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Bounty at Seaway

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Seaway's been getting into the Christmas spirit. Students raised $1000 for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange with a magazine drive and a Dec. 17 basketball game. Wal-Mart pitched in another $100 when the students spent the money on toys and gifts at one of the stores. Students also put on a successful food drive at a recent dance, and collected a pile of clothes in the intervening week and a half. Posing with the bounty, students council members (l-r): Laura Baker, head of fundraising; Katie Shay, social convener; James Delegarde, treasurer; Rebecca King, vice president; Karin Verhoeven, head of leadership spirit; Wendy Locke, president. It was the second year Seaway students teamed up with Wal-Mart for the purchase of toys — 6 or 7 carts full!

Winchester Hospital 'thrilled' with report

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The report cards are out and Winchester District Memorial Hospital gets average and above-average marks in a survey of its patients.

It's a pretty good average with which to be compared. *Hospital Report '99*, a scorecard of 89 Ontario hospitals undertaken by the Ontario Hospital Association, reveals patients across the province are generally satisfied with the system. Seventy-five per cent of patients surveyed gave their hospital an overall score of 85 out of 100 or higher. Eighty per cent indicated satisfaction with their stay in hospital.

The responses from 26,000 questionnaires gathered between June and September were used for the patient survey portion of the report, which was released last Thursday and billed as one of the most comprehensive ever.

Individual hospital scorecards show only how the hospital compares to the survey average — either above, below or at the average level — in all categories. In the eight patient-satisfaction categories, W.D.M.H. scores above average in process quality, nursing care, and housekeeping. In the other five — global quality, outcome, physician care, ancillary patient care staff, and support services — Winchester pulls an average grade.

Those results have the satisfaction levels across the entire survey as a backdrop. For example, nearly 55 percent of all patients surveyed in the report gave top marks to physician care. And fifty-three percent accorded the nursing care they received the same 'excellent' rating. On the lower end, only 21 per cent of respondents in the province gave top marks to support services – things like food service and volunteers.

"We're thrilled. There were no surprises," said Joan Garrow, Vice President of Programs and Patient Services at the Winchester hospital.

"It just means we're doing what everyone else is doing," she said, putting the mostly average marks into perspective. She added that although the hospital is pleased with the overall report, it remains mindful of the need to make "positive improvements" in certain areas.

This was the first public report comparing W.D.M.H. with other hospitals in the province.

"Well over 100" former patients from the hospital were surveyed for the report, Garrow said.

Patients received the survey forms in the mail.

Hospital Report '99, also rates the hospitals on the outcomes of medical treatment and financial performance. The authors of the report gleaned that information from financial records and records at the Ministry of Health and the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

In its treatment of five benchmark illnesses, again, are mostly average marks for Winchester. The hospital ranks below average in the number of gall-bladder removals done as same-day surgery but is better than average in reducing the medical complications of heart attack victims.

The hospital also received a below average rating in the "hospital-community relationship" category. Garrow said this was likely caused by the length of time since the hospital's last "townhall" meeting for the community. Two years have passed since the last one.

On the financial side Winchester has a full slate of average marks.

Christmas Exchange, a display of seasonal spirit

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The people of South Dundas can be proud this Christmas season. They have come through again with flying colours.

There should be no child this Christmas in our area who does not have a present under their tree nor a family without food on their table this Christmas. The Annual Christmas Exchange has been blessed yet again in 1999.

The Angel Tree co-sponsored by the Bank of Montreal and The Chieftain was covered with 72 angels each representing a child who would otherwise have been disappointed on December 25th. By the deadline date the angels were all gone and in their place were a bounty of marvellous gifts, all sizes and shapes.

When the gifts were delivered to the Legion in Morrisburg tables ran the length of the room and boxes were being filled with groceries. The people who volunteered were from the young adults, like David Millard to the more mature like Jane McCaslin were on hand to do whatever was necessary. Linda Bowers was carrying boxes of food to the far end to be distributed, Rev. Bill Byers was as he put it "The Cheerio Man!" and Arie Geurkink seemed to be "Mr.Carrot" as he trollied bag after bag of the orange veggies to the tables. Dwight Gilmer moved huge bags of potatoes and Robin Lane who co-ordinates, along with Carol Richer were on hand to ensure that everything was being accomplished.

There were so many helpers, the boxes were filled and the gifts piled higher and higher. The people all seemed to know what they had to do, it was almost like being at Santa's workshop, the organization was marvellous. The donations kept arriving, loaves of bread, jars of peanut butter...seemed endless. Thanks South Dundas! This is certainly the best place on earth to call home, when people respond like this to a need by others they call neighbour.

S. D. Council hears about train, trees and generator

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mayor Johnny Whitteker reported to his council colleagues on Dec. 9 that a "Friends of the Train" group needs to be set up if the old train parked near Upper Canada Village is to be saved.

Whitteker said he received the advice from St. Lawrence Parks Commission member Les Cruickshank.

"I think the Commission would like to see the train left where it is, but they don't have the dollars to restore it. This is how he suggested we go at it," the mayor said.

The SLPC plans to receive new proposals on divesting itself of the train, after a plan to give it to a Trenton group fell through this fall.

The Friends of the Train group, if it forms, would have to begin meeting early in the new year in an effort to formulate its own proposal to save the train.

Trees

Pat Piitz of South Nation Conservation checked in at the council meeting to report on his progress mapping each and every tree in the parks of South Dundas.

Piitz and a handful of SNC staff members have been cataloging the damaged trees as part of a Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing program to reimburse the township for trees lost during the '98 Ice Storm.

The township pays only 25 per cent of the costs associated with the tree replacement program. South Dundas is making a $60,000 claim under the program, and the trees are slated for replacement over the next three years.

"Those guys are doing a good job," said Recreation Manager Keith Robinson. "They check the buds on every tree."

The toughest part, Piitz said, is finding those trees that have already been chopped down and covered in sod.

"We're looking at 1991 aerial photographs to pinpoint all the trees."

The trees will be replaced with good hardwoods like oak and sugar maple, over the next three years.

The SNC report was due to be finished on Dec. 17.

Y2K generator

Robinson told council he wanted to rent a generator to keep the Morrisburg Arena up and running over New Year's Eve, just in case the Y2K doom mongers turn out to be right.

He said he wished to prevent the compressors from freezing solid in the event of a prolonged outage.

In North Dundas the same week, council there turned down the idea of dropping $1000 to keep a three-phase generator on standby for the township municipal building.

Even if Y2K doesn't happen, the township would kiss the thousand bucks good bye ...

Little Rikki's relocates to better serve the community

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Baldi's is receiving a face lift as Little Rikki's moves a couple of doors east in the Iroquois Plaza. Instead of being west of the Royal Bank they will be just east of the Bank in the former Baldi's locale.

In the midst of relocating, owner and operator Pat Kelly is swamped with ideas and work. She took time from her busy working schedule, not to mention seasonal efforts as well to explain that, "Things will only get better."

"What changes we have in store," she says, "will be additions to what we have always served in Little Rikki's." She notes there will still be pizzas, subs and wings, "All those items will be available in the new location along with a kid's menu and a variety of items on the menu not offered by us before: like ham, pastas and steaks. We will offer full breakfasts including such treats as homemade waffles, and Sunday Brunches on special Sundays." She continues, "We will be open later than usual, like 10pm on weekends so people can take a break and come out to enjoy a homecooked meal without the hassle and fuss." She is quick to point out that Brenda (Loucks) whose reputation in the kitchen is well known in this area will continue to feed our culinary pangs and she is welcoming Beatrice (Bea Smith, another gal who knows her way around a kitchen) to the kitchen as well; each of these gals has their own specialities and they will compliment one another nicely.

