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Quality of Life Vital

The proposed Dialysis Unit at WDMH could become reality in the foreseeable future. Here Hospital Chief of Staff Dr. Chuck Adamson, Board Chair Jannie VanKnoppen, Clinical Director (Ottawa Hospital) Cheryl Keaney, Dr. Kevin Burns (Ottawa Head of Nephrology) and Terry Rafter (Technical Manager) stop during the meeting with patients and community as well as staff at Winchester to answer questions from the floor. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Winchester Hospital sees need for Dialysis Unit

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

An open meeting in the cafeteria of the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital on Monday evening, January 31 was well attended by patients, hospital staff and interested community folk; all of whom agree that at present the situation where dialysis patients travel to Ottawa for treatment is undermining their quality of life, instead of helping it become better. All agreed a Dialysis Unit in Winchester would benefit the entire area.

Doctor Kevin Burns, head of Nephrology at the Ottawa Hospital said, "It seems ridiculous that people have to travel all the way to Ottawa from here and even further south to receive treatment." Then a female patient who had just returned from the city spoke up concerning the dangers after what can be an eight-hour dialysis treatment in Ottawa on any given day. "The time of night is bad, the darkness and the black pavement make visibility poor and after such an exhausting day, it is even worse. The drive in and out can be deadly, just a sprinkle of snow or rain and safety nose dives.

Another person spoke up noting that volunteer drivers are available but even the large numbers are in demand for various types of patient needs. One gentleman explained how he takes his wife in for treatment and when he is unable to drive, it necessitates costly transportation for her on top of the treatment, "And we pay both ways."

Thus the proposal for a Haemodialysis Unit at the Winchester Hospital which would operate as a satellite of the Ottawa Hospital, under Doctor Burns' direction was a welcome message for patients and their families.

The main agenda of the meeting was to allow the people who would use the Unit an opportunity to let their feelings be known and to let the Hospital know what their special expectations would be of the Unit. The consensus among those patients who

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South Dundas Hydro to call for purchase proposals

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas Hydro plans to test the market before summer on a possible sale of the local utility, Hydro Commission Chairman [illegible]n Allison says.

Within months, the company will initiate a proposal process in order to determine what price potential suitors might be willing to offer.

From there, South Dundas Township politicians will have to decide if they want to make the leap and sell. South Dundas Hydro becomes the legal property of South Dundas Township on November 7, under the provisions of Bill 35, which will bring competition to Ontario's electricity sector.

South Dundas Township Council decided last December to at least look into a possible sell-off of its future asset, and the Commission is assisting with that.

Allison, however, remains skeptical that selling would be the right decision.

"It would be a poor decision if somebody said let's sell it at this point," he said, adding he doesn't subscribe to the idea that selling now would necessarily yield a higher price than after November.

There has been some speculation that with all these municipalities coming into ownership of electrical utilities, they'll all rush to sell at the same time and depress the market.

Allison did not want to speculate on the potential value of South Dundas Hydro at this time. "I honestly don't know what's it's worth. I'd rather not give any figures out because they wouldn't be accurate."

The utility has just completed an appraisal of all its assets and will require some more financial analysis before it can proceed to the proposal stage. At least a few purchase offers would be expected from utility companies across North America, the chairman said, and certainly from Ontario Hydro Services.

"They've already approached council. Virtually every council has been approached."

Come Nov. 7, South Dundas Hydro ceases to exist as a non-profit public utility. Instead, it becomes a corporation whose shares are wholly owned by the township. The elected South Dundas Hydro Commission becomes defunct and council takes over as the corporation's new board of directors.

Allison worries the politicians might be tempted to use the new asset as means of leveraging money for other, unrelated projects.

For example, if the township pockets millions from a sale of the utility, should it be used to build a new arena?

Potential money could also come out of deals where the township would lease out operation of the utility to another entity.

The uncertainties apply not only to a potential sale and political use of the money. They also involve the running of the utility itself.

This fall, South Dundas Hydro's 3,300 customers in Iroquois, Morrisburg and Williamsburg will be able to choose their own electricity suppliers as competition becomes a reality. Those competitors will have to pay a certain fee to South Dundas Hydro for every unit of energy delivered over the utility's lines.

However, the Ontario Energy Board hasn't yet determined that fee. South Dundas Hydro will need some basic level of support in order to maintain the grid and pay its employees, and the utility itself isn't quite sure what it's going to need for a minimum line-usage fee.

Consumers may get to choose

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Bylaw officer may hit the streets of North Dundas

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reportor

Fifteen thousand dollars has been earmarked to put a neighbouring county's bylaw officer onto the streets of North Dundas Township, subject to council's final approval during budget deliberations.

After a plea for bylaw enforcement dollars from Councillor Roger Cole, a member of the township's newly formed bylaw committee, his colleagues at the council table agreed to make room for the expenditure in the 2000 budget draft.

"If we're not going to spend money, we're not going to be in the bylaw enforcement business," he said.

Buying that service from a nearby municipality, which keeps a full-time enforcement officer on its staff, would be the "most feasible" way of going about it, according to the councillor.

Contacted later, Cole didn't want to reveal which municipality they are looking to strike a deal with yet, only referring to it as a "neighbouring county."

Two of North Dundas's own officials presently carry out bylaw enforcement duties as part of their extended job descriptions in the planning and drainage departments. Typical of rural municipalities, it hasn't been the most effective arrangement for encouraging compliance with the bylaws.

Cole said consternation over non-compliance with the open-fires and burning permit bylaw, in particular, is "spearheading" the push for a more rigorous approach. There is also "no way" of enforcing the township's building permit bylaw as the system stands right now.

Should North Dundas contract the services of a bylaw officer, the township's own employees will issue warnings when acting on complaints, but calling in the contractor after a third or fourth infraction.

The change would probably mean adopting a ticket-book system in North Dundas. Tickets allow bylaw violators to plead guilty and pay up without facing a judge.

At the moment, less efficient court summonses are used in North Dundas. Because a summons requires the hassle of an automatic trip to court, there is less incentive for the enforcement officer to lay charges in the first place.

Going with the ticket system,

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Fatal motor vehicle collision

Shortly after 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 6, members of the SD&G O.P.P. began an investigation into a fatal motor vehicle collision in North Dundas Township, north of the village of Winchester.

A 1998 Pontiac Transport, driven by Lorna Barkley, 58, of Winchester, had been southbound on County Road 31 when it collided with a northbound 1990 Chevrolet station wagon, driven by Suzie Cote, age 34 of Metcalfe. The Cote car had been passing another vehicle that was slowing in the northbound lane of the roadway at the time of the collision.

As a result of the collision, both drivers sustained fatal injuries. Passengers in the vehicles, Lynzee Cote, 3, and John Barkley, 57, received treatment for their injuries in Ottawa.

Members of the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department, a Technical Traffic Collision Investigator from the Hawkesbury detachment of the O.P.P., and the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Identification Unit assisted investigators at the scene of the crash.

Cardinal faced with tipping fees

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

With a new county landfill site slated to open in the Township of Edwardsburgh as early as 2002, Cardinal Council has been left wondering if it will share in the monetary benefits of being dumped upon.

The issue arises out of the upcoming amalgamation between the Village of Cardinal and Edwardsburgh.

According to Reeve Larry Dishaw, County Council's Waste Management Steering Committee appears to be insisting that only the garbage collected in Edwardsburgh can be exempt from the dump's $88/ton tipping fee — even after amalgamation with Cardinal in 2001.

Edwardsburgh was given the deal as compensation for being picked as the site of the new Leeds & Grenville dump, which received all the necessary approvals to go ahead in 1998.

But adhering to the Edwardsburgh-only policy after amalgamation would mean different treatment for the citizens of the same municipality.

It would also be hard to administer.

"How could you ever sort that out?" asked Councillor Jim Pakeman. He noted that garbage trucks travelling from Cardinal to the new dump might be making stops along the way in the former Edwardsburgh. In that case, what would the packer pay at the truck scales?

The Cardinal section of the new Edwardsburgh-Cardinal Township could buy some time and not use the new dump — cryptically entitled "ED-19"— because there's another nine years of life left in the Cardinal landfill site, Clerk Jack Walsh said.

To further confuse the matter, the two wards that will make up the new township do not exactly follow the boundaries of the two existing municipalities. The southern ward will include all of Cardinal and part of what is now Edwardsburgh.

The Reeve will try to get some more answers from the committee and at Counties Council.

More volunteers required

Council took a hard look at whether it should apply for a grant to hire a curator for the Cardinal museum, located in the basement of the municipal building.

The grant would come from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Recreation and Citizenship.

According to the reeve, it could pay somebody to perform research, catalog materials and run the museum for up to six months.

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Snowarama

More than a few have been itching to see a proper winter's accumulation of the white stuff, particularly the snowmobilers out there who were beginning to get that desperate look.

Now that winter seems to have fully arrived, there's every reason for snowmobilers to mark Sunday, February 13 on their calendars. Snowarama is the occasion, the sixth annual version in Chesterville, which puts trigger-happy throttle thumbs and two-stroke thunder to work as an excellent fundraiser for the Easter Seal Society of Ontario.

Registration takes place at Chesterville Park from 9 'til 11 in the morning.

Snowarama is a popular event in communities across the province, and this one coming up is the only one in the local area. The Nation Valley Snowmobile Association is the organizer.

Be sure to get a pledge sheet brochure before hitting the trail. They can be picked up in a variety of locations, including *The Chieftain* and Jim's Performance Plus. For more information about Snowarama, call Martin Derks, 448-3256 or Brent VandenBosch, 774-0887.

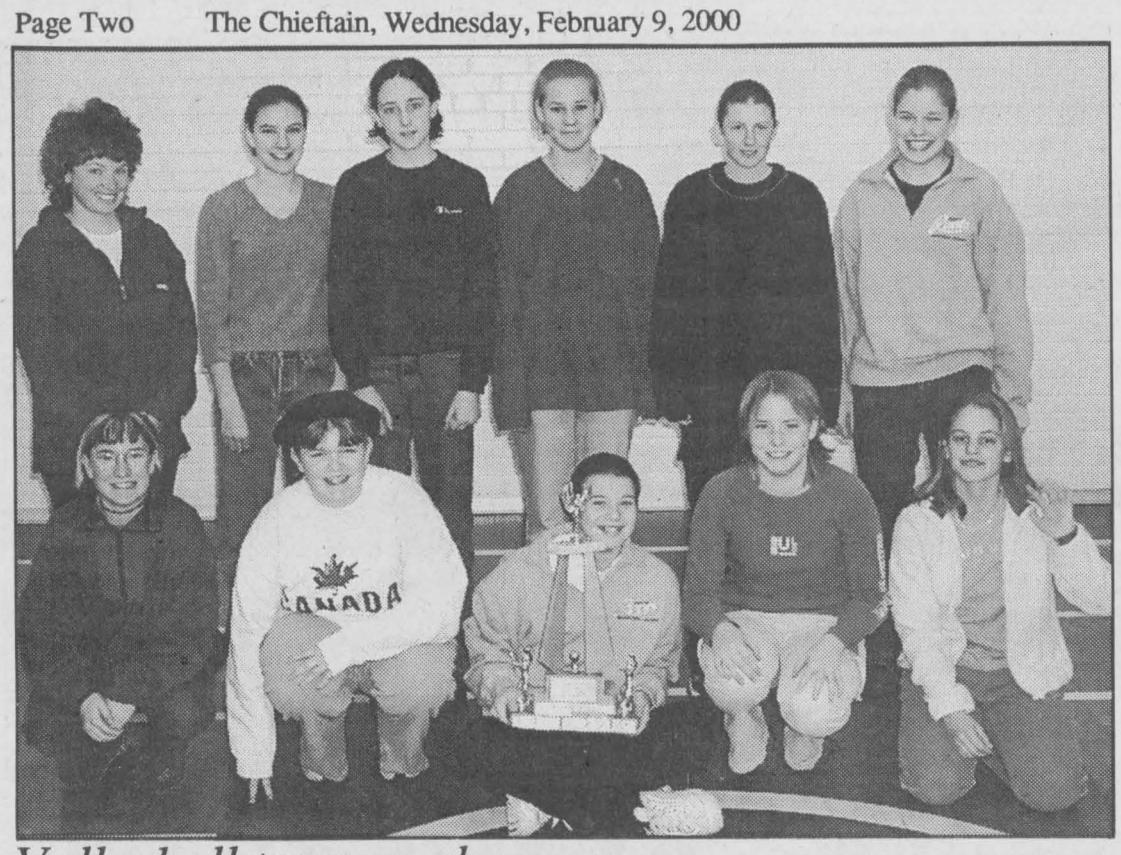
If you are approached to sponsor a snowmobiler, please don't hesitate. You'll be doing your part to help the Easter Seal Society, which in turn helps children with a variety of neuromuscular, muscoskeletal and neurological conditions.

