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Seaway's Spring Concert... North to South on Broadway



Band together

Double the usual cacophony of instrumental sounds emanated from Seaway's music department last week. The number of band members in the school swelled to about twice the regular amount with the addition of exchange students from Ecole Cite des Jeunes in Kapuskasing. After four days here, the combined bands — a fine example of cooperation between English and French speakers — performed a spring concert in the gym on Saturday. On Friday, the amalgamated bunch took a break from rehearsal and posed for this photo.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Spring Concert at Seaway High took a different twist this year as the Seaway Music Department had the privilege of participating in a band exchange with Ecole Cite des Jeunes from Kapuskasing. The band under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Lanthier will receive Seaway's Senior Band in May of this year.

Speaking to Seaway Music Teacher Kristine Flaherty we learned that she and Mrs. Lantheir were classmates at Ottawa University where both earned a Music degree. "We dreamed of doing this type of thing, this exchange for a long time now and it finally happened, we are so excited! It is great for us and the students as well,"says Ms. Flaherty.

It was evident when speaking to the students that they were having a great time. The Kapuskasing students attend a French language school, but speak very good English, so there was no communication barrier. Since Music is the universal language these exchanges run smoothly and are very successful from everyones' perspective. The visiting students are billeted with Seaway music students and then the same is reciprocated when they travel to Kapuskasing. This is a learning experience in itself!

The Kapuskasing students left home on Wednesday and travelled all night to arrive in the Nation's Capital early Thursday morning. Sightseeing included Ottawa University, the National Arts Centre (NAC) and then they headed for the Seaway area. Once the students were in Iroquois there was a pot luck supper and time to mingle with local students to get acquainted, then head off to their host family homes.

Friday they went bowling, checked out the Locks and a sugar bush. Then they practised for the Spring Concert which was held on Saturday evening. A free evening concert for students an host families included the Thousand Islanders Chorus, Barbershop Singers from Brockville.

Saturday began early with a morning rehearsal and then a musical workshop where the students worked with and learned from professional Pianist Jack McPhartlan, presently from Iroquois and the Barber Shop Quartet from Brockville. The

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Transition Board votes 7-3 to locate municipal office in Spencerville

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Edwardsburgh-Cardinal's administrative office will go to Spencerville, the decision finalized after a 7-3 vote by the Transition Board overseeing the upcoming amalgamation of the two municipalities. The dissenting votes represented a majority of the members from Village of Cardinal Council.

Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw and councillors Jim Pakeman and Charles Burrell opposed having the seat of local government based in the building now used as the administrative office for the Township of Edwardsburgh. Cardinal councillors Dick Willis and Joe Scott voted in favour of the measure, as did the five Edwardsburgh Council representatives.

All members from both councils sit on the Transition Board, which is chaired by Edwardsburgh Reeve David Dobbie.

The motion approved Thursday also says Cardinal's administrative building on County Road 2 is to become a hydro and municipal satellite office, once amalgamation takes place on January 1, 2001. The idea is that Cardinal residents could pay their hydro bills and taxes, and pick up dog tags at that site.

Dobbie seemed taken aback when Pakeman argued vigorously against putting the main office in Spencerville. "I thought this issue had been settled by both councils," Dobbie said.

Councillor Willis also recalled it that way. "We sat for a year and had good negotiations."

However, any prior agreement the councils had concerning the location of the township office turns out to have been verbal.

Willis briefly tried to take a legalistic approach, asking Joe Palis, an observer from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, if the Transition Board could "alter the order of council." Palis was reticent to give an opinion, but did say the office location was not written into the order that created the Transition Board.

"Either way you look at it, you're still going to have to have two buildings in the municipality, and we did agree we would have this as a satellite office," said Councillor Scott, attempting to persuade his Cardinal colleagues.

But Pakeman was resolute in arguing the administrative centre should go to Cardinal and not Edwardsburgh. His was the voice heard loudest and most often on the subject, and even drew a smattering of applause from the dozen audience members in Cardinal.

"To put the hall in Spencerville is an expensive proposition for the taxpayer," declared Pakeman, who calculated the extra cost of operating from Spencerville at over $6,000 a year, not including any future renovations.

He noted the benefits of Cardinal's building, with its up-to-date wiring, lighting, generator hook-up and air conditioning: "We are fortunate this building is new and state of the art. There is nothing else to be done here. And this building is closer to the larger portion of the population, closer to the two public works buildings, closer to the two swimming pools.

"In my honest opinion, I feel this is the proper place for the hall."

The Edwardsburgh building was last rebuilt in 1948 and has attached fire department facilites. Reeve Dobbie said it wasn't "a

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Schools get ready for possible strike

by P.H.Nicol
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Elementary and high schools in the Upper Canada District School Board are preparing for the possibility of a strike by non-teaching staff.

Members of Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 5678 were in last minute negotiations with the school board over a new contract. Negotiations for a new contract have been taking place since February of 1999.

If CUPE does call a strike at 12:01 on Wednesday morning, it will affect educational assistants, custodians, cleaners, maintenance workers, information technology staff, school secretaries and other administrative staff.

It does not affect teachers, however, and they will be in their classrooms delivering their regular programmes. Students will be expected to attend school.

The strike action, if it takes place, will affect more than one hundred schools throughout the Board.

Mr. Bill Buckler, President of Local 5678, said in a press release that the union membership gave their negotiators a 70% mandate to call a strike if the issues are not settled by midnight on Tuesday. He noted that 1,001 of the 1,250 members voted on the issue.

In his communique, Mr. Buckler identified four major issues being discussed. They are:
- harmonization of wages following the merger of four former boards
- Board demands for concessions to bumping and seniority language
- Board demand for dramatic reduction to hours of work for Educational Assistants
- eight years with no wage increases

In a press release from the school board, Director of Education, Mr. Gino Giannandrea, noted that because of the amalgamations which have taken place, negotiations have been made more difficult. "Its complexity has been marked by attempting to bring under one agreement, significantly different terms and

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Home & trade show, Sat. & Sun.

The McIntosh Country Inn in Morrisburg will be the site of a home and trade "showcase" this Saturday and Sunday.

From woodstoves to wooden furniture, RRSP's to R.I.P's, swimming pools to photographic services to guitar picks, the show runs the gamut of wonderful local businesses found in South Dundas. It is sponsored by the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce.

Thirty different displays will be featured at the show, inside the Inn and outside under a tent.

Admission is $2, children accompanied by adult.

For your toonie, you get a shot at door prizes donated by 24 local enterprises. The grand prize draw is a weekend getaway for two.

And there's always plenty of browsing and hobnobbing to enjoy at these shows. Even some helpful presentations to leave you just a little more educated by the end of a fulfilling afternoon, and maybe in the mood to buy something from a local business. And be sure to check out the Dingwall Team racecar.

Things get underway at 1 p.m. on Saturday and ending at 8 p.m. Sunday start is noon, running until 4 p.m.

Council to decide fate of marina

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Council was approached at the regular meeting by Frank Montpetit, engineer aboard the tall ship, the Fair Jeanne which has been and remains moored at the Cardinal Marina. He was acting on behalf of the owner of another ship, The "We're Not Sure,Eh", a 63-foot ketch, a two masted sailing ship which is presently in North Carolina. Richard White, the Gatineau area owner, want to make Cardinal his home port. The catch in this is that he hopes for free mooring in return for which he will make his ship available to local groups (Guides, Scouts, Sea Cadets) for training, learning experiences and adventures. He is willing as well to allow the Village to use it for any commercial endeavours it might create that could involve the ship and benefit the community. His plans call for repairs and/or upgrades to his ship that will allow him to compete as well as take part in Seaway and Great Lakes activities in the near future. Guider Lori McNamara and Commissioner of Guides, Marion Dixon were on hand to lend their support to the idea. "The tall ship has been an excellent way to provide a creative learning experience for the youth of Cardinal and another ship would add interest as well as a means of learning more about the water which is at our doorstep." Both were very enthusiastic about the prospect of another ship at the marina. Frank suggested that he would not run the marina but enlist the help of associations and youth groups to assist in the running of the facility.

On hand for this meeting was Jim McCloskey of Prescott who enquired of Council whether or not they would entertain a request to lease the marina for the upcoming boating season. An avid boater himself he has plans that would see the marina operation run effectively and efficiently.

Council wants to see the marina

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Cookie time!

The Iroquois Girl Guides and Sparks will be blitzing the town next Tuesday evening, April 18 starting at 6:30pm. It is Girl Guide Cookie time again! The maple leaf style vanilla and chocolate cookies are big sellers and the bright blue boxes decorated with Girl Guide photos will go fast. They are $3.00 a box, so have the right change ready when a young lady calls at your door. This is the big fundraiser for the group each year. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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FROM THE FRONT

Concert

workshop enabled the students to grab ideas and have fun at the same time.

The Spring Concert this year was a mini tribute to Broadway Musicals and through the efforts of the Junior and Senior Bands, the Choir and the joint Seaway/Kapuskasing band those who braved the weather were certainly not disappointed. From The Lion King to Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat were well done by the Junior band.

Then it was the Senior band 's turn to shine and they did as they played from Les Miserables to the Phantom of the Opera. I Have a Dream and Ain't No Mountain High Enough as sung by the Choir, showed these voices are something else, the talent is just amazing. From Memory (Cats) to Do-Re-Mi from the Sound of Music, there was something for everyone...and something familiar as well when the Senior band took centre stage.

When the two school bands joined forces, the sounds were terrific.

Soloists numbers showcased some awesome talent from Seaway as Sarah Robertson who sang Some Enchanted Evening from South Pacific, Jennifer Hunter contributed Someone to Watch Over Me and Emily Millard sang Somewhere from West Side Story with style.

A highlight of the evening was the debut of Kyle Gervais, a Seaway Student who is a member of the Senior band. The final number on the program was "The Ascent"...a number written by Kyle and conducted by him as well. Great debut for a young man who has a bright musical future for sure. The performance was awesome!! As is the song, well done indeed Kyle!!!

A terrific Easter basket was donated by Mrs. Levere and won by Mrs. Violet Kennedy of South Mountain to top a snowy evening of Broadway music.

We are not sure whether the Kapuskasing students were able to get away on Sunday morning when they planned to, since the weather was most unconducive to travel. We wish them well and a safe journey home.

Strike

conditions from nine previous collective agreements and policy documents of the four former boards which combined to create the new amalgamated Board," he said.

Because negotiations were ongoing on Tuesday afternoon, neither side was available for further comment.

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Public meeting still to come before Civic Building to receive any renovations

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The public will get their say before "one nail" is added or removed from the Morrisburg Civic Building, South Dundas Councillor Audrey Rooney said Monday.

Some members of the public may have presumed council had made up its mind to proceed with a project initially estimated to cost $700,000, after advertisements for tenders appeared in local papers last week.

But that's not the case, Rooney said. "As council, we're still determined to have a public meeting."

Township clerk Bill Horner said the intention is to get some solid quotes to present at a public meeting, to be held sometime before council actually votes on awarding a contract.

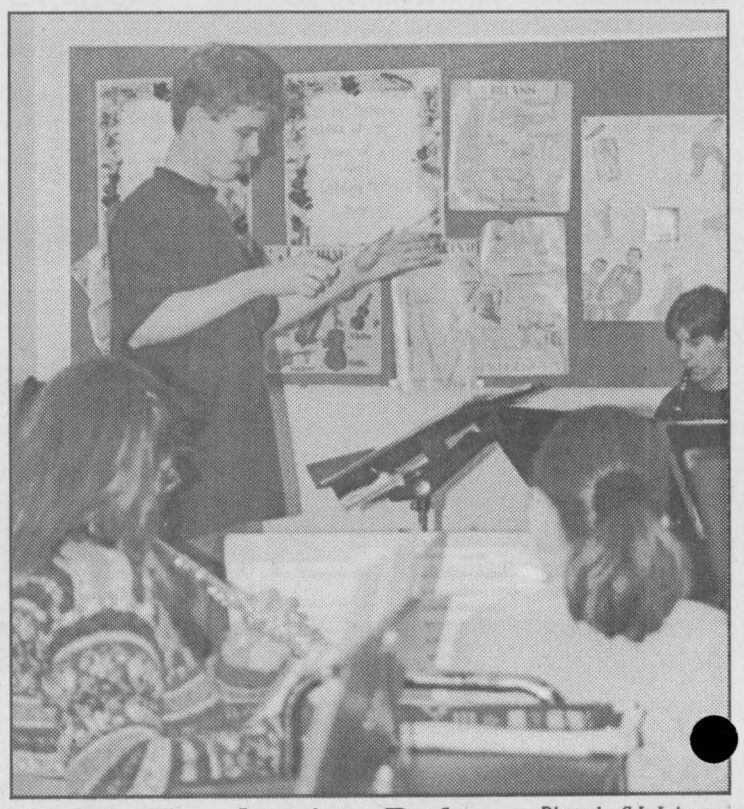
Reporters were beaten to the punch by the sudden appearance of the ads because there wasn't a prior resolution from council.

Township staff were verbally instructed sometime during the last council meeting, Mar. 23, to advertise for tenders on renovations to the Civic Building, although no resolution was passed, Horner said.

Township policy allows staff to advertise tenders on the spoken direction of council. Awarding a contract, of course, does require a majority vote from council.

A date for the public meeting to discuss the future of the Civic Building hasn't been set.

