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Spring Trade Show draws big crowd

The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce held their annual Spring Home and Trade Show from April 3-5 in Morrisburg. This year's show brought in some big crowds, despite some bad weather. From left to right, MP Bob Kilger, Chamber President Tom Morrow, South Dundas Councellor Sandra Bailey and MPP Jim Brownell officially opened the show.

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Full House for S. Dundas Home & Trade Show

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Members of the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce aren't complaining about this year's edition of their annual Spring Home and Trade Show.

The three-day show, which ran from April 2 to 4, met with great success this year.

Many of those who made the trip to Morrisburg for the show had to make that trip through rain on Friday night for the opening, and a full day of snow to wrap up the show.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, there was a good turnout for the trade show.

MPP Jim Brownell, MP Bob Kilger and South Dundas Councillor Sandra Bailey helped Chamber President Tom Morrow open the show on April 2.

"A lot of people put a lot of work into the show," said Mr. Morrow in his opening speech.

For the many people who attended the show, there were many exhibits set up within the Park Professional Building.

The exhibits ranged from high tech to landscaping to financial advice to government services, and just about everything in between.

In addition to the exhibits, there were also several presentations during the weekend, as well as Giant Tiger's fashion show and a Dapper Dog fashion show put on by Pokey's Place.

Many of the exhibitors also had draws set up at their booths, and the draws were made to close out the show.

The exhibitors had high praise for this year's show, and were thrilled with how well the show went.

Both Mr. Morrow and fellow Chamber member Geraldine Fitzsimmons were more than happy with the success of this year's show.

"I think it was a great show," said Mr. Morrow.

"It was fantastic," said Ms. Fitzsimmons. "I think the trade show was a tremendous success."

She is already looking forward to next year's edition of the Chamber's trade show.

Ms. Fitzsimmons also couldn't thank A.J. and Cindy Parker enough for letting the Chamber use their building for the show.

The list of winners of the draws was unavailable at the time of printing, but will appear in next week's paper.

Seaway High School gearing up for relay

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Students at Seaway District High School are getting ready to help fight cancer.

With the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life just around the corner, the high school officially launched their campaign with an assembly on April 1.

Following two touching videos and one cancer survivor's courageous battle, the students were encouraged to not only sign up for the relay themselves, but get those in the community involved as well.

"Everyone thinks that cancer is an old person's disease," said Don Lewis, a teacher at the high school, as well as one of the organizers. "It's not. It affects everyone."

Donna Adair, a former Iroquois Public School and Seaway District High School student, survived two bouts with cancer.

Although she did not smoke, or did not live or work with smokers, Ms. Adair found herself suffering from lung cancer.

At first, she explained that she didn't think it was anything serious, as her first symptom was not much more than a tickle in her throat.

It wasn't until her second trip to the hospital and several more tests were done that Ms. Adair found that she had cancer.

Following surgery to remove her right lung, and radiation and chemotherapy treatments, she returned to the classroom.

However, she was only back for a year when cancer returned, forcing her out of her job once again.

Following more treatment, Ms. Adair managed to beat cancer once again.

During her talk, Ms. Adair spoke of the pain she endured from the disease and the treatments.

Students and teachers alike gave the former teacher a standing ovation when she finished her talk.

The Relay for Life will be taking place on May 14 at the track beside the school, provided the track has been completed at that time.

The Cornwall branch of the Canadian Cancer Society approached the school to hold a relay.

"I thought it was a great opportunity," said Mr. Lewis, adding that the students were enthusiastic about participating.

He explained that the Relay for Life Committee, made up of 15 students and three staff advisors (including Mr. Lewis), are going to be trying to get the community involved in the relay.

"The kids are really excited about this, and they're looking to extend it to the community," said Mr. Lewis.

Seaway District High School will be one of 25 schools in Ontario to host a Relay for Life.

North Dundas District High School and St. Michael Catholic High School, located in Kemptville, will also be participating.

Teams made up of ten to twelve people will spend twelve hours walking around the track.

At least one member of each team must be on the track at any given time.

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Edwardsburgh/Cardinal discusses drainage issue

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The biggest discussion of the April 5 meeting of the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council surrounded a request for municipal drain improvements to the James Reilly and Dewitt Richter drains.

The request for maintenance without a petition came from J.F. Dobbie and Sons for the two drains.

CAO Stephen McDonald, in his report to Council, recommended that the Council obtain a new engineer's report for the drains.

In doing so, costs assessed for the lands needing repairs will be more accurate.

"We did do some maintenance on the Reilly drain in the mid-90's," explained Mr. McDonald.

The last reports done on the drains were done some time ago (1975 for the Reilly drain, and 1969 for the Dewitt Richter drain), and there has been changes to the land in that time.

"A lot of those properties have been combined by people," said Councillor Bill Sloan.

A new engineer's report may take some time, as Council will have to find a qualified engineer to make a new report.

"There may only be two or three engineers in Eastern Ontario that are even qualified," said Mr.

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Spencerville Trade Show had something for everyone

By Dianne Fetterly
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Organizers of the second annual Spencerville Spring Trade Show, held over the weekend are touting the event as a huge success.

According to Mary Tessier, Executive Director of the Spencerville Agricultural Society, the two-day show attracted over 500 visitors, who enjoyed products and services displayed by 55 vendors.

"(We) have received incredible feedback and comments complimenting the professionalism of the show from vendors and visitors alike," she said following the show held at the Drummond Building in Spencerville. "Executing the show required hundreds of volunteer hours from members of the Spencerville Agricultural Society. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Spencerville Fair."

The show raised total revenues of over $7500, and while expenses have yet to be tallied, Tessier estimates the profits at about $4500.

The show, which ran on Friday, April 2 and on Saturday, April 3 featured displays of: kitchen products and supplies, books, investment and real estate, home decor, computer and office equipment, photography, health and fitness products, hobbies, education, home security, giftware, landscaping ideas, home heating, water conditioning and motor vehicle sales.

The trade show also included special entertainment by vocalist Paul McIntyre as well as performances by Maggie Bush School of Highland Dance, The Harbour Lites Square Dance Club, the Land O' Lakes Shrine Club Clowns, Studio C Dance and a dog agility display by Shake-A-Paw Dog trainer Paolo Hoger.

Vendor demonstrations included a home shopping demonstration by Dianna Shapton, a presentation by photographer Christine Endicott and a talk on tree health by arborist John McCrea. Financial Planner Jane Graham discussed taxes, while Wendy Robinson of Entente Group discussed safe

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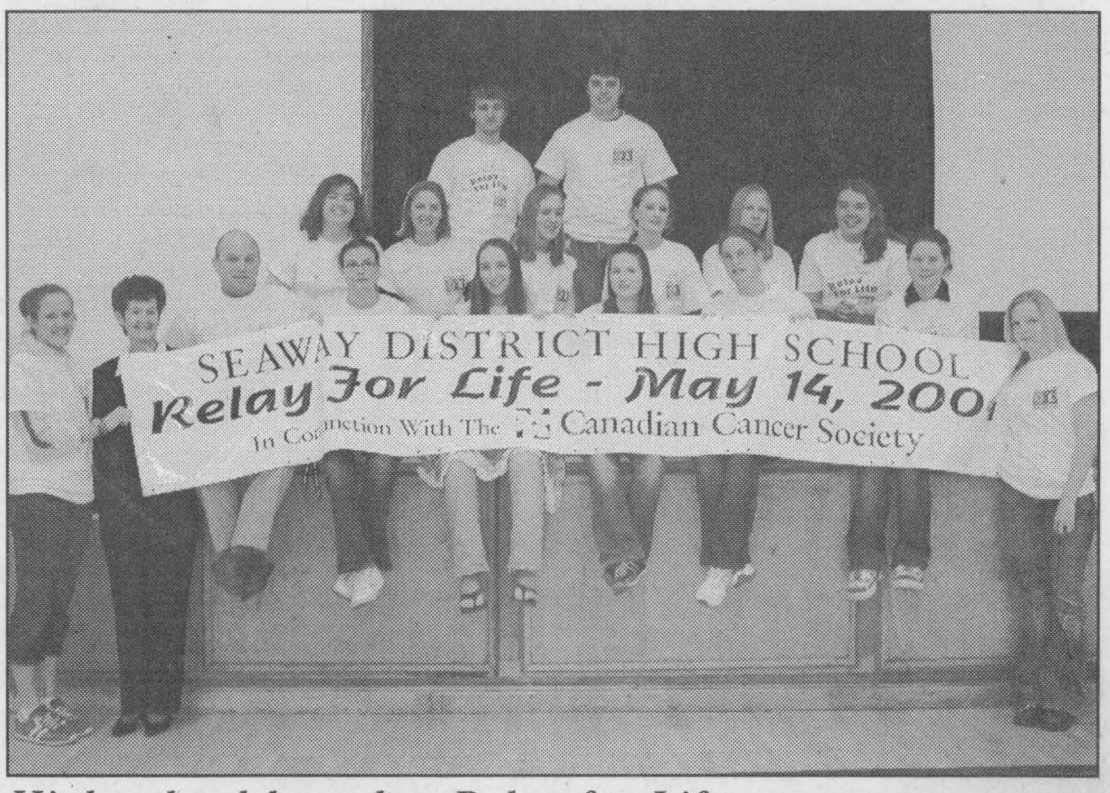
Chieftain closed on Friday, April 9

As April 9 is Good Friday, the Chieftain will be one of many local businesses that will be closed to celebrate the holiday.

While most businesses will be reopened on April 12, local government offices, such as township offices, post offices and banks, will remain closed until April 13.

The North Dundas Council Meeting will be taking place on April 13 instead of April 12 because of the holiday.

Have a safe and happy Easter weekend.



High school launches Relay for Life

Seaway Valley District High School officially launched the 2004 edition of their Relay for Life campaign on April 1. The Relay for Life Committee, above, held an hour long assembly at the high school to introduce the students to the relay. Seaway District High School will be one of 25 Ontario schools running a Relay for Life event on May 14.

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Spencerville Spring Trade Show entertaining

The Harbour Lites Square Dance Club were on hand to entertain visitors to the second annual Spencerville Spring Trade Show. The two day event attracted people and businesses from across Eastern Ontario. The show featured a full weekend of interesting events and demonstrations, The Harbour Lites also perform along the seaway.

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EBI President reports 'comfortable' profit

President Ronald Greaves told those attending the 42nd annual Eastern Breeders Inc. general meeting recently that 2003 was a successful year for the company.

"It was an exciting year at Eastern Breeders in 2003," Greaves told a large crowd attending the meeting in Morrisburg on March 23. "The bulls we had to offer were second to none, and financially we posted a comfortable profit while keeping our expenses in line."

As well, the Semex Alliance had a successful year as demand for Canadian genetics remained strong around the world. "As a shareholder of the Alliance, we earned dividends which enhanced our bottom line," he said.

"During 2003, we were able to build our cash reserves to a solid level, with enough to cover six months of operating expenses in the event of a sudden change in out markets or to protect us should a disaster hit Eastern Breeders itself," Greaves added.

Greaves cited a couple of reasons why things have remained steady over the past couple of years, including the formation of the Semex Alliance. "But there are still risks; our markets are changing and competition has increased."

Another reason was that board members and management teams have looked at the markets and studied the trends and came up with a new strategic plan. Accord-



Ron Greaves

ing to Greaves, the plan was introduced to voting delegates last fall and Phase one was implemented in Ontario in January 2004.

