, Robert Nieter, Katherine Van Haren, Andrew Byvelds, Nick Whelan, Kaitlyn Madge. **Music** - Holly Byker, Craig Duvall, Cameron Keicks, Ryan Morrow, William Howard, Alyssa Dekleine. Law - Mark Byvelds, Scott Workman. **English** - Dayna Schneckenburger, T.J. McManus, Nora Casselman, Adam Keller, Jennifer Cummings, Stacie Lafrance, Robert Cox, Kaitlyn Madge, Stacey Henry (x2), Emma Stime. **French** - Alyssa Baker, T.J. McManus, Carolyn Augusta, Adam Bilodeau, Elizabeth Errington, Lindsay Fawcett, Adam Keller, Natasha Corneau, Katelyn Merkley, Sarah Smith, Adam Goodmurphy, Sarah Tuttle, Agnes Weiershauser, David Adams, Kaitlyn McElheran, Allison Dowler. **Geography** - Robert Nieter and Elizabeth Errington, Alex Dekleine. **Individual Family Living** - David Bradford. **Math** - Dayna Schneckenburger, Miranda Deschamps, Milissa Groniger, Dylan McCormac and Natalie McDonell, Nora Casselman, Adam Bilodeau (x2), Meagan Derksen (x2), Josh Heagle, Shane Carroll, Jesse Coligan, Sam Bilodeau (x2). **Physical Education** - Henri Devries and Alyssa Baker, Leah Summers, Alyssa Whitteker, Justin Edwards, Matt McDonald, Glen Tibben, Dan Toonders, Andrew Vivaraies, Kaitlyn McElheran, Margaret Pope, Doug Cox. Science - Adam Bilodeau, T.J. McManus, Nora Casselman. **Technical Education** - Natalie Cox, Steven Zappa and Maxwell Hollands, Meagan Derksen, Adam Keller, Jason Kenney, Jennifer Cummings, Joey Marsolais, Sam Bilodeau (x2), Adam Goodmurphy, Ashley Rathwell, Robert Cox (x4), Kevin Phifer, Andrew Byvelds. **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Certificates** - Jeff Brooks, Tim Cowan, Matt Derouchie, Chris Harper, Kevin McIntosh.



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Within seconds, as Shaver continues to remove the paper the stack of drills has dwindled.



Less than one minute has gone by and behind smiling Canadian Tire proprietor Peter Oliver, the last drill has been claimed.

Santa here Saturday

MORRISBURG–You'd better watch out. You'd better not pout. That's right, because Santa Claus is coming to town this Saturday, December 6 to participate in the annual Morrisburg Santa parade.

This year's parade will start to roll at 11 a.m. from the parking lots of the Knight's Inn, Canadian Tire and Giant Tiger.

Parade organizer, that jolly old elf himself, George Davies says this year's Santa extravaganza will be every bit as big, if not bigger than last year's.

"Hopefully the weather will be with us, and hopefully we'll see lots of people lining the streets all along the parade route," says a very excited Davies mentioning that he has a very impressive list of five bands joining in the fun.

And just in case anyone is worried, he has spoken personally to the big guy and has received confirmation that Santa has found time in his busy schedule for a visit to Morrisburg.

"I was talking with him and he said, 'everything is looking good'. He has had reports that youngsters in South Dundas have been very good this year, so he looks forward to a visit."

Santa is also very happy to hear there will be a toy collection at this year's parade and these toys will be going to Winchester Hospital.

"The fire department's rescue vehicle will be located right behind Santa in the parade and its back doors will be open to receive the toys," explains Davies. "The hospital is in need of toys to entertain children in the waiting areas, as well as to be a comfort when they are receiving treatment or at the hospital in an emergency situation."

Davies is extremely thankful to businesses from throughout South Dundas who contribute financially to the parade for the enjoyment of the community.

"We have 38-40 sponsors this year, and that really helps to make the parade a success. Many people don't realize we have to pay the bands which can cost up to $650 each. Last year's costumes cost just shy of $600, so financial contributions are very important."

The parade will leave the parking lot areas at 11 a.m. and head out on the following route: down St. Lawrence Street; west on Fifth Street; south on Augusta Street to First Street; East on First Street to Ottawa Street; north to Maude Street; east on Maude Street to Sir James Morris Drive; north on Sir James Morris to Fifth Street; east to Dairy Street; north on Dairy Street turning west through the Shopping Plazas; crossing Ottawa Street to swing into The Hartford Retirement Centre parking lot; ending at the Morrisburg Fire Station.

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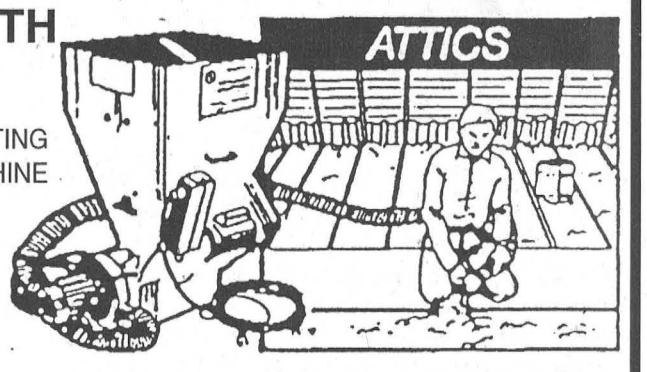

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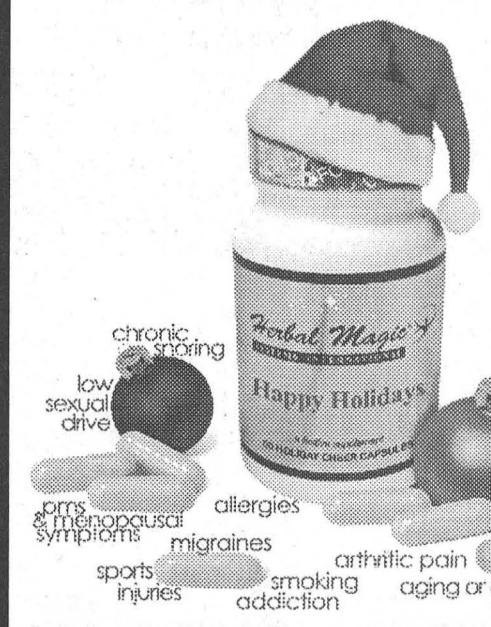

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Who's running what?

Over the last week our council has changed, with our new council sworn into office last night (Tuesday).

Before we go forward, we would like to take this one last opportunity to look back and say thank you to those who have left their council chairs. These individuals are of course, Robert Gillard, Cam Martel and Bill Ewing. Each has brought his talents and interests to the council table and each has worked hard for South Dundas.

Sure we haven't all agreed with all the decisions council has made in the past, and we can almost certainly say we won't all agree with all of the decisions yet to be made.

But, when you step up to public office to represent your community, there are decisions you have to make and some are pretty tough decisions. Many times these decisions are made for the betterment of the community, even though those who are making the decisions know they aren't going to be popular.

And when you make an unpopular decision even if you make it for all the right reasons, you know you are putting yourself on the line, and that smart but unpopular decision could be your undoing come election time.

During the recent municipal election campaign, there was a lot of talk from those running for office of what they were going to do if elected. We heard "we are going to look at this, and we are going to look at that...and we are going to fix this...and we are going to fix that...and we are going to get rid of this...and we are going to get rid of that." A lot of talk was probably just that... talk. Little seemed to be based on fact...little took into consideration what can and can't be done legally and even less took into account what the laws of the land allow.

We were told it was time for a change. There was too much secrecy with the old council, too much being kept from the citizens of the community.

Well that may or may not have been the case, but now we have to wonder if decisions are going to be made at our council table or around the Concerned Citizens table. Talk about secrecy. Other than two or three, we aren't even sure just exactly who these so-called concerned citizens are. So what is the agenda here?



Morrisburg Skate Team Tops at Invitational *McNairn Photo*

Thirty one Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club Skaters teamed to win the Gilmer Pharmacy Points trophy at the annual Invitational hosted by the local club on the weekend. All of the above skaters contributed to the win picking up points for first to seventh place finishes. In total the Morrisburg skaters brought hold 11 gold medal performances. Pictured above, in no particular are Meghan Adams, Hayley Mills, Amy Veltkamp, Brianna Stewart, Kelsey Hall, Lindsay Gilmer, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Jessica Thompson, Courtney Thompson, Kathleen German, Alyssa MacMillan, Erin Stewart, Allison Lee, Alisha VanHoof, Kirsty Robinson, Logan Patterson, Kaila VanHoof, Kristen Stewart, Katherine Lee, Morgan Baxter, Brenna German, Bryanna Hickman, Kelsey Baxter, Mikayla MacMillan, Haley VanAllen, Michaela Morrow, Jessica Bass, Leah Wells, Morgan Hass, Katherine Lee and Janice Stevens.

Seen 'n Heard Around the Town

Okay, here we are into the month of December and the time to start thinking about the holidays. First up of course is the annual Santa Claus Parade here in Morrisburg, this Saturday, December 6. All of Santa's helpers and floats will be lining up in the parking lots of the St. Lawrence Inn and Canadian Tire before working their way down through the shopping plaza. The parade heads out at 11 a.m. so spectators should time themselves accordingly.

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This Thursday night, December 4 the lights are being turned on at Upper Canada Village to kick off the third annual "Alight at Night" presentation which each year gets better and better. Opening at 5 p.m. each evening, the Village will once again provide a magical holiday experience for all to enjoy and this year you will be dazzled by more than 150,000 lights. As well this year, the display will be open every night of the week except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Admission to Alight at Night is $3 per adult and $2 per child (five to 12 years). Wagon rides are also available at an additional charge. A visit to Upper Canada Village for "Alight at Night" makes for a truly wonderful winter excursion and members of the community are invited to include a visit or two in their plans.

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There is a big Lion about to let out a mighty big ROAR for all groups in South Dundas that use the Lion as their logo. The new "Leo the Lion" mascot will make his debut in the community this Saturday at the arena in Morrisburg at 1 p.m. Leo is being introduced at the second annual Lions Day which will feature minor hockey games throughout the day. The community is invited to stop in at the arena and take in some minor hockey at its finest and get a first peak at Leo.

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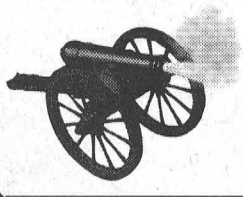
Well, we had our first taste of winter on the weekend and it was quite a taste indeed...a fair amount of snow, wind to blow it around, a cold north wind and extremely slippery driving conditions. We all knew it had to come sooner or later...but later would have been better.



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Pictured on the front page of the December 1 issue was Jim Fraser as he celebrated his 95th birthday at a surprise party at the Morrisburg Legion. The surprise party was sprung immediately following the Legion Choir practise as the World War I Veteran prepared to leave for home. That's when the hall doors burst open and more than 100 people rushed through, led by Reeve Gord McGregor on the pipes. With tears swelling in his eyes, the shy, diminutive Scotsman thanked everyone for coming and gave a big hug to Judy Laurin, who coordinated the affair.

The Morrisburg Lions Club Angel tree was up and decorated with 110 Angels at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Morrisburg. In each of the previous four years, the Angel Tree had helped on the average 140 needy children.