The fresh baking will continue to be available to tempt everyone and a shy lady who knows the ins and outs of the business, although she does not want to be named in this article will be on hand to offer suggestions and help when and where needed...great to hear Faye!! We've missed you in Iroquois!

As she speaks, Pat keeps her eyes roving the now rather barren interior of the former Baldi's. "We hope to change the paint scheme over the holiday season when time allows, maybe Boxing Day will provide this chance.

When asked if any additional help will be hired, she said the

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Dear Santa

Jenna Toupin was not too sure that she wanted to sit on Santas' lap...but she did. She is missing her front teeth and so may well have been getting up her nerve to ask for front teeth for Christmas. Santa was in Cardinal at the Legion. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*



Walk-a-dog-a-thon Christmas

Edwardsburgh Lions President Mary Lewis (far left) thanked a large gathering at a banquet Thursday for their participation in this fall's Walk-a-dog-a-thon, which raised money for the Lions' seeing-eye dog program. Santa showed up and so did some Shriners. Left to right, after Lewis: Al Ludlow, a member of the Brockville Shriners; Earl Nesbitt of the Cardinal Legion; Sarah Bush, Miss Spencerville Fair; Santa between the flags; Bill Dixon, Lions District Governor; Lawrence Barrington and Philip Martin, both members of the Brockville Shriners; and Jack Chatters of the Prescott Lions. Certificates were presented as thanks for their participation. *Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen*

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What Really matters

This past week the daily news has been filled with the disgrace that world famous heart surgeon Wilbert Keon brought to himself and his family through a moment of poor judgement.

Who cares?

What does this inpropriety have to do with his work?

Will he not be able to save lives now?

He has tarnished his record.

He has hurt his family and their name.

He has not done anything to his work. His work is what he is known the world over for.

The President of the United States went even further and we all seem to be able to live with it. We can live with this. If we had never found out, never learned about it ever happening, would we not carry on as usuual? Is it any of our business what he does after hours? Who ever said that what we do not know will not hurt us was right on. If this had not happened, or if it had not become front page news...then what?

The young police do have the option of warning or fining, letting the world know or tucking it away and getting on with their business. We all know someone who has been speeding or driving drunk and who got of as it were with a warning.

Perhaps just because he is a famous person, he does not deserve special treatment when he breaks the law, and we do not nor do we need to know exactly how far he went, but he could have been given a warning, no matter who he is and perhaps there are johns out there who carry on this stuff every night (do you think?) and need attention, I think maybe, Keon is not one of them.

I am not his judge in this life, he knows what he did was wrong. Taking lessons at john school may well have been embarrassment enough to stop it from occurring again, maybe not. Informing his family most assuredly was. Watching such a man break down telling the worlds what a fool he had been was enough.

We put him on a pedestal and he is afterall just a man, a man who has done so very much good for people that it seems that while turning the other cheek may not have been the best advice, it would have been a healthier option for many who live because of his knowledge in the operating room and in the research lab.

I would urge the Heart Institute to consider carefully his resignation. What bearing does this have on his ability to save lives? Should we all pay such a high cost for our mistakes? Should you and I have to pay as well. Many people with poor hearts hope he stays...

S.L.J.

No turnaround yet

You can't turn an aircraft carrier on a dime. And considering that only governments can afford to keep aircraft carriers on the high seas, it's amazing those things get turned around at all.

In Canada, we don't have aircraft carriers anymore — they disappeared long ago, and long before our dwindling armed forces had to scrounge for a proper pair of boots — but we do have a large piece of government machinery, a real monster, which adeptly proves the difficulties of forcing a behemoth into a hard turn to the port side: our public health care system.

More disturbing headlines have hit the pages again in recent weeks:

Emergency rooms in Toronto shuffling patients around like musical chairs. *Sorry, there's no room in the Inn.*

Hospitals in Ottawa claiming they will have to fund-raise an unprecedented $100 million, partly to build new facilities — this after the closure and amalgamation of hospitals in the first place.

The persistence of long, long waiting lists. A recent story tells of a woman who was informed that she would have to leave the hospital on the same day of her double mastectomy surgery, if she wanted the operation in good time.

It's becoming very apparent that government and its bureaucracies, regardless of ideological persuasion, are unable to run a large system very efficiently. We all believe this to a large degree. Do you think Wal-Mart would be a better place to shop if the government took it over? Remember K-Mart in the 70s? It'd be worse than that.

Yet, in the same week, we have had breathless stories in the media about a private company selling Ontarians quick and "illegal" access to MRI scanning equipment.

Personally, I feel that its better the government err on the side of tax cuts and staying out of the economy, rather than erring in the other direction. I think that sort of government would do even worse with the medicare system.

But there's little doubt that the performance right now is still pretty mediocre. Blame it on the hypocritical political orthodoxy in this country, afflicting even the right wing, that free enterprise has absolutely no place in the operating room.

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Christmas is a special time of year



Mr. And Mrs. Santa Claus



Santa Helps With Iroquois Tag Draw



Ken Jones And His Nativity Scene



St. Johns Church School Concert



Holiday Symbols On The Move In WSBG



Benson's Alyssa Deschamps Plays An Elf

Photos by S.L.J. & N.Z.

~~ Take heed of your own advice ~~



As this is typed the old Editor is in some new kind of pain. See, she is always looking after others and warning them about the icy conditions. Well the weather on Monday was rather bizarre and she spent a lot of time worrying about others getting safely to their destination..."Drive carefully, watch the ice patches, walk where it is dry" and all that. Well the big guy made it down from Prescott and stopped by to tell me to come home carefully and slowly since it was a bit wild out. Leaving work I discovered the ice rain had turned to just plain old wet rain. The car tires are not the best, the tread is poor and new ones are on order...another story. Anyway, I drove slowly and carefully and things went well.I even backed into the yard with no problem. Figuring that it had been raining for long enough to melt the ice, I gathered up the briefcase, the lunch bag, the purse and the camera case, I headed for the safety of the house. All of a sudden I was flat on the ground and the knees were screaming. The head had hit the car fender, as had the shoulder. This should undo all the good the Massage Therapy has been doing for the stretched and pulled muscles! The ice was thick and the stones in the drive was clinging to it, and I was hurting. Rolling over onto my bottom hoping to relieve some of the pain, I sat there clutching two sore at the best of time arthritic knees. If I was able to produce tears, (Sojgrens prevents them from forming) I am sure they would have streamed down my face. Many will know the feelings as I realized I was in a mess and had no one to blame but myself. I was angry at myself and just knew I had ripped my Calvin Klein jeans (a Christmas gift last year). Santa is NOT bringing me a new pair either!! Sitting there with rain dripping off the nose....screaming in the hopes that someone inside the warm, dry house would hear my plaintiff cries...until I was almost hoarse to no avail. I attempted twice to get up and fell back down, now wetter than ever, and even more angry at an old fool who would end up on a rainy December night sitting with blood running down her legs on an ice covered drive. Finally managing to get up right, I gathered my belongings and headed limping and feeling pretty sorry for myself for the steps. Wooden steps...I was cautious getting up to the veranda. Thankfully they were not slippery, that would have been ALL I needed!! The big guy came to the door as the door bell sounded. The worried look on his face helped a little as he grabbed stuff and helped me to a chair. Pulling the jeans off, I discovered that I was soaked and could not sit until I was dried off. The leg was bloody and he is not good when he sees the red riverlets careening down anything let alone my legs. He called the sons and soon warm compresses were bringing some relief. Then he attempted to dab the blood, and forgot how much they could be hurting. You definitely DO NOT swipe open cuts made by sharp stones. After getting me covered, in case shock would set in (old/new first aiders never forget!) he replaced the wet cloths with fresh ones and then dried the blood which would not stop running. Elevated the legs and went for the peroxide (he suggested other disinfectant, but the patient suggested otherwise). This was a poor experience and I did not enjoy it even a little. When it came time to have supper, bending the knees was a thrill I could have done without...and there was no sympathy from the sons. In fact they suggested that I could have just walked in after work and not bothered with the slopping around in the water and ice!! Their bedside manner needs a little work! They were just trying to get my mind off the pain so they say today, and so I guess I am lucky to have them to help me through it. Some R and R after supper helped, but there was writing to get done for the newspaper and so some rests took place as the writing was accomplished. The shock did kind of settle in and some pains cascaded throughout the body. A less than pleasant evening for sure. Climbing the stairs was not great and sleeping was fitful, until it was time to get the day started, then I could have slept on!! Pain killers and work are taking the mind off the hurt and I try not to think about the shopping that has yet to be done and how it will hurt to walk too far. I really must try to get the shopping done before Christmas week from this year onward. The stiff neck and the headache will not be conducive shopping.

