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Dragon Boat Races Coming!! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

The Morrisburg Lions Club is hosting a Water Fest, an appropriate celebration for the Seaway community, here are members, Glen Cunningham, Paul Gauthier, Earl Wood, Steve Prowse and Kirsten Gardner. The paddle is what paddlers who come out to experience the thrill of Dragon Boat Racing will utilize when they take to the water June 14 and 15. See you there!

Dragon Boat Races are coming to South Dundas

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"The boats, the colours, the drummers are simply awesome, this is truly a memorable experience for everyone involved!!" says Kirsten Gardner as we stand out on the dock in Morrisburg on a windy, chilly, spring afternoon. Anticipation is running high and the Lions are excited about their latest venture.

This summer is shaping up to be unique in South Dundas. One reason is that the Morrisburg and District Lions Club will be hosting their First Annual Water Fest Celebration. Only $3 gets you in to check things out. Since it is Father's Day on the Sunday, there may be incentives to encourage folks to treat dad, more on this later.

What better way to celebrate the season in a Township bordered by the mighty St. Lawrence river? Exhibitors are anxious to take part, showing their water related items. The Morrisburg waterfront area will come alive June 14 and 15 as some forty booths are anticipated by the organizers. A variety of vendors will be showing their wares, and there will be loads of interaction between vendors and visitors.

Lion Earl Wood notes, "This is our first attempt at something like this, it is all new to us and so we will be happy to fill the booths. We are just getting our feet wet as it were, but everyone is anxious to get going. It seems to be an easier sell than I thought to encourage vendors to come and take part." He adds there will be something for everyone, from waxes and cleaners for your boat, to bait and tackle, the Charter Fishing people are coming,
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Local Liberals gather as election time draws closer

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh Provincial Liberal Association hosted their annual Trillium Dinner in Cornwall late last week. It was an evening of hand shakes and congratulations as the party faithful gathered to listen to special guest Joe Cordiano, MPP of York South-Weston, Opposition Critic for SuperBuild-Infrastructure talk tough about the Tories at Queen Park. A show of support for their candidate in the upcoming election, Jim Brownell was also evident, and a hearty demonstration of appreciation for a job well done was extended to MPP John Cleary who is stepping aside at then end of the term.

Also on hand was Bob Kilger, MP and John Cleary MPP both of whom represent the people of Stormont-Dundas and Charlottenburgh at the Federal and Provincial levels respectively.

Speaking to the press prior to the dinner which was attended by more than 150 Liberal supporters, Mr. Cordiano explained how "Premier Eves had completely ignored the legislature, the tenant of democracy, with his mythical budget, which provided goodies for everyone and then some!" He referred to the Tories' ideas as flip-flopping, one day going this way and the next day going another direction. "Just look at the Hydro Electric market, it is in a shambles thanks to the Tory Government, on day he's going to privatize the industry and the next cap rates, this only points to mismanagement" said Cordiano, who went on to say,"The demand side continues to be there, it is the supply that needs attention. This government has done very little as far as conservation is concerned."

He continued, "We, the Liberal Party of Ontario have a clear plan, our message to the people is clear. This province needs a lot to restore the faith in a democratic government institution. We need help in education, in health care and a kick start for the economy."

He added that he does not look at polls. "If we are clear about our needs for a strong economy to sustain us, a better health care system and schools where our young people can gain the knowledge they need for the future, we can't help but win."

Leadership is vital to the party in power and Cordiano suggested that Eves has been insensitive to the needs of the people and arrogant as he goes about the business of the province. Without tabling the budget in the legislature, the Tories have shown a blatant disregard and the system will fail to operate properly. On the other hand, Dalton McGinty, the Liberal leader is focused on the things that matter, including health care and education.

When questioned about health care he stressed that hospital restructuring is causing trouble in a variety of ridings, including his own and he is afraid that they will all be lost in the shuffle of an election. "The necessary services are not being provided to people and they cannot carry on the way they are, the Tories are allowing these facilities to stall.
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Heritage coordinator makes presentation to S. Dundas Council

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Kirsten Gardner, Heritage Co-ordinator for South Dundas was at the last Council meeting to discuss plans for future activities.

Mark Guy was also on hand to present his idea for a recreational children's program called "Best I Can Be." The program is a daily camp with different activities aimed at school age children. The camp has been a success in Winchester with a large enrolment and activities being held at the Winchester Arena. Guy has been in business for fifteen years and previously worked as Recreation Director in Kanata. He is currently looking for support from Council, and also a venue for the camp.

Councillor Bill Ewing stated that a program for children ran last year in Iroquois and he was worried the "Best You Can Be Project" would interfere. Luke Stime and Dana Summers ran a children's program last year, but Gardner feels that this is a different idea, and will not duplicate any other planned projects.

Gardner also asked Councils permission to hold a Garlic Festival on August 16th at the Carman House Museum in Iroquois. Once again Ewing questioned Gardner saying he had already seen flyers and felt that the Festival had been promoted before permission was gained from Council. Councillor Robert Gillard answered that "It's a good idea, sometimes you can't wait for a Council Meeting, the job will never get done."

Gardner and Glen Cunningham also brought council up to date concerning the planned murals for South Dundas. A meeting held to discuss the proposed
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N. Dundas puts projects on hold so tax levy attainable

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Department Heads met with North Dundas Council to present their draft Budget on Monday night. At a previous meeting Mayor Cousineau asked Department Heads to re-think their plans, and make substantial cuts to bring the tax levy down to a reasonable amount.

The biggest project being looked at was the new fire hall in South Mountain. Needing some $300,000 for the project, Arden Carruthers, Roads Superintendent presented a plan to finance the project over a three year period. Needing $75,000 this year to start building construction, he also made other necessary cuts to the budget including bunker gear, quarry pump and coveralls.

The Fire Chief agreed that although this plan would lower the budget it was not helping the situation. "If we don't proceed now with this project prices will go up on construction costs. Also the landowner has given notice that if the project is not completed within a two year time frame, he will donate the land to someone else."

Mayor Cousineau told the Fire Chiefs that "I would love to begin construction tomorrow, taxes would have to be raised $15% to get the $300,000.

Councillor Allan Armstrong presented a proposition making the project possible this year. The needed money would be borrowed from the hydro reserve fund and treated as a loan, with repayment taking place over the next five years. Councillor Schoones was concerned about the removal of more money from
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Teachers escalated job action Monday

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The secondary teachers with the Upper Canada School Board have been without a negotiated collective agreement since September 2001. Over a month ago, teachers began a limited legal sanction. "We are really disappointed no settlement has been reached after negotiating this week. We remain anxious to get back to the bargaining table and resolve the outstanding issues," said Carson Kilpatrick, President of the Teacher's Bargaining Unit in OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation), District 26, Upper Canada.

The teacher job action has escalated effective Monday, April 7, 2003. The teachers remain committed to maintaining their high level of instruction for students. In addition to the sanctions in place, teachers will no longer cover the duties of absent teachers. Administrative duties, such as the inputting of report card marks will be curtailed but student assessment will continue and marks will be reported to the office in each school. "It is not
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Still Learning

A small crowd showed up at the Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixons Corners wanting to Learn Something New. Here Richard Zandbergen and Kathy Dentz help show local residents Herman DeVries, Linda Southam and Jessie Guerkink the ins and outs of computers while two others look on. Cooking and sewing were also being taught at the Church.
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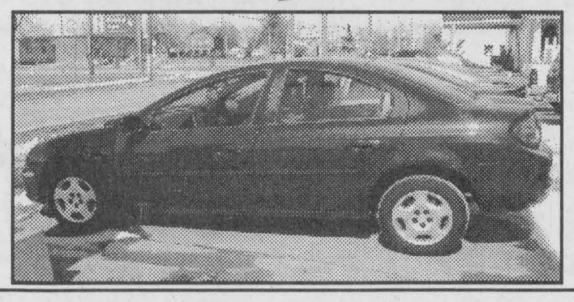

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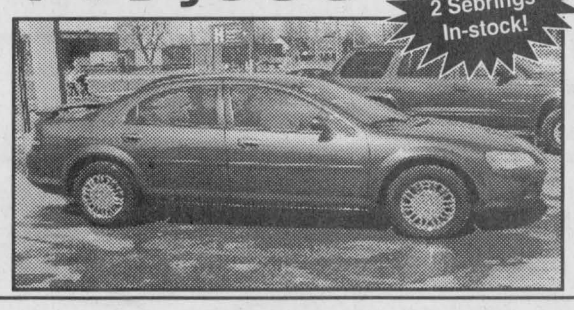

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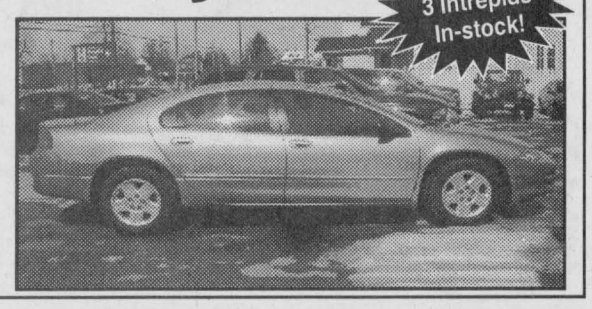
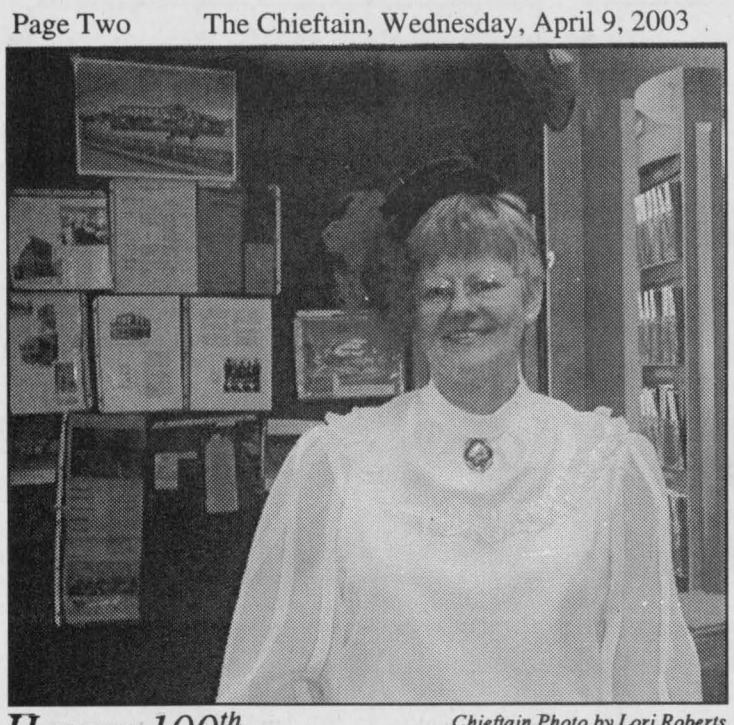




Happy 100th *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

Customers at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Cardinal helped celebrate their 100th birthday with cake, coffee and balloons on Friday. Betty Baldwin, Manager and the bank employees greeted customers in traditional dress from a time long ago.

