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Help me Mom!

This young lady wanted her mother to help her as she chose her dessert on Saturday at the Matilda Rebekah Lodge Valentine Luncheon and Bake Sale held in Brinston. The treats were tasty and tempted the best of us, choices were tooo delicious looking and the way those country gals bake is beyond words. She finally settled for a piece of cake with white fluffy icing and a red heart perched on top...yummy! The bake table had soup, cookies, cakes and donuts, squares and pies...definitely something for everyone. Lunch was great and the service better, a small crowd came out to enjoy the country flavoured hospitality.

Council commits to old arena

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The old arena stays.

South Dundas Council effectively committed itself to about $1 million in repairs to the Morrisburg Arena, a maintenance project that will keep the facility viable for at least the next 20-25 years.

Immediate repairs, slated to take place this year, will include shoring up structural problems with the trusses and fixing the roof. Council formally approved spending $509,144 to address those issues.

That approval came with the tacit understanding that the arena will require an additional $500,225 in repairs over the next few years, as recommended by the township's engineering consultants at M.S. Thompson and Associates Ltd. The second half-million includes items originally detailed in a 1998 conditions report by the engineering firm.

"If we start fixing, we'll have to go ahead to the million dollar level," Councillor Cam Martel remarked.

M.S. Thompson representatives Rick Eamon and Geoff Smith said the estimate for the secondary work included some items that have since been completed, electrical upgrades in particular. The final price might come down in that case.

They suggested the extra work be prioritized and completed over time.

The pair were on hand to explain a recent structural report completed by Quaile Engineering Ltd. of Newmarket. The proprietor, Allan Quaile, is an expert in assessing wood-frame structures. His firm was subcontracted in January to reassess the structural integrity of the arena at a cost of $8,000 plus GST.

Council decided to get the second opinion while holding M.S. Thompson's first report, commissioned in the summer of 1998, which recommended $985,960 in repairs to the building. Late last year, the township's insurer wrote a letter to council asking what was being done to address the issues in the first report, prompting the decision to procure one more opinion.

Quaile's report was commissioned strictly to assess the structural integrity of the arena roof, and as noted at the meeting, comes close to what M.S. Thompson had figured to address structural problems with the roof in its earlier, total-package report. Quaile pegged the cost of reinforcing the roof trusses at $242,000.

"What he's saying is very similar to what we've reported," said Eamon.

Councillor Rowdy Gillard wanted to ensure that members of the public realize that Quaile's report deals with only fixing the trusses, whereas M.S. Thompson was originally hired to look at the whole picture. "It's going to come out that $242,000 is going to fix the arena," he fretted. "It's not going to fix the arena.

"You remember the other report included electrical and doors and the whole bit.

"I think we're looking at $985,000."

Township Administrator Mike Waddell agreed. "This is money you have to spend anyhow," he told council. "The reason you're here is money hasn't been allocated (over the years) in the first place."

M.S. Thompson has incorporated Quaile's truss fix-up plan into the $509,000 roof repair. The bottom members on seven trusses will be reinforced and the roof insulated and redone.

Councillor Martel suggested the township could put away $100,000 a year, for five or six years, toward the longer term maintenance schedule. The township will borrow or debenture the money for the immediate roof repair.

Eamon pointed out that even if a brand new facility were constructed, proper maintenance schedules would see the township shelling out for repairs in five years anyway. "You're never out of it."

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Township of Edwardsburgh & Cardinal will become one

by Joseph Morin
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The amalgamation between Edwardsburgh Township and Cardinal has been approved by the provincial government.

Word that the restructuring proposal that was sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was accepted and approved, came from MPP Bob Runciman's office on Friday, February, 4, 2000.

"I think that this is great news," said Edwardsburgh Reeve, David Dobbie. "Now we will have some time to get our transition board together."

The original restructuring proposal that outlined how the two municipalities would become one, was sent on to the provincial government in October, 1999. The proposal envisioned a new municipality called the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal. It would be a member of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

Reeve Dobbie has always preferred an amalgamation with Cardinal. The past year has seen the two municipalities working together to iron out their differences and to put together their restructuring proposal.

When the Province of Ontario first asked Ontario municipalities to consider amalgamation. the town of Prescott had wanted to pair off with Edwardsburgh. Unfortunately for Prescott, Edwardsburgh was not happy with that option and had preferred Cardinal as a partner.

Now that the two townships have been given the green light to amalgamate, a transition board will have to be created. The members of the transition board will be made up of council members from both municipalities.

"We will be looking at different areas, using committees to look at the different features of each township including, roads, recreation and staffing," says Reeve Dobbie. "We are both looking forward to the amalgamation. The cost will be minimal and I expect the transition to be a smooth one."

The new municipality will come to life on January 1, 2001. The present council will continue to operate until the end of December, 2000. An election will be held in November of 2000 using the structuring proposal as a guideline.

There will be a Mayor and 6 councillors running the new township. The Mayor will be elected at large while the councillors will be elected, two each from an East Ward, West Ward and North Ward. The Mayor will sit as a member of the United Counties Council. Cardinal had lost their representation at the United

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Estella Rose riled about South Nation Conservation increase

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

North Dundas, like other municipalities in the Nation River watershed, faces a 30 per cent increase in the levy it pays to South Nation Conservation — if a budget scheduled for a vote at a SNC meeting passes today.

The increase didn't sit too well with Councillor Estella Rose at Monday's North Dundas Council meeting. And neither did the fact that North Dundas won't be able to vote on the budget because Mayor Claude Cousineau, the township's representative, can't attend the meeting. The mayor is on vacation.

With a sheaf of papers and regulations on the table in front of her, Rose alleged the SNC didn't give the North Dundas adequate notice of the budgetary meeting. Councillor Keith Fawcett will instead attend the meeting as an observer.

According to Rose, SNC is required by law to give 30 days notice of such a meeting. The township, however, received written notification of the meeting on Jan. 31, 15 days earlier.

The increase in North Dundas's levy works out to approximately $11,000.

"There isn't any member here who can approve a 30 per cent increase," Rose asserted.

The province's contribution to SNC was cut back by 70 per cent in the mid-90s, but the watershed authority responded to that by eating up its reserves, the Mountain ward councillor alleged.

"Others did cut and slash," she said. "Rideau Valley Conservation is proposing a two per cent increase this year."

Councillor Fawcett pointed to the benefits the SNC gives to the agricultural sector, and the good work it did in the wake of Ice Storm '98. "They're still cleaning up from the Ice Storm.

"I'm not ready to make a decision not to pay them.

"For every dollar spent we've been getting $3.35 back."

There was some discussion whether the township could chose not to pay the increase. Township Clerk Howard Smith said he was under the impression the township could refuse to pay, and get reduced services in return.

Councillor Roger Cole thought differently. "If it passes the Conservation table, we have no choice but to pay it."

Council passed a resolution calling on SNC to defer passing its budget until council has had a chance to discuss the issue with Mr. O'Grady, head of the SNC.

"The really didn't want to hear from us," Rose suggested.

She voted against the motion because she said it was pointless. "We've got no vote tomorrow, anyway."

Councillor David Sloane also voted against the motion.

County roads 'a sickening mess'

Councillor Fawcett congratulated township crews for their good work clearing local roadways. But his assessment of the work done by county crews on County Roads 43 and 31 was less than glowing.

"It's a sickening mess, most of the time," he said.

"I would agree with Keith," said Councillor Sloane, who said the condition of County Road 43 was the "direct cause" of an ac-

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Pledges up 18% at Snowarama

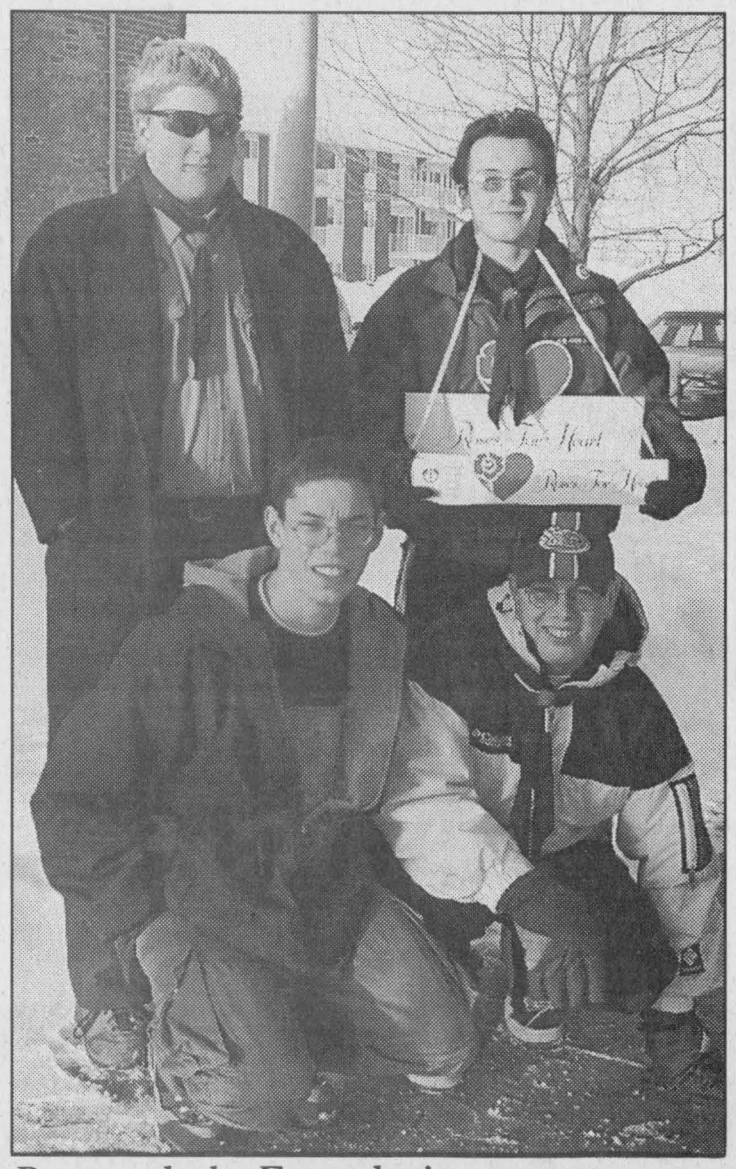
A few more sleds turned out for the Nation Valley Snowmobile Association's Snowarama event in Chesterville this year, raising over $8,500 for the Easter Seal Society of Ontario.

According to Association Chair Martin Derks, the money raised represents an 18 per cent increase over last year.

This was the sixth annual Snowarama held in Chesterville, and the weekend's good blanket of snow cover, while a source of white knuckles for highway travelers, was exactly what Snowarama organizers needed to get those sleds out there on the trails and earning that pledge money.

The money raised at the latest event comes in addition to the $27,000 it has raised in the last five years.

Across Ontario, sledders unite behind Snowarama to raise hundreds of thousands every year. $500,000 was raised in 1998 alone. Snowarama began in Bradford, Ontario, in 1975, back when Rupp was a household name.



Rovers help Foundation

The 1st Iroquois Rover Crew (Scouts Canada) blitzed the Iroquois Plaza for the Heart and Stroke Foundation last week, raising close to $200. for research. Adam Lewis, Kevin Coville, Paul Mark and Andy Norton (Jeremy Johnston helped the previous night) sold tiny hearts on a cold, bright February day as their community service project.

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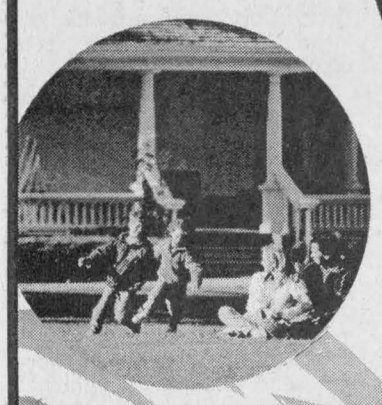

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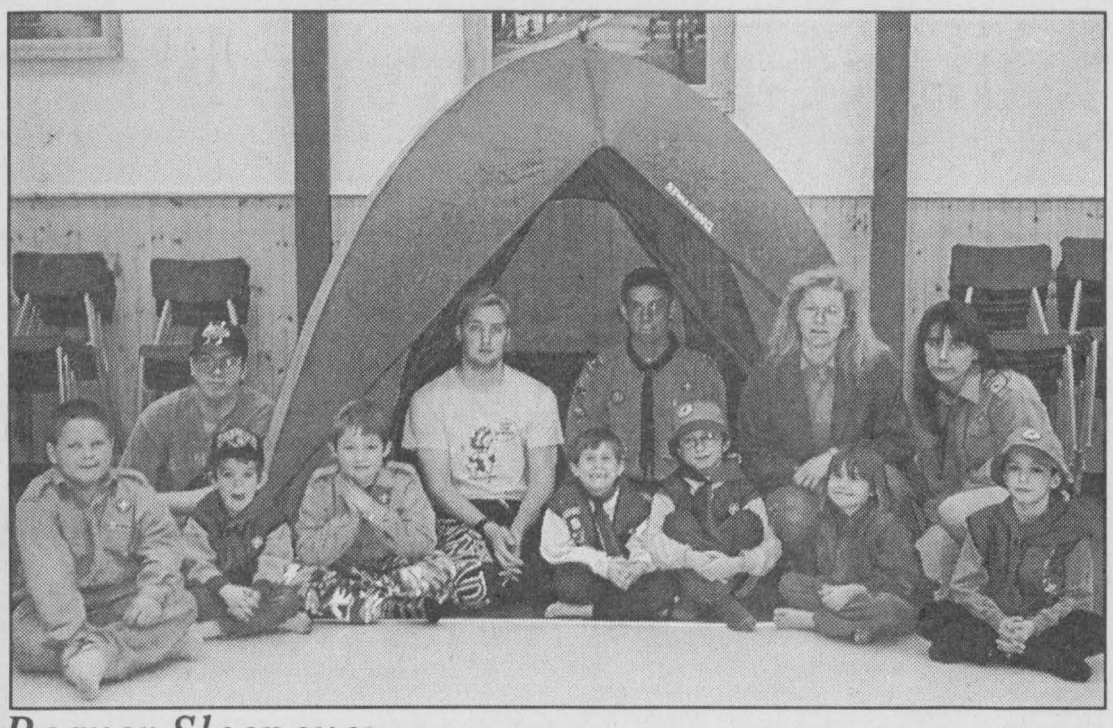


Beaver Sleepover

The local Beaver Colony had their annual sleepover at the Iroquois Civic Centre. They sleep indoors in tents to experience what it will be like when they move on to Cub level and sleep in tents outdoors. The Rover Crew helped them set up the equipment and then enjoyed breakfast with them the next morning. "Linking" between groups encourages the youngsters to continue in Scouting as they outgrow the level they are involved in. Andy Norton, Jeremy Johnston and Paul Mark helped the beavers and their leaders. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Cardinal water treatment facility reports good year

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The water and sewage-treatment systems in Cardinal are right up to snuff, Village Administrator Jack Walsh reported to council.

