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Upper Canada Big League Girls Champs

Standing in back are Coach Garry O'Neill, Coach Perry Morrell, players, Ashley Parker, Abbey McCann, Jenny Dillabaugh, Adrienne Leroy, Kristen Lemaire, Jennifer Jones and Coach Gerry Whitteker. In front are Amanda Annable, Lindsay Whitteker, Kaylee Morrell, Carrie VanAllen, Karla Nugent, Kimberley O'Neill. Missing from the photo is Tracy Jones.

Van Allen looks forward to serving South Dundas

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After waiting for nine years, Mayor Lyle VanAllan is thrilled to be leading South Dundas into the next three years, and as VanAllan puts it "these are probably three of the busiest that South Dundas had seen, with fibre optics, water, sewer and tax assessemnt as some of the biggest concerns."

The number one issue, as VanAllen sees it is the fibre optics issue. "This decision is one of the biggest, with lasting effects for South Dundas," VanAllen explained to The Chieftain during a year end interview. "If we continue with the wireless system to the rural area, are taxpayers going to be willing to pay the extra, on the other hand if we turn down the $1.7 million dollar grant from the Province will this put any other grant requests in jeopardy. We have a number of costly projects coming in the near future, especially the sewer system which has to be addressed. Can we afford to say no to this grant and then expect money in the future from the Province?" As promised in his election campaign, VanAllen is hoping to see an independent study done to determine the future of fibre optics for South Dundas. "I hope that whatever the study shows, whether the fibre optics program should continue and become cost efficient or whether it should be scrapped, I hope that we as a council will listen and come to a unanimous decision."

VanAllen also said that he hopes that along with South

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2003 Upper Canada Big League Girls Champions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Big League Girls won the 2003 Championship. Some great plays coupled with a steadfast determination to win drove the girls to victory lane.

In the first round of the 2003 Playoffs, the girls defeated Winchester 2 games to 1 advancing them to the finals where they played a strong Williamsburg team.

Their first game was a close match in which Morrisburg defeated Williamsburg in a close one that was really anyones to win, the final score read 3-2 for Morrisburg. Some pretty sharp plays and never allowing their guard to fall, the Morrisburg girls won when it counted.

The second game against Williamsburg saw them rebound from the defeat, and come back strong to double the score and claim the win 8-4. Perhaps everyone on the Morrisburg squad was tired, or had used their energy in the first game, they just could not seem to get anything going. To their credit, they were not on the receiving end of any lucky bounces of the ball and their bats were almost stone cold. They seemed unable to get the ball rolling as it were. A good learning game for them and insurance that they would not go into the third and final game overconfident, they lost the game but not the playoffs.

They did however play the final game like the champs they proved they are. Some concentration, some determined play, careful attention to detail and a strong desire to come back and show they could do it drove the girls

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Runnalls ready to serve North Dundas in 2004

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Among other issues newly elected Mayor Alvin Runnalls sees challenging the downsized North Dundas Township Council are water, nutrient management and property assessment. All of these have been downloaded to the municipality by the province. As we speak, he tells The Chieftain that he sees the impact of the mad cow crisis as having a major impact in 2004 as well. Assessment is another big concern in North Dundas according to the mayor, but as he points out, "It is completely beyond our control." He however agrees that there need to be changes..."The ideal would be if assessment was uniform, then the necessary inflation related adjustments to tax rates could be initiated and you could kind of go from there," explains the new Mayor. When asked about how the Township can help, he responded, "Yeah, probably" when asked if the Township should do its part by cutting the tax rates to off-set any automatic growth in revenues that occur as a result of assessment. While the idea of the Township cutting tax rates to alleviate extra monies, monies coming in as a result of over budgeted figures garnered through tax increases is the only tool municipalities have to help the increases in assessment overall in their jurisdictions. He was quick to add that the levy by the Township should be allowed to rise by the rate of inflation though. He laughs when asked about "holding the line on taxes"..."It is like everything else, costs go up and people want their services, so they have to pay for them."

The Chieftain spoke to the Mayor before the newest mad cow scare surfaced and Canada found herself behind the pointed finger of the USA. The original crisis will have a very frightening impact on the farm gate economy in North Dundas Township said the Mayor. "The guys in dairy are losing on culled cows. There will be $100 million gone from the farm gate. It is a fear for me for sure," said Mayor Runnalls. He noted that it is hard to get a handle on how things are actually going. Speaking about corn, he noted that drying charges this season were huge and hurts everyone. "The raise in the dollar on the US market has hurt Canada farmers as well with an anticipated price of $155 per tonne shrinking to $116-$122 per tonne in actuality. It is a depressing season, some parts of our economy seems to be in trouble, although the Soybean market is growing." While he admits that jobs continue to maintain the economy in the blue collar sector (WDMH expansion and Nestles), he finds it difficult to know what way things will go. "Grains for example could provide a replacement income for beef farmers and North Dundas has a lot of both."

While Mayor Runnalls admits he never for one minute suspec-

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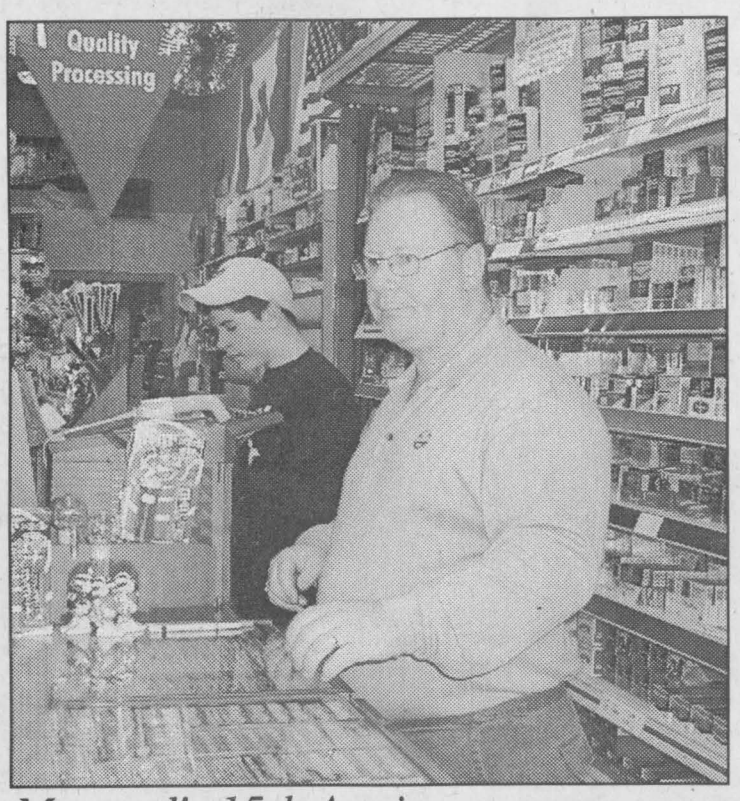

Mustard's 15th Anniversary

Jim Mustard celebrates 15 years in business in the Iroquois Shopping Plaza. The location has been a variety store for many years. Jim and family have created a terrific niche for themselves. Her a young Mustard, a nephew works his shift alongside his uncle, the owner. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*



Tournament of Champions-Champs

Here are IPS Senior Girls: Courtney Vivaries, Bailey Hollister, Jane Moss, Kathleen German taking care of the trophies. On the bench are Taylore Mattice, Melissa McLeod, Sierra Gillard, Jenna Shay, Stephanie Cochrane, Courtney Thompson and Coach Dan Armstrong. Absent is Candace Billings. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

IPS Senior Girls crowned Champions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Completing an absolutely awesome season on the Volleyball Court, the Senior Girls Team from Iroquois Public School have been wearing enormous smiles. Then, there is their teacher/Coach Dan Armstrong who cannot wipe the grin off his face, no matter how hard he tries. "It is rare to get a group like this, they have had a pretty good year," he says with a great sense of pride.

The Senior Girls Volleyball team ended their 2003 season bringing home the gold from the Upper Canada District School Board Tournament of Champions. Crowned Champions of the Championship Tourney played in the middle of December, was the best of all.

Throughout their regular season playing the girls earned an astounding record, much to their credit, as they posted 30 match wins, and only 3 losses. They claim a games record of some 60 victories with only 9 losses. They won three of the five tournaments they entered and were runners-up in the other two...a pretty impressive showing for sure.

The Upper Canada District School Board is divided into five regions, it is no surprise that the IPS Senior Girls were Eastern Divisional Champs.

Many of the girls are in grade 8 and have been playing for Mr. Armstrong for three years now. "Working as a team is easier when you are already in the same mind set, the same groove, they know where the other players are and the experience of playing together helps a lot on the court. It seemed to be just the right combination this year. Many of the girls are looking forward to playing at the high school level next year," adds Coach Armstrong.

The girls won the Grenville Invitational and the Southeast Regional Championship, with a perfect game and match record in tact. They were finalists at the Kemptville College of Arts and Technology (KCAT) Invitational and semifinalists at the St. Joe's Invitational in Cornwall. Their

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

Doubles competition took place in the Lounge on Saturday as twenty-four out of twenty-five regulars showed up for the second half of the Cribbage season. Strolling to the podium to take first place with 1082 points was Ken Palmer. Coming in second place was Linda McKee with 1065, while Duane Kirker came in a close third with a score of 1063, Dennis Wright was just one point behind Duane and took the honours of being a "Bridesmaid" for the day. A total of eight skunks invaded the Lounge and the defending champion and having the leading league average namely Bob Esford was lucky enough to get twenty-five per cent of them (which is really two!).

No Euchre report, it will resume later.

At Duplicate Bridge last Tuesday evening, December 30, there were four tables busy and at the end of the evening, the high winners were Rick and Judy Darling.

The Friday menu for this week is to be chicken casserole and the dessert will be a gooseberry-strawberry crisp with ice cream.

On Saturday, January 24, there is to be a "Pub Crawl." The sign-up sheet is at the bar. It looks interesting, so don't forget to get your name down before it is too late.

On Sunday, January 25, there is to be a 50/50 shoot sponsored by the Mixed Dart League with start time at 1pm.

February 7th is the date for the Valentine Tea and Bake Sale and February 14th is the Annual Darts for Hearts.

It looks like bookings are coming in quite well as we begin the new year.

Until next week, take care.

OBITUARIES

Ella Whitteker

Ella May Whitteker of RR2, Brinston on Monday, December 22, 2003 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Born in the former Williamsburg Township on April 9, 1926, she was 77 years of age.

In her early years, Ella worked at Wood's Restaurant in Williamsburg and as a mother's helper. After marrying the late Harry Whitteker on October 28, 1948 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church manse in Williamsburg, she became a housewife and mother who not only completed her domestic duties on a daily basis, but was very helpful and capable when it came to doing farm chores.

A lifetime resident of the area, she was a member of the Brinston Rebekah lodge #342.

Survived by a son, Russell (Pat) of RR2; Brinston and a brother Garnet (Audrey) Barkley of Williamsburg, Ella will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Eric (Angie) Whitteker of Winnipeg, Douglas Whitteker of Chesterville and great-grandchildren Haylee Jade Whitteker-Jensen and Erin Marie Whitteker-Jensen as well as many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by sisters; Agnes Beckstead, Mildred Beckstead, Viola Noble and brothers Silas Beckstead, Glen, Olin and Henry Barkley and Fred Link, Ella enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and quilting.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on December 26, 2003 where Service was conducted on Saturday, December 27 with Rev. Mark Ehlebracht officiating. Interment of cremated remains was at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston following the service.

