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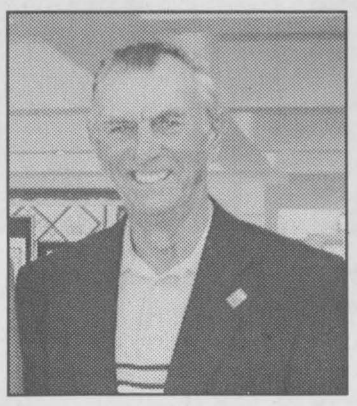
Our finest presented service medals to those deserving members prior to Christmas as part of their monthly meeting. The Department have a full complement of volunteers making a great roster. Check next week for photos of medal recipients. The community owes a big thank you to these young men who toil on our behalf. *Chieftain Photo bySL. Johnston*

Mayor Whitteker looks forward to continued growth in South Dundas

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In speaking with Mayor Johnny Whitteker after the final, regular South Dundas Council meeting of 2002, The Chieftain learned that economic growth and new businesses were among South Dundas's greatest accomplishments during the year just completed.

Mayor Johnny feels the growth is due to the development of the fibre optic network line and its installation. Helping to bring the Giant Tiger, Canadian tire, Tim Hortons and Pilot Insurance has benefited the entire Township. "The reason for our growth is linked to our fibre optics. Before we had fibre optics, businesses would not have considered coming here and so we would have no new jobs created. I believe what we have now is drawing business here. industries need to be provided with fibre optics, or they will go where they can get it," noted the Mayor. "The fibre optics line cost a lot of money but we are now seeing results through new businesses locating here and job creation for local workers. The fibre optics is certainly good publicity for any business looking for a place to go," added Mayor Johnny. He feels as more businesses come onboard the fibre optics service, revenue will begin to be realized by the Township, but sees the true benefit being with the economy as the job market expands due to the line.



Mayor Johnny Whitteker

A project the Mayor touted as he spoke to reporters was the way Heritage has been handled in South Dundas. He feels that the murals unveiled throughout the Township will be a factor in the tourist trade this coming year. "Rather than buying buildings to be restored, South Dundas has invested in historical murals. This represents a lower, efficient cost and more effective method of preserving our history." Six murals have been completed and another seven are waiting to be unveiled in the future telling the story of our heritage through pictures. "After the murals are complete, I think there will be a booklet to accompany them and a tour of the Township. I think this will draw people to the area," commented the Mayor.

Another heritage project which the Mayor sees as a success story is the Antiques Festival which was held in Dixon's Corners this past year, a change of venue. The Mayor answered that the question of venue will be left up to the Township Heritage Coordinator, Kirsten Gardner and the heritage Committee.

As far as what lies ahead for South Dundas, the Mayor sees the new water system project as a major item on the agenda. Expected to be constructed by December 31, 2003, the mayor notes that with the concerns over water quality in both Iroquois and Morrisburg have been taking from the St. Lawrence for some 50 years, Mayor Johnny sees the project vital to the area. "We are in the process of trying to purchase property since that which is owned presently by the Township is not big enough for the system, there is no room to grow if we need to." More details will be available for a public meeting scheduled for mid January.

When all phases of the water system are in place the township will move ahead with the sewage treatment plants required in both urban centres in the Township. The $13 million dollar water treatment plant that will service both Morrisburg and Iroquois is scheduled to begin in the early spring. A big issue of concern is whether every tax payer in South Dundas should pay for this. The Mayor says he feels everyone should pay because everyone benefits through a note held by the Township's Hydro assets which will be applied to future growth.

The sewage treatment issue is under study to determine whether

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Township of Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal looks forward to 2003

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Now that the new year has started it's time for local municipalities to look ahead to the coming year and what they hope to accomplish. Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Mayor Dave Dobbie has many items he would like to see happen this year.

In the late fall of 2002, the township received an infrastructure grant for upgrades to the Cardinal Waste Water Treatment Plant. He says they are now moving ahead with the upgrades, adding that the total cost of the project is a little over $1 million with two thirds will come from the provincial and federal governments while one third will come from the township.

The township will be doing more water, sewer and storm sewer work. This work will be done on the Shanly Road. Mayor Dobbie says they will be laying new water pipes, doing work with the storm sewers and either laying new sewers or relining the ones that are there. This project will be done in conjunction with the counties.

New signage has been ordered for the township which will identify every hamlet and village within the municipality. Mayor Dobbie says the signs will be appealing to the township.

They are in the process of consolidating the Edwardsburgh and Cardinal Official Plans into one and Dobbie says the new plan should be ready to send to Toronto by February. He added that the township will be doing some reconstruction of roads in 2003.

The reconstruction of the plexiglass and some of the existing boards at the Cardinal Arena will be repaired by the end of January. The Royal Bank in Spencerville which currently runs out of a portable on the township's property will be looking into building a new bank in the village sometime this year.

"A bank in a small community is a necessity. The portable seems to be working out well and hopefully they will get into a new bank sometime this year," said Mayor Dobbie.

Dobbie says that there will likely be a large piece of equipment that

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Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant to open festivities this weekend

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The 28th annual Matilda Winter Carnival is set to begin on Saturday, January 11th and will run through to Sunday, January 19th. Many events are scheduled to take place each day, some will be old favorites and there are some new events. Come out and enjoy the 2003 Matilda Winter Carnival with your family.

This year ten young women, all of whom attend Seaway District High School will vie for the title of Matilda Carnival Queen 203. The pageant will take place on opening night, Saturday, January 11th at 7:00 pm, at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners.

Meeting the girls prior to this issue going to press was a most engaging experience, this is certainly a few of the good ones among our youth today. These gals are sure of their place in society and as members of the larger community they call home. The pageant will be very special this year as this group show what they are made of.

Jennifer DeVries is the 16 year old daughter of John and Jeannette DeVries of Toyes Hill. She is in grade 11 at Seaway High School and plans on a career in nursing. Jennifer has two brothers Henri and Ryan, and two sisters Marilee and Nicole. Jennifer explained to us that she entered the competition because she thought it would be a lot of fun and a great experience.

Jill Link is also a 16 year old grade 11 student at Seaway. She is the daughter of Rusty and Jennifer Link of Irena and her family includes brothers Andy, Josh, Tom and sisters Krissy and Tara. Jill plans to attend St. Lawrence College to study to become a child and youth worker. Jill was in the contest last year and enjoyed such a good time she thought she would try again this year. She was chosen Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants last year, an enviable victory for sure. She is also looking forward to more competition this time around as the number of girls has grown for 2003.

Sally Dentz of Iroquois is the daughter of Paul and Betty Dentz, she has a younger sister Jenny. Sally decided to participate in the pageant because many of her

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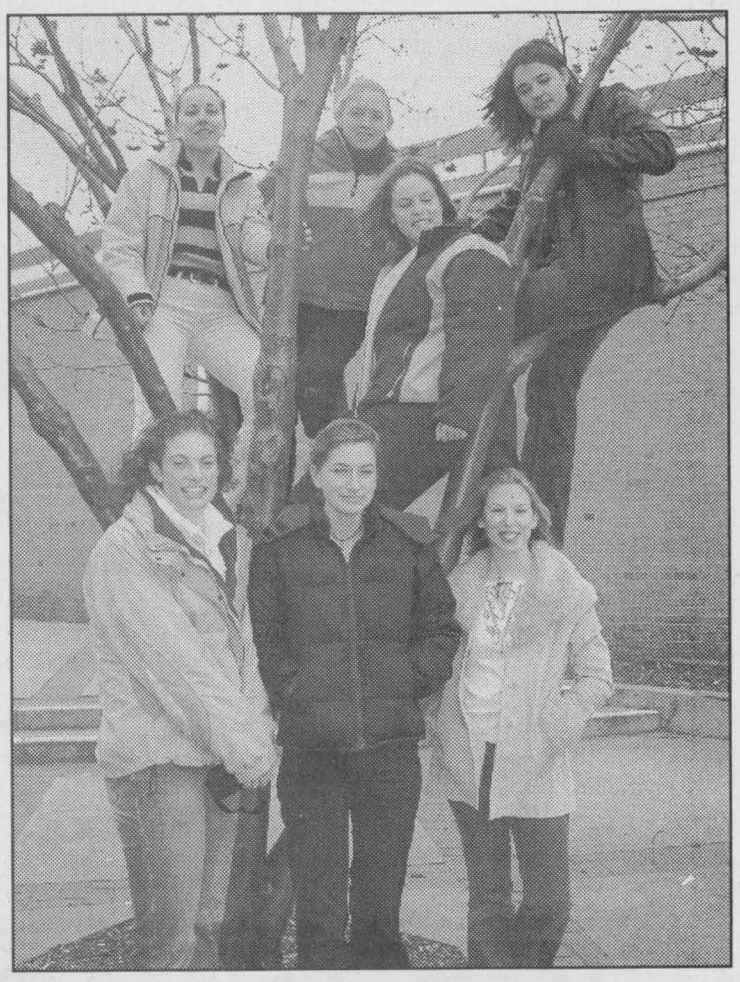

Carnival Queen Hopefuls

These young ladies will be vying for the Matilda Carnival Queen Crown on Saturday night. Standing Erin Hendriks, Jennifer DeVries, and Sarah Robertson. In the tree Lindsay Whitteker, Jessica Weatherhead, Caitlyn Markell, Jill Link, absent is Ellen Fader. *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

Mayor Cousineau foresees a good 2003 in North Dundas

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mayor Cousineau says one of the biggest items accomplished by North Dundas in the year just ended was acquiring the Hydro building. Although some look at the purchasing of the six million dollar property for $400,000 as less than good, the mayor stands firmly behind the decision to move the municipal offices to the more spacious facility at the south end of the village. "The ratepayers own it now and they should be proud of the facility," said the Mayor as he spoke to The Chieftain about his year end round up.

He continued explaining, "The old building was cramped and noisy, this building is a lot more functional for our staff, where the second floor of the former municipal building was too small for the Township staff, the new one is of ample size for the Winchester Public Library. It used to be that one of the busiest branches in the SD&G system was operating from one of the smallest facilities, now it is second to none. In fact it one of the most modern libraries in the system."