Cardinal's sewage treatment plant, only a few years old and required to meet the stricter emissions targets of up-to-date facilities, is working "well within guidelines," Walsh said.

James Grant, Chief Operator of Environmental Services for the village, has filed reports with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

The water treatment facility has also done "very well for '99," the administrator said.

Stats for the water treatment plant report show the facility beating provincial objectives by a good margin.

For example, the goal is to average less than one unit of turbidity per unit of tap water. The plant averages 0.26.

The treatment plant uses a sand filter to clarify the water, Walsh said.

At the sewage treatment plant, 526 cubic meters of sludge were hauled away by Third High Farms Ltd. in 1999. The sludge was spread at a location on R.R. #5 Spencerville.

Walsh expressed concern that the sewage plant may be required to make monthly reports to the Ministry — instead of the usual annual reports about effluent quality. This despite the fact the plant never has raw sewage bypasses, unlike the unit upstream in Prescott, he said.

Seaway Valley Interclub 2000

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They enter the ice for their warm up and they are visibly nervous. Dressed in sparkling outfits, their hair done up right, their smiles wide in anticipation, they glide across the shiny ice surface.

Youngsters who take figure skating lessons know the routine. Even when very young, they have entered competitions previously and so are able to mentally prepare for these times.

Sunday morning extremely early in the day Lindsay Gilmer of Iroquois who skates for Morrisburg and Carley Sullivan of Cardinal are dressed and ready to hit the ice when the call to warm-up comes from the judges booth. They take to the ice with their coaches on the sidelines offering words of encouragement and advice. They twirl and they spin, they stop and they pose, they seem worried and they ask nervously if they need to include that special item in their program...for they think their wobbly legs will not hold them.

Then the ice is cleared and the first competitor takes to the ice, her music playing in a familiar way and the nerves are calmed...

When the music stops and the girls have completed their program, they learn the results of the judging. Lindsay placed fifth in her Pre-Preliminary Ladies Flight I while Carley was sixth.

Next up is Flight II and Marianne Moore of Morrisburg finishes sixth as she skates her best.

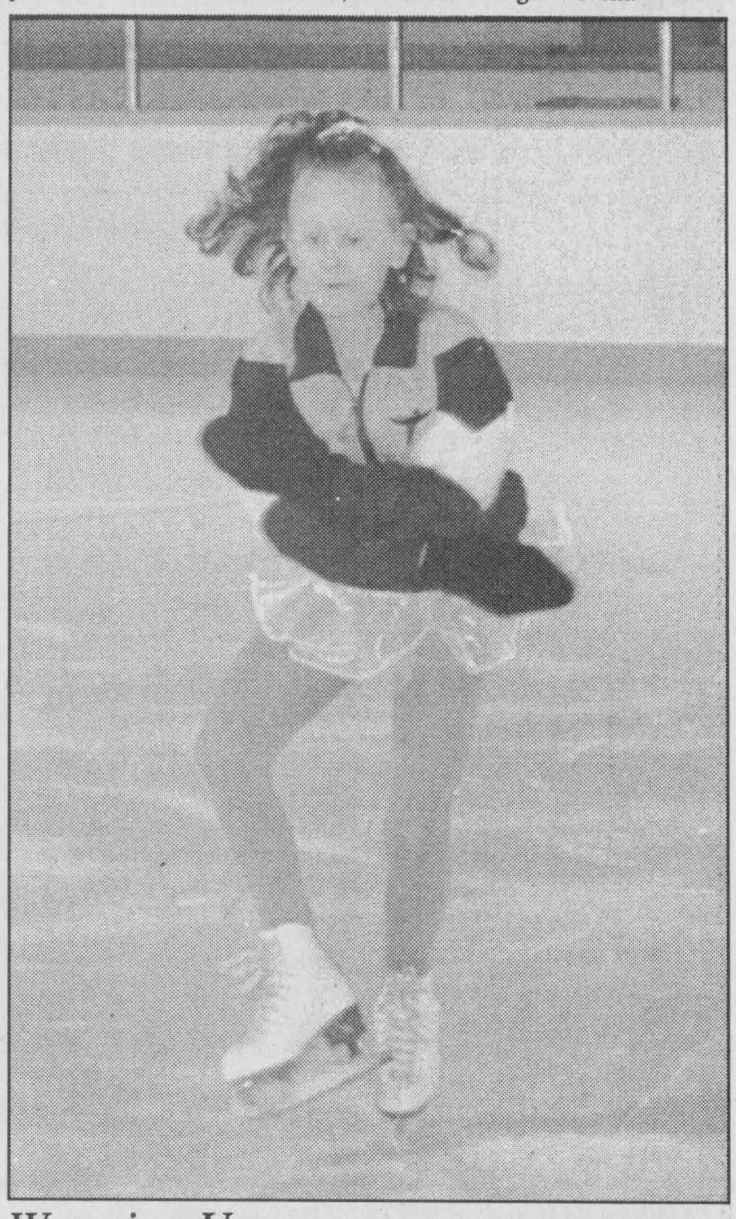
The next class that features local skaters is Preliminary Ladies Flight I. Kathleen German grabs second spot while her Morrisburg fellow skater, Courtney Keicks comes in fourth. In the Flight II of the same class, Krista Schrader of Cardinal places fifth overall. She skates in the Preliminary Ladies Elements Flight II, Short program too and is seventh.

The Junior Bronze Mens' class sees Cameron Keicks also of the Morrisburg Club snag second place for his efforts.

Karen Stevens of Morrisburg finishes second in the Junior Bronze Ladies Flight I, Free Skate; while Kristen Phifer also of MFSC comes in seventh. In the same category, Flight II, Kathleen McKendry of Morrisburg places in eighth spot.

The skaters are not required to wait long for their medals as they are called to the podium as soon after their class is over. Standing tall on the carpet and smiling broadly they accept their just reward for a job well done...who knows we may well be watching the next Elvis or Shae Lynn right here!!!

The flowers are showered upon the skaters by fans and family and the goody bags each participant receives makes the day wothwhile too. Sponsors adn competitors deserve a hearty thanks for a great event.



Warming Up

Lindsay Gilmer of Iroquois skates for the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club. Here we catch her warming up before she skates in the Seaway Valley Interclub 2000 hosted in Cardinal last Sunday. This was before 8am too!! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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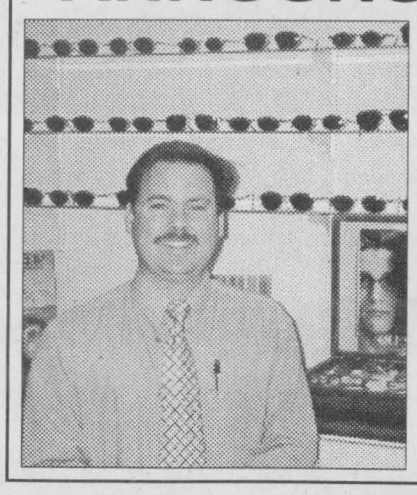

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Too Bad!

Attending a Junior B hockey game on Sunday is a usual occurance for this writer and something usually anticipated with a smile. Grabbing a picture of the boys is a fun assignment and the calibre of the game has improved so much since they realized they are as good as any team in the league, even the Akwasane Wolves.

The sad thing on this most recent Sunday afternoon was not the game, but the fans. Walking in on the second period, I wondered that there were so few in the south stands. A group of three high school girls, a gentleman and a native lady were all alone there. I always stand at the top of the steps just off the arena floor. This put me directly in front of the native woman. I took a few pictures, planning to stay and watch some of the action. The woman behind me yelled continuously. No problem, a true fan gets caught up in the game. We all shout and cheer on our team...but she was abusive to the Lions team members and kept yelling at her team players to "Hit that Wimp harder" and "Get the baby in the corner"...such statements raised the ire of the girls who asked her to quiet down...then she struck the blow that stunned this reporter..."Shut-up you white trash!!" The gent said nothing and after the girls regained their composure, afterall where had that come from? they left for the safety of the lobby. I waited, debating whether to say something to her, or just keep quiet and let it slide. But...she was the adult here and what call was there for such a racist statement? Where did she get off making such a loud and offensive call? She has a problem and perhaps I should have helped her overcome it. I did not. I did not and do not agree with her attitude, I was stunned by her words and I wonder why she would use the tone and the choice of words she did. This was a rough game and I am not sure I agree with hockey being so physical, but I certainly disagree with her outburst. There were no derogatory statements made concerning her ethnic background and no call for her to make any in return. I congratulate the young ladies for being so mature as to just getting up and leaving. I am not sure that this is what I could have done. It was the correct thing of course, but it must have taken a lot of wisdom and will power on their part.

I hope not to be faced with such a sitiuation again. This is not something I anticipate when I go out. We are way past this type of thing in this country. I always admired the native people, but never did I expect to be involved in such an event right here in my arena. It was not called for and I hope it never happens again. No one should be subjected to such harrassement. I still wonder if fisticuffs would have solved the dilema! Just kidding!!! **S.L.J.**

Better water, please

Dilution, as they say, is the pollution solution, and the St. Lawrence carries the diluted wastewater of many a town and village along the shores of South Dundas on its way out to sea. We're fortunate the river carries such a vast quantity of fresh water to mix it up with.

On the other hand, this bounty allows us to be complacent about our drinking water in Morrisburg and Iroquois. It comes out of the tap, looks like water, smells like chlorine — or worse — and most people just get used to it.

The diehards purchase bottled water and joke that tap water in the villages "eats like a meal." Then they go ahead and drench themselves under a shower head every morning — inhaling and otherwise absorbing the same municipal water they can't put past their palates.

There's a certain amount of denial going on; we'd all like to forget the very real connection between the flush of a toilet and the splash of water coming out of a faucet in the very same room. Amusing, actually, the way we can just overlook it.

This isn't to say the water in the two villages doesn't fall within provincial guidelines. I assume it does. But could it be of a better quality before it reaches the customer?

Cardinal received a report on its tap water recently, indicating it falls "well within" provincial guidelines. Cardinal, incidentally, has a sand filter built into its water treatment system. Iroquois and Morrisburg do not. In fact, they don't filter at all, but screen the raw water through quarter-inch holes before dousing it with chlorine.

Is our municipal water in South Dundas as "well within" the guidelines as Cardinal's, and therefore as safe?

An engineer with the Thompson Rosemount Group said at a recent South Dundas Council meeting that the water treatment plants in the two villages would be unable to stop the cryptosporidium parasite and certain viruses from entering the waterworks systems.

Take the lid off your toilet tank. That stuff on the bottom is silt from the river, stuff that isn't being filtered from your water supply today. That's not hooey, it's what the engineer said.

Council has just committed substantial dollars to keeping a frozen pad of water within Morrisburg. Skating and hockey are important uses for H20, but let's not forget about the water we drink.

We need filtration. **NZ**

Traffic Unit's eastern group out to catch speeders and impaired

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Take my license,
All that jive,
I can't drive
Fifty-five!

Sammy Hagar

focus

The vehicles whipping through the speed trap east of the Iroquois overpass receive considerably more leeway, when it comes to the posted limit, than Sammy Hagar's defiant motorist in his 1980s rock-anthem gripe about ridiculously low speed limits.

Constable Nick MacDonell stands in the median of Highway 401, beneath the overpass, and peers at the eastbound traffic through the scope on a Marksman LT1 20-20 laser gun, an extremely efficient device for pinpointing the exact speed of individual cars and trucks. He draws a bead on an approaching Cadillac, aiming a red dot on the car's hood through the viewfinder. Bingo.

Of course, vehicles on the 401 can't legally travel faster than 100 km/h — a little more than the much-hated 55 m.p.h. limit observed years ago on U.S. interstates. But on this cold, bright day in late January, MacDonell and three other officers with the OPP's Traffic Unit are out to catch speeders doing at least 130 km/h — just a shade over 80 m.p.h. — the same speed they happened to be enforcing during a 1998 visit with the Unit.

The gun detects the Cadillac is moving faster than the magic number, triggering an LED display to flash the speed. MacDonell pulls his face from the eyepiece and keys the microphone hooked on his upper chest.

"We've got a Cadillac coming at 132 km/h!" he shouts. The car whistles past and within a second or two has been waved over to the shoulder by MacDonell's comrades, positioned a few hundred yards up the roadway. Like most, the driver complies with the visual cues and pulls in between two cruisers parked along the south shoulder of the highway. Very few play dumb and insist on being chased down by a cruiser, the officer says.

"Good grab!" he says into the microphone, then jots the car's make and speed onto a growing list of vehicles snared in the speed trap.

The Traffic Unit was created a few years ago by the Harris government as a replacement for the unpopular photo-radar program. On provincial highways across Ontario, its members specialize in physically stopping speeders — something the camera could never do — as well as enforcing other rules of the road, such as seatbelt legislation. On the night shift, they combat impaired driving by holding R.I.D.E. spot checks at random locations..

The five Unit members working this part of the province are based out of the OPP SD&G detachment headquarters in Long Sault, but remain part of a larger provincial entity. They have their own three cruisers, and use them to police a territory ranging from the 416 to the Quebec border. Similarly sized Traffic Unit squads are based out of Perth and Belleville, to round out the entire eastern half of Ontario.

Officers from local detachments assist the Unit when they can, with this particular speed trap seeing one helper from the SD&G OPP detachment.

A Mercury approaches the underpass at 140 km/h. This time, MacDonell himself rushes to the side of the road and points at the driver, giving the speeder a few extra seconds to react to what lies ahead.

It's a Friday afternoon and the constable, who's been with the Unit for a year and a half, predicts there'll be "some real smokers" still to come yet. He's right, of course.

And for those who do get stopped, the cash register starts ringing for every kilometer above the posted limit of 100 km/h.

