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Prize Patrol Winners in Iroquois

Pictured here are the lucky winners who were in S&F Foodland on Friday last week when the prize patrol pulled up and prizes began to be won. In no particular order some of the winners included Joan Ault, Nicole Robinson, Doreen Conlin, Beverly Smith, Betty Farrell, Jean Mattice, Laura Burgess, Stacey McKee, Angie Ault and Donny Martell who won bags of groceries. Jean Shaver, Corrie Byvelds, Donny Martell, and Betty McDermid all won a camera. Betty Farrell, Beverly Smith won a telephone. Gift Certificates to various stores were won by Georgette Berube, Myrna Prosser and Sherri Lee Shaver. Lerra Ellis won an electric kettle. Watches went to Stacey McKee, Betty Jean Brennan and Ron Lewis. Kay Edgar won a toaster as did Nicole Robinson and Angie Ault took home a coffee maker. Congrats to all!! *Chieftain Photo by N. Zandbergen*

Prize Patrol Alert at Iroquois store

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The flashing yellow light on the gaily painted Ford Windstar parked in front of the local food store was a clue that something was happening at S&F Foodland last week.

The Prize Patrol had previously visited the local grocery store, but we missed it...not this time! We were on the pin and entered our name in the draw for a tableful of prizes; from bags of groceries to cameras, from telephones to gift certificates, from watches to blenders, from toasters to electric kettles.

Shoppers stopped in their tracks and grocery carts squealed to a halt as the clock on the wall struck 1pm. Assistant Store Manager, Betty McEwan helped Michelle Madderson of Breakthrough Innovation Group Inc. chose the winners from a ballet box and a grocery basket.

There were squeals of disbelief as people's names were called and they were awarded a prize. Some people even won twice, having their names in both containers. Congrats to all the winners!! A happy group headed home with their weekly groceries and a prize in tow.

The Prize Patrol is a part of the Foodland "Roll into Spring $350-,000 Prize Giveaway," a wonderful way to say "thank you" to their customers.

The final Grand Prize Draw will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at high noon at Mount Forest Foodland. There will be six lucky Grand Prize Finalists who will have the chance to win 1 of 2 Ford Focus Sedans. Ballots are in the Foodland stores now. Good luck!!

Oh, for those wondering, I did not win!! Maybe the grand prize is waiting for me!!

N. Dundas year end shows surplus

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Unexpected revenues and cost savings have allowed North Dundas Township to close out 1999 with a $476,000 surplus.

"You're obviously doing something right," said Ross Markell, delivering the year-end auditor's report to council on Monday.

Markell, a chartered accountant with the Craig Gareau Keen Despatie & Markell firm, noted that taxes, tipping fees, ice storm money and interest income had all exceeded projections. The township also received an unanticipated $81,000 settlement from the province's community reinvestment fund.

On the spending side, "most things were under budget." That added up to $250,000 in savings.

"You're in better shape than you were at the beginning of last year."

The total surplus has been moved into township reserves, which ballooned to nearly $3.9 million by year-end, almost $900,000 richer than projected.

Township revenue was also bolstered by an extra $100,000 from lands owned by Ontario Hydro Services, due to a policy change by the provincial government.

Mayor Claude Cousineau congratulated Treasurer Bonnie Dingwall on the successful budget, and she credited all of the treasury staff for their contribution.

North Dundas notes

Milk logo on watertower

A familiar cow logo will adorn Winchester's water tower in time for Dairyfest this year.

Don Grotenhuis, an Inkerman farmer and Chairman of the Dundas Dairy Producer Committee, brought copies of a letter that indicated the Dairy Farmers of Canada would pay to have a blue and white 'Quality Milk' logo painted on the water tower.

All Grotenhuis needed was council's approval, and quickly got it.

"I think it would be a good idea to put it on both sides of the tower," Mayor Cousineau enthused.

Grotenhuis said the logos would be "extremely visible" for miles around, and the goal is to

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Taxes up 5% in South Dundas

Avoiding deficit depends on $32,000 in cuts

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Township property taxes are going up five percent in South Dundas — about a $25 increase on a residential assessment of $100,000.

The increase, passed during final budget deliberations Thursday, represents $142,000 additional tax dollars for the township in 2000. Even with that money, an extra $32,000 needs to be whittled from township spending in order to keep the books balanced this year. Staff department heads have been instructed to cut the figure out of their operating budgets.

"I think we should go for the five percent tax increase," said Mayor Johnny Whitteker, adding the departments would have to "do their best" to cut the additional $32,000. "If they can't, we'll have to go into deficit."

Other cuts have already been incorporated into the budget. The Public Works Department, for example, has been allocated about $2.4 million this year, compared to $2.5 million last year. Combined with increased fuel prices and asphalt prices that are up about a third over last year, it will add up to fewer miles of new pavement in South Dundas in 2000.

Much of the cash crunch this year appears to be the result of reduced transfer payments from the province. Toronto's support will no longer include special circumstances and realignment funding, meant to soften one-time costs associated with provincial downloading and property assessment changes. It had been worth nearly half a million dollars to South Dundas in 1999.

With the cut, the township expects to receive a little over a million dollars in provincial money.

This last budget from the first council of South Dundas, with its tax increase to end the term, comes after a year in which the township actually picked up some unexpected cash windfalls. Financial statements show the township, without raising taxes, pulled in an extra $759,298 in unbudgeted revenue in 1999.

That came from all sources, including user fees and property taxes, which exceeded revenue projections. And it came from the province as well, which unexpectedly delivered $355,418 more in grants than was budget for.

Also unbudgeted was an extra $131,954 received because the Ontario Hydro Services Company was forced by the Ontario government to pay higher property taxes than had been anticipated.

Expenditures also rose in 1999, leaving an apparent operating "surplus" of about $136,179. In addition, Administrator Mike Waddell said this week that money originally budgeted for projects in 1999, but which were not undertaken, was plowed back into reserves.

As a result, reserves swelled to almost $5.5 million by year's end, well above the $4.83 million projected in the last budget.

Hands off those reserves

Council was steered away from taking money out of those reserves to keep taxes at zero percent.

"Some would say our reserves are pretty healthy," Township Administrator Mike Waddell told council. "But you can't use them up," he added, noting in comments this week that much of the increase in reserves is still earmarked for uncompleted projects.

He presented council with three scenarios to find the $174,000 needed to balance this year's budget: a six percent tax increase to cover the full amount; or further cutting in combination with a smaller tax increase — three and five percent were suggested options.

Councillor Cam Martel agreed that draining reserves was out of

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Race tracks gearing for opener

The seats will start to fill early. The lights will be up. Engines will rev and roar. Drivers will suit up as pit crews do a final check. The flagman will settle in his box. Wrecker and rescue crews will get into position. The concession stands will emit great smells of buttered popcorn and sizzling burgers and dogs. The air is certain to be electric with excitement as 'start time' draws nearer. The dirt will fly as tires bite into the track and wheels spin.

As the flag drops for the first race of the season at both Cornwall and Brockville Speedways, things will get off to a roarin' start.

Brockville opens Friday night, May 19, while Cornwall action gets underway on Sunday evening, May 21.

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Amalgamation talk by United Counties & City of Cornwall

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Countywide amalgamation in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, along with Cornwall, has taken a step closer to the front burner.

In an 8-3 vote on Monday, SDG counties council approved a resolution to invite City of Cornwall council to a special meeting concerning potential amalgamation options.

A provincial facilitator will preside over the discussions.

At the North Dundas council meeting that evening, Mayor Claude Cousineau said all city and township councillors would be invited to participate in the meeting, which hasn't been given a date yet.

"We'll have a good say. We'll outnumber them all," Cousineau deadpanned.

"It was decided we should sit down with a facilitator to talk about how amalgamation could happen, what are the ramifications, what it costs," he explained.

The facilitator would not have any powers to force an amalgamation, like a commissioner, but would only be present to help "get all the pros and cons out at the table, so we can talk," the mayor said.

Councillor Roger Cole said he would've preferred Cornwall not be invited. "They tend to be big bullies in this."

But he took a realistic approach. "This round table discussion is going to happen," he said. "We should take our time to reflect on what our position is, and be prepared to speak our piece."

With the United Counties buying programs such as social services and, next year, land ambulance, from the city, SDG is left with an operation that includes mainly just roads and policing. Some are questioning whether that deserves a separate government.

North Glengarry Township has been pushing hardest for a look at further amalgamation. That township's council on May 8 passed a resolution calling on all the townships and the counties to hold a binding referendum on two options this fall.

The first would see each of the three counties unbundled from

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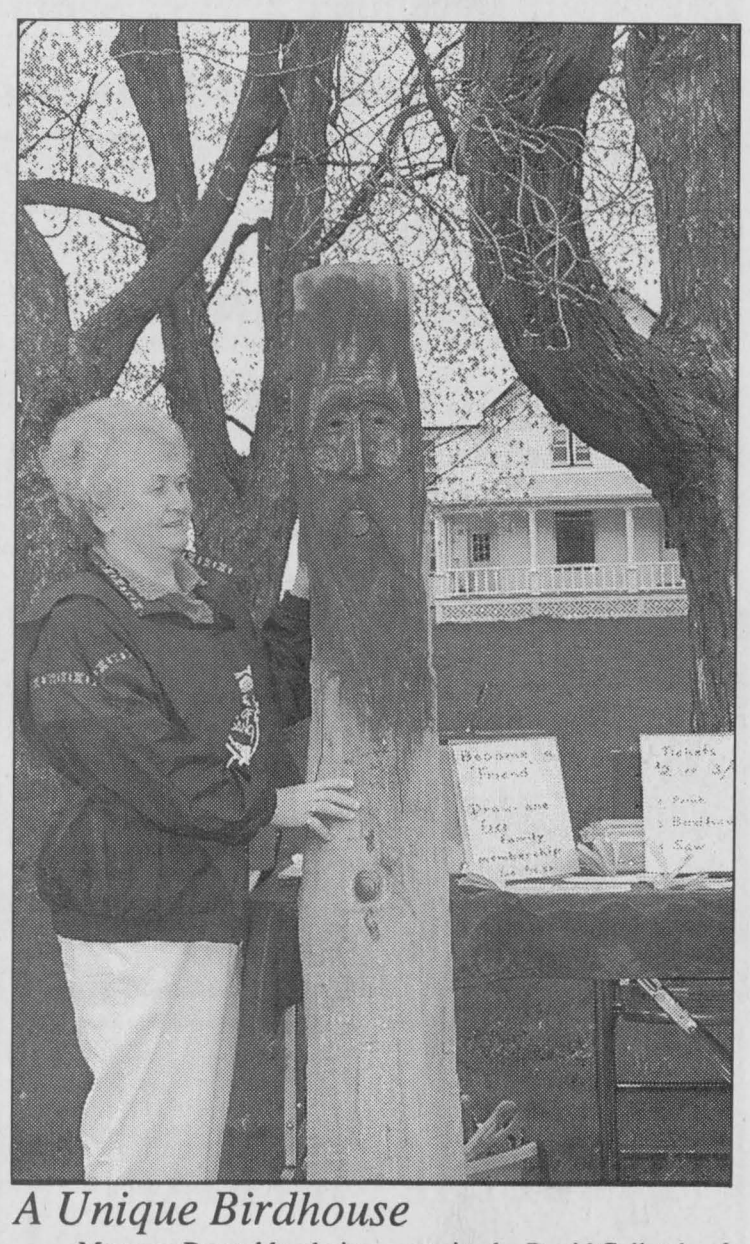

A Unique Birdhouse

Margaret Reynolds admires a carving by David Gellately of Long Sault. Behind this log face is a bird house, the birds enter through the mouth...pretty awesome. This was a winner in last year's Create a Birdhouse Competition hosted by the Bird Sanctuary. He donated it back and it is a prize at this year's Waterfowl Day in September. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal transition progresses

by Joseph Morin
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Transition board met at the Edwardsburgh town hall for their fourth meeting on Wednesday, May 3.

The various committees assigned to the transition board presented their findings. The examination of how the two municipalities will join together is an ongoing process.

Committee reports were tabled by each of the 7 working committees. The transition board has been making progress in resolving many of the issues that both municipalities are confronted with. At their meeting on April 6 they discussed a number of issues.

Inventory listings for the fire department were presented for information purposes. Reeve Dave Dobbie suggested that the inventories include an extra column to describe the condition of the equipment listed.

Reeve of Cardinal, Larry Dishaw inquired whether or not the transition board would support a survey to establish if there is a need for daycare facilities in the new township. Reeve Dishaw explained that since the province has downloaded daycare to the municipal level, there is an opportunity to obtain funding for daycare. The transition board gave the go ahead for a daycare survey.

Edwardsburgh Deputy Reeve, Bill Sloan gave the board a list of street names that are the same in both municipalities. The board suggested that when a street name has to be changed because of duplication then the street with the least number of properties on it should be the one to be changed. There are 11 street names that are identical in the two municipalities.

A meeting of the Transition Board Protection to Persons and Property Committee was held on April 26 in Edwardsburgh. Cardinal Fire Chief, Graham Van Camp mentioned that the equipment is getting older. The 21972 pumper that they have is getting

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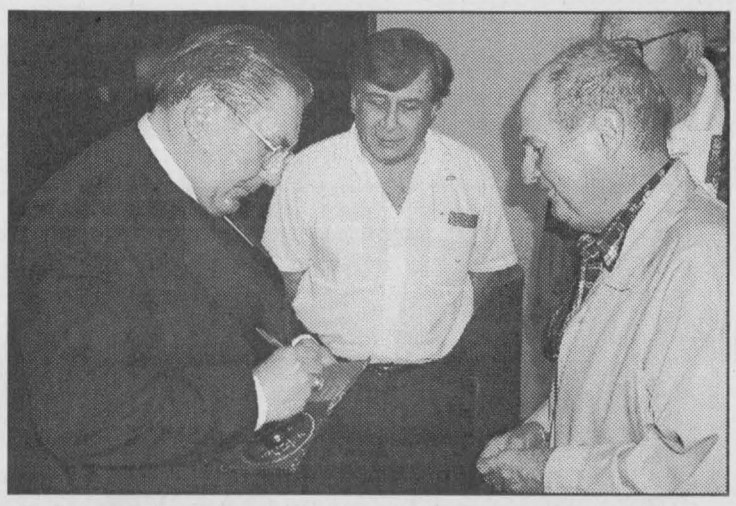

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Benson Science and technology day

by Nelson Zandbergen
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The community turned out en masse to celebrate the official opening of a new science room at Benson Public School.