The project, if approved, would see the Fire Department facilities at the Civic Building expanded and the auditorium turned into an O.P.P. detachment.



Kyle's Conducting Debut *Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Kyle conducts his own piece of music, "The Ascent" which he composed and arranged. His debut as a composer and a conductor was a highlight of the Music Department's Spring Concert at Seaway last Saturday evening. Both Seaway and Kapuskasing bands played his piece under his watchful guidance: Bravo!!

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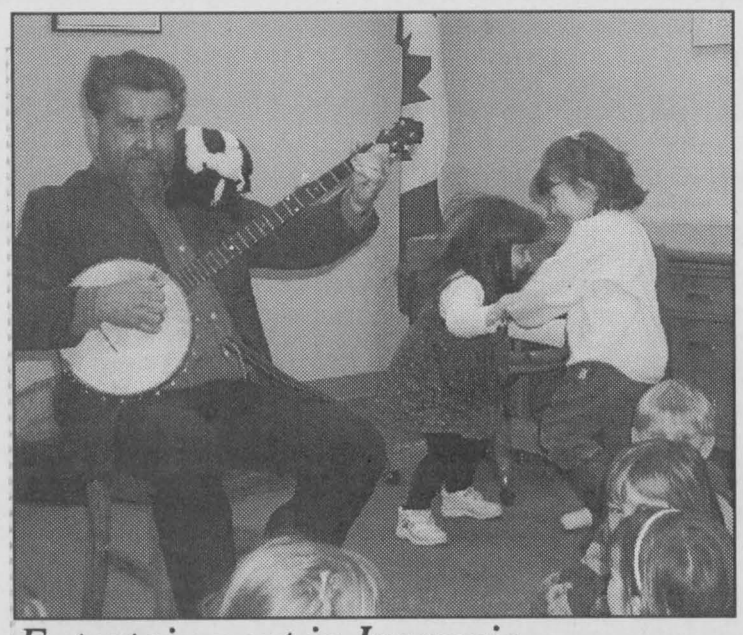

Entertainment in Iroquois

Local entertainer Gary Mallon delivered a rollicking set of live banjo and guitar tunes for a children's audience at the Civic Centre last Wednesday. The show was sponsored by the ...unty Library's Iroquois branch. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*



Skipping school - $3,300 raised

Chantal Thurler, grade 4, and Amy Veltkamp, grade 1, in the background, were among the 61 students at St. Mary's School in Morrisburg who raised $3,300 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation last week. The event: Jump Rope For Heart, of course. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

Cardinal #2 takes the glory in Interbranch Dart play

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The final dart has been tossed for the season. The playoffs are history and Cardinal #2 brought the glory of victory to the town that has been without gold for their efforts for years.

In the final round robin playoff day hosted in Prescott on April 1st saw Cardinal #2 on top of the roster with 16 points to their credit. Following close behind was Iroquois #5 who grabbed 14 points as was Prescott #1 who also had 14 points. Prescott #3 earned 12 points, Iroquois #7 had 11 points, Cardinal #4 had 9 points and Cardinal #6 were in the cellar with 8 points.

The teams played a round robin that saw Cardinal #2 and Iroquois #5 have the bye for finishing first and second in regular play. Iroquois #5 had defeated Prescott #1 in a tie breaker game since they had each earned 14 points and were tied for second spot.

Prescott #1 played Cardinal #4 going down 3 games to 2 in Cardinal's favour. Prescott #3 faced Iroquois #7 but were no match for the local men as they were winners 3-0 to move on.

In semi-final action it was Cardinal #2 going to the board against Cardinal #4. The #2 team were victorious in a tight series winning 3-2. Iroquois #5 and #7 were tossing against one another. Iroquois #5 beat their counterparts out 3-2 in a well played fun filled rivalry.

As the finals began, it was Iroquois #7 and Cardinal #4 who played off for third and fourth. Iroquois was the more masterful squad on this day as they won 3-0 to grab third place. The gold round saw Cardinal #2 play Iroquois #5 for the championship which went to the stronger team from Cardinal as #2 defeated Iroquois #5 by 3-0 for the gold. Some pretty good dart tossing ensued over the evening as everyone threw straight and true.

Highscores went to Bill Hutt-180, Ken Murphy 145, Rick Sayeau 140x3-125, Jerry Carr 140-121, Brian Cooper 140.

Highfinishers were both Iroquois men, Duane Kirker turned in 116 and 109 with some awesome tossing while Bill Hutt had hot darts on the evening with a 97.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

There were nineteen players gathered in the lounge this past Saturday to do battle on the boards. Roger Coulter scored 1073 points to lead the field for the first time since early January. Duane Kirker pegged 1053 to claim second place with Willis Douglas only two points behind Duane finishing third over-all. Bernie Montroy's 1040 total put him in the "bridesmaid" seat. There were 10 skunks handed out on the day and Linda McKee added a pair to her collection. Wilf Summers still clings to the high average position with only two weeks of regular play remaining, but he opened the door a little last Saturday and now leads Duane Kirker by only one-tenth of a point per game average and Paul Claxton by three-tenths.

In the Ontario Seniors Euchre played in Morrisburg last Wednesday, April 5th, Willis Douglas and Roger Coulter placed third to advance to the SD&G finals in Cornwall on April 13th.

In Ontario Seniors Cribbage, the first round was played at Branch 370 on April 7th and from these results, three of the Iroquois teams will be advancing on to Cornwall on April 27th. The first place team was Ken Palmer and Duane Kirker, second spot was Joe MacDonald and Roger Coulter. Grabbing the sixth and final qualifying position was the team of Willis Douglas and Paul Claxton.

Congratulations to the team from Branch 370 namely Terry Riddell, Art Ault, Lyle Fykes and Trevor Easter who played at District Euchre at Chalk River this past Saturday, April 8th. They finished in third spot among the twenty-eight teams competing and will advance to the Provincial Playdowns in Huntsville in May.

At the Euchre that was played on Tuesday evening, there were twelve tables played. First place went to Elsie Ron, while second was shared by Muriel Benson and Coralee Sanderson. Shirley Gibson grabbed the door prize., There were a few skunks in the area for the evening and they were caught by Bert DeWit, Glen Easter, Keitha McConnell, Bob McKee, Frank Walsh and Keith Casselman.

At Bridge on Tuesday evening, there were five tables played and the winners were Rick and Judy Darling.

The Diners Club will be meeting at Branch 370 on Thursday this week for lunch at noon. For more information, should you like to attend for a great meal, please contact John Wilson at 652-4958.

This coming Saturday evening, April 15th, the Ladies Auxiliary of our Branch will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Great preparations have gone into this event with a social hour from 6 to 7pm, a roast beef dinner served at 7pm, followed by a dance at 9pm. The popular band, "Bordertowne" will be providing their usual great music throughout the evening. The dance is open to anyone and everyone is welcome to join the festivities at 9.

The week is shaping up to be another busy one:
Monday-Bingo at Johnstown Bingo Hall.
Tuesday-7pm Euchre and Bridge.
Wednesday-7pm, Executive (Legion) Meeting and Line Dancing.
Thursday-7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting.
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-Ladies Auxiliary 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

See you next week!!



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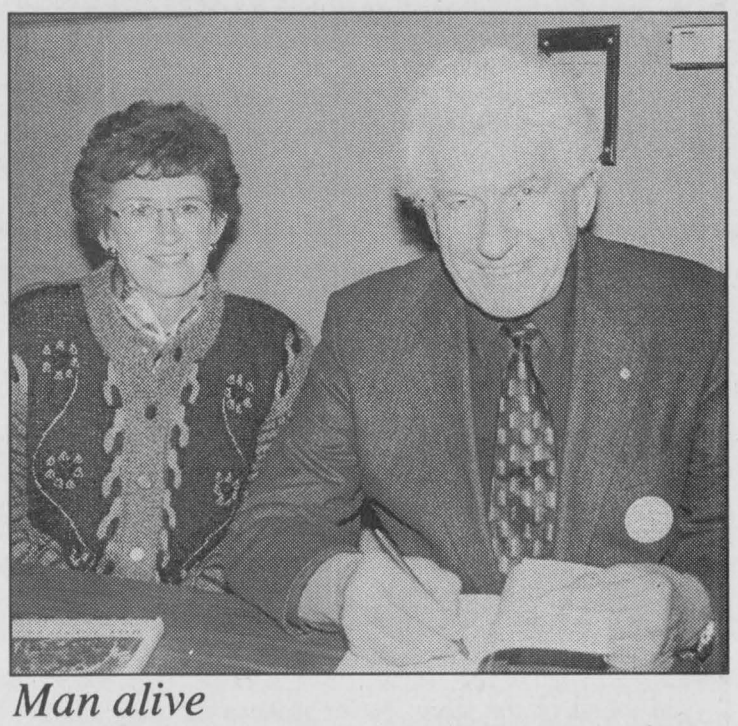

Man alive

Former *Man Alive* host and journalist Roy Bonisteel came to the Iroquois United Church last Saturday evening as part of its 200th anniversary celebrations. The Order of Canada recipient delighted the full house with his speech and signed copies of his books afterwards. Clara Graham gets an inscribed edition in this photo. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

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Challenges and rewards of fostering

Being a foster parent takes a special kind of resolve

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"The best reward in fostering you can get doesn't mean a lot to anyone else," says Rusty Link. One of those rewards came recently, when the "new" daughter in the Link household, a four-year-old foster child who at first had trouble accepting Rusty, one day proclaimed that she loved him. "It doesn't mean anything to anyone else," the highway maintenance worker repeats, "but it sure melted our hearts."

Over the past year, Rusty and his wife, Jennifer, a former foster child herself, have opened their Irena home to 11 foster children. At the moment, the couple is sheltering the four-year-old and an infant. They spoke about their experiences as recent recruits to foster parenting at an information session in Williamsburg put on by the Children's Aid Society of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

"At first, I really didn't want to foster. I'm 37, my kids are teenagers, and now I have a life," Rusty says, reflecting on his thoughts before he and Jennifer decided to take the plunge. After jumping through the hoops of a lengthy approval process, including police checks and CAS interviews, the Links began receiving young guests in April of last year.

"I didn't think I would enjoy it as much as I do. I'm probably a better parent now than I was to my own kids."

But being a foster parent takes a special kind of resolve. One of the first questions posed by a member of the audience — how long do you get to keep a foster child? — ran headlong into this reality. As evidenced by the number of children to have lived temporarily at the Links in just the last year, a foster parent's role is mostly a temporary one. Yet foster parents must treat the child truly as one of their own, make that emotional investment, and still be able to let go, time and again.

Terry Boissonneault, a foster parents support worker with the CAS, rationalizes the often short time spent with a foster child this way: "Whatever you give the child, you're showing them what a stable family can be. They'll have those memories and you will have given that to them."

The fact is, every effort is made to reunite foster children with their biological parents, Boissonneault says. "Contrary to what some believe, we're not out to take children from families. If it all possible, we're out to keep children with their families."

Most foster children, who can be anywhere from infancy to age 16, are not eligible for adoption. Boissonneault says the rarest kind of child in the CAS system is one who has become a crown ward and whose biological relatives have no access rights at all. Such a child is eligible for adoption. But even in cases where a foster child becomes a ward of the crown, the biological parents usually retain rights of access to that child.

And while the CAS obviously does step in and take custody of children in situations of abuse, neglect and abandonment, foster children also find their way into the system without ever becoming a ward of the crown. These are the children who end up in the temporary care of the CAS because of family crises — parents at wits end turning to the agency for relief. Their offspring are taken into temporary custody, up to six months, and end up in foster homes while the parents get their lives back together.

Sometimes parents seek fostering relief because of a child's physical disability or medical condition. Other children enter the foster system because of the death of parents or legal guardians.

Foster parents are placed in a few different categories. There are regular foster parents, like the Links, who provide what usually turns out to be short to medium term care, often on short notice in emergency situations. There are also foster parents who have been trained to provide specialized treatment for foster children with medical or physical disabilities. And there are so-called provisional foster parents who take care of specific children, usually with a family connection. For example, a pair of regular foster parents may need a break for a weekend, so they send their foster children to relatives approved by the CAS to look after those particular children.

The CAS compensates foster parents with a modest weekly stipend and allowances to cover the cost of caring for each child. No more than four children can be placed in one foster home at a time. If the foster children are under two years of age, the home may not contain more than two foster children in total.

What it takes

Foster care is overseen by the Children's Aid Society, which falls under the under auspices of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, as set out in the Child and Family Services Act.