Back over at the pull-over zone, Constable Pat Dussault sits in his cruiser and writes a ticket for the driver of a Hyandai Accent, clocked at 142 km/h. Forty-two over would've netted the driver a $307 fine and four demerit points. Dussault marks him down to 34 km/h over the limit, still enough to rate the four demerit points, but effectively cutting the fine in half. He points out that he keeps a record of the actual speed the motorist was caught doing, which he keeps with his copy of the ticket. The officer will use the record as evidence in court if the driver wishes to plead not guilty.

"I can say, listen, this is what it should've been. It makes it difficult for him to ask for more than that."

MacDonell's voice breaks in over Dussault's two-way radio and says a black Toyota Tercel's on the way. Speed: 152 km/h.

Fifty-two clicks over the limit would mean a $507 fine ($9.75 per km over), six demerit points and an automatic court summons. A judge could pile on more fines and impose a 30-day license suspension. Fortunately for the driver, Dussault marks him down below the over-the-speed-limit-by-50 km/h threshold, avoiding the court summons.

"He doesn't look like a candidate for citizen of the year," he remarks, however,
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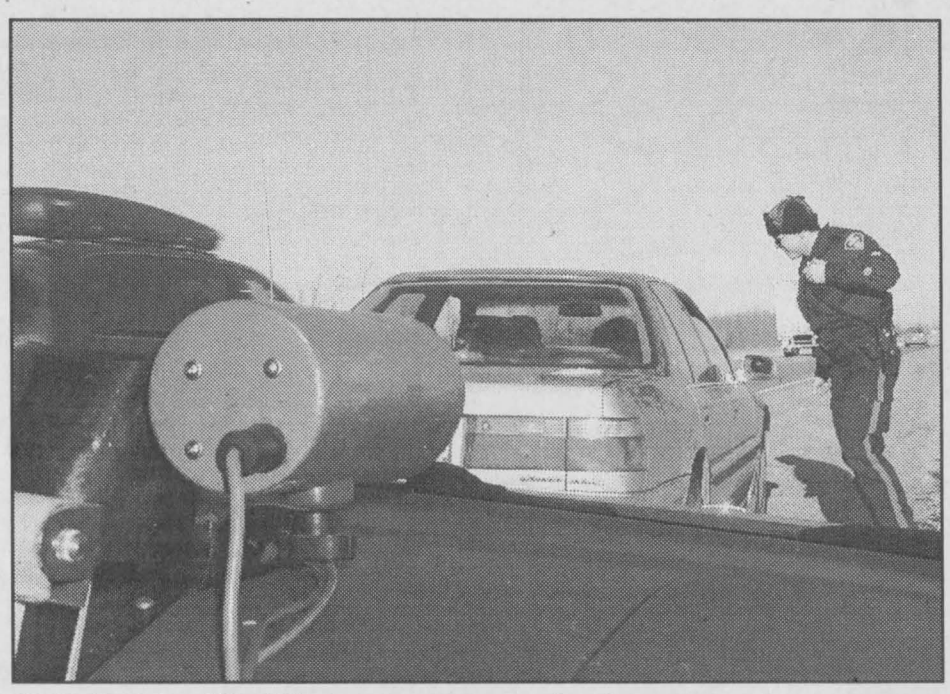

O.P.P. Traffic Unit snares another one.

Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen.

Wet feet and Happy Valentine's

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Happy Valentines Day!!! Hope your sweetie remembered you in a special way. I was really lucky this year since I got flowers and a couple of gifts, along with a wonderful card. Now, don't get me wrong, I knew I had one in infinity as far as men go. The big guy is certainly the best thing I have ever happened on, and after thirty years plus, I feel I know of what I speak. He presented the flowers and then the two CDs were tucked in among the work papers and not located until at work. Wondering what had fallen into my stuff, since I had no brown bag in there, I realized it was Valentines remembrances on Monday morning. After shovelling snow and cleaning snow from various driveways and walkways and off vehicles and windows, I was bushed. The gifts were really nice and most appreciated...that illusive song that I could not learn the name of the singers of, and that I enjoy hearing so much can now be heard anytime..."No Matter What." The Robert Service numbers is cool since I enjoy his poetry so much, what a terrific idea to set the words to music.

The snow was a welcome sight as some of the family depend upon the clearing of the white fluffy stuff to pay bills during the winter months, and the snowmobiles have not had enough use this winter. The second son was grinning from ear to ear when he heard it was a snow day and there would be no buses running to his school. He used some of the day to work on his correspondence Calculus course and some playing in the blanket of white on the lawn and back in the fields behind the house...this after he had a lie in bed for a couple of extra hours of course. His brother the college kid was up bright and early to head into class. The college decreed that if you miss handing in an assignment, you get it marked so you know what you might have gotten if it were on time, which incidentally is the beginning of the class period, and then you are handed an "F"...no matter what the reason for your tardiness. There is NO excuse...even being in an accident is not good enough!! What is wrong with these people??? And no one can say anything for fear of restitution. Perhaps the college profs should get a life and realize that sometimes, just sometimes there are circumstances beyond anyone's control which dictate what will happen. Pretty rough for first year of a three year course and of course we are trying to save a dollar or two for him by letting him live at home and drive the three days a week he has class. Mornings like Monday are a bit hard on the nerves when the snow continues to belt down, driven by the east wind and the plows have not yet come past when he leaves for the city. Reports on the radio explain how many accidents have people in trouble and how difficult the driving conditions are...certainly not helping the state of things at the ranch. The little Ford out in the deep snow, and the driver dressed in his shirt and tie for Valentines' Day...oh well prayers are always handy at such times. Do we worry so much because we blame ourselves for his having to drive in to the city in such devastating weather? Hard to say for sure! We just hope that "no news is good news" until he is safely home again...oh yes, the cellular has more minutes installed for this month, he could phone us...nah, he has no time. We will just sit here and try to stay busy, take our mind off things. This motherhood thing is tough and seems to never end.

The weekend was a busy one for sure. The old editor was on assignment and people seem to think that a reporter should make several trips to their event. Even when you want to time usually does not allow and you need to have a bit of family time too in there somewhere. Dashing off to various events kept things wild and crazy around the ranch, but a beautiful roast of beef was bought and cooked and Yorkshire pudding baked to treat friends to a rather British dinner on Saturday evening. A good thing we do not tip the bottle when friends call round, for these folks left before midnight and were stopped by the OPP on patrol, given a breathalyser test and sent on their way. A scary experience for the young daughter who wondered what was happening and why especially since her dad had done nothing wrong. The two police officers hauled him to the cruiser, put him in the back seat where there are no door handles, administered the test and then let him return to his own car after showing them proof of ownership and insurance. The big guy was going out to practise the hymns for the following morning and saw the commotion along the county road, but never dreamt it was our dinner guests...

Sunday was the day for the snowmobile drags sponsored by the Riverside Club with the proceeds going to CHEO. Last year this old writer was asked to come out of retirement and race. It was a bit scary since it had been almost 20 years since being in a race. Worried that the machine, unfamiliar to me would be hard to handle, and I would be rusty on the lights which are the key to winning (getting off the line in that split second when the amber turns to green is crucial to victory), I asked that I get to try the machine ahead of the race date.
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the bottom line

CHARLIE BROWN AND SNOOPY CREATOR CHARLES M. SHULZ will be sadly missed by all who enjoyed the comic strip that he drew and wrote for some fifty years. When he announced his retirement from the strip late last fall a twinge was felt around the world. Watching his shakey hand as he drew his fav dog, it was difficult to realize that he was not well. Then, as his final strip was set to run, he passes away. Some say this is how it should have been...maybe, but it is so very sad that we all have to meet our maker, and have no say in when it will happen. This was one pretty great guy, who shared so much of himself with the world, what can we say, except "Thanks." The other side is that Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy, Linus and the gang will live forever thanks to the creativity and the pen of Chalres M. Schulz, and for that we can all be grateful.

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SATURDAY NIGHT THERE WILL BE A FULL MOON AND WITH THE fluffy, white stuff we received on Monday the Friends of the Sanctuary should have a big crowd come out to their "Moonlight Event." Whether you enjoy hiking or cross country skiing, this is the place and the event for you. The hikers will set out at 7:30 on a guided tour of the Sanctuary by moonlight. The skiiers will get underway at 8pm as guides will take them through the woods and along the frequented trails. Catching the moonlight as it streams through the barren trees or is caught in the evergreens, as shadows cross the trail and various wild creatures scurry out of the way, this promises to be a wonderful way to enoy winter at her finest in this part of the country. Dress warmly and come out and experience nature at her best. The cost is only $2, and the results will astound you.

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RACE FANS WHO SUPPORT THE LITTLE BLUE OVAL WERE PRETTY happy on Saturday as Dale Jarrett strengthened his position as favourite in the famous Daytona 500. Already assured the pole position in the 500, Jarrett overpowered 54 other drivers to win the top qualifying spot in the Winston Cup. He was able to demonstarte that the handling of his ride, the Robert Yates Racing Ford was as awesome as the pwoerplant under the hood. Staying on the track at the end of lap 10 with only Bobby Labonte and himself on the tarmack after spending the first nine laps bunched at the rear of the pack, Jarrett was able to beat Jeff Gordon and his Chev by .261 seconds, about three car lengths. Averaging 182.3 miles per hour, he got the job done. Ford also placed fifth and seventh, with Chev grabbing second and third. The Ford boys are grinning today!

LETTERS

Ontario infrastructure needs to be renewed

Dear Editor,

Over the past few months, we have seen a mounting campaign by certain groups stating that we are overtaxed and that a lot of money so-raised is simply wasted. Along with tax cuts and waste, is the idea that the private sector can do a much more efficient job looking after the present government activities. I feel that it is appropriate to highlight a study which appeared in the January 1999 Municipal World magazine, conducted by Runzheimer International, a management consulting firm specializing in transportation, travel and cost-of-living analysis. The study was commissioned by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade because of concern about the perception that Canada's high personal income tax rate would be disincentive to corporate executives considering moving to Canada. I might add it could also apply to Canadians who think they have to leave Canada because of high taxes or that we should keep slashing taxes as the Ontario government is doing.

The report shows that while Canadians personal income taxes are substantially higher than in the United States, Canada's lower house prices and mortgage rates, coupled with lower costs of goods services based on a standard market basket of 150 items, offset the higher tax costs. Those offsetting factors are not mentioned by those singing their "the taxes are too high" refrain. Even if you have lower income taxes as in the U.S., there are a lot of other things you have to pay for out of your personal income, eg. health insurance, and personal security, where profits are built in.

Mike Harris' government has already made deep tax cuts and to do so has had to cut many services. The next cut is making loss of services even more acute, as is demonstrated by what has happened to OMAFRA extension, waiting six months for a drivers' test, or the cost of tuition in universities. It is time to start asking tough questions about where the backroom folks in the Ontario government really want to take us. Privatization means profit-taking and sometimes higher costs, as the Ontario Ombudsman has pointed out that highway contracts are costing more than when MTO did the work. It seems that they want to make all things private, when there are still many things such as education, health, transportation and protection which need a more caring approach with the bottom line not the major consideration. As a municipal politician and one who has experience and interest in small business, education and health, it concerns me that tax cuts in Ontario are directly responsible for downloading, which of course, is supposed to be revenue neutral. Cuts in services mean user fees which are really taxes by another name.

To sum up my concern about tax cuts, I see a $128B debt which is still growing and a crumbling infrastructure caused by continuing cuts. All this at a time of prosperity, when we should be paying down debt and renewing our infrastructure.

Yours truly,
Alvin Runnalls,
Winchester.

Smoke detectors can't replace good fire safety

Dear Editor,

The recent debate about what type of smoke alarm you should have in your home greatly disturbs me. Not because I believe that one technology is better than the other-in fact, experience has shown that both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are effective at detecting fires in the home.

My concern is that people may believe the only thing they need to be safe from fire is a smoke alarm. The truth is, if you and your family are going to survive a fire, you may need much more than that.

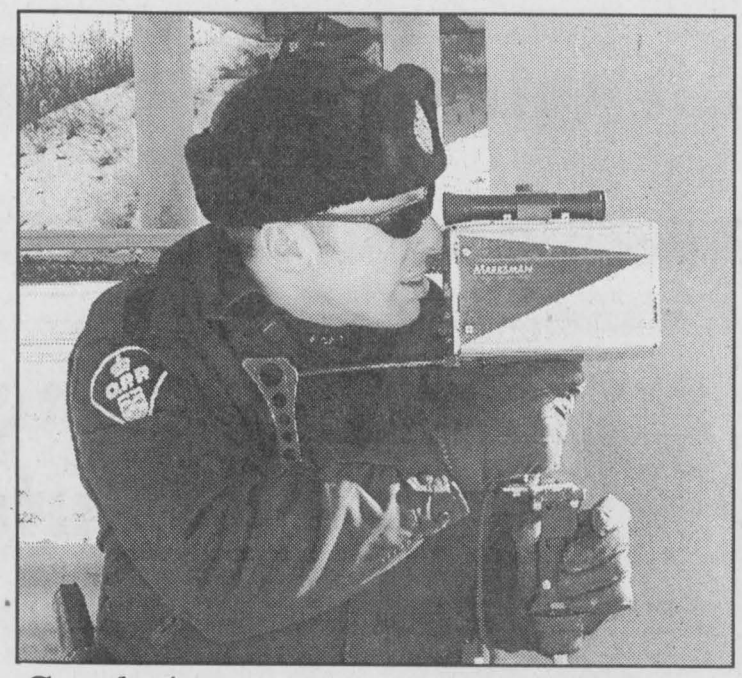
Most fatal fires occur at night, when people are asleep. Often these are very slow, smouldering fires which are the most difficult to detect. Photoelectric alarms may respond slightly faster to this type of fire, however when these smouldering fires reach the flaming stage, both alarms will respond effectively. Ionization type smoke alarms may respond faster to hot, flaming fires, such as those that can occur in the kitchen. Regardless of type the more smoke alarms you have, the earlier a fire may be detected.

Fire and smoke can spread at an incredible rate, so by the time the alarm sounds, a substantial amount of smoke may already be filling your home. You may only have a very short time to escape so you must be prepared to act immediately. Developing a home escape plan and practising it with your family can greatly improve your chances of surviving.

Of course, the best way to protect yourself from fire is to prevent one from occurring in the first place. Pay close attention when cooking or smoking and never leave an open flame, such as fireplaces or candles unattended.

Smoke alarms are definitely an essential component of fire safety, but they are only part of the equation. A well-rehearsed home escape plan and good, fire-safe behaviours will go a long way towards protecting you and your family.