Updated Bell service was set to kick in on December 16, making three new services available to people in the area including call waiting, call forward and three-way calling. Morrisburg was among the last communities in the 613 area still operating on old equipment. The switch-over to digital equipment in Morrisburg cost $600,000.

Skipped by Amy Cooper, the Morrisburg rink of Ashley Cooper, Rebecca Cooper and Leslie McDonell won the regional junior girls competition in Brighton and would advance to Barrie in April for a chance to represent Ontario in the 1995 Winter Games.

1983

The November 30 issue reported that about 300 people braved freezing rain to hear candidates for the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry riding speak at an all-candidates meeting. Although Tory candidate Noble Villeneuve was considered the favorite in a riding that had been predominately blue for over 30 years, both Liberal candidate Johnny Whitteker and NDP candidate Rudi Derstroff impressed the crowd. The by-election was set for December 15.

Forty enterprising canoeists from Lakehead University were to embark in the spring on a 1,900 km journey retracing the waterway fur trade route from Montreal to Thunder Bay. Among the students was 21-year-old Clayton Barkley of RR1 Morrisburg.

The congregation of St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg was busy removing the effects of 90 years of wood and coal heat to their building. The building was being restored as closely as possible to its original condition and colour.

Russ Fader was returned as president of the Iroquois Golf Club.

More than 250 friends and relatives got together to roast and toast Big Doug Casselman who had recently announced his retirement from the Williamsburg Pioneer Ball Club.

1973

Headlines in the November 30 issue read: Construction to start on Monday at extension to local community centre. The final hurdle to begin the project had been overcome when the Ontario Municipal Board approved the expenditure of $181,280 for the project. The project included the addition of three dressing rooms and a restaurant.

Gloria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinkus of Williamsburg, had recently graduated from the Cornwall Regional School of Nursing having successfully completed her RN exams.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions squeaked past the Prescott Saints 8-7. Doug McNairn led the Lions with a hat trick, Allan Hare supplied a pair and singles were scored by Dale Swerdfeger, Billy Veley and Jim Losey. The Lions were holding second place in the south division standings six points back of the Cardinal Broncos.

Floyd Fisher Real Estate had a well-insulated three bedroom, frame, bungalow with a river view in the Iroquois area listed for sale for $15,000.

1963

The November 29 issue reported that distinguished Service Certificates from the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario were presented to six retired Dundas County Public School teachers with over 40 years of service. The certificates were given to Miss Minnie Smith who had taught grade 2 in Morrisburg Public School for 52 years; Miss Gertrude Campbell who had taught grade one in Morrisburg for 50 years; Miss Gertrude Lane for 42.5 years of teaching in Iroquois; Miss Edith Render who had taught in Iroquois for 40 years; Miss Emma Gardner who had taught for 40 years in Iroquois and Miss Carrie Hunter who had taught for 41.5 years in Morewood.

1953

Headlines in the December 4 issue read: Brewery Warehouse Held Up. Four armed bandits held up and robbed the local store of the Brewer Warehousing Company, shortly before 6 p.m. on December 4 and wounded two employees and one customer before making good their escape. According to police, the amount stolen was valued at $300. The four bandits walked into the store and ordered the employees and one customer Harry Tindal to lie on the floor before rifling the safe of its cash contents. Two employees, Gordon Smith and his brother Edward (Ted) Smith received serious gashes about the head when struck with a revolver butt as did the customer Harry "Joe" Tindal. Morrisburg Chief of Police, Maurice Fraser was investigating and being assisted the Ontario Provincial Police.

1943

The issue reported that Fred H. Broder, Edward Jones and Percy E. Ouderkirk had been nominated for the position of Reeve in the village of Morrisburg. Those nominated for council included Edward Jones, P. E. Ouderkirk, Arnold Meyer, T.R. Parker, John W. Weston, Enos Allison, A.M. Jarvis, Erdley Coons, Roy Schell, Sam Agulnik, George E. Beavers and Alex Runciman.

In Williamsburg Township Oscar Beckstead, Edgar Whitteker, and Frank Darling were nominated for Reeve. John H. Wells was elected deputy reeve by acclamation and Frank M. Casselman, E.A. Van Allen, Melvin Dillabough, George Hess, Andrew Allison, Bernice McIntosh and John McMillan were running for the three council seats.

The issue reported the death of John W. Warren of Toronto. Born in Carleton Place in 1862, Mr. Warren married Ida Dain of Morrisburg and during his residence in Morrisburg he was associate editor with the late George P. Graham and later editor of the Morrisburg Herald.

South Dundas Christmas Exchange

Several ways to help

MORRISBURG – Organizers of the fourteenth annual Christmas exchange are presently coordinating this year's Food and Toy Drive, and the public are invited to help sort and assemble food boxes at the Legion Hall in Morrisburg on Wednesday, December 17 at 10 a.m.

This year organizers are encouraging schools, churches and businesses to collect canned and packaged food items. The Morrisburg and area Lion's Club as well as the Iroquois Chieftain will once again set up angel trees in the local banks, which ensures that each needy child will be provided with a toy.

As the food bank works in conjunction with the Exchange, their financial strain is lessened with the help of the Christmas Exchange. The clients who receive a Christmas hamper will not receive the allotment of items from the food bank for the month of December.

Always in demand are knitted items for the children. A mitten tree located at the Bank of Montreal in Morrisburg provides knitters an opportunity to place toques, scarves and mittens on the tree for many of the children on our list.

Money jars will be available in The Beer Store in Morrisburg as well as at local banks. Tax receipts are provided for those who give their donations to treasurer, Carol Richer, or mail to: South Dundas Christmas Exchange, Box 1114, Morrisburg, Ont., K0C 1X0.

If your organization or industry would like to get involved, contact Robin at 543-3412.

South Dundas Fire Departments

2003 fire reports

WILLIAMSBURG – According to reports presented at last Wednesday's South Dundas council meeting, experiencing an increased number of calls between 2002 and 2003 were the Williamsburg and Morrisburg Fire Departments. The number of calls that the Iroquois Fire Department responded to decreased for the second consecutive year.

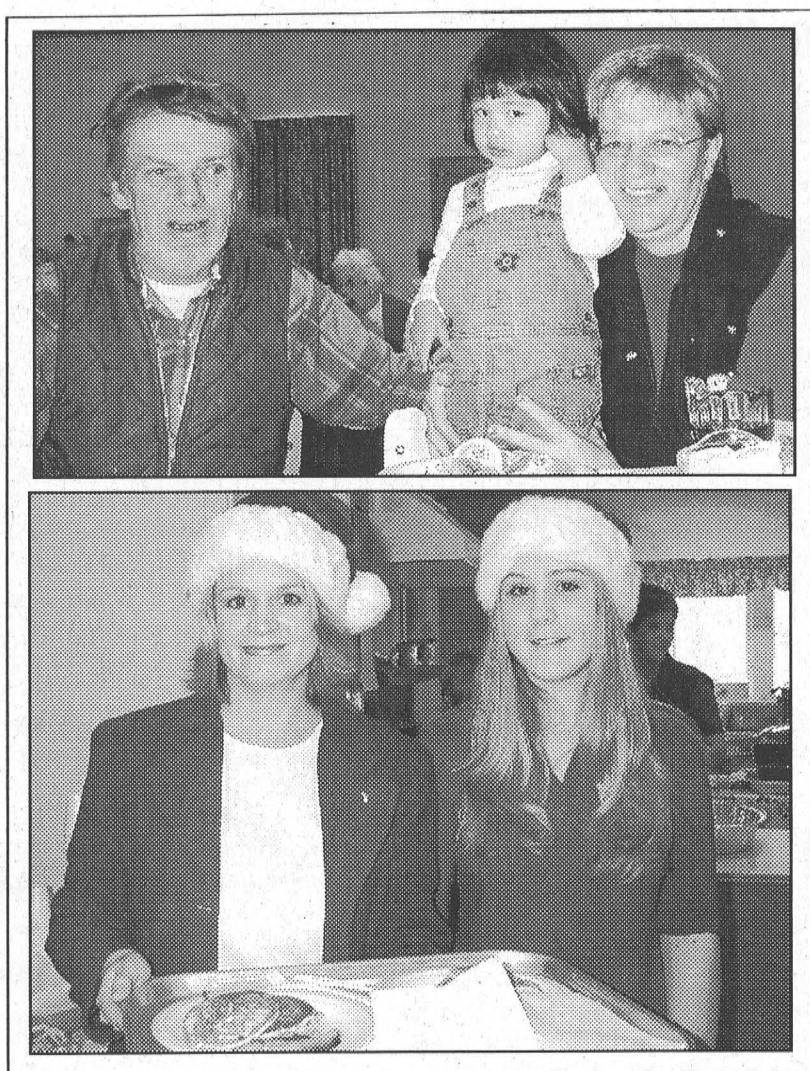
Williamsburg Fire Chief Gary Barkley reported 43 calls amounting to 1,011.75 man hours. "The department had an increase of 10 calls over last year, resulting in 368 more man hours."

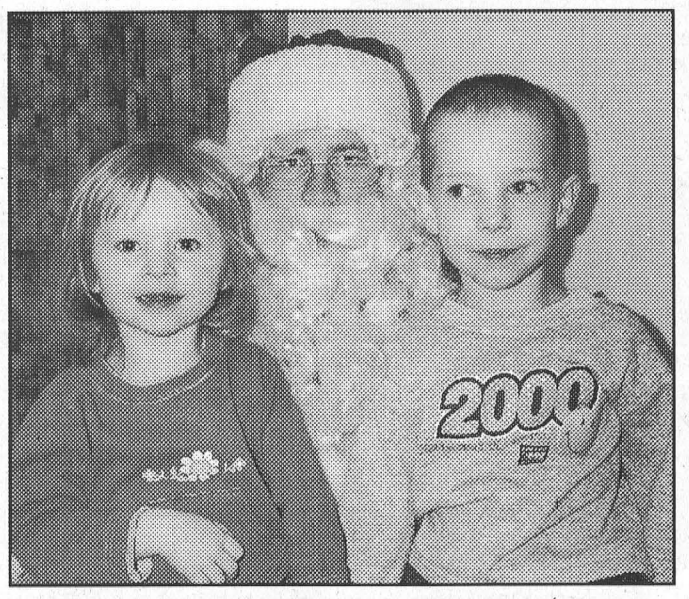
In 2002 Morrisburg Fire Department reported 1,414 man hours including emergency calls, training and special events. This year the number of man hours is up to 2,060. They responded to about 14 more emergency calls than the previous year.