Allan MacKenzie

Allan MacKenzie passed away peacefully with his family at his side, at the Ottawa General Hospital on Tuesday, December 23, 2003 following a brief illness.

Born at North Nation Mills in Quebec on March 1, 1920, Allan's family moved to the farm on MacKenzie Road in South Dundas Township when he was just three months old and he resided there for his entire lifetime.

Allan joined the army in 1939 and he served overseas from 1939-1945 as a member of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. Following his time in the army his careers included farming, heavy machinery operator and school custodian. He especially enjoyed his job as custodian at Elma Public School where he was well known for his good-natured teasing of the staff. Throughout his life, Allan enjoyed travelling in Northern ontario and Quebec and especially enjoyed taking long walks through the woods.

Allan will be sadly missed by his wife of 47 years, Jean Barkley ; his daughters, Helen Burke of Kingston and Bonnie MacKenzie of Kitchener, his granddaughter Christine (Christopher) Wright of Peterborough, his sister; Evelyn Marker of Smiths falls and many nieces and nephews throughout the country.

Interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital or Charity of Choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg.

Dominic & Liam Prevost

Suddenly at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Wednesday, December 24, 2003, Dominic and Liam Provost, infant twin sons of Martin Prevost and Marsha Markell of Morrisburg. Dear brothers of Jordon. Maternal grandsons of Ricky and Margaret Markell of RR2, Brinston. Paternal grandsons of Bernard Prevost of Hull and Lise Grenier (Paul Lozier) of Gatineau. Maternal great-grandsons of Iona DeVries of Cornwall and Rene (Sandra) DeVries of Avonmore. Paternal great-grandsons of Armande Grenier of Maniwaki. Dear nephews of Richard Prevost of Calumet and Pascal Prevost of Vanier. The boys are also survived by several great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

A private family graveside service was held at St. James Anglican Cemetery in Morrisburg on Monday, January 5th at 11am with Rev. Joachim Barkley-Probst officiating.

Memorial donations to the Infant Memory Program at the Ottawa Civic Hospital were gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg.

Olive Neild

Suddenly on Christmas Day, December 25, 2003 at the Cornwall General Hospital Olive Neild of Heritage Manor Retirement Home in Cornwall. Born in the former Williamsburg Township on July 5, 1913, she was 90 years of age.

A homemaker who resided in the Morrisburg area her entire life had moved to Cornwall a year ago. A member of St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg since 1927, she will be sadly missed by the community.

Predeceased by her parents, the late Arthur and Agnes (nee Gogo) Weagant, and her beloved husband, Walter Neild as well as brothers; Luke and Bernard "Bud" Weagant, she will be fondly missed by children: Harry (Faye) of Cornwall and Lester (Cheryl) of Napanee. She will be remembered by 6 grandchildren; Rufina (Lance) Gillette of Potsdam, Rachel Neild of Ottawa, Kevin Neild of Toronto, Laura (Pete) Ryder of Waterdown, Steven Neild of Napanee and Julie Neild of Napanee as well as nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital or Charity of Choice were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home on Saturday, December 27, 2003 until time of service at 1pm. Rev. Bill Byers officiated at the Funeral Home service on Saturday, December 27 at 3pm. Spring interment will be at St. James Anglican Cemetery in Morrisburg.

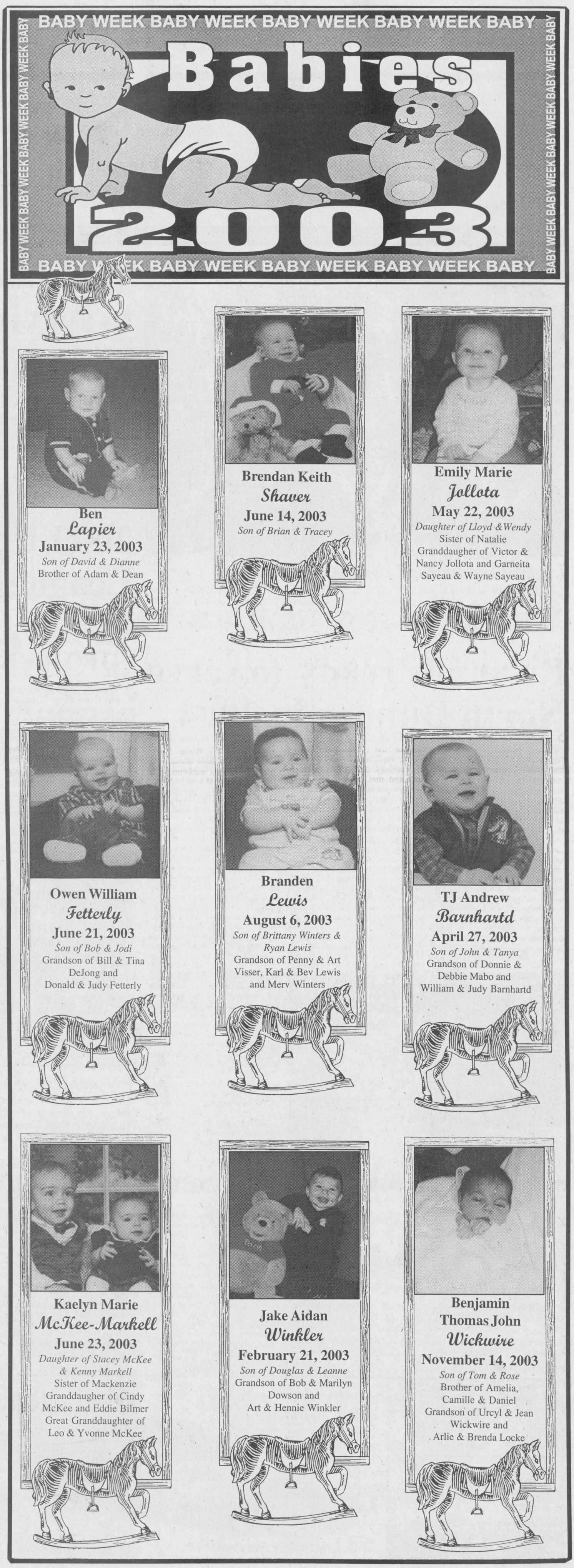
Eleanor Dillabough

Peacefully at the Dundas Manor on Friday, January 2, 2004, Eleanor Dillabough of Iroquois in her 85th year.

Dearly beloved daughter of the late William and Florence Dillabough, she was also predeceased by her brother Harry Dillabough.

Dear friend of Shirley and Doug Carnegie, at Eleanor's request, there will be no visitation. A Memorial Service will take place at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Thursday, January 8 at 11am with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating.

Memorial donations to the Winchester and District Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.



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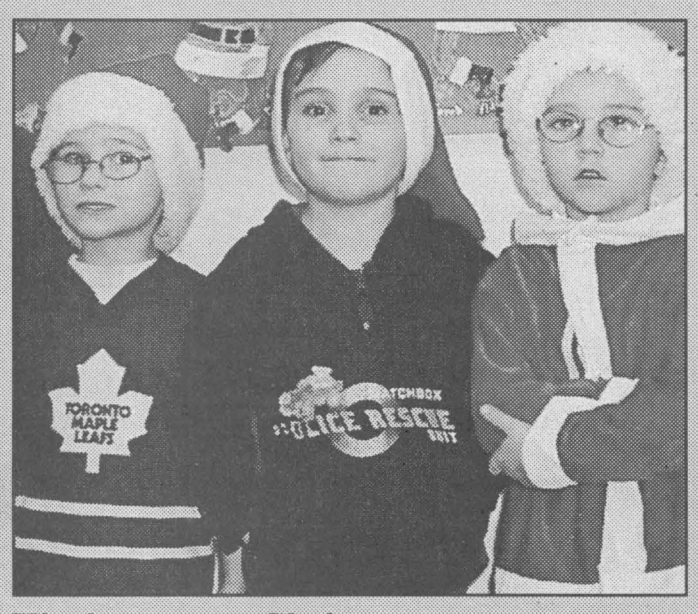
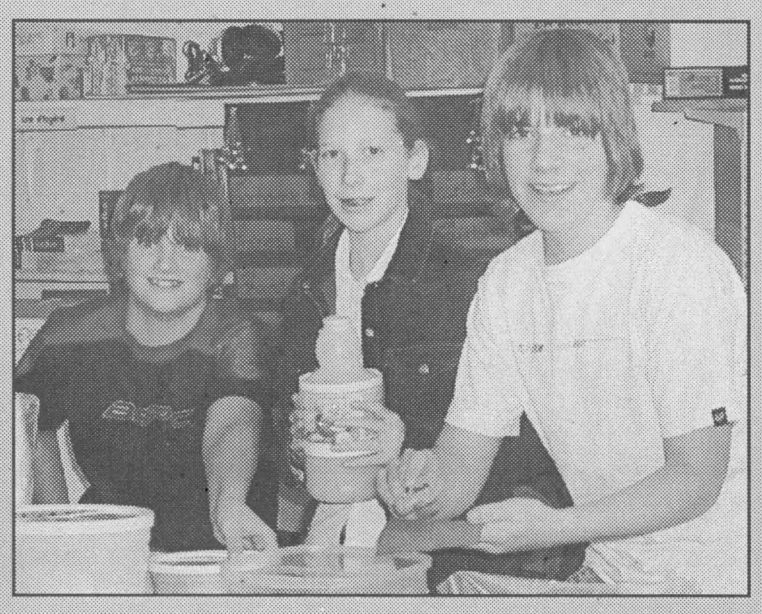
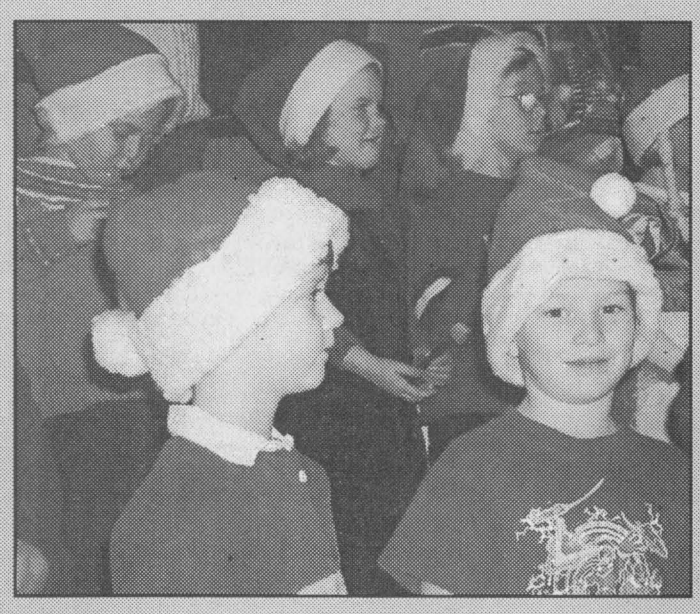


Kindergarten Christmas.



