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Left to right, Thompson Rosemount Group Vice President Rick Eamon; Councillor Rowdy Gillard; Councillor Bill Ewing; Councillor Cam Martel. A Public Information Centre regarding plans to upgrade water treatment facilities in Morrisburg and Iroquois was presented at the Morrisburg Legion last Wednesday.

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South Dundas Council hikes own pay 50 percent

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas Council members boosted their honorariums by 50 percent last Thursday.

As a result of the increase, Mayor Johnny Whitteker's basic pay package rose from $10,000, to $15,000 this year — the same wage paid to several of his mayoral colleagues in SD&G.

According to a recent survey included the latest council package, the mayors of North and South Glengarry, South Stormont, as well as North Dundas, take home honorariums worth 15 Gs. The head of North Stormont Council receives $9,500.

The four South Dundas councillors increased their annual honorarium to $7,500, from last year's $5,000. That figure puts them ahead of councillor honorariums paid in North Dundas ($7,000) and North Stormont ($6,500), but behind councillors in South Stormont and South Glengarry ($10,000).

The increases bring the township's yearly council salary expense to $45,000, still substantially less than counties-leading North Dundas with nine members and a $78,000 payroll.

Honorariums aren't the whole picture of council remuneration, however. Members of South Dundas Council also receive $100 for each of approximately 24 regular meetings held every year, and $85 for less frequent special meetings.

Mayor Whitteker told the *Chieftain* on Monday that the meeting rates were left as is. The $100 regular meeting charge was last year increased from $85, he said.

Unlike the majority of 25 municipalities surveyed, South Dundas is one of the few that penalizes council members for nonattendance at meetings by not paying them for that particular meeting.

Also, there are no committees of council in South Dundas, for which members would normally be paid for attending.

"I like to deal with council as a committee of the whole," Whitteker said, explaining there are fewer problems that way.

Two-tier government does

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Better water, at a higher price

Treatment alternatives up for examination

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Water treatment in Morrisburg and Iroquois is set to enter a new [illegible] by the end of next year. So is the price paid by consumers.

That's the story embedded in the facts and figures presented last Wednesday at the Morrisburg Legion during a Public Information Centre regarding millions of dollars in planned water treatment upgrades for the two villages.

The event was arranged by South Dundas Township and its engineering consultant, the Thompson Rosemount Group, to receive public input on options for complying with provisions of the province's new Drinking Water Regulation, passed last summer in the aftermath of the Walkerton disaster.

Under the regulation, water drawn into municipal systems from lakes and rivers must be filtered, starting no later than Dec. 31, 2002. Water pumped to homes and businesses in Iroquois and Morrisburg, via two aging 1950s treatment plants, is presently chlorinated but not filtered.

Adding filtration capability will be a major, expensive undertaking, and possible options for revamping the entire system are being examined before a final design is chosen, as required under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process. All options presented by the engineers involve scrapping the existing two plants. They also project the province will cover 70 percent of capital costs, with the balance coming from users, debentured over ten years.

- Thompson Rosemount's preferred alternative is a single plant serving both Iroquois and Morrisburg and installing 11 km of pipe to connect the two villages. Preliminary figures presented at the meeting show this being the least costly for users, at $410 a year for an average household of slightly less than three people. Still, a household today pays only one third that amount on its water bill; less in Iroquois, where the cost comes to $110 a year. In Morrisburg, the figure is $135.

The new plant would be located in either Iroquois or somewhere on Lakeshore Drive, at a total capital cost estimated over $16 million.

- The second cheapest per household cost would see the construction of two new plants, one for each village, which, it is estimated, would produce a water bill of $415 per household per year. The annual operating costs are higher with two plants, according to the engineers, although capital costs are actually less than the first option, at just over $13 million.

- Abandoning the river in favour of a municipal well system is another option. Capital cost: nearly $18 million, and a yearly cost per household of $440. Large parcels of land would have to be acquired to make this idea work, which is viewed as one of its biggest disadvantages.

- Piping water in from a planned treatment plant in South Stormont Township would be the most expensive alternative, according to the engineers. Total capital cost: $23 million. Annual cost per household: $521. South Stormont also awaits word on funding from the province. The existing plants in Long Sault and Ingleside, like the ones in Iroquois and Morrisburg, were built by Ontario Hydro during the Seaway project and do not offer filtration.

It also seems likely that actual costs for any individual household will depend on consumption, as expressed on the gauge of a water meter. Switching the villages over to water meters appears to be only a matter of time now.

"Conservation is a key word. The government will go a long way to help you help yourself," said Councillor Cam Martel, noting a 30 percent drop in water usage that typically accompanies the installation of meters.

Iroquois has one rather startling water consumption statistic, according to Thompson Rosemount, which also operates the water and sewer systems under contract for the township. A whopping 38 percent of the water pumped into Iroquois simply goes unaccounted for. Data for the village suggests an average per capita usage of 1,245 litres per person per day. However, the firm doesn't consider this to be accurate. By comparison, the figure for Morrisburg is 428 litres.

Thompson Rosemount Vice President Rick Eamon conceded

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Contribution to training made by Government

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In realization of the importance of the heavy equipment operator industry in Canada and how vital to this country both economically and literally to the growth of the nation this sector is, the provincial government recently injected the training program at the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario with the funds that were very desperately needed to buy training equipment. Winning this $2.334 Million Provincial Grant, the OETIO remains one of the best kept secrets in Eastern Ontario.

The training of operating engineers for all of Ontario is centred near Morrisburg at the OETIO. Recognized throughout Canada and around the world as the leader in its field, the OETIO can now continue to improve as a result of this generous grant.

Increasingly complex equipment and new technologies have significantly changed the level and kinds of skills operators need in order to succeed in the field, as ensuring safe and high productivity remains a priority. The mighty machines of today are more advanced than they once were and complete safety and operator training is vital. The people at the OETIO are dedicated to preparing the young people who have chosen to become operating engineers for the journey ahead of them.

Statistics show a dramatic decline in the number of operating engineers in Canada and it is the goal of OETIO to close the gap that is opening ever wider as the baby boomer generation moves deservedly into retirement. A diminishing supply of youth entering the crane and heavy equipment operator field has the industry predicting a substantial shortage in the near future of operators.

Cost effective training is being developed as a result of this program grant using modularized curriculum, the innovative use of interactive computer and distance learning techniques as well as the introduction of simulation. In order to meet the requirements of simulation OETIO has established a collaborative agreement with the National Research Council of Canada and the Ministry of Training as well as Colleges and Universities to design and develop cost-effective simulators for mobile and tower crane operator training programs. Simulation will improve the standard and quality of training; improve the screening and selection of new entrants and apprentices; increase the effectiveness of learning and reduce the duration and cost of in-school training programs for

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Dumpsite options being looked at in South Dundas

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

One of South Dundas Township's two landfill sites is set to reach capacity by 2010, prompting council to look at its garbage disposal options, including a recommended expansion of the site.

Rick Eamon and John St. Marseille, engineering consultants from the Thompson Rosemount Group, led council through an explanation of the process to be followed under provincial environmental laws. Approval could take up to two or three years to complete, depending on the amount of public concern, and the engineers offered their expertise in handling the garbage portfolio.

The site would already be full if more aggressive trash compaction with a bulldozer hadn't been started several years ago, Eamon said.

"We're telling you to start looking at this sooner rather than later."

A 40-acre site owned by Ramon Casselman abutting the northwest side of the existing landfill has already undergone testing and feasibilities studies and is considered a true dump site contender. Thompson Rosemount did that work on behalf of the owner in 1997.

"Greenfield sites are rare, especially those that already have hydrogeological studies completed," St. Marseille said.

Mayor Whitteker said the township would be interested in buying the property, before somebody else does. "We have to deal with this."

Eamon estimated the property, based on preliminary studies, could take garbage for "at least 20 years and probably closer to

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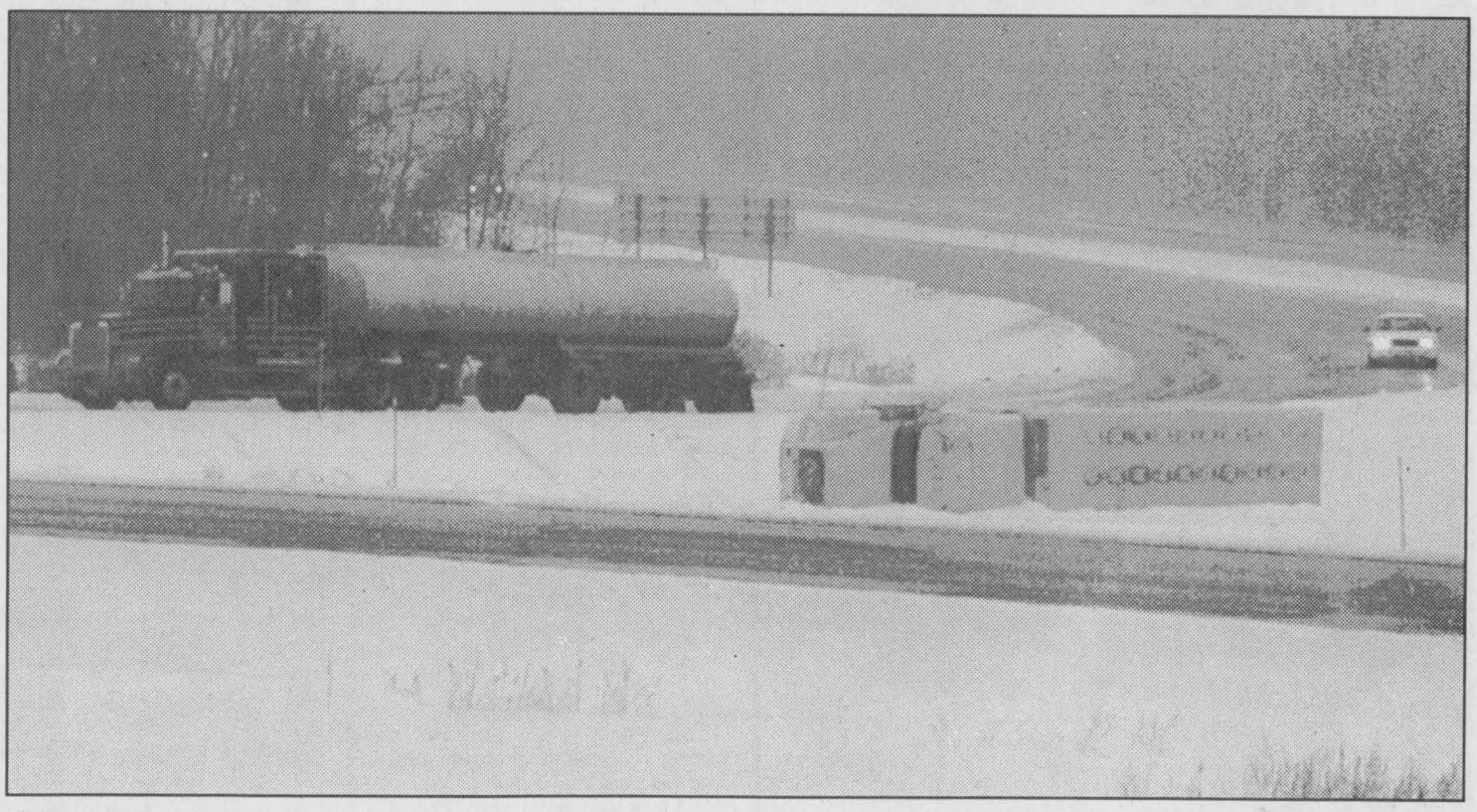

Truck down

Freezing rain made a slippery mess of roads last Friday. This rig ended up on its side as it travelled up the Carman Road off-ramp in Iroquois. Schools were empty, roads deserted and there were even a few downed power lines down around the area. Shades of Ice Storm '98 ... but the weather fortunately turned around to melt away the unforgiving coatings of ice.

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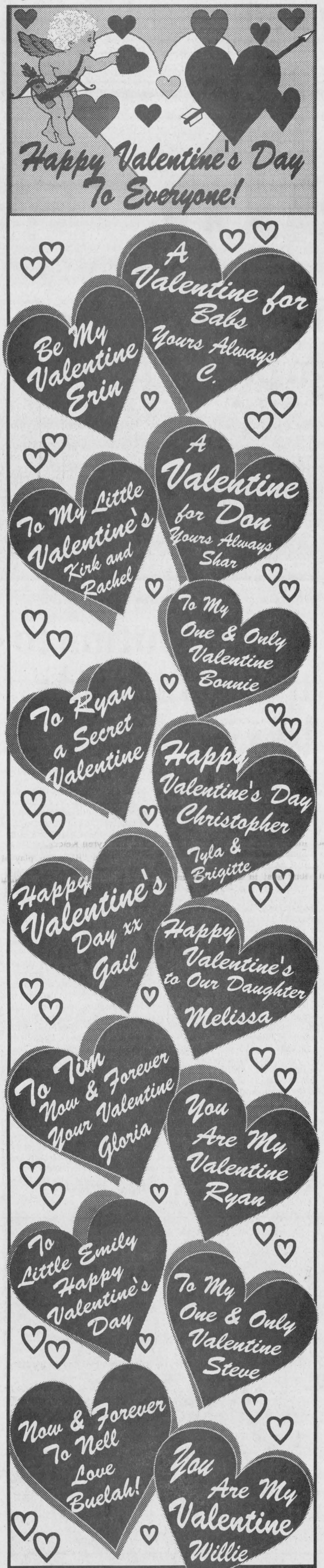
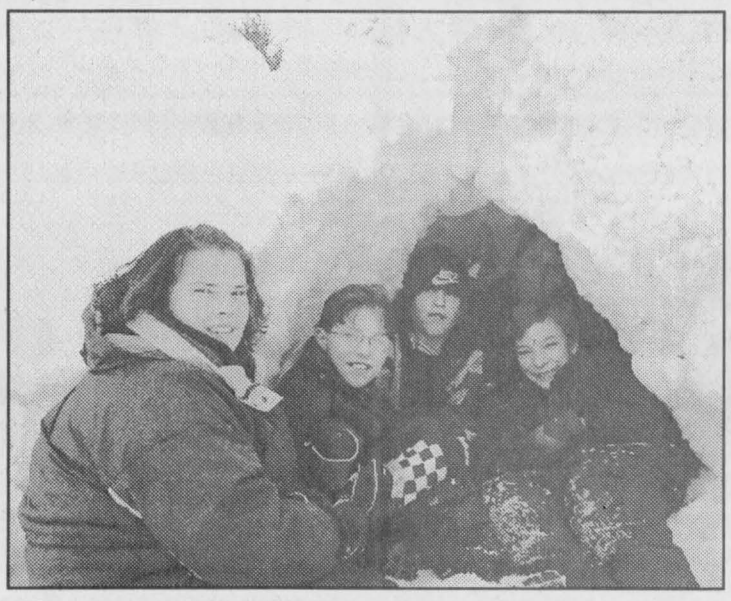


Students get hands on learning at I.P.S.



Cosy and Warm

Here we catch Mindy, Tim, Jonathon, Meggan and Cameron as they demonstrate how well their shelter would provide a cosy spot to wait out any storm. The chill as night falls and still no rescuers...this group would be fine. Well done!

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

What better way of learning than to experience the teaching?

