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First Snowfall Claims A Couple

The first snowfall is always a perfect time for vehicles to land in the ditch, for people to forget to slow down and for accidents to happen.This year was certainly no exception as this 401 mess demonstrates. An 18-wheeler forced a small car into the south ditch, eastbound about 4am Saturday. Not stopping to see if anyone was hurt, another driver of an 18-wheeler did stop, after finding everyone all right, he called for the OPP. The police arrived at in the turn around just east of the site waiting to get to the car, when this truck touched the trailer of the stopped one, jerked into the medium and struck the OPP vehicle sending it east after turning it around. Luckily no one was hurt, shaken but no fatalities resulted in what could have been nastier.The debris resembled a scratch and dent sale of appliances! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

W.D.M.H. show off purchases

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The W.D.M.H. Auxiliary was proud to show off their latest purchases. The Auxiliary purchased eight new pieces of equipment that the hospital needed. The money comes from the In Memorium Fund. That is funds donated to the W.D.M.H. in memory of a loved one. One Auxiliary member pointed out that if you have ever donated money to the hospital at a wake, you can have played a part in allowing the Auxiliary to purchase this necessary equipment.

This purchasing round the Auxiliary bought over $53,000 worth of new equipment. They invited local reporters to see some of the purchases so that the community could see that the money is well spent.

The first piece of equipment was called a Saralift. It carried a price tag of $7677.10. This patient lift will be used in the Continuing Care Complex.

Secondly, they showed off their brand new defibrillator, which carried a hefty price tag of $13,7-22.21. This new defibrillator is already in use in the emergency care unit.

The third piece of equipment is found in the Brian Hough Unit. The warming blanket closet cost $5,423.78, and will be used for cancer patients.

A entourage of committee members showed off each piece of equipment, they included; Rita Bray, a member of the In Memorium Committee, Marion Carkner, President of the Auxiliary, Ethel Wyn Carkner and Edie Baker, members of the purchasing committee, and Joan Farlinger, Auxiliary member.

Williamsburg Community Assoc. celebrates Christmas

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Williamsburg Fire Department annually hosts the jolly old elf himself. A parade always precedes his visit with the youngsters as they bring their lists to ensure they get what they ask for each Christmas. This year was no exception, although the parade was a rather meagre affair, Santa and the Mrs. did take part and dropped by the Fire Hall to talk with the children.

Once the parade was over, all participants enjoyed a hot chocolate and a hot dog courtesy of the Fire Department. Santa and the Mrs. provided each child with a treat and then David Lapier of the Williamsburg Community Association (WCA) congratulated the firemen on their efforts this year and each year to spread the joy of the season and suggested that next year the two groups get together to make this event even bigger.

The Williamsburg Community Association thanked all the 11 participants for putting an extra effort into decorating their homes for the Christmas season. "The spirit of the season is certainly alive and well in the Village of Williamsburg and area," noted David. He continued, "The WCA would like to convey special thanks to James and Shelley Byers Limousine Service for the first class transportation and treats the evening of the judging. The press and the judges could not have been treated better by the driver, Robert Thompson. Thanks as well goes to the judges and local businesses who sponsored the contest. Their support is certainly appreciated."

As David began to suggest that the winners would be announced, he said, "Merry Christmas from the Williamsburg Community Association!" He offered hearty congratulations to all who took part, for they are what makes the contest happen. "The judges had a difficult task selecting the winners, there were so many terrific ideas on display. The ability in the Williamsburg area as far as creating a seasonal display leaves one in awe!" Therefore and because sponsors were so very generous, everyone who entered gets a prize. Some $350-$400 in cash as well as gift certificates were donated to make this a successful venture. All the cash was given to the entrants, from $230 to $20, everyone was recognized for their work. In first was Bonnie Richmire, last year's winner with 214 points, Second was Donna Casselman, north of Boucks Hill who had 197 points, Audrey Casselman in downtown Williamsburg was third with 184 points and Sheila Crowder who lives south of Boucks Hill was fourth with 174 points and fifth went to Sylvia Barkley west of the Village on County Road 18 who tallied 160 points. Others who entered and won a prize in no particular order include; Selena Helmer, Bruce McIntosh, Wally Duff, Nikki Beckstead, Andy Lewis and Anne and Larry Schell. Congrats to all of you!!

It was felt that perhaps the nice weather we have experienced during the first part of December or the disaster in New York that makes us all want to try to brighten everyones world, no matter it was suggested that people decorated and then added more as it was not too cold to get outside and create, and they were encouraged by what they saw elsewhere. Seeing something that works somewhere makes you want to try to fit it into your

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Martel, new SD&G Counties Warden

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Friday December 14, 2001, in Cornwall South Dundas Councillor Cam Martel was sworn in as Counties Council Warden for SD&G. The position is passed from year to year between the 6 townships in SD&G. Outgoing warden is Heine Bruining from South Stormont. Martel becomes the first warden ever from the amalgamated South Dundas Township.

Martel was chosen unanimously by the members of South Dundas Council after the 2000 elections to serve as the Council's representative at the County level. In this, 2001, it was South Dundas' turn to hold the position of Counties Warden, thus giving Councillor Martel the title.

The role of the Counties Warden is mostly a public role. As Warden Martel will go to community events, and perform rib-

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Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal Council hears Public Works committee report

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Public Works Committee reported to council at their meeting on December 17.

The Manager of Public Works reported to the committee that the reshaping of the Pittston Road Landfill has been completed and the cost is $22,000. It is estimated that the remaining capacity is about 1,000 cubic metres, which may last until the end of February.

The Manager is going to investigate sources for disposal of white goods and tires and the possible disposal of brush.

The committee recommends the purchase of a temperature gauge to monitor the road surface temperature at a cost of about $1,0-00.

The Public Works Manager was asked to estimate the cost of installing sidewalks in New Wexford and Ventnor for 2002 budgeting.

Concerns were raised about excessive vehicle speed on the old Gallop Canal Road beyond the Royal Canadian Legion and the committee is recommending that a speed sign be put up.

In new business, the committee recommends that a pole be installed at the parking lot east of the Cardinal Mall and an agreement be negotiated with the mall owner regarding a power source and maintenance of the light.

In response to a concern that the culvert on North Channel Road was plugged, the Manager of Public Works reported that it is not plugged and the complaint is probably about the grass on the east side of the road. The Public Works Manager is instructing the By-law Enforcement Officer to investigate the situation.

In other business, council approved the request for Nevada licenses to the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Firefighters Association, the Edwardsburgh Co-operative Playgroup, the Edwardsburgh Lions Club, the Spencerville Agricultural Society and the Spencerville Mill Foundation.

As well as OSPCA, Cardinal Figure Skating Club, Cardinal Lions Club and the Royal Canadian Legion Cardinal Branch 105

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Santa Warms Up After Parade

South Mountain's annual Santa Claus Parade was held on the weekend. The streets were lined with youngsters hoping to get a glimpse of Santa himself. All warmed up at the Ag. Hall afterwards. The children, including Sarah Holmes, lined up anticipating the arrival of the big guy, and he did not disappoint. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*



W.D.M.H. Auxiliary Purchases New Equipment

Rita Bray, Ethel Wyn Carkner, and Edie Baker stand in front of the Warming Blanket Closet, one of the latest Auxiliary purchases. The closet cost $5,423.78 and will be in use in the Brian Hough Unit. The Auxiliary purchased the equipment using In Memorium funds donated to the hospital in memory of a loved one. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

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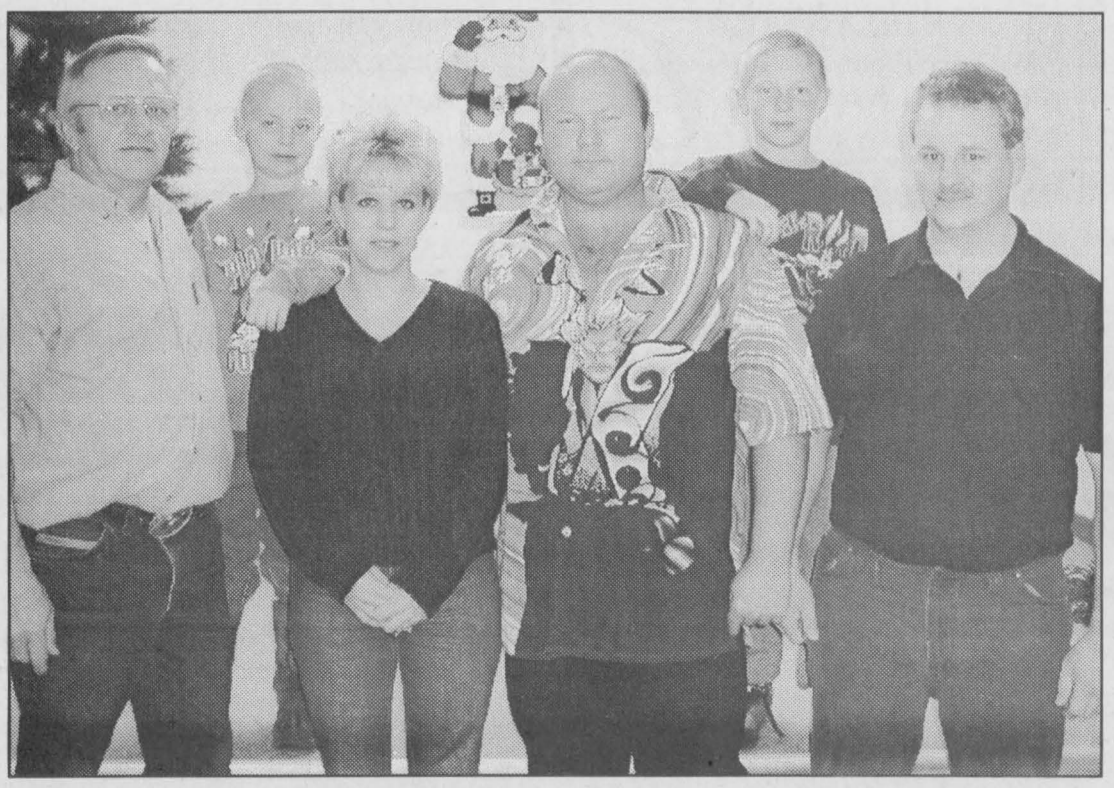

Williamsburg Oddfellows Help Local Family

Dennis Whitteker (left) and Wayne Prunner (right) of the Williamsburg Oddfellows presented Eddie Merkley, Nicholas Merkley, Curtis Merkley, and Christine Thompson with a cheque for $1500. The money was raised at a benefit dance for the family who lost their house to fire Thanksgiving. Eddie would like to thank the Oddfellows, and the community who has been extremely generous. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

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Williamsburg

display. The pride people in this area have in their homes showed as we travelled throughout the Village and area. All the judges commented that the decorations are simply awesome this year.

