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Silver Anniversary Matilda Carnival Queen crowned



Matilda Queen 2000 crowned

At centre stage is the newest members of royalty in Matilda as the Annual Winter Carnival Queen was crowned on Saturday night as Matilda Hall filled with anticipation. In the centre is the 2000 Queen, Marsha Halladay, while on her right is Miss Congeniality, Nicole Bing and on the left, the Runner-up Shannon Shaw who will take over for Marsha if she is unable to fulfill her duties as Queen in the year they reign. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The weather was not conducive to winter carnival events, but the weather never stopped anyone from Matilda Ward and this year was no exception. The celebration began as the Matilda Hall started to fill with people who came to see who would earn the right to be crowned the 25th Matilda Winter Carnival Queen.

Each female who entered the Hall was presented with a carnation and each male received a cap with the 25th Anniversary logo as a keepsake of the event....

As Betty Casselman tickled the ivories, people made their way to a seats and settled in to enjoy the show. The judges were given the best vantage point from which to listen to and check out the gals on stage. They had each interviewed the contestants individually and now would get to see how each reacts to an audience. The judges were introduced: Estella Rose Mountain Ward Councillor in North Dundas; Flora Dumochel, auctioneer from Ingelside; and Glenn Brooks, Mayor of Rideau Township. Master of Ceremonies was Gerry Morrell. Although the entire council of South Dundas was to be on hand, Audrey Rooney, Iroquois Ward was sick with the flu and Morrisburg's Cam Martel was unable to attend as was Williamsburg's Rowdy Gillard. On hand was Mayor Johnny Whitteker and his wife Audrey, Matilda Ward's Bev Sabourin, and Keith Robinson who is in charge of Recreation in South Dundas Township. Marlene Lewis was thanked for her contribution to the evening, and Matilda Recreation member, Connie Pepers who did a great job of decorating the stage area, for the 2000 celebration of the Carnival. Duane Smith handled the video tapping of the eventful night and official photographer for the event was Williamsburg's Charlene Hummell.

Recreation members in Matilda were recognized for their efforts; Chairperson-Nancy Blokland, Vice-Chair-Garry Shaver, Secretary/Treasurer-Connie Pepers, Council Rep-Bev Sabourin and members-Ann Brooks, Janice Gilmour and Ben Barkley.

When Mayor Johnny took the stage to officially open the Carnival for 2000, he noted how fortunate South Dundas is to have so many who will volunteer to accomplish the things that need to be done. "There is a huge number of people among us here in South Dundas who give with no mention of renumeration, they give of their time and talents for the benefit of others. Thanks certainly is due to them all, who volunteer so unselfishly."

Saturday evening five young ladies from South Dundas came together to try to become the one to wear the crown as Matilda Winter Carnival's 25th Queen. As they advanced to the stage on the arm of a handsome young man the tension could be felt by everyone. The gals introduced themselves, their sponsor and escort for the evening. Called by number, everyone met: Nicole Bing escorted by Kevin Fields and was sponsored by Dr. Dean Summers; Bambi Blue escorted by Matt Hamilton was sponsored by Third High Farms, Marsha Halladay thanked her brother Craig and her sponsor Gibson Electric; Joanne Pepers and her escort Mike McCourt was sponsored by Frank Ault Excavating Ltd., and Shannon Shaw who was sponsored by Coopers Embroidery Custom Graphic was escorted by Jason Hodgson.

Walking the catwalk each gal got her first taste of strutting her stuff in casual wear. Then they introduced themselves on a more personal level. Starting in reverse order, Shannon Shaw was up first. Daughter of Gordon and Donna Shaw, Shannon enjoys her Rottweiller puppy, painting and according to her mom, she noted, "shopping" is a big part of her life. She works at KFC on the 401 highway and sees her experiences meeting and serving people as well as her school co-op placement with Dr.Lawrence Gray's Veterinary Service in Winchester very rewarding and a great introduction to life. "I worked on the Christmas Food Drive, at the Petting Zoo at the Williamsburg Fall Festival and helped with the Annual Christmas Exchange. I play soccer and officiate at Volleyball games as well as grade 8 soccer matches. I feel team spirit is important and like to spend quality time with my family and friends, playing cards and watching movies," said Shannon. She plans to pursue her dream of becoming a Veterinarian Technician at western colleges. "No matter my future, I will always cherish my teen years in Dundas County."

Joanne lives on a farm with her parents, John and Connie and her three younger sisters, north of Iroquois. She enjoys reading mysteries written by Stephen King and various other authors. She has a number of penpals around the world and enjoys communicating with them. She hopes one day to travel around the world and perhaps meet some of them. "I hope to see Egypt, and plan to be an Archaeologist, either teaching at the University level or working in another capacity in the field."

Marsha Halladay lives in Hainsville and is proud of it. Her parents, Sandra and Tim are proud of their daughter. She enjoys soccer and rollerblading and plays volleyball and basketball at school. She works for a catering service and volunteers as an usher at Upper Canada Playhouse. "I enjoy quality time with my family and friends and hope my parenting class prepares me for my future," said this shy gal.

Bambi Blue lives in Iroquois with her mom, Wendy and her younger brother, BJ. She is in a co-op education program that sees her working with Jim Millard at CISD radio in South Dundas, The Storm operating in Seaway High, she continues to volunteer at Stor/Dun/Glen Lodge in the ward for the mentally disturbed patients. She works along with Ms. Wendy Gibb as a peer tutor in Drama Classes at Seaway High. "I plan to attend Carleton University to attain a Bachelor of Arts in History," said this young lady.

Nicole is peer tutored by Bambi and really likes her Improv Classes after school. "I like to think my parents have influenced me a great deal and have shown me the right road to take." She takes after her father as far as loving winter sports like skiing and snowboarding, especially at White Face Mountain. "My love for people spreads daily," said a smiling young gal. "I like to be with my brother and my newspaper route not only earns me money, but lets me meet people and I like that aspect." Nicole is going to Italy with a couple of her best friends.

As the girls changed to evening wear, former Queens who had come back for the 25th Annual Crowning came to the stage to draw door prizes. On hand were (maiden names) the 1979 Queen Angela Casselman, 1984 Queen Gayle Carrol, 1987 Queen, Pam Dickson, 1989 Queen Debbie Cooper, 1993 Queen Shelley Gibson, 1995 Queen Joanne Larocque and 199 Queen Rebe-

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Council plows through United Church issue

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Because it is used as a "drop-off zone" for children attending Iroquois Public School, the parking lot at Iroquois United Church will continue to be plowed by the township on weekdays.

Whether to continue the practice was the source of some discussion at the Dec. 23 meeting of South Dundas Council.

Public Works manager Hughie Garlough noted the plowing of all private parking lots with public dollars ended last winter, following a council decision.

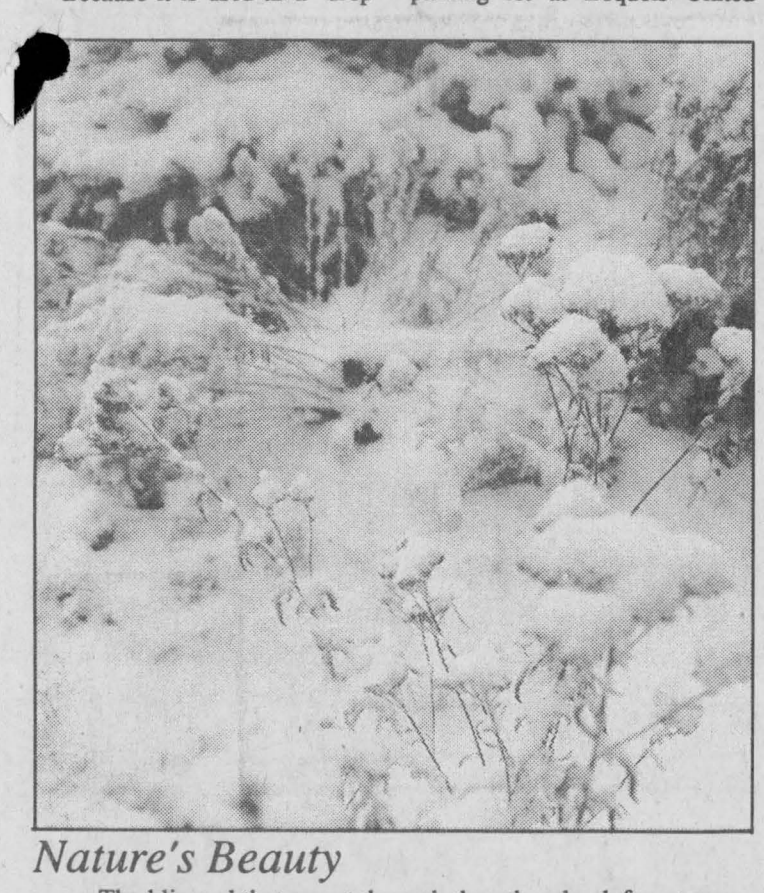
"I understood they were to plow no more church yards," Garlough said of the township crews.

Township administator Mike Waddell confirmed the church parking lot is, in fact, private property and not a public street.

Coun. Audrey Rooney, as she did last year when the issue came up, said the service was provided because of a pre-existing agreement between the former Village Council and the School Board.

"I can't understand why this is coming back to the table," she said.

Council agreed to continue the practice. Coun. Rowdy Gillard suggested council look into having the Upper Canada School Board pick up a share of the cost.



Nature's Beauty

The blizzard that swept through the other day left wet snow laying heavily on evergreens, lawns and shrubs. It was short lived and was no help to snowmobilers. No routine January weather, that's for sure! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Still too early for incumbents

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It's still early in this election year, and candidates aren't hurrying to come out of the woodwork yet in South Dundas.

Mayor Johnny Whitteker is biding his time, refusing to tip his hat one way or the other. He says he'll announce his intentions five months before this fall's election.

No declarations have apparently been submitted at the township office yet, either.

In Iroquois, Coun. Audrey Rooney says she's made up her mind — for now.

Rooney adds with a laugh, "You know, I could change my mind six times before the election.

"I will let everyone know in plenty of time."

But she does admit to one major factor weighing on her decision: her son's impending wedding this summer in the back yard of the family home.

Whether she will choose to run for office under those harried circumstances remains to be seen.

And yes, Rooney told *The Chieftain*, she is legally entitled to run in Iroquois while living in the Matilda ward, where she moved last year.

In Matilda, Coun. Bev Sabourin says it's a bit too early to say yet. "I haven't really made up my mind."

She says she would love to run again but must also take her age into consideration. "I turn 65 this year."

Coun. Cam Martel in Morrisburg says he's "pondering" another run. "That's as exact as I can be.

"I haven't ruled it out. It's in my mind to go again," he says.

He also admits to a bit of political strategy. Declaring too early can build momentum against an incumbent, even drawing extra candidates out of the woodwork.

"It's the old story in the political science thing."

Keep emergency plans up to date

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Y2K seems to have come and gone without problems, but that doesn't mean it's time to let municipal emergency plans gather dust.

Quite the opposite, Emergency Measures Ontario Advisor Randy Reed told North Dundas Council on Monday.