Seems that this pain thing is something the Editorial Department at The Chieftain is into this Christmas...see Nelson the cub reporter went for a slide on the sidewalk between S&F and Byers

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the bottom line

RUMOURS CONCERNING THE DISCOVERY OF A BIG MONEY STASH IN the parking lot of a Morrisburg establishment are "completely unsubstantiated," the business owner says. Circulating for at least a couple of weeks now, the story has it that somebody stumbled across a misplaced duffel bag containing hundreds of thousands of U.S. dollars in the parking lot of the McIntosh Inn. "I've heard $200,000," Tom Morrow says of the rumour with a tone of disbelief. He and his employees are unaware of such an incident, he says. The O.P.P. have not received any reports of a large cash find, either.

THE O.P.P. HAVE SOME WINTER DRIVING TIPS: IN TIMES OF BAD weather, which result in limited visibility, being seen can be as important as what you can see. Police recommend using full headlights when driving in these situations. Some makes of automobiles, while they do have full-time running lights (headlights), may not have the tail lights illuminated unless the full lighting system is activated.

While we have enjoyed good road conditions during the early part of the season, winter weather is just around the corner, and drivers should start getting into the habit of increasing the time allotted for travel and commuting. "Speed too fast for the weather and road conditions" is a primary cause of wintertime motor vehicle collisions.

TIMER NUMBER *THREE*, AND COUNTING. JAY MERKLEY IS BESIDE himself ... Remember, he has already had some outdoor Christmas light bulbs filched, then a switch-timer, then its replacement, and now *its* replacement has also walked, he reported to *The Chieftain*. Bah humbug! He wishes those folks a very Merry Christmas and hopes their lights work *really* well with triple switches. Here at *The Chieftain*, we wonder if the culprit(s) realize just how small video cameras can get these days — the blue uniforms and billy clubs might already be on their way ... Ho! Ho! Ho!

SOMEONE ELSE MAY BE SPREADING THE WRONG MESSAGE THIS year. Mrs. McGahey on Church Street is a very elderly resident of our town. She is close to 100 years young and her best friend in the world, her apricot poodle dog — he's getting up in years as well — has disappeared. He seldom goes out, unless on his chain, but Sunday he went for a run with another canine pal (her daughter's dog). The other returned; he did not. Needless to say, this does not make for a Merry Christmas! If you have seen this little fellow, give her a call; if you know his whereabouts, let her know. Thanks!

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Furniture on Monday as the ice rain began. He is unsure who was laughing as he went down, but heard sounds. Thankfully the coffee he was carrying spilled away from his person and did not hit anyone else...of course who else was out strolling in the bad weather??

The Santa Parade in Williamsburg on Sunday was pretty good and Santa and the Mrs. remembered this old Editor, that was cool! Watching the youngsters as they see him coming is always neat. He visited Cardinal on the weekend as well, three times in fact, although we were able to see him only once. The youngsters were happy to welcome him to the Legion, one wee lad in a tux outfit in particular!!

Travelling to Spencerville to see the Minor Atom Kings play was a treat on a cold early Saturday morn too. These little players do a terrific job and are great to watch.

The Chieftain staff got together with the sister papers and enjoyed some seasonal cheer at the Sam Jakes Inn in Merrickville on the weekend. We try to take the celebration closer to the Manotick and Kemptville offices every other year.

The grocery son and his gal attended his staff party as well and enjoyed his evening. He got a gift which was exactly what he wanted, so he was smiling when we arrived home.

The number one son and his gal went on a hay ride and then he watched the hockey game with some friends at a special grandma's house near Williamsburg. He is busy with Christmas stuff and received his timetable for the next semester, although his mom has not yet seen it, we will need to make some decisions as to where he will live until May, soon and he has begun applying for summer jobs already as well. Never any rest!!

Travelling about on Sunday evening in the Limo (Byers Limo Service) as the judges checked out the houses in the South Dundas contest was fun and I might add that I could get used to being chauffeured around. Perhaps Santa has read the paper and will be putting a gift certificate on the tree (if we ever get a tree!!) for another limo ride to some nice spot for lunch or dinner...hint, hint.

Oh, yes, the tree has not yet arrived. We, well I sold the truck and so we have no way to get one home...I will not put it in the trunk of the car, and so we are treeless and it is three days until Christmas. Could be a Charlie Brown Christmas at Swampview this year, a sparse tree would be better than no tree!!

I did get out on Sunday and decorate the civic number post and the new light standard since no one else has time. The interior will get a dressing on Christmas Eve before we head to church, although not everyone can attend the service this year, other obligations and all. We will be together some over the holiday and share the Christmas spirit as much as possible. It gets tougher as everyone grows up to fit in all the meals and gatherings.

The big guy and I will attend an annual Christmas get-together at a staff members' home where we have gone for numerous years each Christmas. These traditions make the season better. A stop on Christmas Eve will be fun with friends too and then we celebrate with moving from house to house on my side of the family, enjoy dinner with the big guys' family and then head to Morrisburg to help with the Christmas dinner for the lonely and such. Boxing Day will see my side of the in-laws gather at Grandmas and share a meal that will be too much and too good. Whether being nice or truly wanting my dressing, I am making and taking it on Boxing Day since it is a unique recipe I conjured up. Mom says Dad wants it since it is so good...wow, a compliment for me, and I am flattered. A turkey will cook at the ranch as well and we will feast all week a long...and grow even fatter, as we enjoy friends and family throughout the holiday.

The concert performed by the bands and choir at Seaway High was great, as usual. Some pretty good musicians and singers we have in our midst. As college and university kids arrive home for Christmas we get hugs and smiles and it is wonderful to see them again. They grow so fast when out of sight!!

Taking the gifts from the Angel Tree in the Bank of Montreal to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange sorting is always an experience and it does your heart good to see the piles of toys and food that will make a better holiday for the less fortunate among us. The helpers who came out to lend a hand are pretty special folks...

Thoughts this Christmas as always drift to loved ones lost and how we miss them. Keeping focused on the good times, Christmas was a time of love and laughter for us, as now, when we were all together, and we will savour these memories. Our thoughts go out to the Murphys family who will be without OJ this season and with the Standrings as they struggle through a difficult time right now.

Take care, have the Merriest of Christmases and take time to enjoy the season and all it brings. The wisdom comes from A.J. Balfour who said, "Nothing matters very much and very few things matter at all."