Another bonus for the Township was the finalization of the Hydro sale. Noting how the electricity market has developed in Ontario, Mayor Cousineau says he is glad Council made the decision to sell its hydro infrastructure to Hydro One..."I certainly would not want to be in that business!" he says. The $4million sale was completed and some of the money used to pay

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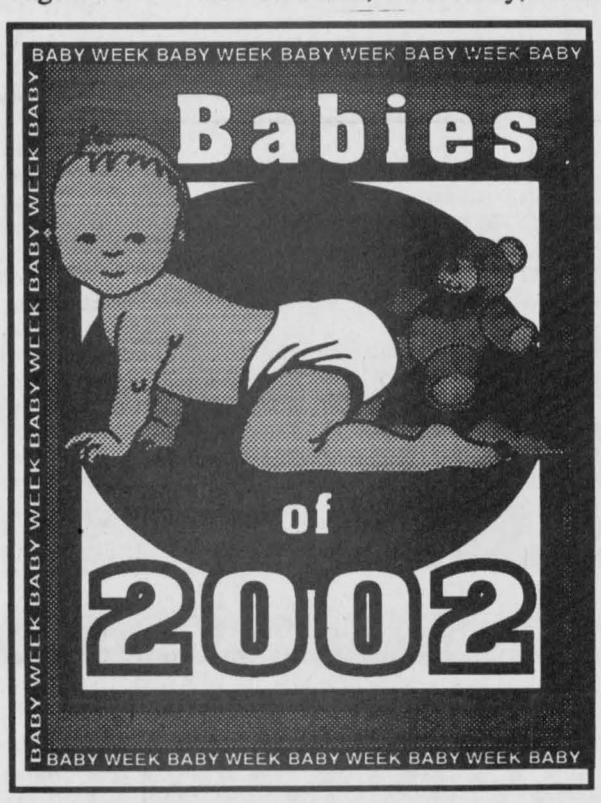

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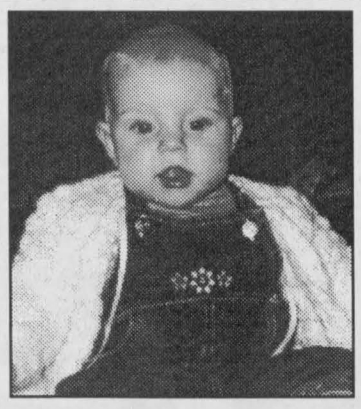

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Daughter of Shawn & Julie
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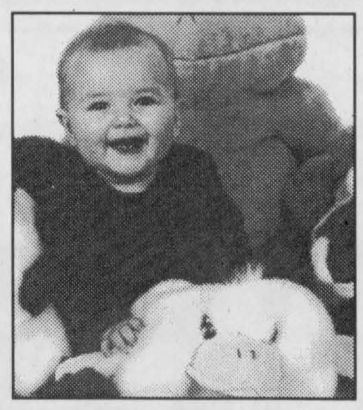
Don & Willa LeBreton

April 1, 2002

Domanko

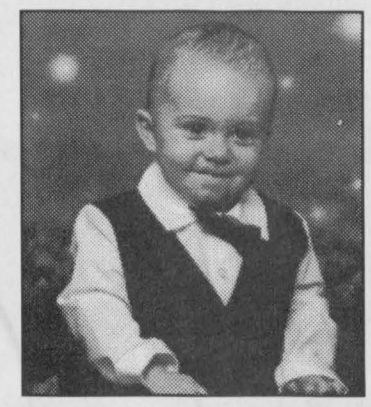


Dana Mae

Daughter of Micheal & Tanya
Granddaughter of Dr. Wayne
& Jane Domanko and
Charlotte & Willard Duncan

May 3, 2002

Beaupre



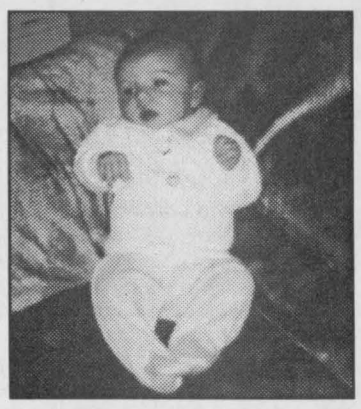
Maximus

Son of Todd & Marianne

Brother of Larissa

February 7, 2002

McMillen

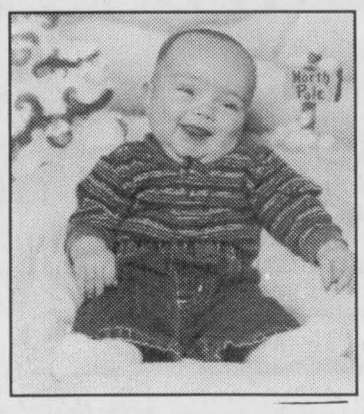


Rianna Elizabeth

Daughter of Anthony & Cheryl
Sister of Ryan
Granddaughter of
Stu & Gail Hanna and
John & Susan McMillen

November 6, 2002

McKee-Markell



MacKenzie Wade Leo

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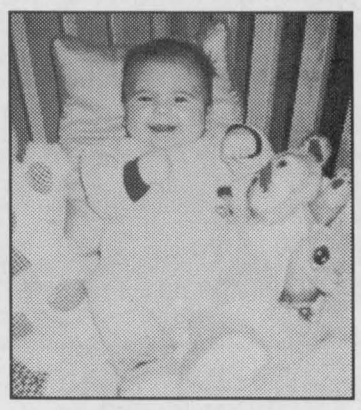
Grandson of Cindy McKee and
Eddie Bilmer
Great Grandson of
Leo and Yvonne McKee

June 19, 2002

Zwicker

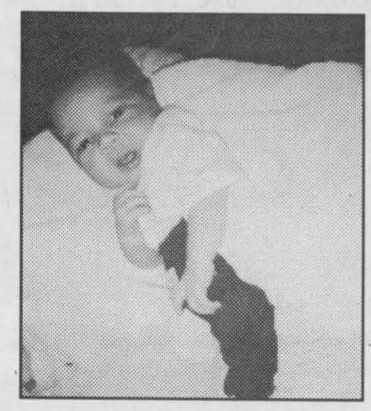


Brock Strader

Son of Eric & Sharon
Brother of Aaron
Grandson of Lorne Strader and
Werner & Regina Zwicker

August 28, 2002

Rowe



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Kevin Rowe

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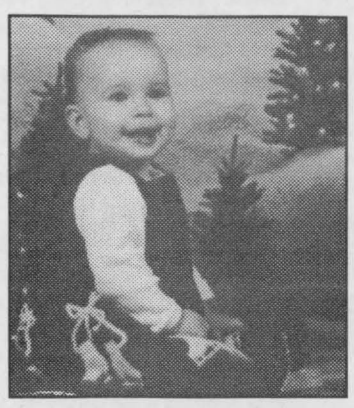
Hummel



Morgan Taylor

Daughter of Shawn & Kelly
Granddaughter of
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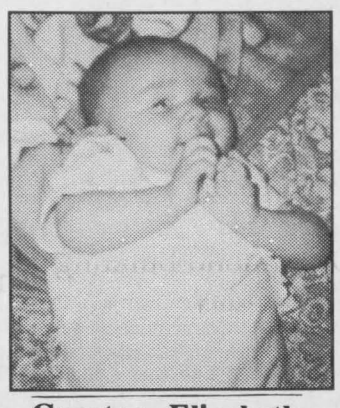
and Gloria & Bill Roberts

January 18, 2002

Kirkwood

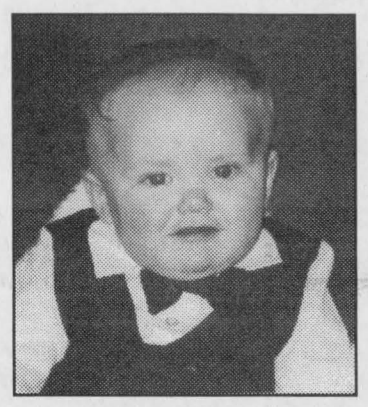


Courtney Elizabeth
Goldie

Daughter of David & Amy
Granddaughter of
Ken Swerdfeger and
Shirley & Roger Froats

May 26, 2002

Levere



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Son of Jim & Cheryl

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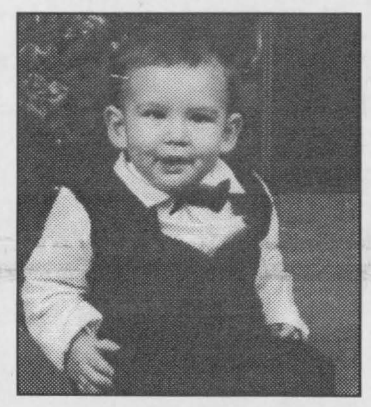
Shaver

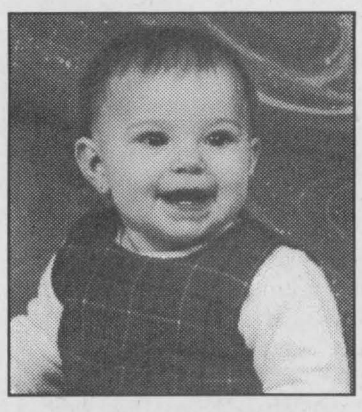


Jaeden

Son of Michael Shaver
& Crystal Phifer
Grandson of
Jeff & Darlene Phifer and
Tim & Margaret Shaver

March 25, 2002

Belanger

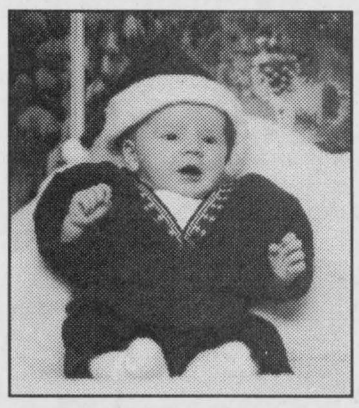


Reagan Mary

Daughter of Craig & Crystal
Granddaughter of
Gerry & Shirley Belanger and
Marilyn & George Hummel

March 5, 2002

Herfkens



Kyle Andrew

Son Michael & April Herfkens
Grandson of
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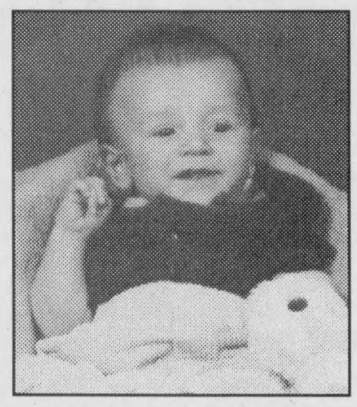
Stewart



Alexander Lee

Son of Tracey & Norman

Brother of Kaitlyn

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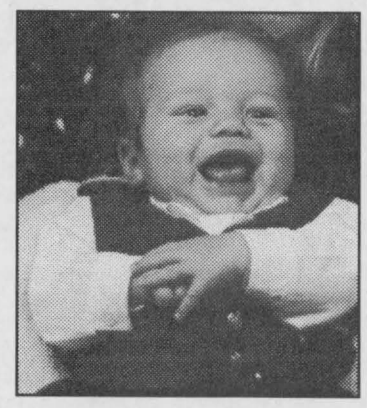
Gilmour



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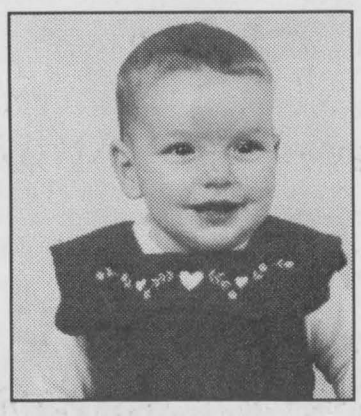