"The principles apply to any scenario," said Reed, who is also a councillor on Kingston City Council.

Emergency-planning consultant Bill Shearing advised the politicians to keep their plan up to date, noting some municipalities ran into trouble with outdated information when old plans were dusted off during the '98 Ice Storm.

According to figures supplied by Reed, 83 per cent of all municipalities in Ontario, representing 93 per cent of the population, have emergency plans.

Those figures have swelled in recent years in the aftermath of Y2K and the Ice Storm.

The men recommended the township's emergency planning committee meet no less than five times a year.

Application for funding of two more emergency test exercises in North Dundas has been made. The so-called JEPP funding, jointly administered by the federal and provincial governments, covers 45 per cent of the costs associated with emergency planning. Plans are in the works to purchase equipment for an emergency control centre.

In 1998, emergency planning costs totalled $12,000; JEPP covered $5,200 of that.

Shearing noted the sheer volume of dangerous goods travelling through the township everyday — by air, rail, highway and gas pipelines below.

Library move in S. Mountain

A broken down furnace and a leaky roof at the South Mountain library branch clinched council's decision to move it to Dr. Adamson's building in town.

With the furnace giving out completely in recent days, council reviewed its options: spend money on a new furnace for a building with considerable problems, or look elsewhere.

Moving to the Nationview Public School was briefly discussed but dismissed out of concern over security issues and doubt the Upper Canada School Board would agree to it.

Space at Dr. Adamson's would be comparable to the square footage at the existing building,

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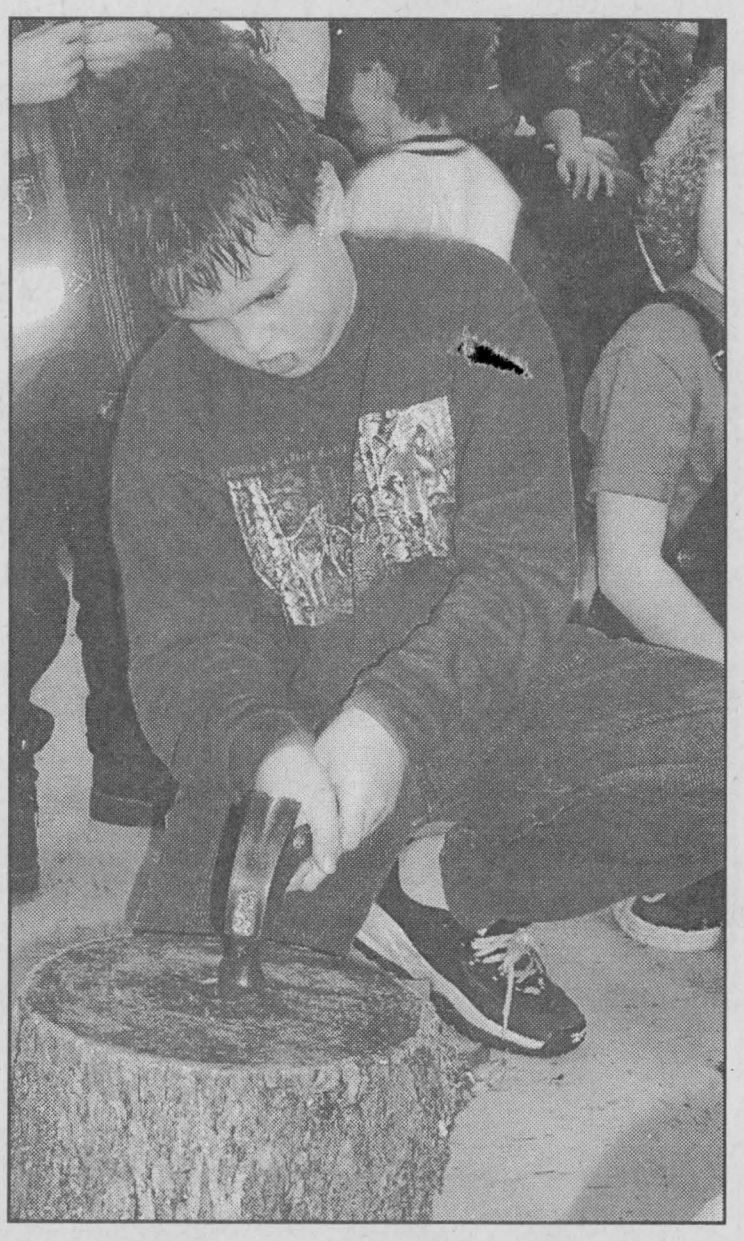

Bam! Slam! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

This young man was intent on pounding this nail into the wooden block as the Matilda Winter Carnival Family Fun Day was held indoors due to the wet weather. A good number of pounders came out to show their ability with a hammer.

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The sad thing is that everyone is affected; both smokers and non-smokers breathe in second hand smoke . The people most at risk from second hand smoke include unborn babies, young children, spouses or cohabitants who live with one or more smokers and workers who are exposed to tobacco smoke in their workplace.

Tobacco smoke contains at least 50 cancer causing compounds. Sidestream smoke contains more hazardous substances than inhaled smoke and contains twice as much nicotine, three times more tar and 50 times greater carbon monoxide levels. Involuntary smoking is the third largest cause of lung cancer deaths after direct smoking and radon. (A radioactive gas).

A non-smoker in a smoke filled environment for an hour can breathe as much dimethylnitrosamine, a powerful cancer-causing agent, as a person who smokes 35 filtered or 15 non-filtered cigarettes.

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* Reduce exposure to second hand smoke, eg. eat only in smoke free restaurants.

* Promote **smoke-free** policies at work and in public places.

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* Second hand smoke has been estimated to be responsible for the death of 4,000 otherwise healthy, non-smoking Canadians each year. It ranks third as the leading preventable cause of death behind active smoking and alcohol.

* Tobacco related cardiovascular diseases are the largest cause of premature deaths in Canada. One quarter of all canadians are believed to have heart, lung or allergic conditions that can be worsened by exposure to tobacco smoke.

* A cigarette produces smoke for 12 minutes...a smoker inhales for about 30 seconds worth.

* Smoke from a pipe, cigar or cigarette is equally as toxic.

* There are 250 times more pollutants in an average smoking workplace than in a non-smoking workplace.

* Smoking parents may be providing their children with the following lethal legacy:-impaired lung function, eye, nose and throat irritation, a greater likelihood of respiratory illness, including asthma, pneumonia and bronchitis, up to three and a half times the normal risk of chronic middle ear infection, and increased misery from asthma, allergies and other pre-existing conditions.

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Contest winners

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These youngsters along with the Carnival Royalty pose for a shot after the nail pounding contest was complete and the winners had been presented their trophies. Timed and with a sure eye and steady hand they accomplished their task in style. This was a fun event as usual and the young pounders seemed to enjoy the competition. It seemed that some had been practising for it took a matter of a few seconds to get the nail head buried in the wooden block.

Family Fun Day at Carnival not dampened by weather

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

As hungry bellies were filled with pancakes, sausages and syrup, youngsters gathered around the stage in Matilda Hall. Paddy Stewart had no trouble encouraging some of them to the stage to help him play instruments, sing-a-long or show the actions to a song. They in turn brought parents to the stage to contribute to the fun. Anyone who was on hand to hear the Matilda Bell Ringers (Councillor Bev, and various parents) will not forget them soon. Actually they did a great job, just kidding folks!!

Then it was time to start pounding nails, as Garry Shaver, Recreation Member hauled the wooden blocks out and started the nails for the youngsters to pound, he timed each one carefully as fellow member Janice Gilmour kept written track of how long each took. When the dust had cleared, winners were declared happily received their trophy for a job well done. It is no easy task to pound a nail into a wet log with a crowd of peers crowding around you!! Watching the young people pound, it was evident they either practised or do this a quite a bit more than I, they were pretty fast and seldom missed the nail head! Jim Thompson was beaten by his children...his time was not recorded, but they knew it. Marsha Halladay, the Queen of the Carnival took 22 seconds, while Runner-up Shannon accomplished it in 18 seconds. We will not mention that some 9-year olds did it in 4 seconds!!

Trophy winners were (3-6 years) Kyle Markell-Hubert(3yrs) nailed it in 23 second, Jay-Lynn Thompson is 6 and did it in 28 seconds. Daniel Tibben is 5 and took 40 seconds as did Leigh Zandbergen who is 4 years old.

In the 7-9 age group, it was Holly Cole and Jimmy Dean Thompson who are both 9 pounded straight and fast in only 4 seconds to gain each a trophy. Blaine Markell a young man of 8 was able to successfully get his nail into the block in only 6 seconds, one less than Taylor Thompson who is also 8 and carried home a nice trophy as well.

The 10-14 age group saw 11-year old Kyle Edwards knock the nail solid in 4 seconds to take first over Mindy Jamieson, also 11 who needed 5 seconds to completely bury the nail head in the block.

The tug-o-war is always popular and as the youngsters were divided into teams the winning gang pulled off against the Queen and Runner-up. This event was "just for fun" and the giggles and laughter that accompanied the tugging proved it was getting the job done.

The Carnival events continue all week and into the weekend, concluding on Sunday evening with the Ecumenical service after the horse drawn rides are history. The rides, whether sleigh or wagon will provide fun for the family. Check your Carnival flyer that came in last week's Chieftain, Leader and Press for dates and times of each event. Come out and support the hard working folks who have the agenda prepared, you'll be glad you did. The Chieftain crew are getting set for the car rally on Saturday!!

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching



by Linda Anderson

Editor's Note: Last week the gremlins were at work one again at The Chieftain as the "h" in Shrike became a "t", sorry sightings of the Northern Shrike was how the column should have read. I apologize for this error. SLJ

Our unusually mild winter continues, with some days punctuated by bitter winds and others either freezing rain, rain or wild snow squalls. Snow cover is almost non-existent and the balmy weather has made the ice cover of ponds and creeks quite unstable.

Bird life remains almost non-existent at some feeders as the birds continue to find enough to eat elsewhere.

New Years Day:

A Stampville resident remarked to me about the two **robins** she had seen in her garden on New Years Day. Were they coming back or going South? These were probably overwintering robins-birds that remained here during the fall. It is too early for them to come back.

Brinston:

A report came in from Brinston of **snow buntings** (only one or two), half a dozen **mourning doves** sitting all in a row , a **nuthatch** and a **sparrow hawk** (Kestrel) sitting in a tree. The hawk has been hanging around for a few days.

A sighting of this little fellow or his cousin has been made on several occasions along County Road 2 just east of Iroquois lately. He comes fairly close to the house and checks around the feeder often.

Rowan Drive, Morrisburg:

Our new birdwatchers on this street, with their deck facing the woods, are from Ottawa and are enjoying the bird life in our area. Just three feet from their windows, they are able to enjoy the feeding behaviour of a dozen different species ranging from **black capped chickadees** to **cardinals, redpolls** and **American tree sparrows**. Male **kinglets** have joined the females seen last week and have turned out to be **ruby-crowned kinglets.**

Irena Road:

Our Irena Road birdwatcher reported two male **cardinals** together in a tree near her neighbours. One bird was smaller than the other and was possibly an immature male. Cardinals may have three broods a year, as robins do, and are one of the more southerly species extending their range northwards.