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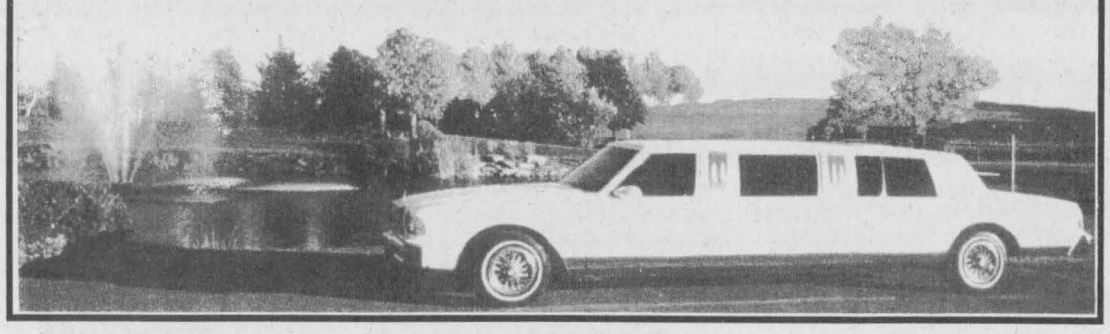

Important Notice to Drivers and Vehicle Owners

Some Ministry of Transportation (MTO) driver and vehicle licensing services will only be available until 11 a.m. on Friday, December 31, 1999, as the ministry will be taking the necessary steps to protect critical driver, vehicle and carrier information for the new year.

After 11 a.m., some licensing transactions, such as plate renewals, will continue to be available. However, payment must be made by cash or cheque only.

Licensing services that will not be available include:

- renewing driver's licences
- replacing driver's licences
- replacing vehicle or plate permits
- issuing first-time driver's licences
- changing/correcting vehicle identification numbers (VIN)
- obtaining a Used Vehicle Information Package (UVIP)
- obtaining driver, vehicle and carrier abstracts
- ordering Own Choice Plates
- exchanging out-of-province driver's licences
- changing licence classes or endorsements
- booking road tests by telephone

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- replacing or changing CVOR certificates, operating licences and Motor Vehicle Inspection Station licences

MTO services provided through ServiceOntario kiosks will not be available from 11 a.m. on Friday, December 31, 1999 until noon on Sunday, January 2, 2000.

MTO offices will open for normal business after the New Year's holiday on Tuesday, January 4, 2000. Some issuing offices will be open on Monday, January 3, 2000. Please check directly with the office in your area. Numbers are listed in the blue pages of your telephone directory.

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Ontario

Retired teachers hold annual meeting

The retired teachers of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry held their Christmas dinner meeting at the Cornwall Best Western recently. Each year the teachers designate a charity for a seasonal donation and this year it was the Alzheimer Society. The group decided to make their donation in the form of a corporate stone for the Society's "Memory Lane." The 25-metre walkway in Lamoureux Park will be constructed next spring and they hope to raise $100,000 from this project. In thanking the teachers for their donation, the speaker from the Society explained that the money raised from this, their millennium project will aid their Memory Disorder Clinic.

In the business meeting which followed the traditional turkey dinner, the slate of officers for the year 2000 was elected and sworn in by retiring past-president, Clifford C. Hart. They include: Past President-Veronique Sauve, President-Colleen Kennedy, 1st Vice-Venise Laughlin, 2nd Vice-Wyman Barton, Secretary-Kathleen MacNaughton, Treasurer-Jean MacCuaig and Directors- Ellis Barkley, Jackie House, Thomas Swift, Lillian Duffy, Yvonne Besner, Lorraine Lanthier, Steve Thompson, Jim Shaw and Perry Stacey.

CRIME STOPPERS

Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers in cooperation with the Regional Task Force is asking for your help in combating the "Contraband Trade."

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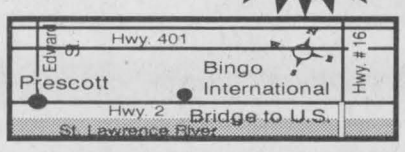

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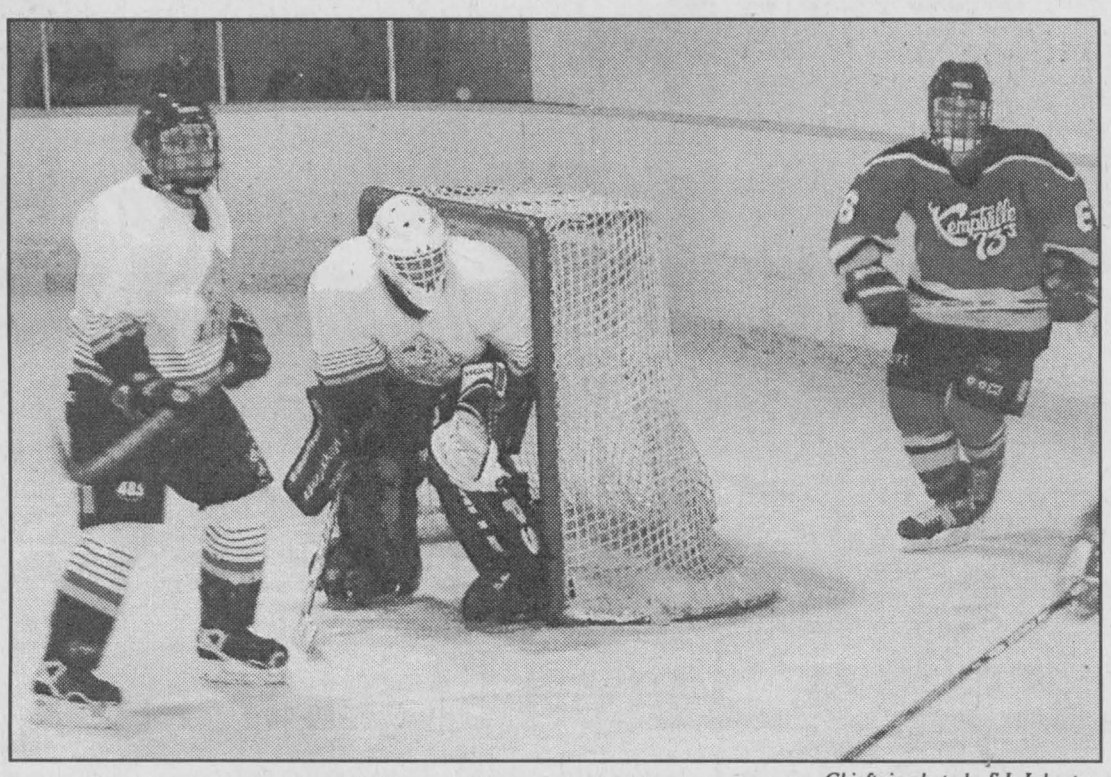

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Goal Guardians

The man in the pipes and his defensive unit have a huge responsibility. Here the Lions display how they try to keep the puck out of the twine. A Kemptville 73s player skates dangerously close to the goal area as the action heats up in the game on Friday evening in Morrisburg. A shoot out decided this match and not in favour of the hometeam.



Atom Action

Clarke Saunders has a pile of company near his crease as the Minor Atom Kings played their opponents, the Ottawa Sting on Saturday morning in Spencerville. No counter resulted from this tangled gang. Some pretty good hockey happens when the Kings take to the ice. Local player Brandon Elliott plays for the Kings. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Junior B Lions lose two

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Saturday night the Junior "B" Lions journeyed to Alexandria to face the Glens and after breaking out fast and furious were stifled until the last period.