Bernard Mole
Fire Marshall of Ontario.



Gotcha! *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen.*

Constable Nick MacDonell aims a laser gun to measure the speed of oncoming traffic on the 401. The unit, which was actually the first ever purchased by the O.P.P. (there are more now), is extremely accurate, but tough for illegal radar detectors to pick up. The constable's arsenal also includes a conventional hand-held radar gun.

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Livin'

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This did not happen and since I ride a 250 Bravo nowadays, an 800 cc was quite a jump. Getting astride the seat as the race was called, I gave the throttle a bit too much and perhaps scared the owner. He did not ask me to return the favour this year, and asked someone else in my place. I can't figure, I did what he wanted without any advance running, I did not wreck his machine and I did win for him and his brand. Go figure...I was quite proud that I was able to get into the race mode on such short notice and hit the lights right on, oh well...time to move on.

The skating competition on Sunday started at 8am and this old fool was on deck snapping photos and asking questions. This is something I did not get to experience since the sons did not figure skate and there were no daughters. It is an interesting thing for sure and so many are involved, it is mind boggling for an outsider to step into.

Checking around for stories and pictures for the Outdoor section in this issue I stumbled upon some ice fishermen. Braving the mighty St.Lawrence I trod where few have dared to go, and my just reward after a picture and a visit with a couple of good ole' fishermen was extremely wet feet. Seems that the river is wet under that layer of snow, so much so that the fishing hut was being blocked up out of the water, and by the afternoon was removed completely from the spot. Leaving the boys with my soaking feet, I had yet to snap a photo at the Bird Sanctuary, where I met a senior couple ready to cross country ski. These kids were 86 and 82!! They looked twenty years younger and suggested that they enjoy the trails here often.

I did NOT fall this weekend except as I walked upstairs to bed the other night. The left knee is swollen still and the bone below may be damaged, for it is protruding, from the fall at the rink a while back. May have to have it checked...A lot of spasming is happening in this leg as well and coupled with the constant pain it is frustrating for sure.

Sunday the Deacon who spoke enquired as to my health and I explained that it will never be better unless I undergo surgery or try some test medications and I am about done with being a guinea pig. The facial muscles and glands are going crazy. They swell and they ache and they have been stinging this week, a new sensation for me to endure. The eyes have been silly too as sparks and little morse codes bits and bytes speed across the field of vision every once in a while until one wonders what is going on. Coupled with the blurred times, this gets on the nerves for sure. The specialist in rheumatoid arthritis will be visiting in the near future and perhaps she can suggest something to help control some of the symptoms. That would be nice if the side effects are not too wild. I am working on the uglies that seem to accompany a disease that continues to irritate and cause pain and is not curable, simply controllable.

The college kid went to the city to check out the ice sculptures in particular and Winterlude in general. Enjoyed a beavertail and some great company, he was not too impressed with the icy efforts. He went Saturday night when they should have looked great. The reporter who sits across the divider each workday enjoyed them and the snow sculptures on Parliament Hill as well on Sunday. We hope to catch a glimpse this weekend as we are not on assignment and can formulate our own opinion.

You all take care and stay happy. The wisdom comes from the Bible this week, Matthew who said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson



We are knee-deep in February and the snow keeps on falling. It's been a snowy week, with the sounds of snow blowers, skidoos, skates and sleds resonating throughout the village. Trips to the bird feeders, a daily affair are welcome drudgery, more difficult now because of the snow depth, more interesting because with the snow you have some of the exciting winter birds.

"Hot on the heels" of one of these trips, loaded down with our peanut butter/seed/bacon fat treat, our daily starlings came but they were accompanied by a large group of **Bohemian Waxwings**. Starlings are gluttons but the waxwings seemed to be voraciously hungry as they gulped down the last remaining wizened crabapples on the tree outside our diningroom window. That tree stripped, a small group flew and ate the fruit on our cranberry bush while another group ate from the second crabapple in our garden.

The Bohemian, or gypsy as I prefer to think of it, is a wanderer, the only waxwing to be seen in our area in the winter. Cedar waxwings are our summer birds. To attract either species to your garden, plant fruit bushes or allow wild grape to grow.

Our waxwings were soon off, a large group of about 60 birds, gorgeous birds with velvety-looking plumage and orange-brown undertail feathers. We have not seen them since.

Another interesting and rare northern visitor made an appearance in three different locations. A **Hoary Redpoll** appeared in a flock of Common Redpolls at our feeder on Thursday, February 10. Looking much like a white canary, this redpoll stood out from its cousins by the paleness of its plumage and by its unstreakedrump, the only reliable field mark. Another was seen at a property on Highway 2 (County Road 2) west of Iroquois and another at a feeder on Bayview Drive east of town.

A **Flicker** was seen at a feeder in Haddo on Thursday. This bird should have gone south months ago. Insects are its diet, especially ants, but this bird was eating seeds. We will hope it survives.

Smail Road:

The resident here has 22 American Tree Sparrows and lots of Purple Finches.

Irena Road-Rowena Road:

Snow Buntings were feeding on the side of the Hutt Road as our Irena birdwatcher drove by. They quickly scattered. Ten **Horned Larks** were feeding in another location, a sure sign spring is coming.

Our Irena Road resident has a good number of **Common Redpolls** feeding under a seed bell on scattered seed, a male **Cardinal** and **Chickadees**. Our Bayview Drive resident has 15-20 **Doves**, a pair of **Downies**, 20 **Snow Buntings** and the **Hoary Redpoll** mentioned earlier.

Last of all, a **Brown Creeper** was seen in the trees opposite The Chieftain in the mall. The Creeper spends most of its life probing for insects in tree bark with its curved beak. It blends in well with the tree so you would never know it was there.

Thanks to all who called this week. Please call in your reports, sightings, observations or anecdotes to 652-2555.

Focus

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then picks up his phone and calls in for a records check on this particular driver. Nothing turns up.

Dussault notes that just a couple of weeks previously, he apprehended a bank robber during the course of his duties. He's also taken drivers off the road who were stopped for speeding and discovered to be drinking

The Traffic Unit also pulled in two stolen cars and a quantity of drugs before Christmas.

Photo-radar never did these important things, Dussault notes.

Individual members of the Traffic Unit have been known to write 150 tickets in a month. MacDonell's voice comes on again, quite excited, announcing the arrival of another customer. A fine Mercedes sedan pulls up behind Dussault's cruiser and comes to a dead stop, having travelled at 155 km/h to get there.

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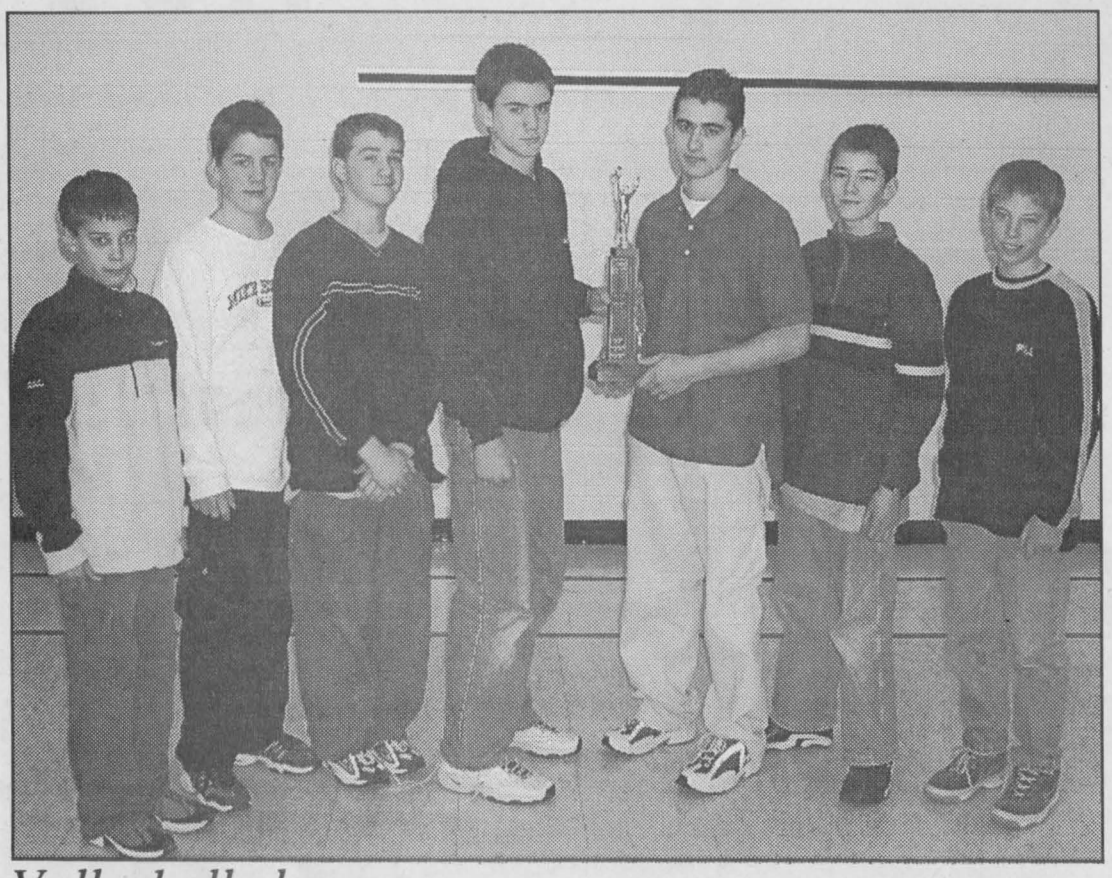


Volleyball champs

The boys' senior volleyball team at St. Cecilia Catholic School served up a first place performance at the Dundas County Senior Elementary School Volleyball Tournament, held Feb. 3 at North Dundas High School. Members, l-r: John Bongers; Matt van Moorsel; Mark Byvelds; Ben Baker; Joseph Zambon; Kevin Groniger; and Robert Bongers. Missing from photo, Cory Cassell. *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen.*

Lions head for showdown in regular season play

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On the weekend of February 5 and 6, the Novice "B" Lions travelled to Brockville to play in a two-day tournament. In their first game, the Lions played the Cumberland Barons in a hard fought game. The Barons hit the score sheet early with a goal in the first minute of play. Two minutes later, Jay Keller responded on a great shot, assisted by Scott Douma. The game remained tied until the last minute of the game, when the Barons fired home the winner. player of the game award for the Lions went to Alix Tait.

In their second game, the Lions faced the host Brockville Warriors. The Warriors came out of the gate ready for action scoring three goals in a 1-minute span of the first period to catch the Lions off guard and skate away with the victory 5-3. Scoring for the Lions were Alex Whelan, Jane Moss and Chris Tindal. Helpers went to Pat Bongers (2), Jay Keller, Alex Whelan and Chris Tindal. Scott Douma earned "Player of the Game" for the Lions.

On Sunday the Lions came out strong against the Nepean Raiders. Chris Tindal one-timed a great pass from Alex Whelan to put the Lions up 10-0. In the second however, it was the Raiders turn to storm the Lions net as they bombarded the Lions crease firing 4 goals to take a 4-1 lead. Alex Whelan added one more for the Lions to narrow the final score to 4-2. "Player of the Game" for the Lions was Chris Tindal.

On Tuesday, the Lions travel to Maxville to take on the Braves in regular season action. The young Lions couldn't find their skating legs and came out on the losing end of a disappointing 1-0 loss.

The Lions finish their regular season schedule on Wednesday night in a showdown for second place, as they host South Stormont. Game time is 7pm in Morrisburg, see you all there!!

Minor Atom Kings snatch one from the jaws of the Cobras

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Saturday, February 12, the Spencerville Minor Atoms played host to the Eastern Ontario Cobras. The Kings came out flying in the first period with some creative play making it a one goal lead for the home team. The first counter was scored by Nathan Slack on some tight passing from Matt Lajoie and Lyle Atkins. In the second period, both teams exchanged two goals a piece. The second Kings goal came off the stick of Sam Coyne who went in solo for the marker. The Kings out another on the board, what would be the eventual winner for them when Bobby Little won the face off and Brandon Elliott snapped it into the net catching the Cobra goaltender off guard. The third period was scoreless with Graham Peters stopping all shots the Cobras threw at him. The game ended with the Kings three, the Cobras two.

The next home game for the Minor Atoms is on Saturday, February 26 in Spencerville starting at 11am. This is their last home game until playoffs begin. This is your final opportunity to see these young players at home this year in regular season play, stop by and see what great youngsters we are suiting up.

Novice House League Lions win twice in weekend play

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

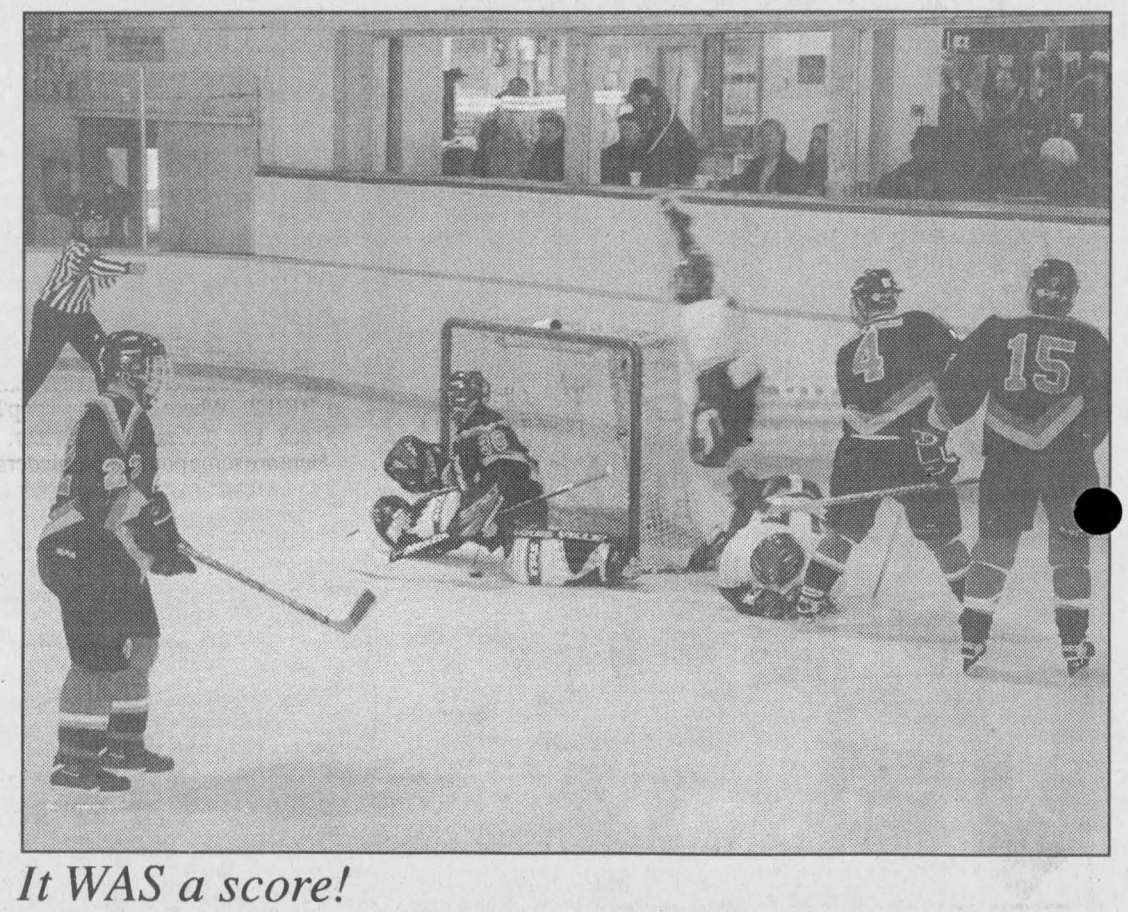
The Morrisburg Novice House League Lions were in fine form this past weekend. The boys picked up their 10th and 11th wins bringing their seasonal record to 11 wins, 4 losses and 7 ties for a total of 29 points in regular league play.