In developing the plan, our primary focus was how to better service our customers. We will monitor results on an ongoing basis and continue to plan for the future."

Greaves also commented on the crisis in the beef and dairy industry. He said EBI has lobbied on behalf of beef producers to have the borders re-opened and for protection of the beef and dairy industry as a whole.

"As a measure of support for our members in this difficult time, a Reward Program was introduced in October 2003 which returned over $200,000 to breeders in the last quarter of the year. Again, on March 1, 2004, a second Reward Program was introduced in an effort to reduce breeding costs for participating breeders. We only hope the border situation will be resolved in the near future," Greaves explained.

Forums planned to help keep water safe

By Dianne Fetterly
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Rural residents in the area can learn how to keep their wells and septic beds safe at upcoming forums planned for later this month.

"The 'Well Aware' forums address the important issue of the health and safety of private wells and water supplies," said Susan Brandum of the Lanark and Leeds Green Community. "These forums are designed to explain how we can all work together to keep the water clean."

A Certified Water Guide and manager of the Lanark and Leeds Green Community Project, Brandum explained that the organization holds projects focussing on what homeowners can do to 'green up'

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New campaign for pet microchip identification

Pethealth Services Inc. ("Pethealth"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Pethealth Inc. (the "Company") (TXS Venture Exchange Tier 1:PTZ) launched this week its first radio campaign in Ontario to promote its 24PetWatch microchip and pet registry program.

The ads, which will initially run for the next three weeks, re-enact the real-life experiences of owners who have reported to, or were contacted by, Pethealth when their pet was lost. Each ad ends with the pet successfully identified through the 24PetWatch Pet Recovery Network and reunited directly with its owner.

The program's numerous success stories prompted Pethealth to create this campaign, which follows today's popular "reality" trend. One of the ads demonstrates how, through the 24PetWatch program, two lost pets were identified and the owner contacted even before she knew her pets were missing.

24PetWatch Microchip Identification Network is the only North America-wide manufacturer-neutral pet registry and recovery network that accepts all registrations regardless of the microchip's manufacturer. Additionally no registration fee is charged to pet owners if their affiliated shelter or clinic uses the 24PetWatch brand microchip.

Since February 2003 when 24PetWatch was launched, over 90,000 dogs and cats have been registered in the program's database, making it the fasted-growing registry in North America. The Company now estimates that it is also the largest seller of microchips for companion animals in Canada by volume to veterinary clinics and shelters.

The success of the 24PetWatch program is timely given the controversy surrounding the actions of one of Pethealth's competitors in 2003. Their decision to unilaterally implement a mandatory annual fee for all new and existing customers led to numerous complaints from veterinarians and pet owners alike and undermined user group confidence as a whole. With the 24PetWatch program, in addition to free registration for pet owners whose shelters or clinics carry the 24PetWatch microchip, there are also no mandatory annual fees associated with the program.

Instead, the Company through another of its wholly owned subsidiaries, PetCare Insurance Brokers Ltd., the largest Canadian provider of pet insurance, offers its pet insurance programs to those who are interested in providing major medical insurance coverage for their dogs and cats as well. Indeed, the company has developed new pet insurance programs specifically designed to be sold to those pet owners whose pets are microchipped. EmergencyCare, at just $19.95 a year, provides up to $3,000 of pre-authorized emergency medical treatment for lost dogs and cats.

"Our goal is to reunite pets and owners as soon as possible by accurately linking the microchip directly to pet owner and pet information," said Mark Warren, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pethealth Inc. "Should a pet go missing, our clients have the advantage of being registered in a reliable and robust database. Our success to date shows that our model of microchip registrations and pet insurance is working very well indeed."

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Food bank receives donation

Dianne Pethick of the Dundas County Food Bank (centre) receives a cheque for $617.58 from Victoria Davidson (left), the Foundation for Families store coordinator and store owner Peter Oliver on April 2. *Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie*

Take the "TV Turn Off" challenge

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit is looking for children interested in taking the "TV Turn Off" Challenge from April 19 to 25.

Children in the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry or Prescott-Russell are invited to participate and can choose to go without television, video games and the computer (except for homework purposes) for either five or seven days.

Participants must keep a log describing what they did instead of watching television or playing video games. Children in grades one to six in the five counties mentioned above will receive a log through their school. Older children who are interested in taking part must ask their teacher.

They will then bring the log home and show their parents. Manager of Communications for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Karine Hebert says, "we are trying to encourage the whole family to take part and for their parents to help them."

This is the fourth annual "TV Turn Off" Challenge and children who participate have a chance to win prizes of $50 to $100 in sports equipment. The school with the highest participation will be awarded $100 in sports equipment.

The purpose of this challenge is to increase and promote physical activity in children. We are seeing a lot of children with weight problems and health problems in the last few years," said Hebert.

One in three children in Canada is overweight and one-third of these children are obese. According to the latest Nielsen survey, children are watching an average of 25 hours of television a week. The challenge's goal is "to show children that there are fun alternatives to watching television. Children need to incorporate physical activity at a very young age if we want them to grow into healthy adults."

Tourism is very important along the St. Lawrence

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A representative from Tourism Prescott was looking for help from the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council in promoting tourism within South Grenville.

Graham Cudlipp, the chairperson of the Tourism Prescott Committee, was at the April 5 meeting of Council to stress the importance of having tourists visit the area.

"It's the number one industry in the world, but not everyone recognizes that," said Mr. Cudlipp, adding that tourism in the Thousand Islands and along the St. Lawrence is vital.

The Tourism Prescott Committee, made up of volunteers, is working to work out a strategy to promote tourism in the South Grenville area.

Among some of the objectives the committee's aiming for are tourism promotion and marketing, visitor services, product development, and monitoring and measurement.

"The more people we can get into the area, the better," said Mr. Cudlipp.

Among some of the sites that tourists visit in South Grenville are the Forwarder's Museum, Fort Wellington, and the Battle of the Windmill.

There are also a number of events held throughout the year, including the Brockville Tourism Awareness Show, the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, the Festival on the St. Lawrence, and Doors Open Ontario.

Among the short term goals the tourism committee is aiming for are a new strategic plan, the development of a South Grenville Tourism partnership, informed and helpful front line staff, the promotion of current festivals and support development of new festivals, and the hiring of a full-time tourism coordinator.

"Because this is a big business, we believe we need a full-time coordinator," said Mr. Cudlipp.

The committee also has several long term goals they are aiming for, including a highly visible welcome centre, a fully staffed tourism office, thriving events, active downtown cores, and fully developed waterfronts.

"We believe tourism is not an expenditure," said Mr. Cudlipp. "We believe tourism is an investment."

Mr. Cudlipp has made his presentation to the Prescott Council before coming to the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council, and is planning to make this presentation to the Council in Augusta.

He is hoping that the three councils come together and split the costs of promoting tourism three ways.

"If Edwardsburgh/Cardinal came on board in principal and financially, we're hoping Augusta will come on board as well," he stated.

Councillor Hugh Cameron wanted to know if Mr. Cudlipp would be taking his presentation and ideas eastward to Morrisburg and Cornwall.

Mr. Cudlipp replied that he has no plans to do so in the near future, but did not rule out the possibility later on.

Councillor Marie Thomson enquired if Mr. Cudlipp would be heading north to North Grenville.

"Since that area is growing so rapidly, maybe we could jump on their bandwagon," she said.

However, Mr. Cudlipp stated that he'd like to keep promoting tourism along the St. Lawrence.

"You've certainly given us some food for thought," said Mayor Peggy Taylor, adding that the Council will be taking into consideration Mr. Cudlipp's presentation when they are working on their budget.

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OPP to speak at Senior's Centre

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP Constables Julie Cyr and Al Lummiss will be speaking at the Park Lane Senior Support Centre on April 22 as part of the Centre's luncheon for Dundas community service providers. Under the theme "Knowing Your Personal Risks When Visiting Clients," the luncheon will be starting at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Registration, which will cost $10, must be done by April 19. For more information, contact Nancy Gibson at 774-6109.

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Information night for program

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cornwall and District will be hosting an information night on April 21, starting at 7 pm at the agency's office at 101 Third Street West. Information on the agency's one-to-one program matching, the Big Bunch Friendship program, the Couples for Kids program, the In-School mentoring and Big for a Day program. For more information, call 933-8035, or visit the web page at www.cnwl.igs.net/~bbbs-cornwall.

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Dessert and Card party set

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary will be holding their annual Dessert and Cards Party on April 19 at the Park Lane Senior Centre in Williamsburg. Admission will be $5 per person. Desserts will be served from 1:10 pm, while cards will begin at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Lynne Wilson at 774-2422, extension 5296.

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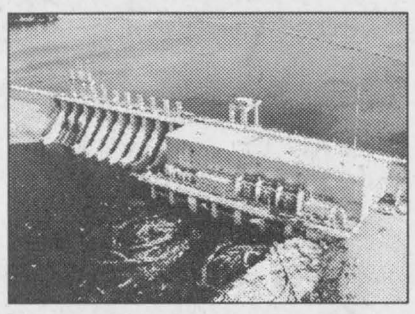

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Community support

It seems to me that small town and rural communities are more willing to support a good cause than their big city counterparts. That's one of the things I enjoy about living in a community such as North Grenville, and working in a community such as South Dundas.

It's always amazing seeing friends and neighbours pull together and help with fundraising efforts for local organizations, or helping out in times of need.

An example of this is the support shown for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign.

The Campaign is getting closer to its goal, thanks to the generosity of local residents, organizations and businesses.

Just last week alone, the WDMH received donations from the Canadian Tire in Morrisburg for $20,000 and another donation from the Nation Valley Girl Guides in the amount of $622.50.

This comes after Minister of Health and Long-Term Care George Smitherman announced a $4 million planning grant from the provincial government on March 16.

It's not just local hospitals that benefit. Many local non-profit organizations benefit from the generosity of the community.

Food banks, youth centres, hospices, and many other organizations such as these often rely on donations from the community in order to continue to help those within that same community.

Quite often, communities go above and beyond the expectations of organizers who run fundraising events for their respective causes.

These organizers are often left speechless, and grateful, at the generosity of their friends, neighbours and local businesses, and more often than not, can't find enough words to express their thanks.

One such fundraising event that is just around the corner will be the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Seaway District High School on May 14.

Over the course of the next month, the organizing committee will be encouraging members of the community to put a team together to participate in the relay.

With the support of from the community, the students should have no problem meeting their $20,000 goal for the event.

Local business also get into the action, donating to organizations such as the food bank or the Winchester Hospital.

Yet, it's not just about raising money for organizations. In many instances, residents in small communities are also willing to lend a hand if they see someone who needs help.

One instance is when an elderly woman's house burnt down on Christmas Eve. Her neighbours not only started raising money to help her out, but also offered to build her a new home on her property so she wouldn't have to move.

Whether it's to help raise funds for a non-profit organization, or helping a neighbour through a hard time, it's still pretty amazing just how much small town and rural residents care about one another.

It's just another reason why I'd rather live out in the country than in a big city somewhere.

B.P.

Ontario Physicians

A recent landmark survey of 2000 doctors in the province has found that almost one of every six doctors in the province is seriously considering moving their practice outside of Ontario. The survey conducted by The Strategic Counsel in December 2003, suggests that an inability to treat their patients in a timely manner, the chronic shortage of physicians and a declining quality of life are contributing factors as to why physicians are considering moving to other jurisdictions.