Then he asked Bonnie Richmire to step forward and accept her First Place winnings. Bonnie has a display that you need to stop and allow yourself time to appreciate. Her attention to the minute details, the creativity and the wondrous way she has taken her love of Santa and captured the season in a perfect way
has to be given time to sink in. Just south of Williamsburg on the east side of County Road 31, she has done a marvellous job. Venturing onto her porch it was noted that she had a barren tree painted white hung with colourful fruit slices: what a delightful treat for the birds who dropped by. The big chair by the road is great and although this writer did not get a consensus, the pole Santa and his wooden deer are still my favourites, although the drift wood Santa face was cool too. Her total prize package is valued at $230. She earned 214 points from the judges, all quite knowledgeable on the finer points of their task.

Undertaking the job of choosing winners were Pam DeVries, Sue Sherrer and Mary Steele. Along from WCA were Diane and Barb and local press reps. who enjoyed the ride, the treats, the company and the sights.

In Second place was Donna and Dale Casselman who live just north of Boucks Hill. Their prize package is worth $175 and their display included a lot of wooden figurines, handcrafted. Attention to small items like the popcorn for the squirrels on the log earned them extra points no doubt. Santa on the tractor was cute and the action Clauses in the window showed how much effort went into the display.

Audrey Casselman fit a lot of effort into a small space at her home. The lady greeting at the front door was a nice touch. The easel was delightful and the sleigh on the porch roof was a cute touch. Attention to the side yard was evident as a trellis shone in bright colours and Christmas creatures were in the flowerbeds.

Sheila Crowder is one creative lady as she hosts an Open House to display and sell her crafts each Christmas. Her porch was filled with snowmen even before we got the snow!

Yards were filled with interesting ideas. There were sports items on display as if they were window displays at Sears, the musical Santas which played at various homes certainly welcomed visitors. The Nativity was not forgotten and in fact was a part of a display where Santa and his reindeer also were evident. One where the Nativity was on a raised table in the yard, beside in a bed of shavings were the three camels, minus the wisemen drew a lot of attention. There were a lot of marvellous light shows and many were not entered in the contest, next year hopefully more people will enter and give the judges an even tougher job!!

Congrats to all, and if you have time this season take a drive around South Dundas, the Christmas displays will astound you. A fun evening for the whole family! Merry Christmas to all!!

Warden

bon cutting ceremonies as a SD&G counties representative. He will chair county council meetings, much as the mayor does in the townships, and he will represent the counties in meetings with cabinet ministers. The role also makes him a member of all of SD&G's committees, including the Police Services Board. The role is an important one, as he will become the public face of SD&G, and because his opinions can be heard by all of the different county committees.

Cam Martel has held political office since 1992 when he was elected to the former Morrisburg Council. When South Dundas came to be as a result of amalgamation in 1998, Cam Martel was elected to the new council as Morrisburg's representative. The newly formed council incidentally chose Martel to represent them at the county level. When Martel was re-elected to South Dundas Council in 2000 he returned to his role as South Dundas Township Representative, thus landing him with this newly bestowed honour.

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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

I am all but bursting with excitement this week, we at Swampview had a young guest drop by a couple of times. We hope this wee, male Cardinal, in all his red splendour continues to come back. We improvised a ground feeder just for him. He is so shy and timid as they all are, but we did snap a digital photo through the window. He hid in the cedar shrub and kept coming near the glass for a treat, until finally he flew off westward. A brother and the folks each get some of these terrific fellows each winter, this is our first and we are so pleased! He seems intimidated by even the cheery little Chickadees who frequent the feeders.

Our Irena watcher is always on the line come Tuesday morning with her report, much appreciated for sure. She tells us last Tuesday she saw a lot of Canada Geese on the Flagg Inlet and Eastward from there. The following day she sighted a Gold Finch at one of her new seedballs. The big Hairy Woodpecker she had previously returned to check out the seedballs as well. She says one is finer seeds, the other sunflower seeds, so everyone can be satisfied! Three Chickadees played a game of chase, as only these little Black-Capped fellows can do around the seedball.

Two Black Squirrels and one light grey one were spotted as well. The grey one caused a stir as he sports a white belly, a brown face and elsewhere is grey in colour, an unusual fellow for sure!

The Brown Creeper is back again and since he blends in with the tree so well he is often missed. A Blue Jay and Woodpeckers seemed worried about finding food once the snow came on Friday night and Saturday as they scurried about checking things for edibles. A Tree Sparrow was at the feeder, three Juncos came yesterday, showing their white bibs off and two hairy Woodpeckers seemed pleased with the new bells as well. Three Cardinals were seen across the corner eating seeds along the roadside, a male and two females, they leave quickly when startled.

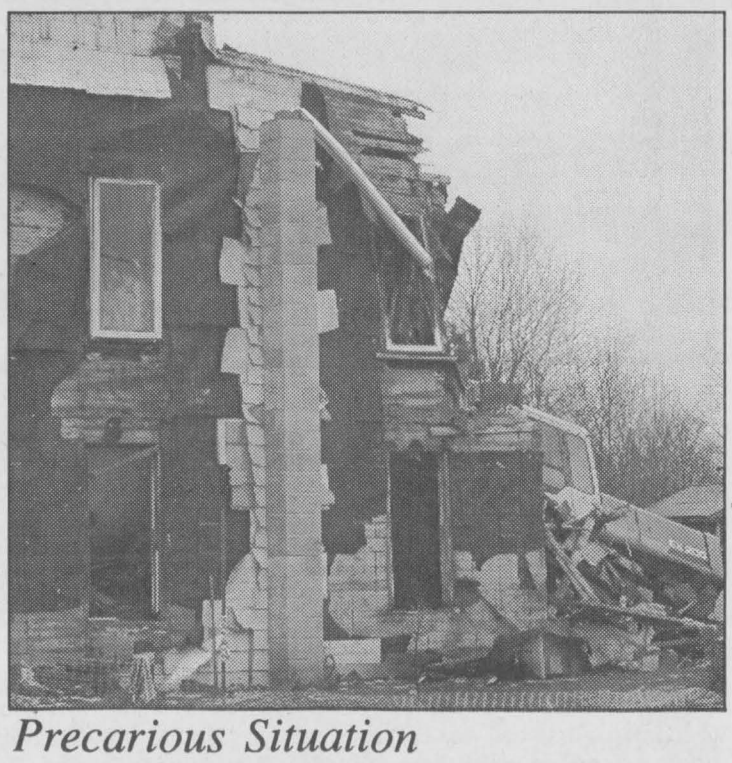
A letter crossed the desk this morning from an avid birder, a welcome note for sure. You need not write a letter, but this one was a treat to read and copy, thanks. "It has taken this ex-Smail Road birdwatcher along time to write to you. Lots of excuses! We've moved on to the St. Lawrence River near Fort Wellington in Prescott and were initially almost "Birdless" except for a noisy family of Starlings nesting under the eaves near our bedroom window. We immediately set up our luring paraphernalia of bird baths and fountains and feeders and waited and waited anxiously. Weeks passed before this clever little black capped Chickadee appeared. "Bird Word" went out and we then had Mourning Doves, Fox Sparrows, Tree and Song Sparrows, several species of Finches, Blue Jays, a pair of Cardinals and a pair of Baltimore Orioles. We discovered a wonderful Purple Martin family nesting on top of our front door light fixture. Needless to say, we didn't replace the fixture as planned and visitors had to use our back door! The Martins loved it!!

With our proximity to the River we were treated to a summer of watching some of the water birds, notably a clever pair of large Blue Herons who came morning and evening for a fishing stop. We saw Mallard Ducks, Canada Geese, the odd Snow Goose and of course lots of noisy SeaGulls.

Most of these have flown South but our strategically placed feeders have kept the Chickadee, Slate Grey Junco, Purple Finches Blue Jays, Mourning Doves, a pair of Cardinals and 3 Crows.

The east side of the property is dense with pines and firs. After the recent snowfall the view was magical with red and blue and grey birds sitting on dark green branches...like Christmas ornaments!

To all of you good birding and enjoy the season. Merry Christmas from the Bird Column!!!



Precarious Situation

This contractor found himself in a precarious situation as the excavator he was operating ended up partly in the basement of a house he was tearing down. Luckily, after some manouvering they got the excavator out without any damage. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

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Scouts Canada Brass out to congratulate local club

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

All of the top brass from Scouts Canada were out to meet D.J. Keeler. D.J. known now as "King Kernel" was honoured for selling $3035 worth of popcorn, a local record, and an amount that will likely place him somewhere in the top ten sellers nationally. D.J. sold popcorn door to door. When asked how long it took him to sell this much popcorn, he said, "It took me a week and a half after school, and any chance I had, weekends too, and that's all I know." This evening was a chance for D.J.'s efforts to be recognized.

D.J. was awarded a prize from the company that provides the scouts with popcorn to sell, Trails End. He was given the choice between a CD player, and a camping package. Like the true cub D.J. is, he chose the camping package, which included a tent and various camping tools. Regional Field Representative Jon Wiersma presented D.J. with his choice.

Jon was also there to tell D.J. about the scholarship that he will get from the Trails End company. The company will set up a scholarship in D.J.'s name for his post secondary education. A percentage of D.J.'s popcorn sales this year, and every year that he sells popcorn will go into his scholarship fund, and when he goes to college or university he will get the money to put towards his education.

In addition to these individual rewards, Jon also announced that because of D.J.'s hard work the whole troop would benefit as well. Jon said that he would send a whole case of popcorn to 1st Iroquois for them to eat on their winter sleep over. This is a big honour for the troop because "Jon rarely gives popcorn away".

Marilyn Johnson, the Regional Commissioner, presented D.J. with a t-shirt from the last jamboree, and a sleeping bag to supplement the camping package that he received.

District Committee president Robin Hoy presented D.J. with a certificate recognizing his efforts, a camping cup, and payed next year's Scouts registration fee.

And finally Shawn Markell thanked D.J. on behalf of 1st Iroquois for going above and beyond what was asked and presented him with a gift as well, which included the Voyager Bucks that he had earned. Each scout who sold popcorn, got a percentage of their sales back in Voyageur bucks that they can spend at Scout shops or put towards any scouting fees. D.J. earned about 400 Voyageur Bucks.

Congratulations to D.J., he put a lot of work into selling popcorn, and his effort has paid off tenfold.



Scout Brass Honours Local Cub

Jon Wiersma - Regional Field Rep., Marilyn Johnston - Regional Commissioner., Scouter Moe (Maurice Renaud) - District Commissioner, Robin Hoy - District Pres., Gwyn Marriott - Sec. District Committee, and Mary Manhard - Pres. of the District Committee were all out to congratulate D.J. Keeler on his exceptional popcorn sales.

Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort



King Kernel aka DJ

This Iroquois Cub proved to be a salesman beyond anyone's expectations. Selling Trails End Popcorn which is an annual fundraiser for Scouts Canada, DJ Keeler from Morrisburg who is a member of the 1st Iroquois Cub Pack sold enough to surpass many national totals! His dad drove him, he walked, he sold whenever and wherever he could. Pictured in the livingroom, which resembles a popcorn factory, DJ seemed overwhelmed by the attention he garnered for a job well done.

Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston



Canadian Tire Donations

Morrisburg Canadian Tire Staff and Owner Peter Oliver raised money to donate to local charities instead of exchanging gifts this year. Foundation for Families double matched their donations. Jack Notman Chairman of the Angel Tree Committee accepted a donation from Victoria Davidson a representative of Foundation for Families. Karen Herman of the Social Committee presented a cheque to Diane Pethick Chairperson of the Dundas County Food Bank. $880 was divided among the charities.

Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort

'Tis the Season for Giving

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg Canadian Tire Staff donated money to charity rather than exchanging gifts this year. Store owner Peter Oliver donated money as well. The Foundation for Families organization double matched the donations of the staff and Mr. Oliver.

The donations totalled $880 which they decided to divide between two charities. Jack Notman, Chairman of the Angel Tree Committee for the Morrisburg Lions was on hand to accept the donation for the Angel Tree. "There were 203 angels on the angel tree this year, one more than last year said Notman." This angel tree program started in 1989 and they have given over 2000 gifts since it's inception.

The other donation went to the Morrisburg Foodbank, and will be used to purchase food. The number of Foodbank clients has increased 22% in the last year, and is now providing a service to 292 families. Diane Pethick, Dundas County Foodbank Chairperson, was on hand to accept their donation. Pethick is happy to accept the generous donation but would like to remind people that the foodbank's supply is low and they could use more food donations. Canned juice, canned fruit, and large cans of vegetables are especially needed. Foodland in Iroquois and Mike's Valu Mart have been very supportive of the foodbank, each has donation bins available. Pethick would like to remind people that the bins are at these locations, and all donations are appreciated. "People sometimes think that clients come in and select food off the shelves, but that's not how it works, we provide nutritional baskets to clients" said Pethick. If people in the community are uncertain about how their donations are put to use, Pethick invites them to make an appointment and come into the foodbank to see how it works.

By giving to the Angel Tree and the Foodbank the Morrisburg Canadian Tire Staff will make a difference to some of those in need this holiday season.

CRIME STOPPERS

Each week Crime Stoppers spotlights a crime that has been committed in the area. Crime Stoppers would like to remind you that we need information on all crimes not just the crime of the week. This week Crime Stoppers is asking your help in solving the theft of generators. Between Nov. 27th and Dec. 12th three generators were stolen in Dundas County. A shed was broken into on Carroway Crescent, a generator and power tools were stolen. A Coleman generator was taken from a garage on county Rd. 8 and a Coleman 5000 generator was stolen from a County Rd. 3 residence.

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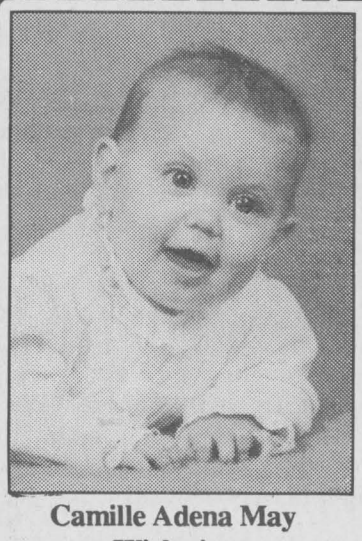

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Merry Christmas!!

Yet another Christmas is quickly approaching. Before we know it, it will be in the books. We need to acknowledge the kindness and giving that have been displayed by our community this year and every year.

Every year angel trees are put up in local establishments so that generous people in the community can help brighten the Christmas of someone less fortunate. The banks, the libraries, numerous local businesses, service clubs and schools all get involved. Most importantly the community gets involved.

This year there were angel trees put up in both Iroquois and Morrisburg. There were about 300 angels between the trees in Iroquois and Morrisburg representing gifts for needy children in South Dundas. There were also Mitten Trees and Book Trees set up locally to provide such items for those less fortunate.

When looking at the need of people in our community before hand you would have thought that the need was too great and the community could not possibly afford to give enough to fill the need. This great need when realized, only brought about feelings of sadness, as surely someone in need would be left out this Christmas. Questions always arise. Will there be enough people willing to share this year? Will a slow economy dictate that fewer people will be able to donate a gift to someone unable to provide anything for their children?

Not so in this part of the woods, folks! When the need is greatest, the greatest stand up and get going!

The person who every year takes more than one angel to supply a gift for. The one who donates a number of items and lets the volunteers decide who gets them.

The Christmas spirit of giving is definately not lost in our community. Every Angel disappeared off of the angel trees, and found their way back, tucked under each tree with lovely and thoughtful gifts attached.

Every year it is amazing, as most are surprised by the extreme generosity of our community. The wonderful people of South Dundas never let their fellow community members in need down. Their tremendous generosity is appreciated by all of those involved in organizing the Angel Trees, and especially by those who unfortunately find themselves in need during the holiday season.

Bringing a smile to a youngster who might otherwise be disppointed on Christmas morning is surely a gift in itself. Although those who gave will not see that broad smile, they can know they have brought it to fruition. When you do something unselfish like giving a gift anonymously, you know a special feeling, one that cannot be duplicated. The true meaning of the season must surely be giving as the Wisemen who gave to someone they never knew.

The angel trees stand like beacons in the community a testimony to those who ensure the happiness of others who might awake Christmas morning to find they were missed. What child should have to endure such a thing?

From Heaven, With Love

Has it really, already been twenty centuries since His star filled the heavens with the light of His promise? Over two thousand years since He left us His peace and returned to His Father's house? And, is it far from there to our village as it was, then, to Bethlehem of Judah?

That distance is measured in terms of a love that neither century nor light-year can gauge. For some, yesterday's darkness will become the holiest of nights; and yet for so many, the vision will be as faint as the flickering of a star so remote as to raise a doubt that the miracle ever happened.

In our comfortable homes on Christmas night the mystery will haunt our hearts with its message of hope, awakening us to a search for the real meaning of Bethlehem. If only for a moment, He will seem very near. In those places where we will gather and pray, veiled from ear and sight by the rites and ceremonials He will stand quietly beside each soul, waiting to be invited in. Offering peace.

What has humanity done with the peace He left us?

Beyond our view this very same night writhe oppression, death, drought and starvation, disease and desperation, greed and rapacity, solitude and abandonment. Yet even in the depths of chaos the ancient star beckons.

On Christmas night we share our joy with those who have none, our prayers with those whose souls are barren, our hope with those from whom hope has been stolen.

Christmas is hope, sent from Heaven with love.

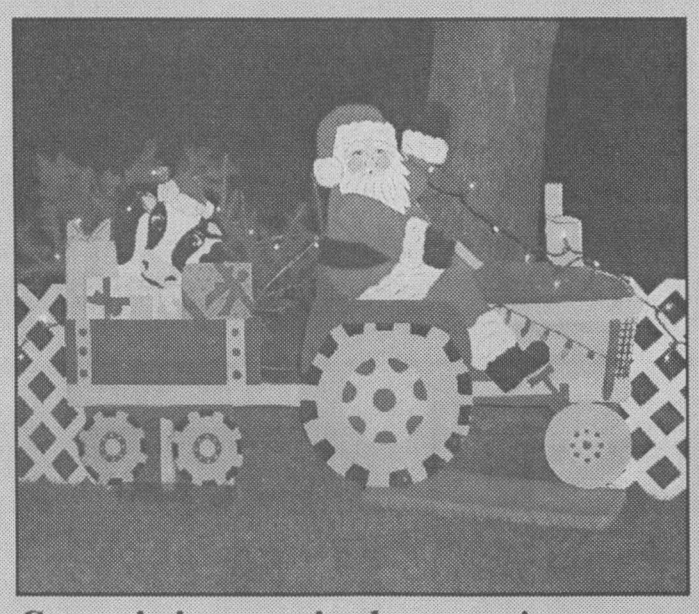
Williamsburg Parade a big hit



Taylore, Santa and Mrs. Claus



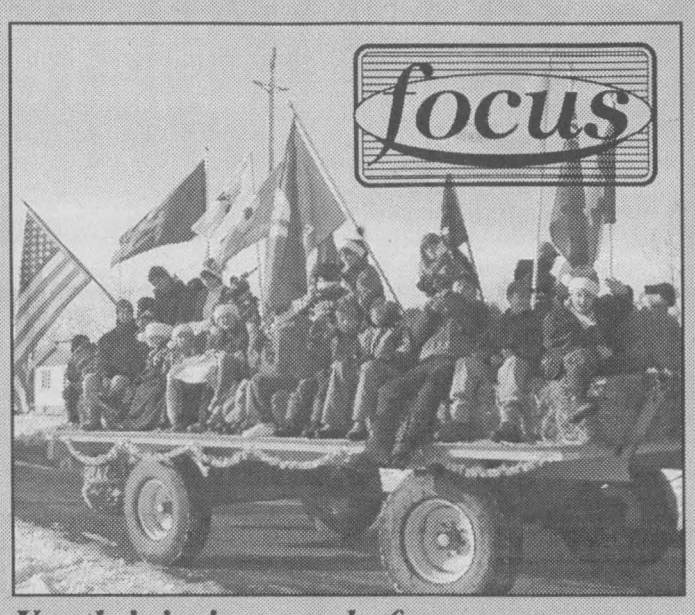
Vicki, Bonnie, David and Donna



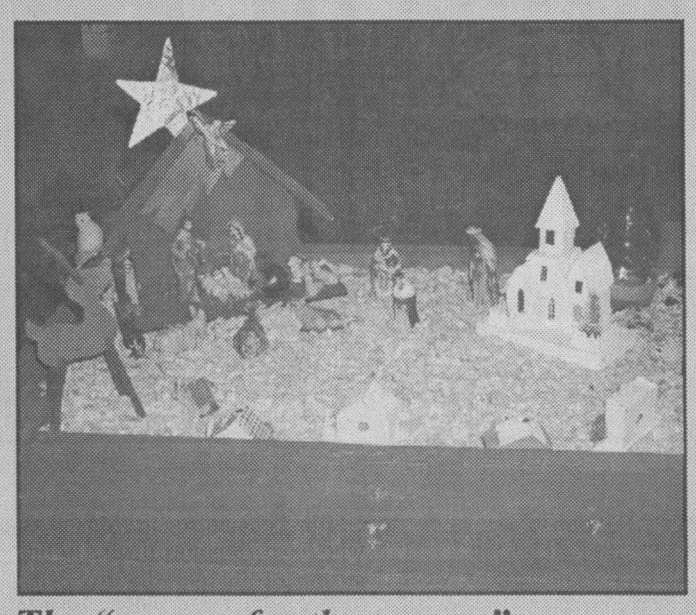
Santa is into agriculture too!