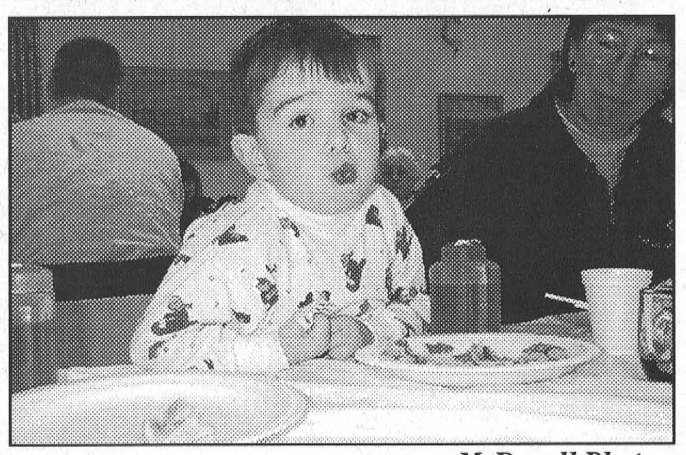
Iroquois Fire Chief Philip Thompson reported a decrease in the number of calls. "The number of calls that the department has responded to this year is down to 50 from a recorded 55 last year, the second year with a decrease."

Thompson also reported a small change in the types of calls. Up most significantly were calls to grass fires, from zero last year to four this year. Also up were auto extrications from zero to three.

Down by over half were the number of false alarm calls, with 13 reported last year, and only six this year. The Iroquois Department also responded to a train derailment and a plane crash in 2003.







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Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Children and their parents came out to enjoy a pancake breakfast and some quality time with Santa at the Allan Hall on Saturday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The breakfast was a fundraiser for the Morrisburg and District Cooperative Preschool. Students from Seaway and parent volunteers worked in the kitchen, helped deliver food and take tickets. (Top left) Ken MacPherson and Cathy Dykstra with Trina, (top right) Santa with Matthew and Sarah Henry, (bottom right) Jarrett Swerdfeger with his pancakes, (bottom left - l-r) Alison Bennett, preschool teacher and Rebecca Robichaud, Seaway student volunteer, with a tray of sausages and pancakes.

Students say thanks for fire safety

MORRISBURG – New to this year's fire prevention program, was a "Fire Safety Kids" book that was given to all grade 5 and 6 students.

The books, sponsored by local businesses are 103 pages filled with information about fire prevention, emergency preparedness, outdoor fire safety, and first aid tips.

The final chapter features colouring pages, games puzzles and a diploma.

The information in the books impressed both the firefighters and the kids, some of whom sent cards of thanks to the Morrisburg Fire Department.

Dear sponsors,
I would like to thank you for this wonderful fire safety book you have given us. It refreshens my memory of what I've learned, and it teaches me so many new safety rules. In the book at the back there are 30 questions, that are not too hard and not too easy, and I like them alot. I like the fun activities that are in it too, and the colouring pages. Thank you very much for this wonderful fire safety book.
From: Matraca Bouchard

Thanks Harland Veinotte for giving us money for the fire books, the pencils. The fire book tells me alot about fires it says that every two hours there is a fire in the world.
Thank you!!
Kristin Lapierre

Thank you for the books. I know that fire is dangerous. I will never play with matches.

Fire Department!
To all of the places and people. Like Mikes Valu Mart and Mike Deans and other places, I just got one little thing to say - Thanks! For the books and the pencils and for the great lesson you told us and, thanks for letting me honk the horn on the fire truck. The End.
From, Tyler Benoit

Thank you for the books and pencils and stuff. I think fire safety is cool!!
P.S. Are you coming to see us next year because we would like that.
But anyway, Thank You.
Chris Hayes

Hi my name is Logan. I'm giving all my thanks to the stores all over Morrisburg Ontario. Thanks for these wonderful fire safety books. My mom and I always read these book. They've taught us alot about it.

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Sundays - 11:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Confessions before weekend masses

St. Lawrence Evangelical Lutheran Parish
Pastor: The Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst
Office: 543-3154 or Office: 543-2480
WORSHIP THE LORD
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ST. PAUL'S, Morrisburg
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
ST. JOHN'S, Riverside Heights
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Tel: 535-2227 or 535-2152
Sunday, December 7, 2003
9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship
Dr. John Vissers
Pres. of Presb. College in Montreal
Lord's Supper
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7:30 P.M. - Evening Worship
Elder Jack Menkhorst
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Come And See What Jesus Can Do For You!!

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Rev. Sandy Macpherson
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The Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights
invites you to worship with us this Sunday
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543-3904
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The Rev. Pat Martin, Assistant
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Sunday, December 7, 2003
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9:15 a.m. – St. James'
11:00 a.m. – St. John's
11:00 a.m. – Holy Trinity
7:30 p.m. – St. James'

Letter to the editor

"Shame on you Mr. McGuinty"

To the editor,

My, how things change so quickly. Just a few months ago, Dalton McGuinty promised to end the politics of division.

But now, he has canceled the tax credit to every single faith-based school, however the Catholic School System (McGuinty's personal school of choice) still receives full funding.

This is religious discrimination, and it should end now.

What's worse, Dalton McGuinty is confiscating the money already given to parents of Muslim, Jewish and Christian students this current year.

Either McGuinty wants to resurrect religious persecution or he's paying back favours to the teachers union in both the public and Catholic boards.

Shame on you, Mr. McGuinty.

During the holiday season, you should give the gift you and your family have generously received: Publicly funded faith-based education.

Signed,
Richard Zandbergen

Canadian Club learns of Drug-Free Sport

CHESTERVILLE – The Morrisburg and District Canadian Club met at the Chesterville Legion on November 19, for their second meeting of the 2003-2004 season.

A delicious turkey dinner, served by Barb Davidson, was enjoyed by all.

Joseph de Pencier, Director of Sports Services and General Counsel of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport was the guest speaker.

de Pencier was one of the counsel representing the Government of Canada before the Dubin Inquiry into the Ben Johnson positive test at the Seoul Olympics.

He also spent nine months as in-house counsel at the Canadian Centre for Drug-Free Sport when it was created in 1991-1992, and remained a volunteer in the organization for a decade.

He talked about True Sport, a movement designed to help community sport live up to its potential.

He emphasized the fact that sport can be extremely positive when it includes the idea of fair play, builds community pride, develops social capital, promotes fitness and health and positive attitudes.

The speaker also discussed the dark side of sports, the willingness to do anything to win. The fact that people would risk their health and/or their lives by doping to win has been well documented. The lively question period which followed his talk indicated the high level of interest in the topic of doping prevention in sports.

Special guest Julie Green was introduced by Mary Ellen Garlough. Julie, a coach at North Dundas High School received the 2003 Leadership in Sports Award.

The Canadian flag draw was won by Ken Hillis.

The first spring meeting will be held on March 17, 2004, at 7 p.m. at the Morrisburg Legion. Janet Matthews, co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul*, will be the guest speaker.

Sport can even reduce crime because it encourages more positive traits in individuals. If anyone has experienced an emotional high from some accomplishment in a sport activity, it is easy to relate to many of the above mentioned points.

Anyone interested in learning more about the True Sport movement, can see the website, www.truesport.ca.

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Why Christmas?

Perspectives



Rev. Duncan Perry

The next time I have an opportunity to write in this space, Christmas will have come and gone, and probably been forgotten by most. So since this is the third of December, I thought I would start the month off with a column on Christmas.

I came across a story out of Kingston, Tennessee to set the stage for what I'd like to express. The following is a statement read over the P.A. system at the football game at Roane County High School by School Principal Jody McLoud.

"It has always been the custom at Roane County High School football games to say a prayer and play the National Anthem, to honor God and Country.

Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a prayer is a violation of Federal Case Law.

As I understand the law at this time, I can use the public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it an "alternate lifestyle", and if someone is offended that's okay.

I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity, by dispensing condoms and calling it "safe sex". If someone is offended, that's okay.

I can even use this public facility to present the merits of killing an unborn baby as a "viable means of birth control." If someone is offended, that's okay.

I can designate a school day as "Earth Day", and involve students in activities to worship religiously and praise the goddess "Mother Earth" and call it "ecology".

I can use literature, videos and presentations in the classroom that depict people with strong, traditional Christian convictions as "simple minded" and "ignorant" and call it "enlightenment".

However, if anyone uses this facility to honor God and ask Him to bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship, then Federal Case Law is violated.

This appears to be inconsistent at best, and at worst, diabolical. Apparently, we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone, except God and His Commandments.

Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules with which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be inconsistent at best, and at worst, hypocritical. I suffer from that affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression.

For this reason, I shall "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's" and refrain from praying at this time.

"However, if you feel inspired to honor, praise and thank God and ask Him, in the name of Jesus, to bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that's not against the law . . . yet"

One by one the people in the stands bowed their heads, held hands with one another and began to pray.

They prayed in the stands. They prayed in the team huddles. They prayed at the concession stand and they prayed in the Announcer's Box!"

It seems to me that Kingston, Tennessee remembered what so many have forgotten. Today, we'll hear people greet each other with "Happy Holidays" or "The best of the season" because it is politically incorrect to say "Merry Christmas" any more.

Let me say this in the spirit of true friendship. There would be no "Happy Holidays" if it were not for Christmas. Christmas is a celebration in the Christian world of the Birth of God's Son.

The angel instructed His Mother, Mary, to name Him Jesus because He would save people from their sins. At another time, angels announced His birth and told shepherds that the Savior of the world was born.

Why Christmas? Because Christmas is all about Jesus and certainly that does make for a "Happy Holiday". But, let's call it what it is! So "Merry Christmas, Everyone!"

Rev. Duncan Perry
Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle

FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Do your earnings vary from week to week?

Do you work part time or have temporary work?

Changes to Employment Insurance (EI) may benefit you.

The Government of Canada is increasing the Small Weeks threshold to $225. When you qualify for EI and we calculate your benefit rate, we will, where possible, ignore weeks where your earnings fall below this level.

This change could increase your EI benefit.

Why is the Government of Canada making this change?
These improvements will encourage Canadians to accept workweeks of lesser pay without lowering their Employment Insurance benefit rate on a future claim.

The new threshold of $225 for a regular week of work (up from $150) reflects increases in Canadian wages.

This change makes EI more responsive to the needs of Canadian workers.

Some things remain the same:

- All insurable hours will still be used for eligibility purposes, even if they are not used to calculate your benefit rate.
- You must continue to report all earnings in the weeks you earn them.
- Earnings allowed while on claim are $50 per week or 25 percent of your weekly benefit rate, whichever is higher.
- Employers must continue to remit EI premiums on every dollar paid and complete Records of Employment.

