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Legion donates to Fire Department

Darlene Riddell, President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 370 in Iroquois proudly presents Iroquois Fire Department Chief Philip Thompson with a cheque for $1000. This money will go a long way to helping purchase necessary new equipment (two air masks) to keep the Department safely ready for all emergency calls. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

$629,000 'Justice Building' renovation gets approval

O.P.P. lease still to be negotiated

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Renovations to Morrisburg's Civic Centre, which will include remodelling the building's auditorium into a police detachment, are proceeding after South Dundas Council approved a $629,000 tender Thursday.

The renovations, slated to begin at the end of next week, are going ahead despite the lack of a signed lease between the township and its anticipated new tenant, the O.P.P.

However, the parties are committed to reaching an agreement before the O.P.P.'s existing lease at its present Morrisburg site on County Road 31 runs out at the end of September. The new detachment is expected to be ready before then.

"We would not allow the township to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on these renovations and then not negotiate a lease with them," Staff Sergeant Mike Aho, Operations Manager for the SD&G said Monday, describing the process as one of "good faith."

The Ontario Realty Corporation, a provincial agency that handles leasing arrangements for all Ontario government institutions, will carry out negotiations on behalf of the SD&G O.P.P.

Before the vote at the council meeting, Sgt. Bill Bolton acknowledged the township faced a bit of a "catch-22" regarding the lease.

"There may be some concern the O.P.P. will commit," he said, but reassured the members that negotiations would commence "when the project begins."

He thanked council once it had approved the project. The tender went to Asco Construction of Hawkesbury on a quote of $628,576 plus tax — lower than the $700,000 figure initially estimated by the township's engineering consultant.

Bolton assured council, too, that the O.P.P. would be steady tenants who were "not in the habit of moving every five years."

Staff Sgt. Aho also watched the unanimous vote. "We truly appreciate what you've done today," he said. "We look forward to negotiating a lease with you."

Aho on Monday said the O.P.P. would be prohibited from paying more for rent at the new facility than it does at its present Morrisburg location, which is owned by Les Cruickshank. This policy is meant to benefit "the taxpayers of Ontario," he said.

Council's green light for the project came two days after a sparsely attended public meeting in the auditorium concerning the planned renovations.

None of the 15 individuals who bothered to show up expressed much opposition to closing the auditorium in order to raise a curtain on a spanking new O.P.P. detachment.

"There isn't really an awful lot of concern about closing the hall, as the public meeting shows," Mayor Johnny Whitteker com-

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Cardinal Council welcomes a Deputy Fire Chief aboard

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Brian Clifford has been a member of the Cardinal Fire Department for some eighteen years, ready to respond to the call for help when the fire alarm sounds. He has worked his way up through the ranks to the rank of Captain. At Monday evenings' regular Council meeting in Cardinal, a by-law reassigned him as Deputy Fire Chief of the Cardinal Fire Department. Welcomed into his new position by Reeve Dishaw and Councillors, Brian noted how grateful he is to be promoted. "I want to thank Council for their confidence in me and my ability in offering me this position. I have already expressed my gratitude to the Chief (VanCamp who is away in Hamilton at present) for his confidence and faith in me demonstrated by his offering me this position. I hope to make Council and the people of Cardinal proud of their Department." He had his picture snapped by the media (will run next week) and as his wife and mother looked on accepted the encouragement of the Reeve and Councillors.

The OPP made Council aware that the week April 31 to May 6 is their Road Safety Challenge and they want motorists to wear their seat belts and drive the limit at all times, but they will be spot checking this week in particular.

The Ontario Hydro Services Company (OHSC) requested a time to make a presentation to Council and although Council was disappointed with the timing, they felt the municipal consultant and ratepayers as well as someone who has been through such a presentation previously should be included in this meeting, possibly the June meeting. The request came from Neil Freeman of OHSC who spoke with the Clerk on the matter of Cardinal's restructuring of the municipal electric utility under the requirements of Bill 35. "While merger is worth considering, OHSC has a very strong proposition on rates among other issues you will want to consider."

A lengthy discussion ensued on the museum and information received from the Ministry concerning same. In the final word it was decided that a meeting will be called of the Museum Com-

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Zero percent increase in North Dundas budget

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Taxes are staying put in North Dundas Township this year following council's approval of its year 2000 budget.

"We have a zero percent increase," Mayor Claude Cousineau declared after the vote.

Because of assessment related changes imposed by the province in 1999, the words "zero percent increase" may not mean a lot to those taxpayers who already pay more because their properties were determined to have increased market value. Other taxpayers were winners under market value reassessment.

Neither group will be hit with more than last year's township tax bite with the latest North Dundas budget.

Final tax installments in the residential, farm, managed forest and pipeline categories are due on June 28th and September 27th, Treasurer Bonnie Dingwall said.

Because of the province's '10-5-5' tax-capping legislation for commercial and industrial properties, the due dates for those classes won't likely be known until much later this year as provincial officials get their numbers straightened out.

Road name changes

A proposal to end the duplication of several street names in the township was referred back to the Roads Committee for further refinement.

The committee has recommended renaming Boundary Road in the Mountain ward as Spruce Drive; Queen Street West in Chesterville as River Road; and Guy Road and Bank Street in the Mountain ward as Baker Road and South Mountain Bank Street, respectively.

It has also recommended renaming the combined Albert and Mill Streets in Winchester to simply Albert.

Public Works Manager Arden Carruthers said a recent incident involving a fire call in the Mountain ward should spur the township to end the duplicate names.

"The whole thing was a mess," he said of the confusion that arose when multiple fire department tried to respond to two locations in the township.

"The township's got four fire

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Vote-by-mail gets stamp of approval in Dundas

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Voters in the townships of North and South Dundas will make a trip out to the mailbox instead of the polls in this November's municipal elections. The change comes after the two township councils in Dundas County approved vote by mail in the last week.

Vote by mail is a service offered by Canada Post. Twenty municipalities used the system in the 1997 municipal election and over 120 have signed up for this year so far.

Canada Post says casting ballots by mail is more convenient, boosting voting rates from five to [illegible] percent in the municipalities that used the system last time, and at a cost similar to the traditional method.

The other alternative voting method being rolled out in earnest in Ontario this year, telephone voting, has already been rejected by officials in South Dundas as too expensive.

South Dundas Council was the first in the county to put its faith in the mailbag, although it didn't look like like a sure thing during the discussion at Thursday's meeting.

"I think it's coming, but I would like it held off for another three years," said Mayor Johnny Whitteker, who opined that voting by mail would put an end to the electoral fellowship he has witnessed for 50 years as voters gather at the polls. He also expressed concern that some voters wouldn't be able to follow the instructions in their mailing kits.

"I've talked to seniors in the rural areas," said Councillor Rowdy Gillard, "and they're not uncomfortable with it. But then I've also talked to some in town and they say, 'Why would I want to vote by mail when I can walk over to the polling station?

"It's a hard decision. It's a benefit to people in the rural areas. But you're darned if you do and darned if you don't."

In the end, however, only Councillor Bev Sabourin raised her hand to vote against the measure.

Councillor Audrey Rooney asked why council should support the idea when Clerk Bill Horner's quoted figure of $25,000 was more expensive than the $17,000 it cost taxpayers to run an election the traditional way in 1997.

Horner responded that the $25,000 quote was a maximum figure — which would only apply if 100 percent of the eligible voters actually mail their ballots in. As usual, some won't vote at all and others will choose to personally deliver their ballots to the township office in Williamsburg, which is permitted. The cost is thus expected to be lower than $25,000.

"It's not cheaper," Horner acknowledged. "It's a matter of the great convenience this will have for people. They don't have to go to the polls at a specified time."

Other concerns revolved around Canada Post's ability to deliver the ballots back to the municipal office by the election deadline.

Each mailed ballot is supposed to take no longer than four days

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Mudpout derby

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

Brittany Robinson, 10, of Cardinal landed this one, hook, line and sinker, at the Sawmill Creek Fishing Derby in Cardinal, Sunday. She and her father, Rob, and brother, Ryan, 8, filled a pail with well over 20 of the plump, bull-headed creatures. Ryan won in the 0-8-year-old category. Mudpout were the main quarry in the derby organized by the Cardinal Fish and Game Club, with prizes also awarded for impressive catches in other species. See page 6.

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Official Opening and Blessing

St. Michael Catholic High School in North Grenville held its Official Opening and Blessing at a special ceremony on Sunday afternoon. The ribbon was cut by students Renee Malcom, left, and Amie Naphan. They were joined by Archbishop Francis Spence, school staff, guest speakers and members of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario whose offices are located at the school.

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St. Michael's School officially opens

by P.H.Nicol
Chieftain Staff Reporter

St. Michael Catholic High School held a special ceremony on Sunday, April 30, to mark the Official Opening and Blessing of the School.

Although students have been attending classes at the school since September, construction of the building was not completed until recently. It made for some hectic times for the staff and students, but as was mentioned several times throughout the ceremony, everyone worked together to overcome obstacles which created a sense of community.

The ceremony was hosted by Master of Ceremonies, Katie Walker. Katie is a Grade 10 student and President of the Student Council.

Following the singing of the National Anthem, led by the St. Michael Concert Band, guests were welcomed by the school's Principal, Jane McMillan.

This school is special, she said, because it is a Catholic school. You can tell it is Catholic by the pictures of the Pope and the Saints and other symbols of the faith, but it is more than that. The school is a prayer, she said, and the way that people express their love to each other is what makes it truly special.

Archbishop Francis Spence, of the Archdiocese of Kingston then addressed the assembly. He spoke of St. Paul's advice to follow the teachings of Jesus because it brought another wisdom, one of peace and harmony. Today, he said, we should be glad and thankful to God and all of those involved in building this new school. He reminded everyone that Jesus is the heart and soul of the Catholic School System and that while students are encouraged to strive for academic excellence, they must also learn to lead their daily lives according to the teachings of the church.

Archbishop Spence then led a prayer of blessing for the school.

Next came a number of guest speakers.

Mr. Charles Adams, Vice Chairman of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, spoke on behalf of the chairman, Nancy Kirby, who could not be in attendance. He offered congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Frank Musca, Director of Education, said that the Board was greatfull to those who had contributed to the success of the school project. He gave his thanks to the parents and students who enrolled in the school before it was even built; he thanked Mgsr. Lynette of Holy Cross for his continuing support; he thanked the former municipalities of Oxford-On-Rideau, Kemptville and South Gower, along with their politicians and staff for their on-going help and co-operation; he thanked the Board of Trustees for their vision in believing in the project and making the funds available so that it could become a reality; he thanked the builders who brought the project in on time and under budget; he thanked the Board staff and Superintendents and Principal Jane McMillan for their energetic and enthusiastic contributions and then proceeded to give everyone a rose as a token of thanks.

In concluding, he noted that the community now had a beautiful school in which to carry on Catholic tradition and academic excellence. The future success of the school, he said, is now in the hands of the students, staff and parents.

The next speaker was Mrs. Ann Moray, who along with Lillian Leonard co-chaired the School Council. She recounted some of the hard work that had gone on for years in lobbying for a new Catholic high school for the North Grenville area.

Ms. Mary Durst, representing the provincial Ministry of Education, brought the greetings of Minister, Janet Ecker. "You have every right to be extremely proud," she said. The school's success will be founded upon "skilled and dedicated teachers working closely with their principal, parents and members of the parish." In conclusion, she gave the school a letter of congratulations from Premier Mike Harris.

The final speaker was North Grenville Mayor Don Cameron. "This is truly a dream come true," he said, "you can be proud of yourselves because without your judgement and effort, this would not have happened." He added that the new school would add to the institutional strength of the North Grenville community.

His remarks were followed by the formal ribbon cutting ceremony which was performed by students Amie Nathan and Renee Malcom and this was followed by the unveiling of a plaque. It was unveiled by students Comellia Asbrook and Bryan Kall.

These ceremonies were followed by a brief presentation by the school drama club and then the choir.

Finalizing the ceremonies, Principal Jane McMillan noted that the planning for the building had gone on for eighteen months. It opened last September (barely) and she praised the teaching staff who taught their classes, did the extra-curricular work and then stayed to help unpack boxes and organize supplies.

After an excellent visual retrospective put together by the students, guests were offered refreshments and a tour of the school.

Morrisburg Institute wins Provincial Grant of $2.334M

The Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario in Morrisburg was one of seven recipients for award winning grants for innovative initiatives from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade's 'Strategic Skills Investment' Program.

The Crane and Heavy Equipment Training Institute in Morrisburg is one of the best-kept secrets in Eastern Ontario. Recognized throughout Canada and the world as the leader in its field, the OETIO can now continue to improve its curriculum through state-of-the-art equipment and simulation techniques as a result of this Provincial grant.

Due to an aging workforce, a diminishing supply of youth entering the crane and heavy equipment operator field, technological changes in cranes and heavy equipment and a growing economy, the industry predicts a substantial shortage of operators in the near future. To further complicate matters, it takes anywhere from 3 to 6 years to train an operator through a combination of in-school and on-the-job training before an operator can be considered competent and productive.