Nature Notes:

On December 31, 1999, our Irena watcher, Sheila Scarbo was lucky enough to glimpse four young **white-tailed deer** in the pipeline cut on the Brinston Road (posted No Hunting!). It was dusk, the perfect time of day to see deer. Our lack of snow makes life easier for the deer as they are able to move about more easily and obtain food, often under a hemlock stand, where food is plentiful at first. As they nibble away at the twigs and small branches of the trees, the shorter deer may die first, if they are unable to reach the higher branches.

Lack of snow cover means smaller creatures, such as mice, are more exposed to predators such as hawks, owls and foxes. On the other hand, less snow also means more available food for birds. A huge flock of **crows** (maybe 50) was feeding beside the 401 near Cornwall in a sumac stand. The grass and shrubs were black with birds.

And finally, many people have commented on the huge numbers of **Canada Geese** which are still with us this winter. Large areas of still open water and milder weather seem to have kept more geese here and the Iroquois beach path is quite green with goose droppings. Several huge skeins of geese were also flying over the St. Lawrence on Sunday at Morrisburg. They seemed to be heading directly south, but other flocks have been going in different directions. I guess the birds know what they're doing!

Reports, observations and anecdotes are welcome. Please call 652-2555 and thanks to those who spoke with me this past week.

Cost sharing challenges ahead

There's a lack of consensus on how to split infrastructure costs between the villages and rural areas in South Dundas. In year-opening interviews, the representatives for the Iroquois and Matilda wards reflect the divide.

Contrary views revolve around the millions needed to revamp the sewage systems in Iroquois and Morrisburg. Millions in bridge repairs required in the rural wards further cloud the issue.

Matilda ward councillor Bev Sabourin staunchly defends the right of her constituents to be free of the costs of water and sewer serving the villages.

"Most in the townships say 'no,'" she points out.

"You don't pay for my septic system and well, so why should we pay for yours?

"I feel we should pay for the municipal buildings and industrial land that benefits all, but the rest user-pay."

Adds Sabourin, "Some say if we don't help with sewage plants, then they shouldn't help pay for bridges."

However, she says she believes bridge costs could be cut by up to "$2 million" with the closure of up to three of them.

And she doesn't like the mayor's suggestion the township eliminate the ward system by 2003. "We would lose our heritage. Keeping the ward system keeps Matilda and Williamsburg alive."

Iroquois ward councillor Audrey Rooney has a different opinion on the cost sharing issue.

"I can understand Williamsburg's and Matilda's point of view, but we've amalgamated and, unfortunately, you get it all when you amalgamate.

She points out there are other situations where services are given to a group, but paid for by all.

She frames the issue: "If there's a large culvert and it's benefitting only a few people on a dead-end road, I have a problem with paying my share of that. But that same person on that road doesn't want to pay 100 per cent of Morrisburg's sewers."

Adds Rooney, "I just want to come up with an equation that is fair."

She agrees with Sabourin that, overall, this council is working well as it heads into its final year.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

The Cribbage League competition this past Saturday was enjoyed by seventeen players, with Linda McKee's score of 1074 giving her first place bragging rights. Joe MacDonald with a score of 1065 ended a three-month drought to capture second place while Roger Coulter's 1059 allowed him to nudge Hubert Lapierre by one point to claim third. There were ten skunks delivered during the day's play with Ron Perrin and Ted Grattan being the only recipients of two skunks each. Leading in average score as the second half of the season has begun is Randy Horricks, while Wilf Summers, Paul Claxton and Walter Reid are hot on his heels. Several of the Cribbage League regulars will be competing in Zone Euchre at the Cardinal Branch this coming Saturday, January 15. However, the Cribbage League will still be active with eight to ten entrants competing.

There will be no Euchre report until the first of February when play resumes.

At Duplicate Bridge, the top winners of the evening turned out to be Laura Burgess and Mildred McGinn.

There will be an Executive (Legion) Meeting tonight, Wednesday, January 12 at 7 pm. Here's hoping ALL Executive Members will come out!!!

The Ladies Auxiliary will host their Annual Valentine Tea and Bake Sale on February and then on February 12, the popular Darts for Hearts will be held. Please keep these two dates in mind.

By the way, our Ladies Auxiliary will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on April 15 of this year. And they are planning on having a Dinner and Dance to honour this occasion. Of course the music for the dance will be provided by the popular band...Bordertowne. This will be open to the public and everyone is more than welcome to attend. We will give you more details as the date draws closer.

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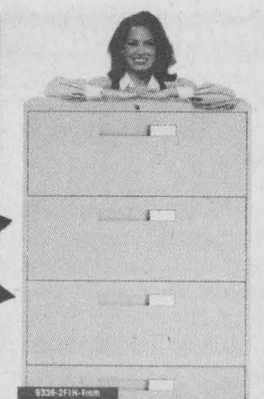

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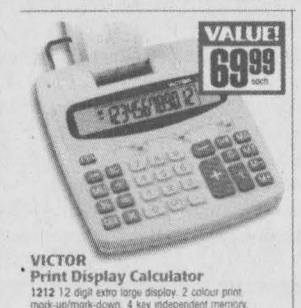

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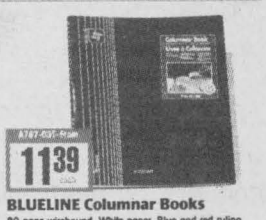

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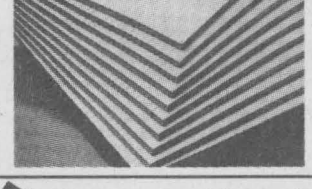

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Drowsy Driving

A report from the OPP crossed my desk this week that caused me to take more than one glance. There was no space left in the issue for the valuable information, but it certainly is important and warrants everyone's attention.

The OPP send regular reports to the local papers for inclusion each week...you know accidents, RIDE program results and charges laid in the area, keeping us up to date.

Well, this week there was a writeup on motor vehicle collisions and the fact that too many occur due to weather related or animal related causes. It caught my eye because I had been to take photos, which did not turn out in the darkness, of the acident just east of the Brinston Road overpass Saturday night. The lines of traffic that greeted me, the red lights, the drivers who were anxious to get on their way, the stopped transports seemed to go on forever. Their lights, like red beacons in the dreaded darkness of a stormy winter night. The snow blizzard that had swept the area earlier had subsided, and the intermittent lights on police vehicles and ambulances threw an eerie glow across snow covered traffic lanes and roadside fields. They sent a message out into the night, one of pain and sorrow, one of devastation and hurt. Standing on the overpass above the scene, it was easy to brush aside the horror...afterall I did not know the people involved, they were propably driving too fast and with the slippery snow conditions, what could they expect?

Then some drivers are heard directly below me. They are confused and wonder what is going on. They are too far away to get the true picture and only grab bits as the news filters along the traffic lineup. They need to be at their destination, but have no recourse, they are stranded. They can do nothing but wait for the line to move. They are businessmen on a mission, but can do nothing. They are frustrated and they want to get going. They cannot sit in their cars any longer and they wonder about the people who were able to chuck their trucks into 4-wheel drive and cross the median, head west to the Iroquois cloverleaf and get on their way along the Number 2 eastbound. Illegally sure, but they are not sitting here for who knows how long.

The people along the 2 wonder why the increase in transport traffic this night. They remain indoors and ponder the situation.

The wrecker drivers arrive to find covers on what have to be passengers in the one car...a bad sign. Three deaths resulted in this accident.

Those in the never ending lines of traffic wait...and wait and wait, until the debris is cleared away and traffic begins to crawl past the scene. Do they feel any remorse for the people involved? What are they thinking after their hours of waiting? Will they be more careful as they drive to wherever it is they are headed?

Road conditions will be blamed. In the end what does it really matter to those who are here no more? It may well send a necessary message to other drivers.

Certainly we in this area all know that deer are formidable adversaries when they dash across the roadway in our paths, and the changes in the weather conditions are so rapid and so drastic this year in particular, it is difficult to adjust to them, do we heed?

Did you know: the other major cause of accidents was reported to be "drowsy driving" related accidents? Drivers who experience long working hours and short nights, shift work, poor sleeping quality, or sleeping disorder can fall into that "drowsy driving" category.

Research study findings recently released looked at drowsy driving. The study identified factors or behaviours differentiating drivers involved in fatigue-related crashes from those involved in non-fatigue related crashes. Both were similar in some aspects while drivers who were not involved in a crash were different from both crash groups. Previous studies have been to determine who is involved in fatigue -realted crashes, as well as when and where they occur, but have not addressed the question of why a driver fell asleep and crashed...this study attempted to do so. One conclusion of the study being that a certain portion of the population is at greater risk for involvement in a drowsy driving crash, led to the fact that anyone who doesn't get enough sleep on a regular basis is at risk.

Perhaps the most disturbing finding was that those in drowsy driving crashes were "the driver next door" who happened to put in a few extra hours at work, were adjusting to a new baby in the house, stayed late at a party the night before or were trying to make it back home after an out-of-town trip. Do you fall into any of these slots? Are you aware that you do and are therefore at risk? Getting adequate sleep is not a priority for many drivers, conflicting with other choices in their lives. While many drivers would never think about driving drunk, they see no harm in driving when sleep deprived, even though by so doing, they put themselves and others at risk of a crash as severe as those alcohol related. Certainly gives some food for thought...

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Bull rider and his bride on the road to rodeo big time

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

Ontario's only professional bull rider took off from Alberta in his Volkswagen and drove home to Inkerman for the holidays. But this year, 21-year-old Reuben Geleynse came back to this neck of the woods accompanied by a rodeo queen, Karina Tees, 25, his new bride.

The young couple, who were married in Karina's hometown of Clive, Alberta, on November 27, expect to see many more miles in that little car. After a relaxing few weeks in the area, including a December 28th reception attended by local family and friends, they hit the road again last Friday. Their destination: Indianapolis, Indiana, where Reuben was slated to kick off his fourth season as a bull rider with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

The Circle City Grand National rodeo in Indianapolis is only stop number one for the Volkswagen as it carries the pair to corrals across North America. At each event, Reuben will perch atop 1,500 pounds of raging bull and attempt to remain there for at least eight seconds. He makes his living this way.

Sitting at the kitchen table at the home of his mother, Joyce, last Thursday, he rhymes off the places he and Karina are headed after Indianapolis: Dayton, Ohio; Cincinatti, Ohio; Lafayette, Louisiana; Knoxville, Tennessee; Peoria, Illinois; Scottsdale, Arizona; and El Paso, Texas.

"That's the tentative schedule anyway," Reuben says, smiling.

And that only brings them into February.

He's not a hulking cowpuncher, but his 5'8" frame and lean 140 pounds proved unshakeable enough in 1998, his second year, to rank him for a while among the top 15 bull riders in the world.

Unfortunately, injuries pushed him to 29th place, ending what looked like a sure ticket to the national finals that year — and a shot at bigger money.

"In September of '98, I had an accident at a rodeo in Iowa where I came down and hit the top of the bull's head, and it shattered my nose and everything. I had surgery on my face and stuff.

