Cardinal council deals with mixed agenda at meeting

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Cardinal Council dealt with several items of business at their regular monthly meeting. Included on their agenda was the 19th Annual Trade Fair, to be held May 22 and 23. This is the first time that the Council has been invited to take part in the annual event, Councillor Pakeman felt that perhaps some of the committees that look after various aspects of the municipality's activities would be interested in taking part. Council agreed that it would provide an opportunity for residents to meet the people who serve them. Councillors agreed also that members of council should be available on these dates and be at the event so that residents can ask questions of their elected members.

Some discussion ensued concerning the inspection of septic systems and the fees that pertain to this schedule. Cardinal has seven homes on septic systems, but it is not anticipated that any more will be constructed and put on septic systems, and so taking care of inspections should not be something the municipality will need to be responsible for. A fee schedule will be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

Lengthy discussion took place on the municipal pool. The growth of algae has been a problem, especially on the walls. The Works Super will enquire in Ottawa as to what Bensen recommends. It was thought that a clear coat of plaster might keep algae from forming. They will be asked what they think is best for the pool. It was also brought to the attention of Council that this spring some tile repairs will be necessary. The sand in the filter needs to be changed before the swimming season begins again.

A list of items that need attention was given by the Works Super so that Council is aware of what needs to be done. Included in the list were, the condenser at the arena, the salt shed, the sidewalk on Middle Street and the one on William Street. The problem with accomplishing all that needs to be done is the shortage of manpower. Thus it was decided that some items that need attention will be tendered out, if the price is not too high. The time away from the municipality that the job of Building Inspection takes from the daily routine causes some scheduling problems that need to be addressed. Council will provide guidance on this matter.

Jim reported that two breaks on Henry Street in the forcemain have been repaired and hopefully will not cause any further problems.

The Legion sign at the Pavilion will be contracted out. The roof catches the wind and the sign itself is big. The municipal work crew does not feel comfortable working with it and so someone who does will have the task of fixing it in place.

Speaking of the upper causeway, it was suggested that rockcages be installed to bring the levels up, a tier at a time and in time become easier to maintain and also add to the aesthetic appeal of the area. A cost per tier will be formulated and brought back to council for approval.

Some talk concerning the plowing of the county roads within the jurisdiction of the municipality as far as costing and paybacks to the village. Council will determine costs incurred and take these back to County Council and perhaps seek a deal since the Village plows these roads for the counties and saves them.

The Fire department reported that only one call was answered in the month of February. They also stated that their budget figures are set and ready for Council to deal with at their budgetary meeting. All equipment was reported in good repair and Firefighter Robin Yandeau was to attend a conference on behalf of the department.

Donna Gladstone who works in the Municipal office received her Certificate in Municipal Administration from St. Lawrence College. She has completed all four sections and was congratulated by the Council for her efforts to better herself.

Council passed a resolution unanimously and with a recorded vote as requested by Councillor Pakeman. This pertained to the restructuring which is taking place within the province. In lay terms the resolution stated, that since The Townships of Augusta and Edwardsburgh and the Village of Cardinal have for some 140 years worked together in a co-operative atmosphere and since they all continue to support a two-tier

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Morrisburg council hears about dog droppings at Water Front Park

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Roger Coligan attended the regular meeting of Morrisburg council last Monday evening. Mr. Coligan voiced his concern over residents who walk their dogs at the Water Front Park.

"The dog droppings in the park are deplorable," said Mr. Coligan. "A few years ago I didn't pick-up, but now I pick-up faithfully."

According to Coligan, he has on occasion approached people who have not picked-up, but he has not been able to make them clean-up their animal's waste.

A dog owner himself, Mr. Coligan told council that the situation has gotten so bad that you can barely walk in the park without stepping in something.

"The only thing that has made it possible to walk down there is that the plows have been clearing off the walk way," said Mr. Coligan.

Reeve McGregor explained to council that Mr. Coligan had approached him about the situation. The reeve asked Mr. Coligan to come to the meeting and bring up his concerns with council.

"People must know bloody well (what their dogs are doing) don't they have any pride at all in the park?" said the reeve.

Part-time by law enforcement officer Art Carkner was in attendance and council asked for his opinion on the matter.

"I would have to support what Roger has says. Is the park for dogs or is it for kids? If you go down there at 2 o'clock in the morning they're letting their dogs run loose," said Mr. Carkner. "It's a problem, a real problem."

Signs were discussed, but all at the meeting agreed that signs would not do any good.

The reeve told the by law enforcement officer to discuss the matter with the parks board and see if some solution could be arranged.

"If people have any pride in themselves and their community, please, for pete's sake, pick-it-up," said McGregor.

The fact that are no garbage cans in the park during the winter was mentioned, but Morrisburg Leader reporter Catherine Thompson mentioned that under the village's garbage by law, feces was not allowed to be put in garbage cans anyway.

Mr. Coligan told those in attendance that he always takes a roll of paper towels with him. "That's the best way to pick-it-up."

Council praised

Emergency Planning officer for the village, Bill Shearing, praised Morrisburg council for their ongoing work in the emergency planning field.

"You as a council have recognized that this is a process. You recognize the responsiblity of protecting people and their property," Shearing said.

Councillor Jack Notman told

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Federal Liberals to choose candidate

This Thursday (March 13th) the Stormont - Dundas Liberal riding association will hold their candidate nomination meeting at the Best Western Parkway Inn in Cornwall.

The nomination meeting is open to all who want to attend and immediately following the meeting, there will be a social gathering, complete with musical entertainment.

The meeting will begin with the association's annual general meeting which will see the election of a new riding association executive.

Stormont - Dundas Liberal Member of Parliament, Bob Kilger, has announced that he will seek the party's nod to try for a third term as the Stormont - Dundas MP.

Mr. Kilger was first elected in 1988, returned to Parliament in the general election in 1993 and has served in this sitting as a deputy speaker and is currently the chief government whip.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm in the Parkway Inn's conference centre.

Mountain council passes new bylaw

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If you have a property on a drain in Mountain Township you're going to have to pay to have your drainage assessment put on a computerized database.

Council passed the first part of bylaw 97-07 at their last general meeting of council, March 3rd, having only had an opportunity to briefly scan it.

"I think council should have an opportunity to look at this bylaw first because no bylaw is insignificant," said Deputy Reeve Don Johnson, but to no avail. Johnson also wondered if the catalogue was a make-work project.

Council passed the bylaw after hearing an explanation of the bylaw from bylaw enforcement officer Richard Sharkey. Sharkey penned the bylaw.

He explained that the township has had a computer program for keeping track of drainage assessments for the last three years. He explained that staff had been so busy, it had never been used, but that with amalgamation on the horizon the Township should get its house in order.

"You have to sit down you have to go through all the assessments. The thing is Don that it's not a make work project," said Sharkey, who added that an early attempt to use the program had resulted in only four entries.

"It has to be one person who sits down and goes through it all, without any interruptions," said Sharkey. Sharkey said that with new provincial legislation council could now find the money to hire that one person.

"Under the old Drainage Act you could not charge those costs back to drain. Any administration costs under the Drainage Act had to come out of the general fund. That's why we were never able to get anybody to hire somebody to come in. So it was either not get enough or we were going to have to hire additional staff," said

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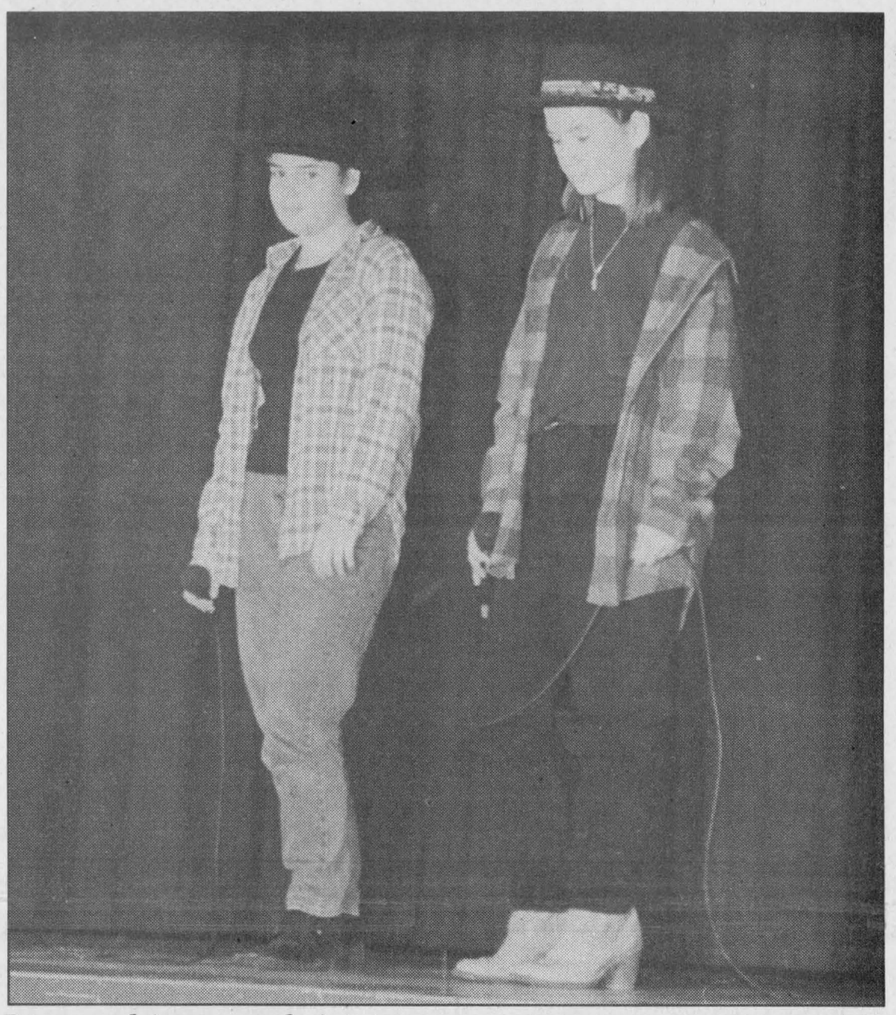

Better things to do!