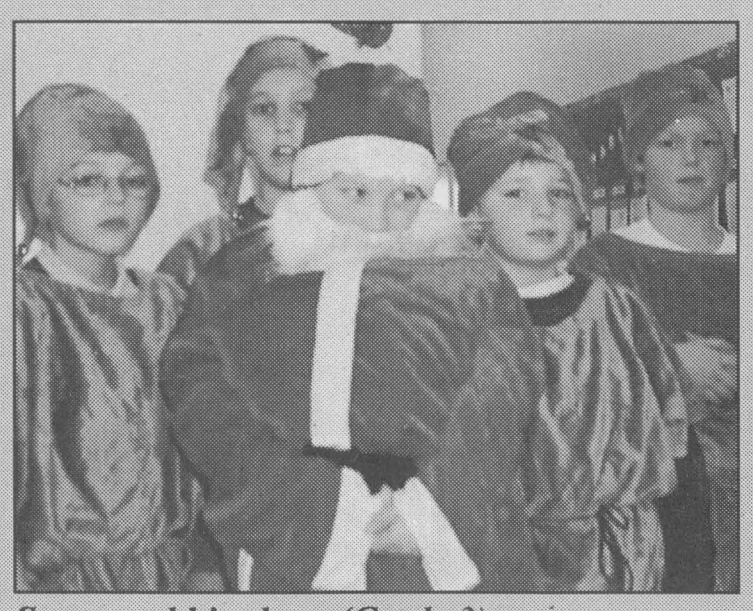
French Cafe servers. (Grade 8)



Singing Carols sets scene.



Angels bring message. (Grade 1-2)



Santa and his elves. (Grade 3)



Grade 3 Rudolphs set to go.

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Thompson Rosemount brings South Dundas up to speed on water project

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Rick Eamon and James Witherspoon of the Thompson Rosemount Group attended a recent South Dundas Council meeting to provide an update on the water projects, and also to address any new issues concerning council members.

Eamon explained to council that with the incident in Walkerton now dictates what all Ontario municipalities have to do to ensure safe drinking water for residents. With the number of water projects currently being done, and the number of hospitals getting upgrades, contractor costs have increased. Therefore South Dundas will go to tender in February, hoping that contractors costs will be lower due to lessening of work and no extra costs for winter construction. Eamon also explained that when the first engineering report was given in 2001, and with higher costs the original cost has jumped to $16-.16 million up 5.8%.

Councillor Ron Delegarde was hoping that there would be another public meeting held to discuss the Treatment Plant. Eamon explained that the number of meetings required had been held and that council also sent out newsletters to residents as a further update. "No matter how many meetings you hold you are not going to reach all the public," Eamon explained.

Councillor Sandra Bailey then questioned Eamon concerning the number of items which are ineligible for funding including taste and odour control which will be included in the new water plant. "We're talking quite a chunk of change. It is incumbent that the council of the day explain this to the people." Bailey had with her a copy of a report from concerned citizen Joe Finn, concerning these issues and the cost. CAO Andrew Brown pointed out that it was not fair to question the engineers, that it had been explained to the council of the day and the decisions made.

Location of the Water Treatment Plant was also brought to the table. Eamon explained that engineers looked at sites in Morrisburg and Iroquois, but decided on Morrisburg. Although land had to be purchased to accommodate the new building final cost estimate still dictated that the plant be in Morrisburg. Eamon further explained that the section of land in Iroquois was much smaller than originally thought and a retaining wall would have to be constructed. It was further added that a booster plant and a storage facility would have to be constructed in Morrisburg, while the old treatment plant in Iroquois will be reused as a booster station. Final cost estimates show that the township will see a savings of $.5 million with construction in Morrisburg.

With many residents concerned over the installation of water metres, it was explained that they are required to get necessary funding for the water plant. Eamon added that the metres also encourage residents to conserve water since it is a pay what you use system. Currently Iroquois is seeing a huge loss of water due to leaking in the older pipes and also due to a leaking valve at the current plant. With water metres these problems could be detected. Eamon also said that water conservation helps extend the life of a sewage treatment plant.

With the water transmission line on schedule, the Water Treatment Plant goes to tender in February.

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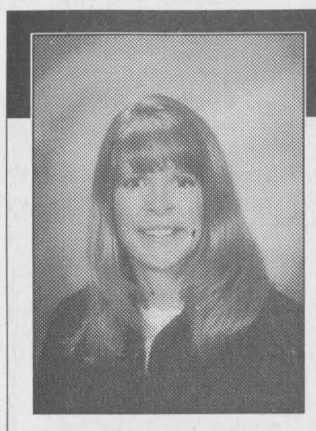

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Two Weeks After Christmas...

"Twas two weeks after Christmas and all through the house,
Every creature was hurtin', even the mouse.
The toys were all broken, their batteries dead;
Santa was sitting with ice on his head.
Pine needles and tinsel still covered the floor,
While the family upstairs continued to snore.
And I in my t-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans,
Went into the kitchen and started to clean.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the curtains and threw up the sash.
When what to my wandering eye should appear
But a little white truck, with a oversized mirror.
The driver was smiling so lively and grand,
The patch on his jacket said "Canada Post."
With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox,
Then quickly he stuffed them into our box.
Bill after bill, after bill, they still came,
Whistling a shouting he called them by name.

"Now Zellers, now Wal-Mart, now Old Navy and Sears,
Here's Visa, Mastercard, Home Sense and Pier's."
"To the top of your limit, every store, every mall,
Now charge away, charge away, charge away all."

He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work;
Filled up the box and turned with a jerk.
He sprang to his truck, and drove down the road,
Driving much faster, with just half a load.
Then I heard him exclaim, with a great holiday cheer,
"Enjoy what you got...
You'll be paying all year!"

What Lies Ahead?

A we take the first careful steps into 2004, we need to look back as well as ahead.

Whether sitting at the Council table for the first time which is no easy task, especially when you are new to the chair and the issues or a seasoned member of the elected body, you make decisions for the entire Township, we wish you wisdom, confidence,and remember, it is not shameful ask questions; never be afraid to say, "I don't know."

Looking at the economy, we all hope a new year brings encouragement and a brighter outlook, although in North Dundas the Parmalot issue looms and among farmers in both Townships the madcow blaming act continues and sales slide

Then too, the SARS scare again rears its ugly head as we begin a new year, just when we felt the fear could subside a bit, news reports of another outbreak overseas has gripped everyone.

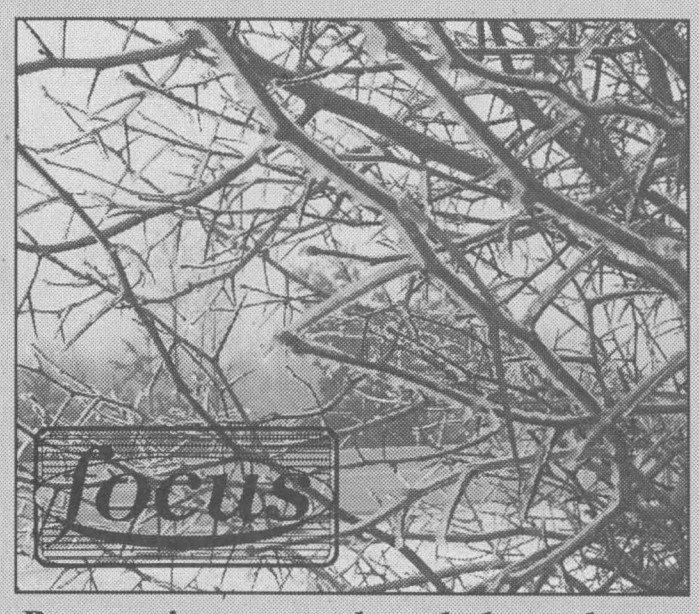
Terrorism remains a threat to the entire free world. People, try to carry on as before 911, but continued messages concerning terrorists and what they plan to do keep security at a high level and many people to stay at home where they feel some semblance of safety are voiced everyday.

On a brighter note, Mars is being checked out as we look to outer space for the future.

Events like the Christmas Exchange ensure that volunteerism is alive and well in our part of the woods. Making certain those less fortunate make it through their tough times, providing meals on wheels, drives to clinics and various appointments for the elderly, the ill or anyone who requires a ride has many people on most days of the week.

In closing we need to be kinder. Too many turned on our Junior, Hockey team after a fluke bounce of the puck gave the gold medal to the U.S.A.These are only boys, not men, and the hype, the pressure, the fact that they were winning, and then something that should not have been allowed happens and the tears of a country are shed. Blame is easily put upon other shoulders. We have no idea how tough it was to play world calibre playing by teenagers. Silver is an awesome colour. We would all have liked to see gold, they had played so well throughout the tourney, but be careful. You may be in a like situation oneday. Look at your teen and wonder how he/she would have reacted. They feel badly enough, we need to support them...Happy 2004! **S.L.J.**

Freezing Rain across the Seaway Valley



Barren, ice covered apple branches.



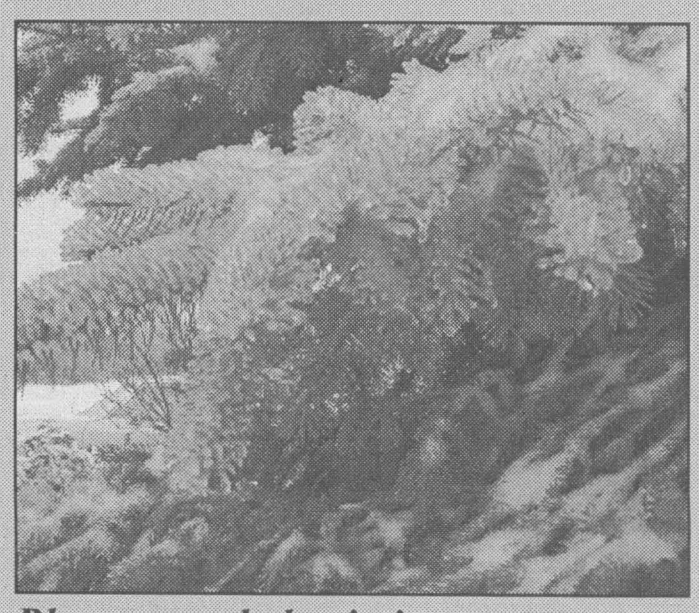
An ice wonderland shines on.



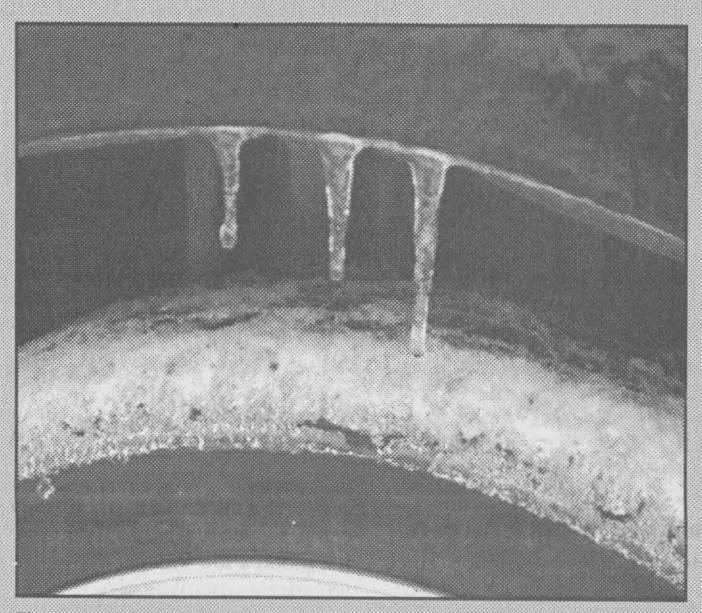
Christmas remembered in icy splendor.



Juniper bush in icy blanket.



Blue spruce laden in icy cover.



Ice tails in vehicle wheel well.

