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New South Dundas Council *Chieftain photo by Lori Roberts*

Gathered around the council table following the inaugural meeting of the third South Dundas Council are, back row, Andrew Brown (CAO), Charles Barkley (Matilda), Inspector Mike Hopkins, Reverend Mark Ehlebracht, Johnny Whitteker (Williamsburg), Brenda Brunt (Clerk), front row, Ron Delegarde (Iroquois) and Sandra Bailey (Morrisburg).

South Dundas holds swearing in Ceremony

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

As friends and family gathered at The South Dundas Council Chambers on Tuesday evening to swear in the third council, it seemed that the new group hoped to set the harsh words and feelings during the election campaign aside, and work together for the betterment of South Dundas.

Reverend Mark Ehlebracht put it best when he said, "Remember, politics is about decisions, that you make together, politics involve all of us, it is for justice not just us."

Mayor Jim Bancroft from South Stormont echoed the words and hoped to see the two townships continue to work together, "The money tree is running out, I wish you the best of luck and look forward to working together."

As Inspector Mike Hopkins performed the swearing in ceremony, each councillor thanked the voters and each agreed that it was important to work together. Sandra Bailey who will represent Ward 2-Morrisburg said, "There is a wealth of experience at this table, and new faces, in the spirit of cooperation we best keep in mind that we are serving for the betterment of the community." Ward 1-Williamsburg representative Johnny Whitteker agreed and added, "We are elected by wards but must remember we serve all of South Dundas." Ward 3-Matilda Councillor Charles Barkley thanked the voters for re-electing him and added, "I look forward to the challenge, to helping Matilda and South Dundas. Perhaps Ward 4-Iroquois Councillor Ron Delegarde said it best when he announced, "'I'm looking forward to doing the best job I can, if I don't kick me out."

As the new Mayor Lyle Van Allen made his inaugural speech he listed a number of issues that must be dealt with including the controversial fibre optics line which will be studied at great length to see if it is feasible for the township to maintain. High

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Alight at Night Festival transforms U. C. Village

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the scene is so delightful," or something like that old familiar tune...a stroll through Upper Canada Village presents a wonderful experience for the senses. This year was the first time I have had the pleasure of snow covering the ground as I was taken to a magical place where lights and colour transform the 1860s era into a winter wonderland of light bulbs and reflecting colour.

For the third year in a row, Upper Canada Village has been transformed into a winter wonderland as the Alight at Night Festival kicked off another season of a colourful, spectacular display last Thursday evening. Running from Thursday December 4, 2003 through until Sunday, January 4, 2004, the site this year is open every night of the week and offers visitors the opportunity to "See the Village as it has never been seen before." Each structure on site has been decorated in colourful lights. From the grandiose homes, grand ole residences and hotels, graceful churches, heritage mills and stores to the humble livery, old-fashioned trades shops, and century old log homes, trees, and fences, each takes on a distinct flavour of its own. The Loucks Farm is simply marvellous, the pillars at Crysler Hall create an awesome site and the wooden wheel at the Blacksmiths Shop adds to the glow that greets folks as they meander through the Village on foot or ride the horse drawn wagon as it goes along the snow-covered streets. Some 150,000 lights were turned on to oohs and aahhhs as the Village took on a real holiday atmosphere. No longer was the Village dormant, but alive with lights,and the strains of background Christmas wafting throughout the Village on the crisp, winter air. Select buildings emit seasonal music along the way adding to the holiday atmosphere. Speakers on the porch at Willards Hotel send seasonal tunes across the open spaces adding something unique to a marvellous kaleidoscope adventure in colour.

The opening event this year featured officials from the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, local politicians, local business people and Village partners. A celebration of what is fast becoming one of the biggest winter tourist draws in eastern Ontario. "Thousands of (27,000 last year alone) people have visited the

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Santa Parade was well received in Morrisburg

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Despite the cold chill in the air a huge crowd lined the streets in Morrisburg on Saturday morning to watch the Annual Santa Claus Parade. No one was disappointed as the bands, floats and walkers created a colourful and creative masterpiece.

George Davies, coordinator of the parade told The Chieftain on Monday morning, "All I heard from people was good about the parade. Many told me it was excellent and others were surprised such a small town could come up with such a terrific parade."

As floats lined up and things began to fall into place, the effort was evident as far as organization went. "The music adds a certain something to the effect of the parade on the audience. We heard great things about it, including the number of banks. It was a good move," added Davies.

Without the marvellous support from the local communities, there would have been no parade. A hearty pat on the back goes to Arthur Thom Electric, Morrisburg Bank of Montreal, Beavers Dental-SDS Kerr, CTC, Cruickshank Construction, Gorrell-Grenkie-Leroy and Remmillard, Harland Veinotte, Iroquois Enterprises, Iroquois Marine, Iroquois Lions Club, Lloyd MacMillan, McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre, McInnis-McEwen-Horner, Parker Funeral Home, BIA Morrisburg, Morrisburg Lions Club, Plante Farm Equipment, RohMax, Ross Video, Royal Bank in Iroquois, Morrisburg Legion Branch 48, St. Lawrence Corporation, St. Lawrence Medical Clinics, Strader Motors, South Dundas Township and Upper Canada Motors. Invitations went out to a great many potential sponsors who were needed to help pay for bands etc,. and these folks responded in true SD fashion.

Along with the business sector there were individuals who came on board and did their part to help make things happen. Anne Marie Waddell, Robbie Corrie, Mike Thompson, Matt Snyder; Cathy and Kenny MacPherson, Iroquois & Morrisburg Fire Departments, Jim's Performance Plus, KFC-Tim Horton's 401 East and all the walkers (SDHS students handled this section).

Along the route KFC-Tim Horton's 401 East gave all the youngsters a hot chocolate and Tim Bits. As the parade wound its way through town, ears turned red and cheeks began to shine, fingers were cold and feet were not too happy either, but the Air Cadets, the Sea Cadets from Stormont and Cardinal joined such floats as Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers, SD Soccer Association, Scouts, Guides, McIntosh Inn, Morrisburg Building Center, SD Chamber of Commerce, STOP Program, Parks of the St. Lawrence Alight at Night, Beavers Dental-sds Kerr (Polar living),Junior "B" Lions, Early Years Centre, Morrisburg Lions Club, Tilbar, 94.7 FM, 101.5 The Fox, the Shriners, Pizza-Pizza, Pentecostal Church, Jim's Performance Plus, Glen Seniors Court, numerous horses, a mule team, Ron McMillan Transport, The walkers (Cat in the hat, Big Bad Wolf and the 3 little Pigs, Captain Hook, Frosty the Snowman, a Hockey player), soldiers from Fort Henry, and those black powder shooters, there were polar

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Alight at Night Turned On

Pam Robertson of the Comfort Inn in Brockville, Gord Brown, Chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and Lise Paresien of the Holiday Express in Cornwall, as well as Tom Morrow (left rear) and MP Bob Kilger (right rear) clip the ribbon to signal the start of the season of lights at UCV.

S. Dundas learns of rise in hydro rates

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

According to John Allison, representative from South Dundas on the Rideau-St. Lawrence (RSL) Utilities Board, thanks to the province's decision to remove the cap from electricity rates, "It will cost all of us more money for our Hydro." He hastened to add that though the financial viability of the system in the future looks good, "Rideau-St. Lawrence is in good shape, suggesting that one of the biggest challenges that is to be faced were evidenced by the provinces' moves and they seem to be ending now with a new party in power."

South Dundas RSL users currently pay low service charges since the municipality retained ownership of the utility, and so it can be assumed that they will be looking at an increase in their rates, pending approval. Explaining the situation to the former South Dundas Council as they concluded their term, he stated, "Our customers actually get a bit of a dividend with each bill they receive. Even with an increase RSL rates will continue to be below those of Hydro One. We'll continue to be somewhat low, well within reason, I expect." He went on to tell members that merging the utilities in South Dundas (Urban Centres) rather than selling them keeps the prices down for residents in Morrisburg, Williamsburg and Iroquois.

Adding, "The new provincial government seems to be listening to the Distribution Association thankfully, this can only help us," Allison said.

Council was made aware that RSL provides water billing services to South Dundas as well as to Prescott, "A service we can provide since we are already set

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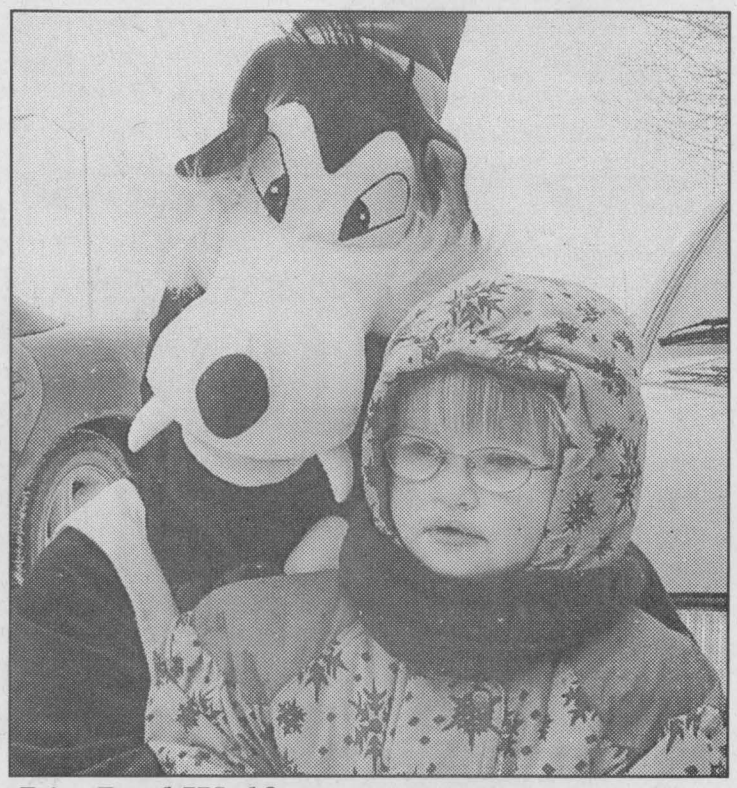

Big Bad Wolf

The Big Bad Wolf stopped to chat with wee Tamara along the parade route in Morrisburg on Saturday. The Wolf was carrying his buddies, the Three Little Pigs in his pockets. This wee gal was unsure of whether the Wolf was a good guy or not!

