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Josee Meets Santa

Josee was among the eighty plus youngsters who came out to Iroquois on Saturday to meet and greet the Jolly Old Elf. The wet weather was not a deterrent to anyone. The youngsters wanted Santa to know what items were on their list. Sponsored by the Iroquois Business Group, the fellow with the beard listened to each and every request with 100% attention.

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Canadian Astronaut, Williams set for space

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It may seem like dejavu, an American teacher will become the first ever teacher to be sent into space since Christa McAuliffe who died in the 1987 Challenger disaster began her journey.

Elementary Space Teacher, Barbara Morgan, who was trained as Christa's backup will blast off into outer space in November 2003. She will teach a class from space for a week and a half. Teaching from the International Space Station experience will be a life ambition realization for her. She never really left NASA staying on after the Challenger exploded 70 seconds into flight to do public speaking for several months after the accident.

Morgan and McAulffe were chosen as NASA's two teachers in space, picked to fly a series of missions that would rekindle the interest of youngsters in a space program that was losing public appeal.

Prior to being selected for Canada's astronaut program, Doctor Dave Williams was the head of the emergency department of Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Joining the Canadian Space Agency in 1992, his first flight on a shuttle mission geared to neurological research was in 1998. His mother Isobel Williams lives in the Williamsburg area, south of Bouck's Hill and called The Chieftain to alert us to the news of her son's latest selection. The excitement in her voice was only overridden by the pride she could not hide, and justly so. Her son, Dave has been the highest ranking non-American at NASA since his adventure into space. He presides over some 500 employees and a multimillion dollar budget as Director of the Space and Life Sciences Division in Houston.

Dave has nothing but praise for the lady he will fly this mission with, as he noted at a press conference on CTV last Thursday...calling her "An Educator Mission Specialist." "It's very exciting to start looking at professional astronauts like Barbara Morgan who have a lifetime in teaching actually conducting lessons in space," he said.

He will do three space walks (with NASA's Scott Paraznski) as construction (truss and solar panels) of the space station continues.

Another Canadian looks forward to a shuttle flight in May, Steve MacLean has been assigned to this future flight.

Be assured government has prepared for double cohort

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A group of parents, college and university representatives, students and guidance councillors met in the library at Seaway High School last week to discuss the double cohort and how it will effect students and the post secondary school they have chosen to attend.

Representatives from area colleges and universities (St. Lawrence College, Algonquin College, Queens University, and University of Ottawa attended to report on how their institutions have prepared for the double graduating class this year. Since 1997, the government has been working with its partners at colleges and universities to ensure that the post secondary education system is ready for the increased number of high school students entering college or university programs in September 2003. The Ontario government's plan is now in place. It has strengthened and expanded Ontario's post secondary education system to ensure that there will be a place for every willing and qualified student in the double cohort and for students for years to come.

One major concern voiced at the meeting was, will there be room for my child? The Ontario government's plan is changing the face of college and university campuses across the province. Through SuperBuild, the government and its partners are investing $2.2 billion, creating more that 79,000 new student spaces. This is the single largest expansion of the system since the 196-0s. One of the criteria for approving the new buildings was high school demand for specific programs. The government has already announced that it will move forward with a new round of SuperBuild investments to create even more student spaces.

A concern voiced by students graduating from Grade 12 this year is "Will my marks be as

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Crafts for Christmas

Young Andrew Havekes (8yrs old) of Mountain appreciates good Christmas chocolates. He found enough to satisfy his sweet tooth at Linda Bygott's table. The Iroquois lady makes great chocolate treats. South Mountain Agriculture Hall smelled terrific.

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Sell out crowds for *"A Christmas Carol"*

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Over 5,000 people started their Christmas Season in a special way this year by attending Upper Canada Playhouse's production of A Christmas Carol. Among them were over 1,600 school children who attended specially scheduled school shows in the afternoons and a large number of families who attended the public performances. "It was a great way to end our year," said the show's Director, Donnie Bowes. "We thought it'd be popular, especially with the great crowds this summer. But this has been incredible."

A Christmas Carol, the second show in The Playhouse's move to off-season programming, followed the return of the summer hit, Maggie's Getting Married, which also played to packed houses in October. "People told us they wanted shows year round and they have certainly come out in astounding numbers," adds Bowes. "And they are telling their friends. Every performance is packed with people who have never been to The Playhouse before. And they are booking tickets for the summer season too."

The Summer Season of 2002 saw a record 19,000 people go through The Playhouse doors. Factoring in the October and Christmas Shows, the total figure for 2002 hovers around 27,000. There has been a tremendous momentum building over the past two seasons, and this has not only meant success for The playhouse, but also for local businesses.

One of the reasons for the success of A Christmas Carol was the fact that this particular version was designed for everyone in the family. It was performed on a revolving stage to keep the action continuous and also included live singing and fiddle playing to add that seasonal touch to the story. "It was great to see the whole family come out to The Playhouse to see a live show," adds Bowes. "We're happy to have been part of everyone's Christmas and look forward to being part of their summer again!"

Anyone who saw the show will admit, it was wonderful to see the Christmas Classic up close and personal. A timeless story it was told in such a terrific way that Playhouse goers could not help but enjoy the evening.

Many theatre goers were anxious to attend to learn how Bowes would present the story and wondered how he would incorporate seasonal music into the show. He did it quite effectively

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Education funding addresed

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Upper Canada School Board Chair, Joan Hodge is pleased to see the Ontario Government taking such quick action to address a number of education funding needs. Last week, following the release of the Education Equality Task Force report, the province announced additional funding in the areas of "Special Education, Responsible Collective Bargaining and Transportation."

Following is a list of the provincial funding allocations and the amount to be received by the Upper Canada District School Board. Joan Hodge reacts to the news with anticipation and pleasure.

The province is investing $20-million for School Bus Transportation, UCDSB allocation amounts to $539,479. "We applaud the government for taking quick action to confirm this $20million commitment which it announced in the 2002 Ontario Budget earlier this year. For the UCDSB this translates into $539-,000 in additional funding, "outlined Board Chair Hodge.

"This is the first step toward addressing our funding shortfall. The Ministry of Education has advised us that $6.4 million of the $20 million announced is a one-time-only funding. Decisions regarding the future distribution of the $6.4 million for Boards to establish and run transportation consortia will be made at a later date. We remain optimistic that we will receive adequate future funding."

The next step will be the governments's development of a new Transportation Grant to ensure

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All We Want For Christmas

Travis, Connor and Megan Findlay of Chesterville were happy to see Santa and Mrs. Claus at Williamsburg Recreation Park on Sunday. Sponsored by the Williamsburg Fire Department and The Williamsburg Community Association children of all ages enjoyed horse drawn wagon rides, hot dogs, hot chocolate and a roaring bon fire along with a visit with The Claus'.

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Cardinal Redbirds Entertain

The residents of the Hartford Retirement Home in Morrisburg were encouraged to sing along with the Cardinal Redbirds as they entertained with a musical program featuring the old traditional carols along with some of the more modern toe-tapping variety. Santa also joined in the fun and could be heard singing some of his favourites. *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

Want to save for your child/ grandchilds education-- use a registered education savings plan

Let's think about the issues involved in developing an educational objective for your child or grandchild. The child's aptitudes, abilities, ambitions and personal goals have to be considered. Many parents place a high priority on being able to send their children to post-secondary programs.

The spiralling cost of a post-secondary education are a source of real concern to parents. The question is: Will you be financially prepared to assist your children? Little steps pave way. So you have to plan and start saving Now! One of the best ways to save is with a Registered Education savings Plan (RESP).

What makes a RESP a terrific savings tool? Look at these benefits:

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*The money you earn inside an RESP is allowed to grow tax free. That means 100% of the money you make on the investments inside your plan can be reinvested.

*Growth on the portfolio and the grant money from the government that your child withdraws from the plan for qualifying educational purposes is taxable only to the child. Students have a number of deductions and typically have minimal income for tax purposes so it at the marginal tax rate is minimal. You should bear the following in mind:

The maximum you can contribute per year is $4,000 for the eligible child. If you miss a year or two, or don't put in as much as you want, you can catch up on your contributions (and the corresponding grants up to the usual limits) in future years. However, you're still limited by the annual contribution limit of $4,000 per beneficiary. Contribution room cannot be carried forward, but the grant room can accumulate whether or not the child is currently a beneficiary, and any such unused contribution room is carried forward. The government grant is available until the end of the year in which a child turns 17, making the lifetime maximum $7,200 per child.

you maximize the grant of $2,000 per child, that amounts to $170 monthly on a preauthorized chequeing plan which in most families can easily be done, and the returns are worth it.

RESPs can stay open for 25 years-21 years paying in to save, and four years paying out to fund an education.

You can name more than one beneficiary to a plan by opening a "family RESP". All beneficiaries have to be under the age of 21 at the time they are made beneficiaries in a family plan.

If your child doesn't pursue a post-secondary education, you have some attractive options for what you can do with the investment earnings.

A Social Insurance Number is required for each child you name as a beneficiary to an RESP in order to register the plan with the government and to be eligible for the government grant. Do not Forget that it takes a number of weeks to secure a social insurance number.

Years of contribution from you and the government, plus the effect of long-term compounding will take much of the financial burden off your shoulders when the time comes for your child to head off to university.

As Educational;l planning is one of the areas of financial planning that brings parents a great deal of gratification, consider establishing an RESP now. For grandparents this makes an excellent Christmas gift with lasting effects.

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Christmas Tag Draw

Iroquois Merchants used their Annual Christmas Tag Draw to encourage shoppers to shop locally. Here Santa and his helper Sharron Bolte of The Chieftain stop to draw our winner. Names will appear in our next issue. Congratulations to all.

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Souvenir items of the North, Nunavut & Alaska displayed at Matilda Womens Institute meeting

The November 11th meeting of the Matilda W.I. began with 1 minute of silence followed by the Institute Ode and Collect.

Thirteen members brought souvenir items of the North, Nunavut and Alaska, they included dolls, keychains, a spoon, a totem pole and various carvings. This was done because of the topic of our meeting, Nunavut and our guest speaker Mary Hasack who visited there when her daughter worked up North. Mary collected many pictures and souvenirs and learned many customs of the land. Mary's daughter is home now and we were pleased to have her and a friend also at our meeting.

We learned Nunavut means "Our Land" and is one quarter of the size of the U.S.A. with a population of twenty-five thousand people. The capital, Iqualit has one runway long enough for the space shuttle to land and is in fact the third longest in North America. Mary was very informed on the island. We learned groceries were three times as expensive as here which also reflected on restaurant cheques. Any items having an alcohol content were kept behind the counter to help control the alcoholism problem. Mary surprised us all with a souvenir of Nunavut, a wall hanging she made depicting various customs, animals and flowers native to the tundra. Mary was thanked with a gift by Myrtle Johnson and asked to join us for refreshments.

Our business included choosing a restaurant to hold or Christmas meeting. We met at the Centennial in Morrisburg on December 9th at 6 pm. We also decided which Institutions we would donate to and who would deliver poinsettias to the nursing homes. The meeting closed with O Canada. Lunch was provided by Myrtle, Grace and Leona. Thanks girls.

Next regular meeting will be February 2003 at 1:30 p.m. Show and tell your favourite craft and come and learn a new one.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy holidy season.

