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Stationery store closes its doors

After twenty-one years of continued service to the Iroquois community, the Chieftain Stationery store has closed.

The *Iroquois Chieftain* newspaper and the Stationery store have been landmark businesses in the Iroquois community.

The Stationery store sold a complete line of stationery products while the *Chieftain* newspaper ensured that Iroquois and the surrounding communities had their weekly news.

The Crawford family owned the business for almost a quarter of a century.

Two year's ago, the *Iroquois Chieftain* newspaper was sold to Fred Runge, of Runge Publishing, at the same time, the Crawford family retained their ownership of the Chieftain Stationery Store in Iroquois and in Kemptville.

Many newspaper and stationery store customers in Iroquois have had to learn to separate the two businesses even though both the newspaper and the stationery store shared the same building space at the Iroquois Plaza.

According to Brian Crawford, the reasons for the closure of the Stationery store are as much to do with business, as they are to do with his personal decision to close his doors. He is still offering the same products and great customer service at his Kemptville location.

He says that everything that his Iroquois customers have have been able to purchase, including printing services in Iroquois, is also available in Kemptville. The *Iroquois Chieftain* newspaper remains in the same location at the Iroquois Plaza.

The Publisher for the *Iroquois Chieftain, Kemptville Advance Manotick Review* and *Kemptville* and *Manotick Weekenders*, Diane Banks says that the *Iroquois Chieftain* is here to stay.

"We are a proud part of the history of South Dundas and intend to produce a newspaper for many years to come," she said.

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Mr. Guy Lauzon, representing the riding of SD&G, was sworn in as a member of the 39th Canadian Parliament. Pictured with him are his wife, Frances, on the left, and the Clerk of the House of Commons, Audrey O'Brien. The ceremony took place on Thursday, February 9, 2006 in the Centre Block on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

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Water Treatment Plant still in works

BY JOSEPH MORIN
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

The issues surrounding the completion of the South Dundas Water Treatment Plant continue to cause concern for residents.

The water treatment plant was originally slated to be finished by April 2005. Along the way, the South Dundas Council had to intervene and terminate the company hired to build the water treatment plant. The result of the termination has been a very real concern among residents mainly that the plant will not be completed on time and that the building costs will escalate beyond the original estimates. The province had agreed to help with construction costs but early on told the South Dundas Council that they would not be willing to cover everything that the municipality had planned. Recent negotiations between South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen and the province have resulted in some optimism that the province will kick in more money. The entire project has been estimated to cost between 18 and 19 million dollars. "I think a lot of people are concerned that the project is way over budget," said Mayor Van Allen.

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The Mayor confirmed that there is a great deal of money that has not been spent referring to the funds that were held back from the company building the plant, every time a deadline was missed. The Mayor believes that there will be enough money to finish the project. The outstanding issue that the South Dundas council has with the Provincial government is the cost of the necessary water meters that residents will have to use once the project is completed. By law, the cost of any kind of water treatment facility has to be bourn by the water users. The project has to driven by a user pay system, not general tax dollars.

One of the concerns that Mayor Van Allen has and one that he has hammered home to were calculated five years ago. The Mayor says that sticking to those estimates is unrealistic on the part of the province.

A recent water plant update to the South Dundas Council stated that since the termination of the contract with the former builders of the plant in December, the Township has been able to move forward and an extension to the plants necessary Certificate of approval, with additional reporting requirements has been received by the Township.

The new target completion date has been set at September 30, 2006. A performance bond of close to 2 million Dollars that was posted at the beginning of the project is available and the Township has begun the process of getting it.

The performance bond for any project is posted as security at the before the work begins. A lien has been placed on the project and the Township, according to the update is working along with their legal consultants to resolve the issue.

Mayor Van Allen is confident that the Township will have a finished water treatment plant by the new deadline and that all of the legal issues will be resolved in the Township's favour.

STATIONERY
FROM FRONT

The *Chieftain* has been evolving over the last year. The weekly newspaper is now owned by Metroland, an exciting and dynamic publishing company with over one hundred community newspapers flying their banner.

The closing of the Stationery store and the continuation of the *Iroquois Chieftain* is another example of the changing face of South Dundas. Publisher Diane Banks says, "Unfortunately with the closing of the Chieftain Stationery store there may be some confusion in the community over the fate of the *Chieftain,* their local community newspaper. The *Chieftain* will continue to produce the quality newspaper the community expects each week and will continue to grow along with the community."

O.P.P Report for Dundas County

During the past week police officers in Dundas County responded to 90 calls for service. South Dundas – 41, North Dundas – 38, Highway 401 - 11

South Dundas – On Feb. 10, police received a report involving the theft of a 2004, 12' Jensen motorcycle trailer, black in colour, from a residence located outside the Village of Williamsburg. The theft is believed to have occurred between Feb, 6 and 8. Const. T. Quinlan is investigating

Over the past week police were called to investigate 12 motor vehicle collisions in Dundas County, only two of which involved deer.

Other investigations resulted in four criminal charges in connection with alcohol related drinking and driving offences, the apprehension of one suspended driver and the seizure of two radar warning devices.

This week police responded to only five false 9-1-1 calls and five false alarm activations. This is a decrease from previous weeks in Dundas County.

During the past week police investigated four domestic related incidents in Dundas County, which resulted in two criminal charges being laid.

For more information or to help the police please call Sr. Const. Al Lumiss, Community Services Officer fro Stormont, Dundas at 613-774-2603, and Glengarry or call Senior Const. You can also call J.W. (Joel) Doiron, Senior Constable Community Services Officer Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Detachment at 613-525-1954, Fax: 613-525-1956.

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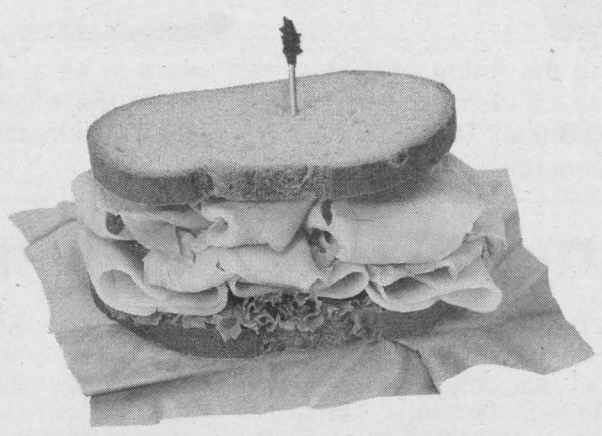



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Matilda property tax sale

Eight mobile homes, located on land in the former Matilda Township, slated to be auctioned off for taxes in March, have been exempted from being part of the sale.

The South Dundas Council has passed a by-law, instructing the Township treasurer to ensure that the March 17 auction does not include the mobile homes.

The land has been in a tax arrears situation for the past three years. The property has already gone through the Municipal Tax Sale process. The Municipal Act gives the Township the authority to exclude the mobile homes.

The limited company who own the property have made no attempt, according to Township officials, in the past eight years, to pay for their portion of taxes.

A concern of the Township, and the situation that prompted the exclusion of the mobile homes from the sale, is that once sold, there could very well be legal issues involving the municipality, a new property owner and the owners of the mobile homes.

Council supports Bill 25 to protect historic graves

The will to preserve the history of Ontario, and South Dundas is alive and well at the south Dundas Council table.

At the council's last meeting on February 7, Councillors were unanimous in their decision to support Jim Brownells's private members Bill 25 that would have the Minister of Culture actively preserve the gravesites of former Premiers of Ontario. MPP Brownell wants the government to make arrangements to ensure the care and maintenance of such gravesites. Bill 25 is only in its first reading.

The issue of grave maintenance for former Premiers came about after a letter from the Township of South Stormont arrived at the South Dundas Council table, asking for a show of support. The letter stated that one of their historic sites; St. Andrew's Cemetery, contains the graves of Simon Fraser, a renowned Canadian explorer and Ontario's first Premier, John Sandfield MacDonald. According to the letter the cemetery is deteriorating and some restoration and preservation is needed.

The South Dundas Council took only a few moments to weigh the merits of he request before agreeing to send a letter of support to South Stormont. The letter of support will also go to the John Gerretsen, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Madeleine Meilleur, the Minister of Culture and MPP Brownell.



South Dundas Mayor, Lyle Van Allen on the left, was on hand at the Iroquois Civic Centre on Monday evening to have a first hand look at the new tables donated to the Centre by the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club. Enjoying the moment as well is the Lion's Club second Vice President,Bernie Bucking, on the right. The Lions Club donated twenty-five new tables to the Iroquois Civic Centre.

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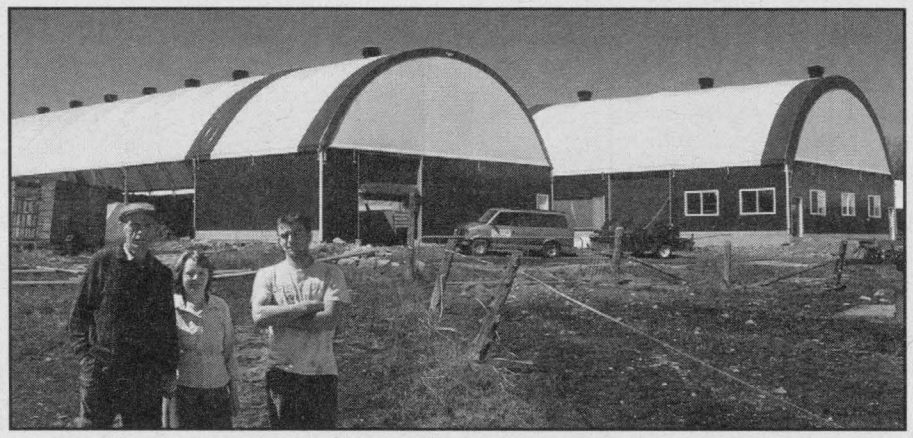

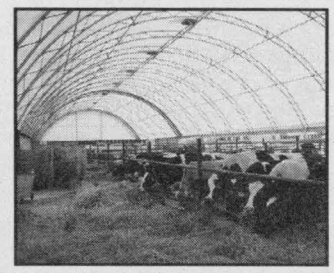

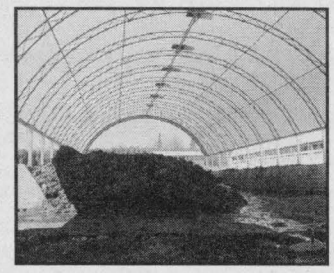

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A look at the St. Lawrence Seaway is always a nice break in the day.

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Health care is more than doctors

CNW - Ontario's 24 colleges applaud the McGuinty government's announcement today of new funding for medical training and are committed to working with the government to address the workforce challenges throughout the health-care system.

"The government's announcement to train more doctors is an important step forward in addressing the pressures in our health care system, but it isn't the whole story," said David Lindsay, president of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO).

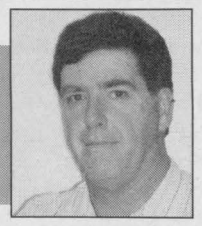
"As Ontario moves forward with health-care reforms, it will be important to address the workforce challenges throughout the system - in everything from community care to paramedics and the critical demands for staff in medical imaging, laboratory technology and respiratory therapy."