Megan Lummiss, a Grade 7 student at Maple Ridge Public School and the daughter of O.P.P. constable Al Lummiss, has benefited from the support of the Easter Seal Society. She is this year's Easter Seal ambassador for Snowarama.



Winter Fun *Cheiftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

These youngsters were prepared to hit the trails around their house on Sunday afternoon. Snowmobiling is a fun sport that the entire family can enjoy. Carly Lawlor and Tara Kirker wait patiently while Mandy Suffel gets set to take the handlebars.



Volleyball tourney champs

Iroquois Public School's senior girls' volleyball team went undefeated in seven games at the Dundas County Annual Volleyball Tournament, held at Seaway last week, taking the first place trophy for the first time since 1970. Team members: (back, l-r) Coach Jennifer Perry; Stacey Henry; Kayla Irven; Linsey Whaley; Ashley Murphy; Adrian Leroy; (front, l-r) Brittany Thompson; Katie McElheran; Kate Edwards; Terra Kirker; and Michelle McMillan. IPS sent three girls' teams to the competition at Seaway. *Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen.*

Morrisburg well represented at AllStar games on Saturday

by Sandra lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were well represented at the annual All-Star games held on Saturday in Athens.

Hosted by the Athens Aeros in association with Proctor and Gamble Inc. the Lions were represented by Coach Barry De Gray and Manager Ron Casselman as well as six players. Barry shared the coaching duties with Alexandria's Marc Sauve alongside behind the bench during the Veteran game.

The Rookie Prospects game was scheduled for 4:30pm and included players 17 years and younger. Named to this squad from Morrisburg were defenceman Anthony Bilotto, forward Paul Dedekker and goalie Mathieu Blanchard.

The Veteran All-Star game saw the puck drop at 7:30pm and featured from the Morrisburg Lions; forwards, Charles Forment and Daniel Beland and defenceman Chris Proulx. Stef Champagne was named an alternate forward.

Charles and Daniel lead the scoring in the St. Lawrence Division of the Junior B Standings, Charlie has accumulated 86 points (34 goals and 53 assists) to top the list while Dan is close behind in second spot with 73 (32 goals and 40 assists).

Explaining that this is his third time to coach an AllStar game (Bancroft Midgets won All Ontario under his leadership), Barry deGray told The Chieftain that he was pleased with the showing the Lions made at the games. "Paul got a goal, and Anthony grabbed 2 assists and the notice of scouts. Mathieu worked very well in the pipes."

"Wayne, Charlie and Danny were a line with Chris working as pointman in the Veterans game. A great experience for the boys, lots of scoring, fast paced and a pretty physical game gave them a different perspective on the game. Working with the top players from all teams is a good way to expand their capabilities," noted deGray.

Man with toy gun arrested

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, at approximately 5:44 p.m., police officers at the Grenville County O.P.P. Detachment received information regarding a suspicious male at the Islander Hotel in Cardinal.

The man acted strangely and the Hotel staff located a replica gun believed to be in his possession. Several police officers from the North Grenville O.P.P. Detachment arrived on the scene to make the arrest.

Police found a concealed weapon on the man, as well as a quantity of narcotics.

Gregory Jonathon Ingram, 24, of Long Sault has been charged with possession of a concealed weapon, possession of narcotics and breach of undertaking.

He was held in custody pending a bail hearing at Provincial Court, Criminal Division, in Brockville on Feb. 2.

Charges in Cardinal assault

On Feb. 3, at approximately 1:17 a.m., Grenville County O.P.P. were called to a residence on East Street, Cardinal, involving a report of an intoxicated male who had forcefully entered the residence and assaulted one of the complainants.

He left the scene on foot prior to police arrival, but returned and forced his way back in as the officers conducted their investigation. Police escorted him out of the residence. He then assaulted one of the officers and was arrested for the following: assault; assault police; mischief under $5,000; and breach of probation on two counts.

Earl Halladay, 38, of Cardinal was lodged in jail pending a bail hearing on Feb. 3 in Brockville.

Police hold mock crisis in Elma

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Elma was the scene of a mock hostage taking on Feb. 1 as members of the O.P.P.'s Emergency Response Team gave reporters an up-close and personal rendition of what they do in these potentially deadly situations.

First lesson: any reporter who wanders far enough into the hot zone for an interview with ERT members gets something less than the welcome wagon from rifle-toting officers clad in camouflage fatigues and balaclavas.

"GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES AND KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM!"

Four local reporters were put "in play" for the simulation — a jealous husband holed up in a farmhouse with his shotgun and hostage wife — and marched straight up the lane in search of a story. Shortly thereafter, they were freezing their kneecaps in the snow as two officers, who didn't budge from their location fifty feet away, behind a barn, told them to shut-up and keep their hands off their cameras. (Oh well, the batteries were about to go dead in the cold anyway.)

Live ammunition was not used during the simulation.

One by one, each reporter was called forward out of the line-up of kneelers and, facing away from the interrogator, answered questions — name, newspaper, date of birth. The information was radioed back to the mobile command unit, a 33-and-a-half foot Fleetwood trailer housing more officers with a smorgasbord of communications equipment at their disposal.

By this time, the hostage taker was alone in the house, having already released his wife in a dangerous ruse. She was sent out the door while dressed in some of his clothing with a rifle taped in her hands.

He would later emerge with dynamite strapped to his waste, but was finally arrested without harm.

For the reporters on hand, the exercise was just a hint of what the real thing would've been like, and we all knew it.

"In real life, you would've been in handcuffs," Cst. Al Lummiss said upon the return of the group.

In real life, reporters, or anybody else, wouldn't have gotten anywhere near the epicentre of the crisis without running into an O.P.P. roadblock first. The whole area would've been cordoned off.

By contrast, we came close enough to the house that we were actually running from the hostage taker himself, at one point. He burst out the door and onto the verandah, pumping his rifle and cursing at us.

Then we fell into the hands of the ERT. One of the team members occasionally broke character to explain to the shivering reporters that the team had to assume the worst of us.

"We don't know who you are," he said, clutching his rifle. Referring to the hostage taker, he added, "You could be with him."

The O.P.P. has three Emergency Response Teams in the eastern half of the province, and each of them holds two such training simulations a year. ERTs are not what some refer to as the O.P.P.'s "swat team," however. That function belongs to the Tactics and Rescue Unit, and some of those members were on hand in Elma last week. The Canine Unit was there, too.

Mobile Command Centre

The event was also an opportunity for the O.P.P. to showcase the $120,000 mobile command unit, one of five in the province and a hub of activity in this type of crisis situation.

The trailer features satellite phones, radios and a 10 kw generator, not to mention such domestic amenities as a washroom, fridge, stove and microwave oven.

"It takes five minutes to set up," said Sgt. Jack Picknell, one of two officers in eastern Ontario trained to run the mobile command unit. "This way, you don't have any down time. Everything's set up right there.

"You can set this thing up as a mobile command unit for six months, if you want to, without having to leave."

In a standoff situation, the central room in the trailer houses the incident commander and a scribe to keep records. Communications officers with the ERT stay in a room to the front of the unit, and employ their own scribe.

In the back room, the hostage negotiator sets up shop with a separate phone line. During search and rescue operations, the search master uses the same room to set up maps.

The mobile unit also performs the more mundane task of providing a police presence onsite at large public events like the Glengarry Highland Games.

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McMartin pleased with compensation package

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

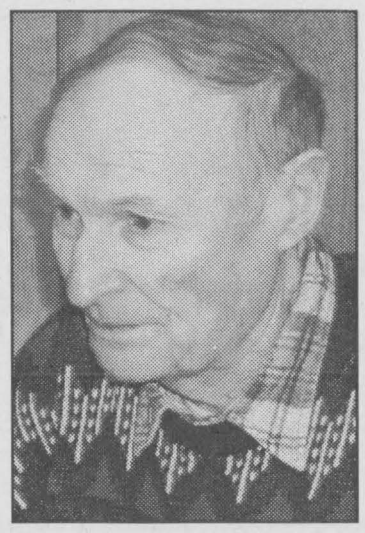
Victory's been 55 years in the making for Doug McMartin of Lakeshore Drive and the other Merchant Navy veterans in Canada like him.

Now that the Chretien government has finally announced compensation of up to $24,000 for each of those who served Canada in the Merchant Navy, McMartin, 73, is still savouring what he will do with his share.

Snacking over tea at the Legion in Iroquois, McMartin says he's thinking of taking a trip to Australia and Europe on his own $20,000 settlement.

Members of the Merchant Navy were for years treated as second-class veterans, ineligible for the benefits accorded to veterans who served in the regular forces.

The McMartin family received a harbinger of the government's callousness and unfair treatment of the Merchant Navy sailors about a year after 17-year-old Doug set off from Cornwall in December 1941, a fresh-faced recruit whose picture was featured in *The Standard Freeholder*.



McMartin

Shortly after his 18th birthday, he received word from his mother that the RCMP came knocking. They were on the hunt for a young draft dodger by the name of Doug McMartin, and didn't realize he was already serving his country overseas. Angry, his mother would later receive a letter of apology from the Governor General of Canada.

Getting the proper recognition from the federal government took somewhat longer for McMartin. He was among five vets who took part in two high-profile hunger strikes on Parliament in 1998, 53 years after he returned home from ferrying goods across the Atlantic.

The deal comes too late for his friend, Brock Cummings, who joined up on the same day he did. Cummings died last year.

McMartin's proud of his wartime service and says England would've starved to death if it weren't for the Merchant Navy.

Judging by the excitement in his eyes, the compensation issue has less to do with money than simply the principle of the thing.

The former truck driver, diesel mechanic and NASCAR driver speaks fondly of Tory M.P. Elsie Wayne and credits her with effectively pushing the government into action during the last hunger strike.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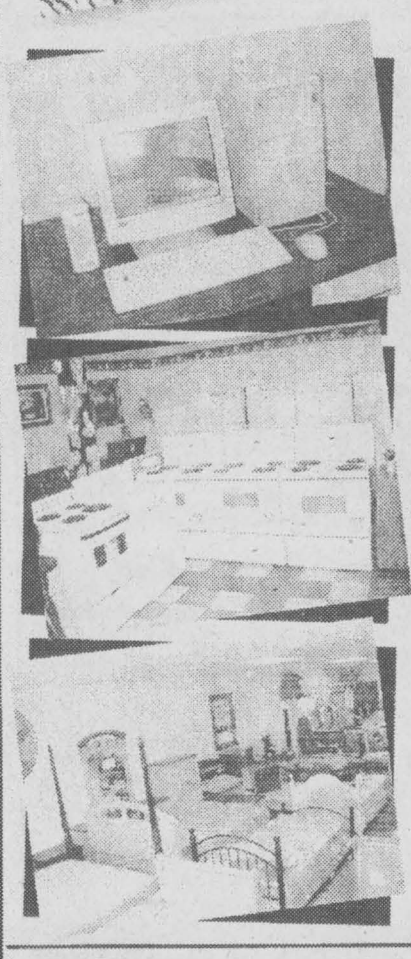
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Parent protest to board proves to be unsuccessful

by P.H.Nicol
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A group of about seventy parents attended the board meeting of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario at its headquarters at St. Michael Catholic High School on County Road 43. The meeting took place on Tuesday, February 1.

The parents had come by private vehicle and bus from the eastern area of the newly amalgamated school board in order to protest the board's decision to end full time senior kindergarten in their area and replace it with a half time programme similar to that used in the western area of the board. The parents wanted the board to reconsider the decision it made on January 18, and, if nothing else, give the full day kindergarten programme a one year reprieve.

Representatives of twelve different parent councils presented the parents' point of view to the board.

Karen Torrie-Racine from Immaculate Conception in Cornwall opened the presentations. There had been no meetings between the parent councils and the board on this issue, she noted, "so we came to you".

She made several points which were echoed by the presenters who followed her. She pointed out the importance of early childhood education and the added burdens the children would have in grade one without the proper preparation from a full time senior kindergarten - especially when they were in a French immersion programme as well. She suggested that the eastern region had different concerns than the western region, noting that 60% of the Cornwall population is French speaking. "The region should be able to keep its identity despite the overall umbrella," she added. She also pointed out that the French language school boards in the area provide a full time senior kindergarten programme and expressed the fear that this board would lose students as a result of the cut-back. "Find your savings someplace other than the classroom," she concluded.