Joe Scott, Dennis Dmytrow, Mark Madsen
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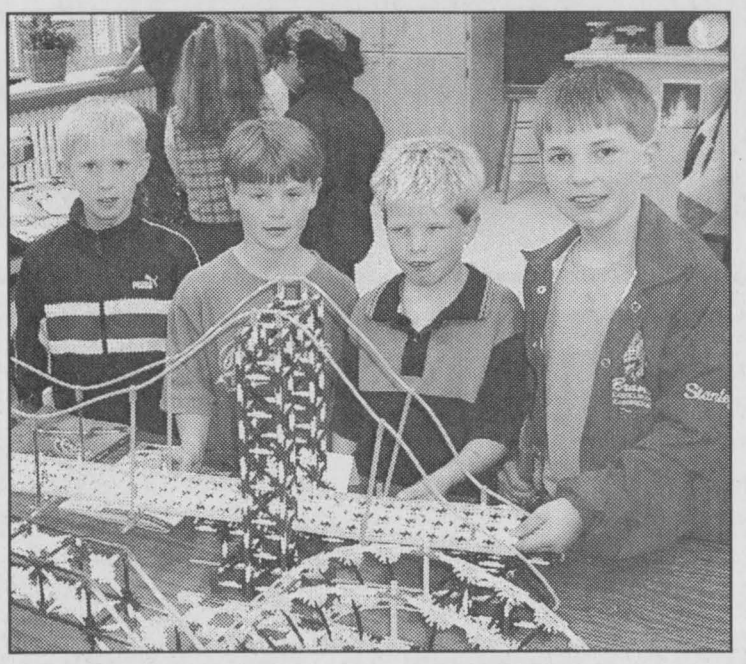

In the new science room at Benson
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About a year ago, the school's library was moved into another room, leaving parents and staff with some pretty admirable plans for the vacated spot.

With the help of partners in the community, it all came to fruition at the room's opening ceremony last Tuesday, which was dubbed 'science and technology day' at the school.

Cutting the ribbon were Cardinal Councillor Joe Scott, CASCO's Mark Madsen and Sithe Energies' Dennis Dmytrow, each representing the contributers that made the day possible.

Rhonda Elliott, head of the Benson Parent Community Advisory Council, gratefully noted contributions of $4,000 each from neighbouring CASCO and Sithe Energies, and $5,000 from the Village of Cardinal.

"They were very generous with their support."

What Benson students can now access is a centre of scientific resources, complete with microscopes, lab equipment, computers with unique software and miniature building kits for constructing model bridges and the like.

"The concept, as we looked at the new provinical science and technology curriculum, was to create a focal point for science," explained Jerry Hough, Benson principal, speaking from a podium on the gymnasium stage.

He said the science room complemented the existing computer room and would hopefully help "dispell the old myth that science is gender specific."

"It is for both females and males."

In her remarks to the audience, Elliott predicted even better days ahead for the project, calling this "just the beginning."

The industry and municipal representatives stressed the importance of giving back to the community, and preparing the next generation for employment in a highly skilled world

"Science and technology careers today are very high-tech," said Dmytrow.

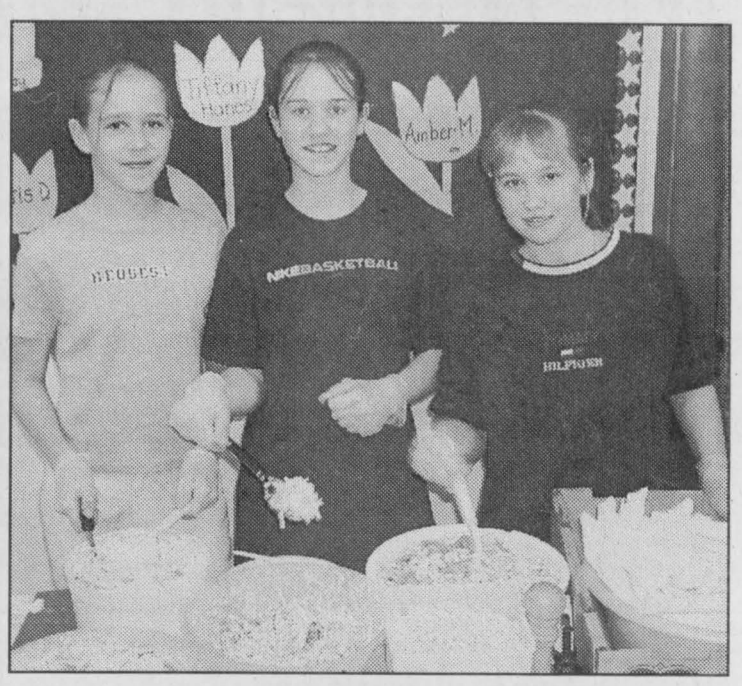
Upper Canada District School Board Trustee Joan Hodge also offered words of congratulations.

Yes, science is cool, and there were special speakers and presentations throughout the day. But a good dinner doesn't hurt attendance at a community event like this, either.

The grade 8 class held a fundraising meal in the main hallway, and during the supper hour the place filled up with families clutching paper plates loaded with roast beef and vegetables.

Proceeds of the dinner went toward a class trip to Canada's Wonderland, planned for this spring.

Brenda Kenney, one of the organizing parents, estimated 350 meals sold.



Serve it up on Science & Tech. day

Kortney Smail, JoAnn Perry and Amanda Massey help out behind the serving tables during Science and Technology Day at Benson Public School. They were among grade 8's who raised funds for an upcoming trip to Wonderland.

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Guess who's coming to dinner?

Todd Gill and family showed up for the dinner at Benson Public School last week. The veteran NHL defenceman earlier bought a ticket to the fundraiser from one of his relatives in the grade 8 class at the school. A Cardinal native, Benson is Gill's alma mater.

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beyond the 25 year life expectancy but has passed testing. The fire chief felt that if the Cardinal fire department was expected to cover more territory, then a tanker would have to be stationed there.

The transition committee recommended that the fire chiefs from both municipalities attend the next meeting and review the department equipment and make their own recommendations concerning fire protection in the new municipalities.

Transition board committee meetings are planed for May 30 in Cardinal for the Protection to Persons and Property at 6 pm. Transportation Services and Public Works will be in Spencerville on May 23 at 6 pm. The Recreation Committee will meet on May 25 at 6 pm in Cardinal and Planning and Development committee will meet in Cardinal on May 16 at 6 pm. The Libraries Committee will meet in Spencerville at 6 pm on May 24.

Tenders come in over budget for Williamsburg Non-profit Housing

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A plan to create a 30-unit non-profit rental housing development in Williamsburg is back up in the air because all contractor tenders have come in over budget.

"It's still breathing, barely," Councillor Rowdy Gillard, a member of the Williamsburg Non-profit Housing board, disclosed at the last South Dundas Council meeting.

According to Trevor Tolley, chairman of the board, four tenders were opened on Mar. 15, one from an Avonmore firm, one from Cornwall, and two from Ottawa.

The Avonmore and Cornwall bids were the cheapest, but were still about $400,000 over budget, at about $75 per square foot. Non-profit Housing had been advised by its architect that the project could be undertaken for $55 to $58 per square foot, Tolley said.

At those prices, the project could be built for $1.35 million, an amount Non-profit Housing had secured in financing. That included two mortgages, one backed up by CMHC and the other by South Dundas Township.

"We had everything in place with regard to lenders and prices and the acceptability of the rents," he commented.

CMHC approval took longer than expected this winter, delaying a call for tenders until late February. Tolley suggested that if the tender call had gone out a few months earlier, cheaper bids would've resulted, due to a lack of wintertime work.

As it stands now, Non-profit Housing is approaching local contractors, without tendering, to see if there is interest in doing the job for a lower price this winter.

And while the goal had originally been to break ground this spring, the sudden delay is not unprecedented. Several years ago, the project was on the verge of beginning, but was abruptly killed when the newly-elected Harris government yanked funding.

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A cancerous sleeper

Colorectal cancer, sometimes referred to as colon or bowel cancer, is the second leading cause of cancer death in North America. In women, it is diagnosed only less often than lung and breast cancer, respectively. In men, this is mirrored by colorectal cancer statistics that show it trailing only lung and prostate cancer in its rate of diagnosis. Over their lifetime nearly 50 percent of North Americans will develop some kind of tumour in the wall of their colon or large intestine.

Unlike breast cancer, however, there hasn't been the same emphasis on routine, preventive screening for colorectal cancer in otherwise healthy people over the age of 50 — those who are most at risk for the disease. This is despite the fact that colorectal cancer has an over 90 percent cure rate if it is caught in the early stages.

A number of admittedly uncomfortable and slightly scary screening techniques can be used to find the cancerous polyps long before they've had a chance to spread cancer to other tissues in the body, and often before any symptoms have shown up. Unfortunately, only 37 percent of colorectal cancer cases are diagnosed during the earliest stage. That number could be increased if screening for this disease became more a matter of course for all middle-aged adults.

As a social cause, colorectal cancer is fortunately beginning to come out of the closet. In the United States, a group lobbying for increased awareness of this killer points out that the Center for Disease Control's research budget for colorectal cancer was $2.5 million in 1999, compared to $151 million for prostate cancer and $158 million for breast and cervical cancer. The Colon Cancer Alliance is also encouraging Americans over 50 to get themselves screened for the disease. It declared March as Colon Cancer month in the U.S.

Here in Canada, the provincial health plans are looking into setting up routine screening clinics. Cost, of course, will be a factor in whether that occurs in the near future (which isn't likely). In the meantime, you can lower your risk for this disease by eating a healthy diet, including fruits and vegetables, fibre, and not too much fat. And if you're over 50, talk to your doctor about having a colonoscopy or one of the other invasive screening procedures — even if all outward signs would seem to indicate good health. **NZ**

Rabies Alert

A vital part of our everyday lives revolves around the harm that can come to us. Certain external harms can be fatal and we need to be aware that we can protect ourselves and our loved ones from certain of these external forces. This month, May is Rabies Awareness Month, a time when the government of our province promotes their educational programs and services available on the topic of the threat of rabies to residents of Ontario.

Minister of Natural Resources, John Snobelen says, "Our goal is to increase public awareness and make it easier to access information about rabies as well as to improve our service to the public and to this end, we have created a toll-free information telephone line which is easily accessible throughout the province." Residents of this beautiful province can now call one number for medical and preventative information on rabies. The new provincial number is 1-888-668-4636. There is a number for the hearing impaired as well, this being 1-800-387-5559. These lines are available to the public Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm.

Ontario's Chief Medical Officer suggests that since the nice weather that signals the arrival of spring invites both people and animals to spend more time outdoors, the threat of rabies escalates. "Public awareness and knowledge are vital in the fight against the spread of rabies. We must take every precaution to ensure that all strains of rabies are controlled," says Dr. Colin D'Cunha, Chief Medical Officer for Ontario.

Rabies is a disease caused by a virus that attacks the central nervous system of warm-blooded mammals. It can be spread to humans by their pets if those pets have been exposed to the saliva of infected animals. It can also be spread directly to humans though contact with infected wildlife like racoons, skunks and foxes. All animals that get rabies **die**. If untreated, rabies is also fatal to humans. The best protection against rabies is for people to stay away from wild or stray animals. Any wild animal that seems overly friendly is an invitation to curious people, but may be as well an invitation to rabies. Parents are also well advised to tell their children to NOT touch dead or sick animals. Homeowners need to take measures to discourage wild animals from taking up residence in their homes or on their properties. Pet owners should vaccinate their cats and dogs annually to protect the health of their pets and the safety of their family. All Ontario residents are reminded to NOT keep wildlife as pets. Not only can this practice be dangerous, it is also against the law.

With the very real threat of rabies in our area, we are reminded to take necessary precautions. Last year the Brockville area was under seige by the disease and the MNR were debating whether there was funding to carry out the poison feeding program that has worked well in previous years. Already word that rabies has been discovered as close as the Cardinal region causes concern locally. This is especially relevant when the skunk population seems to be in an explosive state in our area. Many people report that their lawns are being dug up by little black and white fellows nightly. We need to realize that the threat is real. It it our concern and we need to make sure our children are aware of what rabies is and what it means to humans and to animals. **S.L.J.**

Carver brings home blue ribbons from the World Championships

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

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It is a long way from whittling sticks on the farm in Matilda Township to carving world class award winning waterfowl...or is it? Carleton McInnis, aka "Mike" does not think so. The progression from shavings and sawdust to carved birds that seem so lifelike one has to touch them to distill any doubts was a natural evolution for this man.

Sitting in his family room on a cool spring morning he is very much at ease with the results of his labours of love. On the table before him are two diving ducks; a Red-Breasted Merganser Drake and a Ring-Neck Drake. Around the neck of each is a beautiful blue ribbon, signifying a first place for each in the "Open Decorative Lifesize Floating Waterfowl, 1st in species, at the 30th Anniversary 2000 Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition in Ocean City, Maryland, USA. The floating refers to the fact that the wooden ducks are judged while floating in a tank of water. According to Mike the carvings are hollowed out and fitted with a water-proof plate on the bottom, sometimes a lead weight is added to make them float properly, "They must look natural in the water, no matter how well they are carved and or painted, if they do not look at home floating on the water, they will never win a class."

But, the writer is getting ahead of herself. The idea of carving came to Mike when he was finding himself working less (a former well known lawyer in Morrisburg and area), with more spare time than he could fill. "I needed a hobby, that was evident," says Mike. When asked why he would turn to wood carving, he mentions another well known Morrisburg son who has carved a spot for himself in many pieces of wood, Ken Scott. "I began to cultivate my interest in Ken's work. He does some pretty fascinating stuff and I decided to try my hand at it." Taking classes at St. Lawrence College was his starting point and he seems not to have looked back since. "There were others who took at the same time I started, like Mike Deppe, Jim Saunders and Owen Alguire."

Mike suggests that some people just have the ability, the knack for carving. "It comes to them through intuition, but for a very select few. Most carvers have taken instruction to learn the basic techniques, have gone to classes and learned from others. A good instructor will show you how to do it, but suggest that you develop your own style and technique, that you experiement until you locate your groove." He continues saying that each carver has to decide what he/she is interested in...ducks, songbirds birds of prey, even fish and that is what the individual works with. "They all involve removing wood, getting the desired shape, colour and pose you want, what is important to you is what comes out in your work."

