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Happy 10th Anniversary!

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Anniversary celebrations were hosted at Mustard's Variety in the Iroquois Plaza on Saturday. Jim and Jan Mustard and two of their faithful employees, Betty McDermid and Susan Easter, were on hand to lend a hand. "Amazing how time flies," said Jim as he served another customer. Treats and free coffee were highlights of the day (Jan is a great cook!) and free break open tickets saw some folks smile as they won a prize... not me though! The two Mustard children, Ben and Kristan, help out regularly as well in what is a family business.

One year in new township

Rooney looks back, and to the future

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"I honestly think, with all that's been handed down to us, we've done well," says Audrey Rooney on the South Dundas amalgamation experience. The Iroquois Councillor spent some time on the telephone, Monday, to answer some questions about her thoughts on the municipality's first year of existence and where she thinks it is headed in 1999.

Looking back, what were her expectations for Iroquois when she moved from the disbanded Iroquois Council to a seat at the new township?

"My expectations were to provide the same services taxpayers were getting before," Rooney says, noting that savings have been realized at the township level.

"I believe that, had we not amalgamated, taxes in Iroquois would have risen substantially," she says when asked to identify the pluses and the minuses for Iroquois. "Insurance bills, accounting costs, all dropped when we amalgamated."

Iroquois residents are also reaping the benefit of the province's Farm Tax Rebate program, thanks to the green acres of Williamsburg and Matilda. The province requires South Dundas to share the rebate equally among the four wards, a situation Rooney says is not really fair. But she admits it played a role in shielding many citizens of Iroquois from property tax increases-- while contributing to the pinch felt by some residents in Matilda.

Another plus, according to Rooney: South Dundas was able to contract out the water and sewer plants of both Morrisburg and Iroquois. M.S. Thompson & Associates took over operations at the plants on New Year's Day. For Iroquois, this means local plant manager, Dean McCurdy, will have the company's expertise to work with. "This will help with [M.O.E.] compliance," the Councillor said.

Rooney marks South Dundas Hydro squarely in the plus column too. An amalgamation of the old Iroquois and Morrisburg hydro utilities, she points to one advantage of the larger company: "It's my understanding South Dundas Hydro gets a little better deal on the power they buy from Ontario Hydro."

And, she adds, "South Dundas Hydro has done a lot of work in Iroquois this year.

"Imagine if we hadn't amalgamated when that ice storm hit," she asserts, referring not only to the efforts of South Dundas Hydro but something else on the plus side: Morrisburg's emergency plan.

Iroquois had no official emergency plan, except for the plan at the county level. Rooney says Morrisburg's pre-existing emergency plan, however, provided a local, and vital, relief effort for the new township as a whole, last January. "We all got the benefit of it."

And what about the minuses?

"I guess the lost contact with the municipal building," she says refectively. "It's very noticeable to people."

But most of the problems the township has had to grapple with-- the big issues like property value reassessment, on-the-fly changes in tax policy, downloading of services-- she lays at the feet of the Harris government.

"Everything we've had handed down affected all other aspects," she says, citing the Fairness to Property Taxpayers Act as an example. The law will cap commercial and rental properties this year and require property tax bills for last year to be corrected.

"We've got to be stronger when it comes to Toronto," she says about 1999. "We've got to make sure Toronto knows there are rural municipalities."

However, Rooney says she thinks South Dundas's biggest goal in the next year should be to plan for the future. "I'd like to see us have some sort of plan about where we'd like to see South Dundas in the next five years."

And what about the Iroquois Golf Club and that all-important municipal greenspace on the Iroquois waterfront?

The councillor says she is optimistic about the future of the Club.

"They're still looking at all the options," she says, including the possibility of contracting out the Course's operation. She makes it clear that all options include golf. Development is not being considered, she says, brushing aside suggestions that South Dundas may not be as sensitive to Iroquois' tradition of maintaining the river view for Elizabeth and Lakeview.

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Amalgamation not too much of a task -Mayor Whitteker

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mayor Johnny Whitteker took some time out of his busy farming schedule to answer some questions about the first year in the life of South Dundas, and where the township is going in the future.

How does he feel amalgamation has worked out?

"Amalgamation in itself hasn't been too much of a task," Whitteker said. Though he did convey some disappointment that "unforseen expenditures" caused a projected $450,000 in savings for the four former municipalities to be whittled down to $125,000.

The Mayor blamed the provincial government for much of the lost savings, fingering Toronto's downloading and tax reform policies as the biggest issues South Dundas dealt with in 1998.

Housing, assessments, roads, ambulance, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit have all been downloaded onto the property tax payer, he said. Mandated programs like health and ambulance service should not be the responsibility of the property taxpayer, he insisted. Whitteker pointed out that ambulance service should be free of boundaries, not tethered to a municipal property-tax base. "The province, with their excise taxes and their income taxes, should pay for these things."

Municipalities are also being asked to pick up the costs for bridges and roads, which at one time were subsidized at 80 and 60 percent, respectively. "I'm worried the infrastructure is going to slip in South Dundas," he said, adding, "We're going to try and get some money from the province." Two bridges in Matilda need replacement in 1999.

On the 1998 assessment process, he said, "It caused a headache because the assessors didn't have time to do the job." But the headaches will continue for the next two years, he predicted, with the implementation of the tax-capping Fairness for Property Taxpayers Act. "Now we're going to go back to the taxpayer and say, 'Your taxes haven't been right,'" he said with a tone of incredulity.

Whitteker noted that all the "revenue neutral" changes have led to a $4.2 million revenue shortfall in SD&G, $70,000 in South Dundas. And assessment appeals have contributed to the shortfalls in 1998, a trend he sees continuing in 1999.

With hindsight, should SD&G have chosen a different tax 'scenario' from among the many choices the province presented?

The Mayor agreed, but was quick to point out that the Counties had to make the choice before the assessment rolls were out. "We'll have to take a serious look at that," he said, suggesting a more palatable tax scenario might be selected by Counties Council in 1999.

What about making cuts to make up the difference?

"I don't think there would be any room for cuts. I don't believe in making cuts to services," he replied.

While grievances with the Ontario Government are clearly on the tip of his tongue, the veteran of municipal politics is quick to change gears when asked about more internal matters of the township, such as the lack of one Official Plan in South Dundas.

"An Official Plan is being worked on at the county level," he said, adding he hopes it will serve as the only O.P. for South Dundas. "We've got to bring these plans together," he asserted. But he was not keen on the idea of a South Dundas-only O.P., suggesting it would be "needless duplication."

And how is his present job different from being Reeve of Williamsburg Township?

A bigger township means more problems to deal with, the Mayor offered. "Quite a few

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Changes are needed in North Dundas around council table

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Assessing the performance of the one-year-old North Dundas Council, Mayor Cousineau says changes are needed at the Council table. "Nine people sitting around that table is a little bit ridiculous," he said in a telephone interview.

Each of North Dundas's four wards sends two councillors to the chambers, twice the number of neighbouring South Dundas. "At the time, it was done to pacify the two villages," Cousineau explained. The Mayor said 1999 will see Council discuss the options for slimming down the number of municipal politicians.

He said the boundaries of the various wards should be readjusted to more fairly balance the populations among the wards, adding his first choice would be to "eliminate the wards altogether.

"We're all one township," he said, acknowledging any proposal to eliminate wards would be unlikely to get Council's support.

Cousineau's candid remarks came when he was asked to compare his old job as the Reeve of Winchester Township and his present role as Mayor of North Dundas.

"It's a little more frustrating," he admitted.

When asked to speak about his original expectations for the new township and how they might have changed, the Mayor replied: "The biggest change? I knew a lot of the people and I felt we had a strong, viable council." Then the "nit-picking and petty jealousy" started, he said. "Hopefully, they're over that now."

Said Cousineau on amalgamation in general: "Amalgamation isn't too bad; there are some cost savings-- if and when the province comes through.

"I think the public is apprehensive."

The projected $300,000 in amalgamation savings never materialized, he said, because severance packages for seven former employees ate it up.

On a popular theme, he complained about the downloading and tax reform "nightmare" that filled Council's plate in 1998. "We haven't seen the end of that. He predicted Counties Council will pick another, more helpful, tax 'scenario' this January.

His biggest goal for 1999?

"To see downloading and all the stuff get equalized," he said. "We have to make a strong case at the Inner Cabinet."

Will he run again?

"It's too early to tell," he said, but noting his duties as mayor have taken a toll on his business and his family life, including the time spent with his children.

Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw and Council look forward to 1999

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

At their regular council meeting, Cardinal Councillors and the Reeve explained what they see as the potential for 1999. Among the things they would like to see happen in the year that lies ahead including renewed talks with neighbouring municipalities to the north. The work of the waterfront development ad hoc committee will be a focus for the community in 1999.

The Reeve spoke strongly when he explained that a priority for this Council will be to continue getting the message through that Cardinal Village needs their seat on County Council reinstated, "especially," said Dishaw, "now that the province has accomplished their mandate to download Land Ambulance/Social Housing and Policing to the municipalities across Ontario." He continued, "There are a number of issues that require Cardinal input like service and structure, courthouse, emergency County plan, Ed 19 landfill, County Planning, St. Lawrence and Maple View lodges, Ontario Works, Health issues, Fire Services and Medical Assist."

Council agreed that new marina operations are in the future of the village, as well as municipal mapping and washrooms at the pavilion so to better accommodate large groups there without overtaxing the Legion facilities or requiring the Legion to share responsibility for other groups.

Also included on the 1999 hope list is further expansion of the residential Prosser Subdivision as a tax base for the community and also to foster growth within Cardinal. Selling off commercial properties that are presently owned by the municipality who are not in the real estate business was added to the wish list. Foam suppression for the fire service that ensures the safety of the community was noted and the completion of the community tourist booklet.

An OMB hearing on Dundas Street East proposals is in the offing as the new year begins, the acquisition of Ontario Hydro properties east and west of the Village limits and the completing of the Cardinal History book are also among those things they hope to see accomplished this year.