A number of speakers pointed out that the change to a half time programme will place an added burden on families where both of the parents work. It was suggested that schools provide a richer environment for learning than anything time-stressed parents can provide so the cut-back will hurt the children directly.

Joy Harbers of St. Mary's in Morrisburg noted that a quality education included the integration of the Catholic faith and culture. The children are well served now, but cutting the programme may well have an impact on enrolment and subsequently on the future of the schools themselves. "A full time programme is a testament to our commitment," she said, adding that the students of this board deserved an equal eduction to those students attending French boards.

The board's Director of Education, Mr. Frank Musca, thanked the parents for the excellence of their presentations and for providing compelling reasons to keep the programme. However, he said, the board is facing a debt of $2.1 Million and must act as a judicious and concerned gatekeeper of the system. The decision is not appealing to anyone concerned, he added, but it will ensure the long term health of the system.

No-one disputes the value of senior kindergarten or that of French immersion, "but the fact remains that we cannot afford to continue and be a viable board," he said.

The Ministry of Education only provides funding for half time kindergarten programmes; the rest must come out of the board's budget, and the board can no longer afford it. "This is the last English language board in the Province of Ontario which is providing full time senior kindergarten," he said.

Trustee Ron Eamer led the drive within the board to get the programme restored. He applauded the effort and enthusiasm of the parents and apologized to them for not getting more information to them sooner. He went on to note that the board had identified four areas to create cost savings, and cutting back the senior kindergarten first was not right. He went on to chastise his fellow board members for building the new board offices in Kemptville when many other board-owned buildings lay empty and for giving teachers two hundred minutes of planning time, fifty more than the 150 paid for by the province. "We are paying dearly for it today," he said. "Show the children the same enthusiasm you showed for this multi-million dollar project (the new school and board offices) over the last months," he added.

Board Chairman Nancy Kirby addressed the issue that the parents had not been adequately informed that the programme was in jeopardy. The idea was part of the board minutes that went home with the students in April of 1999 and which were posted in many churches in the area, she said and some trustees had met with their school councils to discuss the matter. "This should not be new to you," she added.

She also pointed out that the province is scrapping the OAC programme (formerly grade 13) but no-one seems to be complaining about that.

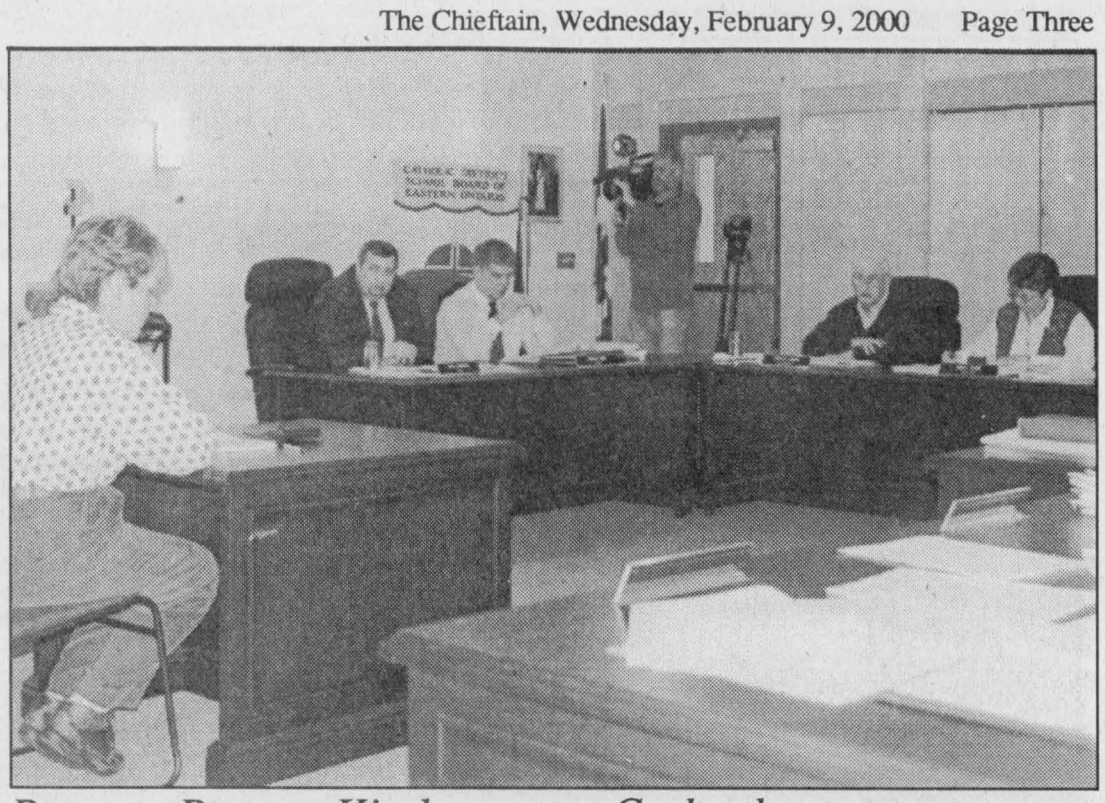
"Don't believe that we don't care; don't believe that this is an east - west issue, because it simply isn't true," she concluded.

Trustee Ron Eamer introduced a motion that the board rescind its January decision to go to half time senior kindergarten beginning in September, 2000. The motion was seconded by trustee Denis Sabourin. A recorded vote was requested.

Trustees Ron Eamer, Denis Sabourin and board Vice Chairman Charles Adams voted in favour of the motion to rescind. Trustees Thomas Barr, Andrea Van Den Tillaart and Board Chairman Nancy Kirby voted against the motion. The tie vote defeated the motion.

Trustee Thomas Beach was absent from the meeting.

All members of the board agreed, however, to work with the parents in forming an action committee to spearhead a drive to convince the provincial government to restore education funding so that programmes like this will not have to be cut.



Parents Protest Kindergarten Cutbacks

A dozen representatives of parents' councils made presentations to the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario last week in an effort to get the Board to change its mind about cutbacks to kindergarten programmes. They were joined by about eighty other parents and members of various media outlets. *Chieftain Photo - P.H.Nicol*

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Hospital

attended was that a Unit in Winchester would be a wonderful difference in their lives and those of family as well as drivers they rely on for transportation to the city at present.

On hand to answer questions and get reactions from those attending were WDMH-CEO Michel Lalonde , Ottawa Hospital Clinical Director Cheryl Keaney, Dr. Burns and WDMH Chief of Staff Chuck Adamson, Terry Rafter a Technical Manager in Nephrology Services and President of the Hospital Board, Jannie VanKnoppen.

Submitting a proposal to the Ministry of Health is the next step in bringing the idea of a Dialysis Unit to WDMH. "All the public input we can muster, especially from kidney patients will go a long way to helping make this a reality," noted Lalonde.

Keaney noted that originally the Unit plan called for four dialysis machines, but after careful scrutiny it has been determined that six is a better number to deal with the potential number of patients to be served. "Availability is vital especially with an aging population," said Keaney.

Looking at an area on the first floor that could be renovated to suit the Unit's needs, as well as accommodate extensive plumbing facilities the huge amount of specially treated water which allows the machines to operate correctly, and as Keaney noted with a broad smile, "We can incorporate a window so we have natural light. All the equipment would be new, state-of-the-art." Capital costs would fall to WDMH, estimated at $600,000 while the Ministry would pick up the operating costs of the Unit.

As the proposal is being drawn up, it is vital that people in the community lobby the government. The times the Unit would be available depend upon the demand for dialysis and the patients timetables. Staffing would be carried out through WDMH and their twin facility Hawksbury. A direct line would be established between Winchester and Ottawa. All doctors when their turn on rotation (1 of 14) came up would come to Winchester to deal with blood work results and reviewing of treatments. Clinical support would be available from Ottawa was well. "Delivering the service her safely and to the best advantage of the patients involved is our main aim," noted Keaney.

In conclusion, it was pointed ut that there will always be a need for dialysis and bringing it closer is best for all patients, removing the burden of travel is a big advantage.

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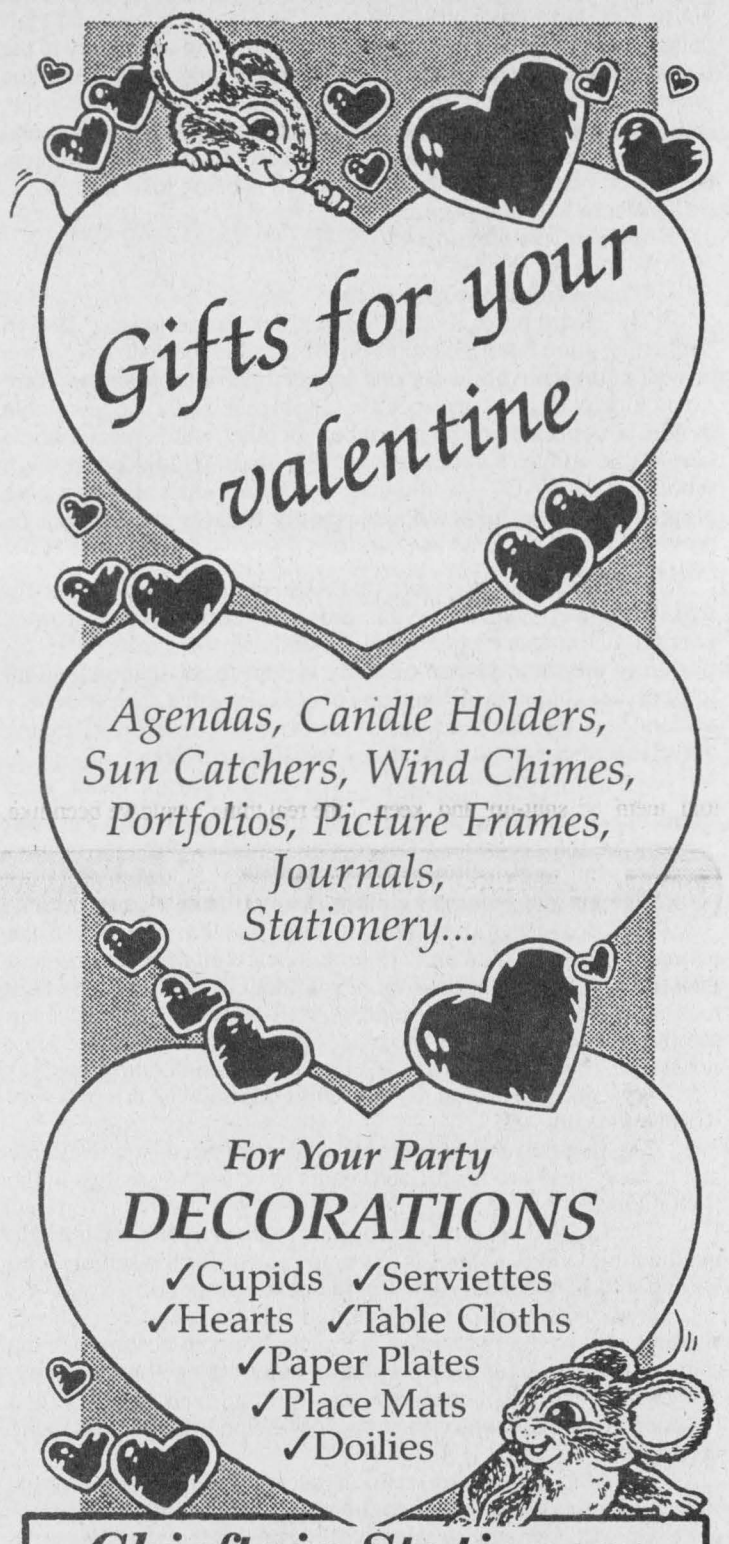

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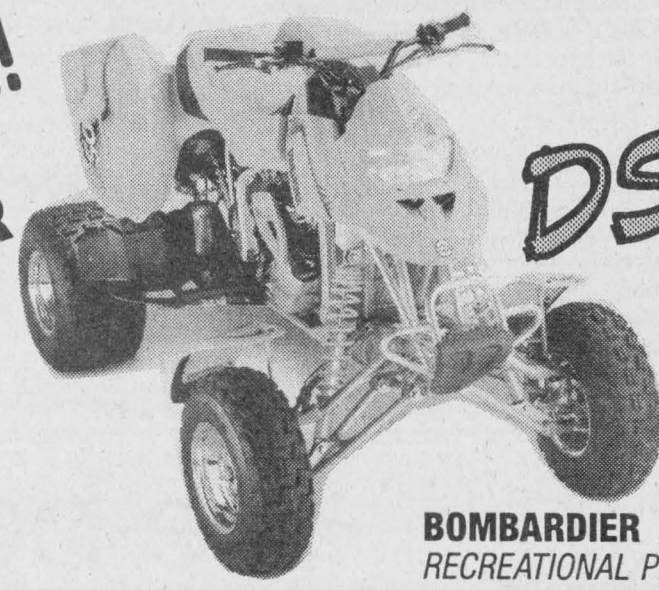
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Cut to the Quick

The local elementary school is trying to make it through a rather distasteful and troubled time.