"Ever since then, I started wearing a face mask," he adds. "Wearing one of those, I don't worry about it as much because I've been hit in the face since then and it's been fine."

The Iowa injury wasn't his first head to head with the boney skull of a flying bull. Only two weeks before that, he took it on the side of the face in Strathmore, Alberta, hitting the dirt like a rag doll, unconscious.

Today, he looks none the worse for wear, still as baby-faced as a teenager.

A little ironically, Karina says the first thing to catch her eye about the young buck from Inkerman was his scratched-up mug.

More reflectively, the former Miss Rodeo Canada 1999 says she chose this cowboy because "there was something a little bit more about Reuben.

"I think it was his quiet personality. It was just how we hit off so well because we had so much in common, like what we believe in, where we stand, our background, stuff like that.

"He's not a typical arrogant bull rider." They laugh.

Both are devout Christians — Karina coming from a Baptist background while Reuben is a member of Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners. On the rodeo circuit, Reuben is known by his peers as the Gentleman Ontario Cowboy.

The couple plan to open a bible rodeo camp for children someday, probably in Alberta and hopefully by the time he's 30, Reuben says.

When the Skoal chewing tobacco company offered him a sponsorship, he decided to turn it down. "I just didn't want to endorse a product like that."

Karina, who is deaf, has held two other rodeo crowns. In 1995, she was Miss Calgary Stampede. By the time she met Reuben at a rodeo in Dawson Creek, B.C., in 1998, she was on her second title, Miss Ponoka Stampede. And she was crowned Miss Rodeo Canada last year in Edmonton.

For his part, Reuben admits to ensuring his schedule coincided with Karina's soon after that first meeting. "I would kind of on purpose enter the rodeos I knew she would be at. Then in March (1999) we started dating and in June we got engaged."

He also took a bit of a crash course in sign language, though Karina is able to lip-read and converse vocally.

Are there any more rodeo pageants in her future?

"Nope, I've reached the top," she responds, flashing a smile.

"She's a Mrs. now, she can't be a Miss anything," Reuben points out.

"I have a new title," Karina adds, then with mock resignation says, "I'm a rodeo wife now."

They laugh again.

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"Reuben just had this remarkable ability to stay on top of a steer," says his older brother Bart, 23, an Algonquin College student, recalling their first experiences at a rodeo camp in western Ontario in the early 90s.

Bart would go on to score some successes in amateur bareback bronco riding — he intends to debut as a professional this summer. Reuben,
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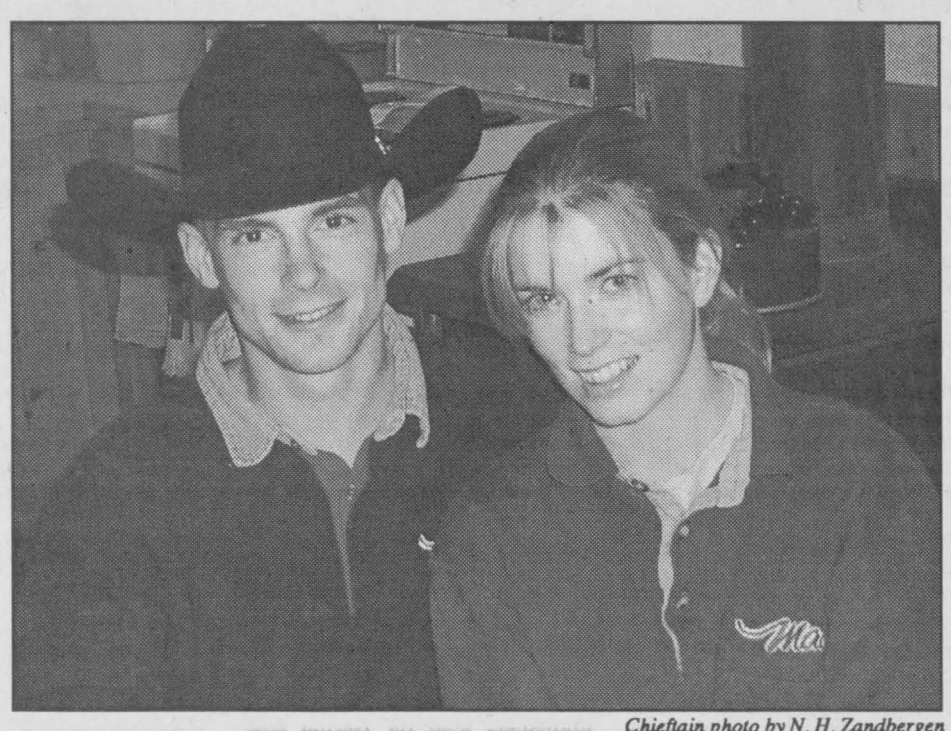

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Reuben and Karina, ready to rodeo.

Nasty flu bug flys by Ranch - so far!

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Whew!!! We so far (as I knock wood superstitiously!) have avoided the dreaded flu bug, strains A,B,C and D or whatever they are labelled lately. Numerous folks are down and out due to the invasion of the bug and we live in hope that we are able to stave off the affects of the infection.

The past week was busy as the New Year arrived and we began to settle back into the regular routine of things. Then since the guys at the ranch were all on a two-week vacation from classes, the old editor asked for a couple of days off to spend that illusive quality time thing with them. We did have some fun, once the sons got up each day, they are in that sleep mode too often, as many parents will realize of what I speak. Their day starts late and ends later, but we did watch some of the Christmas gift movies and shared some chips, dip and shrimp. The gal pals were around quite a bit as the school semesters that loom will be busy and they will not be together as much as they might like...make the best of what time is available sort of thing. The old editor spent a lot of her "holiday" ironing. Yes, that is correct, the pile was completely out of hand and everyone was worried that they had in fact lost their best shirt or pants! Well, after too many hours of spraying and ironing, closets are filled and drawers are overflowing with wonderfully ironed items. Now, no resolutions were made at Swampview for the New Year, but IF any were in the offing, one would be to not allow the ironing pile to get out of control ever again!! The finger that operates the sprayer was all but unable to move for a few hours once the job was done!

The weekend assignments continue even when you are trying to take a break and it was the editor's turn to snap and grab as the Matilda Winter Carnival got under way. The Queen pageant is always a treat and this year was no exception as some of the lovely young ladies vied for the crown as Queen 2000. Then the pancake breakie and the fun events for the family prevented church attendance, but I am sure I was not missed in the back pew this week. The cakes were great and the fun brought more than one smile to this old face. Jimmy Thompson of Thompson Yamaha was nudged into pounding nails and the good sport he is he obliged. The Queen and Runner-up not only served food but took part in pounding nails and in the tug-o-war. They too are good sports! The lack of snow was bothering some, but there is nothing anyone can do about the weather and it is certainly acting strange this winter.

The blizzard we experienced was fun as the weather scape changed almost hourly. Starting as wind driven snow that was close to being rain, then stopping as abruptly as it began; the sun breaking through briefly, then the large fluffy type flakes that drift lazily to the ground coming like snowballs, then ceasing as well and then, the proverbial calm before the storm as the snow came heavily, the wind came up forcibly and white-out conditions persisted for a good part of the afternoon. Hope sprang as the snow piled and thoughts of snowmobiling danced in the sons heads. But, it was wet snow and no one wanted to make a snowman, so we sat indoors watching it with anticipation of the thermometer dropping rapidly and low...it did not happen.

The sudden volume of transport traffic on County Road 2 meant trouble on 401, it always does. A call from the lady with the scanner and the second son and the reporter were off to investigate. The overpass on County Road 16, the former Brinston Road was a great vantage point. This old gal did not walk down the embankment to grab a closer look, but snapped a few shots of the line of traffic, of drivers standing in groups by their vehicles waiting patiently for something to happen. A pileup had stopped traffic in both directions, eastbound was two lanes deep in trucks, transports, cars and vans as people were deadlocked until things were cleared enough to allow a line to begin moving again. Getting info has been tough but a niece is dating a wrecker operator and they were at the scene. Apparently blankets covered three of the four people in one vehicle and this would indicate death, the air ambulance was called but unavailable...a snowstorm tragedy played out in our back yard, and many were unaware of what was happening. We must all realize that our driving has to be adjusted to the conditions, especially in the winter and in particular this winter since things change so suddenly. Slow down and stay alive.

The college kid celebrated a birthday and wanted to revive the tradition that has been falling by the wayside of late, that of inviting the relatives over for cake, tea and chit-chat. It was fun as
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the bottom line

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED: RAYMOND AND NANCY Roderick of South Mountain unfortunately lost everything last week to a devastating fire. Their house and all their belongings are gone. To make matters worse, they had no insurance. By donating furniture, canned goods, clothing and finances, you will be helping them get a new start in life. Nancy wears size 26, Raymond, 36-36. A donation box has been set in Crawford's Meat Shop in the Iroquois Plaza. Other donations can be made by calling 543-2301 or 652-1144. Thanks!

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FRIENDS OF THE SANCTUARY REMIND EVERYONE OF THE WINTER hours for the Interpretive Centre at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The Centre will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m., weather permitting. The winter hours started last weekend and will run until April 30. Visitors may warm up, rent skis or snowshoes, and use washroom facilities. The snack bar will also be open.

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WINCHESTER FIREFIGHTER ROLLAND HEBERT RECEIVED AN Award of Distinction for Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty from North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau Monday night. Hebert was recognized for saving the life of a little girl during Winchester's Parade of Lights last month. He was directing traffic at the corner of Albert and York in his firefighter's outfit that Dec. 3 evening, when somebody directed his attention to a little girl choking by the roadside. The heimlich maneuver didn't work, and Hebert had to turn the tot upside down and extract the hard candy obstruction with his fingers as the girl's distraught mother looked on. In all the hustle and bustle of the evening, he quickly returned to his post without even learning the name of the child he'd helped. He still doesn't know who she is.

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however, stayed on a path leading to the highest profile sport within rodeo.

Bull riders start off with steers, and the younger Geleynse was 13 when he hopped aboard one for the first time.

"All I remember from my first time on is getting on and nodding my head and feeling this big bump, and ending up in the dirt right away.

"It wasn't that fun, but I just got more determined. I was, like, 'Why can't I stay on this thing?'

Reuben went on to become the Ontario amateur steer riding champion in 1994 and 1995. Around this time, the 15-year-old aspiring cowboy took his first ride on a real honest-to-goodness bull.

"I was pretty scared, but then I realized, this isn't so bad.

"He wasn't very hard to ride or anything," he chuckles today.

Then you realize just how rare a sort this young man sitting in a farmhouse in Inkerman really is, at least for Ontario.

Quite aside from the absence of jewellery piercings in his face and the lack of bleach blonde hair, this is one young Ontarian who, rather, wears a cowboy hat — and then backs it up by actually riding bulls. Nobody else in this province is a member of this good ol' boy profession. As far as he knows, nobody else in all of eastern Canada does what he does, either.

It's cultural. Out west, rodeo is big, with high school programs and university scholarships. But not here, and Reuben remarks that he doesn't think Ontario is ready for professional rodeo, either.

At 18, he started his rookie pro season on the American PRCA circuit, as well as the circuit north of the border run by the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association.