Work has been on-going on the Y2K issue of ensuring that when the year 2000 arrives all will be in order as far as municipal business is concerned.

The celebrations of Benson School's reunion and the community festival were things Council wants to be involved in and with as they head into 1999.

"While this looks like a challenge for Cardinal, I know we are up to it!" said the Reeve.

Winter Carnival

The popular **Matilda Winter Carnival** starts on Sat., Jan. 9, with the Annual Carnival Queen Pageant and Amateur Talent Night, a 7 p.m start at the Matilda Hall. **(All Winter Carnival events take place at the Matilda Hall, except where specified.)**

Sun., Jan. 10 : 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. - Head on over to the sizzle of the Pancake Breakfast; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Clown Entertainment by Juby `n' Friends; 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Dundela Park - Family Skate and Kids' Competition.

Mon., Jan. 11: 7:00 p.m. - Country Western Night with Line Dancing and The River-View Cloggers.

Tues., Jan. 12 : 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Karaoke Night (limit 2 songs per person)

Wed., Jan. 13 : 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show. Option L Ladies Wear and Katies Kloset Kids Wear to be modeled.

Thurs., Jan. 14 : 7:00 p.m. - New! Adult Craft Night. Cedar Creek Ceramics (register with Brenda, 652- 2908). Omas Country Crafts Tole Painting (register with Nancy, 652-2096). Brinston Country Flowers Flower Arranging (register with Bev, 652-2405). Come out and try your hand at a different craft. Registration is a must. Cost will be about $10. Register before Jan. 11, 1999.

Fri., Jan. 15 : 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Pre-Teens Much Music Video Dance. $5; 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. - Teens Much Music Video Dance. $7. $1 off with a canned food donation.

Sat., Jan. 16 : Dr. Tom Maxwell Annual Car & Snowmobile Rally; 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Registration for rallies; 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Dance; Bordertowne featured entertainment.

Sun., Jan. 17 : 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Family Sleigh Rides and Weiner Roast at Ron Smail's Farm (east of Brinston); 7:00 p.m. - Hymn Sing and Ecumenical Service.



An icy reminder

This bird house was iced over last Sunday morning and served as a reminder of the Ice Storm of '98. The storm that dumped snow and ice on the weekend and sent shivers through many of us was not as bad as forecast and thankfully did not materialize as did the one a year ago. The birds needed human interference to get to their seed this day!

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Best to Forget

One of the neatest things about being human is that we have a memory and can be selective what we choose to place in the memory bank and what we want to allow to leave.

The Ice Storm of "98 was undoubtedly the top news story of the year just past. Authors and television people produced books, videos, picture journals and many of us have recapped the events in some manner. A marvellous legacy for the grandchildren. We are all heroes, for afterall we all survived "the" Ice Storm, perhaps the greatest natural disaster to hit the eastern portion of the province as well as the western section of Quebec.

Perhaps the greatest memory and one that does not bring tears to anyone's eyes, is not the pain and suffering that was endured, but the human level where the amazing response came flowing like water does from a tap. Hundreds of volunteers appeared like out of thin air. From the ladies who prepared food for the folks at shelters, those who cooked if gas was available to those who made loaves of sandwiches where there was no heat source. From the youngsters who dad are firemen and who tagged along as they went door to door or those who helped at the drop in centres running errands and in some cases just being there for someone to talk to being the greatest gift they could provide. From the people who delivered water to areas where there was none, to the men who used their own generators to provide heat and power to those who had none, the fellow who travelled four hours to deliver a generator to the area where it was needed the most and asked for no more than a hot coffee in return, from the folks who split wood and then made sure it got to those in the most need for it, from those who left the warmth and security of their homes and families to travel hundreds of miles to work in bone chilling temperatures high off the ground repairing wires and installing new poles, dig wires out of crusted and frozen snow for no more than a smile or a handshake from a resident not known. The Army, the OPP, the Fire Departments worked untiringly and willing hands reached out to help wherever necessary. People opened their homes and their hearts to others without reservations, served meals, shared what they had and in spite of the situation smiled and tried to be friendly and encouraging. Certainly the very best came through in everyone.

It is unfortunate that the best shines through in such circumstances and other times, the less than expected can be found in people. We need to allow this aspect of our being to float to the surface everyday, under all conditions.

The fierceness that brought the Ice Storm forced many to leave their homes in search of shelter and other emergency items. Many were forced to seek help from strangers and return the favour when their power was restored.

People learned that they can be resourceful, many found that they had skills to cope in such situations and never realized until the very moment they had to call upon their own reserves that they even existed.

For everyone touched by the Ice Storm, last weekend brought back fears and as the weather improved, sighs of relief. Surely we will not be faced with any such horrific circumstances ever again.

The Storm did remind us of our dependency on electric power. We were reminded during the Storm and in the aftermath thereof of some truths like our own fragility, of the power and strength that nature has and our remarkable ability to endure and to pull together when the need arises. Five days of freezing rain caused chaos and destruction and even death. As the grip of cold and freezing rain tightened, we learned that man made towers and power lines, poles and trees were no match as they collapsed under the weight of the ice that coated everything. The feelings of fear and vulnerability, the isolation and cold darkness, ground life as we know it to a standstill and then the compassion and generosity surfaced. The ordeal began and ended with the same attitude prevailing, that we will endure and life will be the way we want it to be. The ingenuity, the self reliance that farmers display daily, the surdy independence of spirit that they foster could be found in communities throughout the area devastated by the ice. Strangers became friends and a solidarity grew. We may never pass this way again, but we know we can manage.

It is tempting to take power for granted, but we will tread lightly, we know it is fragile and vital to our way of life. We learned from the experience and will be set for whatever comes our way. Those wires that quiver overhead take on a new importance as we drive down that icy road, the storm on Sunday reminded us and we will not forget...we know better.

S.L.J.

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A Titanic New Year's Eve a once in a lifetime night to remember

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It was certainly "a night to remember."

Fans of the adventure that turned tragic, the Editor and her better half spent New Year's Eve, 1998 sharing what was billed as "dinner aboard the R.M.S. Titanic" a dinner as it would have been on that fateful night, April 14, 1912 when the unsinkable Titanic sunk.

No one ever dreamed that her first voyage would also be her last. On the night of April 14, 1912, the passenger liner, R.M.S. Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic. Within minutes water began pouring into her lower decks...less than three hours later, her propellers started to rise out of the icy Atlantic. For the more than 1500 people left on board, there was little hope of escape. Soon, the biggest ship the world had ever seen would plunge to the bottom of the ocean, 2.5 miles below the surface.

But then we are ahead of the story here. Things began earlier as two gentlemen dreamed on a grand scale...of floating palaces and giving the White Star Line a competitive edge in the Atlantic passenger trade with several gigantic ships whose accommodations would be the last word in comfort and elegance. The Cunard Line had the Lusitania in service, the talk of the shipping world. J. Bruce Ismay and Lord Pirrie, Chairman of Harland and Wolff shipbuilders (ship yards in Belfast, Ireland) discussed a plan to construct three enormous ocean liners...one of which would be the Titanic. Four years later, 1911 after the first ship, the Olympic safely completed her maiden voyage and the hull of the Titanic was launched. The White Star Line was owned by wealthy American financier J.P.Morgan's Trust, International Mercantile Marine (IMM). It was his money that bankrolled Ismay and Pirrie's dream.

Ten months to outfit her and prepare down to the last detail, the final size and richness was astounding. She was 882 feet long (Four city blocks), and as wide as a four-lane highway (92.5 feet), with nine decks (as high as an eleven-storey building) and four huge funnels (each big enough to drive two trains through!). Imagine, three million rivets in her hull alone. Three anchors that weigh 31-tons (or twenty cars), this ship weighed 53,800 tons. She had a top speed of 24 knots (28 MPH or 45KPH on land), which she never reached. The first ship to boast an on-board swimming pool, the Titanic also featured an elegant foyer below the wrought-iron and glass dome over the first class staircase.

On her maiden voyage she carried enough food to feed a small town for several months. Also onboard was a new Renault car. Nicknamed such as:" The Millionaires' Special-The Wonder Ship, The Last Word in Luxury and The Unsinkable Ship," the command was given to Senior Captain of the White Star Line, Captain Edward John Smith. His safety record was excellent and placed him here; he was to retire upon completion of the trip. Purser McElroy ensured everyone was ready as they boarded.

The passengers were divided into social classes according to background, wealth and education. Because of these class lines the Titanic was like a giant floating layer cake. The bottom was the lowly manual workers in the boiler and engine rooms, next were the third class passengers (tickets ran about $35.) from numerous countries hoping to make a new start in America. Second class ($65. each) was next; teachers, merchants and professionals of moderate means. Then, the icing on the cake as it were; first class, (A single ticket $430. or two deluxe parlour suites at $3300.) the rich and aristocratic. These first class people brought along their maids and valets and mountains of luggage. Others would have used all their money for passage on such a elegant ship.

Perhaps the omen as she began moving out of the harbour was foreshadowing the future? The mooring ropes holding the passenger liner New York snapped as the giant pull created by the Titanic as she passed swelled and was drawing her closer to the Titanic. Fast action by Captain Smith and a tugboat captain averted a collision...-but happening at the start of her maiden voyage was not a good sign.

On board were such people as Ismay; Colonel John Jacob Astor (richest man in the world-worth some $150 million); Mr. and Mrs. Straus, (founders of Macy's New York-the largest department store in the world); Millionaire Benjamin Guggenheim (mining and smelting money); George and Mrs. Widener (streetcar builder and heir to the largest fortune in Philadelphia); Margaret Tobin Brown (wife of a Denver mining magnate-later known as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown")...and all had been assured that this was the safest journey ever, "Absolutely nothing to worry about, this ship had watertight compartments that would allow her to float indefinitely."