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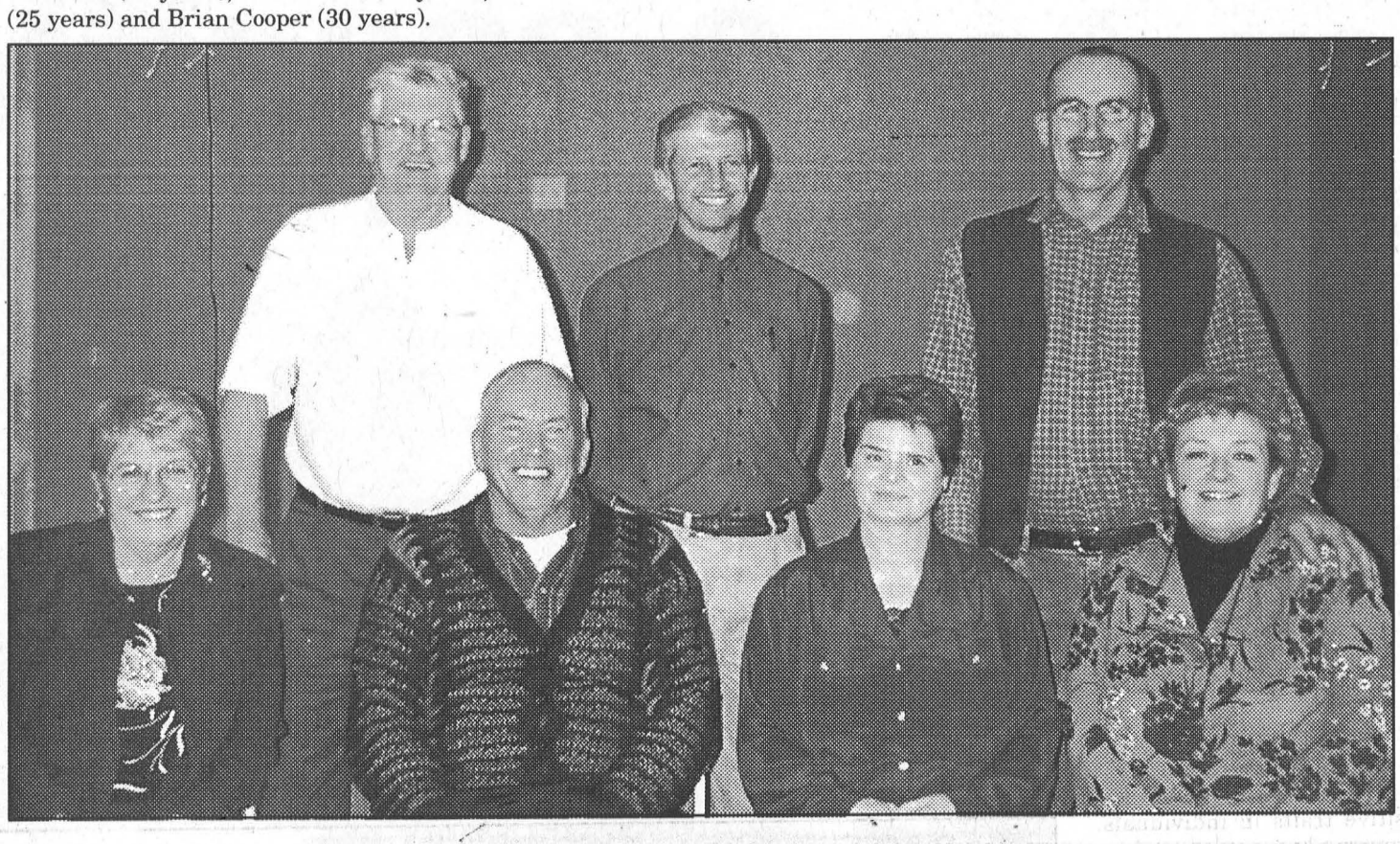
Years of Service for the municipality *Comfort Photos*

South Dundas Township staff were recognized for their years of service to the municipality after last Wednesday's final council meeting of the Second Council of South Dundas. Pictured above are staff members who have reached the five, 10 and 15 year milestones. They are front l-r, Richard Shaver (5 years), Tim Halliday (5 years), Fred Osler (10 years) and Lee Kelly (15 years). Back l-r, Lyle Levere (15 years), Donnie Lewis (5 years), Brenda Brunt (10 years) and Donald Lewis (15 years). Pictured below are those staff members who have surpassed the 15 year milestone. They are front l-r, Marjorie Veltkamp (19 years), Keith Hamilton (20 years), Joan Schell (25 years), and Lorna Seibert (24 years). Back l-r, Dean McCurdy (30 years), Hugh Garlough (25 years) and Brian Cooper (30 years).



Keeping an eye on the water meter man

WILLIAMSBURG – Water meter installations are underway in the villages of Morrisburg and Iroquois, and councillor Charles Barkley reported a complaint about workmanship at the last South Dundas Council meeting.

"I had a ratepayer call and tell me they were disappointed with the workmanship and that it was a sloppy job," said Barkley.

"Other people have been happy with them. I've only had one complaint."

Barkley asked Township CAO Andy Brown, "Who is responsible for ensuring that the job is done properly?"

"It is easiest for the ratepayers to call us," said Brown. "We will notify them (contractor) of any problems."

Installations are mandatory and all residents are being asked by the municipality to contact GC-Toshack, the contractor doing the installations, before December 15 to make an appointment.

The work is being performed by a team of licenced plumbers and water meter installers, and a typical installation takes about one and a half hours, and will cost the homeowner between $150 and $250 depending on the installation.

The charge for the water meter will not be immediate. It will be included as part of the overall capital costs assessed to each residential unit in Morrisburg and Iroquois connected to the water system.

Residents will have a choice to make an upfront payment or spread it over a period of time, added on to monthly water charges.

The total amount of the capital cost is still uncertain because the cost of the water plant is not yet known. Also still uncertain is the municipality's financing of the project. On top of that there are some existing water reserves that may be used to offset that cost, subject to council approval.

The water rate has not yet been determined by the municipality, however under provincial legislation, the water rate must incorporate the costs of water treatment, debt servicing, maintenance and operations, capital costs and reserves for infrastructure replacement.

The new metered water rate will not come into effect until spring 2004. Until then the meters will be monitored to help the municipality identify leaks and other sources of lost water.

February 28, 2004, is the expected completion date for water meter installations.

Ingleside to host tree lighting night

INGLESIDE – The South Stormont Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual tree lighting ceremony in support of the Osnabruck Food and Toy Drive. Everyone attending is asked to bring a non perishable food item or a new toy.

The event takes place Saturday, December 6 at the tennis courts opposite the Ingleside Plaza Mall, starting at 6 p.m. Santa arrives at 6:15 and the tree will be lit at 6:30 p.m. There will also be sleigh rides around the village for everyone - graciously donated by The Antoine's of Ingleside.

Those attending will enjoy hot chocolate and cookies (donated by Ingleside Foodland); music by Kevin Bradshaw Promotions (donated by TronData! Systems); and a chance to win great door prizes. Door prize winners will be selected from those who donate a nonperishable food item or a new toy for the Osnabruck Food and Toy Drive.

This year's theme is "Come and Grow with us." This is the first year that we have a permanent tree which was moved and planted courtesy of the Aultsville Men's Club. The tree is 12 feet tall and will grow as the village of Ingleside does.

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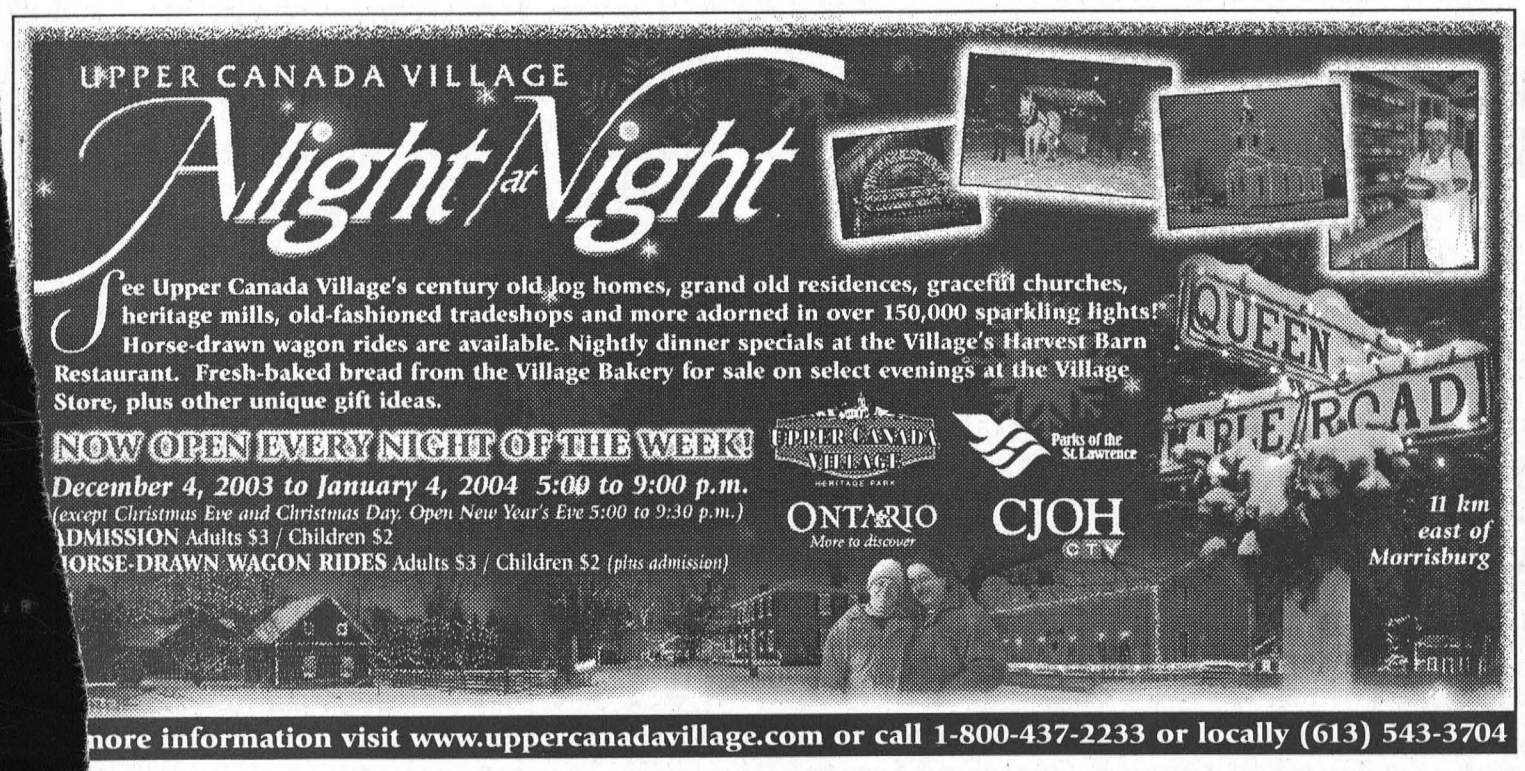

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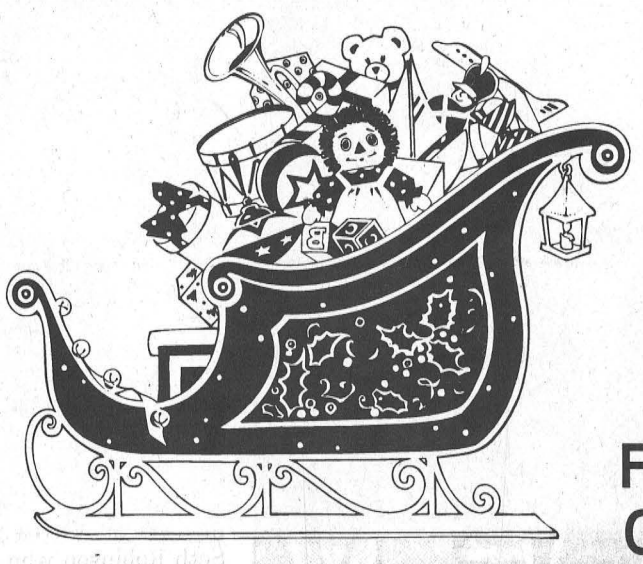



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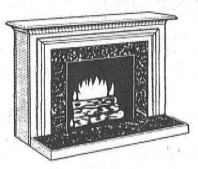

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Morrisburg skaters win Gilmer Pharmacy trophy

MORRISBURG–A team of 31 skaters representing the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club put together performances that allowed them to collect the Gilmer Pharmacy points trophy at the annual Morrisburg Invitational competition here on the weekend.