The construction industry and its workers are at the forefront of many of society's technological changes. A quote from Industry Canada's July 17, 1998 'Sector Competitiveness Framework Series – Construction' illustrates the need for innovations in the training and development of workers in the industry.

"Construction is an essential component of every economy. It is responsible for building facilities and supportive infrastructure necessary for a nation to produce wealth... Construction is portrayed as a mature sector that is slow to innovate and resistant to change. This portrait of the industry is not accurate. It ignores the flexibility of the sector. Change and adaptation to change are critical to the success of the firms operating in the industry. The technologies used in construction are continuously being upgraded and improved. The view that the sector is conservative and hesitant to change reflects a misunderstanding of the innovative process as it applies to construction."

Ontario's workforce cannot be productive if they do not have the skills to participate in an evolving economy. Development of labor force skills is a key component of lifelong learning. We cannot expect the development of skills to remain static. Thus, upgrading of the skills of current and potential employees strengthens employer's competitive position, increases safety, improves productivity, creates employment and contributes to the growth of the economy.

The joint Labor-Industry Training Trust Fund of the OETIO has invested heavily in establishing a training infrastructure to meet the needs of its workers and employers through the design, development and delivery of industry training at their Institute in Morrisburg.

The OETIO offers lasting solutions to the concerns of crane and heavy equipment operator shortages through their 'Innovative Strategies and Solutions' initiatives. The Institute has the fundamental building blocks in place i.e. the strategic plan, excellent labor-industry-government relations, facilities and infrastructure, curriculum, systems, training equipment and training aids, innovative and creative solutions and the professional instructors and staff to design, develop and deliver the required industry programs. However, their strategic agenda can only move as fast as their financial agenda will permit. Thus, the Ministry has offered assistance to increase the supply of operators in the form of a grant.

The training of operating engineers for all of Ontario is centered at the OETIO. Increasingly complex equipment and new technologies have significantly changed the level and kinds of skills operators need in order to ensure safety and high productivity. Cost-effective training is being developed as a result of this project, using modularized curriculum, the innovative use of interactive computer and distance learning techniques and the introduction of simulation.

To meet the requirement of simulation training, the OETIO has a collaborative agreement with the National Research Council of Canada and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to design and develop cost-effective simulators for mobile and tower crane operator training programs. Simulation will improve the standard and quality of training; improve the screening and selection of new entrants and apprentices; increase the effectiveness of learning and; reduce the duration and cost of in-school training programs for both the industry and the government.

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We are among a chosen few as it were this year though.

The gates to the dam at Iroquois were fully shut earlier in an attempt to raise water levels west of the site. What else can be done?

There are those to the west who find themselves in a situation that may well mean bankruptcy for them. Marinas who depend upon the waterway and the travel there upon find themselves in a serious predicament. Docks are sitting high and dry. Water is numerous feet below where it normally is. Boats sit on land, still wrapped in their winter clothing. Many will remain there all season. Instead of damaging the hulls, many will let their boats stay on land and ignore the season.

Cottagers who were once on waterfront properties now find they are rock front properties. The water level has receeded and the rocks that are usually hidden below the surface are in plain view, too plain perhaps, a reminder of the problem that is plaguing the owners. They cannnot even entertain the idea of launching their boats. Their docks reach waterward like giant snakes on a dessert. Marinas are empty and are not expecting visitors, unless they come by land. Their livelihood is threatened in spades.

Cardinal Council seemed unconcerned about water at their regular meeting Monday evening. They were discussing the use of pesticides on lawns and how one municipality wants support from other councils to encourage the province to allow the lower tier governments the power to regulate such actions, they could not agree. In fact they voted 3-2 against the idea of them having the power to regulate pesticide useage. With the runoff dangers and the high water levels in the old canal presently it seems strange they would vote this way.

Why encourage people to pollute the waterways?

Is it so very important that lawns are weed-free? Are they more vital than clean waterways?

Are green, manicured, weedfree lawns more important to us than chemical-free waterways?

Not only can these pesticides cause havoc in the waterways, they also present a problem for residents in the community as they sit on the lawns along the streets we frequent daily. Allergies and the like react to the chemicals and people unaware of waht sits beside where they breathe can be in real trouble.

What about future generations?

What message are we sending our children?

Is it not our responsibility to ensure the environment?

Is this a way to avoid taking this responsibility?

Is it too hot an issue to handle?

Do we not need to start somewhere to clean up our mighty river instead of polluting it even more than it already is being bombarded with?

The high water level in the old canal was a concern for the youngsters and parents are warned to know where their children are and what they are doing.

They were concerned with "Taking of Water Permits" where the Ministry of the Environment is issuing major water taking permits in municipalities without consultation with the local authorities or Conservation Authorities. The impact can be devastating for sure. Why share our precious water? They had no problem coming to an agreement on this issue, swift and to the point! Bravo gentlemen!!

Perhaps it is a matter of priorities?The message seems to be that pesticides are allright as long as we ignore their effect to the waterways...

What do you think?

It bothers me to see pesticides used anywhere, and being a rural resident am fully aware that farmers have for years used them. I also know they are trying to steer away from them in the past few years, to be more environmentally conscious. We can only hope it is not too late! OR are they okay as long as we ignore then and their effects?

Seeing those pesticide signs on lawns heats my bloodpressure. Why are we so vain? Perhaps we have swung too far the way of beautification of our yards? At what cost is it worth it? Polluting the waterways is a costly route to trek. Remember the runoff always gets back to the waterways...

S.L.J.

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Mountain Swim N Fit a wet and wild way to stay in shape

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"Water changes the very lives of people. Not only drinking it but exercising in it." Meet Mary Spratt of Mountain. The sign at the driveway entrance stands like a beacon as you travel north from South Mountain along the County Road. You cannot help but wonder what Swim N Fit is all about. Well, curiosity got the better of us and we dropped by on a snowy morning in March to check things out. The welcome was warm and cheery and we felt extremely at ease.

The benefits of exercising in the water are innumerable. "There is zero shock to the joints as they are worked on in the water," says Instructor Mary Spratt. She suggests that it even helps those battling depression since it gets them out of the house and a chance to be with others.

It seems a contradiction in terms that we would find ourselves swimming in winter and enjoying it. Add to this scenerio the fact that we will be getting our bodies in great shape without hardly even realizing it.

Driving in the snowcovered laneway, it is hard to believe that in a few minutes people will be in a heated pool, exercising and enjoying themselves at the same time... But that is exactly what happens when we arrive at Mountain Swim N Fit.

Rapidly the folks in the class slip out of their winter clothes and into their swim suits. Into the pool area and immediately into the warm water. Continuous movement once they hit the water gets everyone ready for the workout about to begin. Whether swimming a bit or simply bobbing up and down to climatize themselves to the warmth, the moisture and the water, everyone has the idea. Lots of chatter has everyone forgetting why they came, this is a lot of fun even to watch! The pool side is lined with water bottles as glugs are taken regularly. "The water intake while in the pool is important to avoiding dehydration. The average person requires 8 glasses of water a day. If exercising the amount of water needed is increased according to the energy expended, coupled with the environmental conditions present. Drinking a cup of water before you start and after you finish exercising will get you ready and ensure healthy workouts. Caffeinated drinks are diuretics so cause increased dehyration, so are best avoided."

Then as the class begins to fill, the music begins. Everyone moves sideways in the shallow end following the lead of instructor Mary Spratt on the mat along the pool side. Smiles erupt as folks get into the groove, they stretch, they reach, sometimes the waves they make almost overtake the shorter among them, but no one seems to notice as they laugh and carry on with the next exercise...

Speaking to Mary we learn that she loves the water and what it can do for people."I raised my kids on our farm and so had to drive them to swimming lessons daily. "When I saw the benefits of Aqua Fitness, many for such a range of people, I was hooked...line and sinker as it were! From teens to the elderly, Aqua Fitness can help. Everyone has such a great range of motion in the water. From helping those afflicted with arthritis, to getting those post surgery folks on the move and in the swing again, from helping with back problems to providing relief for those suffering from MS, joint replacement surgery recovery is advanced and fitness buffs are also satisfied with the results of Aqua Fitness," says Mary. She adds, "You get all the benefits of exercise on land without the strains and injuries."

The idea of fitness and water go hand in hand and it seems a natural evolution for Mary who was a qualified swim instructor and Scuba Instructor to cultivate her interest in water further. "I started taking Aqua Fitness lessons. Seeing the many benefits to those taking the classes, the achievements and the pleasure people gain from it, I wondered why everyone is not in the water!"

When explaining the benefits she mentions pain control, "When people wheelchair bound can even find that after taking their class, they are able to acccomplish some work around their homes which they could not even imagine before taking these classes, you know you are on the right wave! The increased flexibility, better posture helps with everyday things too. Providing an improved body awareness and respiratory re-education, perhaps the best things Aqua Fitness produces are long lasting results.

Many ask why water? The answer is many fold. The bouyancy decreases stress on the weight-bearing joints. Immersed to the waist in water, your body weighs 50% less then it does on dry land. Water also has twelve times the resistance of the air. Water offers greater resistance to movement in all directions. The turbulance created by the movement of the water helps improve trunk mobility and balance. Water walking benefits muscles, heart and lungs as well as allowing you to improve your muscle strength. Warm water reduces pain, helps the muscles relax and improves blood circulation.

"You do not need to know how to swim to be involved in Aqua Fitness. All exercises are performed with your feet firmly on the bottom of the pool. The water is waist high, mid-shoulder high at most

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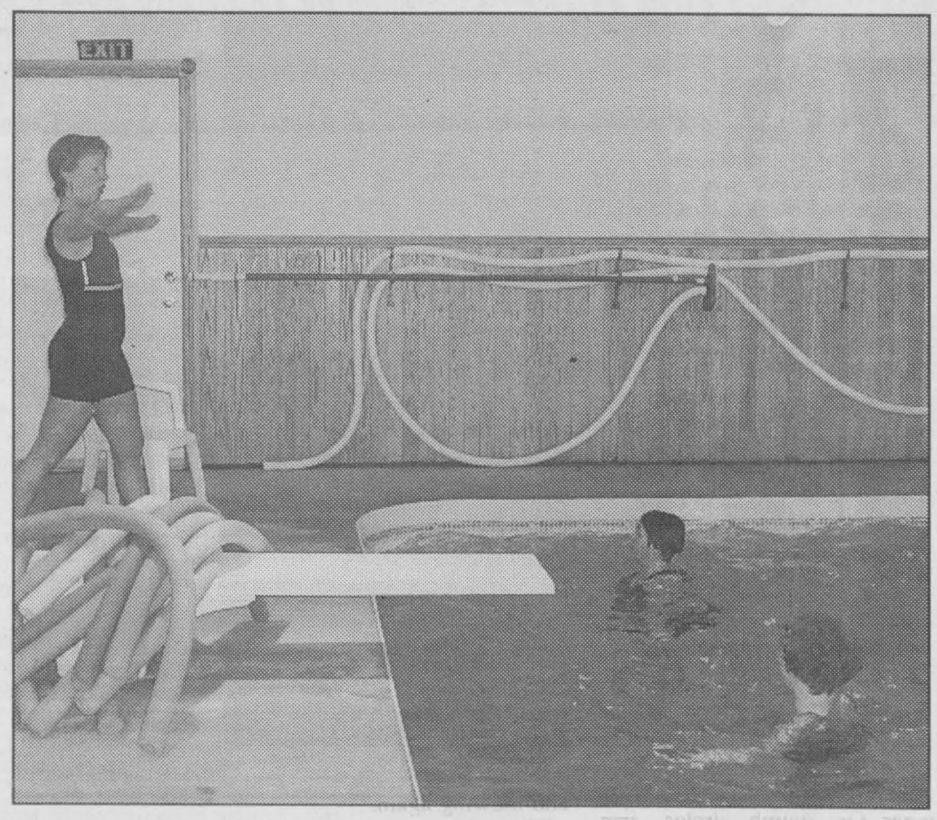

Exercising in the pool at Mountain Swim N Fit.
Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Virus attacks Swampview - editor down

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

The title this week is a bit deceiving, since the way the writer has felt the past week is not even close to living. The sinus area has been filled to overflowing. Perhaps the only people who would be smiling would be the kleenex folks since the number of boxes that I have gone through is growing steadily each day. Late last week things got the better of me and I went home one day at noon, not to return that same day to work and then stayed right in bed with my hot drinks, juice and chicken soup near by. The lovely weekend weather eluded me as I sat on the couch or lounged or slept. Blips and blurps of the days went by and I was somewhat aware of them, while others just went past and I did not care. Finally on Sunday I was quite frustrated as things were not really seeming to get any better and so Monday, first thing an appointment with the doctor resulted in the diagnosis of a sinus infection, not a cold at all. No wonder the pain was so great, no cold makes things hurt this much, but then you never know. Meds were prescribed and as this is being typed hope springs eternal that they will have some affect on the dastardly virus. These things are wild and crazy, the face pain is unbelievable and the Sojgrens does not help at all, in fact it certainly make such things worse. We will prod along and hopefully feel better soon. It drags you down and makes life less than pleasant that is certain.