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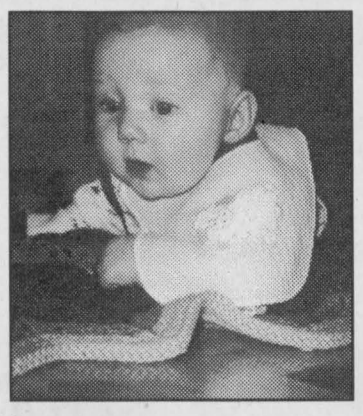
Granddaughter of Ruth Gibbons

December 24, 2001

Mustard



Michaela Margaret

Daughter of Ben & Julia

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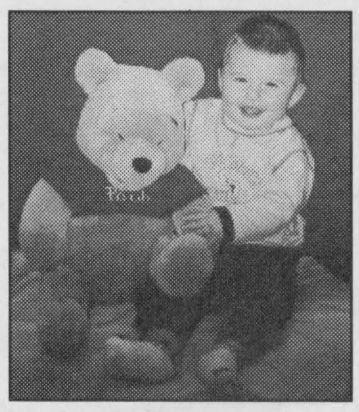
Winkler



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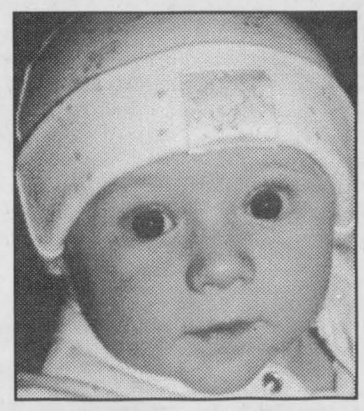
Grandson of
Bob & Marilyn Dowson

March 22, 2002

Campeau



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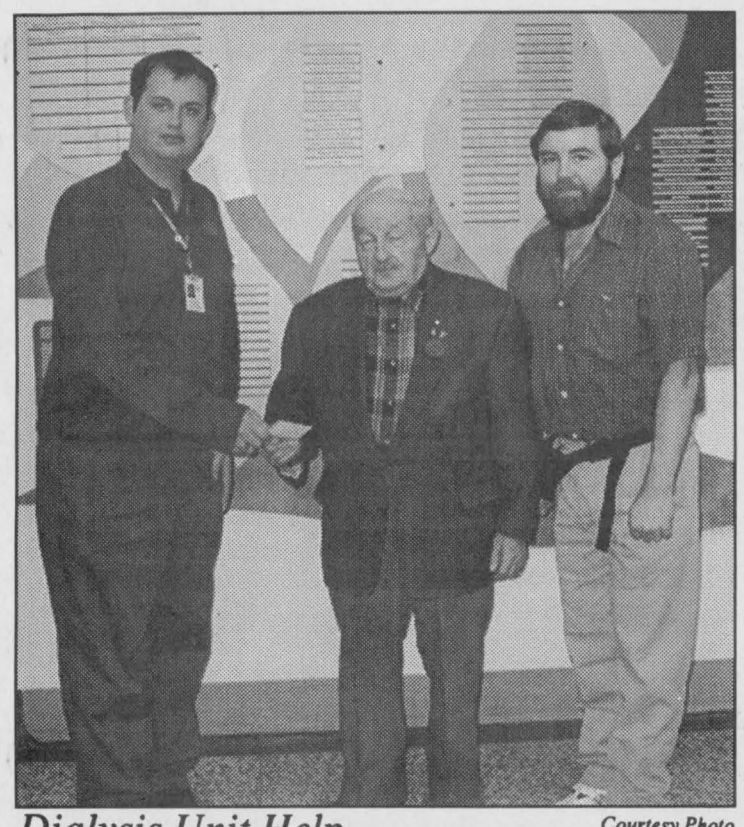
Son of Wes & Janis
Grandson of Jo-Anne & Gary
Bouck, Great Grandson of
Lorne & Helen Bouck

May 2, 2002



Dialysis Unit Help *Courtesy Photo*

The Independent Order of Oddfellows (IOOF) Aberdeen Branch 302 (Ingleside) made a $1000 donation towards construction of the Dialysis Unit at WDMH. Peter Swank (acting Fd. Coordinator), Brother Tommy Tulloch (IOOF Treasures/Financial Secretary), and Brother Keith Knight (Sec. IOOF Branch 302) are pictured.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter by Dar

Belated Happy New Year to each and everyone! May we all be blessed with good health and happiness always!

As I begin our "Newsletter" for the new year, I'm combing the past couple of weeks, for the way the Christmas and New Year was and the publication of "The Chieftain" being made earlier, I wouldn't have me news gathered in time.

Cribbage, December 21st was quite a day as there were twenty-nine players participating in the 1st Annual Joe McDonald Cribbage Tournament. And low and behold of Ted Grattan didn't take the honours of having a "Perfect Day" of nine wins. Very fitting that this should turn out the way it did, for Ted and Joe were partners in the Cribbage League over the years. Now Ted mentioned to me that he played the way Joe would and came through with flying colours. What an ending to a glorious day. We all know how Ted felt when he received the coveted trophy!!

Euchre on December 17th-the count down to Christmas and it showed at there were only eight tables of Euchre on the go. The first prize went to Nina Seeley, while the second prize was picked up by Maureen Welsh and the door prize went to Sharron Easter. Just a reminder the girls that look after the Euchres namely, Shirley Gibson and Joan Murphy are taking the month of January off for a much needed rest, therefore Euchre is suspended for a time. More information will be released at a later date.

At Duplicate Bridge on December 17th there were five tables being occupied and at the end of the evening the winners were Frank Bickerdike and Brooke Leightizer.

The Pot of Gold winner for December 20th was Sally Francis who WAS signed in. Just goes to show that when you take the few seconds that it takes to sign in and drop your loonie in the box-you find that it sometimes pays off. Congratulations Sally!

On the same evening, comrade Wendy Leslie had put two Christmas gift baskets together for a draw and the winners were Paul Morrow and Terry Henderson.

At this time I feel I should mention that the Ladies Auxiliary held their usual Christmas Turkey Dinner for the public and what a hectic time, but many thanks go to all the volunteers that came out and assisted. No matter what you did it was much appreciated.

Cribbage, December 28th-Week sixteen of the Cribbage League season had nineteen entries competing in "Singles" play. Capturing top spot with 1062 points was Karl Kirkwood with Dennis Wright close behind with 1059 to snare second. Scoring third place honours with identical scores of 1053 were Linda McKee and Ken Palmer while Joan Ault served as the days "Bridesmaid" with her score of 1051. There were ten skunks passed around the Lounge and snatching a pair each were Willis Douglas, Marilyn Fernell and Noella Kirkwood. At the halfway mark of the Cribbage League season, Bob Esford leads the League with an average score of 115.1 while Bernie Montroy and Wilf Summers are close behind at 114.8. Jake Easter with 114.5 and Roger Coulter with 114.1 are still in close while there are several others who plan to make their move in the second half. Just a reminder that you don't have to be a Legion member to participate in Cribbage League play, so if you enjoy the game, all you have to do is show up and register before 1 PM on any Saturday afternoon from now to the end of April.

December 27th Pot of Gold winner was Allan Jones who was NOT signed in, therefore his share stays in the "Pot" and make it a little sweeter for the next week.

January 3rd Pot of Gold winner was Sheila Holmes who WAS signed in.

The first week of Cribbage play in the new year saw only fourteen entries as the stormy winter weather kept some of the regulars at home. Ted Grattan won eight of nine games played and pegged 1071 points to seize first place. Wilf Summers with 1063 points secured second, while Linda McKee was just one point behind Wilf in third place. Willis Douglas was the "Bridesmaid" once again with a fourth place score of 1055. Only six skunks braved the snowy weather but Jake Easter and Darin Eden each netted a pair of the furry fellows.

Our Sports Officer comrade Jake Easter, has informed me that Zone Euchre is to be held at Branch 97 in Prescott on January 18th and we have four teams competing.

On January 18th there is to be a "Doubles Dart Tournament" which consists of 2 men/2 women. Registration will be 11:45 am-12:45 with plays tarting at 1:15 pm. Cost is $5.00 per person or $20.00 per team/ All money will be returned in prizes.

The daily luncheon will be resuming again this week and I failed to check the menus out, but I do know that the Friday luncheon will consist of Clam Chowder and the dessert is unknown.

PeeWee House Lions defeat NGS

by Sandra lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Sunday, January 5 the PeeWee House Lions hosted the NGS team. Scoring in the first period was Stephanie Cochrane with help from Chantal Thurler and Kassie Whitteker to put the Lions on the board. Coming back in the second, it was Lion Bailey Hollister who connected with Thurler and Cochrane to give the Lions the lead 2-0 at 8:19 of the second frame. But, NGS was not finished and at 3:13 they found the twine behind Jordon Hawn to get on the board, but that was all she wrote and the Lions were victorious.

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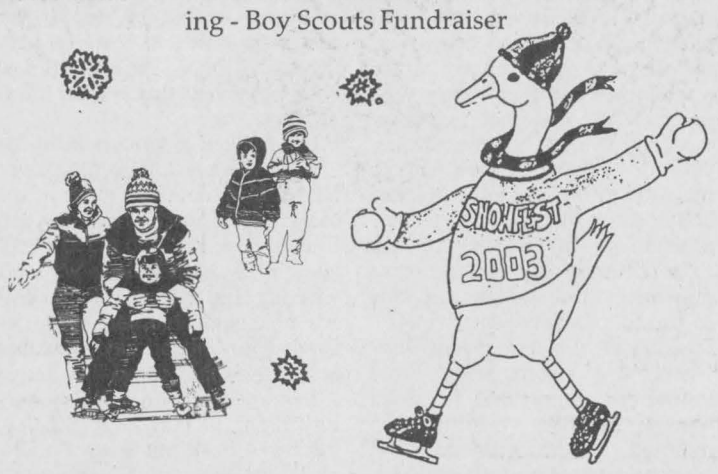
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 (EVENING)

6:00 Old fashioned bonfire & skating party at the Mill - hotdogs & hot chocolate & sticky buns
7:00 Entertainment at the Legion
6:00-8:00 Hockey Game - OPP vs. the Fire Department at the Arena
8:00-12:00 Teen Dance at the Drummond Building - draws & canteen Music by K&J Sounds - $3
Register for 4x4 Hockey

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 Registration for dog sled race at the Drummond Building
9:00-11:30 Pancakes at the Drummond Building - Boy Scouts Fundraiser



SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 Mid-Distance Dog Sled Race - starts on the race track
10:00 Studio "C" Dance Demo at the Drummond Building
10:00 - 4:00 Odyssey Adventures (rock climbing) $2/person at the Drummond Building
10:30-11:30 Shake-a-Paw Dog Training - Drummond Building arena
11:00-4:00 4x4 Hockey Tournament Outdoor Arena at the Ball Diamond
11:00 Kids Fun Games - Snow Bowling. PowderPuff Football, etc. at the Grandstand
12:00 Taffy Pull in front of the Drummond Building
1:00 - 4:00 Survivor - Winter Outback Sign up at the Drummond Building
1:00 - 4:00 Lumberjack Contest in front of the Grandstand
1:00 - 4:00 Euchre Tournament at the Legion
1:00 Kids' Snowshoe Races near the Grandstand
3:00 - 4:00 Edwardsburgh Figure Skating Club Show - at the Arena
6:00-1:00 Dinner & Dance at the Drummond Building; Hip of Beef Dinner *($20 advance tickets only)*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00-11:00 Registration for the Snowmobile Ice Drags at the Mill
9:00-1:00 Sunday Brunch - Drummond Building - $6 adults; $3 kids. Shrine Clowns on site!
9:00-4:00 Atom Level Hockey Tournament at the Arena
10:00 - 11:30 Open Mike Talent Show at the Drummond Building
10:00-1:00 Indoor "fishing" games at the Drummond Building Arena - Grenville Fish & Game Club
10:00 "Mutt Races" - near the Grandstand - bring the family pet (over 35 lbs.)
11:00 Ice Drags begin - start at the Mill. For information call 925-0449 or 925-4458
11:30 Fashion Show - inside the Drummond Building
12:00 Kids Tug-o-War - in front of the Grandstand
1:00-2:00 Snowshoe races and 2" x 4" races (old-fashioned skiing) - near the Grandstand
1:00 Dog Sled rides for the kids on the Fairgrounds

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Only Money!!

