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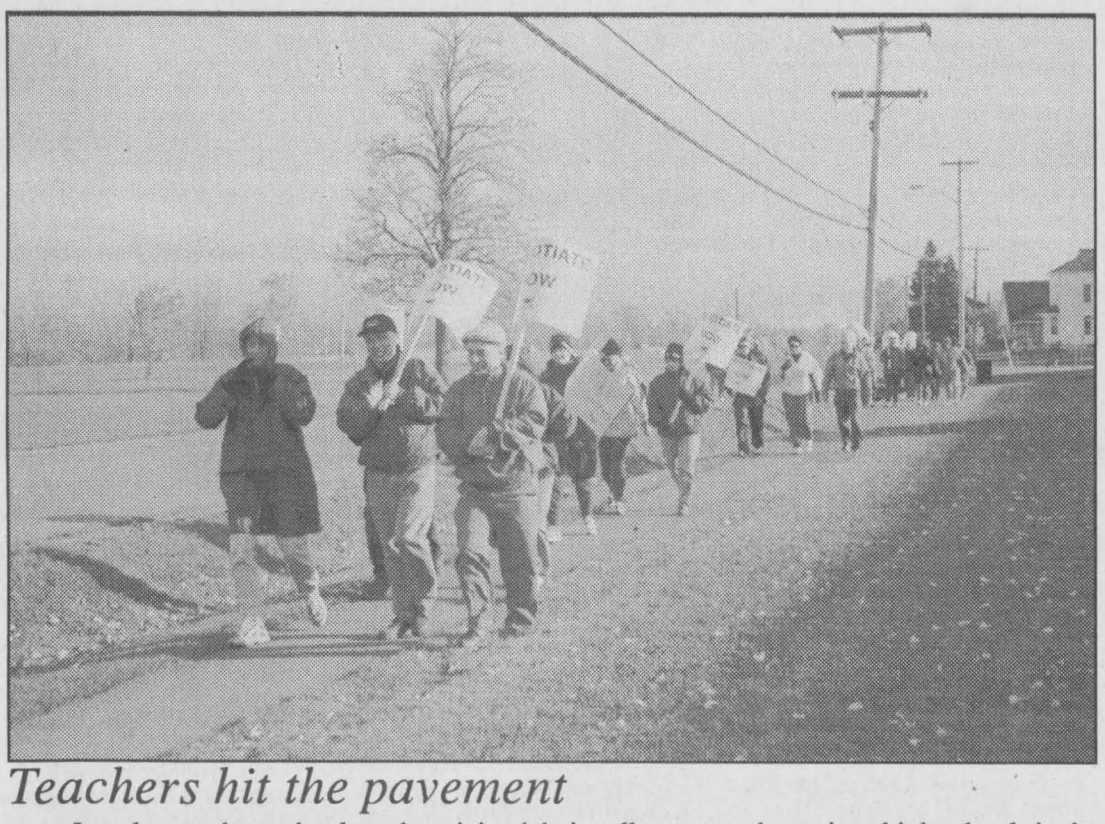
Teachers hit the skids on one-day strike



Teachers hit the pavement

Local secondary school teachers joined their colleagues at the various high schools in the jursidiction of Upper Canada School Board on Monday in a one-day walkout to demonstrate their frustration with the slow negotiations that are leaving them without a contract. They also attempted to counter the slick adverts that are being televised to parents and students with what they call the real picture of the way things are at school. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Public Secondary School teachers were hitting the pavement yet again in a one day strike on Monday. This action cancelled class for some 14,000 students in the region. Since principals and vice principals are no longer members of the Teachers' Federation they were available in the schools to supervise, but not to teach those students who did arrive for the day.

Talks broke down between the teachers and the Upper Canada District School Board as the two sides resumed negotiations Thursday with the plan being to continue into the weekend. A press release from the Board on Friday from the Board, and Chief negotiator Joseph McKeown stated, "Virtually in the middle of an ongoing negotiation session yesterday, and without any notice to the Board, Greg McGillis, the president of the teachers' bargaining unit issued a press release (not sent to The Chieftain) which specifically accused the Board of lying to the public and acting illegally with respect to its contractual obligations to its employees. This statement was distributed to all area media.The Board negotiating committee, on being made aware of the fact, demanded both an immediate retraction and an apology in writing for the false allegations contained in the news release. This is a condition precedent to the continuation of meaningful negotiations...On receipt of the appropriate apology, negotiations will resume. The delay in awaiting the apology and its impact on students and teachers is both regrettable and avoidable."

A retraction was announced and yet the Board refused to return to the negotiating table. Thus the OSSTF (Teachers' Federation) presented to the Board, "Further to our verbal notice delivered at 10am, Thursday, Oct.15, 1998 in the presence of the mediator, Michelle Ryan and in view of the fact that the Board has broken off negotiations, we are confirming our notice that we will conduct a one-day rotating strike on Monday, Oct. 19, 1998. We will return to work on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998."

The Board suggests that they have not yet received an appropriate apology from McGillis. McKeown told the Brockville Recorder and Times, "It's about the impact of that sort of communication during the course of what we presume to be negotiations in good faith."

McGillis countered by saying, "In the spirit of good will, we retracted the press release the minute we found out the Board objected, said McGillis, adding, he also offered to apologize for the statements. He suggested that the Union was eager to continue negotiating over the weekend... and added that he thinks the action by the Board is simply a stalling tactic. The Board suggests that specific statements have not been retracted from the statement and that no apology has been received by the Board. Director of Education with the Board, Gino Giannandrea noted that Thursday and Friday have been set aside for resumption of negotiations.

The walkout was the second this year (the first was September 28) for the 900 teachers who picketed outside their various schools during the morning, then distributed pamphlets to homes in their catchment area to explain their views on the issues.

All teachers were invited to an in-camera meeting (no media allowed) in Kemptville hosted by the OSSTF in the afternoon.

Locally Seaway teachers were delivering info to parents explaining things as they are relevant to SDHS..."Behind the Million Dollar Ads-What Mike Harris and your Board of Education are telling you and What is Really Happening at Seaway DHS"...The 25 minutes of teaching time is in reality an impossible item, period lengths do not allow...at Seaway, 7 teachers now teach 72 more minutes and 25 teachers teach for 36 minutes. Mr. Harris promised maximum class sizes of 22 students...at Seaway, over 60 classes (2/3 of all classes) are in fact larger than 22 and some have as many as 36 students and more in them. A large class means less time for individual help leaving the students to solve their own problems. While the number of teachers at Seaway has dropped, the fewer are still expected to teach an added class of students, do the same number of supervisions, run extra curricular activities and provide extra help...when? Time that used to be spent providing extra help is now taken up with admin work, preparations for next days' classes, repairs to equipment, display setups, photocopying, paperwork, exam corrections, homework checks, calls to parents or Board professionals for advice, admin tasks and as no more late bus runs are available, students would have difficulty scheduling afterschool activities. (Withdrawal of funds from Board).

The teachers suggest that, "Under Harris' and the Boards' plan, teachers receive more teaching time, but students do not receive any more learning time. They see their teachers for the same number of minutes a day, but those teachers see more students during the time frame and so have no more time for extra help and individual attention...Teachers at Seaway propose a couple of ways Mr. Harris could achieve his extra teaching time and actually provide the students with more learning time, they would welcome a supervised "extra help" period at the end of the day (30-40 minutes) mandatory to all students, when extra help in a weak area, library time, computer lab availability, art room work or projects as well as homework could be started in a setting conducive to learning and teachers would be available to lend a hand. Another suggestion is to lengthen classes to 80 or 85 minutes. "Seaway's teachers support the government's attempts at curriculum reform, and agree an increase in learning time can help make Ontario's educational system even stronger...but disagree with the path both the government and the Board are taking to quality education. Does our education system have to be placed in jeopardy for political gain?" they ask.

Tuesday morning some 35 students left class at Seaway to protest the situation. "It is screwin' up our whole year. I want my dances and sports back! We're told there might be no prom...I want to go to the prom!"were comments from those treading the pavement just before lunch. "As long as we are protesting, it is legal and we are not skipping class!" were responses from the students on the line, all anonymously spoken. Concerning the teachers, a student noted, "They act like everything's all right, but it is not! (out of the mouths of babes).

Library gets funding
-plan to close is shelved

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In the words of North Dundas Mayor Claude Cousineau, County Council "bit the bullet" last Monday, covering the SD&G Library's budget shortfall of $18,000. The counties' expenditure closes the book, for now, on the Library Board's unpopular proposal to close eight branches.

South Dundas would have lost the Williamsburg branch, and North Dundas the South Mountain and Morewood branches, under the controversial plan.

To gauge public reaction, County Librarian Leanne Clendening had completed a month-long tour of the six municipal councils in September. Presenting the plan to the local councils, the home turf for each pair of County reps, in the face of loud public opposition seems to have been an effective strategy. The Library Board threw the ball back in County Council's court, quickly deciding to scrap an obviously unpalatable proposal, but only if more funds were made available for the system as it stands.

Speaking at the regular North Dundas Council meeting, Mayor Cousineau said the Library Board was looking for even more money. "They wanted a further $50,000 for next year's book budget. But we (County Council) suggested we look at next year's budget next year."

North Dundas Council, like municipalities across the province, grappled with its approach to the bedeviling property tax issue at its last meeting, Monday evening.

Citing many phone calls and discussions he's had in dealing with Guildcrest Homes' "huge" tax bill, Mayor Claude Cousineau suggested the township have an open house to address business property owners' concerns. Council agreed, passing a motion to hold a public meeting on November 5 in the Winchester Community Centre.

All members of the public are invited to the meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Attempts will be made to have staff from the regional assessment office in attendance as well as other high-ranking County staff.

"I agree we should have a meeting with the public," said Councillor Alvin Runnalls, noting a taxpayer told him of a conversation with a Queen's Park official who blamed municipalities for the increases.

On the same theme, Cousineau huffed with incredulity, "And our Premier says on T.V. he's not going to let municipalities

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Phonebusters onto telephone crimes

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

You receive a phone call, and a warm voice says you're the lucky winner of $25,000. To cover the "taxes," or "legal fees," just courier out a bank draft for, say, $2,500, and the prize is yours.

Right.

Real prizes come for free, says Detective Staff Sergeant Barry Elliott, Program Manager for Phonebusters, a national task force set up to fight telemarketing fraud. Yet people continue to fall for these scams, he said at a McIntosh Inn presentation on Tuesday evening, October 13. There have been 10,000 reported victims of telephone fraud across the country since 1975, says Elliott, a 23 year O.P.P. veteran in his eighth year with the anti-racket squad. Those victims, 85 percent of whom were over the age of 60, lost a combined $30 million. And this is the tip of the iceberg: An estimated 90 percent of telephone scam victims never report the crime because of embarrassment.

"These people steal your trust and then all your money," warns the detective.

The ploy typically involves fake contests; the "winner" pays an upfront fee to receive a prize that, needless to say, never arrives. The winner might even be told a photographer is on the way to snap their picture. Often times, says Elliott, the victim is subjected to a "recovery pitch"-- another call comes in, elaborate excuses offered, and another payment sweet talked out of the victim. Elliott says the telemarketing scammer can sometimes get his hooks in so deep that multiple payments are made on the elusive prize. He tells the story of a proud Alberta rancher whose family noticed a parade of courier trucks to his home over some months. The more he sent, the more he went into denial. RCMP officers visited twice to persuade the man to

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Overwhelming acceptance vote

by Sandra Lee Johnston
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At Monday evening's meeting in Kemptville, Catholic Teachers voted to accept the Memorandum of Agreement by a definitive vote of 99.2%.

Those in attendance heard chief negotiator Chris Yates explain how the agreement will restore last year's working conditions and will keep them for the remainder of the 1998-99 school year.

Yates also explained that the teachers went from being the only Eastern unit without a settlement, to being the only unit in the East that has an interim agreement guaranteeing working conditions for the rest of the year. The agreement also insures that all other terms of the four previous collective agreements remain in place until a new, amalgamated collective agreement is concluded.

Provincial president Marshall Jarvis discussed the provincial perspective and gave some details on settlements that are occurring around the province.

The first of seven guaranteed dates for negotiations occurred Monday. The other dates scheduled for negotiations are October 21, 26, 27 and November 3,6 and 9 with November 4 and 5 scheduled for small group working days.

Notice: Crucial UCP meeting

Important Notice... re Upper Canada Playhouse Closure.

All current members of the Upper Canada Playhouse are asked to attend a Special Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 1, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the Upper Canada Playhouse, County Road 2 in Morrisburg, across from the water tower.

The members will be asked at this time to consider the following report and recommendations of the Finance Committee of Upper Canada Playhouse. This report and the recommendations have been approved by the Board of Directors of Upper Canada Playhouse.

The Finance Committee of UCP reports that after Nov. 30, 1998, Upper Canada Playhouse will no longer operate without incurring further debt. (As of that date assets will equal liabilities and all creditors could be paid.)

Therefore, the Finance Committee makes the following recommendations:

(1) That the financial status of the Playhouse be presented to the general membership as quickly as possible.

(2) That the membership be asked if it can propose viable solutions to pay off the current year deficit, the projected year deficit, the long term debt, and to assist in finding new Board Members.

(3) That unless viable solutions are found, the membership be asked to approve the closure of Upper Canada Playhouse at the end of the current operating season (Nov.30, 1998), at which time all assets should be sold and the proceeds used to pay all creditors (according to applicable rules and regulations).

Any interested members of the general public are welcome to attend the meeting. However, only members of Upper Canada Playhouse will be eligible to vote on resolutions presented at the meeting.



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Falling into Autumn

These youngins' spent part of Saturday solicitating donations for shiny red MacIntosh apples. Then they took a break to play in the leaves, a tradition as well for children each fall when the piles are high, dry and inviting. Maple Street provides ample opportunity to jump in the leaves. Christopher, Brianne, (Lucy) and Robbie were having a pile of fun...



Clowning around at the Cardinal Post Office

(l-r) Susan McMillan, Joan Halpenny and Kim Schrader vividly remind visitors at last week's customer appreciation day that "circus" is the theme for October, stamp month. The ladies thanked Dawn McNab for doing a bang-up make-up job. Coffee, doughnuts and a draw for a gift basket full of goodies and, what else, stamps were featured that day.

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Canada Post topic at Matilda W.I.