Cowboys are ranked according to their earnings, and prizes earned at CPRA events in Canada count toward the 'world' standings tabulated by the PRCA.

Reuben finished the season in 1997, 1998 and 1999 with a Canadian ranking of 18th, 11th and 13th place, respectively. His final world ranking in those same years put him at 48th, 29th, and out of the top 50.

None of those scores was enough to make it to the national finals in either Canada or the U.S. Frustratingly, only $200 in earnings separated Reuben, at 16th, from the top 10 in Canada last year.

Finishing in the top 10 would've opened the gate to the Canadian finals, where each of six rounds is worth $4,000 to the winner.

"You just have the potential to win a lot more money at the finals."

And if he'd managed to hang on to his spot in the top 15 in '98, he would've made it to the PRCA national final. Ten rounds, $12,000 a pop. Go all the way and that's a cool $120,000 U.S.

"There's a potential to make a really good living if you can stay healthy and stay consistent all year long," Reuben says.

"I think I have a realistic shot of doing it this year, but then I also have to be patient and realize I have a bunch of years left."

Taking the exchange rate into consideration, he grossed about $40,000 during his second pro year. However, travelling expenses ate up more than expected. He earned less in 1999 but came out ahead by going to only 76 rodeos instead of 119.

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Eight seconds. That's the minimum magic number a bull rider needs to stay up on top of the animal he's been assigned. Judges scrutinize the performance and render a score out of 100.

One of the most important tools for keeping a cowboy on the back of bucking animal is a properly fitted and installed glove, Bart says.

He pulls his index and middle fingers together on his outstretched hand to demonstrate the tie-down technique, cracking his knuckles as he goes. He bunches the skin of his palm into a furrow at the base of his fingers.

That flap of flesh is the key to the cowboy's grip on the rigging on a bronco, or the rope wrapped around the thick body of a bull, he says.

The specially fitted glove even gets taped to the body of the rider, like a second skin. When he finally hits the dirt, the glove is right there on his hand as it's supposed to be.

Says Bart, imparting a little horse sense: "They say you can ride in sock feet, but you've got to have a proper glove."

The bull rider in the family, however, is a big believer in mental preparation as well.

Reuben says he thinks of the moves he needs to make when riding a bull, so his body will react subconciously and quickly.

He also compares the actual riding technique with one used by refined English equestrians.

"Really, it's to try to stay square with the bull's shoulders, to keep you shoulders square with his. And it's important to stay in front of the shoulders of the bull. Back behind the shoulders is where all the power is, so you want to try and stay out of there.

"You want to post-up on your knees and be out over his front; it really absorbs a lot of the power."

Reuben will have plenty of opportunity to straddle a whole lot of bovine power in the coming months, with as many as 200 events to choose from across the continent.

That will add up to some serious mileage for the newlyweds. In the previous 18 months, Reuben racked up some 250,000 km on the odometer of his car. An immediate goal for Karina and him is a home base to call their own. Since their marriage, they've been living with friends in Alberta. They'll probably rent a place of their own in that province, he says.

In the meantime, they'll be living on the road, following the rodeo circuit in a Volkswagon. They expect to be back here for a couple days this week. Then it's off to Dayton.

Livin'
continued from editorial page

the new Nintendo 64 game was played and screams of laughter erupted from the living room at various times.

Now this week we have been struck with snow, sun and driving rain. The temp stays above freezing and the ditches remind us of spring runoff. If the thermometer would fall drastically we could skate everywhere just about. The rain on Monday was wild and woolly and I was a glad mother that the college kid was safely home from his first classes of this semester. He attends on Monday Thursday and Friday only this semester yet again, so he's going to try to drive until he finds it too difficult. This saves money and just means he has to move earlier on two days and his mom gets to worry a lot more! The cellular is working out well for him and who knows I may even get to use it again some time!

The second son has gotten acceptance letters from various colleges and has an appointment to write a few admission tests (this is a way for the schools to weed out some students, since the number applying exceeds the available spaces). He will have to wait until spring for the universities to let him know and then he will decide where he wants to begin his training. The idea of doctor lives on and he is looking at nursing (ER or ICU) and paramedic careers...can he truly be our son? Both his father and the writer are blood shy and although we all have and maintain our Standard First Aid and CPR up to date, we do not relish the sight of blood or wounds. Oh, well, more power to him. He has a cousin in the field and seems very interested in following her footsteps, or should I say needle tracks and scrubs?

Serving dinner to the Lions Club continues for the youth involved in Scouts Canada. The Rover Crew that operates in Iroquois presently is small in number but big on enthusiasm and readily accept the challenge of feeding 32 hungry Lions every couple of months. Last Monday evening they served baked potatoes, roast beef and steamy gravy, green peas and cabbage salad and angel food cake and ice cream drizzled with raspberry syrup. They will work for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and administer a District Scout Klondike Day at Camp Sheldrick in February.

The clock is going faster than the fingers on the keyboard tonight, so I'll sign off. Thanks to Buffy for the nice note and to those folks who continue to encourage a tired writer!! Appreciate the calls, letters and smiling conversations. Take care, stay safe and try to be happy! The wisdom comes from G.K. Chesterton who said, "Hope is the power of being cheerful in circumstances which we know to be desperate."



Wild ride

Reuben Geleynse takes a spin on one of his favourite bulls, Kasper, in Kelowna, B.C., last year. He took first place for this particular ride, scoring an 85. An extreme sport if there ever was one, the cowboy from Inkerman wears a mask to protect himself from those wicked horns.

LETTERS

Smoke Alarms still save lives

Dear Editor,

According to the CTV television program W5 that aired on January 4, 2000, the suggestion was that smoke alarms currently used in Canada and the United States are ineffective.

The test methods that W5 used are being investigated to verify the accuracy that they claim. Still, until we hear more, the current question is "Does My Smoke Detector Work??"

We do know that homes that do have a working smoke alarm have a 40-50 percent lower death rate according to the National Fire Protection Association. The Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal does keep accurate records of all types of fires in this province. Despite a number of recent tragedies in 1999 Ontario recorded its lowest fire death rate ever. This reassuring fact continues a 20-year trend that has seen the fire death rate in this province decrease by more than 60%. Enhanced building and fire codes greater public awareness and also the use of home smoke alarms have played a large roll for this accomplishment.

Currently there are two types of smoke alarms on the market that you will find in homes today. First there is the IONIZATION type; which will respond quicker to flaming fires, has the lowest cost and is most commonly sold. Some have pause features which will allow you to shut them off for nuisance alarms and will turn back on automatically within 10 minutes, some models are available with a long life battery.

The second is the PHOTO-ELECTRIC type which will respond faster to slow smouldering fires and white or gray smoke, they are also less prone to nuisance alarms from cooking.

Both alarms will detect all types of fires that commonly occur in the home. To achieve UCL listing both types of alarms must be tested to the same standards and meet the same requirements. Again Photoelectric smoke alarms will respond slightly faster to smouldering fires while Ionization alarms respond slighly faster to flaming fires. Installing both types of alarms will enhance fire safety in your home, have a working fire escape plan and a meeting place outside the home in the event of a fire.

For more information, please contact your local Fire Department who will be happy to address your concerns.

Robin Yandeau
Chief Fire Prevention Officer,
Cardinal Fire Department.

Smoke Alarms are effective

Dear Editor,

The recent debate about what type of smoke alarm you should have in your home greatly disturbs me. Not because I believe that one technology is better than the other-in fact, experience has shown that both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are effective at detecting fires in the home.

My concern is that people may believe the ONLY thing they need to be safe from fire is a smoke alarm. The truth is, if you and your family are going to survive a fire, you may need much more than that.

Most fatal fires occur at night, when people are asleep. Often these are very slow, smouldering fires, which are the most difficult to detect. Photoelectric alarms may respond slightly faster to this type of fire, however when these smouldering fires reach the flaming stage, both alarms will respond effectively. Ionization type smoke alarms may respond faster to hot, flaming fires, such as those that can occur in the kitchen. Regardless of the type, the more smoke alarms you have, the earlier a fire may be detected.

Fire and smoke can spread at an incredible rate, so by the time the alarm sounds, a substantial amount of smoke may already be filling your home. You may have only a very short time to escape, so you must be prepared to act immediately. Developing a home escape plan and practising it with your family can greatly improve your chances of surviving.

Of course, the best way to protect yourself from fire is to prevent one from occurring in the first place. Pay close attention when cooking or smoking and never leave open flame, such as fireplaces or candles unattended.

Smoke alarms are definitely an essential component of fire safety, but they're only part of the equation. A well-rehearsed home escape plan and good, fire-safe behaviours will go a long way toward protecting you and your family.

Bernard Moyle,
Fire Marshal of Ontario.

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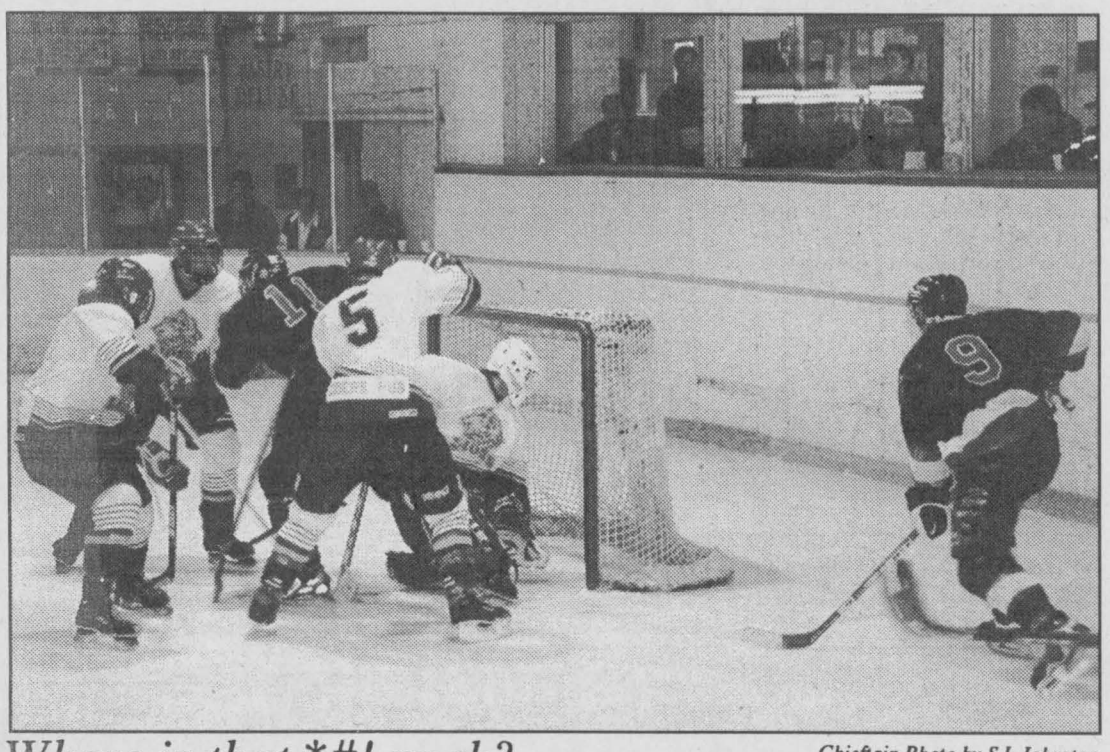


*Where is that *#! puck?*

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Morrisburg goalie Kyle Donnan seems to be trying to wish the puck out of the twine as the Gananoque Islanders keep the pressure on the Lions. A rough and tumble game this match hosted by the Morrisburg team on Friday evening saw this scene played a few too many times as the Lions dropped this one. The scramble in front of the pipes was a recurring image as well. It seemed that if the Islanders could not score cleanly, they continued to jam until it went in.