Audrey Lafontaine (left) and Tasha Lanktree entertained students at Iroquois Public School last Friday afternoon. The girls participated in the school's amateur show, singing the country hit "Better Things To Do". Both girls are in grade eight at the school. Many talented individuals and groups took part in the afternoon of fun. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

SD & G Public School Board takes surprise action

John McEwen sent the following press release on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 to local papers...

According to the requirements of the Education Relations Commission (ERC)...the body charged with the supervision of the School Boards and Teachers Collective Negotiations Act...The Board is required to produce a last offer within three (3) days of receiving forms V-1 (Notice of vote on a last offer), V-3 (Notice of intention to take strike vote) and V-5 (Voters list).

In a highly irregular development, the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Public Board of Education has failed to produce a last offer as requested by its teachers under the rules governing teacher/board relations. The teachers served the required forms to the Board and The Education Relations Commission (ERC) on March 3, 1997, Monday, last week, requesting the last offer and setting April 3, 1997 as vote date on both the offer and a possible strike action.

The Board's deadline was March 6th. On the evening of March 6th, the Board informed the negotiating team through an intermediary that it would not produce a final offer. The Board claimed that an offer would prejudice the results of the coming mediation. In the view of the teachers, this is a shocking rationalization which ignores reality.

On Monday, March 10th, the teachers informed the ERC, via fax and requested "immediate" assistance to deal with (The Board's) the apparent breach of the requirements of legislation governing negotiations between teachers and school boards.

Across S.D.& G., ordinary teachers reacted with, at first disbelief and then outrage. A visibly shocked and dismayed John McEwen, President of District 21 of the OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation) promised that the Board's actions could only strengthen the teachers' resolve to obtain a fair and equi-

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Opening a chatterbox

The Chatterbox Café, Cardinal's newest eatery, opened Saturday with a ribbon cutting. On hand to help owner Martha Castleman (centre with scissors) with the ceremony were (l-r) Cardinal Councillor Jim Pakeman, Chappy Demers (Castleman's father) Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw, and Chatterbox employees Devi Deline and Roelinda Champagne. The café is located at 30 Walter St., which in the past has housed Barb's Tea and Chat and the Cardinal Café. *Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon*

Chatterbox Cafe opens in Cardinal

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Martha Castleman has wanted to open the Chatterbox Café in Cardinal since October. Castleman says that when she heard that Barb Harper was closing Barb's Tea and Chat on 30 Walter St. she got in touch with the owner of the building, Cardinal Councillor Jim Pakeman.

"I though I'd take the plunge," says an excited Castleman of her business venture. She says Pakeman gutted the interior where the restaurant was to be located and completely re-modelled it.

Patrons of the Chatterbox will notice a big difference says Castleman. Unlike the tea room, the Chatterbox has moved the kitchen into a back room that used to be used for storage. The result is a much brighter, more spacious eating area, where customers can enjoy a range of traditional Canadian restaurant cuisine-- from breakfast dishes to hot sandwiches to fries.

She opened the café officially March 8th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Flanked by her father, landlord, the Reeve of Cardinal Larry Dishaw, and two employees, Castleman nervously snipped the scissors across a ribbon and then without much ado pretty much got back to work.

"It's easy work. It's nice. You get to talk with the customers. It's not really stressful," she says. She admits, however, to a few opening day jitters.

"Fortunately I had a lot of friends and relatives there for support so it wasn't so bad. My father, my mother-in-law, my brother, my husband, were on hand to help out. I'd really like to thank them," she says.

The restaurant's new owner is no stranger to the location or the

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this week

Halcyon opens

Kim McInnis has opened Halcyon Massage Therapy at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Morrisburg. Find out how this new service will benefit you. Please focus on page four.

Novice Lions advance

The Morrisburg Novice B Lions have advanced past the first round of the play-offs. Please skate over to page six for the story.

The tough side of life

Two local boys learned about the tough side of life. Please turn to page 10 for the story.

World Book Learning

Morrisburg has a new book distributor. Read all about it on page 12.

INCOME TAX TIME.....

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Your tax planning guide

by Lisa Gelencher
Investors Group

Although the tax filing deadline is still a few months away, now is a perfect time to start gathering your tax-related information for 1996 and preparing for 1997. Here are a few helpful strategies to consider.

• Maximize your RRSP contribution. Investing in your Registered Retirement Savings Plan is probably the best tax break you can get. You'll also enjoy the benefits of more compound growth. Your Representative can help determine how much you can contribute or help with strategies to make money available for your RRSP.

• Don't toss those receipts out. If you ran a business from your home, you know that you may be able to deduct a portion of your mortgage and household insurance. You may also be able to deduct a portion of your expenses for snow removal, gardening and repair work.

• Look carefully at your child-care expenses. Expenses for child-care are deductible within certain limits, if they allow you or your spouse to work or run a business. In addition to babysitting and daycare, summer camp or boarding school fees may qualify.

• Review your income-splitting strategies. Setting up a spousal RRSP or hiring your spouse as an employee in your business may help you even out the distribution of your income. You could also arrange to have the higher-income spouse cover all the groceries, mortgage payments and credit card bills. This leaves the lower-income spouse with more money to invest - and a lower tax rate on the earnings from investments.

• Consider electronic filing. Returns filed by electronic mail, or EFILE as Revenue Canada's system is called, are usually processed faster. Keep that in mind if you're expecting a refund from the tax department.

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Bazaar was a huge success last Saturday

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Students at Timothy Christian School got a boost this weekend in the form of a fundraiser by the Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners.

Churchgoers put on a pancake breakfast at the church Sat. morning, March 8th and a bazaar at Matilda Hall later the same day.

From 8-10 a.m. they served up sausages, pancakes and juice to a host of hungry people. Around 10:30 a.m. things got started at the Matilda Hall. People started arriving quickly, and got to work browsing the many items for sale.

Among some of the items available at the bazaar were cut flowers, tole painted ornaments, hand-made throws, baskets and pieces of woodworking, as well as preserves, pies and other baked goods.

The bazaar also featured a number of skill-testing contests for items such as a huge quilt, a grocery basket, a bird bath and a bath basket.

Theresa Zandbergen, a member of the bazaar's crafts committee said the annual event has raised as much as $10,000 in the past. She says it has been held for more than 25 years and is meant as a social event as much as a fundraiser.



Fishing for treasure

Darlene Tibben shows her son Matthew (age six) and daughter Kristina (age two) how to play the fish pond game at a bazaar in Matilda Hall, March 8th. The bazaar, organized by members of the Christian Reformed Church, was to raise money to lower tuition costs for Timothy Christian School students. A variety of crafts, cut flowers, baked goods and preserves were available and many exciting items were up for a silent auction. *Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon*

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Cardinal

government structure under the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville which has been found to be an equitable manner in which all services are delivered to the aforementioned member municipalities and as this restructuring plan has reduced the number of municipal representatives thus meeting the requirements of the Savings and Restructuring Act. The best part of this resolution suggests that the solution was locally driven and thus more meaningful than if it came from Queen's Park. The read continues saying; that the United Counties have passed a resolution to examine single tier government in 1997 with implementation in 2001, if it makes economic sense. The separated town of Prescott has passed a resolution requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs to appoint a Commission to examine single tier government and implement this structure prior to the 1997 election. Thus the Village of Cardinal supported the United Counties motion for examining the single tier government package during 1997 with possible implementation in the year 2001 if such government provides financial as well as service delivery benefits to the member municipalities. Cardinal added that they would be comfortable including Prescott under the existing two tier structure for mutual economic benefit as well as being partners during the examination of the single tier strategy for possible implementation in 2001. In conclusion, Cardinal Council asked that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested NOT to appoint a Commission to oversee a process that will occur without provincial government presence and also that the Minister will be informed of the process as the Counties proceeds with the examination. A copy of this resolution was to be forwarded to Noble Villeneuve, Bob Runciman, Al Leach, the United Counties Warden, the Chairman of the Review Committee, Prescott Mayor, Doug Hayes, Edwardsburgh Reeve, Dave Dobbie, Augusta Reeve, Adrian VanSchie and Premier Mike Harris.

Cardinal Council was also informed that Bill Ault has been hired as the Grenville Community Access Co-ordinator by KCAT and GCDC (Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology and Grenville Community Development Centre) to commence his duties on March 4, Tuesday last. During his first two weeks, he will tender the documents for the hardware/software and Internet service provider will be developed and advertised. Bill will also, according to Sandra Burchell who informed Council on this matter, be visiting each site and meeting with municipal representatives. Due to the large access area covered by this project, (10 community sites) an organizing committee will be developed with representation from each site as well as other interested community partners. Clerk-Treasurer, Jack Walsh will be the Cardinal rep.

Council will meet next on Tuesday, April 8, since the Reeve is away on vacation and council wanted to meet in full.

Chatterbox

business.

Martha Castleman remembers her first job in a restaurant. She was 14, in Ogdensburg, flipping burgers on a grill at a Dixie Lee.