Our meeting in September was the first since June. Eleven members plus one guest answered the Roll Call with a recipe they received in the mail. Mail and Canada Post were the topics of the evening and Susan McMillan, convenor did an excellent job of informing everyone of the improved changes, especially in rural areas. Susan had a wonderful array of retail items, including mint coins, clothes and stamps etc. She told her audience of a children's contest to design a stamp for the year 2000. It was also interesting to learn about the school tours that the Cardinal office has conducted. We were pleased to learn that when sending or receiving parcels, they can be delivered right to our door, providing Canada Post has the Civic Address and there is someone to sign for the parcel. Susan answered questions and invited everyone present to visit the friendly staff at the Cardinal Post Office when in town.

Coral Geurkink read an amusing poem from Bernice Noblitts collection. "Silver Thoughts, Golden Words and a Nickel worth of Stories." It was entitled, "A Little Mixed Up"...something we can all relate to! The evening close with O Canada. Thank You to Betty McGinn, Jessie Geurkink and Joyce Gower for a wonderful lunch.

October 5th, 1998 was the Matilda W.I. Annual Fundraiser, the Chinese Auction. President Pearl Roy welcomed guests from the Iroquois Branch. Pearl was auctioneer and Hennie and Coral collected the coins. With quarters in hand, the ladies bid on their favourite items. A good time was had by all. I am told that Dorothy's pickles will be replaced (they accidently broke), which is good as there was a quite a lot of competition for them. The evening closed with some good food and fellowship. Gwen Parmeter thanked the Matilda W.I on behalf of the Iroquois group. It was our pleasure to have them at our meeting.

The next meeting is November 9 at 7:30pm. Roll Call is the Selection of a foreign flag and then to describe the significance of the symbolism on it. Guest speakers Janny and Arie Geurkink will show videos of their trip to Haiti...should be interesting.

"Power of Attorney for Personal Care" discussed at Iroquois Womens Institute

The importance of the "Power of Attorney for Personal Care" was the message brought to the Women's Institute by guest speaker, Rick Leroy at last Thursday's meeting. He stressed the need for this document to be prepared properly and that everyone should have this done immediately, not after one becomes incapacitated. He was introduced and thanked by Joan Morrell.

Our president opened the meeting with a reading from the Federated Institutes' Objectives and Goals. Eighteen members and one guest answered the roll call. Five members of the branch will be attending the Area Convention at the Ramada Inn on Monday, October 19th in Cornwall.

The Christmas Party was discussed and those planning to attend should be prepared to pay for their meal at the November meeting. All were reminded to give their baby pictures to Vivien as soon as possible. As in past years, we will have a gift exchange and a food item for the Food Bank will be collected.

A motion was passed that a $50.00 donation be made to the Dundas Hospice. After the meeting adjourned a lovely lunch was served.

Valedictorian suggests last five years as best of graduates lives

Editor's note: Last week we indeed had the Valedictory Address which Adam Millard so graciously shared with us at The Chieftain to allow us the opportunity to share it with you, our readers. The problem, one that plagues the business was that we ran out of space to run it in its entirety. Therefore, with apologies to Adam and his family, here goes...

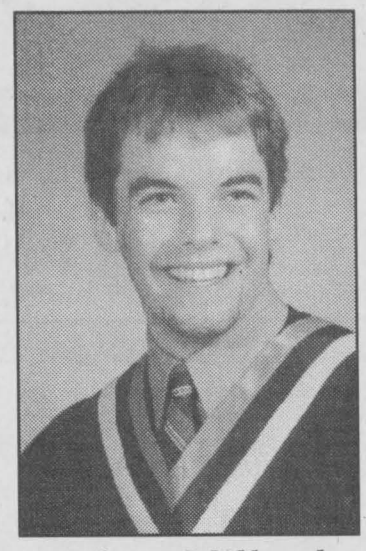
"Good evening. Is everyone enjoying the show? It's exciting isn't it? But at the same time amazing. I look out over the crowd tonight and I see faces that I have known since grade nine, some since grade seven, some since kindergarten, others I have known all my life. When I started writing this speech, I was so nervous. The Oxford Dictionary defines valedictorian as "someone who gives a valedictory." Well then I had to look up valedictory. I was having a very bad day. Valedictory is defined as "1. a speech or address given by a student of a graduating class at a school or university as a part of the graduation exercises." I thought, "great, I can do that.' But then it went on to say ,"2. any statement or address made up upon leaving or bidding farewell." Well then I had to look up bidding and farewell and a whole bunch of other words. I was frustrated and tired, but finally I came to the conclusion that I was in charge of saying goodbye to the whole class and I was in charge of saying goodbye on behalf of the whole class. Wow. How was I to begin to perform such a heavy task? Then I turned to the words of a great man: John Wayne. John Wayne once said of speaking,"Talk low, talk slow and don't say too much." Frankly, I can't say enough about you. I can't say enough about this place and to try to sum up our time here would be impossible. So bear with me as I attempt the impossible.

There are so many things I want to say tonight. Primarily, tonight is a celebration. It is a celebration of memories, a celebration of achievements, a celebration of closing, but at the same time, it is a celebration of beginning. Assembled before me is the finest group of individuals this school has ever turned out. Other classes have had their shining stars, but I think this year's yearbook said it best when it said, "You're all famous." You're all stars in the cast of players that has made up who I am today.

This is a group of awesome significance. It is a group that has kept going out of competition, out of tradition and out of love. Perhaps more important, this is a group that has always moved forward TOGETHER. Through good times...and there were some good times...through bad times, we have all been there for each other. There really is strength in numbers and this is a strong class. Who can deny our strength? Certainly you cannot dispute the leaps and bounds this class has made in athletics...the titles won, the records broken. The history books have recorded excellence in everything from basketball to curling to a multitude of track and field records. Those books have also seen an amazing number of achievements in academics. This year, Seaway District High School recorded the highest number of Ontario Scholars in its history. Among us here tonight are the Presidents and CEOs of the future's companies. Oh, by the way, Scott Hasson, Kenneth Chung, Kathy Hollands and Oak Hunter are all accepting resumes tonight, so if you want to see them later they will be more than happy to consider you for a position. Theses gifted individuals will be at the top of tomorrow's companies and you are all going to be looking for jobs...so I'd get those applications in now.I just finished setting up an interview with Scott Hasson before the ceremony for sometime in 2002.

So, let's start at the very beginning...that's a very good place to start.

Kindergarten was an incredible place. My mom set me up with a lunch and even gave me a big blue towel from Caldwell's, and embroidered my name on it in big white letters. By the end of my OAC year, how I longed for



Adam Millard

nap time. Where did it go? What would be wrong with a little siesta midday? I mean, I've still got my towel. Come on, you do too. It followed me all the way to university where I still use it. And sometimes, during the day, when I'm down or really tired, I take it out, lay it over my bed, lie on it and think of nap time. I dream of Mrs. Merkley lying us all down in a darkened room so that we can rest. (Laugh) Come on guys, I'm not psychotic. No worries.

Anyway, so you got to the end of elementary school and you had Grade six graduation. Wasn't that an event? I mean, really, that felt great-moving on up. I wish we could all still get away with some of the clothes we were sporting that day...especially the guys. Who could forget Travis Thompson's neon green pants and of course the ever popular white Miami Vice suits. Us kids from Iroquois Public went to Stampville. We spent two interesting years there (remember outdoor gym) and graduated again. Grade eight graduation was an even bigger event. It was here in this very room that we said goodbye, only to say hello again in September.

The first day of school was such a huge deal. I remember having to make a pact with two other guys, agreeing on a place to meet so that we could all walk to school together. That's something that has always stuck with me about this group...our ability to stick together, our sense of community. Maybe it has something to do with growing up in a small town or maybe it's because we are all just really decent people.

Without being specific, I remember attending wakes and other less-than-festive functions and what overwhelmed me was the staggering lot of people that were there. I'm sure it overwhelmed the people involved too. I know it did. They told me. I'm also sure that the same is true today. If ever we were in need of support, we could rely on each other to be at the push of a button or at the end of a telephone line or a fibre-optic cable at the drop of a hat. We are family. Nothing gets in the way of family and nothing stops it, and nothing will ever stop or stand in the way of our family.

So then five years passed. Whoosh. Over these five years, we have come to know each other very well. I have tried to pinpoint a few great memories for me over the past five years. The last day of school before Christmas. This day has always been a day that has been a favourite with this class. When else would you see Kylie Adams as John Travolta, David Millard as Posh Spice or John Casselman as Sam Malone? It's a day for me that has just always had a good vibe. Grade nine orientation day has also always been a favourite. It's when we get to go back and be carefree kids again. We get to play with balls and make up stupid cheers (do the flamingo here) and eat ice cream. You are adored by the grade nines for basically acting like an idiot, and the more you let yourself go...the better. As you can probably guess, I could stand up here all night listing great moments at Seaway, but briefly, do you remember: yiiiiiahhh, Mr. MacKenzie kissing the pig, easy rouse, oatmeal cookies, Guga, Whiskey Row, Yes Guy, move along people, Jean-Luc Brassard, the strike, ski trips with Pete, the Murray Motion, clapping and whistling, toast baby toast, Friday night hoops, Stratford, chicken burgers, basketball games, the stoop, the complimentary back rubs...okay so I'm only really scratching the surface here but the point is that the last five years have been the best years of your life.

Now a lot of what has happened in these past five years has been because of us but let's not forget the incredible teaching staff here at Seaway. These people worked day in and day out, above and beyond the call of duty to make these years outstanding.

Unfortunately, the class of 1999 is finding out that you don't really know a good thing until it's gone. Let's hope that we can find a way to get back to where we used to be. get politics out of education or the education out of politics. We have to be supportive of our teachers in their fight against cutbacks and drastic change. Seaway, as a school that on extracurricular activities, is suffering and I know that as soon as it is possible, the remarkable staff here will be back to coaching, directing and doing all the things that they do that makes them great teachers. This has always been a staff that has gotten involved in order to make life better for students. John and Jane McAllister's trips abroad cultured many people in the past, Shelley Bentley's trips to Stratford also enlightened, while helping to narrow decisions in post-secondary entertainment, I'm sorry, I meant education. This is a class that has reaped the rewards of having classic, almost archetypal teachers like Perry Stacey, Ed Foster and Sid Morrell, while having young, fresh teachers like Dave and Heidi MacDonald and Jim and Brenda Millard...sorry Jim, had to slide that one in. At any rate, we must give kudos to the stellar cast that made up Seaway's staff.

Well, here we are. First, I was going to offer you a quote that I selected specifically for tonight's festivities but then I found out that the lady who originally wrote it was an anarchist, so I will try something else. I will leave you with a quote from a song that I know and you probably know too. "Closing time. Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." When you think about it, it's true. What we are doing here tonight is actually celebrating a new beginning. We have all moved on, to higher forms of education, and some of us into the workforce. It is just a new beginning marking another beginning's end.

You see, I'm not really in charge of saying goodbye to this class, because I won't. And I'm not in charge of saying goodbye for this class, because I won't. Tonight is not a time to say goodbye. We are not saying goodbye. Tonight, I'm saying "see you on the flip side." Tonight, I'm saying "see you around." Remember that the height of a tree is largely determined by the depth and strength of its roots. You all have very strong roots here and the sky is the limit. All you have to do is reach. Good luck, God Bless and thank you for being here...then, now and later. Go Spartan Spirit!

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During the week of Oct. 18-25 / 98
by the wearing of "White Ribbons or displaying of White Bows"
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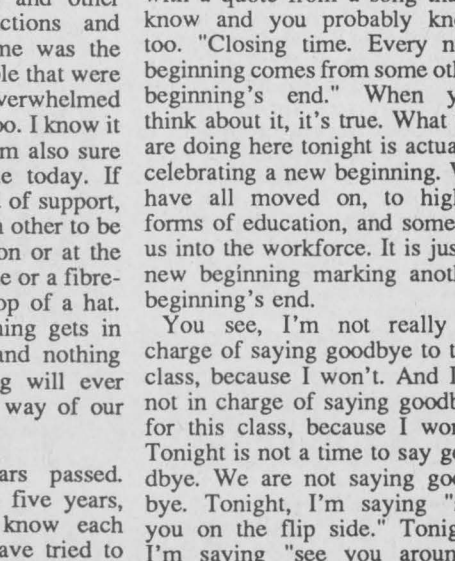


Wearing the Ribbon is not a solution but rather a vehicle to draw attention to this issue. Obscenity Laws are grounded in community standards so this will be our way of expressing Our Standards through this year's *"WRAP"* Campaign.

Evacuation Planning Workshop reviews the Ice Storm of 1998

It just won't go away, and as winter looms ahead on the horizon, community representatives met at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre on Thursday last week for a half day evacuation planning workshop.