In fact, 70 per cent of health-care occupations in Ontario are trained in Ontario colleges. The colleges graduate 7,000 health-care professionals each year. The colleges identified workforce pressures throughout the health-care system in a November 2004 report, Beyond the Stethoscope: Ontario's Human Resource Requirements in a Reformed Health Care System. That report found that there is a great deal of uncertainty about Ontario's ability to meet the workforce demands throughout the health-care system. The report is available at www.acaato.on.ca/home/position/primaryInternalContentParagraphs/00/document/HealthReport-Nov04.pdf. It will be essential that a greater number of health-care professionals are used more effectively in the delivery of health care in the years ahead. This week, the Health Council of Canada released a report that said: "the vision of true interprofessional teams making the best use of a variety of health professionals has been diluted. A lack of planning to increase the range of providers who make up primary health care teams is a key obstacle."

The colleges have met with government officials to discuss the workforce challenges and believe there is a need for a comprehensive human resources plan for health care in this province. "There is much work to be done if health-care reforms are going to succeed," Lindsay said. "Ontario colleges appreciate the government's commitment to training and will continue working with the government to avert the looming shortages of workers throughout the system."

A thought... *from me to you*

by Joseph Morin
Editor



Iroquois is a nice place to be. There are bigger towns and places to find work within striking distance but as John Ross of Ross Video has said, there is nothing like stepping outside of your place of business at the end of the day and having a safe quiet community to live in.

Recently businesses have not shared the same good fortune as residents in Iroquois as they are forced or choose to close their doors due to a number of reasons, global and personal. The St. Lawrence Manufacturing Corporation is a good case in point. One hundred and thirty jobs have been lost and a tremendous amount of community history goes into the history books.

On Wednesday afternoon this past week I came to work in Iroquois to find that my good friends at the Stationery Store were packing up and planning to move their stock back to their head office in Kemptville. Since the sale of the Iroquois Chieftain to Mr. Fred Runge and then once more to Metroland, the Stationery store has been a separate animal to all of us at the Chieftain newspaper, yet the store and the Stationery staff have been as close as they have ever been. Since the first sale of the Crawford paper chain, not including their Stationery Stores and printing shop in Kemptville and in Iroquois, I have had to sadly watch the Stationery Store struggle along the past year or two and find a way to put all of it into a proper perspective.

Unlike the St. Lawrence Manufacturing Corporation, the Chieftain Stationery Store does not have to compete with anyone on a global basis. Control of the twenty or so year old store at the Iroquois Plaza has always been in the competent hands of the Crawford family. Their concern has always been clearly to earn a living while serving the community. A difficult balancing act at any time. The reasons for the end of an era in the village of Iroquois, as far as the Stationery Store goes, is I think, as much a personal decision on the part of Mr. Brian Crawford as it is a business decision based on lower profits and a more competitive market.

Sometimes, probably far more often than we would like to admit, decisions made on the part of business people are as much personally motivated, as they are a reflection of a good or bad "bottom line".

When people complain to me about the slowly erosion of business in South Dundas I usually agree with them that it is all-true and that it has to be stopped. Newly elected Member of Parliament, Guy Lauzon has been working on that issue and there is no doubt that he will find a way to open a window for South Dundas business, that will help to ensure its long term survival.

The decision by Brian Crawford to close the Iroquois Store should be celebrated as much as it is lamented. He is moving on as a private citizen. Time's change, and people change. The success story here is that someone decided that what he was doing no longer worked for him. He wanted to move on to something else. The fact that the Stationery store in Iroquois is a landmark of sorts has little to do with the decision. The person involved in keeping the stationery store operating, in the end, is the real bottom line, not the profit or loss that an accountant would consider a deciding factor. The fact that individual choices are still being made by people, for their own reasons, is the refreshing reality here, and you cannot argue with that.

The Iroquois community, if they could, would probably want to thank the Crawford family for all of the years that they supported the community while adding themselves to the roster of successful businesses in Iroquois. The business landscape is not eroding because of government or global challenges. It is evolving because despite what you may see in the storefront window, it is really all about the people behind the counter.

Hospital Auxiliary

The Winchester Hospital Auxiliary monthly meeting was held Thursday, February 9. Elinor Jordan, Chair invited the 23 members present to join in the Auxiliary prayer. She welcomed CEO Trudy Reid as well as our guest speaker, Carrie Smith. Carrie Smith a physiotherapist from the Winchester Physiotherapy & Acupuncture Centre spoke about a procedure to help control chronic pain. She gave a brief history of the studies leading up to the use of Intra Muscular Stimulation (IMS). It does not cure nor eliminate the condition but it helps relieve the pain that accompanies the ailment. She outlined the methods and spoke of its benefits.

Reid spoke on the progress of the Capital project and the tendering process. She reiterated how fortunate WDMH is in having been selected from 800-plus presented projects wanting and needing Government help. She addressed the results of the Community Survey to which over 1850 people replied. She gave an update on the equipment the Purchasing Committee had approved of ordering.

She also assured the Auxiliary that the area would not be without blood services if the Dillabough Centre were to close.

The following reports and the hours that were worked were presented: HELPP and Giant Tiger Lotteries , Treasurer, In Memorium, 41; Gift Shop, 500; (This period includes November, December and January.)

Dorothy House chair of Social and Special events discussed the upcoming Dessert & Card party. The Bazaar date has been reserved for Oct.21. Hilda Vanderkempt, Volunteer Coordinator reported there were 37 volunteers who worked 1050 hours over the last 3 months but she could use more. She also mentioned that there were 8 high school students working on Saturdays. She had collected $335.43 for Omma.

Under Unit Reports Dorothy House presented a cheque for $3,700 as a result of Morrisburg's House Tour. Margaret Johnstone from Summers/Cass Bridge presented a cheque from Annie & Lyle Barkley for $250.00. She also introduced new comer Kim Link. Margaret had been presented with the Ontario Provincial Life Time Award last fall.

Need for more nursing homes in Dundas discussed at Council

BY JOSEPH MORIN
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

The need for building another, much needed nursing home in Dundas County, has surfaced in the Dundas County community.

The Dundas District, Women's Institute is behind the drive to have the Minister of Long Term Care, George Smitherman, go ahead with the Institute's request for a new nursing home in the area.

The letter to the Minister turned up at the February 7, South Dundas Council meeting. The Council was in agreement with the need for more nursing homes in the area, especially in Dundas County, and endorsed the request.

The letter from Mrs. Isobel Williams, the President of the Williamsburg Women's Institute, pointed out that the existing nursing homes in Winchester and Long Sault are full.

The letter stated, "The doctors at the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic say that they have 5 to 6 patients each, who could be moved form the hospital to a nursing home, right now, if there was one available." According to Mrs. Williams, the CEO of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Trudy Reid, believes that a new nursing home in Dundas County would free up much needed beds at the hospital for more acute cases.

There are 5,430 residents in Dundas County who are over the age of 55. This suggests that sooner or later the need to have proper facilities in Dundas County to look after and care for these aging residents is inevitable.

The CEO stated that at least 40 percent of the beds at the hospital are being used by patients who could be and should be cared for in a nursing home environment.

One concern that the council noted was that the families and loved ones of patients who are in this particular situation are worried about their dignity as well as the care.

Many want their elderly relatives looked after in their own community.

Some facts to back up Mrs. Williams request are: There are 5,430 residents in Dundas County who are over the age of 55. This suggests that sooner or later the need to have proper facilities in Dundas County to look after and care for these aging residents is inevitable.

Mrs. Williams pointed out that there is already serviced land available for use right next to the Park Villa Seniors residence and the Park Lane Support Centre in Williamsburg.

"There are a lot of places where there is a long waiting list," said South Dundas Mayor, Lyle Van Allen. The Mayor reminded the council that the council, years, ago had already purchased land with the intention of reserving it for a nursing home. "I think that the sewer already goes there and there is a road. It really should not cost the Township a thing except for the land," he said.

The land that the Township had set aside many years ago for a nursing home is the same four acre piece of land that lies adjacent to the Park Drive Villa and the Park Lane Seniors' Support Centre.s

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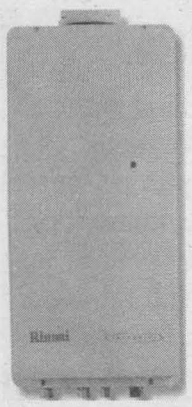

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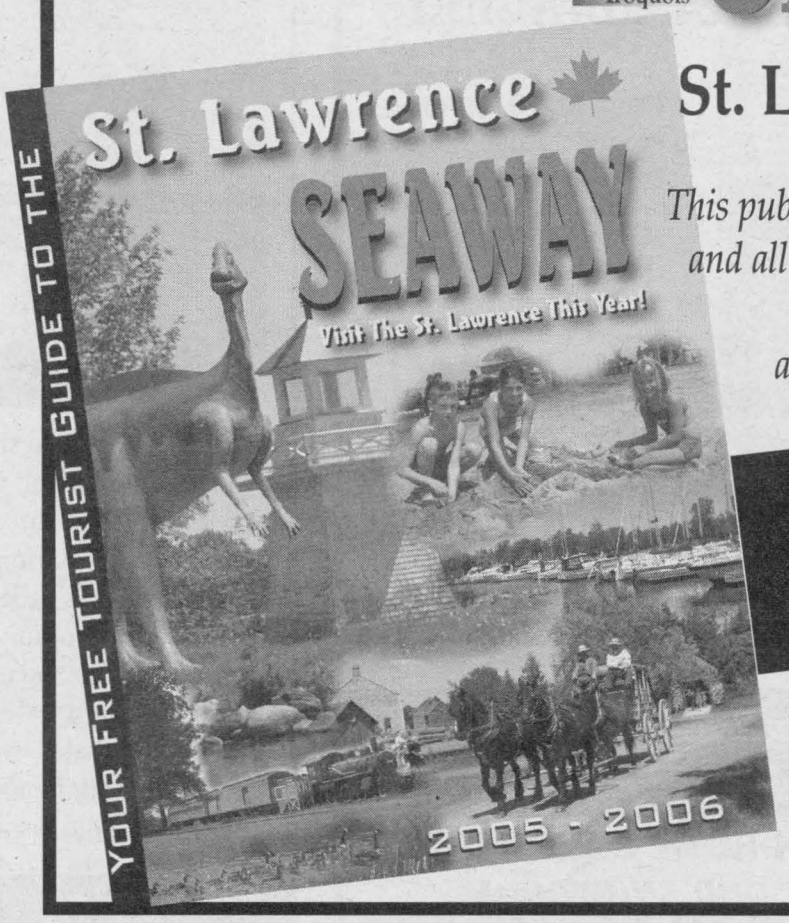

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Township holds Retirement & Staff Appreciation Night

BY ANDREA CARTIER
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

On the evening of Friday, February 10, the township staff and members of the council gathered with their spouses at the Iroquois Civic Centre in order to say good bye to a 23 year employee, Keith Hamilton. Hamilton started to work for the Williamsburg township in 1982, and he continued to work for the township after amalgamation. "When Keith was on the job," stated Mayor Lyle Van Allen in a post dinner address, "you always knew the job was going to be well done because he gave 100% every day." Keith Hamilton operated a grader for the township, and one of his retirement gifts was a toy grader. Hamilton thanked the crowd for their attendance, and said it had been a pleasure working with everyone at the township. When asked about his plans for retirement, Hamilton stated, "I don't have any big plans. I'm going to stay home and take it easy."