"A North American shortage of doctors requires that we take steps immediately to make Ontario an attractive place to practice medicine again," said Dr. Larry Erlick, President of the OMA. "We cannot sit back and watch while other jurisdictions entice our doctors away from the province."

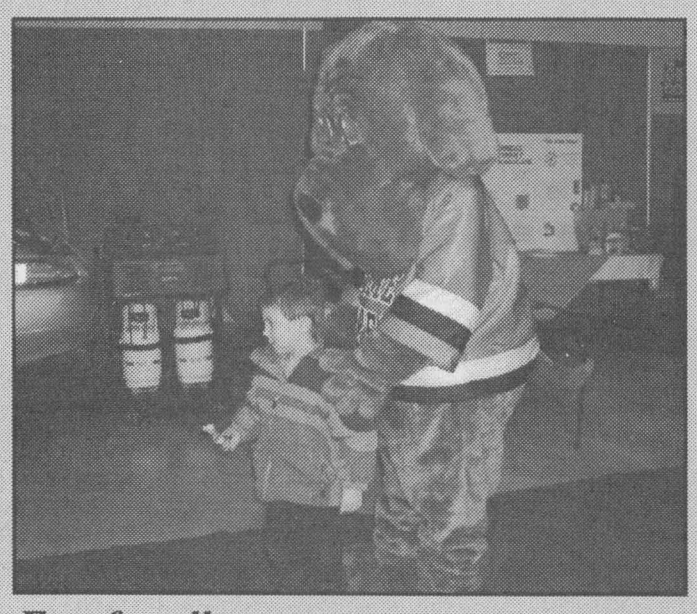
When asked about the state of the health care system in Ontario, the survey clearly shows that doctors are most concerned about the negative impact that physician shortages (97%); general under-funding of the health care system (95%); and delays in treatment caused by waiting lists (90%) are having on patient care. In a similar survey completed in 2000, only 75% of doctors felt that increasing the number of physicians in Ontario should be a priority, compared to almost 97% today.

When asked about their working lives and life satisfaction, doctors in the province reported low levels of satisfaction due to their inability to treat and refer patients adequately. Only 20% of physicians report being very satisfied with their lives as a physician in Ontario, and 75% feel that their quality of life has declined in the last three years. The survey suggests that working 50 hours a week on average, having difficulty in accessing speciality care and diagnostic tests for their patients and sending patients out of province for care are factors attributable to this dissatisfaction in their profession.

"I have a message for all of the physicians in the province who are thinking about retiring or moving their practices to another province or to the United States - we hear you, and we're going to make sure the government hears you too!" said Erlick. "I will be spending the next few months, travelling the province, to hear from the public, from community leaders and from doctors directly on what steps can be taken in communities across Ontario, to address some of these concerns."

For a copy of the recommendations provided to the government to ease the physician shortage crisis please visit www.oma.org.

South Dundas Home and Trade Show



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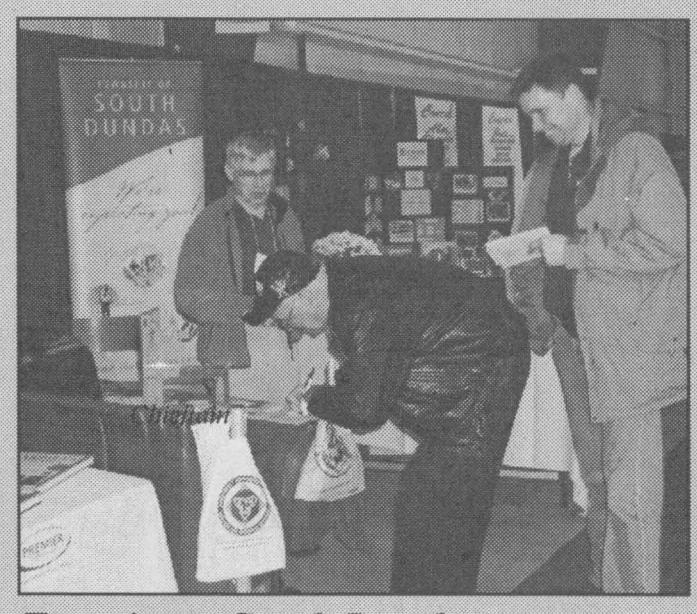

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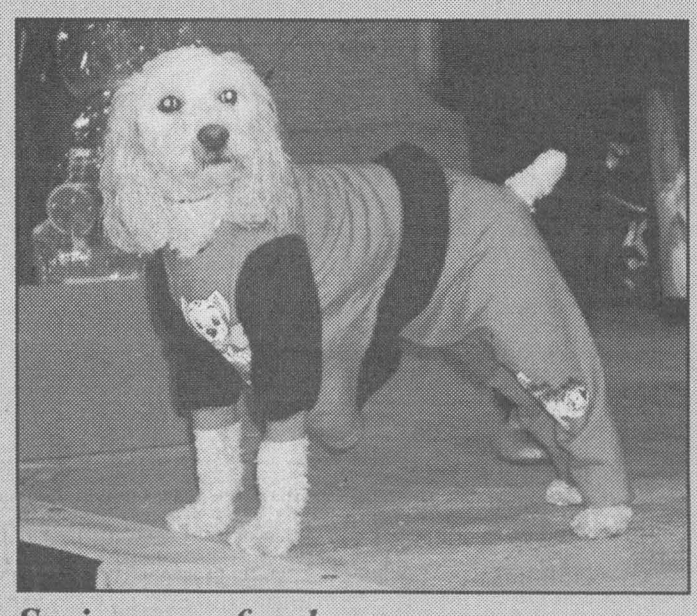

Springware for dogs



Fashion for all ages

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Tales from the past... a look back in our files

Five years ago
April 7, 1999

Petty Officer Second Class Perry Bellefeuille and **Captain Steven King** of HMCS Iroquois arrived in Iroquois to present the Battle Honour Scroll from the **HMCS Iroquois II.** A native of the village of Iroquois, Bellefeuille was part of the ceremonies which included a dinner for invited guests as well as a special presentation of the scroll, along with a framed print of the ship. Each were to be displayed in the village for all to see.

Three waterfront chalets moored in Cardinal's marina had overstayed their welcome, according to the village's Waterfront Development Committee, which advised council to give the chalets until the end of the month to weigh anchor. The council had yet to make a decision concerning the chalets.

Dundas Master Gardeners spokesperson **Debra Gibeault** addressed a North Dundas Council meeting to request an endorsement to construct a memorial garden at the east end of **Winchester District Memorial Hospital.** Council approved the request, however, there was no guarantee the project would go ahead without funding from one of four governments. The Gardeners were to approach the provincial government for a grant from the **Ontario 2000 Main Street Millennium** fund.

Dundas County Players were gearing up for another production. Their latest production was to be **Neil Simon's The Odd Couple. Liz Barton and Gabrielle Thomas** were to play Olive and Florence in a female flip-side version of the popular play. The play was to open in Morrisburg and Winchester later in April.

Twelve-year-old **Sara Rust of Cardinal** received the gold level test in Freestyle in a competition held in Prescott. She had also won silver in Autumn Skate in Ottawa, a gold and silver at the EOS Winter Invitational in Carleton Place and finished sixth in EOS Sectionals in Ottawa. She skated out of the Nepean Skating Club.

The Seaway Locks opened for another season of shipping traffic with the first ships of the season passing through the **Iroquois Locks**. Ships from all over the world pass through the locks.

10 years ago
April 6, 1994

End of the year awards were handed out to deserving members of the **Cardinal Skating Club** at the 1993/94 season drew to a close. Award winners included: **Alex Seeley, Most Improved Canskate boy; Melissa Byers, Most Improved Junior Skater; Alex Matthews, Most Improved boy skater; Stephanie Pakeman, Most Improved Senior Skater; Danielle Smail, Most Improved Skater overall; and Joann Perry, Most Improved Canskate girl.**

Jim and Dave, the awesome duo that provided environmentally friendly adventures the previous year, were set to arrive in town again to perform at the Iroquois Civic Centre. The performances, geared at children between the ages of eight and 14, attracted large crowds.

Kelly and Cindy Peters, owners of the Brinston General Store showed off a new 'toy'. The newly-acquired Interac banking machine would allow customers to pay for their goods without ever touching their wallets.

The **Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs** presented the **Easter Seals Society** with a cheque for $518,457. The Easter Seals Society hosted the biggest ever Snowarama with 59 rides across Ontario.

The **1994 Easter Seal** campaign in support of children with disabilities had raised $797 to date. The target goal of the local chapter was $2,500.

Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg was hosting the second in a series of concerts presented by the Morrisburg Concert association. The concert was to feature baritone **Garth Hampson,** who was for many years, soloist with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band.

Seaway Treasures opened its doors in the Iroquois Mall. The shop featured a large selection of gifts, toys, puzzles, games, children's clothing, housewares and more.

Fifteen years ago
April 5, 1989

Sixteen **Seaway District High School** air bands were on stage to entertain students and teachers with their renditions of popular bands and their hit tunes. A highlight of the two-hour event was the one-time-only performance provided by Seaway teachers who 'boogied' to 'Teacher, Teacher'.

Iroquois Public School was seeing a lot of hustle and bustle as students prepared for the annual Spring Variety Show.

Former Iroquois Reeve Frank Rooney was honoured during a roast held at the Legion Hall. Frank worked for the community as a council member and Reeve for 16 years. The evening served as a means of publically recognizing him for his years of service.

The $625,000 **Morrisburg Plaza** improvement project organized by the Business Improvement Association was authorized by the Morrisburg Village Council under the Local Improvement Act.

the bottom line

APRIL IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH and to help celebrate, local Health Units will once again participate in the "2 for 2 is what you do" Dental Health Awareness Campaign, which was launched province wide in April 2003.

PROMOTED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry, grade 2 students in selected schools in the area will be visited by the Health Unit Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants during the month of April 2004.

THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME: "brush your teeth twice a day for at least two minutes each time". Students will participate in a fun and exciting lesson to promote the toothbrush message. Students will also receive handouts to reinforce the message at home.

FROM HAIRSTYLES TO CLOTHING, tattoos to jewelry, today's youth are making a fashion statement. But those who want to look cool with oral piercing may be looking to the dentists and physicians for help afterwards.

COMMON SYMPTOMS AFTER ORAL PIERCING include pain, swelling, infection, an increase flow of saliva and injuries to the gum tissue. If a blood vessel was in the path of the needle during the piercing, severe and difficult-to-control bleeding can result. For some, chipped or cracked teeth, blood poisoning or even blood clots can occur. For many, the swelling of the tongue is a common side effect. In extreme cases, a severely swollen tongue can actually close off the airway and prevent breathing.

UNFORTUNATELY, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE with oral piercings don't realize that these alarming side effects could happen to them. So, skip the mouth jewelry and let your healthy smile make your fashion statement.