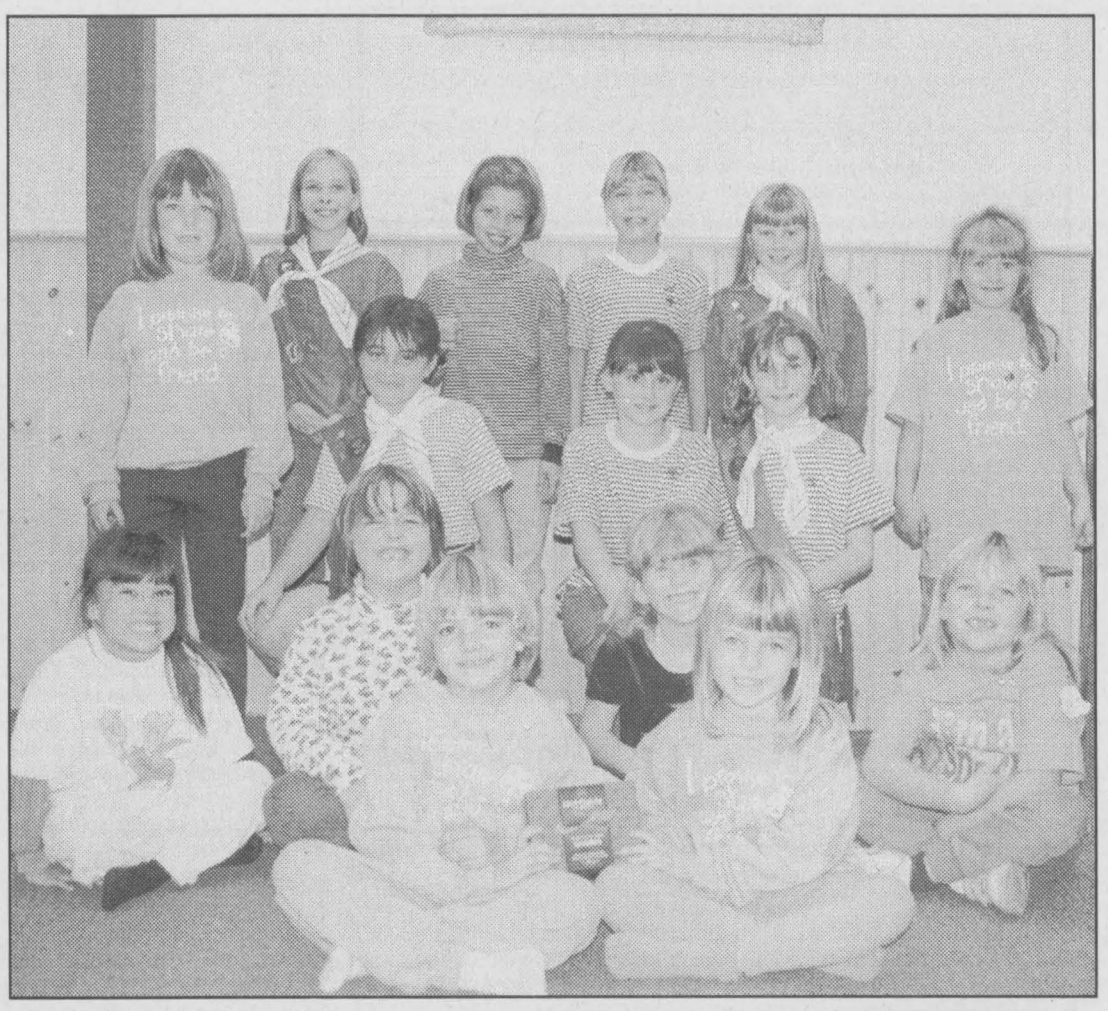
People from organizations affected by Ice Storm' 98 gathered to share their Ice Storm experiences in relation to protecting people and to make recommendations for improved ways of looking after people forced from their residences by a future emergency. Participating organizations included five of the six townships that comprise Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, as well as the City of Cornwall, SD&G Ontario Works, Upper Canada Detachment of the OPP, Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Community Care Access Centre for the Eastern Counties, Canadian Red Cross Society, Upper Canada District School Board, Winchester and District Memorial Hospital, St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, Iroquois Amateur Radio Club, Hartford Retirement Centre, Dundas Manor, Woodland Villa, Dundas Community Living Inc., and the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario. All were actively involved in evacuation operations during the Ice Storm.

While meeting in the building used as the South Dundas evacuation centre for the Ice Storm, participants reviewed a draft evacuation plan developed for the Townships of North Dundas, South Dundas and South Stormont. The evacuation plan is part of an emergency planning process being undertaken to develop new emergency plans for the three municipalities. The planning is being undertaken by the townships with financial assistance from the Federal Government's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program. This program is administrered in Ontario by Emergency Measures Ontario, Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services.

The workshop was planned and conducted by Bill Shearing, emergency planning consultant for North and South Dundas and South Stormont. Shearing who acted as emergency planning coordinator for South Dundas during the Ice Storm said, "The problems of the Ice Storm were still vivid in the memories of those involved in the workshop. they strongly recommended the need for planning for future evacuations, the regular review and updating of plans and training for those who might have to manage evacuation operations."

In reviewing the lessons learned from the Ice Storm, the important roles played by volunteers was stressed. The need for good communications were repeatedly mentioned. Each organization recognized their own need for planning and training. Remembering basic emergency needs such as flashlights and spare batteries were mentioned on a number of occasions.

The Townships of North Dundas, South Dundas and South Stormont with their supporting agencies are using the lessons learned during Ice Storm '98 to develop new emergency plans to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens of each community.



Cookie Time!!

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The Iroquois Girl Guides and the Sparks are ready to sell those delicious Girl Guide cookies again. The other evening they were just getting things in place so they could head out an sell their traditional cookies. This year they are the mint variety and there is no doubt they will go fast. An annual fundraiser for the organization, the cookies are a popular item.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

As I begin this week's Legion News, I would like to, on behalf of the Branch, 370 extend our sincere condolences to Lil Roberts and family as well as Joe and Len Roberts on the sudden passing away of Comrade Percy. He and Lil were the ideal couple and were always together it seemed, even playing one of their favourite sports, darts, just this past Friday evening at the Legion. Rest in Peace dear Comrade Perc.

On a lighter note, I am including the results from the October 10 Cribbage games (Roger has returned from moose hunting and I have not heard if the group managed to get a moose or not). I will try to let you know if the guys did in fact bag a moose or not...next week. Anyway, in first place was Willis Douglas, while in second was Lynda Head and in third spot was Harold Head. Ken Palmer in his first visit to the Cribbage League this season was the recipient of THREE skunks, one which was for a DOUBLE SKUNK, while playing partners with Joe MacDonald. I understand that Paul Morrow and Harold Head are still savouring this accomplishment.

October 17th, the Cribbage League results read as follows: twelve players sat down to play doubles and first spot went to Roger Coulter, while second belonged to Paul Morrow and Bill Farrell grabbed on to third place. Only eight skunks made an appearance and Joe MacDonald managed to catch two of them.

The Monday Night Bingos are holding their own quite well and ALL are reminded that the $10-00. Bingo is the 1st Monday of each month.

The Euchre on Tuesday nights are as popular as ever with an average of seventeen to nineteen tables being filled. First prize went to Lynne Seeley, while second went to Donalda Banford and Joan Murphy and Bernie Bucking took the door prize. There were eight skunks and they went to Barb Wardle, Louella Gilmer, Doris Wright, Dave Perkins, Randy Cureston, Myrtle Johnston, Shirley Graham and Louise Crites.

At the Duplicate Bridge the winners were Judy and Rick Darling. The Pot of Gold winner this past week was Marilyn McMarlin who was signed in and the Meat Draw winner was Barb Watson. Congratulations to you both!!

On Friday nights, the large hall is pretty full with an average of sixteen teams taking part in the Mixed Dart League. More info on this event can be found elsewhere in The Chieftain.

The 1999 Membership Drive is now in effect and to be an early bird, you only have until the end of November, then the price will increase. So, if you, like many of us like to save money, drop into the branch and get your dues paid up now.

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◊ **Blankets or sleeping bags** (one blanket or sleeping bag per person)
◊ **Toilet paper and other personal supplies**
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What Can We Believe?

The parents and secondary students of this area are being bombarded with information that contradicts itself.

How can we know what to believe? Who can we trust?

On the one hand we have those people who have studied and learned, been taught to teach our children. We have through the years been very trusting of them and their abilities to guide our youngsters along the path of education. We stood back and allowed them to lead our children where we assumed they needed to go in order to succeed in the world after school books and learning. They seemed always in the past to have the best interest of our children, their students foremost in their priorities. We felt secure in the knowledge that they were on our side as it were, we were all about the same product, young people who could cope and who could achieve what they wanted in life after books and teachers. Were we wrong all these years?

On the other we have those in authority and their policies dictated seemingly through a higher authority, out of touch with reality and certainly out of touch with my child and his situation. Cleverly twisting words and phrases we are led down a path of delight that confuses and frustrates, not only we the parents, but the children, their teachers and the community.

There is no place in our schools for politics and legislation, we need teaching and learning, fun and wisdom, an atmosphere where maturity can grow and ability can be nurtured.

Our children need to be in the classroom along with their teachers.

Both parties need to have a feeling of security, to be where learning can take place with no regard for any forces that would deter them from their reward, where it is safe to work and play, where responsibility can be depended upon and youth can look to others for guidance and know they will get the answers to questions that beg to be known. Outside political interference is unnecessary and unwarranted. Parents can be involved in their children's education and together the teachers, students and parents can ensure that requirements are met and challenges faced squarely, secure in the knowledge that the best education possible is being delivered.

There is no real need to read the propoganda, listen to the rehtoric or become confused. Ask your child what his/her classes are like these days. Overcrowding is a problem in too many classes. Classes with 30 some students is too many. Those having trouble can get no individual help, but instead are lost in the numbers. Teachers are frustrated with the messages they are receiving from their union and their board. Who is telling the truth?? They, like us can only depend on what they live and what they endure to be true. They , our staff members in our local high school are tired, it shows in their faces as they hit the pavement on Monday. The word is that illness is prevelant among a staff that has a history of healthiness. They want to stay and help students who are clamering for attention, but are torn ... their union says they need to stand united or fail in their attempts to create a better situation for themselves and their students. They want to coach, to lead the band, to lead clubs, to chaparone dances and to be the teachers they know they are and that their students deserve. With less time to prepare and to work with those needing extra help, they feel they are failing and their self worth and self esteem is ebbing low. They are not the same teachers listened to in previous years. Something has ripped their enthusiasm and energy...afterall they are only human, and they can do only so much. They are being battered daily and can not defend themselves.

The old addage about walking a mile in the shoes of another before condeming them and their situation may well ring true in regards to teachers. Truthfully if you have not been a teacher, you have no right to criticize. You can have no idea of what teachers are dealing with afterall they chose this profession and certainly in the 90s it was not soley on the merits of the pay, for many make as much or more for less effort today. Before you strike out at the people who teach your children, really look into the situation. Talk to your child, meet with his/her teacher and get the real scoop. Learn what is happening at the local high school on a daily basis. Find the facts out on hours of work, distribution of time per student, class sizes, non-teaching time and how it is spent (not how you think it is spent!), why extra curricular activities are being cut out, is teaching time really learning time or is it just time spent in a classroom that satisfies statistical data???

There are so many questions and so many answers. Find out the truth for yourself...perhaps it is a bit from both sides, and maybe they should stop playing with my child's life and get on with the job they are to be doing. Teachers deserve our attention...we gave them our full measure of responsibility as far as our children were concerned up to now.

Is there a scam about saving money...where? how? when? I want the best education for my child that the money available can provide and I do not want to cut corners. I want my child to move to the next level of his career in the best possible shape education wise that he can. He needs to be in the classroom, not an overfull one, but one where he gets the attention he deserves, taught by a qualified teacher, a professional who cares about hin and how he achieves at the level he is currently at. The bickering and the squabbling are not his concern...adults acting like children are not what he needs right now. Lets get on track and get everyone back in class in a reasonable situation that each can live with and grow with.

S.L.J.

Pat McNeely tests himself at the Ironman World Championship

by Joseph Morin
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

The first week of October marked the running of the 1998 Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and South Mountain resident Pat McNeely was there to test himself against the gruelling triathalon course and 1535 fellow competitors.

He came in 636 place in a race that included a 4km swim, a 180km bicycle race and a run of 42km through desolate lava fields.

What started in 1979 as an endurance test for 15 U.S. Navy Seals has become an event that epitomises a true athletic test of strength and character. Pat McNeely was eclipsed by another Canadian, Peter Reid who managed to come in first with a time of 8 hours and 24 minutes. This year was Peter Reid's 5th run at the championship and his first win. Pat's time was a remarkable and respectable 11 hours and 24 minutes. To survive the three part competition is a victory in itself. Pat recalls, "When I turned the corner near the end of the race I was about two blocks from the finish line. I could see all the people and the lights, I could see the end of the course. I didn't slow down, I tried to take it all in. I was amazed , it was a very emotional moment."

Pat McNeely did not end up in the Ironman competition by mistake. He has thought of this race every day for five years. Over the past few years he has competed in Mexico and in Italy but this one was the really big one. "I played Jr. B hockey, after that I needed something to challenge me. I got involved with the duathalon which is a combination of cycling and running, joining the Canadian National team and competing internationally. I became interest in the Triathalon and I made my goal the Ironman World Championships."

The trip to the championships is a long and difficult one. All around the world amateur and professional athletes compete for just a few select spots to the competition. This past June, Pat had to secure one of only 20 spots in a field of 700 athlets in order to qualify for the Ironman classic.

Practice and training make the difference in this competition and Pat has logged, this year 265 km swimming, 6,062 km biking, and 2,000 km running with no end in site. He admits that in years past he became a little obsessive about all the training and competing, always looking for that extra bit of speed and endurance. Now he is more philosophical about everything. "I want to keep this as my hobby, just for me. My girlfriend Terry Lynn MacIntyre has to put up with a lot. She rides horses competitively so she understands. We support each other. This year I only raced 5 times and was in the top 10 each time compared to before when I would compete in 40 to 60 events." says the South Mountain resident.