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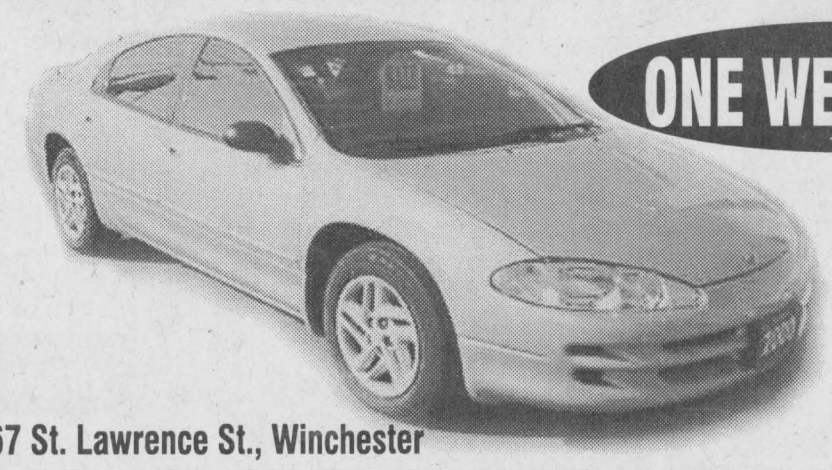

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Thank you for including Winchester District Memorial Hospital on your Christmas list

Christmas Wish Tree nets $35,000!!

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The lobby at Winchester District Memorial Hospital is glowing with sparkling Christmas decorations on a number of Christmas trees. Filled to brimming over with ornaments, donor cards and special messages to loved ones lost. A very special way to remember those lost in the past at this time of year when remembering is vital to family and friends.

Terry MacLellan, Chairman of the Hospital Foundation Board of Directors welcomed everyone to the Annual Christmas Wish Tree Lighting celebration. "The Christmas Wish tree campaign was the pet project of one of the staff members at this hospital who envisioned it as an opportunity to celebrate the season in a way that provides people in the community with an opportunity to remember or to honour loved ones while making a meaningful contribution to our hospital. The event proved so successful a new tradition of holiday generosity was born. Today this originator is remembered on the tree and her light, like those of so many whose names are hung here with care continues to touch us in special ways."

He continued, "The Wish Tree received hundreds and hundreds of gifts enclosed with loving notes. Everyone at the Hospital gets involved in the project from Foundation staff who get the gifts to the maintenance department who help get the trees ready to admitting staff who accept donations all the way to our volunteers who place the decorations on the trees."

The trees are pretty to look at, a certain reminder of he season, but they are also a treasury of special names and wishes for many in the community.

He concluded by saying, "The Foundation thanks everyone who contributed and know we are grateful to give so many the chance to keep loved ones in their hearts at this time of year."

Bill Smirle, Chair of the Hospital Board explained what a wonderful hospital Winchester District Memorial is thanks in no small part to the caring of the administration, staff, community, volunteers..."We are all a part of the process." He spoke of the appreciation of the Board for those who brought the project to fruition, "Congratulations and thanks!"

"I believe this Hospital is supported by one of the most generous and appreciative communities in all of Ontario, a fact very apparent as I look at the hundreds of lights and balls of remembrance on these trees in support of equipment needs for the Hospital. It is truly inspiring to our Hospital and the Foundation Boards." Andre noted that since inception the Wish Tree program has raised over a quarter of a million dollars for necessary equipment for the hospital. "All funds raised help purchase a range of equipment for many departments."

Eluding to the haemodialysis unit opened in March of this year, where 35 patients from the area receive treatment as the demand continues to grow, he referred to it as a "Godsend for patients and their families." "Donations to the Wish Tree fund helped pay for this life-saving equipment. Those patients, their families and loved ones thank you for making this possible."

He smiled proudly as he said, "As of today the Christmas Wish Tree Fund has received 700 gifts and raised $35,000, an outstanding result!"

Robin Lane, Chaplaincy Coordinator at the hospital offered a prayer and spoke of the powerful representation the lights on the tree conveys for those patients lost to the valley of death.

Everyone was beaming with pride as they posed for a photo in front of one of the Wish Trees that adorn the lobby in the true spirit of the season.



Wish Tree

A great way to celebrate Christmas, Winchester Memorial Hospital officially recognized the Wish Tree. MP Bob Kilger, Administrator Andre Rodier, Foundation Chair Terry MacLellan, Robin Lane Chap. Coordinator and Bill Smirl, Chairman of the Board are very pleased with the generosity of this community. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

On Saturday there were twenty-two cribbage players gathered in the lounge in singles play. Making a trip to the podium to take first place was Duane Kirker with 1071 points. Taking second place honours was Ted Grattan with 1063 points followed by Dennis Wright in third place with 1059 points. Trying to look elegant in the Bridesmaid's Gown was Bob Esford with 1053 points. There were tan furry little black and white critters scurrying around and Allan Kelso was quick enough to grab a couple of them.

Although Zone Cribbage is being held in Morrisburg on Saturday, December 13th, and we are planning on having at least two teams participating, our own Cribbage League will still be in action on Saturday at our own Branch.

At the Euchre Tables on Tuesday evening,December 2, there were twelve tables being occupied and at the end of the evening the first prize was picked up by Jean Sloan while Elaine Patterson managed to nab second prize and Shirley Gibson euchred in on the door prize. Low score for the evening went to Everett Froats.

At Duplicate Bridge there were five tables being active and the high winners for the evening were Rick and Judy Darling.

The Pot of Gold winner was Walter Pond who was NOT signed in. So next week the "Pot" will be a little more sweeter.

The Friday luncheon is to be Stuffed Pork with Mashed Potatoes and gravy including Veggies. the dessert is to be Chocolate Cherry Cake with Ice Cream (all calorie free)!! The winner of the free meal was Coleen Carr.

There will be a Legion Executive Meeting Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Please keep this in mind!!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be having their General meeting on Thursday at 7:30 PM. Also on Tuesday evening they will be having the draw for $1,000. This is usually a good seller for the Ladies and an exciting time also.

On Sunday, December 14th from 2-4 PM at the Legion there will be a Christmas Party with Santa of course, for all kids ages 1-13. There will be games, crafts and snack available. Bring the kids for a fun time. All are welcome!

Don't forget the Turkey Dinner for the public next week on Friday, December 19th starting at noon until the food is all gone. Same price as last year too.

On Monday evening past I was fortunate to join with the other Legion representatives on our area as Comrade Ed Hitchinson presented Lynn Wilson of Winchester Memorial Hospital with a cheque for $1500 from the Charitable Foundation. President Tom Beck of Winchester Legion hosted this event and following the presentationa light lunch and great fellowship was extended to all.

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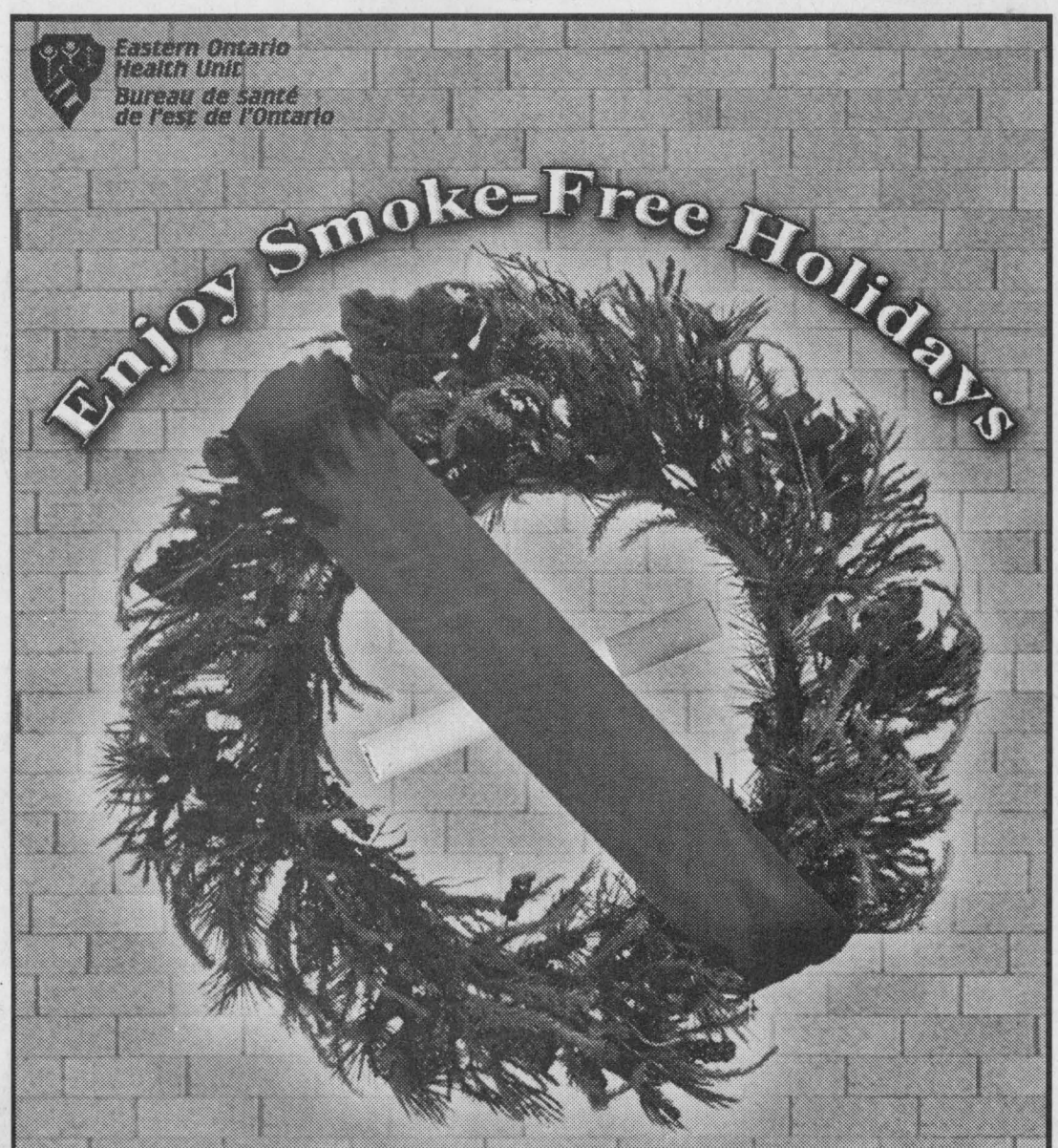