Lions one and one on weekend

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Friday night of last week the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions hosted the hard hitting Gananoque Islanders.

Falling behind early the Lions were unable to catch up to the Islanders. A very rough, and tumble game this was a match that saw the Lions playing pretty good hockey and for the most part holding their tempers at bay. Gan are a rough lot of young men who hit hard and often, often getting the best of their opponents even when they face easy going players.

The Islanders hit the scoreboard first as Kyle Donnan was in the pipes for the Lions in the first period. On the powerplay Peter Amo bulged the twine at 17:50 assisted by Andrew Grice to put the Islanders on the board first. The Lions skated hard and tried to get the puck past Alex Last in the net for the Gan boys but luck was not on their side as they did everything but put one in the net. Then at 14:05 of the first frame, Andrew Kingston went in with Mark Kench and found space, putting the Islanders up 2. Stef Champagne figured out how to beat Last as he teamed with Daniel Beland to score for the Lions at 4:58. Before the buzzer sounded to end the first, the Islander's Andrew Dickson took the pass from Grice for another marker to end the penalty filled first 3-1 for the visitors. (a total of 15 penalties were handed out, two 10-minute misconducts to the Lions).

The Lions came back onto the ice determined as Beland danced around the Islander's defence and nailed home a goal at 18:32 of the second, a beautiful solo effort. The Islanders would score three in this one, as Robb Bowman, Shawn Cross and Andrew Dickson each beat Mathieu Blanchard who took over in the pipes for the Lions.

The Lions played great defence in the third as they were able to hold the Islanders scoreless, but could not get their own scoring action in gear. The lone goal of the third was scored by Chris Cadieux who was ably assisted by Greg Millard.

The rough play and the flaring tempers had the penalty bench seat warm throughout the game, 15 assessed to the Lions and 13 to the Islanders.

The final read 6-3 for the visiting team.

Sunday afternoon the tone changed as the Lions travelled to Athens to face the Aeros. The Lions were ready and once they began scoring never looked back. The final read 13-0 for the Lions.

Holding the Aeros scoreless and grabbing the shutout, Kyle Donnan most certainly have earned his confidence back in style.

Charles Forment and Daniel Beland each earned a hat-trick in this game and then scored one more just because. Charlie started the team off on the right skate as it were scoring at 14:40 of the first on the powerplay with help from Jon Chambers. A short 14 seconds later, Danny found his mark as well behind Jason Murray in the pipes for the Aeros. Charlie and Chris Cadieux assisted at 14:27. Frankie Allen teamed with Stef Champagne and Wayne Garlough for the next blast that counted number 3 for the Lions at 9:26. Then, at 7:14 of the first Charlie struck again for his second of the game as he went in with Beland and Cadieux for another goal. With only 10 seconds left in the period, Beland bulged the twine yet again as he was on his way in style. Assists went to Paul DeDekker and Anthony Bilotto.

The Lions added another four in the second period, three coming off the sticks of Cadieux (Champagne assisted), Charlie (Cory McAllister and Jon Chambers helped) and Bilotto (Garlough and Ryan Warr on the assist). With only 1 second remaining in the second period, Charlie took the puck and with Bilotto and McAllister on the wings nailed one in to make the scoreboard read 9-0 for the Lions. Jamie Smith had taken over in the net for Murray, but he was unable to stop the Lions as they continued to pound on the opposition relentlessly.

The third was just as sweet for the local boys as they were not yet done. They would score 4 more before the final buzzer sounded to end the lopsided match up. Scoring in the third, as the Aeros seemed unable to stop the Lions scoring machine were DeDekker (Greg Millard and Allen helping him). Then Beland took over for two counters as he was assisted by Charlie on both and got help from Chris Cadieux on the first one as well.The final blow came at 1:56 of the final period when Cory McAllister put the Lions on the board after taking the quick pass from Charlie and Jeremy Alguire to make the score read lucky 13 for the Lions who certainly roared in this game!

Bantam 'B' team drop one and knot one as year begins

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Bantam "B" squad started the game right as they faced Potsdam on Sunday, January 2, 2000, their first game of the New Year. At 2:07 of the first period, Ian Tait scored his first of two in this game. Assisted by Nick Groves who was the hat-trick assist man of the game, getting the assists on three goals scored in this game. The Potsdam team were held scoreless throughout the first frame as they could not beat Nick Cyderman in the pipes for the Morrisburg boys.

Ian worked hard as did his teammates in the second, with no scoring until 2:41 when he went in solo on James McGuire and beat him on the short side. Scott Carswell nailed a pass that came off Groves hot stick for the third marker. perhaps too confident or content to sit back after getting a 3-0 lead, the Morrisburg team allowed Potsdam to score three goals to knot the score before the end of the second period.

The teams traded goals in the third, Richard Banford of the Morrisburg Bantams teaming with Groves for his counter too. It could have done the trick, but not this time as the Potsdam boys remained focused to the end as Matt Bailey scored to tie the game at 4 each.

Playing on Monday, January 4, the Morrisburg Bantams came out of the gate strong. Tyler Strader scored with help from teammates, Scott Carswell and Chris Cullen. The NGS Braves came back even stronger against the hometeam scoring two to end the period up one on Morrisburg.

The Lions were held scoreless in the second frame as they could not seem to get any kind of a rally going, while the Braves forged onward bulging the twine twice more. The scoreboard read 4-1 as the third period started.

Late in the third Cole Dingwall teamed with Scott Carswell for the second goal for the Lions. It was too little-too late for the Morrisburg squad, they came out on the losing end of a 4-2 decision on this day.

Busy week for Novice 'B' squad

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Novice "B" Lions continued their busy schedule with mixed results the past few weeks.

Just after Christmas they travelled to Ottawa to take on the Canterbury Crusaders in an exhibition game. The Lions controlled and dominated the game, but were constantly turned away by the Crusader's netminder. With 6 minutes left in the game, the Crusaders hit the scoresheet first. The Lions pressed and Jay Keller finally scored with 2 minutes remaining to tie the game at 1. Assist on the goal went to Chris Tindal.

The Lions began the New Year with a tournament in Cornwall on January 4, 2000. They were faced with a strong Cumberland team as the puck first struck the ice. In a highly entertaining game, the score was knotted at 3 at the end of regulation time. Scoring for the Lions were Pat Bongers, Jay Keller and Alan Waddell while the assists went to Nathan McDonell and Alex Whelan. This game was decided in a sudden-death shoot-out with Cumberland advancing to the "A" side of the tourney. The Lions' game MVP was goaltender, Ryan Swank of Iroquois, congrats guy!!

Game two saw the locals against the Smiths Falls Bears. This game became the "Alan Waddell Show" as he connected for no less than five goals in a convincing 7-0 victory. Other counters went to Jane Moss and Chris Tindal. Assists went to Alex Whelan, Michael Davidson, Jay Keller, Scott Summers and Pat Bongers. Game MVP was Alan Waddell this time. Way to play!!

In the "B" Final, the tired Lions played the Kingston Titans and were on the losing end of a 5-1 final score. Alex Whelan took the pass from Jane Moss to score the lone marker for the Lions. Game MVP was Alix Tait, well done Girl!!

On Wednesday, the Lions tied the first place Cornwall Royals in regular season action. Alex Whelan hit the score sheet first, before the Royals countered with 2 quick goals. Pat Bongers, on a great play from Chris Tindal tied the match at 2.

Friday saw the Lions travel to Char-Lan to take on the last place Rebels. The Lions turned in one of their worst efforts of the season, managing only a 5-5 tie. Goal scorers were Alan Waddell, Scott Summers, Alex Whelan and Chris Tindal. The highlight of this games was a goal by regular goaltender, Ryan Swank, who enjoyed his first game as a forward. Scott Douma took care of things in the pipes with a great effort, while Ryan exercised his legs. Versatility is the key boys and girls, keep on playing hard... The Novice "B" team plays at home in Morrisburg on Wednesday night at 7pm as they face off against the North Dundas Demons. See you all there!!



Pull back there!

This was the team who won the tug-o-war as the family Fun day continued at Matilda Hall. It was way back in the 70s when the weather was so unco-operative that these events were held in the Hall and not outside in the snow. It happened again in 2000, but no one seemed to care really!! The fun was evident and as muscles bulged, parents called encouragement and the youngsters pulled with everything they had.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Bantam House flog Smiths Falls

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

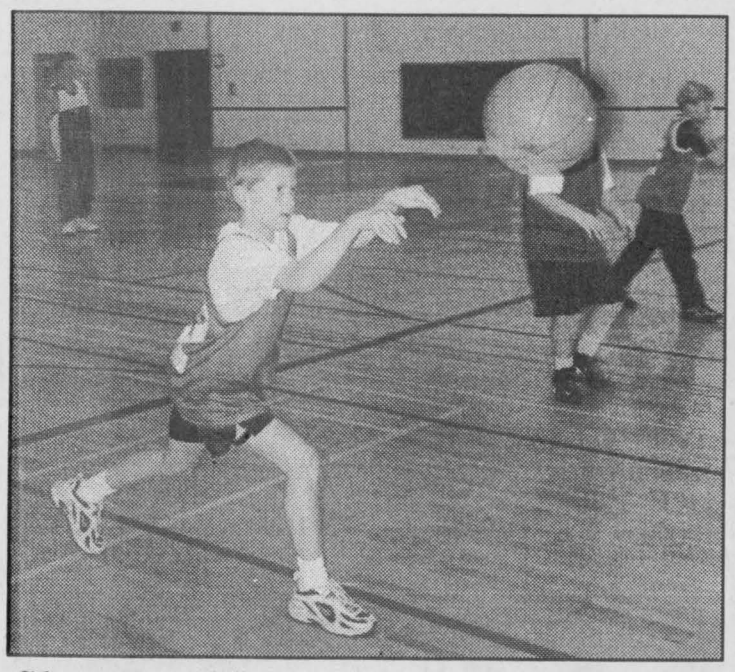
The Morrisburg Lions Bantam House team started the second half of the season with a roaring 8-3 romp over the Smiths Falls Bears on Saturday.

The Bears opened the scoring with Mark Couch firing one past the Morrisburg goaltender. Morrisburg answered back off the stick of Jamie Hess with Frank Bouwalda claiming the assist. Jamie Byvelds finished off the first period by giving the Lions the 2-1 lead unassisted.