The two-day event attracted 328 skaters who were entered in 427 events and kept the Morrisburg club volunteers hopping to keep the event running smoothly.

Each of the skaters collected points for finishes ranging from first to seventh place for the overall points win for the Gilmer Trophy.

In total the Morrisburg skaters posted 11 gold medal finishes, eight silver medal performances and 12 bronze medal skates. Another nine skates produced fourth place ribbon finishes, and additional points were collected on three fifths, one sixth and one seventh.

Brianna Stewart had a pair of firsts in Preliminary Ladies Elements and Preliminary Ladies. Other firsts in Preliminary Ladies elements went to Lindsay Gilmer and Kaitlyn MacDonald.

In their Preliminary Ladies category, Kelsey Hall and Meghan Adams collected gold medals.

Adams and Hayley Mills earned silvers medals in Preliminary Ladies elements, and Mills added a bronze in Preliminary Ladies.

Amy Veltkamp and Kelsey Hall collected bronze medals in their Elements and Lindsay Gilmer picked up a bronze in her Preliminary Ladies skate.

Due to the large numbers of skaters in the competition the various skate categories were run in several flights.

Jessica Thompson skated to gold in Junior Bronze Ladies A, and Courtney Thompson picked up a gold medal in Junior Bronze Ladies Elements. Kathleen German added a silver medal in Junior Bronze Ladies Elements.

At the CanSkate Ladies level Erin Stewart, Kirsty Robinson and Logan Patterson all earned silver medals, and Allison Lee and Kaila VanHoof earned bronze medals.

Brenna German won gold in Pre-Preliminary Ladies Elements, Kelsey Baxter collected a silver, and Katherine Lee and Morgan Baxter claimed bronze.

In Introductory Ladies Michaela Morrow earned a silver medal and Morgan Hass a bronze.

Morgan Baxter and Brenna German skated to gold medals in their Pre-Preliminary skates, and Katherine Lee, Janice Stevens and Kelsey Baxter all collected bronze medals.



Senior Skaters Strong at Invitational *McNairn photo* s

Skaters representing the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club had a big weekend winning the Gilmer Pharmacy points trophy at their home Invitational skate on the weekend. Helping to claim the silverware above were senior skaters, front l-r, Brianna Stewart, Courtney Thompson, Hayley Mills and Kelsey Hall. Back l-r Jessica Thompson, Amy Veltkamp, Meghan Adams and Kathleen German. Lindsay Gilmer is absent.



Invitational Medal Winners

The skaters pictured above all skated their way to a medal at the annual Morrisburg Invitational hosted by the local club on the weekend. Pictured above, front l-r, they are Morgan Hass, Morgan Baxter, Erin Stewart, Allison Lee, Logan Patterson and Janice Stevens. Back, l-r Katherine Lee, Brenna German, Kaila VanHoof, Kelsey Baxter, Michaela Morrow, and Kirsty Robinson.

Denio leads Jr. B Lions to win over Akwesasne

MORRISBURG–Led by a four-goal performance from Jason Denio the Morrisburg Lions went to work on the fourth place Akwesasne Wolves here Friday night to produce a 9-6 win.

Sunday they went up against the Hawks in Winchester and lost a tough one in overtime 5-4.

Friday night, Denio was a menace to Wolves goaltenders Seth Robinson who started the game and Ilia Ejou who stepped in early in the third period. Denio counted his first goal late in the second period and then struck for his hat trick in the third, his first two coming while the Lions were on the power play and his final into the empty net.

The Wolves opened the scoring at 6:23 of the first period, and it wasn't until 14:38 of the frame that the Lions evened it on a shot from Pat Sauve assisted by Pat McLeod and Jon Chambers.

With one minute to go in the first, the Lions again went up by one on a power-play goal by Travis Baldwin with assists going to Jon Chambers and Justin Elliott.

The Wolves came back with a vengeance in the second to move ahead 3-2 and they held on until the final minutes of the frame when the Lions put together an attack that saw them score three times in just a little over three minutes.

Pat McLeod kicked it off, Cory Gove backed him up and Jason Denio finished it with just one second remaining on the clock to allow the Lions to carry a 5-3 advantage into the third period.

Less than a minute into the third, Tyler Lafortune struck for the Lions for a 6-3 advantage, and at 1:25 Denio went to work on his hat trick upping the Lions lead to 7-3.

Two quick power-play goals at 6:28 and 7:36 put the Wolves back in the hunt, trailing 7-5, but that was the end of the scoring until the final five minutes of the game.

Denio struck at 16:12 and the Wolves Jeremi Synott answered at 17:08. The 8-6 Lions lead held until Denio put one in the empty Wolves net for the 9-6 win.

Backing up the solid performance from Denio was that of

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Lions Reach Up in Standings to Nab Fourth Place Wolves *McNairn photo*

Although Akwesasne goaltender Seth Robinson looks into the net, the Lion's shot went wide during Friday night's Junior B Hockey action at the Morrisburg Arena. Led by a four goal performance from Jason Denio, The Lions went to work on the Wolves to pick up a 9-6 victory.

The Week In Curling

The annual Founders Bonspiel hosted by the Morrisburg Curling Club on the weekend normally draws some of the best men's teams in the region and this year was no exception with teams hailing from Kingston, Brockville, Prescott, Vankleek Hill, Cornwall and Russell. Hopefully, next year some local team will compete.

Several years ago the Australian national team dropped in, and of course won the competition.

Top shot-making was in evidence in the 12 hour competition on the weekend which was won by Scott Moore's Brockville entry. Tony Gilson from Prescott was a close second, just edging out John Thompson's Brockville foursome. Jim Campbell of Russell finished fourth, Gary Cook of Prescott was fifth and Dan Mano of Cornwall claimed sixth. The Moulton and Clayton teams from Prescott rounded out the top eight teams.

Highlighting the weekend were some great meals, entertaining card-playing and a busy bar. Thanks to the many volunteers, we got through the day well, and the curlers spoke highly of the facilities and our staff during the awards ceremonies. They liked the prizes provided by sponsor Strader's Motor

For results.

Apologies to Earl Jeacle, one of our many volunteers for the day. Somehow we changed his name when announcing his entry in an out-of-town 'spiel' a while back.

The Continental Cup, comprised of numerous former world champions, has come and gone, with the European team winning on Sunday afternoon. There were many formats in the competition, with Mark Dacey's and Colleen Jones' Nova Scotia foursomes, Randy Ferby's Alberta team and Sherry Middaugh's Ontario quartet, assisted by two American teams, playing off against the rest of the world.

Europeans Hammy McMillan and Jackie Lockhart of Scotland, as well as Peja Lindholm and Annette Norberg of Sweden, were assisted by former world champions Dordi Norby and Pal Trulson of Norway. They were full value for their win.

Closer to home, one of Canada's largest and most lucrative bonspiels, the Cowan Wright Beauchamp, also with former world champions in evidence, was on in Ottawa, with the finals on Monday night. Several teams close to home competed against people like Connie Laliberte, Jeff Stoughton, Al Hackner, John Morris, Marilyn Bodogh, Anne Merklinger, Glenn Howard and Bryan Cochrane. With more the $100,000 in prize money, some of the best curlers in the country were among the 56 men's and women's teams.

MORRISBURG CURLING CLUB
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At the Morrisburg club's executive meeting last week, plans were finalized for upcoming events, an inhibitor will be purchased to improve the brine system, and a new cash register will be sought. With a budget projecting a surplus of over $3,000, a good year is predicted, as long as there are no major equipment problems. Minutes of the meetings are available in the minute book in the lounge.

Local teams are entered in a number of bonspiels, and we'll hear more about them next week.

For those interested, sign-up sheets will be in the clubhouse soon for the Turkey Bonspiel, the Two-Person Spiel and the Heart and Stroke Bonspiel. Non-members are welcome as well.

Good Curling to all.

Midget Lions win three

FINCH – The Midget House Lions played their way to three hard-earned wins, and improved their record to 4-1-2.

October 26, the Lions faced NGS in Finch, winning 8-3.

The Lions were on the board first with goals from Craig Duvall and Andrew Peters. T.J. McManus added one in the second period.

NGS battled back, and had the game tied at three before the end of the second frame. The Lions put away the game in the final period, racking up five goals, to take the win.

Scoring for the Lions were, Andrew Adlington, Scott Berseth, Adam Schnurr, Kevin Phifer and Craig Duvall. Earning assists were Scott Speer (2), Matt Baron (3), Duvall, Adlington and Berseth. Andrew Tupper was in goal for the Lions win.

On November 4, the Lions traveled to Chesterville to face the undefeated North Dundas Demons #1 squad, handing them their first loss of the season 4-3.

The only goal of the first period was scored by Ben Baker of the Lions. Ryan Morrow drew the assist.

North Dundas scored the only goal of the second to tie the game at one heading into the final frame.

North Dundas took a 2-1 lead early in the third and the Lions soon tied the game at two, but 10 seconds later the Demons took back the lead.

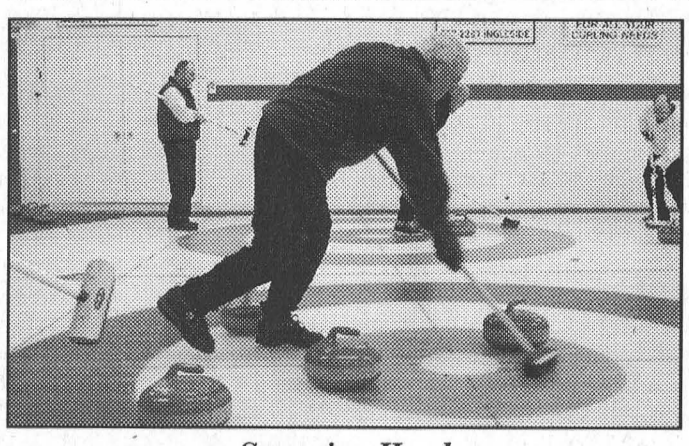
Down 3-2, Matt Thompson found the top corner of the net to tie the game for the Lions with 1:18 remaining. The Lions came roaring in again and Thompson beat the Demons net minder, on a hard low shot, with only 15 seconds remaining in the game.

Earning assists in the game were Kyle Scott and Ben Baker. Jeff Eamon was the Lions net minder for the win.

NGS came to Morrisburg, November 6, and again the Lions won the game by a score of 8-3.

The Lions scored the only goal of the first period, and added one in the second, while NGS added three of their own to take a 3-2 lead.

The Lions buckled down in the final period, and went on a six goal scoring streak to take the win. Scoring for the Lions were McManus (2), Duvall (2), Thompson, Phifer, Morrow and Jordan MacGregor. Tupper was in the net for the win.