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Savour the Season

Christmas is fast approaching. In less than three weeks, Christmas will arrive in all its splendour. Each of us celebrates in a different way and if you have not yet had the opportunity to create your own traditions, this could be the year to see that this is rectified. For many the religious service on Christmas Eve is a favourite time, when families gather to celebrate the true reason for the season, the birth of the Christ Child. These services can be very moving and bring a familiar story to youngsters, providing them a way to see church in a bright light. Allowing our children to learn the real story of Christmas allows them to make choices later in life. A first step for many this evening is a sure way to get communications going between generations.

As lists to Santa grow longer and heavier with costs skyrocketing, we need to take a closer look at what we buy and why. Keep in mind that it is the thought that really counts and not the price tag. Often the present best remembered is the hand made, with love, an item given from the heart.

Many will be able to recall a gentler time when the scenes conjured up in seasonal tunes was actually how the Christmas event was celebrated. We should take time to return to a time when kindness and smiles were the ingredients which made this season bright, when the prospect of a new year brought hope and joy to people. When presents were not counted, but rather one single item would be all that was needed under the tree.

Some of us feel the best gift is the love we share with those we hold dear. A new snow fall, clean and white, ready to provide hours of laughter and fun for kids of all ages can be a wonderful thing. A walk in the bush, a donut warmed over an open fire, washed down with hot chocolate or tea brewed in the open, as barren trees and rosy cheeks abound ...these are terrific things at Christmas time. Twinkling lights on a less than perfect tree covered almost beyond recognition in decorations accumulated over a period of years, yeh. There sit gifts wrapped in brown paper with colourful bows waiting to be opened, ice on the pond cleaned to reveal a playground for skating, games and stories shared when the wood in the fireplace crackles and good books take people to quiet corners...

Garlands created from fallen branches on the forest floor, a wreath on the front door invites visitors as a warm, country welcome awaits inside. The smell of gingerbread and shortbread, of Christmas baking as dinner readies. The golden brown of the turkey bulging to bursting with stuffing, mashed potatoes and steamy veggies adorn feastive tables and we all eat far too much when the time comes and we are called to enjoy.

Anticipation runs high these days as Advent Calendars are opened and the days grow shorter to the final opening. Students arrive home after a semester of exams and studying, hard work and such laden with small tokens of their love, whether wrapped in newspaper, are all what memories are made of. Making your own memories can be fun for all and truly make Christmas a time to cherish.

So, get rid of the hastle and the bustle that commercialism creates around the season. Dump the stress and start enjoying the season to the fullest in any way that is meaningful to you and yours.Forget the crowds at the mall, shop at home where everyone knows you and truly appreciates your business. Any extra costs incurred will be well worth what you save in time and frustration.These memories made with love will indeed last a lifetime. A drive to check out the lawn masterpieces people have made to draw people to their homes can afford an evening of fun and adventure for all and the price is cool.

Even if your children are too old to visit Santa's knee, stop by his workshop and check out the wee ones as they bravely crawl up to speak to him in person...it will do your heart good. Be thankful for what we have in this bountiful country...for what you have. We are very lucky indeed. Enjoy nature. Talk to a friend far away. feed the brids, do something nice for someone whether they know you did it or not. Take an angel off the tree in the Bank of Montreal and ensure a child, who might miss the idea to have a Merry Christmas afterall. Celebrate as you see fit with those of your choice. Hold the memories all year long.

Merry Christmas Eh? **S.L.J.**

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Foodgrains is a Christian response to World Hunger

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Focus

"If you ate today, thank a farmer."

A growing response to world hunger, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is marking its 20th Anniversary this year. A Christian based food aid and developmental organization which is supported by some thirteen national churches collects donations of grains from Canadian farmers and together with cash donations purchases additional foodstuffs and distributes them to the hungry in areas of developing countries.

The organization hosted an information session at the Brinston United Church last week. A good turnout came to learn more, to ask questions and to have input into the activities of the Organization. Speakers from the Foodgrains Head Office in Winnipeg were on hand to speak to those interested people who came from the local area as well as from Kemptville.

The Canadian International Development agency (CIDA) matches all donations to the Foodgrains Bank via a ratio of four to one up to a maximum of $16 million per year.. Over the past few years donations have averaged $2.9 million in grain and $3.4 million in cash.

Rob Finlay, Logists Officer with the Head office spoke about the details involved in delivering the food overseas to the locations where it is needed so badly. Finlay has been with the Foodgrains Bank for some eleven years. In his position he is responsible for purchasing grain and booking freight for the shipments to far away lands where hunger causes problems for the people. During his presentation he eluded to figures involved in the present years's program, which stands just over half way complete. It was amazing to learn that thus far this year, over 100,000 metric tonnes of food have already been distributed in countries like North Korea, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Sierra Leon and Zimbabwe, among a variety of other countries ravaged by war or draught. Some 48,000 tonnes of food was supplied to 19 countries last year..."Logistics has a set of checks and balances that ensure things work as they are meant to," says Finlay.

Finlay informed everyone that once a shipment is approved, he gets down to work. Explaining the process of procuring Canadian grains using a tendering process. Then he has to make sure the product is packed in the Foodgrains packaging so when it arrives everyone knows where it came from, where help is coming from. Loading it into freight containers to be shipped and he has to ensure that these reach their port of export as well. Arranging ocean freight he employs Marine Surveyors to receive the shipment at the destination end. They act as his eyes at the unloading to be certain no losses have occurred during the voyage. In order to ensure that all is as it was shipped originally they take a quality sample, photos and send a written report as well so he can be assured things are as they should be without him actually being there to verify the situation. Land travel may be necessary to ensure the shipment gets to its final destination and this too can be arranged long distance through people he has previously dealt with.

There are several options available to the Foodgrains Bank when a need arises for food. They can ship directly from Canada, purchase food locally in the region where it is needed or arrange a swap where Canadian grain is sent overseas and traded for another food product more compatible to the diet of the people who will receive it. "The aim is to make decisions that are best for the people who are hungry, our products are often very different from those the people are used to," notes Finlay. He added, "Sometimes making a local purchase can save money in the long run as well, providing more for less." Then too the timeline enters the equation where shipping from Canada takes longer to get to the people who need it than a local purchase. He says, "Sometimes a combination of methods works best for all concerned. Local purchases are certainly what is best in emergency situations with a Canadian shipment of additional food following." The only problem is that the number of local purchases which the CFGB can make are limited by regulations which accompany the CIDA funding formula...90% must be used to buy and ship grains from Canada. Finlay and Dave Mayberry, an Ontario co-ordinator for the Foodgrains Bank explained that the Bank is asking CIDA to raise this amount that can be used to make local purchases. Questioning those in attendance as to what they felt would be an acceptable ratio in as much as they want to remain true to the theme of the Foodgrains Bank-Feeding the world's hungry while allowing the organization to get the most bang for the buck with whatever cash is donated, Finlay left the floor open for suggestions...

Finlay mentioned also the Food Security Impact (FSI) where local purchases can be used in a pinch and can actually help another group became self-sufficient. The "Food for Work" project sees food given to workers in lieu of money for services rendered in an effort to get communities to the point of self sufficiency, roads as well as schools. He related problems he has encou

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Reverend Willis and Rob Finlay at Foodgrains Session

Minor Hockey Day produces winning ticket for editor

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Was that some full moon on Monday or what? Driving to Morrisburg to take some pictures about 4pm, the moon was just rising in the East, huge, white and beaming down at me. I snapped a picture of it just because it looked so marvellous.