I did not forget my buddy, it was just poor timing with my sickness taking over my very being. Cooke Sisty, that delightful fellow who I am proud to call my friend turned another year older last week, Happy Birthday Cooke!!! Hope it was great, you deserve nothing but the best.

The lawn dried up and the ground has turned into a fossilized rock solid material. It will take a visit from the backhoe again to get things into some kind of order. We will need some red sand and some topsoil as well to try to make some order out of things. The tines of the rake bend as does the shovel handle when and attempt to move this material is made. It is not going to budge without a lot of help!

The vehicles have been acting up again at the ranch. The grey Merc just got back from a manifold gasket repair job which also included brakes and a couple of minor adjustments when it refused to start, the throttle position sensor was on the blink. This replaced, we learn that a small hole in the gas tank may cause havoc as well. Some gas tank putty stuff was placed in the hole and hopefully will hold a tight seal until we can get the bank account back in some kind of order. The red Merc continues to run a little off, still surging a lot and she will go in for another test when we can do without her and have some cash on hand to pay. This car stuff is getting out of hand, we hope to soon have all three on the road for a bit without any further problems. Just in case when this illness is over the bicycle will be gotten out and the tires pumped for emergency runs!

The second son has been working on a physics project where he has to construct a roller coaster that works. He has certain confinements that he has to adhere to and two co-students who were unable to come over on Sunday, so he went ahead with their plan and actually got the thing to work. He has a very creative mind and we can hardly wait to see the final product ready to hand in. We also hope the mark is good since he needs to get his physics mark up.

The big guy and the writer attended a Silver Anniversary for the local store keeper and his wife. It was an honour to be invited to share this special time with the family. There was the poetic justice that the writer took to add to the festive evening as well that was fun. A great meal, good company as the second son and his gal were there of course since "grocery boy" works for the store man and the employees contributed to the fun as well.

The college kid starts work next week and has a band going with some chums from the city.They spent one day last week jamming and son number one spent the night in the city. He also spent some time hangin' with his lifetime friend who has a job in Orangeville this summer. They will not see a lot of one another, but hopefully they can get together once or twice. Friends are so very important throughout life, they need to stay in touch no matter how many miles between them. Rudi and Drew have been buds since Kindergarten and this kind of friendship is precious.

While writing about this bud, we want to say hello to Caroline Robertson who slipped, broke her hip and is now recovering in the city. We know her well enough to say she will be up and going in no time!

We have a bird with the most marvellous song at Swampview. he is always singing and we have yet to be able to see him. The warm weather has brought a multitude of birds. The trees

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the bottom line

SEAWAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL PROM COMMITTEE IS PRESENTING a Fashion Show this Thursday evening, May 4. All proceeds from this event will go to surpport Prom 2000. Fashions will be provided by Biba, Freeman, Algo and Lori Ann and models are always students and the evening promises to be a terrific way to spend some time. Come on out, help the students and see what is new for Spring 2000.

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PIERRE CARDIN CELEBRATED 50 YEARS OF SUCCESS LAST WEEK BY throwing a party outside Paris, France. This maverick fashion designer is now 78 yers old and continues to make his mark around the world. He has no plans to retire and enjoys sponsoring plays, concerts and ballets. This summer he will launch a perfume, and will look after a furniture show in the fall. Next month he is helping to stage a benefit for children in the USA. He has put his name on everything from chocolates to furniture, and even airplane interiors. He bought Maxim's restaurant, with 19 nearly identical branches around the world. His architectural sculptural cuts seized imaginations in days gone by and he relies on his top assistant who has mastered his techniques to turn out boutique clothing for Cardin these days. Cardin will be remembered for helping to launch the 2000 modernist feeling back in the 1960s.

WILLIAMSBURG WILL HOST THEIR ANNUAL YARD SALE THIS SATUR- day, May 6th. The yards in this hamlet will be filled with treasures awaiting buyers to snap them up. There is a host of events that will be offered to those who attend the day long sales. From pancake breakfasts to bake sales at the local churches to BBQs, Cake walk and draws, car seat inpsection at the Fire hall, deals and meals, perennial plant sale and exchange at the Township office; there is sure to be something for everyone!

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THE STAR BROTHERS CIRCUS WILL BE BRINGING A SNEAK PREVIEW of the 21st Century Circus to Ingleside on Thursday, May 11 sponsored by the St. Lawrence Stepping Stones 2000 Commitee. The Big Top will be set up at the Ingleside Shopping Plaza Grounds. Starting at 9:30am Circus morning. Performances are set for 5 and 7pm only. The giant old fashioned midway opens one hour before the big show starts so you can take in the sights and sounds of all the attractions. Tickets are available by calling 537-2362 or 1-800-265-3915. Buy early since tickets go fast and seating may be subject to availability. A contest in this issue of The Chieftain gives boys and girls the chance to WIN tickets to the show.

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where the exercises are done," says Mary.

Included in the routine that has everyone in this class, seniors and younger ladies movin' and groovin' to the beat are a range of motion exercises that mainatin or restore normal joint movement. Some of these gals are suffering from joint pain, many have arthritis and others suffer from back pain or just want to stay fit throughout the year and see this as a viable option.

Strengthening exercises improve muscle condition lost through inactivity due to surgery. Working on the conditioning, a gradual improved endurance and overall fitness will result over a period of time. The exercises are carried out in rapid succession and such fun things as moving with a stiff ball clamped between the knees results in laughter and splashes as the balls break lose and bob to the top of the water, often smacking chins and faces with water.

Among those people who can find Aqua Fitness beneficial are those suffering from various forms of arthritis; including Rheumatoid, osteoarthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Fibromyalgial Fibrositis and Psoriatic Arthritis.

To get the most from the sessions, class members are encouraged to let the trainer know how they are feeling when they arrive. Special aches or pains need to be noted. "Afterall," says Mary, "We all have good and bad days!" She also encourages everyone to regulate their body temperature by moving about in the water as soon as they get into the pool...start walking, moving your arms, keeping warm. Muscles will tighten if they grow cold and the pain will increase. If cold, Mary suggests that people wear tights and t-shirts underneath their swim suits. "Some people need water shoes to ensure they maintain their balance while in the water, and that is fine."

She explains that the classes are not covered by OHIP and are not intended to replace any program recommended by a doctor or therapist, but do certainly compliment them. Many of the exercises are recommended by the Arthritis Society and many report significant improvement since joining the program, according to the Arthritis Society.

Exercises that are work well in the water, include shoulder rolls, hand claps, bent arm presses, back scrathers, finger tucks and finger Os, thumb circles, arm raises, elbow amd side bends, body twists, leg circles, hip swings amd twists, ankle circles, heel and toe lifts and the leg pendulum. Some are a real hoot to watch too!

The benefits that are reaped through Aqua Fitness are the same as those which result from any exercise. An improved independence through physical fitness is a high priority for many of us. Improved sleep usually results when we exercise. Promoting more natural and restorive sleep, exercise is a great way to help us to fall asleep. A general sense of well being through improved fitness and endurance can be a ningful end gained through Aqua Fitness is stress reduction which increases the heart rate and so improves the level of natural pain killers in the blood thus helping reduce the level of pain we have to endure. The peer support is evident on this day and is a boost to all to continue to do the very best they can. "Refocusing thoughts away from the pain we arrive with, seeing others who are suffering more than we cope with similar conditions to ours helps as well," notes one lady.

The writer should have taken her suit and joined in the water, but the thought came too late. It was plain to see this group were having funn as they worked through the series of exercsies Mary showed them to imitate. The pain seems to melt away, if only briefly.

Courses are ten weeks in length and run fall, winter and spring. (September, January and April). Attending once a week keeps everyone busy and the cost is only $50 ($5 per week). Mary says, "You can come as often as you like, just pay as you come, whether one week, two or three, whatever you feel you need or want."

The group taking part on this Wednesday morning are filled with energy and enthusiasm, until they slowly climb out of the water after their class time. Then it becomes obvious that many suffer painfully from a variety of arthritis types, back aches and stiff joints, funny when they were in the pool it was not as clear to the eye of the beholder. Maybe there is something to this and the old writer should delve into it further as her arthritis acts up regularly, there may be help right here waiting for me to take advantage of the expertise of Mary and the theraputic effects of the water exercises.

Just livin'

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across the road are filled with them early in the morning and in evening. They seem to congregate there before heading to somewhere else. A Mallard duck perched on the stump in the swamp for a day and we were worried he was ill then he up and left, maybe waiting for his female of choice!

The grass is growing at break neck speed and in no time at all we will be mowing. I noticed some folk have already had their tractors out and the blades are neatly clipped already. Some folks are either neat freaks or they like to get an early start on this kind of thing.Then, there are those of us who can wait to start the routine of mowing, raking and mowing again.

When this latest setback clears up we will get moving on a yard sale since we have so much stuff that is not of any use to us. It will be great to locate the house once all the things are out that we no longer need...and you what they say about one persons' trash being anothers' treasure!

The second son goes to Wonderland this Friday on a Physics class outing. No doubt he will pick up pointers on his roller coaster project that will make it run even smoother than it does. It is pretty slick, made from recycled material an all...

Attending the Lions Play was a treat I almost missed. Feeling like a damp dishrag I was unsure whether to go or not. At the last minute I decided to give it the old college try and until the intermission was not doing so badly, then I grew extremely hot, sweat like the proverbial pig and then froze, grew dizzy and felt faint. I was not alone, thank heavens, but could not leave and so made it through to the end, snapped a picture for the paper and headed home shivering all the way. It was well done and everyone did a terrific job. Amazing, simply amazing how such a gang can be brought together to produce such a masterpiece.

There have been the hockey games. I am a Wendell Clark fan and it was great to see him come back and do so well for the Leafs.

Things are getting hot again as the fever creeps up and so I will sign off for this week. Take care and stay happy. The wisdom comes from Sir Francis Bacon who said, "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."



Cribbage League ends season

The Cribbage League held its end-of-season awards at the Iroquois Legion on Saturday. Left to right are Ted Gratton, Duane Kirker and Wilf Summers. Gratton took a Perfect Day award; Kirker took High Average in doubles play; and Summers took High Average in singles play and the Overall Championship. Absent, Paul Claxton, who also garnered a Perfect Day award. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

Pot luck enjoyed at Iroquois W.I. meeting

The April meeting of the Iroquois Women's Institute was held in the Civic Centre on Thursday, April 20th. At 6:30pm a bountiful pot luck supper was enjoyed by all.

Due to the illness of our President, Leona McIntosh, secretary, Laura Burgess was in charge of the meeting.

It was decided to have the WI meetings in the afternoons instead of the evenings starting in September.

The District Annual Meeting will be hosted in Morewood United Church on Tuesday next, May 9th with registration beginning at 9am.

Reports for the year were given by Bunny McGimpsey, Vivian Emburg and Myrtle Johnston.

The Nickel Auction was great fun and everyone went home with an item or two.

Convenors for the evening were Joan Morrell, Eleanor Pietersma and Brenda Loucks.

The May meeting will feature an exchange of plants while roll call will be "A recipe of your favourite vegetable dish." Convenors are Jean Shaver, Audrey Moke and Leda Kennie.

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Award winners at Darts Banquet

These folks were on hand at the Interbranch Darts Banquet to pick up some awards. Pictured, front, (l-r): Glenn Adams (see bottom photo); Bob Juby, Runner-Up High Score, 160; Mark MacDonald, Runner-Up High Finish, 119, 180 Club. Back (l-r): Jake Summerfield, High Score, 17, High Finish, 126; Tom Beach High Score, 177, 180 Club; Ken Murphy, 180 Club; Bill Hutt, 180 Club.

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

Six teams enter Basketball Tourney held at Seaway

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Six teams came to Iroquois to compete in the Eastern Ontario Basketball Association Midget Championships and their skills and ability shone throughout the weekend at Seaway's gym.

Action began on the courts Friday evening and continued until Sunday when the Bronze and Gold Games saw the Champions crowned.

The tourney was based on "round robin" play that saw the Upper Canada Ice Team II face the Cornwall squad first. The Ice went down to defeat at the hands of a tough, well disciplined team out of Cornwall. It was evident that the Cornwall squad has been playing as a unit for some time, they made some pretty slick moves. The Ice were no slouch as they played well, but just need more experience. Cornwall won 61-20 in a decisive victory.

Upper Canada Ice I was up against Naismith in their first game of the tourney. This was a lopsided match as the Ice came out strong and never looked back. This is a team that has come a long way this season, they have some pretty neat moves of their own. Upper Canada Ice beat Naismith soundly 64-19.

Gloucester gave Upper Canada Ice II a run as they dribbled and shot, missing no opportunity to count on the scoreboard. The Ice went down 28-58.

Upper Canada Ice I have played together a bit longer and it showed in their passing. They have the idea that patience is a virtue as well and are willing to wait to for their chance to score. They sent Nepean off the court after the final buzzer defeated by a score of 60-44.