"I couldn't tell you how many of those things I burned," says Castleman. A long time has passed since then and Castleman says she has long since mastered the grill and the art of burger flipping. She says she's spent most of her life working in restaurants. In fact she's no stranger to the Walter St. location. In the 1980's Castleman worked there at the Cardinal Café, which was owned by Joe Scott and closed in 1985.

Castleman says she wanted to get the restaurant open in October, but remodelling and acquiring new equipment take time.

"We thought we'd make a go of it. There's not much work out there and we (Castleman and her husband) thought we'd try to make our own way," she says.

For now, Castleman says she's just going to try and get things organized and running smoothly, but she says she has some goals for the future, including eventually opening for the dinner hour and getting fresh fish in every day for fish and chips.

Mountain

Sharkey.

The township will charge $15 for every hour township employee Wendy Redford spends on each drain. The charge will be shared among all property owners on the drain. For example if Redford spends one hour and there are only three residents, every one will pay $5.

Sharkey says the catalogue will make it easier and quicker to assess charges for repairs to drains.

"We've had the software for about three years now and we've just never been able to get around to using it. It's a very laborious process entering the data. Wendy has to prepare the files first for entry and then she has to actually enter the data. The time it can take can vary. Some drains are bigger and more complicated than others. It might take her an hour it might take her three."

Ultimately, he said it would lead to greater efficiency.

"It used to take months to process all the taxes in the township. Now that they're on computer it takes two days," said Sharkey.

A second part of the bylaw, still being worked on by Sharkey was not passed. It concerned levying fees for firefighting services for non-residents.

Morrisburg

council that two other municipalities have emergency plans that are sitting on shelves collecting dust.

Under the direction of Mr. Shearing, the village of Morrisburg has already held two emergency planning exercises and plans are being formulated for the next exercise.

"We really feel this (emergency planning) is important and we have taken it seriously," said Reeve McGregor. "We are going to recommend that you (Mr. Shearing) carry on with this once we become South Dundas."

"It wasn't a lot of work for nothing," finished the reeve.

Teachers

table collective agreement. "The Board has misjudged the mood of its teachers, specifically teachers on the grid who are the greatest anonymous and innocent victims of both the Social Contract and the Board's continuing stalling tactics. These young and vibrant teachers, and all teachers, will long hold the Board accountable for its actions and remember the Board's contempt: its contempt for the process, its contempt for the teachers on the grid and its contempt for the significant concessions which the teachers have offered in the face of no legal offer by the board after three years of bargaining."

Paul Inksetter, Chair of the teacher's negotiating team reminded all concerned that the teachers have already offered over $700,000. in concessions towards the Board's original target of $800,000. "We have pointed out that secondary salaries have dropped in four years from $23.7 million dollars to 19.8 million dollars."

"Furthermore, announcements by the Ministry of Education and Training before Christmas assured boards of stable funding for the coming year. Students and teachers have suffered deep and permanent cutbacks in the S.D.& G. Public Board for more than six years while the Board's actual budgets have seen significant new expenditures and surpluses."

"This kind of politically motivated slashing in education is not good for teachers, it is not good for parents and is certainly not good for students."

"The teachers will now swiftly proceed to inform their teachers of their rights under the law and will investigate their options with diligence and vigour."

Johnstown woman receives award

A Johnstown woman will be one of only 55 people in Canada to receive a new Governor General's award started last year for volunteers.

Edwardsburgh Township submitted Patricia Gillis' name for the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in April '96.

She will make the trip to receive an official thank you from Governor General Roméo LeBlanc on July 1. None of the recipients have previously received national or provincial recognition for their work.

Gillis has been involved with everything from youth recreation to church and school work to the volunteer group raising money for the ongoing township hall restoration project.

The restoration group has collected between $24,000-$30,000 to help give Edwardsburgh's municipal headquarters a new lease on life.

"Volunteers give their communities more than a billion hours of work every year," said LeBlanc in a press release. "And that is why we pay tribute to the volunteers of Canada. These 55 caring Canadians give unpaid help from the goodness of their hearts, enrich the lives of their fellow citizens and ask nothing for themselves."

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CRIME STOPPERS

This week Crime Stoppers need your help in solving the theft of a snowmobile from Kerrs Ridge Road, Hallville area.

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in Morrisburg."

Kim's patients will also have access to the hotel's whirlpool and sauna on a referral basis.

Hours

Kim will be available at her Morrisburg location Monday to Friday, 11 am to 9 pm, Friday 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday from 1 pm to 9 pm and on an on-call basis on Sunday.

Just Livin'

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this far, we can get the rest of the way.

The Alpha course is heading into the homestretch, as the final three sessions are in the offing. Then a special dinner will take place to wind things up and begin the next session. Anyone interested can attend and learn what the course is all about. An overview will be provided so decisions can be made. This is scheduled for April 1 in Iroquois and hopefully a good number will turn out. It is a worthwhile endeavour for everyone. Those who have not yet committed themselves will find it a basis from which they can decide the rest of their lives. Those who have been Christians and need a refresher course will find it fun and those who are in the middle of the road will be happy to learn about what there is about this that draws people back again and again.

The Scouts have all taken possession of their Scout trucks and are busy constructing them. They will race them and show them off on April 3 when they are joined by the Cub pack who will race their Kub Kars at the same time. This should be a blast. It is the first time that Scout trucks have been made by Iroquois youth and their leaders and we look forward with anticipation to this event.

This week's wisdom comes from an anonymous person, who said, "Self-reliance is the greatest gift a parent can give a child."

Take care and stay happy until we meet here again.

LETTERS

Federal budget is a sideshow

Dear editor:

The Chretien government's recent budget was not so much a fiscal plan as it was a massive sideshow.

Its primary purpose may very well have been to divert attention away from the government's plans to impose a massive CPP tax hike on Canadians.

It won't work.

Taxpayers will soon realize that the Liberal government has hammered them with the biggest tax grab in Canadian history.

Worse, this tax grab falls most heavily on young Canadians just entering the job market. It will likely drive many bright, hard-working young Canadians with marketable skills out of the country.

Finally, if Chretien and his fellow Liberal MPs want us to pay higher CPP premiums, they should cut back their own gold-plated MP pension.

On that issue, however, the budget was strangely silent.

That's why it's time for taxpayers to speak up.

After all, if there's anything worse than a huge new tax, it's a huge and hugely hypocritical new tax.

Sincerely,
David Somerville
National Citizen's Coalition

Bird Notes

by
E. G. AVERY

Red-winged Blackbirds are still making the headlines in the lists of migrants returning for the Spring season. A large flock shared "parking space" in a tree on Church St. near the park. Nearly every feeder area has had a few of these welcome visitors.

Next in line are the Robins, looking over the areas where they will choose their nest-sites. Several have been seen, and some were heard singing. They will be having problems finding food, but those birds which were seen were reported to be in excellent condition.

While chatting with friends on the Plaza the other day, it was a surprise to see two Gulls flying back and forth, no doubt looking for goodies.

While the Summer birds are coming home early, several of the Winter residents are reluctant to leave. On Sunday a Snowy Owl was having a rest on the roof of a shed just East of town.

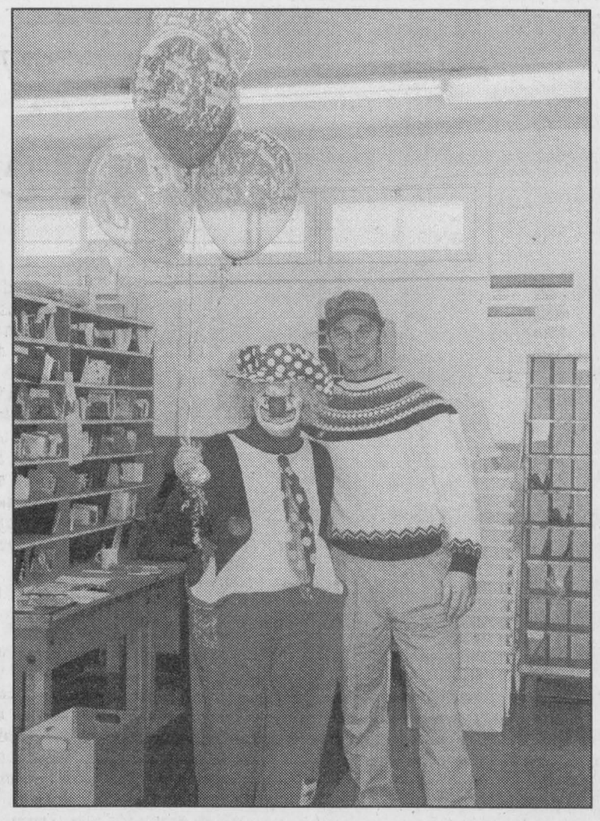
In Irena Tree Sparrows are enjoying the feeders, but will soon be leaving for their Northern nesting grounds. In the same neighbourhood they have eight Blue Jays, twenty Mourning Doves, various Finches and Downy Woodpeckers. While travelling a flock of fifty or so Snow Buntings were feeding in a field. This seems to have been a record year for sightings of the little white birds.

Seaway Reports

by Sarah-Jane Whittaker

All of Seaway celebrated the joy of winter and the arrival of March Break during our annual Winter Carnival. The week-long event was characterized by theme days and noon-hour competitions organized for student teams by Seaway's Student Council.

Monday saw the official start of the Carnival with participants donning their flannels in support of "Plaid Day", and completing an indoor obstacle course. Participants were also encouraged to join week-long euchre and floor-hockey tournaments. Seaway students proved the old adage by matching appearances for "Twin Day" on Tuesday. All of the teams greatly enjoyed the "Wallflowers" event, whereby participants competed to see which team could suspend a person on a wall using only tape for the longest period of time. On Wednesday, participants arrived dressed for "Pyjama Day" to observe the "Airheads" competition which involves the singing of a song that was playing on a Walkman so no one else could hear it. Thursday's events, a 50's and 60's theme day and a scooterboard race, were ironically cancelled due to bad winter weather. However, the final day of the Carnival on Friday was a rousing success with a beach theme, a BBQ, and an outdoor volleyball tournament. Thanks to Students Council for organizing this event.