The Grade seven class at Iroquois Public School are reading a story about a young man who finds himself alive after the plane he is flying in crashes. The pilot experienced a heart attack and so the youngster is alone in the middle of who-knows-where.

In order to be rescued, he needs to stay alive.

To stay alive he needs to attend to his physical needs immediately since it is winter time. A great read for this age, the outcome could go either way. As a means of bringing the story to life, allowing the children to really identify with the young man, the teacher had the class out in the snow last week actually "living" the experience. They were each allowed to bring ONE item from home that they felt would help them endure the hardships of a crash. Divided into groups they set out south of the school to demonstrate how they could hope to obtain shelter from the elements and hopefully sustain until help arrives.

Putting their heads together the various groups were busy creating shelters. Items they brought to school included shovels, sleds, pails, snow-block makers, picks and plywood...resembling or simulating items that could be salvaged from the downed plane.

One group was assigned to construct a bridge. Using the resources available to them and expending the least amount of energy (needed to maintain warmth) while being able to keep hope alive too, the students were doing an excellent job. Creating walls of snow, forts made from huge snowballs rolled into place or hollowing out a bank of s[illegible], they were all busy and seem[illegible] be truly learning how to survive such a horrendous event. Certainly when they returned to the classroom and the book, they would have a new understanding of what the boy in the story had to go through.

Children's Charities invited to apply at S&F Foodland

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Jim (Lewis) and Betty (McEwen) of S&F Foodland are getting set for CASH for KIDS. The coupons have arrived in town. Jim notes, "It is a win/win situation for us all. Shoppers save money and help kids at the same time, what could be better?!"

Bradley Bowden, a Grade 11 student and a talented athlete, has been a member of the Variety Village for the past five years. Born a paraplegic, Bradley is a shining example of what can be accomplished through commitment and determination. Variety Village assists thousands of special needs kids reach their full potential by providing a vast array of vital programs and services. Variety Village and CASH for KIDS (through GIFT) are proud to congratulate Bradley on his achievements.

Simply by using CASH for KIDS coupons, which are attached to shelves under sale items throughout the store, shoppers can benefit local schools, hospitals and community organizations...and youngsters like Bradley. Iroquois charities can be part of the program just by visiting their grocery store manager at S&F Foodland and applying for funding. Every registered charity whose mission is to help physically, intellectually and emotionally challenged children is eligible. This is the FIRST year in which CASH for KIDS is seeking out Iroquois children's charities. Shoppers, by taking the coupons from selected items to the cashier, you get 15% off, this money goes to help youngsters...what could be simpler? The coupons are switched on a weekly basis, so be on the lookout for them.

CASH for KIDS raised over $1.3 million province-wide in 2000. This money was given to dozens of children's charities across Ontario. CASH for KIDS is run by the Grocery Industry Foundation...Together (GIFT). GIFT is a full partnership between Ontario grocery retailers and distributors, their manufacturer/supplier community and members of the Ontario Food Brokers Association. "We in the grocery industry are proud to support children's charities across Ontario," says Mr. Bruce West, President of Sobey's Ontario and GIFT Chairman. he adds, "Last year we provided over $1.3 million in donations ranging from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario to Variety Village in Scarborough, the Huronia Centennial Elementary School in Elmvale to the Special Friends Club in Hillsburgh."

CASH for KIDS is the biggest in-store coupon campaign in Canada involving over 50 national brands, 2000 grocery stores and 40 million coupons. The public can help KIDS by purchasing everyday items using the in-store coupons and receive savings on their purchases. In turn, the manufacturers of the items donate 15% from every coupon redeemed to CASH for KIDS. This money is then provided to eligible children's charities across Ontario. Everyone wins!

During the month of February, use CASH for KIDS coupons (the coupons with the red heart) and you too will be supporting physically, emotionally and intellectually challenged children in Iroquois.



Jim and Betty with CASH for KIDS coupons.

CRIME STOPPERS

This week, Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in identifying the person(s) responsible for the Break and Enter and Theft at the arena on Caraway Crescent in Morrisburg. The incident occurred between February 9 and February 10. Two offices, two video machines and 2 candy machines were ransacked and the coins from the machines were taken. A black Motorola Cell Phone, Model 1500, Serial Number 00010534356110 was also taken.

If you have ANY information on this or any other crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477, for long distance call 1-800-265-8477.



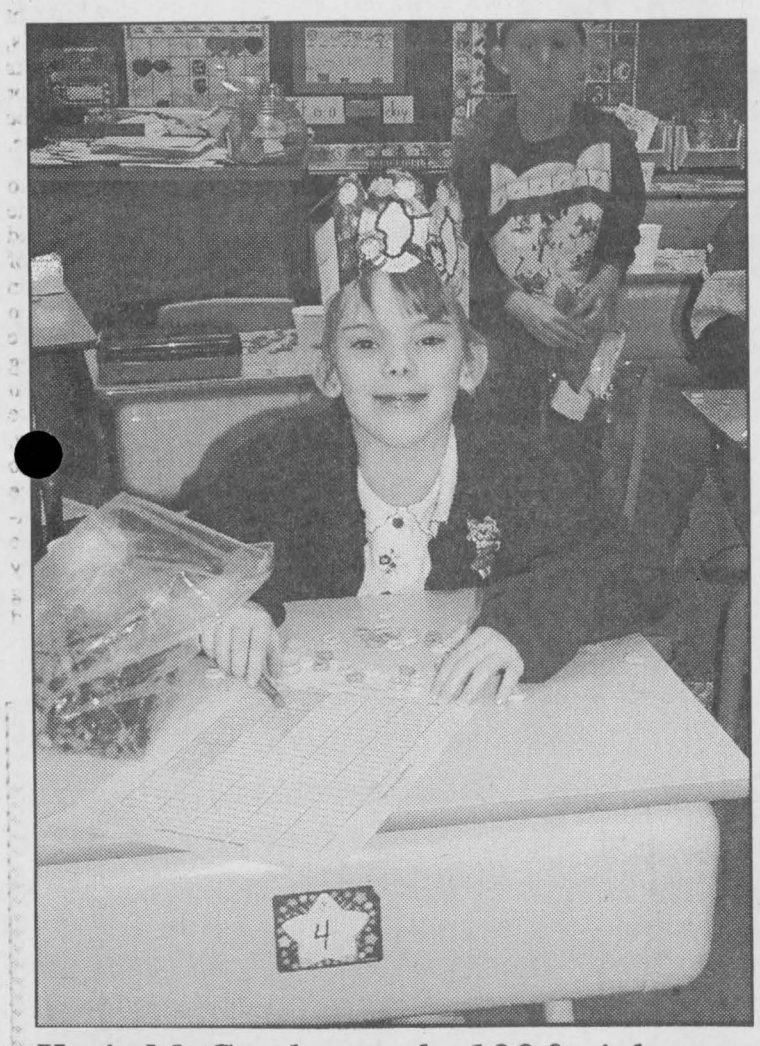


One Hundredth Day of school celebrations

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The primary grade rooms at IPS were extremely busy as one hundred of a variety of items took centre stage. It was afterall the 100th day of school and the youngsters were celebrating the fact.

Jennifer Perry and her grade 1 class were decked out in their 100th party hats and ready for fun learning as this reporter arrived in the school. Choosing partners was fast and the groups each received a bag with, you guessed it, 100 pieces of Lego which they had 10 minutes to use creating a masterpiece. They all did an excellent job! In the hallway a group of young ladies was occupied creating a chain of 100 links as another built a train from 100 interlocking blocks. Which do you figure would be longer? As they worked other students came in to help the teacher set up the 100 Heavenly Hash Snack. Each student had brought 100 pieces of a snack item, whether it be jelly beans, cereal bites, nuts or Timbits they were all shared. It looked good!!



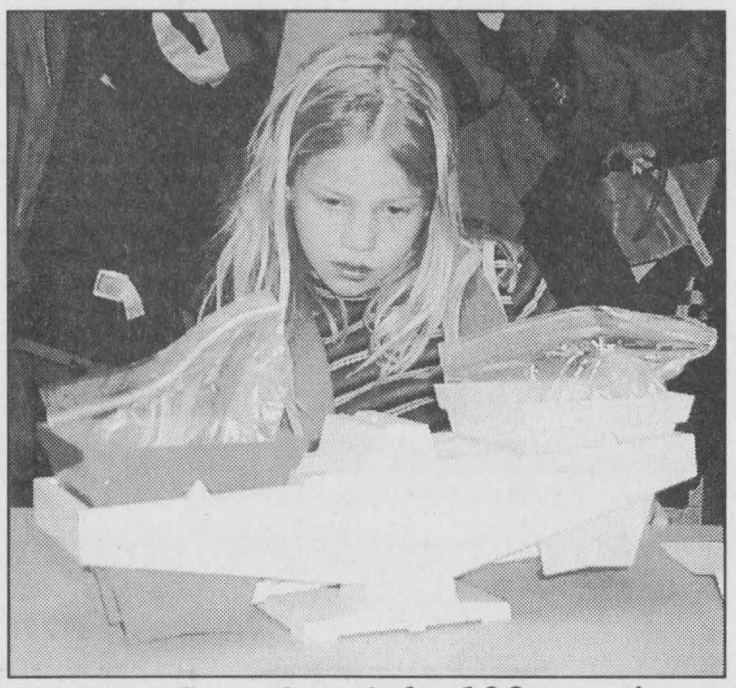
Katie McCurdy graphs 100 fruit loops.

As I checked out the Lego creations several students drew my attention to artistic pieces they had previously created from popsicle sticks, puzzle pieces and pictures, and yes, each had 100 pieces. One young gal even had a 100 cake!! They all take this 100 stuff mega seriously, they will know all about 100 for sure. What a delightful way to learn!! And yummy too!!

Then it was on to the split grades 1&2 and Ms. Campbell's class where again the 100 Party hats were evident. This gang was busily occupied graphing, yes even at this level. They were using fruit loops cereal to colour graph 100 in a variety of groupings.

The Grades 2&3 class and their teacher Ms. Bryan were working with 100 as well in a number of ways. They has each brought in 100 items of choice, and they had a menagerie for sure...there were Davin's 100 paper clips and Janice's 100 kernels of corn; there were beads, pennies, gummy bears, hair ties, and clothes pins to name but a few. The students were weighing them, (Should 100 pennies weigh the same as another 100 pennies?) and they counted to 100 in a variety of ways, by 5s, 10s, 20s and 50s. They figured out the easy way to get to the 100 too!! They wrote down what they would wish to have 100 of and also what they would never want 100 of...an interesting thought, hummmm.

Jared Gibson showed his art work whether the students were asked to draw themselves now and as they think they will look in 100 years. Jared showed himself demised and his wife spilling 100 tears for him! These youngsters are pretty sharp indeed. Learning needs to be fun and these events demonstrated how it can be done. These students will never forget 100!!



Krsitine Swank weighs 100 pennies...



Casey Lizert (cake), Nicholas Runions (Puzzle) and Zachery Lalonde (Sticks).

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson

As we near the middle of February, the end of winter is in sight, with longer hours of sunlight and more warmth to the sun too. The freezing rain, ice pellets, snow, fog and rain of last Friday, however reminds us that winter is still here.

February is the month when Crows will return en masse from more southerly regions and the first Horned Larks should appear. Larks may mix in groups of Snow Buntings and Longspurs. Their preferred habitat is ploughed fields, grassland and lawns.

A resident from the Chess Road has a **Pileated Woodpecker** in the woods near his home. The bird is a shy resident which has lived there for several seasons. A



Fisher is a visitor too and about two weeks ago killed a **Ruffed Grouse.** Feathers and tracks in the snow told the story. Fishers are making a comeback in this area and are fierce predators taking cats and calves for prey, as well as other ground dwelling animals.

The same resident, while leaving work at Maitland on Friday, was treated to a view of a **Bald Eagle** which had taken shelter from the ice storm in a tall tree. As the **Eagle** flew down from the tree, ice flew off his body and sparkled in the light. At home, back on Chess Road, **Owls** call each evening.

Speaking of Eagles, the Eagle population in the Thousand Islands area appears to be expanding...41 Bald Eagles were counted during the 27th Annual Thousand Islands Christmas Bird Count held on December 30. A flight survey on January 12, 2001 from Cape Vincent to Massena, New York was conducted and 65 Eagles were counted.

As mentioned in a previous column, you can find results of Christmas Bird Counts by going into the Internet at www.birdsource.org.

A report from our Irena Road bird watcher included a sighting of a dozen (grey) **Hungarian Partridges** at the side of the Oak Valley Road north of Hulbert. They were getting grit. Grit is used to grind up food in the birds' crop (Part of their digestive system). Three **Deer** showed themselves as well. A small assortment of feeder birds too...-**Goldfinches, Chickadees, Blue Jays and American Tree Sparrows** visited her feeder.

An article was mailed to me by a gentleman on Lakeview Drive about the decline of the House Sparrow in England's larger cities. In a previous column we mentioned this problem, the reasons for the decline of this species is not known yet. When birds species start to decline, this is an indicator that something is wrong in the environment. A male **House Sparrow** showed a lot of attention to a female at a feeder on Caldwell Drive. Spring and mating season are not far off.

Reports were very scarce this week. Your observations, anecdotes and reports are important to the success of this column. Please call them in to 652-2555.

Atom B Lions wrap up first place in Eastern Division

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Atom "B" Lions wrapped up first place honours in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League's Atom "B" Eastern Division last week with some great plays.

Hosting the NGS Braves last Wednesday evening, the Lions came up in the winners' circle with a 3-1 victory. With this win the Lions ensured home ice advantage through the Eastern playoffs.

Chris Tindal got things rolling early in the first period off a Brandon Elliott pass for a one goal lead. The winner came off a point shot from affiliate player Scott Summers who stepped in from the Novice "B" team to help out, Darren Baldwin earned the assist. Allan Waddell added an insurance marker late in the third with help from Pat Bongers and Elliott. The Braves broke Ryan Swank's shutout bid with only 40 seconds left in the game.

The previous night in Potsdam, the Lions were on the winning end of a 5-3 decision, lead by a four-point game from Elliott. Potsdam opened with the first goal of the game. The Lions took a one goal lead going into the second period. Collin Chesbro connected on Jane Moss's rebound setup by Elliott. Elliott scored the go-ahead counter from Bongers. The second frame was scoreless. Elliott added his second of the night taking the pass from Tindal at the beginning of the third. Potsdam came within one midway through the final frame, but Ali Tait gave the Lions a 4-2 lead on an assist from Summers. Potsdam played well and were able to come within one with 30 seconds remaining in the game. Pulling their goalie, Potsdam were determined not to lose this one, but Elliott added the unassisted goal for the Lions as he dumped the puck into the empty net for the 5-3 victory for the Lions.

On Saturday, February 10, the Lions travelled to Kingston to participate in the Ernestown Jets Annual Atom "B" Challenge Tournament. Dropping their first two games to South Stormont and Gananoque, both 2-1 in tight matches, scoring came from Scott Summers with the solo in the first game and Elliott nailing the lone goal in the second game.

Both goals were unassisted. The third game, the Lions seemed to find their strength and won 3-0 against Odgensburg. Scoring for the Lions were Jane Moss who bulged the twine twice and Allan Waddell who added the single. Assists went to Alex Whelan, Baldwin and Elliott. Swank was in the pipes to record the shutout. The three Players of the Games were Alex Whelan, Darren Baldwin and Tyrell Keicks.