The Glens were held scoreless until 13:39 of the first period. At 19:36 Bobby Bird put the Lions on the board with help from Ryan Warr. The first ended in a tie and things could have gone either way.

Then the second saw the Glens score two unanswered counters in a period filled with penalty calls. Charles Forment received a Game Misconduct and was out of the game in the first period. Top point man in the league this was a tough one for the team. Carson Runions and Anthony Billoto were also handed Misconduct penalties of 10 minutes per and this provided opportunity for the Glens to score. They capitalized during the second as the Lions worked to play out the penalty times. The Glens added two and then the third saw them fight hard as they nailed four more into the Lions twine to put them out of reach. Bobby Bird was determined as he went in with Paul DeDekker and Jon Chambers to make a statement at 3:58 of the third. It proved too little too late as the Lions went down to defeat 7-2.

Hosting the Kemptville 73s on Sunday afternoon, the Lions came close in a well fought game. The 73s were on the board first on a powerplay goal, but the Lions came back as Adam Cameron skated in solo and made sure at 3:39, to tie the game at one.

The 73s counted a short-handed counter in the second as the Lions played hard but could not get the puck past Tim Craig who played a rather questionable game as he took several penalties and was replaced by Duncan Carpenter as if being allowed to cool down.

The third was a fast paced period as well with Blancha[illegible] playing good standup hockey the net for the Lions and Craig and Carpenter doing likewise at the other end. As both teams scored during the third, the Lions coming off the stick of Charles Forment with help from Daniel Beland and Greg Millard, a five-minute overtime period should have deided the game. It did not, ending scoreless, forcing a shoot-out to determine a winner. Each team got five shooters and five chances to score. The 73s won 2-1 as they were able to beat the Lions netman after a game that left everyone drained.

Atom Kings come home winners

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Thursday, December 16, the Minor Atom Kings travelled to Ottawa to play the Sting and came home victorious, winning 4-1.

The first period was scoreless with both goalies turning aside numerous good opportunities. The passing was fast and furious in this period and both net minders had to stay sharp.

The Sting struck first tucking one past Graham Peters in the pipes for the Kings, to take a one goal lead early in the second. That was how things stood as the teams began the third frame.

The Kings settled down as the third period got underway and scored four unanswered goals for the win. Matt Lajoie and Matt Hummel backed by Peters led the attack. Lajoie notched a pair of goals and counted an assist while Hummel scored once and picked up two assists. Steve Allan scored the Kings final counter with helpers going to Kent Utman and Bobby Little.

On Saturday, December 18,a rematch was played in Spencerville with the Sting coming out on top 4-2. The Kings opened the scoring early in the first when Stewart Peters snapped one in while wearing a playing cast on his broken wrist. Assisting on the goal were Kyle Atkins and Matt Hummel. The second period was dominated by the Sting who out three past Clarke Saunders, who at times seemed to be the only player in the defensive end. The Kings Sammy Coyne bent the twine to bring the Kings to within one with help from Atkins and Peters. The Kings hit the post twice, but could not find the back of the net. The Sting added an empty netter with twenty-five seconds left to seal their victory.

The Minor Atom Kings have reached the League Christmas break. League play resumes on January 13 when Ottawa Valley travel to Athens to face the Kings at 7pm.

At this point in League play, the Minor Atoms record is 7-11-4 (wins, losses and ties), pretty good fellows, keep things moving.

During the Christmas break, the Kings will play in the Gloucester mid-Season Challenge on Monday, December 27 at 10:20 am and then at 3pm. Then on Tuesday, December 28th at 12:20 and again at 6pm. All games are at the Orleans Sportsplex. The next Tournament is the Ottawa International Hockey Festival that runs from January 6-9 at rinks all over the city for various Atom level teams. The Kings' games are all slated for the Kanata Rec Centre January 7 at 10:10am. Then at 5:45pm the next day, the Kings play at 10:10am. These young men are marvellous to watch on the ice. They are a determined team who play well as a unit. It is amazing how rapidly they react to a situation and how they skate so well. Their passes hardly ever miss the target, passing from stick to stick is a real art and they have it down pat. The action is fast and they provide a most entertaining game for the fans.

The Minor Atoms at this time would like to thank their many sponsors for their support and the fans that show up for home and away games. To each and every one the Minor Atom Kings wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...see you at the rink.

Bantam House Lions drop one to Demons

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg started off slow and gave the North Dundas Demons a quick two goal advantage. Scoring for North Dundas were Geoff Peas and Tim Johnson. A nice passing play from Jamie Hess to Jamie Byvelds, who broke out and buried the puck in the Demons net put the Lions on the board.

Numerous opportunities came to the Lions, but they just were unable to capitalize on them. The Demons added two more before the game ended. Tyler Byrne and Ben Mead each counted one and when the final buzzer sounded, the Demons were up 4-1.

This is the Lions final match before taking a break for Christmas.

Novice B's "Select" a tie

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday, the Novice "B" Lions played their final season game before the Christmas break. The Lions struggled to a 1-1 draw with the South Stormont Selects. Allan Waddell banged one home in the first period with the assist going to Pat Bongers. Ryan Swank played a strong game in the Lions' pipes helping to preserve the tie.

The next time the Novice "B" Lions will take to the ice is tonight, Wednesday, December 22 to host an exhibition game against the Brockville Warriors. See you at the rink.

Curlers take break for Christmas

with Steve Thompson

The Curling Club is winding down for the Christmas break and most of the results are now in for the first draw. The Daytime Mixed curlers finished with a fine turkey dinner last Thursday and a past president, Elizabeth Brunt presented the Bradford Trophy to Arnold Centen, Wally McDonald, Eleanor Allison and Paul Dobry.. Since Liz's team had come in second, she did the honours with mixed feelings. It was good to see Bernie Brunt, another past president back. Though he does not curl anymore, Bernie still plays golf with Jack Cole. Most times he'll even tell Jack where he's hit his drives!

The Friday Night winners have also been decided. They are Craig and Allan Harriman, Sydney Schnurr and Bill Magee. Two past presidents on one team!

The Valu Mart Turkey Bonspiel was played last week and special thanks go to Valu Mart for their continued sponsorship of this popular event (8 turkeys donated) and to Sydney Schnurr for organizing this spiel. The winning team was made up of Steve and Alice Thompson and Gerald Wynands. Each team member took home a turkey and turkeys were also won by the people who drew to the button in a special competition. They were Charlene Baker, Sydney Schnurr, Allan Harriman and Betty Locke. Other prizes were awarded to Tracy Docksteader, Jack Dikland, Steve Boucher and Dwight Gilmer. The evening finished with plenty of excellent chicken wings, chips and suitable beverages.

Those who did not sign up for this annual spiel missed some great curling and some unusual rules for the preliminaries. On one of the ends, curlers had to deliver their rocks using a curling cue. This stick with a spring on the end to fit over the rock's handle allows curlers with bad backs or knees to play the game without fear of injury. With them you can make take-outs, throw draws and either turn. For anyone who thinks these change the game to shuffleboard or make it easier, well, it's too bad we hadn't had a video camera for the trial. These cues require practice to use effectively.

Finally, there are a few openings for the Two-Player, Day After Christmas Bonspiel. Call Sydney Schnurr to register or for details.



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Iroquois Community Watch Members are desperately needed. In order to keep this great program, volunteers are needed. All you need to give up is approximately 3 hours a month. Please call Walter at 652-4508. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers, past and present for all the wonderful work they have done.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Merrill

At Winchester Hospital on Thursday, December 16, 1999, Dorothy Adeline Merrill of the Hartford Home in Morrisburg.