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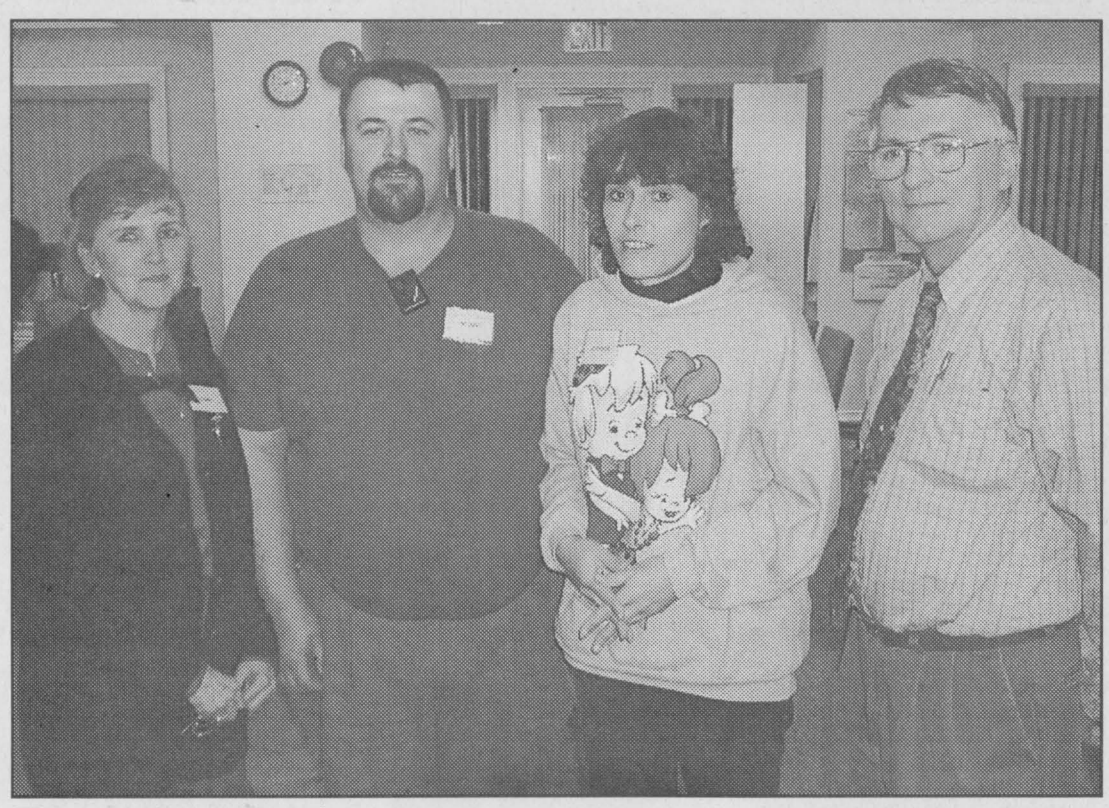

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Fostering seminar

The Children's Aid Society of SD&G presented a seminar on foster parenting at the Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre in Williamsburg. Foster parents Rusty and Jennifer Link are flanked by Terry Boissonneault, left, a foster parent support worker, and Ian MacLean, supervisor of residential service. Operating under provincial legislation, the CAS is set up with a board elected by Society members. Anyone can join the CAS membership.

True garbage story

Once upon a time, an Iroquois household had the bad fortune to produce three bags of garbage within a seven-day period. Soon, it would be Friday, the day of the biggest weekly event in the sleepiest little town by a dam site, Garbage Day, and three bags would be over the limit decreed by the rulers of the land of South Dundas.

On the night before Garbage Day, the denizens of Iroquois scurry about, placing their plastic garbage bags and trash cans by the road, for the garbage men in their rumbling packer truck come bright and bitterly early the next morning. During this time of important chores in the village, the crafty people stuff their trash into industrialsized garbage bags. Others use trash cans, having discovered that one trash can is usually treated as the equivalent of one bag by the garbage men. Then the villagers scurry back indoors, fingers crossed against evil skunks tearing the trash to bits during the night.

Now, a member of this unfortunate household had the temerity to march out to the street with those three regularsized bags and, bold as brass, dropped them at the curb. The next morning, two disappeared into the mouth of the garbage truck and one was left behind. Enraged, the householder left the bag to sit there as a sign of protest to the mayor, all week.

The night before the next Garbage Day, the householder, with two new bags of garbage waiting in the wings, spied a vacant home down the street. And so the orphaned bag was furtively transported, under the cover of high-pressure sodium streetlamps, to the empty driveway. Alas, two other wayward bags of garbage found their way to that spot, too, before the arrival of the garbage men.

Guess which one got left behind? That first orphaned bag of garbage, of course, to the chagrin of the unfortunate householder.

The moral of the story: Never make a mockery of the garbage collection rules in South Dundas. Or be sure to buy garbage tag stickers at $1 a pop for those unfortunate extras by the roadside.

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Volunteer week

National Volunteer Week is being celebrated across Canada this week; April 9-15th. Next year, in 2001 the entire year will be devoted to volunteerism around the world.

What does it mean to volunteer? According to the dictionary, it is a French word meaning to "spontaneously take on a task or to voluntarily undertake an offer." But, rather than define the term, being a volunteer really defines the person.

What a dull world it would be, if nobody volunteered their time and effort to make things click. Canada has repeatedly been selected by the United Nations as the number one place in the world in which to live. This is in large part to the attitude of Canadians, a friendly attitude, no matter what walk of life you hail from. However, we are in new times. A new millennium. The instant information age with everything done lightening fast, everyone in a hurry to get things done, and seemingly less free time on the horizon.

In the past, you could always count on that neighbour to lend a helping hand, that act of chivalry to help an elderly person cross the street. The young person to hold the door open for a lady. These were volunteer acts, values people were either brought up with or taught. Too often now, this world has shifted to an "everybody for themselves attitude." There are those whose first area of concern when asked to donate some time and effort that utter the words, "What's in it for me?" I am not saying that all moral values have goneby the wayside. But, perhaps during the first Volunteer Week of the 21st Century, we should make an effort to teach our children about the spirit of volunteerism...perhaps this country's greatest natural resource. Of course we should celebrate the thousands of community volunteer groups and individual volunteers that contribute to unselfishly lend a helping hand when called upon.

To them," Thank you for a job well done. And for those who plan to spare a few moments of their precious time in the near future - way to go, you can prove all the sceptics wrong," says Inky Mark MP Canadian Alliance Heritage Critic.

There is no shortage of volunteer persons in our community. Many are typical unsung heros who go about their efforts without recognition nor cause to want any. They help others as a matter of routine. They are the firefighters in our town, the Meals on Wheels folks, they are the Hospital volunteers, the canvasers for the various charities, they are the youth group leaders, they are the knitters for the neonatal babies, they are the flower power lady, they are the young people who help others with their heavy loads and ask for nothing in return. They are the backbone of our land and many are right here in Iroquois and area. The tradition of setting aside a week to honour and thank those people who give so freely of themselves and to increase public awareness of the vital contribution that volunteers make to our communities and to our country, began in 1943. Carrying on a traditiion such as this is a wondrous thing.

What do YOU volunteer for? S.L.J.

April showers/floods/snow brings May flowers?

Just Plain Livin'

with Sandra Lee

Bah Humbug! What about our April showers bringing May flowers? We had the showers and they turned into torrents of heavy rain that all but washed the front lawn into the ditch, and we were complaining. Racing about on Saturday snapping photos, purchasing license plate stickers for the three cars (you know birthday and all, this minor detail got forgotten in the hustle and so was rectified before we get stopped for a routine seatbelt check and get fined for no new stickers) and generally getting drenched, I was less than happy with the weather...little did I know what was in store!! Saturday afternoon grew darker and as I drove home from the last picture shoot in Morrisburg the ominous sky foretold of something horrific on the agenda. Then the snow began and still I defied the envitable.

The college kid was taking a break before hitting the skids again and the second son was home from work starting on his Calculus assignment...when the rain ceased and the snow started to fall. A dinner reservation to celebrate birthdays was on the books and the high school band was hosting a band and playing a concert. The gal pal of the college kid was staying over to get an early start on Saturday morning and arrived home with time to eat, change and get back to the school. The sons decided Subway was on the menu for supper since the folks were going out. Now, wait a minute, there was hesitation about this idea, but then vehicles were on the road and how bad could it be? The second son struck out for the sandwiches and the visibility grew ever worse. What should have taken a few minutes took close to an hour and his old mother (now older than dirt!!) was crawling the walls. He arrived home and everything seemed to be inhand, other than the skid he took on the highway, which he steered out of, thankfully and so we headed for the dinner. The friends who went along seemed not in the least worried. We crawled to Prescott on County Road 2 and were not even nervous except when a vehicle was spotted in the ditch.

The Chevy pickup that had slid off the road just before Grenville Park and was upside down on its roof, wheels still spinning when we drove past was bit unnerving, but he had probably been travelling too fast for the conditions and we continued along, since another trucker had stopped to help. The line of cars behind us was not condusive to stopping anyway! Arriving about half an hour late we were escorted to our table at the Stockade Barracks and were enjoying our poached salmon and roast beef and Yorkshire pudding in no time at all. The snow continued to fall and as we left slowed to a crawl, as flakes drifted to the ground we anticipated that the roads would be plowed an clear...they were not! We made it home, stuffed and happy and glad to be safely at Swampview again. Both sons were in residence and so all was well.

A couple of cute birthday gifts were presented to the old editor and thanks to a silly sign in the paper window, many folks dropped by to express their congrats. A pair of M&M fellows, namely Pesky Purple and Orville Orange grace my desk, these are quite the characters and a loon ornament was added to the corral of loons we have, thanks. A pair of African Voilets adorn my desk and a new paper arrives each afternoon. A gift certificate to the McIntosh Inn will come in handy, a gift certificate for a facial promises to make the old face feel better and who knows, maybe even look better! a bouquet of flowers, a new cookbook and a good read from Marsha Boulton were welcome too. There were more than a few scratch tickets given to me as well, but none were the big winner, fun though!

Then Sunday dawned and the weather seemed worse, if that were possible. an assignment to the Sanctuary was cancelled and the snow piled ever higher...so much for the green grass and the budding lilac bush! Visibility was extremely poor and the traffic all but stopped moving. The second son and the father went to town for milk and bread, eggs and meat for supper and otherwise we snuggled deeper inside and remained there. A bit of a tift resulted when they stopped by the neighbours to get some bird seed, since the wee feathered fellows and gals seemed stumped with all the white stuff that was accumulating everywhere. We felt sorry for them and were out of seed. Apples were cut and put in the big feeder and then the seed was distributed to the various areas. The little birds flocked to them...afterall they had come north for the springlike weather, probably with their shorts and swim suits and then were confronted by the drifts and blowing snow. They were justly confused.

We watched throughout the day as they ate their fill and then seemed to invite friends and relatives to try our stuff. The car was stuck for a bit as the combination of snow and ice worked against things, but the air was black for a while when they returned. The second son's gal was visiting as well when the storm struck and so she too was with them on their snowy adventure. The ironing pile dwindled and the golf was checked out as we watched the drifts grow deeper. Calculus was figured out as more lessons were completed.

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the bottom line

AN EGG-CITING WORKSHOP WILL GET EVERYONE IN THE EASTER mode on Saunday, April 16 starting at 1pm. The egg is very much a part of Easter because it represents the miracle of new life. Make egg decorating one of your family traditions. Drop by the Interpretive Centre at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Sunday afternoon to try your hand at designing Easter Eggs using several techniques. Try some Pysanka egg decorating to test your creativity. This sounds like an egg-ceptionally fun way to spend an afternoon. Wear old clothes and come on out. The cost is only 10 cents an egg. My egg-vice to you is to drop by and enjoy!

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HOPE TO SEE EACH OF YOU ALL AT THE LOCAL LEGION, BRANCH 370, on Saturday evening in Iroquois as the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion will celebrate their Golden Anniversary. Fifty years of dedication to the Branch and to their community will be recognized on Saturday evening as the ladies invite their friends to join them in this celebration. Let's show them we appreciate all they do for us, support them as they rememebr 50 years of service to the people of the area.

THE SNOW WAS TOO MUCH FOR THEM TO ENDURE...THE BIRDS FLEW to warmer climates this week...just kidding, there were some snags and the column did not get to press this week, it will return next week as usual. Thanks for your understanding in this matter. Take care, Linda, we'll see you next week.

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THE HOCKEY IS HEATING UP AS WE WILL BE ABLE TO GO SEE THE Sens take on the Leafs. This should be a great rivalry, a terrific series of games for Canada, if not the world to watch; although there can be little doubt who will be victoroius, can there? Anyone with season tickets could make a killing as those of us who have to fight to get a seat will be ready to pay for this series. Adding to the hype these games will create, the mayor of Toronto and Ottawa have a side bar bet; the city whose team loses the first round Eastern Conference playoff series between the Ottawa Senators and the Toronto Maple leafs will fly the other's flag over city hall and Mayor Lastman is certain his Leafs will win.

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Just livin'

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It resembled a day in late December or early January rather than the start of the second week in April. There are some things we have no control over, and the weather is one of them.

After things settled down, we had eaten and the second son's girl had gone home with her dad, who braved the storm to grab his two youngins; the college kid's girl's mother had brought her homework since their laneway was not great and she was staying over again to get to school on Monday from Swampview and we were armed with shovels and snow pushers to attack the driveway. The snow had drifted and fell and really packed in the drive. We spent a while digging it and suddenly the grey Merc was sitting at a tilt in the west ditch (which was incidently full of water under the snow!)...then all H*** seemed to break loose and the son and big guy sent the mother up for gasoline. Usually gas is served to me and so I do not worry that I can never get the gas tank cap off...this time it was a concern. After getting into the cap, everything was frozen since the rain had fallen, frozen and then the snow filled in each crevice, I filled the tank. I got the cap off with hardly any trouble! Arriving back at the ranch I learned that a neighbour had stopped and was enroute with a chain to rescue us. Thanks Dale for tugging us out, and even though it makes better copy and better talk (I did tell my dad it was the Chev that pulled us out!), it was actually the big FORD truck and nothing seemed the worse for wear. Cleaning the snow went quickly and as we figured we had done enough and were ready to put the cars back in the drive, the brother in the backhoe arrived to clean us out properly! What are the odds? Ready for morning, we all trudged to the house, wet and tired and then boom, the editor goes down, kersmash flat on her back on a piece of ice. There was not much sympathy as everyone was hot and a little on the ugly side after the events of the evening. I was helped up and although even as this is typed, the head aches and the equilibrium is not quite equal, the back aches and pains and I know I fell last night...and just when things seemed to be past that "falling thing" for me!!