The Atom "B" squad play at home in Morrisburg this Wednesday night, February 14 when they will face Cornwall. The puck drops at 7pm. See you at the rink! These are the future stars of the NHL...

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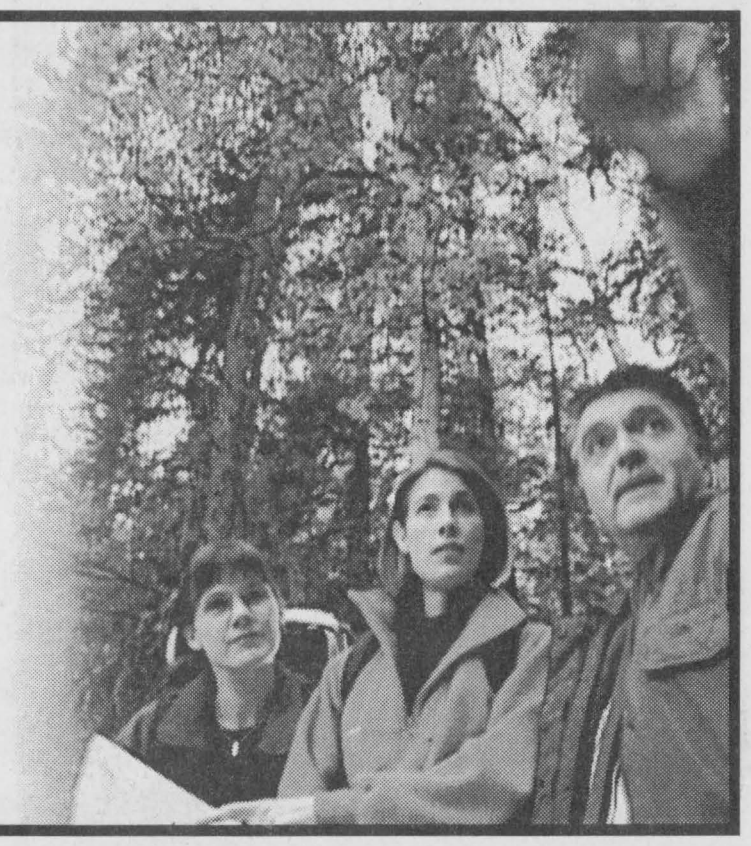

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Trouble on the Farm

Did you eat today? Then, you need to be concerned.

Farmers are taking to the streets.

They are leaving their barns, their livestock and their fields to drive huge tractors, combines and anything else they can manoeuvre down city streets to make sure no one is missing the point. "Voicing the pain" as they say. Some 1200 made it through the main drag in Cornwall to draw attention to their plight.

The promises made to them, to the farming communities, the backbone of our country, by the provincial and federal governments were never kept. They promised some $300 Million, $180 Million from the federal government and $120 Million from the province. Where did it go? Who is spending it? Where is it needed more than in the farming community?

Other countries, even other provinces provide subsidies to their farmers that enable them to grow crops and make a living, to milk cows and make a living, why doesn't Ontario? Norway for instance gives upwards of $34,000 per farmer, Japan tosses $20,000 and Canada, that wonderful land of the free enterprise gives her farmers only $7,500...WOW!

To many farmers in this province are facing foreclosures...can you imagine losing land that has been in the family name for six or more generations? And if the rest are to get a crop in they need help now!

Do we the consumer want to purchase sub-standard imported food...with no money forthcoming, there will be no consistent product on the market, the standards we are used to will disappear and what will be left?

Our area is driven by agriculture. If we are to secure a future in the agriculture field we have to push the elected people into action before it is too late.

Were you aware that January 8 was the date when most consumers had earned enough money to pay the farmers share for the entrie year?

February 6 was when the average consumer had earned enough to pay the yearly grocery bill...

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The only way to preserve our food supply is to ensure a strong agricultural economy in this country.

Weather conditions last summer seemed to be the "Straw that broke the camels' back" as it were, after three years of low pricing and outdated support, the agricultural industry is being destroyed in this country....

Demonstrations, group efforts and local meetings are falling on deaf ears.

A lack of cash flow, the inability to make payments on necessary machinery, crop inputs and maintaining their livelihood is in jeopardy, production costs are crippling our farming industry.

It is in all of our interests to protect our grass roots, after all we all eat. Farmers are being driven off their farms in large numbers, inept government policies and a lack of concern for such a vital part of our economy.

Agriculture was our past foundation, it still is for our future, but it need to be able to compete in the highly subsidized marketplace of the new millennium. How can our farmers compete against their American counterparts where the income support in the USA is several times higher than our own (oil-seeds and grains for example)...how can Canadian farmers begin to compete let alone survive? Be heard.NOW. **S.L.J.**

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Wish Child from South Mountain gets her wish as Make-a-Wish Foundation brings her Disney World

by Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Kayleigh Boyd, from South Mountain, is just like any other teenage girl, she likes to watch teen movies, go to school and she loves the band NSync.

But there is one thing that makes her different than other teenage girls. She has Rett Syndrome.

Kayleigh was born with this disease, but no one knew at that point. She developed normally until she was about 18 months old, but her parents, Dean and Terry Boyd, became worried when by 18 months old she was still unable to walk. The Boyd's are dairy farmers and operate Kevlyndale Farms.

She was able to talk, play and made her way around by crawling. But at 23 months of age, she regressed. She would hyperventilate all the time, she began to hold her breath for up to 60 seconds at a time and not turn blue, she lost her skills to use her hands, she couldn't crawl, talk or feed herself anymore. All of this took place within a week or two.

In 1989, just two years after Kayleigh was born, her parents brought her to see a neurologist and within ten minutes he diagnosed her with Rett Syndrome.

Terry made it her mission to learn everything she could about Rett Syndrome and today she is the President of the Eastern Ontario Chapter and Vice President of the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association.

Although today, at 13 years old, Kayleigh can't talk and is in a wheelchair, she can still communicate, picks her own clothes, attends Grade 8 at Nationview Public School and reads teen magazines and novels.

"She is the first child with such a level of physical and psychological disabilities to be included in a regular classroom. She has been fortunate and Nationview School has been absolutely incredible. She has had wonderful teacher assistants and the one she has now is incredible," said Terry.

Kayleigh regressed faster than most girls who are diagnosed with the disease. She has had severe seizures since she was five years old which get very aggressive. She needs total care, her parents feed her, give her drinks and assist her with personal needs such as getting dressed.

Rett Syndrome is caused by a gene mutation that occurs before birth on the X chromosome. Because females have two X chromosomes and males have one X and one Y chromosome males with the disease will most likely not survive to birth. Rett Syndrome occurs in one in 10,000 to one in 12,000 female babies.

"Kayleigh understands a lot. She reads novels at a Grade six level and answers modified questions and answers with symbols. She understands and can retain knowledge. She could never communicate with us unless we give her the opportunity," said Terry.

Her parents are able to tell what she wants by using symbols of food, activities and places in the house. Kayleigh can either look at the symbol of what she wants or touch it to indicate this is what she wants.

"She picks her own clothes by eye gazing at what she wants. She is a big fan of Pepsi and Ruffles plain chips," said Terry.

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One of Kayleigh's favourite pastimes is watching her movies and television shows. Her parents made a suite for her when they renovated the house, which includes a bathroom, her bedroom and what has become known as Kayleigh's living room.

In November 2000, Kayleigh got her wish from the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Her first wish was to go to Disney World, but because of her condition this wish was not possible. So the foundation decided to bring Disney World to her.

She received a Lazy Boy loveseat which she picked out, a big television, a DVD player, a multi-sound system, two cabinets, a VCR and a special remote control so she can control the channels herself. Their goal was to set her up with her living room for life.

"She loves her entertainment system. She is in her living room every night and as many days after school as possible. It has made her life more special. Her living room is an appropriate place to sit with her and she can get out of her wheelchair," said Terry.

Kayleigh gets fed formula all night through a tube which provides her with all the nutrients she needs. From the age of 3 to 8 years, Kayleigh had many problems with seizures which caused her to lose her appetite. She never gained any weight during this time.

Kayleigh has a brother, Parker who is 15 years old and a sister, Breken who is 17 years old, who offer great help and support for her. This year, Kayleigh had a lot of seizures and now she is on the last medication possible to help her, after this she will have to go to an experimental drug.

Terry and Dean will have Kayleigh with them for the rest of her life. Most girls with Rett Syndrome either die from seizures or in their sleep, this is called sudden unexpected death.

"I think the people from the Make-a-Wish Foundation are incredible people. I met three of the ladies and they are the most caring, loving and supporting women," said Terry.

"It is an honour to have dealt with them and they have done many special things for all of the family. We feel they are an extended part of our lives and it is great that they do this for children."



Kayleigh Boyd, a South Mountain girl who has Rett Syndrome, sits on the loveseat the Make-a-Wish Foundation gave her.

A blast from the past as ice spreads a slick

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

What was that blast from the past we experienced on Friday? There were so many reminders of Ice Storm '98...the ice rain, the coatings on the wires, the vehicles, the trees, shrubs and eaves troughs...even the wheel wells hung with icicles. The grilles of the truck and car were heavy with ice. The howling winds kept many from sleeping, tore rooves off, tossed tin and branches and rattled more than one window. Slip-sliding away as we attempted to walk to the mailbox, sanding our path as we trekked to the pavement which resembled a skating rink we recalled that morning three years ago when the power went out and the Great Ice Storm Adventure began. Thankfully the college kid had stayed in the city overnight or he would not have been able to go to school. Although he got no sleep, he did accomplish a pile of assignments. He will no doubt look back at these all-nighters in his later life and chuckle.

A trip west Saturday revealed wires touching the ground as the weight of the ice was just too much for them to bear. The news reports showed our French-Canadian neighbours to the East were not too fortunate either as poles snapped and they endured without power for some hours. They certainly must have been shaking in their boots as they recalled the days without heat and light back in '98.

The aches are lessened this week due to a visit to the Massage Therapist. His magic fingers and knowledge about muscles and bones and how painful muscle spasms and carpel tunnel can be... he worked wonders with the back. Sure after the treatment the pain can be worse for a time, especially the morning after, but a bath in epsom salts helps and eases the pains a lot. Another treatment this week will be exactly what the doctor ordered as even the arthritis seems to respond well to the massage therapy.

On the topic of arthritis some information has been brought to my attention and it seems that some of the symptoms that have been bothering me; like the excessive tiredness are part and parcel of the disease. Getting in touch with the Arthritis Society and gaining support from them and others who suffer with this same affliction will help as the joints become even more swollen and stiff and the everyday things seem more difficult to deal with.

It is already the middle of February, the shortest month of the year. Spring is coming, although the drastic chill that burst upon us belies the feeling that spring is just around the curve. The days are growing longer and the sun is higher as we head home after work each day and this encourages us. That old sun even tries to radiate some real heat when it gets the chance. Weekends like the one just past are no fun and everyone grumbles with the February blahs. The snow is hard and sliding on hills is out, but the ice is great and skating provides hours of fun for all ages. Anyone who had the opportunity to check out the snow sculptures on Parliament Hill or to skate the canal, enjoy beaver tails and take in the shows offered are lucky. This weekend promises to be a great one in the city so if you can make it, go and enjoy.

Today is Valentines' Day and since the gift this year of dinner out was already enjoyed on the weekend we had only a card to wait for this AM. Hope Cupid took care of each of you in style this year. The Stockade Barracks served up a fine dining experience for the occasion and this one had a great time.

A stop at the local public school this week was a treat as students celebrated the 100th day of school this year. The early grade youngsters are so cute, so many remember the editor from various other places and are not in the least shy about speaking to you. Like Tyler who will never forget that I helped take the wedding photos for his folks special day, or Janice who became part of a focus one week, some have been in the news previously, some take a bit of teasing in stride and still others hope they will not be in a picture and turn their faces the opposite direction...they are cute for sure. Having taught in my younger years, it is always fun to go to a classroom and see how things are evolving in the education system in the new millennium. So many exciting things are happening, a great atmosphere for youngsters to learn in.

The university kid called and seems anxious for "reading week" to arrive. He will come home this weekend for a few days of regular rest and some quality time with his folks and relatives in this part of the woods. This will be his final visit before the semester is complete and the year at Trent draws to a close. The transition will be tough for sure since he

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the bottom line

THOSE STUDENTS WHO ATTEND TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WILL take part in the Annual fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation...Jump Rope for Heart today, Wednesday, February 14, Valentine's Day from 1 to 3pm. A fun way to get exercise and earn money for research into Heart and Stroke is always a valuable contribution by the students.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILLIAMSBURG HERITAGE GROUP will take place on Monday evening at 7pm. Park Lane Seniors Support Centre is the location for any interested parties to join in. The featured speaker for the evening will be Michelle Lalonde of Seaway Valley Tourism. Isabelle Williams of the Heritage Group advises us that they now have their Charitable Tax Number and so can offer receipts to all donors.

THE DIXON'S CORNERS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED Church congregation invites the area to join them in welcoming their new Pastor, Reverend Clarence Whitten. Thursday evening Rev. Whitten will celebrate his installation, February 22 at 7:30pm, and the Youth Worship Service will take place on February 25, Sunday in the evening.

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UPPER CANADA PLAYHOUSE WILL CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY ON Saturday, February 17 with the Johnny Reid Show. Things kick off at 8pm when Johnny who was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland and now lives in Ottawa takes to the stage. A rare performance where he will unveil some of his new songs in a very intimate atmosphere. He promises to describe the influences in his new music and some of the experiences he has had in this next stage of his career. Presented by Tri-Co Broadcasting (operators of The Blaze 101.9FM, Variety 104.5FM and The Jewel 1220AM) and Johnny Mac Entertainment. Call 543-3713 for tickets which are going fast at $15.00 each.

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will need to get back into the country feel and move away from the hustle and bustle of University life. We are not to pick him up until Sunday and hope the weather co-operates since he has a lab assignment and wants to complete it before coming home. His friend through the door is heading for France with his mom today for the reading week break...we wish them a safe and fun-filled trip. Winning their hockey game was news and not getting mangled on the ice was another. Funny how a mother worries about such things! The college kid suggests that I worry too much about everything, and perhaps he is right, but what can I do? His break week falls the following week after his brothers, but they will have some time to share during the week the younger one is home. The college kid and his city cuzzin are trying to get time to go to Trent to visit the university kid, check the school out as she prepares to head off to higher learning next year. Things have not worked out well. The college kid plans to trek to Hamilton in his break to visit two friends there. One of them graduates this spring and so things will change again in their lives.

The tiny Tempo was having a problem and so ended up in the garage, seems it was wires, a distributor cap and rotor. Hope this is all til the warm weather arrives. The Merc got a new exhaust system yesterday afternoon and should be good until warmer climates return. The Bronco was leaking antifreeze again, the stop leak did not repair the problem, so it also was in for repairs. Seems the salt took its toll and rusted the bolts holding the manifold gasket in place. It too should be set for a while. Now to pay for all this .... and make final school payments too.

Those with young children, save all you can as the years go by, it goes rapidly once they leave high school!

Keep a smile on your face and enjoy. The forecast is hinting at another ice rain as this is being typed, sure hope it avoids us...

Take care and stay warm. The wisdom comes from Benjamin Jowett who said, "The way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit for them."