Well the federal government seems to have painted itself into a corner, yet again. The Gun Registry was to cost a lot of money, but now that so many gun owners have not yet registered their firearms and the final date has been extended, the cost continues to escalate. Talk now suggests that we are into billions of dollars, and even if and when every gun owner in the country has legally registered his/her firearms, will the result be what is expected by those opposed to legal firearms in any shape or form? I doubt it.

The entire rigmarole one has to go through to register firearms is ridiculous from the get go. If a safety program was taken but is not what the powers that be require, you are in for a weekend session of practical and theory instructions.An elderly man who has hunted since he was a young boy, had to take the course, not that he is not a safe gun handler, (probably more so than most) but the regulations say he has to go back to school before he can register the guns he has had for over fifty years. Going back to class when you are over 70 years of age is a stressful situation, one he should not have been made to endure. The teacher and the tester (different people) treated him well and he passed with flying colours as was expected. The additional years he worried onto his age cannot be replaced.

Then, the application for his licence to own the guns came ($ for a photo ID) and was sent. Missing the question concerning common law partners (he has been married to the same lady for 50+ years) was left blank of course, he has never been married or lived common-law with anyone else. Well, the person who checks the applications sent it back, more postage and a N/A added to this question and off it went again. How many of these were processed? How much time and manpower used? Finally the card comes and then the registering begins, serial numbers and company models sent off, more postage and more waiting.

The dilema was whether to go through the registration process at all. Worry about being illegal and wondering if the OPP would arrive to confiscate the guns he has owned all these years persauded him to go ahead with the registration.

Many have protested and had the courage not to register their firearms. There is no way the law is not going to produce the desired results. Those who would use firearms for criminal intent will continue to do so. They obtain their weapons through underground means in most cases anyway, and it is a sure bet they will keep doing so. They will not register their weapons.

A central registry on computer will allow hackers to get into the names and firearms scattered among the general public. They seem to know all the methods of getting to places they should not be and so any guns registered will become known to them and no one will be safe if a criminal deides he or she wants a firearm. What is the government thinking?

The money being used to carry out this registration deal could certainly be better used in our health system. When the waiting period for specialized tests is so long people are forced to suffer needlessly for months, the money being tossed into the gun program could be used to help the health system.Then too there is the education system which is in financial trouble, but then these two can take a back seat to a program that will that is destined to fail to achieve the hoped for results.

The youngsters, the siblings who played with the unregistered, loaded handgun which culminated with one shooting the other to death could not have been avoided through the registering of the weapon. It could well have and probably would have resulted in the exact same, sad conclusion. Unfortunately there are other methods of ensuring this kind of tragedy does not happen and it is not through registry.

The money being spent could be doing some good in another area of society, why isn't this being done?

How can anyone believe that by registering weapons they will not be used for criminal intent? How is this a deterrent? Let's be realistic folks.

If accidents are to be avoided, if guns are not to used to kill people or for criminal actions a registry is not going to accomplish any of these actions. By turning otherwise law abiding citizens into criminals because they did not register their firearms, what has been accomplished?

A tough look at this entire process is needed and needed now. The money can be put to much better use, NOW!

S.L.J.

Winter Splendor 2003



The Game of ice hockey ~ yeah!



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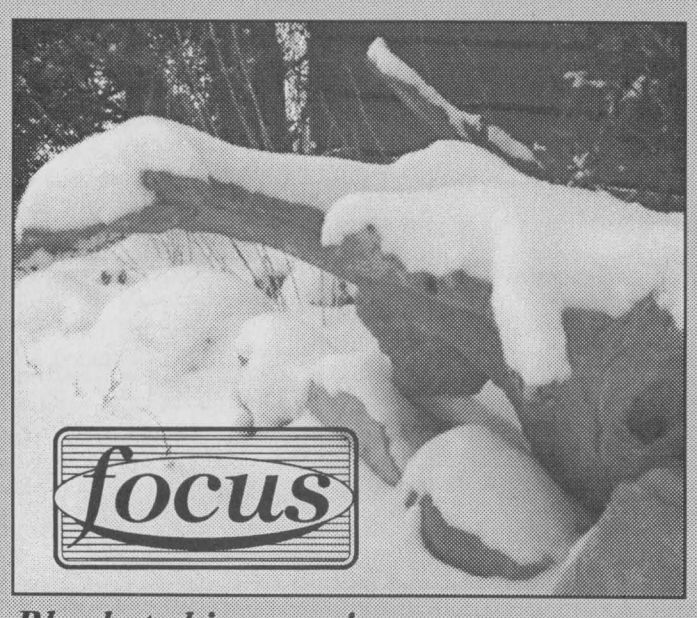
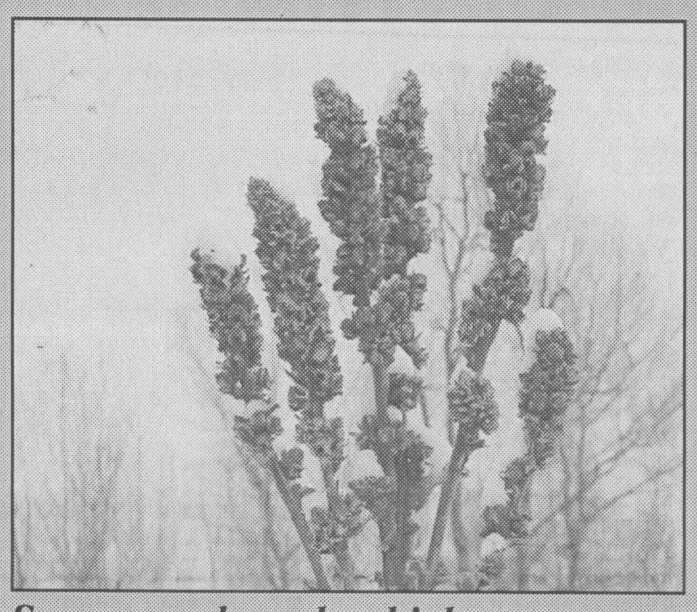


Blanketed in snow!



Christmas card material.



Snowy weed reaches higher.



A frosty outlook.

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Empty nest syndrome at Swampview

Just Plain Livin'

with Sandra Lee

Christmas must be over, it snowed!! The kids are gone and the tree has been tossed, the coloured lights are wrapped up and put away until next year and the gifts have been sorted and taken back to school or tucked into cupboards at home til summer. The turkey carcass has been souped and the leftovers cleaned up. The tree laid bare of decorations stands near the bird feeder so strings of popcorn and berries, orange slices and apple chunks can entice the Jays to snack other than at the feeder. A few stray decorations linger throughout the house, but for the most part the season is over. The outside lights have been dried and put away, the plan was to leave them up for a while a wonderful wintry welcome on a cold dismal night after working all day, but the number two son wanted to save his old maw the effort, since the big guy continues to be unable to accomplish much in the way of this type of thing. The sciatic nerve remains painful and short periods of time lapse between the prone position on the livingroom floor where he gets some relief. Frustrated and angry that he finds himself in this position, he returned to the classroom on Monday and we wait patiently for the call to come and pick him up. A schedule of visits to a physiotherapist seem to be helping with the pain control, an x-ray was taken and the CT scan is on the agenda for February, then we will have a clearer idea of what is happening and how best to help him. His mood is less than attractive naturally and his frustration at being unable to do all the things he wants to rears its ugly head quite often, but we will deal with whatever...that is what life is all about, eh?

The college kid returned to the city on Wednesday evening since he was scheduled to work at his local Tim Hortons Thursday and Friday. He dropped by briefly late Friday evening to leave his washing and ask about homemade chili and a variety of things needed to keep the apartment going, then was gone early Saturday morning, returning late Saturday night to stay over Sunday, pack and head out again Sunday night for the city. Classes were back in session Monday at 8am! He is definitely NOT a morning person, too bad he has to be there at such erratic times, but again he has to deal with it.

The university kid left his agenda flying in the wind this time home and so the plan to go back to Peterborough was shelved until Friday. This seems to make sense since Thursday was a bright, sunny and cold day and who wants good conditions for a three plus hour drive? Friday began not too badly, but by the time he was ready to head off westward the snow storm had blown in and brought with it another day at home to wait out the weather.

Where was this blanket of snow when the jolly guy who depends on Rudolph dropped by? Christmas has come and gone and whether we like it or not, snow always seems to make it seem seasonal. As the coloured lights sparkle off the snow and the laughter of children playing in the fluffy stuff ricochets off barren trees, we are reminded of years gone by when we used to get piles of snow. The Alight at Night show at Upper Canada Village was so very beautiful with the covering of snow, too bad the season could not extend when the snow falls. There difference when the white stuff covers the roadway and the sidewalks, as the colourful display lights up the night, sparkling colours on the snow add such a dimension to the scene it is simply awesome.

A couple of city cuzzins were involved in a vehicle mishap, and although they were shook up and the driver, their son was taken to hospital, he is home recovering. Not so for the car, it has gone wherever vehicles go when their usefulness is history. Thankfully the young man at the wheel did not panic and was able to get them out of the way thus avoiding more trouble as they were struck from behind by a driver who was attempting to pass them as they headed westward Saturday morning. One never knows.

The second son called as he left Highway 401 at Belleville suggesting that the pavement was clear and the traffic light. The plan was to head north at Kingston, but he felt the Highway was a safe way so stayed on it longer. Highway 62 he reported was clear and sparse traffic meant they would make good time to Highway 7. When next he called his worry wort mum, they had hit

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the bottom line

CISD 107.7FM, THE STORM IS READY TO HIT THE AIR WAVES again... as the Seaway Radio Station gets its second wind. Testing has been completed and Thursday evening, January 9, 2003, the station will be "on air" presenting a silent auction as a Fund Raiser. Among the items up for bids are Sens tickets, gift baskets, a Limo package, a Peruvian Mask and B&B packages. Tune in Thursday between 4 and 7pm to place your bid.