Mike explains the hobby that has become such a vital part of his life and as he does, the love he harbours for the craft shines through. He has been smitten by the carving bug and his hands create what his minds-eye sees.

Most common for carvers are two kinds of wood; Basswood and Tupelo, the later being a tree that grows in the wetlands along the Mississippi Delta in the USA. "The Cajun people are wonderful carvers and they use it almost uniquely. It is lighter than Basswood and sands up very nicely. The surface of the wood has to be hard, yet extremely smooth before you can burn any texture into it."

Mike enjoys carving and it shows. He is also very good at it and this shows as well. He speaks in tones of excitement when he tells this reporter how he had to almost become a dentist when making the beak of the Merganser. "The nickname for this duck is sawtooth because of the saw-like teeth it has. Using a coping saw, you create teeth, it is fun," says this man who has carving well in hand. (It looks to this writer as though it would be fairly difficult to construct the beak and teeth so exactly!)

Explaining how a block of wood can be transformed into a marvellous duck it is evident it is a process that is very time consuming and requires dedication and piles of patience. "Firstly take a block of wood slightly larger than the body of the bird you are carving. You take a rectangular cube, select a pattern (outline of the bird you are planning to create) and trace it on the block. These patterns can be found in books by top-notch carvers, you choose the one you like and modify it to your specs and expectations." Here he stops and points to the Ring Neck suggesting that he cut the shoulders, raised the back, pulled the breast upwards and cocked the head to suit his wishes. "You figure out the details before you begin, you really need to know the bird you are going to carve, you even have to study the anatomy of the bird you are

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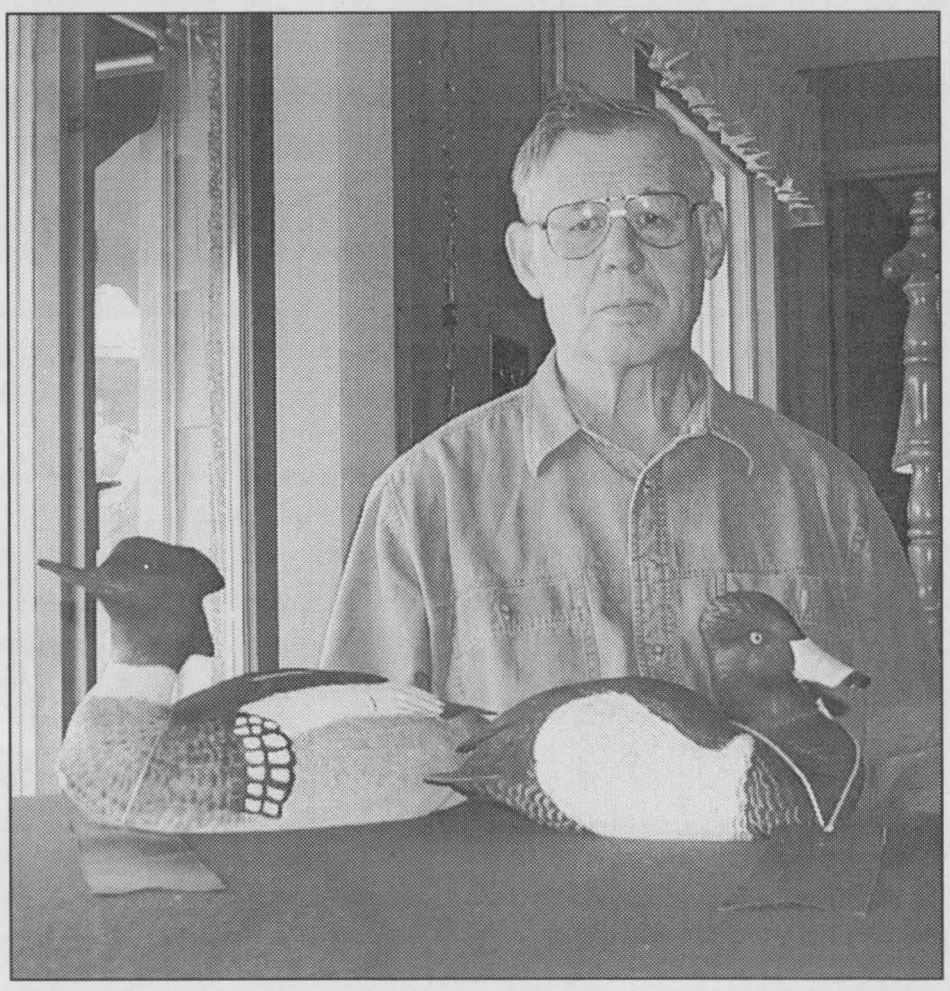

Mike McInnis and his World Champion carvings.
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Swampview grown over as grass takes over

Just Plain Livin' with Sandra Lee

The lilacs are ready to burst into fragrant bloom and the apple tree on the front lawn is a mass of marvellous blossoms. By all accounts the crop will be terrific this year. A tiny Hummingbird stoped by one of the colourful blooms on the apple tree, we best get the feeder set up on the deck. Driving home on Monday after being at a great uncle's graveside service we saw a delightful, male Cardinal on the side of the road. They are certainly beautiful fellows. The song birds wish me a good day each morning as I climb into the Merc and head for work. Monday the second son had to take his Physics project to school to have it checked. It would nto fit in the car, and so the van from work was hauled into service...it was a tad too tall for the van as well, so the son held the back door shut with his hand and steadied the project, both to school and home again. So much fun!!

The mean green machine let me down, already this season. The grass as you all know has gone grow crazy. Those smart folks who have their mowing equipment chaffing at the bit as the nice weather arrives have mowed their grass several times already, and I must say, "I am very impressed!" Then there are those of us who always seem to be behind the 8-ball as it were and our grass continues to grow. The weather refused to co-operate and finally it was decided that we would dodge the raindrops and accomplish a little as far as the grass was concerned. The mean green is our lawn tractor and mower that was purchased to fulfil the requirements when the second son got the contract to attend to the church lawn a few years back. It has a mulcher and a 42" mowing deck. It works well and will be paid for in the very near future. It likes to chew belts for some reason. Now I understand the church lawn and our lawn combined are a pile of green to keep mowed short and neat and we like to do our very best as far as mowing goes.

Some six hours a week one time mowing is a load of mowing, but we hoped the belt would last longer. Anyway, we started the first mow of the 2000 season and were doing well. The smell of fresh grass being cut is always welcome at this time of year, a sure sign of summer on the way. The sun was out, the sky blue and the birds singing as I trekked back and forth on the front lawn. The big guy always does the corners and ditches with the push mower since the arthritic body I have does not lend itself well to such antics. We are a team out there on the lawn there is no doubt, and we were full steam ahead. Then a young gal and her mom came to talk about wedding photos and when I returned to the tractor, the belt would not stay on and the mowing was finished...for now at least. Trying to recall if when it did the same thing last year a supplemental belt had not been purchased when the one that was used was bought, I came up blank and so the next morning ordered a new one. It will not arrive until later next week and the grass continues to reach higher and higher each hour. The little blue Ford has a flat and so we will repair it and perhaps accomplish something at the east side before we are hidden from view by the green grass stalks. And if we do we could turn things into a movie set and maybe the Blair Witch Project people will chose us for the third installment of this movieland adventure.

The grass will be mowed down to size although we are bound now to be late in getting caught up to the neighbours, we find the circumstances a bit dicey as usual. We are also trying to get the holes filled in and will get on this in the coming weeks with great zest and enthusiasm. Raking is something that this old bod is seemingly immune to as the dreaded arthritis screams and the muscles are pulled into action rather unwillingly. I did rake the front piece that was mowed and have paid dearly ever since. You would think I would learn!!

The second son is extremely busy with OAC subjects that will determine where he will attend school in the fall. Right now it is the Physics project and a midterm Calculus test that are occupying his time. He will finish the Math by correspondence soon and that will give him some breathing space before the final exams happen. This coupled with his after school job and his girlfriend and all those things that a young man turns to in the nice weather and he has a full agenda for the months immediately looming ahead...choosing the university he will attend, arranging living quarters and ensuring the furniture etc. and the list goes on.

The first son, the college kid is back at the grind for the summer. He works at Riverside Cedar Campground and enjoys being outdoors. He learned late last week that all employees of the Parks now have to have a current Standard First Aid and CPR Certificate. Most of the young

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the bottom line

NURSING WEEK WAS CELEBRATED MAY 8-14 IN ORDER TO HONOUR the valuable role that nurses play in advocating for safe patient care. The theme for the week as chosen by the Ontario Nurses' Association was "Ontario Nurses-Leaders in Health Care." Recognizing these health care professionals for their hard work and professionalism while on the job. Celebrating the achievements of the nursing profession, the dedication of these people to their patients and to the health care system is a wonderful way to express our appreciation for a job well done. In the year 2000, nurses find they are fighting to regain a system on behalf of their patients that was designed to care for the public safely and effectively. Hats off to them on our behalf!!

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UPPER CANADA VILLAGE WILL OPEN FOR THE 2000 SEASON THIS weekend. Starting on Saturday, May 20 many agricultural activities of the 1860s community will begin the season in style. Sheep shearing, crop planting, fence building and more will be happening for visitors to check out. Then on Sunday and Monday the Village invites everyone to join in their 1860 style celebrations of Queen Victoria's Birthday.."God Save the Queen!"

ANYONE WATCHING HOCKEY THESE DAYS? ANYONE INTERESTED at all in the Stanley Cup?...or should we just give it to the Devils and have it all done with for this season? Can anyone beat them when they are on such a roll? They seem to just be toying with the Flyers much like they did with the Leafs. Can they be beaten? Brodeur is playing tough in the pipes and his skaters seem to be able to score early, without much effort and then hold the line; pretty sweet play even for a viewer who is not a New Jersey fan! You have to give these fellows their due!

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SPEAKING OF FANS, ANYONE WHO ENJOYS A TRIP TO THE FORT IN Prescott will be happy to know that the historical site officially opens on Saturday, May 20. Open daily from 10 til 5pm, the opening coincides with Harbour Days. On Sunday teh Fort's 6 pound cannon will be fired at 12 noon, an authentic bateau will be on display with the craftspeople who constructed it on site to answer questions. Local quilters, 19th century cooking and carpentry will also be demonstarted. Admission is FREE on this special day and will certainly spark any history buff's interest. With harbour activitiy nearby it is a natural trek up the hill to the Fort...see you there.

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people who are working with him have to take these courses. He keeps his current and so will forgo this course, perhaps a bonus for him. He is on all days for now, but will get into the shift swing soon. He needs a hat though since the sun has already burned his nose and forehead and he is pretty stubborn when it comes to wearing a hat.

Attending a wake of a lady we knew and respected last week was rough and then this week a great-uncle (Arnold Johnston) passed to a better place and we attended the graveside service. These are such sad times, even when the person has lived a good, long life.

Mothers' Day was celebrated in style on Sunday, with breakfast served to me and loads of R and R time. The first son gave me golf lessons, with him since we both are keen on the idea of swinging the clubs and want to learn how to go about it properly. The second son gave me a table top BBQ, a necessary item for the season and a pair of hand tongs that are marvellous for the chef of the day! The big guy purchased a Heart and Stroke ticket for me and fingers are crossed that it will be lucky! The mothers and grandmothers got plants, although the one was away when we delivered hers. This old mother will get wined and dined this coming weekend as reservations have been made at the Stockade Barracks in Prescott and I intend to try alligator, which is a menu appetizer this month. "You have to seize opportunity when it knocks, since I know from experience that it only taps once."

The pool cover will be removed soon and the chemicals will get their chance to clear the water. Swimming is great for the aches and pains and I look forward to it with anticipation.

The long weekend is heading our way and although it is mine to work, I hope to find time to accomplish some things around the ranch. We will try the new BBQ and invite friends to share, perhaps get some shrubs and flowers and straighten out the yard area a bit...

Snapping wedding photos on Saturday was a challenge as the sky threatened to rain on our efforts throughout the entire day. we were able to grab some shots that should please everyone nonetheless. The bride and groom and their party were very easy to work with and the bride's Boxer dog was a special treat. See, the big guy and the writer had a Boxer when they were first married. They are pretty nice dogs, no doubt and Lydia is a beautiful brindle, certainly made me think we need another!

Attending the Gala at the Playhouse was a treat on Saturday after the wedding, especially since as the reporter on duty I got to meet the stars. It was a delightful evening and both the big guy and I enjoyed it a lot.

Watching a movie with the second son and his girlfriend was great, all that communication thing and all between the genrations, but American Beauty was not at all what I expected it was, and I did not enjoy it too much.

A sister-in-law is another year older and although she was unable to take our Happy Birthday call she knows we wish her all the best and many more!! She has lost weight and we join in her pride on a job well done, now if we could get into the routine as well...

Friday evening we enjoyed supper out with friends. These same folks shared their Mothers Day cake with us on Sunday evening and it was appreciated.

The second son has been bothered by his wisdom teeth and so a timely visit to the dentist resulted in two appointments to have then removed next month. It certainly boggles the mind why anyone ever named them "wisdom" teeth when they are nothing more than bothersome to most at a very disturbing time of life. Those teen years are difficult enough to navigate, why do they need more obstacles along their way to adulthood?

Early Sunday a trip to the cemetery saw the writer checking out a grandmother's grave. I understand that many do not want to know this and many mroe feel it a wasteful thing, but somehow it makes inward peace and so I will continue the routine. Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers!!

The fingers fumble on the keyboard and the lids grow heavy, so I will sign off for this week and wish each of you a great week. Take care, stay happy and catch us on the flip side. The wisdom comes from the Good Book, Proverbs where it says, "One who forgives an offense fosters friendship, but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend."

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carving, to know what is natural for that specific species, even its habits, what is normal for behaviour etc. so that when complete the carving is lifelike and correct in every detail. It is important to know how the bird sits-wings folded up tightly etc., for once you cut the wood, it cannot be reversed, or put back so you can start again." He tells us that the judges know every habit of each bird they judge, and if your bird is in an unnatural position or doing something impossible for that species to do, you have lost out before they even look at your work.