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A Special "Babies of 2002" Feature will run in THE CHIEFTAIN the first issue of the New Year

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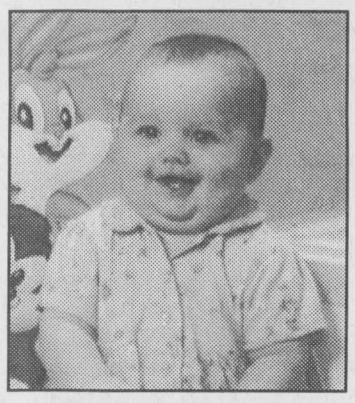

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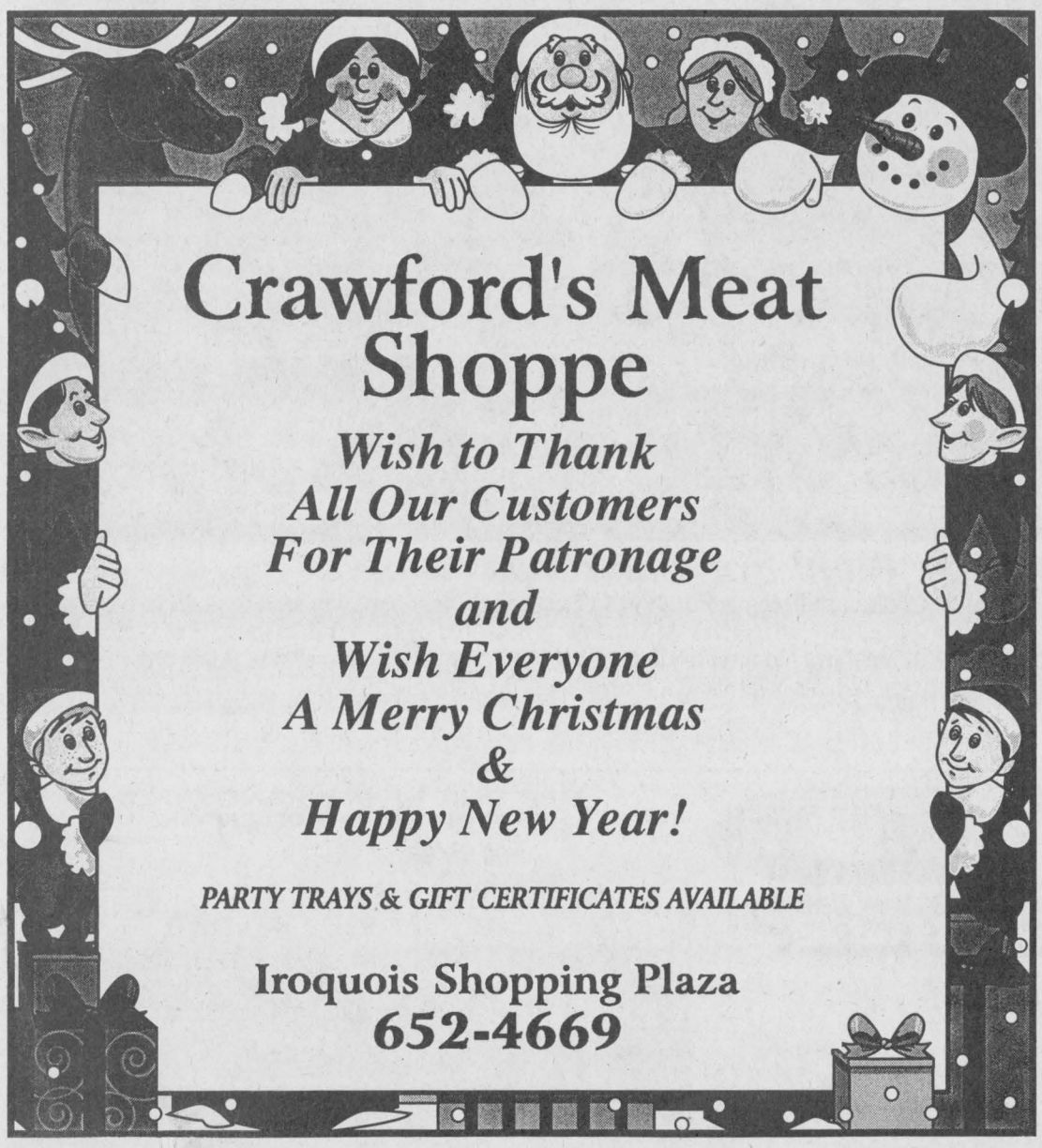

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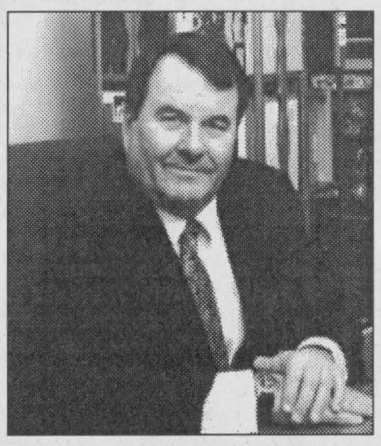

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In 1997 he was the recipient of the Law Society's Bi-Centennial Award of Merit for his accomplishments. Mr. Ferguson has completed the Master of Laws programme at Osgoode Hall Law School in Alternate Dispute Resolution. Alternate Dispute Resolution is intended to avoid the expense, time and anxiety that accompanies traditional law suits. The Osgoode Hall Master of Laws programme emphasizes advanced negotiation, mediation and arbitration techniques to settle claims and disputes of all kinds.

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Heather Williams, Heather Fawcett, Neil Edwards and Amanda Byvelds show kebabs
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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

There were eighteen entries for Cribbage League play in the Lounge last Saturday and the top three scores were posted by players from the Cardinal area, as Dennis Wright pegged 1068 points to take first while Andre Gravel and Wilf Summers shared second place with identical scores of 1066. Noella Kirkwood was the "Bridesmaid" of the day with her score of 1051. Only nine skunks were handed out in the eighty-one games played and Darin Eden was the only player quick enough to snatch a pair of them. Cribbage League play will be suspended for this coming Saturday December 21st, so that those who enjoy the game will be able to compete in the 1st Annual Joe McDonald Memorial Cribbage Tournament to be held at our Branch following Joe's memorial service. The tournament will start at 1 pm. The cost is $5 per person and winner takes all. For more information please call 652-4516.

On December 10th at Euchre there were seventeen tables being kept active. First prize was picked up by Lawrence Wyatt while the second prize was won by Bill Sanderson and Doris Mills. Frank Welsh ended up with the door prize. There was a appearance of those nasty black with white stripe critters (namely skunks) around the Branch and they were immediately attracted to Muriel Gow, Doris Mills, Keith Casselman, Elsie Bron, with Inez Farmer capturing two of them. Following Euchre everyone enjoyed a traditional Christmas luncheon.

At Duplicate Bridge there were four tables being active and at the end of the evening the high winners were Mildred McGinn and Laura Burgess.

The Pot of Gold winner was Ed Hutchinson who was NOT signed in therefore his share stays in the "Pot" just to make it a little sweeter. Don't forget if you don't want to miss out on a chance to win, drop your loonie in the box and sign your name, we make the weekly draw every Friday night.

Our daily luncheon have been doing quite well but for Christmas week they will be suspended but will resume later.

With the Christmas celebrations fast approaching I feel I should mention our Christmas and New Year hours. Christmas Eve we will be closed at 6 pm. Christmas Day and Boxing Day closed, resuming normal hours on December 27th.

For New Years Eve we are open for anyone coming to drop in- and a fun time of fellowship and pot luck meal at the appropriate time will take place. So should anyone of you care to attend your most welcome. I'm sure we will all have a wonderful time.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their $1000 Cash Draw on December 12th and as usual the tickets were a sell-out. The winner was Isabelle Antoine of Adolphus Street, Cornwall. A nice gift to receive just before Christmas.

On Friday December 20th the Annual Turkey Dinner for the public will take place. It starts at noon till the foods all gone. Cost is $6 per person and take-out is available, This has always been a popular event-hope to see you there.

Thursday, December 19th at 7:30 pm will be our Legion General meeting and we the Executive would like to see you out and attend-just see what we have been up to.

By the time you get this paper, our Legion will be ablaze with Christmas lights and thanks is extended to our Business Group for providing the lights. We'll blend in beautifully with the rest of the folk of the area.

Just checking with the "Chieftain" and I understand that my newsletter which I usually submit on Sunday would have to be submitted by this coming Friday, therefore I will combine next weeks newsletter with the following weeks.

Before closing, there are so many people we at Branch 370 wish to send Christmas greetings to that we sometimes fail to mention and one of then is Comrade Ann Nesbitt who sends our cards out to the sick and bereaved on a regular basis, to all our Bingo volunteers (some of them aren't even Legion members) but we are fortunate to have you, to you at "The Chieftain" sometimes we end up calling you at the last minute but you always come through, to all our comrades and veterans, to all our comrades who help keep our Branch alive with new ideas and themes ,our Nascar fans included too, especially our Secretary/Treasurer Jane Riewe who is a very valuable member to us.

This is a special time of the year for us all and we want to share it with everyone. Enjoy the true meaning if Christmas and we'll get together real soon.

*Legion General meeting Thursday Dec. 19th.



Thousand Dollar Winner

Since 1994 Legion Ladies at Branch 370 have raffled a $1000. Bill at Christmas. Here President Darlene Riddell checks the entries...Isabell Antoine of Cornwall won. Proceeds go to WDMH and the Christmas Exchange. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Fruit kebabs sale

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Healthy Lifestyle Club at Seaway District High School held a fruit-kebab sale outside the cafeteria last week to promote healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle for students and staff. The fundraising event was held in conjunction with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit who also had a healthy living display set up.

Cathy Coppola and Denis Boileau represented the Health Unit presenting facts about healthy eating and an healthy lifestyle through leaflets and a quiz that provided important information to students and teachers.

Seaway High School was the winner of last years Healthy School Award presented by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, and they hope to repeat as winners again this year.

The Healthy Lifestyle Club also organizes other information sessions including the Drug Awareness Week in association with Suzanne Griselle the School Nurse. They also held A Stress Management seminar last year for students.

Talking to Miss Heather Williams she was very excited about the response to the fruit kebab sale. She wished to thank S & F Foodland and Jim Lewis for donating the fruit for this worthwhile event.

CRIME STOPPERS

Each week Crime Stoppers highlights a crime that has been committed in the area. Crime Stoppers would like to remind you that we need information on all crimes not just the crime of the week.

Sometime between the 15th of November and the 1st of December 2002 a shed on Whipperwill Lane in South Dundas was broken into. A red and white 2001 Honda CBR motorcycle license 2S131, a green 2001 John Deere utility tractor serial number LU4100H312426 and attachments (a 60 inch midmount mower serial number M060CAS0121986 and a front end loader serial number W00410x012106) were stolen.

We need your information, not your name. You will remain anonymous, you will not have to appear in court and you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers it's your program and it works. If you have any information on this crime or any other crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477(tips) or for long distance callers 1-800-222-8477.



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BitterSweet

This last while I have run the gambit of emotions. A long time friend passed away, a gentleman for whom I had the utmost respect. Hindsight is a wonderful thing and I wish I had had the courage to visit him when his end drew near, I did not and now I regret it more than words can say. There was so much I wanted to say to Bill and yet the words were left unspoken. Perhaps he knew, I will never know for ceratain. I am a wonderful person to provide advice to others and cn't ever seem to follow my own suggestions. I tell others all the time to never let opportunity slip through their fingers, it knocks but once, I am fully aware of this fact. Yet, when I needed to do something, when my door of opportunity opened, I allowed it to slip away, forever.

Bill Sheldrick succumbed to cancer recently.

He is surely missed by all those whose lives he touched. So richly was his presence felt at Scouting events through the last three decades every man, woman and child who came into contact with Bill will have no problem recalling something special about this man.

Scouting became a big part of my life and in no small way was it due to Bill. His influence was evident in all aspects of the movement in our area. He showed me how and why it was okay to love a program that attended to the needs of young people from every walk of life, both male and female.

He encouraged me to become a part of a movement that is recognized throughout the world. He gave me the courage and the enthusiasm to take the first step and with his guidance I grew and matured as a leader of youngsters who I hope benefited in some small way from my efforts.

Bill was never afraid to venture one pace farther, he was bold in his approach and yet a gentle giant to the children. When a position needed to be filled, he never hesitated to come forward, even when his plate was already full. He found a certain beauty in a piece of desolate, abandoned farm land which with his care and nuturing became a respectable Scout Camp where youth groups could reach their potential in the outdoors.

He invited our American neighbours to share in our wealth of talent and marvellous campsites, tourist attractions and friendship. Extending his hand to others in friendshp came easily to Bill. Everyone was a natural extension of his family... always welcome and always made to feel comfortable, Bill had a certain way about him. A born leader, he unselfishly gave of his time, skills, talents and never let anyone down, his word was as binding as any legal document.

I am indebted to him, I hope he knows.

I am blessed to have known him, to have worked with him and to have enjoyed Scouts Canada with him. I thoroughly cnjoyed my 17 years and have a multitude of adventures to recall. Bill was my mentor when I began my journey in Scouts, I owe him a Thank You as big as the oceans and beyond.

His favourite Scout blanket was placed near his casket, it was an ugly green, but his numerous crests attested to his feelings concerning Scouts. Trading crests is a big part of every Scout adventure and anyone who believes in the program will harbour a blanket filled with crests...Bill was one such member. He gave Scouting his all. Tireless hours were spent helping the Morrisburg youth and St. Lawrence District and Regions as well as voyageur as it was later known as President, after years of hard work which he pout into the morrisburg group, never letting it falter even in difficult times.

Bill was always "just Bill," whether at camp, shaking hands with the Lt-Governor of Ontario or the smallest Beaver-he was always the same. Patience was indeed his middle name, as he worked to entice sponsors to get things done when others might have failed, Bill rose to the occasion and if it were something for the kids, nothing was ever too far to go in order to obtain his goal.

Attending his wake was tough, but we gain strength when necessary and find what it takes somewhere from within. It was gratifying to see his Queen's Jubliee Medal on display and learn that he received it and was aware of what it meant, that he was proud to get it, it was well deserved and I applaud those who nominated him.His undaunting energy and determination made him special. A pat on the back from Bill was often all that was needed to change a situation for the better.