Clowning around

The girls at the Post Office in Iroquois made sure rural route delivery man John Schenk got to celebrate his birthday in style. Balloons, a clown and party hats were all part of the festive day! Happy birthday John. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

LOOKING BACK

43 Years Ago:

The annual Iroquois Public School Concert had progressed to the status it enjoyed as reported in this week's issue in 1954, to be one of the best entertainment values in the community. The effort this year was as good as any. Held on two separate evenings to two full houses, the event was described as the best ever! **Master of Ceremonies for the evenings was Buddy Perry.** The program included each grade from one to eight. Lions prizes were handed out to those deserving students, first and second for merit and most improved in each class. Also the Legion award for their essay contest was awarded to Charles McGee who wrote on "Our School Concert." Principal Pitt was happy to receive a gift from E.P.Thompson, towels. School board rep, O. Summers spoke to the gathering on Friday evening as well.

Don and Stewart Thompson risked their lives on floating ice to rescue Mrs. Donald Merkley's dog. Seeing the plight of the dog and owner, the men struck out in their boat taking Mrs. Merkley along to assist in the rescue the adventurous animal.

The March meeting of the Iroquois Men's Club had a good programme arranged. Taking part were local lads, trumpet trios were played by Tommy Johnston, Vincent Dangerfield and Jimmy Williamson.

The students at IHS were gearing up for the annual school prom which was the highlight of the social calendar at high school.

40 Years Ago;

Iroquois' new dial telephone system was officially inaugurated the Sunday previous to the press issue in 1957. The Reeve, Lloyd Davis placed a call in the presence of J.W.K. Blair, of Brockville, Bell Telephone manager for the region. This marked a new chapter in the history of telephone communications in the village.

What was termed a "Wildcat" walkout, an unofficial strike completely halted all operations on the St. Lawrence Seaway Lock project at Point Iroquois in 1957 this week. Started by the machine operators on the lock job saw them joined by other Union members who feel that the contractor on the job had bargained in good faith and had actually failed to negotiate a new work contract.

IHS news included the fact that grade 12 students were presenting assembly talks on various topics. Included in these were Carol Williamsons' on Elvis Presley. Jimmy Williamson spoke on the Ed Sullivan Show. Marian Fawcett rebuked Carols' talk and Marilyn Johnston was scheduled to speak on Homework.

33 Years Ago;

The Ontario-St.Lawrence Development Commission, in an effort to make the area around Upper Canada Village a year-round attraction was readying for the first time, a completely authentic maple syrup making operation. Identical to the sugaring off bush set-ups of old, this would allow visitors to see how it was done. There was to be no admission fee and as more than 1000 trees were to be tapped, it was to bring crowds.

During July the 52nd Annual Eastern Ontario Fire fighters Association Convention was to be hosted in Iroquois. The call was going out for volunteers and sponsors to assist with this event.

William Millar learned that he was the recipient of a $290. Ontario Type B Bursary and two Queen's Bursaries of $100. each.

Aladdin's Genie had arrived in Toronto and was to soon be making big changes in the banking system at the Bank of Montreal. Genie was the name given to the B of M's fully integrated system of machines and computers which were making use of electronic speeds to clear cheques and post ledgers.

Mr.and Mrs. Harry Gilmer were enjoying a holiday in Bermuda after Mr. Gilmer's IGA store in Iroquois won one of the trips sponsored by the IGA organization. The Caribbean treat was to last eight days.

26 Years Ago:

The headline in 1971 read, **"Worst Winter in Area History"...Roads Blocked.** Roads were blocked and travel was limited as winter blasted the area with rain, ice rain, snow and high winds to bang it around. The heaviest snowfall in recorded history had left the area virtually paralysed and more was being promised. Motorists were stranded on Highway 2 and 401, as schools were closed and business people were unable to get to work. Drivers were advised to stay off roadways.

Mr. Roland Johnson had been appointed plant manager at Caldwell Linen Mills Limited in Iroquois. He was replacing Mr. Ayscue who had accepted a position with a textile firm in the U.S.

A new column was starting in The Post as a feature geared to the feminine readers was being written and the Editor was requesting input from the readership concerning it.

Two wolves had been shot in the area and had been on view in the shopping plaza. The heavy snow fall was being blamed for bringing them out in search of food.

A re-organization meeting was being scheduled in Iroquois as the Red Cross Society in the Village was on the brink of collapse. Volunteers were hopefully stepping forward to keep the Society active in the Village. The Loan Cupboard was being utilized and this alone seemed like reason enough to keep it active.

A 25 inch console TV was on sale for $595.00 and this gave the buyer a three year warranty as well.

10 Years Ago:

A fund raiser sponsored by the local Lions Club to assist the Ross Dulmage family was a resounding success. The $2600. collected for them at the dance will help to defray costs incurred after their automobile accident which left both parents and two children hospitalized.

Secondary School teachers in S.D.& G. had rejected a new contract offer. A key clause in the tentative settlement was the reorganization of class scheduling which the Board wanted to change from six to eight periods per day on a semester system. The teachers feel that this is not in the best interests of the students and hope yet to avoid a strike.

Seaway High celebrated the Arts with a Renaissance Day, featuring Clay Creatures, Flashbacks to the 50s, a Biology/Physics display, Cartooning, and Model Trains.

Edwardsburgh will look at 1997 budget March 15th

by Steve Coleman
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Edwardsburgh Township is setting aside March 15 for its first real look at the big picture for the 1997 budget.

While council hasn't set any firm guidelines for this year's township portion of the budget, the municipality levied an extra 1.49 per cent from home and business owners in 1996.

A date hasn't been set for passing the final version, either, but council will have to arrive at a final decision before the next property tax instalment is sent out in June.

"The provincial government cut our block funding by $92,000 this year," Reeve David Dobbie said during the March 3 council meeting. "It's equal to 10 per cent of our municipal rate. We collected over $900,000 in property taxes last year."

Council has never put limits on the amount property taxes should increase because it takes a certain amount of money to keep things running, he said.

This year's budget did come with instructions to department heads to keep the provincial government's 10 per cent cut to municipal assistance in mind when they're working out their finances. The only options are to either cut costs or find new ways to make money.

If department heads decide to increase revenues, they should ensure the money will be there.

The one big change for this year's budget will be the fact the international bridge near Johnstown won't be included in the budget. The township decided to write off the property taxes as an uncollectible account after a long and unsuccessful battle with the Ogdensberg bridge authority.

Edwardsburgh also passed a bylaw earlier this year doubling the price of a garbage bag label to raise more revenue.

One of the big predicted expenses this year could be a new grader for the roads department.

It was estimated March 3 that one of the two used by the township needs $23,000 in repairs. The department spent $18,000 on the 17-year-old machine last year and discovered it's worth about $19,000.

Works crews have put 14,000 hours of use into the equipment looking after the 110 kilometres of gravel roads in the municipality.

Council said it won't include policing costs with this year's budget. One of the changes introduced by the provincial government in January was to make it a municipal responsibility, but Leeds and Grenville County may pick up the tab for the entire region.

The municipality may not advertise this year's budget meeting, either, said Clerk-Treasurer Richard Bennett. Last year's attempts at bringing ratepayers into the decision-making process only attracted four or five people.

Township budgets that will be discussed on the Saturday include planning, recreation, police, Spencerville sewage and water and the fire department.

The roads department is also responsible for the landfill site and drainage. The administration budget takes in water and sewage services as well as miscellaneous accounts.

The meeting starts at the township hall at 9:30 a.m. Council plans to go over the budgets submitted by its department heads line by line if something out of the ordinary attracts their attention.

Conservation authority report

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

In January, the Board re-elected Denis Perrault from RMOC as Chair of SNC, and Bob Graham from Leeds Grenville as Vice Chair. Albert Mckeown from RMOC continues as Past Chair. The other directors remain the same for 1997. They are: Claude Cousinea and Norm Tinkler from SD&G; Deborah Burchell from Leeds Grenville; Robert Gratton, Jean Marie Groulx and Tom Van Dusen from Prescott Russell; and Kevin Grace and Gerry Lalonde from RMOC.

Budget

The Board approved the 1997 budget at its February meeting. The levies for each municipality will not change; they are the same as in 1995. The 1997 budget is $1.6 million, with municipal levies of $685,000. Municipalities can still make comments on the budget, and these will be taken to the March 19th Board meeting. Detailed copies of the budget and 1996 audit are available on request.

Planning Fees

SNC is offering its services to municipalities to help interpret and review environmental legislation for planning and development. This service will continue to be free for municipalities. However fiscal realities force us to charge a small fee for private applicants. Some of these fees are: official plan amendment - $100; minor variance - $50; subdivisions - $50 per lot (with maximum and minimum amounts). More information will be sent to all municipalities in the next few weeks. We intend to have meetings with municipalities to review this program prior to implementation.

DFA abandoned Dundas 601 drive

The Dundas Federation of Agriculture (DFA) has more or less abandoned its Dundas 601 membership drive, says Corry Martens, the DFA president.

Last year the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) put out a challenge to local OFA members to increase membership. The Dundas chapter started a drive to increase its membership to more than 600 by June 30th 1996. Having more than 600 members would have gained the DFA a second representative on the OFA executive. A year later the president says membership is sitting at close to 550.