Seven other township employees were honoured on the occasion of the retirement party. Lorna Seibert, the township treasurer, was honoured for 25 years of service. Lorna had worked for the Village of Iroquois prior to amalgamation.

Brian Cooper, who has been working for the township for 30 years and is presently Roads Foreman, was in Cuba and was unable to attend the dinner and receive his award.

Lyle Levere, who worked for the town of Iroquois prior to amalgamation, was honoured for his 20 years of service in the Roads & Maintenance Department. Brenda Brunt, the township clerk, was recognized for 15 years of service. Richard Shaver, Tim Halliday, and Tom Locey were all given recognition for 10 years of service to the township.

At one point in the evening's proceedings, the Mayor asked all township employees to stand up, and he thanked them on behalf of the council for all their hard work. He also thanked the Timothy Christian School Volunteers for preparing and serving a delicious meal.



Keith Hamilton, on the left, receives the thanks of the township after working as a grader driver with the township for 23 years. He is pictured here with Mayor Van Allen.

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Ontario schools to start implementing daily physical activity

In October of 2005, the Ontario Ministry of Education announced that it was implementing a policy of 20 minutes of physical activity in grade 1 to 8 classrooms on a daily basis. This daily physical activity is in addition to the two or three periods of physical education that students are already engaged in. This new policy was based on several perceived problems including the growing number of children in our society who are considered medically obese. A press release from the Ministry dated October 6, 2005 quotes Minister of Health Promotion, Jim Watson, as stating that "between 1981 and 1996, the number of obese children in Canada between the ages of 7 and 13 tripled. Healthy Schools is part of an overall approach to help Ontarians stay healthy, which includes Active 2010, the government's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy." Minister of Education, Gerard Kennedy stated, "Research shows that students who engage in daily physical activity demonstrate improved academic performance," said Kennedy. "Our schools need to be in the business of helping students reach their full intellectual, emotional and physical potential."

The plan for healthier students also includes removing junk food vending machines from schools, and hiring trained physical education teachers.

The regular classroom teachers, however, have been a bit puzzled as to how they will be able to introduce 20 minutes of vigorous exercise into an already crowded schedule. The Ministry guidelines insist that the exercise periods can be no less than 10 minutes in duration, and must include a warm-up and cool-down component. Faced with province wide academic testing, and struggling to cover the academic curriculum as it is, teachers will be happy to hear that the Ministry of Education has produced a series of booklets that will help teachers integrate the daily physical activity period with core curriculum. These booklets are available on the Ministry of Education's website. An example of one suggestion would be to play an active game of "Simon Says", but using the latin names for body parts instead of the common names. This activity would assist students learning about the human skeleton while they are enjoying a game, and getting physical activity.

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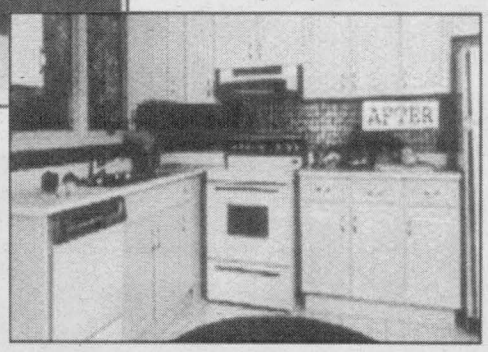

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President of the Dundas Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Geraldine Fitzsimmons, in the foreground, along with Legion Branch 370 President, Darlene Riddell, take the first shot to open up the Legion's annual Darts for Hearts Tournamnt on Saturday.

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BY DAR

A total of nineteen cribbage players were playing in the lounge on Saturday past as most of the regulars were in the Darts for Hearts Tournament. Taking his first trip to the podium and having a score of 1056 was Wilf Summers while Dave Krick came in second with a total of 1052.

Noelle Kirkwood took the third spot with a total of 1043 and just one point behind Noella was Glenn and Marie Mattice, a husband and wife team who ended up sharing the bridesmaid's spot. Only six skunks made an appearance and Ron Perrin was the only one swift enough to nab a pair of them. Ten tables of euchre were played on Tuesday evening of February 7. Picking up the first prize and having to share it was Tracy Easter and Edith Baker. Claiming the second prize was Vera Wallace and Jack Shaver claimed the door prize while Maureen Welsh had the low score of he evening.

Duplicate bridge will be returning at a later date. The Pot of Gold winner was Geoff Wilson who fortunately was signed in.

The Frdiay luncheon is to be steak with fried onions, mashed potatoes and veggies and a chocolate truffle will be the dessert.

The Darts for Hearts with all of the proceeds going to Heart and Stroke Foundation took pace on Saturday. From what I saw, everyone had a good time and the prizes were fantastic. Many thanks to Wayne Bellinger and Earl Nesbitt Sr. and their helpers for making this another successful event. On Saturday, February 18, a Sweetheart Dance will be held at the Legion Branch 370, from 8 pm to midnight featuring the 'Cowboy Way" a live country and western music band.

The cost is $5 per person and a light lunch will be available. All are welcome.

The ladies Auxiliary will be having their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, at 7:30 pm. Then on Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 pm will be the Legion's General Meeting. Please try to attend, as we need your support.

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Building a Stronger Community ... One Family At a Time

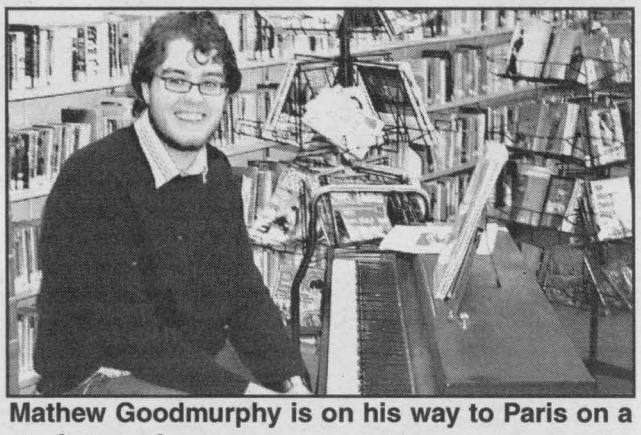
Seaway Scribbles & Bits by David Jones

This week, enjoying the fresh start, the students of Seaway have been settling into the second semester.

Student Council Scoop - The Student Council has effectively transitioned to the new semester, welcoming new members Karly Joldersma and Katherine Choi. Meetings have been held to plan events for the rest of the school year. Sports Centre - After an excellent 5-2 start, losing only two games to heavily favoured AAA teams, the Senior Boy's Basketball team has struggled as of late dropping their last three games. However, with a record of 5-5 they still hold second place as they enter the playoffs. Their first game, against an opponent to be determined, is Wednesday the 15th. Next week I'll have the results of this game. In Senior Girl's Volleyball, the unbeaten streak has continued cementing a first place finish. Fundraising Front - The "Brick by Brick" Festival of Arts culminated last week with a 90 minute talent show. Performances ranged from stand-up comedy to musical acts and, with a $2 admission fee, was attended by most of the students of Seaway. Initial reports from the Global Outreach team have been very positive, suggesting that a substantial amount of money was raised to benefit Sri Lanka in the wake of the devastating tsunami. By next week the money raised during the Festival of Arts week should be totaled. In other fundraising news, the Prom Committee has conducted a "Matchmaking Survey" the results of which will be sold to students sometime in the coming weeks.'ll be back with

Seaway District High School student heads to France

BY ANDREA CARTIER
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER



Mathew Goodmurphy is on his way to Paris on a student exchange program.

Although Seaway District High School has hosted numerous exchange students in the past, there has never been an exchange student from Seaway High School. That is, until now. Mathew Goodmurphy, a grade 11 student, is off to France for four and a half months as an exchange student. Mathew will live with a French family in a town called Blois which is Southwest of Paris.

The family he will be living with also has a son whose name is Mathieu, and when Mathew has spent four and a half months in Mathieu's home, Mathieu will come to Iroquois to stay with Mathew and his family for four and a half months.

The program which is organizing the exchange is called ISE, and it takes a great deal of care to match exchange students by hobbies and interests. Both boys like music. While Mathew plays piano and saxophone, Mathieu plays piano and guitar.

Both are good students, and both are interested in immersing themselves in a different language.

Mathew has always enjoyed French, and when he went to Europe last year on a school trip, he particularly enjoyed the cultural experience. So when he wandered into the Guidance Office at the high school in November of last year and saw a notice about the exchange, he decided to look into it. Mathew explained, "I didn't think I would have enough time to apply and get accepted for this term, but it worked out. I had to fill in a lot of questionnaires, write an essay, and get a visa, but now I'm set to go."

When he arrives in France, Mathew and his host family will be spending a week in Paris, and then it will be back to school. Although the French school Mathew will be attending isn't run on a semester system, Mathew will attend classes, and immerse himself in the lifestyle. He is also planning on bringing some course work with him from Canada, so he won't fall behind in his plans to graduate next year.

When asked what he is most looking forward to, Mathew stated, "Definitely learning the language and culture." Although he is nervous, Mathew is heading off for the adventure of a life time.

He has already corresponded with his host family, and the Chieftain is hoping he will send us an occasional update and share some of his experiences with us.

Lauzon appointed Deputy Whip

Guy Lauzon, MP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, has been appointed Deputy Whip of the governing Conservative Party by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Mr. Lauzon stated, "I'm incredibly happy to accept this appointment. For the Prime Minister to choose me to play such an important role in the government caucus is very flattering, especially considering that there are so many Conservative MPs with more experience in Parliament. It's a huge honour, and I will work hard to live up to it."



SD&G M.P. Guy Lauzon

In his new role, Mr. Lauzon will assist the Chief Government Whip in ensuring the cohesion and focus of the governing party.

"Stephen Harper knows how to get the most out of every member of his team, so he must have faith in my ability to work with my caucus colleagues to keep everyone focused and working together. I love being a team-builder, and I'm really looking forward to my new role as Deputy Government Whip."

UPPER CANADA District School Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Upper Canada District School Board is holding a public meeting to explain the Board decision to keep Dixon's Corners Public School open. Information will be provided outlining the options available for the future of Dixon's Corners Public School.