We lost a good one when we let Bill go to the Scout Camp in heaven! Farewell good friend, you are missed.

S.L.J.

Hanna Spencer shares her amazing life story with readers

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

"I never meant for anyone to read my actual diary," says an ever smiling lady as we speak. "it was not to be shared with anyone, it was special, I wrote my innermost thoughts on the pages between 1938 and 1941, the words were not written with the intention of ever being published."

The diary sat safely for some 45 years in a wood box under her desk."I pulled down my own iron curtain shutting out the memories preserved on those pages," says the quiet, demure lady. The 88-year old was a young doctor when she wrote the diary that today rekindles the past for her. Hanna Fischl-Spencer resides in London, Ontario, but began her new life in Canada in Prescott. She would go on to become a professor emerita of the Department of Modern Languages at the University of Western Ontario. The man of whom she wrote in the diary would become a soldier, fight in World War II and would die in the line of duty. The life they once shared is preserved between the covers of the diary.

Then in the early 1990s, her husband, Elvins urged her to open the box for the first time since 1942. He encouraged her to translate it to English from the German she had originally written it in for the sake of her grandchildren. She was finally persuaded to publish the diaries, to share her story with readers beyond the circle of family and friends, and so began her translation three years ago. The result of her labours is Hanna's Diary 1938-1941. A terrific read and a great Christmas gift.

The story of leaving one life and one love behind in Europe and starting a new life in Canada, in particular Prescott.

The story began when Hitler's shadow was spreading ever more ominously across Europe. Her native Czechoslovakia seemed next in his path of annexation, a matter of anxiety for Jewish families like Hannas. Hanna was a Jew, an intellectual, a teacher, born in Czechoslovakia, while the inspiration for the diaries was Hans Feiertag, her boyfriend at the time, a Christian, native of Austria, a musician and composer. By 1938, Hitler's anti-Jewish edicts made it too dangerous for them to even acknowledge each other. It was at his suggestion that she kept the diaries, a keepsake they could one day share...she does not even use his name in the diaries until she fled to England in March of 1939. According to the author, the book is "The day-to-day account of my life as a refugee and an immigrant during a very turbulent time in my life and in the world."

Her husband Elvins Spencer did not even know she was a Jew until several years after they married and her children never knew until they were adults. She attended Catholic School, seldom attended synagogue and her family adopted Christmas, tree and gift exchange.

Her doctorate in German and Slavic languages from Prague University allowed her to teach, a job she was fired from since she was a Jew.

The first entry in the diary was made on a visit to her uncle and aunt, Louis and Mana Fischl in the Sudaten Mountains where Mr. Fischl had developed a successful leather glove manufacturing business. She wrote, "I have been here for two days. Nice no one takes any notice of me all day, except 3-year old little Johnnie, who is so sweet-Johnnie is John Fischl of Maitland, her first cousin.

Uncle Louis was her hero of escape, the family leader who travelled throughout the world lining up customers for his fine leather gloves, including Canada's Eatons Company. Putting together a plan that would see his factory moved to Canada, included his staff and extended family (Hanna's family). Among those moving were Anton and Rudlph Fischer, expert glove cutters who would form the backbone of the new factory in Prescott, Ontario, Canada. Uncle Louis convinced authorities that all those he wanted entry permits for were expert glove makers and essential to the establishment of his new business. Only a small number of the family survived the Holocaust...In June of 1939, Hanna and her sister, Mimi arrived in Canada where she would attend the United Church in Canada a new experience for her along with so many others she would have to contend with. The diary tells of friends she made and of a variety of adventures she encountered in her new country. The excitement when exit visas arrived for the immigrants, the joy when each family learned they would receive a thousand dollars from the Czechoslovak Committee in London towards the purchase of a farm as well as paying for their passage. Good news for all concerned. Then news that Uncle Louis had obtained entry permits was met with smiles. The freedom enjoyed in Canada was special indeed for a young lady who had escaped the horror that Hitler inflicted upon her homeland.

Later that same year a reporter from a daily, local paper commented upon the fact

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Elvins and Hanna Fischl-Spencer and Cousin John.

It's looking more like Christmas

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

As this effort goes to press, things are taking on a festive air around the ranch, finally. Waiting for the sons to arrive home, we took advantage of the warmish weather on Sunday,and the fact that the writer had a few free hours from assignments and such and got some colourful lights in the shrubs and barren deciduous trees in the yard. The big guy continues to suffer with the sciatic nerve pain. He was doing not too badly when we arrived home after our one-time seasonal shopping spree he misjudged the veranda steps and down he went, ker plop. Funny under most any other circumstances, he certainly did not need this added pain.

Why we did not leave the outdoor yard lights on, who would know. Too much rushing and hurrying to get going, since a couple of assignments were necessary to complete for this week's issue prior to shopping and time seemed to be against our plan. "Haste makes waste" is so very true!! Anyway, he is back to regular visits to the chiropractor and has an appointment in the new year for a CATSCAN to check out the cause of the trouble and see if we can get it fixed. Hoping and praying to eliminate the prospect of an operation, he will take special precautions from here on and I will certainly help all I can.

The snowfall on Sunday evening was so beautiful. We had the shrubs glowing with colour and as the temp was not too cold when the snow began to drift lazily earthward, the flakes struck my eye lashes and I caught some on my tongue, it was like a fairytale snowfall. As the big guy and I walked (our nightly ritual) the words of the song, "My Favourite Things" would not leave my brain, and the fact that I could not recall them all frustrated me. A vehicle slid off the roadway across from the ranch, down the steep incline, causing a stir, especially when the wrecker came to pull it out, the snowplough came around the corner and cars slowed to check out the excitement, luckily another did not end up down the incline too.

The university kid arrived home Monday night after NOT calling his mother to let her know. Not that the one person in this world who worries even when there is nothing to worry about would be apprehensive about the drive from Peterborough, especially after hearing of an accident on Highway 7 involving young people and not hearing all the information regarding it. Anyway, he and the girlfriend are safe at home til Monday next week when they will jet off to B.C. for a few days with her parents. We get them for a few days after Christmas before they have to be back at school. The research project at Haliburton has another scheduled day on January 4, so they need to be back on Stewart Street settled in and ready for another trip. He will take his snowmobile gear this time, the last ride was a bit chilly! The next holiday will be study week and March Break, then the semester will end and summer break will happen. Time sure flies...

Applying for jobs for the summer has already begun as he attempts to locate something more full time than last year. The money crunch is terrible and as he heads into his final university year, he wants to make as much as he can to help out and we appreciate that both boys work to help ease the load for us.

The college kid called to inform us he has tonsillitis and is working all week serving coffee at Tim Hortons, so he gets home on Friday evening for a week's break and then he heads back to the city as well. He dropped in Monday evening after his girlfriends' Christmas concert which he video taped for her. A few laughs, a glug of milk and he was off to the city once more, in the blue Tempo this week. The little gold bomb is in the garage for some routine stuff, so it gets a break for this week.

We will celebrate Christmas on Sunday this week so all the kids can enjoy the traditions we have established over the years. Hopefully they will get to visit with family and friends and share gifts with those they have gifts for. The college kid plans to check in with his buddies who are equally busy during this festive time. One is moving locations for the next few months and the other is not in our part of the woods for very long this time, so he will be rushing to spend a bit of precious time with them. On the 25th we will do something different this year, but we will celebrate and look forward to Christmas Eve church service as usual.

The workplace is a busy place these days what with several issues being produced over the weeks prior to the arrival of the

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the bottom line

CISD IS BACK ON THE AIR, TEST BROADCASTS HAVE BEGUN THIS WEEK and will continue all week in anticipation of beginning regular programming the first week of January, 2003. Thursday, January 9, CISD The Storm will broadcast live from their studios at Seaway High School. A Silent Auction will be featured as part of an Open House to re-launch the 107.7FM.

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THE WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HOSTED THEIR Annual Christmas House Decorating Contest. First place went to Bonnie Richmire ($225. prize pkg), Donna Casselman won second place ($175. in prizes), third Sheila Crowder ($130 worth of prizes), Sylvia Barkley fourth ($90 total pkg) and Bruce and Betty McIntosh ($60 worth of prizes) fifth. The others who entered get $20 cash. Byers Limo transported the judges.

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THE STUDENTS BODY AT DIXONS PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL PRESENT THEIR Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday afternoon and Night. Join them for some festive fun as they strut their Christmas best efforts on stage at 1 and again at 7pm. A true tradition!

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THE CHIEFTAIN WILL PUBLISH FOLLOWING A REVISED SCHEDULE as the year draws to a close. December 18 will be our Christmas Greetings issue, December 23 will be a regular issue and December 30 will be the Looking Back issue for 2002. The Timothy Christian School students will be featured in the December 23 issue, they were missed in the Greetings, sorry about that!

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SANTA WILL BE IN THE AREA THIS WEEKEND AND YOUR OPPORTUNITY to meet him, give him your wish list and sit on his lap will be available on Saturday, December 22 when he arrives in South Mountain for their annual Christmas parade. The action gets underway at 1pm and follows Main Street to the Agricultural Hall. Always a hit with all ages, don't miss this last chance to let the jolly elf know your wishes for Christmas.

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that a PhD was happy making gloves at a new Prescott factory. Hanna reiterates her sentiments of the day when she tells us, "This was an overstatement, I don't recall relishing the job of sitting at a sewing machine from 8am through til 6pm with an hour lunch off, literally glued to the chair with perspiration all the while fending off flies and mosquitoes all while trying to cope with a machine that would not work!"

Late in the August of 1939, she writes that they own a beautiful farm, ninety acres of meadow and bushland, two horses, two cows, twenty chickens and the hope was evident that more goats and lots of rabbits would arrive to create a true farm. Located on Weir Road on the way to Spencerville, eleven of the family called it home. They had bought a car and called the farm, New Haven.

She makes mention of the newspaper article again when the term celebrity crops up in a September entry. Strangers dropped by the office on several days in a row to see the "educated lady" who when called to meet them was left speechless. Reference is made to the limits the English language places on the immigrants as they attempt to fit in and go about their daily lives...shopping etc. posed problems as well as providing a learning experience for the family members. Speaking engagements for the learned lady began in Ottawa as she was invited by the League of Nations Society and the Business and Professional Women's Club to guest with them. Church and youth groups were contacting her to speak as her fame spread.

January of 1940 was a memorable date as a crate with some family household belongings arrived and included the skiis they had missed up to this time. She expressed disappointment in the fact that there were no mountains nearby. The sand hills between the farm and Prescott offered some fun and she eludes to the formation of the Prescott Ski Club founding and the Town of Prescott adding sand to the small hills the Club utilized.

In 1941 Dr. Fischle joined the prestigious girls school, Elmwood School in Ottawa as the demand for her as a speaker continued to grow. It was here she formed a close friendship with another teacher, Edith Spencer of Alberta who attended Elmwood when her father, an MP was in Ottawa.

The diary and so too the book ends quite abruptly when she invited Edith to New Haven for Christmas and her brother Elvins came along since he was visiting from Toronto...six months later Hanna and he were married. After twenty years, she learned that her first love Hans Feiertag had also met and married another and that a child from this union had become friends with Hanna and Elvins Spencer.

Hanna Fischl-Spencer returned to Prescott this past fall to relive the three years spent in the Fort Town so long ago as she signed copies of her book and spoke with interested local folk. Cousin John was on hand to extend a family welcome to the Gift Lane where her book is available for $32.95. Hanna tells us that it has been quite a year for her and speaks of the life in the book as,"Another world, another life." Interesting and informative, at times extremely personal, this unique book tugs at the heart strings and as you read and realize it is true life and not a Hollywood creation, it becomes a treasure for sure.

Livin'

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New Year. Add this to the hustle and bustle at home and we have the feeling that we are running after ourselves.

The light displays out and around are simply beautiful. Take time to check them out, some folks really go all out at this time of year. We have some very creative folks out there giving our part of the world a truly festive air.

The university kid and his gal pal will get us a Christmas tree and we will decorate it later this week, as a group so we can get into the mood of the season. Time does not allow for us to go as a gang to select and cut an evergreen, but we will make time to decorate it together with glasses of bubbly and snacks. Christmas cards continue to come in the mail and it is great fun to open them. I do not send any but try to call those not seen often enough.

Getting out the Santa collection was a boost for my mood as well as the festive atmosphere at the ranch. I have more than I thought and the one my mom had made for me is so very precious, he along with his counterparts that have been accumulated over the years need a special place to be displayed, I guess I will need a shelf soon!!