The top and side profiles are drawn on the block and using a bandsaw the straight cuts are made on flat planes. Marking with a pencil the widest spot in the future carving, when removing wood either above or below this line, you never cross it. Marking the location for the tail, you remove wood under and on top to outline the tail. At the front of the block, you outline the neck placing it on the front of the shoulder where the neck and breast will meet. "You are measuring continually, checking and rechecking, comparing patterns and mount. The head is a separate piece of wood that is carved and then glued to the body, at some stage in the process. Once the body is roughly shaped out, the head is done in the same way...draw the pattern, and cut it out. The bill has to be done and can be one of the most challenging parts of the bird. "You create "study bills" from a resin plaster type casting from a live duck, to ensure accuracy." Mike shows how you shape the bill, defining exactly where the eyes will be, ensuring the shape you want. The bill is time consuming too, since the nostrils have to be cut through, there is not much room for error. If the judge cannot see through the nostrils you are out of the running. The bill can be built up with a 2-part epoxy if you take too much wood off. "Remember, your eyes are naturally drawn to the eyes and the bill of the bird. In fact when a group of carvers gets together they often look at these two items, searching for the most natural, best painting job and finest finish and can tell by looking at the eyes (lower eye lids are built up with epoxy to look as they actually do) and the bill, the detail is infinite here."

Temperarily fastening (Glue gun glue) the head and neck to the body allows you to see how accurate it looks as well as allowing the carver to remove wood from both for a proper flow to be created between the neck and the breast. He stresses the fact that the carver sands as he/she goes. The surface must be smooth, since it provides a better perspective than a rough one. Once the bill is complete the head comes off and the feathers are worked on. Once again decisions have had to be made prior to starting the carving; whether primary feathers will be crossed or not depending on what pose the bird is in and how the bird typically has its feathers, and if "inserted" feathers will be used or not. Inserted feathers are tough to get "just right". Two or three very thin pieces of wood are fitted exactly right or inserted into the block."You can spend days trying to get inserts just right...the fewer the inserts usually the better looking the carving will be," says Mike. He continues to stress the sanding, "It has to be smooth, right down to 600 grid sand paper smooth, all the fuzz, all the soft spots, all the rough marks from your carving have to be sanded out." He laughs as he says, "Then you rough it all up again to outline the individual feathers, to create depth etc. (Some perception of depth can be created by painting as well).

While we go through the process from a block of wood to a finished carving, he categorizes the process into the Big Three Phases: Carving, Shaping and Texturing and Painting. While the Carving takes four to five 8-10 hour days to complete the Texturing is the real time gobbler. "This takes a long period of time and since most of it is spent bent over, since I hurt my neck I find I cannot spend too long at one stretch doing it, about 20 minutes is my limit and then I can go back to it at a later time. I move to something else and come back to it. It is a most repetitive process. It requires 100-150 lines to the inch...as close together as you can. You have to go over and over to get more definition. Explaining "stoning" to a writer is a challenge for the carver. "Stoning provides rougher texturing using a dye grinder and a cylindrical motion. The fluffy spots are textured with the stone and then "burned" lightly over top for the perfect effect."

It takes at least a week to paint the carving. The exact time frame depends on the contrasts in colours used. For example a Loon goes faster than a Merganser. Acrylics and oils are used. The drying time is often prohibitive because acrylic paint starts to dry almost as soon as you put it on. Oils allow time to blend colours when necessary. "The paint goes on very, very thinly, when you think it is thin enough, you thin it even more! It is kind of a 1% milk consistancy," says Mike. He continues, "Many carvers use air brushes to blend their colours. You need a very steady hand for that and I am starting to find it difficult to be that steady lately. It is hard to blend small areas with the air brush as well. You learn to blend with a brush and acrylics the more you do, the better you get, just like everything else." Mike shows a "smoothie", a mock carving of the bird he is carving with no actual carved spots, a smooth replica of the bird. I had never painted a Merganser before and so needed to practise...this is my practice bird."

Mike seems to have the techniques down pretty pat and he has definitely found his place among the shavings and woodchips. He has won numerous ribbons, these last two demonstrate his prowess for sure. In the livingroom cabinet stands shelf after shelf of some extremely beautiful masterpieces. While we look them over, Mike tells us how judges will critique your work if asked to, but you have to be ready to accept criticism. "Shows that are juried are displays and not competitions. You apply to rent space and show your pieces. These are tough to be included in. Photos of your work have to be submitted and approved before you are allowed to be a part of them." Mike explains the various categories of carvings judged at shows including: Youth, Novice, Intermediate, Open and Masters. "To be classed as a Master Carver, you have to be a Best of Show winner twice. The carvings of these peole are valued at $20,000+." Within the above mentioned categories there are species classes of: Songbirds, Diving Ducks, Dabbling Ducks, Birds of Prey and Shorebirds. There are classes for Smoothies and Hunting Sets (3 birds in total, a male and a female of one species and one other bird.) This year Fish were added to the shows and the Interpretive Stuff which is so amazingly creative, there is definitely room for all tastes.

He speaks of shows he has entered and ribbons he has won, from the Sportsman Show in Toronto to shows out West and those in Ottawa all the way to shows in the USA. "The problem often arises where you must take your carving to the show place, leave it for a week and then go and pick it up, it becomes a matter of distance where we live. You can mail it, but once I did that and my bird came back to me broken. It is a problem."

He recalls his first win as a Miniature Loon standing which won in Brighton. A Mallard won in Toronto at the Sportsman Show...and now here is the winning Merganser and Ring Neck for 2000, the start of the new Millennium on the right curve for sure for a local wood carver with world class ability.



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SEAWAY BRINGS HOME SINGLE 'A' TITLE

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Seaway athletes dashed, threw, hurdled, tossed and jumped their way to the Ninth Consecutive Single A title in the history of the SD&G Track Meet hosted by Seaway at St. Lawrence High School in Cornwall last week.

Head Coach Irv Francis was pleased with the results turned in by the athletes of Seaway this time around. "Not only were we top Single A School, but we were second overall at the Meet out of 12 schools, that is pretty impressive for a school our size." He pointed out that he does not handle the coaching duties alone. Helping him out are Mark Lewis, Don Lewis, Mary Lewis, Dave MacDonald and Mike Toshack in various events and wanted them to be recognized for their contribution to the results.

Top School overall was North Dundas, which is an AA ranked school. The OFSAA Meet precedes EOSSA each year as a qualifying meet.

Seaway placed third overall in the Womens' Division and fourth in the Men's Division. These results will see a good number of exceptional athletes going to EOSSA this week at Grenville Christian College in Brockville...a total of 23 athletes from Seaway qualified in 39 events. Seaway coaches Mark Lewis and Irv Francis are convenors for EOSSA on behalf of the SD&G Association.

Among the top qualifiers that Seaway will send to EOSSA are Kristen Keyes and Kelly Verhoeven who were the Top Midget Girls at the Meet. These gals qualified for EOSSA in all of their events...Kristen came in first in the 100M with a time of 13.60 after qualifying in fifth spot with a time of 15 flat. She claimed first in the 200M as well after shaving a bit off her qualifying time (29.40) to cross the line in 29.15 She came in a close second in the 300M Intermediate Hurdles behind her schoolmate Kelly Verhoeven. Kelly grabbed first spot in the 80M High Hurdles in a time of 14.09 as well as first place in the 300M Intermediate Hurdles in a time of 54.65. She came in second in the 400M crossing in 1:09.90. Marie-Francis Dupuis of La Citadelle in Cornwall edged her out of first.

Ellen Blatch, Katherine Adams and Laura Baker were among the top six Senior Women. Ellen accumulated 22 points to rank her third overall. Katherine and Laura grabbed 20 points each to sit in sixth spot out of 29 girls. Well done indeed.

Bryce Piticco garnered 20 points overall to sit in fifth place overall out of 45 Junior Men. Bryce won the Junior Boys Discus Throw and Shot Put events, missing the Shot Put record by a mere 6cm!!

Tim Cowan qualified in three events; namely the 100M with a time of 12.60, the 200M in 26.33 and the 400M crossing the finish line in a time of 1:00.20. His three fourth place finishes sat him in 11th overall out of 49 Midget Men at the Meet.

Jennifer Dillabough carried home a gold medal and a chance at EOSSA this week, with her victory in Junior Women's Shot Put as she nailed a solid 7.69m for the win.

Among those who will represent their school and themselves at EOSSA today and tomorrow are Tony Barkley who placed third in 110M Junior High Hurdles and fourth in Junior Triple Jump. Frankie Buwalda came in third in the 100M Midget Men (12.50) and fifth in the 200M (26.48).

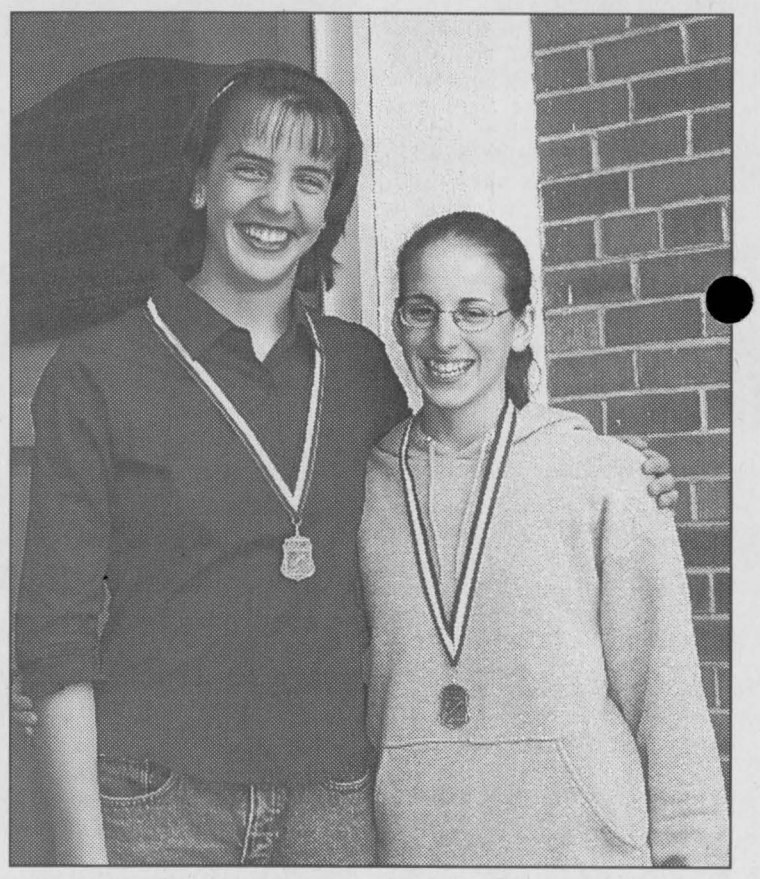
Scott Carswell snagged a sixth adn eighth position in 400M and 800M Junior Men. Stephanie Chung came out in first place in the Senior Women's High Jump attaining 1.30m. She also jumped in the Long and Triple Jumps earning sixth spot in each. (3.53m and 8.48m respectively). Rickey Cowan nabbed a sixth spot in the Senior Men Long Jump reaching 4.70m.Sean Cox came in tenth in the Midget Men Shot Put tossing for 9.20m. His Discus Throw was good enough for 14th and his Javelin earned him 12th position. Les Crawford came in fourth in the 110M Junior High Hurdles clocking in with 20.09. Billy DeJong cleared 1.75m in the Senior High Jump to earn a second place ribbon. He got a fourth and a fifth spot as well in Triple Jump and Long Jump with 11.1-8m and 5.07m jumps. Amber DeVries tossed for a second place in Junior Women Shot Put with a 7.40m toss. Her Discus and Javelin were not so lucky as she came up short placing eighth in each. James Gilmour threw for two tenth places in Shot Put and Discus and earned a fourteenth spot in Javelin. Drew Henry works hard running in three running events. He ran in the 100M, 200M and 400M, earning a seventh with a time of 59.20 at the finish line. Andrew Jacques is a long distance runner who also enters the Steeplechase. He placed seventh in the 800M Senior mens, a ninth in 1500M and a sixth in the 2000M Steeplechase. Joe Jansen hurdled his way to third place in the 300m Intermediate hurdles with a time of 49.09 and an 13th and 14th position in 400M run and Junior Men's Long Jump. Kevin Joldersma placed 12th in the 400M Junior Men. Kristen Lemaire earned an 11th spot in Triple Jump attaining 6.15m. Jeff Madge came in second in the 80M Midget run (2:23.00) and was 3rd in the 400M with a time of 59.70. Kevin Martin took the finish line in 54.80 to be second in the Senior 400M and then placed 3rd in the 110M Senior High Hurdles (18.50). David McInnes was 11th and 12th in Junior Discus and Shot Put, while Glen Mellan threw the Discus in the Senior division 35.14m , good enough for 3rd place. His Javelin and Shot Put him 8th and 9th.

Kim O'Neill recorded a 7.18m in the Midget Long Jump, good enough for 8th place. Sarah Robertson earned a 3rd place in the 80M Junior High Hurdles with a time of 16.06. She came in 10th in the Junior Long Jump clearing 3.23m. Brian Scott's best on the day was a 6th place in the 200M Senior with a 25.60 time.

Jackie Vandermeulen completed the 100M Midget run in 14.10, which earned her a second place. She recorded 5th in the High and Long Jumps (1.20m and 3.74m). Bryan Verhoeven threw the Discus in the Junior division 30.27m and earned a 4th place for his effort. Karin Verhoeven placed 4th in the 100M Senior High Hurdles in a time of 19.31 and came in 6th at 14.90 in the 100M Senior run.