Born in Williamsburg Township on June 12, 1914, she was 85 years of age. Dorothy lived her life in and around Morrisburg. Before retirement, she was a tour guide at Crysler Hall at Upper Canada Village.

She was predeceased by her parents; Charles and Edith (nee Cyle) Marselis and her beloved husband, Dalton Merrill as well as a son, Stephen Merrill and a sister, Margaret McIntyre.

Surviving the loss are her daughter, Catherine (Gordon) Flumerfelt of Edmonton and a daughter-in-law, Judy Merrill of Prescott. Mourning the loss are two grandchildren; David and Patricia, two nieces and several nephews.

A private graveside service was held at the Fairview Cemetery on Wednesday, December 22, 1999.

Jim (O.J.) Murphy

Suddenly at home on Zeron Road, RR1, Iroquois on Tuesday, December 14, 1999, James B. (O.J.) Murphy.

Jim was born in Morrisburg on April 4, 1938 and lived his entire life in the area. He worked for the Department of Highways at the Morrisburg Base after being employed by Lee Shaver Construction, Iroquois prior to his retirement.

Jim was predeceased by his parents: Patrick and Dorothy (nee McNaughton) Murphy as well as a brother, Don and a sister, Jean.

Mourning the loss are his wife, Joyce Murphy and their sons: Pat (Diane), Jim (Shirley), Jeff (Debbie), Steven (Linda) and Tim (Wendy) all of Iroquois as well as sisters: Patricia of Winchester, Shirley of Morrisburg, Margaret of Old Chelsea, Quebec and Catherine of Port Elgin. Ten grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews survive the loss.

Memorial donations to Winchester District Hospital were appreciated by the family. A private family service was held at O.J.'s home (The Lazy Seven) on Zeron Road on Friday, December 17, 1999.

Ralph Miller

At Winchester Hospital on December 16, 1999, Ralph John Miller of Winchester. Born in Edwardsburgh Township on November 11, 1916, he was 83 years of age and had lived in the Shanly area all but the last 17 years of his life. A retired farmer, Ralph was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Inkerman.

Predeceased by his parents; William and Edith (nee Pitt) Miller as well as two brothers; Acil and Cecil, he drove a milk truck, worked at carpentry, painting and had an egg route during his working years. His family and his farm were indeed his life, holding both close to his heart.

Mourning the loss are his wife, Stella Spearman of Winchester whom he wed on June 7, 1947 at her parent's home at RR1, Inkerman.

Mourning the loss are a son, Elwyn (Linda) of RR4, Spencerville and a daughter, Bonnie (R. McIntyre) of Stirling as well as a sister-in-law, Evelyn Millar of Brockville.

Donations to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Inkerman in his memory were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal on Friday, December 17, 1999. Service was conducted by Rev. J. Warrington at the Wesleyan Church on Saturday, December 18 followed by interment at the Shanly cemetery. Pallbearers were Warren Jackson, Ken Minnar, Mark McIntyre, Terry Barkley, Joe Moulton and Albert DeWitt.

Carl Levere

At his residence at the Wellington House in Prescott, Carl Edgar Levere on Friday, December 17, 1999.

Born in Edwardsburgh Township on April 28, 1925, carl was 74 years of age.

Carl worked as a general labourer for Dodge Construction in Cardinal.

A member of the United Church, Carl spent his entire life around Cardinal.

Predeceased by his parents: Fred and Florence (nee Pitt) Levere as well as his beloved wife, Dorothy Levere whom he wed in Cardinal in 1953 as well as a brother, Roy Levere and a sister, Helen Fraser.

Surviving their loss are sons; Allan of Cornwall and Dale (Sandra) of Iroquois and a daughter, Catherine (Steve) Deschamps of Cardinal. A sister, Helen Beaupre of Morrisburg, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews mourn their loss as well.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral home in Cardinal on Sunday, December 19, 199. A graveside service was conducted by Rev. Arlyce Schiebolt at St.John's Riverside Cemetery, cardinal. No pallbearers were used.

Graeme McAllister

After an illness (stroke) of some ten years, at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Cornwall, Graeme McAllister on Friday, December 17, 1999. Born in Matilda Township on December 11, 1926, Graeme was 73 years of age.

Born and raised at RR1, Iroquois, presently the Zeron Road, Graeme moved to Toronto to work when he was a young man and remained in that city until he retired from Morbern Industries in Toronto.

A member of the United Church, Graeme was a very quite bachelor who enjoyed reading and eating. He liked to visit his home on the Zeron Road on weekends when he resided in Toronto.

Predeceased by his parents; Carleton and Pansy (nee Benham) McAllister, and sisters; Eleanor Murphy and Janet Beer as well as a nephew, Doug Murphy; Graeme leaves to mourn the loss a niece, Anne (Doug) Hartle of RR1, Iroquois.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Diabetes Society in his memory would be appreciated by the family. There was no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois.

Erma Osborne

At the Trenton Memorial Hospital on December 13, 1999 after a courageous battle against illness of some six months.

Born in Winchester on November 29, 1959, Erma was only 40 years of age. She was living at RR6, Belleville at the time.

A devoted and loving housewife, mother, step-mother and grandmother, she was raised in the Williamsburg area and educated at Morrisburg, Elma, Maple Ridge and Seaway High Schools. She was a member of the United Church in Canada.

Predeceased by a brother, Rodney, Erma loved to play the clarinet, and sang. She loved to laugh and will be sadly missed for all of these attributes.

Mourning the loss are her parents; Harold and Marion (nee McLean) Moore, her beloved husband, Glenn Moulton and her sons: Paul Osborne of RR2, Williamsburg and Andrew Moulton of Napanee, a daughter, Mary Lynn Green (Tony) of Napanee, as well as a step-daughter, Katelyn Moulton of Napanee. brothers, including Stuart of Kingston and Daniel (Tina) of Napanee and Ronald of RR2, Williamsburg. She is sadly missed by her grandchildren Keisha and Jordon Green.

There was no visitation at the Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at the South Gower Cemetery on Thursday, December 16, at 1pm with Rev. Sandy MacPherson officiating. For those wishing to make memorial donations can do so by calling the Mardsen and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg at 535-2339.

PeeWee III victorious over Athens

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

As regular play takes a Christmas break, the PeeWee II House Lions end with a victory over the Athens Aeros who came to town on Wednesday evening, December 15. They will play in a tourney on Tuesday, December 28, so if you are free drop by the Morrisburg Arena and check out the action, the boys will be glad of the fans support.

The Lions scored at 13:00 of the first as Grant McMillan teamed with Scott Berseth for the first goal of the game. Holding the Aeros scoreless Anthony Knapman was solid in the pipes for the Lions and with a great defensive squad helping him out.

The second was scoreless until 14:46 when Mitchell Julien took a nice pass off the stick of Thomas Toonders for the marker. With 58 seconds left on the clock in the second frame, the Aeros found the twine behind Knapman as Jeremy Sands went in alone to put Athens on the board.

The Lions were hungry for the win as they began the third period. At 13:38 of the third, Matt Schwertfeger and Cody Cassell made sure on a fast shot past Craig Hart in the pipes for Athens. Athens answered back at 13:14 as Andrew Sabourin went in for a solo goal. The Lions were up 3-2 when Mitchell Julien went in on Hart and made no mistakes at 9:04 bending the twine for another lions goal. Bruce Whaley took a hand off from Sabourin who seemed determined not to be defeated and beat Knapman on the short side. This was all Athens would count in this game. Anthony Lemaire made sure of the victory at 1:56 as he went in alone and nailed the puck past Hart giving the Lions a win 5-3. The fact that the Lions spent only 2 minutes in the penalty box while Athens put 12 minutes of the game into penalty time shows that this is vital to victory. Team work helps the cause as well and the Lions seem to have this figured out as well. Well done lads!!