Things came to the forefront when the School Council, which has parent members sitting on it learned that one of the joint programs which the senior students have enjoyed over the years would be canned by the new School Board.

Starting at the beginning it is vital to know that the amalgamation of school boards across this province has resulted in numerous closures, cancelling of programs that students have been entitled to up to this point, cutting of available courses and staff cuts...all in the name of savings to the Boards and ultimately to the taxpayers of Ontario. How are you spending your savings? As the provincial government downloads more and more, all the while setting guidelines for Boards to follow complete with numbers and figures calculated by bureaucrats in Toronto that have no real bearing on classrooms in Iroquois, much is being lost, forever.

Where will things end?

Who suffers the most?

Who is the winner?

What is fair to the students?

The Board bases its decision to ditch the programs...Design Technology and Family Studies on the fact that the decree from the province "does not allow for one school to have programs in place -to provide courses in one specific school that is (are) not available in ALL schools across the province." In other words rural schools like Maple Ridge, Nationview, or IPS that are adjacent to high schools should NOT be allowing the senior students to receive programs at those high schools...simply because they cannot be provided for all students in Ontario.

Is there a way to ensure that ALL senior elementary, or for that matter any students in this province receive the exact same courses at the exact same level of study in the entire province. Certainly the same course of study is sent to all schools and all teachers are guided by it, but if any of us believe that each and every student gets the same education as the next we are misleading ourselves...there are just too many variables at work.

Not willing to take this matter sitting down, the parents approached their board member and gained support for the continuance of the programs. The matter would be brought up at a Board meeting and discussed. School Councils could apply for time on the agenda and speak their piece in an effort to change minds.

The Board members feel, in their wisdom that they have enough to contend with and are looking carefully for areas where they can cut corners and save money without stepping on too many toes or disrupting too many students, staff or parents. Perhaps they see the smaller schools as the place where they will get the least resistance, or where the least amount of clout can come from.

Why do our children have to miss out on what are two very worthwhile courses?

The fact that they are taught where resources are available and at hand, ready to be utilized seems to be a cost savings in the final picture.

The subjects are most appropriate to the age level and the help in adjusting to high school life is made easier for the seniors who will attend the secondary level in the next year or so.

With the cutting of OAC (grade 13) in the secondary schools students will have fewer years, a lot less hours to accomplish the same or even more as they prepare to enter college or university. They will be under so much more pressure at an even earlier age and this step from elementary to secondary helped the process...why drop it?

Do ALL elementary schools across the province provide French as a second language to their students? I think NOT!

Do ALL elemenatry schools allow the students to take part in school concerts..especially at Christmas time? I think NOT!

Do all elementary schools have Libraries and Librarians to assist the students in such a valuable tool. If they cannot read, where can they go in the future?? Are the basics not the vital subjects to be addressed first in the education process?

What happened to the ARTS? Do ALL students in Ontario have access to the ARTS? Again, I fear the answer is negative. Music teachers provide an invaluable addition to classroom courses, to students' development and most if not all are not there any longer. Should ALL students not have the opportunity to briefly stray into the filed of music. How can we determine our path if never allowed to try various options?

Who decides what programs are entitiled to remain part of the school agenda and which are not?

Do parents and students, teachers in the classroom and even Principals and Superintendants who man (or woman) the front lines, the classrooms everyday know better what is necessary to a complete and rounded education?

Try to be fair to all, in all areas. Not only do the futures of our children depend upon it, but ours as well, for they are our future.

S.L.J.

Dundas County FoodBank depends on the generosity of the community

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

The FoodBank is your community in action...

It has been documented that 2.4% of our population use FoodBanks in one month in this country on average. It is also true that children make up an astounding 41% of all FoodBank clients. This is one reason why children are a priority with the FoodBank. The nutritional needs of children are a vital consideration in planning FoodBank food boxes. In the first six months of 1999, 737 school snack bags had been given out. A snack consists of a juice box, granola bar, crackers and cheese etc.; items Judy purchases. "We ask the family to set the snack aside for school so the children have the same type of snack as others in their classes, good for them and helps their self esteem too, allows them to be like their peers." During this same period of time, the number of families attending the FoodBank increased 14%, with an overall increase in clients of some 22%. It has been said that we are all just three mortgage payments away from becoming street people, and so we are on the doorstep of needing the support of the local FoodBank each morning. People from all walks of life, from all areas use the facility and enjoy the generosity of their neighbours. Who knows when we might need to ask for similar help?

We are very fortunate to have the Dundas County FoodBank sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. It is important to note that the FoodBank serves both North and South Dundas from the location in Winchester and depends upon the generous donations of people in both areas in order to be successful in the mission that is the mandate of the FoodBank.

From meagre beginnings at the suggestion of the Winchester ministerial (A group of church ministers in that Village) in late 1991, the Dundas County FoodBank held their initial planning meeting on December 10, 1991.

The main purpose of the FoodBank was and still is to supply emergency aid in the form of food to residents of the Dundas (North and South) County area. The Foodbank co-ordinator also provides assistance in obtaining counselling and referrals to government agencies as they are required.

It is certainly true, perhaps truer today than ever that there are many fingers in the public pie, each vying for a share of the charitable dollars and the volunteer time.

The Dundas County FoodBank is a co-operative not only of the local community but other charitable organizations and other food banks in neighbouring communities. They have a fully co-operative relationship with the people doing the essential work at House of Lazarus, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul and AGAPE. All these community based organizations are sensitive to their mutual needs.

The Ontario Association of FoodBanks confirms local findings that the number of people attending FoodBanks is increasing steadily.

All the food is provided through the generosity of donations of people like you and me, both private and corporate in the community. Donations of money are used to purchase those items that are not otherwise donated, so the nutritional value of food distribution is complete. Some corporate donors provide canned goods, bread and other foodstuffs that were not sold due to over production or damage to packaging only. Others allow their places of business to act as collection points for canned goods donated by employees. Garden produce in season that is surplus to your needs is very welcome as well.

Monies and foodstuffs are also collected through food drives, parades (Parade of Lights where donations are collected and the money shared between the FoodBank and the Snowsuit Fund) at major community events (Dairyfest) at local churches, from various funding organizations like Mazon and in personal donation at the FoodBank itself. The location at 596 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, entrance at the rear, in the old Hydro building provides privacy and confidentiality for clients using the service. The driveway from the street is the same used by the T.R. Leger School and so no one knows where the clients are truly going when they drop by.

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FoodBank's Judy Hilson ready to serve

Chieftain Photo - S.L. Johnston

Swampview springs a few leaks

Just Plain Livin' with Sandra Lee

What a week this has been. You know, if this was not for real, it could become a sitcom that would pull in viewers on weekday afternoons and this old writer could sit at home and enjoy a life of leisure.

Things began on Tuesday when the sound of the pressure pump greeted us at Swampview when we awoke. Getting mobile and going outside to investigate, water was detected bubbling up through the ground, and this in minus degree weather. First sign of trouble for sure. Trying to put on a brave face and all that rubbage, we joked about whether it was really water or if in fact we had oil bubblin' up on the front lawn...if only! It was not!! A call to the plumber and we felt things were on the road to recovery. Tuesday found the big guy in a hole deeper than his six feet could see out of, mud and water, sand and dirt to his eye balls as he scooped pailfuls of muddy slopp out of the hole the backhoe had begun to dig. My silver mound suddenly disappeared (the one plant I truly enjoyed in the flowerbed) and the culprit was located, a pipe leading into the well was split. Once the repair was effected, the hole filled in with new sand and covered with snow, we thought we were home free. While the big guy and the sons, a father and a brother helped the plumber, the writer was busy getting the paper set to go to print. Then it struck, a terrifc pain in the centre of the chest. Unable to get any relief, it tortured the body a couple of times throughout the morning. When the second son dropped by after his exam for a ride home, he was upset at the lack of colour his old mother displayed and realized quickly that something was pretty wrong. Getting past the refusal stage he immediately got his mom into the car and drove to the local clinic.

After assuring her there was a doctor in residence yet, the nurse scurried the writer to the ECG room and instantly connected the old bod to the monitor. The results were good, the pain was not! Doc suggested a shot of demerol and gravol would be in order, but there were certain items in the issue that had not yet been attended to, items socific to this writer and so with the promise to travel to Morrisburg as soon as possible after these were done, we left. There were more incidences of sharp and severe pain and a few more episodes of sweats and chills and by 4:30 enough was enough. A call for help to the ranch and I was enroute to the clinic for that shot. A bit of a runabout (two trips to the drug store for necessary medications) for the college kid and his gal who drove me and I had a pink cocktail, which numbed the throat and gullet and then a shot of D&G and off home. Starting to feel the effects of the demerol, fighting them until the water situation was determined, and then drifting off to sleep...

The next morning the editor had taken off work to drive the college kid to the hospital for some tests after which he was not to be behind the wheel,thus the big guy left quietly so we could sleep in a bit. The effects of the demerol still lingering a bit, I had no problem resting. Time to get moving, a note on the table suggests that the water problem is not yet cleared up. "It was too good to be true especially when the water cleared up reasonably quickly once it was back on." The last line of the note warned us "Not to worry!" Yeah! Right!! Off to the hospital for 10:15am we could not bother with other things at the moment; one thing at a time. A long wait due to babies who decided to be born just as our appointment came up, we lingered around the table in the waiting room until 1:30pm when the call finally came and the son went in to be scoped. Waiting is tough...when others who went in minutes after the son are out and walking down the hallway headed home and he is still not back...a kindly nurse realizes we are a bit strung out (remember that cursed pain is hanging in too) and assures us he is in recovery, but due to his hyperventilating and such he had a little more sedation than usually administered and so will be a few minutes getting up. The wait for the doctor to see us...finally over and with good news. No sign of ulcers or gastric problems, no cancer biopsy necessary and so it must indeed be nerves and school pressures. Something we shall have to work on at home.

Thursday and the water continues to bubble out of the earth and the plumber has not returned the frantic call of last evening. Driving to work wondering what will transpire the poor plumber's van is spotted and followed into town. He does not know the Merc and so is cornered as it were. He is the resident plumber on a big job in town and has a deadline to meet...thus answering his pager is not a priority. He feels sorry for the old woman and so makes a few calls and arranges to engage a backhoe for the following morning. Trying to remain calm and cool, a call goes out to Hydro Services to send a man to locate the underground wire before we dig. It would take three more calls, one while the operator waits patiently in the yard and so the writer grows a tad impatient to get the answer we need. The Hydro Services man brings his trusty little machine that locates wires, like a gygercounter affair and we are in business. The new pipe goes into the deep hole, which

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the bottom line

IF YOU HAVE THREE HOURS A MONTH TO SPARE, THE COMMUNITY WATCH NEEDS YOU! New members are desperately needed to ensure that the program can continue. It has been proven that it works, not only in Iroquois, but in numerous communities in the area. A wonderful deterent to those with criminal intentions, everyone can sleep easier knowing the Watch members are out on patrol. Response time for the OPP when called by the Watch is extremely short and so resulted in swift action by officers. The dedicated volunteers who have stuck with the program deserve a hearty thanks for their efforts...whether you know it or not you are appreciated!! Why not give it a try, there is no obligation to remain if you feel you cannot carry through with the responsibility. Call Walter at 652-4508 today and let's keep the Watch a part of our community.

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A SUPPORT GROUP MEETING IS SCHEDULED AT WINCHESTER AND District Hospital. The Diabetic Education program will present Catherine Van Vliet, Pharmacist who will speak on "Herbal Preparations." The date is Thursday, February 17 and the time is 7-8:30pm. The Conference room downstairs just inside the main entrance is where the action will be . This is a very viable subject in the new millennium, why not drop by and learn more about it?

FUNDRAISING IS AN ONGOING EPISODE IN THIS LIFE. CHEO WILL benefit from the annual snowmobile drags held at the airstrip across from Upper Canada Village on Sunday, February 13. Entree fee is $15.00 and all proceeds go to the Children's Hopsital of Eastern Ontario. The weather promises to be good for a winter day and the machines and drivers will provide all the excitement necessary. Bring the family and join the fun. Many machines and drivers are local and so the time is even more entertaining. Races are slotted to start at 12 noon sharp. The action should wind up about 4pm. More info can be obtained by calling Jim at 652-2245, Tom at 936-0822 or Barb at 543-3114.