Chieftain Photos - S.L. Johnston

Getting back into the routine at the Ranch



The tree has been undecorated (is that a word?) and stands outside with fruit pieces, popcorn strings and small suet bags dangling from its branches. It has not yet begun to lose its needles. perhaps cutting our own is the secret, who knows, we are certainly more than pleased with the choice this season. The cleanup was easier for sure with no piles of dry needles to contend with as has been a necessity in previous years. The big guy and I worked slowly but steadily at the clean up. He started outside as the colourful lights came down and were packed away after they warmed up. Afraid of the cold blast which we are in fact experiencing, that the extension cords would get frozen for the winter in the ground, he wanted to remove them while it was warm enough outside that they came away from the ground with ease and did not suffer any damage.

The weekend was planned to be a restful end to a good holiday time. Unfortunately the writer's head had a different agenda for us. A horrific migraine headache grew progressively worse. Starting with the aura which has been experienced numerous times before, and since I have endured some pretty bad episodes since I was 10 years old I knowingly was getting set for the worst; there was no way I could be prepared for what I was to be forced to live through this past weekend. The aura expanded and the headache grew proportionally. Every part of the cranium pounded, even the slightest touch sent stabs of pain through from the neck to the top of the head. usually one spot in particular is more painful than the rest, this time it was the entire head, there was no place that was not crying with agony. Add to the discomfort the fact that nothing seemed to help. Since I am taking Prednisone for the Sojgrens symptoms which have been overactive lately as well, I am restricted as to what I can take and what I cannot. A call went out to Telehealth Ontario and after a thorough consultation it was decided that I best simply weather the storm as it were. I have taken this approach before and lived to tell the tale, this time I was unsure as to the outcome. Panic set in after we tried frozen items, heated beanbags, intense massage, lying down, getting up, sitting, standing, pacing and compresses and found no relief. A suggestion that a trip to the Emergency was in order, I did not feel I could make the trek to Winchester. Stomach upheaval and dizziness made even a stationary position an uneasy situation. Afraid to fall asleep if the pain allowed such to happen, I lie awake worrying, wondering if notes to family members were in order. An unsteady trip downstairs as others slept proved a poor idea and so the couch was where I found myself on Sunday morning. At least I was happy to wake up and feel the endless pain that continued throughout the day. There were times when I was able to accomplish some things, but a lot of time was spent on the couch, in the shower, and sitting with cold compresses attempting to get rid of the pain. As this is being typed, and that has been a real chore for this issue, I am still suffering from pain that refuses to go away. Although it has subsided somewhat, I am too clearly aware of the aura that remains, the trigger points and any sudden movement which causes the depth of the ache to increase. Facial bones hurt when touched, the cold causes a painful reaction and the head feels like a D6 Cat Dozer has invaded and is trying to break out. Not a pleasant experience at all. If only the specialist in neurological things could snap an MRI when this is occurring, maybe we could get to the bottom of things and ensure this never happens again!?

The University kid is back at school, classes began on Monday and a call for cash came through for textbooks. Another conformation from a college application for the Paramedic Course came through and so again we wait for the next correspondence. A glitch in the MedSchool application has been taken care of and, yes, we wait even more. Marks should soon be posted for last semester so we know how he is really doing... His fish were fine when he got back to the house, there had been some concern about their wellbeing since he was away for the holidays, but the feeder did the job it was meant to and time released food each day.

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the bottom line

M.P. BOB KILGER STATED THAT HE AND A LOCAL DELEGATION are meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources, the honourable John Efford, M.P., P.C. today, Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at 4pm to discuss the Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-Operative Ethanol Project. Attending the meeting with M.P. Kilger will be Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh M.P.P. Jim Brownell, Phil Poirier, Mayor of the City of Cornwall and Dennis Fyfe, Warden of the United Counties of Stormont-Dundas - Charlottenburgh.

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AS OF JANUARY 2, OVER 6,000 RURAL AND SUBURBAN MAIL carriers have gained employee status with Canada Post as was negotiated by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) on behalf of the Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers (RSMC). Those carriers, who were contract workers, with no rights or benefits, will now be entitled to basic rights, such as coverage under workers' compensation and a contract that provides clear rules and improved wages. The contracting of these workers also basically consolidates the mail collection and delivery network.

A CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP MEETS AT ST. CECILIAS CHURCH ON College Street in Iroquois each Thursday evening at 7:30pm. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in the Gospel letters of St. Paul, originating with the early desert fathers of the 4th century, a Benedictine Monk, Father John Main (1926-1982) has rediscovered this ancient prayer tradition for contemporary men and women. Today there over 1200 Christian Meditation groups worldwide. Newcomers are welcome. The 1-hour meeting includes quiet music, a short taped talk by father Main on Meditation, 25 minutes of silent meditation, followed by a question/answer period. Call Dennis at 543-4449 if interested.

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EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO COME OUT ON JANUARY 18, 2004 AS The Friends of the Sanctuary will host a wood carving workshop presented by David Gellately of Long Sault beginning at 1pm sharp. The Interpretive Centre at the Bird Sanctuary will be buzzing with activity. Materials will be supplied to carve and paint a gnome for only $10. Call Margaret at 543-2547 to pre-register. Registration is limited, call today!

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IPS

biggest victory came at the Board wide Tournament of Champions, which they won.

A great year for a special group of young ladies! Congrats Girls!!

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down victory lane. They began to hit, fielding improved and no plays were taken lightly. Everything had boiled down to the championship match. Playing for the whole thing came down to one ball game and this was it. It took the girls only 6 innings to claim the victory they knew was theirs for the taking. The final score read 16-9...well done ladies! Crowned Big League Champs the girls were all home for Christmas and so a press photo was setup so they could be recognized. Most have gone away to post secondary schools and with the rush and confusion that this move brings about, they had not yet been able to come together for the photo.

A special thanks to the effort put forth by the girls, to their coaches and umpires for a great season on the diamonds.

Van Allen

Dundas, that all municipalities in Ontario will work together to put pressure on the Provincial Government to bring closure to the tax assessment issue. "This system is ridiculous," VanAllen stated, "It is an unfair way of assessing property and I hope that be can all ban together at the upcoming ROMA Convention to get results."

With the Water Transmissions line on schedule and the Water Treatment Plant going to tender, the next hurdle South Dundas must face is the sewage issue. "The Province dictates to us what needs to be done, and we have to find the resources to do it," VanAllen said.

Another issue close to VanAllen's heart is the garbage and recycling problems. "We can't afford to continue to build mountains of garbage, something has to been done. We are a throw away society, and maybe it's time to find an alternative to landfill sites." VanAllen is also concerned about the garbage thrown out along Township roads. He is hoping to set up a free day program at local dump sites which would allow residents to take excess garbage free of charge. "This is costing the Township money, we pay an employee to drive along and pick up the garbage, along with fuels it gets quite costly."

Another big problem, is vandalism in both Iroquois and Morrisburg. VanAllen was most impressed with the findings of Constable Julie Cyr an officer with the local detachment who visited council recently, and hopes to bring together business owners, school officials, students residents and the local OPP to help with the continuing problem with teen activity on the Iroquois Mall at noon. Other issues concerning VanAllen is the bad water at some municipal buildings and the high cost of testing the water, "Perhaps we will have to face the closure of some of the lesser used buildings" Doran Bay, The Iroquois Golf Course and The Lockmaster's House are also issues that need to be resolved. VanAllen would also like to see an overall vote take place next election rather than a ward system vote. "I think it's time, people are seeing us more as South Dundas now rather than individual townships."

"We need to make a number of big decisions over the next three years, but I have cautioned against making any rash decisions," Van Allen explained. "We must be patient, myself and the two new councillors must look towards councillors Barkley and Whitteker for some guidance, we must work together and make unanimous decisions for the betterment of South Dundas Township."

Runnalls

ted that being Mayor would be an easy job, he feels his six years as a councillor has prepared him for what he faces in the next three years. Not yet comfortable wearing the Chain of Office ("It is really not my style," says the Mayor), he is using the time to assess the situation and feels that council as a whole is doing the same, trying to get a handle on the issues they face. "Everybody seems anxious to make their mark."

He praises the municipal staff whom he sees as taking a lot of pressure off the shoulders of the elected representatives. He does however see a need for council to make an extra effort to be very visible in the western portion of the Township. "Four of the five members of Council come from points no further west than Winchester Village. The balance seems to lean towards the East, we need everyone to know who we are and be assured that we represent them all," says Runnalls. He admits he does not see it as a problem, but feels it is vital that the taxpayers know who their representatives are. "We'll have to work carefully to get out and be seen."

Issues that are issues for the Township include the costly impact of the Walkerton disaster on all municipalities. A long time farm activist and former executive of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Mayor does not like the finger pointing at the farming community. "Walkerton was a bad well casing and seven inches of rainfall over one night. All I hear is about farmers, manure, yet there is never anyone getting to the fact of the matter, the shoddy well. The casing was bad and the chlorination system was not working." New regulations are now in place requiring the Township to conduct certified, costly, weekly well tests at various recreational facilities. He believes this will be raised by the Ontario Municipal Association as they try to lobby Queen's Park on this issue. These new standards have North Dundas beginning a more than $1 million municipal well upgrades in Chesterville and Winchester throughout 2003-04, even though there have ben no problems.

Not pleased with the Ontario government's decision to put the Ministry of the Environment in charge of farm inspections under the Nutrient Management Act. He would like to see some of this task turned back to the OMFA.

Still on the agricultural issues, Mayor Runnalls is not convinced that the Township should retain a local committee of farmers to address farming issues. He suggested to The Chieftain that perhaps this is a better idea for Counties Council to deal with. Preferring to stick with Council's current "committee of the whole" where most decisions remain in the hands of elected Council members, not referred to outside committees, he seems to know what he wants to see happen in North Dundas, even though he is new to the top spot.

Eluding to the supply management system in Canada's dairy sector which leans towards encouraging stability, Mayor runnalls feels that cheese making will continue to do well in Winchester's Parmalat plant despite the troubles with the Italian parent company. In fact before this hits the news stands we understand that potential purchasers within Canada have voiced interest in buying Parmalat assets in this country.

Both the Mayor and his Deputy Mayor, Bill Smirle (appointed Tourism Board member at County level) are new to the County System of government, but are ready to put the effort into the job to ensure North Dundas is represented to the best of their ability at the County level. "Bill will be able to push North Dundas and this can help businesses. We need to promote what we have here to our advantage." He noted that the Council has had some visioning done and feel they know where they are headed. He is open to new ideas and points to the Business retention idea spoken of by Councillor Martin Schoones in his campaign address. "We will look at this avenue of maintaining what we have and encouraging new business to locate here. The idea of an Economic Development Commission along the lines of what South Dundas has in place may be an option worth checking out."

The biggest things the Mayor sees to be continued include roads and infrastructure. "The weather has a big bearing on roads, conditions and grading of gravel surfaces ("We have a lot of them."), pot holes and the drainage of them are concerns to be addressed.

Mayor Runnalls is prepared for the job he has earned there is no doubt when you speak with him, he has a handle on the Township and knows what he would like to see happen there, but is ready to work with the whole Council in making all decisions.