Take care and shovel out if able. They forecast more today!! The wisdom comes from Logan Pearsall Smith who said, "Thank heavens the sun has gone in, and I don't have to go out and enjoy it."

Focus

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Potential foster parents, then, have to meet a plethora of regulations, before and after receiving approval from the CAS.

For starters, potential foster parents need to provide four references and undergo months of training, and police checks into their background as well as those of anyone in their household age 18 and up. The candidates also require physical exams. "We want to make sure you are physically able to care for children placed in your home," Boissonneault says.

The CAS interviews the hopefuls individually and within their own family unit during a home assessment. "We want to know how you solve your problems. We get to know you quite well."

The home assessment includes a house inspection, to make sure the foster children are going to a safe, peaceful place. A house in the midst of renovations is not as likely to be approved, as those kinds of projects can send stress levels skyrocketing in even the best of families.

There are a couple of other rules about the required features in a foster house. The home must include a locked cabinet in which to keep all medicine as well as confidential documents pertaining to the child. And there must not be an external lock on the foster child's bedroom door.

As for the people who make the household, the CAS is looking for standard-issue mother and father couples who are capable of providing a warm, caring and concerned environment. That includes involvement in the child's schooling. "Are you able to defend the child at parent-teacher interviews?" Boissonneault asks.

Another prerequisite: foster parents must do the job without resorting to spanking. In fact, corporal punishment cannot be used on any child in a household in which a foster child resides. Trying to mix standards in a household would only build resentment between the natural children and the foster children, for whom the rod must be spared.

After being approved as foster parents, there are annual inspections and other rules to contend with. A child under the jurisdiction of the SD&G CAS cannot travel outside the United Counties without prior permission from the CAS. Babysitters must have police background checks. Any accidental bump or bruise to a foster child needs to be reported as soon as possible, in order to counter any claims of abuse by family members.

On a delicate note, Rusty candidly points out the role of foster father to a little girl means taking certain precautions against claims of abuse. "Allegations can surface and you can be blamed for something that maybe she said." To protect himself, he does not spend time alone with the child.

Despite these sorts of challenges, the Links obviously believe they have found their calling. "We don't do it for the money," Rusty says, "we do it because we want to. If they paid us no money, we would still do it."

First person account

Adding her thoughts on the rewards of foster parenting, Jennifer, self-described "Judge Judy" of the Link household, dispensed some advice and had the following personal account (edited to protect identities):

Some people in your community may comment that foster kids are trouble and a loss to society. They may let you know that "foster kids" are not worthy of love ... after all ... they are only "foster kids" and must be bad if they're in the fostering system. Other people may remark on how unfair life has been to "those kids" yet they sit back and do nothing to help "those kids." The public may, without thinking first, question you about your child's past and future. People don't stop to realize that they themselves would not appreciate having their life's difficulties aired to complete strangers.

"What is that kid's problem?", "What's wrong with him?" seems to me to be two of the top ten questions asked by the public. What upsets foster parents more so than the actual question is that the child in question is usually listening. He then feels that all eyes are on him. We as foster parents know that questions and comments about our children aren't meant to be cruel or insulting. We realize that the vast majority of the public are curious and truly interested in the new arrivals in their community. Education about the foster care program is the key to having your community help you — help them — in the raising of all children.

To the public ... if you sincerely want to help a foster child, just treat him as you would treat any other child in your community. There is nothing more hurtful to the spirit than to constantly be reminded that you are different.

My husband and I have been foster parents since last April. We have two biological teenagers. Our son is sixteen and our daughter will soon be fourteen. We decided many years ago that we would someday become a foster family. We all agreed that we needed team work to make fostering succeed. It would take a lot of hard, dedicated work if we were going to make each child feel like a family member during their stay with us. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, ten years passed before our dreams of fostering became reality. After months of training, home inspections and having our personal lives picked apart by the Children's Aid Society, we were ready.

We requested two long-term boys between the ages of two and five years old. Our plan was to raise these boys as our own. We have yet to see them. However, we have been blessed with a great variety of little people. During the past year we have impacted the lives of eleven little souls. Although their stay was short term, one week to six months, we feel that we have made a difference. It's a great feeling!

Presently, we are the proud parents of a "crown ward" little girl. Our special daughter is four years old and we will raise her as if she were our own daughter. She will be ours in every way except on paper. We also have a baby that will continue to love and care for unconditionally until her future is determined by the courts and the CAS. We have altered our lives and renovated our home to ensure that our teens continue to have their privacy and the little ones have a room. We are now set up to house a family of eight instead of a family of four. It was a big decision that required many weeks of discussion and months of planning, but we feel we made the right choice for our family!

We each have our own important roles to play in the raising of our extended family. No one person's role is more important that the next person's. My point is that in order to make fostering work every one of your "guest kids," as we prefer to call them, must feel that they belong. Each and every member of the fostering family must be one hundred percent committed to the short and long-term care and growth of children. Fostering takes time, patience, understanding, training and a sense of humour to get through each day. Each child's needs are different. Each child's past is original. Each day presents a new challenge or reward. Somewhere between the thick red tape of the CAS, book of rules and regulations, and the individual needs of each child, you have to balance a life. Your family must make your "guest kids" feel wanted and needed, yet on the same note the biological family must remain stable. Making sure that everyone feels secure that they will never lose their spot on the extended family tree is a challenge.

Everyday a little soul will fall from a tree and the CAS, alongside the foster families of SD&G have to step in for the rescue. The sole purpose of this rescue is to mend the biological families before any long-term damage can occur. Sometimes this is possible. Therefore "crown ward" or "adoption" has to occur.

It is never easy to say goodbye to any child that you've loved and cared for, for months. Each family member will react differently to the loss, but you make it through tough days knowing that you made a difference in someone's life. The fact that CAS workers are knocking on your door with a new arrival within hours or days of your loss helps it. You know you can't let them down. There is no shortage of needy children within the United Counties.

Our four-year-old daughter came to us ten months ago. She has seen many children come and go from our home. For months she lived with fear that she would be next. Time, determination, patience and a total remodelling of her room, including her choice of colours and bunk-beds, showed this little lady something; there is such a thing as honest, unconditional love.

She now has the confidence that she has a family to which she belongs. She can now show affection and is thriving. She still has her moments of uncertainty, but having a loving, supportive family has helped her. She finally has a Daddy and Mommy, a big brother and a big sister. As for myself, Princess is a blessing. I see myself in her eyes, for I too was once a scared, lonely foster kid. My search for a family ended after thirteen years of foster care. I married my high school honey. We bought a house and turned it into a home eighteen years ago. Together we raised our biological children. Together with the help of our children, our friends, neighbours and our community, we are determined to show children in need that family isn't just another word. It is a warm feeling, deep in your heart.

With thanks to Jennifer Link.

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CAS officials note that fostering is a team effort between foster parents, agency workers and, ideally, the biological parents. Those interested in joining such a team should call the SD&G CAS at (613) 933-2292 or 1-800-267-2451.



Tree planting at Dixon's

Harold Johnston's kindergarten class at Dixon's Corners Public School wheel out a tree to be planted in the school yard on a less than spring-like day last week. Bouwe Venema helps out behind the wheelbarrow. The trees came courtesy of Clayton Barkley. The school will make further improvements to its greenspace with a $700 grant from the Ministry of the Environment this spring. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

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Novice teams receive awards for great season

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Place close to forty young hockey players in the Morrisburg Civic Centre and ask them to be patient, while teams and their members are recognized for a great season. Allow the smell of steamy, hot pizza to drift into the room and you can imagine the results.

The new president of the Morrisburg and District Minor Hockey Association, John Lortie thanked all the members of the executive who were not returning as well as those who have accepted new positions on the executive for the coming season. He mentioned that each player would receive a puck with a Lions head embossed thereupon as a souvenir of the awesome season they enjoyed this past winter.

Novice B Team:

First up for recognition was the Novice B squad. Coaches Jim Whelan and Sam Moss introduced their helpers: Wes Douma-Trainer, Perry Swank-Manager and Assistant Coaches-Tom Tindal and Dan Keller. Jim suggested that the players and those behind the benches need to recognize those who make it possible for the games to happen. Looking at the executive, he nodded and said, "We appreciate the hours you put into minor hockey and know without your efforts we would not be playing, our hats are off to you, and you-'re all hired again!" he continued thanking Wes in particular, "You prevented casualties all season long, and even invented the "stickholder" which was just awesome, and should be patented. Even if you did forget it more often than not!" He also mentioned what a great job Perry did, "He thinks of everything for you!"

He explained how well the team did throughout this season...playing 54 games, and recording 31 wins, only 12 losses and 11 ties. "We ended up with a 14-3-7 record on the season, ending up second to only Cornwall." The team beat out South Stormont in 2 straight playoff games, both 1 goal wins for the opponents, showing how well the team played.

The Novice B team took part in six tourneys during the season, and were A Finalists in Prescott, B Finalists in Cornwall and in Morrisburg as they hosted a tourney as well. Some great play put the Lions in the "A" Final in Kemptville and when everything seemed to go just right for the Lions, they were crowned Champs. Of note was the Kanata team who is made up of the finest from among 350 players on 16 teams...and the Lions beat them! This showed the calibre of player in the Morrisburg system.

Travelling to Montreal to take part in the biggest tourney these players have ever been entered in, the Lions played in the top division, where the top four teams advanced, Morrisburg ended up in fifth place, missing the cut by a slim margin. "We were particularly proud of the girls who played on our team, and they were certainly noticed by coaches and fans alike wherever we played, Jane Moss and Ali Tait were recognized throughout the league this year, excellent year girls!" said Jim.

He was particularly adamant about all the players coming to practices all the time, eager to play the game, to put their best effort into every practice and get the very best job done possible. "This is a the surest testimony to a coach."

Noting a barnburner when the Lions faced NES in an up and down swing that could have been won by either team, and should have been Morrisburgs to take. The Lions lost by a slim one goal, the final score showed 1-0 for NES. "We were particularly proud of our girls in this game."

Then the awards were handed out: Top Defensive Player went to Ali Tait (#4) who is a good skater, with effective skills and puck handling that enables her to score. She recorded 12 goals and 16 assists, well done indeed. Top Offensive Player Award went to Alex Whelan (#11), known in the dressing room as "Hyper on Ice." He notched 39 goals, and 36 assists to earn 75 points on the season as the tops on his team. The Coach's Award was presented to Chris Tindal (#14), who "always gave 110%..Chris led by example and it was rare to see him without a smile. He led by example and we were all proud of him on and off the ice," noted Coach Whelan. Allen Waddell(#-19) received the VIP Award. Converting his play from defensive to offensive player mode, he earned 53 points on the season. Rookie of the Year was Jay Keller(#16). Each team member was recognized for their special talent on the ice. Ryan Swank(#1) was in the pipes for 54 games, grabbing 12 shutouts and earned a 1.75 goals against average. Pat Bongers(#12) was the Skills Competition winner (and was able to undress the fastest after a game). Jane Moss(#9) will go far with her ability and Scott Douma(#18) showed himself to be a versatile player playing every spot on the ice. Scott Summers(#-10) was proud of his trophy and Nathan McDonnell(#7) twined a great shot with sportsmanlike play. Michael Davidson(#2) earned the nickname "Spiderman" and a talent for keeping his coaches on their toes. Justin Saunders, an affiliate player this season played well in the 7 or 8 games he played for this team.

"We wish all you kids the best. If you do as well as you did this past season, you'll make a lot of coaches proud."

Sam Moss took over the podium and expressed the appreciation of those behind the bench towards the parents. "Whether cheerleading, organizing tourneys or fundraising, you were always there helping the team." He singled out Fanny McDonnell and Nancy Swank for their efforts. "Darryl sat in the box for 12 hours straight during our tourney...and then there is the superstitious gum chewing..."

Novice C Team:

Coach Tom Hodgson of the Novice C squad thanked the executive as well "These folks are so dedicated, they go home from the arena and play hockey."

He told how this season was good to the Novice C team. "We went to the finals winning over the best team in the League, from Brockville in the first game of the final series, then losing out to Prescott, whom we should have found an easy opponent, tough to figure, but that is how the game goes."

Assistant Coach Scott Corden suggested that Morrisburg was always a great hockey town and Morrisburg ad District remains a strong contender. The volunteers and executive are among the best. We are proud of all the boys on the team, and those parents who helped in any way to contribute to the success of the season." He mentioned travelling to Kingston to be a part of the Largest Hockey Tourney in Canada. "The boys were finalists in their division, losing out to a strong Barry-s Bay team. We were proud of the boys all season and during this tourney we were especially proud of each and every player."