Students go hungry for World Vision

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Students at Seaway District High School will participate this weekend, April 11 and 12, to support the Thirty Hour Famine an international fundraiser in support of World Vision.

Jessica Weatherhead a grade 12 Seaway student and organizer of the event hopes to raise $5,000 for the cause. World Vision sends support to ninety countries, and one million dollars from the international event will be sent to Iraq.

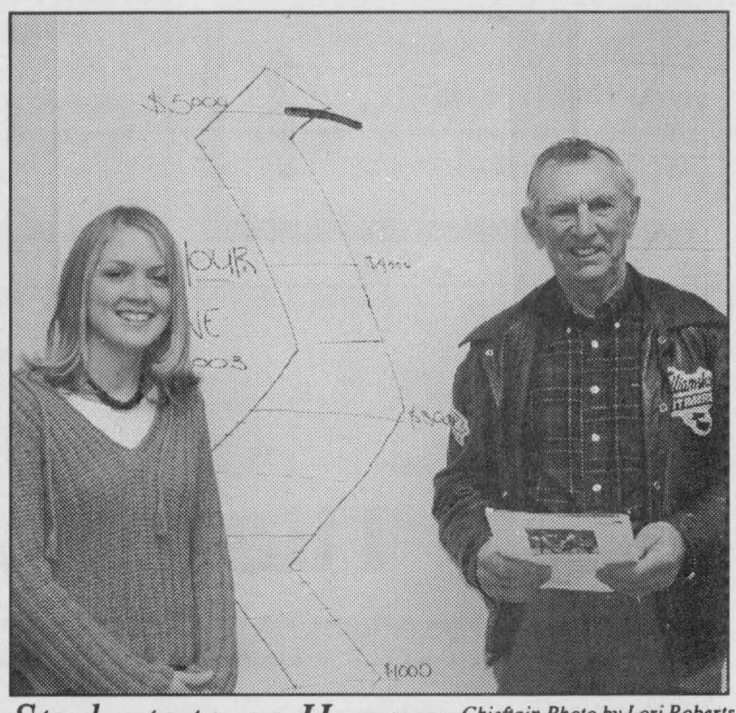
The 30 Hour Famine will begin Friday morning and conclude Saturday with a "Feast" at the Christian Reform Church in Dixons Corners. During the 30 hours students cannot eat but can drink fruit juice.

There will be a variety of events planned including a scavenger hunt, to take the students minds off the hunger pangs. Mayor Johnny Whitteker told Jessica the Township will donate the Civic Centre to the group free of charge, and also encouraged students to join the group and residents of South Dundas to sponsor a student for this worthy cause.

Other events be held to benefit World Vision are an in school bake sale on Tuesday in the cafeteria, and a car wash this Saturday, April 12th at the Car Wash located at Pashell Fuels in Iroquois. All monies collected above the cost of the car wash machine will be donated to the World Vision campaign. Owner Frank Ault has donated the facility for use, so come and sit in your car while Seaway students do the work.

To sponsor a student or to donate juice or prizes for the event please call Seaway High School at 652-4878.

The grade eight students at the Timothy Christian School participated in the 30 hour famine this past Friday. They were joined by students from the Athens Christian School for the international fundraiser.



Students to go Hungry *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

Seaway students will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine for World Vision this weekend. Here Jessica Weatherhead a grade 12 student shows Mayor Whitteker the progress being made on the total board. The Mayor encouraged all students to get involved.

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New Business Welcomed in Morrisburg

Claudette Pitre of Head to Sole Massage Therapy opened her new business in Morrisburg recently. The welcoming committee included Anne Marie Waddell (SDEC), Bill Ewing (Morrisburg BIA), Claudette, Mayor Johnny Whitteker and Karen Gorrell (Chamber of Commerce. Claudette hopes to make her new business a long and prosperous stay.

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

Great turnout for first Annual Spencerville Trade Show

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The first annual Spencerville Trade Show hosted by the Spencerville Agricultural Society welcomed over 550 visitors to check out the products available locally for their needs. Some 51 vendors displayed and explained their products last weekend at the Drummond Building in Spencerville. Although the weatherman did not cooperate very well, the organizers were pleased with the turnout and those who did manage to brave the elements enjoyed an informative and interesting time.

Close to one hundred door prizes were donated by the vendors allowing a prize to be won every half to one hour throughout the entire show. The Grand Prizes were two pairs of Ottawa Senators tickets for the 2003-2004 NHL season donated by RHIL Legal Services of Prescott. The lucky winners were Cora Beking of Merrickville and Maretta Hay of Kemptville.

The Trade Show received several garden shrubs courtesy of John McCrea, Certified Arborist of Roebuck. Grouped with pots of blooming tulips, the show raffled off the shrubs as three spring garden packages. Winners were Mark Boivin of New Dublin, Dave Mantle of Merrickville and Marg Morgan of Mountain.

Organizers have already received incredible feedback and comments complimenting the professionalism of the the show, the vendors and visitors alike. Hundreds of volunteer hours went into the show and President Sheila Bush expressed her appreciation to Executive Directors, Janet Davidson and Mary Tessier who she called, "The driving forces behind the show." Helping in making the show a success were sponsored ads in the Kemptville Advance, Prescott Journal and Winchester Press. The Spencerville Agricultural Society wants to thank all who helped make their first (but not last) Spring Trade Show such a great success. They plan to see everyone next spring!!



Spencerville Spring Trade Show

The organizers of the first annual Spencerville Spring Trade Show considered their event a big success. A great turnout despite the nasty weather on Saturday,many like this attractive booth for the Spencerville Fair were very inviting.

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Shortly after 1:00 am on March 27th, members of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP were called to the scene of a robbery, which had just occurred at the Pioneer Gas Bar on County Road 31 near the village of Winchester. Two males dressed in black clothing and wearing masks entered the gas bar where they confronted an employee, taking a quantity of cash and cigarettes from the business.

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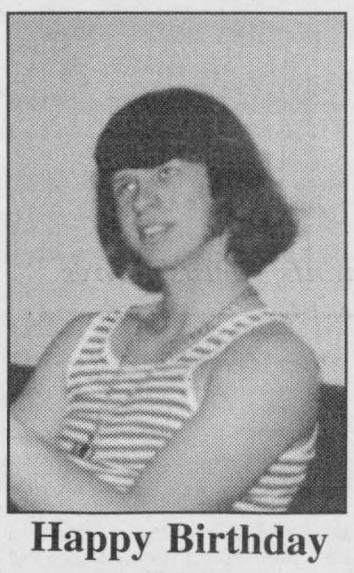

Happy Birthday Bill

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

There were only twelve in Cribbage League play last Saturday as several regulars were competing in Darts or Euchre elsewhere. Linda McKee enjoyed the perfected day of nine wins and 1089 points in Doubles play while Karl Kirkwood pegged 1053 to take second place. Dennis Wright was just three points behind in third while Darin Eden occupied the "Bridesmaid" chair with 1044 points. There were ten skunks dished out during the afternoon and snatching a pair each were Roger Coulter, Bob Esford, Bob McKee and Wilf Summers. Just two weeks remain in the Cribbage schedule and the battle for first over all has tightened up after Saturday's action.

I cannot give any information as to how the Euchre Tourney in Cardinal, Branch 105 turned out, I received no tallies.

Our Ladies Auxiliary team of Joan Christie, Pat Hart, Joyce Murphy and Sheila Holmes competed in District Darts at Branch 148 in Renfrew. They did not have any luck, but enjoyed their day and met some great comrades.

Euchre is back in action with eleven tables busy. and first prize went to Vera Wallace with second going to Cecil McDermott. Louella Gilmer grabbed the door prize. Skunks were spotted hanging around and were immediately attracted to Garfield Wright and Betty Lou Shaver.

Five tables of Duplicate Bridge were occupied. Winners were Rick and Judy Darling.

The Pot of Gold was won by Michael Jones who was NOT signed in!

Remember comrades, although the daily luncheons are not available, Friday lunch is still on. Chef Norma tells me this week it is spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread. The dessert is unknown yet, but will be tasty as usual.

Darts for Cancer will be hosted at the Iroquois Branch 370 this Saturday, April 12. All proceeds will be donated to Volley for Cancer. It will feature a blind draw, the price is only $5 a person to play. Register from 11am until 12 noon with play set to begin at 1pm. For any info please call Cecil at 543-2607 or the Legion at 652-4516.

As the season changes an the Cribbage League play concludes, and as the darts stop flying, Cribbage will remain happening at the Branch as a daily game will be played regularly and summer darts are in the planning stages. Plans are afoot as well to create a Horse Shoe League at the Branch for the summer. It looks interesting and there are some twenty names on the signup sheet.

This IS election time at the Branch, not just for the executive but for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice and President. Some of the present executive have served for some time and it is felt it is time for a change, new blood brings new ideas. Everyone is welcome to step forward and accept the challenge. There has been a lot accomplished but there is always something yet to do, come on out and join the excitement. This week is the Executive Meeting, next week the General Meeting, we need as many comrades to come out and show your interest. We need your support at the General meeting, see you there! Give it some thought...

FROM THE FRONT

Teachers

our intention to jeopardize the future of students currently applying for post secondary programs. Instruction and assessments still continue and the Board has been given sufficient notice to arrange for additional data entry support if necessary and for any supply teachers needed to cover absent teachers," said Kilpatrick.