Memories of '98

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

The '91 Ford grille was heavy with ice, last Friday morning, too much like the '86 Ford grille we snapped during the Ice Storm of '98. Wow! Was it DeJaVu, or what?

LETTERS

Mad as can be

To The Editor,

After attending the "public Consultation Meeting" that had been scheduled to present the facts and options of new water supply systems for the towns of Iroquois and Morrisburg, I decided to make a few comments.

A consultant firm was hired to investigate five alternatives that became evident when our provincial government set new water treatment requirements in the wake of the Walkerton water problem.

I was amazed at the lack of consideration that the elected township project contacts were showing to the ratepayers who chose them to represent their wards in the last municipal election.

When we entered the legion, we observed a series of large cards explaining the history of our water treatment. These cards continued to explain the five options available and then summarized one option that appeared to be the choice of ALL project contacts (Preferred alternative). Summaries of the other options were NOT made available for comparison. After reading the cards, it appeared that if you had any questions you were to find someone from the consulting firm to answer your questions. Consultant firm representative introductions were never made.

I now find I have a few other questions... How can the company that is responsible for the day to day operations of our water supply be hired to investigate all options in regards to improving our water treatment? Is this not a conflict of interest?

How can a consultant firm be hired for this contract without tendering? Are not our grass cutting and snow removal contracts tendered?

How can a decision that required public input be made now when the public has not had sufficient facts to question their contacts?

Who decided that a presentation by the consulting firm was not required?

Is this the way our decisions are to be made?

Is this the type of meeting we can expect during subsequent municipal elections when "Meet the Candidate" gatherings are held?

The only logical solution is to arrange at least two proper public meetings to ensure everyone can make arrangements to attend. These meetings should be well advertised with the correct date. Media should be invited to observe and report to their readers on the questions raised. Then and only then should we allow our project contacts to move on to the next step. To quote from the movie "Network"..."I'm as mad as Hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."

Mike Thompson,
Morrisburg.

Many Thanks

Dear Editor,

As you remember I have been through hell with cancer which was diagnosed six years ago. People are still amazed at my recovery. I was on morphine for a very long while at 1 litre per month and decided over two years ago to go "cold turkey" from this powerful drug. This was no easy feat, but with strong willpower, similar to what cancer demonstrates is within when you know you just cannot give up...it made it possible for me to write this letter. Presently I am facing another challenge. I have gone "cold turkey" as far as cigarettes are concerned. I stopped smoking, and have found it to be rougher than leaving the morphine behind. I am prepared for a tough road ahead, but the only way to beat it is like I did with cancer and just "Do it!"

I hope to be a help to those who are facing similar challenges in their lives. I know that anything is possible if you are willing to fight hard enough.

I want to express my appreciation to our local butcher, Les Crawford who inspired me to go for it and continues to be an inspiration to me in my battle to defeat yet another obstacle in my path. Bravo Les!

Yours truly,
Paul Gary Lepman.

Win & Tie for Bantam Lions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Facing the Char-Lan Rebels on Monday, February 5th on their home ice in Williamstown, the Lions defeated their opponents in front of a crowd of Rebel fans. When the final buzzer sounded the Lions were up a decisive 7-3.

Holding the Rebels scoreless in the first, the Lions got on the board when Jamie Hess found his target and bulged the twine in the Rebels net. Cole Dingwall earned the assist. The teams traded goals in the second as Dingwall took the pass from Brandon McKendry and Brad Francis to go ahead by two before the Rebels could beat Nick McGill in the Lions net.

Roaring loudly, Lion forward Hess again found his mark. Helping him were Dingwall and Shawn Workman.Before the period ended Ben Baker went in solo to count the fourth goal for the Lions. While the Rebels did push the puck past McGill one more time in the third, it was not even close enough to get them in this match. The Lions would count three more before the game ended. Goals came off the sticks of Robert Thurler (assist to Dingwall) and Kyle Jarvis who got a hand from Justin Elliott and Thurler. The final counter for the Lions came off the hot stick held by Jamie Hess as he went in on a solo effort and made sure.

Then on Thursday evening the Lions hosted the North Dundas Demons. This well played game would end in a knot, as both teams came out strong and played a tight match. The first period belonged to the Demons as they found their mark behind Matt Dillabough in the Lions pipes twice, while holding the Lions sticks still. They came on strong in the second as well and made the scoreboard read 3-0 before the Lions could get anything going. At 6:07 of the second, it was Travis Baldwin who beat Craig Moran in the crease for the Demons. The North Dundas team were not yet ready to quit and came back to answer this show of strength by the Lions. The scoreboard was not popular with the Lions nor their fans as the Demons were up 4-1 as the third began. Coach Workman had words of wisdom at the break that inspired his team as they headed to the third. They were determined and it showed as they skated hard and capitalized on - scoring plays. At the same time they held their opponents scoreless throughout the final frame. Scoring for the Lions in the third were Shawn Workman who got help from Jamie Hess. Then it was Brandon McKendry who took the pass from Cole Dingwall and Frankie Buwalda to keep the action fast paced. Kyle Jarvis was able to beat Moran in the North Dundas net as he skated in with Justin Elliott and Jamie Hess helped to even things. Each team served four penalties in what proved to be a great game to watch.

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Taming the Wolves

Lance King, in the pipes for the Akwesasne Wolves could not believe that the puck had slipped into the net on this play. Lions Greg Millard (#15) and Paul Gauthier (#10) earned assists on the play at 9:17 of the third frame as Nick Desneves had dumped another one into the twine. This was goal number 8 for the Morrisburg team. The Lions roared enroute to victory as they tamed the howling Wolves on Wednesday night last week. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*



Tops at Darts for Hearts

This group was the best of 31 teams that competed in the Darts for Hearts tournament at the Iroquois Legion last Saturday. It was the 10th year for the popular tournament, which raised $1,365 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Left to right are: Ann Farmer; Brent McCooeye; Donna Hodges; and Jake Summerfield.

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

Junior B Lions hanging in Divisional third place

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

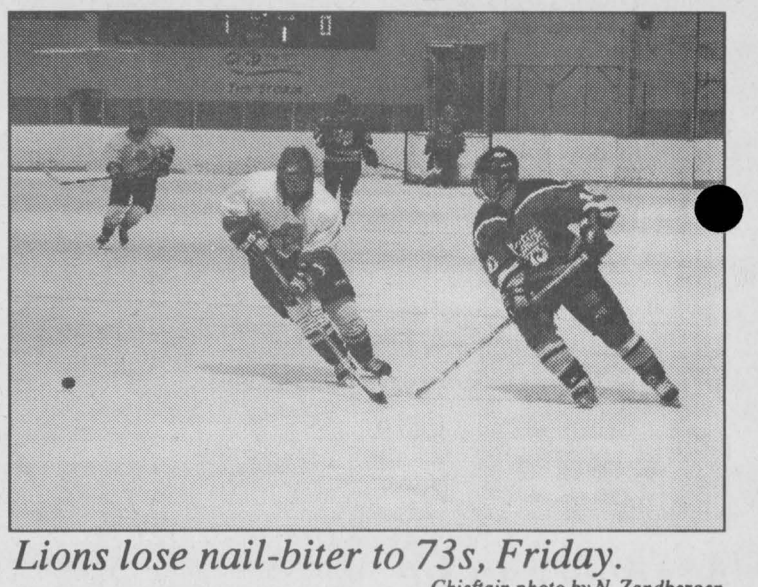
Sebastian Thibault has a strong hold on third place among the scoring leaders of the St. Lawrence Division, the same place his team hangs onto in the Division. Thibault has earned 70 points behind J. Winchester from the Hawks who has 75 points. In first place is Nick Besner of the Glens with 89 points to his credit.

The Lions are hanging tightly to third place in the Division with 48 points behind the Glens from Alexandria who have 50 points. The 73s from Kemptville have a strangle hold on to first place with a commanding 60 points.

Facing the Akwesasne Wolves on home turf last Wednesday evening the Lions were roaring like they have not done of late. Holding the Wolves scoreless in the first two periods, Jeff McIntyre was hot in the pipes. A solid defence in front of him helped and the scoring plays were topnotch hockey. A physically rough game the Lions were up to the test as the final read 9-2 for them.

A powerplay goal in the first at 17:36 got things started off on the right skate for the Lions as Peter Barnett found his mark. Then, with 1:26 left in the period Paul Gauthier bulged the twine for the second counter. Assists went to Wayne Garlough, Sebastian Thibault and Jamie Barkley. The Lions roared in the second as they were relentless keeping the pressure on Lance King in net for the Wolves. The puck would find its mark behind King four times in the second frame. The hot sticks belonged to Lions James Morrell, Carson Runions as Thibault and Gauthier both found the spot again. Assists went to Paul Dedekker, Runions, Jamie Barkley, Jon Chambers, Barnett and Garlough. The Wolves finally found space in the Lions net as they came out strong in the third, but that was all they could muster and their frustration showed as they spent considerable time in the penalty box. The Wolves received three game misconducts.

Two powerplay goals in the third gave the Lions a commanding lead as Gauthier earned a hat trick. Then Nick Desneves scored and at 6:18 of the final frame, Thibault solidified his hat trick as well scoring again. Helpers went to Barnett, Gauthier, Chambers, Greg Millard, Garlough and Jamie Barkley.



Lions lose nail-biter to 73s, Friday.

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A penalty-riddled game the Wolves served 17. Jesse Thomson was ejected from the game at 3:13 of the third to serve two 10-minute penalties, a 5-minute and four 2-minutes. His brother Drew Thomson went to the showers at 9:06 of the second.

On Friday night the Lions hosted the Kemptville 73s and played another terrific game losing a heartbreaker in Over-Time. The Lions came out confident from their win over the Wolves in the first scoring at 16:-14. Peter Barnett set the tone for the hometeam as he took the pass from Wayne Garlough and Jamie Barkley to net the first counter. The 73s responded by scoring at 7:54 of the first to leave the ice after one, with the score tied. The Lions kept the score knotted in the second as they replied to another 73s goal. This one was slipped past the 73s Goalie, Tim Craig by Garlough as he teamed with Barnett and Sebastian Thibault on the powerplay. Kemptville sits on top of the heap and they showed why as they came back to score the only marker in the third to knot things and put the game into OT. A real nailbiter, OT was anyones'. The 73s scored, then Thibault scored for the Lions. This one could have gone either way, but as the OT period wound down the shootout saw the 73s score to end the game 5-4 in their favour. The Lions did a fine job against a tough first place team whom they will have to beat to stay alive in the playoffs.

Saturday night the Lions travelled to Alexandria and for the second time this week came up short. A great effort just did not pay off for the local lads...the final read 3-2 for the Glens. After a period of tight play where neither team allowed the other to get close to the net, the Glens popped two past McIntyre in the Morrisburg net. The Lions figured out how to get the puck past Trevor Conning in the pipes for the Glens and at 19:13 of the final frame Thibault added to his goal tally with help from Barnett and Jamie Barkley. He found his mark again at 17:29 as once more he took the pass from Barnett and David Payette for the second counter on the powerplay. Morrisburg 's frustration showed in the third as Jamie Barkley went off early to serve a 10-minute misconduct in the third, and the Lions Coach was called on a Game Misconduct at 7:35.

The Lions season is winding down to a close. They will host Char-Lan on Friday night, with the puck dropping at 8:30pm. Saturday evening they will travel east to face the Akwesasne Wolves in their last regular season game. The Lions face the Alexandria Glens in the first round of play. This should be a good series with so few points between the two teams. The Char-Lan Rebels go up against the first place 73s in their best 4 of 7 series.

Come out and support the local lads, they play some good hockey!

Curling Club decides to install new metal roof

with Steve Thompson

At the Morrisburg and District Curling Club's executive meeting last week, it was decided to invite tenders to install a sloped metal roof on the building. It would be completed in time for the 2001-2002 curling season. A general meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 21, at which time it is hoped to have a recommendation ready to place before the membership so a decision can be made. Minutes of the executive meeting are in the lounge for anyone who wishes to see them.

Parnell Cup competition last Friday in Prescott had to be cancelled because of the weather. Also, Saturday's Bantam Bonspiel in Brockville was shut down by a power failure at the Club. Shorty Jenkins must have kept Tim Hortons busy afterwards as he struggled to get the ice back to playing calibre!

Friday night saw some interesting curling as the Six-Week Bonspiel continued. This time it was "poker" curling, the hands on the scoreboard deciding he winners. Master of Festivities, Wally MacDonald reports that the winning team had 3 pair and that he spared no expense in awarding prizes to the top three teams. With the Intermediate Zone Playdowns this Friday night, Saturday and Sunday; Wally's Follies will not be seen again until Friday, February 23. Only a few openings remain, so call Wally at 652-1021 to reserve your spot.

Locally, there were three rentals last week. The Kraft Bonspiel went ahead Saturday, with ten teams vying for the trophy and prizes provided by the sponsor. A good time was had by all, the evening being topped off with a roast beef dinner and the Kraft's traditional diagonal draw to the button for all the money put in by the competitors.

On Sunday, the Club hosted teams from the Lady Gilmour competition. Mixed foursomes from Prescott and Winchester were among those taking part in the 10-end playdowns, with some excellent curling in evidence. That evening, Grumpy's Sports bar took over the Club, with as colourful a group of curlers as has ever been on this ice. Six teams, including many novice participants curled five games a piece, loudly celebrating each successful shot and collapsing in laughter at some of the antics on the ice. A favourite was one of the women who crawled back to the boards to be helped up after each delivery. She finally decided to take her slider off so she could stand up on the ice. All in all, an excellent and entertaining weekend.

Also on Sunday, our Little Rocks team of Brittany Elliott, Brooke Osler, Jennifer Warner and Chantal Murphy journeyed to Prescott where they lost their first game to Smiths Falls 8-2 and then defeated Prescott 8-1.

In other curling news, Wayne Middaugh will represent Ontario in the Brier in Ottawa while Quebec's Guy Hemmings will carry that province's colours again. Rumour has it that Guy will be moving to France soon where his wife will accept a new job. In the junior ranks, congratulations to the winning Boys Team from Newfoundland and the Girls Team from Prince Edward Island who defeated defending champions to become the first Canadian Junior Champions ever from their provinces. Good Curling!!

Novice B Lions lead division

The Young Lions, Novice "B" team had a quiet weekend with just one game played. They dropped a close one to the Cornwall Royals 1-0.

In spite of their defeat, the Novice "B" Lions continue to lead the Upper St. Lawrence Division having lost only two games during the entire season thus far.

The schedule picks up this week with games in Long Sault and Chesterville. Their final game of the regular season will be played on Sunday in Morrisburg as the Lions host the Char-Lan Rebels.

Saturday, February 17 is the Lions Annual Home Tournament. The action gets underway at 8am with the host team taking on the South Stormont Selects. The event will feature draws for an excellent prize table while offering first rate hockey on the ice. Feel free to drop by the rink and check out the excitement! The final game is to begin around 5pm.

Prescott remains in first place in Interbranch Darts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A great evening of darts in Cardinal last Thursday resulted in Prescott #1 remaining on top of the heap with 156 points as they continue to throw straight and true to the bulls eye. Cardinal #2 hangs in at second spot with 141 points, while Prescott 33 holds on in third with 133 points to their credit. Iroquois #7 sits fourth with 125 points holding off Iroquois #5 who are one slim point back in fifth and Iroquois #8 holds tight in the cellar this week with 104 points.