Saturday saw them host South Grenville II (Cardinal) and come out on the winning end of a 3-1 final. The opening goal came in the first off the stick of Andre Menges who got the assist from Tom Keyes and Spencer Peters. Matt Jamieson out-manoeuvred several opposition checkers in an end to end rush for the second marker which came in the second period, unassisted. In the third, it was that mighty powerhouse Menges again who fed on a rink-wide pass from Keyes to make the score 3-zip in favour of the Lions. Late in the third South Grenville's Jordon Grootjans assisted by Tyler Curry slipped in South Grenville's only marker.

Sunday saw an excited Lions squad travel to the Golden Dome in Ogdensburg for their only game on the south side of the river this season. Suffering a bit of stage fright at first in this big arena with its larger international ice surface, the Lions soon settled down though and began to play hockey. Early in the first, Tyler Stewart slammed in his second of the year assisted by Joe Streit.

Adam Bogle in a mad scramble in front of the Odgensburg net notched the second counter as Keyes did the helping. Early in the second, Drew Morrow blasted a beautiful shot from the point to beat the American netminder cleanly for the third goal. Midway into the final frame, Pat Chesbro picked up a loose puck at center, deeked the defence and drove in on a breakaway to dump one last shot past the odgensburg goalie. The final read 4-zip despite the fact that Morrisburg took a couple of penalties when Menges was off for interference and Streit headed for the box called on roughing. The Lions penalty killers did a great job stopping their rivals cold in their own end. Lucas Stewart recorded his fifth shutout of the year as he got help from his defensive squad; Morrow, Jamieson, Peters and Matt Hanson. Luc's mom was telling this reporter how on their way to the Dome the US custom officer suggested (with a belated smile) he was to detain the goalie until after the game...even the border was aware of the terrific crease work he acccomplishes!!

Coaches Keyes and Morrow seem quite optimistic about the future as they head into the last regular season game Thursday night, February 17 on home ice. Hosting the South Grenville I squad (Spencerville) face off time is 6pm. When asked about the team's recent success, Kevin (Keyes) said, "We can win if we can get on the ice to practice." Good luck Lions!! "Beat 'em, Bust 'em...that's our custom!!



It WAS a score!

The Junior "B" Lions scored on a fast breakaway immediately after the Akwsasane Wolves had struck for a counter. The goal was shot hard and quick, slapped the back pole and rang clear, then shot out just as rapidly between the gaolie pads. The scoresheet was unavailable at press time, so we are not sure of the outcome, but some wicked hockey was played out on the Morrisburg ice Sunday afternoon. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Chris Phifer gets the winner for Bantam House Lions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Bantam House Lions hosted the Kemptville team on Saturday, February 12 and came away on the plus side of a 3-2 score.

Matt Licks opened the scoring for the Lions firing one past the Kemptville goalie. Assisting on the counter were Corey Lanthier and Jordon McNairn. End to end action kept the game exciting and neither team could slide it past the netminders until the latter half of the third period. Kemptville tied the game off the stick of Neil Gordon and Eric Johnston gave Kemptville the lead. Morrisburg came roaring back with Hicks claiming his second of game with Matt Julien and Tyler Norgaard assisting. Chris Phifer fired the winning goal home with a blistering shot off the post that went behind the goalie.

Morrisburg's second game of a busy weekend saw them travel to Brockville to face Brockville #1. The Lions came up short in this outing as the final score read 3-2. The boys came out slow and fell behind 1-0 thanks to Travis Shepherd. Jamie Hess bulged the twine and tied the game with assists going to Matt Hicks and Tyler Norgaard. Brockville came back with two unanswered goals, another by Shepherd and one from Elisha Papertzian. Jordon McNairn closed the gap with an end to end rush flipping it over the Brockville goalie's shoulder for the counter.

Andrew Chung and Nick McGill were up to their usual standard between the pipes for Morrisburg.



MFSC Members

These young skaters represent their Club, Morrisburg Figure Skating Club at various competitions. They do their best and make their Club and their coaches as well as their parents proud each and every time they skate. A very worthwhile sport, they learn a lot more than just skating while on the ice. Congrats to each of you and keep up the good work.

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Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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

The Iroquois Women Institute will hold their February meeting on Feb. 17 at 7:30 at the Civic Centre. Theme-Cultural Activities, a surprise craft. Conveners: Vivian Emberg, Jean Loucks, Ruth Hawke and Bernie Sisty.

Sacred Heart Parish Centre Rummage Sale, Sat. Feb. 19, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Drop off donations on Fri. Feb. 19 from noon to 5 p.m. Call for pickup, Peggy Taylor at 657-1728.

Public Euchre on Sat. Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m. $5 entry fee at the Royal Canadian Legion, Cardinal.

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Pancake Breakfast, Cardinal Pres. Church, March 4th from 8 am to 1 pm. Adults $4, 12 and under $2, preschoolers free. Takeout available. Proceeds to the Building Fund.

Shrove Tuesday, Ham Supper, St. Paul's Church, Cardinal, Tuesday, March 7th, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Take out available.

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SNOW DRAGS FOR CHEO A WINTERY SUCCESS

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The air was permeated with gas fumes and the excitement was evident as snowmobiles gurgled and revved. Rubber tracks were zipping as engines roared, sitting on stationary stands. Youngsters were zipping around on the snow covered field on small replicas of their folks' snowmobiles. Flags waved as the light tree signalled the start of another heat. Drivers sat on their machines in the staging area waiting for their number to be called. Steam rose from the Tim Horton's tent as timbits, coffee and hot dogs were ready to keep the hungries away.

Owners had their trailers set as tools and various items to enhance the speed of their machines were removed and replaced, all in the hopes of getting that little extra burst of energy to the engine under the hood. Spectators mulled around checking the pit area, the sleek new 2000s on display and the older, tried and true snowmachines that would race. Where did those white MERCS come from, Dave?

Technical jargon was exchanged as the atmosphere was pumped with the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat... the loudspeaker echoed across the flats and people rushed about trying to get everything in order ready to race. Folks moved to better vantage points to see the races and the heats, and smiles erupted as friends and family watched winners come back to the staging area. Colourful outfits tell the affiliation of everyone and the paint job on that Skidoo that resembled a snake certainly took top award for display purposes. (Check it out on The Great Outdoors page 12, this issue). The blue and white, the yellow and black, the red and blue, the white and red, the white and blue, the slime green and the midnight black or is it blue? make a splash on the white snow as we approach the area.

The Snow Drags are an Annual event sponsored by Riverside Snowmobile Club that draw a pretty fair number of machines and spectators on a February Sunday afternoon. Racing at the west end of the airstrip across from the entrance to Upper Canada Village the icy surface is most conducive to speed. The cleats dig and grab and the sleds really move along the 1/4 mile stretch of straight going.

Although the organizers have not yet finalized their figures showing what the proceeds which will be and then donated to the Childrens Hospital of Eastern Ontario are, they were pleased with the overall results of the day.

When the snow had settled, the winners were as follows; Barry Brown took the checkers in the 500cc Studded and Improved Classes. Pete VanKessel won the 600cc Single Pipe Studded, while the 600cc Multi-Pipe Studded class went to Rob Steele. Debbie Laframboise was the winner in the 600cc Improved category, and Dave Armstrong was victorious in the Under 700cc Modified. Justin Mayhew was the winner in both the 700cc Single and Multi-Pipe Studded Classes. Jim Primrose of Jim's Performance Plus won the 700cc Improved, while Barry Smith was tops in the 800cc Single as well as Multi-Pipe Studded classes. John Knox took top honours in the 800cc Improved, the Over 700cc Modified and the Open Studded Classes. Barb Rabideau was the winner in the Powder Puff class on a 2000 Skidoo. Mike Stewart was first to the end in the 600cc Non-Studded class, while Terry Veinotte won the 700cc Non-Studded class and Gerry VanKessel won the Open Non-Studded class.

The little tykes raced a shortened version of the track as yellow Skidoos and green Arctic Cats lined up ready for the green light to signal the start. A SnoScoot was entered to add that Yamaha blue to the start line and the intensity on the faces of these youngsters was evident as visors came down and hands sat on the throttles. The one young gal even waited while her opponent caught up! Cute little racers had every one watching as they raced down the snow. The winners were Bobby Laframboise and Joe Peters.

The Club wants to extend their appreciation to Frank Ault Excavating for the water and his truck, to the Morrisburg Fire Department (passed the boot for funds to help the CHEO coffers), Tim Hortons, St. John Ambulance, Jim's Performance Plus (Iroquois) and Irwin Supply (Cornwall), the volunteers from the Club and all who came to race or to watch...it was a great success and the kids are the real benefactors. "The amount we donate to CHEO is certain to be up from last year after expenses are taken out," according to Barry McMillan of the Riverside Club.



On the Line

These snowmobile racers were caught as the light turned green on the pole and they started odd the line. The Riverside Club races for CHEO are popular in the area each February. A large crowd came out to cheer their favourite machine to victory. A huge number of local machines were entered in the races that saw a kids race and a powder puff run as well. A great way to raise funds for a great cause.

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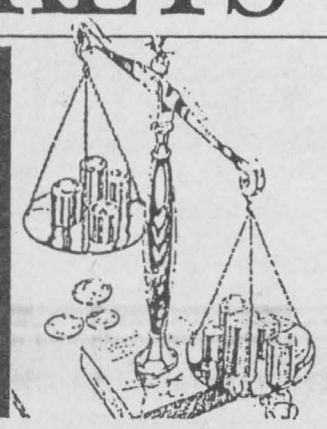

Strategy 2000

by PJ Robertson, PhD

"I love compound interest with a passion." Arthur Penson

Winter means ground zero, back to basics, seeing the forest for the trees. **Winter 2000** spells goals and dreams. And plans to realize them, such as:

•Pay yourself first.
•Maximize your RRSP, so as to maximize your tax break before the tax cuts come.
•Pay yourself on a monthly deposit plan. That's what savvy investors do.

Put yourself to the test: Are you doing as much as you could for your RRSP? Is your RRSP doing as much as it could for you? Remember: this will be your income for the rest of your life. Is it time to shop? Speaking of time, is it time to convert your RRSP into a RRIF? Where will you shop? Speak to a professional advisor.

Here are some pointers/reminders for you to get a jump on your plans, as the RRSP season kicks in.

RRSP Facts, Figures & Benefits

•Compound interest growth and **no tax** until you decide to draw income.
•A tax credit on each contribution you make.
•Your 1999 tax credit can be for contributions made up till February 29, 2000.
•How much can you contribute? Your notice of assessment for 1999 will tell you.
•How much tax credit will you receive? Say you tax rate is 40% and you contributed $5,000 before February 29, 2000, you will receive a tax credit of $5,000 * 40% = $2,000. That's like a 40% return on your investment in one year!
•Compound interest means your money earning interest on interest, year after year. Say you pay yourself $5,000 a year (remember, monthly is best) for 30 years. And say you get 10% growth (not at all out of the ballpark for a long-term investment). So over 30 years you've paid yourself $150,000 (=30* $5,000).

Q: What has compound interest done with your $150,000?
A: It's come up with a retirement pot of over $900,000.

The Question of Risk and Return

Risk and return go pretty much hand in glove. High risk/high return, low risk/low return, and vice versa. There are exceptions, such as below average risk/above average return, and they are worth looking for.

Keep in mind that nothing is risk free, no even a Guaranteed Investment Certificate. Say your GIC "guarantees" 5% and inflation is running at 2.5%, your guarantee is worth only 2.5%. And after tax at 40% it's down to a measly 1.5% (Is that enough for life support in retirement?)

Age, time, long life, investment stategy, appetite/tolerance for risk, are all factors to weigh carefully when considering risk and return.

Investment Options

GICs: not realistically an option while interest rates are low.
Mutual Funds: best for medium to high risk investors. High return/high risk potential. Excellent for non-registered investment growth over the long term. Good for aggressive growth RRSPs.
Segregated Funds: mutual funds with guarantees and (with family as beneficiary) protection from creditors and freedom from probate fees. Best for low to medium risk investors. Excellent fro RRSPs and RRIFs.

Tips & Strategies

Dollar cost averaging: By investing on a monthly basis, you spread risk and reduce the overall cost of the units you purchase in your mutual or segregated funds.
Foreign content: Canadian taxpayers are allowed to invest up to 20% of their RRSP in foreign markets outside Canada. Be sure to take full advantage.
Minimize taxes: Invest your non-registered savings in dividend and equity funds.
Sales charges, fees: Ask your professional advisor. (No load = no help)

A Loan for your RRSP? Yes, definitely, if you can budget to pay if back within 12 months. Your RRSP tax credit will help you do this.

Pay into your RRSP or Pay down the Mortgage? Not an easy call. Talk to your professional advisor.