"Although some progress was made at the bargaining table this week, there are still a number of outstanding monetary and non-monetary issues. We are anxious to have these issues resolved as quickly as possible," said Rhonda Kimberley-Young, Vice-President of OSSTF and Chair of the Teacher's Negotiating Team.

OSSTF District 26 teacher's bargaining unit represents approximately 900 public high school teachers employed by the Upper Canada District School Board.

Heritage

education mural on Seaway High School was well attended, with twenty five people attending. The teachers present created a panel of eleven people who are very enthusiastic to create the mural, which will illustrate the history of education in this area.

Thank You

To all those that contributed to the success of Timothy Christian School Annual Bazaar on March 8, 2003.

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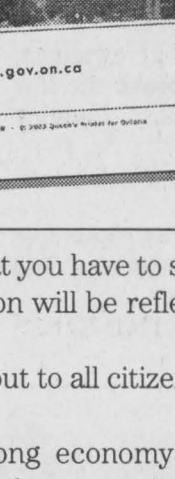

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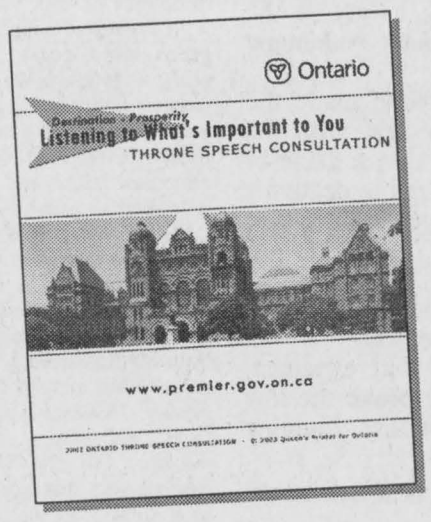

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Ryan Hreljac travels to China and Japan for World Water Forum

By Theresa Roach
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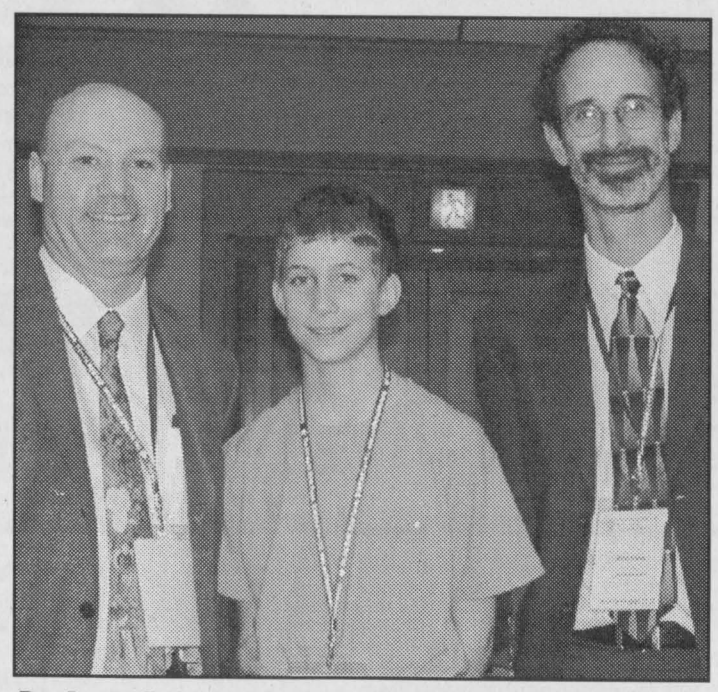
North Grenville resident, 11 year old, Ryan Hreljac recently travelled to China and Japan with his mom, Susan and brother, Keegan.

The first stop in their trip, which they left for on March 8 and returned on March 23, was in Beijing at which time Ryan and Susan were interviewed on a China Central TV (CCTV) show called "Tell It Like It Is."

The show is a 40 minute talk show and is broadcast at 9:15 pm on Sundays on CCTV1 and rebroadcast on the following Monday at 4:05 pm. It's repeated on CCTV4 at 3:30 pm and 10:05 pm on Sundays. The show featuring Ryan and his mom was set to be broadcast on Sunday, March 23, but had to be rescheduled due to coverage of the war.



Dr. Jamie Bartram, Ryan Hreljac and Dr. Peter Gleick.

The program is broadcast across China with an audience of about 100 million people and program on CCTV4 are broadcast all over the world. The show is known as one of the best talk shows in China and has won numerous awards and honors.

The same day as the interview, university student from Liao Ning Province and Ryan's Well volunteer, Yang Song and CCTV took Ryan, his mom and Keegan to the Great Wall. The trio travelled to Osaka, Kyoto and Otsu, Japan after leaving Beijing.



Ryan Hreljac in China.

Ryan attended the World Water Forum and the Children's World Water Forum along with about 8,000 other delegates. The trip was sponsored by UNICEF for Ryan and his mom, but brother Keegan, who went along as a volunteer photographer was paid for by his parents.

As one of the few children who attended the World Water Forum, Ryan gave a few presentations and acted as the Master of Ceremonies for UNICEF and the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council during the launch of the WASH program. This program is an initiative between the two organizations. There was a panel of four people on hand during the launch, including Nane Annan, Sir Richard Jolly of Britain and South African Water Minister Ronnie Kasrils.

During his stay in Japan, Ryan also had the opportunity to meet with Princess Takamodo at the launch of the Children's Water Forum.

Ryan's dad, Mark Hreljac says everything is going great and UNICEF wants Ryan to become an ambassador for them. Throughout the year, Ryan has many presentations planned including, a tentatively scheduled speech at the Earth Day Presentation at Ashbury College in Ottawa on April 22, a presentation at St. John's United Church on April 27 in Kanata and a tentative trip to Vancouver where he will be the keynote at a fundraiser with CPAR (Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief) on May 10.

He will attend the third World Congress for Child and Youth Health at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre where he will provide a keynote address on May 11 and he will be on Gabriola Island, British Columbia on May 12 and 13 for the Community Fundraiser/Presentation to Students at Gabriola Elementary/Aurora Learning Centre.

Ryan will be a keynote speaker at the Annual Peace Festival of the Catholic School Board of Ottawa on May 27 and from May 30 to June 1 he will be at the Millennium Kids Canada Conference in Waterloo.

Can't Believe We Made It!

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 1950's, 1960's or even the early 1970's, probably should not have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright coloured, lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm summer day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors!

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but no one ever thought twice about fat or calories because we were always outside running and playing.

We ate eggs every morning, and barbecued our red meat steaks and never once thought about high cholesterol or hardened arteries.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one actually died from this.

We played with toy guns, some looked very real. Sometimes we made them ourselves, we used wood and rubber bands. But we didn't grow up killing other people.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot to install the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we got up, shook ourselves off and solved the dilemma.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the moon started to rise.

No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable!

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, movies on video, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes the ball really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut, and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents!

We had fights and punched each other out and got black and blue and learned to get over it. Most importantly we didn't get our mothers involved.

We didn't have mathematical calculators, computers or the internet. If we needed an answer we used a pencil, paper and our brains. We used encyclopedias and dictionaries,and we most certainly did not have spell check.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever. And no matter how cold it was outside our faces never froze in any particular position, nor did our eyes ever stay forever in the crossed position.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door, or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. We biked everywhere with friends to get to the corner store, the old swimming hole, the park and many other places.

Little League had try outs and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with the disappointment. Sometimes we would even play a game of pick up ball, not everything had to be organized to death for us. Not every teams needs a coach, manager, trainer or a fundraiser to make it fun.

Some students were not as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Horrors! Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

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And you are one of them. CONGRATULATIONS!

Birthday celebrated at the Ranch

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

A load of good news this week as far as the sons are concerned. Those of your who read the Ottawa newspapers, the Sun or the Citizen take special note, since son number one is enjoying his placement at the Ottawa Lynx Organization. Adverts which he has worked on appear in various daily issues. The Lynx ads are his. His folks are pretty proud and he seems to be having a good time as he works. He and his band will be playing at a club in the city as the cover group for another local group of boys, as Fan Belt Seven has the gig and asked number one son's group to warm the stage for them. We will not be able to make the performance, but he knows we are there in thought nonetheless.

He arrived home on Friday evening and presented his dad and his old mother with their birthday gifts, a nice bottle of bubbly and a CD which he created especially for each of us with our favourite tunes included. Sunday was the big day for the writer while the big guy celebrates this Friday. We attended a political fundraiser on Thursday evening and the food was something out of this world, starting with cream of asparagus soup, a green salad, roast beef that cut with a fork it was so tender, roasted potatoes, market veggies and the desert...the most heavenly Italian desert-Tiamisu served with chocolate lattice and fresh berries. It looked as great as it tasted!

Friday was a rather difficult day as the writer was not feeling great, chest pains and muscles aches, sore stomach area and cramps. The headache had been building throughout the week and struck with a cruel vengeance on Friday. Sweats and dizziness finally subsided at noon.

Adding to the problems the camera was not working as well as it should, as well as it usually does. Then number two son calls, his computer is on the fritz again, something about needing more memory, and so send cash to cover the damage... and just when I had transferred some for his groceries and such already! Tough to get ahead for sure.

After a cuppa with friends, we stopped to grab a Super 7 ticket and then it happened, the Bronco refused to start. The key switch was busted. It was a darn cold night for a walk, so a call went out to a number of people to secure a ride home. Finally a brother was located and he came to take us home where we warmed up considerably. Decisions to be made...a call to the OPP as we did not get a fine resulted in a rather harsh rebuke from the officer and a suggestion that we best get it towed as soon as possible. The wrecker driver was unsure if it could be towed since it was locked in park and all, but at midnight we were following the tow truck home with the Bronco looking at us with a forlorn stare. Once in our yard we blocked the wheels and headed inside after we paid the charge. Weather warnings had us wondering what to expect on Saturday and when we awoke we were not too surprised. Luckily we had the truck safely in the yard afterall. The range of seasons we experienced was wild, from rain to ice rain to ice pellets to snow, and then the wind came up and blew bitterly and we snuggled deeper under the blanket. The sick feelings were at a high level and most of the day was spent on the couch. The coworker was on duty and so we called to ask a favour, getting our licence stickers, something one of us was supposed to take care of but didn't!