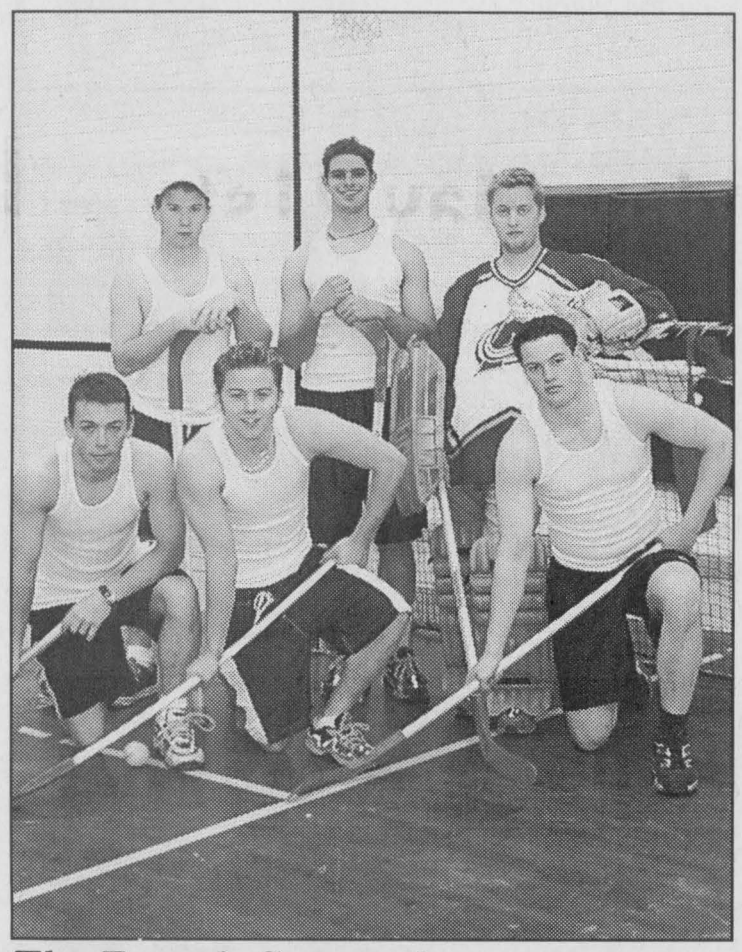
The ladies from Seaway were the best in the 4x100 Midget Relay crossing the finish in a time of 58.24. Well done gals!! The Senior Women 4x100 came in second with a recorded time of 57.31. The Junior Men 4x100 grabbed 5th spot with a time of 50.84.

The calibre of talent shown at this Meet was amazing. The fact that Seaway students are able to place as well as they do in their chosen events is a testament to their ability, their dedication and that of their coaches. Well done everyone and good luck at EOSSA!!



Top Midgets at OFSAA

Kristen Keyes and Kelly Verhoeven earned the top spot at the OFSAA Track and Field Meet last week. Their ranking as Top Midget Girls qualified them in all of their events for EOSSA this week. Way to go girls!! All the best in Brockville.



The French Connection

Seaway Intermural Floor Hockey Champs...the title was claimed by the infamous "French Connection" as Charles Forment scored the winning goal against the Wylie Express in the final game. Dan Beland , Robin Carbonneau, Charlie, Eric Irvine, Scott Carswell and in the pipes earning the shutout was Jeremy Johnston.

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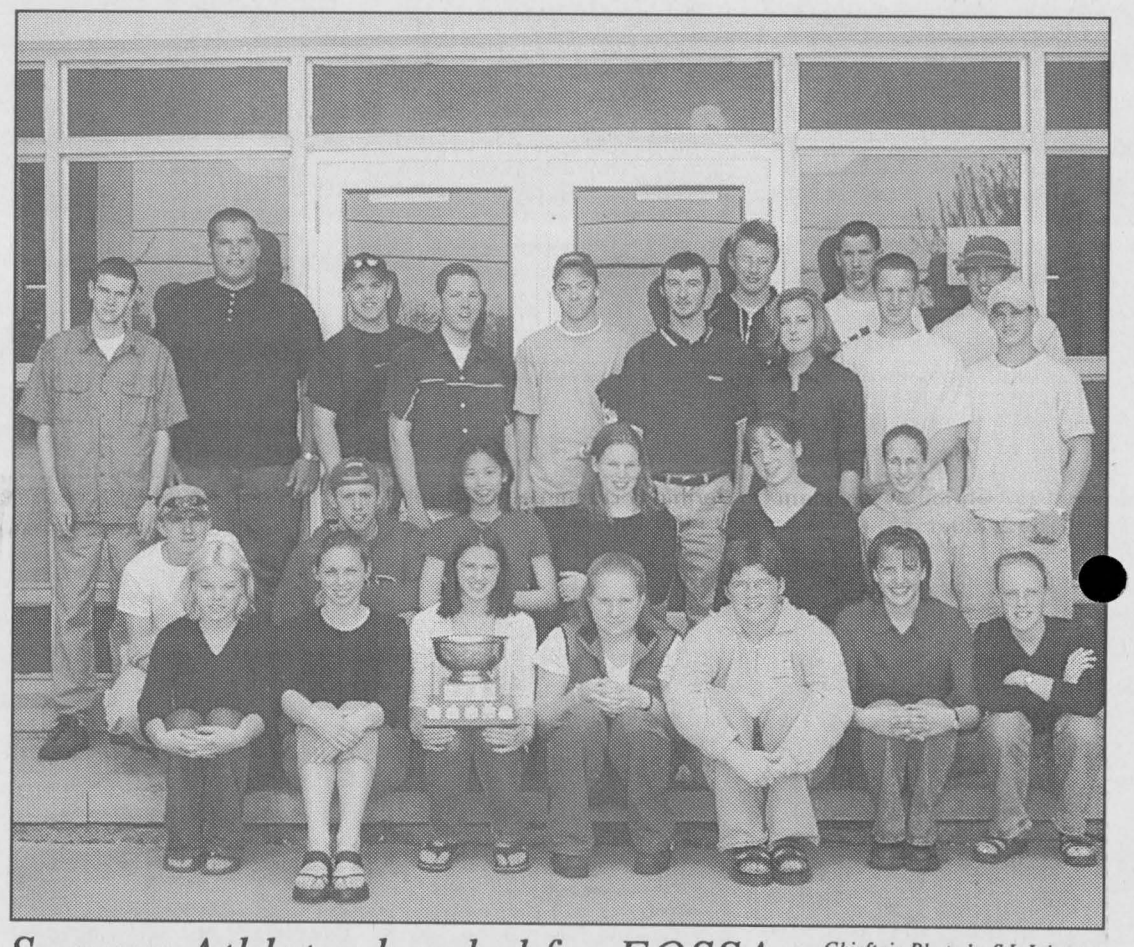

Seaway Athletes headed for EOSSA

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These young runners, sprinters, jumpers and throwers are headed for EOSSA this week qualifying at the OFSAA Meet in Cornwall last week. Their names are in the story since they were unable to stay and allow the reporter to gather their names in the order they stand or sit here. We offer them our congrats and luck as they head to EOSSA in Brockville.

Seaway Girls Soccer

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Friday the Seaway Spartans, Girls Soccer teams headed to Char-Lan District High School in Williamstown to kick the ball a bit. The Juniors left even with a win and a loss. Victorious over CCVS 1-zip, A. Mahsimovic beat the CCVS keeper and bulged the twine in the net for the winner. Their second game was forfeited as SJSS took the win 1-0.

The Senior squad did the same as they were victorious over CCVS 2-0 on goals by Kaitlyn Shaver and Amy VanDeneykel. Emily McDonell earned the shutout in the net. Their second match had them against SJSS. Theye were unable to get things together and lost 4-0 in this game.

Monday was a bit of an unsettled day weatherwise. The Seaway Girls Soccer squads hit the fields ready to play.

The Senior gals played General Vanier Secondary School and after the final whistle ended up in a stalemate. Emily McDonell earned the Seaway shutout, while Mattea Carriere and Mary Mekker shared the shutout for GVSS. The score at 0 for Seaway and Tagwi when they met on the field as well. Seaway has played 10 games and earned 1 win, 6 losses and 3 ties to their credit giving them 6 points in the standing so far in the Soccer season. This places them fourth overall behind Tagwi who is in first spot.

On the Junior side of things, it was Seaway and GVSS who kicked off at centre and Seaway who was able to score two to earn the win. J. Vandermeer and J. Martel found net for Seaway as the Seaway defenders kept the General Vanier players from scoring. In their final matchup of the day, Seaway defeated Tagwi 1-0 ona goal by S. Vandermeer. Seaway has played 9 games, winning 4 and dropping 5 with no ties to their credit, earning them 12 points. They are in second place overall ahead of Tagwi who has accumulated 6 points.

This Friday, May 19 will see the SD&G Championships played, locations yet to be determined.

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The Grade 6 class at Benson Public School will be holding a Car Wash and Hot Dog Sale at Gerry Schrader's Garage on May 27 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Yard Sale & Bake Sale will be held at the Pittson Church on Saturday, May 27, rain or shine, 9 am to 1 pm.

Iroquois United Church presents "White Church Remembrance" on Sunday, May 28th at 10:30 am. Guest Speaker: Carlton (Mike) McInnis. Lunch after.

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Child health

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit, in conjunction with the Morrisburg Fire Department, held a "well-baby, well-child" information clinic at Child's Place daycare in Morrisburg. Debbie Brooks of Iroquois appears with little Michael, while Julie Ethier of the EOHU, background, inspects the car for car-seat safety. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

Destiny is a matter of choice, not chance

Juvenile Boys Basketball Tourney

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Upper Canada Ice played the Kanata Cavaliers in their first game of the tournament and defeated them 68-52. Leading after the first quarter by a 20-9 margin the Ice maintained a 10-15 point led for most of the game, dominating as they dribbled down court headed for the basket. Adam Smith and Alex last pushed the tempo and ignited the fast break. This was a momentous game for the Ice as every player scored at least once in the victory scoreboard total. Leading the scoring were Nico Gysbers who slammed for 15 points, Richard Groniger came through with 14 and James Delegarde who nailed the hoop for 9. Scoring is important and defence is also vital to any game. The leading rebounders were Alex last who went in for 8 while Richard Groniger grabbed 5.

The Ice came up against the Ancaster Magic and went down 91-63. Ancaster went on to win the tournament. The Ice could not handle the Ancaster press with 23 turnovers, they never got things moving in the right direction. Leading the scoring for the Ice were Nico Gysbers who dunked for 14 points in the losing effort, Adam Smith who also found the hoop for 14, Tyler Holmes who counted 11 and Tyler Andress who scored 6 points. Alex Last again lead the rebounders with 8 while Adam Smith did his bit with 7 rebounds.

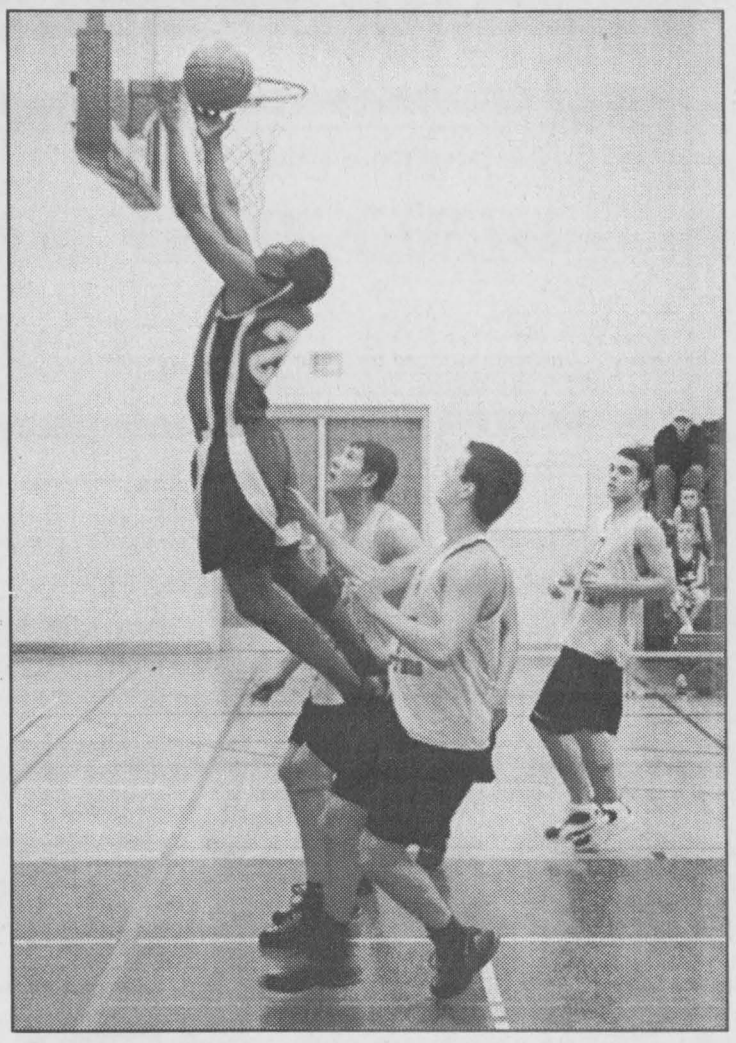
A close Bronze Medal game saw the Ice on the court with the Norwood Flyers and showed the local fans that the Ice certainly are contenders. The final read 71-68 in a heart-breaker. This was a close game throughout with the lead changing numerous times, as action sped end to end. As the buzzer sounded at the end of the third quarter, the Ice led 61-52. In the fourth, the Ice shot 2/11 from the field and 3/9 from the free throw line. Leading scorers for the Ice included Alex who slammed for 19 points while Richard Groniger counted 16, Nico Gysbers made it for 10, James Delegarde had a total of 8 points. In the rebound department Adam Smith had 14, followed by Richard Groniger and Alex Last with 8 each.

In the tournament wrap-up the leading scorers for the Upper Canada Ice were Nico Gysbers who showed 39 on the board, Richard Groniger who counted 34, Alex Last with 30, Adam Smith 21, and James Delegarde who made it for 20. Leading in the rebound department were Alex with 24, Adam Smith 24 and Richard with 12.

Ancaster took the Gold, while Pickering were the Silver victors and Norwood took the Bronze.

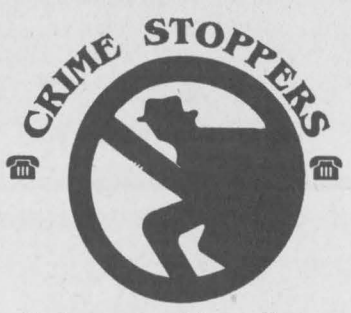
MVP for the tourney was Adam Steiner of Ancaster. named to the All Stars included Jason Drysdale of Ancaster, Jamal Porter of Pickering, Sean Backus of Norwood and Richard Groniger of Upper Canada. Congrats to all, especially our own Richard, well done indeed!!

The basketballs will be put on the shelves until fall next month when the season ends for the Upper Canada Ice.



Dunk

A member of the Ancaster, Ontario, team slams one past the "Flyers" of Norwood, NY. Teams from all around competed in the open tournament hosted by the Eastern Ontario Basketball Association team, the "Upper Canada Ice," at South Grenville and Seaway High on the weekend. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*



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This week, Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in identifying the person(s) responsible for the Break and Enter at Andy's Food Town Grocery Store. The incident occurred between the hours of 7pm and 1:30am April 10, 2000. Twenty cartons of cigarettes was taken. On the 7th of May at approximately 5:30am Andy's Food Town was broken into again. Suspect(s) removed a quantity of mixed packs of cigarettes and winning scratch tickets marked "paid" with a black or red marker.