The Lions have 18 points and sit in first place in the league as they break for Christmas. Merry Holidays!!



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Christmas Greetings

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To my friends and neighbours:
May God bless you at Christmas time and all through the year. As we celebrate this special time, I want to wish you one and all happiness, love and health now and in the New Year.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Geraldine Millar
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
To all our relatives, neighbours and friends.
We would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
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Happy Anniversary

Lous' Pantry in Morrisburg was celebrating their First Anniversary on Saturday with coffee and a cake. Business is good and customers are happy with the selection available at the bulk/health food store. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

FROM THE FRONT

Rikki's

13-14 employees they have already will stay and only time will tell if anyone new will need to compliment the staff.

The backroom will be open for banquets and parties and the Kelly's hope to include Birthday parties for Children in this area. "We used to go the whole nine yards for our kids and parents today are just too busy, so we hope to provide a needed service in this area," says Pat with a grin. She continues, "We do not have a liquor licence yet, but are able to get a permit for special occasions as are people who rent the room that enables spirits to be sold. "We can get a licence to serve wine at parties, and may look into the rest as bookings come in," says this slight young lady who has a lot of plans for the business.

The location at the end of the Plaza will become a variety type store. Pat is quick to point out, "Not one that will infringe on any other business in the area, but our lease is not up for three years yet and so we will use the location to sell things you can't find/get around here." She has sold Canadian-made skating outfits for example for some time out of her home and this will give a more visible menu for them. She has a line of "fitness wear" on the rack as well. Her sons enjoy skate boarding and cannot get parts etc., these will be available as well for everyone who enjoys the sport. "There will be no food in this store now."

As we speak, Dale (Pat's husband) and her dad, Louis are busy checking measurements and locations of appliances and whatever in the various locales inside the kitchen. Work is ongoing as customers come in for their morning coffee and visit time.

We at The Chieftain wish the Kelly family and their staff all the best for a successful future and wish them all a Merry Christmas.

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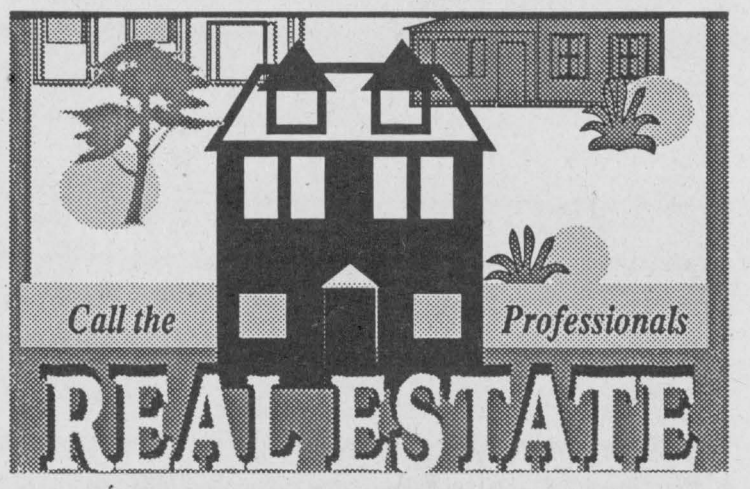

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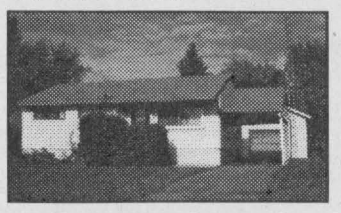
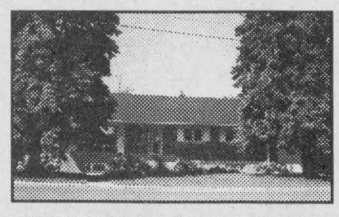


IN MORRISBURG - Three bedroom bungalow with hardwood floors. Kitchen with dining nook, rec room, living room, office and utility room. Single detached garage with loft and paved drive. Within walking distance of schools and medical clinic. **ASKING $77,500.00.** MLS



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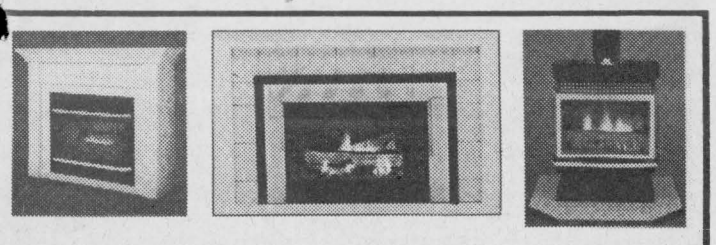

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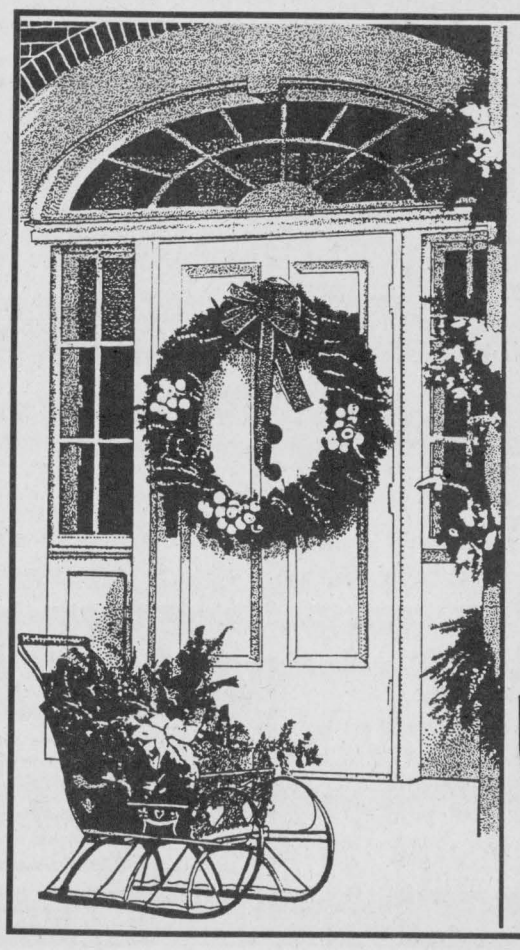