Sunday was a better day weatherwise, but there was a lot of snow around and the plows had been out so what was left would have to melt away as the sun warmed things a bit. A call from my mum as she sang Happy Birthday to me and the breakfast in bed courtesy of the big guy were very nice. The bouquet of flowers and the money, the cake and that hot sauce that I am wild over were great, the IOU lunch out and a new piece of clothing my choice are yet to come...the gift that continues to give when I am free, wow! Number one son came back with the girlfriend and she had gifts from her self and her family, an Easter Lily and a set of commemorative Mustangs.

Some tickets that were not lucky yet (one is a Super 7 for this Friday's draw) came from the brother and his wife and the great-nephew brought some Harry Potter items for his old Aunt. His marvellous giggly laugh was actually gift enough for a sick old woman! Friends had us for supper and it was delicious. They too gave us gifts, we are so fortunate to be remembered. A couple of beach mats, a book of hiking fun and a CD each with soothing sounds that will take us back to PEI again are appreciated.

A week of trips to Prescott before work to have the big guy to school on time and then heading back to Iroquois keeps me busy. He gets the ride home with a staffer, is not anticipated with any smiles. Hopefully the Bronco will be repaired soon and we can get back into the regular routine. Arranging rides is a hassle. The parts are ordered and repairs will be effected asap.

The shovels are out and being used again. The walkway was snow covered this morning as we headed to work, when will it end? Flurries in the forecast for tomorrow, cabin fever or spring fever has struck and we are just a bit tired of the white stuff. I know it could be worse, but the one knee is swollen so badly it hurts to sit, and walking is simply a real pain! The arthritis does not like the humid or damp weather, the head aches when the barometer drops of jumps or whatever it does, the fingers swell and typing becomes a problem, oh well the sun will come out tomorrow, or at least eventually, won't it? The big guy walks gingerly yet as he does not want that pain in the leg to return, we are a pretty sad pair of wrinklies (an English phase number one one son brought back from merry ole' England!) these days...what can we do?

Good News from the University son, he applied for an intership with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Peterborough, it is an actual course that is added to the timetable of the single student they choose. Some 185 applied and yup, our boy got the nod for the fall semester! We are busting out all over with pride for sure, he gets this as an addition to his degree when he graduates, which can only help in the future, the more you have the better, eh? Both sons are doing a great job in their chosen fields of learning...we need only keep transferring the money each week!

Take it easy as we anticipate spring will actually arrive soon. Don't toss the winter clothes away in the closet yet. The wisdom this week comes from Henry Ford who said, "Anyone who stops learning grows old whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." Til next week...

the bottom line

OFFICIALS AT WDMH REPORT THAT SURGERY AND OUTPATIENT Clinics have resumed at the hospital, but interated that restrictions on visitors, volunteers and auxiliary workers still remain in effect as part of the continuing provincial wide directives to control the spread of SARS. Anyone requiring emergency services or coming to the Hospital for a scheduled appointment or surgery must enter by the Registration entrance where they will undergo a SARS screening procedure in advance of gaining entry to the Hospital. Hospital staff continue to use a separate door and are screened daily for SARS. Visitors access to the hospital remains restricted. The Hospital has issued the following information:Visitors who complete the screening process and meet the following criteria will be permitted to enter: families, partners, significant others of patients whose condition is expected to significantly deteriorate within the next 24-48 hours (2 visitors per patient). Spouses or partners of expecting mothers or mothers who have delivered within the past 24 hours (1 visitor per patient) and persons assisting frail/elderly/disabled persons to attend an appointment (1 visitor per patient) or persons assisting patients who need help to leave the hospital following discharge (1 visitor per patient). There is currently no estimate on how long these measures will remain in effect. Hospital Administrator, Andre Rodier said," We are very pleased to be able to provide clinical and surgical services again. Patients and the public need to know that the Hospital is open to meet their medical and emergency needs.

Restrictions on visitors have been deemed necessary by the provincial authorities at this time as one way of limiting potential spread of SARS. To date, we have had no suspect cases of SARS at the Hospital. We continue to monitor and adjust our procedures as the provincial directives issued by Dr. James Young, Commissioner of Public Safety and Security and Dr. Colin D'Cunha, Public Health/Chief Medical Officer of Health are updated." Anyone experiencing possible symptoms of SARS, which include a fever at or above 38 degrees, general muscle aches, persistent headache, respiratory difficulties and a dry cough can call Telehealth at 1-800-797-0000. Members of the public who need SARS information should call the Health Infoline at 1-888-668-4636

LETTERS

Dear Editor

With the on going debate of a Smoking by-law, I feel I would like to share with the general public my presentation made to the Committee of Volunteers working for the Township. Their role is to somehow get the pulse of the citizens of South Dundas, and I assume submit some sort of recommendation for a by-law. I am an ex-smoker, having quit when they went over $1 a pack, (a few years ago). It was the hardest thing I have ever done. While I strongly encourage people not to smoke, and realize the dangers of second hand smoke, I have a somewhat different view than most on this issue. Please take the time to make YOUR council aware of your point of view, regardless of where you sit on this issue. Please take a moment or two to consider mine.

First of all, I want to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity to speak and possibly add something to the ongoing debate over smoking/non smoking. The McIntosh Country Inn has grown into a thriving, vibrant, vital part of our community. We have done this by catering to the areas broad needs, whether that is from Minor Hockey, the Canadian Club or the Liberal Party of Canada. Our population base simply does not allow us to do anything other than just that, cater to the needs of every single citizen of South Dundas-regardless of their political stripe of anything else.

When we purchased the Inn in 1997, 80% of our guest rooms were smoking, and 20% non-smoking. In less than six years this has changed to 83% non-smoking and 17% smoking. This has changed simply for one reason, increased demand for non-smoking rooms. Not because of a by-law. However we have maintained the flexibility necessary to accommodate special needs. If we get a request for a group wanting 45 rooms for a Christmas party and 85% of guests require/request a smoking room, we accommodate them. Quite simply we can't afford not to. We may charge them extra, because each of these rooms will have to be thoroughly cleaned, shampooed, ionized etc. One example of this would be a local construction company's Christmas party. There have been many others, believe it or not, from groups of teachers to Federal employees. This also works the other way. If we require more non-smoking rooms then we prescrub the necessary rooms. That means walls, ceiling, carpets, drapes, mattresses etc. etc. Anything to meet the needs of our guests.

When it comes to the dining room, it has gone from 20% non-smoking section to being 100% smoke free. We made this change on our own, without any by-law. We are lucky enough to be able to offer an alternative, that being Mac's Tavern. A scenario may be that a table of six eats in the dining room and two are smokers. During the course of their meal service, these two quite often step into the Tavern for a quick smoke. The option is there. In my opinion we have what I feel is an ideal situation. It allows us to meet the needs of the majority of my customers.

I have heard it said that the current battle of smokers/non smokers rights is incorrectly identified as a battle of wills between these two groups. Really this is a battle over the property rights of restaurant and bar owners. There is a clear distinction between public property like city hall that is owned by the government, and private property like your home, which is owned by you. Most people accept the fact that the city has the right to control smoking in City Hall and you have the right to control whether or not anyone smokes in your home. But lately it seems people have developed the notion that private property like a bar or restaurant suddenly falls into a new category merely because the owner decides to open it up for all and **sundry** to enter. They confuse the two meanings of the adjective **public, "owned"** by the person, versus **"open"** to the people. Suddenly they think government has the right to decide whether or not visitors smoke on private property. Since non-smokers do not own the air inside bars, they can't claim any "right" to a smoke free environment. What they do have the right to do is look for someone who will provide restaurant space that meets their smoke free specifications. If the demand is there, then it will be met. That is the way our democratic system is supposed to work. However legislating their way to smoke free dining quite simply is stepping of the restaurant/bar owners rights.

It is partial confiscation of his property to meet some group's specific needs. You may question the description of the McIntosh Inn as a private property, but rest assured it is. I have the right to have anyone barred from coming on my property for just cause, and I have been so inclined a few times.

Many people is discussion tend to throw forward the Tim Horton's success story. Tim Horton's can in no way be compared to a bar. First of all 40-60% of Tim Horton's business is derived from drive through traffic. Second of all, most people that enter for a coffee and donut tend to sit 15 minutes or less. Quite simply a break, then they move on and have their smoke outside. On the other hand, most of my bar patrons come in for a longer period of time, to watch the game on TV, play pool, chat with friends etc. Quite different from Tim Horton's.

You may ask, what about my staff having to work in this environment. Well all but one of my servers/bartenders smoke. The one non-smoker is my daughter. I personally do not encourage my staff to quit smoking. The dangers of smoking certainly are well documented. I also feel in most cases a non-smoker tends to be a better employee-less breaks-less sick time etc. etc.

But I do feel even stronger that this issue should be handled by the free market economy. There is certainly a market for both and there is no doubt in my mind that sooner or later the demand for non smoking bars will accomplish the same thing as any by-law, without putting anyone out of business, Bars. Legions, Golf Clubs, Bingo Halls etc. should decide for themselves which way to go, based on demand and input from their customers and/or members. That way it becomes a sound business decision that is made by the owner himself.

Absolutely nothing could be worse than throwing your life savings (not to mention your heart and soul) into a business only to lose it all due to a government regulation.

I guess in closing if it were entirely my choice to write a by-law for South Dundas, it would follow the formula readily known as the KISS system-Keep it simple stupid. It would read "Any business etc. that desires to provide it's patrons with a smoking environment shall post signs at all entrances to this business warning that this is a smoking environment and as such will be hazardous to your health. Then the paying customers of this business will as one of my partners' says "Vote with their feet". If they don't support the owner's decision, rest assured if he is a smart business person, he will change his policy quickly.

South Dundas has been a leader in many areas in the last few years. I feel we can lead in this area as well. Following the status quo is not always leading. Here is another chance. Once again, I thank you for this privilege.