Morrisburg blew the game wide open with a 5 goal performance in the second period. Jordon McNairn fired a blistering slapshot from the point that bulged the twine in the Bears net with assists going to Hess and Clayton Froats. Byvelds got his second of the night after being set up by McNairn and Matt Julien. Buwalda nailed one home unassisted to give Morrisburg the 5-1 lead. The Bears could not rally an effort to come back from such a deficit. Still in the second, Hess slid one past the Bears netminder with the help of Paul Norgaard. Andrew Hicks finished the second period off scoring with the assist going to Froats again.

The Bears mounted a small comeback in the third with a pair of goals, the Smiths Falls marksmen being Matt Moore and Phil Wallace, but it was not enough. Hicks scored again to gave the Morrisburg Lions the 8-3 victory. Norgaard got the nod on the final assist of the game.

Nick McGill out in an excellent performance between the pipes for the Morrisburg Lions.



Slam Dunk!

This young man was learning basketball skills on Saturday morning. Paul McAllister stands back and explains the correct way to toss that ball. The Seaway High gym is busy as various age groups come out to learn the game properly.

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Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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Iroquois Public School Parent Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. in the Staff Room. Everyone Welcome.

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Saturday, January 15

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	• **Pancakes at the Drummond Building** - $5 adults; $3 kids, Entertainment Provided!
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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	• **Novice Level Hockey Tournament** - At the Arena
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	• **Kids Indoor Soccer** - At the Drummond Building
10:00 a.m.	• **Tae Kwon Do Demonstration** inside the Drummond Building
11:00 a.m.	• **Square Dancing Demonstration** in the Drummond Building
11:00 a.m.	• **Scavenger Hunt** - Starts at the Drummond Building
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	• **Taffy Pull** in front of the Drummond Building
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	• **Euchre Tournament** at the Spencerville Legion
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	• **Lumberjack Contest** in front of the Grandstand
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	• **Kids' Snowshoe Races** in front of the Grandstand
6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	• **Dinner & Dance** at the Drummond Building (Advance Tickets)

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Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	• **Sunday Brunch** - Drummond Building, adults $6.00, children $3.00 ~ Entertainment Provided
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	• **Registration** for the Snowmobile Ice Drags
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	• **Indoor "Fishing" Games** - At the Drummond Building - Grenville Fish & Game Club
10:00 a.m.	• **"Mutt Races"** - near the Grandstand - bring the family pet (over 35 lbs.)
11:00 a.m.	• **Kids Tug-o-War** - in front of the Grandstand
12:00 noon	• **5 KM Fun Run** - Register at the Drummond Building
12:00 noon	• **Ice Drags begin** - on the River - start at the Mill
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	• **Snowshoe Races** and **2"x4" Races** (old-fashioned skiing) near the Grandstand
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	• **Hockey Game** - OPP vs. Edwardsburgh Fire Dept. at the Arena
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WILFRED JAMES DOVE
Peacefully at the Brockville General Hospital on Sunday, January 9, 2000. Wilfred Dove of Cardinal, in his 86th year. Loving husband of Dora Merkley. Dear father of Bill (Joan) of Cardinal. Survived by a brother Frank (Dorothy) of Prescott. Predeceased by 2 brothers, Leo and Joe and by 2 sisters Anna Haynes and Teresa Knight. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Cardinal on Wednesday, January 12, 2000 from 2-4 & 7-9 pm. Mass of the Christian burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Cardinal on Thursday, January 13, 2000 at 10 am. Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Interment at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cardinal.

Cards of Thanks

BEBEE: We the family of the late Edna Bebee would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, the many gifts of food and the generous donations to W.D.M.H., the O.C.H. and the Heart and Stroke during the loss of a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Also a special thank you to the staff and girls from Para-Med and the staff and girls from Park Lane Senior Support Centre. You all did an excellent job. Also thanks to Dan of Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home. These acts of kindness were greatly appreciated and shall not be forgotten.
Sincerely,
Enid & Tom Casselman, Shirley & Robert Patterson, Sheila & George Cornell and families.
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DESCHAMPS: The family of the late Edwina Deschamps extends our appreciation and thanks to Rev. Arlyce Shiebout, St. John's United Church of Cardinal, musicians, Lynn Barkley, Carol Morris and the Cardinal Community Choir, the staff of Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Mainsville Cemetery, Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, the Pallbearers, the Canadian Legion Branch 105, Cardinal, relatives, friends and neighbours for food, cards, prayers, flowers and memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and the St. Johns Building fund. A special thanks goes to Dr. John Marston whose outstanding care will never be forgotten. Your love and support is greatly appreciated.
The Deschamps Family
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LEVERE: The family of the late Carl Levere thanks the staff of Wellington House, Prescott, Rev. Arlyce Shiebout and Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Cardinal for their kindness. A special thanks goes to Linda and Carl Abrams and Barb Merkley for opening their hearts and home to the family. Thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers and memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.
The Levere Family
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MURPHY: The family of the late James B. Murphy would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to everyone for their cards, donations, phone calls and support. Special thanks to David Lapier and Dan McLaughlin for their assistance.
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STANDRING: The family of the late Hubert Roy Standring would like to express our appreciation and thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their many expressions of comfort and support by prayers, visitation to the funeral home, donations, flowers and cards. Special thanks to Rev. W. Byers, St. James Anglican Church and to Bonnie Parker and the Parker Funeral Home.
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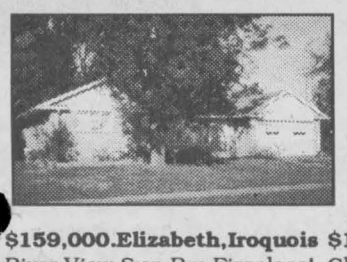



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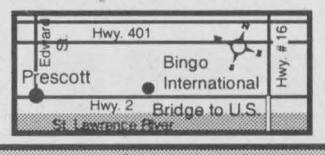

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William Irving

At the Wellington House in Prescott on December 24, 1999, William Irving. Born at Shanly on May 8, 1921, Bill was 78 years of age.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harvey and Elizabeth (nee Burchell) Irving: as well as his stepmother, Mary Irving, his brothers; Charles, Arthur and Harry, a son-in-law, William Lee and a childhood friend, Bill Buchanan.

Mourning the loss are his beloved wife, Bessie (nee Dugan) whom he married in Cardinal on June 6, 1946; his daughters: Linda Irving of Ottawa, Heather Lee of North Augusta and Deborah (Rob) Dixon of Prescott. Also saddened by their loss are his brothers; Clifford and James, a sister; Ruby Simpson and a sister-in-law; Dorothy Irving. Grandchildren who will miss their grandpa are David and Elizabeth Lee and Christopher Dixon.

A World War II veteran, who served overseas, William was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 105 and the Orange Lodge 162.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Alzheimers' Society were greatly appreciated by the family. Service was conducted by Rev. Arlyce Schiebout at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home. Interment was at South Gower Cemetery with Andrew and David Irving, Stanley Bernaski, Gerald Seeley, Eric Bolton and Brian Knapp acting as pallbearers.

John deBoer

A retired Brinston farmer, Johanes "John" Peter deBoer, at home on Kyle Drive in Morrisburg on Friday, January 7, 2000 after a lengthy illness.

Born on May 2, 1920, in Hoogkarspel, the Netherlands, John was 79 years of age. John was single and had immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands in 1948.

Predeceased by his parents, and a friend, Eduard Hettinga, he leaves to mourn, a sister, Emma deBoer of Belgium and two nieces; Jeanine and Leny Demeerbeer, both of Belgium.

Visitation was held at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg. Memorial donations to St. Mary's Mission Fund were gratefully acknowledged. Service was conducted by Father David Pope at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Morrisburg on Tuesday, January 11, 2000. Pallbearers were all Knights of Columbus gentlemen: Tony Toonders, Dennis Doyle, Tom Coligan, Leonard Beckstead, Adrianus Stuyt and Steve Coligan.

Bantam playdowns held over weekend

with Steve Thompson

After a scare, the ice was back to normal at the Morrisburg Curling Club by last Wednesday. It was not the Y2K bug problem but the ice plant did shutoff a few times! Winchester reports similar problems, but they are back curling this week as well.

Ian McGillis hosted the Zone 1 & 2 Bantam Playdowns (Pepsi Junior Mixed) here over the weekend. No local team was entered. In Zone 2, the Fletcher Rink from Navy won the "A" title, while the "B" winner was Artichuk's Manotick foursome. In Zone 1, Sayer from the Ottawa Curling Club won the "A" final, while in "B", Russell's Schoeni, Cherry, Box and McConnell defeated the Peddles, Woodward and Couthier from Winchester.

In Bonspiel news, Maxville was the scene as Gerry and Cheryl, Steve and Alice Thompson won out in the 18-team competition Saturday. After a delicious roast beef dinner, the Glengarry Fiddlers entertained and provided some great dance music.

In Senior Men's Parnell Cup competition last Friday, a Cornwall team took the trophy, while Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, Neil Williams and Tony Toonders, though they won both their games, finished second overall. Earl Jeacle, Karl Duncan, Fred Hofman and Ray Baker, the other Morrisburg entry finished 4th in the event, which also included teams from Prescott and Lancaster.

In other Curling News, Ann Merklinger is in the running for the Ontario Hearts Championship being held this week in Lindsay and the "Grey Power" Senior provincial Championships were on at the Richmond Curling Club last week. There were no area teams entered in the men's or women's divisions, but Gary Holmes from St. Catherines provided some local interest. Originally from the Winchester area, he worked in Ottawa for most of his career, is a former Provincial Senior Champion and played briefly for the Inkerman Rockets Hockey dynasty as a teenager.

Atom Kings play in Bell Canada Cup

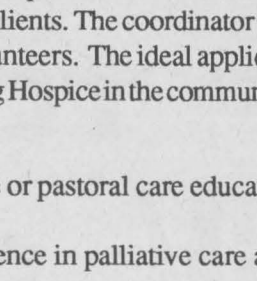
by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On the weekend of January 7 through 9, 2000, the Minor Atom Kings played in the Bell Canada Cup in Kanata.

The Kings came away with one win, a tie and a loss in three preliminary games and just fell short of the semi-final round.

In the first match the Kings were dropped 5-zip by the South West Storm. The second game saw the kings defeat the Vaughan Rangers 3-1 with Andrew Warren scoring twice. The single went to Nathan Slack who was assisted by Warren. Other assists went to Stewart Peters and Matt Lajoie. In the third game the Kings fought a tough, hard battle to hold on to a 2-2 knot against the Ottawa Sting. Bobby Little opened the scoring for the Lings off a Kyle Atkins pass. Then it was Atkins who tied the game on a solo end-to-end rush. This tournament was a good learning tool for the team and provided valuable experience for the boys against some pretty tough competition.

The next home game for the Minors is Thursday, January 13 in Athens at 7:30pm as they face the Ottawa Valley Titans.



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Novice House Lions win BIG

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Novice House Lions won 3 League games during the past week starting the New Year off with a bang.

The first game saw the boys in Spencerville to face South Grenville 3. Goals came from the sticks of Andre Menges and Patrick Chesbro to end this battle with the Lions on top of a 2-1 decision.

The second game was played in Chesterville and the Lions dominated the North Dundas 1 squad by a score of 4-1. Goals in this barnburner came from the stick of Matt Hanson who bulged the twine twice assisted by Adam Bogle, who also scored a pair. Assists on Bogle's first counter went to Chesbro while Hanson and Chesbro teamed to assist on the second goal.