Handing awards to each player the coaching staff recognized the players for their skills and talents, including Drew Hutt(#12), Michel Thurler (#16), Thomas Corden (#4), Connor Hodgson (#8), Evan Harper(#15) and Brad Munroe (#17). Those honoured in particular were Best Defensive Player was Nicholas McCaslin (#7). Best Offensive Player was Justin Saunders (#18) (referred to as a force to be reckoned with, especially when he heads for the net). The Coach's Award was earned by Jesse Lapier(#10)..."He improved so much, and we found we could count on him every time he skated onto the ice." Most Dedicated ESSO medallion went to Steven Baird (#1), while David Toonders(#9) was named MIP. Most Sportsmanlike Player was Josh Veltkamp(#2) and the Heart and Desire Award went to Daniel Stevens(#19). Each player went home with an award for a great season. Mrs. Veltkamp presented each of the staff with a token of appreciation on behalf of the team. Mitch Hutt, Mike Veltkamp and Scott Corden helped out as Manager, Trainer and Assistant Coach.

Novice House:

Kevin "Weiner" Keyes was nervous, but managed to introduce his helpers behind the bench...John Hanson-Manager, Bill Morrow-Assistant Coach, and Geoff Peters (Dr.)-Trainer..."Great to have a doctor along each game!"said the shy fellow who seems never to be at a loss for words at any other time! He thanked each of the guys for a great season.

"We were third out of ten teams this season and although we were beat out in the first round of the finals, every game was tight, showing the improvement the team made this season. Athens shut us out, the last one a slim one goal win for them," noted Kevin.

He continued, "We met most of our goals this year, improvement has been evident, skill development was terrific and we all had loads of fun too!"

He mentioned the "Initiation Program" introduced by Sam Moss as a definite asset to the system..."We have three great Novice teams this year in Morrisburg and they are all looking good!"

The awards showed the Iroquois Connection alive and well as Andres Menges was named Best Offensive Player, Lucas Stewart (the man in the pipes) won the C-oach's Award and Matt Hanson wore the Most Dedicated Award.(This player gave his all every time and never gave up on the ice.) Others included were Best Defensive Player was Drew Morrow, MIP was Blaine Markell and Most Sportsmanlike Player was Jordon Derue. Each team player (Spencer Peters, Matthew Jamieson, Tom Keyes, Brian Theoret, Pat Chesbro, Joe Streit and Tyler Stewart) was recognized and given an award for their part in the success of the season.

Executive:

Head Coach Barry Van Allen noted the help that parents provide for the teams, the work of the executive and the contribution of each to the system. "There would be no organization without you and what you do. And I am able to offer you the same pay as last year!"

He noted how difficult it gets to get players to come out to practise when they reach Bantam and Midget age, since coaches had noted how the Novice players turn up every time to practice and to games.

He noted that the coaches and parent reps are the ones that actually run the association...great job!!"

Then it was pizza time and after the photos were snapped, the crowd chowed down!! The smiles on the faces of the award recipients were evidence that they were proud of their achievements, congrats to all of you.



Novice House Winners

Matt Hanson* (M Ded), Blaine Markell (MIP), and Jordon Derue (MS) stand behind teammates Lucas Stewart* (Coach's Award), Drew Morrow (Best Defensive Player) and Andres Menges* (Best Offensive Player).* Denotes the Iroquois connection as these boys live in the "best little town by a dam site."

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Novice "B" Gold

Chris Tindal won the Coach's Award, while Ali Tait was named Best Defensive Player and Alex (Aka Hyper on Ice) Whelan was chosen as the Best Offensive Player on his team. Whether chewing the right type of gum at the right time in the right place had anything to do with the team's success this year we will never know for sure!

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• Badminton Gold comes to Iroquois •

The Iroquois Badminton Club reports success with club members in the SD&G Badminton Championships which were hosted in Cornwall on Wednesday, April 5th.

The Midget Boys Doubles Champions Gold Medallists were Dustin Delegarde and Jeff Madge, while Runner-up John Dobry wore the silver medal home for his efforts. John also is a member of the Iroquois Club. This was achieved in the Doubles Championship match.

The Midget Boys Singles Championship saw another member from the Iroquois Club bringing home the gold medal, as Brian McCourt showed what it takes in singles play to win the SD&G Badminton Title.

Speaking to Badminton President in Iroquois, Jeff Beaupre said, " Congratulations to all players on your dedication and hard work to achieve these goals for this badminton season."

Jeff suggested that we keep a close watch as more players will be playing on April 12 for the Senior SD&G titles in Cornwall.

The Iroquois Badminton Club plays out of the Seaway District High School Gym with 4 courts available on Monday and Wednesday evenings 6:30pm until 9pm each of these two nights. Adults and high school students play hard from September until the end of April. Grab a racket and join the fun.



Novice "C" Victors

In front are Jesse Lapier with the Coach's Award, Justin Saunders who carried home the hardware as Best Offensive Player, and Nicholas McCaslin who was named Best Defensive Player while behind them are Daniel Stevens with the Heart and Desire trophy, Nicholas Thomas, who was chosen Most Improved Player, Josh Veltkamp-the Most Sportsmanlike Player and Steve Baird who earned the Most Dedicated Player Award.

Coaches bring in or fax your score sheets to 652-2508

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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

Moonlight Chapter #224 O.E.S. will be having a Euchre Party, Thursday, April 13th in the Fraternal Hall on Bay Street, Iroquois at 7:30 p.m.

Knox. Pres. Church, Spring Rummage Sale held at the Iroquois Civic Centre. April 14, 2000 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Call Don Thompson at 652-4023 or Howard Linnen at 652-4476 for pickup.

Christian Book Fair at the old Clerk's Office in Brinston. April 15 from 9 - 12 noon. Fundraiser for CCRC-Library Committee. Children's books, colouring books, CD + tapes, videos, bibles, adult and teen fiction, greeting cards.

Cardinal Pathfinders are hosting an Easter Pancake Breakfast at the Cardinal Legion on Saturday, April 15 from 9 am -11 am. For more info contact Cheryl at 925-0705.

Riverside Seniors, Public Euchre, Saturday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Cardinal.

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Awards presented to Curlers as season ends



Casselman Trophy winners.

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Curling Club capped a successful season on Wednesday night at its annual awards dinner.

The Club's fortunes took a turn for the better this year, Sydney Schnurr reported to the membership.

Membership numbers went up and the club looks to be able to finish in the black this year, after the receipts from its upcoming yard sale and golf tournament are tallied.

And more curlers took to the ice surface this year, thanks in part to the Club's new pay-as-you-play option, she said.

Hardware is the name of the game at the awards night, of course, so here are the winners:



Hughie Hutchison Trophy winners.



Annie Kinkaid Award winners.

Senior Men awards

Morrisburg Feeds — Eric Orgee, Wally McDonald, Ray Baker, Al Gowanlock.

Walt Bowman — Don O'Brien, Ted Herriman, Tony Toonders, Don Smithson.

Hughie Hutchison — Neil Williams, Dwight Gilmer, Ron Brown, Don Smithson.

Lorne Kinkaid — Earl Jeacle, Neil Williams, John Vanderspank, Paul Dobry.

Jim Fraser — Jack Dikland, John Lyon, John Vanderspank, Jim Banford.

Gerald Adams — Sid Morrell, Martin Schneckenburger, John Vanderspank, Charlie Farlinger.

Evening Men awards

Calvert — Larry Cooper, Steve Boucher, Fred Hofman, Graham Houze.

Pat Lid — Ian McGillis, Steve Boucher, Jack Dikland, Karl Duncan.

Evening Competitive award

Dodge — Chris Barkley, Nancy Barkley, Robert Delegarde, Les Gilmour.

Day Mixed awards

Bradford — Don O'Brien, Alice Thompson, Gerry Thompson, Paul Dobry.

Casselman — Arnold Centen, Wally McDonald, Eleanor Allison, Paul Dobry.

Evening Mixed awards

Hope Trophy — Craig Harriman, Allan Harriman, Sydney Schnurr, Bill Magee.

Bank of Montreal Trophy — Chris Barkley, Nancy Barkley, Brian Montgomery, Donna Dillabough.

President Shield — Harry McCallam, Gail McCallam, Donna Dillabough, Allan Harriman, Mahlon Locke.

Evening Ladies awards

St. Lawrence Medical Clinic — Anita Cooper, Elsie Guindon, Alice Thompson, Gloria Marshall.

Edergerton Baker — Anita Cooper, Wendy Johnston, Charlene Baker, Louise Irvine.

Merrill — Sydney Schnurr, Paula Locke, Donna Stephens.

Afternoon Ladies awards

Annie Kinkaid — Anita Cooper, Margaret Reynolds, Ann McDonald, Donna Stephens, Donna Dillabough, Anita Cooper, Eleanor Allison.

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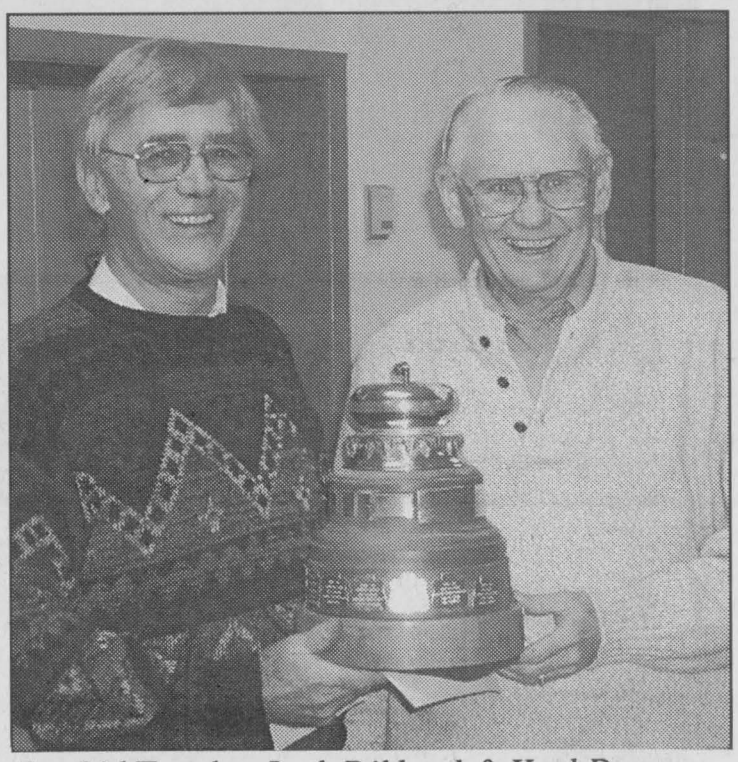
Jim Fraser jokes, presents his trophy.



Pat Lid Trophy, Jack Dikland & Karl Duncan.



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IROQUOIS: 2 bedroom townhouse, gas furnace & water, $575 per month plus utilities. Available May 1st. Call 652-2726.
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IROQUOIS: 2 bedroom apartment, spacious lawn, $540 per month, heat included. Call 448-2905.
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IROQUOIS: Apartment for rent, 2 miles north of Iroquois. 2 bedroom, 1/2 house, bath and bedrooms upstairs. $600 per month, utilities included, no pets, first and last required. Available immediately. Call 652-4648.
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MORRISBURG: Available immediately, beautiful 2 bedroom trailer with air conditioning. Recently renovated. Bright and airy. $440 per month plus utilities. 1st, last and references required. Call Jenny at 925-1902.
A5-2tp

Births

IT'S A GIRL!
BARNHARDT: John & Tanya (nee Mabo) are proud to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, ***Julenea Dawn***. She was born on Friday, April 7, 2000 at the Ottawa General Hospital, weighing 5 lbs and 2ozs. Proud grandparents are Donnie & Debbie Mabo and Bill & Judy Barnhardt. Special thanks to Crystal McHugh, the nurses and Dr. Rivington at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, the ambulance drivers and the doctors and nurses on the 8th floor at the Ottawa General Hospital.