"It doesn't mean we've stopped recruiting completely. We're still trying to get people to support the DFA, but were concentrating more now on people who do business with farmers and the agriculture industry. We are trying to get them to take out a supporting membership."

One Year Later

Martens says that most farmers in Dundas belong either to the DFA or the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO).

"We don't see our selves as competing with the CFFO. We try to work together and we try to show people the benefits of belonging to a professional organization," says Martens.

Martens says the DFA is putting together a new brochure for the end of 1997 about agriculture in the county that will contain figures on what percentage of farmers belong to the DFA.

In keeping with the promotion of agriculture awareness, Martens says the DFA will be hosting a Farm Fair at Dixon's Corners, April 9th. Children from schools across Dundas will be bussed in to see presentations from all the sectors of agriculture.

Dave Farrow of Kingston is appointed to SLPC board

Mr. Dave Farrow of Kingston was recently appointed to the Board of Commissioners at The St. Lawrence Parks Commission for a three year term, starting on February 5, 1997.

Mr. Farrow is currently affiliated with Sutton Group Realty Inc. His previous business experience includes positions of manager for Empire Financial Group, branch manager with Mutual Life of Canada in Kingston, Mutual Life of Canada agent in Thunder Bay and lease and rental manager for Lakehead Motors in Thunder Bay.

Over the years, Dave Farrow has received a number of Industrial awards, such as Mutual Life of Canada's Eastern Canada Representative, Managers Council; member, Million Dollar Round Table; and Century Club of Chrysler Canada.

He is actively involved in the community through his participation with the Rotary Club, Kingston Industrial Committee and Greater Kingston Homebuilders Association. He also served as a municipal councillor for Kingston Township from 1985 to 1991.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Farrow to the Board of Commissioners," noted Commission Chairman Gary Clarke. "His business, real estate and community experience will contribute fresh insight to our organization."

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, with an area of jurisdiction along the St. Lawrence River corridor from west of Napanee to east of Lancaster, was established by Ontario legislation in 1955. Commission tourism destinations, also known as the "Parks of the St. Lawrence", attract over 1.5 million visitors annually, create about 16 million dollars in tax revenues and stimulate over 100 million dollars in regional economic activity.

Commission destination areas and tourist attractions include Fort Henry, the 1000 Islands Parkway, Crysler Farm Battlefield Park (with Upper Canada Village) and the Long Sault Parkway. Recreation facilities at these locations include 12 campsites and day-use parks, the Upper Canada Golf Course, a migratory bird sanctuary, nature trails, the St. Lawrence Bikeway, retail shops and food services.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commision is an agency of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism. It is governed by a 3 to 15 member Board which is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Board of Commissioners meets once a month to review policy, establish budget priorities, approve strategic directions and evaluate programs for the "Parks of the St. Lawrence."

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Rebels can't slow down the 73's



Playoff win

Pictured above the Novice B Lions posed for this picture last Saturday afternoon. The Lions lost 3-0 in the "B" final of their tournament. However, Sunday afternoon the Lions defeated the South Grenville Rangers in the first round of the playoffs. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Novice B Lions win the first round

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A goal in the first and one in the third gave the Morrisburg Novice B Lions their first play-off series victory of the post season.

The Lions hosted the South Grenville Rangers last Sunday evening and defeated them in game three 2-0.

Coming off a tournament loss in the "B" finals on Saturday, the Lions were prepared for their match against the Rangers Sunday.

Two injuries in the tournament had coach Barry Van Allen worried on Saturday, but his full line-up was ready for game three.

Kent Nugent started off the scoring for the Lions when he went to the South Grenville net alone at 9:31 of the first period.

Robert Bongers, credited with the shut-out, was outstanding in the Lions cage throughout the game.

After a scoreless second, Brandon Van Allen set-up Nick Whelan for the insurance goal at 9:04 of the third.

Game two

Played last Friday night, the Lions travelled to Spencerville for game two of the series.

An evenly matched first period came to an end with the Rangers up by a goal.

Sean McKinstry and Jacob McGuire combined to feed Nathan Murray. Murray beat Bongers with 1:33 left in the opening frame.

The Lions evened the game late in the second period when Van Allen and Nugent sent Nick Whelan to the net. Whelan's game tying goal came with 1:35 left in the second.

Tied at one, the Lions potted three unanswered goals in the final period to win the game 4-1.

Van Allen scored from Nugent and Whelan at 7:35 of the third. Nugent scored on a feed from David Patterson with 2:50 left to play and Travis Dillabough snagged an empty-netter with thirty-one-seconds remaining.

Tournament

Hosting their own tournament last Saturday, the Lions entered the "B" side after a 2-0 loss to South Stormont in the opening game.

Facing elimination in game two, the Lions came out strong against Kingston Township and came away with a 5-2 victory.

Kingston opened the scoring in the first at 4:33 when David DeHoof went to the net alone. However, the Lions answered quickly.

Evan Tait found Travis Dillabough in deep and Dillabough tied the game at 4:21.

With less than three minutes remaining in the first period, Nugent found Van Allen for the go-ahead goal.

Jordy Crossley tied the game for Kingston with the only goal of the second period.

Tied at 2, the Lions put the pressure on and with 5:13 remaining, Nugent picked up the game winner. The assists went to Whelan and Van Allen.

Whelan added the insurance goal with 2:06 left to play and Dillabough hit the empty net for the Lions fifth of the game.

In the "B" final the Lions ended up on the losing end of 3-0 decision against the Clarence.

Thanks

Coach Barry Van Allen was extremely pleased with how the tournament went. "This day wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for the parents," praised the coach.

According to the Morrisburg coach, the coaches and parents from the other teams had nothing but positive comments on how well the tournament was run.

"These parents are the best bunch around," he continued. "They were here at 11 pm Friday night to get things ready and they were here all day today (Saturday)."



Dart smarts

The Glen Walter Fire Department's dart team (#1) competitors won the Iroquois Fire Department's Sat., March 8th dart tourney. The Glen Walter group was comprised of team members (l-r) Michael Tessier, Brian Lalonde, Michael Leger and Al Terrence. Their fellow Glen Walter fireman (playing on a different Glen Walter team) Roger Brodeur captured the top male score with 133 points. *Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon.*

Fire Department hosts 11th annual dart tournament

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The 11th annual Iroquois Fire Department Dart Tournament attracted 60 dart players to the Iroquois Legion Hall Sat., March 8th. A team from the Glen Walter Fire Department took home the trophy, having had the top score over all. Glen Walter, a small community east of Cornwall, fielded four teams Sat., but it was their team number one, consisting of Brian Lalonde, Michael Leger, Michael Tessier and Al Terrence that brought home the trophy.

The annual fundraiser makes the department $4-500 in any given year says Keith Banford, Captain of the Iroquois Fire Department. Last year the money raised was put toward a smoke machine, which the department uses for training.

Iroquois' ladies team placed 7th while the top ranked men's team (number two) placed 8th.

The tournament's second place team was from Morewood and was comprised of Morewood fire fighters Carl Hutchinson, Tony Thorne, Milton Lacelle and Rick Mattice.

Top individual scores for the day went to Roger Brodeur of Glen Walter and Laney Lacelle of Morewood. Brodeur racked up 133 points while Lacelle got 96.

The overall standings for the day were as follows (from first to last): Glen Walter (team 1), Morewood (team 4), South Mountain (team 2), Williamsburg (team 2), Morewood (team 1), Glen Walter (team 2), Iroquois Ladies, Iroquois (team 2), Morewood (team 2), Iroquois (team 1), Morrisburg (team 1), Morrisburg (team 2), Newington, Williamsburg (team 1) and Morewood (team 3).



Traffic jam

Greg Kealey (12) and another Kemptville 73 do battle with Doug Ferguson and Dan Dupuis from the Char-Lan Rebels during third-period action in Kemptville March 5. The 73s kicked off the St. Lawrence Division championships with a 5-2 win on home ice last Wednesday night. Heading into game four in Williamsburg March 11, Kemptville had a 3-0 lead. *Chieftain Photo - S. Coleman*

Kemptville notches solid lead over Rebels

by Steve Coleman
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Kemptville 73s may have been up 3-0 against Char-Lan after last weekend, but coach Paul Sheard didn't expect a cake walk for game four.

This is one series where the results haven't shown how close the games have been.

"This has not been a 3-0 series," said Sheard. "We scored into an empty net in the first game, won in overtime in the second and were losing 3-0 in game three.

"The fourth game is always the toughest. Char-Lan won't want to lose (the series) at home."

The 73s opened the best-of-seven on home ice March 5 with a 5-2 win that included an empty netter from Andrew Williams to wind things down.

Williams also led the way for Kemptville with two goals and an assist. Andrew McVey was the top set-up man with a trio of assists.

When the Rebels brought Kemptville to town March 8, it took overtime to settle the score. The 73s left the rink on the bright side of a 4-3 squeaker with Hamish Fraser adding the game winner to a marker he notched during the second period.

Defenceman Glen Brown added Kemptville's other two goals to the scoresheet, one in the first period and a powerplay effort in the second.

Kemptville closed a 3-0 deficit Sunday night to steal the third game of the series from Char-Lan. The final score ended 7-3 in the 73s favor after the team went on a hot streak in the closing 30 minutes. utes.

"It was the best period and a half the team has played in a long time," said Sheard. "They played on all eight cylinders."

The team spread the scoring around with six different players improving their personal playoff statistics.

The one thing the team is going to have to get used to is the fact the other side is coming to the rink to win and they'll use the body to do it, he said. During the regular season, the 73s weren't getting checked very often.