Also onboard was an eight-piece group of musicians who played in two small string groups, a quintet held concerts for first class passengers and a trio who played in the reception room outside the a la carte restaurant. A newspaper was published onboard daily and the most memorable event while on the ship was reported to be

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Ready for dinner aboard the RMS TITANIC

All H^@! breaks loose at Ranch

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Water...running water...ice cold water...water spraying...water dripping...water dribbling and trickling...water freezing on everything...what a watery, wet mess! You may have guessed by now, we at Swampview began 1999 just as we left 1998, with problems around the ranch.

Christmas over, the gifts packed away, the paper and ribbon cleared out and the tree is dismantled. The decorations back in their boxes for another year, the tree out fastened to a fellow deciduous filled with snacks and treats for our feathered buddies and the living room almost back to normal.

New Year rings in as 1999 starts off a year in which we can only hope things will be better...not!!

A New Year's Eve celebration was enjoyed as the sons were at various parties for the younger set, the old folks decided to go out on the town. A party with a twist was contemplated and the call was made to reserve tickets to a Titanic Dinner event of the year. The Focus story this week tells the tale. Then a stop off at friends for a little toasting in of the year as the ball dropped in Time Square (next year it will be a crystal ball that falls earthward), a game of Janga and then home to bed. New Years' Day was uneventful as there was no celebration of the passing from '98 to '99. Mom and dad were both under the weather and no one else was heard from, so the youngsters arrived home in time to enjoy scalloped potatoes, ham, peas and jello. A "meals on wheels" deal was transported to the shutins. An attempt to watch the Rose Bowl Parade on an American station on the tube proved fatal for the bitter cold created brittle wires and when the rotor turned the aerial,it caught the antenna lead-in wire that connects the TV to the antenna and we lost all our channel reception. Then, the first blast of winter storm struck and we remain without a telly as this is being typed. A sharp reminder of the Ice Storm what with the weekend weather and no tube. The sons were not at all impressed! It did provide some quality, family time and we did make inroads in the pile of 007 movies (James Bond) that son number two found under the tree and we entertained friends with steaming hot stew and the Star Wars Trilogy (Digitally remastered and updated with new scenes since we saw the original)...so there is good even in a poor situation.

It was after everyone had gone home, and the two sons and their friends who were sleeping over heard a bang from the cellar. Son number two suggested it was just the new hot water heater, oil fired and all, which makes a bung when it starts up...so they ignored it for two hours, until number one son decided to check it out at 4am. They had decided to watch a couple of more movies and play a little Nintendo 64 instead of going to bed. One not so pleasant mother had already issued a warning, and then hears a voice in some distress suggesting that the writer and the big guy get up and hustle down stairs. The sight which greeted us in the basement was not at all a happy one. Water was spraying all over, everything! In retrospect it was kind of funny how the big guy appeared in his housecoat and high boots tip toeing through the water to locate the source of the water leak. Apparently the window had been blown out by the force of the east wind, and the pipe had frozen, cracking and splitting. Water was everywhere...and the big guy was quite a Kodak moment. (not at the time though would I have suggested anything of the sort!) Once the leak was pinpointed, and the water valve shut off the outside tap checked and things began to settle down, we assessed the situation and went to bed, after drying off. Things did not look better in the morning as ice coated much of the world outside our windows, and snow had to be shovelled, ice scraped and walking was a bit treacherous. A call went out for help...the plumber does not carry these items any longer and so another source had to be found. The baby brother came to the rescue and in short order had the elbow out and a new one in its place. Water turned back on and things were in running order once more, thankfully (appreciated Mark) and we were not out of pocket too much. Church was missed as the writer stayed home to help the repairman, but the organist carefully drove out the icy road. Forgetting to call and let anyone know that he had made it safely, we worried until after church when he arrived home. The Reverend had cut the service short...although two verses of a hymn is not too wild and crazy and the time saved was negligible, Bill! Some brave souls made it to service, although our lifeline, the radio kept suggesting that no one venture out unless absolutely necessary...

Once he was home, hot food in everyone, it was time to begin shovelling, as vehicles were mired in the yard and one young man had to get home. Digging and pushing, spinning tires and

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the bottom line

THE YOUNG LADY IN THE FRONT OFFICE AT THE *CHIEFTAIN* leaves for her cruise (Y105 Country Cruise) to the sunny south on Saturday. We wish this lucky little lass a safe and fun filled week. She insists she will think about us, but we have huge doubts. Just thinking about the sand, the sun, the lagoons, the palm trees, the crystal clear waters, the stars (both on stage and in that Carribean sky) turns her co-workers green with envy. Enjoy your cruise, Wendy; you have to know we will be thinking of you next week as we bundle against old man winter! (Norwegian Cruise Line will never be the same!) (slj)

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1999 DUMP PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM AUDREY ROONEY. Stop by the Civic Centre on Tuesdays, when the councillor is in, and get your pass. The passes are free and allow you to use the Matilda landfill site; the dump will take up to two bags of your garbage, without charge, each day it is open.

A BIG BOUQUET TO THE PERSON WHO WAS NOT ONLY KIND BUT honest as well. Finding a purse in a shopping cart outside S&F Foodtown, some special lady took it to the cash and left it so the owner could claim it back... just before Christmas too. The owner did return, if somewhat embarassed by her error... got her valuables back intact and was relieved and thankful. Good to know there are still good ones out there. She wishes to say "Thanks" and "God Bless." Nice Stuff. (slj)

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TREE BURNING IS A BIGGIE. CALLS HAVE BEEN COMING IN TO US asking about a Christmas tree burning location... The only one will be in Morrisburg at the Waterfront Park this Saturday, Jan. 9. Call the Clerk's office in Williamsburg at 535-2673 for info. This is the "one and only" in South Dundas this year. Otherwise you can take your tree to one of the S. Dundas dumpsites, where they'll be accepting them free of charge. Or do as we do, prop it up in the yard and use it to feed the birds till spring. There will be hotdogs and hot chocolate for everyone. Sponsored by the Morrisburg Fire Department. (slj)

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Just Livin'

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stalled engines later, and he was on the way home with a promise to call and let us know he arrived there. Shovelling the icy crust was tough for this old gal, but the sugary snow was light and as everyone pitched in, car, truck and Bronco were cleaned off and moved so just in case we needed out they were all mobile. As we worked, the brother who was out plowing snow drove past and so once we finished a call went out to suggest we were fine and he need not do us this time. Then as darkness fell, the lights of a creature which in daylight must certainly be a backhoe were in the yard and snow was moving rapidly about...oh well, if we had not accomplished our task, he would never have had time-can't win for trying it seems. Thanks Mike!

Attending a meeting on Monday evening, it was nice to see Christmas lights still sending out a cheery message into the black darkness of the night. Ours are still going on at dusk and numerous others along the way from Cardinal also have theirs twinkling and blinking as we passed. It makes the dark less noticeable, or at least takes your mind off the fact that it is dark so early these nights. Thanks folks, for keeping the spirit of the season alive for a little longer.

A brother celebrated his year-end birthday and since no one was feeling too chipper, it was a quick bite and gift giving, then home. This one left the price on his new larger than lifesized mug...oh well he is a big boy now. Happy Birthday Dave!! And speaking of birthdays, the college kid celebrates this weekend. Last year, the Ice Storm figured into his celebration plans and actually cancelled things for him. This year he is hoping to spend the time at the ranch with friends and family and if the weather cooperates, we will do our best to make it memorable for him. Tough to believe that it was 21 years ago...funny too that it was every bit as cold as this week has been thus far! The big guy got snowed in at his Aunt's apartment in the senior citizen's building in Winchester and the old folk had unplugged his car for some reason, so it refused to start and he walked across the town with blinding snow and wind driving it into his face at 6am, since induction was to begin at 6am...ah the fond memories.

It is best to go with the flow, it is easier on the nerves. Take it cool and stay warm. The wisdom comes this week from Betty Friedan who said, "Women as well as men, can only find their identity in work that uses their full capacities."

Focus

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restaurant. A newspaper was published onboard daily and the most memorable event while on the ship was reported to be "meals." First class dining was in a saloon 114 feet long by 92 feet wide, with an elaborate moulded plaster ceiling and leaded-glass windows. Able to seat 550 people at once, it can only be imagined.



Paul Fortier

"Back to December 31, 1998, New Year's Eve on board the R.M.S. Titanic as cocktails were served in the Captain's Quarters" and then dining as a guest at the Captain's table and learning about the story of the voyage by reliving a part of the historic night...arriving at the Stockade Barracks in Prescott, suitably attired in period costumes, we heard the bugler sound a traditional tune to announce dinner, just as it would have been heard on the Titanic April 14, 1912. "The Roast Beef of Old England" was played by Paul Fortier who for this evening adventure was playing the role of Purser McElroy, and we headed up stairs to begin the five course meal. (Selected from the 11 the Titanic would have served). Each guest at the dinner had a card informing them of their ship identity for the evening. Yours truly was Mrs. Rene Harris...described as "a women of tremendous spunk." Just before dinner she slipped and fell on the grand staircase, breaking her arm. A N.Y. Doctor, a joint specialist on the ship set her arm and she dressed for dinner in a sleeveless gown and made a dramatic entrance, despite her "suffering torture." She later wrote that her broken arm was an asset due to the attention from fellow passengers and the captain. After losing her husband, she sued White Star for $1 million, got $50,000 and took over her husband's business, a rare occurrence. As the first woman producer on Broadway, she made a name for herself. My other half was actually Mr. Harris who was bringing a British play back to America, he owned the Hudson Theatre in New York....described as a "well nourished individual of forty-six" he was very successful in the theatre world.

The menu was highlighted by the White Star Line logo and featured, Cream of Barley Soup, followed by Poached Salmon with dilled Mousseline Sauce (excellent!!) and then Punch Romaine (to cleanse our palettes, sherbet in champagne) and then the main course-Chicken Lyonnaise with Vegetable Marrow Farci (Zuchinni stuffed and cooked in a crumb jacket) and white and wild rice. The delicious meal ended with Chocolate Painted Eclairs with French Vanilla Cream, and a hot cup of coffee. Throughout the meal our Purser, Mr. McElroy would fill us in on a slice of the historic evening that the mighty Titanic sunk. He continued reassuring us that even the sounds we heard below were no more than coal shovellers busy at work. At 11pm he suggested that there was good and bad news, the good meaning that it would be New Year in an hour and the bad being that the Titanic was sinking. Sad to think that when this news was relayed to passengers, many would not believe it, and so lifeboats went over the side more than half empty.