Sweeping Hard

On Saturday the Morrisburg Curling Club was host to teams from Kingston, Brockville, Prescott, Russell, Van Leek Hill and Cornwall for the annual Founder's Bonspiel. One Prescott team rumored to be in the ditch still managed to make the start of their first game. Pictured above is Gary Cook of Prescott. ***McDonell photo***

NEWSLETTER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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The big news, of course, is our upcoming New Year's Eve Party. The hall has been decorated, the music is booked. The favours are ready and the food has been ordered. The tickets are available at the bar and are only $15 per person. Get together with your friends and dance the old year out, and the New Year in.

Santa Claus has visited the Legion already this year with the aid of his helpers. Rick Baker has been more than generous donating a 34" TV, and a 27" TV set, plus a Satellite hook up to the branch. Eleanor & Jim Jordan have prepared and donated two posters concerning the "monument". Doug Cassel of Jug City has donated a portable sign, which will be in place next spring so that upcoming events can be displayed on our front lawn. Before our November meeting, Dan McLaughlin and David Lapier, of Marsden & McLaughlin presented the members of the branch a plaque displaying all the medals that have been given to our armed forces since Confederation. As well there is a book that gives the history of each medal. This will be of interest to all the members and the general public who want to increase their knowledge of our military history. They will also be donating these plaques and books to Iroquois and Williamsburg branches of the Legion.

Last Wednesday 36 of our seniors kicked off the Christmas season with a turkey supper. The Ladies Auxiliary catered to the group and went out of their way to help the elderly heap up their plates. The Seniors instead of exchanging gifts, took up a collection for the local food bank raising over $120.00 for this worthwhile cause.

The Seniors are also planning to make a tour of the lights at Upper Canada Village again this year. Any senior member of the branch is welcome to join us. There will be a list available at the bar as soon as a date can be set. Unfortunately it will be limited to forty people on a first come first served basis.

Santa Claus, our service officer, needs help this year in delivering gifts to our senior shut-ins and widows of ordinary members. If you can help, let Ross know by calling him at 543-3304 in the morning between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

The branch will be donating our hall for the Christmas Dinner sponsored by the Apple Tree Ministry on Christmas Day. The posters are up around town, and if you are planning to attend please give them a call. The branch is also donating our hall for the use of the Dundas Christmas exchange.

Coming Events

- Bingo Every Thursday in James Fraser Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 7 – Euchre at 1 :30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Party at 8 p.m.

Soccer players join the parade

MORRISBURG – Players from the South Dundas Soccer Association are invited to help bring the World Cup to Morrisburg for this weekend's Santa Claus Parade.

"This is the first time we are putting a soccer float in the parade," says organizer Candace Menges. "Any players can come and join the float."

The parade starts at the entrances of St. Lawrence Inn, Canadian Tire and Giant Tiger at 11 a.m., so anyone who wants to participate has to be there beforehand.

The float will feature "World Cup Soccer," and will be set up like a soccer field with nets at each end, says Menges.

Williamsburg Seniors Euchre

WILLIAMSBURG – Seniors Euchre winners on Wednesday, November 26, were as follows:

White Cards - Everett Froats, Graham Pemberton, Bessie Locke.

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Door Prize - Enid Dalrymple and Stella Casselman.

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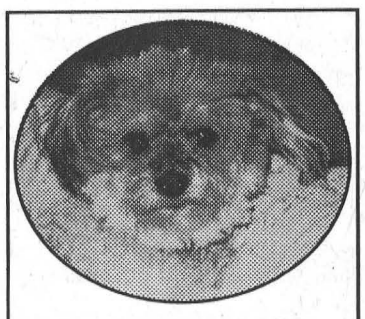

Tara 1989-2003

It is with shock and sorrow that Lynda and Mike Thompson announce the death of their beloved friend and companion of 13 years, Tara.

My very special thanks to Dr. Sparling of Winchester Vet Services for being so wonderful and understanding in our time of bereavement on November 24th.

Thank you for your time over the years spent doctoring our dogs and especially your final loving care of our precious Jodi.

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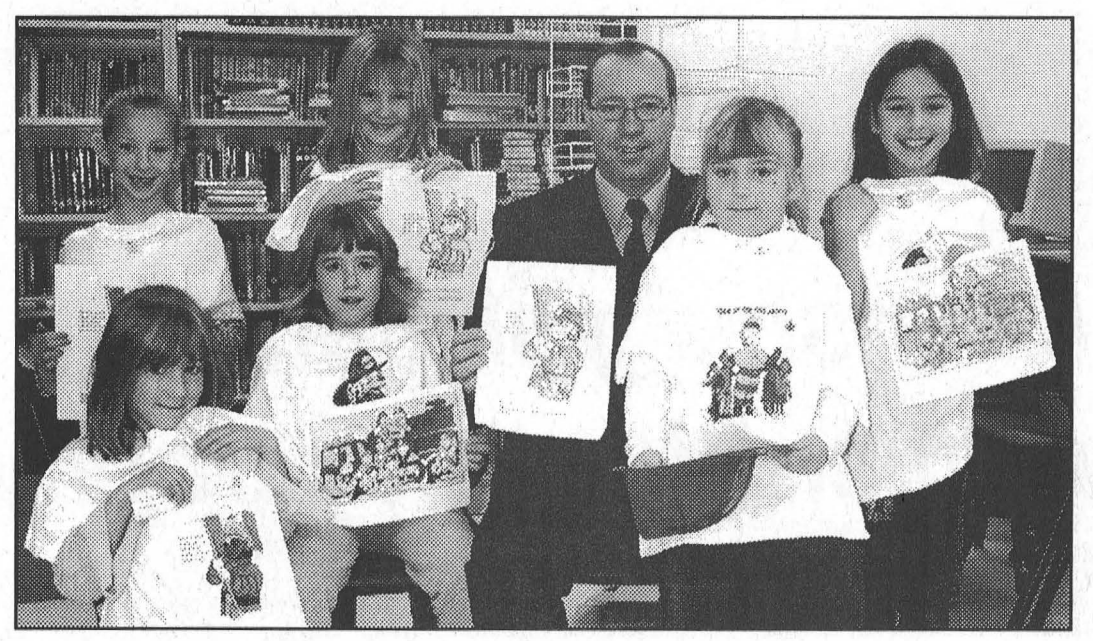

Colour contest winners receive fire prevention t-shirt awards

MORRISBURG–Scott Robinson, Fire Prevention Officer for the Morrisburg Fire Department visited Morrisburg Public (MPS) and St. Mary/St. Cecilia (SMSCS) Schools last Wednesday to hand out T-shirts to the top artists in the colouring contest held in October in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Robinson says all of the activities run through the week received a great response from the community. The events included visits to the schools and senior home, an open house at the fire hall, the colouring contest and the fire alarm battery campaign. "I want to thank the parents, the schools and the community for their participation every year. The support for what we have been doing has been really good." Pictured above with Robinson are the winners from SMSCS, front l-r Sage Barclay (Gr. 2), Celine Laforge (Gr. 5), Cassidy Scott (Jr. K.), and Rebecca Helmer (Gr. 3/4). Standing back, l-r, are Alisha VanHoof (Gr. 1) and Joanna Toonders (Gr. 3/4). Sr. Kindergarten winner Mackenzie Whyte was not available for the photo. In the photo below are MPS winners, l-r, Meranda Ault (Gr. 4), Kelsey Bean (Gr. 1), Stephanie Barkley (Gr. 5), and Logan Patterson (Gr. 3). Grade 2 winner Darren Stinson stands behind. ***McNairn Photos***



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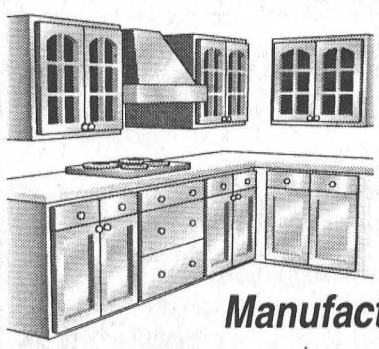

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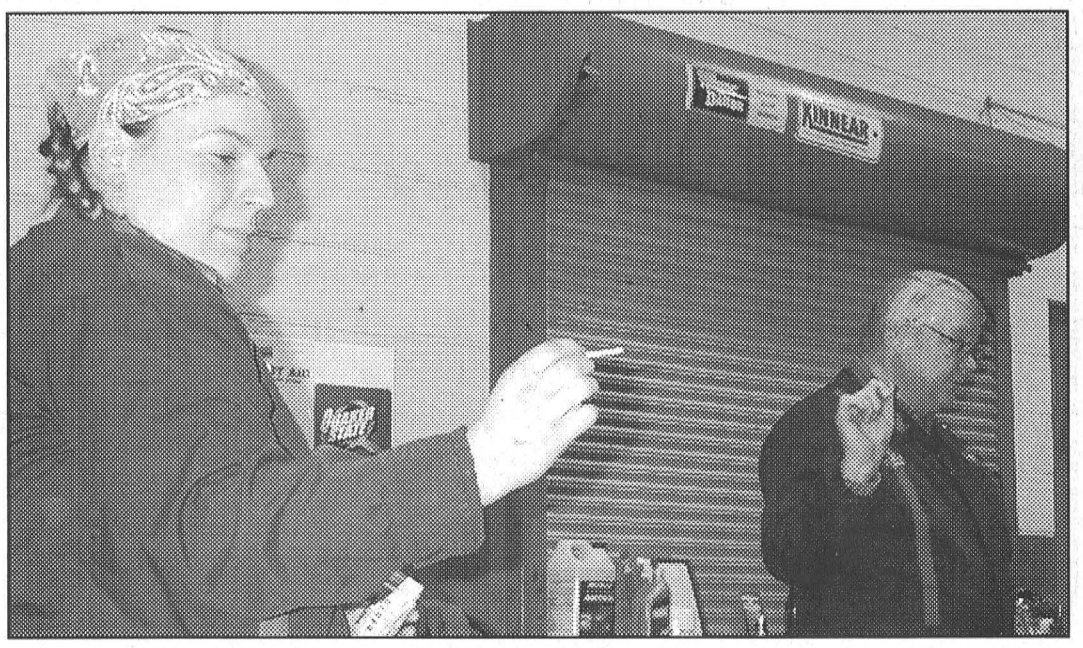

Information to Keep the Car in Tip Top Shape

About 15 women participated in the Car Care Clinic at the Canadian Tire Store in Morrisburg Friday night. The clinic was run by Terry Dale who has extensive first hand experience as Race Chief Steward and Race Director in a number of racing venues. The evening clinic was sponsored by the local Canadian Tire store and organized by Nicole Robinson, who claimed those who participated were impressed with what they learned. "We got really good feedback. It was well worth it." Robinson says she hopes to run another clinic in the spring. Above, top Dale (far right) is assisted by auto mechanics apprentice Kristy Laframboise as he talks to the group pictured below.



Denio leads Lions to win

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defenceman and team captain Jon Chambers who helped out on four goals. Matt Bailey, Tyler Lafortune, Chad Galipeau and Kyle Jarvis all provided two assists and Justin Elliott, Mike Carbino and Cory Gove had single assists.

Lions goaltender Matt Van Egmond gave up a pair of goals to Derek Lions and singles to Josh Gilson, Jeremi Synott, Geoff Winchester and Steven Viezel.