Cornwall faced Gloucester and beat them 73-42, while Nepean and Naismith were pitted against one another, Nepean showing their superiority 77-35.

With the above results, Upper Canada Ice I ended up in first place in their pool and therefore had to face the second place team from the other pool, Gloucester. They were victorious, much to the delight of the home crowd cheering section, as they doubles the score on their opponents, 60-30.

In the other pool it as first place Cornwall who faced second place Nepean from the other pool. Cornwall was just too much punishing their rivals on the court 83-48 for the win.

This set the stage for the Bronze final game, pitting Gloucester against Nepean for the trophy. When the dust cleared Nepean was the top squad 65-56. In the gold matchup, it was Cornwall facing the Upper Canada Ice I team and the whole place was electrified as the local lads took to the floor. If crowd support and wishing had anything to do with a victory, the Ice would have been victorious...but the final score read 58-45 for Cornwall. They were a tough team on the court no matter who they faced. The Ice played tough and did a fine job, a respectable game, they have nothing to be ashamed of, they played well. Members of the Upper Canada Ice I are; Craig Adams, Jon Bilodeau, Ben Byvelds, Rob Cooper, Cole Dingwall, Alex Dyer, Neil Edwards, Justin Fraser, Kevin Gaudet, Bryan Groniger, Scott Hodgson, Brian Law, and Ryan Baker. Well done men!!

The Upper Canada Ice team II includes; Robbie Waddell, Brian Knapp, Warren Leroy, Zach Murphy, Craig Pynenburg, Steven Claxton and Richard Banford.



Reg Farmer Memorial Award

Ann Farmer presented a trophy named in memory of her late husband to the first-place play-off winners in the Seaway Interbranch Dart League. Jake Summerfield (left) and Mike Levere, on behalf of Cardinal team #2, received the award at the annual season-ending banquet, held at the Iroquois Legion Saturday. Mrs. Farmer also received an award marking the 180 points earned by Reg Farmer during play last season.

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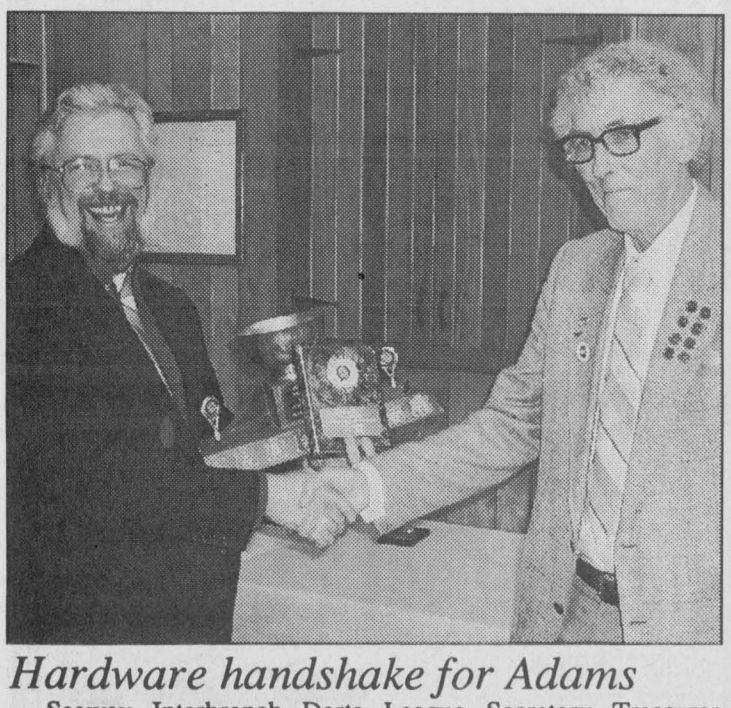

Hardware handshake for Adams

Seaway Interbranch Darts League Secretary Treasurer Glenn Adams (left) receives awards for Runner-Up in the Playoffs and the Jim Vaughan Memorial Most Sportsmanlike Award from Duane Kirker.

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Cardinal Fish & Game Club nets a terrific Jr. Mudpout Derby

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The sundrenched banks of Sawmill Creek east of Cardinal were lined with youngsters on Sunday afternoon. Poles were dipped into the frigid water in hopes of snagging that elusive, huge mudpout that seems to delight in teasing the fishermen and women who come out each spring to try their luck.

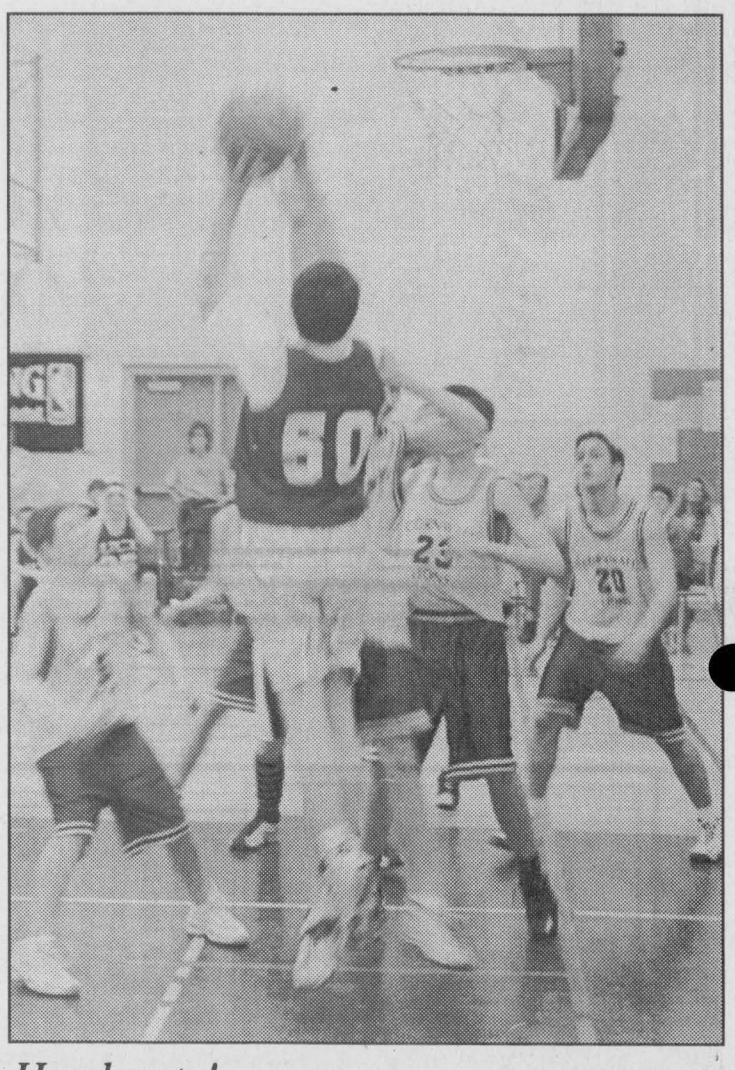
Lines were propped as young fishermen and women have rather short attention spans, that is until the bobber begins to dip beneath the water's surface. Then, all attention is focused on the pole to bring in the catch.

Winners were declared as the fifty or so brought their catches to be checked. The Cardinal Fish and Game Club have a avid group of young sportspeople in their ranks.In the 0 to 8 year category, Ryan Robinson was first, MacKenzie Allen's catch was second and Michael Allen came in third spot with his fish. In the 9-12 year olds Lacey Mallett was first, followed by Josh Bergmans in second and Jason Witteveen whose catch was good enough for third place. In the eldest category there was only one winner. In the 13-16 year olds, Ryan Sloan came in a winner.

The Club wants to express their appreciation to the Cardinal Legion and Lions Clubs for their support of this Fishing Derby. The youngsters were treated to hot dogs and cool drinks before they dropped their lines.

There were also prizes for other fish caught, little fellows like Sunfish and Perch. The lucky folk who snagged fish other than pouts and were justly recognized were: Nicholas Ault, Jordon Witteveen, Lacey Mallett, Courtney McDermid, Jason Witteveen, Casey McDermid, Abby Porter, Nicholas Allard and MacKenzie Allan. A fun day for everyone, even moms and dads who end up putting worms on hooks and taking wriggling fish off hooks for some of the less brave at heart.

This weekend, May 6 and 7 the action on the river will heat up as Pike Season opens and the Club hosts their Annual Pike Derby. get the gear cleaned up nd the pole ready, oil the reel and replace the line, fishing time is here! Weigh-ins will be from 11am to noon and then in the evening each day from 7 to 8pm at the Cardinal Legion Boat Ramp. Derby tickets, memberships to the Club, worms and minnows are available at the Johnstown Gas Bar...good luck and have fun!!



He shoots!

A member of the Upper Canada Ice launches one against a tough Cornwall team on the weekend. The local boys put on a good show against the tight play of their aggressive opponents.

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Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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Anniversary Turkey Dinner. St. John's United Church, Cardinal, Thurs. May 4 from 4:30 until all are served.

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The Good Companions Iroquois Senior Citizens Club covered dish lunch 12 o'clock May 9. Entertainment...The Barkleys from Elma and Don Morrell.

Benson Public School Science and Technology Day, May 9th....visits from specials guests, demonstrations, career speaking, and displays. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a Beef-B-B-Q. Official opening of the Benson's Science and Technology Centre will be at 5:30. Everyone Welcome.

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A healthy dose at Seaway Health Fair

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Seaway students received a healthy dose of information at a health fair organized by the Physical Education Department.

All grades were represented through the day as groups of students rotated through kiosks in the gymnasium, each concerned with some aspect of healthy living.

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit was on hand with three booths, one concerned with physical fitness, another with nutrition, and one from the E.O.H.U.'s Young Adult Centre, which dealt with healthy sexuality and birth control.

Students listened to lectures, interacted with quizzes and games at each stop, and came away with a better appreciation for the many facets of health.

Other stops at the fair included a booth hosted by Naomi House, dealing with spousal abuse and directed especially at young women; an anti-tobacco display run by a grade 11 sociology class; and lecture stops by the Canadian Mental Health Association and Addiction Services of Eastern Ontario.

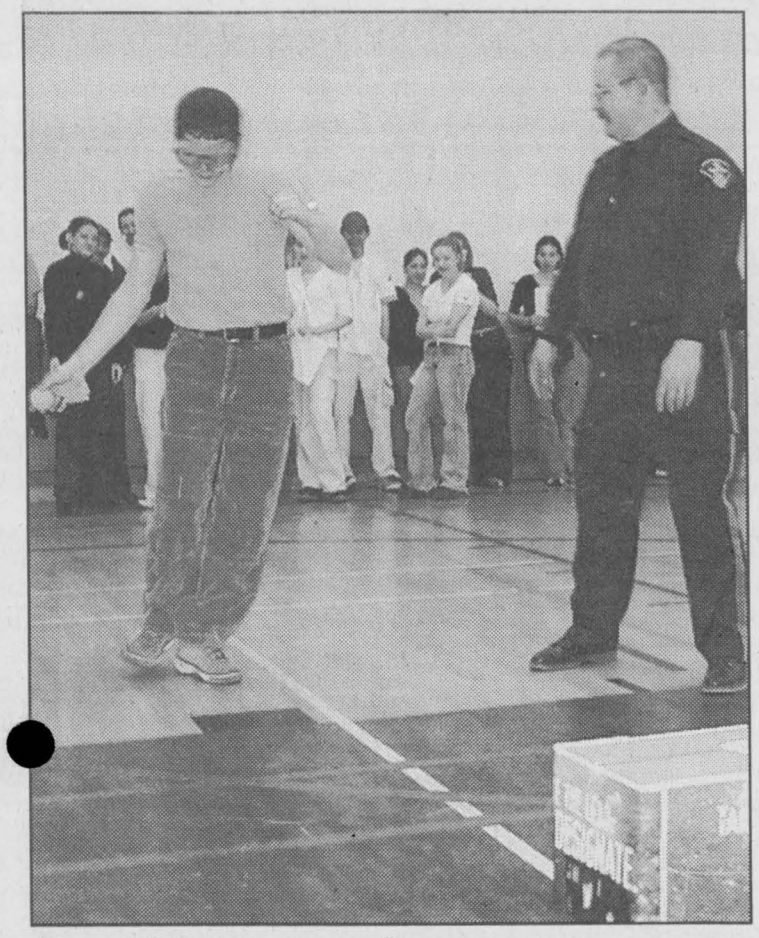
SD&G OPP hosted a popular "fatal vision" demonstration in which students saw for themselves how alcohol impairs the senses. Community Services Officer Al Lummiss ran the OPP display. By the end of the day, his message had been heard by 32 different groups of students.

Irv Francis' helper, Nadine Easter, a Loyalist College Student, was credited for helping to organize the event.

"They seem to like it," she said of the students. "They've been great."