The meal was marvellous, the gentlemen on either side of us most pleasant company as we introduced ourselves as our real persons and then as our Titanic identities. Mr. Ismay sat by the better half and was singled out by the Purser, Captain Smith was behind us and the two gents on our left were in tie and tails as would first class passengers of the 1912 era. The husband was in pinstripes complete with top hat (his great-grandfathers' and original keepsake) and the Editor was in a floor length gown of black with a velvet shawl and wide brimmed fedora (suitably decorated with a rose) and wore a replica of the Titanic Locket (recognized by true fans!!)...the invitation read, business suit, dinner jacket or period attire, and part of the fun and mystic of the evening was to dress as the passengers might have).

Just as the passengers would have heard, music was played all evening, softly in the background and all authentic, so we were told. A marvellous time and a great way to welcome a new year.

The Titanic story steadfastly refuses to die. It has become a part of 20th Century legend. The drama that is the Titanic will no doubt continue to weave a powerful spell for generations to come...this was a unique experience and well worth the effort. The proprietors had gone to some length to research the passengers list and descriptions, the meal was exquisite, the service second to none and the evening an overall celebration...a night to remember.

FROM THE FRONT

Rooney

"I haven't come across that feeling at all," Rooney says of her Council colleagues.

"Instead of pointing out the negatives, people should look at the positives and go out and support it more [the golf course]."

How is Rooney's job different from her duties as councillor on the old Iroquois Council?

"Yes, it's different," she says with a laugh. "Every councillor has to do more research on every issue before a decision can be made.

"All of a sudden they start talking about a [municipal] drain," she says of a typical Council meeting, time to pull out the maps because it's new territory for the Elizabeth Drive resident.

Rooney, back at her spot in the Civic Centre on Tuesdays, after taking December off, says she feels the watchful eyes of her constituents. "They're looking at me to do the best job."

Will she run again?

"It's too early for that," she replies.

But, she adds, "I'm enjoying what I'm doing."

Whitteker

more problems." But, said Whitteker: "I've enjoyed it."

What were his expectations going into amalgamation?

"I pretty well knew there would be costs for Williamsburg," he said, referring to the initial amalgamation discussions in 1997. The Mayor said it seemed obvious what would happen if Williamsburg joined with Iroquois and Morrisburg-- both in a deficit position-- when Williamsburg had a $2.5 million surplus and the means to have 65 percent of its roads in blacktop.

"I wasn't too happy to start with," he admits.

As it is, he is very open in saying Williamsburg averaged a 10 percent tax increase in 1998.

Things would've been alright, he said, "if we could have brought in the $450,000 amalgamation savings."

What are his goals for South Dundas in the new year?

Whitteker said he would like to see the waterfront bicycle path extended across the rest of South Dundas.

And he wants to continue with the township's road paving program.

Economic development also rates high on his list, particularly the preparation of industrial land. "We have close to 100 acres North of Morrisburg," he said, still expressing dismay over the loss of 1,500 acres of industrial-zoned land to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, east of Morrisburg.

A road and other services are in the works for the 100 acres, which fronts County Rd 31. He said the township is also looking at purchasing some more land as well. "We're making land available for industry... cleaning it up and providing services."

And what does he think of the Council itself?

He gives a thumbs up to the Council structure. "I think we made the right decision on the numbers-- five is enough people to run the Council. And we've got a good mix with two women and three men."

But will he run for mayor again?

"That's down the road."

Friends of the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary

The Friends of the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary will be presenting January Night Skies on Friday, January 8, 1999 at 7 p.m., an evening of star-gazing and a slide show explaining the constellations seen at this time of year.

The presenter is star-gazer Tom Todd. This event is free to 'Friends' members showing valid membership cards. Non-members pay $1.00. Free hot chocolate is provided. Please dress warmly and bring binoculars if you can.

A clear night sky is required. **The event will be cancelled if it is cloudy.** The sanctuary is located a few kilometres west of Ingleside or east of Morrisburg on Highway #2. For more information please call (613)534-2808.

The Friends of the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary will be opening the Sanctuary's Visitors' Centre every Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. beginning January 9, 1999 through to March 28, 1999, **weather permitting.**

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Rep Lions on the road for tournament

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Novice Rep Lions travelled to South Stormont for their Annual Tournament on Tuesday, December 22.

In their first game, the Lions faced VanKleek Hill Cougars and came away with the win after triple overtime. Josh Pepers scored at 5:14 of the first frame assisted by Colin Chesbro. Matt Hummel bent the twine on a pass from Brandon Elliott. Darren Baldwin went to town scoring the next two counters giving the Lions a 4-3 lead. Then with only 3:22 left in the game, Elliott picked up two more assists with Hummel adding another. Unbelievable as it may seem, the Cougars rebounded with only a minute left in regulation time, tied the game. After two overtimes of four on four, three on three, the goalies were pulled. With three players a piece and having to be over the blue-line to score, Hummel broke up a play in the neutral zone and neatly skated the puck to the crease and tapped in the winner, sending the Lions to the "A" side of the tourney.

In their next matchup, the Lions came up against Kemptville. This game was vastly different from the first as the Lions outplayed their opponents from the first drop of the puck to the final buzzer but could not pull a victory out. It was one of those games when you work hard and the other team gets some crazy bounces that result in a couple of goals. Baldwin broke out on a pass from Peter Coolican to open the scoring, but, Kemptville came right back and nailed two home. Pepers snapped in the tying goal on a penalty shot, and Hummel was then able to pick up the short-side corner for the counter. Assisting on this one were Tyrell Keicks and Brandon Elliott. Kemptville shot back with two more that got past Graham Peters in the Morrisburg pipes to knock the Lions out of the tourney.

During the Skills Competition, Matthew Hummel was the champion in the "shoot-out", while the "fastest skater" event, it was Noah VanMoorsel who got help from Brandon Elliott in bringing home the gold after a decisive race against Char-Lan.

In regular league action, on Sunday, December 27, the Lions were in Cornwall. Coming back from being down 4-1 half way through the second period, only to lose the game by one slim goal, 5-4 read the scoreboard as the final buzzer sounded and the Lions were defeated in a very well played game from their prospective. Scoring for the Lions were Hummel, Baldwin, Alan Waddell and Elliott . Picking up assists were, Coolican and Hummel.

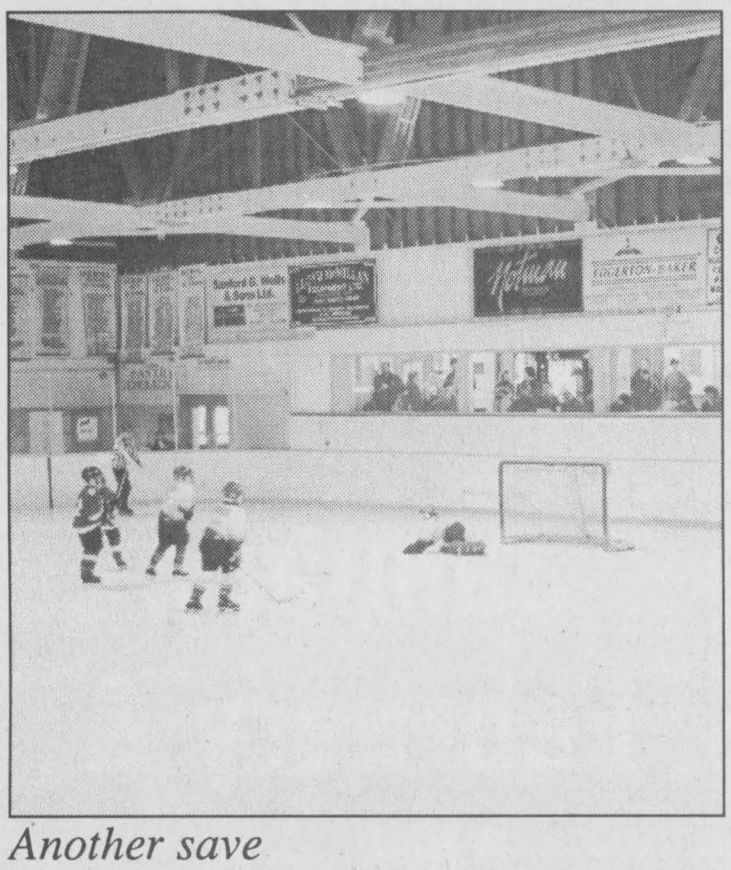
December 29th the Lions defeated VanKleek Hill by two at their home rink. The scoreboard showed the final 5-3 in favour of the Lions. Jarell Green opened the pads of the goalie to net the first scoring play of the game and his first counter, as he took the setup from Alex Whelan and Josh Pepers. Alan Waddell found the spot with assists going to Alex Whelan and Bryce Fournier. Green's second counter came from a passing play initiated by Whelan and Waddell. Then, with only 22 seconds left on the clock, Brandon Elliott shot two quick ones past the goalie for the Cougars in 12 seconds to give the Lions a victory. He was helped by Hummel and Baldwin on these blasts.

December 30th the Morrisburg squad was home to the Casselmnan Braves. Matt Hummel put on his best display of passing and setting up teammates for the counters. He setup Alan Waddell for a natural hat trick and then also assisted Brandon Elliott on his second of the game. Darren Baldwin hit the target after some aggressive forechecking unassisted. Then it was Baldwin who setup Alex Whelan to cap off a 7-2 victory for the Lions.

The Lions played in the North Dundas Mega Tournament on New Year's Day. Beating the home team 4-1 in their first game of the day, the Lions took the lead early in the first and never looked back. Scoring plays came off the sticks of Waddell, Hummel, Green, and Baldwin. Help came from Hummel and Waddell who had two assists in this game.