Protect your RRSP & RRIF: Do you want the taxman to be the beneficiary of your hard-earned wealth, if you aren't around to enjoy it yourself? No need. There's a good, cost-effective way to beat the taxman and preserve all for your family or a cause that is close to your heart. Talk to your professional advisor.

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ALL persons having claims against the Estate of **Lena Mae Glover,** late of the Village of Morrisburg, who died on or about the January 24th, 2000, at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned **on or before the March 31st,** after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the Executors shall then have notice, and the Executors will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.
Dated at Prescott, Ontario
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Prescott, ON K0E 1T0
Solicitor for the Executors
F16-3tc

Cards of Thanks

To the lady who kindly stopped and offered assistance on February 9, 2000 in the morning, north of Hallville. A heartfelt THANK YOU!
F16-1tp

DARTS FOR HEARTS: A sincere thanks goes out to all the great dart players who came to Br. 370, Iroquois, this past Saturday to support such a worthy cause as the Darts For Hearts proceeds going to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. We could not have had such a successful event if it were not for our hard working volunteers, those who planned every detail from the gathering of all the lovely prizes for the different draws etc. This has been greatly appreciated by all.
Darlene Riddell, President
F16-1tc

GLOVER: We would like to thank the many people who have been so kind to Lena Glover over the past years. These included Dr. Thomas, the nursing staff at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital and the bedside companions from Paramed for their attentive care while she was in hospital. It was Lena's wish to remain within her own home and many people helped to make her cherished wish possible. Special thanks to Barb Gaiser for her kindness and thoughtfulness demonstrated above and beyond the call of duty. Her friends and neighbours including Bo Gale and Marie MacDonald assisted her on numerous occasions and were very thoughtful and kind. The homemakers, nurses and volunteers from Meals on Wheels were also greatly appreciated. We would like to thank Bonnie and her staff at the Parker Funeral Home, and all those who visited, phoned, sent cards and gave memorial donations or floral tributes in her memory. Thanks to Rev. Don Smith for visiting Lena and officiating at her funeral. Thanks also to the ladies of Lakeshore Drive United Church for providing an excellent luncheon following the service. Your many acts of kindness are greatly appreciated and will long be remembered.
The family and friends of the late Lena Glover.
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REID: I would like to thank the doctors, nurses, kitchen staff, friends and neighbours for all the kindness and care while I was a patient in the Winchester Hospital.
Ethel Reid
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ST. PIERRE: I would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls and personal visits while I was in Winchester & Kingston Hospitals, after my operation and accident. Thanks to the nurses of ICU and on the 2nd floor. Special thanks to Drs. Houze, Prins, and Chande and the ambulance boys. A special thanks to Clifford Fader for alerting my neighbours to check on me. Your quick response was appreciated. Thank you to Rev. Macpherson for prayers and visits. Thanks to all, especially my son and his family who are always there for me.
Thanks,
Marion St. Pierre.
F16-1tp

In Memoriam

SEELEY: In loving memory of a dear mother, Elsie Seeley, who passed away on February 15, 1980.
The love of a wonderful Mother,
Is something that always lives on.
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You had a smile for everyone,
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You left the sweetest memories,
That I could ever know.
To me you were someone special,
And I wish with all my heart,
That you were here today.
Lovingly remembered by husband Cephus.

F16-1tp

TUPPER: In loving memory of a caring mother and grandmother, Pat, who passed away on February 20, 1999.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed.
Gone but not forgotten Mom,
Love Doug, Helen, Chris, Nick, Lesley-Ann.

F16-1tp

TUPPER: In loving memory of Pat who left us February 20, 1999.
God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be,
He wrapped you in his loving arms,
And whispered "Come with me."
You suffered much in silence,
Your spirit did not bend.
You faced your pain with courage,
Until the very end.
You didn't deserve what you went through,
And so gave you rest.
Remembered and loved always, by your brother and sister-in-law, Les and Joyce Jackson.

F16-1tp

Little Rocks Curlers are Champs

with Steve Thompson

Our Little Rocks curlers are at it again. On Sunday they visited Prescott and came away Champions. Only one team represented Morrisburg this time, but that was enough. Jeremy Stewart, Adam Davidson, David Bradford and Matthew Vanderspank defeated a Granite team 4-2 and then played a foursome from Navan. The latter fell 8-2 and 42 points Morrisburg accumulated in the bonspiel gave them the overall championship.

One senior mixed team went to as Winchester Bonspiel, but did not do so well. Steve, Alice, Gerry and Cheryl Thompson reported that the meal was excellent and each carried home a package of cheese given to members of the bottom four teams.

Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, Wally McDonald and Tony Toonders went to Maxville for a Senior Men's Bonspiel. Each team played only one game and they were so upset at the news they took every end from the competition, a hapless team from Quebec, winning 13-0, the best score of the day. In a case like this, does the winning team or the losing team get the "Snake River" award?

Two "Over 60" Senior Men's Teams went to prescott last Friday for Parnell Cup competition. Don O'Brien took Karl Duncan, Gerry Thompson and John Vanderspank losing to Prescott but defeating a Cornwall entry. Sid Morrell, Gerald Wynands, Fred Hofman and Tony Toonders brought back the Parnell Trophy defeating two Lancaster quarters in their two outings.

For those interested in renting the club for a party or bonspiel, there are a few openings from now until the end of the year. Donna Dillabough is the person to call. On Sunday, February 13, the fifth annual Gilmer Family Bonspiel was on. A good time was reportedly had by all. No other reports were forthcoming, except for one person claiming to be undefeated in the bonspiel competition...

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Cardinal Legion Newsletter

Branch 105 in Cardinal has had a busy time since Remembrance Day which incidentally had a great turnout. The Wave of Silence was a success all across Canada.

Darts are played at the Branch two nights a week, Wednesday and Friday.

Thursday evening is Euchre night for the Ladies Auxiliary. We have enjoyed four Saturday Euchres with three more scheduled. Zone Euchre was held at the Branch in January with 35 tables playing, one Cardinal team goes on to the District level, and we wish them luck!

Over one hundred Cardinal Seniors took advantage of the Christmas dinner provided by the Branch this past season.

We are hosting a MYSTERY DINNER and COMEDY SHOW on Saturday, February 26 at 6:30pm at the Cardinal Legion. Tickets are only $17/person and this includes a delicious roast beef dinner. They are available from any executive member or at the bar.

March 18 will see a Ham Shoot starting at 1pm followed by a FREE St. Patrick's Day dance featuring The Revivals, a live band from 9-1, come on out and enjoy.

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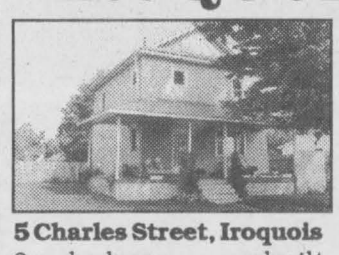

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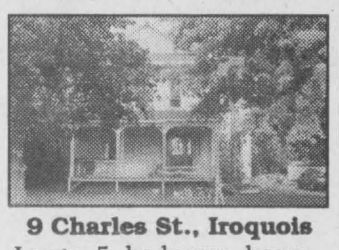

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Improve Competition comes to South Dundas again this year

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Once again the SD&G Improv Games are coming to South Dundas. Tomorrow evening, Thursday, February 17, Upper Canada Playhouse will host the third match in the Tri-County Championships. In the past five years, Seaway District High School has ended up first once and second twice, an enviable record. This year Seaway has entered two teams, who will compete in an evening of fun and laughter as Improvisational Theatre Games pit them against teams from four other high schools from across the region.

Things get started at 6:30 and will provide three hours of fun and laughter for you. A lonely toonie ($2.00) gets you in and hold tight to your funny bone for it will be an evening of hilarious upstaging.

Improv Theatre is a competition between teams of 5-10 players who compete in a series of spontaneous drama games. The games in this board area are modelled after the Improv Games in Just for Laughs Comedy Festival. Teams are given a theme (cucumbers and heart surgery) and a category (done in gibberish) and with only 20 seconds planning present a 1-3 minute drama about the theme done in the category style. Judges rate the teams. A pile of humour is generated and laughter from the audience makes the evening complete.

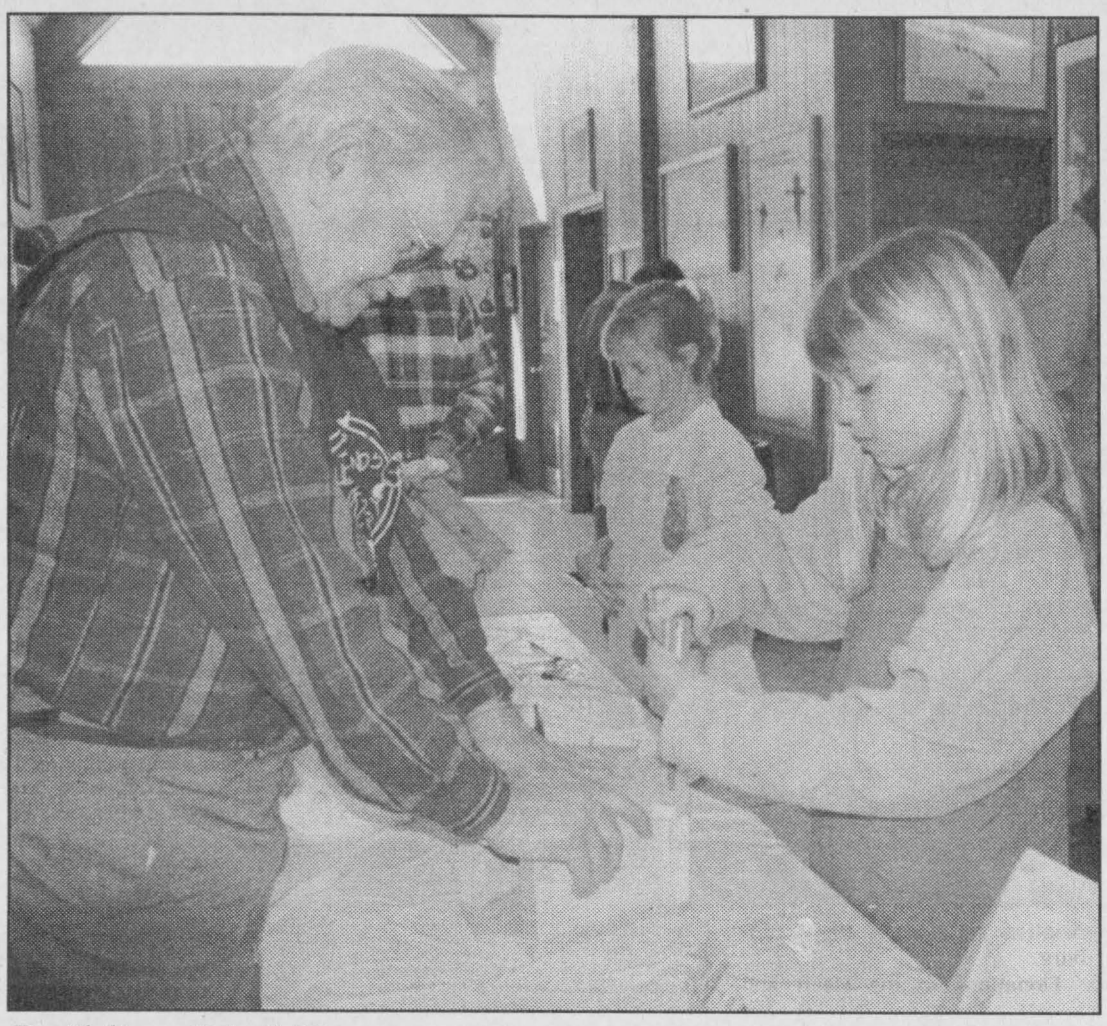
Entering five years ago as their first attempt, the SDH team won the Board Championship against CCVS, GVSS and TagwiSS. Last year the Seaway team made the "A" finals before ending up in second spot overall out of ten teams. This year the two Seaway teams will compete against teams from the entire eastern Board region. This is the third preliminary match leading to the Championships next Thursday (Feb. 24) in Cornwall.

Six students in a senior team and seven in the junior squad will represent Seaway. They have been practising once a week since the beginning of December. If you enjoy "Whose Line is it Anyway?" you will enjoy this evening too.



Improvisational picture

Students with Seaway's senior improv team mug for the camera. The group performs a brand of spontaneous, cheeky drama, kind of like *Who's Line Is It Anyway*. Seaway staff member Dave King oversees the team. *Courtesy photo.*



Building Bird Houses

This young lady screws the parts of her bird house together. Under the watchful eye of a "Friend of the Sanctuary" she learns to construct a wooden bird house. Jim Jordan and Glen Cunningham cut the pieces and made house kits. Over 20 young people were at the Sanctuary on Sunday.
Chieftain Photo - S. L. Johnston

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9:30 am - Holy Trinity
11:00 am - St. John's
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Sunday, February 20, 2000
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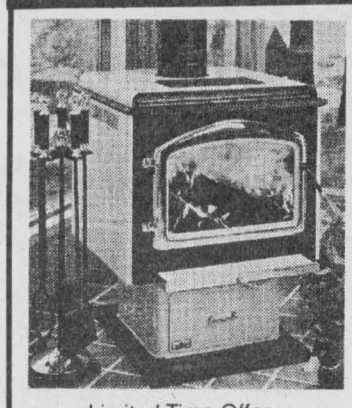
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OBITUARIES

Lorna Barkley

Suddenly as the result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, Lorna Jean Barkley of Winchester on Sunday, February 6,2000. Born in Mountain Township on February 18, 1941, she was 58 years old.

Lorna worked as a registered nurse assistant at Winchester Hospital, Osgoode Care Center and the Pearley Health Care Center until her retirement in 1997. After retirement as a NA, she felt she still had productive years left and so worked at the Winchester Auto Auction every Tuesday where she was responsible for the admitting of dealers to the auction. In addition to her job at the Auction, Lorna also worked a couple of days per week sewing for Tysick Cut and Dry.

Lorna was a lifetime resident of the area and a member of the Hallville United Church.