"I never win anything, even though I buy possibly more tickets on a greater variety of items for a number of charities, groups and organizations than you can shake a stick at." Covering a multitude of events in the course of a weekend, I find that many hands are outstretched asking for a donation, offering a ticket in return for my hard earned cash and how can I always refuse? I can not ever refuse and so end up with piles of tickets that never win me anything. Well, as I have heard it said, "The worm has definitely turned!" I won on Saturday night!!! I had been at the Second Annual Lions Day snapping photos and bought my tickets. Some had winning numbers on the wall, after careful checking, no winners could be located in my lot. Photos taken it was on to the next location on the assignment sheet. The supper with son number one and his gal was being enjoyed when the phone rang. Jokingly we always figure calls at meal time are for him from her. Anyway he grabs the phone, hands it to me and I know the voice at the other end. Panic strikes, "Did I forget a photo shoot on this night?" Thankfully,"No!" The fine young man was calling to inform me that my ticket had been pulled and I was a winner! When purchasing the ticket I saw the Senators' jersey, but paid little attention because I never win, right? Well, as he explained, I won the signed jersey, an expensive hockey stick, a stick carrying case and two tickets to a Sens game in January...Wow! I had struck the motherlode! and did not even realize until this very moment. I literally exploded with excitement and after bouncing around the kitchen settled down to wait for the delivery of my prize. A local gal and her son would drop them off at my place on their way home from the event. Playing Who Wants to be a Millionaire kept my mind occupied until they arrived. The big guy snapped a photo and then we checked out the jersey, the signatures and the stick. The tickets are for early January and the Sens will face the Lightning, should be a good one, now who to take with me??? It is sure fun to be a surprised winner. For those who do not know, I am a Sens fan so this was the perfect Christmas gift.

The Christmas decorating has become stalled around the ranch. I can only guess it is the nice winter weather we have been experiencing. My famiy insists on choosing the worst weather wise day to put the outdoor lights up and we have discussed this previously, to no avail it seems. We will get at things this weekend, the Editor has the weekend free of work since the coworker is taking care of the assignment roster. I am prepared to push if needs be to get something up to show we are at least trying to get into the Christmas mode.

Since there are only fourteen shopping days til Santa comes down the chimney, I and quite proud to say I am well on the way to being done. There are a few small things to grab here and there, but the bulk has been accomplished. Shopping locally is a great way to get it done. I know some say there are cheaper places to shop than at home, the big bulk stores mark things down at this time of year, but if the local economy is to continue to employ local folks, we need to seriously decide whether the savings are really worth the trouble. Perhaps there is a happy medium here and everyone can come out winners?

A delightful Christmas gathering of Liberals was hosted in Cornwall on Sunday afternoon. Both our MP and MPP were handling the duties and the old Editor was invited. It was a thoughtful gesture and the big guy and I attended, visited with friends and then headed home to avoid the storm we had anticipated was coming our way. Thanks goes to a lady in town who reads the column and offered some advice on helping the aches and pains. We purchased the pills and will begin them after we are done our dose of doctor prescribed meds. The Sojgrens has been wild and crazy lately and so a visit was in order to see if the medical man could alleviate a bit of the pain, for relief was not forthcoming. The face is swollen and the glands are causing a pile of hurt, affecting the eating process and breaking up sleep habits that are not that terrific at the best of times. As the pain streaks from the glands located near the jaw line, it shoots into the ear area and there can be few things as annoying as an ear ache. The hip pain persists and it too is affecting the sleep patterns. Hopefully the new meds will help all of these things as Christmas comes closer.

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the bottom line

OUR PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRETIEN WILL OFFICIALLY STEP down next Friday, December 19 and the new leader of the Liberal Party in Canada will take over the reins. There are some of the opinion that he has waited too long to make the move, but there was little that could be done. He had originally proposed to remain at 24 Sussex in the new year, but changed his mind. He has a number of options open to him as he leaves the top spot in the country, he will make the decision as to what he will do next for 2004.

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THE TRUDEAU SONS, SASHA AND JUSTIN INHERITED THEIR FATHER'S 1960 Mercedes and are planning to refurbish it to its original state. Many will recall seeing the then PM Pierre E. Trudeau leaving 24 Sussex with the top down and his boys as they set out for a ride. The boys will have terrific memories of fun times spent in this silver-grey beauty . The price tag is steep, but the results will be spectacular. The work will be done in British Columbia.

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THE HEART AND STROKE BAZAAR NETTED SOME $1300 FOR THE Foundation. Raffle winners included Tracey Porteous who took two sets of Christmas doilies donated by Jean McIntyre. Second prize went to Margaret Mellan of South Mountain, as she'll enjoy a plate of Christmas treats. The local Chapter of H/S wants to thank S&F Foodland and Mike's ValuMart for their donations of fruit for the enjoyable fruit desserts.

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REMEMBER THERE ARE ONLY 14 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT 'TIL CHRISTMAS and so if you are not handling your routine and getting things accomplished in an orderly fashion, it is time to rethink your situation! Stress can get the best of many at Christmas time what with work, shopping and all the preparations for the festive occasion. Be careful and take time to enjoy.

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Livin'

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The University kid is in the throws of exams, he will finish on Friday and then take a breather before heading home for the holiday. His gal pal will come later by train and then trek back by bus, so we will see them both. A turkey is coming and the trimmings will be arranged, so we can all spend a happy holiday together. The grandparents will be involved as will aunts and uncles, cousins and that great-nephew who always makes things better when he is around. A couple of God Children will not be forgotten and we will add to their holiday happiness we hope. How can Christmas be creeping upon us so rapidly? It seems so far off and then bang! it is here and we get caught up in the wild and crazy frenzy we promised ourselves we would avoid.

There was a scare this weekend as the writer stepped into the crosswalk headed for the car, a lady approached in her vehicle, but at the last minute I realized she was not paying attention to the road ahead, but rather lost in thought and had no intention of stopping for me, I jumped out of the way, thankful that I had not slipped on the slimy pavement. She screeched her brakes and the horrified look on her face, her hands clasped on her mouth indicated she had realized what she had almost done. Once my heart slipped back into place, I assured her I was fine and there was no harm done, a rush like that may have even helped the blood flow!

A couple of parades, a spaghetti supper served by the Winchester Hawks Junior "B" Hockey players was filling and meeting an artist was a treat as well on the weekend assignment list.

The number one son and his girlfriend enjoyed a night in with the old folks, and we played a board game, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" was great, although no one was able to get to that plateau, we laughed a lot and that is great medicine for everyone.

Tuesday am when the car was being warmed up we stood still before scraping the frost off the side windows. Taking in the calmness that pervaded the atmosphere around the ranch. The hoar frost was heavy on the trees and hung in the still air, as everything and everybody seemed to be sleeping. It was such a wonderful feeling. Having seen that gorgeous moon the evening previous, I was in awe as always of the beauty of this world. Take time this winter to enjoy the changes. A storm warning is being sent out today for tomorrow as ice rain and pellets, snow and simply a mess is headed our way. I will take piles of snow over that ice rain trash anytime.

Drive with care on your side and be patient. That old adage, "Arrive Alive" is vital if you need to be on the roads in such conditions.

Hope your preps for the holiday season are progressing well. Take care and stay happy. Avoid the stress that this time of year can bring. The wisdom this week comes from John Andrew Holmer who said, "There is no experience better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

Focus

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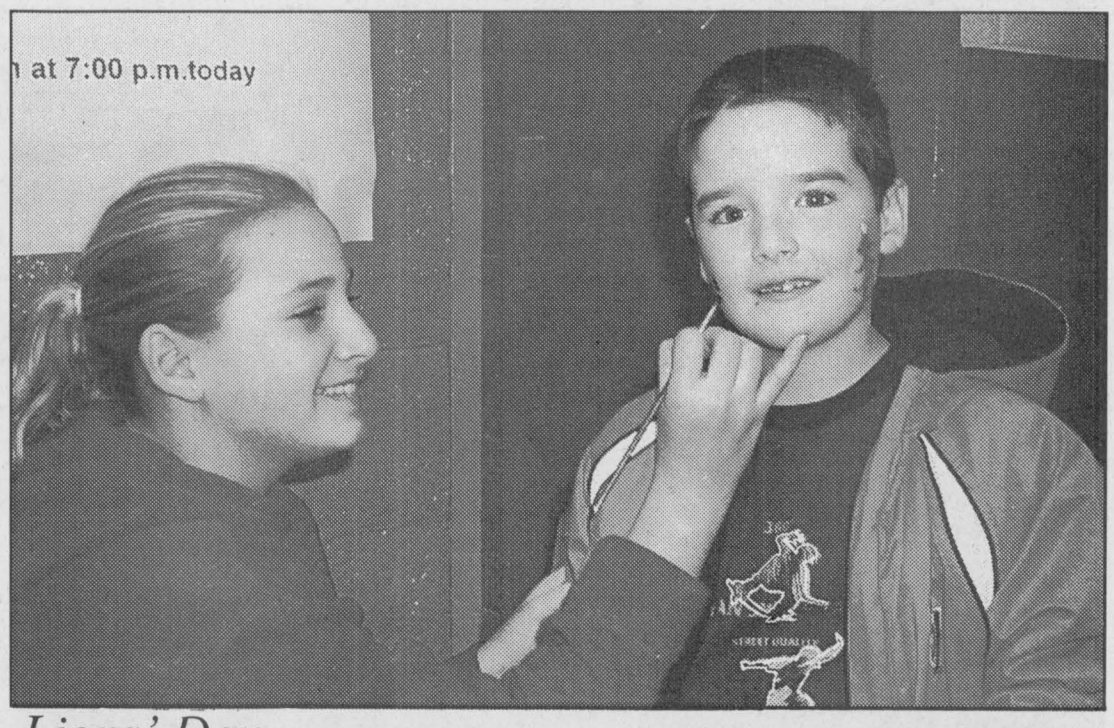
ntered over the years and how they were solved.