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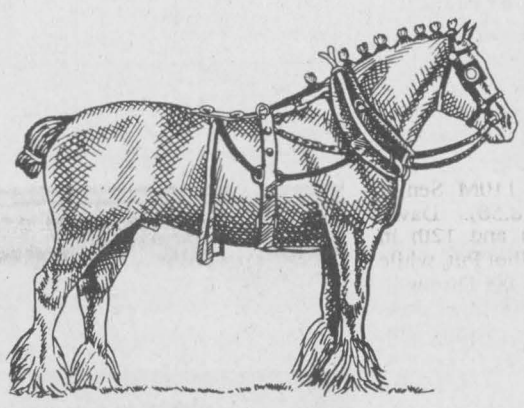

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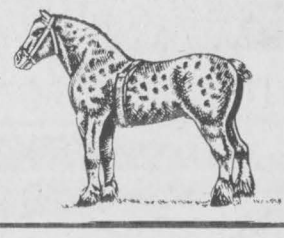

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Garage Sales

Multi-Family Yard Sale, Saturday, May 20 - 8 am to 4 pm. #32 Maple Avenue, Iroquois. Stove, fan lights, 2 dishwashers, clothes, toys, games and much more.
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Yard Sale, Saturday, May 20th, #6 Bay Street, Iroquois. Girls clothes, newborn and up, dishes etc. Starting at 9 a.m.
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Multi Family Yard Sale, Saturday, May 20th, #510 Highway #2 East, Cardinal. Starting at 9 a.m. ***NO EARLY BIRDS!!***
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Community Yard Sale, Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brinston United Church is in need of good quality or new items for Silent Auction and/or items for yard sale table. **Lunch items available for purchase.**
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Cards of Thanks

CASSELMAN: Many thanks to our family, relatives and friends for the cards and gifts we received on our 25th Wedding Anniversary. Thanks to Jennifer and Tyler for the party. It was a day we will always remember.
David & Diane Casselman
M17-1tp

KEELER: A very heartfelt "thank you" to my family and friends for the surprise birthday party held for me. Many thanks for the cards, gifts and birthday wishes I received. A special thank you to Rosie & George at the Rise N Shine Restaurant for the wonderful buffet they provided for us.
Once again, "Thank you."
Luella Keeler
M17-1tp

LEVERE: Words of thanks cannot express our appreciation for words and deeds of kindness shown to us at the loss of sisters Mae & Judy. Special thanks to Larry, Sandy, Lois and Ray.
Lyle, Pat & Dawn Levere
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PAYNE: We would like to express our appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours who extended their sympathy in the loss of a dear companion, step-father and poppy Roger Payne. Your calls, cards, flowers, donations to the Kidney Foundation, Heart & Stroke, and Brinston United Church were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Dr. Prins, K.G.H., Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, pallbearers, and to Anna & Kelly for the luncheon after the service and to Rev. Bobby K. Fillier for his comforting words and prayers.
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This is a meet and greet mixer for all members and is also open to the general public.

Wednesday, May 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 805 Brookdale Avenue, Cornwall

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Notice to Property Owners to Destroy Weeds

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After June 2nd, 2000, the **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville** Weed Inspector may enter upon the said lands and may cause any noxious weeds discovered to be destroyed, charging the cost against the land, as set out in the Act.

Ragweed, the principal cause of hayfever, requires special and continous attention. Other noxious weeds included: thistles, poison ivy and wild carrot.

The act applies only to designated noxious weeds and cannot be used to control property standards or appearances. Dandelions, burdock, goldenrod, purple loosestrife and uncut grass are not considered noxious under the Weed Control Act.

Anyone having information on specific locations of noxious weeds flourishing within the **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville** should contact the Weed Control Office at 342-3840 Ext. 300.

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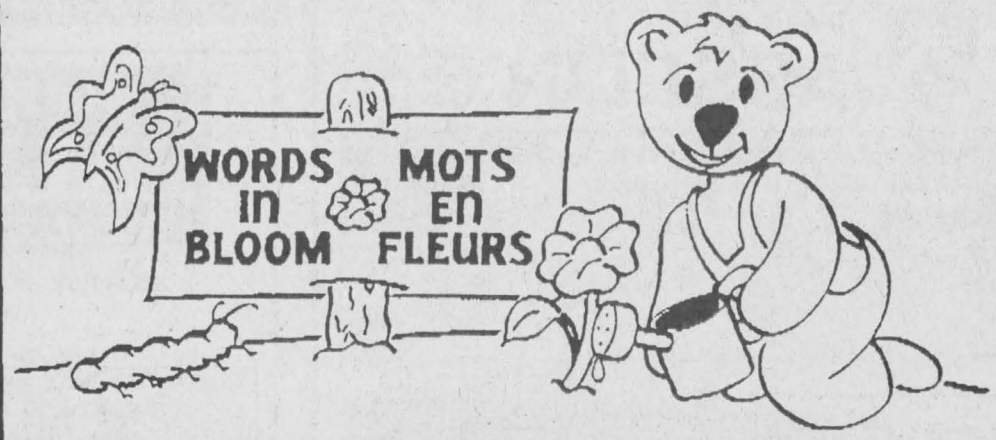

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OBITUARIES

Isabel Irwin

Peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital after a short illness, on Monday, May 8, 2000, Isabel Florence Irwin (nee Tubman) of High Street. Morrisburg in her 79th year. Isabel was born in Kemptville on February 9, 1922, daughter of the late Leroy and Jessie (nee Bradley) Tubman.

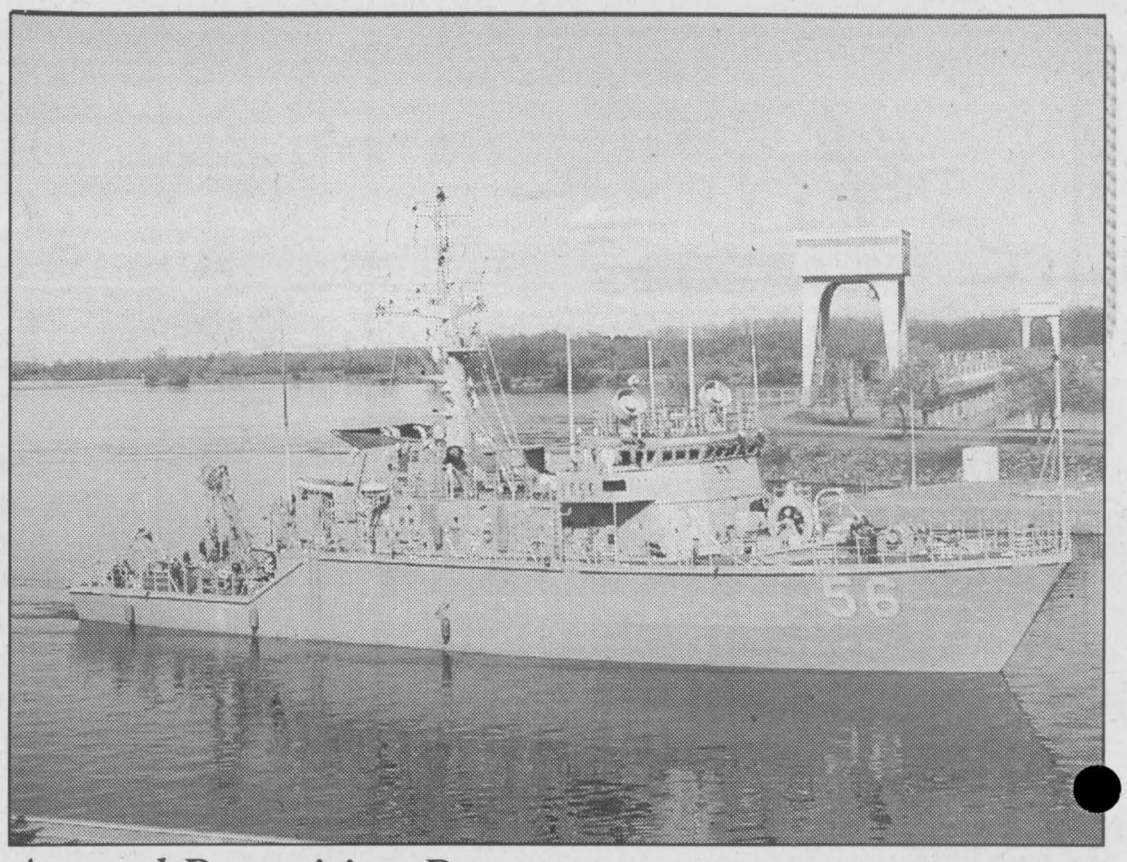
Isabel was the beloved wife of Archdeacon Sidney Irwin, who is left to mourn the loss at home. Isabel and Sid were joined in marriage at St. Matthias Church in Ottawa on August 8, 1945.

Mourning the loss as well are their children; Philip S. of Ottawa, David R.(Carol) of Apple Hill and Kathleen F.(Robert) Chalmers of St. Thomas. Sadly misssed by grandchildren; Richard, Michael, Samantha, Joshua, Katie, Philip, Noel, Patti and Christopher, Isabel is also missed by great grandaughter Kassadee. Dear sister of George, Tom, Audrey and Howard (Shirley) Tubman, all of Ottawa, Isabel was well liked by everyone who knew her.

A Life Member of the former Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Past Secretary of the Ottawa Diocesean ACW as well as a Member of St. James Altar Guild, Isabel was well known in the area for her dedication to volunteering through her church.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Thursday, May 11 and on Friday, May 12 at St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg from 9am until time of the service at 11am. Memorial donations to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund or the Cancer Research Society were gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Rev. Bill Byers officiated at the service which was followed by cremation. Inurment was at Munster Union Cemetery. Pallbearers were son, Philip Irwin; Grandsons, Philip Chalmers and Richard Irwin; brother, Tom Tubman; Nephew Roy Tubman and E. Kent Clarke.



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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson



Cool winds and intermittent rain showers brought the most colourful of the songbirds to our area and the birds lingered at the feeders. Courtship and mating songs and cries fill the air, nests are busily being built and some young are already hatched out and barvely exploring their new world.

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, a male and his less colourful female landed in our crabapple tree on May 8th while I was on the phone and went straight to the feeder. The male is so colourful with black and white and the red bib with a thread of red running down to his belly.

On May 9, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were reported from Brinston. This lady was having her morning coffee when they came. Their first **Hummingbird** came on May 9. A male and a female **Northern Oriole** drank from their hummingbird feeder.

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, two hummingbirds and a small group of **Boblinks** were also reported by another birdwatcher from the Brinston area.

Indigo Buntings visited our neighbour's garden on Church Avenue, the Brinston garden on Tuesday (at first the bird was thought to be a bluebird) and a property off Highway 2 between Iroquois and Cardinal. At this property where the residents have lived for 10 years, the pair of Buntings hovered around the silo feeder which was hanging on a rope. This was the first visit by Buntings to this garden.

The male Indigo Bunting is a stunning iridescent blue sparrow-sized bird with a sparrow-like beak, darkish brown wings and crown. From a distance it will look black.

Catbirds, Kinglets, Yellow Warblers, Yellow-Rumped (Myrtle) Warblers, Barn Swallows and Kingbirds are all here. A resident on the Broken Second heard the song of the Catbird, its call sounds like a meowing cat. Its preferred habitat is bushy margins or shrubby gardens. Colouring is plain dark grey; it sports a black cap and has rusty undertail coverts.

There are large numbers of **White-Crowned Sparrows** passing through, the most I have seen since living in Iroquois. A garden on Beach Street is full of them. Hummingbirds visited the feeder at this garden within an hour of its being hung up. The recipe for hummingbird's food is; 1 cup of sugar to 4 cups of water, boil for 1-2 minutes, stirring so it does not burn, cool completely, store in fridge. Change solution frequently in hot weather. DO NOT add food colouring.

Some sad news. The **Killdeer's nest** has been destroyed. Either the heavy rains last week washed the eggs out or a skunk or gull got at them. But the birds will nest again. Birds that nest on gravel beaches are very prone to predation.

Another sad story came to us from a dear couple on Lakeview Drive. A **Hummingbird** became trapped in their garage overnight. Their best efforts could not get it out so they hung their feeder in there and left the door open. The next morning it was out on a branch looking half dead. They were able to catch it and place it in a warm box, covered it and it drank some sugar solution, but a few hours later, it was dead. Cold, exhaustion, shock and hunger took their toll. The small size of hummingbirds (Small body mass) means they must have frequent feedings to keep energy levels high. It is always difficult to keep a bird alive on one's own.

For injured birds, the Nepean Wild Bird Care Centre is the place to take them. Their number is 613-828-2849. Baby birds should be left alone if the parents are nearby or placed back in the nest.