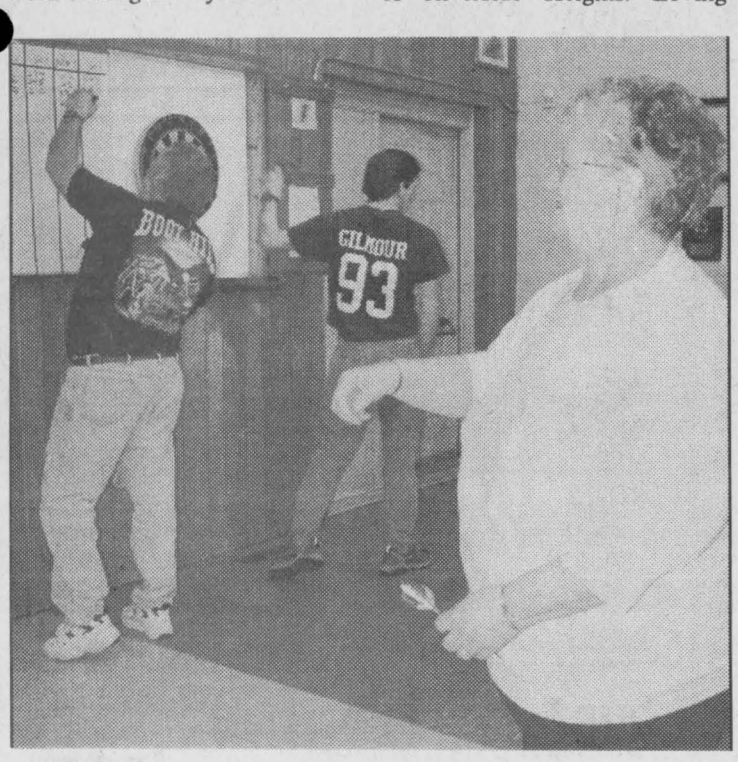
Predeceased by her father, the late Lorne Cooke, Lorna will always be remembered by her family as being, "Our strength and our supporter and she will be missed like no other, she was a mother to us all."

Mourning their loss are her Mother, Madeline (nee Fawcett) Cooke of Winchester; her beloved husband, John Barkley whom she married at Hallville United on June 10, 1961; a son, Steven (Fay) of Winchester; a daughter, Kimberly (Stewart) Wheeler of Winchester and a sister, Marian (Jerry) Michalicka of Riverside Heights. Loving grandmother to Alison, Lorna is also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as cousins who will miss her.

Lorna possessed a great love for family members who have benefited from her love and support given by her over the years. She liked to laugh and play practical jokes on her many friends, but when they needed love and support they all knew that Lorna would be there for them if they needed her. She loved animals and her three Boston Terriers (Sherri, Max and Bo) and her black Labrador Venna are going to miss the love and affection she gave each of them. Lorna loved to have a good time whether camping with family and friends or going to stock car races throughout eastern Ontario and New York State where she loved to not only watch the races but also meet new friends.

Memorial donations to CHEO or the Ottawa Humane Society were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg, where service was held on Thursday, February 10, 2000 with Rev. Marion Milnes officiating. Interment of cremated remains was at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville on Saturday, February 12, 2000 included pallbearers; Kevin and Jamie Barkley, Doug and Jamie Cheney, Donald Bartholomew and Murray Michalicka. Honorary pallbearers were Doug Beaucage and Gord Bartholomew.



Darts for Hearts

The Iroquois Legion, Branch 370 hosted the Annual Darts for Hearts tourney on Saturday. A large crowd filled the branch as darts flew and laughter grew. A good cause brought out loads of darters. Next week we'll have the amount rasied and the appreciation to those who put the effort into the day. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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Cribbage League play was enjoyed by 21 competitors packed in the lounge this past Saturday, February 12th. Wilf Summers (who practises for his games on the Internet) topped the field with a 1069 total to pad his season high average lead. Joe McDonald pegged 1063 points to finish in second spot while Karl Kirkwood's 1048 was third high score of the day. Ken Palmer grabbed 1045 and earned the bridesmaid" title.

Although only nine skunks found their way into the lounge, Willis Douglas was the recipient of three of them after starting the day strongly with three straight wins.

Although there were only ten tables of Euchre being played, first prize at the end of the evening went to Bill Sanderson, Helen Gillespie took second spot and the door prize went to Donalda Banford. Pat Waddell and Hazel Ace attracted a couple of skunks to end a lovely evening.

At Duplicate Bridge there were four and a half tables being played and the top winners of the evening were Rick and Judy Darling tied with Mildred McGinn and Marjorie Strader.

On Saturday, February 12th, we at Branch 370 hosted the Annual Darts for Hearts and again it was a huge success. Thanks to the dedicated dart players who came out and the volunteers who made certain everything ran smoothly. A more detailed account of the day's activities appears elsewhere in this issue.

This week the events at the Branch include:

Monday- Bingo in Johnstown at 1:30pm.

Tuesday- Euchre and Bridge 7:30 and 7pm.

Wednesday- Line Dancing (evening).

Thursday- Legion General Meeting at 7:30.

Friday- Mixed Dart League at 7:30pm.

See you next week!

Lena Mae Glover

Lena Mae Glover passed away at the Winchester Hospital on Monday, January 24, 2000, in her 96th year. Born on November 30, 1904 at Irena in Matilda Township, she was the daughter of the late W. MacKenzie Seeley and the former Ellen Eliza Beckstead.

Lena was educated in local schools and was a graduate of the Ottawa Normal School. She taught public school for four years. In July 1928, she was united in marriage to Bazil Glover who predeceased her in 1978.

Lena and her husband farmed in Haddo until 1950 at which time they moved to Oxford Mills to operate a General Store (now the Brigadoon Restaurant). They relocated to Morrisburg in 1965 and were employed at the Upper Canada Village until their retirement.

Lena was a woman of great Christian faith. She was a dedicated member of the Lakeshore Drive United Church and U.C.W., a charter member and past matron of the Eastern Star and a member of the Women's Institute.

She will be sadly missed by several cousins, nieces and nephews and her many friends and neighbours.

Visitation was at the Parker Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 26, afternoon and evening with an Eastern Star Service at 7 p.m. The funeral service was at the funeral home on Thursday, January 27 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Donald Smith officiating. A spring interment will be held at the Iroquois Point Cemetery, Iroquois.

Ted Rutherford

A lifetime resident of the area, Theodore "Ted" Rutherford, at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, February 10, 2000.

Last residing in Mariatown, Ted worked at various jobs during his lifetime, including truck driving, egg grading and numerous other occupations. He was a true handyman who could fix anything he put his mind to.

Born in Williamsburg on July 7, 1924, to George and Addie Rutherford (nee Barclay), both deceased. Also predeceased by four brothers and five sisters.

Mourned by his wife Iva (nee Baker), with whom he was wed on September 8, 1956, at St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg.

Sadly missed by a son and a daughter: Steven (Maggie) of Riverside Heights; and Laurie (Dennis) Keeler of Morrisburg. And sadly missed by a sister, Margaret Welch of Peterborough.

A loving and devoted grandfather to D.J., Kaitlyn and Amber, he is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He enjoyed fishing, going to yard sales, playing the guitar and singing and was known to always lend a helping hand to someone in need.

Friends called at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral took place the next morning at 11 a.m., St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg. Rev. Bill Byers presided over the ceremony, with Gerry Chater, Tony Cummins, Randy Markell, Rex Weegar, Bill Sheldrick and Doug Cassell as pallbearers. Ken Scott served as honourary pallbearer.

Spring interment of cremated remains will occur at St. James Anglican Cemetery in Morrisburg.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation are appreciated by the family.

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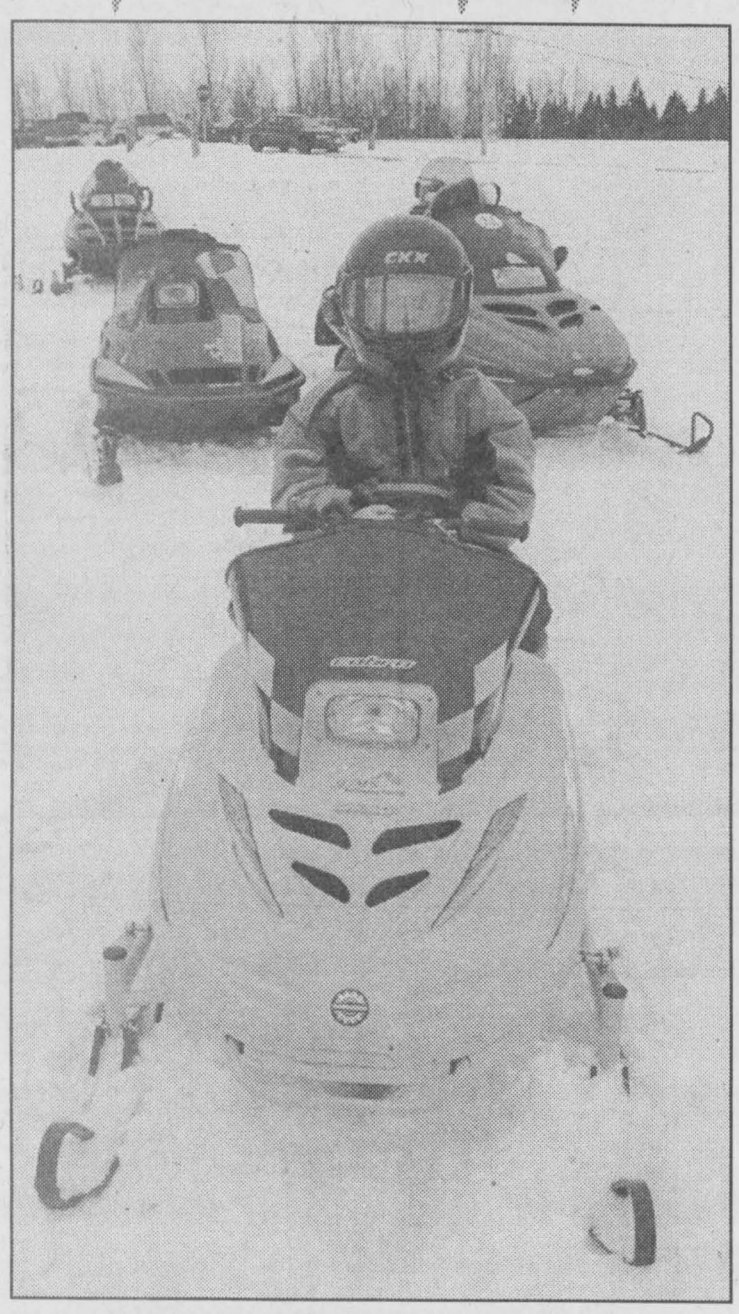

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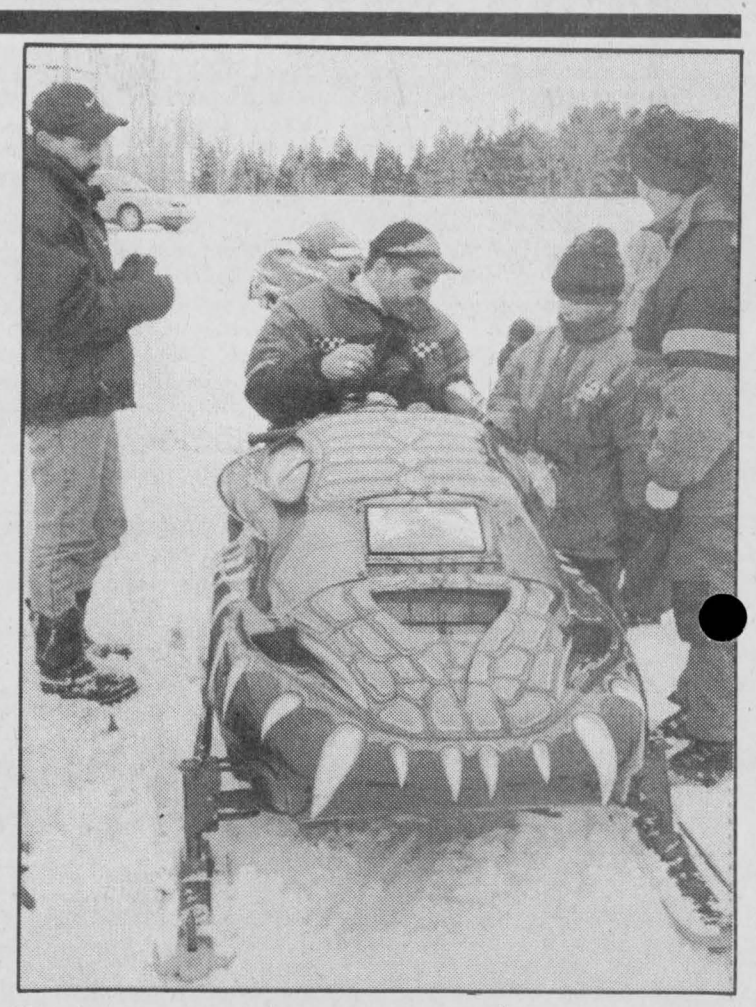
Setting out on the ski trail. Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston.



Snake fangs on the snow. Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston.

Enjoy the Outdoors in a variety of ways

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Had enough of vegetating on the couch?

Tired of the February blahs?

Got the urge to get up, get out and do something? Well, good for you. Winter is out there and it is definitely waiting for you.

Each winter the country side is transformed into a magical wonderland of snow and ice. The enchanting landscape is waiting for you to enjoy it.

Whether a walk in the woods on a sunny, brisk winter afternoon or a ride on snowmobile across the frozen, snow laden terrain is your idea of enjoyment, get out and get at it!

We live in an area of flat land where hills and mountains are mostly in our dreams, but we do have playgrounds in the snow not too far off. The Nation valley Snowmobile Association has a trail guide that will hook you and your machine up to many miles and numerous hours of riding pleasure. Stepping out most back doors in rural South Dundas will get you to a piece of the trail and a pile of fun. These well groomed and terrifically managed trails form intricate networks of snow roads that connect gas stations, restaurants, towns and lodgings in the same way our highways and byways do for cars and trucks. Snowmobiling is the fastest growing form of winter recreation and it is no wonder...anyone can take part and the guarantee of enjoyment is there for the taking.

Customize your snowmobiling to suit your needs and wants. The first coast to coast recreational trail in North America opened in 1998, the Trans Canada Snowmobile Trail is unique to us in this country...a showpiece for others to follow.