Best get on with other writing, I will sign off for another week. Take care, stay happy and slow down, the season is for enjoying. As Christmas tunes waft through the workplace, I will continue to get down to it and finish this week's efforts. The wisdom this week comes from the Good Book where in Matthew it says, "Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The Christmas Spirit is alive and well in Iroquois as the Business people demonstrate how their pulling together to make our community pride move forward comes to fruition. With helping hands; the Rideau St. Lawrence Hydro (Bill Lawrence and his crew) brought our community Christmas tree to the Plaza area. The lights that adorn the tree as well as those throughout the plaza area were installed by our South Dundas work crew. The tree was donated this year by Fowler's Tree Farm, thanks to George, Marge and Bob.

The Information Booth has a new look... a transformation to Santa's Workshop occurred complete with a topper featuring Santa wishing everyone who comes to town a Very Merry Christmas. This silhouette was done by local artist Kent McDermid of Iroquois. The window murals throughout the plaza are the handy work of students from Seaway High School and they certainly add a certain something special to the festive atmosphere in Town.

Saturday past was a hugh success with businesses pulling together and giving with the Christmas Spirit. Iroquois finest Fire Department delivered Santa to his workshop in the plaza, even the horn was playing a festive tune, thanks to firefighter Jay!

Over 80 youngsters received candy and a gift from Santa thanks to the generosity of Doug Byers Appliances and Jeff Welsh a local Contractor. The This and That Store in the plaza provided a toboggan and large Christmas stocking filled with toys a free draw for the kiddies. Brayden Rizk won this one. Crawford's Meat Shoppe provided a special cheese Christmas basket also as a free draw which was won by Jerry Visser.

Volunteers from your Iroquois Business Group were on hand to help Santa on Saturday.

Have a very Merry Christmas, from your Business Group.

President,
Iroquois Business Group,
Jeff Beaupre.

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Lorna Siebert proudly shows off her cheque

Lucky winner of a new car

Lorna Seibert is the lucky winner of a new car. "I'm not really a car person," she admitted, though she was happy with her winnings at the Rideau Carleton Slots over the weekend. Seibert is now the proud owner of a black 2002 Ford Mustang convertible.

She went to the slots with her sister Sandra on the S&F Foodland staff Christmas party.

Playing the "Red White and Blue Sevens," and ahead credits, she thought she had hit for 240 quarters until the lights went off and five security guards showed up. She commented on how "super and nice" the security guy was, as she discovered that she had won the car.

She had put $20 in the quarter slot machine and made about $72 in addition to winning the big prize. Seibert has won some at the slots before, "probably $500 at the most," but nothing really big. Now she is a big winner as the proud owner of a $33,822.65 car from Code Ford in Gananoque.

Seibert has decided that she will probably trade-in the car "for something more practical."

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December 11, 2002

Slow Shooters	57.5
Magnificent Trio	55
Bye-Bye Birdies	51.5
Hurt's Real Bad	51
Rat Pack	47.5
Three Blind Mice	47
Don't Believe, Pray	42
Naughty & Nice	33
HIGH SCORE	
Diana Hoy	140
HIGH 3 DART FINISH	
Tina Summerfield	108
MOST BULLSEYES	
Ruth Hooke	6
WEEKS HIGH SCORES	
Muriel Allard	134
Dale Grant	130
Edith Small	126
Tina Summerfield	120
MOST GAMES FOR THE WEEK	
Diana Hoy	4
Delaine Greenough	3
Jeanne Fox-Dibble	3
Tina Summerfield	3

Iroquois Mixed Dart League
December 13, 2002

Nordecks	65.5
No Buddy's	64
Middle One	57.5
The Sex Machine	57
Hurricanes	57
Redfox	55
Stressed Out	55
Awful Slow	44
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Post Office broken into

Ontario Provincial Police officers are investigating a pair of burglaries, one in Iroquois, the other in Morrisburg.

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Anyone with information should call Constable Jeremy Doolan at the Morrisburg Detachment at 1-888-310-1122 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-265-TIPS.

There was also a break-in reported at Aquarius Pools in Morrisburg on Sunday. Police are still trying to determine when the break-in occurred and what was taken.

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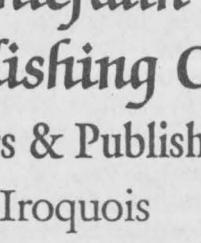



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Sunday, December 22, 2002
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December 24, 2002
7:30 pm, Brinston

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Johnstown United - 9:30 am
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SPORTS

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PeeWee "A" Champs

The Morrisburg Lions were "A" Champs in Prescott recently. Back row (L-R) Evan Harper, Scott Corden (Asst. Coach), Nathan McDonell, Spencer Peters, Derrick Thompson, Pat Chesbro, Tom Hodgson (Coach), Thomas Corden. Front row (L-R) Drew Morrow, Brad Munro, Steven Baird, Drew Hutt, Connor Hodgson. Missing Daniel Stevens, Jordan Hawn.
CourtesyPhoto

PeeWee C Lions crowned Champs in Prescott Tourney

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In their first matchup of the Prescott Tournament, the Morrisburg PeeWee "C" Lions roared to victory over the host team as they defeated the South Grenville team 4-0. After a scoreless first frame, the Lions own Connor Hodgson scored at 3:11 of the second to put Morrisburg on the board. Earning assists were Evan Harper and Thomas Corden. Corden had the hot stick as he flashed back at 3:10 and took the pass from Daniel Stevens and Drew Hutt to bulge the twine putting the Lions up by 2 before the period ended. At 1:43 of the third period, Harper and Stevens teamed to add to the Lions total and give the Morrisburg squad the win 4-0. Steven Baird was unbeatable in the Lions pipes, recording the shutout. A terrific way to start a tourney!

The second game saw the Lions pitted against Kemptville. This had the spectators on the edge of their seats as the two evenly matched teams played some marvellous hockey. Evan Harper started things at 9:51 of the first as he teamed with Drew Morrow to count a score . Kemptville shot back with two goals to go one-up on the Lions. A scoreless second period featured see-saw action from one end to the other. Again Baird kept his team in the game as he turned away some tough shots. Daniel Stevens knotted the game at 2 each when he beat the Kemptville goalie on the short side after taking the cross-crease pass from Evan Harper at 5:18. Sudden death overtime to decide this game was a 5-man shoot-out, a test of sticks between the shooter and the goalie...down to the nail biting end, this went to the fifth shooter to declare a winner. It was Connor Hodgson who finally ended this one giving the Lions a much deserved victory, 3-2.

The third game saw the Lions face off against NGS#2. The Lions played a very disciplined game this time out, great effort and determination from everyone secured the final victory 4-0 as the Lions roared with pride.

Daniel Stevens started things in the right direction when he went in with Evan Harper and Drew Hutt for the first counter at 1:16 of the first. Again the second belonged to the Lions as Drew Hutt (Pat Chesbro and Derrick Thompson assisted) found net at 3:58 and Evan Harper skated in solo for the third Lions' goal at 1:39 of the second period, giving the local boys a 3-0 edge heading into the third period. At 2:05 of the third Connor Hodgson teamed with Pat Chesbro to ensure the victory. Goaltending was outstanding throughout the tourney keeping the Lions in each and every game.

Well done Lions!!

Friday the 13th proves lucky for PeeWee C Lions

by Sandra lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Friday the 13th proved lucky for the PeeWee "C" Lions as they faced off against the North Dundas team. The final score read 8-3 in a lopsided game that featured Evan Harper's fourth hat trick in regular season play.

North Dundas started the scoring at 9:01. Daniel Stevens answered at 7:40 to tie things up. Spencer Peters assisted. It was the Demons grabbed the lead as they found twine at 5:45. Drew Hutt answered for the Lions at 2:50 to knot things again. Drew Morrow and Thomas Corden earned the assists. The Lions sticks seemed hot in the first as Evan Harper bulged the twine after taking the pass from Nathan McDonell. With only one second remaining on the clock in the first, North Dundas made a last ditch effort and scored to knot the score as the teams switched ends for the second period. The second belonged to the Lions as Evan Harper skated in for the solo marker at 6:09 and Daniel Stevens found net at 1:25. Brad Munro and Evan Harper earned assists. The final frame belonged solely to the Lions as their goalie turned aside all shots by the Demons. Harper counted another at 7:11 with help from Brad Munro. Then Munro took charge and harper assisted on his counter at 5:11. Thomas Corden rounded out the scoring as he and Drew Hutt made it 8-3 at 4:14.

Playing their "A" Championship game on Sunday, December 15 as they hit the ice against Massena who also earned a berth in the final, the Lions were on their game. Massena struck first at 7:05, but this would be their only scoring play in this game. Then Drew Hutt kept the Lions in the game as he scored at 5:57 on a solo play. The rest of the game belonged to the Lions. At 6:05 of the second period Spencer Peters went down the ice with his wingers, Brad Munro and Nathan McDonell and struck pay dirt.

Then at 1:45 Jordon Derue took the pass from Drew Hutt and Brad Munro who was again working hard to ensure the win. Evan Harper took the puck off the stick of Daniel Stevens for a counter with only 20 seconds left on the clock in the second. The third was a well played period by both teams as the Massena players tried desperately to get on the board again and the Lions were roaring with pride as Evan Harper went in alone to count number 5 at 9:09 of the final frame. A great game for Harper who proves time and again he has the right stuff, along with a number of his teammates. A true team effort Another Lions victory 5-1 as the PeeWee Lions remain strong and in first place in their League.

Junior B Lions drop in standings after weekend loses

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions hosted the CharLan Rebels on Friday, December 13, but it proved unlucky for them as they went down to defeat 5-2. It seemed that the Lions could not get things clicking as a unit until the third and it was simply too little too late at that point in the game.

The first period was a big one for the Rebels as they nailed four unanswered counters, beating new man in the pipes for the Lions Matt Vanegmond, and after facing a barrage of some 38 shots, he was replaced by Jamie Lalonde, but with nothing happening at the other end of the ice, the Lions were shut down quite effectively. A powerplay goal in the second brought the Rebels tally to 5 and still the Lions had not been able to get the puck past Steve Lacelle in the CharLan net. Then as Lalonde held off the shots from the hot sticks of the Rebels, the Lions found some fight and at 11:20 Justin Elliott teamed with Jeff Lefleche and Danny Schwartz to get on the board. Jason Denio skated in tough and found net behind Lacelle for the Lions' second counter. Matt Bergeron and Schwartz earned the assists. That was all she wrote on this night. Matt Collins served one of his 3 ejections while Assistant Coach Bob Deleavey served his solo removal. Schwartz and Wayne Garlough were each assessed 10 minute penalties for high sticking in the head area, a minor infraction checked closely this season by the referees.

On December 14 the Akwesasne Wolves hosted the Lions in a well played game that saw the Lions go home defeated by one slim goal. Jamie Lalonde was in the pipes for the Lions and held off the hungry Wolves throughout the first frame to allow the Lions to get things together. Charles Froment found the twine twice, first at 17:43, as Nick Desnevres and Cory Cassell earned the assists. Then at 4:05, it was Froment who went in solo for the second counter on the board for the Lions. At 2:08, it was team Captain Wayne Garlough who showed his leadership, nailing the puck past Sean Pollard (former Lions goalie) fore the counter. Matt Bergeron got the assist.

The second period began with the Lions up 3, but the Wolves began to howl in the second and came back strong with three to knot the score until 1:14 when the Lions roared as Matt Bailey teamed with Jeff Lefleche and Justin Elliott to count another goal for Morrisburg. Two more by the Wolves in the final frame seemed to end this one, but at 14:15, Bailey again found his mark behind Pollard to knot the score. Jason Denio and Marc Lemire assisted. Then, everyone was ready as the teams moved into overtime and at 3:44 the Wolves sealed the Lions fate as they found twine behind Lalonde to end a tough, well fought game.

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Iroquois 5	89
Prescott 6	89
Iroquois 7	78
Cardinal 4	72
Prescott 1	63
Cardinal 2	61
Prescott 3	45
GAMES WON (3 or more)	
Kenny Reid	5
Jerry Carr	4
Kevin Laming	3
Joel Adams	3
Gary Bradford	3
Wayne Bellinger	3
Bill Hutt	3
HIGH SCORES	
Barry Esson	160-125
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Tom Rae	140-137
David Haynes	140
Ron Bradford	140
Glen Adams	137-127-125
Kevin Laming	135
Tim Ganczowski	132
Kenny Reid	125
Tom Coville	121-120
Jeremy Adams	121
Bill Hutt	121
Gary Bradford	120

Curling News

by Steve Thompson

Last week saw the Morrisburg Club hosted the Ontario Senior Games Mixed Regional Championships again. Last year's gold medal winners, Morrisburg's Bob Bedingfield, Alice Thompson, Tony Toonders and Eleanor Allison lost to Jack Dikland, Cheryl Thompson, Don O'Brien and Betty Locke. In turn, the new local champions were upset in an extra end by the Winchester representatives. Meanwhile, Cornwall defeated Russell, and the two winners met for the right to do to the Provincial Championships in London in February. Again, Winchester's Gary Price entry came from behind to defeat Cornwall and win the gold medal. Silver went to the Cornwall team, with the Dikland rink winning the bronze.