The meeting will take place at Dixon's Corners Public School on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

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Lots of Talent at Iroquois Public School

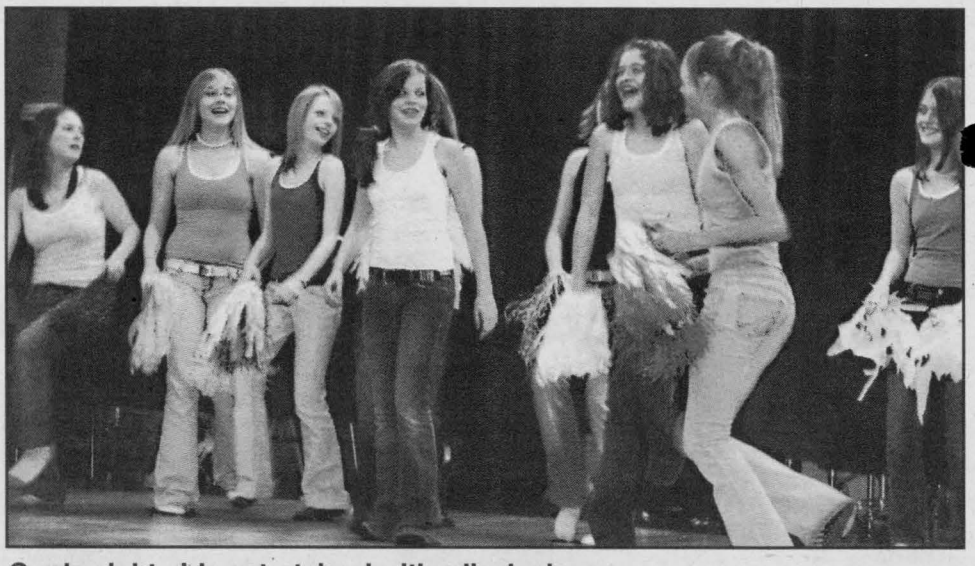
BY ANDREA CARTIER
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

A number of Iroquois Public School students demonstrated their talent on Wednesday, February 8 when the school put on a talent show and fundraising event. The show was organized by Madame LaCroix as part of a board wide undertaking to help support children in Sri Lanka. Free the Children, a non-profit organization based in Toronto, will be ensuring the funds raised by the schools in the Upper Canada District School Board benefit as many children in the small island state as possible. A bulletin board display at IPS let students at the school know how the money they raised would be put to use. According to the information on the board, $1 will buy $10 worth of medical supplies in Sri Lanka, and $20 buys a school and health kit for a Sri Lankan child. $500 will pay for a lunch time feeding program for one classroom for an entire year.

Although the school set a goal of $500, the morning and evening performances of the talent show at IPS raised $720 for the charity. During spirit week the school will also hold a penny drive and Madame LaCroix is hoping that the total will reach $1000.

Forty-five students participated in the talent show, and the acts were many and varied. Sharing the role of Masters of Ceremony, and introducing the acts, were Sarah Speer, Maggie Moss, and Kate Guse. The junior choir was first up, and opened the show with renditions of "Rainbow Connection" and "Yellow Submarine." Following the choir was a beautiful vocal performance by Kelsey Baxter as she sang "Somewhere over the Rainbow." Next, Riley Adair played the "Entertainer" on the piano, and there was a great display of baton twirling by Jen and Christina Howard. Jen Howard then demonstrated her vocal talents by signing a song from "The Little Mermaid". Jessica Dodge and Jessica Thompson entertained the audience with an amazing dance number, and then the teachers took to the stage to compete in a movie trivia contest. Kelsey Brunet then played "Old Macdonald" on the piano, followed by Gareth Cochrane on the electric guitar. Jamie Dickie and Tyler Mullin also plugged in, and they played "Boulevard of Broken Dreams." A number of grade 8 girls performed a dance, making good use of pom-poms, and entertaining the crowd.

The last act of the show was Mitchell Collins drumming to AC/DC. Mitchell certainly ended the show with a bang. It was very impressive to see so many talented and self-confident young people get up on the stage for a very worthy cause.



Grade eight girls entertained with a lively dance.

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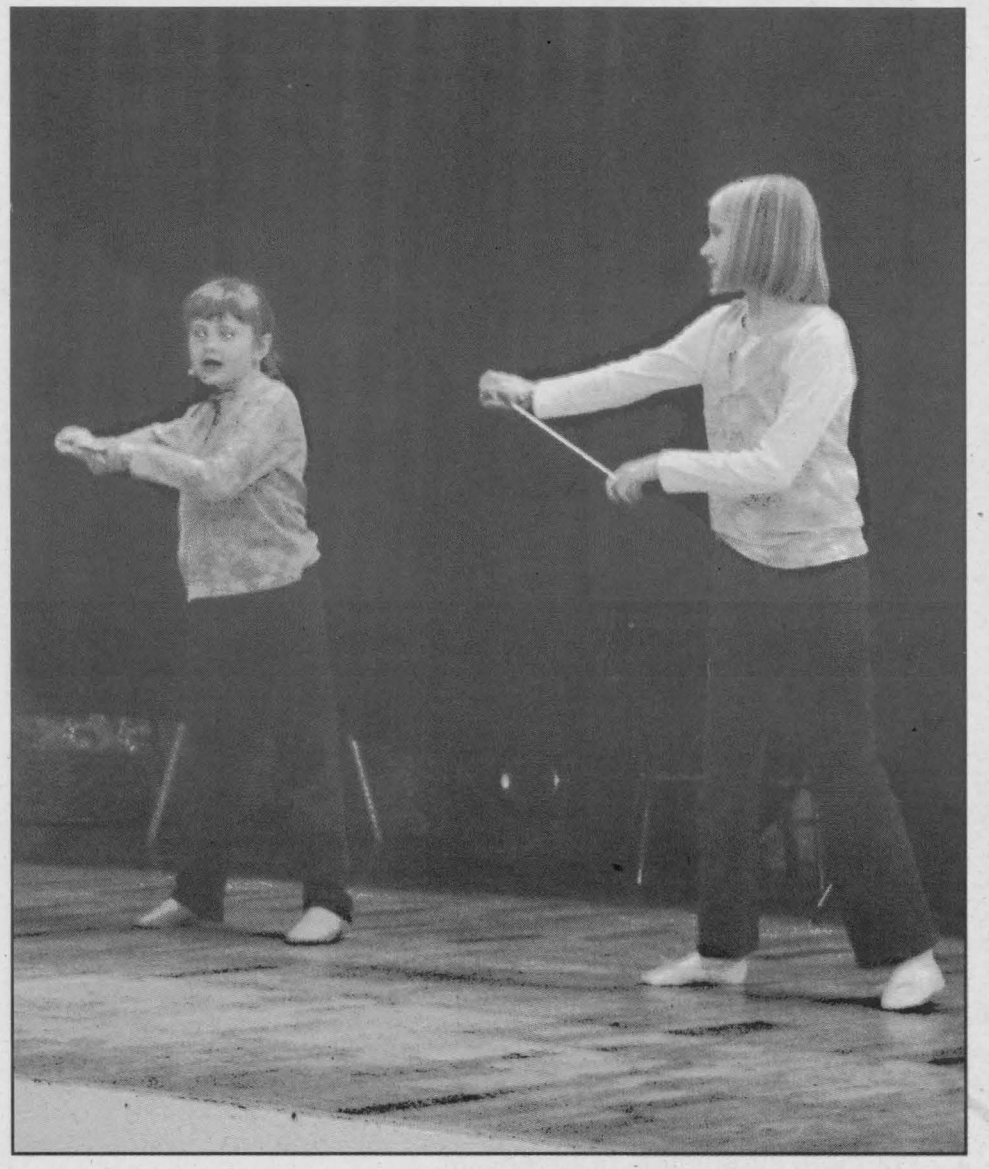

Jen and Christina Howard gave an impressive display of baton.

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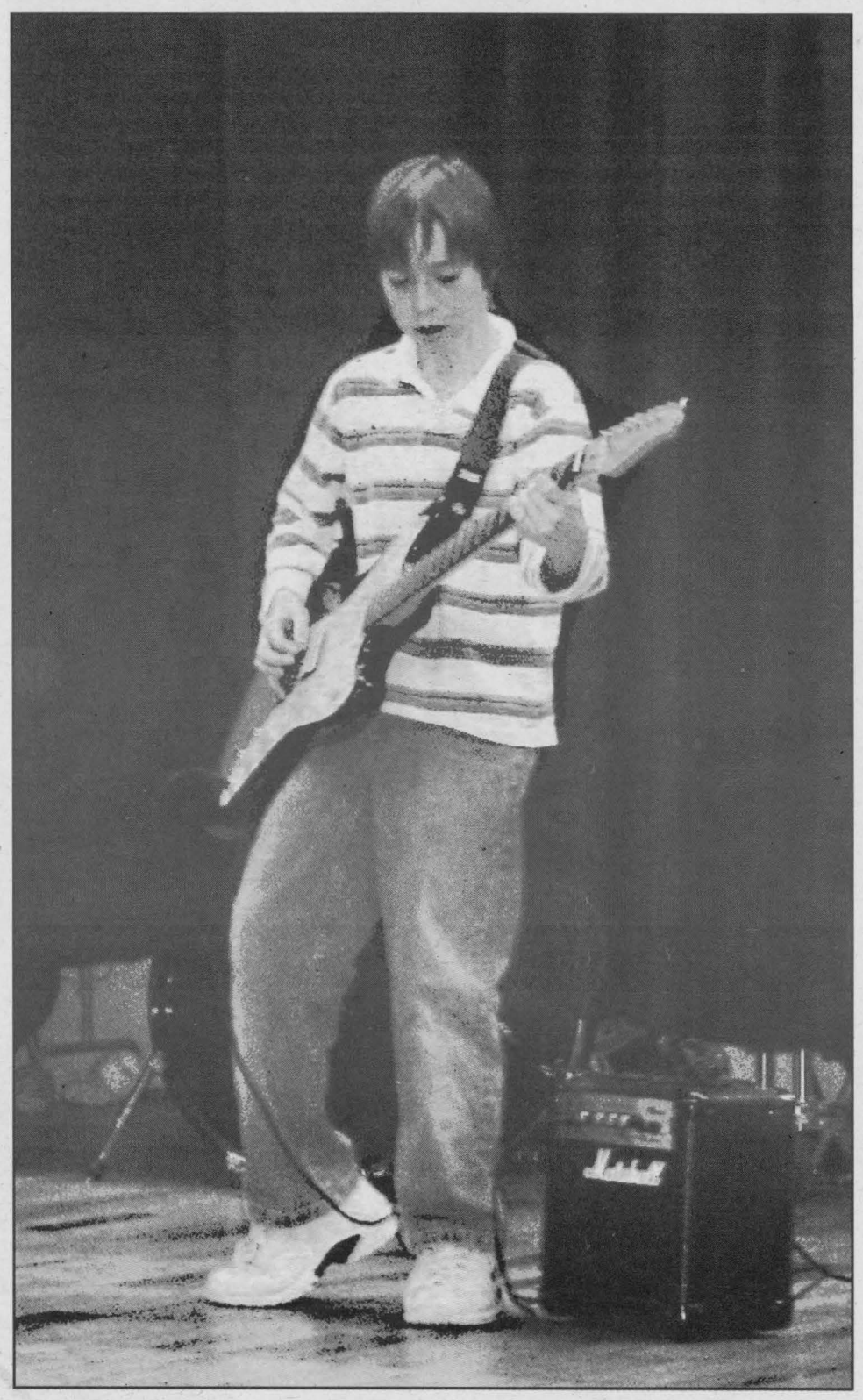

Gareth Cochrane on electric guuitar.