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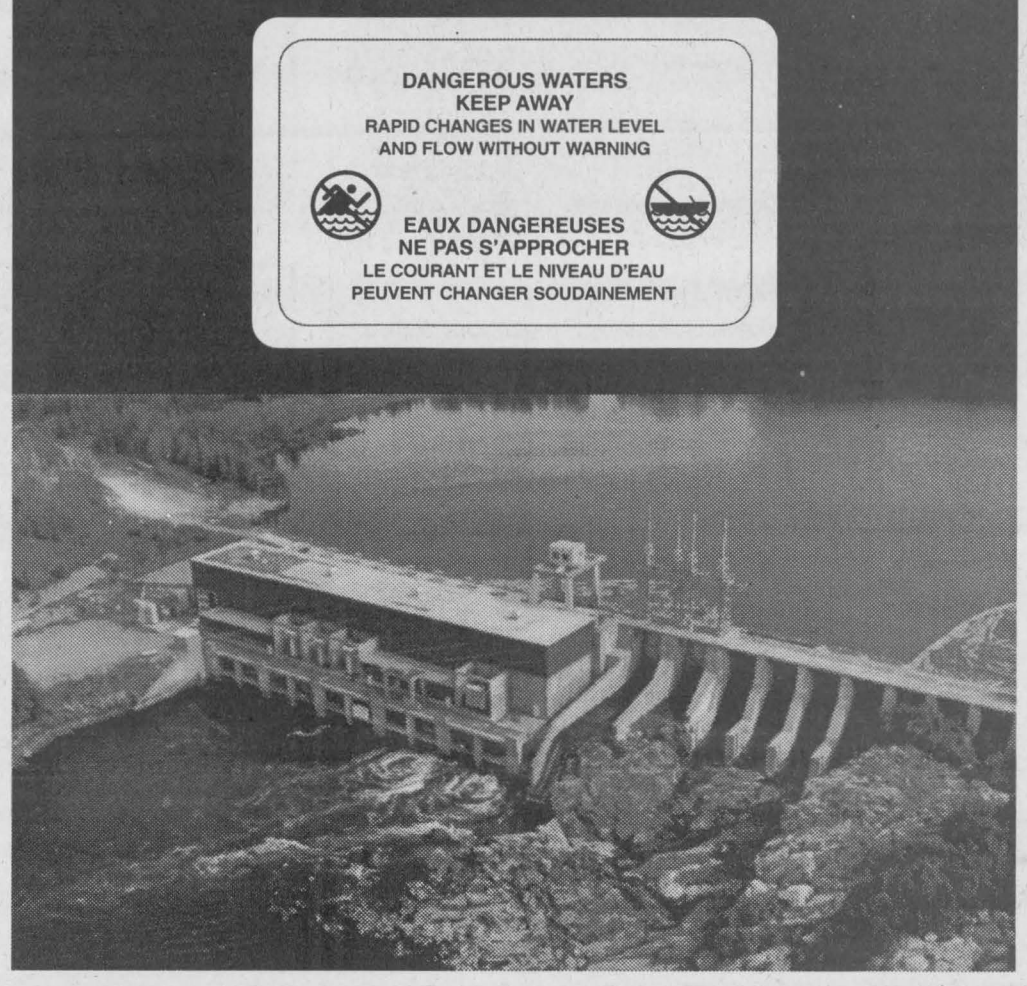

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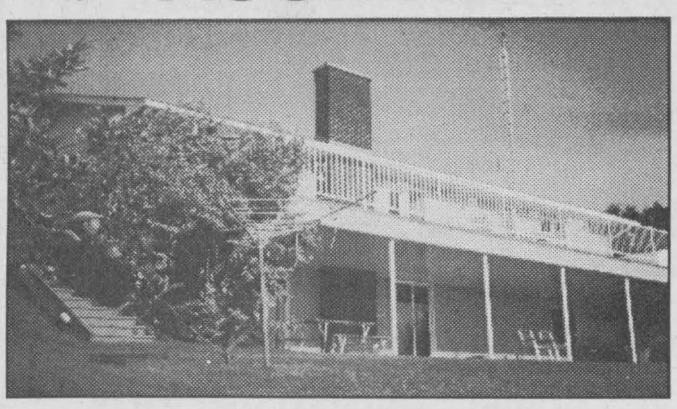

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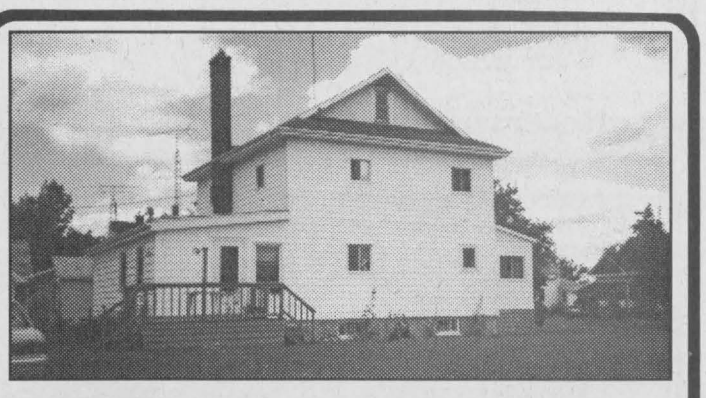



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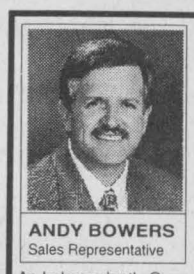



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A Musical Tribute

Victor Young and Jayne Lewis presented a musical Tribute to Irving Berlin and his music. The simple lyric, simple melody and simple truth his music presents was appreciated by the audience at the Spring Gala for Upper Canada Playhouse. An evening of romantic wit, it was fun and engaging for all.

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Playhouse Spring Gala 2000 a Tribute to Irving Berlin

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Thanking two friends of his who came down from Toronto to assist the Upper Canada Playhouse with their Annual Fundraising Gala, Artistic Producer, Michael Bianchin welcomed everyone to the Gala. "Thank you to three of the best entertainers in this country and to you who came out to make this evening happen. We have raised $2000. tonight and that equates to the salaries for one of our Summer Season Shows." He then proceeded to explain that in order to save local live theatre, people cannot rely solely on funds to accomplish such an end, we need to cultivate an appreciation for the Arts, "That is what will save theatre."

Mixing wit and humour, Victor A. Young and Jayne Lewis entertained the audience with the music of Irving Berlin. "Always a quality, Classy show which is perfect to open the new season,it sets the standard," said Bianchin. He has high hopes for the 2000 season.

Accompanied by Diane Leah, who did an exceptional job on the piano, the husband and wife team had the audience singing along to "Easter Bonnet." Getting the enthusiasm to a level where everyone felt comfortable was quite easy for these seasoned performers. Young mentioned that these are his favourite parts of the show, where interaction with the audience is involved.

Irving Berlin...Always is a throw back to simpler times, when people had more time for each other, things move so quickly now," said Young after the show.

The Playhouse venue seemed well suited to the show, but Young mentioned that they have performed it for much larger crowds in bigger theatres. "It is a show you can do for two people or a 1000," says Young.

The chemistry between these two on stage is no act. Lewis said the romantic wit that accompanies Berlin's Music comes naturally for her and her husband when they are working together. She called the show "a working holiday." "I think we pull it off as easily as we do, creating a balance between the wit and the romance because of our relationship, we've lived it and will probably never need to go to therapy, she said with a grin.

At a reception after the show to which patrons gathered to meet and greet the stars, the buzz was all great, everyone enjoyed the show. This type of music appeals to all ages and breaks barriers between generations it seems. "When you hear those songs, you really hear songs...not like the stuff today," said an elderly lady who came with a friend and had been hesitant about attending, "I never thought it would be like that," said Rita Baker. Many agreed these Berlin songs bring back memories and many were so recognizable. Berlin wrote 1500 songs and from "This is the Army Mr. Jones" to "Annie get Your Gun", from "Putting on the Ritz" to "Heat Wave" it was a wonderful evening of music.

Michael spoke about the season upcoming and how it will demonstrate the hard work accomplished last year in revitalizing the theatre and allow the public to take a sense of ownership of the facility once more.

The show that opens the season will be "Oh Coward" a comedic musical revue, (June 22-July 16) which is being directed by Victor Young as Lewis heads to the East Coast for Summer Theatre.

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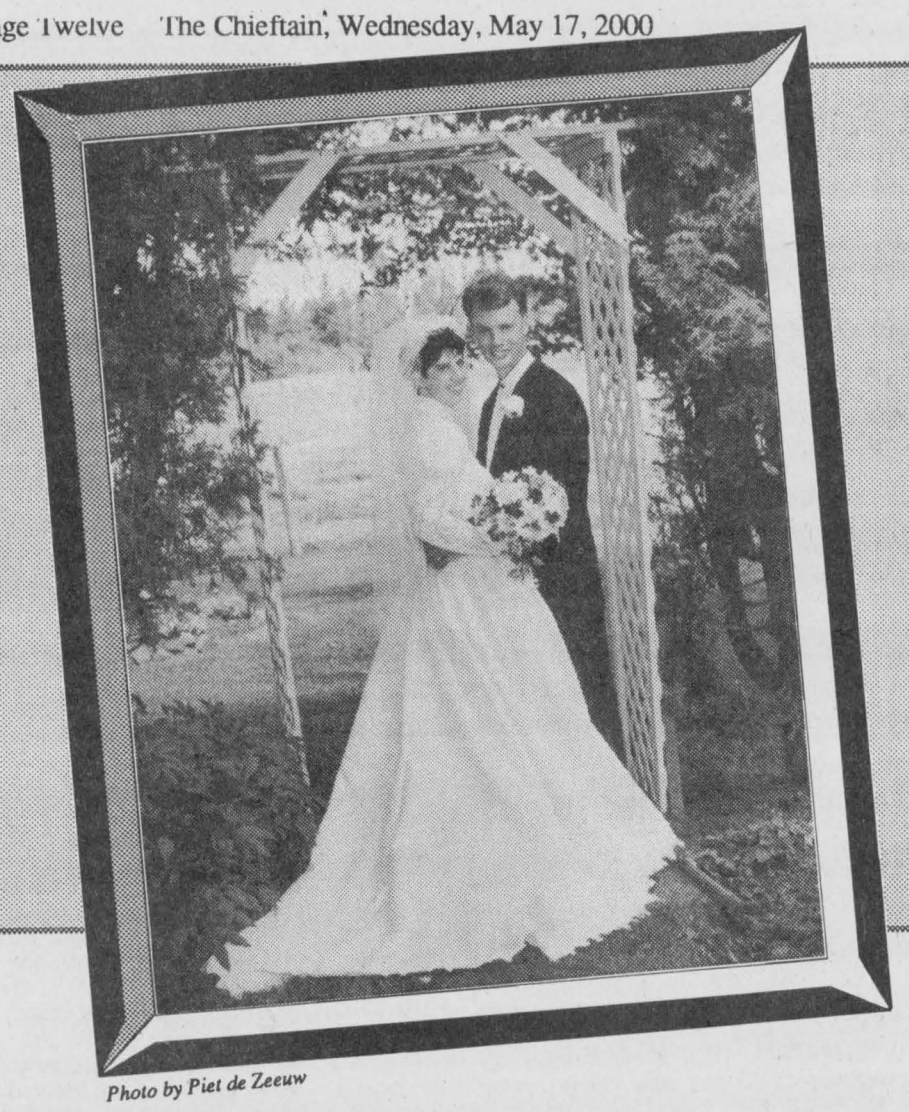

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Fashion options for the bridal party

The bride is the central focus of a wedding, so co-ordinating the look of the bridal party is all-important. The word "co-ordinating" kept popping up when we checked with different sources.

"I've always tried to do a wedding party where everything flows, where nothing is too much of a contrast to the bride and takes away from the bride," says Carol Sefton, a bridal salon manager.

An online advice site, A Wedding Assistant, notes that the only thing the women have in common is their close relationship with the bride or groom, so when it comes to organizing a co-ordinated look for the bridesmaids, "you'll have to consider that each woman may wear a different size and more importantly, have her own sense of style and beauty."

The experts we checked with agreed that making fashion and beauty plans well in advance of the wedding is essential.

Choosing dresses for the bridal attendants can follow the same procedure as that for choosing a bridal gown, but there's that one major exception: you have to consider the preferences and size limitations of every bridesmaid.

Once the bride has chosen her attendants, she should discuss with them what type of dress they prefer, and then make a decision on a consensus basis. Since the attendants will generally be paying for their own dresses, they should be able to end up with something each will enjoy wearing.

Hosting a casual get-together so the bridesmaids can meet each other, brainstorm about wedding ideas and talk about wedding styles is essential. Here, the bride can get an idea of their tastes and budgets.

A Wedding Assistant advises that being up front about what you will pay for and what you expect them to cover will avoid misunderstandings or hurt feelings later on.

If the bride is aware that one of the bridesmaids is having severe financial problems and her own family can not assist, the bride and groom should discuss ways to discretely assist the bridesmaid with her wedding-related expenses. If you are able to offer assistance, do so, but do not insist that the money be accepted.

If any of your bridesmaids finds the financial responsibilities too much, don't pressure her," says A Wedding Assistant. "If you can't help her with the cost, tell her that you still value her participation and give her a role to play, either in the ceremony or wedding planning, that does not require her to be a member of the wedding party."

Clothing for bridesmaids usually "follows the style of the bride's dress and they complement the bride -- it's her day." says Sefton.

Helpful tips to ease wedding strain

Congratulations!! Now that you are engaged, you and your fiance are about to begin one of the most exciting and hectic times of your life. Planning your wedding and your life together can be fun, exhilarating and challenging although it can as well become overwhelming. From selecting your wedding dress to planning your honeymoon, to setting up your new home, there are just so many details to be considered. Just the thought of what lies ahead can be pretty wild...Where to begin? What do you need to know in order to succeed? How can you find out the answers to all these and more?

Firstly, relax, help is on the way. Afterall this is the new millennium and as we head into the year 2000, trends and ideas have advanced just as the years move forward so too do the thoughts and plans for that special day.

For instance, there is the idea of a Wedding Web Site. This is your very own personalized site on the Internet that can be accessed by friends, family and guests. The site can be as intricate or as bare-bones as you make it. It can even be password protected so visitors are by invitation only. Typical sites include information about the wedding, the reception, directions, maps, registry, who will make up the bridal party, honeymoon plans, and can include a photo of the happy couple so relatives and those faraway can catch a glimpse of the bride and groom ahead of time.. By linking your site to your DJs, you cake designer/decorator and even local hotels those who are sticklers for detail can learn all they need to. RSVPs from the guests can be e-mailed to you as can any special requests that may be necessary.

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* Going to the chapel- Some of the best memories happen even before the "big day", for example, the bride trying on veils, the flower girl rehearsing her part, the groom at his bachelor party...To make sure these spontaneous moments are recorded, delegate attendants as official record keepers. Arm them with throw-away cameras and encourage them to snap away.

* Bridal Shower blues- Sure, the bridal shower is fun, but what's a girl to do when it is time to send out those Thank You notes and she can't recall which guest gave which crystal wine decanter? As each gift is opened, have the maid of honour snap a shot of the bride with the gift and the guest who gave it to her. There will be no gift confusion, it is easier than writing everything down and with a quick note scrawled on the back, the photos serve as personal thank you cards.

* Get the guests involved-one of today's biggest wedding trends is for brides to place one-time user cameras on tables and invite guests to capture candid moments.



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4. Response - by the best man or the head usher.
5. To the parents of the bride - by the best man or master of ceremonies.
6. Response - by the father of the bride.
7. To the parents of the bridegroom - by the best man or master of ceremonies.
8. Response - by the father of the bridegroom.

