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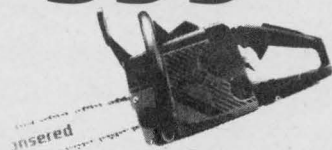
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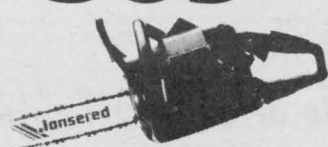
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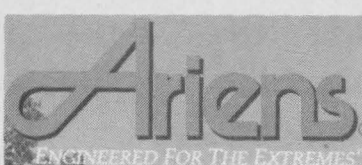
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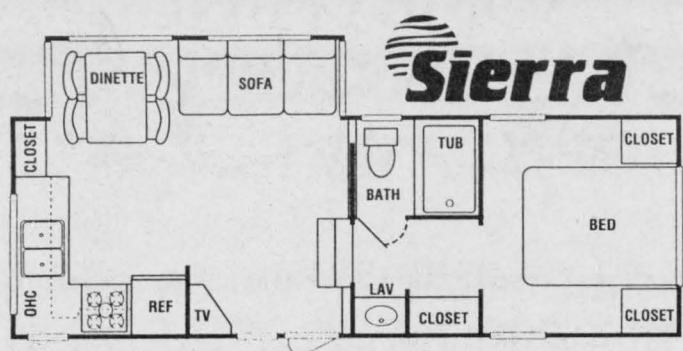
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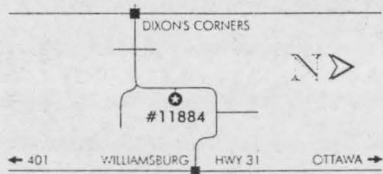
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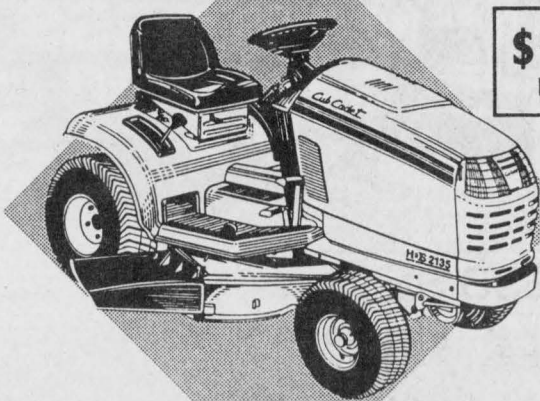
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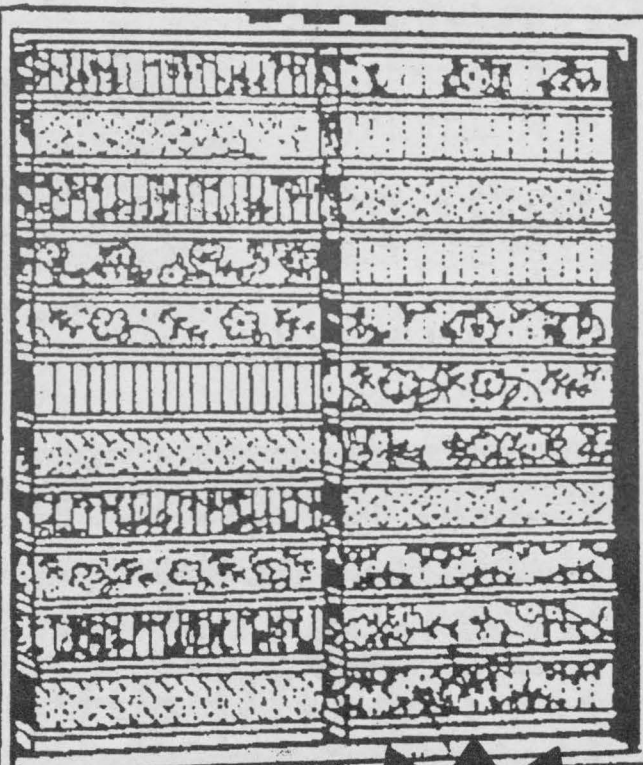
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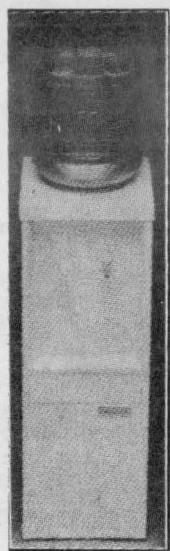
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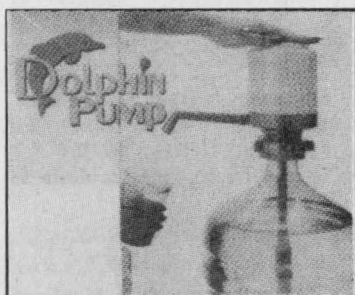


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Scouts become better equipped to handle medical emergencies through First Aid course

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

What would you do in an emergency?