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THIS WEEK'S BOTTOM LINE: Challenges are what makes life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

Joshua J. Marine

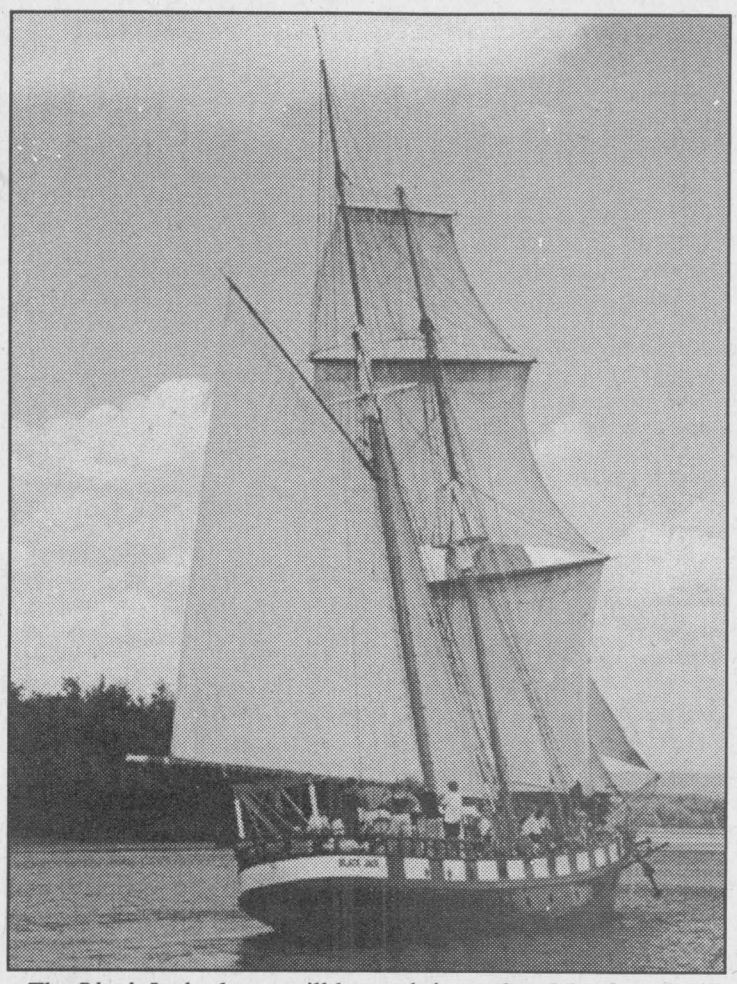
Ottawa's Tall Ship Black Jack

A hundred years of Ottawa River history

Most ships are old after 25 years. Very few survive to their 100th birthday! On May 2nd, Black Jack will be re-christened and launched into her second century. During that weekend, the Charitable Foundation, Bytown Brigantine and its patrons, the Fuller Family, will host several 100th birthday events honoring this historic anniversary: Friday, April 30 - Evening: Grand Reunion - All current & former sail trainees, former crew of the tug boat, officers, board members & volunteers are welcome; Saturday, May 1 - Evening: Lumberjack / Pirate Feast & Ball; and Sunday, May 2 - Morning: Re-christening / Launch of Black Jack.

The Bytown Archivist is collecting copies of old photos and stories to include in planned displays. They are particularly seeking material and people from her first 50 years as a log boom, steam tugboat, so please send in anything you might have to our office.

Yes, this beautiful Brigantine was once a huffing, puffing, sparks-flying steam tug whose home port was Quyon, 25 miles upriver from Ottawa. Prefabricated in Scotland and assembled at Quyon, the PATTEE, as she was known, shared the river with big passenger & cargo paddle-wheelers and other work boats. Young Thomas Fuller, as a sea cadet, first admired her in the 1920s. Like Huckleberry Finn, he lived on and for the river, eventually building and piloting his own sailboats out of Britannia Yacht Club.

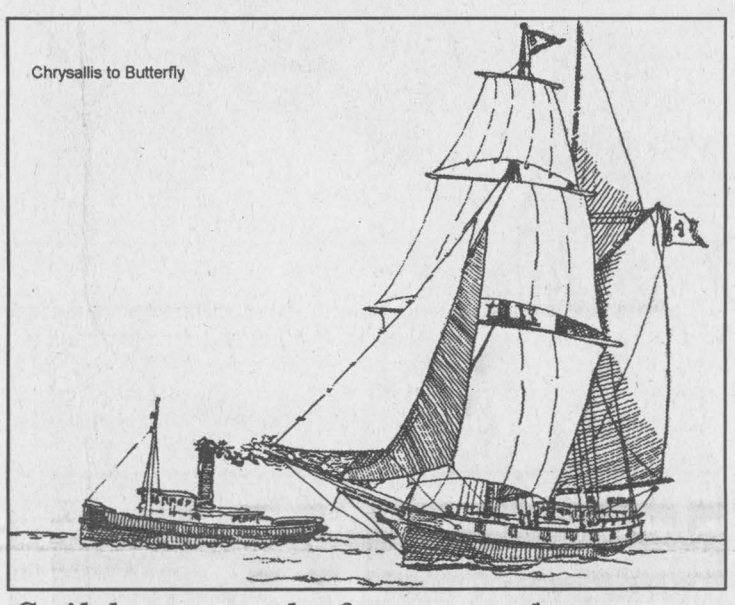


The *Black Jack*, above, will be re-christened on May 2, and will be launched into its second century at a ceremony at Britannia Yacht Club in Ottawa. The boat was transformed from a tug boat into a sail boat by Sea Cadet Thomas Fuller. *Courtesy Photo*

In WWII, Tom went to sea earning the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) & two bars and the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In one dramatic battle, while commanding the 61st Gunboat Flotilla, The Pirate of the Adriatic (as he was known by then) was captivated by the beauty of his prize, a Brigantine. Tom recalled that prize when he returned home where he discovered the stripped, abandoned and rusting hull of the GB PATTEE II. So, he bought and converted her into a proud new brigantine named, BLACK JACK, which he sailed for many years on the Ottawa River & the Great Lakes with his wife Jeanne, family and many friends.

Twenty-five years ago, the Fullers formed the charitable foundation Bytown Brigantine to share their love of sailing with young people helping them learn self-discipline, teamwork, problem solving and independence on BLACK JACK. Bytown Brigantine now has two brigantines (that is another story!) and an Island adventure camp near Fitzroy Harbor which provide sail training for all ages - regardless of ability to pay.

The public is welcome to the Sunday, May 2nd Re-Christening and Launch of Black Jack, 10:30a.m. at Britannia Yacht Club. For additional information, please go to our website www.tallshipsadventure.org. If you have photos or stories for our use, please contact Robbin Zrudlo at Bytown Brigantine: Tel. (613)-569-6258 or at tallshipinfo@tallshipsadventure.org



Sail boat ready for second century

Above is an artist's rendition of the former *Pattee*, as a tug boat (left) and its transformation into the *Black Jack* (right), a sail boat. The *Black Jack* will be re-christened on May 2 at the Britannia Yacht Club, and will be heading into its second century.

Courtesy Photo

FROM THE FRONT

Drainage

McDonald.

The request for new drainage reports comes in accordance to the Drainage Act.

"Farmers are entitled to have their property drained," said Mayor Peggy Taylor, adding that city people who move out to rural areas may not understand the drainage of farm land.

Councillor Hugh Cameron expressed his concern about contaminated water being drained off the farmer's land, and how it would affect those down the line.

"All this is about is draining the land," said Mayor Taylor. "What we have is someone who can't plant corn in a field full of water."

Property owners and agencies along the affected areas will be notified as the work progresses.

The South Nation Conservation Authority will also be notified and involved in the maintenance.

Council approved a motion to go ahead with the report.

Council also approved a resolution from the County of Hastings to allow the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation access to birth and death records on the vital records database in order to improve the voters list.

"I think MPAC needs this information because they need all the help they can get,"said Mayor Taylor.

A by-law to allow Digital Networks to install equipment for wireless internet services at Spencerville's municipal offices was passed by Council.

Council also passed a by-law to go into leases with Vern Farmer and Ron Shaver for the Bridgeview Restaurant and the Bridgeview Marina, respectively.

"This by-law will hopefully breath life into the marina," said Mayor Taylor.

The lease agreement will be in effect for the next five years, with three options to renew.

The next meeting of the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council will be on April 19 at 7:30 pm.



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2 pm - St. John's
Easter Sunday, April 11
8 am - Holy Trinity
9:15 am - St. James'
11 am - St. John's
The Rev. Bill Byers, Rector
The Rev. Pat Martin, Assistant

United Church of Canada
Matilda Pastoral Charge
Friday, April 9, 2004
11 am at Hulbert Valley
Sunday, April 11, 2004
9:30 am - Hulbert Valley
11 am - Brinston
Clergy: Yvonne Willis

Roman Catholic Churches
Rev. Father Sebastian Arikat
543-2544
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Saturday - 7:30 pm
Sunday - 11 am
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Sunday - 9 am

Community Christian Reformed Church
Sunday Worship - 10 am
Evening Service - 7 pm
Dixon's Corners, Ontario
Pastor: Rev. Clarence Witten
Phone: 652-2400

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
St. Andrew's, St. James, Cardinal - 9:30 am
Knox Church, Iroquois - 11 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Rev. Geoffrey Howard
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Iroquois Civic Centre
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Pastor A. R. Leavitt

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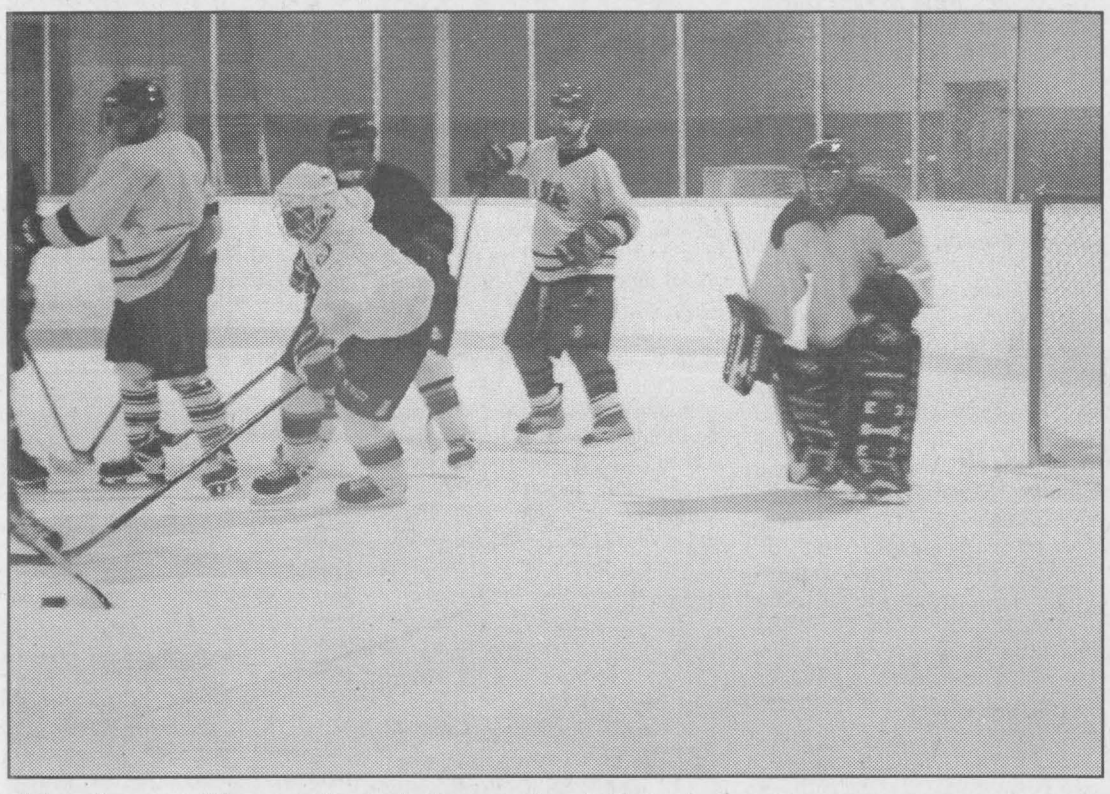
~Bantam Girls Finish Second
~Safe Boating Week Coming Up
~Turkey Season Starts Soon



Hockey all weekend long in Morrisburg

Players chase after the puck during the game between the Lion's Club and the Hummels on April 4. Ten teams took park in the weekend long tournament at the Morrisburg Community Centre. This was one of many tournaments run through the Canadian Adult Recreation Hockey Association. *Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie*

Safe Boating Week May 22-28

National Safe Boating Awareness Week will take place across Canada from May 22nd to May 28th, 2004.