All or some of these toasts may be proposed. It should be remembered that today, even at a formal wedding, rules of etiquette have relaxed, so you shouldn't feel compelled to prepare and give a speech, unless you really want to. By the same reasoning, anyone, male or female, who has a few words to say should not be refused.

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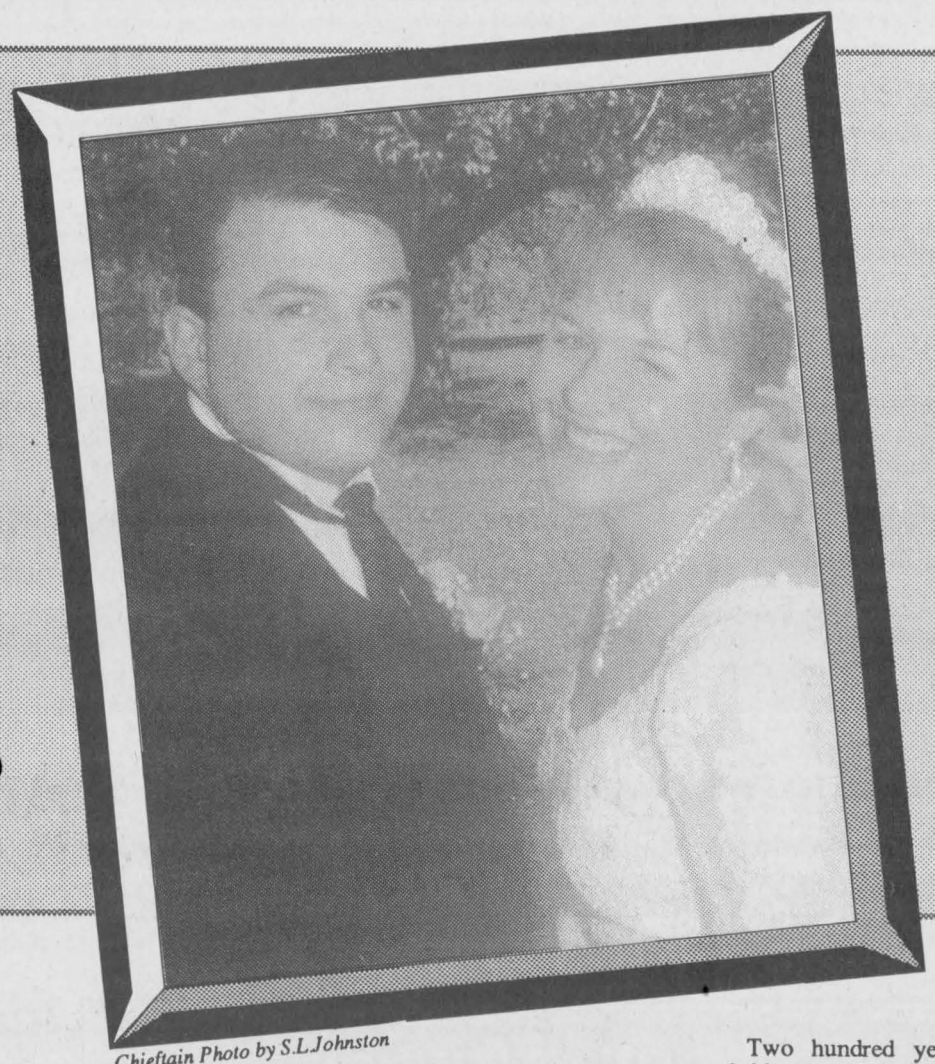

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Bridal trends have changed over the years

Two hundred years ago the bride may have been seen in green or blue. Whatever her Sunday best dress was, that was what the bride wore. The white, wear only once gowns that are so popular today came into vogue only after Queen Victoria wore white satin for her wedding in **1840.**

As we cruised into the **1900s** the trends changed as much as the gals who wore them.

1910: As the century moved ahead, there was a new ease in dressing that influenced bridal styles. Gone were the corsets and bustles, high neck lines gave way to V necklines and those jewelled beauties, long poufy sleeves have become flowing and inset. Continuing the Art Nouveau appeal hemlines rise to reveal satin slippers. Softer, draped fabrics are frequently trimmed with lace and pearls adorn gowns as well. Headpieces range from floral accented fabrics caps to wide brimmed hats and even to simple pearl headbands. The groom would have looked dashing in his top hat and tails, high starched white collar and stripped pants.

1920: The fringed flappers of the Roaring Twenties revolutionized the entire fashion scene. Bridal styles followed suit. Gone are the ornate laces and beading, replaced by silky fabrics, often in charmeuse that skim the body in no waist styles that are banded at the hip and fall to just below the knee. Face framing headbands were the "thing" to compliment the stylish bob that was every woman's hair cut. The groom would have been wearing a stripped three-piece suit, spats on his shoes, white of course and a collar reminiscent of the prior decade but the tie sat under a butterfly wings as the collar dipped in front. Gone is the hat and the slicked back hair was a statement men prided themselves on.

1930: This was the Art Deco decade and sophisticated elegance was what ruled the fashion world. Hollywood-style glamour dictates fashion's love affair with luxury. Bridal styles showcased bias-cut gowns that hug the body. The bride of the day favoured a lean silhouette with narrow sleeves that extended to a point at the wrist and fishtail skirts with trains that would glide across the floor. To cover the sleek hair do of the day, a Juliet Style cap with a long, tulle veil was the headpiece of choice. The gent could wear a long tie again but now it would have been held in place by a shirt with a collar that lay flat against the shirt. He could wear a dinner jacket or tails and grey stripped pants, a business suit.

1940: This was the war time era, when the big band sound pervaded the air and fashions pulled away from the overt sensuality of the previous decade. The padded shoulder is popular, sleeves are fuller at the top, the waist more defined and skirts took on a softer fullness. Headpieces were "snoods"(netting decorated with pearls or flowers worn at the nape of the neck) or small crowns with veils to highlight the pageboy style which was vogue in the 40s. Many grooms in the war years were married in uniform and so the suit fashion for the bride-groom was for the most part ignored. Sailors and airmen, army and merchant marines all wore their dress uniforms as they waited for their bride to come down the aisle.

1950: The post-war golden 50s promised a decade of optimism and fashion celebrated a newly awakened femininity. Form fitting lace bodices, cinched waistlines and bell shaped skirts typified the ladylike feel of the time. Gowns were more opulent with lace and beading once again important decorative elements. The crescent-shaped headpiece emerged to compliment a swept back hair do or the short curled hair style that was the signature of the day. narrow ties and shirts that were in an assortment of colours, minus the ruffles, wide collars and stove-pipe leg pants with jackets that clung to their body lines. White socks, no matter the suit colour and greased hair styles or the preppy look with brush cuts and short hairstyles.

1960: In what was referred to as the "Swinging Sixties", the miniskirt shook up the fashion world and counter-culture brides were opted for non-traditional attire...pink sheath dress with a double breasted jacket trimmed with rhinestone buttons. More traditional brides in the 60s chose an A-line gown often with an empire waist and three-quarter length sleeves. Headpieces run the gamut from lacy mantillas to satin pill boxes. The men's ties had grown a bit wider and the shirts were pretty well all white unless the groom were of the hippy-age and swung to the wild side even on his wedding day. In this case his attire would be bright and garish. White tuxedos were a hit and the old standby basic black still got the job done.

1970: After the turbulent 60s, the back to the basics 70s bride turned to the nostalgic romanticism of the Victorian and Edwardian eras to define her style. One popular fashion was high collared satin Aline gowns with ruffles trimming lace bib fronts, sleeves and hemline. Searching for that which is fresh and natural, the bride of the day wore her hair long and loose graced with simple floral wreaths or a veil. Even the groom got into the act as ruffled shirts were "the" grooms main item along with his wide labelled suit in pastel colours, and that huge bow-tie. White tuxedos with coloured stripping around the collar and pockets. Brown suits came into the picture in an attempt to maintain the male ego thing.

1980: Grand, opulent, over the top,the 80s glorified excess and the quest for luxury dictated bridal styles. Gowns were lavish with embellishments; lace, beading, ruffles and bows all came together to present an outlandish at times image. Shoulders and sleeves in poufed, billowing shapes, along with basque-waist bodices covered with pearled and sequined lace appliques fit snugly above crinolined skirts with dramatic trains. There is no doubt who was centre stage in this decade as the wedding march began. Black was still where it was at for the groom and his helpers. Ties could be traditional small bows and vests as well as cumberbuns became popular. Grey was another choice many men went to colour co-ordinate better with the girls in the party.

1990: The bride of the 90s had enough and stopped the outlandish extravagance, opting for a return to sleek styles. Sleeves virtually disappeared as dare to bare dresses boasted either extremely thin straps or none at all. Halter, square cut and deep V necklines became the order of the day. Clean, simple lines gained popularity...the look going to sophisticated and sexy. The groom still wears black and this decade can dress it up with a colourful vest and tie to match. Ties went bow or long and shirts has small ruffled patterns. Jackets were dinner style or long as men carried the fashion statement alongside the brides and wedding party females. They were more fashion conscious and more aware of what they wore than ever before. They gained more say in their wedding than in previous years and it showed. The white dinner jackets were available but not very often worn and the long black coats, the tire and tails, the top hat, the grey pin stripes, all were there and seen in various places as grooms seemed to diversify what they wore and how they wore their suits.



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FROM THE FRONT

Taxes

the question. Certain municipalities in the area had achieved zero percent tax increases in this election year, he said, by "taking it out of reserves and topping it off," a practice he described as "fooling themselves."

Added Martel: "We're probably going to be the only township that's going up. The question is, are we being realistic, versus fooling ourselves and sticking our hand into the cookie jar?"

Neighbouring North Dundas Township recently came out with its 2000 budget, featuring a zero percent increase. North Dundas Treasurer Bonnie Dingwall confirmed last week that North Dundas was withdrawing a net $50,000 from its reserves in order to hold the line on taxes.

Tougher increases coming for some

South Dundas, however, is not above draining some reserves to lessen the tax bite in certain wards. As a result of a pre-amalgamation deal, a $1.3 million reserve account with Williamsburg's name on it will deliver $240,000 in tax relief to residents of that ward this year, Waddell said. Iroquois' smaller reserve account will soften taxes in the village to the tune of $60,000.

2000 will be the last year of the special taxation deal. When those reserve subsidies end next year, taxes on a $100,000 assessment in Williamsburg could potentially rise $150 to meet the level in Matilda and Morrisburg. Ratepayers in Iroquois would also see an increase, although not as high as Williamburg's.

Whether this actually happens depends on the new council carrying through with a decision made by the present council, in 1998, to reduce the taxation phase-in to three years from the originally planned nine-year period.

"There's a day of reckoning coming," the administrator suggested.

This year's tax increase is not related to renovations at the Morrisburg Civic Centre or Morrisburg Arena, with funds coming out of overall township reserves for those projects.

How to replenish those funds will be up to a future council. One of the options could be to raise taxes.

The Taylor Road Bridge repair in Matilda is coming out of reserves designated for that ward.



At the circus

Taylor Houghton and Kurtis Billings, six-year-old buddies from Hainsville, get ready to take a midway ride outside the circus in Ingleside. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*



Sound the Alarm!

Fire Departments from Iroquois, Mountain and Williamsburg answered the call when this home on the Sandy Creek Road in Matilda Ward last week began emitting smoke. No one was in the home at the time and the response by the firefighters was excellent. The fire seemed to be contained in the upper floor. No further details were available at press time. It was great to see the various departments working as a unit in an emergency, we are indeed fortunate to have these dedicated men and women in our community. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Amalgamation

SDG to form their own single-tier county governments.

The second would see the six townships eliminated in favour of one single United Counties government.

Whichever option was picked would apparently be implemented after 2003.

Both North and South Dundas councils shelved the letter, as did counties council. At North Dundas, it was noted that a referendum must legally have a yes or no question, not a range of choices.

But the counties appear to be lurching ahead on another tack, deciding to gauge support for amalgamation by holding the joint meeting.

N. Dundas

have the tower ready in time for Dairyfest.

Bylaw enforcement agreement

Council approved entering a bylaw enforcement agreement with Prescott-Russell.

The aim is to have a full-time bylaw officer handing out tickets against such common peeves as barking dogs and unlicensed burning.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

For starters this week; our team of Terry Riddell, Art Ault, Trevor Easter and Lyle Fickes travelled to Huntsville this past weekend to compete in the Provincial Euchre Tournament. Although they were not able to capture first place honours, they did come in second place losing the top award by only one point! That is really something, congrats boys!! Better luck next time!!

At this time it is only fitting to mention that Dennis and Cindy Cooper donated the Golf Shirts to the boys as they went on their trip to Huntsville. The boys looked sharp representing Iroquois. Many, many thanks to the Coopers from the boys and the rest of us at Branch 370, a very thoughtful gesture on your part.

At the Euchre tables on Tuesday evening, May 9th there were fifteen tables busy and Keitha McConnell ended up with the first prize. Garfield Crowder took second place and Jake Easter took the door prize home. The skunks seemed to be keeping clear of the Legion on this evening.

At the Bridge tables (played the same evening), there were five tables being active and the winners of the evening were none other than Rick and Judy Darling.

Tulip bulb sales...don't forget to get your order in if you are interested in purchasing any. Just phone the Branch and tell the bartender what you want. They will be arriving in time for fall planting.

Comrade Willis Douglas was telling us on Saturday that Comrade Wytze has come home from the hospital and is convelescing at his home. He is improving slowly and should anyone like to visit him, just drop in he'll be glad to see you.

Don't forget...all of you ex-Canadian Merchant Navy veterans and surviving spouses...a monetary package has been made available through the Federal Government for you. More information and applications are available. The deadline for the applications is July 31, 2000. Should you or anyone you know be eligible, please contact Willis Douglas at 652-4087 and he will be available to assist you with this issue.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is fast approaching and should you be one of the volunteers that HAS NOT been contacted on this matter, don't forget to drop in the Branch and check the list for your name.

Events at Branch 370 this week include:

Monday-Bingo at 1pm at Johnstown Bingo Hall.

Tuesday- Euchre at 7:30, Bridge at 7pm.

Wednesday- Line Dancing 7:30-pm.

Thursday- Legion General meeting at 7:30pm.

Friday- Fun Darts.

The Cribbage League has taken the summer off, but there seems to be quite a few of the players keeping their skills sharpened on a daily basis at the Branch. So if you want to join in the game, just drop by the Branch.

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