Are you equipped for a medical emergency? Would you know what to do if you were in a situation which called for First Aid?

Well, thanks to St. John Ambulance instructors, Darlene and Helen, the Scouts and Leaders of 1st Iroquois are better prepared for any emergency involving First Aid attention.

Last weekend the twenty Scouts and their leaders were taken through numerous scenarios of emergency situations and actually got to wrap wounds, give AR, stop severe bleeding, assist a choking victim, deal with shock and now understand the sequence of Emergency Scene Management. (plus many other pertinent first aid items). Working for some sixteen hours, the youngsters did a terrific job. They worked diligently and achieved some lofty heights. The younger ones (Mini-

mum age for Standard First Aid is 13) received their Emergency First Aid, Safety Oriented certificate and badge and their silver Scout badge. The elder ones get their Standard First Aid certificates and badges, as well as their gold level Scout badge. Not an easy course, the young people deserve a pat on the back for sure, well done gang!!

Canada is 65% wilderness and so at times, medical help is often hours and even can be days away. Thus it is important that hikers and campers be prepared for emergency situations on the spot before medical help can arrive or be available.

It would almost seem that everyone should be taught first aid, because emergency situations crop up in the city, towns and villages just as easily and just as frequently as in the outback areas. What would you do if someone suddenly collapsed in front of you as you were walking to the post office this morning? The confi-

dence and the knowledge of knowing what to do to sustain life until medical help is summoned creates a great atmosphere of caring.

The certificates will be presented later by the St. John Ambulance people when they are ready, as will the badges. Each Scout received their Scout badge for the efforts they extended in a most worthwhile course. They not only earned the badges, but are better

set to deal with whatever they come across. A 50 km hike is in the works in May and then next July we travel to Thunder Bay to the 9th Canadian Jamboree, skills learned in the course will be invaluable to everyone.

Whether splinting a broken bone, building a stretcher from materials available, caring for an injured person who has suffered burns or wounds, dealing with animal bites, stings or poisons, these folks are

ready. The thought of handling medical conditions in an efficient and knowledgeable manner creates a safe atmosphere in which to work and play. Their families can feel better about things as well.

A combination of watching videos, reading, listening and actually wrapping wounds, applying slings, and so forth these Scouts are better prepared for anything...a valuable asset to their families and their communities.



Ask a Master Gardener

Q: How do I keep cats out of my garden?

Answered by Eileen Johnston, Master Gardener

A: My gut reaction to this is why would anyone want to keep cats out of their garden? Personally, I love my cats and am sure they think that all the endless hours of digging, planting, watering etc. are for their personal enjoyment in the resulting jungle of plants, living scratching posts, fishing ponds, and huge compost condominiums for early morning mousey snacks. All that aside, yes, I can admit to wanting to keep cats - my neighbours (Un-neutered males!) and my own two fuzzballs away from certain plants or parts of the garden at times.

Apart from building a 10 ft high, solid brick baffle around your property, it is very hard to exclude cats (or squirrels) from visiting your garden, simply because they can jump so high, climb so well and wiggle their way under or through most other barriers you might consider erecting. Fine mesh wire tree guards will prevent cats from using small trees as scratching posts. Sandboxes can be given solid covers to keep cats out or line mesh nylon netting can be loosely laid down (edges will have to be pegged down). Cats dislike walking on anything that is not solid.

Other methods of deterrence, I might suggest include a variety of commercial sprays and/or pellets that can be used around your house and certain plants. They include; Ro-Pel (an incredibly bitter tasting product that has no smell) Burlington Scientific Corp., Skoot-Plant Products, Repl-Wilson, Dog and Cat Repellent-C.I.L., Scent-Off Twist-Ons or Pellets-Safer, or Natural Animal Repellent-Green Earth. These products usually have to be reapplied after each rain (or watering by you), have limited success rates and often have a disagreeable odour to humans as well. I have read that scattering citrus peels often works

as well as many other products as a deterrent but have not tried it myself

Physically or verbally chasing cats away from your garden has about as much effect as doing a rain dance does. Breaking the routine, seems to somehow make more sense to me, but it takes work and matching wits with the cats on your part. Cats legendary dislike for water and loss of dignity on their part seems to outweigh their love of nature in your garden. I've heard suggestions of soaking cats with a hose a few times will keep them away but I could never figure out how you can have a running hose, stretched out appropriately in the garden and be able to sneak up on the offending cat (who knows you dislike the act they are engaged in from all the previous yelling, flattening of arms, etc. that you've previously tried), to soak them with the hose. A much preferred method is to buy or borrow the kids super powerful squirt gun. You can nail an unsuspecting kitty in the backside with a powerful jet of water from across most urban lawns without any noise - even from your lawnchair! If you're careful about letting them see you do it, they won't associate you with the insult at all, rather your garden will get the blame and hopefully they will decide it isn't such a great place to visit after all.