Kemptville players have been getting upset with the amount of body contact they've been taking. After seeing the Metcalfe Jets in action March 10, Sheard says the team can expect to see a lot more hitting if both teams make it all of the way to the final round.

The games are expected to get even rougher in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League's Metro Division when the Jets face off against the South Ottawa Canadians.

It doesn't mean the 73s aren't taking their current competition seriously. Either of the teams from the Alexandria and Char-Lan series would have been a good contest, he said. Neither squad is one that should be taken for granted.

If the 73s don't put a lid on the St. Lawrence Division finals with their next game, the two teams will be back at the Kemptville and District Community Centre March 13 for a fifth game. If the series goes a full seven, Char-Lan will be back in Kemptville March 16.

The winner of the St. Lawrence championship will face off against either Gananoque or Athens for the right to play the top team in either the Valley or Metro division.

As of March 9 the Rideau Division championship series was deadlocked at two games. Athens tied the series with a 5-4 victory that took double overtime to accomplish.

Broadcast hits all-time high

The Ottawa Senators popularity continues to climb in the market. The team has averaged 17,945 fans for the past five home games. Last week the team announced that the Wednesday broadcast of the Senators/Flyers game on CHRO TV was the most watched local broadcast in the team's history.

Based on preliminary figures from Comquest research, a division of BBM Bureau of measurement, more than 120,000 fans in the Ottawa/Pembroke market viewed the game on CHRO. This easily eclipsed the Senators previous local broadcast high of 95,200 for the November 15th, 1996 game against Chicago.

For instance, 15 percent of all adults in Ottawa/Hull who had their TV on between 7:30 and 10:30 pm, were watching Senators hockey. A full 27 percent of all males between the ages of 25 and 54 were tuned in to CHRO. In Pembroke and the valley, 21 percent of all households who were watching TV were dialed into the Senators/Flyers game.

The ratings are even more impressive when you factor in that it was a Wednesday night. While average viewership has been on a steady climb, Friday nights have traditionally be the "broadcast of choice" for Senators fans. In addition, the Senators/Flyers broadcast was positioned against the annual Emmy Awards.

Iroquois Friday night darts

March 7: Teams are moving around each week and we are having a ball. We all hope Jaime Adams is soon home with us from the hospital. Good luck!

Standings: C.D.s 136, No Surrenders 133, Double Outs 128, Jay Birds 122 1/2, Half Pints 121, Misfits 119 1/2, Glen's Gals 116 1/2, 3 Guys and a Babe 116, The Gems 114 1/2, Rod & Reel 109 1/2, Shaky Shooters 97 1/2, Fab Four 95, Fly by Nites 94 1/2, Untouchables 89, The Broadway Crescent 84 1/2, Duelling Darters 83.

High Scores: Craig Tucker 140, 132, 100; Lloyd Greenough 140, 100; Walter Reid 132; Glen Adams 125, 100; Bob LaSalle 124, 101; Mike Easter 121; Duane Kirker 121, 100; Gary Bradford 121; Ron Strader 114; Tony Easter 111, 100, 100; Pearl Roy 111; Rodney Francis 111; Gail Melvin 106; Dennis Burns 105; Leo Merkley 101; Richard Deschamp 100; Steve Barkley 100, 100; Jay Buckland 100; Nancy Kenney 100; Glen Easter 100, 100.

Finishes: Duane Kirker 5, Steve Barkley 5, John Trayner 5, Bonnie Gibson 4, Mike Easter 4, Ronnie Lewis 4, Glen Adams 3, Jay Buckland 3, Art Ault 3, Deb Valiquette 3, Barb Merkley 2, Trevor Easter 2, Elizabeth Brooks 2, Gary Bradford 2, Nancy Kenney 2, Bob LaSalle 2, Debbie Shaver 2, Thom Greenough 2, Pat Thompson 2, Mary Graydon 2, Glen Easter 1, Linda Casselman 1, Lloyd Greenough 1, Kim Francis 1, Rodney Francis 1, Sue Pelehos 1, Chris Thompson 1, Michele Liddy-Brooks 1, Garnet Summers 1, Donna Hodgson 1, Leo Merkley 1, Joyce Fader 1, Gail Melvin 1, Craig Tucker 1, Nikki Easter 1, Earl Nesbitt 1, Tony Easter 1, Dennis Burns 1, Danny Daye 1, Robbie Shaver 1.

Elect the 1997-98 Executive of Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey
March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall (south door, old High School)

Position	
Past President	Barry Elliott
President	Alan Madge
First Vice President	Doug McNairn
Elections for the following:	
Second Vice President	OPEN
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Secretary	OPEN
Registrar	OPEN
Head Coach	Barry VanAllen
Referee-in-chief	OPEN
Ice Scheduler	Barbara Levere
Tournament Director	Connie Smith
Fundraising	Brenda Ryan
Trophies and Awards	OPEN
Equipment Manager	Doug McNairn
Discipline	OPEN

All positions below 1st vice president are elected. All members of M.D.M.H.A. have a vote and may run for executive positions.

The nomination committee of Chuck Barkley (448-3660), Keith Baldwin (652-4144), and Peter MacGregor (543-2008) will answer questions and take nominations for any position.

Come to the meeting on March 19 and express your opinion by voting for the best Executive we can get.

MFSC Spring School

Our fourth annual spring school runs from March 31st to May 3rd and this year we have a spot for every member of the family! The spring school committee are offering three new skating programs geared to every age level and ability.

Kidskate gives children from 3 to 5 years-of-age a chance to learn to skate from a qualified CFSA instructor. They will be on the ice for two 30 minute sessions per week and parents can choose from either Tuesday or Thursday nights and or Saturday mornings. The cost of this five week program is $50 plus $14 CFSA registration fee, if they are not already a member of the Canadian Figure Skating Association. There is a limit of 15 skaters so enroll soon as it is on a first come first serve basis.

Power Skate is a program geared to hockey players from 7 to 9 years-old. A certified coach

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Thunder gets win

In Girls PeeWee BB action on March 7th, the Rideau - St. Lawrence Thunder squeaked past the Kingston Kodiaks for the right to represent this area at the OWHA Provincial Championships in Toronto this April. Deadlocked at two ties prior to the game, the Thunder reached the 4 point plateau required to advance on 2-1 victory at Centre 70 in Kingston thanks to Sarah Asbreuk's powerplay goal in the 3rd period. Nicole MacFarlane assisted on the marker. The Thunder came back from a 1-0 deficit on a goal from Jenn Clarke, assisted by Robin Sheedy and Liz Carley. Sarah Dulmage provided solid goaltending. The Thunder travel to the world's largest tournament in Brampton at the end of March and then on to the Provincial Championships April 18,19,20.

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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

The Living With Cancer Support Group's next meeting Mar. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Senior Support Centre. For further info call 652-4588.

Gail Gavan & Friends "Show & Dance", Fri., Mar. 14, 8-1, Matilda Community Hall. Sponsored by Matilda Hall Board. Tickets $8/single; $15/couple. Contact Clerk's Office 652-4403, or Bev Sabourin 652-2405.

Next meeting of Iroquois W.I., Mar. 20. Topic: "Days of Yore". Bring an item of earlier days, perhaps an heirloom. All welcome.

Knox Presbyterian Church Spring Luncheon/Bake Sale/ Bazaar, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sat., Mar. 22. Take-A-Break, bring the family and tell your friends that for $5 per person you enjoy delicious homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverage. Take-outs available.

Educational Workshop III, Family skills. Sponsored by Dundas District Women's Institute, Sat., Mar. 22. Registration 9 a.m. Workshops beginning at 10 a.m. $6 includes coffee, muffins and lunch. Door prizes. Details on workshop at a later date.

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- do not show individuals riding in or on the backs of pick-up trucks or tractors
- do not show anyone stepping over a rotating shaft or leaning over a conveyer
- do not show farm workers near machinery, wearing items that could become entangled such as jewelry, drawstrings, loose clothing, etc.
- people on all-terrain vehicles should be wearing helmets and appropriate clothing
- workers handling hay, grain or silage should be wearing protective masks
- workers mixing or applying chemicals should be wearing the appropriate protective equipment, such as gloves, hat, overalls, respirators, etc.
- do not place children in risky situations for the sake of your story
- only show children over 14 years of age operating farm vehicles or equipment
- try to include visible safety measures around the farm, such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, within overall shots.

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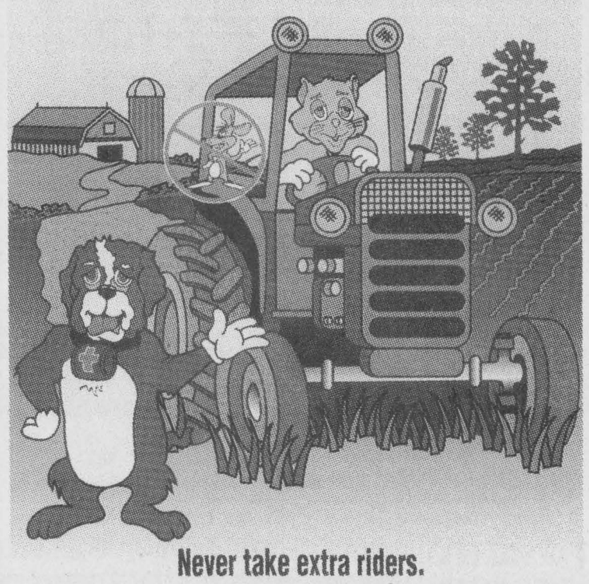

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Farm Safety Facts

DID YOU KNOW? ABOUT ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES.....