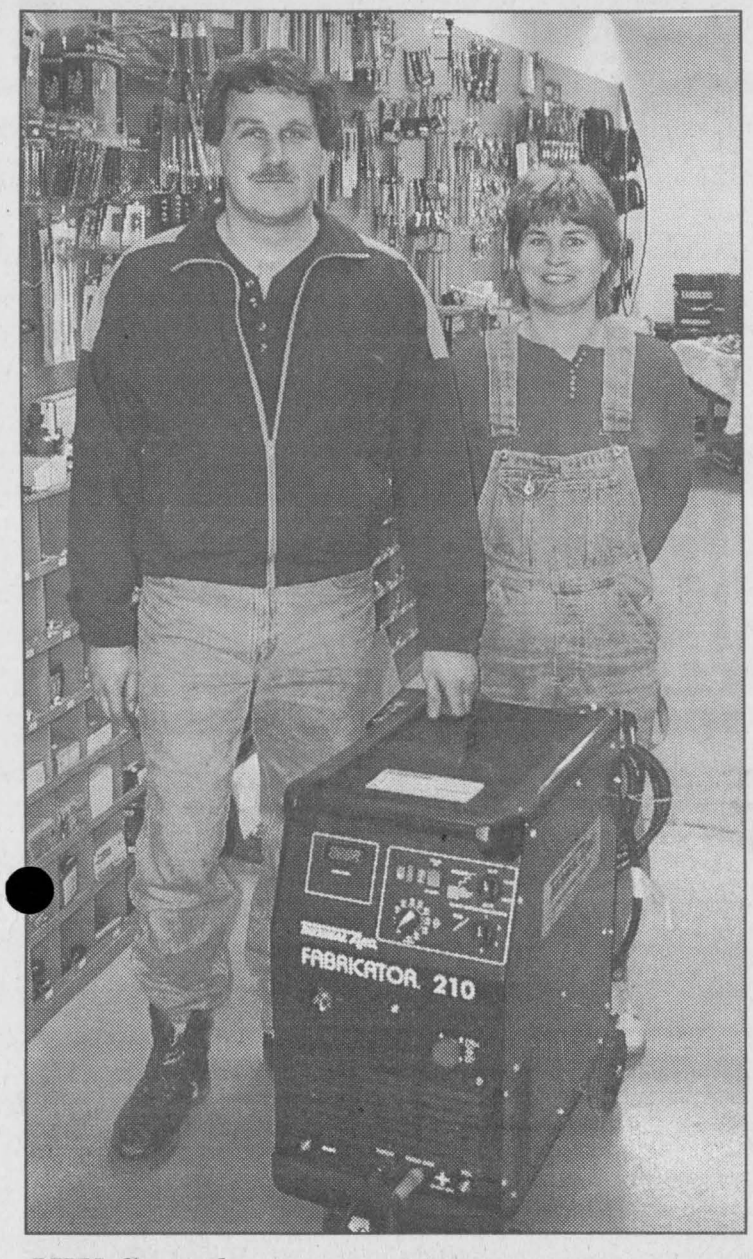
Easter explained the make-up of the fair came as a result of a survey completed by students at Seaway earlier this year.

"They wanted more information on certain topics, including stress," she said.



Fatal Vision goggles

... also known as beer goggles warp the senses of a Seaway student during last Friday's health fair. The lenses make everything appear a little off kilter, making the goal of walking a straight line and dropping a rubber ball in the box very difficult, simulating alcohol impairment. Sr. Cst. Al Lummiss runs the amusing demonstration, which has a serious message behind it. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*



HW Supply

Henry and Brenda VanDodewaard of HW Supply, just south of Hainsville, pose with some of the stock in the industrial supply store they've operated for the past few years. Henry has been fabricating large industrial and hydraulic implements for almost a decade and, out of necessity, started stocking many of the tools of his trade. Today, HW Supply sells things like nuts, bolts, air tools, welders, a full range of welding gases, torches, chain by the foot, flanges, v-belts, P.T.O. parts and more. The fabrication shop and store had an open house last week. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

ANIMAL HEALTH WEEK

MAY 1-7

by Dr.Norene Hyatt-Gervais
Morrisburg Animal Hospital

Animal Health Week is THIS week! What exactly does that mean? Does it mean your local vet reminds you to have your animals vaccinated and your dogs heartworm tested? Does it mean that the Humane Society begs the general population to spay and neuter their pets? Yes, to both of those questions, but that is only the tip of the iceberg as they say.





Animals play a huge role in our lives. As the owner of two dogs and three cats, I can testify to the value of pets in a household. Watching our dog, "Cassidy" hunt for frogs in the pond with my son and our cat "Duke" cuddle up to my daughter at story time, I cannot imagine life without them. HOWEVER, life with pets is not for everyone. They can be a tremendous amount of work and sometimes, a huge aggravation! If you are not ready to housetrain them, exercise them, clean up after them, teach them not to eat your couch or jump on your grandmother, vaccinate them, groom them, and teach your kids how to care for them...etc., etc....Whew! don't bother getting a pet!!!

As a pet doctor, I can tell you that dogs and cats are not for everyone. There is a huge selection of pets available, so when your 10-year old is begging for a dog and you know that your lifestyle is not right for a dog right now, do some research. Look for a hamster, guinea pig, fish, gerbil or other small pet that is a "smaller" commitment. They can be just as much fun and can teach your child a lot about owning a pet. Be careful not to combine males and females or you may inadvertently teach your child about rodent reproduction! (the length of pregnancy in a mouse is 21 days!).

All this and I haven't even discussed the role that agricultural animals and wildlife play. Suffice it to say that we have a better world with them than we would without them. Lets appreciate what we have and take care of it.

So...yes, vaccinate your pets, and yes, spay and neuter them to prevent them from contributing to the hundreds of dogs and cats that are destroyed by our local Humane Society alone in a year.

This is not rhetoric, this is common sense.

Anyone who has worked in a Humane Society will convince you that having to kill dozens of pets in your work week is a miserable thing to have to do. Picking the next pet to go is even worse. Please don't let your cat have a litter of kittens just so the kids can see the miracle of life...there are just not enough homes. Convince your kids that the miracle of life is sharing your life with a happy, well looked after pet.





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Soccer teams compete at Char-Lan High School

May 1 saw teams from a variety of eastern High Schools converge on Char-Lan High School in Williamstown. Girls Soccer was on tap and the teams were ready for action on the field.

Char Lan and CCVS faced off first with the Char Lan squad soundly defeating their opponents 5 zip. Veronica Poitras got the shutout. Then it was St. Joe's and GDHS with St. Joe's going down 2-0 in a tighter game. Then St. Joe's and Char Lan went to the field. With Char Lan emerging victorious 2 zip. GDHS and CCVS played the former winning 3-0. North Dundas and La Citadelle battled it out with North Dundas losing 2-0. They did bounce back though when they went against St Lawrence High squeaking the win 1-0. Then St. Lawrence faced Seaway. Seaway dropped this one 3-1. The single counter for Seaway was scored by Jackie VanderMeulen. The final match in the junior sector pitted La Citadelle and Seaway. Seaway could not get anything going and lost 2-0.

On the senior side of the games, it was Char-Lan over CCVS 1-0, GDHS over St. Joe's 3-1, St. Joe's 3 to 1 over Char Lan and GDHS soundly defeating CCVS 6 zip. North Dundas fell to La Citadelle by one slim goal. A tie resulted when both North Dundas and St. Lawrence found the net once. Seaway played St. Lawrence and although Dana Hasson scored one, it was too little to catch the 3 they needed to tie St. Lawrence. La Citadelle handed Seaway a defeat as well 2-0.

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OBITUARIES

Raymond Disotell

Suddenly on Thursday, April 27, 2000, Raymond Disotell of RR1, Morrisburg at Winchester Hospital. Born on August 30, 1947 in Newington, he was 52 years of age, a painter and carpenter by trade.

A lifetime resident of the area, Raymond enjoyed fishing and repairing cars, snowmobiles and lawnmowers.

Predeceased by his parents, Kenneth and Nora (nee Beaupre) MacDonald and an infant brother, Donald MacDonald, Raymond leaves to mourn the loss sons including Pat of Ottawa, Sheldon of RR1, Morrisburg, and Shawn of Cornwall as well as daughters; Shelly of Ottawa and Tania Lague (Chad Derouchie) of Cornwall. Also saddened by the loss are brothers; Carl "Bud" (Eva) MacDonald of RR2, Williamsburg, Clayton (Barbara) of Cornwall and Larry of RR1, Morrisburg. A sister, Anna Mae (Brian) Keeler of RR2, Brinston survives as well as nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Rev. Duncan Perry on Monday, May 1, 2000 at 11am. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg. Pallbearers were Tim Tyo, Eric Sypes, Darryl Disotell, Bill Hutt, Chris MacDonald and Graham Casselman.

Brenda Markell

Peacefully at home, Brenda Markell a lifetime resident of the Brinston area, on April 25, 2000. Born in Matilda Township on January 12, 1954, Brenda was only 46 years of age, a housewife and mother.

Predeceased by her parents, the late James and Audrey (nee Markell) Sypes, as well as a brother, Kenneth Sypes and sisters; Eva Keeler, Gladys Shaver and Beatrice Markell, Brenda enjoyed playing baseball, cards and dancing.

Mourning their loss are sons: Eli (Kathy) and Randy (Sherry) all of RR2, Brinston; a sister, Edna Gauvreau of Iroquois and a brother, Adam (Edith) Sypes of Morrisburg. She is sadly missed by grandchildren, Christopher, Blaine and Jade Markell and Charlie, Marielle and Paul Hansen. Also surviving the loss are many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Rev. Bob Fillier on Thursday, April 27, 2000. Interment will follow at Sprucehaven Cemetery, Brinston later in the spring.

Brock Barkley

A resident of Elma Ontario for the past 89 years, Adam Brock Barkley passed away very peacefully at Winchester Memorial Hospital on April 15, 2000. He was 89 years of age.

Born December 24, 1910 at the Elma homestead, he was the son of the late Adam Barkley and the former Orpha Cougler. On April 22, 1944, he married Enid Barwick of Montreal at the home of Enid's grandparents in Chesterville. She predeceased him in 1988. Brock was a member of the Williamsburg United Church.

Brock was also predeceased by nine brothers and three sisters: Morton, Hugh, Arvilla, Raymond, Bruce, Luella, Ward, Milton, Broder, Annetta, Harold and Dwight. Brock will be greatly missed by 14 nieces and nephews and their families, several grand nieces and nephews and a cousin and family by marriage. He was predeceased by two nephews.

Brock lived all his life (until his hospitalization two months prior to his death) at the family homestead north of Elma. There he farmed for many years with his brother Dwight. Because of his love of the land, he never moved from the homestead. In later years he gave up full time farming but always enjoyed his huge garden and cutting his wood.

He was well known among his family and friends for his generosity in giving away so much produce from his garden. This gave him great pleasure.

Brock loved visiting family and friends until he lost his hearing approximately five years ago. This curtailed that activity, but he accepted his loss well. Always, he was grateful to have good eye sight and that he was able to have a driver's license and enjoy his truck.

Brock's minister, Rev. Sandy MacPherson delivered a very appropriate eulogy. He emphasized the fact that Brock was the one of the 13 children who stayed at home and "kept the home fires burning." Indeed he did, always making sure he kept more than a year's supply of wood ahead in his woodshed.

Thus has ended another chapter in the book of Barkley history. Brock's family will always remember him for his stoic, independent and generous manner.

Friends were received at the Chesterville Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 18 from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Funeral service was held on Wednesday at the Funeral Home. Hymns played during the service were "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Barkley, Donald Barkley, Francis Barkley, Dean Barkley, Ronald Barkley and Eddie Barkley.

Honourary pallbearers were: Alistar Deighton, Gary Pemberton, Tom Henderson and Arthur Thom.

Donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be gratefully accepted by the family.

Peter Arnott

After a ten month illness, Peter Arnott of Morrisburg at Winchester Hospital on April 27, 2000. Born on June 13, 1931, he was 68 years of age.

Peter was born in Toronto, but his family moved to Timmins when he was very young because his father got a job working in the gold mines. The family then moved to Sault Ste. Marie a few years later. Peter lived there until moving to Kingston to attend Queen's University. After attending Queen's, Peter moved back to the Toronto area where he resided for some 35 years before relocating to Morrisburg in 1988.

An Associate Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 48 in Morrisburg, Peter loved to walk and began each day with a walk through the Morrisburg Plaza and along the St. Lawrence River. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed discussing and finding solutions to almost all the world's problems during his frequent visits to Bo's Barber Shop in Morrisburg.

His positive attitude and outgoing personality and his over-all zest for life endeared him to so many will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Peter had retired from his position as President of Fundraising for the Easter Seals Society of Ontario in 1991 and resided in Morrisburg's Morningside Court the past 12 years.

Predeceased by his parents, Peter and Jenny (nee Ritchie) Arnott as well as two sisters in infancy, Peter will certainly be missed in the Seaway town.