A wee Chickadee grabs a snack of seeds.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

A new caller on Elizabeth Drive here in town called to let us know she had six male and three female Red Winged Blackbirds visiting her three feeders on December 21. On Christmas Day a female Hairy Woodpecker dropped by for a snack, while on Boxing Day somewhere between 20 and 30 Starlings were sighted enjoying a feast. On December 28 a couple of male and female as well Brown-Headed Cowbirds were at the feeders. She reports that on a regular basis she sees 25-30 Mourning Doves, some Red Polls, Sparrows, Chickadees and Blue Jays at the feeders.

Once or twice each week she can count on seeing a Nuthatch and a Snow Bunting.

Our Red Squirrel keeps coming back for more peanuts and sunflower seeds every day, his wee cheeks literally bulge at the jaw seams as he packs them full of food and then races off. A new feeder was a Christmas gift for us and the suet holder is a favourite place for our Red Headed Woodpecker to hang out. Our regular visitors include Chickadees, Mourning Doves, Blue Jays and Sparrows...none of which are shy. They all come to the feeder by the kitchen window and eat their fill as the cat sits on the sill watching, her tail constantly on the move. Flocks of Canada Geese are regular overhead flyers each evening and morning as they make their way north and south over the house. With the light dusting of snow we had last evening the rabbit tracks on my front lawn were wild and crazy, the couple we had previously must surely have produced a family, there are tracks everywhere!

A caller living along Galop Lane called to tell us three pairs of Red Polls had been seen along this area recently.

Our Irena birder called to let us know she has seen a Pine Grosbeak near the creek on Rowena Road. Last Friday she reports 14 Juncos at her feeder, 3 Tree Sparrows and 3 Blue Jays. A group of Gold Finches were seen on a neighbours lawn on Irena Road. She says she bought a new suet bell, this time with bigger seeds and the Downy Woodpecker seems to prefer it to the one she had with the smaller seeds. On her way to Morrisburg, she noted a load of Canada Geese along the creek shoreline, perhaps as many as 1000! Fourteen Slate Juncos on a neighbour's lawn are a sure sign of impending snowfall she explained to me. She has had 3 Chickadees, 2 Mourning Doves and a White Breasted NutHatch drop by for a snack at the feeders as well this week.

Happy New Year to everyone and keep those reports coming in, feeders should be getting busy as we welcome the arrival of more snow. Call 652-4395 and ask for SLJ. Thanks to all who contribute and keep the column alive.

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Livin'

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He has stayed in touch since going back and his bro' even called to wish his parents a Happy New Year at midnight, as we toasted in 2004, looking forward to bigger and better things as we head into another year.

The headache kept me from attending the Senators hockey game I won the tickets to on Tuesday night, but the big guy and number one son went and had a great time. We must go to games more often, it is a great family adventure, the hype and the action, the thrill of being at the game is well worth the trip.

New Years Day was unique this year as the family gathered at the brothers, enjoyed a pile of treats and eats, laughter, old family movies, reminisced, ate more, drank wine, tea and coffee, played board and card games and ate even more. It was a great way to usher in 2004, and since we have not been getting together often enough it did us all well. The sons were missing and that was too bad especially for their old mother, but maybe next year.

A letter from number two sons guest this past fall when they came to see us helped improve the mood a lot. Thanks Matty, we would welcome you any time.

One of my Godchildren stopped by and we visited a bit, everyone is so busy these days there is hardly time to do the things necessary let alone find time to mingle and such. We need to find time though, life is too short to miss out on such events as getting together with those important to us.

A few new books for Christmas are being checked out when the pain subsides. For Better or Worse with Lynn Johnston, the latest comic strip collection keeps my list up to date and is terrific. Mary Cook's newest book is a biography and will be reviewed as will a former Dundela resident, turned local author, Ron Coleman's book-"Just Watch Me! Trudeau's Legacy."

Keep smiling, keep warm and enjoy. The wisdom comes from H. Jackson Brown Jr. who said, "Loosen up. Relax. Except for rare life-and-death matters, nothing is as important as it first seems."

Household Tip by Harp

To remove a stain, wet area with lemon juice, cover it with salt and leave on until the stain fades. Repeat if necessary.

SOUTH DUNDAS Chamber of Commerce

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9:15 a.m. - St. James'
11 a.m. - St. John's

United Church of Canada
Matilda Pastoral Charge
Clergy: Yvonne Willis
Sunday, January 11, 2004
Brinston - 9:30 am
Hulbert-Valley - 11 am

Roman Catholic Churches
Rev. Father Sebastian Arikat
543-2544
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Saturday - 7:30 pm
Sunday - 11 am
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9 am

Community Christian Reformed Church
10 am - Sunday Worship
7 pm - Evening Service
Dixon's Corners, Ontario
Phone: 652-2400
Pastor: Rev. Clarence Witten

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
St. Andrew's, St. James, Cardinal 9:30 am
Knox Church, Iroquois 11 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Rev. Geoffrey Howard
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Sports

~Junior "B" Lions Winning!
~IPS Volleyball Action
~Curlers Keep Sweeping



Senior Boys Regional Winners

Pictured are the members of the IPS Senior Boys Volleyball Team. Standing are Travis Tyo, Randy Whitford, Jordon Hawn, Ryan Swank, Frank Choi and Liam Mills. Seated are Coach Mr.Robin Gibbs, Justin Saunders, Andres Menges, Jesse Lapier, Greg McCaslin and Brett Avery. Some amazing playing earned the boys the title as Regional Champs.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Junior B Lions start new year off with double win

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

What a terrific way to start a new year!! The Junior "B" Lions began 2004 with two wins in two outings. The thrill of victory sure is sweet! Way to roar Lions!

Saturday night the Junior "B" Lions travelled to Williamstown to face the tough, first place CharLan Rebels. Jeff McIntyre came to play and as he stood tall in the pipes for the Lions, turning aside some 32 shots, he allowed only two keeping the Rebels at bay, and unable to score, his team took advantage of his efforts.

The Lions gained confidence as the game progressed, with a tight defence and an offence that got the job done, they claimed a most respectable victory, 5-2.

The Lions came onto the ice ready to show the Rebels what they are made of. Scoring only 2:04 into the game, Pat McLeod teamed with Pat Sauve and Jason Denio to put the Lions on the board first. Maintaining their lead, Jeff McIntyre looked pretty good in the pipes as he kept his team in this one. With the clock showing 13:55 played, it was Kyle Jarvis who skated in with Cory Gove and Denio on his wings. Tucking the puck neatly into the twine, he put the Lions up two. But the Rebels came out hard in the first too figuring on the victory being easy and finally jammed the puck into the Lions mesh at 15:23.

The Lions were determined and played hard as Jeff kept them in the game, robbing the Rebels on their nine attempts to count a goal. The period ended with the Lions up one on the Rebels.

The second period was scoreless as both teams played tight hockey and goalies at both ends of the ice did their jobs well. McIntyre turned away 16 attemptes to score while at the opposite end of the ice the Lions pounded Anthony Fricchione with 12 shots, none of which they could push through. Goal tending seemed to be the name of this matchup and both goalies were hot.

In the final frame of the game, it was Matt Walsh who was able to pull the Rebels goalie to the side enough to allow a clear shot at the net. Taking the pass from Jarvis and Gove, he made no mistake giving the Lions the two shot lead at 7:14. As the clock read 10:00 it was Sauve on the powerplay who found his target and nailed the puck into the mesh as Denio helped once again and Jon Chambers got into the action around the net to give the Lions a 4-1 lead. Never letting up on the Rebels, the Lions were hot and when another powerplay presented itself, when two Rebels found themselves in the box, one for Interference and the other for Roughing, the Lions took advantage 35 seconds later when Chad Galipeau scored leaving no doubt who the better team was on this outing. Then, with the clock winding down, 19:22 on the time piece, the Rebels made one final attempt to get back in the game. It was definitely too little, too late. The Lions had won 5-2.

Shots on goal were 31 for the Lions and 34 for the Rebels. The Rebels served 15 penalties (one Game Misconduct) while the Lions were in the box 9 times, demonstrating how their self-control and maturity proved them winners, penalties hurt. The Lions had shown they can play well, claiming victory over the top team in their division.

Sunday afternoon the Lions were at home to the Winchester Hawks, a team in a rebuilding phase this season. McIntyre got the call to work the crease again, and responded well. The first period was a great one as the Lions came out rough and ready with the elation of victory still in their strides. Pat Sauve took the puck in and bulged the twine to put the Lions on the board first. At 16:27 with help from Jon Chambers the Lions were headed in the right direction. Chad Galipeau took the pass from Justin Elliott and counted another for the Lions putting them up two at 15:41. The Hawks began to fly at 14:24 when they tinkled the twine at 14:24 as they started a comeback. Again at 7:26 McIntyre was caught off guard and the Hawks scored again to knot things at two. However the Lions were not going down this easily and at 3:10 Tyler Lafortune wearing that "A" on his jersey skated in hard, and planted himself in front of the net. When the pass came from Cory Gove and Kyle Jarvis he was ready and made no error pushing the puck into the net. Then with the clock showing 1:54 Matt McBean scored the insurance goal with help from Gove and Sauve.

A scoreless second showed how well both teams played determinedly, not making any mistakes. The Hawks counted the only goal in the third at 11:05, to pull to within one, but the Lions hung on for the win.

Seven penalties to the Lions and four to the Hawks in this one, were not too bad. You have to stay on the ice to win. A great way to begin the second half of the season. Keep it going.

The Lions will host the Alexandria Glens on Friday evening, January 9, with the puck dropping at 8:15. On Sunday the 11th they trek to Kemptville to face the 73s, and a 7:15 start.

Go Lions Go!!

Senior Boys Volleyball Team first in regular season play

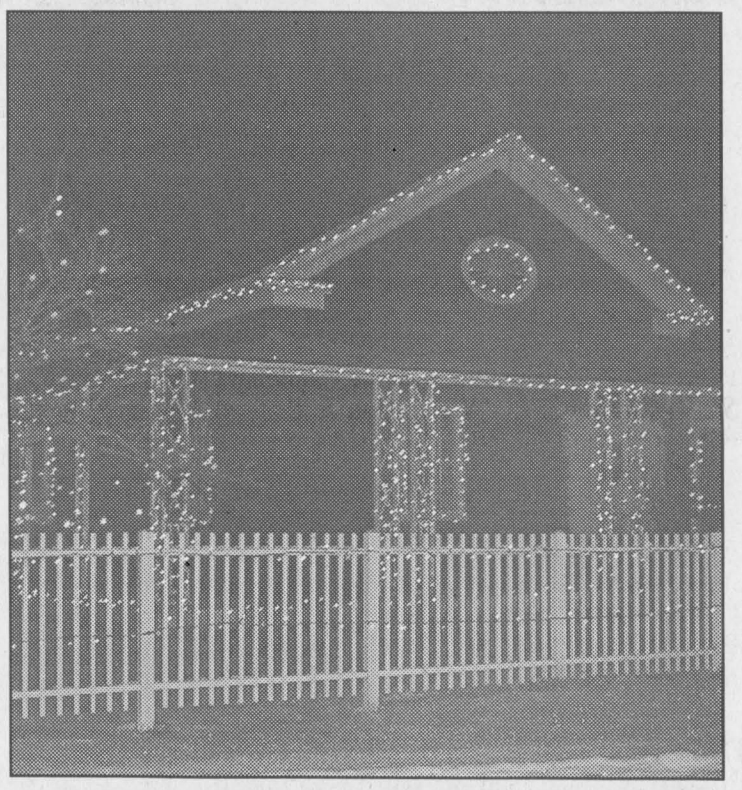
by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Senior Boys Volleyball Team completed a well played season. The Top two teams at the Regional level have the right to go on to the Championship Tournament.