The purpose of this initiative is to promote a wide range of safe boating practices to the estimated 7 million recreational boaters in Canada.

This initiative is promoted by the Canadian Safe Boating Council, a non-profit organization and its members and partners from all areas of the marine community including manufacturers, boating education organizations, water safety and marine law enforcement sectors.

The goal is to ensure that the millions of Canadians who head out on the waters in canoes and kayaks, sailboards and sailboats, fishing boats, personal watercrafts, power boats and cruisers are equipped with the knowledge for a safe day on the water.

Over the last several years, the Canadian Safe Boating Council has held a media day for Safe Boating in Canada.

For 2004, the Canadian Safe Boating Council will be delivering the program directly to the media, expanding its communication plan over National Safe Boating Awareness Week and beyond.

To make this happen they will be providing local media across the country with the tools and information to help the media convey the safe boating message to the public.

As a member of the Canadian Community Newspaper Association, your community paper can play a pivotal role in getting the Safe Boating message out to your readers.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council is preparing a series of informative articles for publication covering several of the key areas of safe boating practices, with a focus on education and training for all boaters.

In addition, content suitable for preparing special Canadian Safe Boating Awareness Week supplements will also be made available, providing newspapers with a revenue.

All information, documents and graphics will be available in electronic format for downloading from the Canadian Safe Boating Council's Web site, www.csbc.ca during the first week of May.

Additional information will be provided throughout the month of April.

For further information and details contact: Mike Gridley Marketing Manager - Safety Dual Media Productions at 905-989-0948 Ext 235

Bantam Girls finish second

The Morrisburg Bantam girls hockey club's season has come to an end, finishing in second place in their league.

The girls lost 2-0 to Gananoque in the final on April 4 at the Fred Barrett Arena.

Following the end of the game, Morrisburg's Ali Tait was awarded the trophy for being the league's top scorer.

The girls would like to extend their thanks to coaching staff Barry Keicks, Glen Mackler, Bryan Cochrane, Albert Zandbergen, Kevin Casselman, Lori Davies, Barb Tait and Lynn Thurler for their support throughout the year.

Turkey season approaching

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Turkey hunters can start preparing for their season, which gets underway in just a few weeks.

Wild turkey season starts up on April 26 this year. Usually starting on April 25 every year, this year is an exception, as April 25 lands on a weekend.

By law, wild turkey hunters must report to an MNR check station with their intact bird between 8 am and 2 pm on the day of the kill.

New locations have been added across the District in order to improve hunter access to MNR check points.

In South Dundas, Rooney Feeds Ltd. in Iroquois will be serving as the MNR check point, while Mustard's Variety, also located in Iroquois, will be issuing licences.

For more information on the wild turkey season, contact the MNR office in Kemptville at (613) 258-8204, or visit the MNR webpage at www.mnr.gov.on.ca.

Seatbelt Clinic

The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP will be holding a Child Seat Inspection Clinic to kick off the Spring Seatbelt Safety Campaign.

The clinic will be held on April 17 from 10 am until 2 pm at Geggie's Home Hardware, located at the corner of County Road 31 and Holmes Road.

The OPP will be joined by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and local volunteer firefighters for the clinic.

Volunteers will be assisting with child seat installations and provide information to parents on the various safety seats available for their children.

As the inspections can take an extended period of time to install, depending on the seat and the vehicle, those attending are asked to some early to avoid a last minute rush.

Curling News

The curling season at the Morrisburg Club ended on Sunday with another Two-Person Bonspiel. These have proved very popular and successful. Our thanks to Bobby Hart for organizing them.

The air was clear in the lounge, although the club has not yet been declared officially non-smoking. Perhaps it's time for a show of hands at the next general meeting as to whether we make it official.

In this latest bonspiel, the 'C' Division final featured Wally and Joanne Baker against the winners. Glen and Don Cougler. In the 'B' Division, Joe McCooeye and Leanne Coady defeated Sydney Schnurr and Bobby Hart. The 'A' champs were Wally McDonald and Gerry Thompson, defeating Jeremy Schnurr and J.J. Hollister. Well done!

On Friday and Saturday, two local teams competed in the 18-team windup bonspiel in Winchester. Robert Houze, Carolyn Beckstead. Leanne Coady and Joe McCooeye won both of their games and finished in fourth place. Raymond Benoit, Kathy Norg, Bill Hogaboam and Julie Somerville also won both matches and were sixth. Congratulations to both entries.

Last weekend, our young curlers competed in the OVCA Championship at Manotick. Coach Sydney Schnurr has worked hard with all of our young curlers and will be back next fall with them. Our thanks to her for her effort and enthusiasm in this important facet of our curling club. Bobby Robichaud, Travis McMillan, Luke Whitteker and Connor Woodmass represented our club but didn't come home with the hardware this time. Congratulations on making it to the final, and better luck next year!

On Thursday night, Craig Harriman, Graham and Robert Houze and Al Harriman won the Dodge Trophy, emblematic of the Club Championship. The final playoff game ended a full season of play for all teams, and our thanks to Ian Wilson for coordinating play. Congratulations to the winners.

Annual Meeting and Awards Night notes from Wednesday: presentations were made to most of the league winners, and a delicious roast beef dinner was enjoyed by those in attendance.

A special note of congratulations to Len Bellamy, who, in addition to being a top hockey player, competes in most curling leagues open to him. We believe he won trophies in every division in which he played this year.

The profit to date for the club this year is $6500, and our reserve fund is over $7000. The executive is still waiting for word on the Trillium Grant request. Without an organizer, there will be no club yard sale next month.

Some of the curlers signed up for summer work at the club, and will be contacted later, as will others who may not as yet have had the opportunity.

The executive is looking for at least one additional member, and for volunteers to assist in several activities and events. They meet next on May 18th, when the new table officers will be elected from within the ranks of those approved by the 45 members at the general meeting.

It was good to see Don O'Brien back at the club on Sunday. He looks fit, and expects to be back on the golf course early in May.

Our ice went out on Monday, and we expect to have it back in time for registration night Friday, September 24th, when our next general meeting is scheduled.

In the meantime, we extend our best wishes to our Canadian men's and women's champions in Europe this month. A good summer to all!



Taking the man

A player is knocked down in front of the other team's net during first period action between the Lion's Club and the Hummels on April 4. These were just two of the ten teams taking part in a weekend long tournament at the Morrisburg Community Centre. *Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie*

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THE IROQUOIS GOOD COMPANIONS will meet inthe Civic Centre on Tuesday, April 13 at noon for a potluck dinner with entertainment to follow. All seniors are welcome, 55-100 years.

STAMP CLUB MEETING April 14 at 7 pm, Cardinal Library.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will have its Rummage Sale on Friday, April 16 - 3 to 8 pm and Saturday, April 17 - 9 am to 12 pm. Drop off at the Civic Centre at 1 pm on Friday.

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Deer control still continues by MNR

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In continuing their effort to control the deer population in Eastern Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources has proposed changes to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry.

Mild winters, increased forest coverage and easy access to food have contributed to the rising population of deer over recent years.

The MNR's proposed changes for hunters will help bring the deer population under control, as well as reduce crop damage, deer-vehicle collisions, potential habitat degradation and wildlife health.

The proposed changes include new deer gun seasons and multiple additional deer seal information.

For the new gun season, the MNR has requested that a six-day muzzleloader season for deer starts on the first Monday in December.

This would cover most of Eastern Ontario, including Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Prescott-Russell, the City of Ottawa, and parts of Renfrew, Lennox and Addington and Frontenac.

For this period of time, muzzleloaders and archery would be used for the hunt, and dogs would not be used.

An additional six day gun season for deer, which would be for the third Monday of November, is also proposed for parts of Leeds and Grenville and Frontenac Counties.

Shotguns, rifles, muzzleloaders, and archery would be used, and dogs would be permitted for the hunt.

The second six-day hunting period in November would be subject to the same conditions to the period at the beginning of the month.

Multiple additional deer seals are also proposed for selected areas.

This would allow hunters to bring in an additional deer that is the same type specified on the original seal, and under the conditions specified on that seal.

More information will be released about the seals in the fall.

For more information on the proposed changes, visit the web page at www.ene.gov.on.ca, and click on EBR under the menu. The EBR registration number RB04E6008.

Written comments can be sent to Christie Curley, Postal Bag 2002, 10 Campus Drive, Kemptville, Ontario, K0G 1J0, by fax a (613) 258-3920 or by e-mail at christie.curley@mnr.gov.on.ca by April 22.



Winner announced for quilt draw

Joyce Francise of the Dundas County Hospice's Fundraising Committee (right) presents Connie McLaren with a quilt that Ms. McLaren won through a draw held by the Hospice. The Hospice raised $1284 through through the draw.

Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie

Destructive forest pests

Under coordination by the Eastern Ontario Model Forest group, monitoring of destructive forest pests, already attacking parts of the province, is being stepped up.

Following a well attended training seminar for forest practitioners on invasive insect species held in Ottawa early in March, the EOMF and its partners are offering information sessions to any interested gatherings requesting them.

Closely affiliated to the EOMF, Francophone forestry organization Boises Est has already held an information meeting in the office at Larose Forest near Bourget, said Boises Est member Pierre Boileau.

The sessions focus on the Asian Longhorned Beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer, which have made their presence felt in Toronto and Windsor respectively.

Tens of thousands of trees of several species have been destroyed as authorities try to stop the march of the persistent invaders.

While the insects have yet to be spotted in the greater Ottawa area, the intention is to be proactive and to make sure as many people as possible are aware of what signs to look for.

"There's been a lot of interest shown in getting ahead of these pests in Eastern Ontario," said Jim McCready, chair of the EOMF's Urban Forest Network.

"There were 130 people registered at the Ottawa workshop, everybody from the City of Ottawa, to the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, conservation authorities, stewardship coordinators, landscapers and tree service companies."

Overseeing the EOMF effort on behalf of EOMF, McCready said devastation caused by the longhomed beetle and ash borer has been widespread and will have long-lasting effects.

Ottawa forestry experts are now carefully monitoring certain industrial sites. McCready said area stewardship coordinators, along with EOMF specialist Mark Richardson, are prepared to attend meetings of organizations such as horticultural societies to bring them up to speed on the two insects, including their usual migration methods.

River Institute receives donation

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry have recently approved funding for the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences Building Fund.

The donation comes in the amount of $100,000 for the the River Institute Building Fund.

The River Institute's new President Bill Knight applauded the United Counties' commitment.

"We are extremely pleased about the outstanding support we have received from the entire community. This type of support will allow us to concentrate even more on our research capabilities," he said.

The United Counties stand to gain considerable benefit for the new Research Centre.