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LOCAL ROVER CREW MEMBERS (SCOUTS CANADA MEMBERS) WILL be selling "tiny hearts" for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Dundas Chapter this week in the Iroquois Plaza.Thursday and Friday afternoons after school, look for the dark blue neckers on several young men who have for the past ten years done this as a community service to their town. Be as generous as possible since the "tiny hearts" are whatever you wish to donate. These young men know it will be cold and yet they keep volunteering to help this worthwhile cause.

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Livin'

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misses the blue spruce and the cedar at the corner of the deck, but the power to the yard light is sprung and so we will bear through til spring without the white light shining out into the darkness. Things seem well in hand, the backhoe has gone home and the water is coming...but alas, no pressure. A nasty turn for sure as we could expect; the educated guess being some dirt must have gotten into the pipe and so air is blown into the system to clear the passage and eventually the pressure is back and water comes when taps are turned on. The sediment is heavy and so the water is brown for some hours. We continue to check it in a clear glass until we get that crystal clear water we know is in the well.

The mounds of frozen ground are not the most picturesque, and getting into the house is almost a mountaineering task, but we will endure until spring when boards will provide a walkway to the drive. We are certain to have mud to the eyeballs for some weeks...what a pleasant prospect! visitors will advised to wear hip waders when they come over!

Back at work the writer wonders how things are progressing after lunch. A call brings no response, and another has the exact same ending...could this mean trouble? A drive home alerts us to the fact that things are pretty good, but there is no phone service at the ranch, as if anything else needs to happen! The line was not disturbed, but had been previoulsy spliced by Bell and so when we moved it off the line where we would dig, the lines became separated. The serviceman was swift and had us reconnected again and ready to utilize the phone. Now we need to warn snowmobilers who come across our back yard and the snowplow man that the line is just laying on the ground til spring. This will be one busy spring around our place!!

Lines of water glasses and jars were sitting on the table when the writer arrived home after work on Friday, with varying degrees of brown sediment in them. The longer the water ran the clearer it became, and returned to its clear, pure self once more in a short period of time. We will send a bottle off to be tested and everyone will be back to normal again. Except for the washer which does not want to fill properly, perhaps the water pump that brings the liquid to the barrel is just tired. Who knows and at this point in the melay, who cares?

A marvellous Orchid was snapped on Sunday, and Saturday was spent at the Annual Scout Klondike at Camp Sheldrick. Being the ADC of Scouts, this was the event I was in charge of this winter. With help from the big guy and the Rover Crew minus the two who were working, things ran pretty smoothly. The snow started the worry bone to work overtime, but getting out was no problem for the big Mercury. Friends had invited us for supepr and so there was nothing to hustle about, and a good thing too since the roads were just passable in places, and the wind whipped it around creating whiteouts, it was dicey in spots.

The college kid spent the entire weekend in the city, dribving home late intio the night and heading back early the next morning. Major projects are in the works and while the Mac sits in his room, we now need special programs and a printer and a scanner and the list seems neverending. Hopefully he will get a bit of a rest soon and some time to sit back and take stock. He is teaching drums to a few young men and enjoying this time, as well as making some extra cash after supper.

The second son and a chum went to the city to see the car show, but ended up lost and instead took in an RV show, a movie and grabbed a burger at the golden arches.

The hour grows late and so I'll sign off. The wisdom comes from Francis Bacon who said, "Knowledge is power."

Focus

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Each FoodBank client is given a three to four day supply of nutritionally-balanced food for each family member, supplemented with milk, veggies, fruit, eggs and meat. Clients are allowed to visit no more than once a month and the vast majority use the FoodBank only a few times, when there is no other option. Clients choose which food bank they will visit, and cross referencing assures that there is no overlapping of service, no duplications. According to Judy Hilson, co-ordinator of the FoodBank, "We exchange client lists with other agencies and we tend to look after people from Iroquois, Morrisburg, Winchester, Morewood, and Chesterville areas while House of Lazarus tends to cater more to those in the Spencerville, South Mountain, Mountain and Kemptville areas. For example the House of Lazarus in South Mountain provides the same type of service to some people, and these folks cannot use our FoodBank as well."

Judy Hilson has been the co-ordinator for the past six years and she has developed a certain rapport with the clients, they know her because she works hard to really know them. Her easy going, friendly manner is exactly what clients need when they come to the FoodBank. Putting their fears to rest, she is able to assist them and does so without judging. She maintains the privacy and confidentiality of the people who come to the FoodBank as well as their circumstances. Speaking with Judy it is easy to understand how she can be just what the clients need when they come to the FoodBank, she is easy to talk to and her sensitivity shines through her genuine smile. "It takes a lot of nerve and a lot of putting your pride in your back pocket to come here the first time," says Judy, and we try to make it as easy as possible. People who use the FoodBank do so because they have no other choice. They are from all parts of the community, all types of backgrounds and opportunities. Many have families, concerns and worry about the future...just like you and me, like we all have." Judy goes about her tasks dealing with people in trouble, treating them with dignity and respect and the board is appreciative of her work.

Judy has a group of marvellous volunteers who help her stock shelves and apportion food items into containers. You too can be a volunteer, just contact the FoodBank at 774-0188. The FoodBank also has a Board of Directors, who are also volunteers. These people give their time to direct the activities of the FoodBank, to govern the FoodBank, to organize food drives and other venues for the FoodBank such as the Music Night in Morrisburg last year. In order to function effectively and represent the needs of the community, more members are needed. An annual dues fee under law is charged to substantiate membership and voting rights, a tooney does the trick. The board meets monthly to discuss the day-to-day activities of the FoodBank and make plans, take decisions on the issues concerning the FoodBank and the community. An Annual General meeting is held, usually in February which provides a report of the various activities of the FoodBank along with an audited financial report. Paid members then elect the Board of Directors for the current year.

There are no government grants available and so the FoodBank depends upon charity from the community for support and donations. "We can issue receipts now too," says Judy.

The Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger Foundation based in Toronto donated some $2000 last year to the FoodBank (reduced from the previous year), a nice boost to the coffers and so too the shelves, but merely a percentage of what is necessary to the day-to-day operations of the FoodBank. Craig Packaging of Iroquois donated some $5000 to help, and while it was much appreciated, but this was in all probability, a one time shot in the grocery bill as well.

It is vital that the FoodBank is able to reach those people who want to donate as well as those who need the help they can find there. Making sure people know where they can find the help they need is important. Judy adds, "Whether because of a fire, being between jobs or due to the loss of a job, people come to us with a real need and we do what we can to provide food, a basic need."

Checking the geographical profile for active clients we learned that the percentage of people who came to the FoodBank during 1999, from South Dundas was 47.6% (101 clients), North Dundas accounted for 52.4% (110 clients), and Iroquois (25)/-Morrisburg (35)/Ingleside-(2)/Williamsburg (27)/Brinston (11) and Riverside Heights (0) showed 29.3% utilizing the service. In her year end report, Judy explained that an increase in the number of visits in 1999 over 1998 was 10.3%, and noted that clients are considered "active" if they have visited in the past 12 months. The increase in the number of people in 1999 was 20.2% and family sizes of visits have increased as well. When you consider that 3090 people (1704 adults and 1386 children) were served by the FoodBank in 1999, it is easy to see what a valuable service is being provided. A total of 73 new clients (one family =one client) were dealt with in 1999 as 29 clients were re-activated (came back to use the facility) and 111 were de-activated during the year. A total at the end of 1999 showed 212 clients active. Looking at reasons why people come to the FoodBank for help, many seem to be under the impression that all clients are on welfare, not so! While 46.7% are on welfare, some 26.4% are on disability, 5.7% are on a pension and unable to make it through without assistance, 15.1% are on a fixed income that does not meet their needs all the time, 5.2% have no income and 9% are on UI premiums which do not cover all their needs and so they are forced to seek help as well. Because the numbers were up substantially the need for fundraising grew as needs for cash and food donations increased. Never would a client be turned away, if a need exists the FoodBank will fill it. Take for instance last summer when things were looking pretty bleak...the shelves at the FoodBank were virtually empty, Judy was gloomy and purchasing foodstuff not normally bought-cans of soup, cereal, and veggies. On top of this the cash flow at the FoodBank was well below the minimum amount. This was when the support focus shifted to the corporate community and they came through with flying colours.

Raising the awareness of the FoodBank in the eyes of the community helped by spreading the message about the FoodBank, the modus oeprandi thereof and the needs to be met. Establishing clear boundaries for the Eastern Ontario Food Banks by drawing together all those involved in providing emergency food aid in the region from Dundas to the Quebec border and developing a consolidated team for future initiatives gave the opportunity to see what problems and issues are faced daily.

Becoming a member of the Ontario FoodBank Association means the Dundas County FoodBank is also a registered member of the Canadian FoodBank System. This means that when the big grocery producers (Kraft, Quaker Oats etc.) donate to the FoodBanks, the Ontario Assoc. shares with all members. Joining the Reclamation Programme (Ont.) makes available to the FoodBank-FREE (every two weeks) a shipment of grocery products which have been turned back by the grocery chains due to damage (crushed etc. and so unsaleable)...from 25 to 40 boxes. (pickup is in Cornwall).

Chairperson, Diane Pethick thanked everyone for their efforts in the past year and anticipated good work this year as well. Included in her thank yous were Judy of course, Irene Broad, Denise Coyle, Gary Cracknell, Douglas Laing, Charles Laurin, Carole Poley-Delisle, and Nick Lee.

There is a very evident need for the Foodbank in Dundas County and it cannot exist without the continued support of the communities it serves. Winter is a particular time when the shelves are depleting rapidly. After the Christmas season when things are abundant and everyone is in a sharing mood, we must remember to give again... as often as we can to help those less fortunate. A can of soup will warm a family who need the FoodBank to provide it like no other meal they might enjoy and it is such a small thing for most of us. Be as generous as you are able to. The FoodBank belongs to each of us.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson



The full blast of February snows and wind has gripped our land in icy claws. Blowing and drifting snow obscures the contours of the land. Dagger-like icicles glitter on the eaves trough. Ice huts dot the ponds, snow piles grow ever larger and life becomes more of an endurance contest for man and birds alike.

A drama was played out on the far shore of the St. Lawrence two weeks ago and the action was captured by two viewers on the Saver Road and our local Conservation Officer on Lakeshore Drive. They watched in fascination as two **bald eagles** fought over something on the ice.

One eagle won the contest. On Thursday eagle was seen at a river front property near the C.O.S. on Lakeshore Drive where it killed a Canada Goose. On Friday an eagle was sighted on the ice of the bay west of Saver Road. It appeared to have killed a duck. Bald eagles are uncommon in our area except in winter and early spring. Probably this was the same eagle seen on each previous occasion. These sightings were confirmed by the Conservation Officer.

This magnificent bird of prey is the largest Canadian raptor, the mature adult unmistakeable with its white head and tail and large size (40"). It spends the winter south of the Canadian border. Although fish is the main staple in its diet, it will take carrion and waterfowl such as ducks and geese as well.

More **turkeys** have been seen. Four turkeys were spotted east of Lakeshore Drive near Morrisburg, one at Stampville and Brinston Road and still more at Highway 2 and Lakeshore Drive east of Iroquois. With a frozen river and the river being quite narrow in places, it is easy for the birds to come across from the U.S. side.

The **robin** on the Hutt Road seen last Sunday has turned up at a resident's feeder. The robin is eating seeds, but its diet can be supplemented with a little fruit and protein in the form of cat or dog food.

Large numbers of **snow buntings** (around 75 birds) were spotted by our Irena Road birdwatcher on the Rowena Road on Sunday. Mrs S. was also fairly certain she saw two **Horned Larks** mixed in with the buntings. Larks often flock with buntings. A sign of spring coming, as these larks are the first to be seen so far this year. By the end of February, large numbers of returning crows will be another sign.

Bird watchers east of Iroquois with a rural property have huge numbers of **Bohemian Waxwings** coming to their feeders.

I saw a **Tufted Titmouse** (a life bird for me-one I have never seen before) in the poplar trees at Iroquois Point on Sunday. Its greyish, with a buffy breast and a little crest, sparrow sized and often flocks with chickadees.

Thanks to the watchers on Lakeshore Drive for that exciting bald eagle report. Please call in your sightings, observations and anecdotes to me at 652-2555.

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He Shoots!...He Scores!

The Junior B Lions celebrate after Chris Proulx puts them on the scoreboard. Facing the Glens from Alexandria, the Lions roared but ran out of power finishing one short when the final buzzer sounded. This team is coming together and can make the playoffs if they work hard and show what they can do. They are good as any team they face in the League.