Finishing in first place in the South East Divsion earned the IPS squad the right to advance to the Tournament of Champions early in December 2003.

Speaking to the boy's coach The Chieftain learned that there were four or five teams entered who on any given day could easily have won the tourney. "All teams played extremely well, including ours." The IPS team had placed third in their South East Division and came fifth overall. It was here, at the Tournament of Champions on the court they faced the strong team from St. Joe's who had sent them to defeat every time they met during regular season play.

The Iroquois boys knew what they had to do and came prepared to the Championship Tourney. According to Coach /Teacher, Robin Gibbs, "All the boys played well at the Championship Tourney, they were in fact only one point shy of making the playoff finals. They won three sets, going on to face St. Mary's who could not be beat, they defeated IPS in both sets they played. St. Mary's would go on to victory in the Tourney, therefore the IPS boys have nothing to feel too badly about, they did a fine job getting as far as they did. Falling one game short of making the playoff round is an admirable placing boys!



Alight at Night Success

Photo by S.L.Johnston

The Doctor's House at Upper Canada Village is always a popular and colourful spot along the street when the Annual Alight at Night transforms the Village into an awesome masterpiece of seasonal colour. Another successful run is over.

Curling News

with Steve Thompson

Steve Boucher and Allan Black may have played the final of the Two-Person Bonspiel on sheet "B" over the holidays, they won the overall title this year, the "A" Championship. My usual apologies for the error.

The Champions in the Friday night mixed league for the first draw have been announced. They are: Gerry and Cheryl Thomspon and Ruth and Paul Robertson. The Friday nighters are back at it again this week.

Next week, TSN will be televising the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship being held this year in Schumacher, Ontario. Two weeks later marks similar coverage of the Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Championships from Vernon, B.C. It is a bit early to think about it yet, but the Tournament of Hearts begins on February 21 in Red Deer and the Brier on March 6 in Saskatoon. Good viewing is ahead for all who love curling.

The Canadian Curling News recently brought back from near oblivion, lists the top 50 money winners in its December edition. On the men's side, Wayne Middaugh, Glenn Howard and #31 for Ed Werenich. Times are changing. On the womens side, Sherry Anderson, Shannon Kleibrink and Jennifer Jones were the top three, with Anne Merklinger 15th and Sherry Middaugh in 20th spot. Recent results have doubtless shifted some of these positions.

By the way, "Sweep" reported last month that Randy Ferby has been laid off from his job in the oil business. He was told it was not because of the time he took off work, but perhaps it was a factor. Even with the more respectable payday the top curlers have now, it isn't a living. Curlers need full time jobs and time off for curling can be a problem-unless you manage a golf course, like some people.

We thought we were doing well with the curling sticks many of our seniors use. The first annual Canadian Wheelchair Championship was held in November at the Toronto Cricket and Curling Club. The winners are off to Suree, Switzerland later this month for the World Wheelchair Championship. We know our curling sticks extend the time those who love the game can play it; it would be nice to see local people confined to wheelchairs still competing at some level. A video is available from the CCA and Curl Ontario, and Ontario plans to extend the development of the sport to centres including Ottawa next year. Now if only our club was wheelchair accessible.

Looking beyond the next Winter Olympics to 2010, the Winter Olympic Games are being held in Vancouver, a fact burned into the minds of those guiding the Canadian Curling Association and the World Curling Federation. It is expected that, after hockey, curling will be the top focus for Canadians at the Games. With Canada as the preeminent nation and promoter for curling in the world, people like Warren Hansen, manager of the media relations for the CCA, said recently, "If Canada doesn't do it right, it's certainly unlikely any other country will be in a position to improve on Canada's profile at the Olympics." We look forward to exciting qualifying competitions to choose our representatives at the Winter Olympics.

And finally, this weekend, the Holiday Inn/Best Western Challenge is scheduled at the local club. Good Curling to all!!

INTERBRANCH MEN'S DART LEAGUE December 18, 2003	
Prescott 6	122
Iroquois 5	111
Prescott 1	107
Iroquois 7	87
Cardinal 4	78
Prescott 3	35
GAMES WON (3 or more)	
Tim Gonczowski	6
Tom Rae	6
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Dvid Haynes	4
Ron Bradford	4
Jeremy Adams	3
HIGH SCORES	
Jerry Carr	180-135
Tom Rae	180
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Glen Adams	140-125
Jeremy Adams	140-125
Rick Sayeau	140-123
Ross King	140-121
Bill Hutt	140
Bobby Sayeau	140
Duane Kirker	132
Wayne Bellinger	125-121
Bob Gaudet	125
Gord Grant	125
David Haynes	125
Bob Juby	122

Kings taste International Hockey

The Minor Pee Wee Kings took part in the Bell Cup International Hockey tournament in Ottawa this past week. Prior to the tournament, the Kings played two exhibition games against Jockerit Blue and Jockerit White who are two teams from Finland. In the Jockerit White game, the two teams were evenly matched which also reflected in the 0 - 0 score. By the second game, the Kings found their skating legs and took the game to Jockerit Blue with the score of 4 - 0 . Scoring for the Kings were Jordan Moran, Mitchell Chartrand, Ryan Vincent and Derek Froats. Assisting on the goals were Josh Pitt (2), Casey Crooke, Jayson Harmer and Curtis Van Allen.

On Jan. 1st, the Bell Tournament games started in earnest with the Kings opening up against the Depew Saints (Buffalo). The Kings played a fast paced game, keeping constant pressure on the Saints and coming away with a 4 - 1 victory. Goal scorers were Jordan Moran (2), Derek Froats and Ryan Vincent. Helpers went to Casey Crooke, Dylan Casselman, Ryan Vincent, Josh Pitt and Derek Froats.

Game two of the tournament saw the Kings take on the Ajax Knights. The game was close until the Kings forward Curtis Van Allen scored on a penalty shot. This gave his team-mates the lift they needed and they went on to win 5 - 2. Other scorers in this game were Casey Crooke, Dylan Casselman, Derek Froats and Ryan Vincent. Assists went to Jordan Moran, Jayson Harmer (2), Josh Pitt (2) and Derek Froats.

Game three on Jan. 2nd saw the Kings take on the Vaughan Panthers. For the Kings to advance to the quarter finals a win or a tie was needed. This was not an easy game and it showed on the score sheet with a 1 - 1 tie. Josh Pitt scored the lone goal with assists going to Jordan Moran and Ryan Vincent.

The quarter finals saw the Kings host the St. Lawrence Thunder (Syracuse). There was only one goal in this game and it was unfortunately scored by the Thunder who later went on to win the final in this tournament.

For any team to go deep into a tournament they need stellar performances in goal and the Kings' goal tenders, Tyler Gallinger and Michael Lalande were up to the task. Defensive players Cameron Armstrong, Michael McGahey, Jayson Harmer and Derek Froats worked very hard to keep challengers away from their net and this was reflected in the outcomes of all games.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Iroquois and District

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THE IROQUIOS GOOD COMPANIONS will meet for a potluck dinner on January 13, in the Civic Centre. Bring your favourite dish to share. Musical entertainment will follow. All seniors are welcome. For more info contact Mrs. Myrtle Johnston at 652-2230 or Mrs. Leona McIntosh at 652-4897.

PARK LANE SENIORS DINER'S CLUB will host a dinner on Thursday, January 8 at 12 noon at the Iroquois Legion Branch 370. Cost is only $5 for a really good meal. Invitation to ALL seniors. For more info contact Park Lane Seniors Support Centre at 535-2924 or the Legion at 652-4516.

WILLIAMSBURG ODDFELLOWS EVENTS: January 10 - Kathy & Friends, 8 pm to 12 am. Admission $6. January 24, Seaway Valley Country 8 pm to 12 am. Admission $6.

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Tom Maxwell Car Rally set for Saturday

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Get those motors running, get out on the Rally route, thinking caps in place, concentrate, read carefully and follow those directions to the letter. It is indeed rally time again in Matilda Ward.

Vehicles will be idling as drivers and passengers register and read their first set of instructions before pulling out of the parking lot.

Saturday will see the running of another annual event at the Carnival, the Doctor Tom Maxwell Car rally. Unfortunately Mother Nature did not co-operate and the lack of snow has forced the cancelation of the Snowmobile Rally. Nonetheless, everyone looking for a fun way to spend a few winter time hours on January 10 taking part in the driving, deciphering, deciding, calculating and enjoyment of the adventure a rally provides.

Under the guidance of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club this year the route is a closely guarded secret at press time, but promises a few new twists along the way! Be sharp and keep on top of the clues.

Registration begins at 11am and runs through til 1pm when the last entry will head out of the parking lot to embark on a unique, fun-filled afternoon.

Upon their return drivers and passengers alike can enjoy a delicious dinner prepared and served by the ladies of the Brinston United Church. Serving will be from 4 through 6pm.

During this meal diners will be entertained by Mary Perry and Country Classics who will make their brand of down home style music from 1 through 5pm.

Later this same evening, Eddie and the Stingrays will provide nostalgic melodies, as they rock and roll dancers through the rest of the evening from 9pm to 1am.

The cost for only the rally is $3.00 per person, $7 gets your meal and $8 admits you to the dance. Anyone wanting a deal and who plans to take in all three events will pay only $15. What a great way to kick start your winter.



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Canadian Tire helps out

Once again, the staff at the Canadian Tire in Morrisburg have donated money to four local charities instead of exchanging gifts. Those benefitting are shown, Verna Legar (Naomi's Resource Centre), Carol Richer (S.D. Christmas Exchange), Diana Pethuck (Dundas Food Bank), absent was Jack Notman (Angel Tree) along with Peter Oliver and Victoria Davidson.



A Gem of a Christmas Celebration!

D.I.A.M.O.N.D.S. celebrated the season prior to December 25 at the Lockmasters House on Point Iroquois. Business folk and members of the Conservation Trust were on hand to party and network as a new year loomed ahead.

Crime Stoppers

On December 10-20, 2003 damage was done to Christmas decorations in the Village of Iroquois and then December 20-21, 2003 damage to the Nativity scene in the Village of Morrisburg, then on December 21, 2003, tires were slashed on a vehicle parked at the Plaza in the Village of Iroquois.

We need your information, not your name. You will remain anonymousIf you have any information on this crime or any other crime please call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 (TIPS) or long distance callers call 1-800-222-8477.

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Tobacco Myths Make Quitting More Challenging

For many people, quitting smoking can be extremely difficult. This process can be more challenging when the person trying to quit doesn't have accurate or up-to-date information about the process.

"Quitting smoking isn't easy, but the Canadian Cancer Society's *Smoker's Helpline* can help," says Gail Luciano, Provoncial Co-ordinator with the Canadian Cancer Society's *Smoker's Helpline*. "We recognize that smokers are faced with a powerful addiction and need support, not criticism."

Smoker's Helpline is a free, confidential telephone service about quitting smoking and tobacco use. A trained specialist can help callers develop a structured "Quit Plan", answer questions and provide support.

Luciano says that one way to make the quit process easier is to be aware of some of the myths about smoking and quitting.

"I can quit anytime I want"
*Nicotine is one of the most addictive substances on earth. Eventually your body needs more and more of it to feel energetic.
*Successful quitters use support groups, nicotine replacement therapy (gum or patches), or a combination of approaches to help them.