The River Institute has already established itself as a leading centre for research on large river ecosystems.

Located on the campus of St. Lawrence College, the River Institute will enhance Cornwall's profile as a centre of education, as well as research.

Scientists from universities across Canada are likely to come to Cornwall to take advantage of the River Institute's new research labs.

The St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences was established in 1994 as a unique community partnership involving government, education, the private sector, and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

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Other individuals and businesses can get help by visiting the CRA web site at www.cra.gc.ca for helpful guides and forms and other general information.

For more information, call 1-800-959-8281 for general tax enquiries or 1-800-959-5525 for business enquiries.

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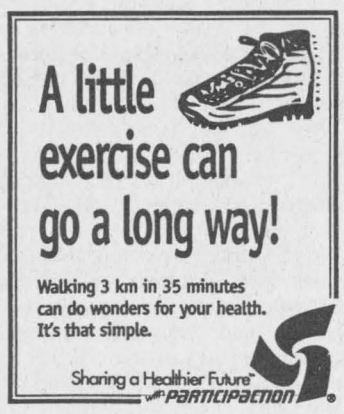

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For more information about the duties and responsibilities of the President or Referee-In-Chief, or to submit your name for consideration, please contact Bruce Wells, Secretary, SDMHA, at 613-543-4453.

Swim Supervisor/Parks Attendant Morrisburg Beach & Waterfront Park

Morrisburg Recreation is accepting applications for the position of swim supervisor/park attendant. This position starts early May and finishes at the end of August 2004

The Swim Supervisor/Parks Attendant will be responsible for the beach's 2004 swim program, supervising swim instructors and lifeguards, and overseeing the waterfront park, boat launch area and wading pool.

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- valid Red Cross Instructor's Certificate
- valid Royal Life Saving Society's national Lifeguard's Certificate
- excellent public relations skills
- ability to deal with difficult people
- flexible hours

Interested applicants may submit their resumes to the undersigned no later than 4:00 pm April 16, 2004.

Nancy Jordan
PO Box 1367
Morrisburg, ON
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Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OPEN AIR BURNING

FORMER TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH

Residents are advised that Edwardsburgh Bylaw 94-08, being "A bylaw to prescribe the precautions and conditions under which fires may be set in open air," is in force. In part, this bylaw requires residents to obtain a permit prior to any open air burning. Permits may be obtained from the Fire Chief of the Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal Volunteer Fire Department.

For further information, please call Jim Purcell at 658-3123 or Graham Van Camp at 657-3626 during regular office hours.

FORMER VILLAGE OF CARDINAL

Open Air Burning as defined in The Ontario Fire Code 2.6.3.4 is not permitted within the former Village of Cardinal.

Open Air Burning includes campfires, burning of garbage, brush, leaves, Mexican style clay pots and outdoor type fire places, etc.... only small confined fires used for the purpose of cooking and supervised at all times shall be permitted. The Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal Volunteer Fire Department does not issue permits for open air burning in the former Village of Cardinal.

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Residents of the **Township of Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal** will have an opportunity to dispose of **white good items** (refrigerator, stove, freezer, etc.) at the Scott Road Landfill site, 1225 Scott Road, on **Saturday, April 24,2004**, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at no charge, In addition, you may dispose of **up to four maximum 16" car or light truck tires** per household free of charge.

Tipping fees will be charged for all other large items, including furniture, as usual. Hazardous waste or regular household waste will not be accepted. Proof of residency will be required.

Lawrence Rooney
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Township of South Dundas

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NOTICE

PUBLIC TENDERS

Tender No. PW-04-02 - Grass and Weed Cutting Along Roads

Tender No. RF-04-02 - Grass Cutting In Parks and Other Areas

A copy of the tender document may be obtained up to the day prior to tender closing from the Municipal Office, 4296 County Road 31, Williamsburg, ON.

Quotation No. 04-PW02 - Equipment Rental Quotes for the rental of Road Equipment for 2004-2005.

Sealed bids will be received at the Municipal Office no later than 12:00 noon on the closing date, April 19,2004.

DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

The Matilda Landfill Site will be CLOSED on Good Friday, April 9,2004.

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For more information contact W.W.R. Bradford at 613-543-3682

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New Electricity Pricing Plan

In an effort to address the constantly growing debt, the Liberal Government has passed new legislation on electricity pricing. "Although the 4.3 cent cap was meant to protect consumers from excessively high electricity prices, it has cost Ontario taxpayers approximately $1 billion since it was introduced in December 2002," said Minister of Energy Dwight Duncan.

Starting April 1, 2004, the current energy price cap of 4.3 cents will be removed and a two tiered pricing structure will be implemented that better reflects the true price of electricity.

Under the interim plan, the first 750 kilowatt hours (kWh) consumed in any month will be priced at 4.7 cents per kilowatt hour. Consumption above that level will be priced at a higher rate of 5.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

This interim plan applies to low volume and designated consumers, and will stay in place until the independent regulator, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), develops a mechanism for setting prices in the future. The Energy Board's new pricing mechanism is to be implemented as soon as possible and no later than May 1, 2005.

In addition, the Ontario Government has determined that, over a four year period, your local utility can recover the mandated costs it incurred in preparation for the introduction of competition in the electricity market.

What is the Impact?

The impact on our customers will vary depending on the level of consumption. That is the essence of this new pricing structure. The goal is to ultimately eliminate the subsidy created through the fixed rate option, while at the same time provide an incentive for conservation. Here is an example of the cost implications on a customer bill for 1,000 kwh's (including losses) over the period of one month:

Description	Rate	Old Price	Rate	New Price
ENERGY CHARGES:				
Fixed Price	@.043	$43.00		
Energy – First Block			@.047	$35.25
- Balance			@.055	13.75
OTHER CHARGES*		23.90		23.90
DISTRIBUTION CHARGES:				
Service Charge	(Flat)	$9.11		$9.11
Distribution Charge	@.0088	8.80	@.0109	10.90
SSS Administration		.25		.25
	Total	$85.06		$93.16

*** Other Charges** - Transmission Network Charge, Transmission Connect Charge, Wholesale Market Services, SSS Administration, and Debt Retirement Charge

What are my Options?

Conservation: The two tiered rate takes effect for all consumption beginning April 1, 2004. This date was specifically selected to coincide with the end of the cold winter weather allowing consumers an opportunity to review their energy use and explore conservation options prior to the beginning of the cooling season. The two tiered rate was specifically designed to provide a strong conservation message for Ontario consumers.

Alternative Energy Supplier: Although existing retailer contracts were replaced with the 4.3 cent fixed rate, any new contract signed with a Retailer after December 9, 2002 is fully binding. Ontario energy consumers who enter into a contract or renew a contract with an electricity retailer after December 9, 2002 lose entitlement to the legislated commodity price for the term of the contract.

Bulk Metered Accounts: The legislation allows for certain bulk metered accounts such as Apartment Complexes to receive multiple instances of the 4.7 cent block. The intent is to provide all customers on the Conservation Rate equal treatment. Tenants in multi-unit buildings should receive the same incentive for conservation as an owner. An individual claiming multiple units at a single family dwelling should review adherence to local zoning compliance issues for income or multi-family use of the dwelling. If you believe you may qualify for multi-unit recognition please contact us at the number provided on your power bill and ask for a Multi-Unit Declaration form. This form must be completed and signed prior to June 1, 2004 in order to qualify for multiple blocks beginning April 1. Any declaration form received after June 1 will only entitle the consumer to multiple units from the date of receipt onwards.

For further information you may contact:

Minister of Energy's office: www.energy.gov.on.ca or call 1-888-668-4636

Ontario Energy Board : www.oeb.gov.on.ca or call 1-877-632-2727

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The Chieftain
Arts & Entertainment

~Hyacinth Brings In Laughs
~Library Gets Recommendations
~Emergency Week In May



Hyacinth brings laughs to Playhouse

Hyacinth Returns took to the stage at the Upper Canada Playhouse for two shows on April 3. From left to right, Emmett (played by Doug Jarvis), Elizabeth (played by Elizabeth Porter), Richard (Nick Lee) and Hyacinth (Wendy Gibb) brought in many laughs during the afternoon matinee. Profits from the show went to the Dundas County Food Bank.

Chieftain Photo by B. Palubeskie

"Hyacinth Returns" raises over $4,000 for Food Bank

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Upper Canada Playhouse was sold out this past Saturday, April 3 for the Hyacinth Returns in support of the Dundas County Food Bank.

The event raised over $4,000 for the food bank. Hyacinth Returns is a parody of the British TV show, "Keeping Up Appearances".

The day featured both a matinee show at 2 pm, which was nearly sold out and an evening show at 7 pm, which was sold out. Light refreshments were served after each show.

This fund raiser is being organized by friends of the Apple Tree Ministry (Anglican Parish of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights.)

The event included performances from the Ladies of the Red Hat Society choir, Sandra Bailey on keyboard and vocals and a solo by Heather Johnson.

"It was absolutely fabulous and amazing. It was a fun, fun production and beyond our wildest dreams. The group who put it on is wonderful and the place was really rocking. We are very grateful," said Diana Petchick, Chair of the food bank Board of Directors.

The food bank has two locations, one at 596 St. Lawrence Street (the old Hydro building) in Winchester and the other at 17 Second Street in Morrisburg. Between the two locations they help about 350 families.

Currently, the food bank is in need of canned vegetables, canned fruit, pork and beans, sugar, rice, other pasta and canned fish and meat. Donations can be dropped off during business hours or those who wish to donate can phone to make pick up arrangements.

The Morrisburg location can be reached at 543-0065 and the Winchester location can be reached at 774-0188. Both locations are open on Mondays from 10 am to 12 noon, Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm and Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm.

Anybody in need is welcome to come out and should bring some identification, their SIN number, a bill stating where they live and if they are on Ontario Works, they must bring their cheque stub. The food bank gives their clients about a week's worth of food, once a month.

They are hoping to have some fund raisers in the summer, but no plans have been confirmed yet. They are looking for volunteers to take care of these events from start to finish.

"We do our best to give our clients a nutritional food basket. The summer is a low time for people and they tend to forget about us in the summer. Our clients still need help and we just ask that people remember us," said Petchick.

Be prepared for an Emergency

The first week of May will focus on how to prepare for an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness Week will be run from May 2 to 8 in an effort to raise awareness in the importance of preparing for an emergency in Canada, whether is be severe weather, natural disaster, or another major emergency.

Advice can be found on how to prepare for being lost in the woods, what to do in case of an earthquake, severe storms, winter driving and how to prepare for the unexpected.

Information on different emergencies can be found at www.ocipep.gc.ca/epweek/iconart_e.asp.

Other helpful webpages include www.emergencypreparednessweek.ca, www.redcross.ca and www.emergencymanagementontario.ca.

Recommendations from Library Board to Counties

The Library Board met April 5th, in order to develop a firm recommendation to Counties Council as a follow up to the March 25th meeting. At least a dozen interested members of the public, representing all four communities, attended the meeting.

The Board decided that all branches will remain open until Dec 31, when decisions on their future shall be reached. In addition, the Board will be inviting community representatives of the four libraries (South Mountain, Moose Creek, St. Andrews, Maxville) meet with he Library Board by June 30th.

According to the latest figures SD&G is the lowest funded county library system though we have more branches than most other systems and a higher level of service. For example, many of the 18 branches of Middlesex County Library are open less than 10 hours, and some as few as 3 hours a week.