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Local Construction Firm Is Looking For CARPENTER HELPERS
**Some experience required*
Call 652-2392
between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for appointments.
A12-1tc

Cards of Thanks

HANNA: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to family, friends, relatives and neighbours for their many acts of kindness, floral tributes, food, sympathy cards and donations to charity we received due to the passing of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Russell. Special thanks to Dr. Marston, Dr. Peters and the 2nd floor nursing staff of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Chris Slater and the staff at the Chris Slater Funeral Home and to Rev. Blair Paterson who conducted the funeral service. These acts of kindness will never be forgotten.
The family of the late Russell Hanna
A12-1tc

JORDAN: I wish to express my thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours and all those who visited the grave side, for the floral tributes, charitable donations, the many phone calls while my beloved husband, John, was in the hospital and also after his death. Thanks to my cousins, Dr. Peters and Rev. Doug Carnegie for their kindness to me though this sad time. I also want to thank Rev. Carnegie for his kind words and prayers for John and myself. This will always be remembered.
Jean Jordan
A12-1tp

Music

DRUM LESSONS
in the convenience of your home.
For Beginners Or Drummers With Little Experience
Call Ryan at 652-2235.
J12-tfnx

Notice to Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
ALL claims against the Estate of the **ETHEL BERYL McCASLIN,** formerly of the Township of Matilda, in the County of Dundas, and late of Woodland Villa, Long Sault, Ontario, retired homemaker, who died on the 21st day of February, 2000 are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of May, 2000** after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not be liable to any person whose claims he shall not then have notice.
DATED this 29th day of March, 2000.
Gorrell, Grenkie, Leroy & Remillard
Box 820, Morrisburg, Ontario K0C 1X0
Solicitors for the Estate Trustee
A5-3tc

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In Memoriam

BARKLEY: In loving memory of Lorne who passed away on April 19, 1997.
There is no place for you,
But in Heaven and in my heart.
You were always loving and always loved.
Sadly missed by Mary.
A12-1tp

COONS: In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ruth Vivian, who passed into Heaven April 13, 1999.
She was a person who made such an imprint on the lives of all who knew her.
Her kindnesses, large and small,
Her love and caring for all people,
Her patience,
Her forgiving ways.
We miss her so much.
Shirley & Ted Pedlar and the Coons family: Wayne, Dianne, Candace, Douglas, Joy, Bill and their families.
A12-1tc

HITSMAN: In memory of a loving mother, Nellie F. Hitsman, who passed away on April 10, 1999.
Its lonesome here without you Mom,
We miss you more each day,
And life is not the same since you were called away.
You bid no one a last farewell or even said good-bye,
We know God only know why.
Loving always and remembered by Freida & Bob, Gloria & Rick, Joe & Rose, Kim & Allen, John & Bonnie.
A12-1tp

HITSMAN: In memory of a loving wife, Nellie Florence Hitsman, who passed away on April 10, 1999.
A rose once grew where my w[illegible] could see sheltered beside a garden wall,
And as the days passed swiftly by it spread its branches straight and fall,
There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each must go alone,
And there is a light we can not see
God claims his own,
God who called my dear wife home.
I sit and stare at her picture all alone.
God granted her place and rest,
That was when he took the best.
Loving and always remembered by your husband George.
A12-1tp

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Pastor Marcel Charette

Phone 535-2029

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study - Tuesday Nights
Watch TBN Channel 20

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Hwy. 31 & Ormond Rd.
774-5170

10:30 am Celebration Service
7:30 pm Evening Service
Wed. 7:30 pm Bible Study

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2000 Aquatic Program
The Cardinal Recreation Committee

SUPERVISOR-*Qualifications:* Lifesaving Society Instructor Certificate or equivalent. Salary $375.00 per 40 hour week. The Supervisor must be a mature person (18 years of age minimum) capable of organizing and carrying out aquatic programs and schedules which comply with the Red Cross Awards Programs and which will contribute to community involvement.

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All applications must included photocopies of most recent badge information and Social Insurance Number.

Applications for the above positions are available from:
Village Clerk
618 Kings Hwy. #2
Cardinal, Ontario
K0E 1E0
Closing date for receipt of applications is **April 20, 2000.**

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS
CALL FOR TENDERS

Sealed tenders plainly marked as to contents, will be received not later than 3:00 p.m. local time, April 19, 2000, for the following:

RENOVATIONS & ADDITION TO CIVIC BUILDING IN MORRISBURG

Address tenders to: Township of South Dundas
P.O. Box 160
4296 County Road 31
Williamsburg, ON K0C 2H0
Attention: Michael S. Waddell
Administrator

Plans and specifications will be available for general contractors, and mechanical, electrical sub-trades from the office of the Consultant for a refundable deposit of $100.00 plus G.S.T. Deposit will be refunded if the documents are returned in good condition within 2 weeks of tender close.

Obtain documents at: Rosemount Design Group Ltd.
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Cornwall, ON K6J 3E5

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS

FORM 7

Municipal Tax Sales Act
R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 60
R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 824

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 28, 2000 at the office of the Clerk of the Township of South Dundas, Williamsburg, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m.

Description of Land(s)	Minimum Tender Amount $
Part of Lot 18, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Matilda, now Township of South Dundas, County of Dundas, being Part 2 on Reference Plan 8R-558.	$4, 044.26

Tenders musts be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank, trust corporation or Province of Ontario Savings Office payable to the municipality or board and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

The municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsiblity for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

For further information regarding this sale or a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

Michael Waddell **Chief Administrative Officer**	**The Corporation of the Township of South Dundas**
P.O. Box 160, Williamsburg, Ontario K0C 2H0	

Personal information contained on this form, collected pursuant to the *Municipal Tax Sales Act* and Regulation thereunder, will be used for the purposes of that Act. Questions should be directed to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at the institution responsible for the procedures under that Act.

In Memoriam

MULLIN: In loving memory of my dear husband, Donald (Moonie), who passed away on April 15, 1999.
Two hands are resting,
A loving heart is still.
A husband I loved is waiting,
For me just over the hill.
Day by day my thoughts do wander,
To the grave not far away,
Where they laid my husband Donald,
Just one year ago today.
Sadly missed by wife Dorine.
A12-1tc

MULLIN: In loving memory of our Dad, Husband, Grandfather and Friend, Don, who passed away on April 15, 1999.
Don't think of him as gone away...
His journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one...
Just think of him as resting,
From the sorrow and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing,
That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness,
Can really pass away.
And think of him as living,
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And he was loved so much.
Although a year has passed,
Our memories are still so strong.
You made us laugh,
You made us cry,
You made us feel loved.
We'll never forget you Dad.
Sadly missed by the family.
A12-1tc

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Double Estate Auction
Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 A.M.
To be held at the Osnabruck Centre Hall, from Hwy. 401 Ingleside Exit, travel North approx. 1.5km to Osnabruck Centre
Estate of Mrs. Mabel Prieur of Morrisburg along with the Estate of Mrs. Roy of Brinston
Household Effects, Antiques, Collectibles & 8H.P. Riding Mower

8 pc. dining room set; corner china cabinet; cane bottom chairs; drop leaf table & chairs; maple finish roll top desk; make-up stand; antique wicker tables; maple buffet; mission oak drop front desk; antique hand painted hanging oil lamp; crocks; oil lamps; sleigh bells; sofa & chair (like new); old books; old farm magazines; 4 paintings by Janie Poapst; 7 Keirstead prints; tins; hat pins; spoon collection; collection of wades; Charlie McCarthy (boxed); big little books; toys; Clark Dairy (King & Queen) bottle; selection of glass, including Royal Winton, Carnival, OC Japan, Fire King, Blue Willow; fridge & stove; kitchenware and much, much more.

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Canteen
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A12-Kv-Iq-1tc

Farm Auction
Farm Machinery and Small Items
Travel south of Winchester on County Road 31 through Williamsburg to Lightning Street, then west to Farm #12215 or travel north of Highway 401 at Exit 750 on County Road 31 to Lightning Street
Saturday, April 22
11:00 A.M.

Belarus 825 diesel tractor - 4WD, cab and Leon fully hydraulic loader; White 700 utility special - 4WD, canopy and new motor; Massey Ferguson 165 diesel tractor; New Holland 469 haybine; Massey Ferguson 124 baler and thrower; Vicon tedder-rake - 3 pth.; 24' Trenton thrower rack and wagon; wooden thrower rack and wagon; 24' pipe elevator; New Holland 718 forage harvester c/w new knives; 1 row corn head and direct cut head; New Holland forage box and wagon; Kasten forage box and wagon; New Holland forage blower; Massey Ferguson 3 furrow hydraulic reset plow - 3 pth; Glencoe trail cultivator - 13'; White 14' tandem discs; Massey Ferguson 33 seed drill - 17 run; White 4 row corn planter and monitor; pony harrows; trail cultivator; land roller; heavy duty single axle dump trailer; Massey Ferguson 205 manure spreader; gravity box and wagon; trail cultivator; rock forks; 4" grain auger; 2 rolls page wire; 1" x 6" ash lumber; 1500lb. Cleaned buckwheat; feed cart; bedding chopper; 400' CCW stable cleaner chain; 2 DeLaval milk meters; wagon load of farm related articles. This is a good, clean line of machinery stored inside. 16' aluminum boat c/w Mercury 40 hp motor and trailer; 15' fibreglass boat c/w Mercury 65 hp motor.

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Proprietors:
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Lunch Available
Farm Rented
-Auctioneer-
James Cooper
652-4145
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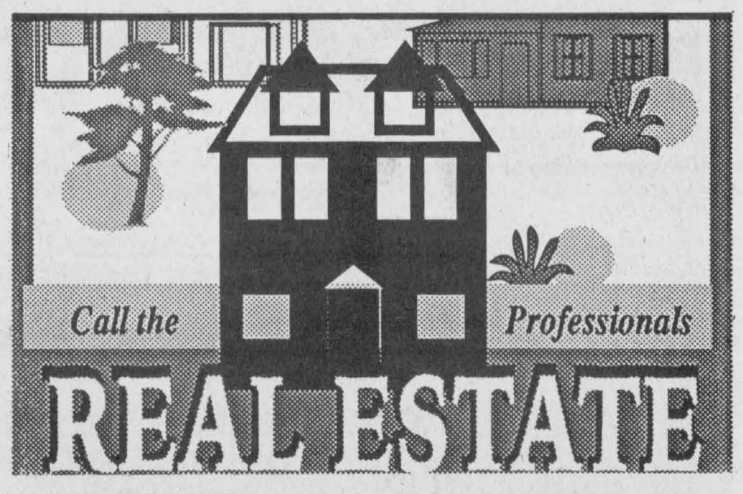

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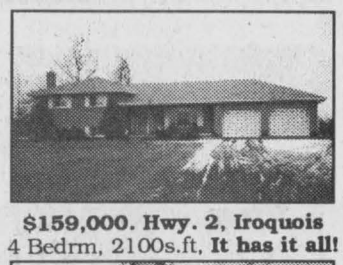

$159,000. Hwy. 2, Iroquois
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$60,000. Iroquois
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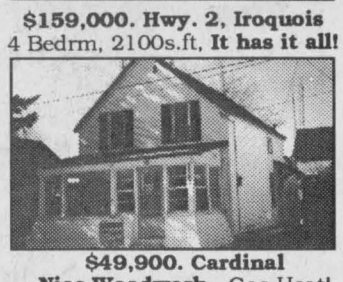

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Our individual home offices are --
Gloria Foot - 543-3364
Arthur Carkner - 543-3300
Richard Gaiser - 543-3589

Our mailing address remains P.O. Box 1090

- By making this major change, we will be able to extend our advertising range to reach more potential purchasers and vendors.
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The Chieftain
Arts & Entertainment Page

~ Lions Club Colouring Contest
~ Susan Aglukark Concert Friday
~ Ladies Auxiliary Dance Saturday

COMING EVENTS

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Don't forget
CLARA'S OPEN HOUSE
on Wednesday, April 12
from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
She will be showing her new line of UNIFORMS
Everyone Welcome.
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CASINO NIGHT IN HULL
on Thursday, April 13, 2000
Package includes....
**$15 voucher to be exchanged at casino*
**$2 Keno*
**$10 voucher for next trip etc.*
Bus leaves
Iroquois at 4:15 p.m.
Morrisburg at 4:30 p.m.
Williamsburg at 4:45 p.m.
Winchester at 5 p.m.
Cost is $15 per person, paid by April 10th
Call 535-2924 to register
Proceeds to Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre (Respite Service)
A5-1tc

BINGO!!
EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT!!
7:30 p.m.
March 21st until December 12
R.C.L. Br. 538 Williamsburg
Bouck's Hill Legion Hall
D9-tfnc

RUMMAGE SALE
Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League of Morrisburg and Iroquois
at the
Morrisburg Civic Building
Friday, April 14, 2000
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Any articles for this sale may be dropped off and donated at the Morrisburg Civic Building
from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on
Thursday, April 13, 2000
A5-2tc

50th ANNIVERSARY
The family of
Gordon & Marion Bartholomew
invite all friends and relatives to help celebrate their 50th Anniversary on
Saturday, April 15, 2000
7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at the
Winchester Curling Club
Best Wishes Only
A5-2tp

50TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE
Saturday, April 15, 2000
at the Iroquois Legion
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Featuring Bordertowne
$5 per person
Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370
A12-1tc

Nation Valley Snowmobile Association
LANDOWNERS DANCE
Saturday, April 15, 2000
9:30 p.m. at the
Winchester Community Centre.
Music by Joey VanKoppen
A12-1tc

DANCE
I.O.O.F. Hall, Williamsburg
Saturday, April 15, 2000
8:30 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Music by This Old Heart (Dennis Whitteker)
Admission $6, Light Lunch
A12-1tc

NOTE:
LOCATION CHANGE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
The Matilda Pastoral Charge Annual Pancake Breakfast
will be held at the
MATILDA HALL
on Sunday, April 16th
from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
A5-2tc

NOTICE
The Stormont, Dundas & Charlottenburgh Provincial Progressive Conservative Riding Association
invites members and potential members to attend the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn
Brookdale Avenue, Cornwall
Membership cards will be available
A12-1tc

STAG & DOE PARTY
in honour of
Joyce Banks & Reg Latulippe
on Saturday, April 22, 2000
at the Iroquois Legion Br. 370
8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Tickets are $5 per person and may be reserved by calling George or Candy at 652-4230.
A5-2tc

OPEN HOUSE
HW SUPPLIES
will be hosting an Open House at the end of April
Look for Specials and More Details in the April 19th issue
A12-1tc

OPEN MIXED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Saturday, May 6, 2000
at Seaway District High School, starting at 9 a.m.
Only 8 teams will compete.
First Come/First Served
Call early to enter.
Cost is $10 per person
Six to eight players per team.
Proceeds are for High School Bursary Fund.
For more information and to register, call Gordon Empey at 652-2458.
A12-2tc