The next game was in the afternoon for the local lads, as the Lions faced Oswego, New York. Not knowing the team, the coaching staff looked to the Lions to come out early, hungry for the puck. After three periods of play, the Lions had outscored the New York lads 10-0. They certainly listen to their coaches! Leading the attack, both with hat tricks on the day and each grabbing an assist for good measure, was Brandon Elliott along with Matt Hummel. Other counters burst the twine off the sticks of Darren Baldwin who was in for two, Josh Pepers and Alan Waddell, each with a single in this victorious effort.

After two games, the Lions held a commanding lead with points for winning periods as well as winning games. Then, on Sunday, January 3, the coach was notified that the tourney had been cancelled for this day due to the storm, with the possibility of concluding it at a later date. The Lions were scheduled to play Metcalfe and then head to the finals later in the day...time will tell.



Another save

Ryan Swank is steady in the pipes for the Novice "C" Lions every game. This young man and his team are great to watch. They play good, clean hockey and are a squad to watch as they progress up the hockey ladder. Their record is great and we wish them the best as they continue their season. *Chieftain photo S.L.Johnston*

Novice C Lions on winning streak

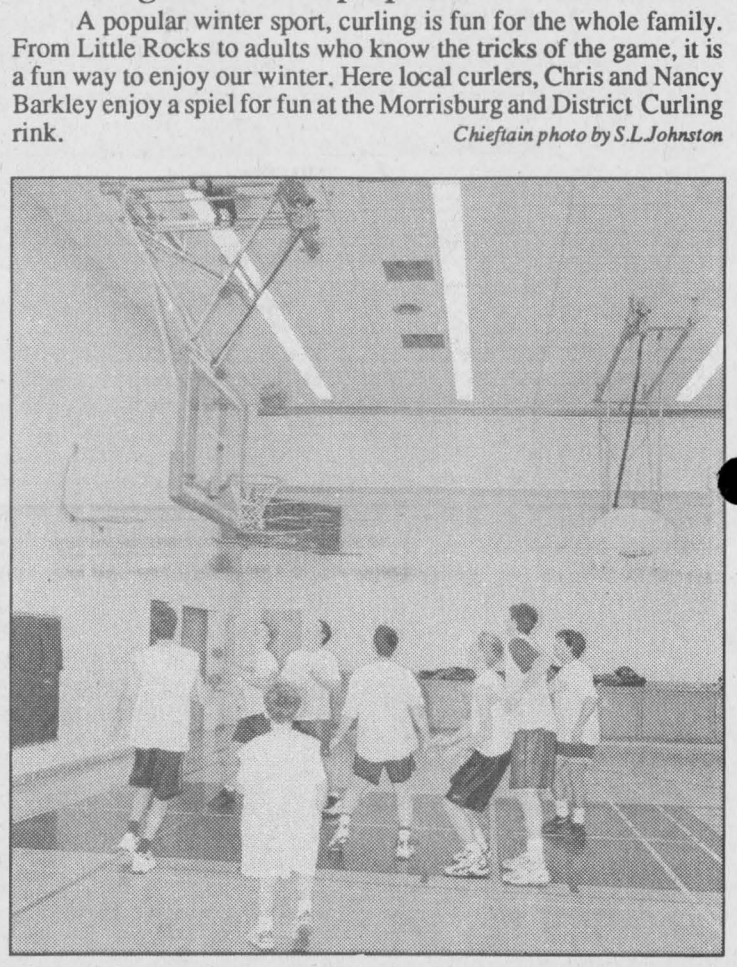
by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Novice "C" Lions travelled to Kemptville to take on the Kemptville Panthers Tuesday in a year ending game for 1998.

First to hit the scoreboard, the Lions own Kurtis Corry scored on a perfect setup from Chris Tindal. Pat Bongers added two more to lead the Lions to a 3-0 win and give the Lions a shutout.

On Saturday, January 2, the Novice "C" Lions participated in a tournament in Athens. Losing their first two games to Kingston City and Athens, the Lions learned a lot about sportsmanship. "Hustler of the Game" awards went to Ryan Swank and Chris Tindal.

Later this same day, the Lions took to the ice seeking a little revenge. Playing against Smiths Falls the team from Morrisburg came away with a decisive victory toping the scoreboard with a 7-5 win. Peter Toonders led the way with a three goal performance. Other counters came from Kurtis Corry, Chris Tindal and Pat Bongers. Congratulations to Jane Moss for being named, "Hustler of the game" and to Hudson Cochrane for playing a terrific game in the pipes, on short notice.



Curling remains popular

A popular winter sport, curling is fun for the whole family. From Little Rocks to adults who know the tricks of the game, it is a fun way to enjoy our winter. Here local curlers, Chris and Nancy Barkley enjoy a spiel for fun at the Morrisburg and District Curling rink. *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*

Looking for nothin' but net

Recreation provides basketball games, skill training and energy release every Saturday morning at SDHS. These young men were enjoying a fun filled game last weekend. The tall and the short of it were on the court as everyone was having a lot of fun. Instructor Paul McAlister enjoyed some time playing alongside the youth, as did younger, keen players (Justin and Mr. Groniger). *Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston*

SPORTS CORNER

with Brian St. Pierre

As 1998 drew to a close, I was thinking back up some of the topics I tried to touch upon in my column over the interim. One that I wrote last summer before the NFL season started, was about how important I felt the return of instant replay was to the league. I felt then (and still do) that it was vital to return replay because the NFL was leaving the game results in the hands of officials who can and do make terrible (biased?) calls without fear of being overruled until it is too late for the losing team.

There are numerous examples of terrible officiating in the past NFL regular season with the three most famous being:

1) **Pittsburgh vs. Detroit** (Nov. 26)-In front of a national TV audience, the Steelers correctly call heads on the overtime coin flip only to watch the ball given to the hometown Lions, who go on to quickly win the game. After the game, the referee says he is sure the Steelers called tails and therefore, he made no mistake. Before this rip-off the Steelers had a record of 7-4 and were cruising to the playoffs. They never won another game after this and ended the season at 7-9 and were a team in disarray.

2) **Buffalo at New England** (Nov. 29)- The visiting Bills were playing the homestanding Patriots for a chance to gain a share of first place in the AFC East Division. In the last 20 seconds of the game and the Bills leading, the Patriots received two obvious hometown calls and won the game with a touchdown, with no time left on the clock. This week the Bills played the Miami Dolphins in a playoff game on the road instead of at home in freezing Buffalo. This loss of a playoff gate for the Bills' owner and the lost chance for a home fans to have one more day to cheer Flutie on are not small repercussions.

3) **Seattle at New York Jets** (Dec.6)-In a great game that had both teams fighting for their playoff chances, the Jets faced a fourth-and-goal on the last play of the game. The Jets decided on a quarterback sneak play and when it was clearly stopped at the half-yard line, the stadium quickly began to go quiet. Just as quickly one pair of officials hands went in the air to signal a game winning touchdown for the Jets. Replay after replay clearly showed the only part of quarterback, Vinny Testaverde to even touch the goal line was the crown of his helmet and the football was well behind that. This time the official (from the same crew that worked the Steelers-Lions' game) had an all-time great excuse for his call: he thought the quarterbacks' white helmet was the brown ball! My first thought upon hearing that lame excuse was that this guy must have been a member of the O.J. Simpson jury, but, then I reminded myself that couldn't be true because the only thing they seemed sure of was the colour of things surrounding them.

The repercussions of yet another hometown call were that the Jets lost another game during the regular season and the seahawks missed the playoffs by one game. Missing the playoffs for the fourth straight season cost the Seahawks coaching staff their jobs the day after the season ended.

With fans and team officials in an uproar over these and other blown calls, the clamour for instant replay to come back right away was discussed a couple of weeks ago. The NFL in its infinite wisdom decided that to bring it back before next season would be unfair to the teams. this must be the first time that this "homer" league was ever worried about being fair.

Next week (Part II)-Instant Replay in the NHL...

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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RECREATIONAL HOCKEY
Youngster 5 to 12 years (teams by age) Register for Recreational Hockey at the Iroquois Rink. Saturday, January 9, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. $7 per person, Same format as last year, until ice is gone in the spring. Boys & girls welcome. Parent volunteers a bonus! Call John Cooke at 652-2605 for info. No skills necessary...join the fun and learn!

Ottawa Senators vs Buffalo Sabres Hockey Game, Saturday, January 16, 1999, 7 p.m. Corel Centre. Tickets only $40 per person, great saving. Senators will donate a portion of each ticket back to the United Way. Call 342-8889 for more information or to purchase tickets.

The Iroquois Summer Festival Committee is looking for New Committee Members!!! If you have any new ideas for the Festival and are interested in becoming a Committtee Member, please call Betty Fawcett at 652-4962. Remember...Many Hands Make Light Work!!!!