The Board has decided to ask the county for a $1 increase in the per capita funding in order to be more comparable to other county libraries and respond to taxpayer demand. This will mean an additional $63,822 in 2004.

A request for additional funding will be forwarded to County Council for their April 19th meeting. The Board recognizes that the County budget has been set for the year, and funding requests may have to be delayed until 2005.

At the next Library Board meeting on April 22nd, guidelines will be established and dates will be set for the community presentations, Library Board meetings are usually held the fourth Thursday of the month (except during July and August) at 6:30 pm in the United Counties Board Room. All Board meetings are open to the public.

According to our procedural bylaws, anyone wishing to be heard at a board meeting must submit a written request outlining the purpose of their presentation at least two weeks prior to a meeting. A presentation may be a maximum of 10 minutes.

For updates, check out our website at www.sdglibrarv.ca, or call library administration at 936-8777.

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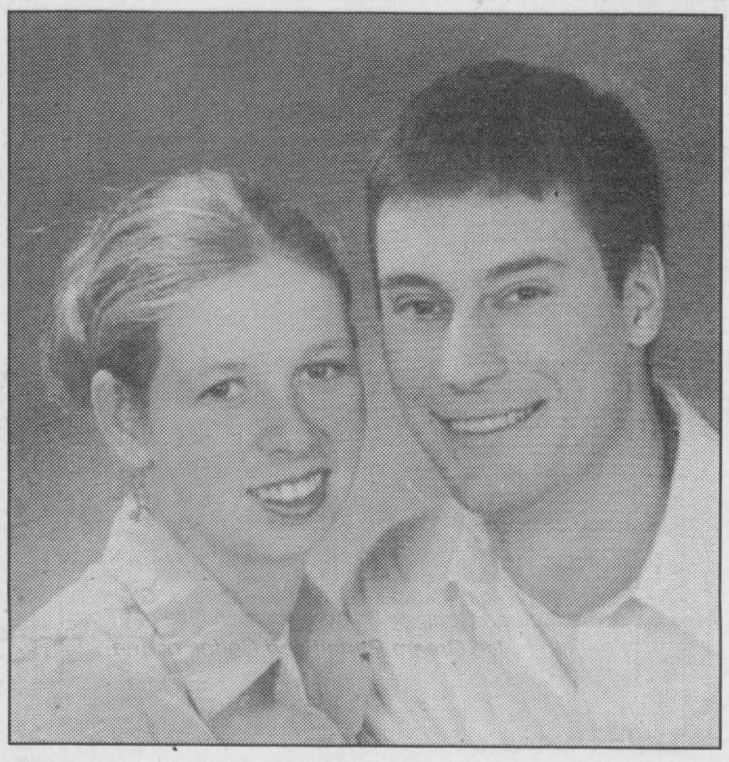

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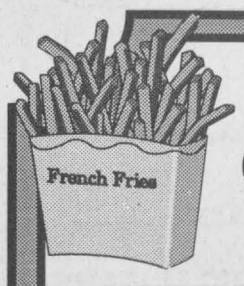

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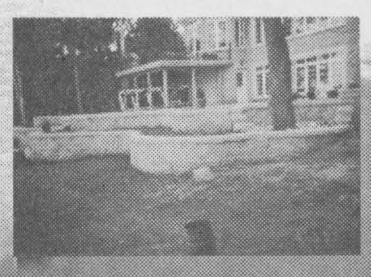



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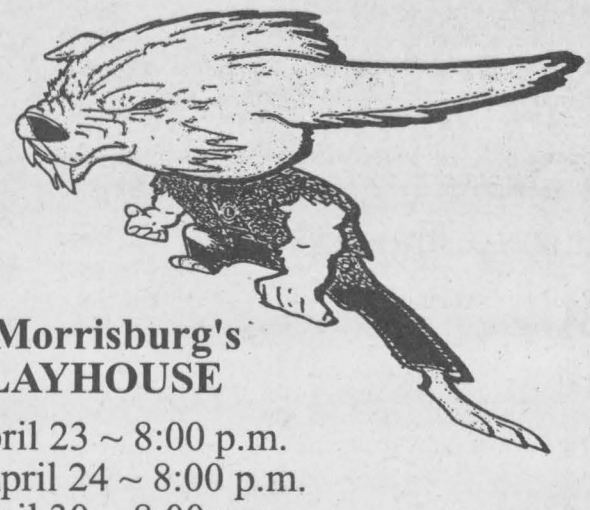

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Road Safety is no accident; Canada takes action

By Tony Valeri
Minister of Transport

Each year, road traffic collisions take the lives of 1.2 million men, women and children around the world, and seriously injure millions more.

In Canada, almost 3,000 people lost their lives on our roads in 2002 —the equivalent of an entire small town.

On April 7, countries around the world will celebrate World Health Day.

The slogan "Road Safety is No Accident" was chosen in recognition of the grave consequences of road accidents and their enormous cost to society.

As Canada's Minister of Transport, I encourage you to take a few moments on April 7 to talk about road safely with your family and friends, and I urge you to practice road safety year-round.

Canada already has one of the best road safety records in the world.

Although the number of road users in Canada has increased by more than one-third in the past 25 years, traffic deaths have decreased by 50 per cent during the same time frame.

But more needs to be done. Working with its partners, Transport Canada has adopted an ambitious plan to make Canada's roads the safest in the world by 2010 and reduce fatalities and injuries by 30 per cent.

To meet this ambitious target, we need to work together. We need drivers to make the conscious choice not to drink and drive, to maintain their vehicles and to adjust their speed for road and weather conditions.

We need industries to continue to design safer vehicles. And we need governments to continue to invest in safer roadways and to improve emergency response.

Road safety is no accident. While governments, police forces, safety organizations and others are all working together to improve road safety, there are some simple things you can do to prevent deaths and injuries on our roads.

Wear your seatbelt. Almost 40 per cent of all vehicle occupants killed were not wearing a seatbelt. So whether you're a driver or passenger, buckle up.

Don't drink and drive. Alcohol is a significant contributing factor in road fatalities. Two out of every five drivers killed have been drinking.

Slow down. Excessive speed is a contributing factor in 20 per cent of occupant fatalities.

Pay attention. Don't drive while distracted. Cell phones and other devices such as on-screen maps and DVDs are emerging as factors in road accidents.

If you must use these devices in your car, pull over first.

Obey pedestrian crossing signals. In 2002, 370 pedestrians were killed in Canada.

Wear your helmet while cycling or driving a motorcycle. Over 170 motorcyclists and 64 bicyclists lost their lives in 2002.

I invite you to learn more about road safety by visiting our Web site at www.tc.gc.ca



EASTER Dining Guide



Chocolate Bunny Bread



2/3 cup milk (70 to 80°F/20 to 25°C)
1 egg
2 tbsp butter or margarine, cut up
2 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 tsp salt
2 cups Five Roses All Purpose Floor
1/3 cup sugar
3 tbsp cocoa powder
1 tbsp instant yeast
1/4 cup milk chocolate or peanut butter chips

To make dough: Reserve 1 cup flour. Mix 1 1/4cups flour, sugar, cocoa powder, yeast and salt in large bowl. Heat milk and butter or margarine until very warm 125 to 130°F/50 to 55°C). Stir into dry ingredients. Beat in egg and vanilla. Mix in enough reserved flour to make a soft dough that does not stick to bowl. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 min. Cover; let rest 10 min.

To shape: Divide dough in half. For body, knead chocolate chips into one piece of dough; form into ball. Place on greased large baking sheet; flatten to 5-inch round. For head, form 1/3 of remaining dough into ball; place above body. Flatten slightly; attach to body by pinching together. For nose, pinch off 1/2 inch ball from remaining dough; place on head. Divide remaining dough into 6 pieces. For arms, roll 2 pieces into balls and attach to each side of the body. For feet, shape 2 pieces into 2-inch ropes and attach to the body. For ears, shape remaining 2 pieces into 4 inch ropes and arrange above head, tucking ends under head. Cover; let rise in warm place 30 to 45 min. or until doubled. (If desired, brush rabbit with 1 egg beaten with 1 tsp water.)

To bake: Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 35 to 40 min. or until done, tenting with foil after 15 min. to prevent overbrowning. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack.

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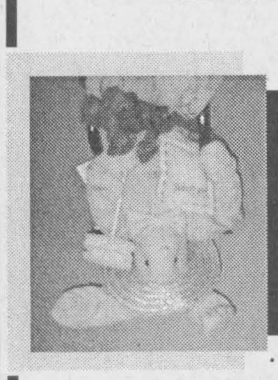

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

Twenty cribbage enthusiasts were gathered in the lounge on Sat. and "Doubles" was the order of the day.

Finishing in first place with 1073 points and just returning from a five week vacation was Dennis Wright (perhaps Dennis was sharpening up his cribbage skills). Bob Esford came in second with 1068 while Noella Kirkwood took the third spot with a 1048. Ron Perrin with 1041 points felt quite honoured to take his place in the bridesmaid chair.

A season-high of twenty-two skunks invading the lounge kept everyone in suspense and getting two each were Art Ault, Karl Kirkwood, Linda McKee, Dave Eden and Jake Ester.

With two official weeks of Cribbage remaining, it looks like Bob Esford could possibly take the honours of being the top player of the season.

The tables of Euchre were being playing on March 30 and taking first prize was Everett Froats, while the second prize went to Bev Krapp and the door prize was picked up by Marla Seeley. Low score of the evening was shared by Wilma Casselman and Maureen Welsh.

A few skunks were seen skittering around the premises and they were immediately picked up by Carol Thompson, Elaine Patterson, Keitha McConnell and Norma Sleeman.

At Bridge, played on the same evening, there were four tables going and at the end of the evening, the high winners were Rick and Judy Darling.

The Pot of Gold winner was Vicki Tetly, who WAS signed in. Congratulations, Vicki!

There won't be a Friday meal, being this particular Friday is "Good Friday" and our Branch is closed for this day.

But the following Friday, the menu is to be spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread with a delicious strawberry shortcake for dessert.

The Diner's Club will be meeting in the main hall for a scrumptious meal on Thurs. of this week.

Ladies Aux. members-don't forget our branch WILL BE CLOSED on Good Friday, but we will be having business as usual on Sat.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of the late Ross Hummell of Morrisburg and Morrisburg Branch 48 at this time.

Comrade Ross was a very dedicated Legionnaire. In fact, he was what the Legion is all about!

He will be sorely missed and not one person will ever be able to fill the vacant spot he has left.

Until next week-take care.

MS FACT #11

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OPP out on highways for first long weekend

The Eastern Region Ontario Provincial Police are getting ready for the first long weekend of Spring.

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OPP officers will be enforcing aggressive driving, seatbelts, or impaired driving as identified areas of concern by the communities served by the OPP.

As officers prepare to "Hop to it on the Highways," the OPP wants to advice both residents and visitors that officers are watching.