The Thompson foursome competed in the Metcalfe senior open bonspiel recently and curled well, if unsuccessfully, dropping tight games to Vankleek Hill and a Metcalfe men's quartet. Everyone enjoyed a delicious home-cooked meal between games and no member of the bottom six teams admitted to winning the 6-49 with their prizes, lottery tickets.

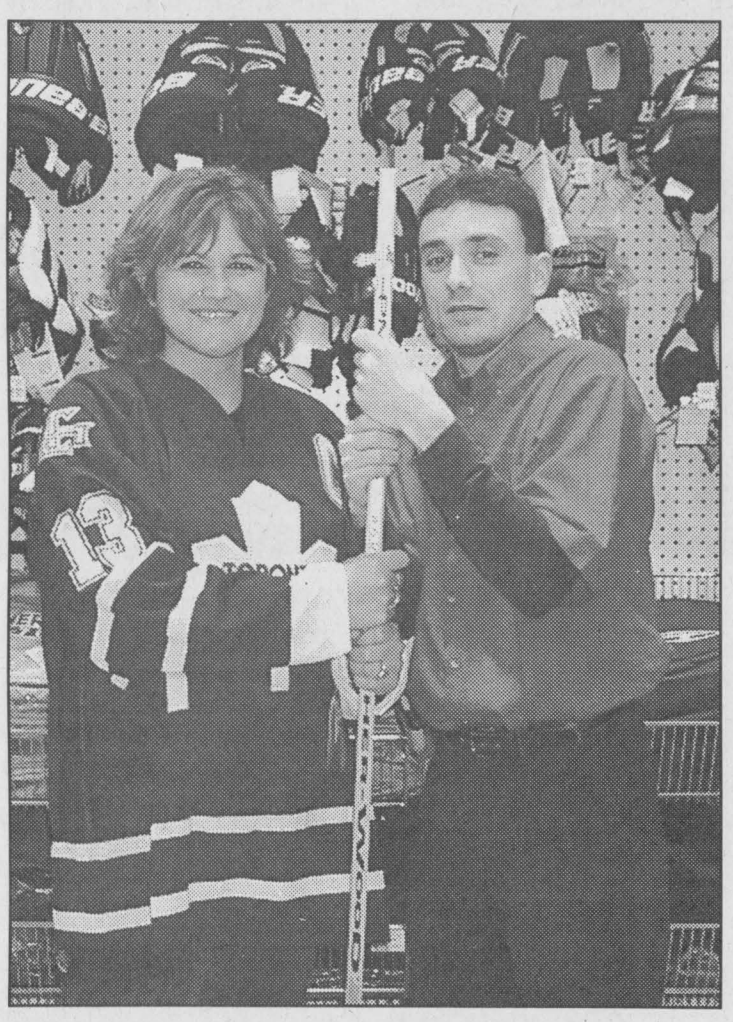
Early results of league play are in. The Tuesday afternoon ladies' champion for the first draw are Cheryl Thompson, Betty Locke, Donna Stephens and Bonnie Cameron.

The senior Men hosted three Cornwall teams in a friendly competition last Friday. In the total point, total end score, Morrisburg emerged victorious, winning 18 ends to 16. Local teams were Steve Thompson, Fred Hofman, Reg Wild and Doug Jarvis combining with Sid Morrell, Martin Schneckenburger, Len Bellamy and Eric Johnston in a ten-end draw. Peter Reran, Wally McDonald and Wayne Pulfer, helped Mac Currie, John Wilson, Ron Brown and George Barrey win, while on the third sheet Eric Orgee, Dwight Gilmer, Bill Magee and Don Hutt assisted Jack Dikland, Clare Dunbar, Charles Farlinger and Stan Britten in doing the same. A pleasant lunch was followed by mutual best wishes and more than a little humour, after which the visitors returned to the big city.

The annual turkey bonspiel will be held this Friday night at the club, beginning at 7:00 p.m., with a total of ten turkeys up for grabs. At present we have only three curlers on each of the twelve teams, so Jack Dikland invites members and friends to sign up/ Not only could your team win a turkey each, but your names could be inscribed on the trophy to be presented at evening's end. A highlight of the evening is the draw to the button by the competitors on each sheet, with you-know-what as a prize.

Over the holiday, we plan another popular "Two Person" bonspiel, again open to non-members as well. We use six rocks apiece for six ends, and nobody sweeps, so we invite you to sign up in the lounge for that one.

Good curling To all



Winner a T.O. Fan

Heather Erwin of Hallville was the lucky winner of an autographed Toronto Leaf jersey. Mats Sundin, captain and #13 of the team put his signature on the leaf. Darrick Casselman (Sports Supervisor) of CTC congratulates the shopper on her win. A summer promotion, she'd forgotten she entered-nice Christmas surprise!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Iroquois and District

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

Community Songs of Christmas, December 20, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners. Free Will Offering for Charity.

The United Yukes will hold a sing-song of Christmas Caroles and songs in the large hall at St. John's United Church Cardinal. Sunday December 22, 2002 from 7 pm - 8 pm. Free will offering and refreshments

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These Seaway students did a terrific job selling citrus in the annual Campaign. Their efforts earned then a chance to win a limo ride and a free lunch. Their names were drawn and here they prepare to enjoy the "Fruits of their labour.

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Fundraising results in limo ride

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday some students from Seaway High felt very special as a long, white limo pulled up in front of the school and they were invited to jump inside. The ride was brief, but the feeling was terrific as the young people sat in the plush interior, with those along the way to Morrisburg wondering who was in the limo and if they were rock stars or dignitaries from political circles... The journey ended in Morrisburg where the ten young people enjoyed a free lunch.

Sponsored by the Parent Council Fundraising Committee, the Annual Fruit Drive was very successful again this year. The gift certificate from Mike's Valu Mart Pizza Pizza section and the one from Subway helped feed the ten hungry folks. Byer's Limousine Service of Iroquois donated the limo and driver that took the winners to Morrisburg. This was a reward treat for the top sellers from each grade during the recent Citrus Campaign Fundraiser. "The community, staff and students at Seaway helped make this a great success,"said Mae Chung, Fundraising Chair, "We managed to raise over $1800 with the support of these folks. This money will help fund the graduation bursaries and some student activities during the year."

Winners were randomly drawn from a hat with the names of the top sellers and Michelle Ault, Tiffany Duval, Nora Casselman, Melissa Groniger, Kyle Scott, Nicole Disheau, Lindsay Whittekker, Sara Warren and Ashley Beaudoin were the lucky ones. Staff member involved was Mrs. Jan Mustard.



CTC Donates to Food Bank

The employees at The CTC in Morrisburg helped the Christmas Exchange and the S.D. Food Bank both this season. Victoria Davidson gives three cheques on behalf of the CTC workers, the foundation for Families and store owner Peter Oliver to help out this year. Diane Pethick, Chair of the Food Bank Board accepts more appreciatively.

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CTC Foundation for families donates to S. D. FoodBank

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Fundraising is a big part of what CTC employees accomplish along with their daily jobs. Whether sponsoring a BBQ to raise funds, or a variety of other events that generate funds for charity, CTC is there. Donations boxes help as does The Foundation for Families which contributes to events local stores undertake. Take the Christmas promotion this year, where for every 6 foot or taller Christmas tree sold at CTC, the Foundation will donate $5 to the Charity of Choice. In the Case of the Morrisburg CTC, theirs is the Dundas County FoodBank. Anyone purchasing their tree with their CTC Credit Card or their Options Master Card will have an additional $10 tossed into the pot by the Foundation for Families. A further donation by the customer of $1 becomes a nontaxable donation and over $100 has already been collected through this one locally.

The employees at CTC in Morrisburg decided that in lieu of exchanging gifts among themselves this year, they would take the money they would normally spend and donate it to buy gifts for needy youngsters instead. The angel trees were approached and a number of angels taken. Gifts have replaced the wee angels on the trees, some 38 of them and Peter Oliver has donated double the same amount of his employees donation, $400, this total to be matched by the Foundation for Families, an additional $400, bringing the total to nearly $1000. Gifts range in the $20-$25 area and so Victoria Davidson, Foundation for Families Store Co-Ordinator estimates that between $300 and $400 will be donated through this to the FoodBank. According to Diane Pethick, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Dundas County FoodBank, "These monies will go to purchase non-perishable items like eggs, milk etc. which are not donated , the more costly items that are necessary for the clients and not available otherwise."

As Victoria presented the three cheques to Diane, Mrs. Pethick noted, "What a very wonderful gift the employees have given to the needy in their community."

A broad smile broke across Victoria's face as she responded, "All the employees agreed this was what they wanted to do this year, it was total agreement."

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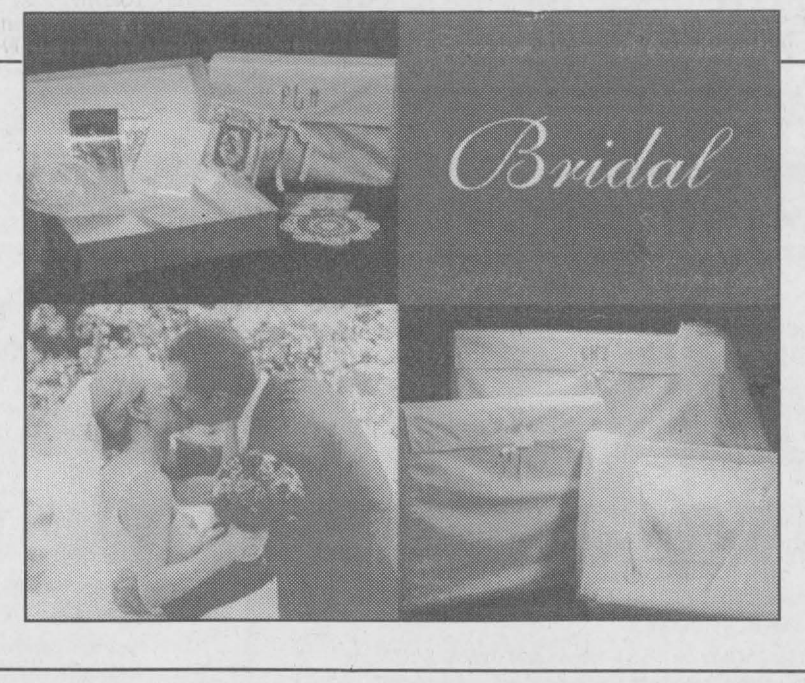

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BAILEY: We would like to express our sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours in the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Irene. Your visits, cards, flowers, memorial donations were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Karen and staff at the Hartford Home, to Dr. Domanko for his professional care, to David and staff at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, the pallbearers, the U.C.W. for the lovely luncheon following the service and to Rev. Yvonne Willis for her comforting words and prayers.
Sincerely The Bailey Family
D18-1tp

KEYES: I would like to thank all my family, neighbours and friends for the acts of kindness during my stay at WDMH and Cornwall General Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Domanko, Dr. Reen and the wonderful nursing staff at both locations. Also to Rev. Bob Fillier, Dolly Dikens and Yvonne Willis for all the special visits and prayers. I want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas with a special prayer for you and your family in 2003.
Marjorie Keyes
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THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone who made the Hunters Ball a success. Special thanks to Beaupre Jewellers and Iroquois Gas Bar for their contributions to prizes.
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
To all my family and extended family, also my friends and neighbours I wish you all a blessed Christmas to celebrate the Holy Birth and the peace it brings into your heart and a New Year under Gods leading care.
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PeeWee House defeat Stormont

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After a scoreless first period, the South Stormont squad earned their way to the scoreboard first, but it would be all they could muster in this matchup on Sunday, December 15 as the Morrisburg Lions hosted.

The Lions roared back with two counters as Liam Mills bulged the twine first at 6:46 with help from Jordon Cooke and Bailey Hollister. Then it was the hot stick of Matt Hanson who took charge and scored. Assists went to Mills and Hollister on the goal that put the Lions into the lead.

Then in the final frame with only 2 seconds remaining on the clock, Hanson skated in hard and took a nice pass from Mills to ensure the victory for the lions.

The Lions displayed a clean, well played game, no penalties were assessed to the Lions and only one put a South Stormont player in the box.