Mourning the loss are his spouse and best friend, Freda (nee Byers) Arnott whom he wed June 18, 1983 in Toronto as well as a former spouse June (nee Shepherd) Arnott of London. Missing him are sons: Patrick (Judy) of Burlington and Peter Jr. (Chris) of Oshawa and daughters: Mary (Ken) Millard of London, and Martha (Bruce) Deacon of Cambridge. Step-sons who survive the loss are Darrell (DeeDee) Johnstone of Calgary; Donald Johnstone of Vienna, Ontario; Dwayne Johnstone of London and Douglas (Krysta) Johnstone of London. Peter will be deeply missed by his former daughter-in-law, Liz Johnstone and sadly missed by grandchildren; Kristine, Kailee, Dale, Blair, Madeline, Spencer, Sasha, Jackson, Christian, Carissa, Tim, Ashley, Cody, Lacey, Autumn, and Jessie. A greatgrandson, Alexander mourns as do cousins, Bob, Archie and Neal Houston.

Memorial donations to Winchester Hospital or the Canadian Cancer Society were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was held on April 29, Saturday at 10:30am. Rev. Roy Harwood officiated. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Chesterville. Pallbearers were Patrick Arnott, Peter Arnott Jr., David, Dwayne and Douglas Johnstone and Ron Botham. Honourary pallbearers were Orval Delage, Danny Rice, Cam MacLennan, Archie Edsel, Stuart and Linden Byers, Floyd Elliott, Dwayne Froats and Don Johnston.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson



Spring...when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, gardeners are out inspecting tulips and daffodils and birdwatchers delight in watching new migrants and returning residents. welcoming the birds back each spring is very much like greeting old friends. It is a ritual which we all enjoy.

Winter birds are still with us. Two large groups of **Bohemian Waxwings** were reported, one group at Irena Road and the other in Morrisburg where the waxwings were gorging on highbush cranberries. Even as late as last week, there were still many **Common Redpolls** around. **Dark-eyed Juncos** are still feeding on the remains of the seed from feeders.

Our Irena Road birdwatcher reported several **Chipping Sparrows.** These are cousins to the **American Tree Sparrow**. Chipping Sparrows are resident here from spring through to fall when they migrate south whereas the **Tree Sparrow** is a winter visitor and returns to the Arctic tundra in the spring to breed. She also saw two **White-Throated Sparrows** and a **Hermit Thrush**, the Sparrows feeding at her feeder, the Thrush at the Harkness Cemetery woodlot. The **Phoebe's** nest is almost finished but on a different part of her awning than in previous years.

At Iroquois Point, I chanced to see a **Pheasant** amble from the bushes on one side of the path to the other. He might have travelled a bit faster had he known of the red fox that lives in that.

The **Kingfisher** has returned to the hydro wires, his favourite fishing perch overlooking the Galop Pond near the boathouses. He was spotted on April 26. A lone **Turkey Vulture** was seen cruising looking for road kill on Highway 2. **Blue Herons** are returning in large numbers now, we saw four flying together on the way to Brockville.

In a previous column, we mentioned the Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration project. The program was begun in 1982 to try to return the Trumpeter Swan to different areas in the province. At one time, about 150,000 of the birds populated the eastern portion of North America but by the end of the 19th century they had been hunted out, their wetland habitat was disappearing and there was a market for their down.

Trumpeters have a bugling call caused by a loop in its larynx. Some pairs mate for life and the average lifespan is 12 years. The Trumpeter is the largest swan in North America.

A pair of Trumpeter Swans now reside at the Mac Johnson Conservation Area north of Brockville, off Highway 29. This breeding pair should lay 2-4 eggs once a year and the young swans called "Cygnets" will eventually be released into the wild. Over the past several years, more than 400 new birds have been released into Ontario's wetlands. Trumpeters have been seen near Cornwall, Prescott and as far afield as Erie, Pennsylvania. Donations to help bring back this species are welcome. Contact Stefan Foerster at 345-1990 of the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority or Jean Lawson at the CRCA's head office at 613-546-4228.

Reports, anecdotes and observations are welcome to this column at 652-2555. Thanks!

LETTERS

The Lions Thank-You

Dear Editor,

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, the cast and crew sends a very sincere "Thank You" to the public for the support received by the presentation of "George Washington Slept Here". This has been the tenth presentation in eighteen years and your solid support over the years makes the effort seem very worthwhile.

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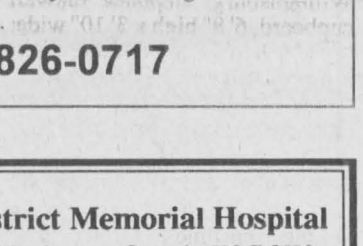

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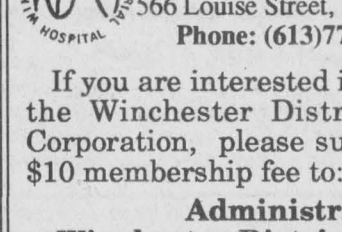

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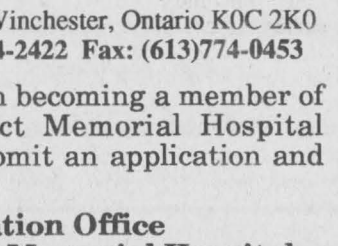

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Cast of the Lions play take a bow for a job well done. *Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Lions boast another stage success

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

They worked diligently. Miss Gibb directed them over and over and over where to go, what to say, how to say it, how to become the person they were in the performance.

Things came together and the confidence of the actors and actresses grew. Their stage presence was evolving. Each rehearsal showed marked improvement over the last one, as everything fell into place.

Then, it was curtain time at the Upper Canada Playhouse. Lion Producer John Lyon, thanked everyone for their support in making this a reality, and it was on with the show.

The first night is always the true test and the cast and crew certainly passed with flying colours. From the moment Glenn Swerdfeger came on as Mr. Kimber the handyman to scenes where Nicholas Whelan as Raymond was being chased by Newton (Jim Mustard) or carried off after Rena (Ruth Robertson) bonked him (Lucky her, everyone wanted to see him get his!!) Everyone was rolling with laughter.

Meeting Newton when he tries to break the news gently to his wife Annabelle (Margaret Swerdfeger) how they are now the proud owners of a very old, rundown farmhouse, which he bought, sight unseen and without her knowledge is an enlightening experience. Jim does it!

Then Amy Holmes does a stellar job as daughter Madge. Her beau Steve is ably played by Barry Fawcett and I am not sure I'd have left him for Clayton (no offence Jim Locke).

The gals; Sara Hawn, Kristen Mustard and Jennifer Parry are better than they could hoped.

Bi-Annual favourites like Donna Swank and Charlie Marsden returned to spark the stage. Hester is a little rough around the edges, but the audience immediately is drawn to her, she speaks her mind for sure! Uncle Stanley may not have the inheritance that Newton and Annabelle need so badly to save the farmhouse, in the end he comes through using his devious crafty manipulation.

John Lyon makes his debut this year and when he stumbled on a line during this premier he was able to cover it well, laughing at his own momentary lapse in recall, he takes the prompters' line in tow and suggests, Why not do that?" Right on!!

Oh, by the way, George Washington did NOT sleep in this house, it was Benedict Arnold!! And Miss Wilcox never did speak in this show, she simply floated across the stage in mute silence...numerous times. Katie Bowers looked great!!

The close to $10,000. the play garnered for the Lions Club is to be well spent as the Playhouse will get 1/3. Another 1/3 will cover the cost incurred in the production and the final 1/3 will be divided among various local charities. Well done indeed gentlemen and ladies!!



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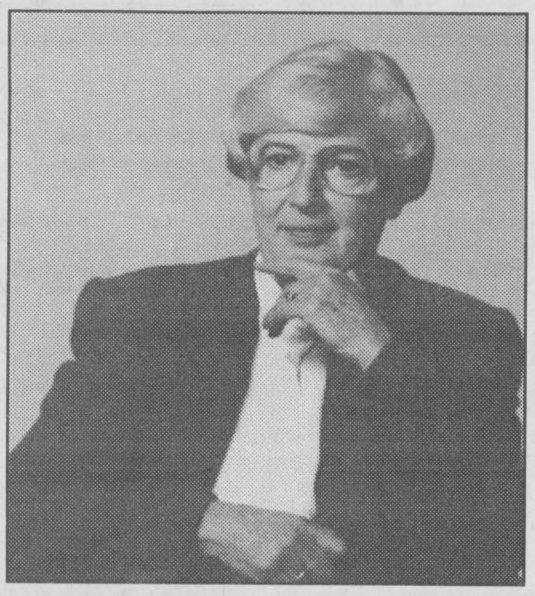

Experimental Artist Dawn Code

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Just a bit of background about the Artist:

Dawn has lived and worked in Quebec City, Grimsby, London, and North Bay, Ontario. She currently resides in Brockville, Ontario where she works out of her home.

She is the past President of the Brockville Artists' Studio and is currently on the show committee. She has had solo art shows in Brockville and London, Ontario. The most recent one at the Brockville Arts Centre in June, 1999.

She has studied with many prominent American and Canadian artists including Maxine Masterfield and Louise Cadillac. She has participated in many juried shows and won awards in some. Yearly she shows with the Brockville Artists' Studio at their November Show.

Dawn's experimental work includes collages, freezing colour, wax and solar drying. She uses many household materials to create the textures. The surfaces are many and varied, with mediums mainly being lightfast inks, acrylics and collages. She is presently represented by the Tamarack Muskoka Gallery in Gravenhurst, Ontario and Elizabeth's Gallery in Goderich, Ontario.

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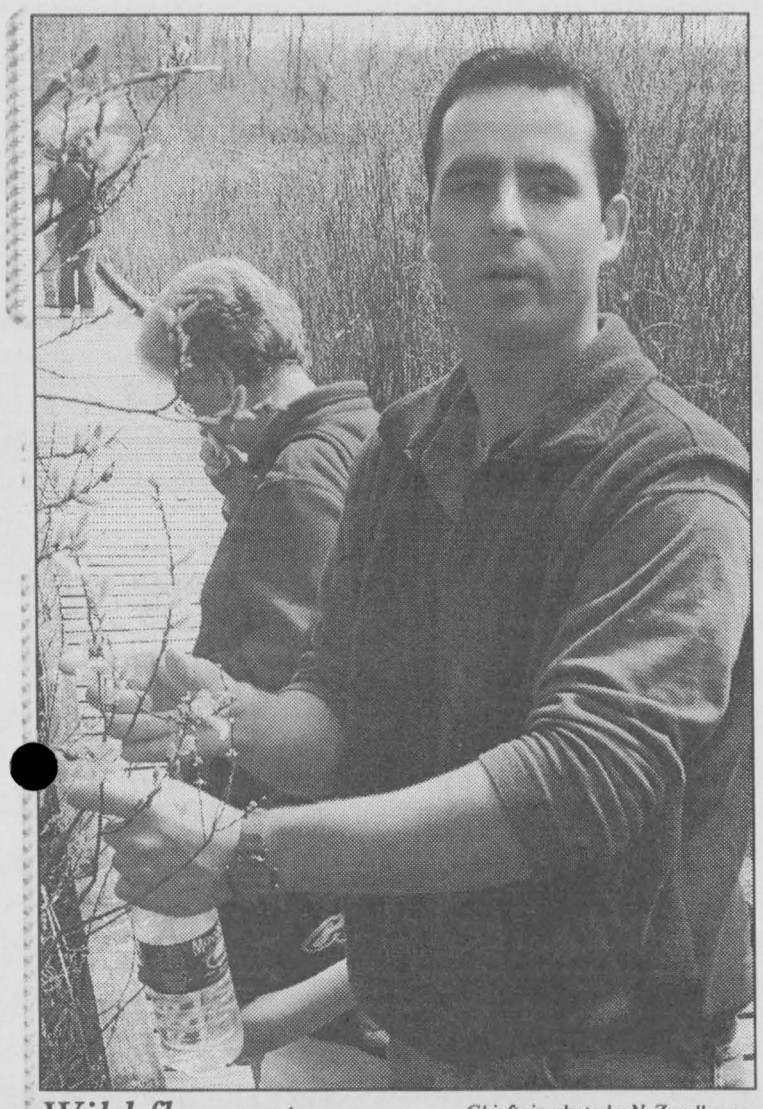

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Wild flower tour

Steve Anderson, a biologist from Green Valley, led a wild flower tour at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on the weekend. Before the greens come out full force, many varieties of indigenous wildflowers take advantage of the space to bloom. The season's a bit late this year, however.

South Dundas Council News

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Strip joint resolution shelved

Council shelved a resolution for support from the Town of Richmond regarding the regulation of adult entertainment parlours.

Richmond's resolution stems from a Supreme Court of Canada ruling that stops municipalities from outlawing such establishments. Richmond is calling on the province to give it the power to prohibit establishments "not in the public interest" anyway.

"One thing that jumps out at me here," said Councillor Cam Martel, "is that this pertains to municipalities with a population of 30,000 and more." Martel said Morrisburg has a bylaw to control strip joints on its books.

Clerk Bill Horner suggested that bylaw may no longer mean anything because of the Supreme Court judgment. "I don't think we can prohibit those establishments," he said.

Because of that, and because Richmond's resolution dealt with larger municipalities, Horner added: "We're not in a position to pass this."