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Join DUNDAS TOURS
May 15 - 20 for the famous
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7 Meals included.
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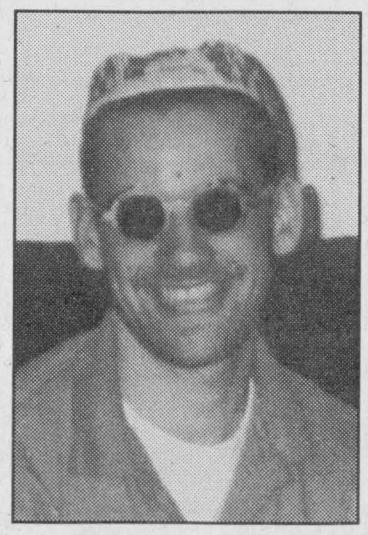
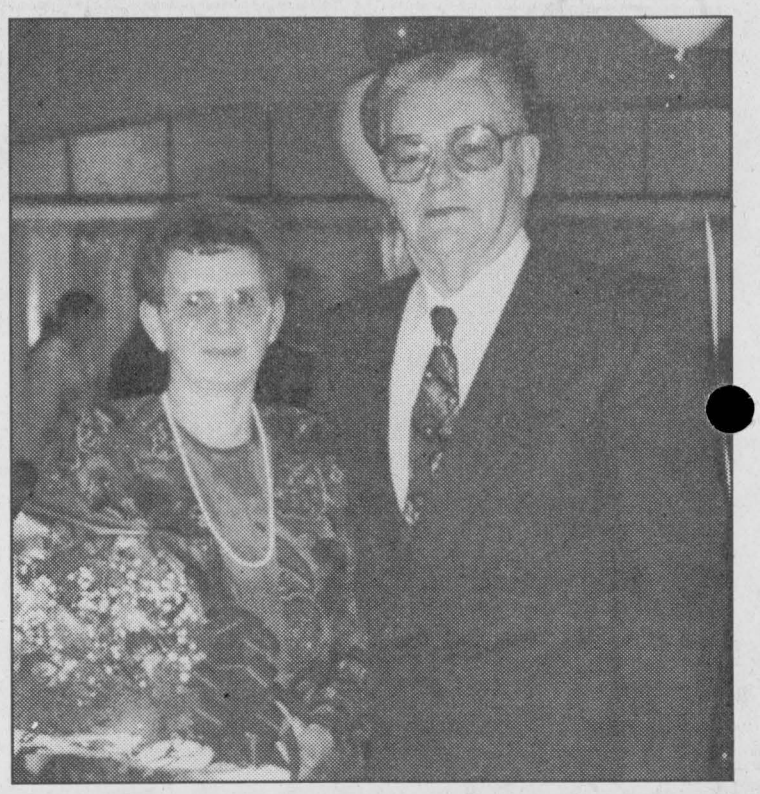


Another Year Closer To 30!!
Happy Birthday Beck!



Happy 50th Anniversary
Gordon & Marion Bartholomew
The family of Gordon & Marion Bartholomew invite all friends and relatives to help celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on
Saturday, April 15, 2000 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
at the Winchester Curling Club.
Best Wishes Only.

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The UNSUNG HEROES Tour
including *One Turn Deserves Another*
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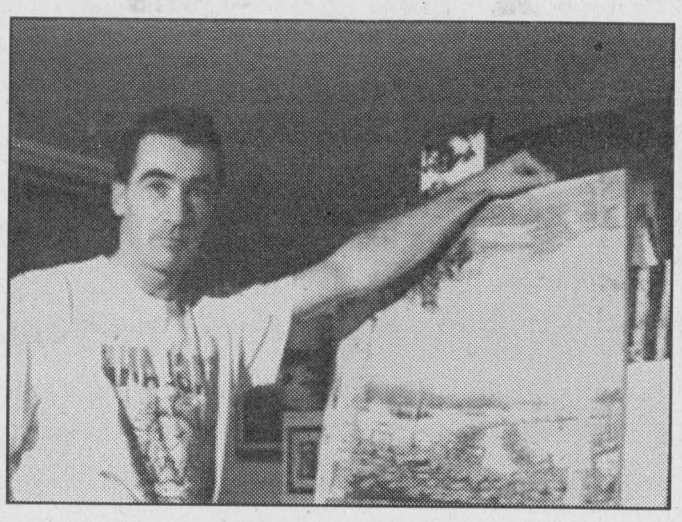

April Feature:
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Just a bit of background about the Artist:

Dan Burgess was born in Woolwich, England in 1964 and spent the first sixteen years living in towns around the outskirts of London such as Plumstead, Blackheath, Charlton and Welling. At this time art for Dan was "doodling" in books and scraps of paper in classes at school.

In 1980, after finishing school he worked at Lloyds Bank clearing house in London. He decided to move to Canada and ended up living in Montreal, Quebec. He adapted in time to a new language and moved to a small town at the foot of the Laurentian Mountains. He was given an antique easel from the owner of the house and with the scenery and the lack of things to do he took up painting. In 1994 after turning 30, he realized that painting was his one true talent. He then spent the next five years indulging in hours of painting developing his own style and technique. Most of his work is done in oils with each painting having a different subject matter. Dan Burgess is a self taught artist and his work is so realistic it is like looking at a beautiful photograph.

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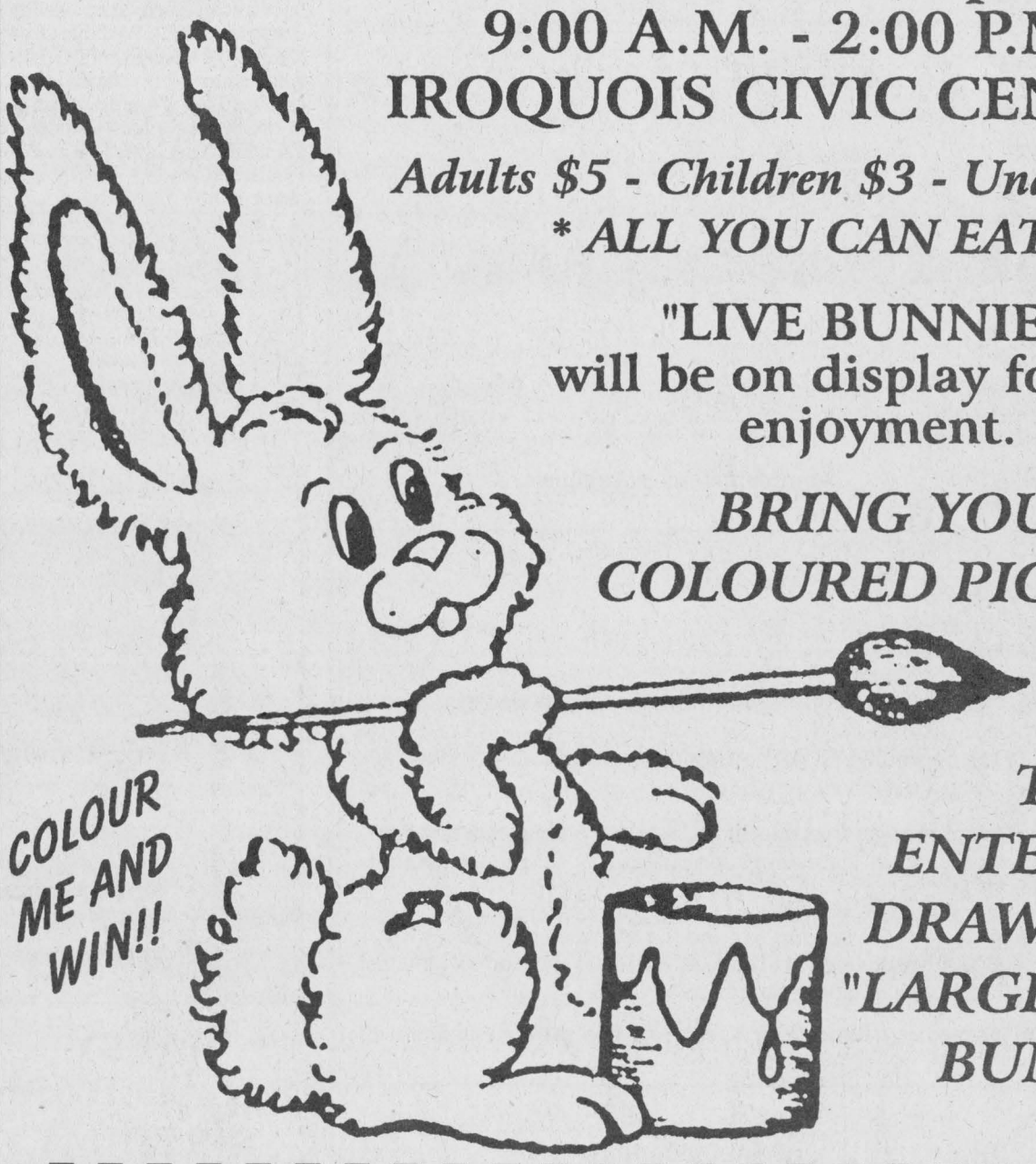

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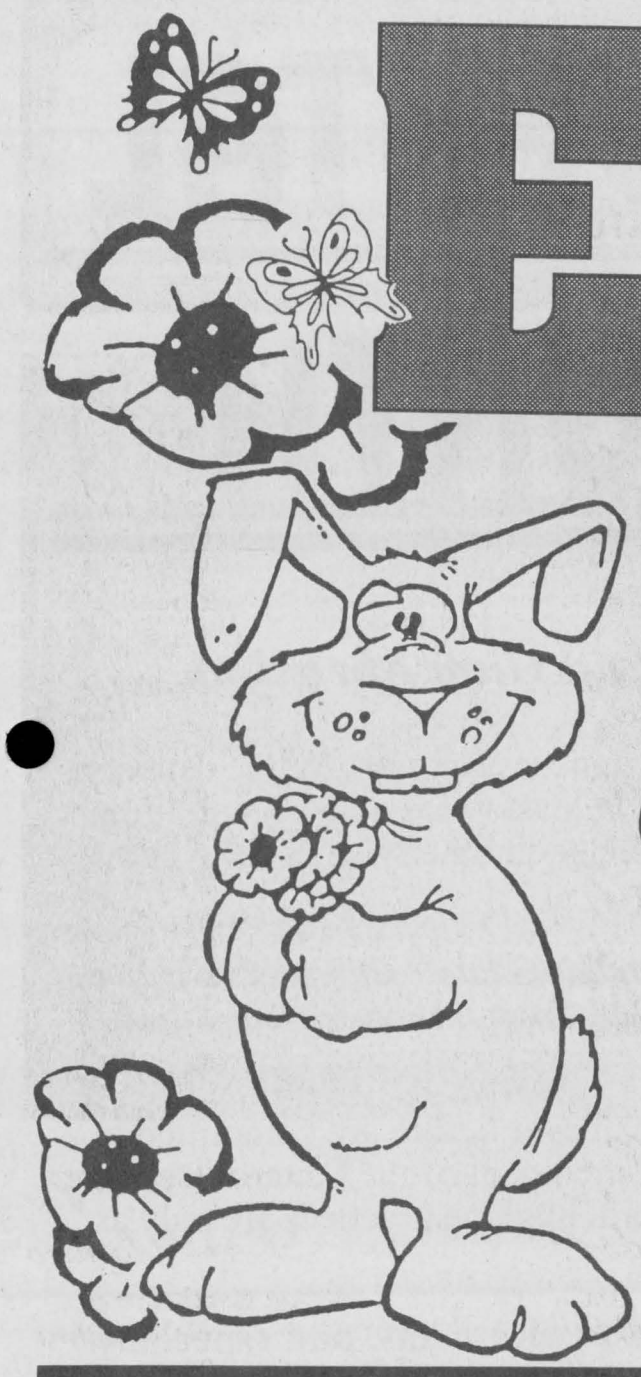



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OBITUARIES

George Baker

Suddenly on Saturday, April 8, 2000, George Summers Baker of Morrisburg at the Ottawa Civic hospital.

Born on May 6, 1912, George was 87 years of age. He worked as a lineman, a traffic controller and finally as a stores manager with the St.Lawrence Seaway Authority. A lifetime resident of Morrisburg, he was predeceased by his parents, William and Charlotte (nee Southworth) Baker and a brother, Francis.

A member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 48, Morrisburg, he served his country in the Royal Canadian Air Force as Wireless Instructor stationed at #2 Wireless School in Calgary from 1941-45. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Edith Alice (nee Taylor) Baker at home, whom he wed on March 1, 1941 at St.James Anglican Church in Morrisburg as well as sons: Robert (Jean) of RR3, Prescott and Richard of Morrisburg. Mourning the loss is a daughter, Dana (Scott) Estelle of Weedsport, New York and a sister, Eileen Albrecht of Concord, New Hampshire. He is sadly missed by grandchildren Shane, Shannon and Taylor Estelle as well as nieces and nephews.

George was an avid conservationist who enjoyed hunting and fishing. In his earlier years, George was well known in the area as a musician and entertainer and later in life he loved to entertain along with his daughter Dana. George loved life and possessed a great sense of humour. he enjoyed family gatherings in particular and loved playing pool with his two sons.

Memorial donations to the Salvation Army or the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by teh family.

There was no visitation. There will be a Memorial Service at the Morrisburg Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 48 on Friday, April 14 at 2pm. Arrangements entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois. Interment of cremated remains will be at St. James Anglican Cemetery in Morrisburg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Ellis of Brinston, Ontario, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Tricia to Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bishop of Sarnia, Ontario. The wedding will take place June 17, 2000, at Manotick United Church.