Parade creatures in Williamsburg



Youth join in parade fun



The "reason for the season"

Chieftain Photos - S.L. Johnston

Sons recovery hits a snag on weekend



Things around Swampview are beginning to look a lot like Christmas as the colourful bulbs send a magical glow across the yard. The snowfall we have enjoyed this past while certainly transformed the world into a wonderland. All the blinking lights, the displays and the creative methods of putting Christmas into our yards coupled with a dusting of the white really gets the mood moving. Driving home is a much more fun experience when the lights are out to greet you. The decorations have been brought to the livingroom and when the number two son arrives home from University on Wednesday (if the Lord's willin', the creeks don't rise and the snow doesn't drift us in!) the tree will be procured, so it can be decorated by the family. Then we can really get into the festive mode. Some shopping was accomplished on Saturday. This was an assignment weekend, but some local stores were visited and a number of items were crossed off the list. This year seems to be the worst yet as far as the writer being ill prepared for Santa's visit next week. Where does the time go? How can it be Christmas already??

With the operation thing which the number one son endured two weeks ago, we have been rather preoccupied. Speaking of the operation, he gave his dad and mom a scare the other evening. The big guy and the writer were at a staff Christmas dinner in downtown Brockville. The phone rings and of course everyone ignores it. The young lady who answered it asked for a "Roger or Sandra" and so the mom took the call. It was the niece who is a nurse and she helped the son maintain his breathing, for son number one had been struck with a terrific pain and the inability to breathe! She would meet us at the General Hospital, and then those famous words, "Don't worry!" She works in Ottawa and had consulted with her resident on duty there. He suggested a visit to the Emerg was in order to have things checked, since there is a danger of the lung collapsing again. Waiting is a killer as everyone is aware. After waiting for them to arrive, we waited to be called inside to the next level of care. Son number one was having lots of difficulty breathing and his eyes kept sinking into his skull, his colour is pale everyday due to the recovery process keeping him inside and so we all sit, wait and worry. A kind lady realizes our plight more desperate then hers and allows us to butt into the line at the Registration desk and get inside the next automatic door sooner. Directing us to a room, we are told by the nurse only one family member is allowed with a patient. The niece goes and again the dad, mom and girlfriend wait. Little did we know it would be some hours of this waiting before we could relax. A series of tests, as the niece left and the mother went to the son's side for support and encouragement and more waiting. With oxygen on him, blood tests complete, an ECG and blood pressure and temperature taken, he was still dealing with a lot of pain. A doctor came to see him, but left quickly ordering x-rays, off he went and the big guy comes strutting in looking as worried a the mother feels. The transport worker comes in, takes the son to X-ray and yup, we wait. Hoping that the big guy was not offensive to the nurses, we talk and try to calm oneanother. Back comes the son and then we learn what waiting is...three and a half hours. Attempting to get comfortable, we rub his back, try to keep him calm and remind him to breathe as shown...a youngster close by cries and whines in pain and even the hall fills with beds as the rooms are all full. A young doctor flies by numerous times and still we wait. He checks X-rays and we watch hoping that the next one will belong to son number one. Finally in the wee hours of the morning he comes in, explains that all the test results were great and tells us about the trauma of the type of surgery son number one had undergone a brief two weeks ago. He suggests that all he can figure is scar tissue being disturbed and perhaps even ripped, due to inflammation. The patient insists he was doing nothing out of the ordinary when the pain struck out of the blue. The kindly, overworked young man of medicine gives son number one a cup of water and two pills, as well as two for the morning along with a prescription and directions to keep up the exercises and to be aware of the fact that son number one is a prime

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the bottom line

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR ANNUAL Christmas assembly on Friday, December 21 starting at 9am. A great experience for many who want to realize the true "reason for the season" as presented by these youngsters, who will be delighted, see you there!

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THE CHIEFTAIN WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY and on January 1, 2002,New Year's Day. Thursday, December 20 will be a Monday for the press and so deadlines for Classifieds will be Friday, December 21 at 11am for the Looking Back issue printed on December 27. As well the deadline for Classifieds will be 11am on January 2, 2002 for the January 3rd issue, the first Chieftain of 2002. Do not be disappointed, get your classified in on time to ensure they will run. For those last minute shoppers, The Chieftain will be **OPEN** on December 24 from 8:30 til 3pm and these same hours apply to December 31. The Editorial and Advertising Departments will be closed these two days. Merry Christmas from everyone at The Chieftain to all our friends and readers, advertisers and neighbours.

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TAKE TIME THIS SEASON TO DRIVE YOUR FAMILY THROUGH SOUTH Dundas to check out the fantastic displays, many people have certainly gone above and beyond this year as far as decorating. Whether to distill those disaster woes or just to cheer everyone, whether due to the warm weather we enjoyed until this last week, or simply because more people wanted to brighten the world with their Christmas displays, no matter, there is a winter wonderland of colour free for the looking right in our backyard.

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THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MORRISBURG ARENA, KIDS DAY , hosted by the Junior "B" Lions will feature draws, fun and even a Junior "B" Hockey game as the Winchester Hawks come to town. The action gets started at 2:15. A special day for all youngsters, bring your son or daughter to the game and who knows what will happen.

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Livin'

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candidate for the lung to collapse, so we need to be careful. We are anyway. Walking out into the frigid night air, we realized that the niece and the girlfriend were not in the outerroom. As I turned to say we needed to get the car, and return to get them, the girlfriend was staring at me. She had been in the waiting room and turned to notice us leaving! Tired and worried, having heard nothing for many hours and being alone, she was wiped. We would not have left her and consequently learned that the niece had left right after we went into the examination room. That left the girlfriend alone, and we were both afraid to leave the son, in case we would not be allowed in again, the rule is one person per patient! Arriving home everyone felt some better and the pills were doing nothing, but hope springs eternal and we gave him a pain pill and were off to bed. He is good to do his physical exercises and his breathing ones as well every day and even when it hurts he continues. School begins on January 2 and he is anxious to head back to class. Prayers are a regular thing for us anyway, but right now we seem to be in overdrive.

A special thanks to Wendy, Jill and Andrew as well as Grams for their concern and attention when needed the most.

Feeling a bit more chipper he had guests the other evening, a couple of gal cousins. While they were there son number two called, he was lonesome, since the others in the house had finished their exams and headed home for the holidays. He write his final exam this term on Tuesday and will head home today. Everyone took a turn talking at him and he seemed anxious to get home. We will get the tree tonight and get decorating it and that will surely put us all in the festive mood. A niece is hosting the meal on Christmas Day, a biggie for a youngster. We will all help and are looking forward to enjoying the family affair. Number one son will tire easily and so we will not stay too long, but Christmas will be celebrated in Swampview style. The other side of the family will be fit in sometime during the Day so everyone gets a personal Christmas wish and we have yet to be introduced to wee Ashley, which we are looking forward to.

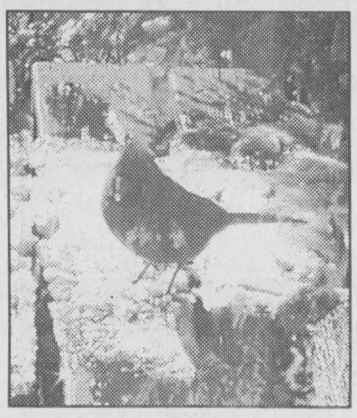
A turkey will cook since those with smell enjoy the scent and we need to eat through the holidays too, even though we are not hosting this year.

The special lady around the corner (me mum) had her 30,000 mile checkup at the Heart Institute early this week and things are good. The weather was not great, but her baby got her there and back safely.

Snow plows are out and about again, it seems they were just put away for the season!

We have enjoyed a couple of lovely meals out last week as the two staffs chose a simple dinner to treat themselves to a Christmas treat. Both were very nice and we enjoyed the company and the food, the atmosphere and even the snow on Friday evening when we drove home. People it is indeed time to slow down when the snow is coming straight you, blinding your vision line. As well, your half of the road is not in the middle!!

To all the faithful few who read the effort each week, the Swampview gang wishes each of you the very Merriest Christmas ever!!



Our Young Male Cardinal.
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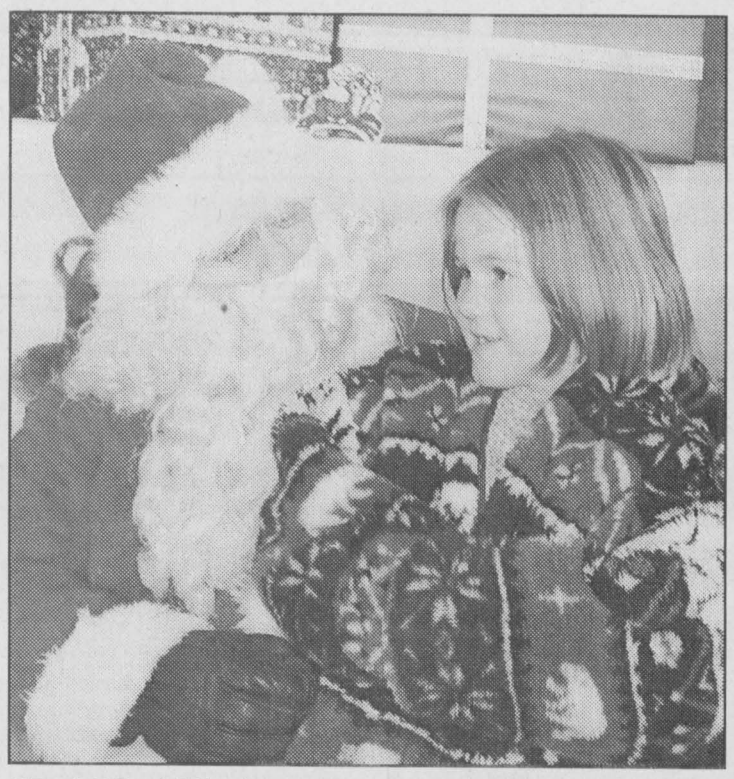

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Not long now until Santa will load up his sleigh and head out on his annual run. Christmas is less than a week off. Young Jessica dropped in to the Iroquois Plaza on Saturday morning to make sure Santa knew what was tops on her list this year. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

LETTERS

Thanks for support

Dear Editor,

The businesses of South Dundas Country Christmas Tour 2001 want to express their appreciation to all visitors and supporters of the Tour.

The Country Tour was very successful, people welcomed the chance to visit a wide variety of locations. The charity supported by the Tour this year was the Dundas County Hospice. A total of $294.97 was collected for the Hospice.

Nora Cavanaugh of Cornwall was the winner of the large gift basket while L. Amile of Kingston took home the second prize.

We want to thank you all for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

South Dundas Country Christmas Tour
Corry Martens.

Terminators grab first in the Iroquois Legion Mixed Darts

Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In a surprise move this week the Terminators struck with straight darts and skill to grab 83 points and take over sole possession of first in the Iroquois Legion Mixed Dart league. Helping dethroning the Big Bananas were Lincoln Taylor who won 4 games and shot 139, Tara Summerfield who won 3 games and Gerry Chater who won 2 and earned 100 and 127.