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Benson Public School helps Sri Lanka "Brick by Brick"

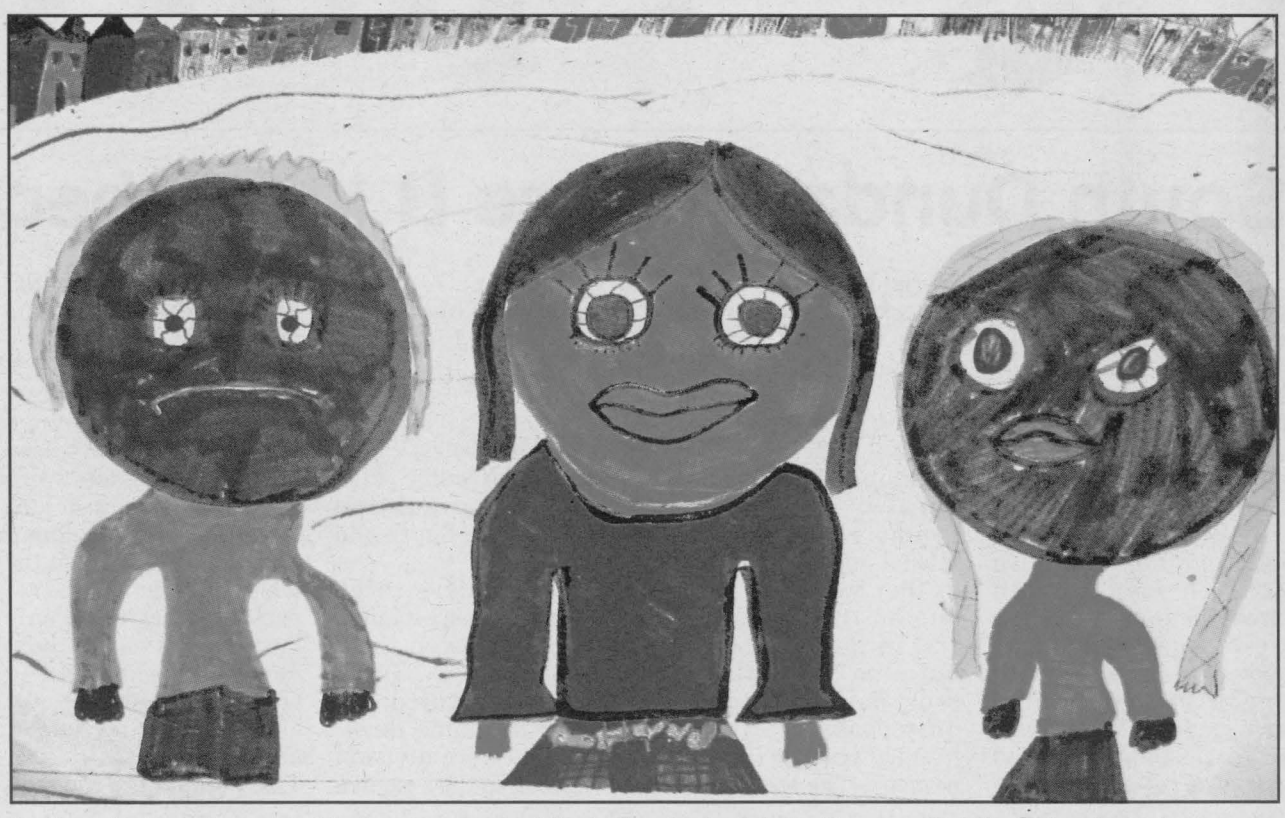
BY ANDREA CARTIER
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

As part of a board wide initiative to raise funds to help school children in Sri Lanka, Benson Public School held a Festival of Arts on Friday, February 10. Last year the school raised $520 for victims of the Tsunami, and according to Monique Coe, the coordinator of the event, this year's goal is $600.

The festival included art work produced by the students, choral reading, and performances by the primary and intermediate bell choirs. Some of the art on display was in the form of paper bricks upon which the students wrote down something they could do to make a positive contribution either at home, or on a more global level. The theme of bricks tied in to the fundraising, as the children are hoping to raise enough money to build a school in Sri Lanka. All week the children were bringing in their own donations. "We asked the children to bring in one toonie, one loonie, one quarter, one dime, one nickel, and one penny, a total of $3.41 per child," explained Coe. There was also a free-will donation bucket at the door to the auditorium so that parents attending the concert could contribute to the cause.

A very unique feature of the festival was the performances by the two bell choirs. Thanks to Candy Duvall, Benson Public School is the only school in the board to have such choirs. The music produced by the bells was beautiful, and it was clear that the members of the audience were very impressed by the two performances.

The choral readings focused on a theme of celebrating differences and appreciating similarities. The grade 5 and 6 students did a very colourful reading of Mem Fox's poem about how children all around the world share the same feelings.



In the photos above and below, as part of their Festival of Arts, Benson Public School students created art on the theme of children from around the world. Students explored the ideas of differences and similarities in their art work at Benson Public School.

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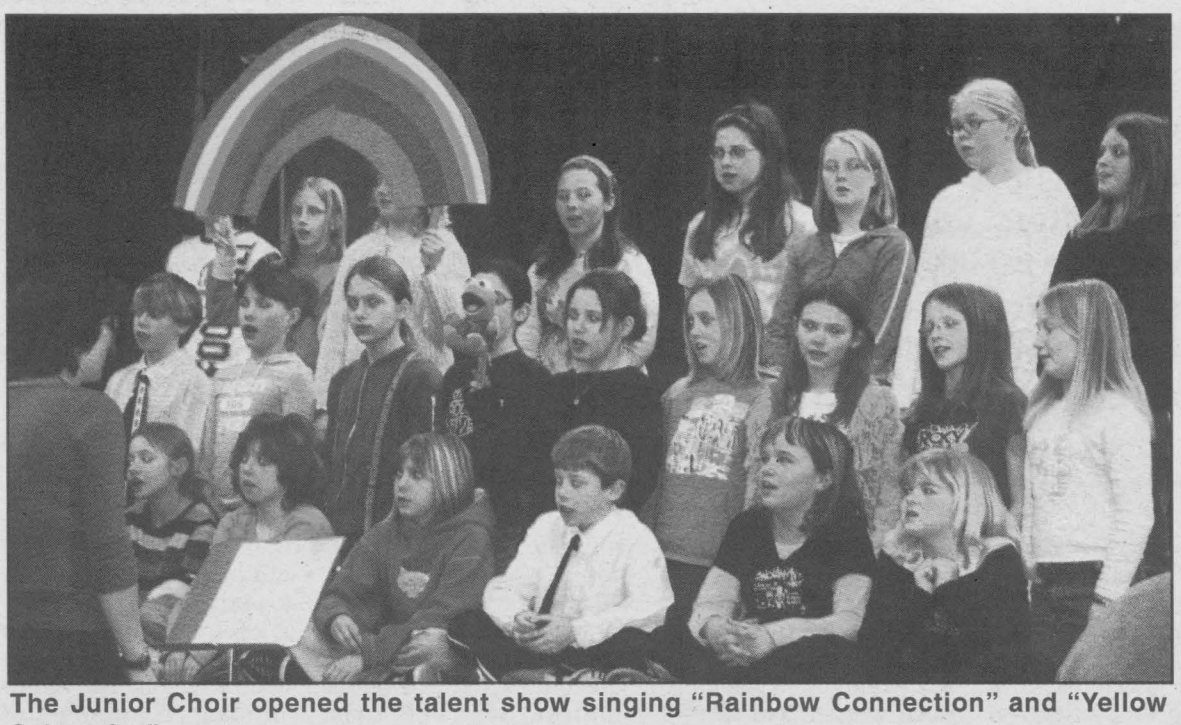
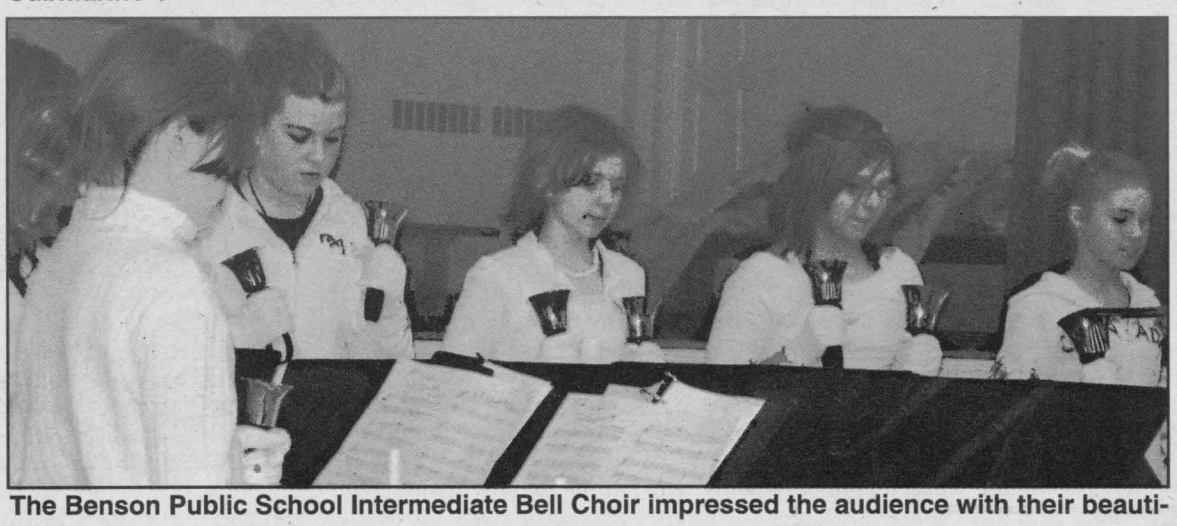
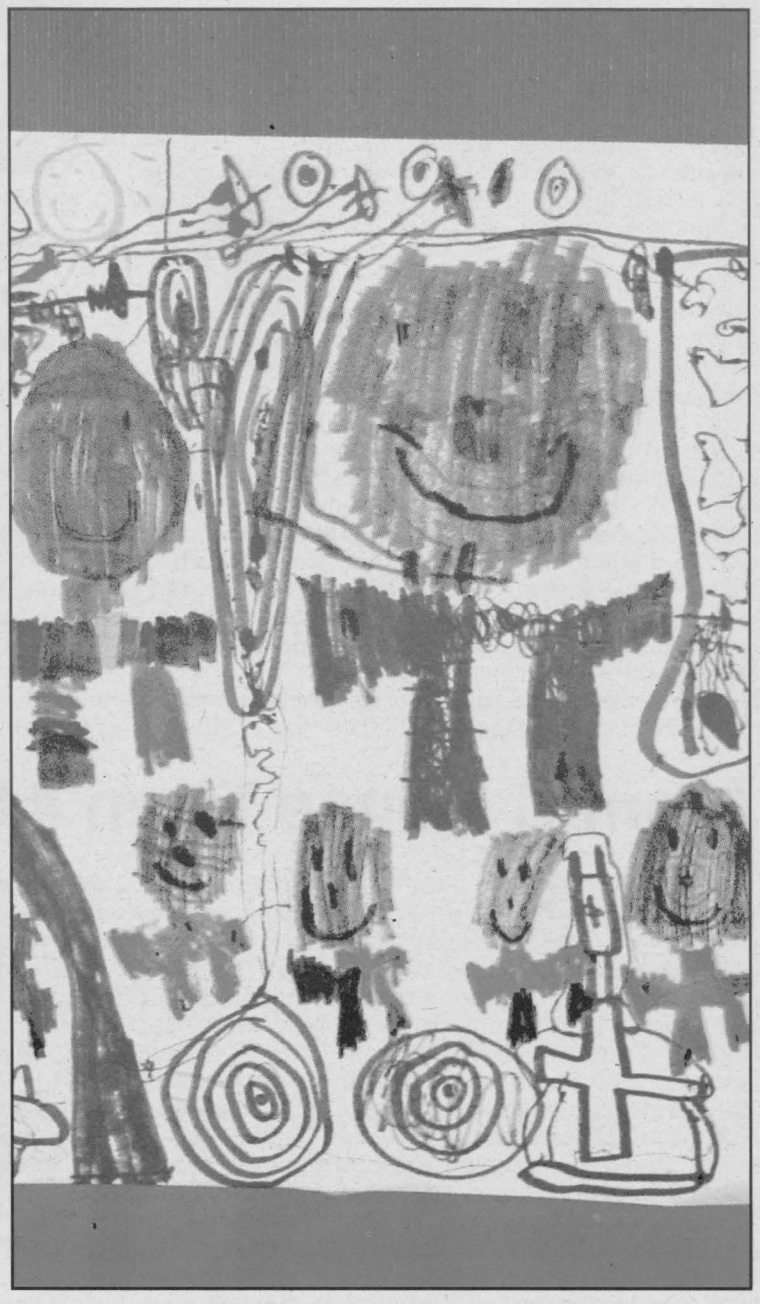
The money raised by Benson Public School, and other schools in the board, will be handed over to a non-profit organization called Free the Children, which will ensure the money reach-