Junior B Lions play rough game

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Thursday evening the Lions roared at home as they hosted the Alexandria Glens. An extremely rough game the knocks and smashes against the boards seemed to take over the playing focus.

A fast paced game in which both teams were determined to be victorious. The first period was winding down before anyone could score as both defensive players played tight hockey and both nets were well defended. Then with two minutes five seconds left in the first frame the Lions struck first. Chris Proulx found his mark as he took the pass from the stick of Robin Carbonneau. The Glens rebounded back with only 39 second left in the period as Michel Quesnel beat Mathieu Blanchard on the powerplay.

The Glens came out strong in the second as they were on the board again at 18:26 on the powerplay. The Lions played tough and returned the favour when they were on the powerplay at 17:07 as Carson Runions took the puck off the sticks of Cory McAllister and Chris Proulx to bulge the twine and keep the game knotted at two. Charlie Forment scored on the powerplay at 10:59 of the second with help from Chris Proulx and Steve Iwachniuk put the Lions ahead for the first time in the game. The lead was short lived as the Glens maintained their relentless pressure and beat Blanchard as Scott Neilson slammed the puck past the Lions goalie at 7:51, another powerplay goal. The second period of play ended with the Glens ahead by two as Steven VanDenOedalaar put the puck behind Blanchard who seemed to have no way to see the puck let alone stop it.

The Lions did not give up, but seemed to be trying to get something going, it just was not working. Players seemed out of position and when the puck was passed it took the wrong roll, or ended up on a stick of the Glens.

The third was a tight period as neither team seemed able to score until 13:40 when the Glens, Joel Quesnel nailed one past Kyle Donnan who took over in the pipes for Blanchard. The Lions came back at 8:26 as Daniel Beland was helped by Cory McAllister and Charlie Forment to find his mark. The Lions needed to focus a bit harder and stay on their game in order to win and they just were not doing the job. They dropped this one 5-4.

On Sunday the Lions travelled to Kemptville to face off against the 73s in a regularly scheduled game as the season winds to a close. Joe Martin put the 73s on the board at 11:22 of the first period. Shortly thereafter the Lions roared into life as Carson Runions took the pass from Stef Champagne and Frankie Allen to blast one past Tim Craig in the net for the 73s and knot the score, keeping the status quo. A shorthanded goal by Craig Stanley put the 73s on top once more for some 4 minutes when Paul Dedekker took the lead pass from Charlie Forment for the counter. Tied again this was a very exciting game as both teams played tight hockey. Kris Crawford scored at 5:45 giving Kemptville the lead as the teams left the ice after one.

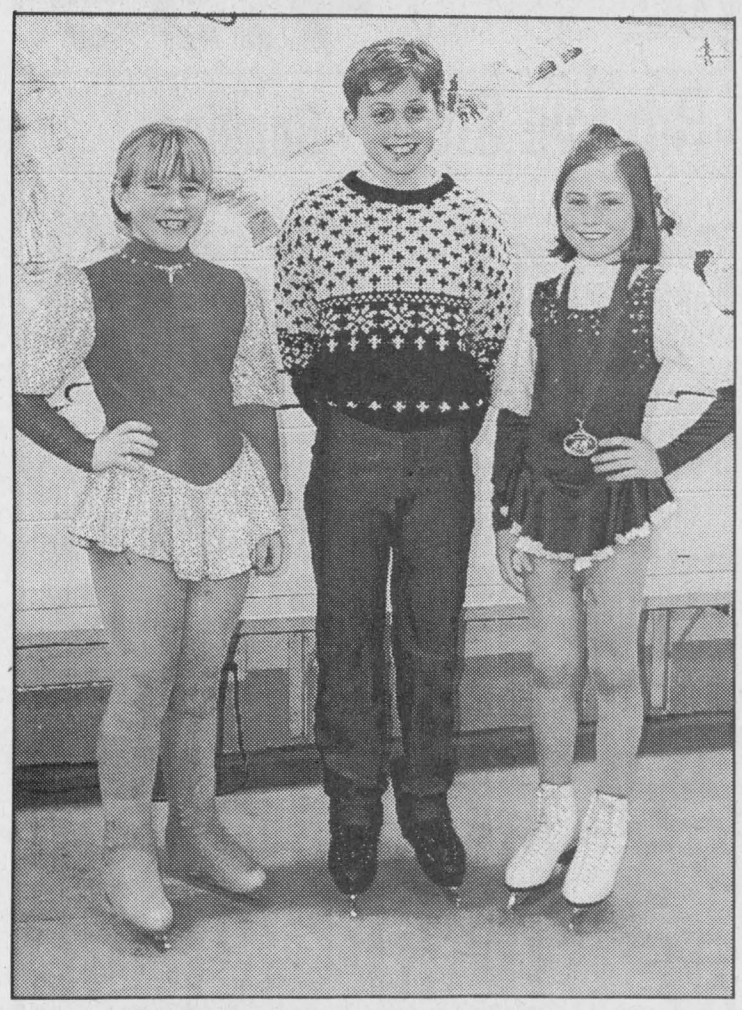
The second period belonged to the Lions as they came out ready to play hockey the way they know they can. Holding the 73s scoreless, Mathieu Blanchard was a rock in the pipes for the Lions as he turned the 73s aside at every attempt (and there were 13 of them). Lions Stef Champagne teamed with Jamie Barkley and Daniel Beland to bulge the twine as did Jeremy Alguire who took the pass from the stick of Charlie Forment to count the second powerplay goal of the frame and put Morrisburg ahead by one.

The third saw the 73s determined to get back in the game. The Lions went ahead on a powerplay goal by Frankie Allen who struck solo for the marker. That would be all the Lions could muster in this game and things looked badly after the 73s nailed two into the net. Greg Haggett and Nic Guida counted one a piece to put the 73s in a tie with the Lions as the final buzzer sounded.

The tie gives each team a point. Then it was a shoot out situation. Tension built as players took their turns skating in on the netminders trying to deek them out and get the puck slid behind them. Both Blanchard and Craig did a great job...just imagine the pressure on these young men. First down the ice for the Lions was Cory McAllister who was stopped, then Haggett for the 73s failed. Wayne Garlough could not beat Craig, but Blanchard gave up one to Craig Stanley. Blanchard stood tall in the pipes for Morrisburg as the crowd sat on the edge of their seats as Dan Beland (2nd in points this year) bore down on Craig and slipped the puck in the short side, knotting the shootout at one. Turning back the effort of Troy Patterson, Mathieu was looking good, as did Charlie Forment who skated hard and was able to beat the 73 goalie as well (top goal getter in the league this year!), putting the Lions up one. The 73s had two shooters left...the Lions only one. But, Nic Guida could not beat Blanchard, nor could Kris Crawford when their turns came, and Stef Champagne for the Lions found space to count the third for the Lions defeating the 73s 6-5 in a tough matchup.

Craig turned back 27 shots from the Lions sticks while Blanchard handled 44 from the 73s.

The Lions face the Hawks in Winchester on Friday night. Game time is 8:15 while they host the Akwesasne team on Sunday at 2:15...both should be good games as the Lions work to hang on to a playoff position.



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Cardinal skaters

Members of the Cardinal Figure Skating Club have scored some recent successes. Nathan Last (centre) placed third in the Eastern Ontario Sectionals, Preliminary Men's, in Arnprior. Jenna Shay (right) came first in the Junior B Ladies Precious Edges in Brockville, while Brittany Leggo (left) notched a fourth in Brockville Precious Edges, Gold Ladies CanSkate. Carly Sullivan came fourth in the Junior B Ladies in Athens and Brockville. Conner Elliot came first at Brockville Precious Edges, Men's Gold CanSkate.

Teams close in Interbranch Dart League

Tossing darts in Prescott last Thursday evening the Interbranch Men's Dart League saw some pretty hot darts. The final standings this week show a tight race, as Prescott #1 is nipping at the very feathers of the darts of the Cardinal#2 team. Cardinal has 134 points, Prescott #1 has 133. Coming in third spot is Cardinal#4 with 106 while Iroquois #7 has 97 to their credit. Next is Cardinal # 6 who have 84 points followed closely by Iroquois #5 with one point less at 83. Prescott #3 are in the cellar with 78 points.

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Novice C Rep Lions defeat South Grenville Rangers

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Justin Saunders headed the attack as the Novice "C" Rep Lions hosted the South Grenville Rangers. Getting the Lions on the board at 9:41, Brad Munroe took the puck off the stick of David Toonders for the first counter of the game. The Lions were hot in the first frame as Saunders scored his first goal at 9:12 as he skated in solo for the second marker. Working hard the Lions would bulge the twine again at 4:47 of the first as Nick Thomas went in with Conner Hodgson and Saunders for the third goal the Lions would count. The only scoring play the Rangers could muster came at with three minutes left in the first period as Chris Sherman was able to beat Steve Baird in the pipes for the Lions, the only time he would be beaten in this game.

The second period was scoreless as neither team was able to find their target. Both Baird and Kenny Polite in the Ranger's net played very well, keeping the puck out of the nets at both ends of the ice.

At 9:15 of the third period, Saunders struck again for his second goal. This time it was Nick McCaslin who got the assist.

The Lions sent the Rangers home defeated 4-1. Two penalties were handed out to the South Grenville team during the second period, as Kelsey Dillabough was spotted for hooking and Cody Hache was nailed for tripping. The Lions were penalty free in this outing. Well done everyone!!

Little Rocks teams compete in Brockville last Saturday

with Steve Thompson

Our Little Rocks teams have been busy, with two of them competing in Brockville last Saturday. Jeremy Stewart, Adam Davidson, David Blatch and Jesse Laprade split their games while Colin Tupper, Megan Tindal, Natalie McDonnell and Chris Tupper lost two close ones. With winter vacations taking some curlers south, we had some new names in this bonspiel. Next Sunday one team will represent us in Prescott.

Another Senior Men's Friendly Bonspiel was held last Wednesday, with our seniors hosting those from Prescott. After three ten-end games, the result was a draw and after a little liquid refreshment, the forty-odd athletes settled down to a lunch together before heading off for home. The pleasures of retirement! Many of these curlers are off to bonspiels this week.

Good to see Bryan Cochrane, who carried Morrisburg colours to the Men's Provincial Finals last year, back in via the Challenge Round. This year he is curling out of the RCMP Club, but we'll still be rooting for him as he takes on the other nine teams in the fight to represent Ontario.

Kathy Johnston is doing well after some angioplasty to get back into her fighting trim. Our best wishes go out to our former past president and current member of the CCA Board of Directors, we hope she will soon be well enough to continue those trips to premiere curling sites on our behalf. Glad things went well Kathy! Drop in and admire our shot-making while you are getting your strength back.

The search for furniture goes on at the Club. First it was those upholstered chairs, now we're the proud owners of six gently used bar tables. Now, if anyone has a line on three large round ones suitable for after-game socializing, let President Sydney Schnurr know.

Remember to sign up for the Funspiel this Saturday and or the Mixed Bonspiel March 11. Both are being hosted in the Morrisburg Club. Details are posted at the Clubhouse.

The Executive meets next Tuesday, February 15 at 6pm. No word yet what is on the agenda, but it looks as though we are having a good year.

Novice B Lions compete busy week with four wins

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Novice "B" Lions successfully completed a busy week of hockey, playing four games in five days and coming away with four victories.

On Wednesday they hosted the Alexandria Glens in regular season action. The Glens started out quickly, striking for a fast 3-0 lead in the game. Midway through the second period, Chris Tindal, on a fine individual effort set up Alex Whelan to get the Lions on the board and into the thick of the action. Two minutes later, Whelan added another assisted by Scott Summers. Then, in the third frame, Chris Tindal who was playing some pretty good hockey added two more, both with help from Whelan to finish the comeback and give the Lions a 4-3 win.

On Friday, the Lions travelled to South Stormont to take on the Selects in a battle for second place. Playing an agressive game, the Lions jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead five minutes into the game. The Selects finally got one past goalie Ryan Swank in the dying seconds of the game to steal the shutout. The Lions added three more to skate away with a convincing 6-1 victory. Leading the way for the Lions were Chris Tindal with three while singles were added by Jane Moss, Alex Whelan and Scott Douma. Assists went to Alex Whelan (3), Pat Bongers (2) and Scott Douma with one.

On Saturday, the team travelled to Massena to play an exhibition game against the Massena Mites. The Mites, known for playing a very physical and aggressive game style were overwhelmed by the hard working Lions. Scott Douma put the Lions on the board first banging home a rebound at the start of the second period. Alix Tait, on a "TSN Highlight of the Night" skated end to end and pout a beautiful backhand shot past the Massena goaltender. Pat Bongers added two more, both on great passes from Chris Tindal, to give the Lions a 4-0 win. Ryan Swank played a solid game to preserve the shutout.