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"Prevention of Periodontal Disease". Ch. 37 in *Canadian Guide to Clinical Preventive Healthcare*. Canadian Task Force on the Periodic Health Examination -- *Health Canada, 1994.*

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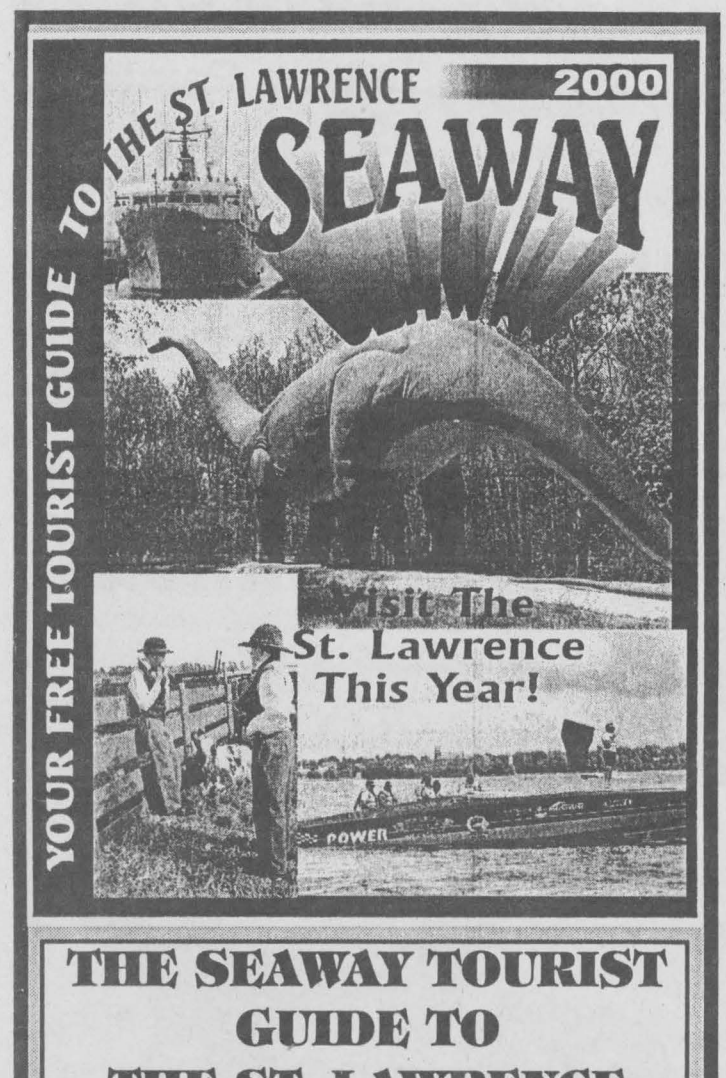
Tooth brushing should be carried out at least twice a day, and especially before bedtime. *Hold the brush at a 45-degree angle to your teeth and gently sweep in an up-and down motion.* A thorough brushing should last about the same amount of time as a favourite song.

Replace your toothbrush approximately every three months or when the seasons change. Prematurely frayed bristles are often a warning sign that you are brushing too vigorously.

If you have been ill, replace your toothbrush as soon as your health improves.



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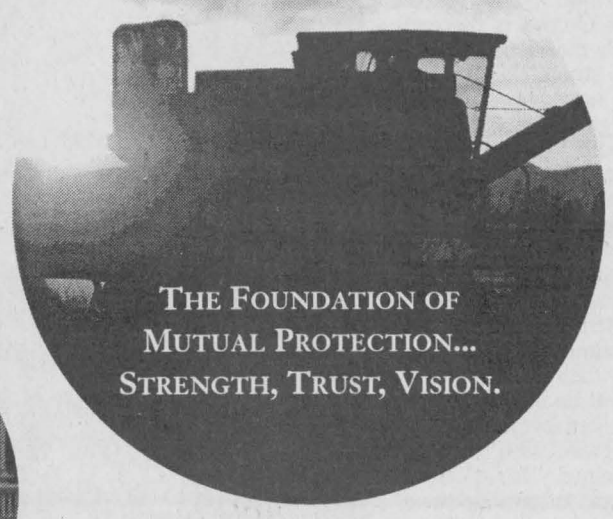

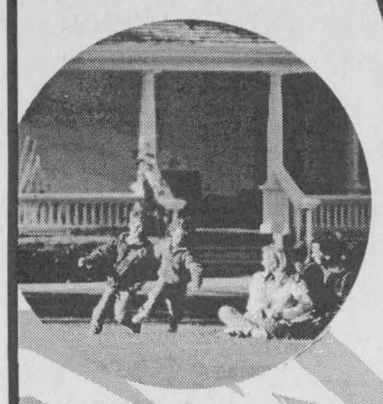

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Hospice starts new season

Dundas County Hospice has a new coordinator, Reina Dejong, on right, who started the position Mar.3. The beginning of April marks a new season for Hospice, which is holding it's annual volunteer appreciation night this Wednesday. Volunteers have already filled up the hospice courses for this spring and fall, Reina reports. Theresa Zandbergen, office manager, seated, and Renee Shaver, a volunteer, also appear. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

Hospice appoints coordinator

by Nancy Dulmage

Dundas County Hospice is pleased to announce the appointment of a new coordinator. Reina De Jong R.N. Reina brings outstanding qualifications to this position, including ten years of Community Nursing and involvement in numerous organizations which gave her experience in related areas. Her cheerful, positive approach and compassionate nature will enable her to work effectively with our clients and volunteers. Reina's goals as coordinator include increasing the caseload at Dundas County Hospice and raising awareness of the services we offer. She hopes to involve area youth as volunteers, pointing out that young people relate well to the elderly. Moreover, it is an unfortunate fact that sometimes young client referrals are received.

Dundas County Hospice strives to maintain an active program that serves and offers support to families in which there is someone with a life-threatening illness. The program operates in collaboration with like-minded community agencies and service groups. Our services include visitation, advocacy for the patient, palliative care (to improve quality of life), help for client and caregivers in coping with the illness and bereavement visits. Our services are FREE and anyone can make a referral. We are pleased that seven days after our last newsletter was released, our upcoming Palliative course was full and now has a waiting list. Due to interest and the ongoing need for volunteers, we hope to offer a similar course in the fall. Volunteers are the foundation of this organization.

Reina and secretary, Theresa Zandbergen welcome your calls at our office in Williamsburg, at 613-535-2215.

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT

Transition Board

real fair comparison" to look at the total operating expenses of both offices because it is hard to isolate the expenses for only the administrative portion of the building in Spencerville. He pegged the true operationing cost of Edwardsburgh's building at about $2,000 a year more than Cardinal's.

Pakeman, however, predicted the older building would undergo expensive renovations in the near future, especially if the new township ends up building a new fire hall, which is on the wish list. In that case, Pakeman speculated, the new council would find a reason to expand the administrative facilities into the rest of the building. "What's now the fire hall would probably have to be turned into the council chamber," he said.

"It's not that I'm opposed to relocating, I'm opposed to randomly spending taxpayers' money needlessly."

Dobbie responded to Pakeman's remarks by commenting on the issue of accessibility for all residents of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal. "To be fair," he said, loudly slapping his hand down on the table, "you have it right in the centre." He said it wouldn't be fair to residents in the north end of Edwardsburgh to locate the office in Cardinal.

Dobbie then made the comment that Edwardsburgh's building would cost about $2,000 a year more to operate than Cardinal's, disputing Pakeman's higher figure.

But it was still high enough for the Cardinal councillor to take umbrage. "Excuse me?" he said with a tone of incredulity. "That money would be much better spent on building a new fire hall."

The Chair was ready to proceed to a vote, but Pakeman stalled, saying more time was needed to digest the information. "I feel without all the facts and figures, we won't do justice by saying yes, Spencerville's in the centre of the township and that's where it should be."

He insisted the meeting go in-camera — citing the potential acquistion of land — and Dobbie acquiesced. Spectators waited out in the lobby as the board members hashed it out behind closed doors. The closed session stumbled to a start because the board forgot to vote on a motion to go in-camera, so the doorway re-opened for a moment and a few spectators poked their heads in to hear the motion and see the members raise their hands.

Back in open session, the office issue went to a vote and Pakeman requested it be recorded.

Edwardsburgh Township Clerk Russell Trivett told Reeve Dobbie that he estimated it would take $1,000 in electrical and phone wiring changes to make the office ready for the new staff in January. The two municipalities have 30 employees between them — 17 in Edwardsburgh and 13 in Cardinal — and it is hoped that any amalgamation job losses can be handled through retirement and attrition.

Amalgamation costs are anticipated to be borne by local taxpayers because the province hasn't promised transitional funding as it did during the 1997 round of amalgamations.

Duplicate street names

Edwardsburgh Councillor Bill Sloan reported to the board on a subject very familiar to other amalgamation survivors: duplicate street names. Cardinal and Edwardsburgh share at least 11 street names, which could create problems for 911 service, Sloan said.

The transition board for the new City of Ottawa is presently dealing with the issue. Toronto continues to struggle with it, two years after amalgamation. And Edwardsburgh-Cardinal's neighbours in South Dundas renamed a number of streets to get rid of such duplication.

The streets in question are West, William, Victoria, Centre, James, Marjorie, First, Second, Shanly, Queen and George. It was suggested that streets with the greater number of households should keep their original name. The issue will be studied further at the committee level.

Dobbie agreed with changing the street names. "It's to cover our behind and to provide better services."

Committees set up

The Transition Board struck seven committees consisting exclusively of small groups of board members. The committees will handle the legwork on issues ranging from transportation and public works to libraries.

Board members collect $60 for each committee meeting and the same for each Transition Board meeting they attend.

Next meeting of the Transition Board is May 3, at 6 p.m., in Spencerville.

Casino referendum

The next municipal election will see residents of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal vote on the issue of casino gambling in a non-binding plebiscite.

The Transition Board formally approved the measure after hearing the province needs to know if the majority within a municipality would support or oppose a casino. Without that information, a municipality is not eligible to be approved for casino gambling.

An affirmative vote by the electorate does not mean a casino will ever come to the Edwardsburgh-Cardinal — it only means the municipality is hedging its bets for the future.

Child care survery

Reeve Larry Dishaw apprised the board that Leeds and Grenville social services will hold a child care survey in Edwardsburgh and Cardinal this year.

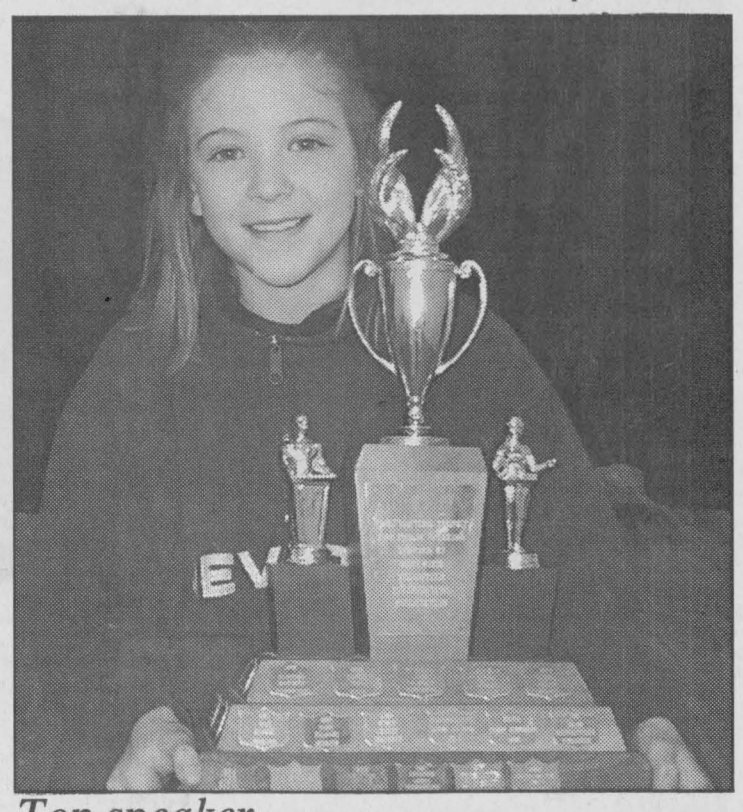
According to the reeve, the counties have no subsidized daycare centres east of Prescott. "I thought it was strange."

The survey may or may not be held by telephone, and will establish the need for subsidized daycare in areas not covered at the moment. Upper-tier municipalites like Leeds and Grenville have had child care programs downloaded to them from the province.

The Transition Board unanimously endorsed the survey.

Marina

being used to its full potential, and expressed some concern over security at night, if people are going to moor their boats they need to know they are safe. Council agreed time is of the essence in this matter (so things can be ready for boaters) and were to meet with Monpetite and McCloskey on Monday evening, to see on paper what they each propose for the local facility. Councillor Pakeman stated, "If the marina is leased out, the tall ship becomes a concern." As Frank noted, "We did not know one another before tonight, but maybe we can come to a compromise to operate the marina to everyones' benefit." No news available at press time...



Top speaker

Iroquois Public School student Kristen Phifer, grade 5, took top spot at a public speaking contest in Elma. Her speech was about local heroine, Sarah Charbot, who was recognized with a Governor General's Certificate of Merit for saving a man injured in a water-skiing accident. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

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