The Incredibles who shared first place last week find themselves in second place this week with 82 wins, extremely close to the top team. Bob Esford won 3 games and had a 115. One game winners were Pat Thompson, Annie Markell and Lloyd Greenough (100).

In third this time are the Whoops who have 81.5 points to their credit. Duane Kirker won 2 games, Chris Hutton won 3 and Sharon Lewis won 1 game.

The Big Bananas sit in fourth this week with 81 points accumulated. Linda Birch won 3 games, Dave Svendsen and Thom Greenough each won a game.

Fifth belongs to the Mustangs who have 78 points thanks to the efforts of Bernie Montroy who won 2 games and nailed 100x2, and Sharon Easter who won a game and hit 100.

Coming in sixth a slim 3 points behind are the Rugrats with 75 points. Leo Merkley and Sandra Julien came in with 2 games won each and Chris Thompson won a game tossing 100 and 140 in the cause.

Seventh place is taken by the Misfits with 68 points. Wayne Bellinger won 2 games throwing 100 and 125x2, Barb Merkley won 2 as well and tossed 121. Art Ault did his part and won a game to help the team as well.

The Unicorns are in eighth thanks to Glen Adams who nailed 2 victorious games throwing 100, 140 and 180. Cecil Tyo won 4 games and tossed 100x2. Linda Bellinger won 1 game as they came in with 67 points to keep the Misfits nervous.

The Sureflites are in ninth this week with 63.5 points. Sandra Keeler won a game (102) as did Arnie Fader while Jean Greenough won 2 games.

Tenth is where The Outlaws find themselves this week with 61.5 points. LJ Steele won 3 games(100x3) while Tina Summerfield won a game.

In the basement this week we have Blues Clues with 56.5 points. Winning one game each were Jeff O'Neil, Jamie Adams ad Cecil Lewis.



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Hawn earns second shutout of season

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In a home and home series this past week, the Morrisburg Atom House Lions scored a win and a tie against the South Stormont 3 Team.

Wednesday night saw South Stormont 3 in Morrisburg. The opening period was a see-saw battle with loads of end to end rushes, but no scoring by either team.

The second started off the same way until midway through the period when the Lions scored 3 goals in a span of only 4 minutes to seal the victory.

Jordon Hawn was in fine form in the net for the Lions earning his second shutout of the season.

Scoring for the Lions were Josee Theoret (1 goal, 2 assists), Derrick Thompson a counter and an assist and Jordon Cooke also scored one and helped with one. These goals came about because of some aggressive forechecking by Adam Bogle and Chantal Thurler who also tallied assists for their hard work.

The re-match in Long Sault took a different turn when South Stormont was seeking to avenge their loss. Coming out strong against the Lions things might have been different in the end. After another scoreless first frame, South Stormont took the lead on a nice goal midway through the second period. Going into the third frame, South Stormont seemed assured of victory when Krysten Zandbergen scored her first goal of the season to dash South Stormont's hopes, in a wild goal mouth scramble to knot the game. Adam Bogle added the assist

To date the Lions have a 3-7-1 record which gives them a share of third place.

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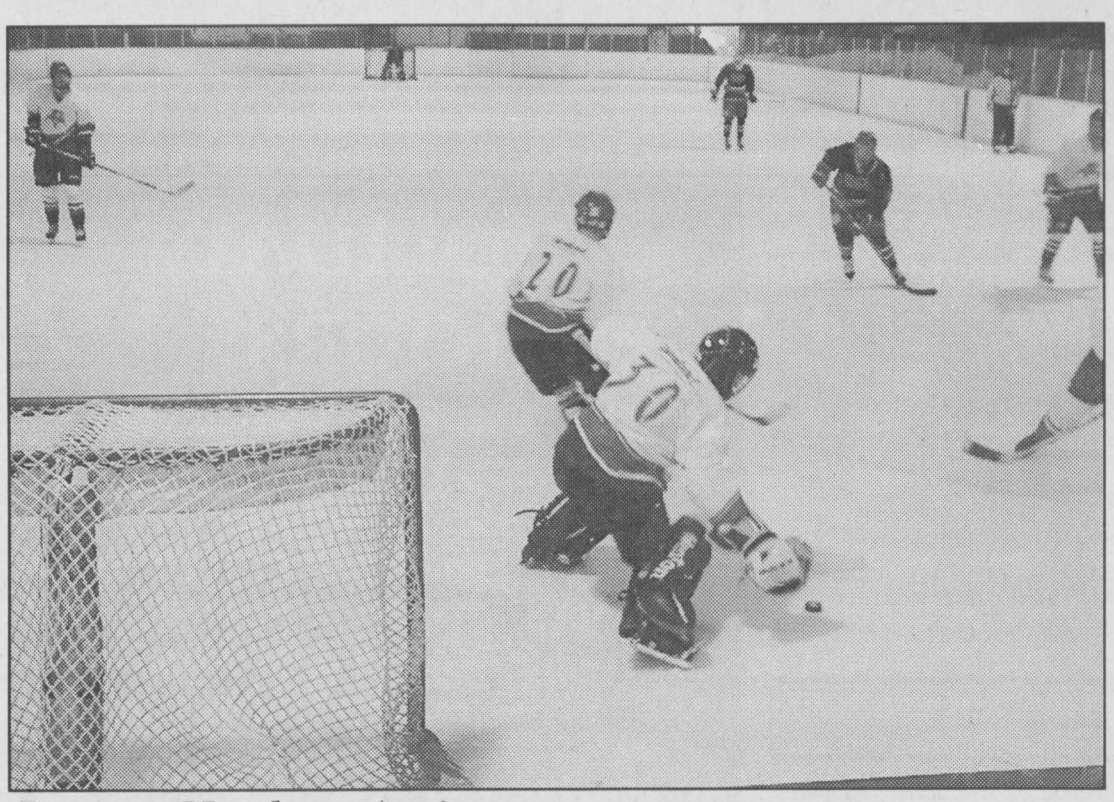

Junior Hockey Action

Jamie Lalonde (#30) takin' care of business between the pipes for the Junior B' Lions. He made the save as he nimbly snagged the puck out of mid air. The Lions would drop this one, but it was not entirely due to poor play. The Lions did play quite well. They need a few bounces to go their way. A bit more coverage for the net minder helps too. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Morrisburg Junior B Lions win one of three on weekend

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Friday night, December 14, the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions were unable to really get anything going as they hosted the Char-Lan Rebels. Jumping into a 4 goal lead the Rebels seemed in complete control of the game. After scoring one more in the second and looking tough, the 5-0 lead would seem to have been enough to claim victory of the Rebels. Then with less than 2 minutes left in the game, Jamie Leger beat Tim McCuaig in the pipes for the Rebels. Helping out on the play were Ryan Redmond and Matt Bailey. The coaching staff may well have been with the fans in thinking this was the beginning for the Lions as they would come out and roar in the third frame. This would not happen on this evening. The Rebels shot one at 11:50 to beat Shawn Pollard on the short side with a fast wrist release and the Rebels were ahead 6-1. The Lions did not give up and scored on a powerplay at 11:33 as Corry Casselman came in with Bailey and Redmond again to beat McCuaig. Proving they could beat their netminder the Lions seemed intimidated by the Rebels who skated fast and played a rough game. They would score three more before the buzzer sounded to mercifully end the game. The Lions showed their determination as they fired one into the twine at 5:55 as Bailey teamed with Leger and Redmond for the final Lions goal in this game. A game pretty riddled with penalties which included 10 minute misconducts for both teams this was a rough two-hour game.

Saturday the 15th, the Lions travelled to face the Akwesasne Wolves. Another rough game as these matches always seem to be, the Wolves went up 2 goals in the first period and the Lions looked like it might be a replay of the previous evening. When the second period opened with the Wolves scoring yet again, and being securely in charge of the play, the board read 3-0. Finally the Lions got started as Leger again took the initiative and bulged the twine. Helping on the scoring play were Bailey and Redmond, this trio seemed to have a real scoring line on the move. The Wolves answered with another goal as they beat Pollard to remain 3 goals ahead. They would even push the puck again as the final 4 minutes of the period wound down. The Lions were down, but certainly not out as Matt Telfer skated in on the Wolves goalie and scored two before the buzzer, the first at 3:25 when Greg Millard and Matt Bergeron assisted. His last play of the second frame saw him go in solo for the third goal for the Lions. The second ended 5-3 for the Wolves. The Wolves were all done, but the Lions had some scoring left to accomplish. Ghyslain Hotte scored the winning goal in OverTime at 4:15 to give the Lions the victory. Millard and Tony Murray earned the assists on the play. The goal gave the Lions the win 6-5 in a well played game that could have gone either way, but demonstrated the will and skill of the Lions when they need to win. The Lions are 6 points ahead of the Wolves in the St. Lawrence Division.

On Sunday afternoon the Rebels came to the Lions Den. Facing the top team in their League twice in one weekend must have assuredly been rough on the Lions. The Rebels are way out in front with 45 points, while the Lions have earned 21 thus far and if they hope to make the playoffs will need to win more often to jump ahead of the Winchester Hawks who have 4 more points than the Lions.

The Rebels scored a counter in each of the three periods. The Lions could manage only one goal at 17:46 of the third when Matt Bailey teamed with Redmond and Leger again to jam the puck into the Rebels net. Considering the calibre of players the rebels boast this year, this was a wonderful show of ability for the Lions. Anyone watching this game were aware of the ability the Lions showed as they stayed with this first place team. Defeated 3-1, the Lions played the whole game and one has to wonder if the puck had spun in their favour a few more times, would the score have read differently? No major penalties resulted in this game.

The Lions play next on Saturday, December 22 when they will again have the chance to avenge the losses they suffered at the sticks of the Rebels. The puck drops at 7:45pm. The Hawks come to the Den on Sunday, the 23rd. The action begins at 2:15. The Boxing Day Tourney this year is in Rockland with things starting at 9am.

Benson defends title successfully

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

With the mounting pressure from the win on the weekend gnawing at them, the Benson Senior Girls Volleyball team trekked to Iroquois to play at Seaway District High on Tuesday, December 4. They had won a year ago at this same regional Tourney and so it was time to defend their title again.

The competition this time was particularly gruelling as they came up against Iroquois, Maple Ridge, Timothy Christian, South Edwardsburgh and Central Public Schools respectively.

Benson went undefeated in all their division games, rendering a total of 8 for 8 (the only team in the tourney to achieve such a goal). Some margins were slimmer than others, and by far, their most aggressive competition came from Central and South Edwardsburgh. In the semi-final playoff against Central, the girls were forced to go the best 2 out of 3 and Central seemed determined to take the trophy. Both teams played exceptionally well. In the final game against South Edwardsburgh it was easy to see that the girls from both squads were tried, but their passion for the game and their drive for victory remained alive and well until the very end.