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THE OPP FESTIVE R.I.D.E. WAS A SUCCESS ACROSS THE PROVINCE as totals show. A total of 567.552 vehicles were checked at roadside checkpoints (605,600 in 2002). A total of 458 persons were charged with alcohol-related Criminal Code driving offences during the 2002-03 campaign. (552 during same period 2001-2) Some 449 persons were issued with the Administrative Drivers Licence suspension and were suspended for 90 days.

MARK THIS WEEKEND AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK ON YOUR 2003 calendar as the Matilda Winter Carnival gets underway for another year. The agenda is set and the events look like a pile of fun will be had by everyone who comes out to celebrate a great country winter celebration. The action gets started on Saturday night at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners.

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THE ANNUAL SNOWERAMA RUN SPONSORED BY THE EASTER Seals Society of Ontario is with the "Girls on Snow " and will be hosted on Saturday, January 11. The Run gets underway at the Morrisburg Fire Hall where breakfast will be available and the Run will conclude at the McIntosh Inn later the same day. All monies collected through pledges goes to Easter Seals and is spent in our area for our kids. This year's "Tammy" is Kayleigh Boyd who is a 15-year old teen with Rett Syndrome who Easter Seals has helped over the past 13 years.

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S. Dundas

one or two plants will be necessary to be constructed. A price tag of a million dollars is expected on this job as well. "These projects involve all levels of government and this always leads to a long process."

Mayor Whitteker spoke about the Nutrient management Act briefly as well noting he had attended meetings with other United Counties reps on the Environmental Cleanup Act which impacts all area farmers. he feels that Ontario farmers should receive subsidies of 70-80% of the environmental improvements they make to their land. "It is important for government to tell farmers how much they will get through subsidies so when they go to the bank for a half a million dollar loan they have an idea of how much they can count on getting back. I hope something will be in place by the end of next year."

While the budget is not expected to be brought forward until March, the Mayor says he hopes council can hold the tax rate where it is, but adds, "I don't think we can decrease any, what with the $700,000 commitment we have made to the Winchester Hospital Renewing the Vision Campaign over the next ten years."

Then he eluded to the smoking issue, whether to ban smoking or not. While the Mayor personally admits he does not like to be around smoke and sees a ban as a natural progression for the sake of health for those non-smokers, he suggests that the best thing is to wait and see how the province deals with this issue. "Don't hold your breath though, it is not the popular thing to do." He speaks of the decision to form a committee to survey the South Dundas businesses and the general public on a smoking ban, and agrees that they will hopefully recommend a butt-out on smoking . He adds that he hopes council will go along with such a recommendation.

He will once again sit on the Counties Roads Committee, and feels South Dundas is holding their own as far as snow removal and road conditions are concerned. "People appreciate good roads more than anything else we do and I think we are doing very good here in South Dundas."

Assessment procedures were touched on and the Mayor expressed his hope that these are done fairly. "The municipality may gain some needed revenues if the 5% commercial assessment cap is relaxed. Residential assessments should be conducted at market value and agreed with Councillor Barkley that many properties are over assessed. Tax rates will remain stable nonetheless according to the Mayor.

Eluding to the next election, Mayor Whitteker would not commit to running for office again, saying, "I have my toe in the door and I won't be pulling it out until six months before the election." He also felt the ward system will continue for now in South Dundas. We are only five years into amalgamation and each voter deserves a representative to stand up for their municipality."

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

will need to be bought this year. He added that, "as a rule we look at buying one piece of equipment per year."

There will be a discussion on water meters at an upcoming council meeting. The township will be investigating whether each house in the municipality should be metered and Mayor Dobbie says the discussion will be soon.

He says the General Manager of the Ports of Prescott, Bob Hennessy will be looking into "more avenues to create more revenue for the Ports and this is very encouraging."

"You have to be optimistic that it's going to be a good year. Amalgamation is never smooth, but I am hoping as time goes by those who have problems with the amalgamation will come on board. This will take time, but they have to accept it, we are one municipality now, not two," said Mayor Dobbie.

He says the year 2002 was a good one, adding that the municipality did a lot of projects. A new snow plow with equipment was bought and they learned a lesson with Walter and Lambert Streets when they tried to do the work in house and realized that the job was too big for their staff.

"This was a $200,00 job and you learn from things like this. I think it was a real learning experience for everybody," said Dobbie.

A new roof was put on the Public Works and Fire Hall in Cardinal and the Friends of the Edwardsburgh Library collected funds to put a new entranceway and wheelchair ramp on the Edwardsburgh Library.

"This is a community success story and it really finishes the look of the library off while providing new handicapped access," said Mayor Dobbie.

The administrative staff was restructured at the town hall in Spencerville and Mayor Dobbie says they got over "this hump to create the new CAO/Clerk job and hire Steve MacDonald who is quite an asset to the the township."

In February, the municipality hired Bob Hennessy as the new General Manager of the Ports of Prescott and Dobbie says he brings a lot of experience to his position which is always nice to see. He added that he works well with the existing staff.

In the year 2002, the township paved part of the Crowder Road, East Street in Cardinal and a small street in Johnstown. Mayor Dobbie says, "I am a strong believer in road maintenance and think the we should put money into our roads. I will be trying to get more work done on roads this year."

Another big item that made its way to the council table in 2002 was door to door garbage and recycling pickup. The entire township now has the service and Dobbie says he thinks it went over well especially in the rural areas where there previously was no pickup and added that he has heard nothing but good things about it.

"I think that it has been a good year for the township. We have made a lot of big decisions that helped move the township forward," said Mayor Dobbie.

Carnival

friends were doing it, and she thought it would fun and it would be a good experience. Sally is 16 years old, is in grade 11 at Seaway High School and enjoys skiing, doing creative arts and spending time with friends.

Caitlyn Markell is from Morrisburg, and is the 16 year old daughter of Wayne and Judy Markell, and has a brother, Chris. Caitlyn attends Seaway High School, is in grade 11 and plans on becoming a chef. She has wanted to participate before and her friends helped convince her that this was the year she should "go for it."

Lindsay Whitteker hails from Dixon's Corners. She has seemed to always manage to "chicken out" in the past but decided this year to give it a try. Lindsay is a OAC student at Seaway this year and is 18 years old. Her parents Gerry (Butch) and Susan Whitteker and brother Curtis wish her luck now and in her chosen career as a veterinarian.

Jessica Weatherhead is an 18 year old grade 12 student also attending Seaway High School. She is the daughter of John and Colleen Weatherhead of Iroquois, and has a sister Melanie, and a brother Isaac. Jessica decided to join the contest this year as she thought it would be a great way to show community involvement. Jessica plans on studying medicine in her quest to be a doctor serving our rural areas and possibly practising in an Inuit village in the future.

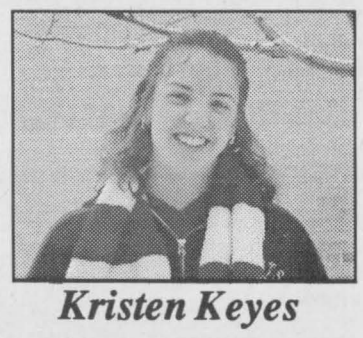
Kristen Keyes is from the Hulbert area, and is the daughter of Dean and Anne Keyes. Kristen is 17 years old and is in grade 12 at Seaway High School. Kristen saw her cousin enter the contest eight years ago and it looked like a lot of fun, so she decided to give it a try. Kristen plans of attending Lakehead University in Thunder Bay after graduation to study environmental science.

Sarah Robertson plans on attending either Ryerson in Toronto or the National Theatre School in Montreal to study in her chosen field of theatre, and therefore thought the experience on stage at the Carnival would give her taste of what her future holds. Sarah currently attends Seaway and is in her OAC year. She is the daughter of Scott and Margaret Robertson of Lakeshore Drive, Iroquois, and has two older brothers Andrew and Stephen.

Erin Hendriks lives in Brinston, and is the 16 year old daughter of Ted and Margaret Hendriks. She has a younger sister Katie. Erin told us she entered the contest because a lot of her friends have done it in the past and really enjoyed it. Erin plans on attending university in the future to pursue a career as a paramedic.

Ellen Fader was unavailable for comment at press time.

The Matilda Carnival is one of the best in the area, a lot of volunteer work and many hours go into planning and organizing this fine community event, so please come out and show your support. For a complete list of times and events, check out the supplement which you will find in this week's Chieftain.



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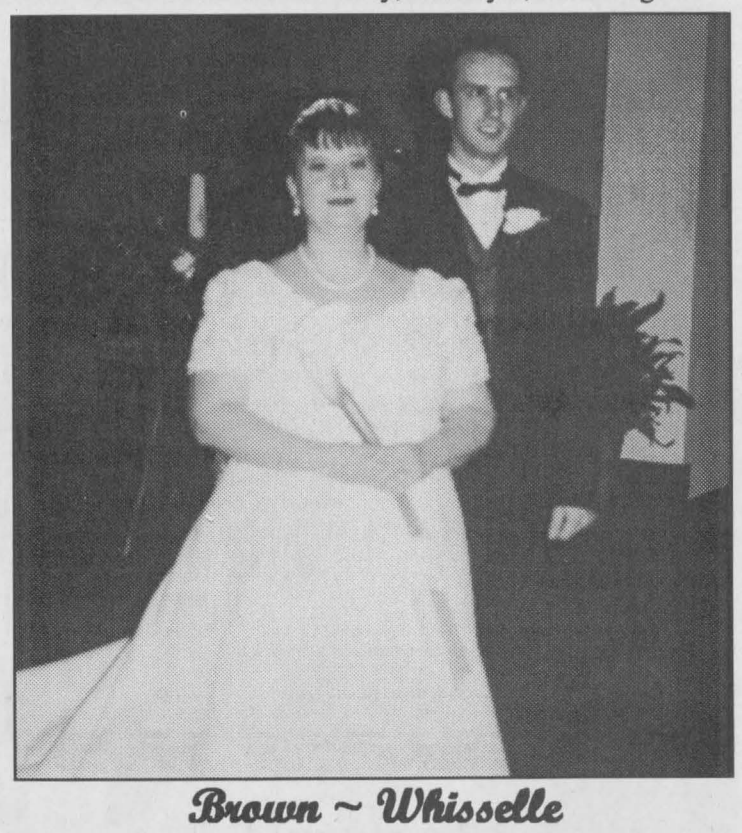

Brown ~ Whisselle

Margaret Brown, daughter of Rowat & Ruth Merkley and ***Warren Whisselle,*** son of Ivan and Barbara Whisselle, were united in marriage on December 28, 2002 at the Iroquois United Church. Reception was held following the wedding in the Church Hall. The happy couple reside in Iroquois.

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Tim Hortons in Peterborough and were headed to the girlfriend's house to drop her stuff and then to his house to unpack as well. He had food, including his homemade chili, fast food items to cook in a hurry and some goodies from Grams who always sends a care package when he leaves for school after each trip home. Snowmobile suits and helmets, boots and mitts were loaded into the car since he has two more trips to Haliburton for his research project. The first trip was long and cold on a snowmobile, the next two will be warmer for him and whomever he persuades to go along with him. This is done on a Saturday and so one of the house chums will go he hopes, company is a good idea when travelling.