Trevor Easter was Highfinsher this week with a 98, well done Trevor!

Winning three games or more is an accomplishment not to go unnoticed. Jim Kirkby, Rick Sayeau and Jake Summerfield each won 4 games, nice tossing for sure. Three-game winners included Art Ault, Tom Beach, Jim Logie, Duane Kirker, Tom Reston, Ross King and David Haynes.

Highscorers were Trevor Easter with 180-140-121-120, David Haynes shot 140x4 and 125, while Tom Beach came away with 140x2 and 133. Jake Summerfield was on target for 140-135-125. Ron Bradford, Bernie Montroy, Mike Levere and Tom Reston shot 140 each. Jim Logie came away with a 135 while Wayne Bellinger had 132-125. Bob Juby had a 125, and Lorne Veley and Duane Kirker each shot 121.

Iroquois and District COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Wednesday, February 21...10 days for Global Justice Awareness Workshop. Title: "Sacred Land" 7:30 p.m. at the Brinston United Church. Coffee & Cake to follow.

Free Falun Dafa Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24 from 2-5pm at the Winchester Community Centre. Improve Body, Mind and Spirit, Simple Exercises, Profound Teaching. Call 831-8694 for more info.

Shrove Tuesday, Buffet supper. Feb. 27 at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Cardinal, 4:30 - 6 pm. Take outs available.

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 27 from 5 to 7 pm at Knox Pres. Church, Iroquois. Real Maple Syrup, Sausages, Pancakes, Ice Cream. $5 for adults, $2 for children 10 and under.

Parent Finders "Has your life been touched by adoption?" Need Answers? Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. Main Building, Brockville Psychiatic Hospital

Pancake Breakfast at Cardinal Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 3rd 8 to 1. All you can eat!! Take outs available.

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10:15 a.m. Tips on Managing Your Forage Feeding Program Using Less Than Ideal Quality Feeds - Dr. Larry Chase, Cornell University, New York. 11:15 a.m. Housing Barriers to Dairy Cattle Health and Performance: Lessons Learned from 24 hour Time Lapse Video Recordings - Dr. Neil Anderson, Senior Veterinary Scientist, OMAFRA, Fergus. 12 noon Lunch and Visit Exhibitors 1:00 p.m. Practical Biosecurity Measures to prevent the spread of major contagious diseases on dairy farms - Dr. Ann Godkin, Veterinary Scientist, OMAFRA, Fergus. 1:45 National Livestock identification from a Dairy Perspective - Glen Cherry National Livestock Identification for Dairy Program Coordinator and Holstein Canada Registrar. 2:15 Farm Panel "Our Farms Vision for the Future of the Dairy Industry" Maxville - Peter Sommers - Lancaster.

KEMPTVILLE DAIRY DAY
Tuesday, February 20, 2001, W.B. George Centre, Kemptville College

This day is brought to you by your local dairy organization in co-operation with the OMAFRA. For more information contact: Michael Hall - (613) 989-1550; Blair Murray OMAFRA 613-258-8300 or Kemptville Dairy Day Co-ordinators Debbie Gilmer 613-989-5397 or Norma Smith 613-652-4006 smithnjsmith@aol.com.

MAXVILLE DAIRY DAY
Wednesday, February 21, 2001, Maxville Community Centre, Maxville

This day is brought to you by your local dairy organization in co-operation with the OMAFRA. For more information contact: Alex Hamilton, DFO 613-874-2202, Gerry Wever, DFO 613-445-9843, Phyllis MacMaster, OMAFRA 613-258-8371, Michel Moisan, OMAFRA 613-679-0937.

EASTERN ONTARIO CROP CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 23RD
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At the Parish Hall, Kemptville College, University of Guelph

The Eastern Ontario Crop Conference is designed to allow growers and agri-bus personnel the opportunity to select up to 6 of their favourite topics from the 15 offered in this one-day event. To allow those that wish to take in a topic over the noon hour, a box lunch will be provided, if requested with the pre-registration. At 1:00 p.m. everyone will have the opportunity to hear the Feature Speaker. Space is limited for the No-till Drill & Corn Planter Clinics on a first-come first-served basis. Registration includes hot lunch or box lunch, refreshments and conference proceedings. Late registration after February 12th, is $40.00 per person. Walk-in registration is $40.00 per person and does not include lunch. Receipts will be issued on the day of the conference.

ECO FARM DAY 2001
"Earning a Living in Organic Agriculture" presented by the Ottawa Chapter of Canadian Organic Growers (COG Ottawa), Saturday, February 24, 2001 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Operating Engineers Training Institute, Morrisburg, Ont. Registration: $40 in advance; $50 at the door (includes organic lunch and refreshments). To register or for more info: (613) 525-4114 or faithphillips@hotmail.com. 3 Keynote speakers: Eleanor Helse (President, Canadian Organic Growers) - "Organic agriculture on the national front", Darrin Qualman (Executive Secretary, National Farmers Union) - "The family farm versus the international control of commodity prices", Elbert Van Donkersgoed (Strategic Policy Advisor, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario) "Choices - the future of farming and the family farm".

EASTERN ONTARIO SHEEP DAY
Saturday, February 24, 2001, Spencerville Fair Grounds, Spencerville, Ont.

9-10 Registration and viewing of exhibits, 10-10:05 Welcome, 10:05-11 Selection of Breeding Stock with Emphasis on the Physical and Economic Aspects of Selecting a Terminal Sire or Maternal Sire Ram - Jack James. 11-12 The Necessity of Shearing, How to Set-up Searing Equipment & A Ewe Crutching Demonstration - Les Jones, 12-1 Viewing exhibits & lunch (bring your own & visit with your fellow producers) 1-3:30 A Page out of the Life of fellow sheep producers Josel and Barbara Regli, 3:30-4 Current issues affecting the Sheep Industry - Chris Kennedy. Admission for the day is $15.00 per person. If you would like more information on the days events or would like to book exhibit space, contact Trudy Evans at 613-612-7921 or tr.evans@sympatico.ca

KEMPTVILLE WOODLOT CONFERENCE 2001
Theme - "Managing Your Hardwoods for Value", Wednesday, February 21, 2001, W.B. George Centre, Kemptville College, University of Guelph

Morning session: 8:30-10:00 Registration and Coffee 10:00-10:05 Welcome Ray Fortune, President, EOMF, Location: W.B. George Centre, Gymnasium, Kemptville College, Moderator: Dave Chapeskie. 10:05-11:00 Keynote Speaker: Trends Affecting Markets and Prices for Hardwoods and Implications for Woodlot Owners, Garry Miller, Research Forester, USDA Forest Service, West Virginia. 11:00-11:30 Regional Stumpage Values for Hardwood, Erik Turk, Ontario Forestry Association. 11:30-12:10 Managing Your Hardwoods For Value, Martin Streit, Management Forester, Domtar. 12:10-12:20 Forestry Assistance Update Wade Knight, Executive Director, Ontario Woodlot Association. 12:20-1:30 LUNCH - CHECK OUT THE OVER THIRTY TECHNICAL EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS! Afternoon session: 2 Concurrent. Session A: Fuelwood W.B.George Centre, Gymnasium, Moderator: Pat Piitz, South Nation Conservation. 1:30-2:10 Buying and Selling Fuelwood, Speaker to be announced. 2:10-2:45 Panel of Fuelwood Producers, Doug Cleary, Farmer, Spencerville, Ron McRae, Farmer, Bainsville. 2:45-3:30 Treasures in the Woodpile, David Sexsmith, Sawyer/Woodcutter. Session B: Invasive Plant Species, W. B. George Centre, Conference Room 1. Moderator: Jack Henry, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. 1:30-2:10 Invasive Plant Species in Woodlands, Cynthia Huebner, USDA, West Vrginia; Silvia Strobl, OMNR, Kemptville. 2:00-2:45 Established "Exotic" Insects and/or Diseases. Barry Smith, Canadian Forest Service, Sault Ste. Marie. 2:45-3:30 "Exotic" Insects and/or Diseases on the Horizon. Dan Rowlinson, OMNR, Sault Ste. Marie. 3:30 Adjourn

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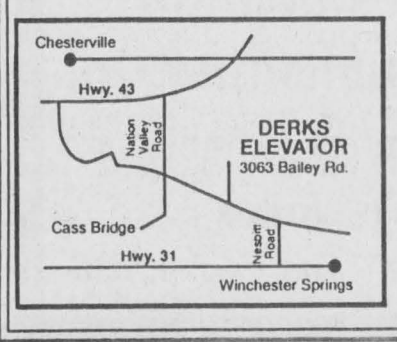

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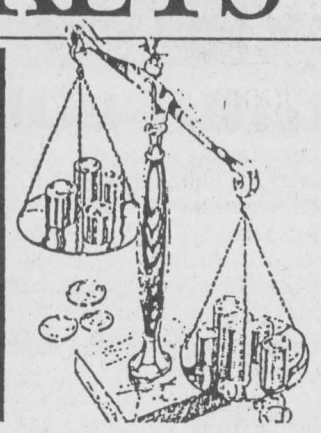

Understanding Investment Risk

Deciding how much risk you want to take is the starting point for many new investors. Part of figuring out your personal risk tolerance is the sleep test. If you have trouble sleeping at night because you're worried about how your investments are doing, you are probably taking on too much risk.

However, it is important to remember that there may be potential to earn greater returns if you are willing to take on more risk. A general slowing down in the Canadian economy is causing some investors to get a better understanding of the specific risks involved in their investments. Most investors understand that markets can rise and fall and investors can make or lose money in any investment. This general "market risk" is what most people think about when considering risk. But there are also specific risks associated with various types of investments (whether held as an individual investor or through a mutual or other investment fund). The Investment Funds Institute of Canada recommends that investors keep in mind the following types of risk when reviewing investment portfolios:

Inflation risk:

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Interest-rate risk:

The risk that the value of an investment will decline as interest rates rise. Interest rates have an impact on a whole range of investments. For example, the value of treasury bills and bonds tends to fall when interest rates go up.

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The risk that an obligation to pay a debt will not be paid. Individuals and mutual funds may invest in debt obligations; in securities backed by debt obligation; or in securities whose issuers have a lower credit rating. The market price of these types of securities may fluctuate and affect the value of the portfolio.

Liquidity risk:

The risk that the holder will not be able to buy or sell an investment quickly because buying and selling opportunities are limited. The Investment Funds Institute of Canada President & CEO Tom Hockin states that, "Most securities owned by an individual or mutual funds, for example, can be sold promptly at an acceptable price, but some may be difficult to sell due to the nature of the investment itself, size of holding, settlement terms or other reasons." Difficulty in selling securities may result in a loss to the holder in a falling market.

Currency risk:

The risk that an investment denominated in a foreign currency will lose value due to fluctuations in the exchange rate.

Specialization risk:

Some investments, including some mutual funds, specialize in investments in a particular industry or in a particular part of the world. If the industry or geographic area has an economic slump, this type of focussed portfolio could suffer because there are relatively few other diversified investments in the portfolio to offset the decline.

Similarly, the investment objectives of a particular fund may require it to maintain investments in a foreign or industry sector that has demonstrated poor performance. Such funds could fluctuate substantially over a short period of time.

An important way to mitigate risk is by spreading your investments around or "diversifying". Mutual funds themselves are diversified because they hold a number of investments. But you can further diversify by the types of funds you hold.

Because all asset classes do not go up or down at the same time you should allocate a portion of your assets to each of the three classes; cash, fixed income and equity. Determining how much of your money to invest in each class is called asset allocation.

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Charles Hodgson

At the Ottawa General Hospital on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, Charles Hodgson of Toyes Hill. Born in Winchester Township on July 15, 1930, Charlie was 70 years of age.

Living his lifetime in the area, Charlie worked at Dibblee Construction for over 41 years.

Predeceased by his parents, the late Roy and Myrtle (nee Droppo) Hodgson: a sister, Rose Hodgson and brothers; Harold and Hepburn, Charlie was an avid outdoorsman and devoted family man who will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Mourning the loss are sons: Lyall (Debbie) of Toyes Hill and Blair (Bonnie) of Williamsburg as well as a brother, Stan (Donalda) of Morrisburg and sisters: Emma Mustard of Iroquois and Freida Coughler of RR1, Inkerman. Charlie will be sadly missed by his grandchildren too: Kaitlyn, Lindsay, Lance and Josh as well as his many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Friday and Saturday. Service was conducted at the Funeral Home by Bobby Fillier on Saturday, February 10, 2001. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Pallbearers were Ernie Beckstead, Curtis Young, Wayne Hunter, Dale Wise, Keith Shaver and Raymond Fawcett.

Alfred Deeks

On Monday, January 15, 2001, Donald Alfred Deeks in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Born in Matilda Township on January 31, 1917, he was 83 years of age.

Survived by his loving wife, Jean, as well as by a son: Stuart (Barbara) and their daughter Kira of Cranbrook, British Columbia. Two daughters mourn the loss as well, Isabelle (William) Hockin of Fredericton, New Brunswick and Maureen Deeks (Les Koob) of Saskatoon, SK. His sister, Mary Hare of Blenheim, Ontario, and his brothers-in-law Peter and John Stuart of Melville SK along with numerous nieces and nephews and their families survive the loss as well.

Predeceased by his parents, Mabel and Alfred Deeks, his brother Arthur and sister Eleanor Brouse, a Memorial Service was conducted at Calvary United Church with Rev. Sandy Scott and Rt. Rev. William Hockin officiating. A private family interment followed.

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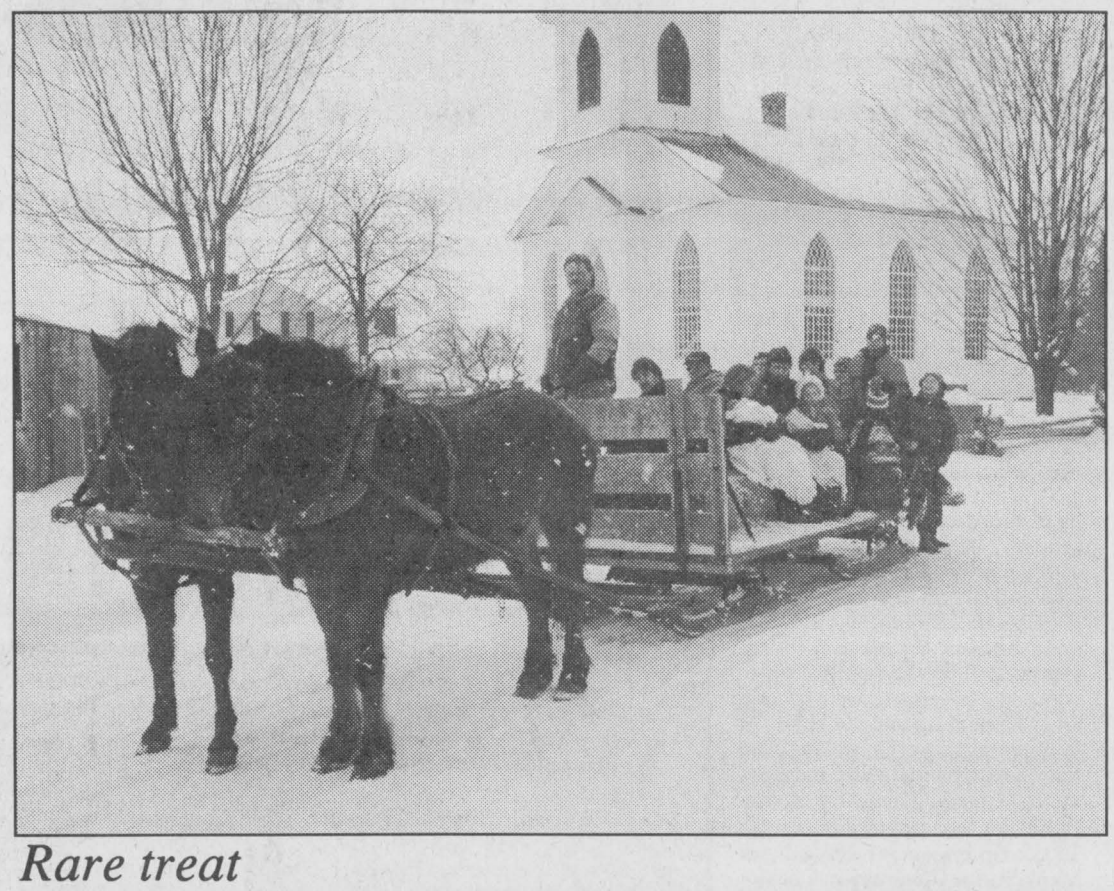

Rare treat

Rare sleigh rides were offered through the streets of Upper Canada Village, weekend before last. In recent years, the event has often been hampered by a lack of snow, necessitating the use of wagons. Not this time, as this group of families enjoyed picture-perfect scenery and a smooth ride.