Tom Morrow
Morrisburg, ON

Dear Editor,

This letter was written and forwarded to the Hospital Administrator at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Having had arthroscopic surgery to my knee at the end of February, 2003 and provided with a Doctor's reference for physiotherapy to the same knee, I recently addressed myself to your Physiotherapy Department, seeking such treatment.

Following a two-day wait for a return call from the Physiotherapy Department, the first question was:"Did the surgery take place at this Hospital?" the answer being negative, I was told in no uncertain terms that there was NO question of obtaining treatment at the Winchester facility. When I objected, saying that I was a resident of the community (South Dundas), I was again told that this Department was out of bounds to patients who had had surgery in another hospital. End of conversation.

Sine then, I have sought and obtained treatment at the Cornwall General Hospital, without ANY question as to the geography of the locale where the surgery took place. Also, the Department of Physiotherapy at the Cornwall General Hospital returned my call within one hour! and cheerfully.

Now, guess who will get my financial contribution when the next drive for funds comes along??? Certainly NOT the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital, to whose "Renew the Vision Campaign" I had already contributed $100 plus another $10.00 to a canvasser, plus a ticket for attendance at a fund-raising Tea and Fashion Show held earlier at the Morrisburg Meeting Centre.

As a resident of South Dundas, whose Council also contributed a sizable amount to the "Renew the Vision Campaign" of the WDMH and this from my tax dollars, I would like you to inform me, as to the reason for such a restrictive policy. Should I require treatment/hospitalization, does this mean that I would not be eligible to receive same at your facility, should my physician reside outside your district?

I would appreciate receiving an explanation for the reasons of this negation of services.

Sincerely,
Pierrett LeBlanc,
Lakeshore Drive.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Dundas County Food Bank I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank the community of Iroquois for the very successful fundraiser held at the Upper Canada Playhouse over the weekend. Your generosity at this event has produced over $2,700.00 for the Food Bank. This money will be spent purchasing needed food items for the 350 client families we serve.

We would like to thank everyone involved for their work in putting this event together. Clearly everyone had a lot of fun doing it and we had an outstanding evening of entertainment.

Yours sincerely,
Diana Pethick,
Chair, Board of Directors.



Bunnies for Sale

Chieftain Photos by Lori Roberts

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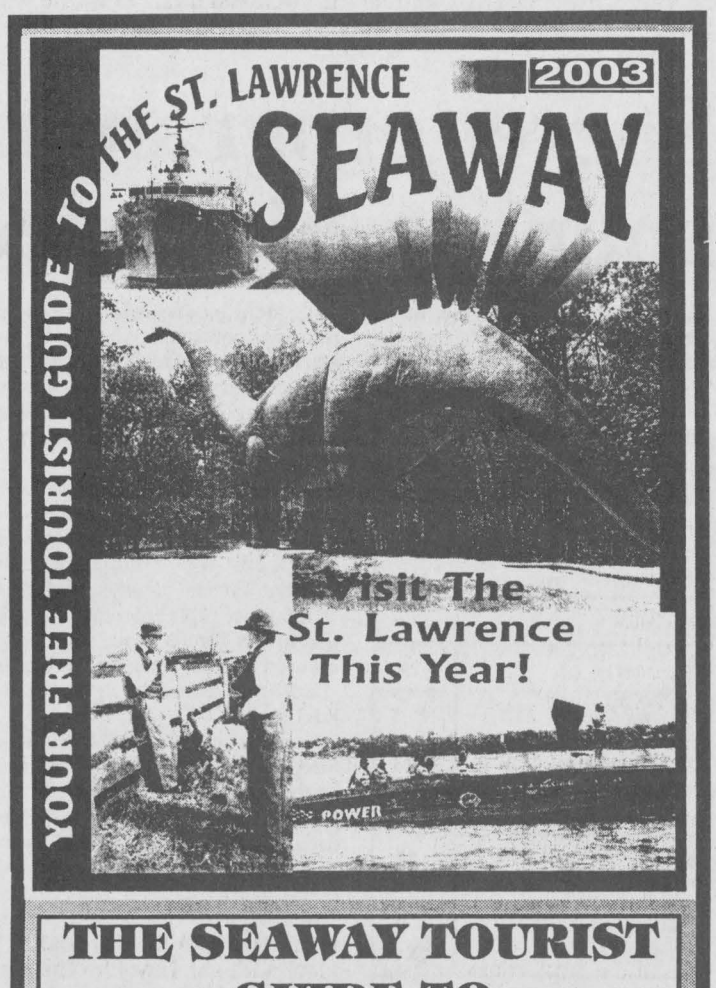

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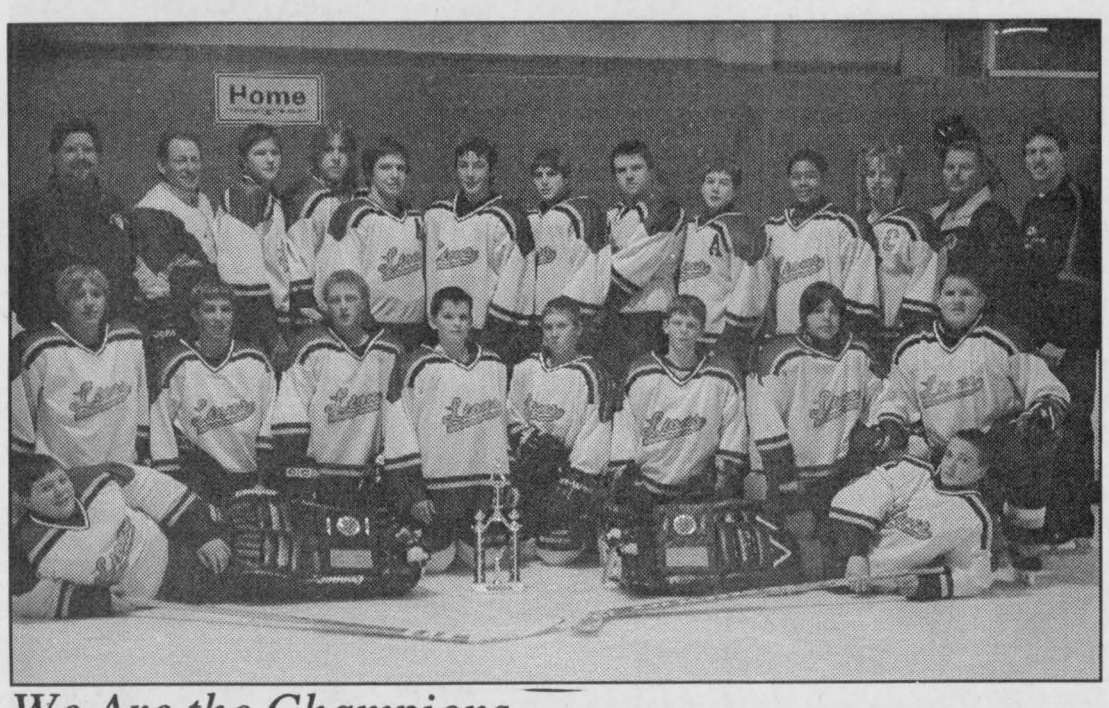

We Are the Champions

The Lions Bantam "C" team, front row , Andrew Tupper, Jarred Dallas. Second row, l-r, Scott Speer, Colin Chesboro, Kurtis Corry, Peter Coolican, Isaac Streit, Dustin Gillard, Darren Baldwin, Bryce Fournier. Back row , Bob Duvall, Barry Elliot (Asst. Coaches), Jordan Tryon, Tyler Mills, Craig Duvall, Brandon Elliot, Adam Schnurr, Andrew Adlington, Sheldon Green, Jarell Green, Ryan Morrow, Dale Tupper (Trainer) and Garry Beckstead (Coach).

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Morrisburg Bantam C Lions win Championship over Cougars

Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The two top Bantam "C" teams in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League met this past weekend to decide the championship. The Kingston Cougars and the Morrisburg Lions finished first and second during regular season play, and fittingly the final two games were both close well played matches.

In game number one in Morrisburg, the Lions battled to a close 4-3 victory. The Lions took the early lead on a goal by Sheldon Beckstead at the fourteen minute mark with assists going to Brandon Elliot and Craig Duvall. The Cougars tied the game just two minutes later on a nice play by David Santos, assisted by Dana Thompson and Kevin Hogan.

Morrisburg regained the lead with 8:03 left in the first with Scott Speer netting one from Peter Coolican and Isaac Streit.

The second started with Morrisburg taking a two goal lead at 11:48 on a goal by Adam Schnurr with Colin Chesboro and Sheldon Beckstead earning assists. At 6:39 the Cougars put themselves back in the game with Kevin Hogan scoring on a pass from Adam Ruffolo. The Lions regained their two goal lead at 12:20 of the third with Beckstead netting his second of the game with Jordan Tryon and Andrew Adlington getting the helpers. The Cougars didn't give up and made this game tight in the dying minutes of the third with a goal by Ben Draper assisted by Colin Dawd and Kevin Hogan. The Lions held on to earn the win and headed to Kingston.

Game number two also proved to be a exciting final with the Lions once again winning by one goal to earn the championship.

The Lions took the lead early on a goal by Sheldon Beckstead with Andrew Adlington and Colin Chesboro assisting. The Cougars came back with the tying goal two minutes later, on a play set up by Adam Ruffolo and Dana Thompson with David Santos getting the goal. The teams went to their dressing rooms tied at one.

The Lions scored the lone goal in the second with Brandon Elliot netting one from Beckstead and Bryce Fournier, to take a slim 2-1 lead into the final period.

The third saw the Cougars tie the game at 10:48 with Ben Draper getting the goal from Corey Howard and Colin Hutt. Then at 7:47 Andrew Adlington scored what proved to be the winning goal on a nice set-up from Colin Chesboro and Sheldon Beckstead, who came away with three goal and three assists on the weekend.

The Lions returned to Morrisburg victorious thanks to some great goaltending and good disciplined play. Garry Beckstead, Coach of the Bantams was very proud as were assistant coaches Bob Duvall, Barry Elliot and Trainer Dale Tupper.

SeawayHigh Bursary Fund Volleyball Tournament held

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Even though Chris Fetterly's team won the Volleyball Tournament the true winner was the Seaway District High School graduates, who will benefit from the money raised.