The Lions were assessed three minor penalties, a five minute fighting major and game misconduct, while the Wolves matched the major penalties and sat out six minors.

Neither of the teams showed strength in their penalty killing. The Wolves collected two power-play goals in three opportunities, and the Lions struck for three power-play goals in their six opportunities.

Sunday in Winchester, the fans were treated to a real barn burner as the Hawks went up by a slim 3-2 score in the first period and continued to maintain the one goal edge at 4-3 as they headed into the third period.

The lone goal of the third was scored by Jason Denio (from Justin Elliott and Mike Carbino) with 4:05 remaining. That tied it 4-4 to force the overtime.

Hawks team captain Shawn Smail counted the overtime winner with Stefon Gravelle providing the setup.

Denio scored twice for the Lions, and Elliott and Chad Galipeau added singles.

Smail, Aaron Macdonald, Stefon Gravelle, Jonathan Murray and Bill Henderson provided the Winchester goals.

Michel Bouchard was in net for the Hawks and Jeff McIntyre saw action for the Lions.

The Hawks were assessed 10 minor penalties, and the Lions sat out 10 minors and a pair of misconducts.

The Lions three point weekend puts them in a tie with the Hawks at 14 points for the St. Lawrence Division's last place position. The two trail the Akwesasne Wolves by 15 points.

Coming up this weekend the Lions host Kemptville, Friday night at 8:15 p.m., and Sunday they are on the road to Alexandria for a 7:30 p.m. match.

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St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Kemptville	23	18	5	0	36
Char-Lan	22	16	4	0	34
Alexandria	22	13	5	2	30
Akwesasne	23	13	7	1	29
Winchester	22	6	14	1	14
Morrisburg	24	5	14	1	14

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Brockville	22	12	7	1	27
Westport	24	12	9	1	27
Gananoque	23	11	9	1	25
Sth. Gren.	23	11	10	1	24
Athens	22	5	11	3	16

Teams losing in overtime or shootout receive one point

Results

Friday, Nov. 28—
Brockville 8 at Westport 3
Kemptville 9 at Alexandria 1
Akwesasne 6 at Morrisburg 9
Saturday, Nov. 29–
Gananoque 8 at Sth. Gren. 7 OT
Alexandria 1 at Char-Lan 4
Winchester 1 at Akwesasne 6
Sunday, Nov. 30–
Westport 4 at Athens 2
Morrisburg 4 at Winchester 5 OT
Char-Lan 0 at Kemptville 4

Coming up:

Friday, December 5–Kemptville at Morrisburg 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, December 6–Morrisburg at Alexandria 7:30 p.m.

Timothy Christian News

WILLIAMSBURG – We're just finishing up our first three terms at TCS. It's been a good term; lots of fine teaching and learning has happened over the last three months. Students and staff has been blessed with excellent health. Our bussing program has been extremely smooth and we thank our new owners/operators Richard and Nanda Wubs.

Perhaps you've encountered our students selling chocolate bars. This yearly activity is the main event that replenishes our Student Fund and we appreciate your support by buying our product. We're aiming to raise $4,300 in this sale.

Our fundraising committee is just beginning a potentially huge program for us called SCRIP. It involves our committee buying swipe cards and gift certificates at discount prices from a large number of retailers. Our families and members then buy these cards and certificates from the school, and do their regular shopping using them. The committee is confident that this will be an effective, ongoing source of revenue for TCS.

Our grade 8 class recently joined up with about 100 other eighth graders at Redeemer Christian High School's special day for prospective students. They had a fun time and learned a lot about high school life, now looming large in their lives.

Despite the rough water that the Equity in Education Tax Credit is currently in, we're convinced that TCS and the many other independent schools like it across Ontario contribute much to our province. Parents who send their children to our school deserve some help, in one form or another, from the government. School choice is a positive thing for all communities.

The staff and students at Timothy Christian School wish all of you a wonderful Christmas season. Be thankful for God's gift to us as we buy gifts for each other.

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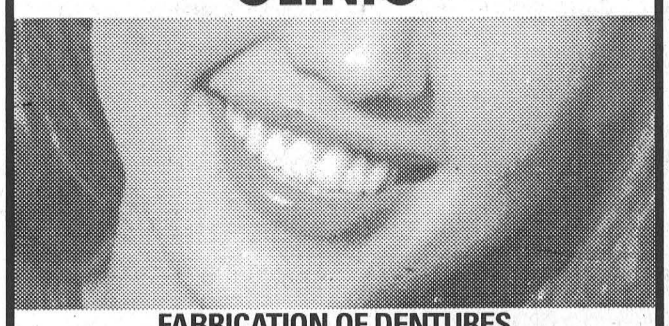

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COMING EVENTS

THE RAILSIDE
Appearing at The Railside, Cardinal, Ontario, Dec. 7, This Old Heart and the Country Comrades, from 2–6. Christmas buffet to follow. 49c

VISIT FROM SANTA
At McHaffie Flea Market, Morrisburg, Sun., Dec. 7, noon until 1 p.m. 49c

BEREAVED FAMILIES OF ONTARIO CORNWALL & AREA
Support and share night and special memorial evening Thurs., Dec. 11, 144 Pitt St., 7–9 p.m. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Topic: "Coping With the Holidays" with special guest Barry McDonald. Info: 936-1455. 49c

COMING EVENTS

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

MATILDA CARNIVAL QUEEN PAGEANT
The 29th annual Matilda Winter Carnival is fast approaching and the Matilda Recreation Committee is now accepting applications for the Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant. The pageant will take place on Friday, January 9, 2004. This will be open to all girls in South Dundas with the first 10 applications being accepted. You must be between the ages of 15 (before December 31st, 2003) and 18. Please contact Brenda Geurkink at 652-2908 for more information or an application form. Last day to register, December 12. 46-49c

CHRISTMAS WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION & AUCTION
Sat., Dec. 13, 3:30–5:30, Masonic Hall, St. Lawrence and Fifth Streets, Morrisburg. Live auction for last minute Christmas presents and stocking stuffers. Maximum auction bid $20 per item. Special entertainment, 4 p.m., Roma McMillan & Bows. For tickets at $10 call Doug Grenkie 543-2922, Doug Casselman 543-2661, Pearl Durant 543-3474. 46-50c

A TEAM CERAMICS
Kids 6–16 can paint Christmas ornaments, 1 hour, $10, while you shop, December 13th, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Proceeds to Dundas County Food Bank. Info, Allison, 543-4106. 48-49p

WILLIAMSBURG ODDFELLOWS DECEMBER COMING EVENTS
Sat., Dec. 13, music by WRD, dance 8–12, light lunch, $6 admission; Fri., Dec. 19, Christmas party, potluck supper 7 p.m., Oddfellows supply turkey and dressing, dance 8–12, music by This Old Heart and The Country Comrades, $6 admission; Wed., Dec. 31, New Year's Eve dance, 8–1, tickets $10, music by This Old Heart and the Country Comrades. Midnight potluck. For information contact Graham Pemberton, 774-2574. 49p

TRI-COUNTY COUNTRY DANCE CLUB
Has its annual **potluck** Christmas dance Dec. 6. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; dance at 8 p.m. Come party with us at Morewood Community Hall. 49p

WILLIAMSBURG TEA ROOM WINTER HOURS
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS
For South Williamsburg Township Recreation will be held at the Recreation Hall on Tues., Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. All are welcome. 49c

CRAFT, BAKE, TICKETS AND AVON SALES
At the Oddfellows Hall, 454 Henry St. West, Prescott, December 6, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Refreshments and lunch available. 49p

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MIXED PARTY
In honor of Rebecca Cooper and Trevor Beckstead Sat., Dec. 13, The Iroquois Legion, 9 p.m.–1 a.m. Light lunch served. Tickets available at the door. $5 person. 49p

SEAWAY VALLEY SINGERS DECEMBER CONCERT
Sun., Dec. 14, 3 p.m., Christian Reformed Church, Williamsburg. There will be no tickets required, but a free-will offering will be received at the close of the concert. The program will consist of seasonal music, with some audience participation. Included will be two familiar pieces from "The Messiah". Children from Timothy Christian School will perform both choral and recorder music. The afternoon will conclude with a reception to which all are invited. 49-50c

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RICHARDSON–We would like to thank all of our friends, neighbors, relatives and family for all the lovely gifts and all the hard work that went into making our 50th anniversary a very special occasion. It will always be remembered.
–James and Beatrice Richardson 49p

THANK YOU TO ALTON CASSELMAN
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–From all of us at Community Living Dundas County 49c

BARCLAY–The family of the late Olive Barclay would like to express their sincere appreciation to all her friends, relatives and neighbors for their messages of condolences, flowers and gifts to the various charitable organizations in her memory. Special thanks to The Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home and to the ladies of Williamsburg United Church for the luncheon. Thank you for your kindness. 49p

IN MEMORIAM

WESTPHAL–In loving memory of a beloved husband, Heinz, a dear father and Opa, who passed away December 5, 2000.
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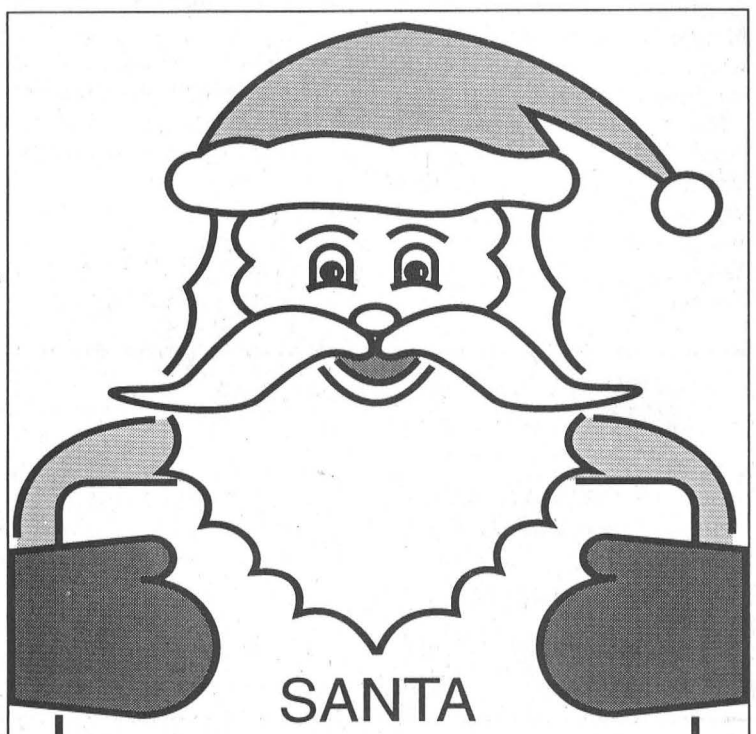
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Subway Food Drive

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OBITUARIES

Ernest Stewart

A lifetime resident of the area, Ernest Stewart, of Dundela, passed away Saturday, November 22 at Winchester Hospital. He was 80 years old.

Born January 29, 1923 in Lunenburg, the son of Archie and Hazel Stewart (nee Rice), Ernest was the loving husband of Grace Stewart (nee Garlough) whom he married on July 26, 1950 at her family farm.