Sitting in his home on a warm October afternoon, just days after his return from Hawaii Pat pointed out, "I thought that I would feel letdown after all of this but I am not. There is a new qualifying race for next year's Ironman championships taking place in Lake Placid in August, I will be there." Pat is also taking part in the Ottawa Marathon. In the past, in this event he has placed 8th out of 1,000 competitors. His

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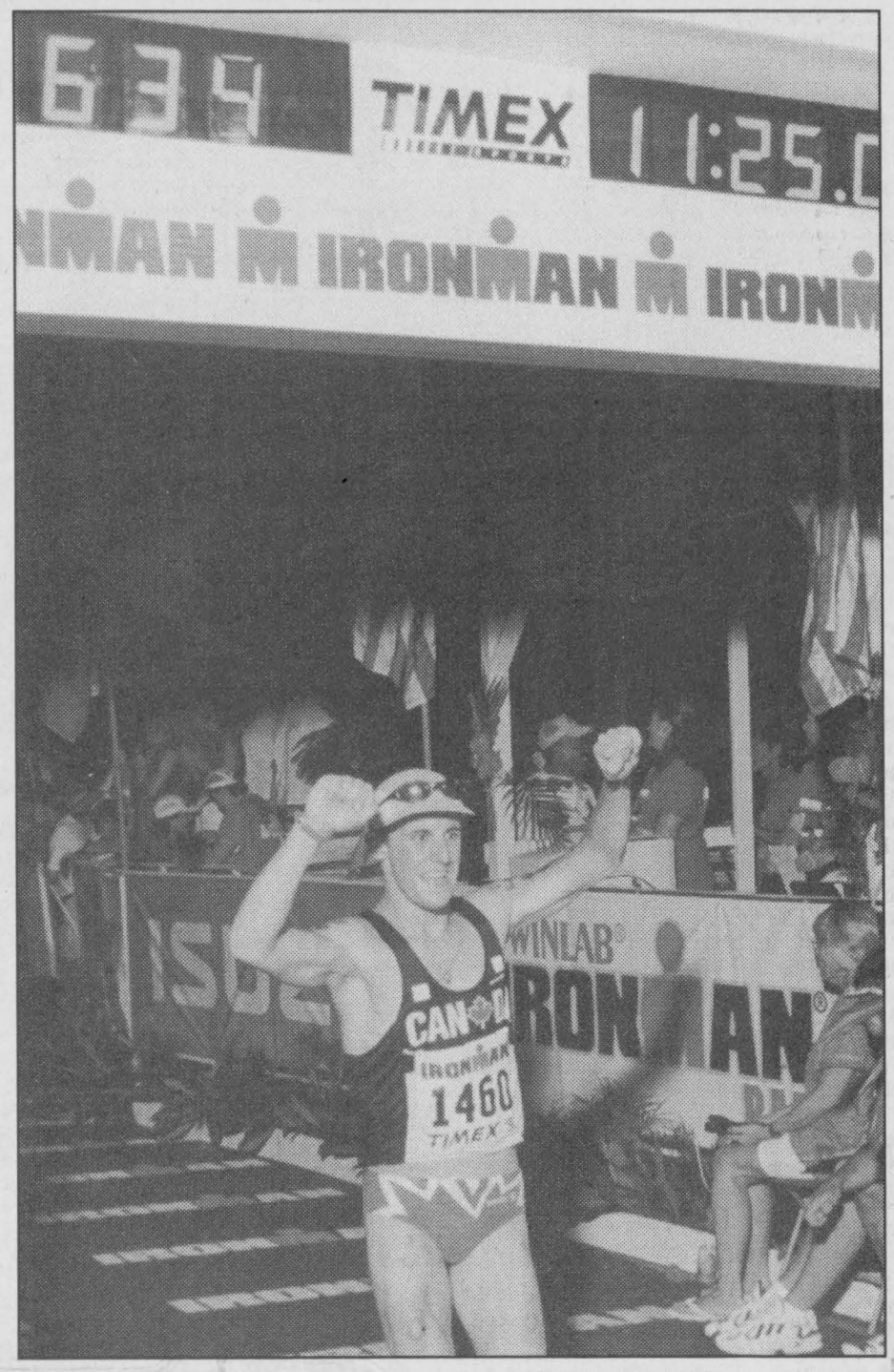

Pat McNeely in a proud moment at Ironman competition.

-Happy 90th birthday grandpa-

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday dear Grampa, Happy Birthday to you!! Yes, it was my Grampa's 90th birthday yesterday. He worked up until just a few short months ago filling up gas tanks on vehicles as they stopped by his garage establishment in Stampville. He was content visiting and pumping a little gasoline. The government felt he might present an environmental hazard and so required a large cash outlay for ground monitors. The amount of gas he sold did not in any way even begin to justify this horrendous amount of outlay, and coupled with his age, there was no real alternative; he removed his gas pumps and the underground tank, even though the tank was new,conforming to yet another regulation... When his business was taken from him, he began to fail, his health had been tops until this time. Now he sits at the Hartford Centre in Morrisburg, and we the family blame ourselves for some shortcoming that bears no semblance to the situation at all. He turned 90 nonetheless and we hope it was a good birthday for him. He knows we love him and do our best for him. He is filled with experiences which have been shared and enjoyed over and over, numerous times. Having lived through so much change and so many events, he is a living encyclopedia.

The big guy lost an uncle last week, this news struck as we arrived home from Scout Camp in the USA. This was a difficult time since this was the last of the relatives that made up his father's immediate family. He found an inner strength and spoke at the funeral as well as playing the organ during the service as asked by the daughters. Sad times and difficult times that we must bear as life goes on and we have no choice in the matter, but to travel forward with it, no matter the pain and suffering we are forced to endure.

How about this Indian Summer weather? It does not get any better than this, that is for sure. The sun and the colours that nature has painted on the trees and shrubbery is a combination that startles the senses and makes it a great season to be alive.The cold, crisp air invigorates and challenges are faced with renewed strength as fall suggests that winter will be close at hand.

Saturday we were involved in the Annual Scout Apple Day. The sun shone as did the MacIntosh apples as the youngsters polished them and the people of the community were most generous with their donations, appreciated by the youth groups who benefit from the experience and the funds raised.

The church lawn was mowed and as we attempted to rake the leaves, they were just too much for us. The entire back of the pickup was packed with leaves and it looked like we had not even begun to remove the piles that accumulated on the back lawn. Darkness signalled that we would go back at the task the following day. Then the wind came up and the rain came and we have not checked what is left to cleanup this weekend...we will though. This endeavour should conclude the contract for this year. The mulcher found the leaves too much to wade through, it kept stalling out. The maples and oaks are pretty, but heavy to get through once they accumulate on the ground. I am glad I do not live on Maple Avenue!!

The hockey games on the weekend reinforced in this old mother that it has not harmed the sons to not play organized hockey. The youngsters seem to have to hit their opponents once they reach the level where contact is allowed. The play is over and still a sharp elbow, or the stick to the groin, or a shove against the boards, need in case to be made. The just in case relates to let the opposition know that is for nothing, and if they try something, they best be prepared!! Or not!!! It seems that some players can just play the game, and they need to be applauded. Skating hard and trying to score is what the game is about, not driving the fellow you are shadowing into a pulp on the boards for no reason other than to do it, to get rid of frustrations or whatever. I was not impressed with the young players who could not seem to play for pushing and shoving. A good fist fight erupts and the fans go wild, the whole rink seems to settle down thereafter and the teams get down to business of playing hockey, but the constant board-bashing seems unnecessary.

The college son was home for a fleeting moment on the weekend, and his brother seems to have the same itch to get out and about. This I guess is all about growing up and learning responsibility and maturing. It is tough on the mother, but they seem to be enjoying their freedom. Movies and parties filled their weekend and the folks had people in for dinner and a rental movie, with Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt...it was pretty good stuff and a laugh or two was shared.

The news Monday morning was that a ship had been detained in the locks due to a fire in the

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the bottom line

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goal this year is to take part in 5 triathalons this year.

The triathalon in Hawaii was quite an experience. Pat says, "During the race you go through a lot of highs and lows, self doubt, even wondering why you are there at all but I have been thinking about this for 5 years now. It has always been on my mind. I was able to remain focused on what I had to do to get to the finish line and maintaining that winning attitude is every bit as difficult as keeping your body going. The week before the race my girlfriend and I just enjoyed ourselves. I chose to follow my instincts regarding how my body was performing and left the heart monitors and gadgets to others."

This race was a great experience for Pat on many levels, the years of training and competing have paid off. Sitting at his dining room table he leans back and says, "I can be sitting here and remember every moment of it. I will have this memory for the rest of my life."

Just Livin'

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engine area. The old Editor was not informed, but there was smoke in the kitchen at the ranch as the apples that were purchased from the youth in the morning had been turned into pies. The threat about pies being created had been expressed earlier and the first normal pie came out of the oven in pretty good shape. Then the idea of a German apple pie was developed. Some ideas are best forgotten...anyway, the ingredients were mixed and the filling installed in the pie shell, one with more mixing required than the other, they looked okay, if perhaps a bit overfilled. Placing a cookie sheet under both, the oven was ready and the pies slid in. Shortly thereafter the extra filling slid onto the cookie sheets and promptly burned into a blackness that produced some billowing smoke that filled the kitchen rapidly, setting off the smoke detector. The wind outside had been unwelcome until this point in the day. Now, it was a miracle since with the door and window open a cross draft was created that drove the smoke out. Then the problem, should the pies come out and the trays be cleaned, or was it best to leave them until the pie cooked. The wrong decision is always made in such circumstances, and so the residue continued burning to charcoal on the sheets, and unknown to the chef, the bottom of the pies also were burning to a crisp black colour that could not be eaten. The only saving feature of this misadventure in cooking was that the folks had not been invited to share the pies, as had been the earlier plan...the filling was edible but that is about all that was salvaged. Such a misguided experience has not been endured in some time, I will try again maybe this weekend to produce a pie we can eat!!!

There apparently is a virus making the rounds, and yes the old Editor has felt better. The head aches, the throat has been sore and the general symptoms of a cold...runny nose, chills, sweats and the whole deal have been encountered. The facial glands are having a wild and crazy time. They are swelling and paining as the Sojgrens acts up. Being an immune system disorder, it seems to like this type of ailment. The joints are stiff and the arthritis seems to be having a heyday as well. (They say it never rains but it pours!!) All this and a tiredness that seems insurmountable has descended upon the bod. Sleep comes rapidly and is almost achievable anywhere, anytime...not great when you have a job!!

There is the threat of some wet snow this very week. Time to ensure that you are ready for winter. It lurks just around the corner...If you are waiting for some signs, don't, get that anti-freeze checked, and replace those belts that are frayed, have the tires looked at by a professional and get set for Hallowe'en. Ghosts and goblins will be haunting the neighbourhoods very soon.

A delivery trip to deposit a son at a friends on Sunday gave the opportunity to pass by Tuxedo Llama ranch near Morrisburg. The front field was filled with Llamas, of all sizes and colours. A couple of babies were just too cute for words, and two youngins, brown bodies with black and white heads turned more than one passer by around for a second look see. There were babies nursing and there was a larger one who was white and had a brown belly ring. The babies though are so sweet, you just want to pet them. They are inquisitive and check things out very carefully. I enjoyed a few moments stopped close by the fence watching these creatures.

The squash and pumpkins will be cooked soon and their delicious meat frozen for eating in the winter months when it will taste so terrific.

Take care, enjoy what nature has to offer this fall, a long walk down a tree lined lane sounds perfect...this weeks' wisdom comes from Henry Ford who said, "If money is your only hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a person can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience and ability."



A Tradition

Apple Day and Scouts are synonymous. The Iroquois groups - Beavers and Venturers were busy polishing and then blitzed the Village. The generous donations for apples netted the youth close to $200 (half of what was collected stays with the group). Thanks, Iroquois! *Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston*

St.Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson

Warm, Indian Summer weather stays with us and if not for the changing leaves, you would almost think it was spring. Robins are everywhere, singing and cavorting in the birdbaths and shrubbery. Some lingering red-winged blackbirds are still singing in the marshes. Perhaps these birds will spend the winter with us. There are still herons about.

A visit to the Marina turned up a few birds. The mudflats there are good for shorebirds. A lesser yellowlegs was spotted standing in the water near a rock; the arrival of a sailboat disturbed it and it flew a short distance. A nuthatch was heard calling in the trees near boats in drydock. The nasal call-"Yank, Yank" sounded like a red-breasted nuthatch. The hawthorne shrubs beside the road into the Marina yard itself were full of robins and an immature flicker with a lovely spotted breast was by itself on a branch. More yellowlegs were seen wading along the rocks near the island in the large pond at the boathouses.

Six killdeer were feeding in the mudflats along the shores of the creek just east of Doctor Miller Drive. The low water level exposing muddy shorelines provides good feeding areas for shorebirds such as killdeer. We also spotted a dowitcher feeding in the same flats a short distance from the killdeer. The bill of this bird probes up and sown much like a sewing machine needle as it searches for food.

A birdwatcher along Lakeshore Drive reported seeing 14 blue jays. Another resident, this time on Lakeview Drive had an interesting experience with a great blue heron, about 3 weeks ago. The bird was photographed in their garden on a path near the garden shed. It then flew and perched on a tall structure in a neighbour's yard. This same heron has been fishing in a little pond on the golf course all summer.

As the leaves are blown off the trees by high winds, the birds remaining will be easier to see, woodpeckers, nuthatches and brown creepers. Keep your eyes peeled for roadside hawks and owls which will be more visible along the highway and over the fields as October slips into November.

Bird reports to 652-2555. I am still interested in taking names and phone numbers for those who would like to start a nature club in our area.

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"Waterway to the Heartland"

A Video To Remember! Own a part of History today!

by *Sandra Lee Johnston*, Chieftain Staff Reporter

The McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre was buzzing with anticipation as the official launch of the "Waterway to the Heartland / Saga of Long Sault" was about to make video stars of local people. A wondrous way to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Seaway Project completion, a video was born. The video, "shows the history of the Seaway in a way it has never been shown before. Going back and talking to people who lived through it and all, we captured something no one else has been able to," and so allow the history of the area, to remain alive into the future. The first set of tapes is all but sold out, but more are ordered and can be purchased. A true treasure for local residents, it makes a grand gift as well.

Roundtable Discussions are held throughout the Township on the last Thursday of each month.

The Fifth Roundtable: will be at Williamsburg Town Hall from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Thurs. Oct. 29th

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LETTERS

Gun Control out of control

Dear Editor,

Gun control and its detested registry is an attack on our basic freedoms and is essentially about confiscation and social control. The gun law alienates grassroots Canadians and will do little for crime control.

No, I do not believe there is a Liberal conspiracy to repress Canadians liberty, but I do think the Chretien government, if only subconsciously, sees the writing on the wall...that its excessive social engineering is breaking down this country's moral and social ethic.

Bad ideology is the root of the problem. Socialism and the Chretien government's liberal humanism are ideological brothers. For them to survive they must exert increasing control over our society, for their inherent nature is to evolve into totalitarianism. This regressive political process was largely initiated by Pierre Trudeau and the Charter of Rights. Successive Canadian governments have followed suit and their policies have been catalysts towards our diminished freedom.

The Chretien government, in its ignorance, is now fast-tracking this country's demise. Legislation detrimental to the traditional family and Judeo-Christian values, the support and funding of special interest groups at the expense of the average citizen, charter led judicial activism and public funded multiculturalism have all been breeding racial, gender and cultural divisions.

The outcome of this ideological progression will be increasing crime, domestic violence and socio-racial disruption. Confiscation of guns was well as greater restrictions on free speech and public demonstrations will fit in only too well.

What do you think will come next?