Garbage Pick-Up Holiday Schedule

Morrisburg Ward - There will be **NO** Pick-up on Wednesday, December 25
Pick-up will be on Thursday, December 26

Matilda Ward - There will be **NO** Pick-up on Thursday, December 26
Pick-up will be on Friday, December 27

Iroquois Ward - There will be **NO** Pick-up on Friday, December 27
Pick-up will be on Saturday, December 28

Garbage & Recycle Change

Morrisburg Ward - There will be **NO** Pick-up on Wednesday, January 1
Pick-up will be on Thursday, January 2

Matilda Ward - There will be **NO** Pick-up on Thursday, January 2
Pick-up will be on Friday, January 3

Iroquois Ward - There will be **NO** Pick-up on Friday, January 3
Pick-up will be on Saturday, January 4

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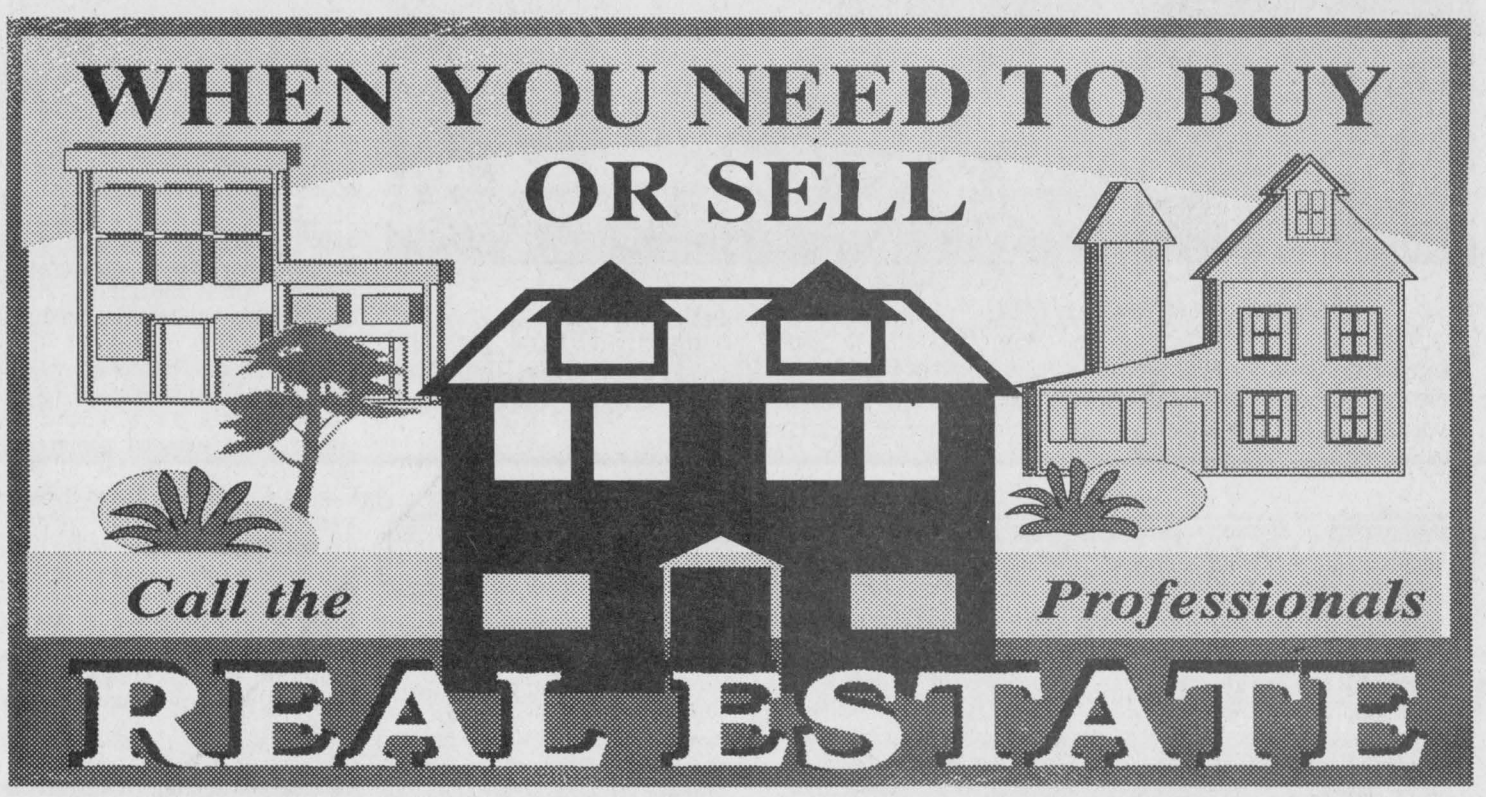
December 31, 2002 at Noon to January 2, 2003 Inclusive

Brenda M. Brunt, AMCT
Clerk

happy holidays



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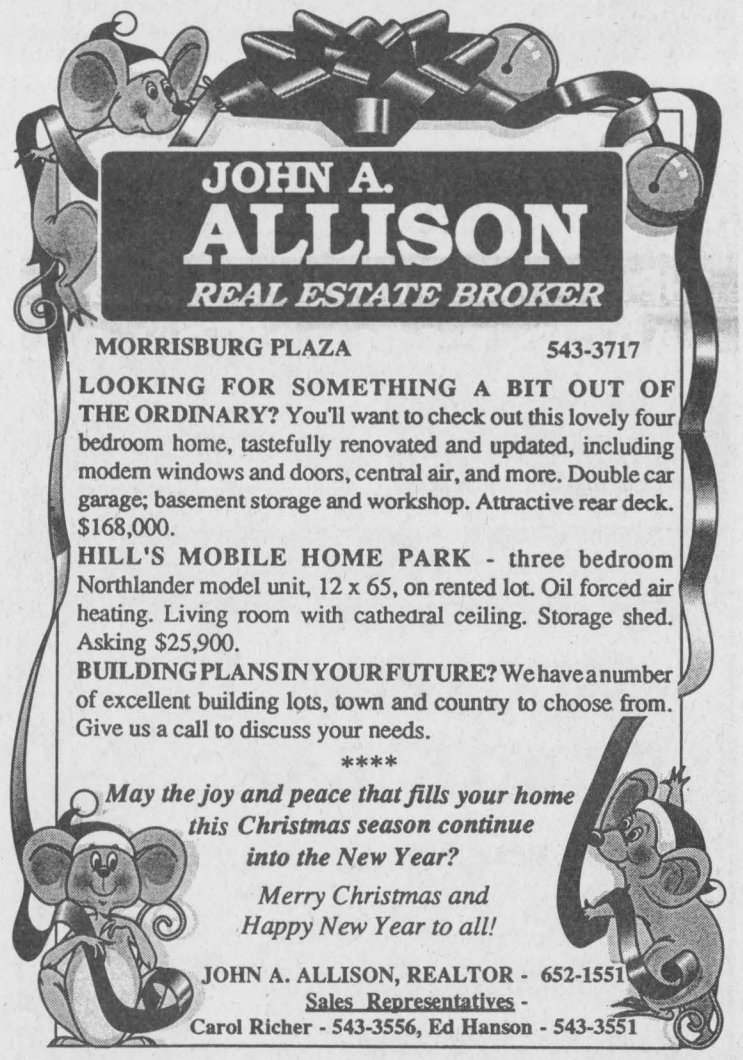

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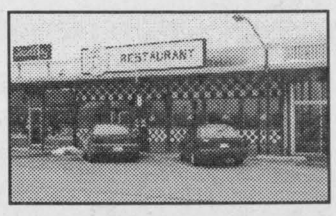

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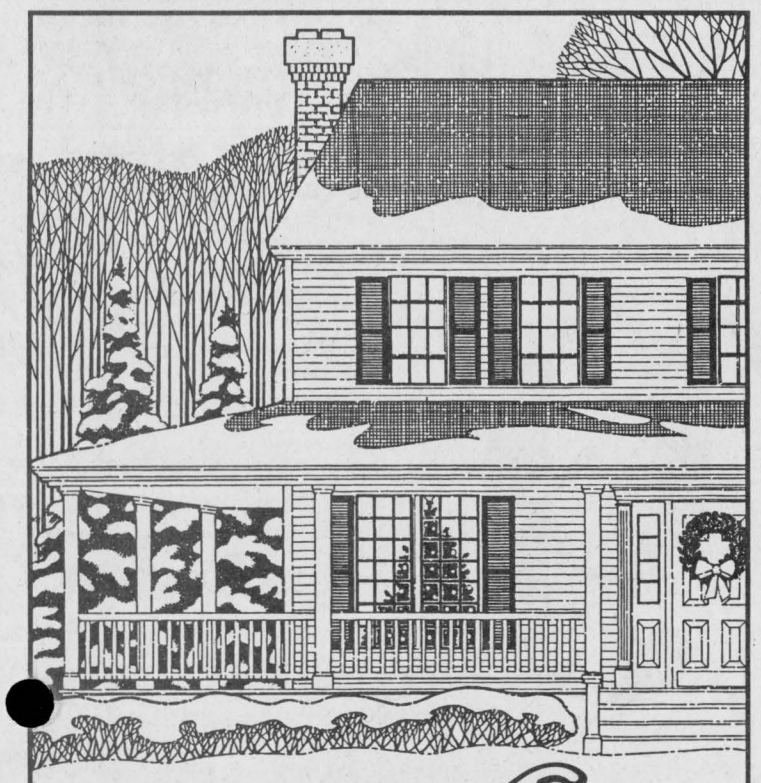

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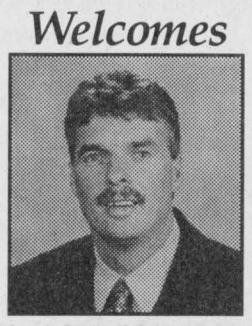

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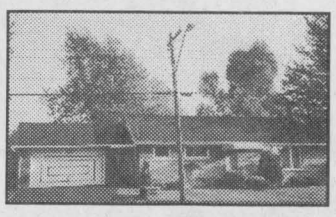

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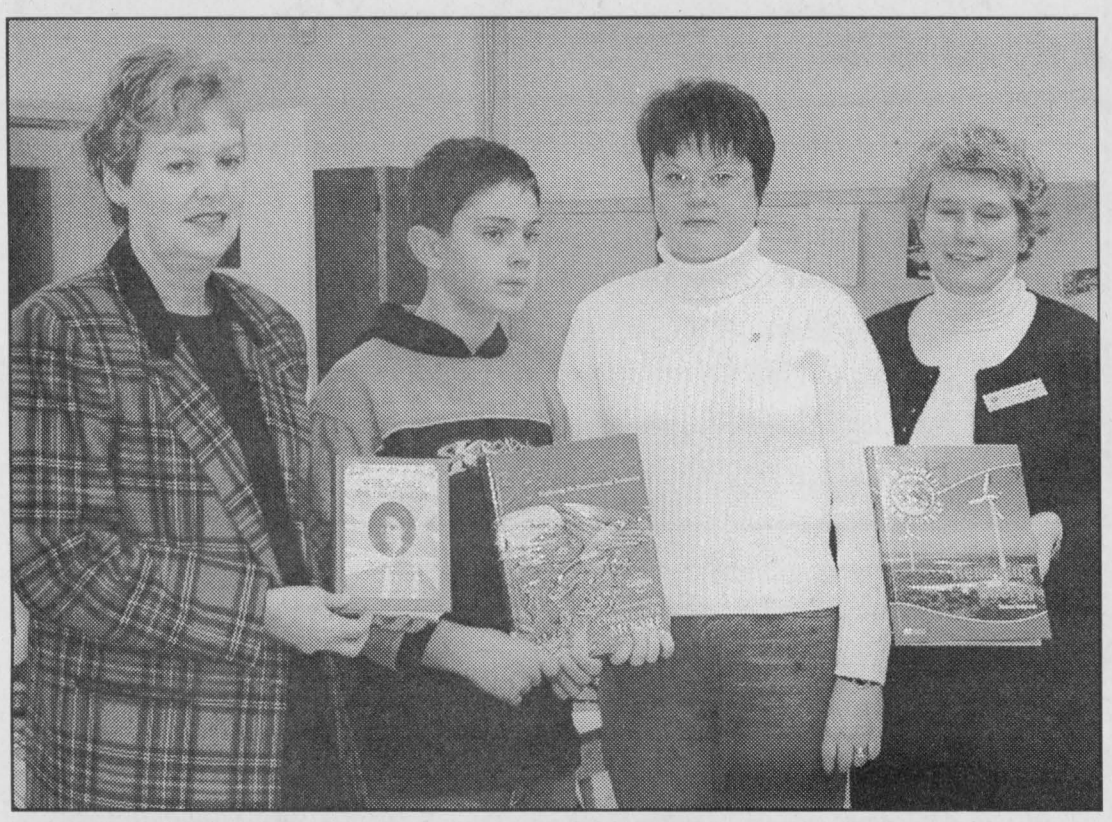
~Matilda Winter Carnival Coming
~Legion Turkey Dinner Friday



New Books for Iroquois P.S. Library

Linda Callaghan (Principal), Jeff Winters (student), Sandy Vogrig (R.B.C. employee), and Virginia Winn (Board Librarian) present some of the books purchased through the "Employee Volunteer Grants Program" sponsored by the Royal Bank Financial Group. This program rewards employees for their volunteer work done in their community.