As the law stands, such clubs can't be regulated out of existence, just regulated. That means the township likely can't say no to strip joints but "we can say no more than one lap-dancer to a customer," Mayor Johnny Whitteker joked.

Budget next time

After a tussling with some tight numbers at its last meeting, council put off passing a budget for 2000 until May 11.

About $200,000 needed to be cut from operating costs, compared to last year, if the township was to avoid a tax increase or a deficit.

According to Administrator Mike Waddell, council managed to whittle the budget down enough during its discussions that the final figure they'll be looking to cut at the next meeting stands closer to $100,000.

During Thursday's discussion, Waddell said the shortfall, if translated into a tax increase, would equal 6.7 percent, or about $30 on a $100,000 assessment. Councillor Audrey Rooney said that for most residential taxpayers the increase amounted to the price "of a bottle of rye and a carton of cigarettes over a year."

"I don't think you're doing the taxpayers a favour by not raising their taxes."

Mayor Johnny Whitteker said that incurring a deficit or raising taxes would be preferable to the alternative. "I'm not going to be a part of cutting services," he said, adding with pride, "I've been told the roads in Matilda are better than they've ever been."

Recently increased costs for fixing roads are part of the township's problem. Public Works Manager Hughie Garlough said prices for fuel, paving, gravel, stone dust and calcium chloride have increased substantially.

On calcium chloride alone, which is used for dust control on gravel roads, the township will spend over $90,000 in 2000, up 10 percent from last year. "There used to be a choice to put it on, but we don't have a choice anymore," Garlough said.

"All the contractors are telling me that paving prices will be up 33 to 45 percent."

Garlough's budget was $2.5 million last year, and has already been tentatively cut back by $100,000 this year. "We're going to have to scrounge. We've got some decisions to make and I'm afraid they're not very nice decisions."

And of course, the mayor pointed to reduced support from the province as a big part of the problem. As a result, only one of all those bridges requiring repair in the Matilda ward will be fixed this year, the Taylor Road bridge. Whitteker was a little perturbed to hear that fixing the bridge will likely cost more than the tendered price of $94,000 because of additional engineering consultant fees. That cost will be incurred when the township's engineers at the Thompson Rosemount Group give their stamp of approval to the job.

"I don't see why one of your men can't do it," Whitteker said to the Public Works Manager.

Councillor Rowdy Gillard expressed concern that South Dundas was spending too much on engineering consulting fees, noting that $41,000 went to TRG in March.

FROM THE FRONT

North Dundas

departments," he said Tuesday. Because of the doubled up street names, getting the right crew on the road and headed in the right direction can end up being "a guess," he said.

Said committee member Councillor Alvin Runnalls: "The public's got to know this is for safety, not because we want to take away their cherished street names."

Council discussion revealed a few other potential problem spots, which were added to the list, including the duplicate corners of County roads 43 and 31, as well as Sesame Street in Winchester.

Carruthers also noted the different civic numbering systems found in the various wards sometimes add to the confusion of dispatchers and emergency response crews as well.

Mayor Claude Cousineau marvelled that, several years after the installation of the civic addresses, many still don't know them by heart.

$250 for Canada Day celebrations in S. Mountain

Heather Irwin appeared before council to plead the case for some financial support for Canada Day festivities in South Mountain, successfully cajoling council to ante up $250.

"Every little cent helps," she said.

According to Irwin, festivity organizers in Mountain were turned down for financial support in July 1998 and therefore didn't apply in 1999. "We were told if we weren't willing to amalgamate to not ask for money."

But she was back at the Council table with some pointed comments on Monday night.

Responding to a suggestion that the intention had been to encourage a single township celebration for Canada Day in North Dundas, she pointed out that other festivals seem to be community based.

"What about Dairyfest? You support Dairyfest," she said of Winchester's bovine claim to fame.

Mayor Claude Cousineau said community volunteers couldn't be blamed for focusing on their individual wards, calling it "utopian" to expect them to see it any other way.

"The ward system is still in place. We can see it right here at this table. It's going to take a long time for amalgamation to set in so we can say we are North Dundas and not this or that."

Councillor Bob Riddell said he hoped it would never get to that point. "If we do away with the ward system, I would hope we could maintain our little community spirits.

"You never want to get rid of that."

Bylaw officer

Councillor Roger Cole, head of the township's Bylaws Committee, said the township plans to contract the services of a bylaw officer from a neighbouring municipality by the end of the month or in early June.

Councillor Martin Schoones raised the issue of having the officer enforce burning permits for open fires in North Dundas.

A further wrinkle to the issue are boundary residents, who live in South Dundas but are served by fire departments in North Dundas. Schoones suggested the bylaw officer might be able to enforce North Dundas's burning permit requirements south of the township border in those cases.

Tax relief for Chesterville Legion

Tax relief appears one step closer for the Chesterville Legion after council informally agreed to write off the Legion's tax bill in 2000.

Council reserved judgment on the matter, however, and will wait and see for the exact amount of the write-off before formally approving it. A straw poll showed a majority on council in favour of the measure.

Neighbouring South Dundas and a number of other municipalites already write off property tax bills for Legions on a yearly basis, perhaps the simplest option available to cut the legions some slack.

Vern Williamson, President of the Branch, again put in an appearance at council to argue his case.

The write-off figure for Chesterville is roughly estimated at $1,400 to $1,500, Mayor Claude Cousineau said.

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Joshua 24:15 "And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your father served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorities in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

She was an old woman, face lined with the battles and cares of life. She lived during one of the Italian wars. Through her small village one day marched a band of recuiters asking for volunteers to fight for their side. Young men responded bringing their weapons, a gun, a sword or anything they could muster from their homes, falling in at the end of the line, keeping step with the martial music.

When they reached the home of the old lady, she watched them and was stirred by the challenge. Hurrying back into the house, she brought out her broomstick -- symbolizing a gun, a sword--with it across her shoulder, she brought up the rear of the procession.

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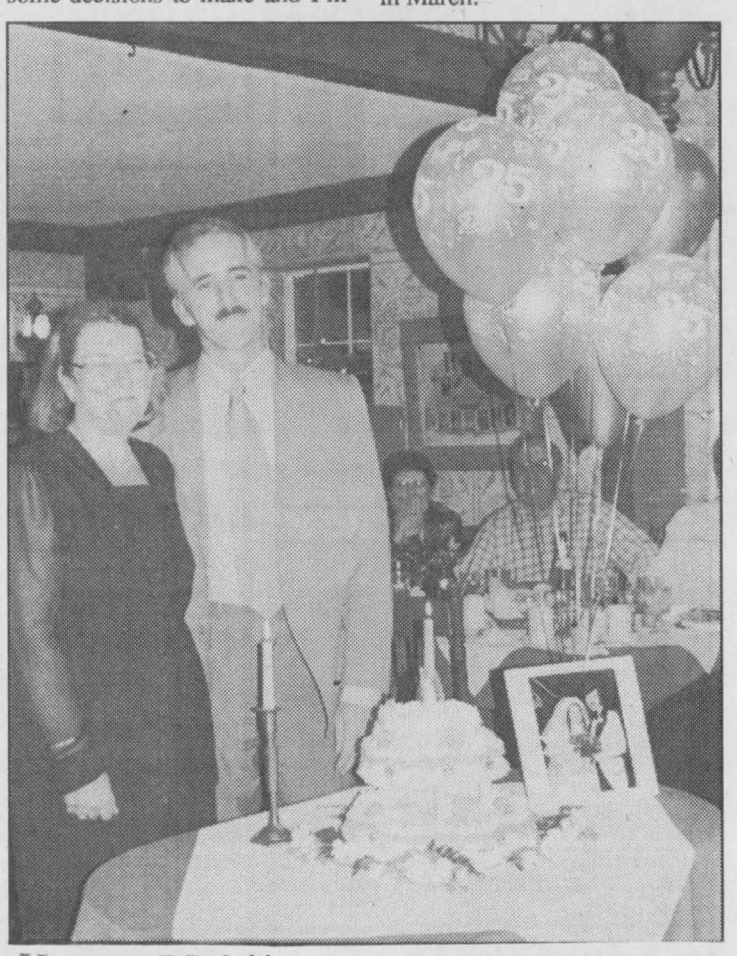

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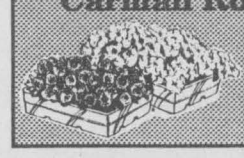

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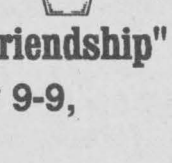

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Wall hanging presentation

On April 20, this wall hanging was unveiled in the Stampville Centre by the Seniors' "Helping Hands" club. "Helping Hands" President Joan Zandbergen explained the quilted mural was meant to commemorate the new millennium in the new township of South Dundas as well as the 1999 International Year of the Older Person. The mural is a facsimile of the township logo and includes the Year of the Older Person logo as well as a little apple in the corner in memory of Matilda Township. A plaque to memorialize the occasion also went up beside the mural. Pictured: Connie Pepers (created the pattern sizing); Tonny Meerakker (quilter); Trevor Tolley, President of Williamsburg Non-profit Housing, which oversees Stampville Centre; South Dundas Mayor Johnny Whitteker; Patsy Ault (quilter); Joan Zandbergen; Matilda ward Councillor Bev Sabourin; Arie Geurkink (created wall hanger). Not shown, Cindy Cooper (embroidery). *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

FROM THE FRONT

South Dundas

mented shortly before Thursday's vote.

The provincial court — small claims and criminal — already operates out of the building two days a week, and incorporating a police station under the same roof was seen as a natural idea.

"I think the Justice Building is what we'll call it," Whitteker said, predicting continued economic spin-offs for merchants and restaurants in Morrisburg from the traffic generated at the site.

Taxes will not rise this year because of the project, Whitteker said. Added the mayor: "We'll be taking it out of the surplus. We're not going to say what happens in future years. If the provincial government continues to reduce the amount they pay to us, taxes would go up."

Because of a $150,000 provincial restructuring grant dating back to 1998 and about $50,000 raised by Morrisburg firefighters, the actual cost of the project to South Dundas taxpayers would be over $400,000, and not the full cost of the tender.

The project will transform the appearance of the 50s era building. In addition to the police detachment, it will see an expansion of the attached fire department facilities.

On the west end, a one-and-a-half garage bay will join the fire department's existing two bays. The new bay will sit to the north of the others, and all three will receive snappy new overhead doors. A smaller garage door will also be installed in the north wall of the fire department addition.

Further east, a new two-car garage, for use by the police, will jut out of the building's north side. Aside from regular vehicle storage, police will use their garage as a secure access point into the building for the transport of prisoners.

On top, a new flat roof membrane will keep the weather off the 40-year-old building.

Old single-glazed windows on the building's exterior will be replaced with modern units of half the size. Stucco will accent the areas around the new windows.

Two new flagpoles will go up in the yard.

Inside, the auditorium will fill up with all the trappings of a police station — breathalyzer room, holding cell, interrogation room, evidence room, male and female locker rooms, parole officer area, communications area, staff sergeant office and reception area.

A wall will go up where the stage is situated now. On the other side of it will be training-room facilities for the fire department. Interior additions to the fire department also include a chief's office, communications room and lunch room.

The Meals on Wheels kitchen will stay where it is, but separated from the police station by a corridor.

At the public meeting on Tuesday night, Township Administrator Mike Waddell justified the project because the present facility is underused. "We have more buildings than we need that are not generating anything for the taxpayer."

He said that in 1999, the auditorium raised only $1,300 in rental fees. Moreover, the building as a whole used $22,000 in gas and electricity.

"You have to start scratching your head and say, 'Gee, what are the alternatives?'"

With the addition of the O.P.P. as a tenant in the building, the township expects to reap about $50,000 a year in rent from the building, total, including what is received from the court.

A Morrisburg resident asked Waddell and members of council if it made good business sense to spend $628,000 on the building in order to get $50,000 rent -- and still shell out for the cost of the utilities as well. He suggested it would be better to tear the Civic Centre down and build a new fire hall on township property across from the Masonic Lodge.

Waddell confirmed it was standard practice for the township, as landlord, to cover the cost of utilities for its tenants. He pointed out, however, that the renovations would result in a more energy-efficient building and a lower cost for heat and hydro.

As for the question of whether council was getting a good return on taxpayers' money, Councillor Cam Martel acknowledged that $50,000 in rent wouldn't be good enough in the world of private enterprise, but added council had to look at the bigger picture, including how the facility would affect future municipal services. He said, for example, that Morrisburg's ambulance base could be incorporated into the revamped Civic Centre someday. Ambulance service will be downloaded to the counties next year.

The mayor slyly commented Thursday that if council made all decisions based on what a business would do, "we wouldn't have any taxes."

There is also the question of whether there will even be a South Dundas Township at all in several years — with County-wide amalgamation predicted more openly every day. A better police facility in Morrisburg is thought to give a stronger a guarantee that police will always be stationed in this area, whatever municipal changes might be on the horizon.

There was some concern expressed at the public meeting that a standard five-year lease with the O.P.P. wasn't long enough. Would the O.P.P. stay beyond that? And what if the United Counties contracts with some other police force at the end of its present five-year deal with the O.P.P.?