The Junior Choir opened the talent show singing "Rainbow Connection" and "Yellow Submarine".



The Benson Public School Intermediate Bell Choir impressed the audience with their beautiful music.



Sports

South Dundas Novice B Lions become "A" Champs

In a tournament played in Pembroke on the weekend of February 5, the South Dundas Novice B Lions brought home hardware as they were undefeated in five games and were crowned "A" champs.

In the first game they were matched up with division rivals South Grenville Rangers. Nash Nesbitt had a big game scoring a hat trick with one of his goals being assisted by AJ Jarvis. Drew De Dekker helped out one of two goals scored by Jarvis. Payden Selleck and Spencer Ross were able to put two behind Smail for a 5-2 game. AJ Jarvis earned the hustler award for game 1. The next game was against the host team Pembroke Panthers. The Panthers looked good starting out as they were able to put one on the board with 1:25 in the first period, but that was all they could do as Woolsey was unstoppable scoring his first hat trick of the tournament. The Lions had a 3-1 victory. Shane Woolsey was named the hustler of game 2. In game three the Lions played Almonte Pakenham Thunder. Nesbitt and Woolsey both scored two each with assists going to Quinn Bennis, Aaron Smith and Jarvis.

The Thunder scored two, but it wasn't enough as the Lions won their third game . Drew Minish was voted the Hustler for game three. The Lions were division 3 winners so they earned the right to play in the Semi Final against the wildcard team "Pembroke Redskins". It was Nesbitt and Woolsey again as they combined for 7 goals with Woolsey getting 5. Assists were awarded to team mates Minish and Smith. Smail was able to shutdown the Redskins after the second period as they could only manage two goals. Joshua Black had a strong game on defence as he earned the hustler award for game four. This win put the Lions in the "A" finals against the Barry's Bay Bears. The Lions came out strong scoring 3 goals in the first period. Nesbitt scored his first of three with the assist going to Cole Beckstead. Minish assisted Woolsey for a 2-0 lead, then Woolsey scored unassisted with 1 second left on the clock in the first period. The Bears were able to get two in the second, but the Lions answered back with Nesbitt getting his second of the game with help from Smith. Trevor Nicolaassen scored his first of the tournament to make it a 5-2 game. Bennis and Woolsey were credited with the assists. Cole Fowler assisted on Woolsey's hat trick to make it 6-2 after the second period. The Bears answered back in the third to close the gap to 3. Nesbitt earned his hat trick with 18 seconds left to give the Lions the Championship. The Hustler award went to Smail who had a strong performance the whole weekend.

Morrisburg Canadian Tire hosts Great Skate event

Member of Parliament Guy Lauzon is getting ready to lace up his skates and take part in the Canada's largest skating party called the The Great Skate.

Across Canada, millions of skaters will be taking part in The Great Skate, helping children in financial need get, and stay active.

The program is called Canadian Tire Jump Start. This Saturday afternoon, February 19 Morrisburg's Canadian Tire owner, Peter Oliver will lead the way with MP Lauzon, kicking off the local Great Skating event. The Great Skate is at the Upper Canada Village Canal at 1 pm.

Canadians from villages and towns will be taking part in their own Great Skate. Outdoor rinks, ponds and arenas will be the place to lace up those skates.

Jump Start was created by the Canadian Tire Foundation for Families. The event is a community-based program. Last year Canadian Tire Jump Start gave up to 20,000 children a chance to play and expects to top that amount in 2006.

Skaters are able to register online at www.canadiantire.ca/thegreat skate or at the local Canadian Tire Store. You can also register by calling 1-877-616-6600. You will be asked to make a voluntary donation. Canadian Tire will match every donation, up to a limit of $500,000 with all of the proceeds going to the Canadian Jump Start to give children a chance.

Skaters from Morrisburg and Iroquois all the way up to Kemptville and over to Cornwall are invited to be at the Upper Canada Village Canal between 1 pm and 4 pm.

Peter Oliver says that the day's events are just what families need at this time of year. He believes that raising money to help children in financial need have a chance to play while spending a great day at Upper Canada Village is an opportunity too good to miss.

Between 2:30 and 3:30 there will be an obstacle course competition. Boys and girls, ages 11 to 15 will complete separately. Each winner will receive a $25 gift certificate from Canadian tire. At the same time there will be a hockey shoot-out competition. Boys and girls can compete, again the winners will receive a Canadian Tire $25 gift certificate. There will be some curling action with the curl to the button contest. Boys and girls can test their skill at sending a curling rock right to a target.

There are special buses that will be able to pick up the Great Skate participants. At 11:45 the bus will be leaving the Iroquois Shopping Plaza. From there, it leaves Haynesville from Nicks Convenience Store at 12:00. The bus will be departing from Dixon's Corners at the Matilda Hall at 12:15. IN Williamsburg the bus will be leaving from the Township office at 12:30 and in Morrisburg, from the Clock Tower at 12:45. Skaters will be arriving at Upper Canada Village at around 1 pm. The bus will be leaving the event at 4 Pm

The bus has been donated to the Great Skate event by the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce.

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Atom C House Team #1 play two games, busy on weekend

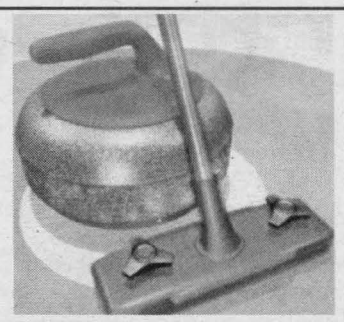
BY ANDREA CARTIER
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

The two Atom C House teams were busy on the weekend. The Atom House C Team #1 played two games on Saturday. The first was against Athens in Athens, and the second was against Athens in Morrisburg. This unusual arrangement was due to a make-up game that needed to be played before the end of the regular season.

The first game resulted in a 3 - 1 win for the Atom CH #1 Lions. The first Lions' goal came in the first period and was scored by Zack McMillian with the assistance of Cameron Michaels. In the second, the Lions scored again. This time the goal scorer was Nick Lalonde with assists going to Zack McMillian and Cameron Michaels. Athens managed to get on the scoreboard before the end of the second period, but goaltender Bailey Hass shut them down after that. In the third period, Kyle Markell scored for the Lions, with help from Billy-Jo Lewis, resulting in a final score of 3 to 1 for South Dundas.

The Athens team came to Morrisburg seeking revenge for their morning loss, and managed to shut out the Lions. The final score of the second game was 3 to 0 for the Athens team. The Atom C House team #2 had a home game at the Morrisburg arena against South Grenville #1. (This was the same team that the Lions managed to defeat the previous weekend in order to become A Champs at a tournament held in Spencerville.) Both teams had chances in the first period, but neither team was able to capitalize and the score going into the second was 0-0. This changed early in the second period, when Brodey Casselman put the Lions on the score board with the assistance of Lesley-Ann Tupper. Less than two minutes later, Chrystyn Veinotte scored the Lions' second goal with help from Shannon van Moorsel. Early in the third period, the South Grenville Rangers managed to get one by Lions' goalie, Josh Martineau, and the score was 2 to 1. Chrystyn Veinotte, again with help from Shannon van Moorsel, was able to beat the South Grenville goalie again less than a minute after South Grenville's goal. Finally, with five minutes left on the clock, Parker Hart scored on a pass from Eric Swank. The Lions won the game 4 to 1.

Morrisburg Curling Club



Two of Morrisburg's novice girls' teams had a great time at a Brockville bonspiel last weekend. Haley Van Allen, Laura Taunton, Dana Van Beilen and Michaela Goodenough won their first game handily but came up against tough competition for their next two games, losing both. Logan Patterson, Stephanie Venema, Carly Smith and Rebecca Van Beilen lost two squeakers by 3-2 scores, but blew away the opposition in their third game. Well done, ladies! Morrisburg men's teams have been busy recently. The news of their triumphs in Prescott arrived too late for inclusion last week, but Bob Bergland's foursome, undefeated in three matches, placed second overall. With Bob were Josh and Sam Laurin and Allen Black. Congratulations, fellows! Robert Houze, Craig Harriman, Larry Cooper and Mahlon Locke were our other foursome and won at least one of their contests. Many of the same curlers are off to the two-team Merkley competition this weekend.

Hopefully we'll have the results for you next week. Ian Wilson's high school men's and women's rinks were at it again at the club last week.

Teams from Cornwall, Russell, North Dundas and Seaway competed in the all day event. They're using the bonspiel as a tune-up for the playdowns in Cornwall, and those expected to dominate showed their skills with some high-calibre shot-making. Two of the area weeklies made it to the event, and hopefully they'll have pictures and details of the results.

In senior competition, Sid Morrell, Raymond Benoit, Don O'Brien and Jack Dikland were in Lancaster last week for a bonspiel. They curled well, splitting their games in a tough field. Today, two of our senior men's teams will be hosting Russell, Winchester and Metcalfe in an all-day event. Should be some good matches for interested spectators, with the finals going on in the evening, after their banquet. In provincial results, we were saddened to hear that Bryan Cochrane, who once curled out of our club, didn't make it to the Ontario Championship's final match. As curlers may have heard, Glenn Howard's rink defeated the Wayne Middaugh foursome in the final match on Sunday to advance to the Brier, March 11-19 in Regina. Most of the other provincial champions have been declared, including Kevin Martin for Alberta, winning out in that province for the first time in years.