On Sunday the Lions were in Alexandria to finish their busy week. A last minute goal by Scott Douma gave the visiting Lions a 3-2 win. Other markers went to Chris Tindal and Jane Moss. Helpers went to Alix Tait, Alex Whelan, Alan Waddell, Michael Davidson and Jay Keller.

With only two regular season games left in their schedule, the Lions improved their record to 14 wins, 2 losses and 6 ties. Next action for the Lions is this weekend when they travel to Brockville to compete in a two day tournament. Good Luck everyone!!

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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

Matilda Rebekah Lodge Valentine Luncheon and Bake Sale, Saturday, February 12, 2000 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Brinston.

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

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Chubbs celebrate 25th anniversary

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Hot sticks and cold ice make for some exciting hockey. The Annual Chubbs Hockey Tournament was played out on the weekend in Morrisburg. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Adult Recreational Hockey Association, a part of the Labatts Blue Hockey Challenge featured in arenas across Canada, the Chubbs Tournament was a terrific success according to organizer Cam MacLennan.

While a challenge had been in the works between the Brockville Law and the Osgoode Outlaws (previous year these two had met in the Open Final with the Outlaws victorious) it did not materialize since they did not meet in the final this year.

The same four teams returned in the Blue-Open Class: the Law, Flamingos, Osgoode Outlaws and the Prescott Hurricanes. The final saw the Hurricanes face the Outlaws and end up winners 7-1.

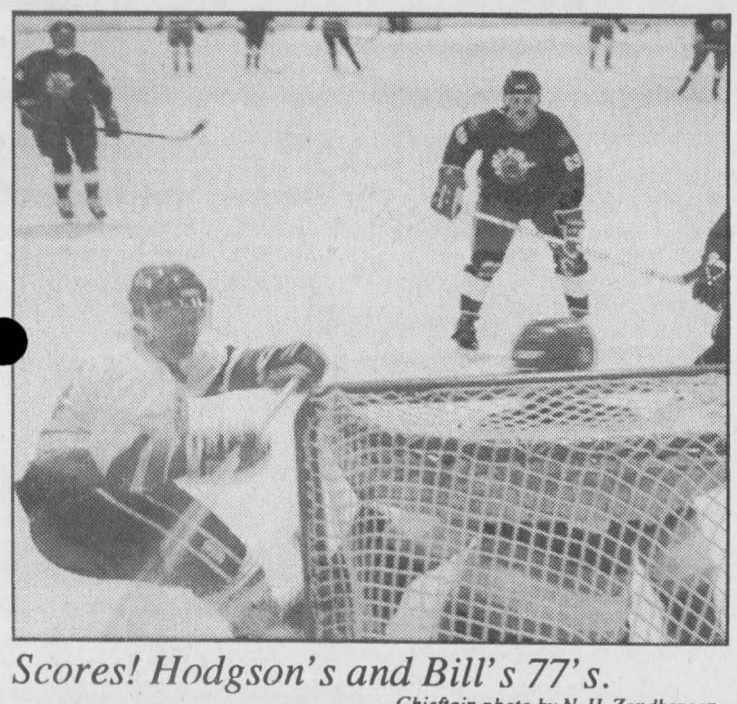
The Budweiser and Kokanee Divisions were industrial teams. In the first division the Mad Dogs, TCC Loan Sharks, Jamie Mac, Hodgsons and Bills 77s did battle on the ice. Hodgsons doubled Bills 77s 6-3 for the win in the final. In the Kokanee division it was Russell, the Williamsburg Boulders, OC Rebels (Osnabruck), Beavers and the Chesterville Wolves. The final game pitted the Rebels and the Boulders against one another. The Rebels sent the Boulders home 4-zip.

A Women's Division provides some good action as well, as four teams from the Ottawa and Winchester Leagues took to the ice. Annable's Jewellery, RJC, Stewart's Classics and Black Ice showed that the gals know the game well. Victorious were Stewart's Classics who narrowly defeated the Ice 4-3, a game decided in a triple Overtime shootout. Talk about excitement!! These gals provided more than their share.

Along with insurance and some prizes, the top two teams in each division qualify and are invited to participate in a tournament in North York at Beatrice Gardens.

Cam explained that the success of the tourney depends upon the teams and this year was great, "No injuries and no incidences on or off the ice, just some good clean sport for everyone!"

MVP for the tourney was Jeff Boyce of the Prescott Hurricanes, who carried off the Cam MacLennan Memorial Trophy. The tourney MVP goalie was Iroquois' own Frank Waytowich who earned the Joe Billings Memorial Trophy for his marvellous efforts in the pipes. Each final game for the Championships declared a MVP, these people won a new hockey stick for this honour.



Scores! Hodgson's and Bill's 77's.
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Klondike Saturday

This Scout troop comes out of the woods enroute to their next event as they take part in the Annual Scout Klondike Day. The various Scouts Troops who are in Upper St. Lawrence Valley District (St. Lawrence and Brockville Districts amalgamated) gathered at Camp Sheldrick near Winchester Springs to hone their scout skills and learn new ones as well as have a load of fun. The sled they pull along was in the Annual Sled Race where youth pull it. The Race winners were from Kemptville. A snowy afternoon for fun in winter, everyone but Mountain left after the events, they camped overnight. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

PeeWee House Lions face North Dundas in Chesterville

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Thursday evening the PeeWee House Lions travelled to Chesterville to face the North Dundas 2 squad. Coming out of the gate fast, the Lions proceeded to forget to play the entire 60 minutes of the game and so dropped this match 8-6. Scoring in the lost cause were Anthony Lemaire, Matt VanMoorsel, Matt Swerdtfeger (three assists as well) and Mitchel Julien, each with a single and Kevin McIntosh with two counters and an assist. Two penalties in the third marred an otherwise penalty free game for the Lions. Chesterville was in the box for four.

Sunday the lads were in Chesterville again this time facing the North Dundas #1 team. Determined to make up for the Thursday evening game, the Lions were two players short, but the other team members picked up the slack and played a great game. Goals came from all three lines. Travis Dillabough played the second half of the match, while Anthony Knapman handled things in the beginning. Both boys came up with some key saves to keep their team in the games and provide opportunity to get ahead. Scoring in the first frame were Tyler Galindo and Matt Swerdtfeger assisted by Thomas Toonders and Mitch Julien respectively. The second belonged to the Lions as the opposition was held scoreless. Bulging the twine for the Lions were Cody Cassell and Matt VanMoorsel who went in alone and Matt Swerdtfeger again who had a stick help from Kevin McIntosh. Thomas Toonders and Anthony Lemaire found their marks in the third with help from Aaron Bogle. Chesterville tucked one behind Knapman. Each team sent one to the penalty box in the first, the other two periods were penalty-free. The final read 8-2 for the Lions.

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Darts

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Game winners are those who can throw better than the average player on a regular basis. This week, 4-game winners include Brad Windsor, Jake Summerfield, Tom Beach and Mike Levere. The 3-game winners include Jim Logie, Bill Walter and Trevor Easter.

Highscorers this evening included: Mark MacDonald-140-x3; Mike Levere-140, 121; Tim Gonczowski, Tom Beach and Jerry Carr each with 140. Jake Summerfield and Rick Sayeau had 133, while Tom Reston, Kevin Laming, Brad Baynham and Bill Hutt had 125 each. Duane Kirker and Gary Bradford nailed 123 and Glen Adams had 121.

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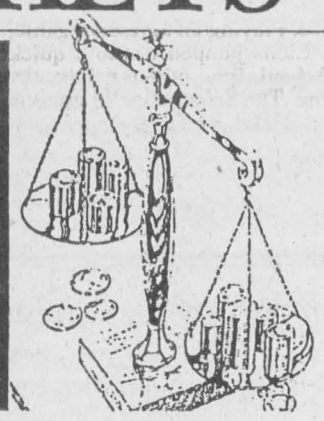

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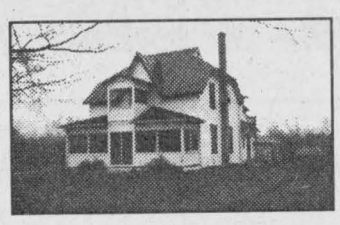

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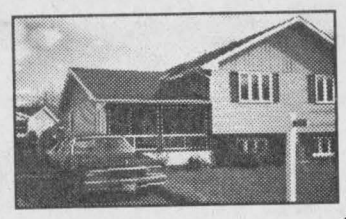

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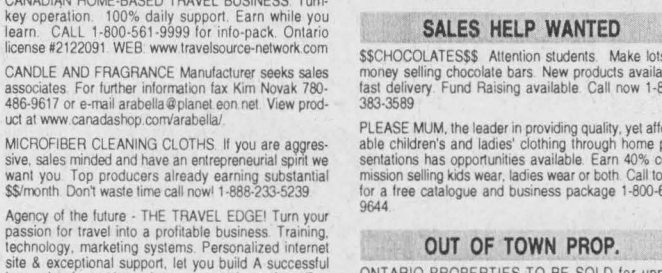

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their supplier, but Allison pointed out they won't be escaping the old Ontario Hydro's $20 billion stranded debt. Electricity bills, no matter who supplies the power, will include a portion that goes toward the debt.

It's a busy time for Allison and his two fellow commissioners. They usually meet once a month. But with all the impending changes, it's often been more than once a week over the past little while, he said.

"It's amazing there still aren't clear answers," he marvelled, admitting to some apprehension.

He added that he suspects electricity prices will end up going one way after all of this: up.

Bylaw

however, would require an overhaul of the township's bylaws, as fines need to be pre-approved by the province. The whole process could take some time.

If council does approve the $15,000 at budget time, the new bylaw enforcement officer would begin to prowl North Dundas perhaps as late as December of this year, Mayor Claude Cousineau said.

Topping the list of bylaw complaints in North Dundas are the usual peeves: dogs, noise, and parking issues.

Handicapped parking regulations are the responsibility of each individual township in SD&G and are not enforced by the O.P.P. anywhere in the United Counties.

Cardinal

Councillor Dick Willis wanted iron-clad assurances that Village taxpayers wouldn't be on the hook for any of the money.

"I don't see why we should hire someone to sit here, waiting for people to come in," he said.

He suggested volunteers should become more active in running the museum again, noting the volunteers have been "dwindling" since the museum's official opening on Labour Day.

"A lot of things are really nice, but if it starts costing taxpayers, I can't go for it."

The Clerk was instructed to look into whether there would be any costs to the Village.

Visiting hours for the Cardinal museum are the same as the Village Office's business hours.

Figure skating request

Council decided not to donate an item for the raffle table at the Feb. 13 Seaway Valley Inter-Club Invitational figure skating competition in Cardinal.

Over 150 skaters will participate in the event.

It was noted that figure skaters and hockey players in Cardinal already get a per-person donation, toward their respective programs, from the Village.

Councillor Pakeman wished the organizers a successful event but agreed with Councillor Willis's sentiment.

"It's not that I don't believe in Cardinal," Willis said, "however, I don't think this council can single them out over the Sea Cadets or the Pathfinders — so I say no."



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French cuisine

Claude and Yanick Baudequin are both bona fide French chefs, trained in France. They cooked up a special dinner at Community Christian Reformed Church on Saturday as part of a fundraiser for a protestant French church in Vanier. On the menu: bouchées aux légumes, rôti de boeuf bordelaise and a scrumptious chocolate mousse and ice cream mix for dessert.

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OBITUARIES

Rick Boisclair

After a lengthy illness, on Sunday, January 30,2000, Rick Boisclair of RR2, Brinston at Winchester Hospital.

Born in Iroquois on January 6, 1932, Rick was 68 years of age. A lifetime resident of the Iroquois area, Rick worked for many years as a farm labourer before going to work at the Red and White Grocery Store in the Iroquois Plaza. Most people will remember Rick for his teasing nature. Whether a person needed a carry-out or just a pick-me-up, Rick was there.

Predeceased by his parents: Joseph and Francis (nee Davy) Boisclair as well as his companion, Pauline Millward, Rick identified with the United Church.

Surviving the loss are a brother, Bob (Wendy) of Athens and two sisters: Etta Levere of Ventnor and Norma (Mallory) Shaver of RR2, Brinston as well as numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and Aunt Peg of Kentucky. Rick was not only a gift to his family, but to everyone he met. It is difficult to find the words to adequately describe who he was and what he meant to those who loved him, mostly his family. Within the family circle and beyond, the description that probably best suits him is, "Rick was just Rick" and that was enough!