Ernie was a very hardworking man who worked at different jobs during his lifetime including; the shipping department at Caldwell Linen Mills, Ross Beckstead's farm equipment dealership, and labourer and equipment operator at both Donnie Wells' farm and Pete and Jerry Byvelds' farm. In addition to these full time jobs he worked at butchering on a part time basis for over 30 years.

Ernie was a member of the Williamsburg I.O.O.F. Lodge #349 for over 53 years and served as Noble Grand of the Lodge in 1995. He enjoyed playing cards and visiting with his many friends throughout the area.

Ernie is survived by his loving wife Grace and his children Rae (Sheilla) of St. Catharines, Graham of Morrisburg, Carl of Williamsburg, Joyce (Terry) McCormick of St. Catharines and Larry at home.

He was dear brother to Amy Fetzer of Florida, Evelyn McLaren of St. Catharines, Doreen (Ken) Hellyer of Iroquois, Glenn of Brampton, Alfred (Dorothy) of Toronto, Jerry (Jean) of Cornwall, Max (Aileen) of Lunenburg and Dean (Freda) of Long Sault. Ernie was predeceased by a son Dale, two great-grandsons Dillon and Tyler, a brother Dwight and a sister Shirley Stewart.

Ernie will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Leslea, Lorri, Leesa, Michelle, Deborah, and Michelle, and great-grandchildren Daniel, David, Kyra, Branden, Bryen, Jeffrey, Darren and Amber. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Monday, November 24 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., and an Oddfellows Service was held at 9 p.m. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, November 25 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jo Barkley-Probst officiating.

Interment followed at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg, with pallbearers Glenn Whitteker, David Lapier, Dennis Whitteker, Bruce MacIntosh, Larry Schell and Harold Coughler. Honourary pallbearers were Ferneley Johnston, Graham Hess and Ivan Whitteker. Donations to Winchester Hospital are appreciated by the family.

Olive Barkley

Olive Barkley passed away Monday, November 24, at Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester, where she resided for the last six months. She was 89 years old.

Born April 8, 1914 in Williamsburg Township, the daughter of Bernice and Flo McIntosh (nee Whitteker), she was a lifetime resident of the Williamsburg area.

Married to the late Reginald Barkley on July 20, 1940 at the Williamsburg United Church Manse, Olive was a retired teacher and a member of the Williamsburg United Church Women.

She enjoyed teaching and working with her husband Reg in managing the Williamsburg Hydro books.

Olive will be fondly remembered by her sister, Gladys Kyle of Williamsburg, a sister-in-law Jean McIntosh of Morrisburg, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother Harold, brothers-in-law Don Kyle and Egerton Barkley (Helen), and sisters-in-law Helen Smith (Harold) and Hilda McMartin-McDermid (Don McMartin and Callum McDermid).

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Wednesday, November 26, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service was held at the funeral home November 27 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Sandy Macpherson officiating.

Interment followed at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg.

Pallbearers were Ralph Smith, Neil McMartin, Doug Miltimore, Bill Lang, Robert Barkley and Gregg Miltimore.

Donations to Williamsburg United Church or Winchester Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

Sexual assault care team for children

CORNWALL–On December 1, the Cornwall General Hospital expanded its emergency services to include specialized services for sexually assaulted children.

In the past, local children were referred immediately to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

The Partner Abuse Sexual Assault Care Team (PASACT) has been expanding its expertise in this area over the years and had an intensive training last week in preparation for the official opening on Monday. Experts in the field from CHEO and from Windsor's Safe Kids program were among some of the presenters.

PASACT is one of 33 such programs across Ontario. In existence since 1992, it began as a program that offered services to adults who had been recently sexually assaulted.

In February 2003, the program expanded to include victims of intimate partner abuse and this most recent expansion is to provide local expertise for children 15 and under who have been sexually assaulted.

The options of care available are: medical care from specially trained staff; evidence collection when appropriate; medical follow-up; crisis counselling; community referrals.

In some cases, the best needs of the child will require a transfer to CHEO.

For children who have been assaulted, an emergency visit is only required 24-48 hours following the assault. After this time, there is no urgent need to further scare a child by taking her/him out of a normal schedule. In this case an appointment that best meets the needs of the child and family can be made.

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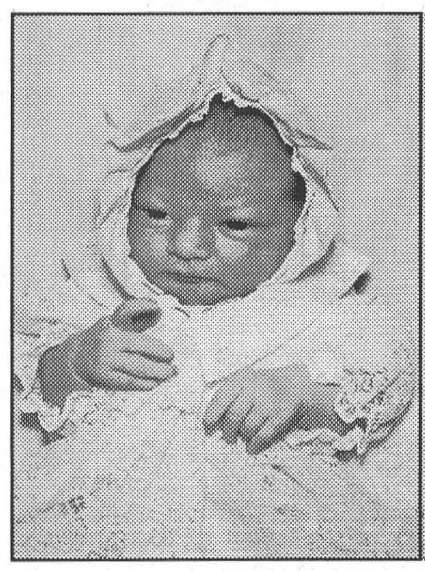

Birth Announcement

I am proud to announce my new baby sister Kailey Dorothy Rose Hill.

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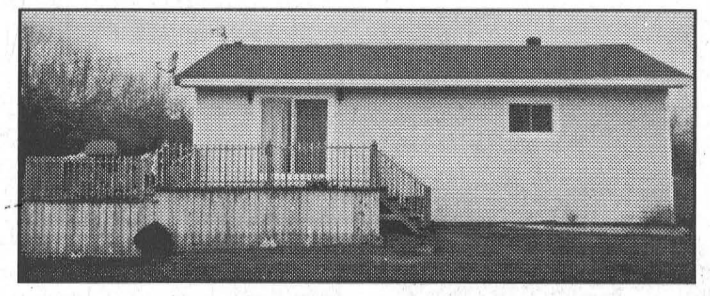

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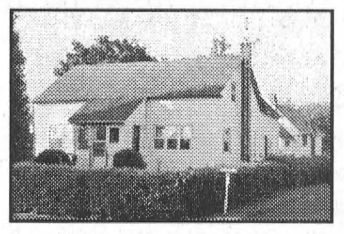

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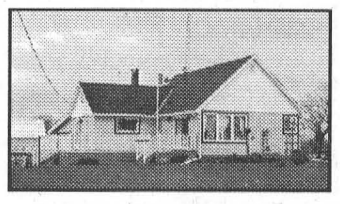

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Final housekeeping for South Dundas council

WILLIAMSBURG – The final meeting of the second council of South Dundas was held last Wednesday evening, and all that was on the agenda were a few minor housekeeping items. Those there on business took the opportunity to recognize what this council has accomplished.

South Dundas Economic Development Commission coordinator Anne Marie Waddell, thanked council for everything they have done for the commission, including the relocation of the office to the Morrisburg Plaza. "I am very happy to be there," she said.

"I just want to say thanks to this council for their support to economic development, and Cam (Martel) to you especially," said Waddell, who has been with the office for seven years.

"I just want to say I wasn't always in favour of the economic development office," said outgoing councillor Robert Gillard.

"But I have been, more so in the last year." Gillard commended Waddell on her initiative to go and visit some farms to recognize and include the farming community. "I've had some good feedback on that," said Gillard.

He said his problem with the office was the duplication as the Counties have an economic development office, but he has come to realize that, "maybe we have to keep things localized more."

Of the office Waddell added, "I hope we can keep it open."

Community Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Shearing was the second to express his appreciation to council.

"I have worked with five of the six townships in SD&G, and I don't think any of them can match the support you have provided," said Shearing, who has worked with councillor Martel for nine years, going back to Morrisburg council, Mayor Johnny Whitteker and Gillard for six years, and Charles Barkley and Bill Ewing for the last three years.

John Allison, who is the South Dundas Township appointee to the Rideau St. Lawrence Hydro Board of Directors, thanked council for his appointment, and said he will offer his services in the role again.

Public Works manager Hugh Garlough thanked council for their support, "Rowdy and Johnny and I have worked together for 28 years," he said. "I've worked six years with Cam and three years with Charles and Bill."

"Some days we had our problems but we always got them sorted out."

Garlough spoke of the good things this council has done, "this year especially," he said, referring to the roads needs study.

"I look forward to working with the new council, and I hope they can do as much as the old one has."

School board to deliver high speed

BROCKVILLE – The Upper Canada District School Board announced Wednesday, that it has signed contracts to deliver high-speed bandwidth to the majority of its 105 schools and to provide a 100 percent increase in the size of its Internet access. UCDSB operates one of the largest private wide area networks in Canada.

Bell Canada will deliver fibre optic cable connectivity to 65 Upper Canada schools while another 28 schools will receive fibre optic connectivity on lines that will be owned by the Board and installed under separate contract.

Of the remaining Upper Canada schools, three will receive 10 Meg wireless connections while another five schools will see Bell Canada provide them with T-1 lines because fibre optic technology is not available in those areas.

"This is a major step forward for our Board as it will provide state of the art technology for the students and staff at most of our schools. The speed and expanded communications options will enhance the learning experience for our students and provide for greater efficiency in managing our network," said Director of Education Gino Gianandrea.

The fibre optic technology will also be installed in the Board's three Regional Education Centres in Smiths Falls, Prescott and Avonmore.

Among the many improvements provided by upgraded technology will be school-to-school communications via the Board's Wide Area Network. Many schools will be able to use video conferencing, web casting and e-learning opportunities. The Board will save money over the long term through a more centralized Information Technology infrastructure.

The Board's elementary schools will go from a 56K to a 10 Meg line, that's 200 times their current capacity.

Secondary School capacity will increase by eight times the current level with the ability to increase that by 80 times the current capacity.

Rideau Hill Camp wrap-up

OSGOODE–The gates are closed at Rideau Hill Camp in Osgoode for another year. The campers, staff and renters have enjoyed another rewarding season of learning, and sharing, while having fun on the way.

The RHC council would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the overwhelming support from individuals, church groups, community organizations, area businesses, the media, those who provided camper sponsorships, our renters, new and returning, and of course our many volunteers.

This continued support has helped the council provide another successful season of camping for close to 2,200 area children and families.

The camp is presently upgrading its kitchen for greater efficiency and safety. The project is to be completed by the spring.

Rideau Hill camp has always met or exceeded government water regulations and will be making changes and upgrades next spring to ensure that it continues to meet new regulations that come into effect in the summer of 2004. These changes will hopefully also mean the removal of the sulfur from our water. If you feel you could assist with this through financial support or equipment donation it would be greatly appreciated.

With the continued support of our past and new friends, the council looks forward to providing children with another fun-filled year of camp and happy memories to last a life time.

May God bless everyone involved in keeping Rideau Hill Camp alive and running for the enjoyment of all children. Have a safe and happy winter and the council looks forward to your continued financial, physical and spiritual support in the new year.

The Rideau Hill Camp website, www.rideauhillcamp.com, is a great place to visit for camp information, pictures, student jobs, registrations and other things, and it is updated on a regular basis.

Brinston building reopened

BRINSTON – The former municipal building in Brinston was reopened for use late last week.

The building was closed to the public after water tested positive for e.coli in September.

The e.coli was gone from the water quickly, however the building remained closed.

Township staff were able to open the building last week, to some of the groups that use the space, however there is no potable water.

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