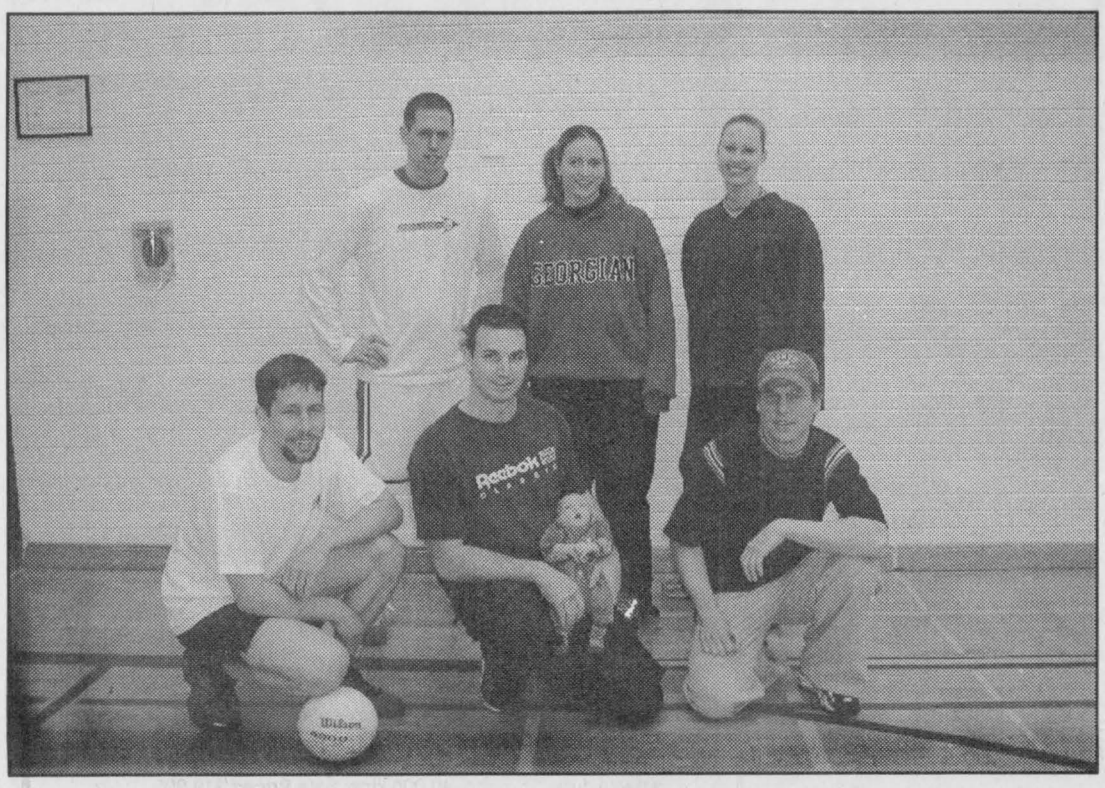
Poor weather conditions made travel difficult, and unfortunately there were some teams forced to cancel their sponsorship, but $854. was raised, down from the nearly $1600.00 raised last year. Another contributing factor was the cancellation of the barbecue which has been held previously as an additional fundraising event.

The Fetterly team defeated the OAC Graduates in the finals to take the championship trophy, while in the "B" final the entrance of Dustin Delegarde and Friends won over the Ladies Team. The ladies were proud to announce that they were the only team consisting of all woman and were in the finals after defeating a number of mixed teams.

Gord Empey, organizer of this successful tournament was more than pleased with the amount raised. "I always want to get the students, graduates and staff of the high school involved because they are the true winners in this tournament."

Empey also wished to thank all volunteers who helped organize the day and everyone who donated prizes for the draw table. He also gave special thanks to the teams and the team organizers for showing up despite the weather and making this tournament the success it was.

All monies raised will go directly into the bursary fund to help graduating students in the purchasing of books and other much needed supplies in helping to further their education.



Volleyball Tournament Champs

The team lead by Chris Fetterly took the championship at the Volleyball Tournament to benefit the Seaway District High School Bursary Fund. The winning team front row, Darrell Moore, Chris Fetterly (holding the youngest member of the winning team baby Emytt), Warren Moore. Back row l-r, Billy DeJong, Melissa Baker and Crystal Huizinga.

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Runners Up

The OAC Graduates from Seaway High School finished second in the annual Volleyball Tournament held to raise money for the bursary fund. Organizer Gordon Empey was glad to see these students participate as they are the direct benefactors of the money.

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Soccer program announces sponsorship agreements

Morrisburg Soccer program an CanadaKicks is pleased to announce sponsorship agreements with local businesses. "The local business community has been, as usual, tremendously supportive and thanks to their support we will be able to offer uniforms to our players for the third season.

Mike's ValuMart will once again sponsor the program and new this year, Tim Horton's will have the 4,5,6 and 7 year age groups as the Timbit Leagues getting Timbit jerseys to keep. With these agreements in place the future for the sport has been assured in this community. Other sponsor agreements to be finalized soon.

Registration for the Morrisburg Soccer program will continue during the Morrisburg Trade Show this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See information on the show in the enclosed insert in this issue.

Registration fees for the program are $50 for U5 and U7 players, Timbits League. The cost is $55 for U11 and U13 players and $60 for U13 and U15 players. The oldest players at U13 and U15 will be playing in the Dundas County Soccer League which is entering its second season and includes teams from Winchester, Chesterville, Finch and Iroquois. Come and visit our booth, #38 to register and receive your FREE World Cup Poster.

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WEEKS HIGH SCORES	
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MOST GAMES FOR THE WEEK	
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Matilda W.I. Annual Meeting on April 14 at the Brinston Memorial Hall. Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm. Please bring your plate and utensils. At 7:30 pm: Roll Call: State your volunteer hours. Pay membership dues, bring your Annual reports and installations of officers for 2003-2004.

Enjoy a "Day Away" on May 28 with the Matilda Women's Institute attend a Western Swingin' Country Singin' Show in Stirling, Ontario and visit the Hastings County Ag. Museum. Call Hennie at 652-2331 or Coral at 652-2129 for more information.

The Living Well with Cancer group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at Winchester United Church at 7 pm. Cancer victims, survivors and their family, friends and support people are welcome to drop in. No reservations needed. For more info call 774-2422 ext. 5132 or ext. 5271.

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OBITUARIES

Allie Droppo

Peacefully at the Winchester Hospital on Thursday, March 20, 2003, Allie C. Droppo of Morrisburg formerly of Chesterville at the age of 102 years born on November 9, 1900.

A housewife who had been ill for the past four months, Allie, was predeceased by her parents; William Edwin and Mary (nee Foster) Shaver. Beloved wife of the late Melvin Herman Droppo (1977) whom she wed at her parents' home in Iroquois on November 10, 1920; loving mother of Marion Lafortune and Charles (Jacqueline) both of Morrisburg and daughter-in-law Marlene Droppo of Chesterville. Sadly missed by 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, Allie made quilts for each of her children. She crocheted a lot and made delicious donuts. Her family was her pride and joy. Each child was so important to her and she made each one feel very special. Each birthday party was so important to her, she loved to see all her friends and relatives. She loved life and wanted to be with her dear family that brought her so much to be proud of and find such joy in.

Predeceased by a daughter Ruth Cobb, and by sons Foster and Frederick Droppo, as well as by a sister May Merkley and a brother Fred Shaver as well as an infant brother.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg on Friday, March 21 where service was conducted by Rev. Bill Byers on Saturday, March 23, 2003. Cremation with spring inurnment at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital were gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Ramon Casselman

Ramon Casselman, a lifelong resident of Williamsburg, passed at his home on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at the age of 76. Born in Williamsburg on July 31, 1926 he owned and operated Instant Water Wells for many years. Ramon's love of the outdoors was an extremely important aspect of his life whether it be at the Rideau River,the Hoasic Creek, fishing and hunting at Lake Dumont or just walking through the bush, but his love of his family and community were his number one priority. He was an honourary member of the Williamsburg Fire Department having been one of the original members.

Predeceased by his parents, Alfred "Keno" and Alice (nee Empey) Casselman, he leaves his loving wife Barbara (nee Hess) Casselman whom he married at the Williamsburg United Church on May 3, 1952. Also mourning their loss are daughters Karen Casselman of Ottawa and Pam (Doug) French of R.R.#2, as well as sisters Norma (Bert) McIntosh of Williamsburg and Moyra Workman of Ault Island. He was the loving Poppy of Cameron and Colin French and will be remembered by an aunt Hilda Shaver of Cornwall as well as several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg with Reverend Sandy Mcpherson officiating. Interment of cremated remains took place at the Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville with Gerry McPherson, Gerry Robinson, Carl Barkley and Rex Weegar acting as Pallbearers. Donations to the Lung Association or Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family.

Ray Adams

Suddenly at home, RR1, Brinston, Ray Adams on Monday, March 17, 2003. Born in Matilda Township of January 8, 1928, Ray was 75 years of age.

Ray had several jobs during his lifetime including farming, as a labourer at the Prescott Grain Elevator and for Bellhaven Sod Farm, carpentry work and auctioneering.

Predeceased by his parents, the late Ralph and Amelia (nee Williams) Adams as well as his beloved wife, Jean (nee McIntosh), a son, Lee and a daughetr, Eleanor Francis, Ray was a lifetime resident of the area.

Mourning the loss are children; Lana Barkley (Henry Simzer) of Hanesville and Almon of RR1, Brinston. Ray will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Rob Barkley, Heather McAuley Janet, Jeff and Stacy Adams and a great-granddaughter, Chloe. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Adams of RR1, Brinston as well as nieces and nephews.

In his earlier days, Ray trained standard bred horse and raced them at Rideau Carleton Raceway as well as local fairs. He enjoyed hunting and will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humour.

Memorial donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Center were appreciated by the family. Visitors called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Rev. Yvonne Willis on Thursday, March 20, 2003. Spring interment will follow at Spruce Haven Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brian Montgomery, Rob Barkley, Jeff Adams, Art Elliott, David and Orval Millward.