Memorial donations to the Diabetes Association were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois where service was conducted on Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at 11 am by Rev. Doug Carnegie. Interment followed at Iroquois Point Cemetery. Pallbearers included Dale Shaver, Gary Shaver, Lyle Levere, Ronnie Hodgson, John Tuttle and Acil Markell Jr. Honorary pallbearer was Lorne Strader.

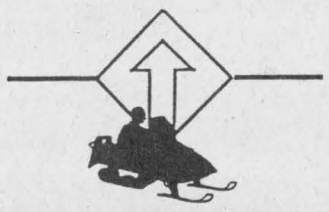
Lauretta Smith

At Woodland Villa Nursing Home, Long Sault on Tuesday, February 1, 2000, Lauretta Smith formerly of Morris Glen Court, Morrisburg. Born on November 31, 1923, in Dunvegan, in the Vankleek Hill area Lauretta was 76 years of age and had moved to Morrisburg with her family in 1965.

Predeceased by her parents; Thomas and Adeline (nee Lascelle) Sauve, as well as two spouses; Joseph Dufresne and Gordon Smith; a brother Peter Sauve and grandchildren including Lauretta and Wendy Beckstead and great-grandchildren, Lacey Vezina and Jacob Markell.

Surviving the loss are sons: Brian (Edna) Dufresne of RR2, Ingleside and Peter (Cathy) Dufresne of RR4, Prescott. daughters; Bev (Howard) Beckstead of Ottawa and Linda Dufresne (Gordon) MacDonald of Chesterville. Loving grandmother of Kevin, Christine, Tammy, Gloria, Amber, Jeremiah, Jason, Joey, Holli and Joshua and great-grandmother of Joel, Trinity, Cameron Nikita and Tyler, Lauretta will be sadly missed, but not forgotten.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society were gratefully acknowledged by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Father Robert Assaly on Friday, February 4, 2000. Interment will follow in the spring at Greenwood Cemetery, Vankleek Hill. Pallbearers include grandsons Joey and Joshua Dufresne, Jeremiah Lemay and Kevin Beckstead and Terry Vezina. Honorary pallbearers were Carl Sauve, Denzil Dillabough, Tony Heldens and Allan McCaskill.



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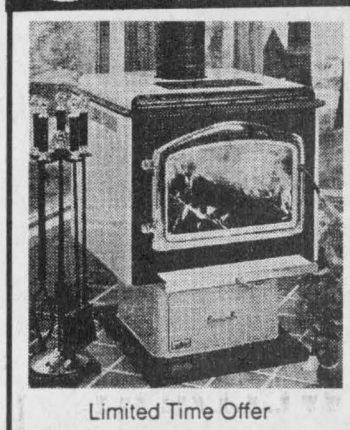

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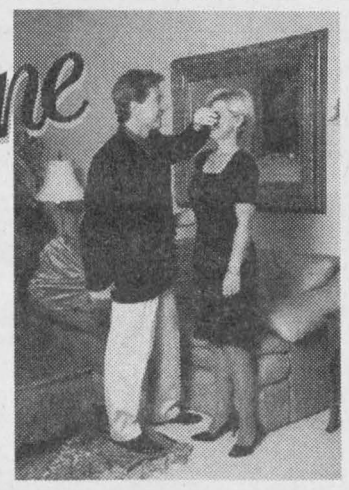

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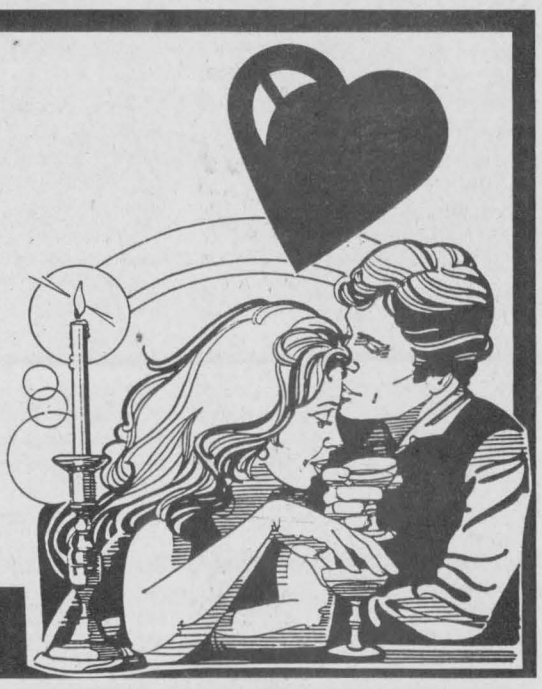



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The Wilkinsons help at "Country Kicks" Arthritis Society Gala

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There is no known cure for arthritis and yet more than 4 million Canadians suffer from the most common cause of long term disability in Canada. One in 1000 children under 16 years of age has arthritis. Striking at the tender age of 2 years, Juvenile Arthritis is very common.

The "Country Kicks" Charity gala will kick off in our community at the Ottawa Civic Centre on Saturday, February 19 as the Juvenile Arthritis campaign gets started.

Research in Canada is funded 70% by the Arthritis Society and researchers suggest it will be another 10 years to achieve a significant breakthrough in treatment. Working on behalf of those of us who suffer from arthritis since 1948. The funding does help.

Patron of the Gala, The Rt. Hon. Ray Hnatyshn calls "Arthritis "the sleeping giant of health care" and the gala vital part in winning the battle against it."

Honourary Chair Dave Smith calls the gala, "The most ambitious fundraising and public awareness initiative ever undertaken by the National Capital and Eastern Ontario Office of the Arthritis Society. Honorary Chair, Max Keeping suggests that "Since March is Juvenile Arthritis Month, this show is the perfect opportunity to kick off this important campaign as a means to help our kids."

Paul Brandt and The Wilkinsons will star in this, the first big country music show of the new millennium at the Civic Centre in Ottawa.

As their BIO reads, "It's been a long time since country music has seen an act as fresh and as exuberant as the Wilkinsons: Steve, Amanda and Tyler are dad, daughter and son combo who reinject glistening harmonies, solid lyrics and soaring vocals into the music business. Not only do they make music that captivates, they bring a sense of traditional values and being at peace with the way life evolves."

Speaking with Steve from Alberta on Sunday afternoon was a special treat for this reporter. It was terrific to learn that while the family lives in Nashville in order to remain in the eye of the music world, they still retain a home in Trenton, Ontario, Canada as their base. Nineteen year old Amanda will graduate this spring from secondary school (Mom handles the home-schooling for the children) in her hometown alongside her friends from her school days. "My wife and I work very hard to allow our children to be teenagers as long as they want to, to enjoy these teens years and not to grow up too fast," says Steve.

He explains how the family spends a lot of recreational time together as a unit; "We play baseball, we bicycle, skateboard and are really into snowboarding this winter." He admits that the children must surely miss out on some of the things our children take for granted, like hanging out with friends at the mall and regular dating schedules, but feels that they gain so much more in other areas of their growth. "They have the opportunity to see and experience so much more than regular kids in Trenton. We have been all across this wonderful country touring and they get to see such incredible things." He adds that they will be a part of an MS fundraiser in Hawaii and the chance to scuba dive with Humpback Whales will be a once in a lifetime for sure! The fact that they get to sing on the same stage with stars like Boss Skaggs, Toto, Christopher Cross, and Patti Labelle in a revival of 80s pop music is something to remember.

When asked why country? He is quick to point out that the line between country and pop is so blurred at present and so many singers are crossing over and back again (Faith Hill, Exile and Restless Heart), he even suggests that Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers started the movement way back in the late 70s, early 80s.

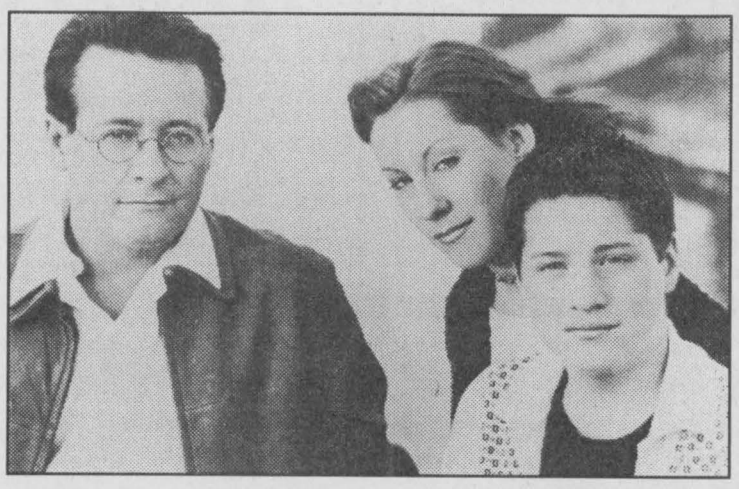
Their newest single that is on the CD that will come out on album this spring, "Jimmy's Got a Girlfriend" features Tyler as lead vocal. While he has sung lead previously the songs never got air play, this one will...it is good!

Ten-year old Kaya is uncertain if she will join the trio, for now she is just enjoying being a kid and her family is as well!

Listening to Steve, it is definitely not hard to tell this is one genuine fellow and the fact that his children can hang out with their folks and enjoy one another demonstrates clearly why their music comes from hearts that love and want to celebrate the vastness of country music. "This is a real world we live in, but it doesn't have to be so real that we rob our children of the years when they get to be kids. They should be learning and having fun without the pressures."

The songwriter Steve had to choose co-writers on this latest project as they lined up to have the chance to write the kinds of songs that are honest about coming of age in this crazy world. With three minutes to paint a picture and show people the feeling, a song has a big job, the Wilkinsons' songs get the job done...restoring peoples' faith in the world.

Sponsored by Y105, CJOH and The Ottawa Citizen this Gala is sure to raise funds and allow everyone to enjoy the best in Canadian talent.



Voices for Charity

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The Wilkinsons-Steve, Amanda and Tyler, Canadian singers are getting ready for their concert in Ottawa to help Juvenile Arthritis on February 19th.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

At the Cribbage League play in the lounge this past Saturday, February 5, the action was lively as fourteen players competed in singles play. Wilf Summers had only two narrow losses to capture first place with a score of 1078. Just two points back in second place was Lynda Head with 1076, while Roger Coulter's 1057 was good enough for third spot. Dennis Wright was the best of the rest pegging 1051 points. Only eight skunks were handed out all afternoon and it was Linda McKee's misfortune to grab a pair of them while her husband Bob had a really tough day with nine straight losses. Really guys...is this any way to treat out-of-towners who battled their way through a snow storm to take part?!

The two Cribbage teams from our Branch who competed at the District Cribbage in Cornwall failed in their efforts to advance to the Provincial Playdowns, but they had a good day of comradeship and can always hope for better luck next year.

At the Euchre tables, which started up again on February 1st, Glen Easter nabbed the first prize, Bessie Locke captured the second spot and the door prize went to Lottie Gill. If anyone is interested in playing Euchre, just come out to the Branch on any given Tuesday evening, you are guaranteed a great time.

At Duplicate Bridge there were four tables being played. Winners were Brent Lapier and Hubert Lapierre. Everyone is welcomed to come and join in the play...a very interesting game for sure.

The Ladies Auxiliary had a very rewarding Tea and Bake Sale this past Saturday. The soup and sandwiches were delicious on such a snowy day and it did not take too long to clear the bake tables of their goodies.

This coming Saturday, February 12th is the Annual Darts for Hearts at the Branch 370. This is usually a full house and a really fun day with all proceeds going to the Heart and Stroke Foundation..so if you think you would like to join in, just come on out.

This coming Thursday, Feb. 10th, the Diner's Club will be meeting at the Iroquois Legion. I've been there when they are putting the meal on and they do a fantastic job. Open to any seniors, there is no doubt you all would enjoy it. For more information call John Wilson at 652-4958.

Before I close, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jim Carkner whose beloved companion Pearl Roy met with a tragic electrical accident this past weekend. To Pearl's family..."She was one of a kind, you must have been very proud of your mom! She was not a Legion member, but she loved playing darts and she participated well supporting the majority of functions being held at our Branch." I think I can truthfully say that we were fortunate to have known her and counted her as a good friend. Pearl will be greatly missed.

Wed. evening 7pm-Executive Meeting.

Thurs. evening-7:30pm is Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, and the Zone Commander will be present.

See you next week.



Valentine's tea

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John and Florence English and grandson Billy English, 3, enjoy a meal at the Iroquois Legion's Valentine's Tea and Bake Sale last Saturday. Plenty of customers lined up to buy soup, coffee and baked goods at this one.

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