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

RBC Financial Group donates $500.00 to St.Cecilia Catholic School

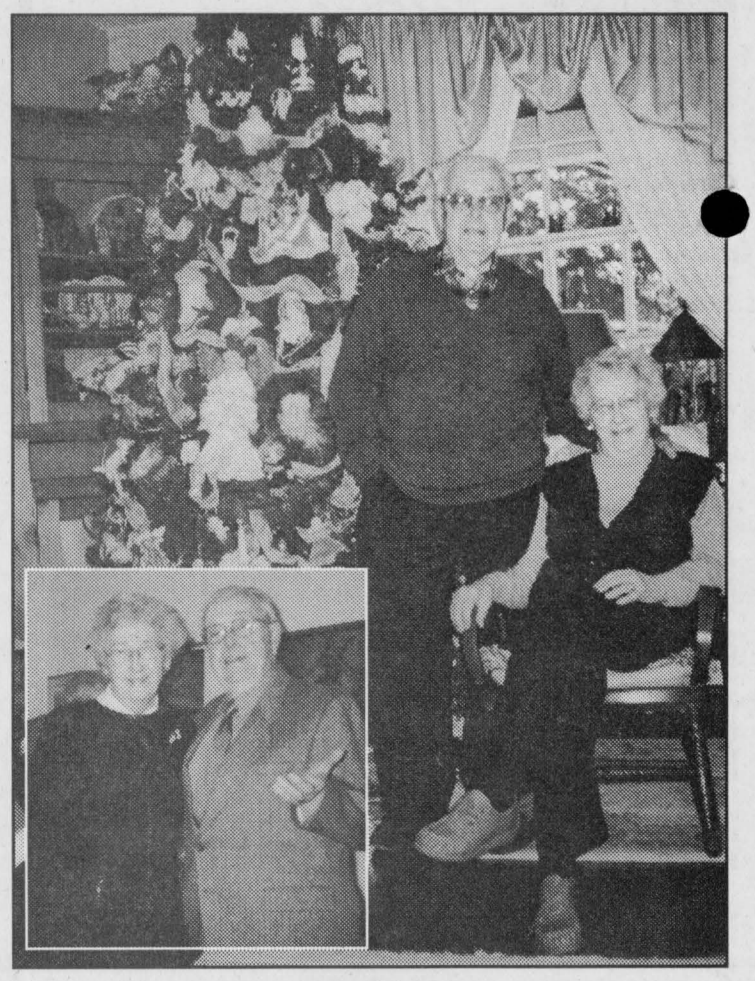
by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

St. Cecilia Catholic School was a recent recipient of a $500.00 donation made possible through the RBC Financial Group. The donation was then used towards the purchase of books for the school library.

In 1999, Royal Bank Financial Group launched its "Employee Volunteer Grants Program" to recognize employees for the good work they do in their personal time, by volunteering in their communities. Employees and pensioners earn grants of up to $500.00 each for the charitable organizations at which they volunteer. Since then more than $1.2 million has been donated to various charities in honour of the hard work and efforts of RBC Financial Group employees.

Sandy Vogrig, a RBC Financial Group employee and parent of Jeff Winters a student at St. Cecilia contributed a significant amount of personal time volunteering at the school, therefore making this donation possible.

Upper Canada District School Board Librarian Virginia Winn was very pleased to accept the donation and purchase many beautiful books for the school library.



Happy 60th Anniversary

Carl and Jean Van Camp celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary Tuesday, December 31, 2002. A reception in their honour will be held at the Fraternal Hall on Bay Street in Iroquois from 2 pm to 4 pm on Tuesday. Members of the Eastern Star will cater. The gift of friendship is all you need to bring. Everyone Welcome.

COMING EVENTS

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The 28th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival is fast approaching and the Matilda Recreation Committee is now accepting applications for the Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant.
The pageant will take place on Saturday, January 11, 2003.
This is open to all girls in South Dundas with the first 10 applicants being accepted.
You must be between the ages of 15 (before December 31, 2002) and 18.
Please contact Janice Gilmour, 652-4714 for more information or an application form.
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SANTA CLAUS
will be at McHaffie's Flea Market, Morrisburg on
Sunday, December 22 at 11 am
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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Matilda Recreation is now accepting nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award, in memory of Garry (Mutt) Shaver, to be presented at the 2003 Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant on January 11, 2003.
If you know a South Dundas Resident who is a deserving active volunteer and you feel this outstanding person is worthy of this nomination and recognition, please contact either Bev Sabourin at 652-2405 or Janice Gilmour at 652-4714 for more details.
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OBITUARIES

Jack Rylands

After a courageous battle with an illness of some five months, John Henry "Jack" Rylands at Brockville Hospital on December 1, 2002. Born in Shanly on November 1, 1938, he was 64 years of age.

Predeceased by his father, the late Orville Rylands, as well as brothers; Doug and Roland and sister Betty Faye and Stepfather Ernie Harper, Jack lived in the Cardinal area his entire life.

Mourning the loss are his mother, Audrey Olgilvie and his beloved wife, Virginia "Ginny" Milligan whom he wed on August 6, 1966 at St. Andrew's St. James Presbyterian Church, Cardinal. Sadly missed by his sons; Mike (Heidi) and Mark (Debbie) all of Cardinal as well as brothers: George (Sharon) of Blue Church, Isobel (Don) McInnis of Rumsley, Alberta, Karon (Gordon) Warren of Mallorytown, Carol (Rob) Bromfield of Kingston and Kathy (Barry) Reid of Brockville. As well his 5 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, family and friends will miss him.

After working for 43 years for CASCO, 3 as the Train Engineer and 40 employed as a Millwright. millwright, Jack retired in September 1998. He enjoyed walking through the Village of Cardinal every day visiting with everyone. He liked to play cards at the local Legion and also enjoyed golfing with family and friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Hospice of Providence Palliative Care or the Cancer Society were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal. Service was conducted by Rev. Geoff Howard and Rev. Jack Urquhart at St. Andrew's St. James Presbyterian Church in Cardinal. Interment followed at St. Andrew's St. James Cemetery in Cardinal. Pallbearers were Rob Blomfield, Barry Reid, Gordon Warren, John Vanshie, Marty Hamilton and Andy DeJong. Honourary pallbearers were Charles Leizert, Jack Bennett, Merv Smith and Steve Barkley.

Stanley Keeler

Suddenly at Winchester Hospital, on November 19, 2002, Stanley Keeler of Cardinal.

A lifetime resident of the area, born in Matilda Township on November 20, 1938, he was the son of the late James and Eva (nee Sypes) Keeler.

Surviving the loss are his wife, Bernice (nee Levere) whom he married at the Williamsburg United Church on June 2, 1999. A son Stanley Jr of Lyn mourns the loss as do step-children; Gordon White of Westport; Steven (Susan) White of RR2, Iroquois; Paul (Karen) White, Lynn Markell, Carol (Herb) Markell and Marnie (John) Tuttle, all of RR2, Brinston. As well, brothers Bucky (Linda) Markell of Prescott and Forest of Morrisburg are saddened by their loss. Nieces and nephews survive as well.

Stanley was predeceased by brothers; Clayton, Wilfred and Bruce and sisters Leona, Flossie and Sara Markell.

Stanley enjoyed fishing, working with horses and repairing cars.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Shirley Nichol. Interment followed at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston. pallbearers were Stewart Markell, Mahlon Keeler, Paul White, James Deyo, Jimmy Keeler and Harry Brown.

Irene Bailey

At the Hartford Home in Morrisburg, Irene Bailey on Thursday, December 5, 2002. Born in Matilda Township on July 1, 1916, Irene was 86 years old. She had moved to the Hartford 4 years ago.

A lifetime resident of the area, a homemaker, Irene was well known for her baking and anyone who ever was favoured with a taste of her doughnuts or divinity fudge will never forget them.

Predeceased by her parents, the late Ernest and Blanche (nee Stacey) Marcellus as well as her beloved husband: Jay Bailey, whom she married on September 16, 1939 at the Rowena United Church Manse as well as a great grandson: Lucas McCrea, a sister: Jean Smail and a brother-in-law: Dudley Smail. Irene was a member of the Brinston United Church Women.

Mourning the loss are a daughter, Marilyn Smith of RR1, Brinston and sons: John (Debbie) and Charles (Laurie) of Brinston. Irene will be fondly remembered by grandchildren; Jeff Smith, Jo-Anne McCrea, Jason Bailey, Jeremie Bailey and great-grandchildren Kelly Smith, Carrie McCrea and Maggie McCrea. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Irene enjoyed knitting, quilting, playing the piano and visiting with her family and friends. She enjoyed baking and making doughnuts.

Memorial donations to the Brinston United Church or the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Rev. Yvonne Willis followed by interment at Sprucehaven Cemetery in Brinston. Pallbearers were Jeff Smith, Jo-Anne McCrea, Jason and Jeremie Bailey, Neil Strader and Larry Gilmer. Honourary Pallbearers were Lorne Strader, Henry Geurkink and Henry Zandbergen.

Mae Alma Meikle

On December 5, 2002, Mae Alma Meikle in her 94th year passed away peacefully at the Belleville General Hospital. She was born in Aultsville and resided in Morrisburg, Ontario until she moved to Bridge Street Retirement Residence, Belleville in 1999. She was the dear wife of Harry William Meikle of Morrisburg who predeceased her in 1988, dear mother of Marilyn Hunt (Joe) of Gaithersburg, Maryland and Elizabeth McDonald (John) of Belleville, Ontario; Nana to Ian McDonald (Tanya) of Burnaby, British Columbia, Heather Cavanagh (Paul) of Etobicoke, Ontario and Glen McDonald (Roz) of Manotick, Ontario and great grandmother of Isabelle Cavanagh, Etobicoke, Ontario. She was predeceased by her parents, Albert Edwin Hollister and Carrie Ethel Dafoe of Aultsville, Ontario, Osnabruck Township and by sister, Thelma Ault and brother Clifford Hollister. She was predeceased by sister-in-law Mildred Shannette and her husband Dr. A.T. Shannette, nephew, Richard Shannette and sister-in-law, Jean G.Meikle.

She married Harry William Meikle of Morrisburg on February 1, 1933 at the United Church Manse in Cornwall. They were members of Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg. When Upper Canada Village was developed, Mae worked there as a guide for several years. She enjoyed her family, her many friends and her gardening and flowers. The river was an important part of her life particularly in the summer months at the family cottage east of town beyond Nash's Creek. Mae enjoyed travelling in Canada, Europe and the USA. For many years, she and her husband Harry spent the winter months in Florida.

Mae was also an avid sports person and member of the Morrisburg Curling Club and the Morrisburg Golf Club. She served as president of the Women's Curling Division in 1954 and on many committees over the years. She curled competitively and was well known in the Ottawa and Montreal areas in the 1940s and 50s. In 1932, she and her husband were involved in the first Morrisburg golf group. They played golf on Meikle property north of the old CNR tracks which is the present Highway 2. In 1939, they moved to a site near Rosedale Inn on the St. Lawrence which was developed into the present golf course.

The funeral service was at the Parker Funeral Home on December 9, 2002. Reverend Jean Udall of Lakeshore Drive United Church conducted the service along with family friend Reverend Malcolm Sterling. Interment was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Morrisburg. Honourary pallbearers were Arthur Edgerton, Dr. Wayne Domanko, Douglas Grenkie, Fred Hill, Gerald Mullins, Hill Steinbrug and Dr. Traer VanAllen. Pallbearers were Heather and Paul Cavanagh, Glen and Roz McDonald, Jamie Jones and Lindsay Weegar. Memorial contributions may be made to the CNIB or Winchester Hospital.



Courtesy Photo

Couch Donation

Victor Brooks (Wmsbg Legion) was at Morris-Glen Seniors Building in Morrisburg to present a new couch to the facility. Vi Brown, an 89 year old resident was on hand to accept the lovely donation, along with Marilyn Brown (Resident Supervisor).