The third game on Sunday night saw the local boys handily defeat North Dundas 3 (Winchester). The 9-3 final score tells the tale in this one as the Lions roared loudly. Scoring for the Lions was Bogle who went in unassisted, Chesbro who got help from Bogle and Tom Keyes. Then it was Drew Morrow who took the pass from Chesbro to count another, Spencer Peters from Chesbro and Hanson unassisted, then it was Keyes who went in solo for the score and Jordon Derue took a hand-off from Hanson and Tyler Stewart who skated hard and made sure. Blaine Markell with his first of the year assisted by Derue put another on the board for the Lions and Bogle counted his second with help from Morrow and Keyes. The final marker was put in by Matt Hanson who has up to this point lacked the necessary confidence to score a lot. He is aware that he has the ability and his tenacity and determination, even when he misses the first attempt proved he has what is needed to score goals, even if he does play defence!

Solid play from Brian Theoret, Matt Jamieson and Joe Streit in all four games helped the Lions roar to victory in style in the matches.

Lucas Stewart was in the pipes for the Lions and did an outstanding job in all four contests.

Coaches Kevin Keyes and Bill Morrow have done a great job bringing this team together this season. The youth have come a long way from their first game. Well done everyone.

Next Sunday the Lions travel to Spencerville to participate in the South Grenville Novice House Tournament. Good luck Lions and keep up the good work!!

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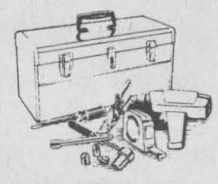

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FROM FRONT

Queen

cca Cooper. Recognized for her dedication was 1999 Runner-Up Kimberley LaRose. As Nancy Blokland noted, Rebecca was busy with school and a job, and Kim took over whenever Rebecca could not attend to perform her duties as Queen at various events throughout the year. Robert Thompson sang to the former Queens.."Don't go Changing" and it was plain for all to see they are certainly getting better with age, a beautiful group of gals for sure.

Entertainers, Joel Geleynse played his guitar and sang a couple of original tunes, "Mediocrity" was a good one. Then Billy Sypes who has missed only one Queen Pageant showed his ability on the accordion and MC Gerry noted that the Mayor and his wife recently celebrated their golden anniversary. "I suggested to Audrey that over the 50 years, she and John must surely have enjoyed a lot of candle light diners filled with romance in order to stay together for so long. She told me that when the ice storm struck was the only time she could recall candles burning in their kitchen!"

Then the gals came back on stage looking lovely in their pretty dresses. The task at hand was to pick a question from the bowl and answer it. They all previously had the questions, but were not sure which one they would get. Nicole was up first. Her question was "What job and where would it be if you could work anywhere in the world?" She responded suggesting that since she feels she is 100% Canadian and likes to act, pretending she is someone else, she sees herself in a sitcom filmed in beautiful BC. "That would be perfect! and I would volunteer with seniors," said this young woman.

Joanne was asked "What one thing South Dundas could do to improve life for her age group? She answered that coming up with a place where the youth of the community could meet and share things, and then communicate where it is, for example a skateboard area would be great. "We need a line of communication between the community and the young people so we know what is happening and how we can get involved," said this gal, "Would be the thing."

Then it was Shannon's turn to answer about her career choice what personal characteristics she deems are necessary for success in her field. She remarked on her love of animals and how she hopes to become a Veterinary Technician. "I feel that the courses I study at the OAC level in high school, Chemistry, Maths, English and Biology all at the Advanced level will prepare me for this field. Co-op work in a vets office also provides me the opportunity to meet people, work with animals and others in the field and gain a feel and a sense of what it will be like for me when I graduate, it allows me to really know if this is what I want to do."

Each gal received a South Dundas pin and a cheque for $35. presented by Councillor Sabourin on behalf of the recreation Committee for Matilda and member, Garry Shaver gave each a long stemmed red rose, a nice memento of the evening.

Then Gerry worked the crowd to locate the eldest lady and gent present for the Queen Pageant. This event brings folks out and with the mild weather it was a perfect evening on the town. Faye Brinston who is 88 years young was recognized as the eldest lady and Lorne Henderson the eldest gent at 84 years. Both are well known in the community and have attended the Carnival events for many years. It should be noted they both have granddaughters who were on the stage a few years back...Tracey Lewis and Tammy Henderson.

Bev Sabourin spoke about the seven members of the Recreation Committee who work so hard each year to provide the 10 days of fun for the community. She continued that three members are leaving and so new members are needed to complete the roster and allow such events to continue. "Thank you for your dedication and effort," said Sabourin. She then asked Nancy Blokland to join her on stage:" Nancy has been a member for 5 years, serving as Chair for 3. She has 4 young children of her own and sits others," said Bev. Then she called on Connie to join them. "This gal has 4 daughters and helps her husband farm as well and has served on the Committee for 4 years, some as Secretary/Treasurer," noted Bev. Finally she invited Ann to come on up..." Ann has 2 sons and has moved from South Dundas during her term on the Committee and so will resign after the Carnival." She expressed appreciation for a job well done by all three ladies and on behalf of the Committee and the Township said, "Thanks for a job well done." Garry came forth with gifts of appreciation for each member and suggested that he will miss their help.

Gerry came back to the podium and suggested that Garry had good support from the gals as they worked on various recreational agendas. He then asked, "If a man were alone in the forest, no woman to help him, would he still be wrong?" His anecdotes and suggestions for the contestants were great stress relievers for the girls and had the audience laughing throughout the breaks in action.

Estella Rose spoke on behalf of the judges assuring everyone that the decision was a tough one and that the judges had certainly not taken their task lightly. "Our decision is unanimous after some careful scrutiny. These girls made it tough for us to decide, they are all deserving of being winners!" she said.

Then the big moment that everyone had anticipated, 1999 Matilda Carnival Queen, Rebecca Cooper spoke as she completed her last official duty, the crowning of the 2000 Queen. She noted how much she had enjoyed her term as Queen, what a terrific time she had, the people she met and the events she got to be a part of and how it was truly an experience she will never forget. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent the community and then stood back while Miss Congeniality was named..."Nicole Bing" was chosen by the other gals as the one who they felt they could depend on for help and who encouraged each of them as they prepared for the event. "This is a special award since it comes from your peers," said Gerry as the sash was placed over top of her sponsor sash and she was handed a bouquet of white roses. She would receive a number of lovely gifts from the business community as well.

A drum roll was missing but as the Runner-up was crowned, Shannon Shaw broke into a nervous smile. She was crowned and was handed a bouquet of roses and then her ceremonial walk down the runway allowed her to be recognized by the audience and her peers on stage. Then, as the others tried to seem calm, the winner, the 2000 Matilda Winter Carnival Queen was announced...as Marsha Halladay was crowned a tear trickled down her cheek. She smiled through and carried her bouquet of delightfully red roses down the runway as she was applauded and photos were snapped. Congrats to all, but in particular, Marsha, Shannon and Nicole!!

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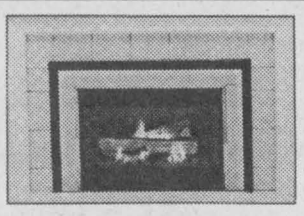



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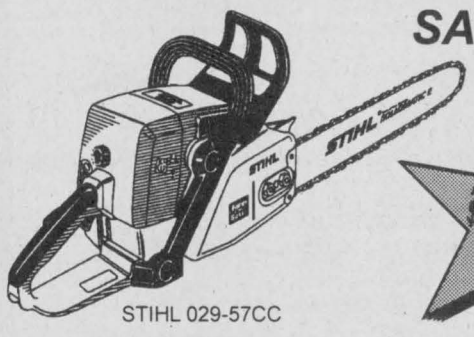

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Past Queens return to celebration

Past Matilda Winter Carnival Queens were invited to return to the 25th celebration of royalty in the Township.Those who attended were Angela Casselman (1979), Gayle Carroll (1984), Pam Dickson (1987), Leslie Disheau (1988), Shelley Gibson (1993)and Rebecca Cooper (1999). In front are Debbie Cooper (1989) and Joanne Larocque (1995).

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Spencerville Winter Festival concludes with Musical Evening

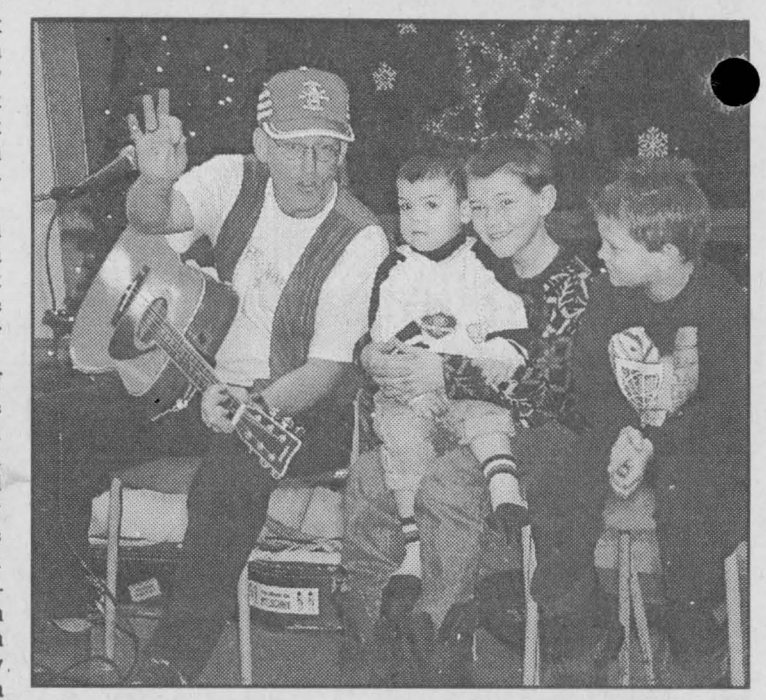
by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Spencerville and District Winter Festival will present Lois Warren of Nepean, who will join the Spencerville and Roebuck United Churches Worship Team for an evening of Contemporary Christian Music. this final event of the festival will take place at 7pm at the United Church in Spencerville, this Sunday, January 16th.

Lois appeared as lead singer in concert with Shekinah Glory, a contemporary Gospel group last year at the Festival. This year she brings with her Jeanne Wegner who will join her in concert.

The Worship Team, made up of eight of the members from the Roebuck and Spencerville United Churches, including Student Minister, Doug Warren, will lead the audience in some of the new praise and worship tunes. The group has been formed for just under a year. The youngest, drummer Joshua Couture is sixteen and ages range upwards from there...a reflection of the diversity of the congregations. They add a contemporary flavour monthly to traditional morning worship at both churches.

The public is invited to this closing event of the Winter Festival. There is NO charge for the Evening of Contemporary Christian Music. A freewill offering will be received.



Happy Birthday to Travis

Paddy Stewart soliciates help from the audience as he and Travis Froats' brothers wish him a Happy Third Birthday. Paddy was entertainig the youngsters at the Carnival in Matilda on Sunday with his songs and antics. Chad and Bradley helped their little bro.

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