It is estimated that every year in Canada:

- There are 130 farm-related deaths
- 1,200 people are hospitalized from farm-related injuries
- 50,000 people sustain farm-related injuries requiring them to either seek medical attention or to take a day away from normal work activities
- Of all agriculture-related injuries, 65%of fatal injuries and 50% of injuries requiring hospitalization are related to the use of agricultural machinery
- The very young and the elderly are at the greatest risk of injury on the farm

Source: Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program (CAISP) Estimates, AAFC and CCASRH

Did You Know?

ABOUT HEARING LOSS PREVENTION.....

- If you are standing three feet from a partner and have to raise your voice to be heard above background noise, the noise level is probably loud enough to damage your hearing.
- Hearing can be permanently damaged by one sudden loud sound, such as a shotgun blast.

Because of regular and extended use of equipment and machinery, the potential for hearing loss among farmers is increased. In fact, research has shown that hearing loss is greater in the farming community than in the non-farming community of the same age. Excessive noise from tractors, grain dryers, chain saws, and even radios in enclosed cab tractors and combines increases farmers' risk for hearing loss.





FARM CHEMICAL SAFETY CHECK LIST:

These are some basic guidelines which can help reduce the risks of exposure to pesticides and chemicals:

- Farm chemicals, pesticides, and herbicides must be stored away from children, in a clearly marked and locked storage area.
- Read the label and follow the instructions. If an emergency occurs, take the label with you and give it to the medical professionals.
- Practise good personal hygiene and wear the recommended protective clothing and equipment. This equipment must be maintained to ensure it works properly.
- Do not mix pesticides unless it is recommended.
- A supply of clean water should be readily available, along with first-aid supplies.
- Be aware of poisoning symptoms. If you feel ill, leave the area and get help.
- Shower and change clothes immediately after application of any chemical.
- Wash contaminated clothing separately from other laundry. Don't forget to clean the washer when finished.
- Store pesticides in their original containers with a legible label.
- Keep pesticides in a well marked and locked storage area.
- Transport pesticides in the open box of a truck, with all containers secured. Never transport pesticides in the passenger area or trunk of any vehicle.
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Card of Thanks

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SHAVER: The family of the late Florence Shaver express sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and food brought to my home during our great loss of a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. It was very heartwarming to know so many friends still remembered her and made the effort to come and say goodbye. Thanks to David Lapier for his services so capably handled, Rebekah ladies for their service, the women of Morrisburg United Church for their delicious luncheon and the honourary pallbearers. Special thanks to Dundas Manor girls for their warm and caring ways, who took good care of Mom, to D.M.H. and Dr. Coolican for making her last days comfortable. Words cannot express how appreciative we all are for the kindness, thoughtfulness and support given to us at the time of our great loss. God Bless: daughter Doreen, Lyle; grandchildren, Casselman, Cutler and Shay families
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WHITTAKER: Thanks to all my family and friends for the excellent surprise 50th Birthday Party. Special thanks to Chesterville Legion and the excellent entertainment by the Canadian Strangers.
Thanks again, Dennis Whittaker
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Skating

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will instruct them for two 45 minute sessions per week on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The cost of this program is $60 and there will be a limit of 24 skaters, so register your children early. Finally for all those parents out there who would like to get some exercise we are offering Adult Skate.

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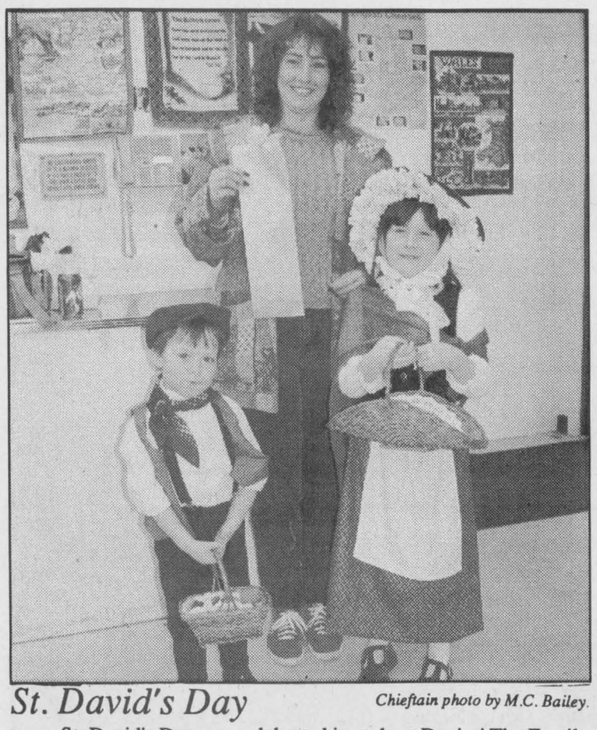

St. David's Day

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St. David's Day was celebrated in style at Davies' The Family Butcher Shop in Morrisburg. Saturday March 1st, all of the ladies who entered the shop received a daffodil. Pictured above (l-r) Gareth Cochrane, Nancy Laurin and Stephenie Cochrane posed for this picture. Gareth and Stephenie were handing out Welsh Cakes.

Inside an hour

Faith 'n Begorra! Saint Patrick's Day is here again. So here's what we've found just over the rainbow and around next week that's in store:

The South Mountain Recreation Association is holding a St. Patrick's benefit dance **Sat., March 15th** in the South Mountain Agricultural Hall, from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. The price of admission is $4 per person. The proceeds from the dance go toward a new rink surface. For advance tickets please call 989-1101 or 989-3347.

At the Matilda Hall Gail Gavin and Friends will be whooping it up with a show entitled Little Bit Irish, Little Bit Country, **March 14th**. Tickets to the dance are $8 for singles and $15 for a couple. Doors open at 8 p.m. and it runs until 1 a.m. For tickets call Rob Thompson (652-2447), Marlene Lewis (652-4978), Bev Sabourin (652-2405), Allan Finlayson (652-4494) or the Matilda Township office (652-4403).

If you're feeling like heading farther afield there is a St. Pat's Day Dance **March 15th** from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Roebuck Hall. Musical entertainment will be provided by DJ Craig Kelso. Couples won't have to reach for the pot of gold to pay to get in either, admission is only $12 per couple. There will be a light lunch available. You can phone Jim at 658-5348 or Melba at 658-5464 for tickets.

Want to do some jigging and reeling for a good cause? There's a St. Patrick's Day Dance and Silent Auction at the Lancer Community Centre in Ingleside, Ont., **Mar. 15th.** The benefit for the Our Lady of Grace rebuilding fund runs from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Admission to the Knights of Columbus sponsored event is by monetary donation only. There will be a light lunch and live music.

That Patty sure is a popular guy! There will be a St. Pat's dinner at the Morrisburg Legion **March 14th**, from 5:30 p.m. on. Two days later there will be a cribbage tournament there, **March 16th** at 1:30 pm.

The Irish mania doesn't stop. There will be a St. Patrick's Social at the Spencerville United Church, featuring the Matilda Trio and Doug Warren on the piano. The good times roll at 7:30 p.m., **March 17th**.

If the little leprechauns in your household are saying things like "Mom! Dad! We're bored," take them to the Circus Delights show at the Chesterville Community Hall, **March 15th**. They'll have a great time with the show's music and watching bunnies, magic tricks, unicycles and even fire eating. The doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the show begins 11 a.m. Admission to the show is cheap at $2 per person and lunch (a hot dog and drink) is also $2. You can get advance tickets from Gone Loonie or call the Happy Face Nursery (448-2771), Gabriele Thomas (448-3855), or Gwen Hood (448-1296).

Dust off that four-leaf clover! There's a car rally and charity casino sponsored by the Winchester Lions Club, **Sat., March 15**. Registration is at the Lions Hall from 12 noon-1 p.m. A supper and dance are to follow.

Finally the Prescott Figure Skating Club is having its annual ice show with some cool guest skaters. **Junior Canadian pairs champs Shane Dennison and Marie Laurier** will be at the **Sat., March 15th and Sun., March 16th** shows.





Non-stop dance!

Pictured above (wearing shades) members of the grade two class at Iroquois Public School took part in the amateur show last Friday afternoon. The class did their interpretation of the Macareina and everyone in the audience was impressed with the job. Grade two teacher Jennifer Perry even got into the action at the front of the stage where she led the class with the dance. Numerous students took part in the amateur show which lasted most of the afternoon. The activity was the last before March Break.

