

**PIPING THEM IN:** Bill Morrison of Midland piped worshipers into Cote St. Patrick Presbyterian Church for a reunion service at the church which many of the original Morrison families would have attended when it was built in 1865. This was the first service within its stone walls in more than 40 years.- Maggie Petrushevsky photo

## Reunion answers question about past

BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY  
The New Tanner

You never know what will fall out when you shake your family tree. You see, this year my family had their first reunion since their arrival 200 years ago from Glenelg, Scotland. It was held at Dalhousie Mills, Quebec with side trips to the Glengarry Highland games, Upper Canada Village and the former Presbyterian Church at Cote St. Patrick, along with personal visits to more pioneer cemeteries than I ever knew existed in Glengarry County. My 42nd cousin (or whatever) and reunion organizer Wayne Morrison tells me he has always wanted to get the family together because he wondered where the family descendants went when they left Glengarry. So instead of celebrating the new Millen-

nium, Wayne opted to celebrate the Morrison family's bicentennial. Growing up as the only member of my family who seemed to have any curiosity about our background, I always thought of myself as sort of different. From the number of relatives who showed up, incomplete family trees in hand, it appears I'm not alone in my quest to figure us all out. Only 100 of us attended but we came from all over, - California, British Columbia, Manitoba, various parts of Ontario and Virginia. Still more relatives on the east coast were tracked down but couldn't make it. I think the greatest achievement of the whole thing was finding partners in our search. Wayne wants to do a book on the family such as already exists for other Scottish families who migrated to Glengarry by the boat load. I wish him luck. We only con-

## Optimist Club in search of members

*To the Citizens of Eramosa:*  
The Optimist Club of Eramosa desperately needs new members to continue operating. It's as simple as that.

Our club is currently down to less than 10 members. However, despite our dwindling membership, last year we managed to raise and donate approximately \$8,000.00 towards the children in this township. That's fantastic! Think of how much we could do with twice as many people!

For the last 3 years we have purchased the Agenda Books for Eramosa Public School. We donate \$2,000 per year to Sunrise Equestrian for the disabled to co-sponsor a horse, Shyree, and a paddock. We have also given financial assistance to Minor Baseball and Soccer, the Big Brothers and Sisters, Scouts, the Library, the Fire Hall, the parks in Everton, Eden Mills and Rockwood. The list goes on. This year we will be sponsoring a hockey team for the first time.

I know that there are always new people moving into Eramosa who might not know many people within the community. The Optimist Club is a great way to make friends while helping many worthwhile local programs. All our funds are donated within our own community.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15. Give us a call for details. We want to continue to help the kids in our community. Hope to hear from you!

*Yours in Optimism,  
Gregg Hayes  
Co-President  
Joan Ramsay  
Vice-President*

## LACAC hosts event

Guelph/Eramosa LACAC (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee) will hold an open house Heritage Night at the new Marden Community Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 24.

The public is invited to come and see the committee's slides, reference books, maps, photos, artifacts and the Tweedsmuir Histories collected by four Women's

Institutes in the area.

The group is also asking the public's help to add to their collection by bringing along their own historical material for photocopying to add to the LACAC collection.

## WELLINGTON OPP

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### Mischief

On Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 8:00pm, Wellington OPP responded to a residence on Wellington County road 29 in Eramosa Township regarding a mischief. The suspect had punched a china cabinet and broken the glass.

A 15-year-old female from Eramosa township, is charged with Mischief Under and Failing to Comply with Probation.

nected with three of those original families this summer and we know at least four more exist somewhere...

Immigration,  
Searching for  
relatives and  
Digging Graves.  
More of this  
story next week  
in the  
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**Susan Wilson**

and at 10 a.m. on  
Sunday, October, 20th with Susan Wilson  
**Anniversary Sunday**

Sunday, October 27th at 10 am with  
Terri Leslie Widdowson

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