Reg Hoegl

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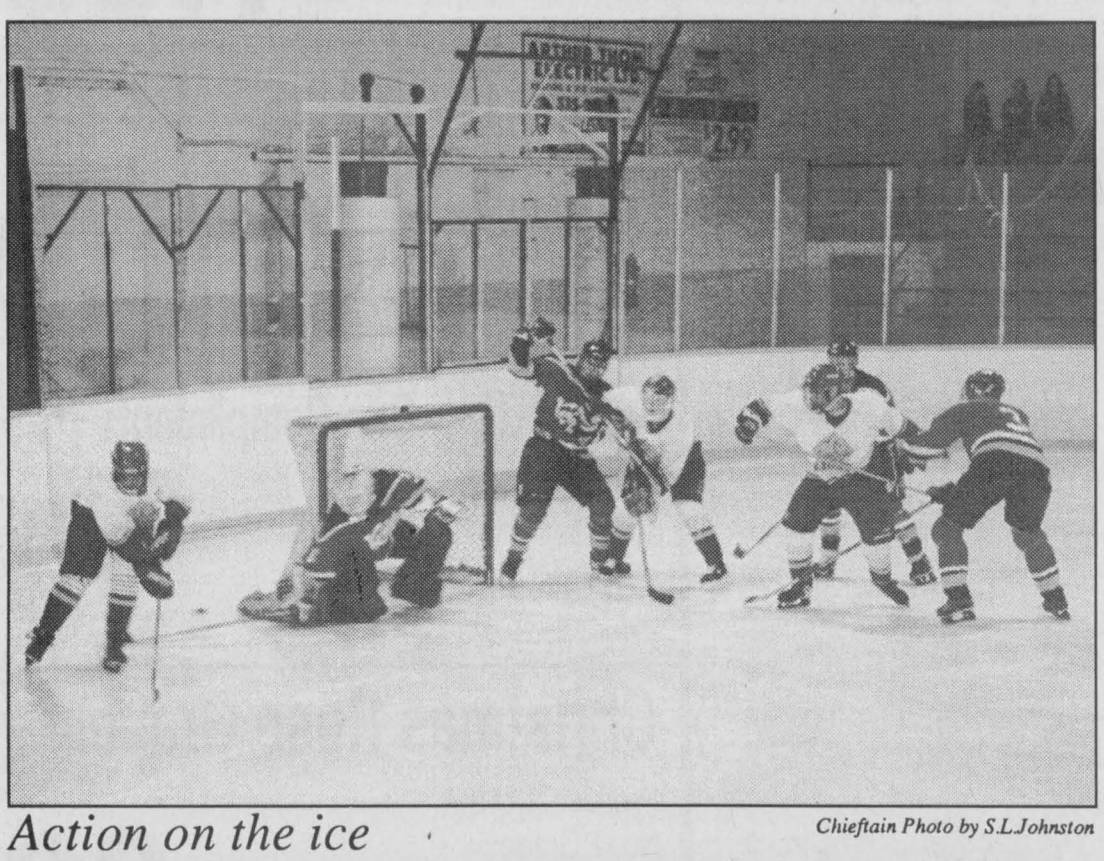


Action on the ice

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

The Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions hosted the Kemptville 73s on Friday night and although the action was fast and furious around the 73s net, and the Lions roared with the first goal, it was not to be their night. They went down to defeat 6-4 in a well played game on their side of things. A young team, they can only get better. The 73s were a top team last season and the Lions held the lead into the third period, when they simply ran out of steam.

Great start to season for the Novice "B" Lions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Novice "B' Lions have an ace up their sleeve this season... goalie Graham Peters is looking great in the net. Feared by most goal scorers in the League due to his excellent record last season, as a Novice Rookie. Graham is tough to beat and seems to have the right moves when a scoring opportunity does present itself.

Local lads playing for the Novice"B" squad this season include; Bryce Fournier, Tyrell Keicks, Allan Waddell, Brendon Elliott, Josh Peppers and Darren Baldwin.These are the once to keep an eye on...

Last Wednesday evening the boys hosted the North Dundas team and showed them the route to defeat. Josh Peppers went in alone on Zack Peters in net for North Dundas beating him for the only counter in the first period. Brandon Elliott skated in taking the pass from Jarell Keicks for the second score for Morrisburg, putting the home team up by two. Then North Dundas snuck one past Peters to count their first and only goal of the game. Morrisburg came back with two more, thanks to Keicks who scored unassisted in the third and then Peppers counted his second of the game this time with help from Alix Tait. It is of note that only two penalties were assessed, one to each team in this game.

In their second matchup of the week, the Novice "B" squad faced off against The Cornwall Nesbitt Burns Royals in Cornwall on Sunday. They edged past the Royals 6-4.

Scoring first, the Lions were skating on a high from their previous victory, Wednesday night. Alix Tait took the pass from Josh Peppers and found net to score the first goal. Then it was Peppers who had a hand from Alex Whélan for the second goal. The Royals answered back before the end of the first period with one counter.

The Royals were held scoreless in the second, while the Lions skated towards the net at every opportunity. Two more were added to the Lions score in the second as Brandon Elliott was on a streak. He scored singlehandedly and then was assisted by Peppers on his second to make the score board read 4-1 after two complete periods of play.

The third was exciting as both teams came back with renewed vigour. The Royals were not about to give up without a fight. They scored first as the third got underway slipping two past Peters in the pipes. To their credit, the Lions did not give up either, as they came back, Darren Baldwin scored, assisted by Peppers yet again. Josh certainly had Loney's number (the Cornwall goalie)...he was a part of 4 of the 6 goals scored by Morrisburg. Elliott skated in a lone to score another for Morrisburg at the 2:40 mark of the third, giving the Lions a 6-4 score. Devin Brunet of the Royals was not quite finished though as he came in hard and fast and beat Peters in the Morrisburg pipes.The Final read 4-6 in a well disciplined game for both teams.

The team hosts the Akwesasne squad tonight (Wednesday, October 21), why not catch the game.

SPORTS CORNER

with Brian St. Pierre

With the NHL Season now in full swing,I thought this week, we would take an early season look at the Top 10 Teams in the chase for Lord Stanley's Cup:

The Contenders:

(1) Detroit Red Wings- Although it seems hip for most media prognosticators to pick a different team to win the Cup every year, when I look at the Red Wings strengths, I can't find a better choice. Strengths include a bevy of talent at every position, this team knows how to win which is an underappreciated skill. Weaknesses include age (see-Yzerman, Larionovi, Macoun etc.) has got to catch up to this team at some point, doesn't it?

(2) Colorado Avalanche- Even though the Avalanche are off to a sputtering start, I still feel they are the team most likely to dethrone the Wings. Strengths include Sakic, Fosberg, Kamensky, Claude Lemieux and a little guy named Roy. Weaknesses seems that the Avalanche, over the past couple of seasons look like a team very satisfied with their one Stanley Cup victory.

(3) Philadelphia Flyers- For all of their faults, the Flyers are plain and simple, the most talented team in the East. Among their strengths are the size and the skill of their lineup which is the envy of the League. On the flip side their skating speed, their lack of leadership and can goalie John Vanbiesbruck at the age of 36 win a Stanley Cup again?

(4) Dallas Stars- The Stars are the pre-season favourites of many so-called NHL experts. Their strength lies in a great defensive team with Mike Modano, Brett Hull and Joe Nieuwendyk thrown into the mix. their weaknesses lie in a goaltender (Ed Belfour) who seems closer to losing his mind than winning his first Stanley Cup.

(5) Buffalo Sabres- this is my upset special for 1998-99. Their strengths include a goaltender, namely Dominik Hasek who is simply the most dominant player in the NHL. On the weakness side they have no go-to-guy on offense and a defense that leaves Hasek to fend for himself sometimes.

(6)New Jersey Devils- A perennial Top 10 team of the last decade, the Devils are neck to neck with Dallas as the best defensive team in the NHL. Among their weaknesses is the fact that this already offense starved team lost its best forward (Doug Gilmour) in the off-season.

(7) Washington Capitals- They can count among their strengths, a rising star in goalie Olaf Kolzig and a team that is stocked with young talent both on offense and defense. they have on the other hand, very little size at the forward position and cannot keep their players healthy.

(8) St. Louis Blues- Otherwise known as the team that Todd Gill plays for this year. Their strength seems to lie in the fact that they are a hardworking team with a nice mix of defense and offense, even without Brett Hull. Among their weaknesses is that too many role players and the days of Grant Fuhr as a Stanley Cup goalie are passed.

(9&10)...a tie...Montreal Canadiens and the Ottawa Senators-Both of these teams have enough talent to pull some upsets and get through the relatively weak Eastern Conference. Montreal's strength lies in their offense, while their defense is weak. The Senators are strong in their defense while their weakness is at the offensive positions.

Final thought: Look for the Canadiens to acquire Felix Potvin within the next three weeks...

Seaway Men's Interbranch Dart League

Some terrific dart throwing is being handled by the fellows who are playing in the Seaway Interbranch Dart League this season. It would seem that some rivalries are being fostered as good natured banter accompanies the darts each week.

Standings as of October 13, 1998 are as follows...

1) Iroquois #5 - 28
2) Cardinal #4 - 24
3) Iroquois #7 - 24
4) Prescott #1 - 21
5) Prescott #3 - 19
6) Iroquois #8 - 19
7) Iroquois #6 - 18
8) Cardinal #2 - 15

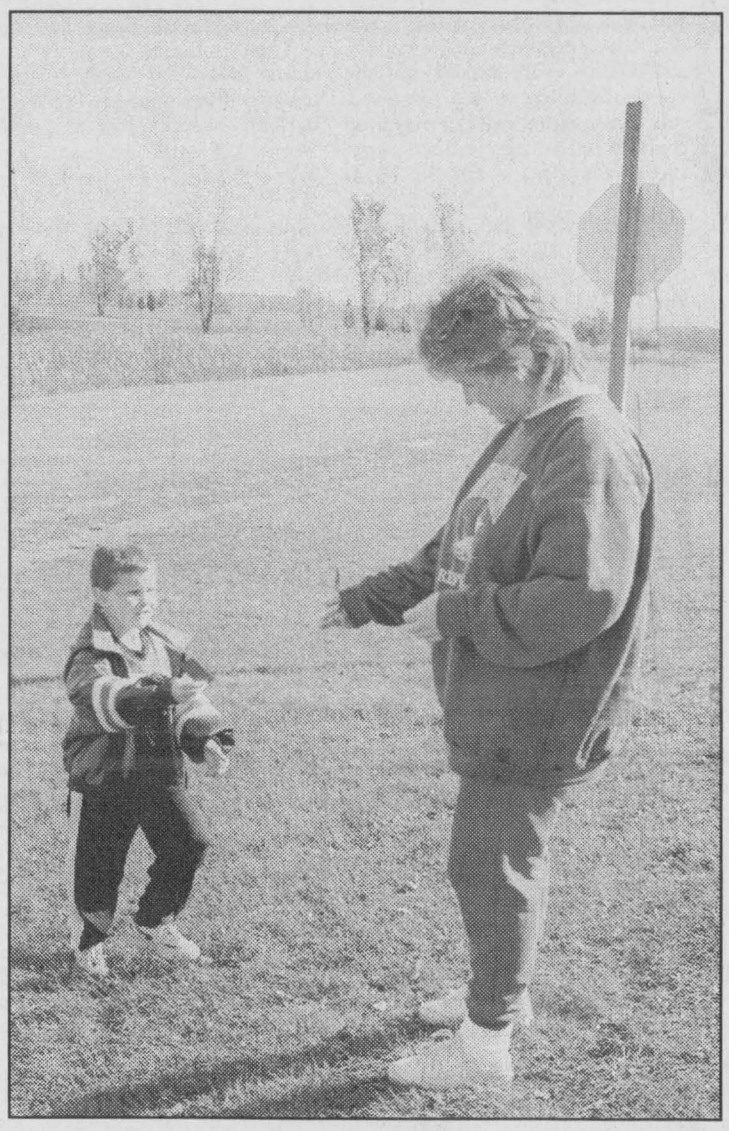
Games won (3 or more) after playing in Cardinal on October 13 include...

Jason Summerfield.....6
Wayne Bellinger 6
Tom Reston 5
Ken Reid 4
Rick Deschamps 3
Glen Adams.....3
Dan McKee 3
Bill Hutt 3

High Scores achieved in Cardinal are...

Bill Hutt-140x2, 135
Jason Summerfield-140x2
Rick Sayeau-140, 125
Duane Kirker, Dan McKee and Mark MacDonald all with 140.
Tim Gonczowski-135, 120
Glen Adams-135
Lee MacDonald-133
Mike Levere-126, 120
Doug Allard-125.

The only High Finisher this week was Tom Reston with a 94.



Another lap completed

IPS students were walking to the Beach and back to Elizabeth Drive as part of their fund raising efforts. Their Walkathon was a fun way to earn money for extra curricular activities. Teacher Jen Perry is ready to acknowledge another lap.

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Roaring start for Novice "C" Lions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Getting things off on the right skate, the Morrisburg Novice "C" Lions began their 1998-99 season with two victories on the weekend.

On Saturday, they travelled to Cardinal to take on South Grenville and came away with a 3-1 victory. Goals were scored by Justin Saunders, Kurtis Corry and Pat Bongers. Honourable mention goes to Nathan McDonnell for a fine defensive effort!

On Sunday the squad played host to North Dundas and showed that their first game was no fluke. They skated away against the North Dundas team as they soundly defeated them 11-0. Goal scorers for the Lions were Peter Toonders who found the mesh 5 times, Chris Tindal who counted 2 for his team and Scott Douma and Kurtis Corry who each nailed one home to add to the total count. Honourable mention goes to Justin Saunders who played a solid game and added 2 goals. Ryan Swank was in the pipes for the shutout.

Curling Club holds Swing & Sweep

with Steve Thompson

The Morrisburg Curling and Golf Clubs held their Annual Swing and Sweep on Saturday. Fine weather and seventy enthusiastic competitors made for a perfect day. The awarding of prizes sent most people home with a smile on their faces.

The Top Team was Sean Boulerice, Larry Gallinger, David Brandt and Kevin Byan.

Top Curlers were Cliff Morrison, Gerald Adams, Ron Brown and John Vanderspank while the Best Golfers were Gary Gallinger, Steve and Patty Boucher and Dwayne Hummel.

Second among the curlers was the team comprised of Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, Bob Bergland Rick MacKenzie, with second place honours going to Wendy and Jim Casselman, Wade Roles and Sam Locke.

The Best Sports of the day were the team of Donna Dillabough, Elsie Guindon, Bev Montgomery and Alice McNarin. Other prizes were awarded for unspecified skills; perhaps the most unusual was that claimed by Mahlon Locke, who carelessly left his beer on the prize table...