"There are no guarantees," Waddell responded.

Throwing the amalgmation issue into the mix, the Administrator noted the uncertain future also touches the fire department: "If you amalgamate with Cornwall, the day of the volunteer firefighter is gone.

"We're very fortunate to have volunteer fire fighters."

Those volunteers have a tougher job performing their duties these days, Waddell said, and require expanded facilities in Morrisburg right now. "They have growing pains."

Iroquois will ultimately require expansion as well, he said.

Asked about the cenotaph in front of the Civic Building, Waddell said talks are already underway with the Morrisburg Legion about moving the monument to Legion property. He suggested such a move wouldn't necessarily happen right away, however. The township's Millennium Coordinator and grant searcher, Kirsten Gardner, is looking into possible sources of government funding to help cover the cost of relocating the cenotaph.

Vote

to reach the office and Canada Post has guaranteed that it will live up to that schedule. Each voting package will tell the voter the latest possible date a ballot can be dropped into the mail.

"I don't buy the scenario that it will take five or six days for the ballots to come here," Horner said.

"I don't think that's going to happen in this case," Rooney agreed, suggesting Canada Post would be extra diligent during the election.

In North Dundas, Councillor Alvin Runnalls pointed out that voters concerned about putting their ballots in the mail could always deliver them to the municipal office themselves.

North Dundas Council didn't require much discussion to pass vote by mail in that township on Monday.

Councillor Keith Fawcett said he had spoken to a number of voters, aged 30 to 80, and all of them liked the idea of voting by mail.

Councillor Estella Rose said she thought it was a little unfair to candidates who might go on the campaign trail and run into voters who have already sent in their ballots.

But Fawcett pointed out that candidates have no excuse because they could officially declare as early as Jan. 1 this year.

"I understand somebody's already campaigning in Osgoode."

With the vote by mail system, eligible township residents receive a voting package in advance of the election deadline. The package contains instructions, a ballot, a declaration form and two envelopes.

The voter marks his or her ballot the usual way and seals it inside an unmarked "secrecy envelope, which goes inside the mailing envelope, pre-addressed to the township.

A declaration form is filled out and also placed inside the mailing envelope, with information visible through the envelope window.

After receiving the envelope in the mail, township staff look at the declaration form and cross the voter off the voting list. The inner secrecy envelope is removed and placed in a "ballot box," ready for opening and counting after the evening deadline on election day.

Ballots that come in marked or unsealed secrecy envelopes are considered spoiled.

The system makes advance polls and proxy voting redundant. It also makes it easier for eligible non-residents to vote, provided they send out their ballots early enough.

Canada Post is expected to carry out a province-wide advertising blitz about vote by mail prior to the election.

Cardinal

mittee to get their thoughts and feelings on what they want to do as far as the museum is concerned. An Ontario Works Community Placement person is to be available to work under the guidance, supervision and authority of the Committee, a curator. The Reeve informed Council that this person would work 70 hours a month and could get the schools involved in the museum, have it open to the general public at specific times and Council agreed this person could stimulate interest in the museum, draw tourists in and catalogue items. There was worry about insurance, security and development of a by-law to enact the museum as a viable part of Cardinal's tourist activity.

An invitation to the Ontario premiere launching of TimeShip 2000 in Brockville on Friday, May 12 (only stop in eastern Ontario besides Ottawa and Napanee). This travelling millennium exhibition was created by three world renowned cultural agencies (Royal Ontario Museum-Science North-Ontario Science Centre) to present an all-encompassing and exciting exploration of time. Over 25 exhibits will take visitors on a high tech trip aboard a time ship. Admission is FREE for everyone and sounds like a great way to celebrate the new millennium.

Council learned that their Plan for Tree Replacement and Management Strategy has been approved. Based on the Cardinal Plan submitted to the Ministry, a sum of $32,084.25 has been electronically transferred to the village representing 75% of the total budget approved. The other 25% is the municipal share which is Cardinal's commitment to the long term environmental health of the trees in Cardinal. Reflecting the damage done during Ice Storm '98, this program identified those trees needing replacement in the community, plus maintenance over the next 2-3 years. Only on municipal lands, the work will begin in the fall when the works department has time to dedicate to it.

Council is looking into the creation of a skateboard park for youth in the village as well as a Community Patrol to assist the OPP as Iroquois has in place.

A meeting is being set up concerning the CN overpass on Shanly Road to avoid the potential for danger presented by congestion and number of trucks using it...over 200 a day! Council meets again on June 5 at 7:30pm.



Bird houses galore

Bill Woodhead and Bruce Hopson of the Spencerville Mill Foundation came to Seaway recently to pick up over 20 birdhouses built by Ivan Leduc's grade 10 wood manufacturing class. The bluebird houses will hopefully bring some fine feathered friends to the 3.5 acre property around the venerable old mill, which the Foundation plans to restore as a kind of naturalized waterfront park on the Nation River. Leduc is a Spencerville resident, which is how the connection was made with the High School here. "It's a good project for the kids," he said. In the midst of an ongoing restoration, the mill property offers tours and a relaxing look into yesterday.

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Matilda W.I. hold Annual meeting

Our fiscal year for 1999-2000 ended with our April 10,2000 meeting. Twelve members enjoyed a pot luck supper with two more joining us for tea. The meeting opened with the WI Ode and Collect. Roll Call was giving our volunteer hour which totalled 919.5. The Secretary read the minutes from the meeting in March. Annual reports were then given by the appointed officers. The President discussed the Branch Officers had asked the Nominating Committee to read the names of the Officers for the 2000-2001 year. Installation followed as Joyce Gower was named President, Betty McGinn 1st Vice, Coral Geurkink 2nd Vice, Grace Kolff as Sect-Treas, and Susan McMillan and Coral G. as Public Relations Officers. Branch Directors are Elsie Knight and Coral G. Evelyn Coleman is District Director while Johanna Westervelt is Program Coordinator. Flower Committee member is Jesse Geurkink, Nominating Committee members are Hennie Zandbergen and Susan McMillan. Financial Reviewers are Doreen Empey and Evelyn Whitteker. Tour Fund is handled by Hennie Z., Tweedsmuir history is in the capable hands of Evelyn, Doreen and Johanna. The Kitchen Committee consist of Agnes van Dodewaard and Betty M.

Under New Business a letter was read from the Iroquois Summer Festival Committee. The theme this year for the Festival is "Children of the Future." It is to be a three-day event this year from July 14-16. We decided to host a cookie and pie baking contest and sell tickets on Gift Baskets. A motion was passed to give the PRO a budget of $100. It was decided to rent tables from Dixons Corners School and combine our Bake Sale with th event, probably around June 3

The Program Planning Meeting will be April 18, at 7pm at the Brinston Memorial Hall. The District Annual will be held in the Morewood United Church on May 9, with registration at 9 a.m. Our May 8 meeting wil be held at the Brokor Greenhouses at 7:30pm. Members can meet at Joyce Gowers home for directions. The meeting closed with Oh Canada.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

The Cribbage League wound up their 1999-2000 season this past Saturday with all fourteen competitors on hand playing to lose. Rising to the occasion was Betty Farrell in first place with Ron Perrin close behind and Joe MacDonald nabbing third place. Prior to the nine games of "Backwards" cribbage, awards were handed out to the season champions. Wilf Summers was the Overall Season Champion as well as Top Competitor in Singles play, while Duane Kirker was named the Doubles Champion. Paul Claxton and Ted Grattan. were the only two players to enjoy a perfect day of "Nine Wins" during the entire season and their names were added to the "Perfect Day" plaque. A skunk trophy and a tail-ender award were also presented to two of the regulars at the delicious Roast Beef Dinner catered by the Branch 370 Ladies Auxiliary.

Willis Douglas, Lynda Head and Roger Coulter were elected as committee members of the League which will kick-off its 2000-2001 season on September 9th.

BUT, I am sure you will find a few of the regular Cribbage members enjoying some off-season competition almost any given day of the week at the Branch.

At the Euchre tables last Tuesday evening, April 25, there were fourteen tables kept busy with Lawrence Wyatt capturing the first prize, Bob McKee nabbing second and Jean Dunbar ending up with the Door prize. Skunks seemed to be lingering around the Branch as they were attracted to Coralee Saunderson and Joe Beltman.

Before I move on in my newsletter, I would like to remind everyone that Euchre will continue throughout the summer months at the usual time of 7:30-pm and Bridge will be on the summer agenda as well, starting at 7pm.

At the Bridge tables on April 25, Tuesday evening, there were five tables being quite animated. Rick and Judy Darling were top scores of the evenings play.

I had the pleasure of being invited to the Men's League Dart banquet on last Saturday evening. Of course the Ladies Auxiliary did an excellent job catering to this event. The results...top winners and pictures can be found on the Sports page of The Chieftain this week.

Activities this week include:
Mon.-Bingo at Johnstown Bingo Hall 1pm.
Tues.-Bridge at 7pm and Euchre at 7:30pm.
Wed.- Line Dancing at 7pm
Thurs. Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting with "Elections" to take place at 7:30pm.
Fri.-is Fun Darts evening.
Sat.- 25th Anniversary Party in main hall.
See you next week.

Jr. B Lions BINGO
is moving to Matilda Hall
(starting May 10th)
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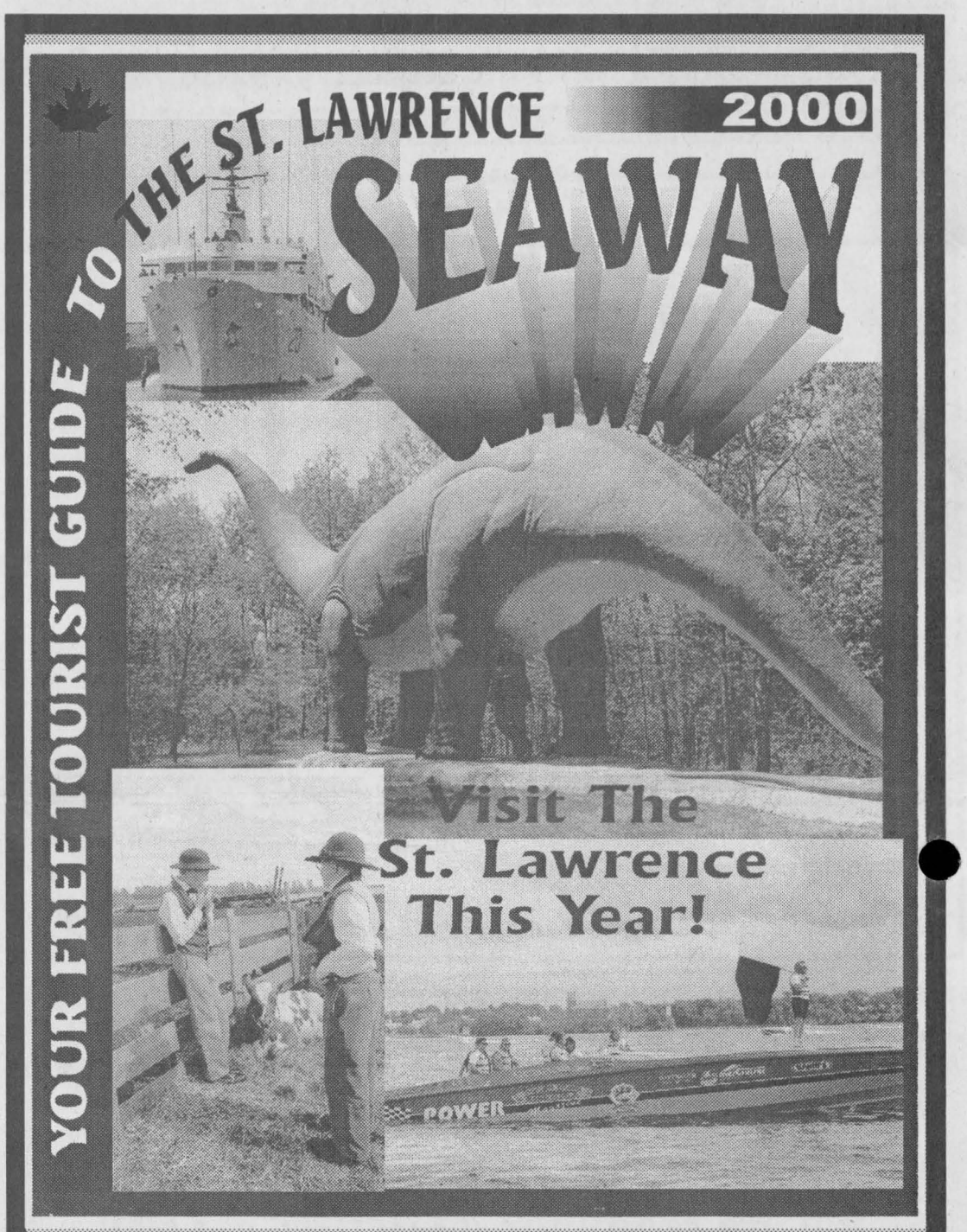

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