"I've been smoking for most of my life, quitting now will not really make a big difference."
*Studies indicate that a 35 year old man or woman will live an average of five years longer by quitting smoking.
*If you quit smoking for a decade or more, your risk of cancer is almost the same as someone who has never smoked.

"I've cut down to a couple of cigarettes a day."
*Smoking fewer or lower-tar cigarettes is not necessarily better.
*Smokers who do this have a tendancy to take more drags and inhale more deeply to fill the nicotine craving.
*It also makes it harder for the smoker to change his or her daily routine of smoking.

"Smoking dosn't hurt anyone but me."
*Each time you light up, you expose everyone around you to chemicals that can cause lung cancer, asthma and other diseases.

*By quitting, you are not only protecting your own health, but the well being of those around you.

"With support and a plan to quit people almost double their chances of remaining smoke-free," explains Luciano. "Understanding the obstacles that you'll face and learning the truth about smoking and quitting will help you along the way."

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In Memoriam

GILMOUR: In memory of Garnet Gilmour, December 30, 2002.

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The good times were many
The bad times were few

Forever missed by Elaine, Bill, Eldon, Steven, Shelly, Sarah and four great grandchildren.
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Cards of Thanks

WADDELL: The family of the late Allan Waddell would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends, and neighbours for acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy received during our recent bereavement. We are very gratefull to all those who provided the care which allowed him to fulfill his wish to spend his final days at home. Special thanks to Gail Arsenault, Linda Dumoulin, Dr. Wayne Domanko and Reverend Dough Carnegie.
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RIDDELL: The family of the late Edwin (Red) Riddell would like to express our sincere gratitude to our many relatives, friends and neighbours for your support, cards and food during our loss. Your kindness will always be remembered. We gratefully acknowledge the beautiful floral tributes and donations to the Heart & Stoke Fund, and sincerely thank the pall bearers and Branch 105 Ladies Auxilary for the lovely luncheon. A special thank you to Rev. Geoff Howard for an extremely moving sermon and Danny McLaughlin of Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home.
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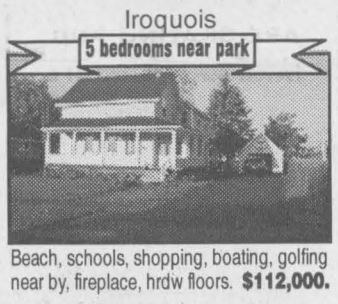
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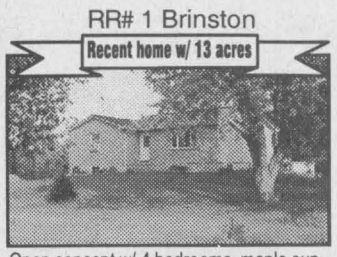
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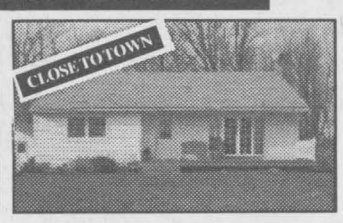

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POLICE Report

Project "Centrum" is a drug enforcement team comprised of officers from the Ontario Provincial Police Drug Enforcement Section and Eastern Ontario Provincial Police detachments.

South Dundas-During the early hours of December 19, 2003, members of the Project Centrum, street level drug enforcement team, in conjunction with members of the SD&G OPP, executed a search warrant at a private residence along County Road #1 in South Dundas Township.

A total of 17.9 pounds of marihuana buds, having a street value of approximately $129,935.00 were seized by police. Charges of Possession for the Purposes a Trafficing, and Possession of a Substance are pending against two males, aged 47 and 27, who are occupants of the property. Both men were released following their arrest and will be scheduled to appear in Provincial Court in Morrisburg on February 3, 2004 to respond to the charges.

Charges Laid

South Dundas-On January 1, 2004, OPP officers responded to a report of a domestic situation at a residence on County Road 31, South Dundas. A 44 year old male from County Road 2, South Dundas, had attended the above residence of his ex-wife and stole personal property of hers. He was arrested and faces a charge of Theft.

Constable C. O'Neil is investigating.

South Dundas-Following an investigation into a domestic related incident which had occurred on December 22, 2003 in the former Williamsburg Township, a 54 year old South Dundas man is facing charges of Assault, and Breach of Probation.

Court will be held in the Village of Morrisburg on February 3, 2004.

Drug Seizure

South Dundas-As a result of a check of the Iroquois Plaza by patrol officers on the afternoon of December 10, 2003, a 17 year old male of the former Williamsburg Township was arrested and a small quantity of marihuana and a smoking pipe were seized.

No charges were laid in this incident, which has been referred to alternative measures for resolution.

IBET Seizes Contraband Liquor

Cornwall-On January 5, 2004 at 17:30 hrs, during a regular interdiction patrols, IBET members intercepted a green 2004 Buick Century on Brookdale Avenue north at Tollgate Road, Cornwall. A vehicle search resulted in the seizure of 98 bottles (1.7 litre) of various types of liquor including Lord's Peach Schnapps, Classic Club Whisky and Coffee and Amaretto liqueurs. The value of the seized liquor in approximately $4,200.00.

A male Hogansburg, N.Y. residence (33) is charged with Possession of Non-Duty Paid Alcohol under Section 88 (1)of the Excise Act. He is scheduled to appear in court in Cornwall on February 16, 2004.

Members of the Grenville County OPP responded to a total of 102 incidents over the week of December 29th. Of those incidents, 35 occurred over the weekend (26 in Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, 9 in Augusta). There were 76 incidents in Edwardsburgh-Cardinal and 26 incidents in Augusta Township during the week.

There were 21 collisions over the week:

4 on Dec. 29th-no injuries

8 on Dec. 30th between 4:30 and 8:00 pm. minor injuries in one occurrence.

4 on Jan. 2 between 4:30 and 11:30 am.

5 on Jan. 3 between 7:00 and 9:00 am.

Of these collisions 2 involved deer, one involved a single vehicle fire, 2 were two car collisions, one resulted in charges, the remainder were single vehicle collisions. The collisions were spread throughout the County. The majority were weather related. The OPP are still reminding people to adjust their driving habits to the weather they encounter. Slow down, leave extra room and time to arrive at your destination.

Grenville County Detachment receive two reports of stolen Christmas decorations. The first theft occurred possibly Christmas Eve, on Brouseville Road in the Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal. A lighted wire deer was removed from a front yard. The second theft was reported on December 29th and involved a large wire framed lighted moose. The moose was taken from the victim's front porch at a residence on Cedar Grove Drive in Augusta Township. It is valued at $150.00

Constable Elaine Barr was on patrol in Spencerville on December 29th at approximately 8:00 pm, when she viewed a male enter his vehicle. The 43-year old male of County Road 22 in Edwardsburgh-Cardinal Township appeared to be impaired. As a result he was arrested for Care and Control of a Motor Vehicle While Ability Impaired and transported to Prescott Detachment. He was subsequently charged after providing breath samples. He appear in Brockville Court on January 9th.

Constable Will Kavanagh received a report of a Break and Enter just east of Johnstown on County Road 2 on December 31st at approximately 10:50 am. The complainant is responsible for a construction trailer and it's contents on residential property. Some time overnight, the trailer was entered and the following valuable construction equipment was stolen:

-a Hilt Hammer Drill-value $2500.00
-a Sokkiska Laser Level-value $3000.00
-a David White Laser Level-value $2000.00
-a PV Laser Level-value $5000.00
-a Hitachi Rotor Hammer Drill-value $2000.00

It is believed that the culprit(s) may have also entered a nearby shed. Anyone with information can contact Constable Kavanagh.

Constable Tyler Boutilier responded to a single vehicle collision January 5, 2004 on County Road 21 just west of Cleary Road. The vehicle involved was a GMC Jimmy. The collision occurred at approximately 9:00 am. The 69 year old female driver sustained minor injuries and was transported to Brockville General Hospital by ambulance. She was treated and released. There were no charges on the collision.

Ride stats for the week and total for 5 weeks in comparison to last year:

	2003	2004
Vehicles checked-	2539	6086
12-hr Suspension	5	17
Impaired Charges	5	1
Other Charges	44	18
Total Collisions	105	104
Collisions-Fatal	0	1
Collisions-Injury	8	13
Collisions-Property Damage	97	90

OBITUARIES

Morris Wyatt

Suddenly at the Winchester and District Hospital on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, Morris Wyatt of Iroquois in his 81st year.

Dear son of the late Connell and Pearline Wyatt, he was the dear companion of the late Irene Vittorio and her son Sammy.

Loving brother of Lawrence (Vi) of Kars and Shirley Gibson of Iroquois, he is sadly missed by numerous nieces and nephews as well.

He was predeceased by five brothers; Lloyd, Donald, Lyle, Roy and Clair and by a sister, Cora Easter.

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Wednesday, january 7 from 1 until 2pm. Service will be at the Funeral Home on January 7, 2004, Wednesday at 2pm with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating.

Memorial donations to the Winchester District Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Hartley Carkner

On Friday, December 26, 2003, at Winchester Hospital, Hartley Carkner of RR2, Iroquois. Born on June 25, 1920, and raised in the former Williamsburg Township, Hartley was 83 years of age.

In 1938, he moved to Iroquois and got a job at Susic Tindall's Orchard on Point Iroquois. He worked at the orchard until 1956 when the Orchard property was expropriated by the St. Lawrence Seaway Project. Hartley then went to work for Thompson's Lumber where he was employed for 18 years before starting his own painting business in 1974. He painted up until the summer of 1995 when he decided to retire at the age of 75 years.

Predeceased by his parents, the late Reuben and Elizabeth (nee Shaw) Carkner; his beloved wife, Jean (nee Wilson) Carkner: a son, Glenn: a brother, Lloyd: and sisters, Marion Warren and Dorothy McMillan, Hartley will be sadly missed by children: Lyall (Jean) of Cardinal, Betty, Kevin, Paul and Steven all at home, a sister; Muriel English of Brockville and a brother-in-law, Arlie English of RR2, Iroquois as well as nieces and nephews.

Hartley enjoyed riding his scooter and visiting with friends and neighbours.

Memorial donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Center or the Canadian Cancer Society were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 31, 2003 between 10 and 11am. Service was conducted at the Funeral Home at 11am Wednesday, December 31, 2003 with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Iroquois Point Cemetery.

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal first council meeting of the year

by Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The first meeting of 2004 was held as the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council dealt with a light agenda.

During the hour long meeting, Council approved the transfer of reserve funds from the Water Treatment Plant to the Revenue Fund, where it will be used for improvements to the Water Treatment Plant.

Three by-laws received first and second reading at this meeting and will be read the third and final time, and passed at the next meeting on January 19, which gets underway at 7:30pm in Spencerville. The first was the appointment of the Library Board for the new term. Six members are to be appointed for the January 1, 2004-December 31, 2006 term. Boards and Committees was the next by-law to be read. Those affected include the Planning Advisory Committee, the Committee of Adjustment, Fence Viewers, the North Channel Cemetery Board, The Livestock Evaluator, The Healthy Communities Committee, Cardinal Community Centre Board, Joint Economic Development Committee, Cardinal Community Festival Committee, Spencerville and District Winter Festival Committee and the Rideau-St.Lawrence Utilities Inc. Board of Directors.

The final by-law concerned the Port of Prescott Management Committee. At least for the first year of their term, Council members will serve on this committee, prior to including any other members on board.