Special thanks go to Linda and her staff at the Morrisburg Golf Club for another fine meal and to Mahlon Locke and Donna Dillabough for organizing the day.

Remember Bantam and Little Rock curlers begin their seasons this Tuesday and Wednesday evenings respectively at 5pm. If you have not yet registered, you can still do so at the Club then.

** Annual Meeting of the Morrisburg Curling Club is set for Wednesday, October 21 at 7pm, plan to attend.

Competition heavy at Friday Darts

Everyone is having lots of fun trying to beat their opponents as darts fly to the boards at the Legion each Friday evening in Iroquois.

Last Friday the results were just great as Trevor Easter grabbed a 140, and a 121, Jake Sommerfield had a 140 and 4x100. Boomer McKee 140: Reg Farmer 128: Michelle Walters and Jean Greenough 124: Rick Deschamps 121: Angie Reid 118, 100: Glen Easter 115, 100: Tony Easter 114: Lil Roberts 109: Bobbie-Jo Deschamps 108: Jim Carkner-Tina Sommerfield and Diane Baker 105: Jeff Donnelly 103,100: Sharon Easter, Gladys Parks 103: Percy Roberts, Pearl Roy 102: Lenny Beckstead, Arnie Fader, Brian Cooper, Bobbie Sayeau each with 2x100 and Kevin Laming 100. Bobbie-Jo Deschamps had a finish of S18, T20, D15-=108.

Games won by:

Jake Sommerfield-5
Glen Easter, Jeff Donnelly and Kevin Laming each have won 4
Reg Farmer, Trevor Easter, Dwayne Kirker and Lloyd Greenough have 3 each to their credit.
Two game winners include; Nick Sheilds, Carol Morrow, Jim Carkner, Tony Easter, Bobbie-Jo Deschamps, Walter Reid, Carl Gibson, Tina Sommerfield, Barb Merkley, Jay Buckland, Leo Merkley, Pat Wright, Earl Nesbitt and Boomer McKee. Those with one game a piece are Shelly Cooper, Joan Ault, Andre Tschoumy, Robbie Shaver, Art Ault, Jake Easter, Diane Baker, Pearl Roy, Joe MacDonald, Bobbie Sayeau, Lorraine Adams, Rick Deschamps, Brian Cooper, Chris Thompson, Mary Graydon, Denzil Tousant, Samantha Thompson, Michelle Walters, Shawn Render, Arnie Fader and Jean Greenough-...keep on having fun folks.

**Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lil Roberts on the passing of her husband, Percy. A quiet and gentle person, he will be sadly missed.

Coaches bring in your score sheets today

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

A public service provided by the businesses listed here in co-operation with this paper.

Anniversary Turkey Dinner, Thursday, Oct. 22, 4:30 pm till all are served, Adults $8., 12 and under: $3.50. Take outs available, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CARDINAL.

St. John's United Church, Cardinal, Annual Bazaar, Saturday Oct. 24, 1998, 9 am - 1 pm. Everyone Welcome.

Knox Prebyterian Church - Iroquois will hold their Harvest Luncheon and Bake Sale on October 24, 1998 from 11 am - 2 pm at the Church. *Everyone Welcome.*

Matilda Womens Institute: Programme Reminder: Next meeting is Nov.9 at 7:30 p.m. Select a foreign flag and describe the significance of the symbols on it. Guest speakers, Janny & Arie Geurkink. Topic: Haiti.

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COONS: I want to express my sincere thanks to my friends, neighbours, and family for their cards, gifts, calls and food while I was not up to par.' All your kindnesses have already become special memories in my heart. Thank you very much.
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Ruth Coons
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JOHNSTON: We, the family of Garnet Johnston, would like to thank everyone who touched our lives in any way during our time of sorrow, whether you sent a card, flowers, food, or gave a comforting word. Thanks for generous donations to Winchester Hospital, Heart and Stroke, Cancer, St. John's A.C.W. and Bishop Hamilton School. Special thanks to Dr. Domanko, the nurses of Winchester Hospital, V.O.N., Home Care and Parklane Support Centre. Special thanks to Rev. Bill Byers for all the support during our time of need and comforting words at the service. Also, to our cousin Roger for the eulogy. Thanks to Dan and David of Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, the pallbearers and St. John's A.C.W. for the luncheon. A very special thanks to Ted, Bob, Rick, and Johnny for all their dedicated help and support with father; we couldn't have done it without you. Your kindness and prayers will always be remembered.
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LETTER

Can there be any real excuses?

Dear Editor,

Rationalizing is a mere euphemism for excuses, and as Mike "Pinball" Clemens, the diminutive running back for the Toronto Argonauts said, "Excuses are like bellybuttons; everybody has one and they're of no use to anyone." Therefore, let it be known that this letter offers little rationalization; what it does do, on the other hand, is strive to shed some light on the treacherous road which lies ahead for the front line secondary teacher in our public education system.

Self-esteem is a concept which has been drummed into our subconscious minds as nauseam. As educators, we watch for the child who seems detached, who feel ill done-by, who exists in a negative cloud of self-doubt, continual put downs and subtle psychological abuse. Above all else, we are on the alert for the student who shows any signs of frustration resulting in aggression. Ironically, we teachers are now on the lookout for these symptoms in our peers, as we attempt to come to grips with a government turned sour on its teachers and school boards who have systematically devalued professional growth and positive reinforcement, while trying to squeeze blood out of their most valuable resource.

I remember the good old days of boards sending us on development trips and actually asking teachers to report on what they learned and how that knowledge might be processed and passed on to peers. Sure, we teased each other about the certificate of achievement we received, but more than one teacher I know pinned his/hers up in the classroom. Teachers are essentially good students by definition, because 99% of them were ideal learners; if you take away the reinforcement, you add stress and reduce motivation. Professional development is currently frowned upon as a fringe expense and preparation time (including peer consultation and evaluation) is an elusive concept lurking somewhere between what we do while we count sheep and how we keep busy while racing from the classroom to the bathroom between buzzers.

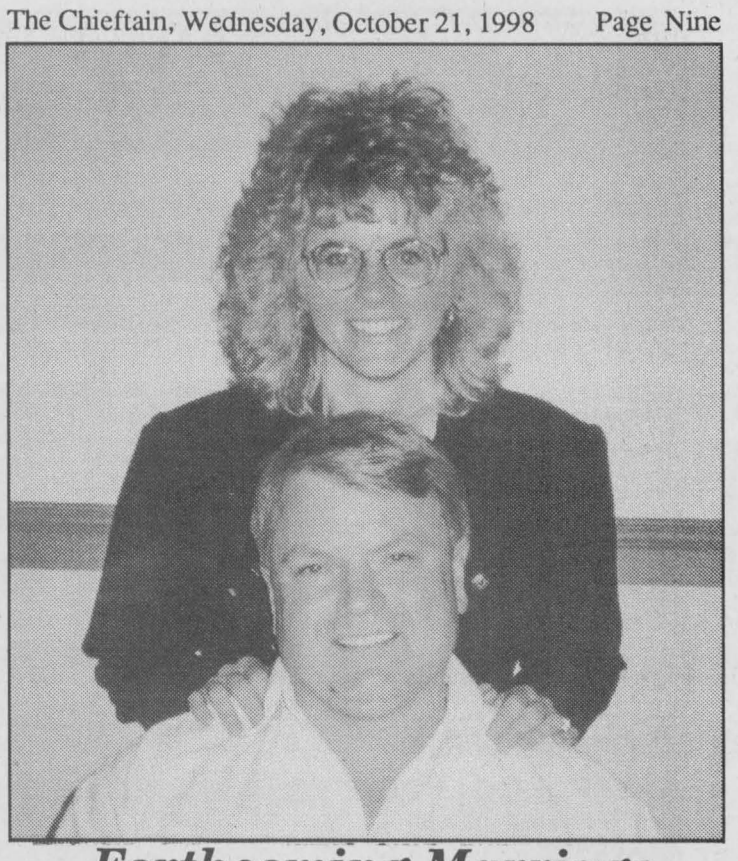
To add to the carnage, the reigning government has taken it upon itself to slowly grind down the frontline teacher in an attempt to divide and conquer. By jacking up the workload and consequently reducing preparation time, Mike Harris has guaranteed a rat race mentality in our schools, reducing valuable time spent between colleagues to a minimum and cranking up what was once described as the humdrum treadmill of education to an assembly line frenzy. It is commonly agreed among educators that there must be as little tension as possible in a creative atmosphere like the school setting. Creativity on both the teachers' and students' part will be kept to a minimum once the gates of "productivity schooling" are fully opened; in addition, teacher self-fulfilment will be an unattainable ideal in the Dave Johnson punch-clock scenario.

When all the posturing and rhetoric are stripped away, it is the student and his/her classroom teacher who will have taken the greatest hits in this fiasco. Self-esteem, over all well-being and a sense of direction are all on the trading block as you peruse this letter. Have we come this far in Ontario Education only to meet with so much animosity and bad blood? When the bell rings for your child's class, will his/her teacher be thinking about a lesson which hums or how to pace him-/herself so as to make it to the final bell without suffering a TKO?

Should the front line be a battle position where we hunker down in the mud or a place of mutual respect, calm but dogged determination and continual creativity? When rats are cornered, they come up fighting with gnashing teeth, usually to an ignominious death. When teachers are cornered, they back off, regroup, weigh the pros and cons and watch in pain as students pay the brutal price of losing the sacred relationship they have forged over the years between their teachers and themselves, a partnership which is presently on tenuous ground because of intransigent politicking, pumped up reactive thinking and self-serving motives in a lose-lose situation.

In such a morbid period in the annals of education, the whole system is paying with blood and we all know in our hearts that excuses will be a dime a dozen when adrenaline levels return to normal and the sacred battle field gives up its casualty figures. What will the government's excuse be when parents ask for justification? What will the board's excuse be after the dust settles? What will your excuse be? And all this talk of excuses somehow brings me right back to Mike "Pinball" Clemens.

Rod McDonald,
Hawksbury, Ontario.



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OBITUARIES

Garnet Johnston

A well known and liked Matilda Township farmer passed away at Winchester and District Hospital on Thanksgiving Day, October 12, 1998. The Century Farm that was in the Johnston name was his pride and joy, along with his family. Garnet Johnston was born and lived his entire life at RR1, Iroquois (Matilda Township) on the family farm, on the Fourth Concession. Garnet was 89 years of age at the time.

Predeceased by his parents; Andrew and Attena (nee Weaver) Johnston, as well as his beloved wife, Florence (nee Waddell) whom he married on October 16, 1937 in Brinston. Garnet was also predeceased by a sister; Ruby Bell and three brothers, Bert, Walter and Arthur.

Mourning their loss are daughters; Marilyn (Piet) de Zeeuw of RR1, Iroquois, Elaine (Bert) Hopkins of Ottawa, Shirley (Owen) Alguire of RR1, Morrisburg and Flora Jean (Brian) McIntosh of Winchester Springs. As well, he is sadly missed by 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, and survived by nieces, nephews and two sister-in-laws, Vivien and Myrna.

Memorial donations to Winchester Hospital, Bishop Hamilton School or Charity of Choice were appreciated by the family. Service was conducted at St. John's Anglican Church in Iroquois with Rev. Bill Byers officiating on Thursday, October 15, 1998. Garnet was eulogized by a nephew, Roger Johnston.The family sang a beautiful hymn in memory of a great farmer/ father/ grandfather/ uncle and relative to conclude the service which Garnet had wished to be a celebration of his full life on this earth.

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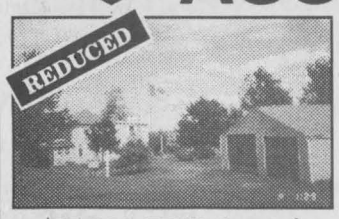

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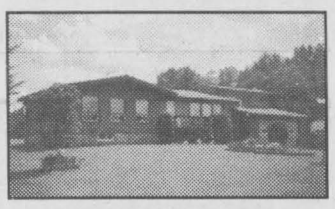
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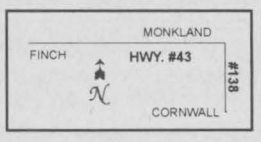

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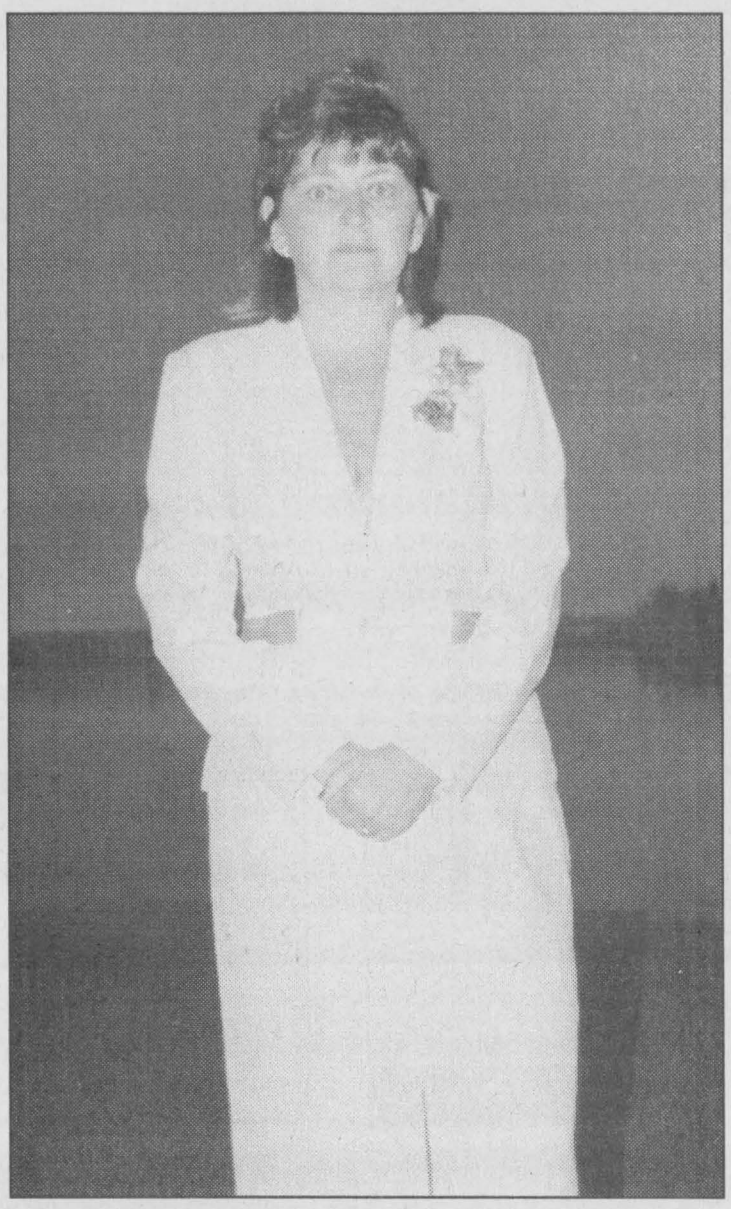