The young nephew, great-nephew to be exact, stopped by as he tobogganed on Sunday and enjoyed a play and a snack. He is growing so very fast, it is great to see him regularly. He was able to visit with his Godfather, the eldest son has this distinction and they do not get together often enough with the college kid's busy schedule. Some cheese and crackers and chocolate milk seemed to fill the void he felt and then he headed off across the fields again.

The pond across from Swampview has been busy throughout the Christmas holiday with young and older folks skating and playing pickup hockey. It seems not all that long ago the sons were down there with parents and dog in tow, enjoying the ice. This year seems to be the very best yet as the ice froze so clear and smooth, many playful hours can be spent there for sure. It brought back memories of fun times as the sons were growing up as I watched and listened to the youthful laughter as it carried on the air to our veranda.

Sunday evening was such a perfect winter night, the still air was not too cold, as the odd fluffy snowflake drifted earthward, the walk for the paper and the cleaning of the walkway were not real chores. Winter is so much more attractive and inviting when it snows.

Take care, get out and enjoy the winter, this is one reason we live where we do, so we can make snowmen, snowmobile and ski, snowshoeing is coming back in vogue and sledding down hills and through gullies is always a hoot. Keep smiling and don't slip. The wisdom comes from George Eliot who said, "Gossip is the sort of smoke that comes from the dirty tobacco pipes of those who diffuse it; it proves nothing but the bad taste of the smoker."

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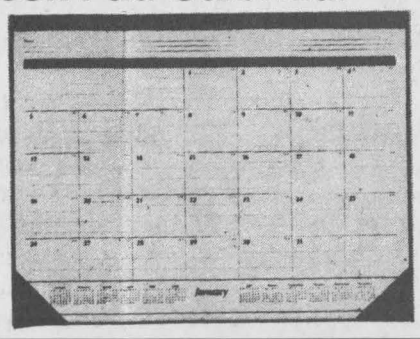

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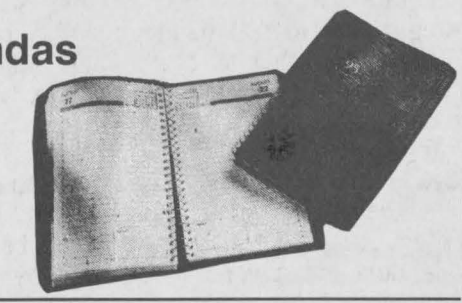

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Assistant Coach Scott Corden and Coach Tom Hodgson are proud of (in no particular order), Connor Hodgson, Brad Munro, Steven Baird, Daniel Stevens, Drew Morrow, Thomas Corden, and Spencer Peters, Evan Harper, Nathan McDonell, Derrick Thompson, Pat Chesbro and Drew Hutt.

Courtesy Photo

PeeWee C Lions celebrate another Championship

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Posting their second Tournament Championship of the season at a Christmas break tourney, the PeeWee "C" Lions are roaring strong.

Meeting the South Stormont team for the second time in the tourney, the Lions played well and defeated them 3-1 to claim the Championship trophy and bragging rights again.

Beginning the tourney on the right skate the Lions showed they had come to play this day as they beat North Dundas 5-0. Steven Baird was excellent in the pipes for Morrisburg as he gave his team loads of room to work. Earning the shutout was a fitting way for him to end this game.

Taking a 1-0 lead into the second, the Lions continued their streak as they scored again in the second. Three counters in the final frame gave them the 5 goals while Baird allowed nothing to get past him.

Scoring for the Lions were Connor Hodgson who nailed two into the twine as did Patrick Chesbro. Brad Munro shot the solo marker and earned the assists on two others for a great day of hockey. Evan Harper and Thomas Corden had two assists each while Nathan McDonell had one to his credit.

The Lions were on a roll as they headed into game two against South Stormont. Again Baird rose to the occasion shutting down the opposition quite effectively and earning himself another shutout. The scoreboard read 3-0 this time when the final buzzer sounded. Brad Munro got things started on a pass from Thomas Corden in the first. Late in the second the Lions turned things up a notch as Corden and then Harper bulged the twine to add to the tally. Chesbro and Munro figured in the Corden goal and McDonell and Andrew Hutt were there for Harper on his shot.

Meeting the South Stormont squad in the final it would prove to be the only match that Baird would give up a goal. A powerplay goal late in the first frame was the only time the puck would get past him. The Lions had scored and this unassisted marker knotted the score. Daniel Stevens had put the Lions on the board a few minutes earlier. Chesbro and Munro assisted. Late in the second, Chesbro bulged the twine with what would be the game winner. Stevens and Munro helped. Then it was Stevens who gave the Morrisburg team the insurance goal as he took a nice pass from Thomas Corden to give the Lions the victory and the gold for sure.

Atom C Lions sweep Competition

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Atom "C" Lions played in a tournament in Cardinal on January 4, 2003. Facing Athens in their first game, the Lions played one of their best games this season. A tight matchup neither team wavered. Goalies were tops as they defended their pipes with courage and skill.

When the final buzzer sounded, Athens had scored the only marker of the game. Bulging the twine with only 1:30 left on the clock, Athens claimed the 1-0 victory.

In their second game the Lions were up against North Dundas who have been tough opponents for the Lions all year long. The Morrisburg team has been unable to beat the North Dundas squad and again fell short by a 3-1 margin. Brandon Foster scored the lone counter for the Lions. Michael McPherson earned the assist.

The Game 1 Hustler Award went to Curtis Fowler while the Game 2 Hustler Award was taken by Brandon Foster.

The highlight of the tourney for the Lions had to be the Skills Competition, the Lions swept the field. Corey Fowler and Zach Dowson won the speed competition while Austin Marcellus won the shooting competition and Simon Thomas was the goaltending competition winner! Well done indeed Lions!!

On Sunday, January 5, North Dundas was in Morrisburg for a regular League game where the Lions scored five times to defeat the Devils 5-2. Austin Marcellus nailed two markers while Riley Nicolaassen, Corey Fowler and Michael McPherson scored singles in the victory. Earning assists on the scoring plays were Curtis and Corey Fowler, McPherson, Marcellus and Kristina Swank.

Junior B Lions make changes

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The final weekend of the year saw the Junior "B" Lions make a change behind the bench as former Assistant Coach, Garry Backdate took over for Barry Van Allen as Head Coach. Bob Deleavey remains as Assistant Coach.

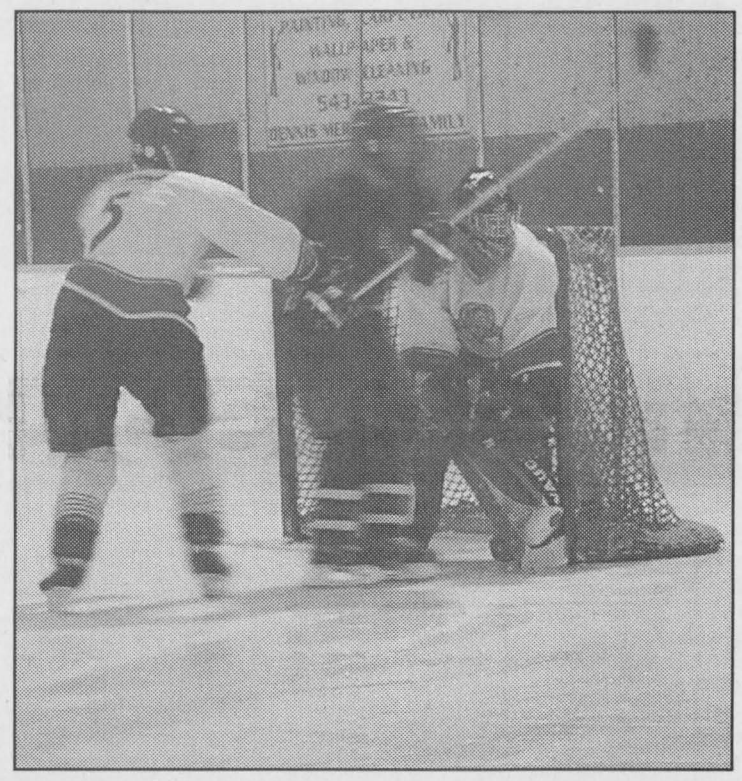
Facing the Kemptville 73s on their home ice, the Lions grabbed a single point on Sunday's overtime loss. The first two periods were good to the Lions then they seemed to fall apart, spending too much time in the box and not being able to pull things together again. The final read 6-5. Lions scoring came from Nick Desneves, Jason Denio, Wayne Garlough (who had two counters) and Matt Bailey. Jamie Lalonde was in the pipes for the Lions facing 35 shots while his team wasted 21 shots at the other end.

The Alexandria Glens came to town and the Lions started off playing tight hockey, a scoreless first frame kept fans on the edges of their seats. But the Lions could not find the twine. The Glens blanked the Lions 3-0. Lalonde was again in the crease.

On Friday night the Lions hosted the South Grenville Rangers and sent them home defeated, 6-1. Matt Van Egmond handled the Lions netminding duties. Scoring for the Lions were Charles Froment (2), Nick Desneves, Jason Denio, Marc Gagnon and Matt Bailey. Assists were earned by Matt Bergeron, Wayne Garlough, Gagnon, Bailey, Cory Cassell, Garlough, Desneves, Ghyslain Hotte and Greg Millard who came back to fill a void created by injuries and game penalties.

Sunday evening the Lions travelled to Athens to face the Aeros. Unable to get anything going the Lions came home defeated 5-2. Desneves and Jason Denio counted for the Lions. Earning assists were Danny Schwartz and Ghyslain Hotte, Desneves and Kelly Backdate. Two 10-minute misconducts were called against frustrated Lions players while the Aeros had one 10-minute assessed to them as well. Matt Van Egmond was again in the pipes in this losing cause.

The Lions have a tough road to hoe as they try to earn a spot in the playoffs. They have the talent, they need to remain focused and play as they are able to.



Junior "B" Action

Matt Van Egmond was hot in the pipes for the Lions Friday night as they hosted the S.G. Rangers. Cory Cassell (#5) gives him a hand as a Ranger gets in really close on the play. The Lions were victorious 6-1 in a well played game.

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Curling News

by Steve Thompson

The curlers wrapped up 2002 with another successful Turkey Bonspiel. The winning team members, Steve Boucher, Peter Ozinga, Mike Felker and Donna Stephens each took home a turkey. In the draw to the button, Donna won another one. Also winning were: Sid Morrell, Leanne Coady, Arnold Centen, Tony Toonders and Doug Tupper. A feast of wings (not from the winners birds!), platters of health fare, and the usual liquids from our well-stocked bar, sent the participants home in a happy mood. Rumour has it that Betty Locke had a sore arm after trying to hurl a fifteen-pound turkey the length of the ice. Apparently it's running surface was not up to the standard of our stones. Our thanks to Jack Dikland, the host.