Plans to get a Municipal Web Page up and running are moving ahead. Expectations are that it will be ready by mid-January, 2004. Council members will provide short biographies and photos of themselves to be posted on the page.. Municipal information will be available there; agendas, meeting minutes, frequently asked questions, overviews of municipal departments, tax information and contact information. According to CAO Stephen McDonald, "We're trying to make it as user friendly as we can." The address will be www.edwardsburghcardinal.ca

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Matilda Carnival Queen Hopefuls

These young gals are vying for the crown as Matilda Carnival Queen 2003. Lindsay Fawcett, Crystal Cantin, Kaylee Van Heran, Tracy Jones and April Murphy. Friday evening they will take their turn on the runway as they answer questions and try to convince the judges to choose them as Queen 2004. (my appologies for the blurr-camera was cold!)

Matilda Winter Carnival scaled down for 2004

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Things were looking dim. Matilda Recreation had lost members due to health, other commitments and a variety of other reasons. The call went out for new blood, fresh ideas and a change of pace. Slow to answer the call, it seemed like the major event hosted by the Committee each winter, the Carnival was in danger of not happening. Then, just in time twelve community minded volunteers accepted the challenge and a meeting was called to see what could be pulled together to create a 29th Annual Winter Carnival in Matilda Ward of South Dundas Township.

Congratulations to those who stepped up to the plate and who ensured that a Matilda Winter Carnival will survive another year. Thanks to an always generous community and these volunteers (additional information can be garnered from members): Lorne Strader, Brenda Guerkink, Nancy Blokland or Cindy Peters) things will kick off on Friday, January 9, 2004 with the Annual Carnival Queen Pageant. It is important to note that Janice Gilmour a former member of the committee has offered her expertise to the new members as she steps aside, encouraging the new faces to take the plunge and dive in like she did so many years ago to make the Annual Winter Carnival a happening event.

The tradition continues as the 29th Queen will be crowned as the Carnival is officially opened. The action gets underway at 7pm at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners as five young ladies vie for the title of Matilda Carnival Queen 2004.

Among the hopefuls this year are **Crystal Cantin** who is sponsored by Third High Farms of Haddo. This sixteen year old daughter of Alice and Charles Cantin of Brinston attends Seaway High and is in grade 11. While her favourite subject is History she looks forward to a career as a Massage Therapist. Stating as her reason for entering the contest the fact that her friend Kaylee agreed to enter if she did, she looks forward to the event.

Kaylee Van Haren who has Plante Farm Equipment of Brinston as her sponsor is also sixteen in grade 11 at Seaway high. Her folks are Terri and Rick Van Haren of Brinston. She anticipates becoming a teacher when her schooling is complete. She too entered because one of the other girls agreed to enter if she did.

Lindsay Fawcett sponsored by Murphy Sales of Brinston. Her parents, Faron and Elizabeth Fawcett of Brinston are proud to see her enter. A sixteen year old grade 11 student at Seaway, she sees herself involved in a career that involves working with children. She says her friends convinced her to enter the Carnival Queen pageant.

Tracy Jones, sixteen year old daughter of Sharon Jones lives in Iroquois, attends Seaway High and is in grade 11. When asked why she entered the pageant, she answered that she is doing it for the experience and to show appreciation to her sponsor. She is sponsored by Stinson's Gas Bar of Iroquois.

April Murphy who is sponsored by Frank Ault Equipment Rentals in Brinston is the eldest entrant at 17 years of age. She attends Seaway and is in grade 12. Daughter of Jeff and Debbie Murphy of Stampville, she looks at the pageant as an experience she will have for future reference.

We at The Chieftain met the girls earlier this week and they are all very nice young ladies. Pretty and smart, they represent a lot of the good in our local youth.

As we go to press this week, Master of Ceremonies is scheduled to be Bill Horner. Due to circumstances which may be unable to alter, should he be unable to carry out the honours as MC, David Lapier who at present is to be at the judges table will fill in. Also at the judges table will be Gerry Morrell and Gail Parker as they have the difficult choices to make on the evening's participants.

Always a great evening this year is shaping up to be another smash success. Don't miss the fun and excitement as one of the young ladies concludes the evening wearing the crown as Carnival Queen 2004.

Don't miss a minute of this evening as Matilda shows their best on the runway. Come early for the best seat and enjoy!

Sunday events for Carnival stacking up-*fun for all ages*

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The sizzle of sausages will blend with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee at Matilda Hall on Sunday, January 11 as the annual Pancake Breakie will encourage people to drop by and enjoy their fill.

Served by Carnival Royalty, as the Queen and Runner-up don aprons and take flippers in hand, flapjacks will abound as butter melts and syrup drips from stacks of them. Juice is on tap for the youngsters and everyone is welcome to become involved. Organizers say things will be cooked and ready to eat from 9:30am and you can partake of a hearty country breakfast until 1pm.

Little Ray's Reptiles will be on hand to provide entertainment for the young and older among the crowd, as snakes, and creepy crawlers will be available to touch and stare down. Shows are scheduled for 10am and 11:30am. Always a great learning experience, Ray is knowledgeable about his creatures and his thorough love of them shines through, so drop by and check them out.

Due once again to the lack of snow we have at the moment, the Annual Sleigh rides at the Ron Smail Farm have had to be cancelled this year. This will be sorely missed as it was always a crowd pleaser and a great family affair.

Organizers are working on a Kid's FunDay from 1-3pm in the Parking Lot at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. This should fill a big void in the Carnival events lineup. Bring the kids and enjoy the fun, cheer on your youngsters and encourage the kids to get involved. A great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, get the whole family into the swing of things and have a great time.

Later this very evening the Annual Ecumenical Service will wind up a fun filled weekend. The Brinston Trio will start things off with their gospel songs as their voices blend in perfect harmony from 7-7:30pm. Then the Brinston United Church and Christian Reformed Churches will join forces to bring an ecumenical service to light to bring the weekend of festivities to a fitting conclusion.

It is great to see people come forward to make the Carnival happen. Now all that is needed is you the general public who make it a success. See you at all the fun on the weekend.

Bantam Lions fall short in tournament

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The McIntosh Country Inn Bantam "B" Lions blanked the Goulbourn Rams 4-0 in their opening game of a one-day tourney in Athens on December 20, 2003. They fell short however when they lost to the tough Smiths Falls Bears dropping the match 4-2.

The first game pitted the Lions against the Rams who won the Lions Home Tourney back in November. The 9am game got off to sluggish start for both teams. Then in the final minute of the first frame, the Lions connected twice to carry a 2-0 lead into the second period. Chris Tindal got things going with help from Alex Whelan and then it was Brandon Elliott from Justin Saunders for the number two counter.

Elliott scored the solo marker in the second on a nice setup by Collin Chesbro and Saunders for the 3-0 advantage Lions going into the third.

The final goal came off the stick of Chesbro again giving the Lions the 4-0 victory and putting them on the "A" side of the tourney play.

The team played well as a group, while Graham Peters was solid in the pipes posting the shutout.

Next the Lions faced off with the high flying Smiths Falls Bears. The Lions snapped a counter into the Bear's net early when Elliott scored off a Tindal face-off, but late in the period, the Bears came back and squeaked one past Ryan Swank in the pipes of the Lions to knot the score.

Saunders unassisted put the Lions up one late in the second with some fancy stick handling, but the Bears once again tied the score in the final minute of play in the period.

Between the second and third periods, the Lions coaches told the players it was their game to win, if they wanted it badly enough. A few missed chances, a couple of bad bounces and the Bears were up by one early in the final frame. Then to finish things off they scored an empty netter to ensure the victory over the Lions 4-2.

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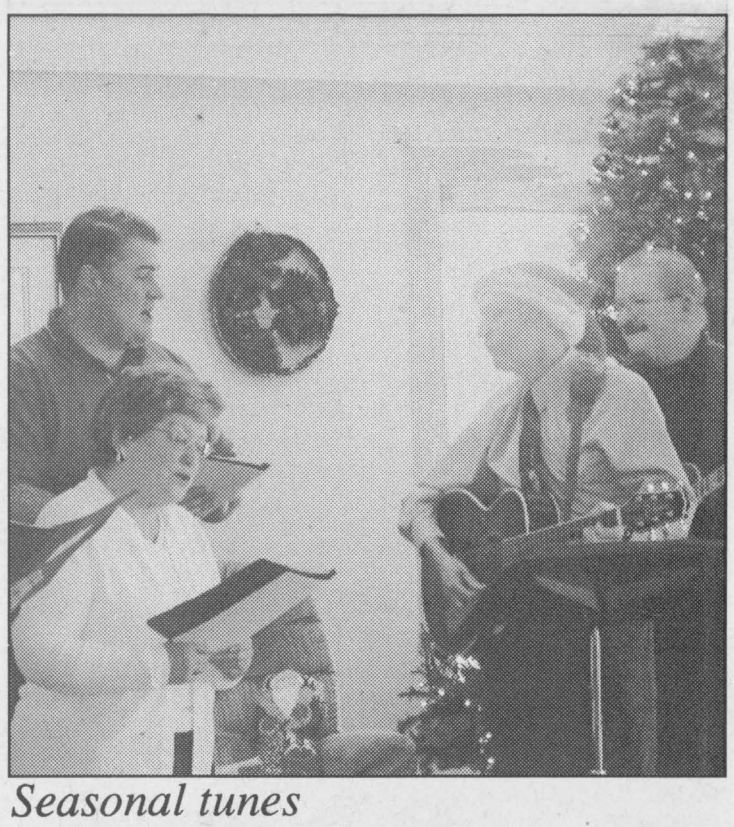

Seasonal tunes

The Coppertones, members of the local Police force and Crime Stoppers entertained at Park Lane Senior Support Centre during the week before Christmas. They sang many crowd favourites and kept toes tapping and hands clapping during the performance.

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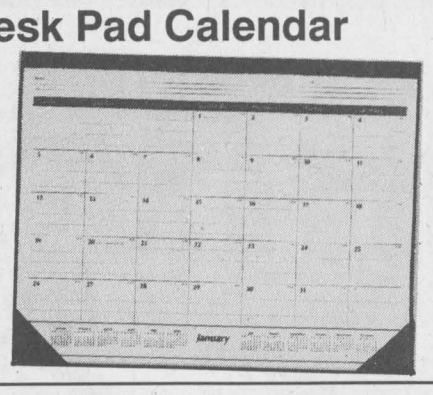

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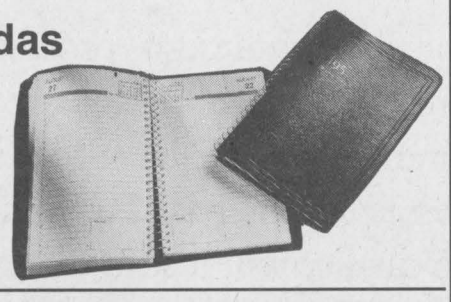

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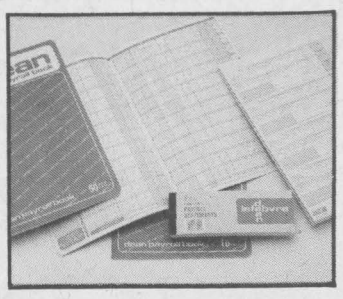

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Thanks to your participation, 200 food hampers and toys for almost 250 children were distributed to those in need, helping to make the Christmas Season a bit brighter.Once again, well done South Dundas!! (If we have inadvertently missed any group or organization, please accept our apology and our sincere thanks for your part in the success of this year's program.)