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DANCE
Saturday, October 24, 1998
I.O.O.F. Hall, Williamsburg
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Music by This Old Heart (Dennis Whitteker)
Admission: $5.00
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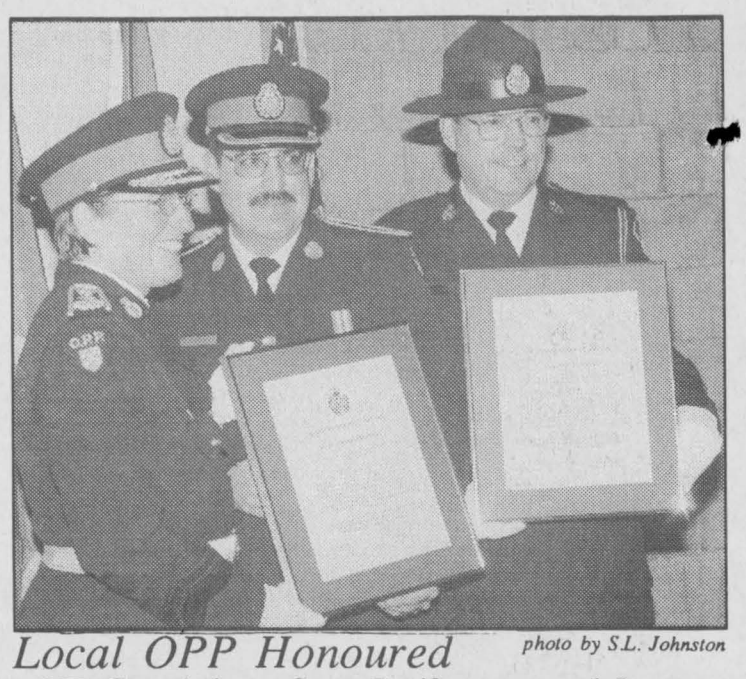


Local OPP Honoured

photo by S.L. Johnston

OPP Commissioner Gwen Boniface presented Inspector Mike Hopkins of Eastern Region with acknowledgement of his efforts on behalf of the area he serves.

127th Anniversary at Brinston United

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Reverend Georgia D. Copland celebrated not only the 127th Anniversary at one of her Parish Churches, namely Brinston United, but her marriage a week ago as well. She brought her new husband home to meet her congregation and to enlist his help in being guest speaker at the Anniversary Service Sunday morning. Reverend David W. Sinclair, Pastor of the Anglican Church, St. Mary Magdalene in Picton was most welcome in the community.

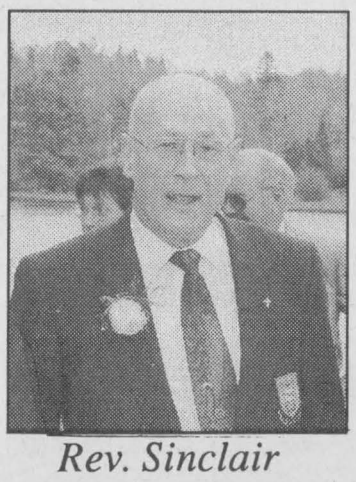
The Anniversary bulletin was donated in loving memory of Charles W. Coons by his wife, Ruth. (He passed away October 18, 1989).

Later this same evening those who came out were entertained by the South Mountain Gospel Singers as well as a local mother and daughter team, Lynn and Janice Gilmour.

Rev. Sinclair began by speaking to the youngsters prior to their leaving for Sunday School, then he spoke to the congregation... explaining how on this morning he rejoiced with each one as he joined them on the spiritual journey that Brinston United Church travels in celebration of the anniversary.

He offered that there was a three fold purpose in the gathering on this sunny morn in this rural community...the first being to celebrate beginnings, "a starting point of this community of faith. I am glad there is an indefiniteness about the actual date, because "Church" happens not when it has a building or a preacher, but when people gather to share faith and offer prayer and praise. Gathering about the kitchen table, cranking out hymns on the fiddle, reading from the family Bible commending concerns and themselves to God, they were Church before they formed one." He added, "The story of faith is written in the hearts of the people who carry with them a sense of God's presence, a conviction their lives are endowed with meaning and purpose beyond the short span of life and their desire to share it with others." Searching for things to bring people together in a shared faith experience rather than for finer points of doctrine and discipline to divide them," rang true and clear as he spoke.

Secondly he saluted the tradition that dates back to a time when there was a tradition of going to where there were people in order to meet their spiritual needs, rather than accepting the established church view that any church should decide what people needed and persuade people to come to church.



Rev. Sinclair

Thirdly he alluded to a vision that the essential mark of a faith community is not settled existence, but an ability to keep on the move...by looking at the world with ever changing eyes and keep translating and retranslating the story of God's love to be heard with new ears, to resonate in contemporary hearts and minds, whether or not this mode is to our liking. He spoke of "tuning in", telling us that we need not spend all our time in church, but should use our time, whether working, playing, sleeping, eating or praying, by being aware of God and his presence and tuning in to His purposes for us and our world.

He suggested we are called to not simply "view the scenery," as we go through life, but change the world as we grow ourselves into the people God wants us to be, acting out our identities in the places where we live, to create a world filled with God's justice, peace and love.

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Community generosity rewards Seaway Graduates

Ontario Secondary School Diplomas were presented by Maria Thompson, Eleanor Newman and Principal Larry Poirier to the following students...
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Thanks to the generous community the graduates shared in some $27,000 worth of bursaries and scholarships.

Awards were first on the agenda to recognize those outstanding students who excelled in specific subject areas. The C.F. McInnis Trophy for the Outstanding Business Co-Op Student went to Ginger MacIntyre. The Chieftain Award for the Most Imp[roved Co-Op Student was presented to April Lewis, while Lisa Hunter took home the Co-Operative Education Award.

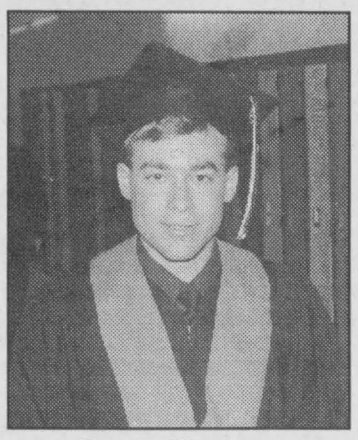
The Seaway Automotive Award goes to those students who are entering an Automotive Apprenticeship and this year: Alan Berklaar, Christopher Stewart and Robert Skuce were the recipients. Barbi Law won the Riverside Heights Women's Institute Award which is given to that student who displays enthusiasm and academic achievement in Family Studies.

First in the following areas was given to deserving students who achieved this plateau...
* Grade 11 Restaurant Services to Maureen Adams.
* Grade 12 Housing (Basic) to Andy Thompson.
* Grade 12 Travel and Tourism (Advanced) to Stephanie Tremblay.
* Grade 12 Travel and Tourism (General) to William Henry.
* OAC Families to Barbi Law.
* OAC World Issues (Geography) to Adam Millard.
* Grade 12 General Mathematics to Kelly Fields.
* Grade 11 Advanced Accounting to Saskia Jarvis.
* Outstanding in Grade 12 Physical Education to David Millard.

The Steinburg Motor Sales Trophy for Highest Proficiency in Auto Mechanics went with Michael DeJong. Noah Adams carried off the Pinkus Drafting Trophy for Proficiency in Drafting.

Students' Council Honour Awards went to those in Grade 12 with an average between 74.5% and 79.4%; namely- April Lewis, Ginger MacIntyre, Stacey Hitsman, Christopher Stewart, Jamey Robblee and Melissa Baker. Duane VanderMeulen was presented with the Students' Council Award for attaining an 80% average in Grade 12.

Vice-Principal, Yvon Mayer presented the Proficiency Awards to the top three students at the OAC level...1st went to Scott Hasson, 2nd to Kenneth Chung and 3rd to Kathy Hollands. Congrats to one and all!!



Scott Hasson

These awards presented it was time to hand out the cash awards. Without a caring business community and those individuals who donate each year, this amazing amount would not be handed out to those deserving students to help them with costs for university and college studies. The Matilda Rebekah Lodge Award of $200. went to Alex Chan. The St.Lawrence. College Board of Governors' Scholarship was presented to John Derouchie. The Jim Lewis, S&F Annual Seaway bursaries of $250. each went to two students, one who entered university and the other college; Saskia Jarvis and Stephanie Tremblay. The St., Cecilia/St. Mary's Catholic Women's League bursary of $100 went to Andrew McCourt. The RohMax Canada Award of $1000. to the outstanding student in OAC Chemistry/Physics went to Oak Hunter. The Notman Bursary of $100 to a graduating Co-Op Education student continuing their education in the co-op field went to Leslie Weagant. The Royal Canadian Legion, Morrisburg #48 presented bursaries of $480 each to Alan Kaddie, John Casselman, Shanna Dawley, Stephen Lunn and Jason Harper. Kylie Adams was awarded $600...the Williamsburg Legion Branch #538 bursary. The Dave Stevens Memorial Award of $400 goes to the student showing leadership and participation in athletics as well as a high standard of academic achievement and who is going on to a higher institution of learning and Ingrid Wemerman was the winner. The Madden Scholarships $400/each went to Sharon Spear and Barbi Law. The Order of the Eastern Star Moonlight Chapter 224 presented their $120. to Adrienne Hoftyzer. The Morrisburg and District Arts and Crafts Assoc. award of $100 annually goes to a student furthering their education in visual and creative arts; this year it went to Saralyn Bouwman. The Annie A. Boyd Scholarship ($300.) is presented to a student who will attend Queen's University, Ingrid Wemerman. The Jamieson Award ($200) went to Kathy Hollands. The Effie Prunner Memorial Award of $150 is given to a student attending a Canadian University and Lisa Adlington accepted it. Scott Hasson received the Friendly Brothers Masonic Lodge #143 of Iroquois award of $200. The Tom Corden Memorial Awards of $300. each go to three students furthering their education. This year they went to Meghan Gilmer, Travis Thompson and Lisa Adlington.

The Randy Thompson Memorial Scholarships of $250 each go to two students with a high level of achievement in technical areas and or active in school sports and continuing their education. This year they were awarded to cousins; most fittingly to Randy's son Travis Thompson and his nephew, Scott Hasson. Randy's daughter, Ms. Melanie Thompson presented them.

The Mary Robertson Memorial Scholarship of $100 went to Adam Millard, who also received one of the Iroquois/matilda Lions' Club Bursaries ($500 each) as did Megan Swerdfeger.

The Mahlon Zeron $200 bursary went to Kurtis Keyes who is furthering his education in agriculture. Sam Stime, Lisa Hunter and Saralyn Bouwman carried the Morrisburg Lions Club bursaries, each worth $500. Stephanie Tremblay won the Royal Bank Award of $50. The Iroquois Legion Bursaries of $300 each went to Crystal Collison, Nadine Easter and Benjamin Mustard.

Sarah Baker won the Rooney Feeds $150. Award.

Scott Hasson took the Bank of Montreal $100 bursary. The Principal's Award of $100 (Seaway Spirit) went to Adam Millard.

The Chris Salmon Memorial Shield and $500. went to Grade 12 student Jami Wardle. David Millard was awarded the $100. Bob Kilger Award. Seaway Teachers' bursaries of $100. each went to Dinu Chande, Douglas DeVries, Duane VanderMeulen, Jaina Prost, Kelly Fields and Nicole Lapier. Cruickshank Construction presented a $300. bursary to Rachel Brooks, and St. Lawrence Corp. Award of $1000. went to Nadine Easter. Upper Canada Motors Awarded $400. to Dinu Chande, while Ross Video's $200. Scholarship went to John Adlington. Courtney Kates won the Iroquois High School Reunion Bursary of $100. The St. Lawrence Medical Clinic of $500. went to Stacey Hitsman. Doug DeVries won the Gordon Mallette Memorial bursary of $400. The Morrisburg Legion Ladies Auxiliary award of $150. each went to Lisa Adlington and Saskia Jarvis. The OAC student who excelled in Mathematics gets the Cameron Cluff Award of $300. and this year it was Scott Hasson. Amy Lavallie took the $100. Iroquois Women's Institute award. The Nationview School bursary of $100 goes to a student who graduated from there and is going further after high school, it went to Maureen Adams. Ginger McIntyre won the $35. Morrisburg W.I. award and Holly Pinch won the Beaupre Jewellers $100 Award. Mountain Twsp. and District Lions Club awards two $250. bursaries, this year to Kelly Fields and Vicki Zandbergen. Joshua Laurin and William Tibben took the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Bursaries. Beaver Dental Products awards of $500 each went to Meghan Gilmer and Kerri Hunter. Trevor Bjergso got the Knights of Columbus Award of $100. Amanda Lewin won the 25th Reunion Committee Scholarship. The Morrisburg Leader Award of $50 went to Jennifer Wardle, who also won the Williamsburg W.I. $50. award. The Weagant Farm Supplies $200 bursary went to Doug Francis. Spring Dillabaugh and Jo-Ann Martin each won $150. from the North Mountain Consolidated School, S.Mt. Continuation School and Mountain District High School Reunion Awards. The $50. Little Rikkis' Award went to Stephen Lunn. The Robert Jackson Trophy and $200 from Iroquois Enterprises went to Nicholas Croteau. (Excelled in Woodworking) John Casselman won the $200. bursary from the I.O.O.F. Lodge in Williamsburg. Kathy Hollands won the Canadian Federation of University Women's $250. and the $200. Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home Bursary. Billy Magee won the Whitteker Meat Market $100 bursary. The Lion Harry VanMoorsel Memorial Scholarship of $1000 went to Kenneth Chung. Barbi Law won the Decker Award of $100 (OAC Family Studies). Nadine Easter won the McAllister Bursary $100. and Leslie Weagant the $250. Swank Construction Ltd. Bursary. The Jacques E. Asselin Real Estate Award of $50 went to Matthew DeJong and the Hartley's Sport Shop $50 award went to Kristine McGann. The Fred Hill Insurance Bursary went to Leslie O'Reilly while Jamey Robblee took home the I.O.O.F. Connaught Lodge award of $200. The Kanab Award of $500 went to Alan Leightizer (Engineering or Applied Science student), who also won the $400 Wayne Johnston Memorial Award. Brent Tibben won the Chinook Group Award of $100. and the Seaway Valley Power and Sail Squadron Trophy. Joanne Casselman and Jeremie Bailey each earned $50 Awards from Dundas Bus Service. Seaway Bursaries of $50. each went to Jonathan Robinson and Alan VandenEykel. Shanna Dawley won the Kim Bucking Award of $100. Andy Thompson and Christopher Stewart won the Annette Turner Awards of $50. each. Rob Murphy took the Vice-Principal Award of the same value. Saralyn Bouwman was awarded the Standard Freeholder $100 Bursary for Top OAC English student. The Doug Byers Furniture and Appliances Award of $25 went to Jeremy Adams.