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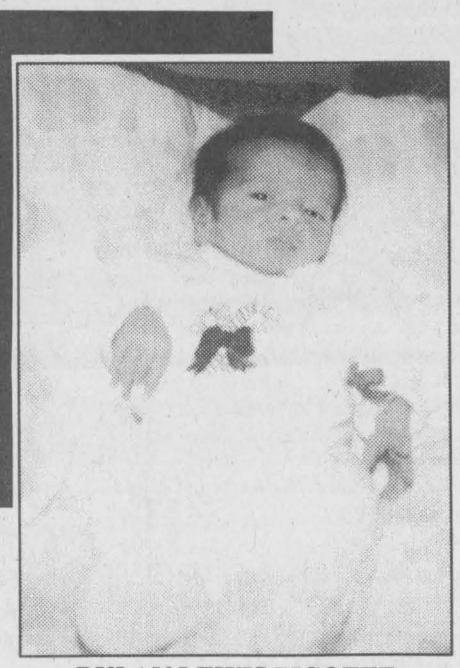

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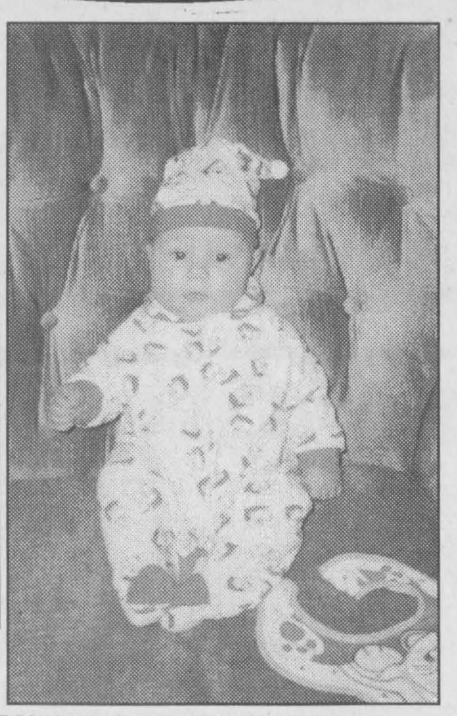

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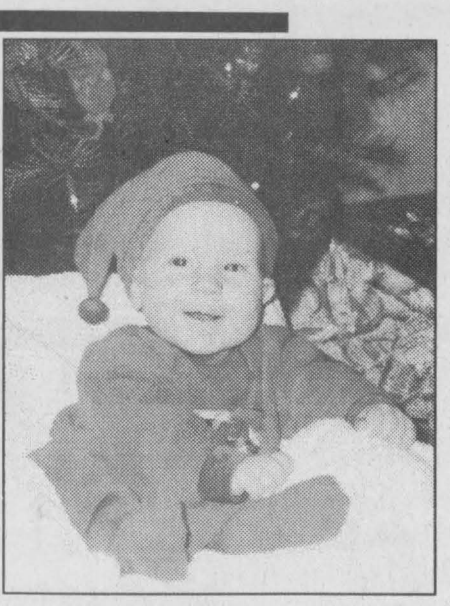

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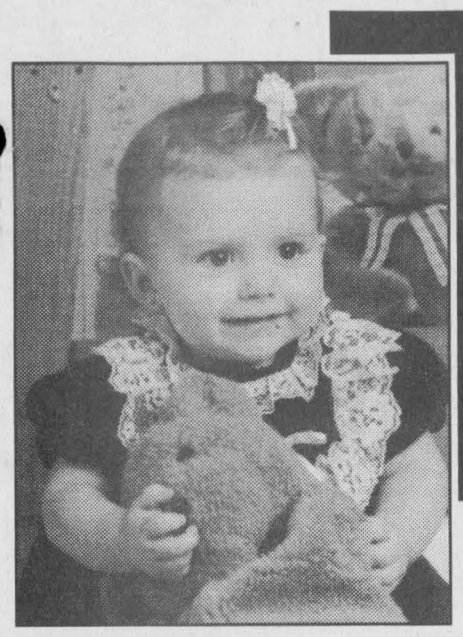
Little brother of Abby



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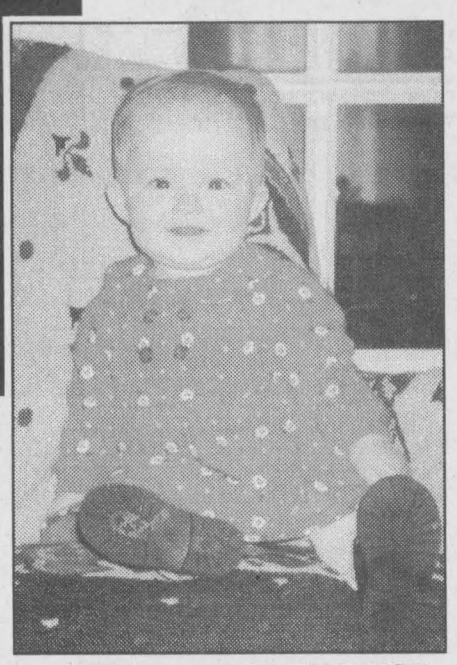
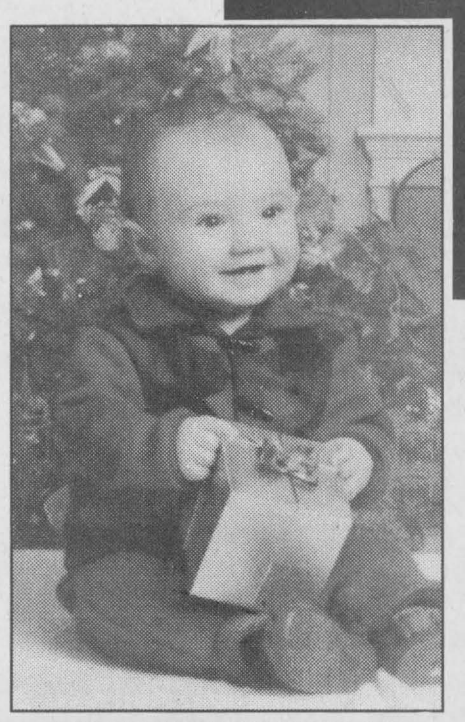


ALLISON MARIE WAYTOWICH
Born March 17, 1998
Daughter of Frank & Lynne Waytowich
Granddaughter of John & Joanne Knol of Ivy Lea, Sam & Nora Waytowich of Port Elgin.
Great-granddaughter of Ron & Pat Dillabough of Morrisburg and Bernard & Jean Moran of Finch.



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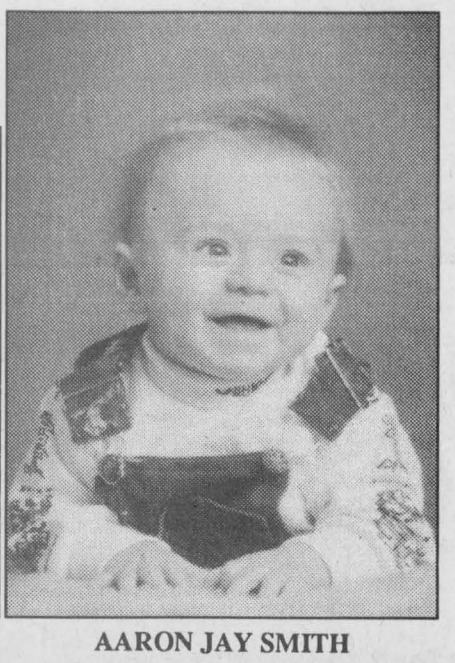

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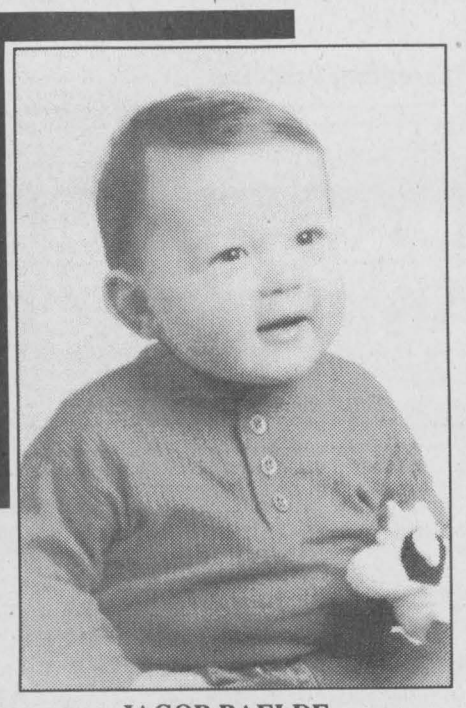

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Born on January 26, 1998
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Born on December 18, 1998
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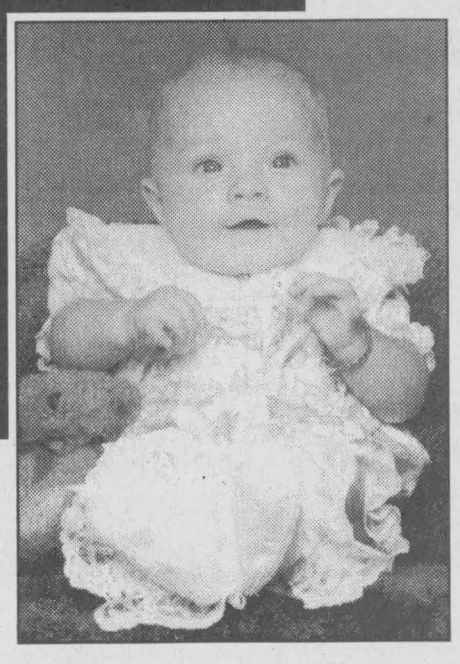

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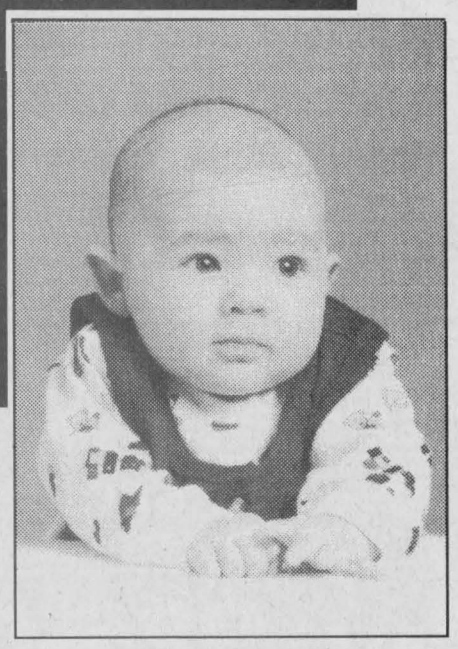

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IT'S A GIRL!

GILMOUR: Dale & Carrie (nee Barkley) are thrilled to announce the birth of a beautiful baby girl, ***Brynn Elizabeth Leona.*** Brynn was born on Friday, December 18, 1998 at the Kingston General Hospital at 4:10 p.m. weighing 6 lbs, 14 oz. Proud grandparents are Wayne & Carolyn Barkley of Iroquois and Helen Sweeney of Brockville. Brynn is the first great-grandchild for Eileen Baker of Iroquois. Mommy and Brynn would like to thank Dr. E. Johnston and Dr. Jefferies and all the nurses in maternity at KGH. Also a special thank you to Daddy and Marmee for all their help bringing Brynn into the world.
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IT'S A BOY!