Our Canadian curling champions are in the thick of things at the Olympics, with Shannon Kleibrink and Brad Gushue carrying our colours. We'll be following thos matches with interest. The club is busy on both days this weekend, with local private rentals. And finally, two of our local senior mixed teams are at Perth this week, and we'll have their results next time. Good curling to all.

Canadian students get active by jumping rope across the country

February 10, 2006- As the snow continues to fall in many parts of the country, Canadian students will be warming up by jumping rope from coast to coast. The Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) is inviting Canadian schools to participate in the Jump2Bfit Across Canada National School Challenge on Thursday, February 23rd, 2006! Jump2Bfit Across Canada, one of three challenges offered by CAHPERD this year as part of the National School Challenge Program, is designed to get Canadian children and youth moving through fun filled physical activity. Working together, a class or group of students performs enough jumps to "travel" the distance from Victoria, B.C. to St. John's, N.F - a cumulative distance of 7950 km! Each jump is equivalent to traveling 100 metres, and students must jump for a minimum of 30 minutes. The route travels through major cities and capitals across Canada, and is also a great way for teachers to incorporate some physical activity into geography lessons.

"With the current concern for the health and physical activity levels of Canadian children and youth, the need to promote the importance of daily physical activity and quality physical education programs to their healthy growth and development has become critical," says Garth Turtle, president of CAHPERD. "The National School Challenge Program has been successful in getting school children active and inspiring an ongoing commitment to active, healthy living in communities across Canada... Our goal this year is to have 300,000 students from across the country participate in our National School Challenge Program," says Vicky Bisson, CAHPERD Communication Manager. "To date, more than 160,000 students from 260 schools across Canada have signed up for our events. Many teachers have told us how much their students enjoy participating in our challenges, and they look forward to finding out what the next challenge will be each year."

Schools can register online at www.cahperd.ca/nationalschoolchallenge, and will receive a detailed instruction manual with jump rope lesson plans and activity ideas, a colour 36x24 wall poster to track the school's progress from coast to coast, a skipping rope, certificates of participation for the school and for students, and even a free one-year CAHPERD membership.

This is the fifth annual National School Challenge program that CAHPERD has launched. In 2002, the Hokey Pokey challenge got over 270,000 kids dancing their way into the Guinness Book of World Records for the world's largest dance.

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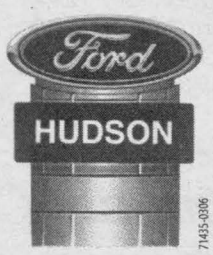

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UFCU Union seeking site for action centre

Employees at the St. Lawrence Manufacturing Corporation in Iroquois will be getting some help as they face a new set of working circumstances as their company closes.

The federal and provincial governments along with the United Food and Commercial Union are setting up a spot referred to as an Action Centre either in Iroquois or in Morrisburg to help some of he over 200 St. Lawrence Corporation employees who have been laid off.

Last week members of the union, the federal government and South Dundas Lyle Van Allen met at the Iroquois Legion Branch 370 to discuss what could be done to help employees. Members of the union, affected by the plant closing were briefed by representatives of Unemployment Insurance, and TR Leger. There were also representatives from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Employees were told about want can be expected.

Union representative, Gail Carrozzino says that the meeting was well attended.

"We will be setting up a group called an adjustment committee," she said. "We need to create a supportive environment for the people who will be looking for work."

A representative from the union believes that the "action center ' in either Morrisburg or Iroquois, will have to be set up for at least a year.

Mayor Van Allen has offered the group a space, at the old Morrisburg Hydro offices. Employees will be able to learn all about resume writing, computer skills such as working with Microsoft Word and the computer technology. Most important they will receive moral support in their search for new employment.

The Adjustment Committee will also be able act as a referral service for workers.

Survey results add to strategic plan

Last October, Winchester District Memorial Hospital invited the community to respond to a survey that was included as part of a household mailer distributed to over 18,400 homes. The hospital received over 1850 replies. CEO, Trudy Reid said: "This is an excellent response rate. We are very pleased and it confirms that people are interested in their hospital and the health care services we deliver here."

The survey asked respondents to rate their opinions about the importance of services currently offered by the hospital and to identify new services they would like to see the hospital offer should funding and resource opportunities become available in the future. The community survey responses will become a component of the major strategic planning review on the scope of clinical services currently being undertaken by the hospital's board of directors.

The community survey revealed the following: Seventy per cent (70%) of the survey respondents were female. Seventy-eight per cent (78%) of respondents were between 40 and 79 years of age. When asked if respondents had a family doctor, 95.3% answered yes. Respondents were from all sectors of the hospital catchment area, including Winchester, Chesterville Morrisburg, Iroquois, Metcalfe, Russell, Mountain, Williamsburg, Brinston and Marionville.

The last time people accessed the hospital was for emergency care, followed by lab services, outpatient clinic and other service.

Respondents were asked to rank a range of clinical services for our community on a scale from one to five where one was less important and five was ranked most important. The top five responses were: Emergency care 89%; Diagnostic Imaging 67%; Surgery 78%; Outpatient Clinics 56% and Laboratory Services 54%.

Respondents were asked to rank a range of regional and outreach services currently available at the hospital on a scale from one to five where one was less important and five was ranked most important. The top five responses were: Chemotherapy 75%; Ontario Breast Screening Program 66%; Hemodialysis 52%; Ophthalmology 44%; and Diabetes Education at 43%. Three other specialties were also highly ranked: Urology at 43%; Geriatric Assessment at 40% and Rheumatology at 37%.

The third major question asked respondents to indicate how the hospital should invest in new services, should the opportunity become available. No choices were given. Respondents identified the following top three choices: diagnostic imaging, expanded surgical procedures and more cancer treatments.

Reid said that the hospital began a strategic review of the scope of clinical services available at Winchester District Memorial Hospital last fall. The review has involved a four-pronged approach beginning with a detailed analysis of population health needs, prepared by the Eastern Ontario Counties Health Unit.

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Alternate Energy Study Results at the Cardinal Legion Branch 105 on Frdiay, Feb. 24. From 2 pm to 4 pm. For more information call, Chris Kempffer at 613-299-4413 or Bill LaBerge at 613-657-8879.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper-February 28, from 5 pm to 7 pm, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women and the Iroquois Girl Guides at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

Curling Bonspiel for Easter Seals Kids. The Dundas County Council of the Easter Seal Society of Ontario is sponsoring a curling bonspiel at the Morrisburg Curling Club on Saturday March 4, 2006 with games beginning at 9 am.

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Heather Johnston, a singer, songwriter and guitar player, took some time to share her talents with other students last week. She was performing in the Seaway District High School's library.

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SDHS students help tsunami victims

The Seaway District High School held their own series of"Brick by Brick" events. The school's Global Outreach Team along with he Student Senate headed up two initiatives in partnership with the organization "Free the Children. They will be raising funds for children in need of schools and school supplies. The target for the fundraising is Sri Lanky.

As a result of the Tsunami last year, 40,000 people are dead and almost 5,000 are still missing in Sri Lanka. About 15,000 of those who managed to survive the Tsunami are injured and need constant medical assistance. Over half a million residents have had to leave their homes and rebuild elsewhere. Around 200 educational institutions and 100 health facilities have been destroyed or severely damaged by the tsunami. There is a great need for fundraising.

The Seaway District High School last week hosted a festival of he arts, titled "Brick by Brick. From Monday through to Thursday during lunch time there was a coffee house in the school's library. The coffee house featured live perfornances by some of the school's



Mathew Goodmurphy plays the piano for listeners at the Seaway District High School's Brick by Brick event.

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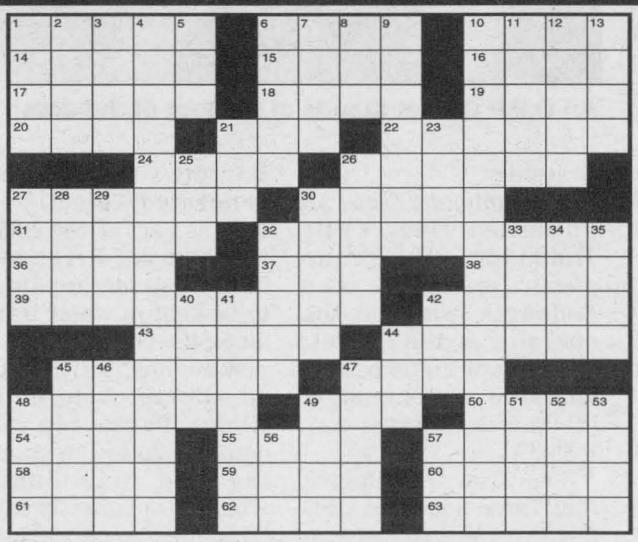

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6. Having lived
10. Slave
14. Time after sunset
15. Finished
16. Worshiped object
17. Honda model
18. Fixed charges
19. Jeer
20. Siamese language
21. Denial
22. Kicked football
24. One point north of northwest
26. Mire
27. _____-talkie
30. Deceptively imitate
31. Embellish
32. A work associate
36. Intense anger
37. Mined metal
38. Part of a chromosome
39. Injury from cold
42. Fragile
43. Metal shackles
44. Signals
45. Attacks on all sides
47. Right
48. Group of six
49. Color property
50. Disarrange
54. Daddy
55. Egg-shaped
57. Busybody
58. In a short time
59. African Republic
60. Give abilities to
61. Greatest quantity
62. Stair part
63. Blocks

CLUES DOWN

1. Small biting fly
2. Wealthy
3. Water in Spanish
4. Cannot be reduced
5. School organization
6. Supplement
7. Big toe inflammation
8. Between northeast and east
9. Plunder
10. Result of negotiation
11. Copyreads
12. Gowns
13. Left quickly
21. One point east of due north
23. Insist on
25. Come out first
26. Disturbance
27. Fisherman's _____
28. Hebrew month
29. Trademark
30. Garrisons
32. Mints
33. Sporting equipment
34. Building block
35. Snakelike fishes
40. Plant with branches
41. Buttocks
42. Contagious viral disease
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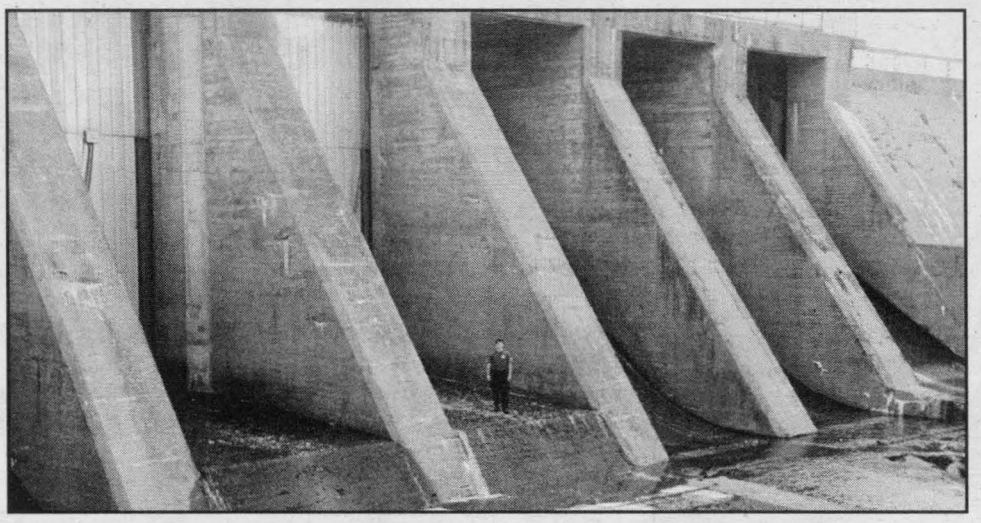
Powerful testimony as High Falls OPG trial adjourns

The results of this court case will affect security at all Ontario Power Generation facilities including those along the St. Lawrence Seaway.