Dressing properly is important when you ride. Good clothing on the market today effectively retains heat and releases moisture. We are advised to use as many layers as necessary to look after expected temperature conditions we may encounter on the trail. Remember riding is always colder due to the wind chill. Thermal underlayers and polypropylene are best. Wind and water resistant or water proof clothing is advisable as well. If riding at night, reflective clothing, decals or tape work well. Boots are vital and those rated at least to -40 degrees provide best warmth. DOT approved helmets provide safety and warmth on the trail.

The most fun is derived from the safe and careful operation of you snowmachine. Things like not drinking and driving apply, staying on marked trails helps, checking local ice conditions before venturing on lakes and rivers, slow going in unfamiliar places, staying off roads and highways when and where possible, and perhaps the one most often ignored...do not ride alone will help you have more fun.

Being a considerate driver is a good way to preserve the environment and be a good neighbour too. Do not drive too close to houses, keep the speed down when in built up areas. Staying on marked trails and not sleding across fields where crops will be planted helter skelter helps, leave tracks-not trash, never chase wildlife and avoid spilling fuel or oil, and keeping your sled in good repair all help.

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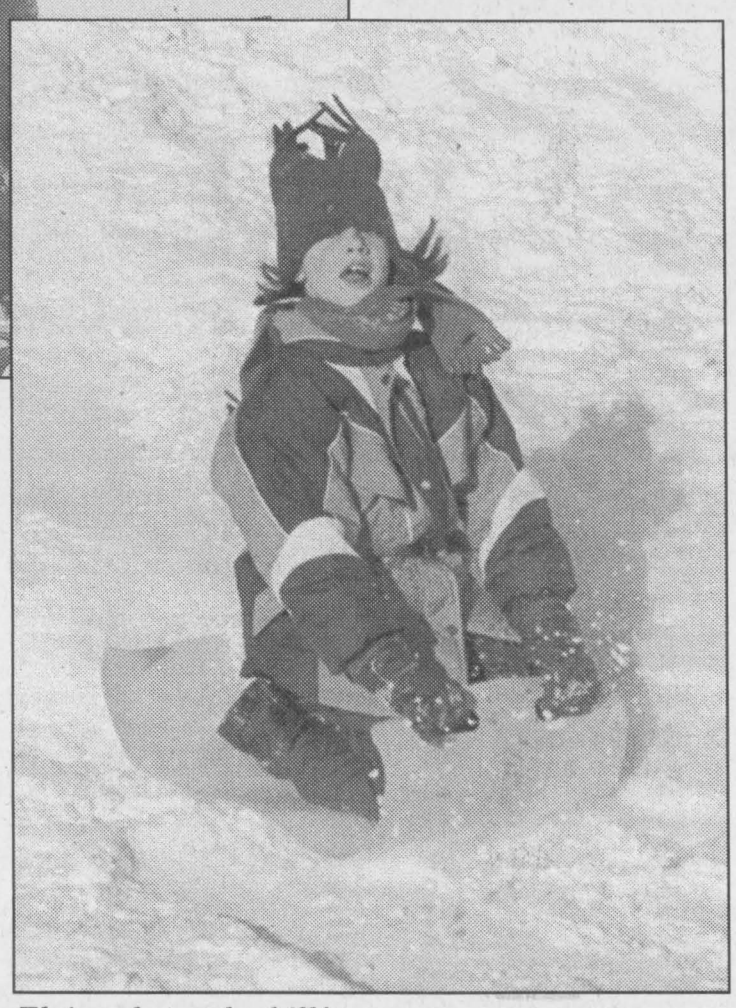

Flying down the hill!

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year. There are 922 community snowmobile clubs in Canada, there are 132,000 kms of organized snowmobile trails in Canada, sound levels for sleds have been reduced by 94% since 1972.

Things are common sense and we need only think about them. When stopping, move off the trail to the right so not to obstruct traffic. Do not stand on the trail when stopped. Turn your sled off so you can hear others coming.

Our children are our greatest resource. When they ride it is our responsibility to ensure their safety. Snacks and drinks and frequent stops will help youngsters enjoy the ride more. Kids need helmets more than adults and they need to fit properly. Small children should be tucked in front of the driver cradled in arms and legs...don't let their helmet whack you!! When they grow and can ride behind you, a backrest and arm holds are advisable. All exposed skin needs to be covered, they need to be dressed warmly. Never leave a child alone on a sled that is still ...ing...no matter what.

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New location, business growing

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After December and January renovations, Pastry Deluxe Family Bakery and Restaurant has opened up in the spot formerly occupied by the Spinning Wheel Restaurant in Morrisburg. Proprietors Linda Devaul and son, Fred, pose with the opening day cake last Friday. The eatery offers a solid menu of Canadian meals and delicious baked goods. Bill Devaul (not shown) and Fred also keep busy churning out those well-known Grandma's Donuts. The Devaul family previously operated out of the East End Promenade, which they've outgrown.

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Arena

It was also pointed out that in repairing the existing facility, nobody should be under the illusion it'll ever be anything but an old arena with 25-30 more years of life. But council felt there was no other viable alternative.

"You have to cut the garment to fit the cloth," Mayor Johnny Whitteker said, noting one of the options for a new arena — a nifty $8 million two-pad facility — would work out to $1,800 per household. "You just can't afford that."

The engineers presented council with three options for the end of this season:

- Tear down the arena and build a new single ice surface arena at $3.25 million;
- Tear down the arena and build a double ice surface arena, as outlined in the 1998 report, at $8 million;
- Fix only the truss problem, at $242,000 plus $17,500 in engineering fees, the minimum to bring the building back into compliance with the building code, and continue to look at other options;
- Or council's chosen option to spend $509,000 (includes $12,500 in engineering fees) to fix the trusses and redo the roof, which implies a long-term commitment to the building.

Going with the last option and committing to an additional $500,225 repairs, as recommended in the 1998 report, could make the building viable for up to 30 years, Eamon said.

It comes down to a million-dollar commitment, which, even five years ago, Eamon said, would've built a new arena with grants that were then available.

The initial repairs will take a minimum of three months to do and the engineers said it would be possible to start before the ice is out for the season. No decisions on a start date have been made yet.

"We have some hard decisions to make," Waddell said, noting the repairs could conflict with arena rentals. "We do have summertime commitments for that arena."

Recreation Manager Keith Robinson prompted some concern around the table when he confirmed that the cooling brine, which circulates beneath the ice surface, has begun leaking out and about 20 litres of the stuff is disappearing every week.

In a worst case scenario, it could mean digging up the concrete pad.

"I guess the question is, is this going to be a significant cost?" Eamon said. "It's another one of those items that pop up from maintaining an old facility."

Edwardsburgh

Counties in the past and now they will have representation.

The East Ward will include the former Village of Cardinal and polls one and four of the former Township of Edwardsburgh. The West Ward will be made up of polls two, three and five of the former Township of Edwardsburgh and the North Ward will be made up of polls six, seven, eight and nine of the former Edwardsburgh Township.

Before the final draft of the restructuring proposal was sent on in October, both municipalities had met publicly to pave the way for amalgamation.

The Reeve of Cardinal, Larry Dishaw had said that if Cardinal had to join forces with anyone, his choice would have been Edwardsburgh. The two communities have shared a historical relationship that goes back to the days when settlers first came to their part of the country.

While there will be an overall change on the maps of Eastern Ontario, much within the two townships will remain the same. The various boards that look after community centres and libraries in the new municipality will remain separate. The North Channel Cemetery Board will operate the same way. Any Police Services Boards that will have been established in the two municipalities will become the responsibility of the new township.

The details of the restructuring order have not been made pu[illegible] as yet but the two municipali[illegible] are not expecting major changes to their proposal.

South Nation

cident near North Dundas High School.

"Maybe we're at the point where the counties have to look at spending more money on clearing the former provincial highways."

Councillor Rose said she has seen "a marked difference" in the condition of 43 near the spot where a toddler was killed in a December car accident. "Now, the trucks are going up and down when there's nothing there."

Fawcett agreed with that assessment, but added the snowplows "seem to be scarce" when the snow starts falling.

Cole suggested North Dundas Council could take a moment to raise the issue with County Roads Superintendant Don MacDonald at this month's upcoming Ontario Good Roads Association conference in Toronto.

"We can gather him into a corner and bend his ear for 15 minutes."

South Dundas Council News

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A South Dundas resident upset with his neighbour in Edwardsburgh Township came to his local council to air out the problem.

An unopened road allowance separates Don Rogers' home from Nationview Golf Course.

South Dundas Council heard from its citizen that the course operators placed a tow-away bridge on the right-of-way during the golf season. Rogers claimed the portable bridge was 250 feet from his front porch and fears it'll be coming back for next season

"The noise and swearing is an invasion of my privacy," he said of the golfers who traverse the "high" bridge.

He complained the golfers are often drunk, verbally abusive and cause a racquet as they putter around the nearby 18th.

"The first time it happened, I was up putting shingles on my house at 8 a.m.," he said, describing the noisy players as "loaded."

"I went through an awful lot last year," he added.

He promised to call the police "every time it happens" this season.

Council said they would investigate the matter, although it was noted later that the tow-away bridge had been parked on Edwardsburgh's side of the line.

Rogers said he had already complained to the politicians in Edwardsburgh but got no satisfaction. It looks, however, like the ball is back in Edwardsburgh's court on this complaint.

Smooth spreading Kraft

Council agreed to provide a resolution in support of an application by Third High Farms Ltd. to spread Kraft biosolids on a parcel of land in the Matilda ward.

Third High Farms owner Glenn Swerdfeger owns the 146-acre property, near the landfill site. It is already approved for spreading sludge solids from DuPont's in Maitland, but Swerdfeggar needs the land to spread milk wastes from Kraft in Ingleside.

The change requires the approval of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and the council resolution will help the process along.

The liquid will be either directly injected into the soil or sprayed on with a low profile boom and plowed in within 24 hours.

Odour shouldn't be an issue, Councillor Bev Sabourin was told, although Swerdfeger couldn't guarantee there wouldn't be any complaints at all.

"We'll do our best," he said, adding complaints can even come in when he spreads plain old farm manure.

"I don't know why you're going up to Matilda," Mayor Johnny Whitteker joked. "There's lots of farms in Williamsburg who would love to have it."

Iroquois Patrol thank-you

Council and Iroquois ward Councillor Audrey Rooney received a written thank-you from members of Iroquois' Citizens on Patrol.

The township has recently supplied a cell phone to the Patrol, which counts 50 members among its ranks. They logged 1,200 hours on the streets in 1999.

Lions get set for playoffs 2000

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The weekend just over was a tough one on the ice for the PeeWee House League Lions as they faced South Grenville II Rangers in back to back games. Dropping one and squeaking a tie out of the other match up they remain in first spot over all and with four games left in regular season play are unsure who they will face in the playoffs.

On Saturday, February 12th, they hosted South Grenville II who were just too hot for the Lions. Dropping this game 4-2 the Lions were held scoreless in the first period as their opponents were able to get one past Anthony Knapman in the pipes for the Lions to go one up heading into the second frame. The lone counter was scored by Eric Spero who went in solo at :41 to count. The Lions got back in the game briefly in the second when at 14:53 Mitchell Julien went in fast, furious and alone to score on Ryan McGuire. Matt Fahringruber answered for the opposition keeping them on top with help from Jim Utman. Julien nailed another at 3:15 of the second as he skated in alone to once again put the Lions up by one. Fahringruber found his mark at 1:54 of the second to keep his squad ahead, again with help from Utman, as the buzzer sounded to end the second period. Morrisburg was unable to score in the final frame while the other team put the puck in the net one more time before the game was over as Spero bulged the twine behind Knapman as he took the pass from Alex Hewson solidifying the victory.

The Lions sat out six penalties while the opposition were in the box three times. Speaking with Coach Dale Lewis, he told The Chieftain, "The boys have to stay out of the penalty box if they are to win games." South Grenville played with their Trainer sitting out 1 of 4 games as a disciplinary measure.

Facing the South Grenville lads on their home ice on Sunday, the PeeWee Lions knew they had their work cut out for them. South Grenville got on the board first as they scored the only goal of the first period at 10:31 as Wes McFarlane went in on Knapman with linemates, Utman and Kirk Donovan for the counter. Scoring again in the second, South Grenville went up two on a goal by Jacob McGuire who had help from Matt Maloney and Eric Spero to put the Rangers up by 2. Mitchell Julien was able to get the Lions on the board at 1:15 of the second as he got a hand from Kevin McIntosh and Matt Schwerdtfeger to narrow the gap. The Rangers were able to score one more before the period ended, when with 10 seconds left to play in the period, McFarlane came down the ice hard with wingers Chris Leeder and Hewson in tow to score on Knapman who, in all fairness, did not have a chance on this one. The Lions have a lot of heart and so came back in the third like the game had just begun. Playing some good hockey, the Lions scored at 10:06 of the third off the stick of Schwerdtfeger as he took the pass from Julien and McIntosh. Donovan's goal put the Rangers ahead of the Lions by one as he found space behind Knapman at 4:01 of the third. A disallowed goal at 5:08 of the third would have tied the game for the Lions, but lady luck was not smiling on Anthony Lemaire . He never gave up and came back strong with 36 seconds left in the final frame after taking the pass from Thomas Toonders and Matt Hamilton for the last scoring play by the Lions to tie this one at 4 a piece.

The Rangers kept the penalty box warm as they spent 31 minutes there, as 11 players were nicked, ending the game with a Coach Game Misconduct. Their Trainer served his second of four game ousts. The Lions served 20 minutes in the box throughout this game. it is noteworthy that the Lions are the team with the lowest penalty minutes in the League (71). Their record sits at 13 wins, 15 loses and 3 ties.

The final home game is Friday, February 18 at 8:30 as they face Kemptville. Saturday they travel to meet Alexandria.

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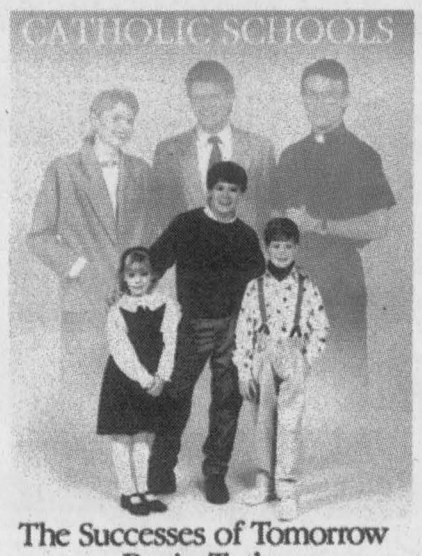

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