PERKINS: Jenny & Toni and big brother Travis would like to announce the safe arrival of ***Mathew Ryan.*** Mathew was born on Tuesday, December 29, 1998 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital at 2:40 p.m. weighing 9 lbs, 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Diane Perkins of Morrisburg, Charlie Perkins of Iroquois, Betty & Brian Applegath of Cornwall and Eddie Hamilton of Iroquois. Special thanks goes to the Doctors and Nurses at the W.D.M.H.
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Death Notice

Gordon Casselman

Suddenly at the Cornwall General Hospital on Monday, January 4, 1999, Gordon Casselman of Morrisburg in his 57th year.

Dear father of Angela Mackler of Long Sault and Leslie Keeler of Riverside Heights. Dear brother of Don (Velma) of Dixons' Corners, Lyle (Linda) of Cambridge and Glendon (Donna) of Morrisburg. Sadly missed by 2 grandchildren. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Tuesday, January 5, from 7 to 9 and Wednesday, January 6 from 2-4pm and 7-9 pm. Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, January 7 at 11am. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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OBITUARIES

Ken Ferguson

On Wednesday, December 30, 1998, a well known resident of Maple Street, Iroquois for many years, Kenneth Alexander Ferguson of the Carveth Care Centre in Gananoque, Ontario at the Kingston General Hospital after a lengthy illness. A stroke had done considerable harm to Fergie.

Born on March 28, 1924, in Wellesley Township, Fergie was 74 years of age.

A retired truck driver for CASCO (since 1957), Ken served overseas during WWII as a member of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 370, Iroquois and Iroquois United Church.

Predeceased by his father, David William. (April 11, 1973) and his beloved wife, Alice Louise (September 23, 1993) whom he married in August, 1942 in Kitchener, Ontario as well as a brother, Walter in infancy, Ken will be missed by his many friends in the Iroquois area.

Sadly missed by his mother, Olive M.A. who resides in Milverton, Ontario; a son, Ross (Joan) of Iroquois; brothers: Roy George (Marie) of Baden, Ontario, and Larry (Diane) of Elmira, Ontario. Also surviving the loss are sisters; Florence Isobel (Harry) Sloat of Milverton and Helen Rebecca Zurell of Wellesley, Ontario. A brother-in-law Bill (Audrey) Bergey of Kitchener also mourn their loss, as does grandson, Jeff (Tammy) Ferguson of Brockville and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. A Legion Service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois.

Service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Saturday, January 2, 1999. Rev. Doug Carnegie officiated. Interment of cremated remains was at the Riverside Cemetery in New Hamburg, Ontario.

Ervin Wright

Suddenly at Winchester District Hospital on Saturday, January 2, 1999, Ervin Howard Wright.

Ervin was 66 years of age at the time.

Predeceased by his parents, Graham and Melena (nee Crisp) Wright of Elgin.

Residing at RR1, Delta, at the time of his passing, he was the beloved husband of Doreen (nee Clement) Wright of Athens, and best friend of Marilyn Picotte and her family of Iroquois.

Dear father of Eric (Kim) Wright of Lyn; Howard (Dorothy) Wright of RR1, Frankville; Bruce (Denise) Wright of RR4, Brockville; Kevin (Debbie) Wright, Gordon (Laurie) Wright and Wayne (Kerri) Wright, all of RR4, Athens; as well as Lisa (Doug) Chant of RR3, Athens, he is sadly missed.

Fondly remembered by 20 grandchildren, Ervin was brother to Ronald (Yvonne) and family of Elgin. He is also survived by 3 nephews and a niece.

Friends called at the Judson Funeral Home in Athens on Monday, January 4, and Tuesday, January 5 until service time. Conducted at Athens United Church, service was followed by interment at Glen Elbe Cemetery. In Memoriams to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were gratefully appreciated by the family.

Lyle Cooper

On December 29, 1998, Lyle Cooper of RR1, Cardinal at the Brockville General Hospital.

Born on January 15, 1931, in Pittston, Ontario, Lyle was 67 years of age. He spent his entire life in the area.

A Supervisor at CASCO in Cardinal, he was a member of St. John United Church in Cardinal.

Predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Alice (Sloan) Cooper, Lyle will be missed by all who knew him.

Mourning the loss are his beloved wife, Rhea (nee Kingston) at home. They were married on June 21, 1952 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Ventnor. Sadly missed by a son, Garry (Rose) of Cardinal; a daughter, Debbie (Charles) Dolan of Morrisburg; a brother, Ed (Mary) of RR1, Cardinal and his stepmother, Muriel Cooper of Kemptville, Lyle also leaves to mourn the loss; grandchildren Sherry, Donna, Kelly and Ralph: nieces and nephews as well as brothers and sisters-in-law.

Donations to the St. John's Choir Fund were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal from where service was conducted on Thursday, December 31 at 2pm with Rev. Howard Clark, assisted by James Grant officiating. Interment followed at St. John Cemetery. Pallbearers were, Paul and Greg Kingston, Don and Larry Sloan, James Cooper and George Burchell.

Emmett Fraser

Peacefully at Woodlawn Villa, Long Sault (where he had resided for the last seven years) on Friday, January 1, 1999, Emmett Robert Fraser formerly of Lakeshore Drive, West, Morrisburg. Born on July 8, 1911, Emmett was 88 years of age.

A watchmaker and Jeweller by trade, Emmett established Fraser's Jewellers in 1947 (currently Gordon's). He owned and operated his business until he retired in 1972. At this time he and his wife purchased the Lamplighter Motel in Morrisburg which they owned and operated for several years.

Emmett served overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1943 til 1945. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Cornwall and a Steward at both St.Paul's United Church in Cornwall and Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg.

Beloved husband of Helen J. Fraser (nee Townley) whom he wed on November 18, 1944 at Putney United Church in London, England, he was a dear father to Robert T. (Sylvia) of Orleans and Donald S. (Dianne) of Cornwall, he was the loving grandfather of Ross and Daniel of Orleans. Sadly missed by a sister, Mabel Parr of Pembroke and a sister-in-law, Sheila Fraser of Toronto.

Emmett was predeceased by his parents, Robert Tennant and Mary Clemintine Fraser and by brothers, Ken, Joe and Doug as well as sisters: Margaret Reinberg and Winnifred Brogan.

Friends called at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Monday, January 4, 1999. Service was held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 with Rev. Don Smith officiating. Spring interment will be at St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery in Ingleside. Memorial donations to the Alzheimers Society or charity of choice were gratefully acknowledged.



Wire repairs

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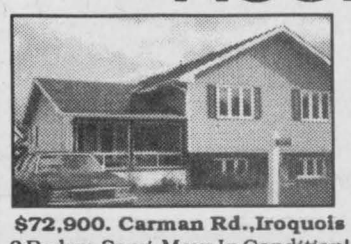

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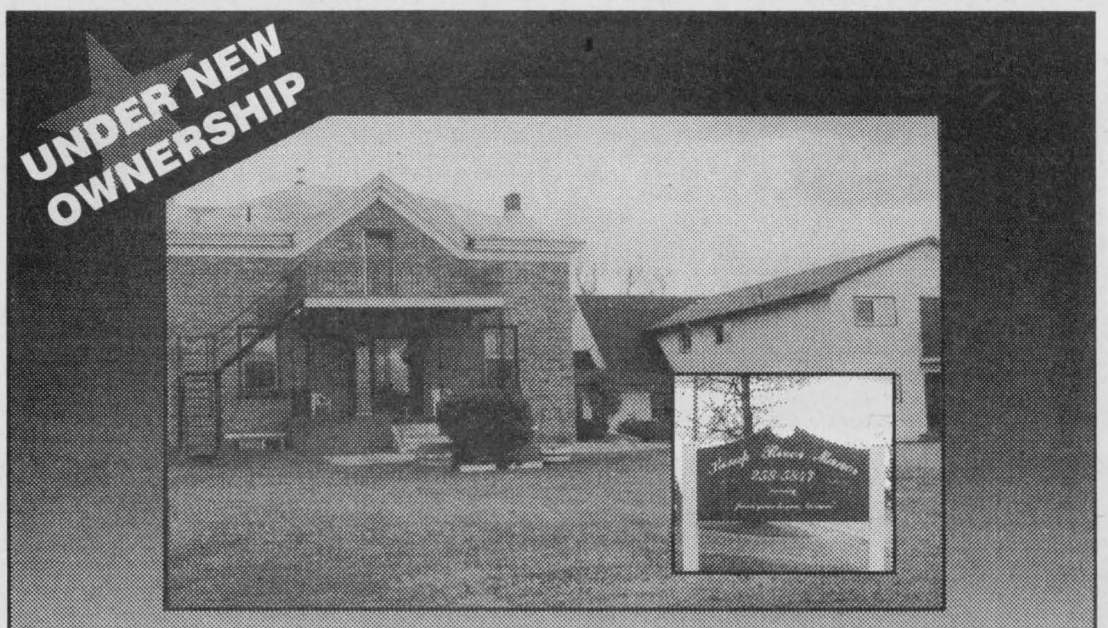

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by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There are many who feel it best to forget, while others can now stand and look back with a smile at how they coped and how the Ice Storm of '98 really brought their community together in a sharing and caring way.