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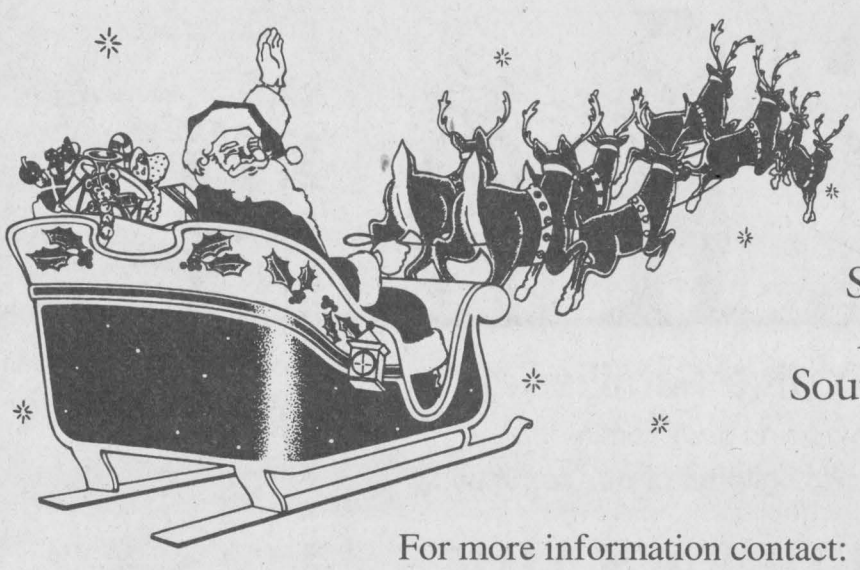

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Christmas Carol

and in such a way that no scene was broken by the intrusion of the songs, but rather seemed to flow into the talking parts as naturally and with complete absorption.

The portrayal of the ghosts of Christmas were so well done and Weir certainly "became" Scrooge as the audience sat spellbound by his actions throughout the show.

No version of the story could begin to be complete without Tiny Tim and the young lads who played the parts, Brian Van Moorsel who I was fortunate enough to see portray the wee lad did an excellent job, as did the other local youngsters when their turns came to be on stage according to those who saw them. Speaking to many among the theatre audiences who attended this final show of the year were smitten with the bug that draws people to live performances.

The talented cast brought the Dickens classic alive and the special effects added that magical touch unseen at The Playhouse until now.

The folks at The Playhouse are doing something right and it shows! Talk around the community is already turning to spring when Lucien (aka Marshall Button, former Playhouse Artistic Director) will make a return engagement to The Playhouse. The winter months will not seem to dark as anticipation keeps everyone anxious for the legendary New Brunswick mill worker to once again take control of the stage on the night shift as he shares his thoughts and opinions on every topic from love to politics. Created and performed by Marshall who is well known to locals, Lucien is a wonderful way for The playhouse to celebrate their 20th year. In fact the last performance of this run, on Saturday, April 26 will be the Upper Canada Playhouse 20th Anniversary Gala which will benefit the Renewing The Vision for the Winchester Memorial Hospital. Don't miss this one, call The Playhouse today for your tickets, a great Christmas gift for that hard to buy for person on your list.

Already scheduled, the Summer of 2003 is looking gooood..as a New Season of Great Comedy is on tap. The four show include "Lend Me A Tenor" by Ken Ludwig, "Sadie Flynn Comes to Big Oak" another by the everpopular Norm Foster, "Chapter Two" by the perennial playwright, Neil Simon and "Self-Help" by Foster whose work keeps 'em coming back, time after time. Country Suppers are back by popular demand and the Flex pass, a great subscription package is both an easy and economical way to enjoy the shows. Check with the box office for details.

Perhaps this is the year you will become a Playhouse Member. Members are indeed the backbone of The Playhouse. Choosing a level of support that is right for you, you become a stakeholder in the cultural fabric of the community, giving you hands-on involvement in the future of The Playhouse, you earn a vote at the Annual General Meeting as well as earning rewarding benefits.

Volunteers are what makes The Playhouse work, climb aboard and join the fun.

The Playhouse Raffle winners were announced as the final show concluded. The bird carving crafted and donated by Mike McInnis was won by Bert Cunningham of Morrisburg and the quilt crafted by Park Lane Crafters was won by Nancy Elliott of Vars.

Government

good as those students who are completing the other curriculum?" The Ontario government has been monitoring students in the new four year program and students in the old five year program to track the achievement level as students progress through high school. The results show that students are performing equally well across both programs. In studies it has shown that a similar percentage of students are achieving above 90% is both the new and old programs.

One often voiced question was "High demand programs such as high technology, health care and police services have been difficult to get into in the past , what will happen with a double cohort year?" While the term "double cohort" is being used this does not necessarily mean that there will be a doubling of applicants. Some Grade 12 students will opt to return to high school for another semester or even another year. Mr. Mark Lewis a Guidance Councillor at Seaway remarked "Just because your peers are ready to go to college or university doesn't mean you have to." He went on to tell parents to use their own judgement. Some seventeen year olds are not ready to leave just yet. Don't push your children, let them make the decision. He suggested some options to entering post secondary schools immediately after graduation, stay in high school and take some extra credit course or take a co-op program.

Another concern spoken of was the residences provided by the colleges and universities. Will there be room for all the students requiring residents? Colleges and universities across Ontario are committed to expanding the amount of housing provided to the students. By 2003 the number of residence beds available is expected to grow by 16,229, an increase of more than 35% over the number available in 1998-99. In addition, student housing offices are working with their local communities to identify other types of accommodations. Algonquin and St. Lawrence College representatives announced an additional 1,000 beds have been added to their residences to accommodate the double cohort.

A main concern for all parents is finances. How difficult will it be to get financial assistance with the increased number of students? The eligibility criteria for student assistance has not changed. If you are eligible you will get it. Eligibility for assistance through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) will not be effected by the increase in enrolment.

One of the most important things to do before entering the post secondary phase of education is to research. Visit the college or university you plan to attend. Make sure it is exactly the type of facility you need. Make sure you feel comfortable there. See what extra curricular activities there are. Remember your child is there to get an education but they also should experience the social atmosphere that each school provides.

To help choose the course that's right for your graduate have them consult course calenders and websites provided by the colleges and universities. Your child should also talk to their guidance councillors and to the college or university liaison officers who may come to your area high school to hold information sessions.

Education

that funding across the province is equitable, unlike the current funding formula, " concluded Chair Hodge.

Of a government injection of $250 million for Special Education Students, the UCDSB will get $2,716,636. "Funding for Special Ed students at the UCDSB will increase by $2.7 million. Once again we welcome the government's quick response in addressing the need as identified by Dr. Rozanski," stated Board Chair Joan Hodge.

"Our Board has operated a deficit in Special Education resulting in us having to re-allocate dollars from other parts of the budget to support this vital sector of our system."

The UCDSB will be recipient of $5.865,290 in government funding to avoid labour disputes. The total allocation by the province is $340 million.

"We appreciate the initiative shown by this government and believe this money will help us to reach agreements with our teachers," commented Chair Hodge.



"The Juggler" Performed

Miss Gibb's Grade 9 Drama Class presented the play "The Juggler" to the students at Iroquois Public School. Here The Juggler (Rose Deighton) is surrounded by the faceless and nameless, money hungry factory workers of the village. The students actors showed off their acting talents as well as their juggling ability. Well done! *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

The cold weather coupled with the snowfall we experienced this past few days has brought our feathered friends to feeders everywhere as they huddle against the elements and try to fill the hungries.

Our Irena birdwatcher reports 20 Starlings on Rowena Road this week as well as 10 big old black Crows in a tree along the same road. Four Chickadees frequent her feeders, these little fellows are co cute!

Her suet will soon need to be replaced since the Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers continue to peck away at the bag regularly.

Three noisy Blue Jays drop by every single day and let everyone know they are at the feeder. The smaller birds wait until these big guys leave before they slip onto a perch and grab a bite.

Three Juncos and the same number of Tree Sparrows as well as four Mourning Doves have been seen at the feeder in the back yard as well.

Swampview provides shelter for the smaller birds as they wait their turn at the feeders. They huddle in the cedar shrubs as the bigger birds grab their food and then leave. There was a flock of Tree Sparrows arrived for a stay on Sunday afternoon and we got caught up watching them as they darted to the various feeders on the veranda grabbing peanuts, seeds and such. There were four huge Blue Jays came by and our regular compliment of Chickadees who come each day.

Much to our disgust, our small grey Squirrel has a bigger and bolder relative who came by while we enjoyed our morning coffee on Sunday, we will need to get rid of these pesky fellows. They sit atop our log cabin feeder as if to boast! And they are fat as mud, must be eating very well.

Another local reports roadkill near the railway tracks north on County Road 16. Walking her dog the other evening she stepped on something that she could not readily identify, so grabbed her camera and snapped a photo. Investigation by the writer with help from neighbours concluded it was a Fisher that was removed and taken to a taxidermist. This is the second one killed here in the past few years.

An Iroquois caller reports "the usual" as she put it, the Jays, the Doves along with the Sparrows and Chickadees keep coming back to the feeders. A Hawk was seen, but not yet identified. They too have a grey Squirrel visiting on occasion.

Keep those reports coming folks, you make the column each week. Thanks to the regular callers and come on the rest of you, give us a shout at 652-4395 before 11 on Tuesday morning. This week we will publish again on Friday, so a call then would help. Merry Christmas and A Happy and Healthy New Year birders!

United Counties Police Services Board False Alarm Program

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The number of false alarms in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry has been identified as consuming a significant quantity of police services resources, which could be better utilized to enhance Police presence in the municipalities.

The registration of security alarm systems is an integral part of the strategy to reduce the number of false alarms in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Effective January 1, 2003, a Security Alarm By-Law will be in effect in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. ALL businesses and homeowners who use an alarm system MUST register their alarm system s whether monitored or non-monitored. The registration fee is $36 for a 3 year period per residential and business alarm system. Senior Citizens over the age of 65 years are exempt from the fee. A separate registration is required for EACH alarm site. Registration includes one non-chargeable false alarm during a twelve month period.

Copies of the Registration form brochure and Security Alarm ByLaw can be obtained through the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry website at www.sdgcounties.ca. registration packages can be obtained at the United Counties Office, Municipal Township Offices and local Police Departments.

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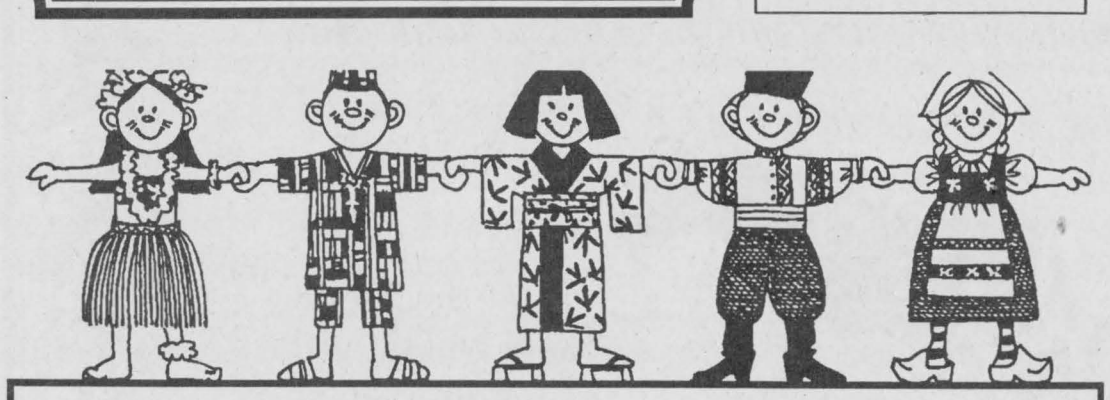

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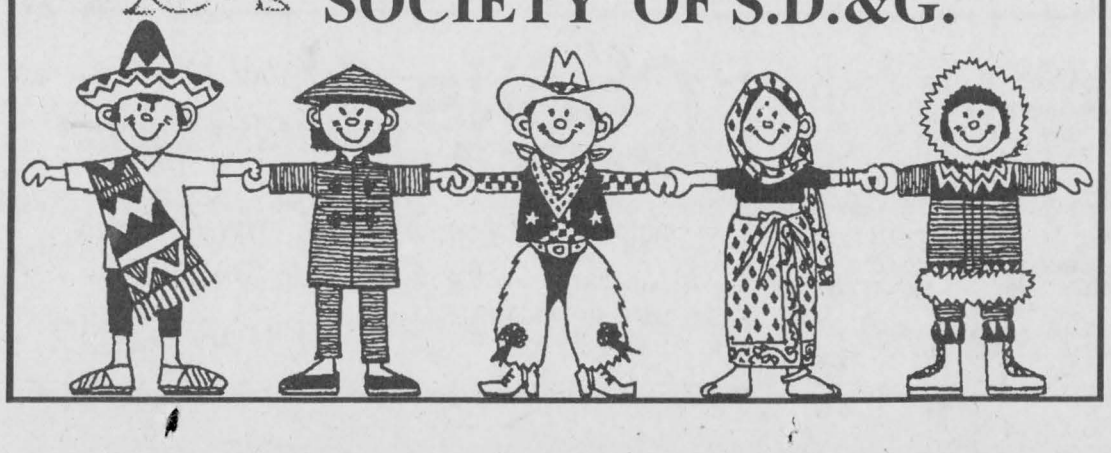

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