The Benson team was proud to be bringing home the Regional Trophy for a second consecutive year, having worked so cohesively as a unit.

The girls looked forward to their games at EOSSA, which were played last Tuesday where they faced the very best teams in their sector in Eastern Ontario Region...

Volleyball victory for Benson

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Tension ran high on Saturday, December 1st, 2001 at South Grenville High School as the Senior Girls Volleyball team from Benson Public School played against other schools in the region for Volleyball supremacy. The team from Benson was made up of 5 Grade Seven and 5 Grade Eight students. Playing with skill and prowess, establishing two solid wins in their first two games played as they faced Iroquois Public's team. Continuing the victory run as they went to the net against Commonwealth Public School. Perhaps the closest set the Benson gals came up against South Branch as the girls won yet another game by 11 points, but dropped the second by a close margin of 2 points. In their final game the Benson gals knew they were working towards the title of Division Champs. With this incentive they played hard and they played well to win the first game by a slim 2 points and then coming back in the second to claim the win by a decisive 12 points.

The Play-Offs were tight as the girls were forced to play the best two out of three and quite admittedly were struggling against a very strong contender. Against Westminister, their final competitor, the girls played a very strong set achieving the 7th win for Benson at the tournament.

Benson's Senior Girls Volleyball team consisted of Chelsea Roode, Erika MacDonald, Taylor Smith, Laci Riddell, Michelle MacDonald, Kristen Jessome, Vanessa Elliott, Sheena Earl, Krystin Stitt and Nicole Bernier. Congrats to the Champs!!

Solid goaltending for PeeWee C

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg PeeWee "C" Lions have been holding their own in league play with solid goaltending by Jared Dallas and Andrew Tupper. After the teams last game gave the duo their fourth shared shut-out. The Lions played a very strong game in Finch against the NGS Braves coming away with a 5-0 win. Sheldon Beckstead and Andrew Adlington lead the attack with 2 goals each and Craig Duvall netted a single. Assists went to Ryan Morrow (2), Hudson Cochrane (2), Adam Schnurr, Kurtis Corry, Bryce Fournier and Beckstead with singles.

In other action the Lions came out of Prescott with a 7-2 victory. Putting up points were Beckstead who scored two and helped on one, Adlington who counted one and earned 3 assists, Jarell Green scored a goal and helped with one as well, Bryce Fournier slammed one home and helped with another, Isaac Streit and Craig Duvall each scored one goal and Morrow picked up an assist.

The Lions came out of Akwesasne with a strong come back to lock in a tie. Peter Coolican got the Lions on the board as Darren Baldwin and Craig Duvall. The other tally came off the stick of Andrew Adlington from Ryan Morrow.

The Lions suffered a loss from the hands of North Dundas by a 6-1 count. Nailing the only marker for the Lions was T.J. McManus from Duvall.

Adam Schnurr lead an explosive attack for the Lions handing South Grenville a 13-1 loss. Schnurr nailed a hat-trick and picked up an assist. Andrew Adlington counted for 2 goals and 2 assists and Duvall, Duvall 2 goals, Beckstead nailed 2 goals and 2 assists, Peter Coligan, Ryan Morrow, Peter Toonders and Scott Speer with singles, assists Streit had 2, Corry managed 2, Morrow came across with 2, Toonders, Fournier, Coolican and Collin Chesbro.

Then the Lions handed Ogdensburg two solid losses, 5-2 and 10-1. Ryan Morrow picked up a natural hat-trick in the 10-1 win, Duvall 2, Adlington, Corry, Schnurr, Beckstead, Corry, McManus and Adlington had the goals. Assist went to Beckstead who came in with 3, McManus had 2, Chesbro, Adlington, Toonders had 2, and Schnurr, Speer and Streit.

The PeeWee "C"s record to date is 11-2-1 for 23 points, 78 goals for and 23 against. Great way to play!!

News from the Curling world

by Steve Thompson

Over the weekend were the zone playdowns leading to the men's Canadian Championship, the Nokia Cup. Winchester hosted the Zone 1 competition, with several Ottawa Curling Club and RCMP rinks in evidence. Russell and Metcalfe had entries as well, with the Cornwall representative having had to drop out. In the "A" division, Diguer of Ottawa defeated fellow club member Shin's team. On Monday night at 7:00 Shin played against Sullivan of Russell, but the results were unavailable by the time this column was submitted.

Sunday night in a thrilling semi-final match, Russell and Metcalfe played their 3rd game of the day. With Bachand of Metcalfe trailing by one in the 10th, his two rocks in the house forced Sullivan to make a delicate tap-back of his own stone to earn the right to compete in the "B" final. Sullivan had earlier defeated Cochrane, formerly of the Russell and Morrisburg clubs, but now curling out of Ottawa.

In another local note, Josh Adams, who used to curl out of Morrisburg as well, recent claimant of the Founders Trophy here, was the "A" winner in Zone 3 in Petawawa. The "A" and "B" winners from the eastern half of the province will meet in Bancroft in January to decide some of the Ontario finalists.

The Telus Canadian Open, first event in the Grand Slam of Curling, began last week in Wainwright, Alberta. The curlers involved are boycotting the Canadian Men's Championship, citing to low a share of the purse at the Brier. The CCA, by the way, says it lost money in the Ottawa final last year. We'll try to get details on this and other matters from Kathy Johnston, Morrisburg's own CCA vice-president, for the next column. And the leader of the rebel group in the Grand Slam? Why it's Kevin Martin, who has consented to represent CCA as Canada's male entry in the Olympics. Ask Ottawa's John Morris, who Martin threatened if he refused to join the Grand Slam competitions, who he was rooting for in the men's final of the Olympic Trials.

Recently Jim Fraser, quite likely the world's oldest member of a curling club, celebrated his 103rd birthday. As always, he did it in style, donating a bottle of rye, which the senior men in the club enjoyed and used to toast him. He flourished a mean blade as he made the ceremonial cut in a birthday cake recently, and his way with words was as sharp as ever as the Legion Choir serenaded him. We can't wait for Robbie Burns Day, and the competition for the Jim Fraser Trophy, both of which should see our honorary life member at the Club. Our best wishes go out to this fine old gentleman.

Draws end this week for many of our leagues and we'll have the results next time. Included as well will be the highlights of the Club's Christmas (Turkey) Bonspiel as Club members sweep toward Christmas, See you on the ice!

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by: Melissa M.

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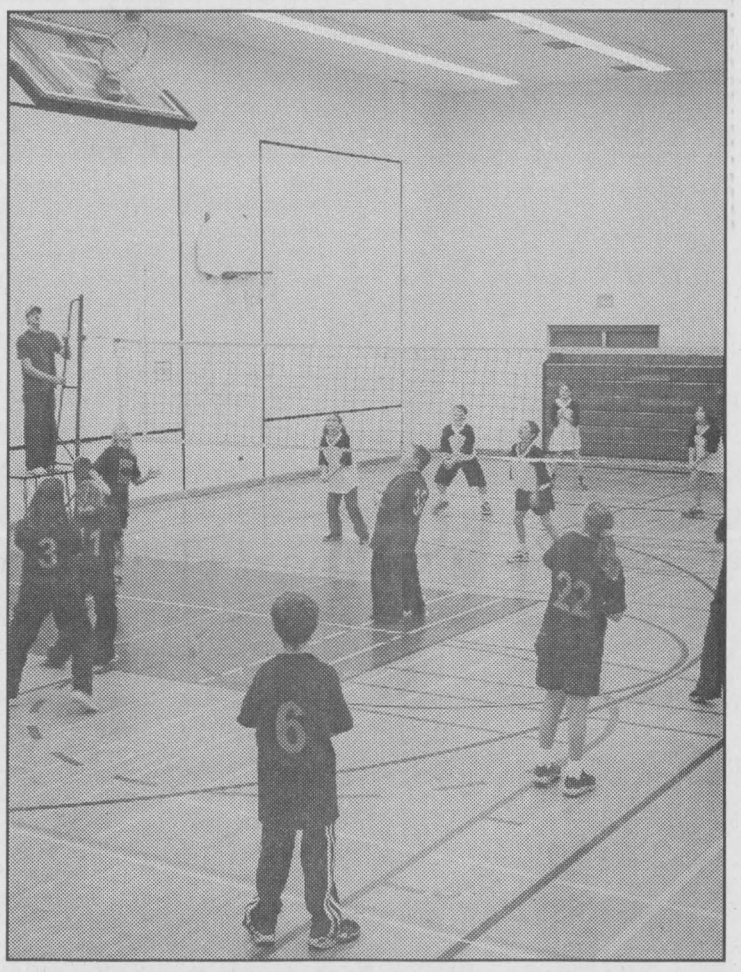

Junior Volleyball Tournament

Area public school students matched up against other local schools in their annual junior co-ed volleyball tournament. The schools all met at SDHS. All were very focused on the game. Here DCPS met up with IPS, regardless of who won all had a great time.

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Iroquois and District COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Community Christmas Dinner at the Morrisburg Legion Hall, December 25 at 12:30 p.m. To reserve call 543-3904 by December 22, Free will offering, limited transportation available. This is a community dinner: all are welcome. Presented by the Apple Tree Ministry: St. James Anglican Church.

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Cardinal Figure Skaters on top

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Skaters from the Cardinal Figure Skating Club have been busy practising and competing in area contests representing their Club very well.

At Athens-Mini Strokes for Mini Folks, Cardinal proudly had Carley Sullivan win a Bronze medal in Preliminary Ladies Singles and Amanda Riddell come home with the Gold medal in Sheppherds.

At the Morrisburg Invitational, Conner Elliott placed fourth in Pre-Preliminary Mens Singles, not too bad for a youngster of only 8 years of age. Watching this young man work on his jumps the other evening at the rink, I have no doubt I was watching a future Elvis on ice. He has the drive and the skill to make it all the way! Jenna Shay wore Silver home as she won the second place medal in Preliminary Ladies Singles as Nathan Last did in Senior Bronze Mens Singles.

At the Eastern Ontario Sectional Championship, Nathan came away with a Bronze medal in the Juvenile Competition Dance (Compulsory and Dance Variation) with his new partner Rose Deighton who skates out of the Morrisburg Club. These two hooked up only in July and skating in their first competition and placed, quite an accomplishment for sure, having just paired up. Nathan was always a solo skater.

Amherstview hosted the Limber Up competition where Nathan again came home with a second place finish after putting in a Silver medal performance.

The Minto Skating Club was host to the Autumn Skate where Nathan again shone brilliantly as he placed sixth in both the Juvenile Dance (Variation) with Rose and in the Juvenile Competitive Mens Singles. He was the second highest Eastern Ontario Skater in this contest. Rose and he brought home a Bronze medal in Juvenile Competitive Dance (Compulsory).

On Saturday, December 1, Intermediate High Test Day, Nathan was tested on his Junior Silver Freestyle Elements and Junior Silver Freestyle Program.