The annual two-person bonspiel was played on Sunday, December 29th, ably organized again by Sydney Schnurr. As usual, there were inter-generational rivalries in evidence. The Schneckenburger family came out on top again, with three generations of top curlers. Patriarch Martin teamed up with his son Steve to win the "C" Final over Earl Jeacle and Harry Fetterly, while Martin's son Arden had his own son Warren with him, losing to Bob Bergland and Rob Delegarde in the "B" Final. The "A" Final featured Past President Sydney Schnurr with her son Jeremy against the eventual champions, Steve Boucher and Peter Ozinga. With plenty of pizza to keep curlers' strength up, and the remainder of the entry fees dedicated to the winning teams, it was another successful bonspiel.

Two senior men's teams split their games in Cornwall, Friday at the Parnell Trophy competition. Bob Bedington, Pete Zeran, Jack Dikland and Earl Jeacle, along with Don O'Brien, Neil Williams, Tony Toonders and Gerry Thompson represented Morrisburg.

On Saturday, Gerry and Cheryl Thompson, with Betty and Jim Locke, played in the 18-team Glengarry Fiddles Bonspiel and dinner in Maxville. Teams from Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec attended, with our four women losing a close match to a strong Maxville team, and winning their second one handily against another. The star of the show was the leader of our team's fan club, Dorothy Culkin, whirling around the dance floor to some excellent fiddle music.

Also on the weekend, Colin and Curtis Collins, Brittany Elliott and Rebecca Robichaud represented the home club in the Bantam Mixed Zone Championships in Russell. The team played well, but did not advance.

Finally, the Curling Club has received a donation in memory of Jim Fraser. If anyone else would like to make a donation in memory of Jim or of other curlers who have passed on, those curler's names will be added to our memorial plaque. The mailing address of the club is Box 25, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0.

League play is now under way again. Good Curling to all!

PeeWee C post New York State victory

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Holding the Massena team off and giving his team a chance, Steven Baird was tough in the pipes for the Lions on December 19 as last year wound down.

Scoring for the Lions was Pat Chesbro at 4:04 in the first period. Drew Hutt assisted on the first counter. Daniel Stevens came on strong in the second, nailing the puck with only 25 seconds remaining in the second period. Earning the assist was Evan Harper. At 6:11 of the final frame, it was Brad Munro who took the pass from Drew Morrow and Daniel Stevens and bulged the twine to ensure the victory for the Lions. Baird recorded another shutout, fending off 4 shots while the Lions Jeff LaVean faced 10 shots and David Tamblin replaced him in the second and was barraged with 12 shots by the roarin' Lions.

On Saturday, December 21 the Lions hosted the NGS squad.

NGS came out strong in the first scoring at 1:09. Steven Baird would not allow any more counters in this game, as the Lions could not get kick-started until the third frame. At 9:41 Evan Harper went in alone and scored. Then at 4:18 Connor Hodgson took a pass from the stick of Harper and found space to bulge the twine. The Lions won 2-1, posting the win.

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Minor PeeWee Kings participate in 4th Annual Bell Canada Cup

On January 2nd the Minor Pee Wee Kings participated in the 4th Annual Bell Canada Cup hockey Tournament with teams from Ontario, United States and Jokerit Finland, a total of 32 AA teams.

In the round robin action the Kings captured their division with a 2 win and 1 tie record.

In the first game the Kings defeated Rochester Michigan Rattlers, 2 - 0. Marc Roy and Michael Skakum scored the goals with Justin Seguin recording the shut-out.

In their second game the Kings tied North York Knights of Toronto, 1 - 1. Maxim St. Jacques scored the lone goal. Tom Allan played a strong game in goal.

In their final game against the Richmond Hill Stars, the Kings came out with a 4 - 0 victory. Brett Baker 2 goals, and Michael Skakum and Scott Summers each with one, while Justin Seguin recorded the shut-out.

In the quarter final game the Kings came up against Sault St. Marie and lost 2 - 0. Sault St. Marie went on to win the AA title by defeating Finland in the finals.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Iroquois and District

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

Cardinal Stamp Club will meet Wednesday, January 8 at 7 pm a the Cardinal Library. Interested in Stamps? Come out and bring your collection or check out ours! Everyone Welcome.

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These Canada Geese were spotted strutting across this snow covered corn stubble on the weekend. One has to wonder if they will find enough food to keep them fit and warm as the temperature dips below zero.

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OBITUARIES

Clayton Seeley

After a short illness at the St. Lawrence Lodge in Brockville Mr. Clayton Seeley passed at the age of 88 on December 23, 2002. Mr. Seeley was born on April 19, 1914 in Rowena and was a lifetime resident of the Cardinal Area.

Predeceased by his parents David and Sarah Seeley (nee Hess) and his loving wife Pearl (nee Simpson) whom he married on February 20, 1936 in Iroquois he was also predeceased by a son Nelson Aden, brothers Mahlon, Coleman, and Douglas and by a grandson Alan Boyd.

Mourning their loss are children Agnes (Alan) Boyd of Prescott, Bill (Barb), Frank (Nina), Gerald (Lynne) and Dale (Marianne) all of Cardinal. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

A pipefitter with Casco for over 37 years, Clayton's other interests included hobby farming, playing cards, gardening, fishing and feeding the stray animals. He also enjoyed his pipe and other refreshments as he sat on the verandah watching the traffic and waving at those who drove by.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal with Reverend Arlyce Schiebout officiating. Interment took place at Memorial Gardens in Maitland on Friday, December 27 with Martin Stobo, Alex Seeley, Greg Seeley, Norm Plume, Peter Boyd and Don MacLeod acting as pallbearers. Donations were accepted by the family to a charity of choice.

Acil Lewis

Suddenly at home in Dundela, Acil Lewis on Tuesday, December 31, 2002. Born in Matilda Township on October 23, 1933, he was 69 years of age.

Predeceased by his parents, the late William and Mae (nee Sypes) Lewis as well as a sister, Blanche Sypes and brothers; Arthur, Oliver, Rasty, Ernie and Orval, and infant children; Donna and Donald, Acil worked at C&L Feeds, Ramon Casselman Well Drilling, Caldwell Linen Mills and Prescott Elevators.

A lifetime resident of the Dundela area, Acil leaves to mourn the loss his wife, Beatrice (nee Billings) Lewis and children; David (Susan) of Morrisburg and Carman at home. Brothers and sisters who survive include Teresa (Lloyd) Barkley of Athens, Grace Lewis of Iroquois, Pearl (Bill) Skuce) of Hallville and Tom (Barb) Lewis of RR2, Iroquois as well as many nieces and nephews.

Acil will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Tommy, Tyler and Joshua. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, hunting, woodworking and visiting with family and friends.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Rev. Yvonne Mills on Saturday, January 4, 2003. Interment of cremated remains was at the Dundela Cemetery.



NATIONAL NON-SMOKING WEEK
JANUARY 19 - 25



Canada is one step closer to becoming a smoke-free society according to the Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey (CTUMS) for the year 2001. The latest results from CTUMS for the full year 2001 confirm that smoking rates continue to drop in Canada.

The survey reveals that 5.4 million Canadians, or 22 percent of the population aged 15 years and older, were smokers in the year 2001. Approximately 24% of men aged 15 and older were smokers, slightly higher than the proportion of women at 20%.

Although consistently lower than that of the early eighties, current smoking among teems aged 15-19 rose in the early nineties and has generally stabilized since 1992 at close to 27%. Encouragingly, smoking rates for teens has begun to decrease in recent years, from 28% in 1999, to 25% by the end of 2000, then 23% for 2001, and continues surveys support this trend. 22.5% of teens aged 15-19 reported themselves as current smokers in 2001, with surprisingly 24% being teen girls with 21% being male.

Young adults aged 20-24 still have the highest smoking rate of any age group, a high 32%. The smoking rate for males aged 20-24, which was at 41% in 1985, was at 35% in 2001. In 1985, the rate for 20-24 year old females was even higher than that for men, at 45%. Encouragingly, and down slightly 29% of women in this age group reported they smoked in 2001.

Not only are fewer Canadians smoking than two decades ago, they are smoking less. In 1985 daily smokers consumed an average of 20.6 cigarettes per day. Since then, the number of cigarettes smoked has been gradually declining to the amount of 16.2 cigarettes per day reported in 2001. CTUMS 2001 confirmed that men continued to smoke more per day than women: 17.1 per day for males compared to 15 for women.

The percentage of ex-smokers continues to grow. In 2001 24% of the population 15 years and older, or about 5.9 million people reported that they had quit. For several years now, there has been more former smokers than current smokers. This reinforces that tobacco control measures in the past decade by all level of government have been instrumental in reducing smoking by Canadians. These measures include, media campaigns aimed at increasing the awareness of health risks on the part of smokers leading to more of them quitting, decreasing access to teens, increasing restrictions on public smoking, increasing public education through larger and more graphic health warnings, restricting sponsorship promotion and greater efforts at all levels to educated and inform the public about the risks of exposure to smoke.

For anyone who has ever smoked and tried to quit it is indeed difficult. Results for the second half of 2001 for CTUMS show that 54% of former smokers claim to have succeeded quitting smoking in only one attempt, another 27% took 2 to 3 attempts and 19% claim that it took them 4 or more attempts to finally quit. Even though there are many ways to help smokers quit, 82% of former smokers claimed to have used their own will power to quit. Of other methods available 8 used the nicotine patch, 4% used the nicotine gum, 4% reduced their daily consumption and 3% used the drug bupropion to help them quit.

At the time of quitting, those aged 15-19 were averaging 12.2 and 12.9 cigarettes per day, respectively. The majority of adults 25 years and older averaged 18 cigarettes per day at the time of quitting.

Slightly over half of current smokers were advised to quit smoking by their doctor, or dentist. Reasons for cutting down from daily to occasional smoking, 45% were motivated by concern for their future health.

Regarding opinions on smoking in bars and restaurants, there is a definite perceived difference among all people on this issue. For restaurants, 77% of all respondants thought there should be severe restrictions on smoking, as 42% felt smoking should be banned altogether, and 35% thought it should only be allowed in enclosed smoking areas of restaurants. This was in contrast to opinions on smoking in bars, where 55% of all respondants thought there should be smoking restrictions as 27% thought smoking should be banned completely in bars, and 28% think it should only be allowed in an enclosed area of a bar.

Even current smokers had different attitudes about smoking restrictions in restaurants as compared to bars. For restaurants 57% of current smokers wanted some kind of restriction, 25% wanted no smoking at all and 32% wanted smoking only in an enclosed smoking area. In contrast to this, only 26% of current smokers wanted a smoking restriction of some sort in bars, 9% voted for no smoking at all, and 17% thought there be smoking in an enclosed area. While only 5% of current smokers thought it was acceptable to smoke in a restaurant, 44% thought it was acceptable to smoke anywhere in a bar.