Next on the floor was Dan Wiens, Hunger Eduction Coordinator who talked about the causes of world hunger and how best to get our youth involved in ending it. Speaking to the root causes of hunger he explained the reality behind a number of myths which have grown through the years. "Hunger is not inevitable, there are actually structured reasons why people are hungry, informed citizens are the key," said Wiens. He went on to tell how the Foodbanks have been developing curriculum materials about world hunger. Launching a youth program entitled, "In Exile- or a While" where young people are challenged to spend one day as a refugee. Such events a delousing, avoiding landmines, enduring forced marches, going hungry and being treated as second class citizens are all part of the experience that is a real part of a refugees' routine. "It gives our youth a real visceral experience,' said Wiens, Video as well as written packages are available for use in schools, churches and youth group settings so they can plan and carry out their own events.

Brinston United Church's Student Minister Yvonne Willis was very pleased that her parish had been chosen as the information center for the day. The congregation of the Church took part in its first Foodgrains Bank growing project this past season. As she explained, "Members of the church had been interested in becoming involved in the Foodgrains Bank project for some time. Williamsburg has had their own project and when they tested the area for other places interested, Brinston jumped in with both feet. Eight South Dundas Churches have come onboard, polling their resources planting 14 acres of corn along Carman Road near Iroquois. A good harvest has been accomplished recently and a group will meet in the spring to evaluate the results so a decision can be made as to whether to continue, or to expand the project. More churches may even be brought into the fold on this issue. Growing potatoes on the vacant lot on the corner opposite the church
was a project the children from the Brinston United Church got into. After selling the potatoes the monies raised were donated to the Foodgrains Bank.

An enthusiastic group was left with the question of how best to balance stewardship, while remaining faithful to the donors and to the farmers.



Lions' Day

Maisie Menges decorates Josh Martineau's face as part of the fun events as Minor Hockey in South Dundas hosted their annual event. There were raffles and prize tables filled with some awesome stuff. A 50/50 draw, the Senators items, and a full day of hockey.

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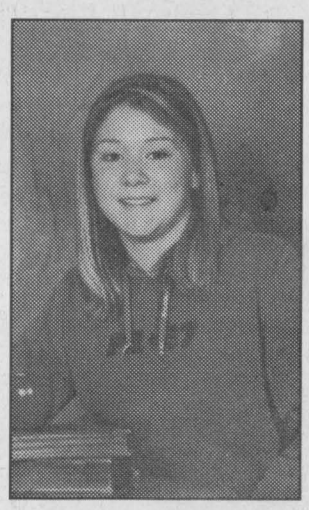

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South Dundas welcomes sports mascot as lion arrives

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In September of 2003 it was decided that through a multiple partnership the always beloved Lion logo would be brought to life as an actual mascot. Afterall the Morrisburg Lions Club, the Junior "B" Hockey Club, the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association and Iroquois Public School all jumped aboard in an effort to contribute to the funding needed to create Leo the Lion.

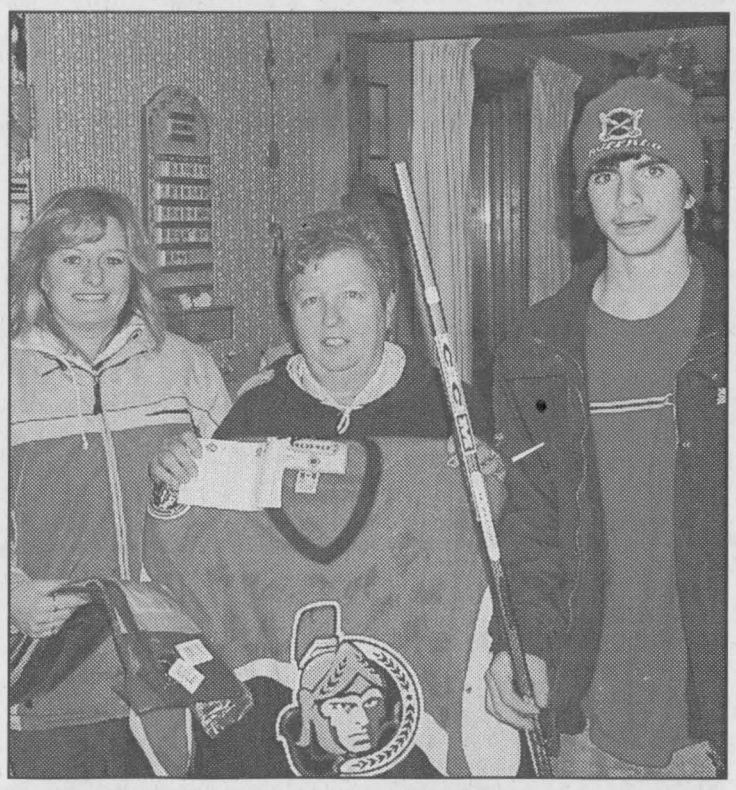
Then, the announcement came that a culmination of hard work and funding came together and Leo was born. On December 3, 2003, South Dundas announced the safe arrival of Leo the Lion born at 7pm, weighing in at 9 pounds. A special thanks went out to Mrs. Mary Kay Munnings of Kayla's Kloset for creating and safely delivering Leo. Thanks went as well to the parties involved in taking care of Leo's expenses.

Leo is a member of the Morrisburg Lions Club and attends Iroquois Public School. He is a carded player with the Morrisburg Junior "B" team, the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association and the South Dundas Soccer Association.

George and Candace Menges of Iroquois have agreed to be Leo's foster parents for the first year. They will groom and handle his needs. They will also manage Leo's engagements, so any of the five organizations wishing to book Leo for a public appearance, must contact the Menges family at 652-4230. Each will be guaranteed two standing appointments each year. Any other appointments will be on a first come basis, so book ahead, please. Parade engagements will alternate each year.

On Saturday last, Leo was suited up in his hockey gear and joined his teammates on the Junior "B" parade float for the annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade. Later this same day he attended the South Dundas Minor Hockey Association's Annual Lions Day celebration at the arena. It was here he met his mentors and was welcomed to South Dundas by Mayor Lye Van Allen.

Watch for Leo roaring his way through hockey and soccer games in South Dundas and help him out when he asks for your assistance in the stands.



And the Winner is...ME!

Lori McCaslin and her son Gregory stopped by on Saturday evening to present the winner, Sandra Lee Johnston with her Sens jersey, signed by the team, a cool hockey stick and two tickets to a Sens game. SLJ won the raffle at the Lions Day.

Chieftain Photo by R. Johnston

Curling News

by Steve Thompson

Our seniors have had a busy week. Gerry and Cheryl Thompson, with Wally McDonald and Sandra Beckstead, lost a tight game to a men's foursome in an open seniors event in Metcalfe, and then won their afternoon match after the best potluck dinner Wally has tasted at a curling club.

Also, two senior men's teams went to Prescott for a competition. Sid Morrell, Don O'Brien, Neil Williams and Raymond Benoit dropped their matches, while Bob Bedingfield, Jack Dikland, Peter Zeran and Earl Jeacle split their two games, finishing just out of the money.

Robert Houze, Chris Barkley, Bob Bergland and Rob Delegarde went to Cornwall last weekend for a huge Two-day men's bonspiel there. Our foursome won their first game, but finished out of the money in their games on Saturday.

Craig Harriman, Mahlon Locke, Ian McGillis and Graham Houze entered a men's bonspiel in Norfolk, Connecticut last weekend. (Norfolk had a team in our Centennial Bonspiel last year.) they had a foot of snow there, so driving was interesting, especially since the Morrisburg team stayed overnight in Massachusetts. The host club won their first game, our men beat a Cape Cod quartet in their second, and then had to play the same Norfolk team again. It was a tight one, coming down to the last rock in the tenth end, but Norfolk eked out another win. By the way, our fellows are popular down there, they keep getting invited farther away, and making new friends as they play. If anyone is interested, they have the dates and information on a summer bonspiel at Cape Cod in 2004. There are mixed men's and women's division. Sounds like fun!

Our bantams entered a team in the Zone playdowns in Maxville recently. Colin Tupper, Curtis and Calvin Collins and Chris Tupper played a tight first game, and then met last year's provincial champions. Coach Sydney Schnurr praised the boys' sportsmanship and good humour. They won't advance to the Regionals, but are already looking forward to the next competition.

McCain's Men's Skins competition was on last weekend. Pal Trulson, the Olympic champion beat out Randy Ferby for the chance to play Wayne Middaugh in the final. Middaugh, the winningest curlers in the Skins format, showed why, in winning handily again. They made some beautiful shots, and this weekend Mrs. Middaugh gets her turn as four top women's teams try the same format. It's great to see top curlers finally getting a chance to play some real money in the game we all love.

Locally, sign up sheets for the Turkey and Two-Person Bonspiels have now been posted in the clubhouse. For a modest entry fee, members and non-members can enjoy a pleasant evening or day, a tasty meal, and some interesting prizes. With the Turkey Spiel there's a chance to win a turkey in the draw to the button competition, and a chance to have your name inscribed on the hallowed Turkey Trophy. Hope to see you there.

Good curling!!

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PeeWee B Lions victorious

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On December 6, the South Dundas PeeWee "B" Lions travelled to Long Sault to battle the South Stormont Selects in an exhibition game and came away with the 7-3 victory.

The Lions scored once off the hot stick of Connor Hodgson assisted by Drew Morrow to take the 1-0 lead heading into the second period. Both teams traded counters in the second with David Toonders bulging the twine with help from Curtis VanAllen giving the Lions the 2-1 lead as the third frame began. The Lions exploded for five goals in the final frame while the Selects could muster only two.

Please turn to page 7



Sliding by the Crease

Lions Fun Day at the local Arena was a hit with hockey players and fans alike. Teams came from far and wide to play the Lions in a variety of age groups. A good shot that missed, the Lions goalie was sharp!