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

Opportunity's knocking
And we'd just like to say,
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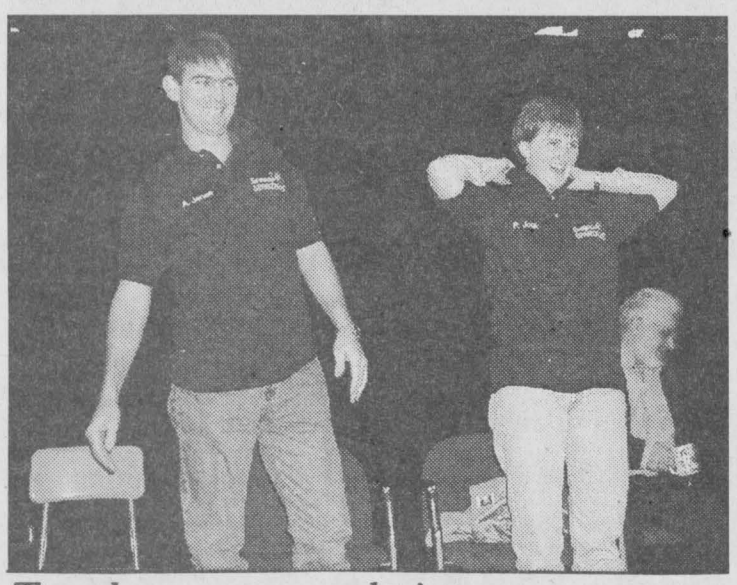
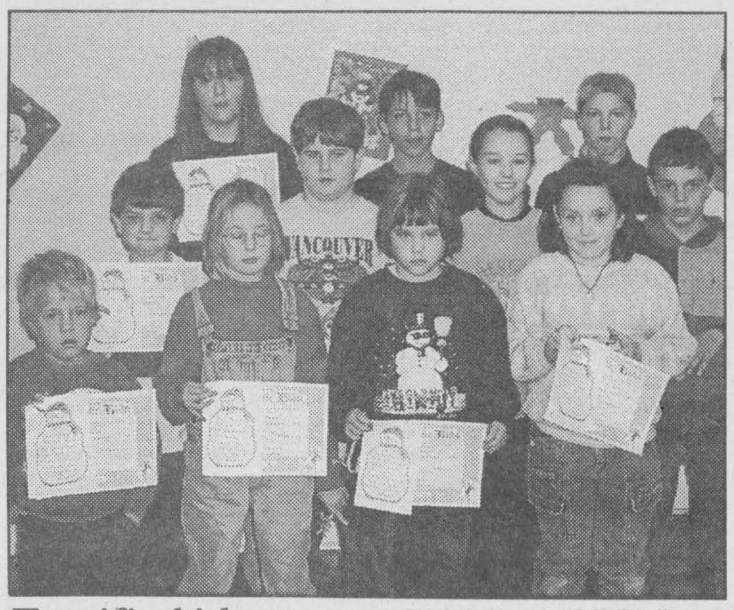


Teachers sent on their way

Boomerangs and didgereedoos were exchanged for Spartans T-shirts as two Australian exchange teachers at Seaway marked their last day on this side of the world. Good-bye Mr. Jones and Ms. Josh. *Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen.*



Terrific kids

Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen.

Kids at Benson Public were recognized by their peers for various good deeds in the classroom and schoolyard. Back (l-r): intermediates Nikki Stewart, Ryan O'Brien, and David Wallace. Middle: primaries Maxwell Southward, Zach Stitt, Lacie Riddell and Aaron Weiher, who was picked in a draw to have lunch with students council. The other lunch-crowd stands in front: Joey Coville, Brittney Myers, Sarah Smith and Candace Poaps.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter by Dar

At the Cribbage League play at Branch 370 on Saturday, it was Paul Claxton who topped the field of 20 players in Doubles Competition. Paul accomplished the difficult task of winning all nine of his games while playing with nine different partners against a determined group of opponents. Betty Farrell made her first visit to the podium this season with a strong second place finish, while Wilf Summers edged out Ken Palmer for tied Highscore. Everyone seemed to be in a festive mood with eighteen skunks handed out during the course of the days' competition; although they were not distributed evenly as Walter Reid, Harold Head, Duane Kirker and Paul Morrow all received a pair of them while Lynda Head was the lucky recipient of a trio of the striped pole cats. Just a reminder...the Crib League will continue playing Boxing Day, Sunday, December 26 at the usual time and place.

At the Euchre Tables (the last one this year) first prize was shared by Shirley Gibson and Lawrence Wyatt while second prize was shared by Edith Baker and Joe Beltman. Low Score for the evening went to Gladys Parks and Bernie Bucking. At this time, special thanks is extended to the Legion members who DID donate food for the euchre luncheons and also to the NON-MEMBERS who donated immensely. They were Joan Murphy, Tracy Easter, Shirley Cooper, Annie Barkley, Tina De Witt, Corallee Sanderson, Carole Brouse, Donalda Banford, Vi Cureston, Myrtle Johnston, Betty Farrell, Sheila Coligan, Marla and Lynn Seely, Hazel Ace, Sharon Bucking, Betty Lou Shaver, Emma Mustard and Marjorie Tatton. Thanks as well to Heather Baker, Hazel Easter, Elsie Bron, Corallee Sanderson and Louella Gilmer for donating the various prizes for the Christmas party and to Jean Loucks for the donation of cards. The Euchre will resume again on February 1, 2000.

Note: On behalf of the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to bring it to everyone's attention, that if it was not for Shirley Gibson and Joan Murphy, who are both NON-MEMBERS keeping the Euchres going, well there just would not likely be any; for it seems that no one in the Branch has an interest in doing it. We all know the Ladies Auxiliary do an excellent job with the few members they have. But, definitely, a big bouquet goes to Joan and Shirley for a job well done indeed!!

At Duplicate Bridge on the same night there were four tables being played and the top scorers of the evening were Doreen Empey and Majorie Strader.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank the public for coming out and supporting the Annual Turkey Dinner hosted by them this past Friday. It was another successful event!!

At this time I would like to thank The Chieftain for running this newsletter each week for our many readers. To all those who took time over the past year to provide information to put into the newsletter, thanks a lot!!

This will be the last newsletter for the year. Please remember to have a safe, happy and Merry Christmas and New Year. Let us all remember the shut-ins and those who will be alone this Christmas, perhaps for the first time.

Take care and the best of everything to all!!!

St.Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson



At last icy winter has gripped our land and some snow has fallen. Thick frost coats the fields and meadows, the St.Lawrence reflects the silver luminescence of the moon at night, and the first layer of ice is forming on the ponds. With less than a week until Christmas, our beautiful rural river community is wearing its winter clothes.

Evening grosbeaks showed up at an Irena Road feeder. Two males and a female were seen in a tree and at a feeder there. An **American tree Sparrow**, three **mourning doves, house sparrows** and **chickadees**, one **blue jay** and three **house finches** were also at the feeder. House finches seem to prefer village feeders more than country ones as this particular resident seldom sees them.

A very cold walk at Iroquois Point and along part of the gallop Canal produced only a few birds. It was so quiet you could hear the ice forming in the ponds! We saw a **male mallard** accompanied by **four dull brown females** swimming in the shallows, a lone female **common merganser** fly by and had numerous **chickadees**, their cheerful songs a warm accompaniment to our chilly walk. Iroquois' beaver was out sunning himself and doing some grooming.

For Christmas, treat the birds. If you discard a real tree, prop it up in your garden to provide additional shelter for the birds. Peanut butter, well laced with vegetable oil and suet will attract **blue jays**, and **woodpeckers**. Apples, cranberries and orange sections will attract fruit eating species such as **waxwings** and the odd, overwintering **robins**. Corn, especially cracked corn will please the ground-feeding species, such as **mourning doves** and of course, mixed bird seed of good quality will satisfy **juncos** and **sparrows**. Niger seed is a special treat for the finches, especially **goldfinches**, which occur in our area year-round and do not migrate much farther south than southern Ontario.

We almost forgot to mention the small flock of **snow buntings** we saw on the golf course early one morning. Pecking away furiously at the ground in a feeding frenzy, the birds are easily startled and take off rapidly, circle around and land again

For those interested, the Brockville and Area Field Naturalists Club held an all-day Christmas Bird Count on December 19. Details of their sightings will be provided in our next column.

A very Happy Christmas season to my readers and may the year 2000 bring you health, happiness and contentment. If you do have time between wrapping, visiting, shopping and going to church as well as social functions, please call in your reports, observations and anecdotes to me at 652-2555. Merry Christmas!!

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