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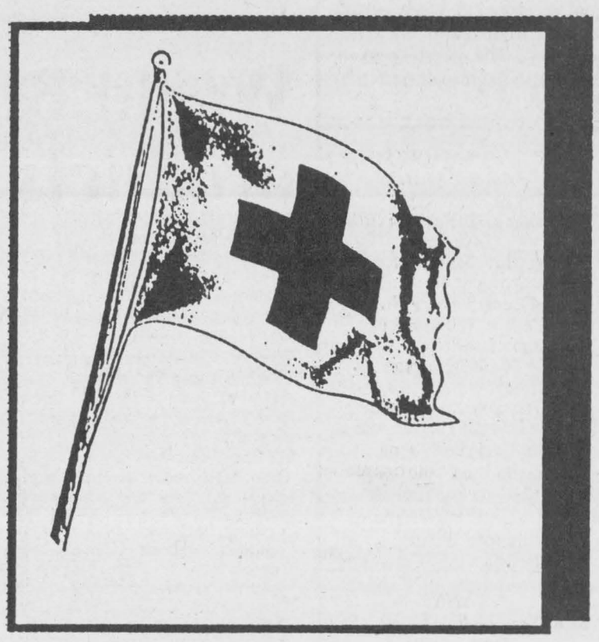

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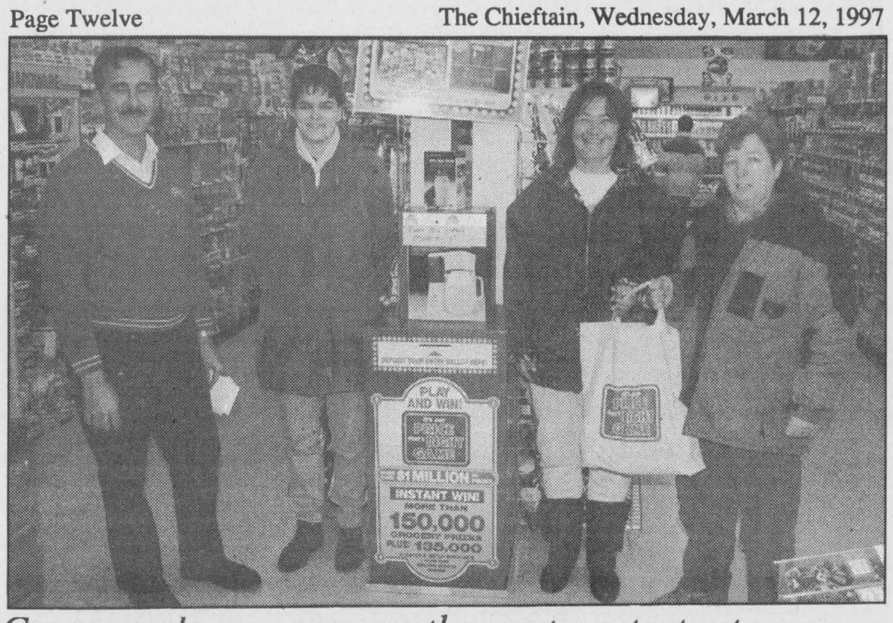

Come on down...you are the next contestant

Sound familiar, well he is not Bob Barker, but Jim Lewis of S&F Food Town was doing a similar task on Saturday as he asked three folks for their bids on the coffee maker and grinder which were the first prize in the "Price is Right" game sponsored by the Food Town chain. The lucky winner was Amberzine Fawcett whose bid of $125. was exactly correct. The other two contestants received a cloth bag of grocery treats for their efforts. In order to get the opportunity to bid your qualifier ticket has to be drawn from the box.

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Truth be told - St. Patrick isn't Irish

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Irish Staff Reporter

St. Patrick isn't Irish. Sorry to rattle cages this close to the saint's holy day, but it has to be said. Also he didn't chase the snakes out of Ireland.

He did, however, bring Christianity to Ireland, helped end brutal intertribal violence, murder, human sacrifice and slavery, ushering in an era of relative peace and enlightenment. Which is probably why in Ireland St. Patrick's Day is more a religious holiday than it is about drinking Canadian beer with green food dye in it.

And where do I get this knowledge of all things Irish? I don't. I get it from my brother Brenhan and his burgeoning library of Irish lore. To say Brenhan is an Irish nut would still be something of an understatement. He can regale friends and family for hours with stories about Irish folklore and history or even the meaning of names. My own name, according to Brenhan, is not an Irish equivalent of John as some name books would have me believe. No. Instead "Sean" is a relatively modern Irish name. As a word it means... Old. OLD! My joints feel creaky just thinking about it. Oh well.



Brenhan and I have compiled a list of books you may want to look into for some real glimpses of Ireland.

How the Irish Saved Civilization by Thomas Cahill is a must-read. Cahill's book tells of how, as the Roman Empire crumbled and Europe entered the dark ages, Ireland became a repository of learning and classical knowledge, preserved by Irish monks.

It's Cahill who tells of how St. Patrick was a Briton, and the son of a Roman tax collector. Patricus was captured by Irish slave raiders. He eventually escaped Ireland after five years of toiling for a shepherd king. However, after returning to his family, the saint was no longer able to relate to his peers. Following divine inspiration he went back to Ireland to bring Christianity to the pagan tribes.

Cahill writes with a fluid, reverent and very poetic style that makes for great reading. Cahil's book is published by Doubleday.

For those of you out there who are fay or just want to read about the little people there's *Irish Folk and Fairy Tales* edited by Gordon Jarvie.

"There's some interesting little stories in that book," says Brenhan.

The *Book of Irish Names* edited by Ronan Coghlan, Ida Grehan and P.W. Joyce, is a great resource for naming children and can be an entertaining read. It contains first, family and place names. It's published by Sterling in New York.

"A fantastic book is the *Eyewitness Travel Guide of Ireland*," says Brenhan. "Through this book I feel as though I have been to Ireland."

Published by Dorling Kindersley in London, it combines numerous color photos with practical advice, maps, and site seeing suggestions.

Brenhan explains his interest in Ireland the way he might explain his blue eyes-- it's just a part of him.

"Well I'm Irish-- as are you. I guess my Irish history goes back farther than my Canadian history-- which is also interesting. I like Canadian history, it's just that before Canada there was Ireland," he explains.

Forthcoming Marriage

It is with great pleasure and pride that *Martin and Barbara Habraken* wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their youngest daughter *Susan Mary Ann Habraken to Peter Arthur Antler* from Pembroke. Peter is the son of *Nelson Antler and the late Junetta Antler*. The Marriage will take place in Iroquois at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic church at 3:00 p.m. on June 21, 1997. Reception will be at the Civic Centre, Iroquois. The couple will reside in Orleans, Ontario.

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Easter craft show

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CORNWALL
CAS annual meeting

The Children's Aid Society of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, March 26th, at the St. Joseph's Villa Auditorium, 14 York Street, Cornwall, Ontario at 7:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Smith, Program Co-ordinator of the Abuse Treatment Centre in Cornwall.

CORNWALL
Big Brothers/Sisters

The annual meeting of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cornwall and District will be held as a breakfast meeting on Thursday March 20th, at 7:45 am at the Ramada Inn in Cornwall. Cost of the breakfast is $8.50 per person. Please call the office at 933-8035 if you plan to attend.

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CORNWALL
School meeting

The English-language Section of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Roman Catholic Separate School Board wishes to announce that the monthly English-language Section meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 18, 1997. The location of the meeting will be in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 835 Campbell Street, Cornwall beginning at 5:30 pm.

MOUNTAIN
Amalgamation transition

The Ontario government wants amalgamating municipalities to appoint transitional committees or boards to oversee amalgamation, Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose told council. Council is sending a letter to the other North Dundas municipalities suggesting they choose a committee that would make recommendations only to the new North Dundas council elected for 1998. According to Rose committees are supposed to report to ***current*** councils with recommendations, which are then voted on by councils. Boards, on the other hand, have broad based powers to act autonomously.

NORTH DUNDAS
Amalgamation+911=name changes

Some North Dundas road names may have to be changed when Chesterville, Mountain and the two Winchesters amalgamate in 1998. Some road names in the municipalities are duplicated and when amalgamation happens that could lead to problems for Bell Canada's enhanced 911 service. The service relies on a computerized catalogue of roads and numbered addresses. The system could be confused by two streets with the same name. A letter to Mountain Township from the town of Chesterville indicated there would be no problems for 911 if the name duplication is solved before June 1997.



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Book buffet

Children and adults were invited to test-read some of the World Book Learning company's educational products at a seminar held Sunday, March 9th, at the Community Living Centre in Morrisburg. Morrisburg native Sherrie Mullen is a new representative for the company, which markets its products in much the same way as Tupperware. Mullen can be reached at 543-3945.

World Book Learning products available locally

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Sherrie Mullen says that as soon as she saw them she recognized a real need in our community for the products produced by the World Book Learning company.

"When I saw the products I got really excited because I know there's such a big need. I knew I wanted to get in it and get into it big time," she says.

She organized a seminar, Sun. March 9th, on the company's products, which are aimed at educating children with fun.

"Kids enjoy it and they don't even know they're learning. And what is really great about the products is that ," says Hellen Coté, a World Book Learning colleague of Mullen's who spoke at the seminar.

Coté showed off a number of products at the seminar, including computerized games, coloring books, and books designed to teach children about math, history and language. Coté says that World Book Learning has been around for 75 years, but until a few years ago concentrated on dealing directly with schools and libraries to market encyclopedias and other resource materials.

A mother herself, Mullen works as a teacher's aid on-call and has been a Foster Parent. She says she has worked with developmentally delayed and learning disabled children and that many educational materials these sorts of children need are very expensive. She says that, by contrast, World Book Learning products are much more affordable.

"A lot of them are transferable too. Some of them may say they are for a particular age, but they'll work for kids with different ages."

According to Coté, many adults even enjoy the books and games as much as the children.

"This toy can keep an adult amused for a few hours," Coté told those assembled for the seminar as she held aloft a child's computer game, designed to teach children language skills.

One of the highlights of the seminar was a book called History Safari. A brightly colored book with colorful and detailed illustrations, History Safari takes children through different time periods-- from antiquity to JFK.

What is really special about the book is that it has a computer built into it and will quiz kids about what they have learned at the end of each chapter.

The main marketing tool used by World Book Learning is the "home party", popularized by companies like Tupperware and Weekender Wear. In the World Book Learning format, hosts of parties earn free products calculated as a percentage of their sales and they're also given a discount on purchases. Mullen says the discounts as well as the affordability of the products were important factors in her decision to become a distributor.

Mullen says she was also attracted to the concept because it allowed her to work from her home.

She says that the seminar was successful in netting sales as well as people interested in hosting parties. Three people were even interested in becoming distributors like herself, says Mullen.

Mullen says that if anyone is interested in hosting a party, becoming a distributor or seeing the products they can contact her at 543-3945.

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