Chieftain Photo by S.L Johnston

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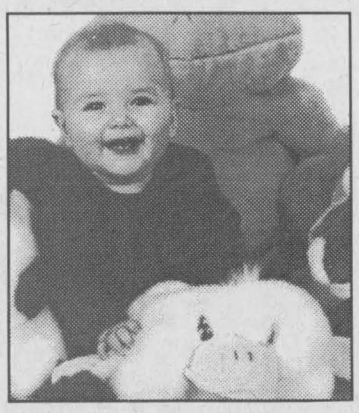

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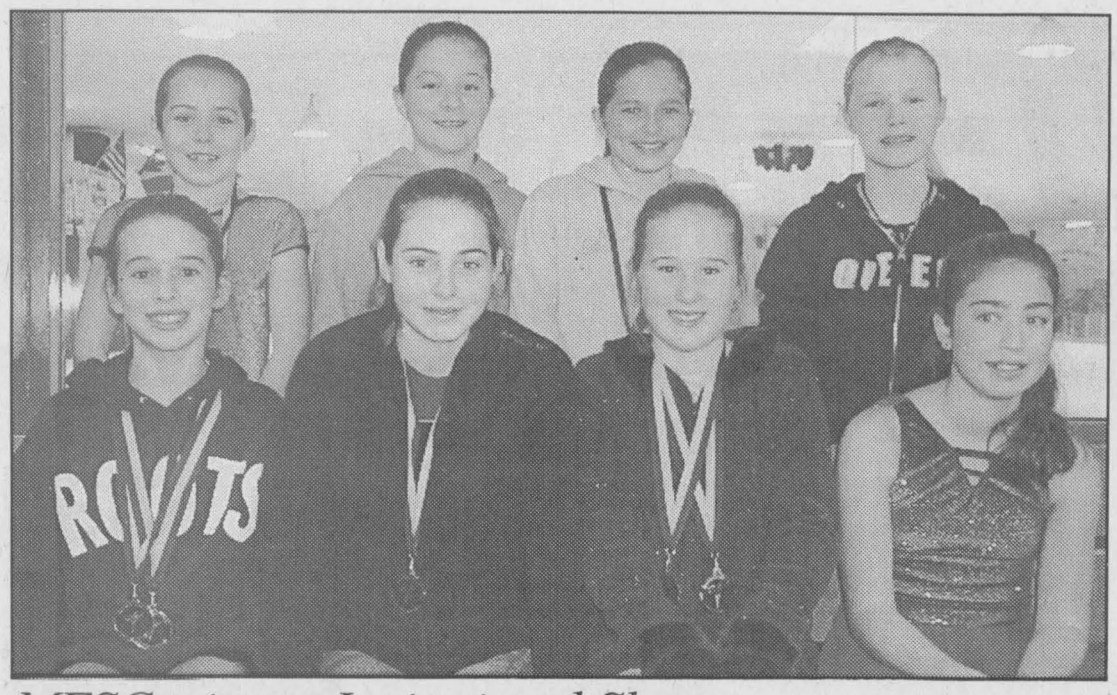

MFSC wins at Invitational Skate

The Morrisburg Figure Skating Club were the big winners at the home Invitational skate , winning the Gilmer Pharmacy Points Trophy. These young ladies helped lead the team, front l-r, Brianna Stewart, Courtney Thompson, Hayley Mills and Kelsey Hall. Back l-r, Jessica Thompson, Amy Veltkamp, Meghan Adams and Kathleen German. Absent Lindsay Gilmer.

Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

Lions heading toward basement

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Friday evening the Junior "B" Lions hosted the tough Kemptville 73s who are closing in on the top spot Char-Lan Rebels. The Lions sit in the basement behind the Winchester Hawks who have played one game less than Morrisburg but accumulated the same number of points.

Friday night the Lions just could not get anything real happening on the ice. Evening the goal scored by the 73s at 19:20, the Lions shot into the twine at 19:07. The goal came off Jason Denio's stick on a pass from Pat Sauve and Matt Van Moorsel, an affiliate called up to help fill a gap. Unfortunately a powerplay goal put the 73s ahead again at 15:36. The Lions roared back to knot things at 14:01 as Travis Baldwin nailed the puck into the net with help from Baldwin and Tyler Lafortune. The first period ended with the 73s adding another counter to head into the second period ahead by one goal. The Lions could not manage another in the next two periods while the 73s counted two per period, a powerplay goal in each of the second and third periods to claim victory 7-2. The fact that the Lions earned a couple of Game Misconducts and spent 39 minutes in the box while the 73s had skaters off for 35 minutes plus a GM as well attests to the frustration felt by the players.

The Lions travelled to Alexandria on Saturday night to face the Glens on their home ice. This game proved more of a disaster than the previous evening match. Defeat was swift and sure. A slow start by both teams had some folks hopeful. The Glens scored twice half way through the first, while the Lions answered back only once, falling behind by a counter. Held scoreless throughout the second period, the Lions Jeff McIntyre allowed three goals into the mesh and the final frame saw the Glens ahead 7-1, an almost insurmountable lead. A quick snap early in the final frame gave the Glens a bigger lead and then at 13:54. Lion Pat Sauve found his mark at 10:32 to help the team. Earning assists were Chris Sommers and Pat McLeod. It was too little too late for sure as the 73s came back at 4;47 to prove their superiority. Only 11 penalties were handed out between the two teams, so this was not a big factor in the games results and showed the Lions were giving their best effort. It was not enough on this night.

Friday evening the puck drops at 8:15 in Morrisburg when the Lions host the Char-Lan Rebels. Saturday the Lions trek to Akwasasne to face the Wolves. Here's hoping the Lions find a way to score more and jump up the ladder.

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Parade

bears and penguins, Elmer the Safety Elephant, OETIO, Morrisburg Fire Department and of course Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. The smiles that erupted on the faces of youngsters who stood patiently waiting for the final entry were testimony to the popularity of the man in red.

Plans are already in the works for next year, as bands have been booked to ensure they can attend...and it won't be too long coming either!

Hydro Rates

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He spoke of good communications and relationships being fostered between the Prescott Board and RSL as important to the entire Hydro situation along the Seaway corridor. As well he noted that a quote is in place for the installation of fibre optic wires on the Hydro poles in the rural areas of South Dundas. "There was a holdup by the province challenged the agreement, but everyone knows where they stand now."

He concluded by thanking the Council or their confidence in him and his ability to represent the people of South Dundas. He spoke of challenges faced and how the administration in S.D. stayed on top of things, working through concerns expressed and said he would be willing to continue if the new Council feels it is appropriate.

Swearing in

taxes as a result of assessment is a huge problem in South Dundas. VanAllen said, "We must put pressure on the Province, six years ago they made a decision. Most municipalities at that time had a surplus of funds and the Province downloaded roads, police and ambulance with very little funding. Council controls the millrate but the province controls assessment and it is done wrong, it can't be done out of an office."

Mayor VanAllen added that he too would look to Whitteker and Barkley for experience, and cautioned new members to be patient, things will get done.

At a meeting held earlier the decision was made that Councillor Whitteker will sit on county council alongside Mayor VanAllen. It was also decided that council meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with all South Dundas residents urged to attend whether they have an issue or not.

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PeeWee B

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Flashing the red light for the Lions were David Toonders from Drew Morrow, then Drew Hutt assisted by Toonders as well. Tommy Keyes went in soló and made no mistakes as the count added one more. Daniel Stevens found his target after taking the pas from Drew Hutt and then it was David Toonder taking the puck from Curtis VanAllen for the goal.

On December 7, the Lions were visited by the Akwasasne Wolves as they brought their attack to the Lions Den where they tasted victory in a 5-2 win. The first period was fast and furious with the Lions jumping out to the lead 3-2 off the sticks of Patrick Chesbro from Thomas Corden, Connor Hodgson assisted by Drew Hutt and Patrick Chesbro helped by Josh Veltkamp and Jordon McCaslin. The Lions potted another in the second period from the hands of Tommy Keyes assisted by Drew Morrow and Michel Thurler to increase the Lions' lead to 4-2 heading into the final frame. Rounding out the scoring in the third for the Lions as Jordon McCaslin unassisted.

The Lions play next at the Den in Morrisburg on Saturday, December 13 at 4:30. See you too at the rink.

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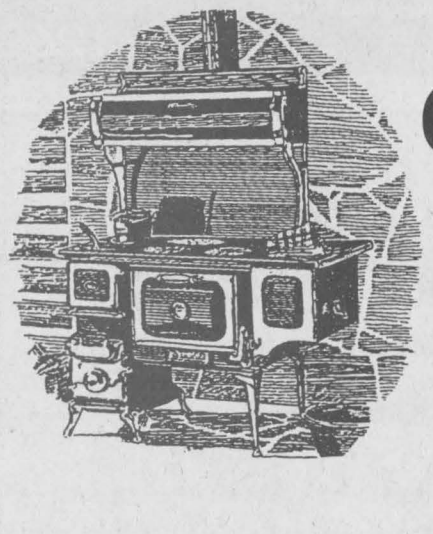

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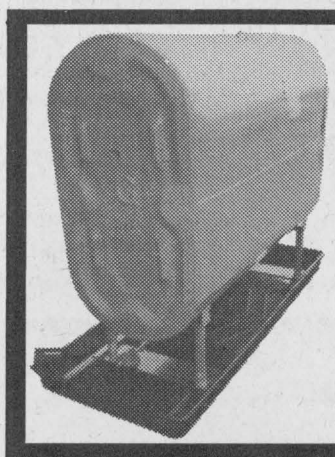
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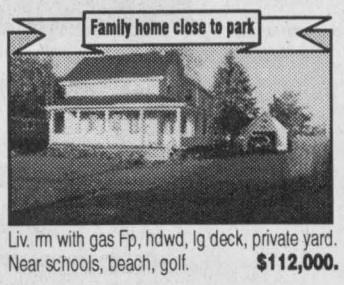

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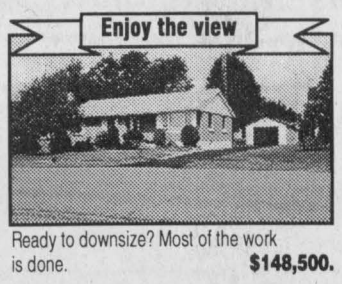

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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because this letter is the most effective way to say thank you to the people of Dundas for entrusting the education of students in Dundas to me. After 12 years of serving as trustee-the first six in Mountain Township on the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry School Board, the second for North and South Dundas on the Upper Canada School Board-I have decided to leave the position. I leave it in the very capable hands of Greg Pietersma, the new trustee for North and South Dundas.