My last suggestion is probably the most effective. "If you build it - they will come!" If cats are coming to your garden anyway, get them to go to a spot of your choosing. A cold compost pile full of mice, a patch of nice soft open earth or a box of sand and a big patch of catnip (grown around the compost pile to hide it) and voila - the cats that come to your garden will bypass the flower beds and head straight for the out of site spot of your choosing. The only drawback - you must keep the earthy patch or sandbox clean or they'll go back to using the flower beds!

Emergency management

The 1st Iroquois Scouts show some of their first aid handy work off. Earning their St. John Ambulance standard first aid certificates, the young people made their leaders proud last weekend. This is just one of the many ways these young adults work to better themselves and their community.

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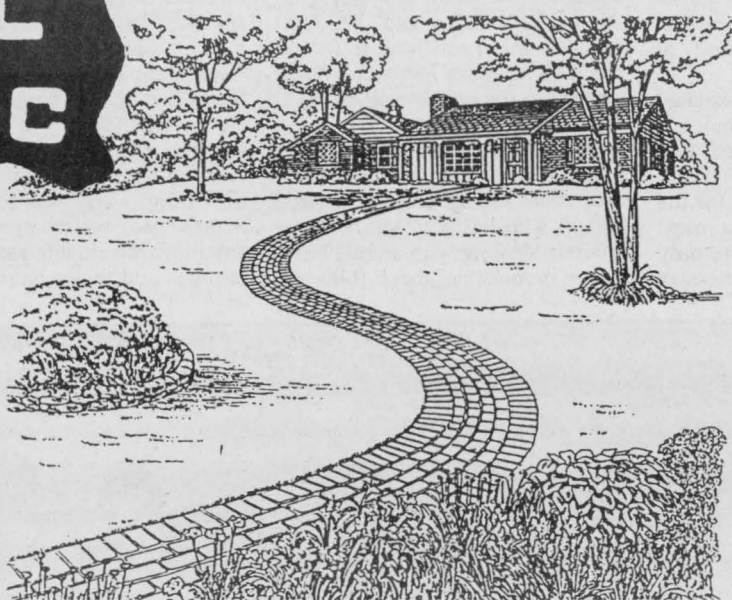
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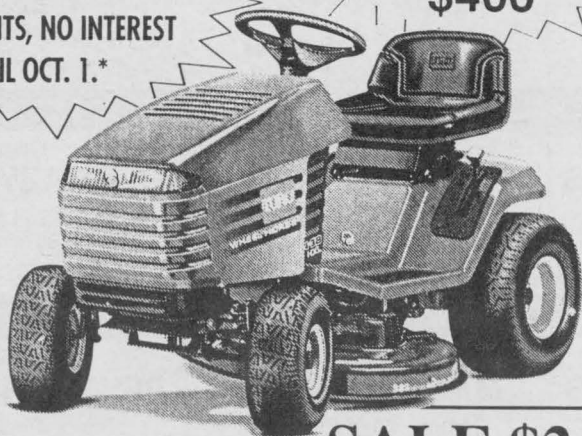
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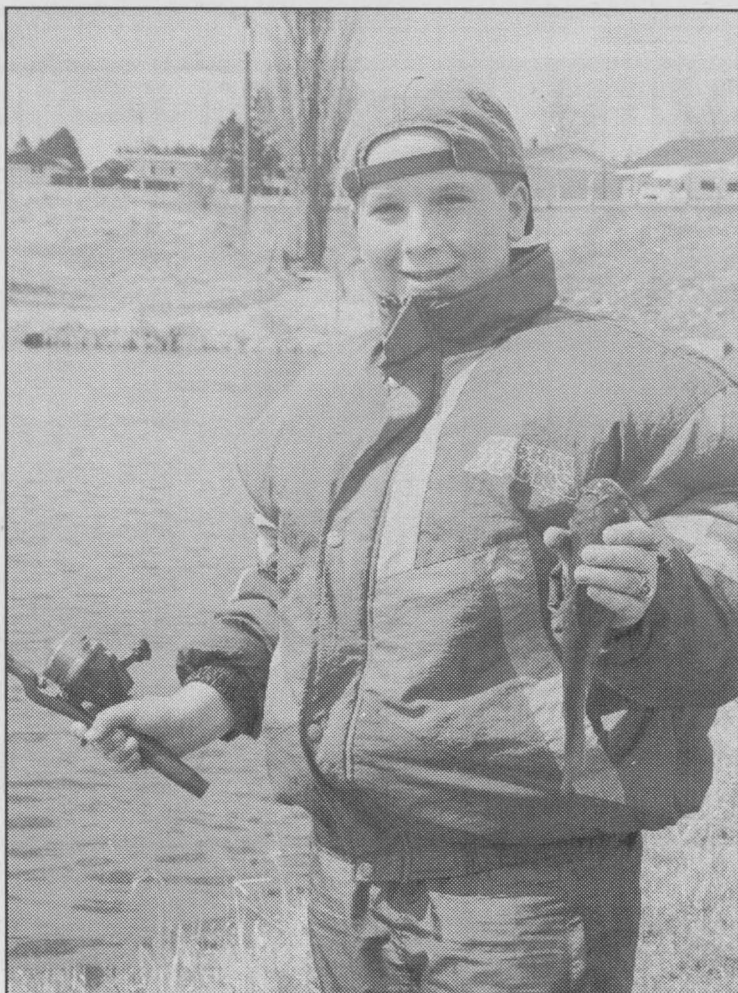