Education Week

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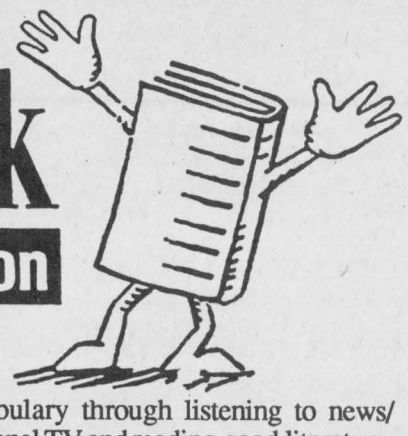

APRIL 14 to APRIL 18, 2003

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* Make sure you are using state-of-the-art technology for word processing, spell-check, electronic organizers etc.

* Enjoy extra-Curricular activities, but don't spread yourself too thin.

* Do not spend too much time on a part-time job; this can be an impediment to good marks.

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Lana, Almon and families
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DOVE: The family of the late Dora Belle Dove (nee Merkley) of Cardinal, wish to express our sincere appreciation to family, friends and neighbours for their thoughtfulness in this time of sorrow. Our sincere thanks for the flowers, cards and donations to the Cancer Society. Special thanks to Dr. G. Bhatt, Dr. John Davies and the 2nd floor east nurses of the Brockville General Hospital for their kindness and caring manner. Thanks to Father Appelman, the C.W.L., pallbearers and the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home.
The Dove and Merkley families
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MURPHY: We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the miracle we experience. It was through the efforts of so many medical teams at CHEO that our little angel, "Mary" is home safely with us. Thanks to the doctors and nurses, the the Brinston United Church, her school: Dixon's Corners Public School, Jr. K, and to our many friends and family for their thoughtfulness, prayers and encouragement, to our co-workers and especially to our Moms and Dads for their strength in our time of trial.
Mary, Jim, Gloria, Anthony and Thomas.
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In Memoriam

JOE ROBERTS
In memory of a loving grandfather and great grandfather, ***Joe,*** who passed away on April 15, 2002.
Our hearts are full of memories,
We treasure them with care.
The way you had to leave us
Will always seem unfair.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent the tears that fall.
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.
In all that life has given us
And all that is left to do,
We will never have a greater gift
Than the time we've spent with you.
You live in our hearts and thoughts.
Love always, Karen, Jamie, Courtney and Jessica
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SAYEAU: In memory of my dear mother, grandmother, sister, ***Verna Mae Sayeau,*** who passed away April 12, 2002.
April comes with great regret,
A month that we will never forget.
We hold our tears
When we speak your name.
But the ache in our hearts
Remains the same.
No one knows the sorrow we share,
When the family meets and you're not there.
You left a place no one can fill
But in our hearts you liveth still.
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Notices

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In the estate of
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All persons having claims as creditors against the estate of the above mentioned, late of Iroquois, Township of South Dundas, in the United Counites of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, who died at the said Iroquois, Township of South Dundas, on July 1, 2002, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before May 16, 2003. After that date the Public Guardian and Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which she then shall have had notice. Anyone having knowledge of a Will or next-of-kin of the above mentioned is also requested to contact the undersigned.
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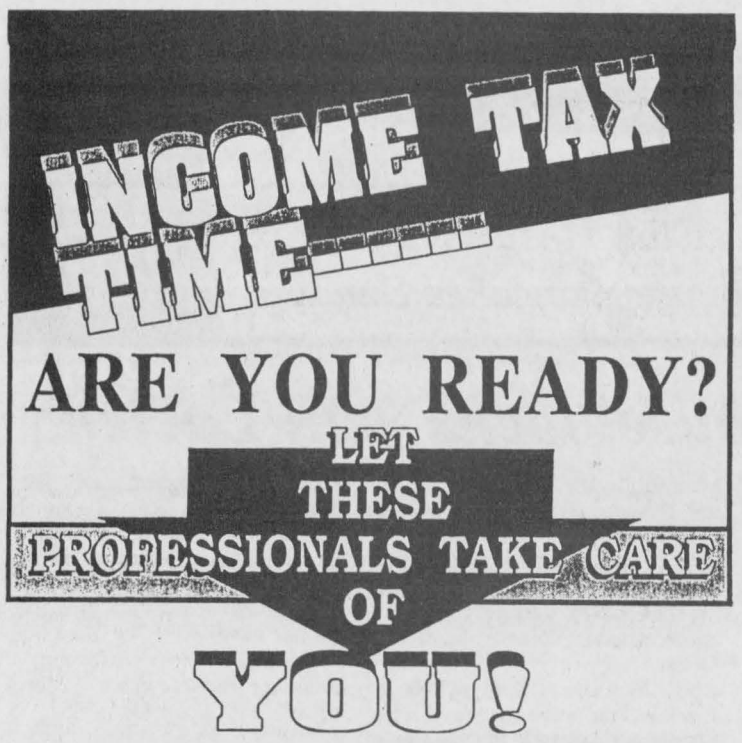

Federal Tax Rate Changes For 2002

The federal government has announced a number of personal income tax changes for the 2002 tax year.

"The lowest federal tax bracket for 2002, which has a tax rate of 16 per cent, has increased from $30,754 for 2001 to $31,667 for 2002" says Chartered Accountant Louis Provenzano, a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Toronto. "The lower middle income bracket level for 2002 which has a tax rate of 22 per cent will be $31,678 to $63,354 and the upper middle income bracket level for 2002 which has a tax rate of 26 per cent will be $63,355 to $103,000."

The top tax bracket for 2002, which applies to taxable income in excess of $103,000 will continue to be taxed at a federal rate of 29 per cent.

Changes have also been made to the Ontario tax rates. For further information, contact a Chartered Accountant.

When To Expect Your Tax Refund

If you are expecting a refund on your 2002 taxes, be prepared to wait four to six weeks, says the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA). However, if you file electronically it could be processed in as little as eight business days. "Many people file as early as January if they are expecting a refund," says Chartered Accountant Sam Zuk, a partner with Soberman Isenbaum & Colomby LLP in Toronto. "But the CCFRA 2002 General Income Tax and Benefit Guide says the government does not start process claims until mid-February." How long should you wait before inquiring about the status of your refund? The CCRA suggests waiting four weeks if you file your return on or before April 15 and waiting six weeks if you file after April 15. If you file electronically, wait four weeks to call. To check the status of your refund, call the government's Tax Information Phone Service (TIPS)" at 1-800-267-6999 and press "1" on your touch-tone phone, which will put you in touch with the TIPS "Telerefund". Be sure to have a copy of your return handy when you call, because you will be asked to supply information from it.

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Liberals

The displeasure for the Tory government harboured by the veteran politician was evident as he spoke.

Elected for 5 consecutive terms since 1985, Cordiano had only praise for his colleague, local MPP John Cleary as well as candidate Brownell. "John has been an outstanding member for all the people in this province, but most especially a stellar spokesperson for rural Ontario."

He told everyone they have a great candidate who is highly respected in Jim Brownell. "I am sure he will be the next member for Stormont Dundas and Charlottenburgh."

He went on to blast the Tories as he suggested, "The economy is not functioning as well as we need it to. We have a great big job ahead of us. By avoiding his responsibility, and choosing to deliver the budget outside of Queen's Park and the Legislature, Premier Eves proved that we need to defeat this government!"

Also honoured with a bouquet of roses was Ruby Antell, "Someone who is head and shoulders above the rest, a loyal and dedicated worker for the liberal party.

George Assaly, a Cornwall businessman was honoured with a lifetime membership in the Liberal Party of Ontario. Recipient of Citizen of the Year Award and the Queen's Jubliee Medal, George was extremely pleased to be so honoured this evening. "I don't think there is a better award to get, " he noted. This former president of both the local federal and provincial riding associations, "Some of the best people I have met in my life were through the Liberal party, the Lions Club and The Royal Canadian Legion." His philosophy seems to hold true, "If you are going to be successful, the best you can do is give back unselfishly to make your community better, not just for what you think you might get out of it." And he has many times over lived this adage.

Jim Brownell spoke appreciatively about the support he is getting, his French language classes and the formation of a Young Liberal Organization which is underway. "The fact that Dalton McGinty, leader of the Liberal party came to this riding to unveil the Liberal platform for the election was a thrill for me,"- said Jim as he retired to his seat amid a standing ovation.

Boats

Sports Shops with their bicycles will be involved, "Mountain bikes are popular with the younger set right now." Marinas are coming onboard, Dock Sales companies, outboard motors and fishing boats will be on show, and the Power Marine Centre will have a display. He explains the Bow Thruster and how it helps boaters. "Why, we even have a fireplace centre who wants to show their outdoor BBQs and fireplaces. Business people with outdoor/water related equipment are coming from a good 50 mile radius, from as far away as Brockville and Cornwall to show what they have to offer the water enthusiast. They are keen to become involved."

A highlight of the two day event will be The Dragon Boats. Lion Kirsten Gardner speaks excitedly about the boats as Lion President Steven Prowse explains all proceeds from the event will go to the WDMH Renew the Vision Campaign. Anyone seeking adventure is encouraged to join the fun. Each boat requires 22 paddlers. A drummer to keep the beat and paddles regulated along with a steering person is supplied for each boat. Lessons will be provided on Saturday as everyone wanting to race will be trained in the finer points of Dragon Boat Racing. Races will be held on Sunday and the Lions are hoping for 50 teams to step forward and join the fun experience.

Lions Kirsten says, "We are hoping to have some high school students form teams or just come out and we'll fit them in. The cost is $15 for students and $30 for adults to become a racer for the weekend. The Township has their team organized and are set to challenge all comers.

According to Kirsten, "It is a highly addictive sport and promises lots of fun for all who take part as well as those who come to watch. Bleachers will be set up near the waterfront, so not one thing is missed by the spectators. All racing will take place between the public dock and the beach area. There will be 15 minutes between races. This is not a high skill level sport, anyone can do it. A practice/learning session of 1-2 hours on Saturday will have you ready for race day!"

The Lions are seeking students who need volunteer hours to help out, they have contacted the Tubie Organizers who have no problem with this event.

Circle the date and plan to be a part of the Water Fest excitement this summer.

N. Dundas

reserves,he felt Council was digging a deeper hole. Armstrong replied that "The essence of the reserves is to spend it when needed. The money is put their to be spent".