Not surprising, the majority of never smokers 84%0wanted severe restrictions on smoking in restaurants, 51% of them thought smoking should be completely banned in restaurants, while 33% wanted enclosed smoking areas used. A noticeably smaller majority of never smokers (64%) wanted severe restrictions in bars, with 34% wanting it completely banned and another 30% wanting it allowed only in an enclosed area. Former smokers were also more tolerant of allowing smoking in a bar as opposed to a restaurant. Only 5% thought smoking should be allowed anywhere in a restaurant, compared to 23% who thought it was acceptable to smoke anywhere in a bar. The majority of former smokers, 76% thought there should be severe restrictions on smoking in restaurants, 36% wanted it banned completely, and 40% wanted designated enclosed smoking areas, compared to 59% who agreed with severe restrictions in a bar with 25% wanting a total ban on smoking and another 34% allowing smoking in an enclosed area.

As to the strength of cigarette smoked, 35% of current smokers smoked a regular type of cigarette, while 65% preferred a light, mild or ultralight cigarette. Of smokers who smoke light or mild cigarettes, 19% believe they reduce the risks of smoking compared to regular cigarettes, and 34% believe that they inhale less tar with these types of cigarettes compared to regular.

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McDONALD: On November 13, 2002 at the age of 66, our dearly beloved companion, stepfather and poppa, Joe McDonald, left a great void in our lives. But a lot of great friends and people are keeping his fun loving spirit alive. On December 21, 2002 we all said our final goodbye to Joe. His departure from our daily lives was honoured by the 1st Annual Joe McDonald Cribbage Tournament which was won by Ted Grattan with a perfect day. Ted says Joe was an angel on his shoulder. They had been partners in a Legion competition which got them all the way to Winnipeg for a game in which 1st place came home with them. I would like to thank all your many acts of kindness, sympathy cards, flowers and donations of choice. Thanks to Iroquois Legion, Ladies Auxiliary for the great luncheon, friends, family, co-workers, management and staff at Harland Veinotte Transport, Dr. Marston, Dr. Houze, Rev. Dolly Dikens, Danny McLaughlin Funeral Homes Ltd.
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down the existing water and sewer debt. With almost $3million left in surplus being held as a heritage fund for Winchester and Chesterville (the two Villages will be able to use the interest for special projects for six years). This fund could also be tapped into to pay for emergency projects in various parts of the Township. Once used, the funds would be replaced thus making available these millions when necessary. With this surplus on hand, the Mayor hopes to hold the line on tax increases for the next year. "We are in a good financial position."

Assessment may go up in the area, but this does not necessarily mean an increase in taxes. With the inflation rate at 4%, it will be difficult to hold the line, but Mayor Cousineau notes, "With the surplus, we should be able to cushion any raise in taxes."

According to the Mayor, North Dundas can look forward to a good financial future. With development up some 65% over last year (2001), Mayor Cousineau is proud of the Township's building boom in 2002, with some $13million spent in construction. Figures show 61 housing starts with some 200 building permits issued. Five subdivisions are presently on the go, two of them heading into phase two in 2003. Subdivisions are touted as a net gain for the Township overall growth. The expansion of Natunola in Winchester Village among other developments on the commercial side of business growth in North Dundas have enhanced life in the Township.

Suggesting that the biggest challenge he has faced during the current term of Council has been the downsizing of Council. In the next election, only four councillors will be elected, thus reducing the size of Council from nine to five. "There has been a lot of debate over this issue and it continues even yet," says the Mayor. The Mayor and Council have suffered growing pains since making the decision to change the makeup of Council. In appreciation of the efforts made by Council concerning this issue, the Mayor wanted to offer his congratulations to Council for achieving its present level of co-operation. As he looks to the election this fall, the Mayor says he expects the new Council to have a more distinct North Dundas Township identity.

Mayor Cousineau has announced that he will not seek re-election this fall. "Thirty years is long enough,' says the Mayor, who adds that he has had enough of being "hounded and hounded to no end." Mayor Cousineau served the first two terms as Mayor of the amalgamated North Dundas Township. He served seven terms on Winchester Township Council, three terms as Reeve, two as Deputy-Reeve and two as a Councillor after serving two terms as a Morewood Police Village Trustee. He was Warden of the United Counties in 1990 as well. "I'm going to miss it all, the staff here and at the County level, all the people." He states that his family operated upholstery business in Morewood has suffered and he plans on spending more time there and with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He will not be sitting ildely by as he leaves the Mayor's Chair, since he continues a directorship on the SD&G Community Futures Development Corporation along with his Eastern Ontario seat at Ontario's Rural Economic Development (RED) Program Board in Toronto. He is the provincial elections returning officer in Stormont-Dundas and Charlottenburgh as well and says he would be honoured to act as moderator at what he hopes will be many all-candidates meetings this fall. Unofficially he says he has heard that there may be two people from the present Council who may vie for his seat at the Council table.

Smoking is an issue that future councils will struggle with. "People are going to smoke. Where do you draw the line?" A smoker himself, Cousineau suggests that if there was a demand for a non-smoking business, it would have happened long time ago. "I don't see a problem with businesses enclosing well ventilated areas for smokers as an option for those clients who do smoke. I'm not going to interfere with someone's business, and I don't think too many on Council want a smoking ban to be enforced."

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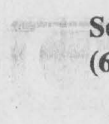
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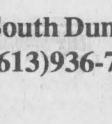
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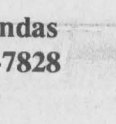
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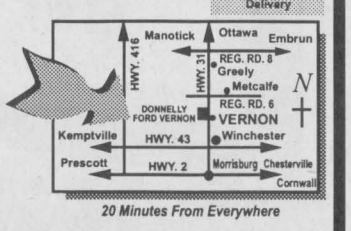

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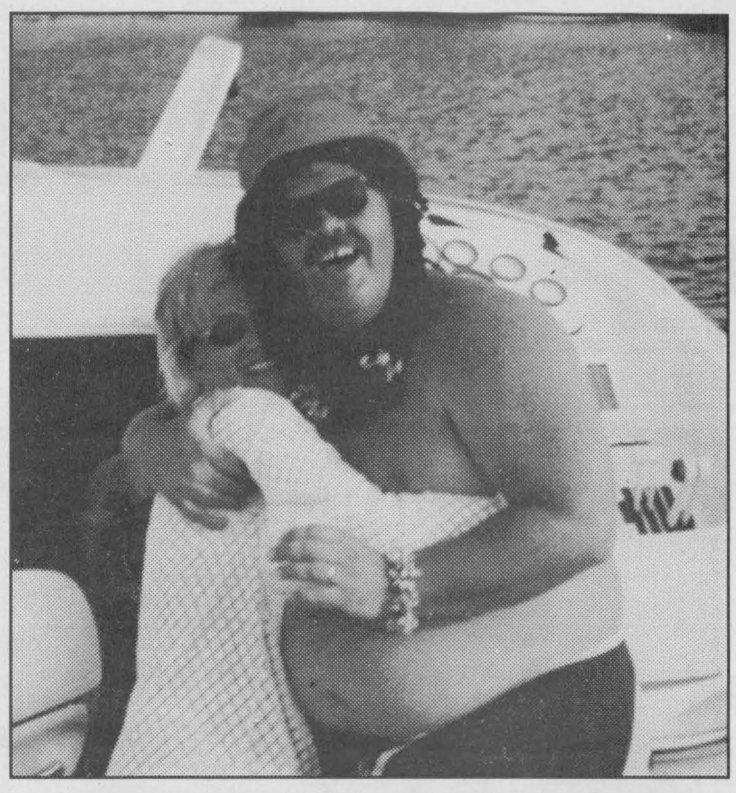
The recent snowfall has brought birds back to numerous feeders in the area. When it becomes difficult for the birds to locate food, they happily can rely on we humans to offer up a smorgasbord of delicacies for their taste pleasures.

Our Birder from New Wexford called to excitedly tell us she has her Cardinals back, as some neighbours of the writer have also reported. These beautiful, timid birds have not been back to see us yet, although we wait patiently. Good for you!! She also has a dozen Mourning Doves coming by regularly at specific times, Blue Jays noisily chant their arrival and Slate Grey juncos come by. Purple Finches, some 25 come by and Chickadees have been partaking of her goodies too. She heard but did not see some Crows and a large flock of Canada Geese are noticed on her neighbour's lawn. House Sparrows are regulars as well.

Our Irena birdwatcher was on the phone as the new year begins noting she saw 10 Wild turkeys crossing County Road 2 near Caravan Camp. Her feeders have been busy since the snow arrived, with 4 Tree Sparrows, the same number of Chickadees and 2 White Breasted Nuthatches at her feeder. The suet is popular as well with a Downy and a huge Hairy Woodpecker enjoying the meal. After the snow ceased she noted 3 Juncos dropping by and 3 Blue Jays. Eleven Mourning Doves came by Saturday and Starlings have been sighted today (Tuesday) checking out the suet. She doubts they will hang around long.

Keep those sightings coming. Call 652-4395 Monday or Tuesday (until 11am), you create this column each week and we appreciate your efforts. Good birding!



Lordy Lordy They're Both Turning 40!

Have a great one!

COMING EVENTS

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Friday, January 17:
W.R.D.
Dance 8 pm - 12 am
Sunday, January 19:
85th Birthday Party for Theonia Casselman
Pot Luck Supper at 6 pm
Music by This Old Heart and the Country Comrades
2 pm - 6 pm, Best Wishes Only
Saturday, January 25:
Caster River Boys
Dance 8 pm - 12 am
SPECIAL EVENT
Sunday, February 2:
Bull Head Feast
11 am - 3 pm
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January 17, 2003 at 7 p.m.
at Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners
Admission $3.00
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JAN. 26TH. - SUPERBOWL PARTY
JAN. 31ST. & FEB. 1ST. - STONE MELODIES
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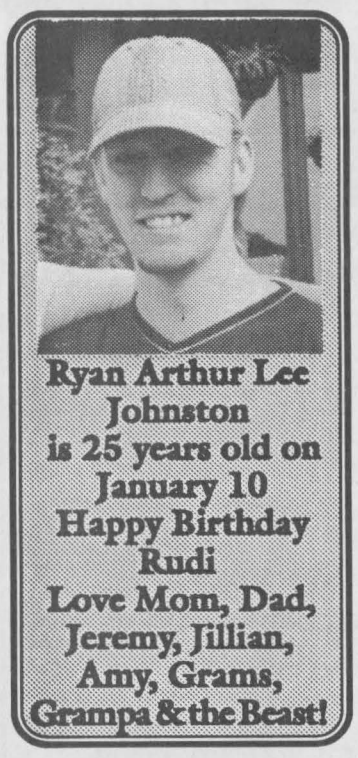

Ryan Arthur Lee Johnston is 25 years old on January 10 Happy Birthday Rudi Love Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Jillian, Amy, Grams, Grampa & the Beast!



Zandbergen ~ Edwards

Suzanne Zandbergen, daughter of Richard & Yettie Zandbergen of Iroquois and ***Marty Edwards,*** son of Ron & Janice Edwards of Ancaster were married on September 21, 2002 at Dundurn Castle in Hamilton, Ontario. The happy couple reside in Hamilton.

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