Some up and comers for sure skate for the Cardinal Figure Skating Club.

A big "Thank You" goes out to all who purchased or sold tickets on the $1000 bill draw. Congrats go to Joe Scott who was the lucky winner.



Cardinal Figure Skating Club

These youngsters have learned that through hard work, dedication, and determination they can achieve greatness. Lucy Jodoin, Carley Sullivan, Nathan Last, Amanda Riddell, Julia Patrick, Jenna Shay (Iroquois), and Connor Elliott proudly show their awards. Cardinal Figure Skating Club has a good number of youngsters who do their club proud at competitions throughout the area. *ChieftainPhoto by S.L.Johnston*



Morrisburg Invitational Skaters

These skaters placed well at the Morrisburg Invitational Skating Competition. Front(l-r); Kathleen German (2nd Senior Bronze Ladies Flight 4), Brooke Spencer (3rd Introductory Ladies Flight 2), Hayley VanAllen (3rd Canskate Ladies B), Back (l-r); Kelsey Hall (3rd Pre-Preliminary Ladies A Flight 3), Kurt Delegarde (2nd Introductory Men), Karen Stevens (2nd Senior Bronze Ladies Flight 6), Hilary McQuaid (2nd Interpretive Ladies B Flight 1), and Lorie Casselman (2nd Pre-Preliminary Ladies C Flight 2). *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*



Training for New Snowmobilers

Jeff Gifford signs up Thomas Hartley for the annual snowmobile training course at Craig Packaging. The young students complete a six hour training course administered by Martin Habraken, a 23 year course instructor. Sixteen students participated learning about rules, laws, driving, and maintenance. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*



Volleyball at Seaway

The Girls Volleyball Teams look pretty sharp on the courts. We caught a couple of the games the other day and were impressed with the skill the local girls displayed. Not a game that receives the recognition it deserves, it was good to watch some well executed moves by some serious young ladies. *Chieftain Photo byS.L. Johnston*

Cardinal #4 leads Interbranch Darts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Cardinal Team #4 sits atop the standings this week as the Men from the local Legions get together to toss a few darts. They have 107 points while Iroquois Team #5 are closing in on their darts with 100 points. Prescott Team # 1 holds on to third place with 87 points. They are being challenged by the Cardinal Team #2 who have 81 points to their credit. Iroquois Team #8 have 76 points to barely claim fifth spot since, Iroquois Team #7 have 75 points this week. Prescott Team #6 are seventh with 65 points and in the cellar this week we find Prescott Team #9 with 45 points accumulated thus far.

Winning three or more games is an accomplishment and this week it was Rick Sayeau who showed his best form winning 7 games. Four-game winners included Toby Summerfield, Bill Hutt and Tom Coville. Three-games winners were Bob Juby, Kenny Reid, Ron Bradford, Duane Kirker and Mark MacDonald.

Highfinisher this week was Rick Sayeau with 111.

Highscores came from the tossing of Bill Hutt (140-135), Tom Beach (140-125). Shooting 140 were Bobby Sayeau, Brad Baynham, Bob Juby, Jake Summerfield and Darren Tyo. Nailing 138 were Frank Russell and Glen Adams while Ross Polite came through with a 133. Art Ault tallied 126. Bernie Coville had 125-121 and Kenny Reid had a 120 to his credit.

Seaway volleyball action

The Seaway Girl's Junior Volleyball team played General Vanier High School on Thursday December 6, 2001. The Spartans handed defeat to the GV squad in all three sets on the court. The scores were 25-22, 25-23 and 25-20. Well done indeed gals!! The girls all had strong games showing their opponents some great effort.

Playing particularly well were Jackie Vandermeulen and Natalie Byker who demonstrated excellent setting skills and team leadership.



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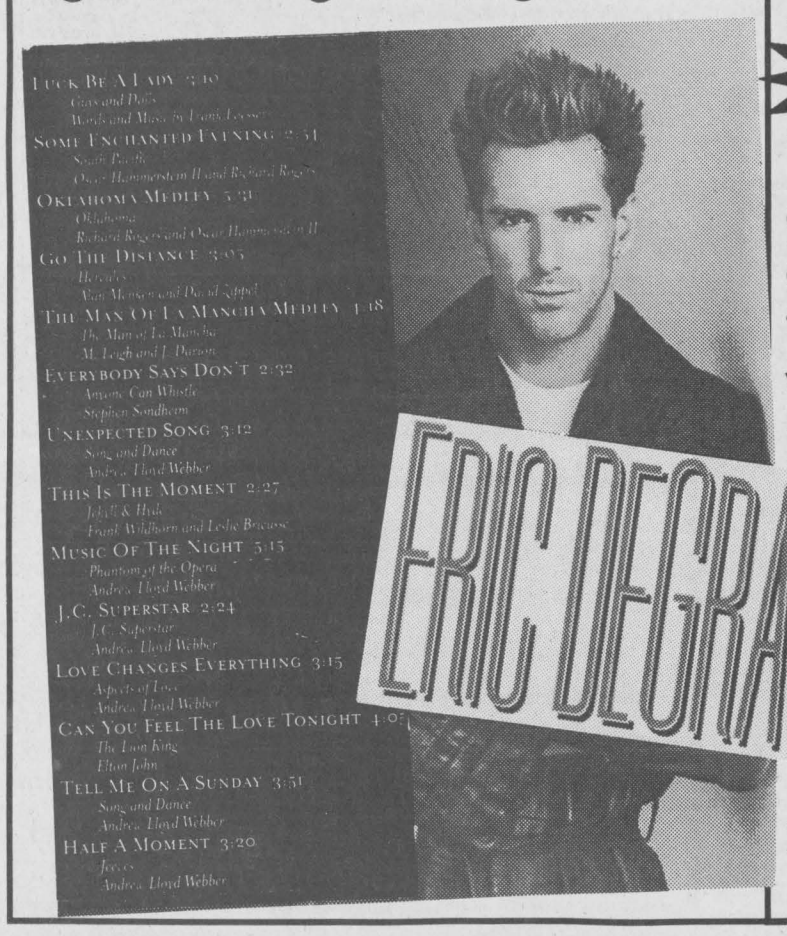

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In Memoriam

KIRBY: In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, ***Albert Edwin Kirby,*** who passed away on December 22, 1998.
God has him in His keeping,
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May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Lovingly remembered by his wife, Marguerite (Hodge) Kirby, son Ronald Kirby and wife Halena, and step grandson Martin, grandchildren Adam & Maia Kirby and their mother Linda
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Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings
Harber's Flame Centre and Masonry will be closing for the Holidays on Friday, December 21 at 12 noon and will re-open on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 8 a.m.
The Holiday Season is a time for giving. This year on behalf of our customers, we have made a donation to The Winchester District Memorial Hospital in lieu of sending Christmas cards.
We wish you and your families a warm, safe and happy Holiday season.
Brian, Joy and family.
D19-1tc

Season's Greetings
Our sincere wishes to relatives, past neighbours and friends we still cling to in Iroquois. A happy & healthy Christmas to all.
Sincerely,
Marguerite Kirby and family
D19-1tc

Christmas Greetings
We would like to take this opportunity to extend to all our relatives, neighbours and friends a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. May your heart and home be blessed with peace and happiness this Christmas.
God's Blessings to you all.
Len and Sue Roberts
D19-1tp

MERRY CHRISTMAS
In this festive season I will express my love, gratitude and thanks to all my family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, friends, neighbours and everyone who has been a help to me in many ways. I thank the Lord for you. I wish you all a Christmas in which you will be blessed as we celebrate the birth of the Saviour and a Happy New Year.
Joan Zandbergen
D19-1tp

Births

IT'S A BOY!
MOTT: David & Nancy (nee St. Pierre) of Uxbridge, Ontario, would like to announce the arrival of their second son, ***Alexander Jacob,*** born on December 1, 2001, weighing 8 lbs, 7 oz. Joyfully welcomed by big brother Nathaniel, Aunt Marianne St. Pierre, grandparents Ralph & Judy St. Pierre and Robert & Jo Mott.
D19-1tx

Cards of Thanks

LADIES AUX. TO BR. 370: Many thanks to you all for keeping our $1000. Cash Draw such a popular event. The tickets went quickly and the lucky winner was Katherine Blakely of Long Sault. Again, many thanks and the best of the festive season to all.
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The Council and Staff of the Township of North Dundas wish you a Safe and Happy Holiday

OBITUARIES

Wray McPherson

At the Woodland Villa Nursing Home in Long Sault where he resided, Wray McPherson on Wednesday, December 12, 2001. Born in Winchester Springs on December 28, 1915, he was 85 years of age.

Prior to joining the RCAF in 1942, Wray assisted with the family farm operation on the Beckstead Road, south of Chesterville. His military service saw him stationed in Galt, Ontario; St. Hubert, Quebec; and Ottawa. He then worked with Alcan in Kingston until 1950 when he returned to purchase the family farm. While farming, he also operated a rural bread delivery route from 1954 to 1960 for the Morrison-Lamonthe Company. He served a wide geographic area surrounding Winchester and his friendly and outgoing manner enabled him to establish countless clients and friends. After selling the farm in 1960, he and Jessie purchased and operated McPherson's General Store in Winchester Springs. Wray and Jessie were active in the community and again established many friendships with area residents. They sold the store in 1974 and built a retirement home in Elma. Wray went to work at Upper Canada Village in 1975 and continued to remain active and enjoy good health. He worked at Upper Canada Village for 5 years before he was forced to take mandatory retirement at the age of 65 years in 1980. He then took a job with the Corps of Commissionaires and worked as a security guard at Nestles for 3 years then permanently retired in 1983. Wray always enjoyed visiting with family and friends, playing cards and working at the church. While in Winchester Springs he coached the "Cyclones" fastball team, cheered for his Montreal Canadiens and enjoyed listening to baseball games on the radio. He was an active member of the committee that was responsible for establishing the Park Drive Villa retirement residence in Williamsburg. Eventually,he and Jessie moved to the Park Drive Villa where Wray served as Caretaker for 4 years. He lived at the Villa until 1997 when health problems forced him to move to Crysler Residence. In June of 2001, he moved to Woodland Villa in Long Sault and he resided here until his death.

A member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #434 in Chesterville, Wray was predeceased by his parents: Morley and Lenorah (nee Beckstead) McPherson. As well, his beloved wife, Jessie (nee Morrison) predeceased him as did a brother, Graham and two sisters: Evelyn Barkley and Edna Barkley.

A member of the Williamsburg United Church, Wray leaves to mourn his sons; Bob (Anne) of RR7, Belleville and Gord of Chesterville. Wray will be sadly missed by grandchildren: Kevin, Todd and Christopher McPherson, Kelly Wicks and great-grandchildren; Spencer McPherson, Brittany and Katlin Wicks as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Reverend Sandy McPherson on Saturday, December 15, 2001. Interment followed at Boucks Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Doug Casselman, Don Knapp, Barry McIntosh and Carl Robinson.