The Karen Koivumaki Award of $50. went to Adrienne Hoftyzer. (OAC World Issues) and Noah Adams won the Seaway Arts Bursary. The Seaway Admin. Awards of $50. each went to Melissa Baker, Jeremy Froom, David Garlough, Gordon Holmes and Alex Liddy. The final presentation went to Lisa Adlington and was the Brian Halpenny Bursary of $100 in memory of Jim Downham. (Hard working with sports orientation).

Cornwall Colts gallop to a win over Kanata Valley Lasers

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Cornwall Colts of the Central Junior Hockey League galloped to victory on Sunday as they handed their opponents, the Kanata Valley Lasers a sound defeat.

The final scoreboard read, 5-2 for the Colts.

The first period ended with the Colts ahead by two goals. Dave McNally scored the first assisted by Andreas Haenni and Alain Quenneville. The second was put in the mesh by Quenneville who was helped by McNally and Haenni who seemed to have something going their way as the game got underway.

Hitting the ice shooting, Quenneville scored yet again this time taking the pass from Lindsay Campbell and finding his mark behind goalie for the Lasers, Mike Disalvo. The Lasers returned the compliment in the second as they rallied for two. Kyle Murphy nailed the first and Jim Quilty found the mesh as Colt goaltender, Maxime Gauvin was unable to stop the drive. But, that would be all she wrote for the Lasers this time out. Adam Blais and Joel Bergeron teamed for the final counter for the Colts and in this game, giving the Colts a decisive win.

The three stars of the game were all Colts; Quenneville, McNally and Haenni, the three who got things rolling.

A fast paced game that saw more than a few penalties handed out to both teams, the Colts games are a cut above and most provide some exciting moments. The 586 who came out to this game were not disappointed in the calibre of play these young players exhibited.

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The Rev. Doug Hayman
St. James' Parish, Crystal Rock
9:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Church, Cardinal
11:00 a.m.

United Church of Canada
Matilda Pastoral Charge
Minister:
Georgia D. Copland,
B.A., M.S.W., BTh. MDiv.
October 25th, 1998
Brinston - 9:30
Hulbert Valley - 11:00

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FROM THE FRONT

North Dundas

jack up rates on small businesses."

He slammed the Province for making the Counties choose a taxation level before the tax rolls were out. "We were told scenario five (out of more than a dozen tax-rate choices placed before SD&G) meant the least impact. We were led down the garden path."

Successful assessment appeals and reconsiderations are already impacting the township. Treasurer Bonnie Dingwall's report included write-offs for a number of properties whose increases have been rolled back. A "reconsideration," handled through staff in Cornwall, only applies to the current year; an actual assessment appeal is dealt with in Toronto, she said.

"Are we going to get more of these?" asked Councillor Keith Fawcett, holding up the list of reductions.

Answered the Mayor, "I think across the county you're looking at a couple thousand of them."

Dingwall explained that the township is obligated to take the reductions off the next installment of the affected property owners. If this puts the taxpayer in a credit position, North Dundas must send out a cheque, she said.

October 30th is the deadline for appeals and reconsiderations.

Bill Smirle, Secretary to the North Dundas Committee for a Cultural/Heritage Display area, asked for Council's support in a grant applications to the Federal Government's Millennium Fund.

The Millennium Fund would potentially cover one third of the costs in renovating the old town hall. The Committee will hear in December if a grant is coming towards the project, estimated at a total of $205,816.

MP Bob Kilger's office suggested an indication of financial support from Council would further strengthen the application, Smirle said. But he was assuring to a Council reluctant to hand over any real money. "I don't think it puts you in concrete, yet."

"There's no problem as long as it is loud and clear they (Committee members) not come back to Council looking for dollars," said the Mayor, who had pointed out the township's donation of the building itself. Council wished to continue with "donations" of staff assistance, etc., rather than hard cash.

"We can help this application by showing our support," said Cousineau, not using the word "financial."

Smirle seemed satisfied with this commitment.

Norvan Grant of Cornwall Gravel appeared before Council on a road maintenance issue. Grant plans to open a quarry in the township, and Council thought they had an agreement with him to pave a portion of the gravel road leading to it.

The Ontario Municipal Board has already delivered a ruling on the issue. But the township's and Grant's lawyers continue to negotiate on how to carry it through.

"We've got two lawyers working on this, and it could be another ten years," he said, wanting an agreement right then and there.

Things hit a snag when it became clear that Grant thought he was under no obligation to pave the road.

"You're lawyer agreed to it in the pre-hearing process. That's why we didn't have representation at the OMB," said the Mayor.

It's back to the lawyers for both parties.

Said Cousineau later, "To come here and blatantly say they're not paving the road nearly put me in cardiac arrest."

Phonebusters

stop sending out the cheques. His brother flew in twice from Ontario on the same mission. "It's like he's going to prove his family he's right," says Elliott.

Police are concerned the man will committ suicide when he fully comprehends his $100,000 loss.

The "give and give again" syndrome is not unheard of. Seaway Valley Crimestoppers Chairman Brad Comeau said an SD&G woman gave $28,000 to fraudulent telemarketers, and still does. Another gave away three payments of $5,000 before a family member intervened.

Elliott later admits that police, at one time, had a "serves 'em right" attitude about those bilked in these telemarketing scams. But no more. He says of the fraud artists: "There's nothing lower, except maybe a child molester."

The compassionate are the prey, he says, disagreeing with the suggestion that simple greed gets the victim in trouble. Most tell police they intended the prize for their children and grandchildren.

Some scams aim directly at the victim's charitable impulse. The detective played a video depicting a senior citizen, suffering from leukemia, swindled out of thousands by a caller who claimed the money was for cancer research.

Particularly disturbing was an FBI tape recording of a phone conversation where a distraught telemarketing victim, savings exhausted and unable to send any more payments, is chewed out and called a "loser." "It's emotional abuse," Elliot says.

Phonebusters works closely with the banks to help stem the problem. Having the victim charge to their credit card number, the crooks' preferred method until recently, was costing the banks $3-$5 million a year. According to Elliott, the number now stands at $250,000. A tip-off from Phonebusters now prompts the banks to freeze the accounts of shady companies (many of them Montreal-based) fronting the telemarketing scams. Elliott received a Canadian Banker's Award for this innovation.

The banks also keep an eye out for customers who start taking out large bank drafts, and appear secretive. He notes victims who get in deep enough can be threatened with public embarrassment by the phone crooks. "It borders on extortion."

Courier companies are onside too, he says. The crooks now prefer their money to come as bank drafts or money orders, sent to them by courier. A call from Phonebusters, if it comes in time, can stop the courier and return the package, says Elliott, urging the audience to call police if they have second thoughts about sending out that bank draft as it rolls out of the driveway in a UPS van.

One problem: "Eighty-eight percent of the pick-ups go by Priority Post," Elliott notes. It seems Canada Post is bound by confidentiality rules which presently disallow their participation in calling back parcels. He is working to get legislation changed, permitting Priority Post this same flexibility.

Elliot had statistics on the Morrisburg area. In 1996 fraudulent telemarketers made five reported calls attempting to dupe a reported total of $7,700; in '97 they tried to take a total $5,000, and made attempts on a total of $11,000 in '98.

Afterwards, an elderly woman in the audience admitted to Elliott she had received such calls.

Phonebusting tips

* Do not give out your credit card number on incoming calls. Says Elliott: "Make sure you check your credit card statement every month. It's the only way to protect yourself."
* Keep track of your bank account. It is relatively easy for someone to get a hold of your chequing account number and set up direct deposit, courtesy of you to them.
* Do not respond to junk-mail contests, unless you're sure of the company's reputation. Often, that mysterious scratch and win card is only meant to get you on the phone with a crooked telemarketer running a phony contest. Or it could be a tool to get you on a "sucker list."
* Call police if you've been victimized, or an attempt was made to do so.
* Most important, says Elliot, "Don't be afraid to hang up."

Local residents made aware of fire prevention campaign

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Fire Prevention Officers from the Iroquois Fire Department were out along with fellow firefighters spreading the word on Saturday in the village. "Fire Prevention is everyones' job."

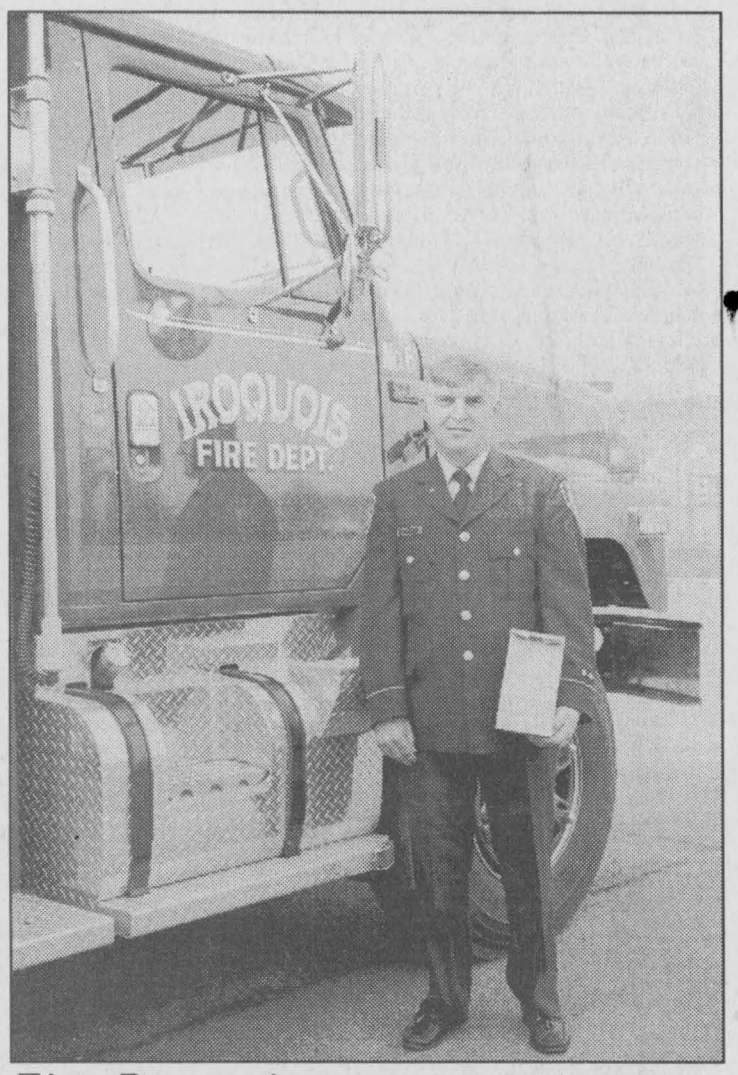
Starting the week of activities off the Great Escape had many families perfecting their plan of escape and practising it when the alarm sounded at 6pm Wednesday evening, October 7.

Fire Prevention Officers with the Iroquois Department, Eric Jansen, Bill Walsh, John Cooke and Ray Hunter enlisted help from their comrades as they delivered bags of information plus a battery for the smoke detector they hoped to find in each home they visited. The Morrisburg Building Centre-Novico donated the batteries and the Firemen extend a hearty "thanks" to them for their generosity.

Speaking to Fireman Walsh, we learned that as the deliveries were made and questionnaires were filled out, concerning whether smoke detectors are installed in homes, number of them and where they are located, as well as escape plans and other fire prevention precautions being carried out. Reminding folks that "Smoke Alarms do save lives" and "One Smoke Alarm is not Enough" as well as where to install them, how to clean them, how to test them and explaining that they do not last forever and do need to be replaced. (10 year life usually) were all part of the parcel on the weekend. Telling people about Carbon Monoxide, the detectors for it and how best to prevent poisoning from it were also detailed.

"Fire Safety facts were distributed to each home and hopefully every one will take the time to read them and discuss them with family members," noted the firemen as we spoke.

The local Department has Smoke Detectors in stock and those available were also circulated to residents. They plan to blitz the rural areas in the coming weekends with the same information packages.



Fire Prevention

One of the Fire Prevention Officers with the local department, Bill Walsh was set to head out on Saturday morning. As part of Fire Prevention Week the local boys were delivering info and asking questions to raise awareness of fire prevention. *Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston*

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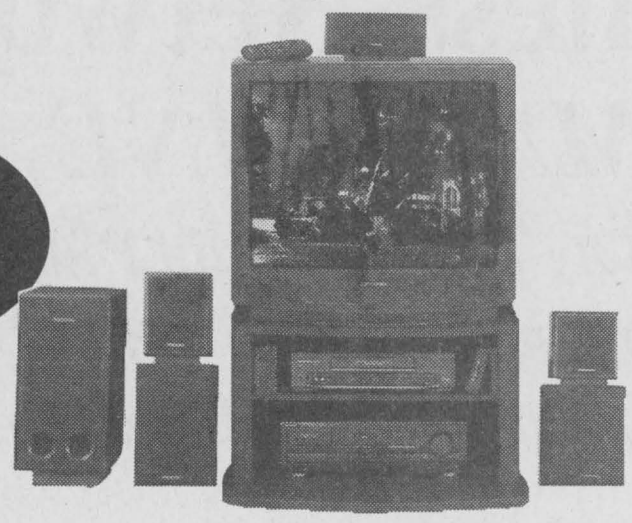

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