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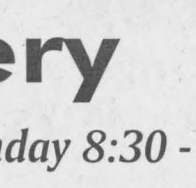

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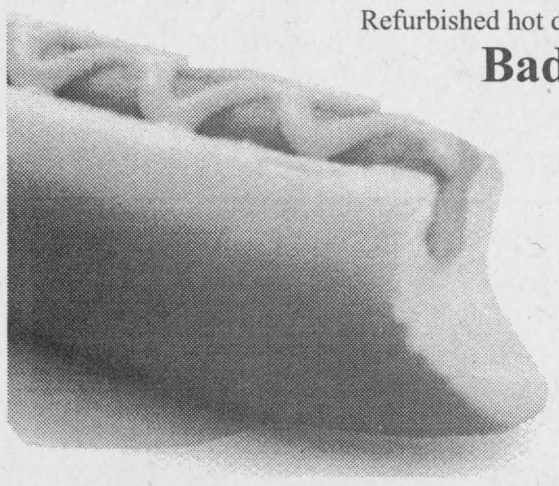

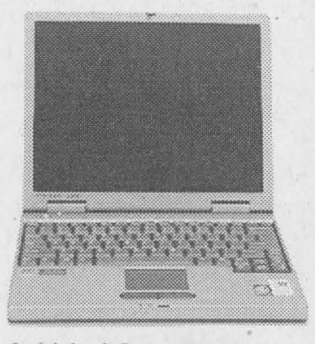

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Forums

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their homes.

Four of the 'Well Aware' community forums will be held throughout Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, including meetings in Merrickville on Wednesday, April 21 at the Merrickville Community Centre, from 7 pm to 9:30 pm; and in Spencerville on Saturday, April 24 at the Presbyterian Church from 9:30 am - 12 noon.

Guest speakers for these forums will include: local, licensed well drillers and pump installers; a hydro-geologist with the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario; local experts and educators in groundwater source protection; local Health Unit personnel speaking on water quality, testing and septic systems; and other local partners interested in educating the public on groundwater issues. Guest speakers and contractors (licensed by the Ministry of the Environment) will be available before and following the forums to answer questions.

Another forum, to be held in Kemptville this month will include a presentation by Brandum as well as a talk by North Grenville Public Works Manager Chris Lyon, who will discuss the municipal water supply and the health of wells in Kemptville. The forum is planned for Sunday, April 18 from 2 pm - 4 pm at the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum on Sanders Street in Kemptville.

POLICE Report

From March 29 to April 4, the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry OPP responded to 41 calls in the north, 44 in the south, 27 calls on Highway 401, 8 false alarms and 23 motor vehicle collisions.

Charges laid-Following an investigation into a family related incident in South Dundas on April 1, a 15-year-old South Dundas male is facing numerous charges.

Charges of aggrevated assault, mischief under $5000, breach of probation, and obstruction/resisting police have been brought to the youth, who will be scheduled to appear in Youth Court in the City of Cornwall.

Recovered stolen vehicles-On the afternoon of April 2, police recovered a 1994 Honda Civic, 2 door, black in colour, in the area of County Road 4 in South Dundas Township.

The vehicle was found to have been stolen from the Toronto area, and no arrests were made at the time of the recovery.

Constable J. Morier is investigating.

An investigation into a single vehicle collision, which occurred during the early morning hours of April 3 along County Road 1 in South Dundas Township, resulted in the recovery of a 1998 Cadillac Deville, which was later reported stolen from the Stampville area of the township.

No one was found with the vehicle at the time of the collision investigation, and no arrests have been made.

The investigation is continuing.

Break and Enter- On March 31, police were called to investigate a break and enter, which had occurred during the early evening hours, at a South Dundas residence. An entry into a County Road 18 property resulted in the home being ransacked.

Constable S. Way is investigating.

Vandalism-The following incidents were reported to police this week: March 30, damage to steps at a medical clinic in Winchester; March 30, rock thrown through library door window in Morrisburg; March 31, grass damaged by motor vehicle at the Iroquois beach; and on April 3, spray paint on a window of an Iroquois mall business.

Counterfeit Money-Seven counterfeit bills were found in Dundas County on March 30. A counterfeit $20 was found in Morrisburg, while in Chesterville, five counterfeit $20 bills and one counterfeit $10 bill were found.

Traffic Update-In the past week, police were called to investigate 13 motor vehicle collisions in Dundas County.

Three of these collisions involved deer. Other investigations resulted in the apprehension of five suspended drivers.

No alcohol-related drinking and driving charges were laid this week.

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Grants presented to local agencies

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Crysler Park Maple Sugar Bush receives funds from sponsor

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission Board of Commissioners paid a visit to the Crysler Park Maple Sugar Bush near Morrisburg before their regular monthly meeting on March 24.

The Board toured the recently opened sugar bush and a cheque presentation of $2,000 was made to the attraction by one of their sponsors, Delta Foods International in Brockville. The visiting school for the day was Morrisburg Public.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission operated the sugar bush from the 1960s to the early 1990s,but was closed due to budget cutbacks. The sugar bush was re-opened last year which maintained their goal "to increase tourism activity during the shoulder season in Eastern Ontario."

The sugar bush offers the public "a glimpse into the history of sugar making this spring."

It is open weekends only from 10 am to 4 pm from mid-March to mid-April and is located on Upper Canada Road, Exit 758 South off of Highway 401.

Those wishing to visit are encouraged to call ahead at 1-800-437-2233 or 543-4328 or visit their web site at www.crysler parksugarbush.com for information on operating dates and activities.

The sugar bush offers free admission and there are regular horse-drawn wagon rides at a cost of $1 per person offered between the parking lot at the entrance to the sugar bush on Upper Canada Road and the sugar camp . Guests can also walk the trail by foot, which is about a five minute hike each way.

While inside the bush, there are many activities to take part in, including discovering the nature trails, seeing the sap collected in buckets and visiting the boiler operator at work changing the sap into syrup in the early 20th century sugar shanty.

Guests can stop at "the outdoor exhibits stationed around the camp and learn about earlier processes of making syrup employed by natives and pioneers." Pancakes with syrup are available at the cost of $1.25 each, baked beans for $1.25 per serving, sausages for $1 each and drinks for $1.25 each at the Pancake Canteen.

So make the trip to the Crysler Park Maple Sugar Bush and enjoy a nice, inexpensive day with the family while helping tourism in the area.

It takes a whole community to raise a child.

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Spencerville

drinking water. Early Childhood Educator, Paula Kimball presented a 'Children's Story Circle'.

Draws for door prizes, donated by vendors were held throughout the event. Five grand door prizes were held at the end of the show with winners as follows: Marilyn Skakum of Prescott won a Snap On racing jacket ($450 value) donated by Snap On Tools; Sylvia Kelly of Prescott received a Relaxation Package provided by Head to Toe Health Centre ($200 value); Ed Donkersteeg of Spencerville, Cecilia Arens of Spencerville and Brian Milne of Prescott, each won a grouping of garden shrubs (valued at $125) from arborist John McCrea.

Seaway

Organizers are aiming to have at least 20 teams participating in this year's relay.

Each individual team member will be required to raise at least $100 to take part.

Opening ceremonies will be taking place at 6:45 pm, followed by the Survivors' Victory Lap at 7 pm.

The Luminary Ceremony will be taking place at dusk, as candles will be lit in memory of loved ones who have lost their battle to cancer, as well as commemorate those who are surviving. These candles can be purchased for $5 each.

Aside from the Relay, there will be a tent city, and plenty of entertainment for the walkers.

CJOH's Max Keeping will be making the trip to Iroquois to participate in the opening ceremonies.

The money raised through Relay for Life will be going towards cancer research and support programs.

Anyone interested in putting in a team for the Relay for Life at Seaway, contact Mr. Lewis at 652-4878.

For more information on cancer, visit the Canadian Cancer Society webpage at www.cancer.ca, or call 1-888-939-3333.

LETTERS

Reprieve for S. Mountain Library

To the editor:

As readers will know by now, the South Mountain Library received a reprieve of sorts on Thursday March 25, 2004 at a meeting of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Counties Library Board. While the committee formed to oppose the closing of this library does not feel that its work is done quite yet, we would like to take this opportunity, during a lull in the battle, to thank everyone who supported our efforts. In particular, and in no order, we thank the 808 people who signed the petitions and everyone who got on the bus or into some other vehicle to make the trip into Cornwall that night; the North Dundas Chamber of Commerce; the North Dundas and South Dundas Councils for resolutions supporting the library; Councillor Al Armstrong and Deputy Mayor Bill Smirle for attending the meeting and speaking up in support of the library; Councillor Estella Rose for the same thing and for her continued support and efforts on behalf of our campaign; Gerry Boyce and the 'local businessman' for the bus trip; the local media outlets for their interest in and reporting of this struggle; and finally, everyone who took the time to write a letter or send an e-mail to some authority in protest of the closure of this library.

We have made a commitment to promote membership and increase circulation so that we may not be accused again of not valuing our library. We hope the community can take advantage of this reprieve and pay a visit to the library to take out a book, a video or a book tape. The library is the doorway to the rest of the world. Please step inside and enjoy!

Elizabeth Earl, Sue Matthies, Maria Thompson, Annette Turner-Angus, Eileen Webb, and Andrew Zuidema

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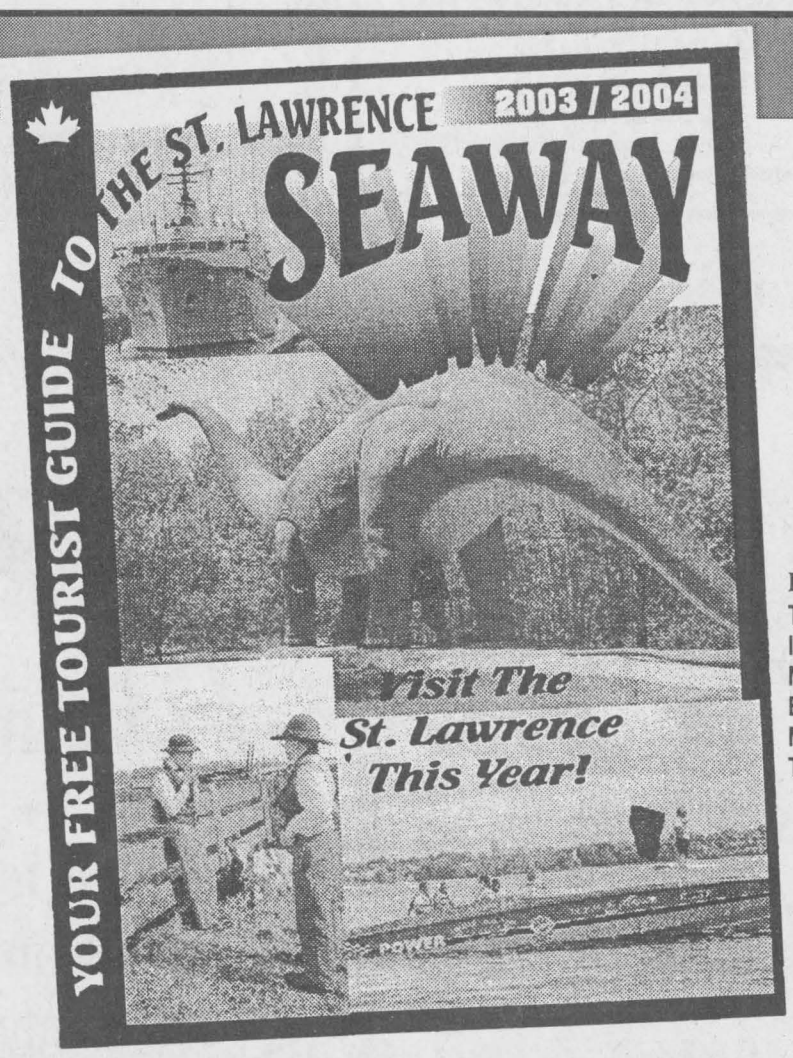

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