What's in a Word

Christmas Haiku
by: Hayley Carr
Christmas Eve snow flew,
It was a blizzard I knew,
From old Santa Claus.

Christmas
by: Liam Mills
When you wake up on Christmas Day, you may just go out to play. But when you go back to your room you'll realize it's not a normal day, because once you see all the toys waiting for you to play. Then you'll realize that Christams is a very special day!

Tradition
by: Jenna Shay
My family tradition is on Christmas Eve I get to open a present that is my choice.

Twelve Days of Christmas
On the twelve days of Christmas my Daddy gave to me12giant pens, 11 geese a flying, 10 golden shoes, 9 dogs a barking, 8 leaping lizards, 7 frosty snowballs, 6 video games, 5 flying squirrels, 4 ATV's, 3 automobiles, 2 motor bikes, And a partridge in a apple tree.

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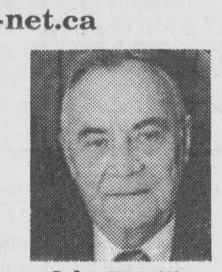

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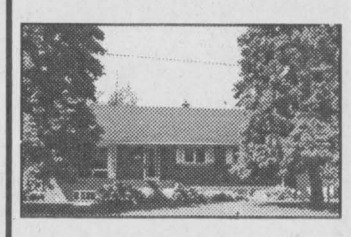

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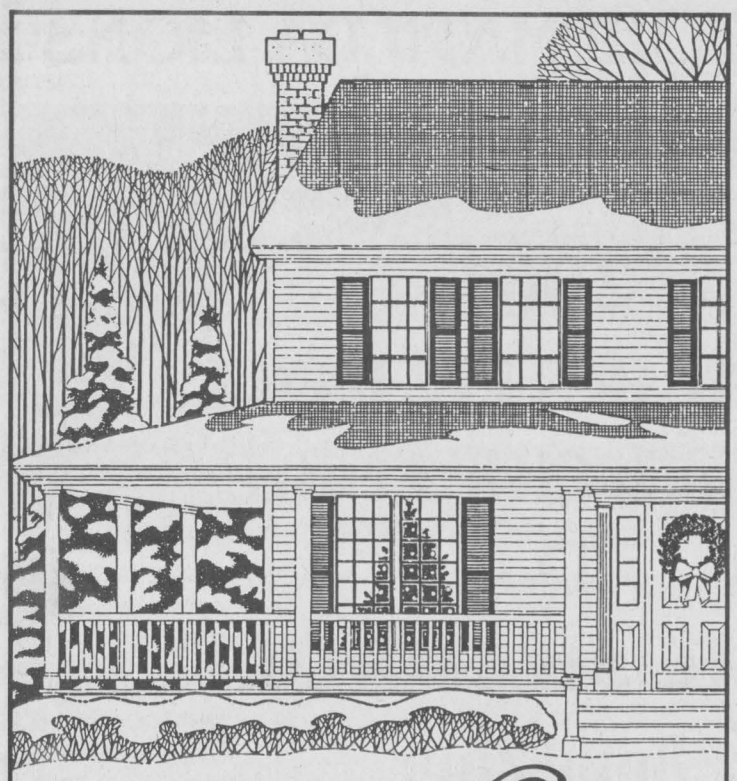

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Brenda M. Brunt, AMCT
Clerk

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The Chieftain
Arts & Entertainment

~Christmas Frenzy
~Candlelight Service in Dixons
~ Tour of Lights Great Idea

Senior Band spreads Christmas cheer

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Seaway District High School Senior Band and Choir travelled around to area schools performing Christmas, and other popular music. On this day the band stayed at the high school, and the students came to them. Students from Iroquois Public School and St. Cecilia's Catholic School gathered in the high school gym to be entertained.

Mrs. MacLaren welcomed the students and told them that they could expect to hear some great and silly music, and that she would need their help to make the performance a success.

The choir kicked off the performance with a silly rendition of Jingle Bell Rock. The young students were asked which instruments they recognized, and Mrs. MacLaren showed them the others that they may never have see. The band then got their chance to show off their talent as the played a march called "Springfield Regiment".

Then the fun really started for the young students in the audience as some were asked to help out the band, and were put front and centre. When the band played "We Need a Little Christmas" they had guest clapper and bell players. The fun was only getting started.

As the band played a Super Hit Mega Mix which included "Rock and Roll Part 2 (The Hey Song)", and "YMCA". Guest dancers, and rappers showed off their moves to their peers, while the audience clapped and sang along with the music.

After all this excitement young students were selected from the audience to try out some of the instruments. The young man who tried the drums first sounded like he had played before, and put on quite a performance for his classmates. Several students tried the brass instruments, and all at least got them to make a sound, maybe they will be future band members.

The whole audience was invited to sing along with the band and the choir as they performed "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", an obvious favorite. The students especially enjoyed yelling out the added parts of the song.

The choir performed a very classical song a cappella, showing off their extraordinary vocal capabilities.

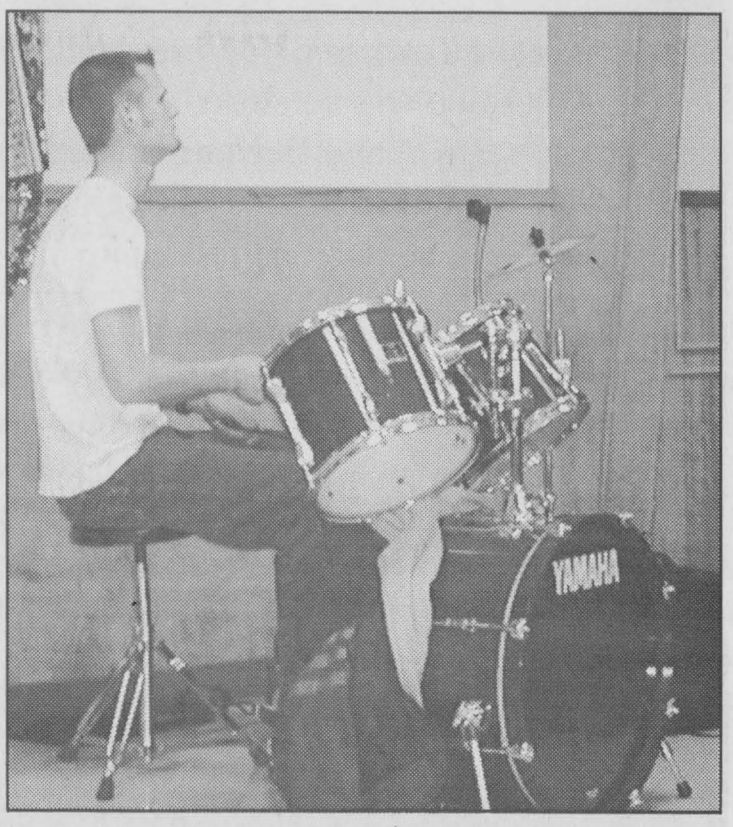
The performance ended with the stage band lead by Kyle Gervais jazzing up some Christmas Classics.

Mrs. MacLaren, the choir, and the senior band did a tremendous job entertaining the young students, and filling everyone with Christmas cheer.



Public Schools Christmas Frenzy

Sam Decker was chosen out of the audience to play the bells to the song "We Need a Little Christmas". He did a great job keeping time with the band. The program put on by SDHS Senior Band and Choir was perfect as IPS and St. Cecilia's students were kept entertained throughout. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*



Community Songs of Christmas

This Drummer Boy belongs to the Community Christian Reformed Church Youth Group. They were one of several groups that performed at Matilda Hall last Friday night. Lorraine Howard's Children's Choir performed as well. The audience was invited to sing along with some Christmas favourites. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Week fourteen of the Cribbage League season had twenty-three men and ladies competing in singles play. Capturing first place with seven wins and 1079 points was Gary Easter. Wilf Summers also had seven wins, he earned 1063 points which grabbed second place for him. Jake Easter came in a close third with 1062! Duane Kirker could peg only 1057 putting him in the "Bridesmaid" position. A dozen skunks were unceremoniously handed out the unhappy recipients of a pair each were Jack Coulter, Darin Eden and Bob and Linda McKee.

Cribbage League play is still a go for Saturday, December 22.

On Tuesday, December 11 at the Euchre tables (Sorry I have no numbers) everyone was in a festive mood. The large crowd who attended seemed to have an enjoyable evening of Euchre along with their symptoms Christmas luncheon. Shirley Gibson took the first prize while Joe Crites managed to capture the second prize and the door prize went to Vi Cureston.

At Duplicate Bridge there were four tables being occupied and at the end of the evening the winners were Doug Grenkie and Dick Gaiser. The Bridge League will be having a roast beef dinner at their next meeting together on Tuesday, December 18 before their evening of Bridge.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their ever popular, $1000 Cash Draw on Thursday, December 13, the winner was Katherine Blakely of Long Sault. This has always been a popular draw which is anticipated by a lot of people.

On Friday the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their Annual Christmas Turkey Dinner for the public. Again this was a great attraction and a well attended event, with people coming from all over the area. A lot of hard work goes into arranging and having this event but its well worth the effort that all the volunteers who turn out to help and is much appreciated.

Branch 370 will be closed Christmas Day and again on Boxing Day. On December 24, the Branch will be open only until 6PM and on December 31 as well, we'll be open until 6PM only. This will give our volunteers the opportunity to spend time with their families and friends.

This coming Thursday evening will be the Legion General Meeting. We hope as many as possible will come out. After all it is best to hear what is happening at the Branch, at the meeting instead of getting half-truths in the local coffee shop...gossip is not the way to learn what we are doing! We are more than happy to welcome you to the meetings. Hope to see you at the meeting...take care and Merry Christmas!!

Coming Events

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
is celebrating Christmas Eve with a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. December 24.
This will be an evening of song, drama and worship.
So please join with us to celebrate the reason for the season.
D19-1tc

South Dundas Snowmobile Club
WING NIGHTS
Thursday, December 27
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January 3 at McIntosh Inn
Everyone Welcome
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MATILDA CARNIVAL QUEEN PAGEANT
The 27th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival is fast approaching and the Matilda Recreation Committee is now accepting applications for the Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant.
The Pageant will take place on Saturday, January 12, 2002.
This will be open to all girls in South Dundas with the first 10 applications being accepted.
You must be between the ages of 15 (before December 31, 2001) and 18.
Please contact Janice Gilmour at 652-4714 for more information or an application form.
N28-4tc

FROM FRONT

Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal

from January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002.

The township is still working on curbside garbage pick up and to date they have received 8 tenders for the job. Mayor Dave Dobbie says although they are just starting to have received 8 tenders already is a good sign.

Although, they have not formally heard about their OSTAR grant to put in plexiglass in the Cardinal Arena they have received a good indication that they will get the funds they need.

The project will cost about $60,000 and the township is hoping that it will be divided up with each person covering one third of the cost.

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