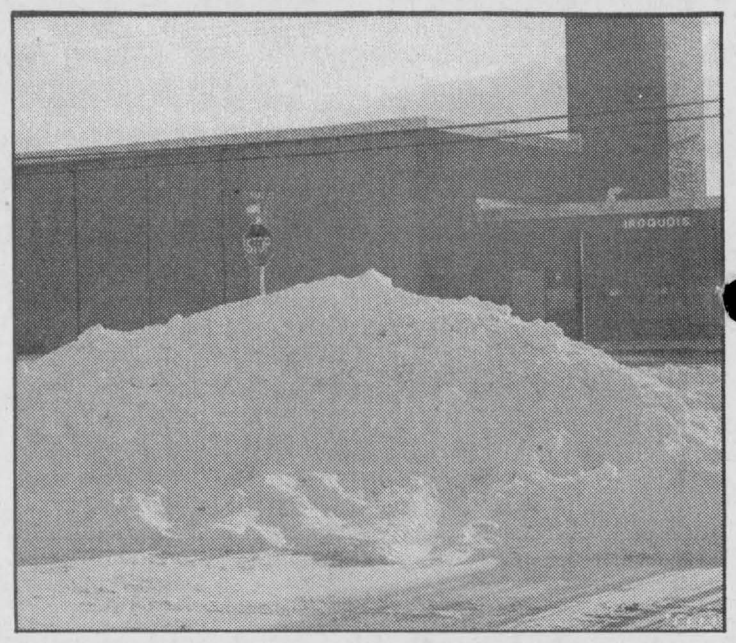


Ice Storm '98 devastated the area like no other. Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

Remember how we all thought it would be over in a matter of hours, even after a few days, hope sprang eternal. Recalling how we cooked on the woodstove, the BBQ or the camp stove, how days grew ever shorter and the cold dug ever deeper into our bones, how we prayed and worked to help others in a worse situation than ourselves, how the sight of a Hydro truck could bring cheers and a smile for workers never to be seen again, how welcome the military were when they arrived, meeting the PM when he came to asess the situation, learning just how adaptable we can be under duress, what a smile and a little comfort can accomplish, what great business people we have serving us, what a marvellous feeling it was to have local firemen or OPP come by to check your safety and how when the sun finally broke through the entire landscape was a winter wonderland sparkling and glistening and the laughter of youngsters who saw it mostly as an escape from classes rang throughout communities devastated by the ice.

Then it was over, the world began slowly to return to what it had been. It would take some months to recover completely, if all could ever be as it was. Trees were cut down by shere weight, Hydro poles snapped like toothpicks and metal power towers collapsed under the heft. Lines were replaced and poles erected, towers sprang up, farmers tried to cope with things as they are daily faced anyway and we proved we are up to any challenge.

It has been a year and I suggest that everyone agrees, we do not want another Ice Storm like '98 ever, it was indeed a once in a lifetime experience and all who came through it are thankful, but do not want to revisit there again.



Sunday's storm dumped snow and ice on area.

LETTERS

Thank you South Dundas

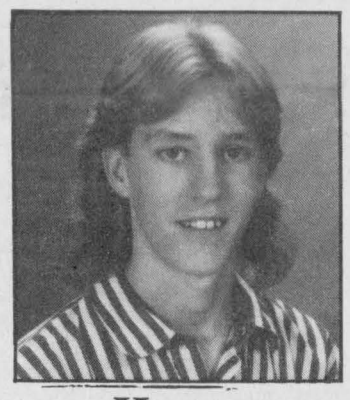
Dear Editor:

This Year's Christmas Exchange has been the most successful ever and we are grateful for your generous support.

To all individual donors, volunteers, and the following collective donors we acknowledge your gifts: Morrisburg-Iroquois Knights of Columbus; Iroquois and District Lion's Club; Jack Notman; Beavers Dental; Odonto Corp.; Operating Engineers; St. Lawrence Parks' Commission; Iroquois Chieftain; Morrisburg Leader; Morrisburg Branch 48 Royal Canadian Legion; Seaway District High School; T.R. Leger Alternative School; Morrisburg Public School; Anglican Parish of St. James and St. John; Anglican Ladies Auxilliary; Parish of St. Cecilia and St. Mary's; Craig Packaging; Robertson's Apple Farm; Wheeler's Valu-mart; Community Christian Reformed Church; Morrisburg and District Lions' Club; Lakeshore United Church; Iroquois United Church; Williamsburg United Church; Matilda Pastoral Charge; Friendly Brother's Lodge, Iroquois; South Dundas Chamber of Commerce; Tops Club; Ross Video; Corrie Martin Tours; Order of Eastern Star Moonlight Chapter, Iroquois; Morrisburg Pentecostal Church; Riverside Women's Institute; Iroquois-Matilda Women's Institute; S&F Food Town; Williamsburg Women's Institute; Elma Public school; St. Paul's and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Morrisburg; Knox Presbyterian Church; Dixon's Corners Public School; Timothy Christian School; Park Lane Villa Residents and Support Staff; Iroquois Good Companions; CS Brooks Corp; Smyth Apples; Williamsburg IOOF, Branch 439; St. Mary's, St. Cecilia's CWL; Williamsburg Masonic Lodge; South Dundas Snowmobile Club; Iroquois Masons; Williamsburg Woman's Institute; South Dundas Township employees; Milano Pizza; Deli Delight; Cruickshank Construction; Canada Post; RohMax; S.W.T.R.A. Bingo Acct.; St. Lawrence Evangelical Church; Morrisburg Chapter Eastern Star.

Special thanks to Morrisburg Branch 48 Royal Canadian Legion for their cooperation and to Seaway District High School and T.R. Leger Students for their help. We appreciate the volunteer help of over 100 persons who helped package food. We regret if we missed acknowledgment of your organizations donation.

South Dundas Christmas Exchange Committee.



Happy 21st Birthday
Ryan Arthur Lee
January 10, 1999
Have a good one!!
Love Mooo, Nell, Bro' and Jillian

It takes a whole community to raise a child.

COMING EVENTS

South Dundas Snowmobile Club
WING NIGHT
on
Thursday, January 7, 1999
at the Cedar Glen Golf Club
Everyone Welcome
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South Dundas Snowmobile Club
MONTHLY MEETING
January 19, 1999
8 p.m. at the Club House
J6-1tc

South Dundas Snowmobile Club
SNOWMOBILE RALLY
on
Saturday, January 9, 1999
Start at any of the following clubs:
South Dundas, Mountain, Pittston, Finch or Winchester
Registration: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Cash Prizes
D30-2tc

EUCHRE PARTY
Brinston United Church
EVERY THURSDAY
starting January 14, 1999
7:30 p.m.
$2 per person,
Light Lunch
J6-2tc

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES
All Ages & All Levels Welcome
Weights, Hi-Lo, Back Strengthening, Ab Work & Stretching
Every Tuesday & Thursday
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
at Dixon's Corners Public School
1st Class Starts January 12, 1999
6 week sessions
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DANCE
John Alkerton & The Runaways
at the
South Edwardsburg Community Centre
Sutton Drive, Johnstown
Saturday, January 16, 1999
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
$5 per person
J6-2tc

•A wedding in your future?
•Someone you know being married?

The Brides-to-be are invited to a
WELCOME WAGON Since 1930
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•Displays
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MONDAY
JANUARY 25, 1999
6:30 p.m
Brockville Memorial Centre
Admission is FREE but by Invitation Only!
To receive an invitation please telephone
Marilyn:345-5791

Come and Worship

St. Peter's - St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Pastor: Rev. Diane Raddatz
Tel: 535-2569
Dunbar - St. Luke's
Sunday's - 9:15 a.m.
Williamsburg - St. Peter's
Sunday Worship & School
11:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Morrisburg/Iroquois
543-3904 Office
Rev. Bill Byers
Sunday, January 10, 1999
8:00 am - St. James
9:15 am - St.James
11:00 am-St.John's
St. James' Morrisburg
St. John's - Iroquois
Holy Trinity-Riverside Heights

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Edwardsburgh
Rector:
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
Iroquois Pastoral Charge
Worship Service:
Every Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
Everyone Welcome
Minister:
Rev. Doug Carnegie
B.A., M.Div.
652-2056

United Church of Canada
Matilda Pastoral Charge
Minister:
Georgia D. Copland, B.A., M.S.W., BTh. MDiv.
January 10, 1999
Hulbert Valley - 9:30
Brinston - 11:00

Philadelphia Pentecostal Church
Cardinal, Ontario
Invites YOU to come and Worship with US!
Rev. David Gogolin
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evangelistic Service 7 p.m.

St. Cecilia's Church
Rev. Father David Pope
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Church
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Mass - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday's - 7:30 p.m.

Morrisburg Pentecostal Church
Pastor: Duncan Perry
Church 543-2681 Home 543-3450
Family Night - Wed. 7 p.m.
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Christian Education Hour 10:45 a.m. Worship the Word 7 p.m.
Praise Gathering Youth Aflame Wed 7 p.m.
Dial-A-Prayer 543-3456

Community Christian Reformed Church
Dixon's Corners, Ontario
Pastor: Rev. Jack VanderVeer
Phone: 652-2400
9:30 a.m. - Morning Service
7:30 p.m. - Evening Service
Nursery provided morning services ONLY
Monday 7:30pm Gems & Cadets age10--13
Thurs. 9:45 am Coffee Break, Bible study, story hour and Little Lambs
Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Teen club and young people

Cardinal Free Methodist
Shanly Rd. at 2nd St., Cardinal
Pastor Wayne Dawes
1-613-838-5646
11 a.m. - Sunday School
11 a.m. - Worship
Celebrating 40 years of Caring for People

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Knox Church, Iroquois, 652-2301
Rev.Marion Johnston B.A., M.Div.
Church 11:00 a.m

GRAND OPENING!
Lou's Pantry
BULK & HEALTH FOODS
FIND US ON DAIRY ROAD IN MORRISBURG

Come join Lou and Leslie from 9am to 5pm January 9th, for refreshments and try our samples of El Peto Products. Don't forget to enter your name for the door prizes. One draw at 11am, the second at 2pm and the final at 4pm.

For January 9th only, get a 10% discount on your purchase of our fresh coffee beans. Indulge yourself with our special of the month, Bavarian chocolate coffee.

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JANUARY 9, 1999
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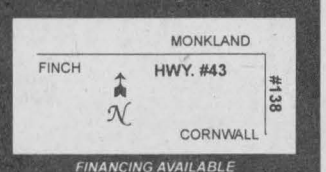

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