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Residents opposed to group home petition council

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Opposition to what has been described as a "commercial group/foster home" now operating on Westwinds Drive in Morrisburg has prompted a petition from residents to South Dundas Council.

The accompanying letter, by Vaughn DeLeavey, questions why the home was allowed to establish "without any consultation with the public and in particular the residents of Westwinds Drive."

She wrote: "The occupants had only been in residence a few days when trouble broke out, involving the residents and police had to be called. This does not make us feel very safe or happy."

There are more than sixty signatures on the petition, and the residents have requested an evening meeting with council in March.

Contacted by telephone in Ottawa, Jamie Koch, Executive Director of Kids Kare Agency, confirmed Monday that Kids Kare runs the home in question.

Koch said he had been invited to appear before a future meeting of council, but was unaware of the petition.

"If there are individual concerns, they can call here. If there's an issue with any of the children, we're always here," he said, declining further comment about the situation or Kids Kare.

Kids Kare Agency is a member of the Ontario Association of Residences Treating Youth (www.oarty.net).

Council notes
Snowplowing concerns

Council instructed Public Works Manager Hughie Garlough to look into having a contractor available on a per-call basis to clear sidewalks in the hamlet in Williamburg when township crews have trouble keeping up with the heavy snows of this winter.

The action followed written complaints from merchants.

Councillor Charles Barkley agreed it was unacceptable to have impassable sidewalks in Williamsburg.

"We're into a different winter this winter. As far as I'm concerned, there should be a contractor on call, and Hughie should have the authority to call a contractor.

"The people of Williamsburg shouldn't be expected to walk Highway 31," he said, citing safety concerns. "They shouldn't have to wait three or four days."

Mayor Whitteker noted the township doesn't use a shift system, and the extra snowfall this year has been a challenge.

The township even received a request for help from a South Dundas woman who claimed she couldn't afford to remove the ridge of snow left by township plows at the entrance of her driveway.

"If you do that, you're opening up the floodgates," Whitteker commented.

"It's Canada, we get winter," Councillor Bill Ewing shrugged.

Waiting for next move on dirt bike track issue

Township Bylaw Officer Donald Lewis reported he was waiting for the written text of a Jan. 29 court decision against the owners of an Elma dirt bike track.

After nearly five years of controversy, including an OMB hearing that didn't go in the owners' favour, the judge in Morrisburg ruled the Adams have to remove the track and pay a fine of $250 each.

They were given three months to pay the fines.

"They want certain parts of the track left," commented Councillor Barkley. "What are they asking?"

Lewis replied he couldn't really comment on his approach until he had received the court documents.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

There were seventeen players enjoying Crib League competition this past Saturday, February 10th and when play ceased, it was Ron Perrin from Morrisburg who was declared the days "Champ"with only two slim losses and a tally of 1085 points to his credit. Claiming second, pegging 1064 points was Ted Grattan while it was Noella Kirkwood who snared third place with 1060 points. Wilf Summers pegged 1053 points to set in the "Bridesmaid" chair this week. Only seven skunks entered the lounge, but Lynda Head and Ken Palmer were anointed twice each.

Now, for those people that planned on attending the 10th Annual Darts for Hearts, you missed a fantastic day! We had a record crowd of one hundred and twenty-four players and raised approximately $1365 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A more detailed account of this event can be found elsewhere in this paper. It certainly was a great day and everyone had a great time.

Euchre resumed play on February 6 and when I popped in for a few minutes there was quite a crowd of smiling faces greeting me at some fourteen tables. Lawrence Wyatt ended up with the first place prize while Dwight Deacon captured second spot and the door prize went to Nina Seely. It being the first night of play for Euchre the skunks were attracted (One each) to Jean Sloan and Elsie Bron.

At Duplicate Bridge there were five tables busy with the winners on the evening being Rick and Judy Darling.

This Wednesday evening, February 14 the line dancers will be dancing to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Coming events this week include:

Mon.- Bingo at the Johnstown Hall 1pm.
Tues.- Bridge in small hall at 7pm and Euchre in the main hall at 7:30pm.
Wed. - Line Dancing 7:30pm.
Thurs.-Legion General Meeting at 7:30pm.
Fri.- Mixed League Darts.
Sat.- Cribbage League in the lounge 1pm sharp!

See you next week.

Canadakicks registration for their spring soccer session will be on Saturday, Feb.17

Canadakicks will be holding registration for their spring soccer session this Saturday, February 17, 2001.

The available sessions are for children aged 4 to 11 years. The Under 5 Program (Aged 4&5) will be at Mountain Memorial Park on Saturday mornings from 9 to 10am. These Under 5 sessions focus on having lots of FUN while playing various games.

The Under 7 Program (ages 6&7) will also be at Mountain Memorial Park on Saturday mornings 9 to 10am.

The Under 9 Program (ages 8&9 years) will be at the Park from 10 to 11:30am on Saturday mornings as well.

The Under 11 Program (ages 10 &11) will be held at the same time same place as the previous age group.

ALL programs run for 8 weeks beginning the first weekend in May. The Under 5 and Under 7 Programs cost $50 while the Under 9 and 11 programs cost $55.

Canadakicks is prently investigating the entry of teams in a North Dundas recreational league. These leagues would be aimed at the older players at the Under 11 and Under 13 age levels.

For information on these or any programs, please contact the Canadakicks office at 613-925-2653 or call toll free at 877-313-9333. You can also e-mail to info@canadakicks.com or visit the web site at www.canadakicks-.com.



Sterling Kelly retires

Mayor Johnny Whitteker presented Sterling Kelly with a plaque recognizing his years of service at Kelly's retirement party in Morrisburg, Friday. Kelly started his career as a municipal worker and equipment operator with the Village of Morrisburg in the early 60s.

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

Coming Events

VALENTINE'S DANCE
Friday, February 16, 2001
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Morrisburg & District Minor Hockey Association
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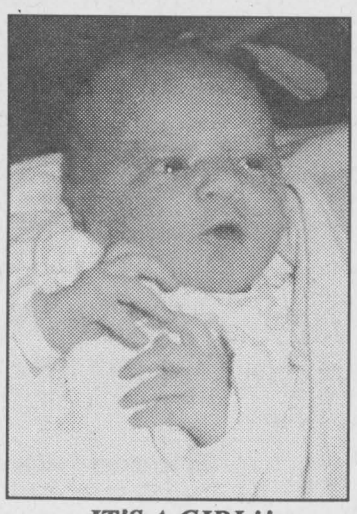

IT'S A GIRL!!

Scott & Kim Zandbergen of Carleton Place thank the Lord for the safe arrival of their baby girl. ***Emily Sarah*** was born on Monday, February 5, 2001 at the Queensway Carleton Hospital weighing 7 lbs and 2 oz. Sharing in their happiness are Opa & Oma, Richard & Yettie Zandbergen and Grandpa & Grandma, Ron & Iris Aitkenhead of Brighton.

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Toastmasters tutored in the art of high-tech presentation

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After-dinner speechmaking is commonly considered the stock-in-trade of Toastmasters. But using those loquacious communication skills in today's business world often requires the effective use of a laptop computer and LCD projector.

Members of the Morrisburg Toastmasters Club were shown how it's done at a Feb. 5th workshop featuring Harry Kingston, a 30-year member of several area Toastmasters clubs and, as managing director of Nortel Networks' R&D division, a veteran at presenting on-screen data in dimly lit boardrooms.

Accomplished in the past with slides, transparencies and old-fashioned overhead projectors, such presentations are now increasingly performed with laptop computers connected to video projectors.

Running software such as Microsoft's PowerPoint, the computer allows each frame of the presentation to be organized on its hard drive. At the click of a mouse, the digital slides can be projected onto any old screen — but with the usual degree of snazzy document perfection that the personal computer revolution seems to have foisted upon all of us.

Writing with felt-tipped pen on clear plastic hardly makes the grade anymore. Instead, full colour images sprinkled with a limitless variety of fonts and eye-catching graphics and animations are at the disposal of the true professional today.

However, Kingston told his audience to be prudent with the use of computerized presentation, especially the visual toys.

"Be very realistic when you use it," he said in a smooth radio announcer's voice, while switching between images projected onto a screen at the McIntosh Inn. "And ask yourself, do you need it?"

He added the technology wasn't suitable for certain presentations — a sales pitch or an after dinner speech, for instance.

The mastery of public speaking and basic presentation skills — the forte of Toastmasters — is an important first step before taking advantage of the whiz-bang technology, Kingston advised.

But done properly, the computer will enhance the message and "help you build a more professional image," he said. "This is a current and accepted norm of making business presentations."

Preparation is key in Kingston's "results oriented" approach. The presenter must know his material in advance and be "armed" with a cache of more detailed "backup" slides should any questions arise.

Each slide in the regular presentation should take up three minutes of the presenter's time, he recommended.

Be prepared to arrive at least one hour before the presentation in order to set up the sometimes-finicky equipment, participants were told. Kingston himself had to find another LCD projector in Morrisburg at the last minute because of a technical problem with his own.

Fortunately, the computer's printer port provides a way around common technical challenges. In the absence of a video projector, the PowerPoint images can be printed onto plastic transparencies and displayed on a regular overhead. And in situations where there isn't so much as a screen to begin with, the data can be printed to paper and distributed at the meeting.

But apart from the technology, it all starts with the art of persuasion through speech, a skill that Kingston personally attributed to Toastmasters.

"I'm proud to be a Toastmaster. I wouldn't have the lifestyle I have now without my Toastmasters experience," he said, noting his first association with the movement began with its youth program, when he was 16.

A member of the Toastmasters' Advanced Speakers in Ottawa, he holds further memberships in clubs at Carleton University, West Carleton, Cornwall, Kingston and Morrisburg.

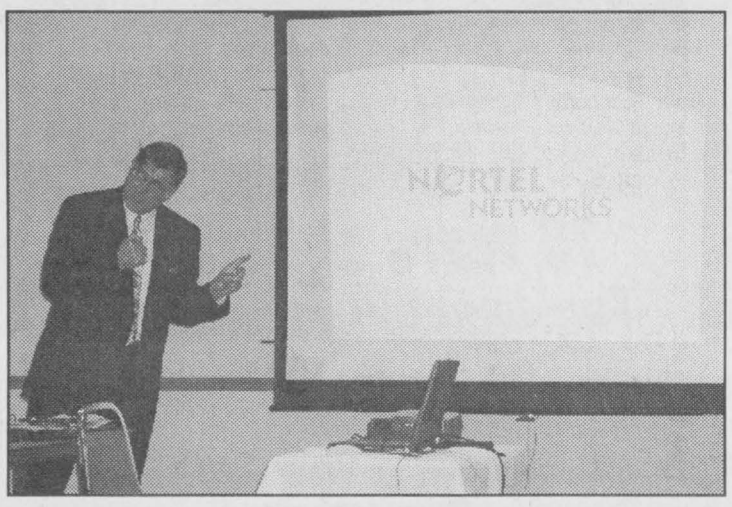
His presence at the McIntosh Inn would also seem to add further evidence that friendly bonds have been forged between Nortel and South Dundas Township — which has drawn some attention in Kanata for stringing a fibre-optic network in Iroquois and Morrisburg.

Kingston said his invitation to the Morrisburg club came out of a meeting a few months ago between Nortel execs and South Dundas Township officials, including Councillor Cam Martel and South Dundas Economic Development Commission Coordinator Anne Marie Waddell. Martel is a charter member of the Morrisburg club, and both he and Waddell attended Kingston's workshop last week.

Cornwall Toastmasters President Bob Sloan, who administers the educational programs of the clubs in the district, described the special Morrisburg presentation as "an indirect membership drive."

Established last year, the Morrisburg Toastmasters have 20 members. For a fee that was said to be "less than $100 a year," the Toastmasters provide a friendly forum to practice public speaking. They meet for dinner at the McIntosh Country Inn on the first and third Monday of the month, from 7 – 9 p.m.

More information about Toastmasters International can be found at www. toastmasters.org.



Getting results on screen

Harry Kingston of Nortel (see image on screen) shows the Morrisburg Toastmasters how to communicate effectively with some high-tech gadgets. His appearance at the local Toastmasters suggestive of the links that South Dundas Township has established with Nortel.

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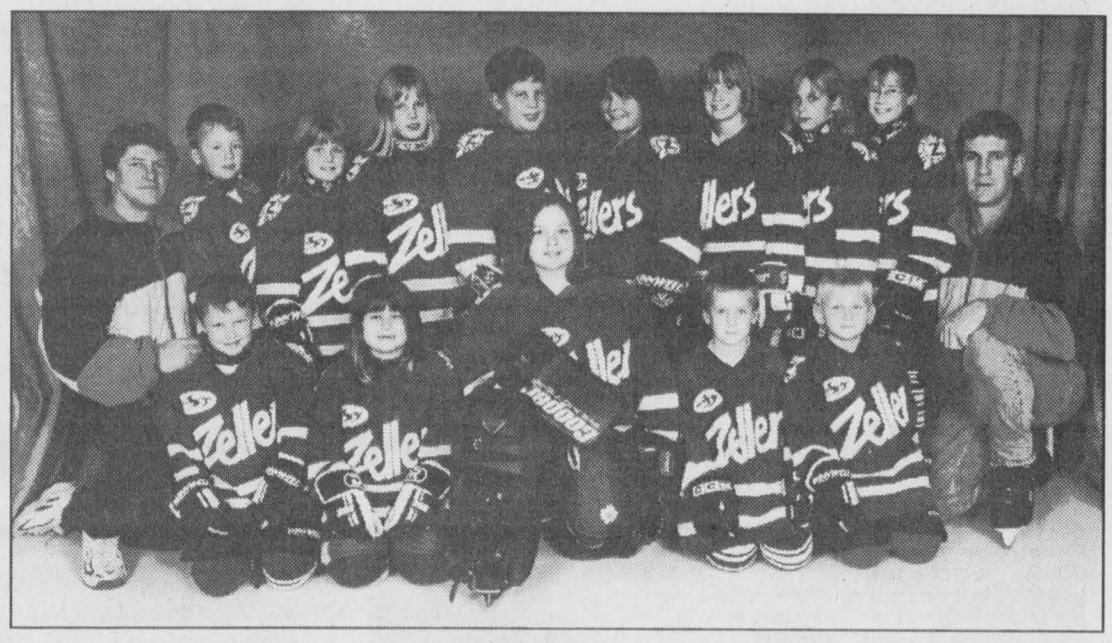

Initiation "C" Lions 2001

In front are Brandon Foster, Chelsea Hummel, Candice Summers, Brian Van Moorsel and Dillon Lapier, while we meet Assistant Coach Rick Johnston, Adam Douma, Julie Derue, Karina Johnston, Mark Peters, Chantel Thurler, Kassie Whitteker, Rikki Johnston, Kristyn Zandbergen and Coach Jeff Van Moorsel.