The years with the SD&G Board were in hindsight a gift. That Board was relative to other situations in Ontario, a jewel and even we who understand the effects of amalgamation as we fought against it were unprepared for the changes that we have since undergone. While the changes in program brought in by the conservative government were probably worthwhile, they were brought in too quickly, with inadequate support and time for teacher preparation. Little attention was paid by the government to warnings from Boards about implementing ambitious testing without making plans for dealing with failure. Special education in SD&G was shunted to the side while we worked to get other parts of the new Board on an equal track and going in the same direction. I have heard it said that the amalgamation put us back six years in terms of service. School buildings in SD&G have not had the attention and funding they might have continued to have in a smaller Board while funds went to address schools in other parts of the amalgamated Board-some in a shocking state. While SD&G's administration was housed in a modest former high school in Cornwall, a newly renovated Board office in Brockville capable of housing an amalgamated central administration carried a price tag in excess of $2.5 million. Transportation services in the eastern portion of the new Board were reduced to match the western model. They now have to be increased because parents are choosing the separate board schools due to their more generous transportation service. You can not argue with a parent, who, when making decisions about their child's school, considers walking distances as a compelling issue.

One of the good things about amalgamation was the formation of the Dundas Association of School Councils (DASC) created six years ago by a group of parents from different Dundas school councils and myself. During the past six years, we have tackled issued from bullying to school libraries to rural school issues to the provisions of information technology services. When we were not getting our then MPP to come to a meeting to discuss rural issues, we organized a well-attended and very vocal all-candidates meeting before the provincial election in 1999. DASC has a fluid membership; while there has been a solid core of parents, part of the group changes every years as memberships on school councils change. It has been an extremely effective voice for Dundas schools. Because of it we have a library program in all our elementary schools which has spread to all parts of the Board. Were it not for DASC and the support it received from Board Administration, elementary school libraries would be dark and unused spaces. That accomplishment is just the most visible evidence of the determination of this group. In essence, Dundas has benefited by a kind of mini-board which decided on the important issues and went after them, generally succeeding. There are many, many people throughout this country who deserve my thanks for their contributions to the success of DASC. For the past six years this group has given me support, encouragement and guidance along with some very good memories.

A long time ago, when I asked a superintendent in Ottawa about rural versus urban schools he said, "The one essential ingredient no matter where the school is, is the relationship between a teacher and student. Nothing else matters." I would like to thank the teachers in our schools for their efforts on a daily basis to make that connection with the students in their care. I would like to thank the support staff, the maintenance people and the schools' administrative groups for providing an atmosphere in which those connections can take place.

For the past six years, I've felt as if I were part of a beleaguered fort waiting for the cavalry. I think it has arrived. This new government has promised to address some of the needs of school boards across the province. A dynamic new Director who has been called one of the top educators in Ontario will begin to lead the Board in the new year and Dundas will have a new, enthusiastic and energetic trustee who went to school in Dundas, is a father of young children and is a businessman in North Dundas. He also has years of experience working with DASC. I am optimistic that we are about to enter a period of revitalization within education.

In taking my leave of you, I thank you again for the privilege of being able to serve students and their families in this county. It has sometimes been a bumpy ride, but the journey has been interesting and, for the most part, rewarding.

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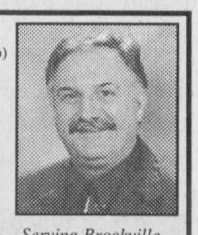

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Committee of Adjustment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application No. A11-2003 For Minor Variance
(Section 45 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 13)

Re: Bridlewood Subdivision, Iroquois, ON
Location of Property: Part Lot 25, Concession 1, Range 1
Purpose of Application: To reduce the exterior side yard setback requirements of Zoning By-Law No. 93-34
Effect of Application: Relocation of a proposed semi-detached dwelling
TAKE NOTICE THAT application under the above file numbers will be heard on:

Date:	December 22 at 7:30 p.m.
Place:	Municipal Office
Address:	4296 County Rd. 31, Williamsburg, ON

Additional Information & Land Description or a key map showing the location of the subject land is available at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

You are entitled to attend at this public hearing in person or you may be represented by counsel or an agent to give evidence about this application. Signed, written submissions that relate to the application shall be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Municipal Board Hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Committee decision may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by the applicant or another member of the public.

To appeal the decision to the Ontario Muncipal Board, send a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer for the Committee outlining the reasons for the appeal. You must enclose the appeal fee of $125.00 for each application appealed, paid by cheque, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

If you do not attend this hearing you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2003
Brenda M. Brunt, Secretary-Treasurer
Township of South Dundas Committee of Adjustment

CRIME STOPPERS

Each week Crime Stoppers highlights a crime that has been committed in our area, and we're asking for your help in solving a theft of a pickup truck.

On November 3, 2003, police began an investigation into the theft, which had occurred during the night, of a 1989 GMC pickup truck, grey in colour, from a private residence located along Levere Road in North Dundas Township. At the time of the theft a 1999 ZR600 Arctic Cat snowmobile, light green in colour had been in the box.

We need your information, not your name. You will remain anonymous, you will not have to appear in court and you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1000.00. If you have any information on this crime or any other crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 (TIPS) or for long distance, 1-800-222-8477.

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Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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Current members must also let us know if they are willing to serve an additional term.

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Cardinal Community Centre Board
Cardinal Festival Committee
Spencerville & District Winter Festival Steering Committee
Edwardsburg/Cardinal Public Library Board (3 year term)
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Planning Advisory Committee
Committee of Adjustment (minor variances)
Joint (E/C, Augusta, Prescott) Economicc Development Committe
Port of Prescott Management Committee
LAW ENFORCEMENT, ETC.
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Livestock Valuer
Fenceviewers
North Channel Cemetery Board

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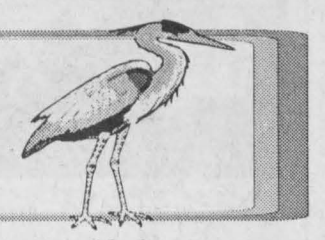
Bazaar Fun for Heart and Stroke

Young Bruce Porteous, only a year and a half old was enjoying his day with his mom Tracey and grandma Doreen Henderson as they checked out a pair of handmade mittens. They were at the Bazaar for Heart and Stroke at Stampville Centre on Saturday. Always a popular affair the weather kept some folks at home, but it was a success nonetheless.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching



by Birds Anonymous

Our Irena birder called to report 8 Juncos, some females along with the majority of males. Three Tree Sparrows, 5 Chickadees and 4 Blue Jays are dropping by the feeder lately in her yard. She also noted that she has had Red Polls already, one with a profuse pinkish tint to the breast area. On Sunday she saw a small doe down the Rowena Road and some 20 Crows on County Road 2 as she drove west from Morrisburg munching on something they found there.

Our New Wexford birder called after a short absence. She reports six Slate Grey Juncos who regularly frequent her feeders. Four Crows were seen enjoying corn and a Red-Winged Blackbird along with her 14 regular Mourning Doves who come by for a meal twice every day. An expanded family of Cardinals has the writer jealous. She saw a younger male being scolded by what must surely have been his mother, perhaps she is suggesting he use his wings and fly! She feeds them black oil sunflower seeds and they keep coming back for more so I guess they like them. She reports too that Wood Pigeons and Blue Jays are enjoying corn spilled around the barn during harvest time. She has Chickadees and tells us she sees a lot of Red- Tailed Hawks along 401 on her travels along this corridor. Enroute home she sighted a Snow goose near the Ingleside, turnoff on 401 Highway, notes there are Geese and Ducks in her bay.

We have a Squirrel back at the veranda, checking out the feeders, a little Red fellow. Saturday when we picked up some more seed, this feeding the birds is costly at times, but once you start you cannot stop supplying them with free meals, we got some peanuts for the chubby cheeked little rascal. We do not want him in the house searching for food!

We also have Blue Jays and Chickadees and a few Sparrows at the feeders. We have our fingers crossed that our Cardinal will return this season, we'll keep an eye open. The Rabbit is back and we'll find some food for him as well. By the number of tracks after a fresh snow, we have more than one Bunny running around at night in particular. Some tracks are bigger than rabbit, we need to investigate these more closely.

Keep the calls coming to 652-4395. Thanks!!