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The Cardinal Fish and Game Club (CFGC) held its annual mudpout derby last weekend. Pictured above with his catch, Shawn Bradford, 11 years old, was just one of the many participants. Weigh-ins were held at Sawmill Creek east of Cardinal.

New tulip marks 90th anniversary

The Ontario Horticultural Association will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary in 1996. To mark this special year, a tulip has been named in honour of the Association and will be known as the ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION COMMEMORATIVE TULIP.

It will be a May flowering, 20" high, spectacular bright yellow bloom. All bulbs will be size 12/up (top size). A package of 10 bulbs will cost \$5.00 (taxes included) and can be ordered through the Secretary of the Morrisburg & District Horticultural Society. Orders will be

delivered in time for fall 1996 planting.

These bulbs will only be available ONCE. The Secretary will take orders up to May 31st. Stop by at the PLANT SALE at 1 Steward Drive (corner of Lakeshore Drive, west of Morrisburg) on MAY 5th, 1-4 pm to place your order.

Let's paint the Seaway yellow in 1997! In doing so we honour the OHA's 90th anniversary, we remember those who fell in the bulb fields of Holland and we recognize a strong Dutch immigration to the Seaway Valley.

Dig into spring with plant sale

The Morrisburg & District Horticultural Society and the Dundas County Master Gardeners will be selling a variety of freshly dug perennials, shrubs, houseplants and seedlings on Sunday, May 5, 1 - 4 p.m. at 1 Steward Drive (at Lakeshore Drive), west of Morrisburg.

All monies will be divided between the two sponsors to fund flowers for three seniors' apartments and resource materials for the Master Gardeners.

Prices will be modest in an effort to sell all plants in a three hour time frame. Purchasers can be helped by bringing lots of quarters and loonies. While some plastic bags will be provided, car owners would benefit from having cardboard boxes to contain the

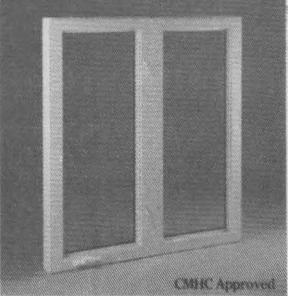
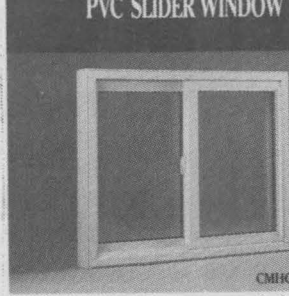
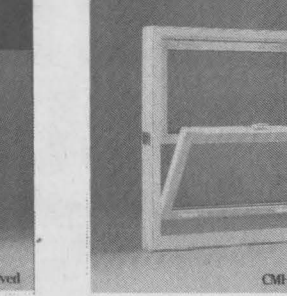
soil as well as protect the plants in transit.

Donations of plants would be welcome. Either deliver them to 1 Steward Drive on Saturday, May 4th so they may be priced and sorted in advance or call 543-3308 for pickup during the days prior to the sale. Purchasers appreciate identification of plants by name, colour and height.

RAIN or SHINE, the sale will take place. Come and build up your own garden with fresh, locally hardy plants, at a low cost.

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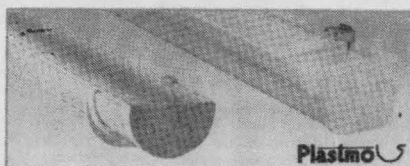
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