With no big capital projects in the future for the Fire Departments, Council seemed to agree with this plan.

The Roads Department managed to cut $275,800 from their original budget. Carruthers told Council that right now most of the money budgeted will go into maintenance with very little going into capital projects. The high price of diesel fuel is to blame for this trend. "Everything we need, gravel and calcium needs diesel to be produced," Carruthers told Council. With the new bridge and roads report being done Carruthers in concerned that if any future bridge works is necessary, "we are in trouble. There is just not enough money."

In Recreation, Chesterville will be getting their new multi purpose playing field. Completion would be done over a two year period, with the soccer fields being constructed in the first year and baseball diamond installation taking place in year two. Chesterville also requested $8,000 be put in place for a Green-Up Project, the installation of gates at the entrance to the Village.

Councillor Armstrong feels that there are more worthwhile projects to be completed first. "Morewood has no play structure for the children, we need garage doors on buildings, and tables and chairs have been cut from the budget," he told Council.

Councillor Gail Parker then questioned Council about what Chesterville actually gets for their tax dollars. "All we get is a road, the rest is coming out of Chesterville reserves, Chesterville is getting nothing."

Things got heated between Armstrong and Parker with Armstrong accusing her of getting to the Department Heads and talking them into plans.

The Mayor then called for a ten minute break hoping that cooler heads would prevail when Council returned tot he table.

When all figures were taken into consideration, Treasurer John Gareau presented a final tax levy of $3,744,652. Council will now have the task of deciding whether to raise this amount through taxation or to transfer money from reserves.

Gareau presented a number of options to Council Members, and they now have the job of deciding how best to raise the money needed. "We are at the wall now, Council must make a decision."

Mayor Cousineau responded with "This is a no win situation, no one wants to raise taxes but we cannot deplete our reserves. High prices in fuel, calcium and electricity have cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars. We will have to raise the money through taxation."

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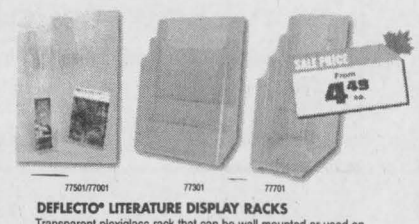

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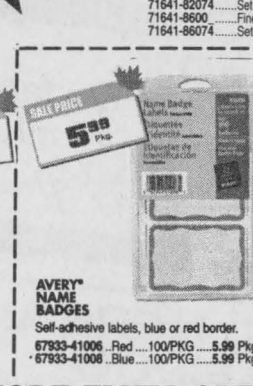

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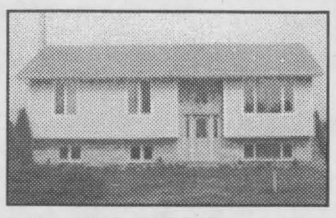

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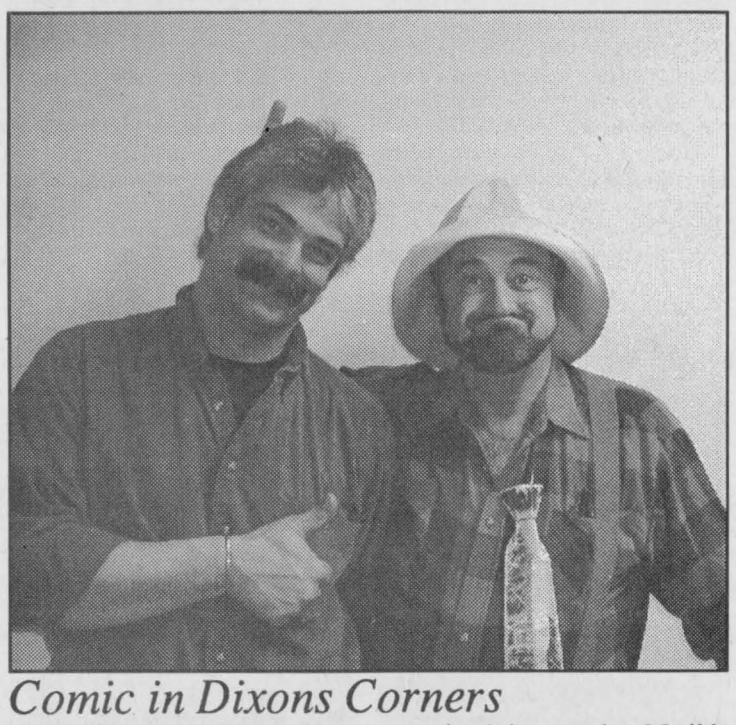

Comic in Dixons Corners

Canadian comic Jimmy Flynn entertained the crowd at Matilda Hall in Dixons Corners last Thursday evening. All benefits from the show went to the Les Bilmer Fund. Here Morrisburg Legion Branch 48 member Steve Colligan welcomes Flynn to South Dundas.

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

20th season of the Playhouse opens with Lucien

Upper Canada Playhouse celebrates its 20th Anniversary by launching its largest and longest season ever with a Show for Every Season in 2003! The Playhouse has been packing them in like never before and has responded to the public's demand for more entertainment by increasing the 2003 Playbill from the traditional 4 shows to a record 7 shows.

Kicking off this mega Season of entertainment is the return of the ever-popular comedy, LUCIEN, by and starring Marshall Button. "An awful lot of people are very excited about seeing Lucien again,"says Artistic Director Donnie Bowes. "The show was always a sell-out at The Playhouse. Lucien has a huge following and people are thrilled to have a chance to see it again." The show is always up to date with Lucien expressing his opinions about almost everything that is in the news. Speaking in a uniquely New Brunswick mixture of French and English, the character tries to make sense of the world in which he lives. "Our audience is really looking forward to what he has to say these days!" adds Bowes. The Playhouse is also looking forward to welcoming Button back as a former Artistic Director whose world and talent have been an important part of the theatre's heritage.

The Playhouse is Button's first stop on an Ontario tour of his comic one-man show, playing Tuesday through Saturday, April 22-26. Show times are 8pm with special matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2pm. The only exception to this start time is the Tuesday, April 22 performance which will start at 6pm and for good reason! After the show at The Playhouse, Button will stay in costume and run to a waiting automobile that will take him to the National Arts Centre where he will join the likes of Maritime comics Rick Mercer, Cathy Jones, Ron James and Better MacDonald as part of the CBC comedy gala, Comedy from the Coast. Speaking of Galas, the April 26 show at 8pm will be a special Gala performance at The Playhouse to mark the theatre's 20th Anniversary with proceeds going to Winchester Memorial Hospital's Renew the Vision Fund.

This year also marks the 20th Anniversary of Lucien. When Button created the character in 1983 he had no idea he would still be portraying him twenty years later. The character was part of Button's satirical revue, Maritime Mixed Grille, which he wrote to commemorate New Brunswick and Ontario's bicentennial anniversaries. By 1986 the character had grown to a full-length play presented by Theatre New Brunswick. Since then Button has never gone for more than one month without performing it including frequent visits to Morningside with Peter Gzowski.

The Ottawa Citizen has said, "Marshall Button as Lucien is a cultural icon. Lucien is a kind of gift from Button to the rest of the country, an Acadian blessing of laughter and perspective and from the heart wisdom. To Playhouse audiences he's that and more and pre-sales for the show indicate that. Tickets have been going fast and people are encouraged to definitely book right away to get a seat!

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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching



by Birds Anonymous

I have bird news!! The Cardinal came back and brought her mate. The bright red of the male was stark against the green of the cedar shrub as his timid lady, a duller colour, but definitely a Cardinal sat beside him. Tuesday morning a Cedar Waxwing, yup!! dropped by for a snack, as the snow began to drift slowly earthward. His orange beak, exactly like the Cardinals was proof as he surveyed the area before grabbing a mouthful. His greyish brown colouring blends well with the cedar shrubs! A trip to Cornwall netted us a sighting of multiple deer along the County Road and a Fox. We have Sparrows and Chickadees as well as our ever hungry Blue Jays who come in flocks to feed at the veranda feeders. The Mourning Doves bravely step up to the log cabin feeder on the veranda as well after making certain there is no food on the ground. The wires near the ranch are filled with Blackbirds, as Crows, and Red Wings come by for a snack. The Blue Heron is back in the Doran Creek as are a number of Ducks who appeared very cold as they huddled on a sheet of ice, the water flowing past their tail feathers looking awfully cold! Robins come by with their ear muffs and scarves evident as they wonder surely if they are back too soon or if this is the Arctic!

The neighbours have a pair of huge Canada Geese who must be searching for a nesting site. They have the Cardinal drop by almost daily and their regualr compliment of Sparrows, the Nuthatch, the Woodpeckers and the Mourning Doves.

Our Irena birder spotted a Pileated Woodpecker on a Hydro pole along County Road 16. She reports that the Pussy Willows are opening up along the road despite the weather fluctuations. Three different groups of Canada Geese, about 60 in total were seen. A pair of deer were sighted in the bush along Rowena Road.

A Fox was seen in the morning while another, darker in colour was seen in the afternoon, apparently in search of food. She notes a Rabbit and a Partridge were killed on County Road 16 this week. She has 2 Song Sparrows enjoying the last of her seed. On Saturday she had 2 Slate Grey Juncos, 6 Tree Sparrows, one cold Starling and a Killdeer on the lawn when she came home from Church on Sunday. A few Robins are around, but must be trying to keep warm somewhere, for they are not seen very often.

Call 652-4395 before 10am on Tuesday so we can include your sightings in the column. Thanks to those who let us know what featehred or furry creatures are keeping them on the lookout.

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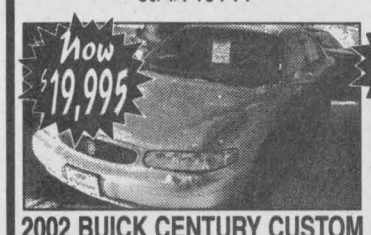
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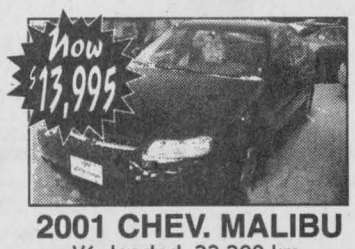
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