Courtesy Photo.

2001 Bowl for Millions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The pins were flying at the Chesterville Bowling Lanes on Sunday, February 11 as the Bowl for Millions Counties Challenge Cup had thirty-one teams raising funds for the Big Brothers and Sisters of Cornwall and District.

Locally teams were entered from the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club as Barry Fawcett, Rick McKenzie, Amy Holmes, Albert DeJong, John Lyon and Deena Dulmage roared those balls down the alleys. The Five Stooges from The Township of South Dundas: Bill Horner, Bill Ewing, Dennis Baker, Don Lewis and Hugh Garlough had the place rockin'. The other team representing the Township of South Dundas, the No Names included Lyle Levere, Lorna Seibert, Tim Halladay and Nancy Kenney played well. The McIntosh Country Inn had Tom Morrow, Theresa Scott and Clark Perry aiming for the strike. Seaway District High School had a gang there as Larry Poirier, Jim Millard, Kristine Flaherty, Kim Lalonde and Guy Charbonneau were cheered on by their good luck charm, Kim's wee fellow, Nicholas. North Dundas Township was also bowling for the cause as Allan Armstrong, Roger Cole, Mary Lynn Plummer, Keith and Marguarite Fawcett grabbed those bowling balls and shot them down the alley with authority. On hand to lend their support and bowling ability were teams from North Dundas High School, Mountain Lions Club, the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario, The SD&G OPP, Dundas Manor, St. Peter's Presbyterian Church in South Mountain and Morrisburg Valu Mart (fielded 2 teams).

A major fundraiser activity for the agency since 1979, the Bowl for Millions takes place at five different bowling lanes in the area.

The money goes to such a terrific cause, it is great that so many groups get a team together and play as they collect pledges and help the fund grow. The Seaway High School team earned about $400 for their collective effort.



Seaway Slickers

The team of bowlers from Seaway District High included Larry Poirier, Kristine Flaherty, Jim Millard, and Guy Charbonneau who back up Kim Lalonde and her son Nicholas who was the team's good luck charm. Cheering them on as each pin was struck this youngsters seemed to have as much fun as the adults. Fun for a great cause as they earned $400 in pledges.

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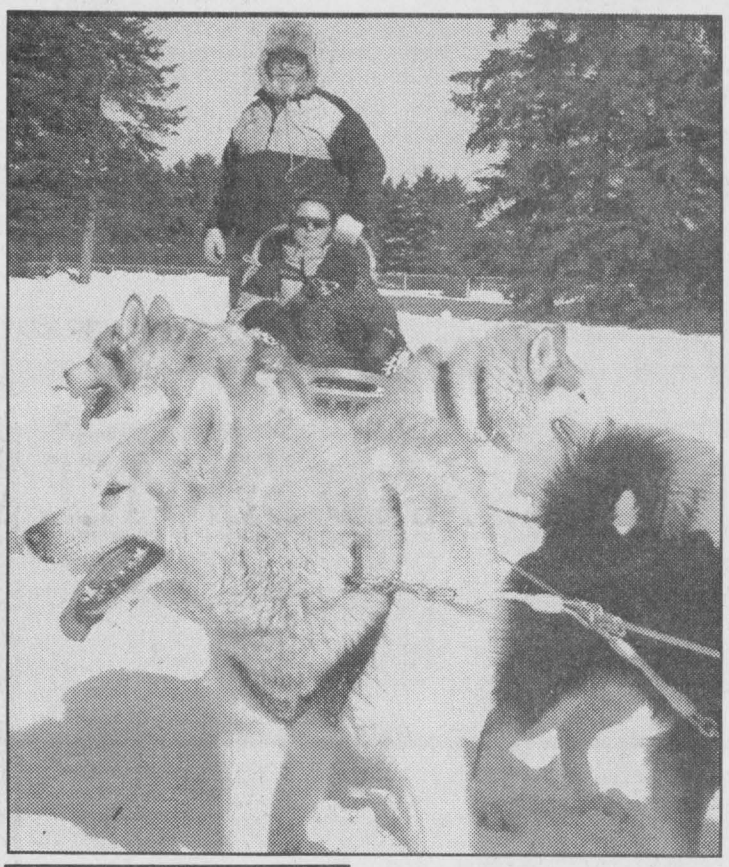
THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Dog sled races attract a good crowd

About 2,000 people made their way to the Ferguson Forest Centre over this past weekend to watch the dog sled races.

The races were put on by the Ottawa Valley Sled Dog Association, the Kemptville Lions Club, local businesses and the Township of North Grenville.



Mush, mush!
Area winter festivals have featured this pack of sled dogs. They offer a fun-filled ride of exuberant canine power.

The weekend was geared towards the whole family. There were many events for those who came to enjoy including a hearty breakfast each day served by the Lions Club. The public was also invited to tour through the dog lot to see how they are prepared for races.

"The races went very very well. There were about 63 teams that raced and everyone that raced is prepared to come back next year and tell their friends to come too," said Gerry Seguin, an organizer of the races.

"The breakfasts were exceptional and the canteen did exceptionally well, far better than expected. I accredit the success to the number of people that came out," he said.

A first time event this year was the opportunity for those in attendance to take a ride on a dog sled and a special track was set up for those who wanted to participate. There were also many races held throughout the weekend and a Lions Club concession booth.

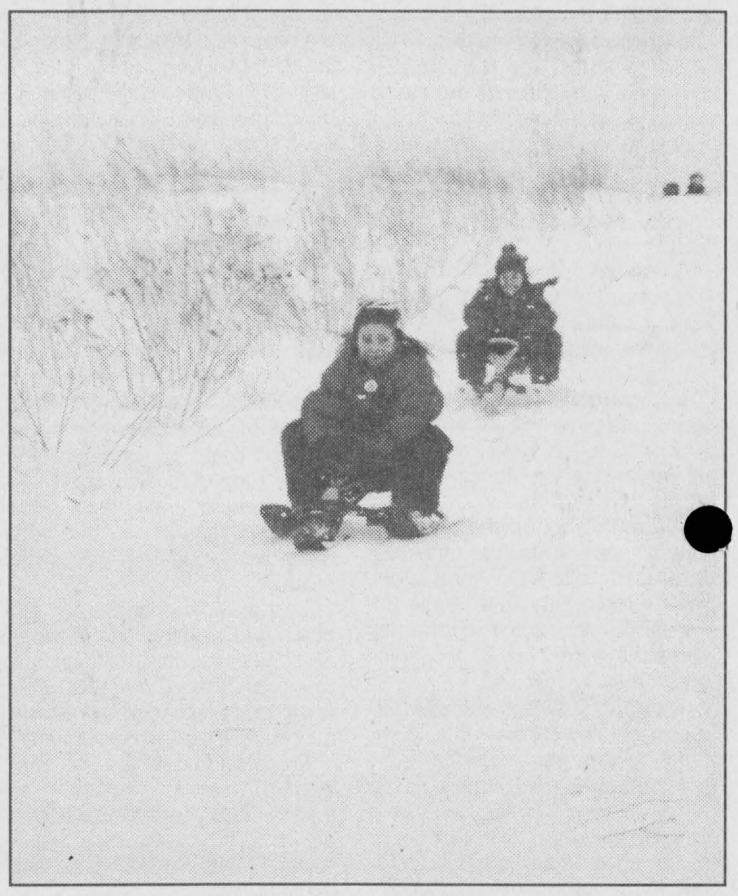
"The ride on the dog sled races was a hit. One man who was 72 years old and had a hip replacement in Sept. had never seen dog sled races before or rode on a dog sled. On the weekend he got to do both," said Seguin.

"The comments from people from the United States were the facility is extremely clean, beautiful and well laid. They said the municipality should be proud of the facility. A dog sled racer from Pennsylvania who has been racing for over 20 years said this was the best facility he has ever seen," he said.

The Lions Club would like to thank the Kemptville Snowmobile Klub for grooming the trails.

Money raised from the canteen goes to the Lions Club for community projects. Seguin says the success of the races was due to a combination of having a good group of dog sledders to race, the media who promoted the event very well and community involvement from people in the community. He said the amount of spectators makes it a success.

"It was great after we got a little problem solved. Somebody drove on the trail with their truck and left imprint which causes ruts. It took us an hour and a half to get the problem solved, but after this everything went smoothly and overall we are happy," said Mark LaSalle, the race director.



Sliders on the Point Hill...Yeah!!

The wintry outdoors... a great lure in Eastern Ontario

Snapping photos as the sun strikes the ice covered barren branches of deciduous trees, catching the drift lines as the wind slides over the snow blanketed fields or grabbing a picture of youngsters as they frolic in the snow will provide hours of enjoyment at the time or later when looking back upon them.

Sliding down a slippery slope or skating fast across the ice, fishing through the ice or snowmobiling along groomed trails as they wind through wooded areas, cross country skiing or hurtling downhill, snowboarding or tubing down a mountain...the thrill of the outdoors is the same, exhilarating. Whether creating a snow fort or a snowman family, a snow angel or shovelling the walk, the outdoors is GREAT!!

The challenge of keeping active during the colder months can be daunting, but for the most part we in this winter wonderland seem to handle it with finesse. Dress appropriately and get out and enjoy winter.

Whether for the pure fun, the learning, the exercise or the beauty, the outdoors draws us to get out and enjoy.

It seems to matter not what the season, we are a hearty lot in this country and have such a abundance of events to keep us warm in the winter and cool in the summer months when we venture outdoors.

Those who can afford the time, a great way to spend an unscheduled holiday, the 53rd Annual Toronto Sportsmens' Show offers a unique and exciting experience. It is slated for the week of March 10 to 18, from Saturday to Sunday at the National Trade Centre, Exhibition Place in Toronto. Open weekdays from 11am until 8pm , on Saturdays 10am through to 8pm and Sundays 10 to 6, the cost is $12 for adults, $7.50 for Juniors (Aged 6 to 15 years) and Seniors and a family of four (2 adults and 2 juniors) costs $27.-00. Those under 6 years of age are FREE.

Advertised as presenting "All New Features for 2001" this one will be bigger and better than previously seen, so even if you have been before, you will want to go again. "Everything New Under the Sun" will give food for thought to the most avid outdoorsman as well as the new comer to the beauty of this land.

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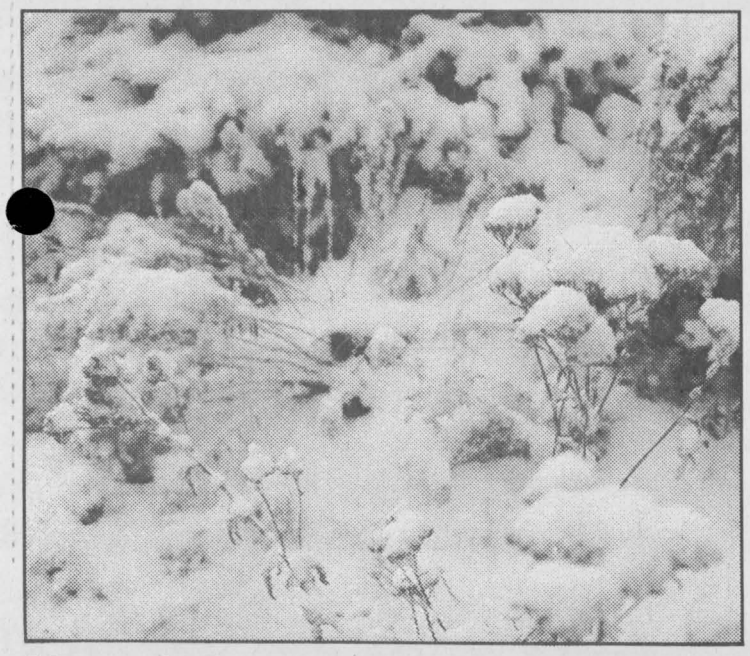
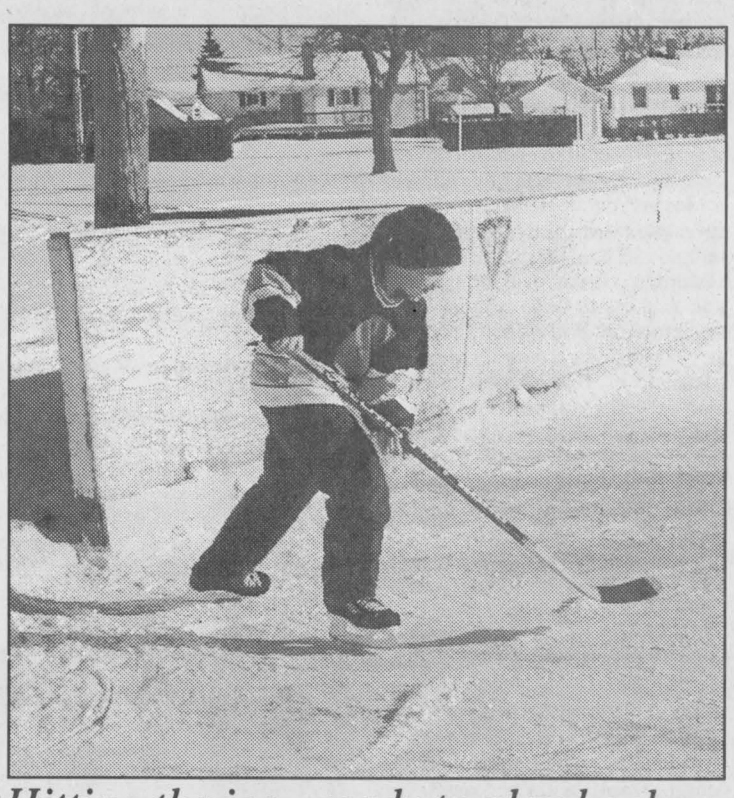


Nature's Beauty in a chilling setting.



Hitting the ice...ready to play hockey.



Enjoying winter on a snowmobile.

Fun for all ages on open air rink

The Iroquois Outdoor Rink is looking great thanks in part to the weatherman and in large part to Rink Manager, Shawn Markell who floods and cleans and ensures a terrific ice surface for skaters of all ages to enjoy. The hot chocolate served in the rink shack is second to none!!

The thrill of skating outdoors cannot be duplicated. Looking up at the stars as you glide across the ice with the wind in your face, there is nothing like it.

In order to allow everyone to enjoy the rink a schedule has been established thus avoiding problems. Thursday has skating from 4 to 7 so after school, the youngsters can lace 'em up and practise their triple loops or just enjoy skating with their friends. The hockey buffs take over from 7 to 10pm under the lights.