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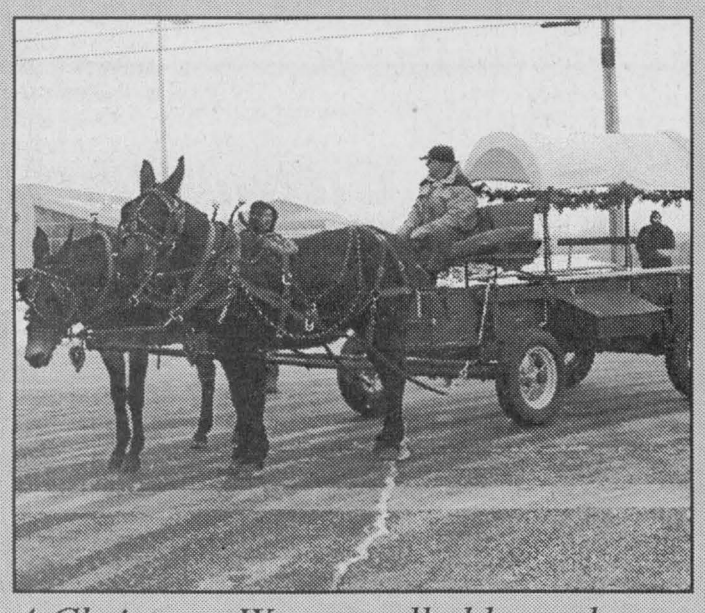

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POLICE Report

Tractor Trailer Recovered-Two Persons in Custody

South Dundas-During the early morning hours of December 9, 2003 members of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP were alerted to the theft of a trailer, which had just occurred at the 750 Truck Stop in South Dundas Township.

The tractor trailer unit was sighted east bound on Highway 401 where it collided with another vehicle. The unit was then abandoned at the eastbound service centre, after striking a second vehicle and the two occupants fled on foot.

The S.D.&G. canine team attended to assist with the investigation, which resulted in the arrest of two persons found hiding under a trailer at the nearby westbound service centre.

The tractor unit, a 1994 International Eagle was found to have been stolen from the Province of Quebec.

Charges of Possession of Stolen Property (2 counts), Theft Over $5000.00, Dangerous Driving, Driving While Disqualified and Failing to Remain at the Scene of an Accident (2 counts) are pending against a 32 year old man from Pointe A La Croix, Quebec.

A 23 year old female of the same address is facing charges of Possession of Stolen Property (2 counts) and Theft Over $5000.00.

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Village

festival over the past two years," said Commission General Manager Mike Paradis. "We believe we will see just as many and likely even more people come through this year," he continued.

Chair of the Commission, Gord Brown noted, "It has really become one of the most popular holiday festivals in Eastern Ontario, providing everyone who comes out with the chance to see the Village as never before." He went on, "The Village staff have worked very hard to transform the Village into a magical winter wonderland. No doubt that process took a while to accomplish and likely a lot of untangling of strings of lights.

"It took a crew of three men some five weeks to put up the 150,000 lights using an aerial truck with a bucket and we can proudly say we have covered almost every structure in the Village this year," said Dave Dobbie, Manager of the Village.

MPP Jim Brownell noted that he was very pleased to take part in the official opening which took place in front of the Village Store which originally stood in the Lost Village of Wales (Mr. Brownell was heavily involved in the Lost Villages Historical Society for many years). "It is an honour and I take pride on behalf of the Ontario Minister of Tourism to be a part of this evening. Showcasing a jewel in our midst in such a spectacular way is marvellous for the entire province. I commend the Commission for helping all of Ontario by adding this experience for visitors to enjoy in winter, the off-season as it were for tourism." He added, "This festival is proof positive that the Commission and the Village work hard to promote tourism in our province."

MP Bob Kilger spoke about the festive occasion, the value of Upper Canada Village to the area and the province as a whole and the sensitivity shown to those with special needs by allowing them to enjoy what many of us take for granted.

Special Needs Nights were featured the first three nights and will continue each Monday evening for those physically challenged who cannot walk around the site or board the horse drawn wagon. Driven through the site in the comfort of their own vehicles, they will be able to enjoy the picture perfect Alight at Night. Over a dozen, local groups had been notified concerning participation and the response was overwhelming, so the offering has been extended from the first three original evenings. Only cars, vans or parabuses are allowed on the Village streets. For everyone's safety, the Village provides one of its own trained and licensed staff, familiar with the roadways in the dark to drive these vehicles through the site. A special needs person pays $6 in a group. Call 543-4328 for reservations which are a must. Gord Brown noted, "We have received such overwhelming positive comments about Alight at Night since it started two winters ago that we wanted to ensure everyone in the community was given the opportunity to enjoy this spectacular holiday event, those members of our community who have already come out for our Special Needs Nights are equally excited about having viewed the lights and have been most appreciative of having the chance provided to them."

Respite from the cold will be provided inside the Harvest Barn Restaurant where nightly dinner specials and other warm-you-up foods and beverages will be offered. Made to order menu options are available for groups of 20 or more who reserve in advance. The Village Store is open every night offering a unique selection of Christmas gift ideas including hand made crafts, souvenirs and specialty food items. Photos with Santa will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Fresh bread made at the Village Bakery will be for sale from Thursday to Sunday evenings in the Store while quantities last. Adjacent to the Store, the Village Cafe will offer a second venue to warm up with hot drinks and snacks throughout the program.

A visiting choir will hold a special advent carol service for the public to attend in Christ Church from 5-6:15pm on Sunday, December 14. Other groups interested in performing on other nights of the program can contact Gabriele Thomas at 543-3704.

Alight at Night runs nightly 5-9pm except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Open New Year's Eve until 9:30pm, Jancis Sommerville, Marketing Officer for the Village says, "We're very pleased to be able to offer the program every night of the week this year. While we recognize that weekends are still going to be the popular nights, having the site open during the week will help spread the business around and this way we're also guaranteed to be open on the nights when the weather is at its best."

Admission to Alight at Night is only $3 for adults and $2 for youngsters 5 to 12 years old. All children 4 and under are FREE. Horse drawn wagon rides cost another $3 for adults and $2 for children 5 to 12. A special rate is available for reserving group wagon rides in advance.

If you have not yet taken time to check out Upper Canada Village Alight at Night, this is a perfect family evening and this year is the best yet. Don't miss the thrill, go as a special Christmas treat to everyone.



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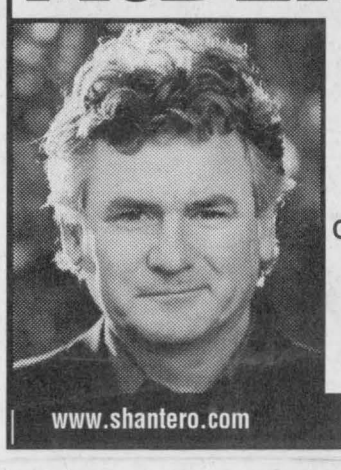

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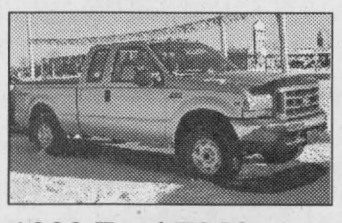
1997 Chev Cavalier, 2 door, 4 cyl , auto "very sharp"



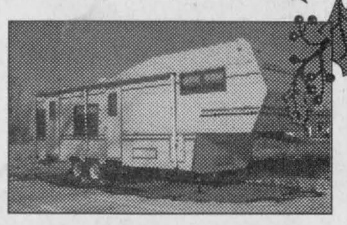
1998 Dodge Caravan V6 auto, air, 95,000kms



1999 Ford F250, Excellent Cab, V8, auto, air, one owner



1995 Mercury Grand Marquis LS fully equip, 2 power seats, local trades



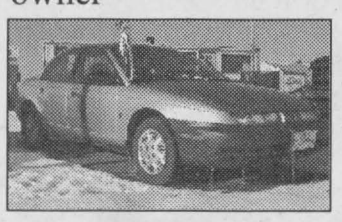
1990 5th Wheel stand up bunk nicely equipped



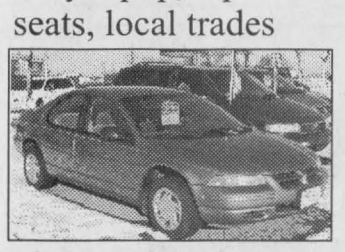
1995 Mercury Villager fully equip., Excellent cond. only $89,000 kms



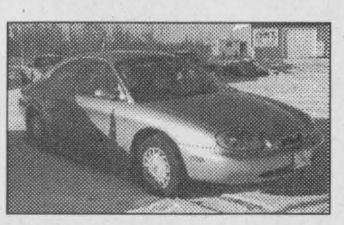
23' Motor Home- sleeps 5, rear corner bed, very nice condition



1998 Saturn, 4 cyl, auto, excellent condition



1996 Dodge Stratus 4 cyl auto, fully equiped 134,000 kms



1997 Mercury Sable V6, auto, fully equip., power seats, 135,000 kms



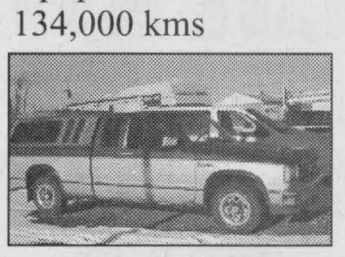
1997 Pontiac Transport V6, auto, fully equip. Modular seating excellent cond.



1997 Dodge Caravan, 6 cyl auto, air, power windows(B.C. Van) NO Rust



1998 Mercury Villager V6, auto, fully equipped 120,000 kms



1998 Chev S10 extended, local one owner

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1989 Chev Blazzer 4x4
1996 Chrysler Intrepid 1995 Chrysler Intrepid
1994 Olds Royale 1992 GMC Jimmy 4x4
1998 Chev Lumina, 4 door, fully equipped, local owner
1990 Ford Duly, fully equipped, excellent condition

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