BY PETER DEWOLF
METROLAND REPORTER



An O.P.P Officer stands at the foot of the dam.

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The criminal trial against Ontario Power Generation and two employees heard powerful testimony during the first three weeks of testimony into the deaths of seven-year-old Aaron Cadieux and his mother Cynthia and the injuring of seven others.

A number of people were swept away when the dam sluice gates opened - allegedly without warning.

The deaths and injuries occurred at Barrett Chute near Calabogie, in the Ottawa Valley. The dam and generating facility are part of a series of OPG properties along the Madawaska River.

The June 2002 incident has changed the way OPG protects its facilities across Ontario, while the criminal charges against the utility are setting legal precedent.

Two charges of criminal negligence causing death and seven counts of criminal negligence causing injury have been filed against Ontario Power Generation and two employees - John Tammadge of Arnprior and Robert Bednarek of Braeside.

The company faces an unlimited fine, while Tammadge, the group plant manager, and Bednarek, who was the operator at the Barrett Chute Dam, could be sentenced to a maximum of life imprisonment if convicted.

The Crown is alleging that Tammadge and OPG did not take the necessary steps to assure the safety of the public, while they are accusing Bednarek of failing to properly check it was safe to open the gates.

However, part of the blame is being directed during the opening weeks of the trial - which is expected to last several months - toward the new way in which the province has set up the electricity market in Ontario.

In past years, the Barrett Chute facility generated electricity only as part of the entire Madawaska River system, allowing a balance to be kept in water levels along the river. Under the new regime, which started shortly before the High Falls tragedy, each dam has to bid to supply the grid individually, which is apparently what happened June 23, 2002, when the demand for power in southwestern Ontario peaked that hot, humid day. A high bid from the dam above Barrett Chute, the Mountain Chute Dam, was accepted by the system, and the seldom-used spillway at High Falls had to be used to relieve the higher water volumes coming down the river.

The court has heard conflicting testimony so far about the presence of no trespassing signs near the spillway. The Hot Rocks, directly below the dam site at Barrett Chute, form part of the old riverbed and has been popular with swimmers and sunbathers for decades.

Darrell Brydges, a 47-year-old Almonte man, told the court that he had been visiting the area of Barrett Chute for years.

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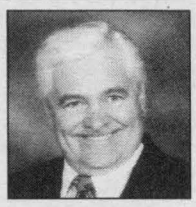

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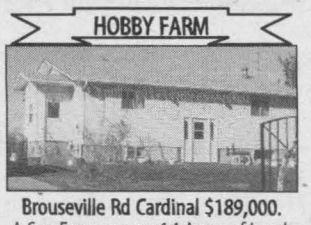

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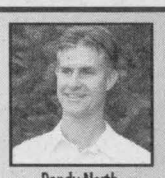

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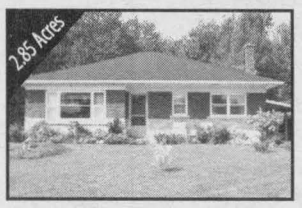

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South Dundas to investigate premier destinations

BY ANDREA CARTIER
CHIEFTAIN STAFF REPORTER

Anne Marie Waddell, the South Dundas Economic Development Officer, reported that the Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism will be undertaking an inventory of tourism and related operators in the area. This survey is being undertaken in order to help determine if the 1000 Islands and St. Lawrence Seaway can be ranked a Premier Destination. Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism has a grant from Human Resources and Skills Development Corporation to hire two employees to help perform this survey and collate the data. Mike Lalonde, the executive director of Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, is meeting with staff representatives from the townships in order to set up meetings with councils, chambers of commerce, and tourism related business.

"An inventory of tourism operations and related industry can be a good marketing aid," explained Waddell. "It will encourage new businesses to fill niche areas, and bring more tourism to the area. Visitors to the area bring money into our community and help grow the local economy."

The designation of Premier Ranked Destination would be a of great benefit to local business, as it would make marketing this area as a destination much easier. The designation will be granted if Ontario Tourism can be convinced this is a unique destination. The Ministry of Tourism is conducting the gathering of market intelligence and working with local and regional governments, the tourism industry and other non-government organizations to identify potential "premier-ranked" destinations. This is a key mechanism for the development of tourism destinations. Currently, IDO is working on a number of new product initiatives such as Culinary Tourism and Cultural Heritage Tourism development. The Investment Development Office is also working to identify technology-based initiatives, which can put Ontario at the forefront of electronic tourism development.

Waddell also noted that visitation to the website has grown rapidly, and now the Morrisburg Business Improvement Association website and the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce website complement and link to the South Dundas Township site. This move ensures that the same information about a business is reflected on each site, hopefully avoiding errors and the duplication of effort. Waddell is hoping to bring other likewise oriented community organizations into similar arrangement.

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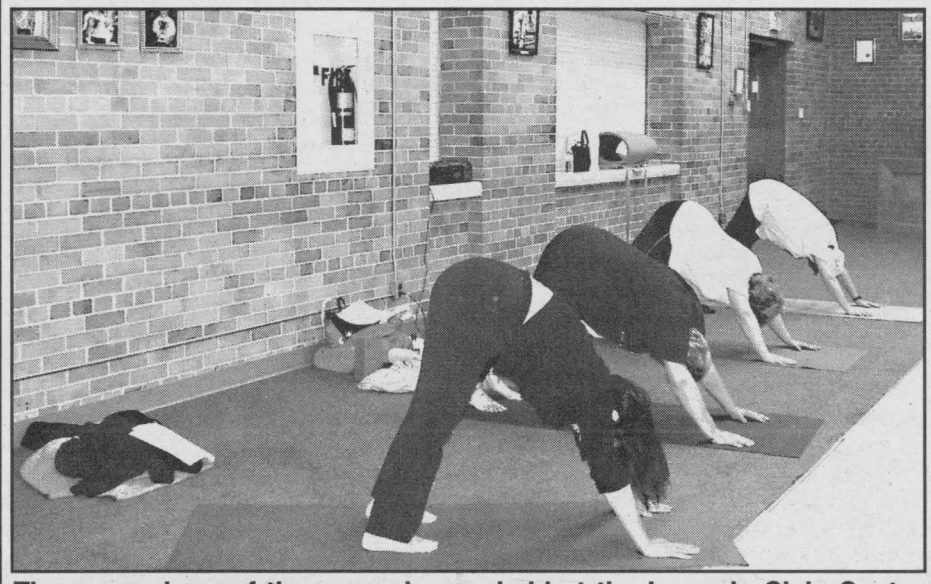

These members of the yoga classes held at the Iroquois Civic Centre are gently working out. The classes are becoming very popular in the village.

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The Iroquois Legion Branch 370 was hosting their regular cribbage afternoon on Saturday. In this photo these four players were having a good time. Left to right: Andy Acelvari, Willis Douglas, Ted Grattan and Janice Warner.

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Since he was a teenager, Brydges has fished in the head pond above the dam, visited an area he has known as the Hot Rocks, directly downstream of the dam and walked along the riverbed to another area known locally as The Cliffs.

The people he saw during these hikes included teens, seniors and families who would often camp for the weekend in a wooded area between the parking lot and the Hot Rocks.

"There were always people around," Brydges said. On that Sunday, Brydges was sunbathing directly below the dam shortly after noon.

A short time later he saw a man trying to get his attention from the dam. That man was identified as Bednarek.

"He was yelling to get my attention," Brydges explained."He told me I had to get out of there as he was going to open the gates."

Brydges also testified that Bednarek asked him if he had seen anyone in the area.

He told him he had not seen anyone that day but there were people in the area the day before.

Other witnesses during the opening three weeks of the trial have confirmed Bednarek did warn a number of people in an area further down the river, known as the Cliffs, that the gates were going to open. Some evidence presented has suggested that the Cliffs were sometimes referred to as the Hot Rocks or High Falls, and the names may have been confused.

Brydges explained to the court that as he prepared to leave, he noted Bednarek scanning the area with binoculars. In testimony from previous witnesses during the past three weeks, they have said large areas of the Hot Rocks are not visible from the dam itself.

Brydges walked back up to the dam and spoke to Bednarek through the fence.

"I asked him where he had checked for people," Brydges testified.

"He said he had been down by Calabogie Lake and I explained to him there were people down on the Barryvale side (the Hot Rocks) the day before."

After returning to his truck, Brydges said he decided to take a run by the parking area just to be sure everything was okay.

It wasn't okay

Brydges was not prepared for what he encountered when he arrived at the parking area three or four minutes later.

"Just as I started into the trail I encountered a woman," Brydges remembered.

He said the woman was in her thirties. "She was all cut, bruised and bleeding, and couldn't find her husband or her two daughters."

Her cell phone was not working, so Brydges told her to stay put as he raced through the back roads in his truck to Barryvale Lodge for help.

Brydges then headed back to the parking area.

"There were people hurt," he explained. "I wanted to see if I could help."

On his way back down the trail he encountered a father, his friend and his son.

"They had just pulled him (the little boy) out," Brydges said. He added the boy appeared to be eight to ten years of age. "They were already doing CPR on the little boy - he was lifeless and still."

Brydges explained he went on down to the riverbed and tried to help find people. He noticed four teenagers who had found refuge on a higher crop of land in the channel and he told them to stay put - help was on the way.

"They tried to tell me people had been washed away," Brydges said. "I was looking in the nooks and crannies but I couldn't find anybody."

Eventually he went back to the father and son and helped get the boy up to the parking area, and met the fire department personnel about half way.

While they started to work on the boy, Brydges noticed an ambulance had arrived and he saw another boy standing in a pickup truck crying. He later learned that was the little boy's brother.

In answer to a question by Crown Prosecutor Graeme Cameron as to his recollection of warning signs in the area, Brydges said there were none in the area of the Hot Rocks.

"The only sign I ever have seen was on the steel gate at the dam," he said.

Cameron then asked if he had been back to the Hot Rocks since the incident.

"Never - it is all fenced in," Brydges explained. "After the news, you just knew you shouldn't go there."

The trial is set to resume on March 6 in Ottawa.

Heart & Stroke Month

During a BBQ a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food - while she appeared a bit shaken up; Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00pm, Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ - had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

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