Friday evening is shorter if you want the facilities available to you. Skaters can get on the ice from 7 to 8pm while hockey again takes over 8-10pm usually with older players coming out for a great game of shinny.

Saturday has the non-competitive hockey program underway from 9 til noon. Hockey for the older crowd takes the ice from noon til 1pm and again from 6 to 9 pm. Skaters can be sure of their time to shine as well from 1 to 6 in the afternoon, all sticks are off limits.

Sunday afternoon things heat up again as from 1 through to 6pm skaters are welcome to enjoy the rink. Hockey is on tap 6 to 9pm.

Shawn stresses that all times are flexible and so if you have a special request, give him a yell or call him at 652-1266 and he'll help you arrange some time on the ice for that family hockey game, the birthday skating party or whatever it is you need the rink for.

Memories are created on open air rinks, afterall it was on an open air ice surface that Wayne Gretzky got his start. Many romances were kindled in the chilly night air on open air rinks, a pile of youngsters took their first tepid motions on the blades on rinks like this and numerous hockey stars were born learning the rudiments of the game on community rinks like Iroquois has.

See you at the rink on Caldwell Drive this week!!

Firearms update

Inundated with 1.8 million applications by firearms owners trying to beat the December 31, 2000 deadline, the Canadian Firearms Centre (CC) has issued some 400,000 Temporary Possession-Only Licenses that will expire in June, 2001.

According to officials this grace period will allow those who applied prior to the deadline to possess firearms and purchase ammunition while the backlog of people is being processed. Most of those issued the Temporary Licenses, if approved will be issued with a formal license by June.

The federal government's amnesty for prohibited handguns and unregistered restricted firearms has also been extended to June 30, thus giving these owners, with .25 and .32 calibre handguns more time to sell, trade, deactivate or turn them in to the police for destruction. Small calibre handguns for shooting events sanctioned by the International Shooting Union are exempted.

The $25 fee for transferring gun ownership has also been waived, again until the end of June 2001.

Repeated studies including those carried out by the government have shown over 3.3 million Canadian firearms owners, with some even showing 5.5 million...the 1.8 million who have conformed to the law do not represent the majority in this country. Claims by the government that "most" are complying with the legislation seem misinformed.

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Water

that retrofitting the existing two plants with filtration would be another upgrade option, although costs weren't presented at the meeting. Coming up with a "ballpark" estimate, he suggested a retrofit would cost a total of $8 million. He wouldn't recommend it, however, because it goes against design principles by not allowing for growth in the community.

But in the end, the province will dictate what plan goes ahead when it announces funding levels under the Ontario Small Town and Rural Development Initiative (OSTAR) this June, Eamon said, adding it was still "a big assumption" that a 70 percent grant is in the offing.

Describing the funding process under OSTAR as "mysterious," he said he believed the province may link funding support to the privatization of water systems. "The province is looking really hard at privatization. They need to spend $18 billion on water and sewer infrastructure ... maybe they're getting everything up to standard and then turning it over," Eamon mused.

Quite the opposite to running municipal waterworks for profit, water appears to have been sold, in real terms, below cost for many years.

Councillor Martel agreed there was little question about that.

Water rates are, right now, "half the provincial average" in Morrisburg and Iroquois, he said.

Morrisburg began charging water and sewer rates only about a decade ago, Martel noted.

The much higher rates suggested by Thompson Rosemount reflect the user-pay mentality, with approximately one third of those fees earmarked to go back into reserves.

According to South Dundas Treasurer Lorna Seibert, present-day reserves for water treatment upgrades in the Iroquois ward stand at $153,000 (part of a combined $450,000 water/sewer account). In Morrisburg, the water reserve fund is $111,000.

Combined, the two water reserves amount to little more than a drop in the bucket in terms of capital cost. They would barely cover the operating costs of a new, central plant for five months. Annual operating costs of the proposed single plant have been estimated at over $650,000.

Eamon has recommended not directing those reserves toward the project.

Forty people filed past leader boards and diagrams during the afternoon hours in Morrisburg, with more expected that evening — an impressive turnout for a project information session in South Dundas Township, where similar events for sewer systems and renovations to the former Morrisburg Civic Centre drew sparse crowds, to put it kindly.

"There's a lot of interest in water and water quality. All of the municipalities have been on notice," Martel remarked.

Following this second phase of the Class EA, another public information session, under Phase 3, is slated to take place in Iroquois in April.

Payhike

have some monetary benefits, too. SD&G Counties Council pays the mayor and fellow counties rep Cam Martel $170 each for monthly meetings in Cornwall and mileage of 33 cents a kilometre.

South Dundas pays the same mileage rate when travelling on township business.

Mileage in North Dundas is set at 29 cents per kilometre.

As a general policy, South Dundas also permits members a per diem of up to $1,000, twice a year, for conferences up to four days in length.

Contribution

both the industry and the government.

The OETIO was one of seven recipients for award winning grants for the innovative initiatives from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade's Strategic Skills Investment Program.

The OETIO offers lasting solutions to the concerns of crane and heavy equipment operator shortages through their "Innovative Strategies and Solutions Initiatives." The Institute has the fundamental building blocks in place, ie-the strategic plan, excellent labour-industry-government relations, facilities and infrastructure, curriculum, systems, training equipment and training aids, innovative ad creative solutions and the professional instructors and staff to design, develop and deliver the required industry programs. This strategic agenda can only move as fast as the financial agenda allows. Therefore the Ministry offered assistance to increase the supply of operators in the form of this Grant.

It is a fact that Ontario's workforce cannot be productive if they do not have the skills to participate in an evolving economy. Development of labour force skills is a key component of lifelong learning. The development of skills cannot be expected to remain static, and so upgrading of the skills of current and potential employees strengthens the employer's competitive position, increases safety, creates employment, improves productivity and contributes to the overall growth of the economy. The joint Labour-Industry Training Trust Fund of the OETIO has invested heavily in establishing a training infrastructure to meet the needs of its workers and employers through the design, development and delivery of industry training at their institute near Morrisburg.

This project is part of a five-year plan to respond to the critical shortage of qualified operators and develop state-of-the-art training to meet the needs of the industry. Operating engineer trades and occupations are afterall involved with the building maintenance of Ontario's basic infrastructure...roads, bridges, sewers and airports as well as most other construction activities. Over 30 key companies across Ontario are partners in this project, which also has the support of various associations, including the Crane Rental Association of Ontario. Pipeline Contractors of Canada, Utility Contractors of Ontario, Associated Earth Movers of Ontario as well as the Toronto and Area Road Builders Association to name a few. The total value of this project is estimated at $17 Million. The Ontario Government is investing $100 Million in the multi-year Strategies Skills Investment Program that supports innovative partnerships developing critical skills necessary for business competitiveness.

The announcement was made by Minister Al Palladini in April of last year and the seven winning Skills Today-Jobs Tomorrow projects received notice that they were chosen from the 32 submissions. In the past two years the province and its private partners have invested $115 Million in strategic skills through 21 new training projects.

Dumpsite

40 years."

The township will also examine buying the water rights to the neighbouring Ministry of Natural Resources land. It's a legal move required because testing has determined that groundwater leachate is reaching the MNR property.

"You can have leachate, but it can't go on land not owned by the municipality," Eamon explained. In situations where the land itself isn't for sale, water rights can be purchased.

As for the other dump, on Seibert Road in the Matilda ward, council heard it might have decades of life left yet. There is also room on site for expansion, which would require an assessment process.

Eamon said the township could alternately decide to close the Seibert site, or, alternately, conclude it's better to stick with two landfills.

In the meantime, studies performed on the Siebert site several years ago, by another consulting firm on behalf of the former Township of Matilda, will be reviewed.

"We don't have an understanding of the capacity on Siebert Road," Eamon commented.

"That's all been done," replied Councillor Charles Barkley, who was reeve of Matilda at the time of the first study.

Brockville Speedway gears up

Plans are quickly falling into place for the 2001 racing season at Brockville Ontario Speedway just north of Brockville. The Speedway will open the 2001 campaign on Friday, May 18th under the leadership of Paul and Cheryl Kirkland.

There will be some changes for the new season. The track will add a fifth class of weekly competition with a new Rookie 4 cylinder division. The rules are very similar to those of the four cylinder class at Cornwall Motor Speedway. Those wishing information on the new class can find complete rules at www.brockvillespeedway.com.

A new state of the art computerized scored system is being added that should solve many disputes over positions and ensure a level playing field for competitors. The 358 Modifieds will be required to have a transponder aboard their machines to work with the new scoring system.

The BOS will host 2 events in the 2001 Super DIRT Series for 358 Modifieds with 100 lap events scheduled for Tuesday June 26th and Friday, September 14th.

'Pennies for Oma' benefits local hospital auxiliary

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The value of a penny saved has become a mission for Hilda Vandekemp, otherwise known as 'Oma' (Dutch for grandma) to her family.

Make that 84,000 pennies.

Vandekemp twigged onto the idea of casting about for spare change after reading last summer about youth whose goal was to collect one million pennies.

Pennies for Oma was born.

"I thought, why shouldn't I try?" she says in the foyer of Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

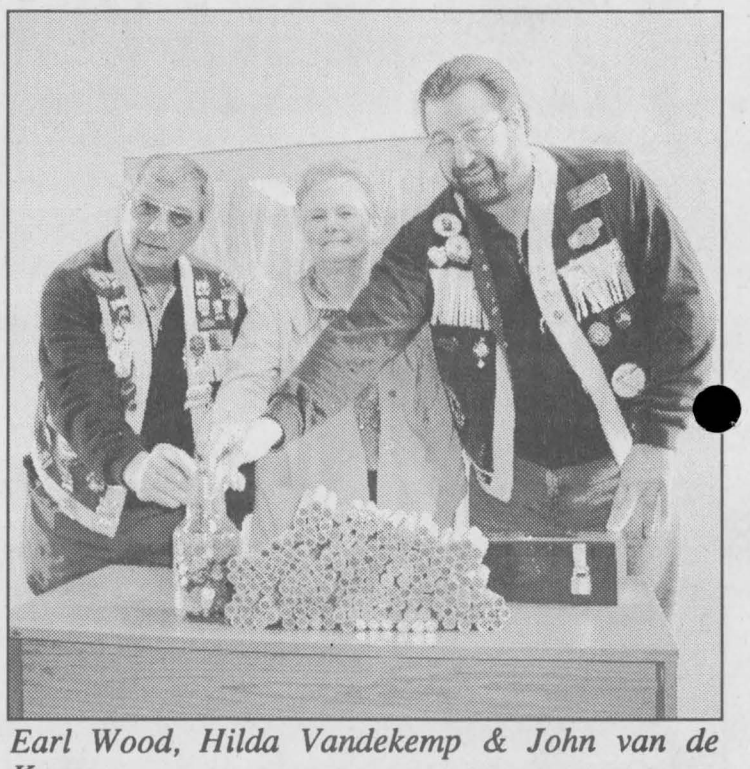
Since late August last year, the Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer Coordinator had collected a whopping 77,000 of the value-challenged coins in various jars set out around the hospital.

That was until the Morrisburg Lions weighed in with their own cache of copper on Monday — another 7,000 pennies, bringing the total raised in benefit of the Auxiliary to approximately $840.

Lions President John van de Kamp (no relation) said the pennies had stockpiled at the Morrisburg Arena canteen for the past five years, even surviving a recent break-in untouched.

"They left the pennies for me."

And a very good cause, as it turned out.



Earl Wood, Hilda Vandekemp & John van de Kamp

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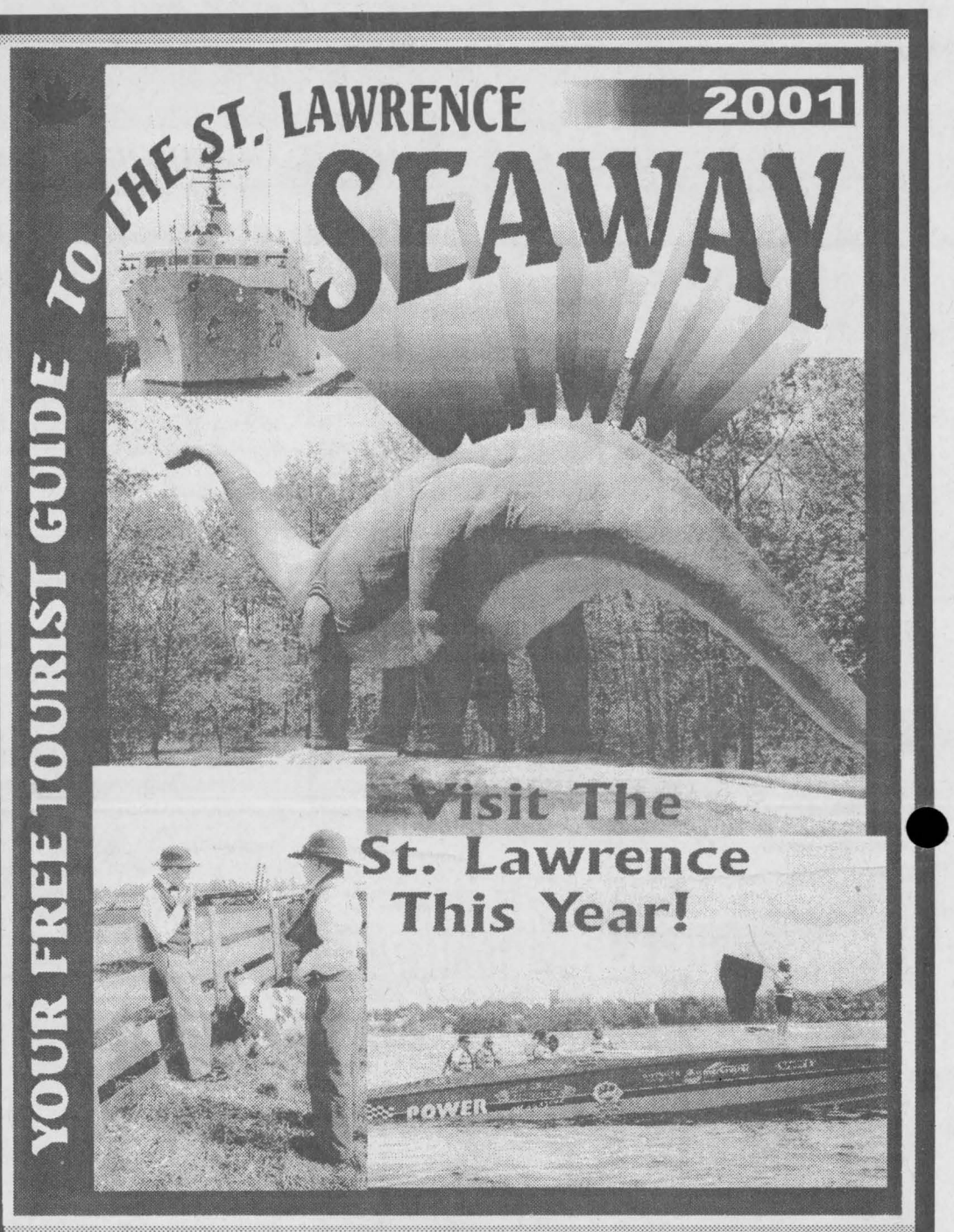

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