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Seated are recipients of Honours; Rita Bray, Ethelywn Carkner and Doris Cross, and standing are Andre Rodier, Rose Campbell, Margaret Casselman, Evelyn Cowan, Hilda Vandekemp, Graham Barkley and Chief of Staff Gerry Rosenquist.. Rose, Margaret and Evelyn already received Honourary Lifetime Membership Awards.

WDMH hosts volunteer Christmas luncheon

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Five members of the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary were deservedly honoured late last week at a wonderful Christmas Luncheon. Hosted at the Winchester Lions Den, a festive mood prevailed throughout the hall as members gathered to celebrate the season along with honouring five Hospital volunteers. These five hard working members were recognized by the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario with Honourary Lifetime Membership Awards. These five have accumulated some 145 years of volunteering among them and there is little doubt our local Hospital is the better for it. Nominated by fellow volunteers they are all well deserving of the honour they accepted on this afternoon.

Among those recognized was **Rita Bray** of Iroquois. An active member of the WDMH Auxiliary since 1953, Rita helped with the blood donor clinics held at the Hospital in the early years and later when they were held at the Winchester Public School. She volunteered on the floor with the Tuck Cart before the Hospital Gift Shoppe came into being. When it opened, she worked there, being responsible for the buying of the lingerie. In 1990, Rita became President of the Winchester Hospital Auxiliary for four years. During this time she represented us on the Board and worked hard fulfilling the commitment of organizing the Fall Bazaar, the Card Party and ably conducting all meetings. At present, even though health problems have slowed her down, Rita is still very involved in our Morrisburg/Iroquois unit as well as the WDMH Auxiliary.

At present Rita is the main writer for our "In Memorium" donations. These are donations received at the funeral homes or sent to the Hospital in memory of a loved one. This is a fund that is totally looked after by the Auxiliary and every penny collected goes towards equipment for our Hospital. Last year the donations to the "In Memorium" were about $85,000...that is a lot of receipts from ten and twenty dollar donations. Rita also volunteers her time to write receipts for the undertakers at the funeral homes when they are exceptionally busy.

She is also on the Purchasing Committee for our Auxiliary which decided on the equipment purchases to be made from the "In Memorium" Fund donations.

Her community service extends far beyond the walls of the Hospital as she also collects money for the Cancer Society, Alzheimer's and looks after putting in Mass Cards for people at her local church.

A truly dedicated, caring and cheerful volunteer who has served our Hospital and area well.

Hilda Vandekemp is a well-deserved candidate as a Life member in the Ontario Auxiliary Volunteers Association. Hilda has been a volunteer for twenty years for the WDMH Auxiliary. After working as a volunteer for the Volunteer Services, she agreed thirteen years ago to chair the group of ladies, men and teen-

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Final 2003 Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal Council meeting

by Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council is looking ahead to the New Year with anticipation as they now have the final meeting of 2003 under their belts. Christmas vacation will bring a freshness to the table and renergize the members.

During the December 15 meeting, Joan MacKinnon and Sandra Robertson representing the South Edwardsburgh Recreation Association presented a $4000 cheque to the Township Council.

Councillor Frank Noccey proceeded to report on the library Board meeting. According to Treasurer Coral Collison, the Board has only enough funds to cover their expenses and the payroll at the present time. It was noted that long time Library volunteer Dorrie Coons is planning to leave the position at the Library she has so ably carried through on.

The December 3 meeting of the Joint Economic Development Committee was reported on by Councillor Peter Martin.

Tom Graham of TD Graham Associates was on hand to discuss options for new signage in South Grenville. His company of designers will make necessary changes to existing signage including changing the font and the geographically correct placement of buildings and landmarks thereon.

Council approved the motion to authorize the issuing of breakopen ticket licenses good for the period January 1 through June 30, 2004 to Benson Public School Advisory Committee, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Firefighters, Rideau-St. Lawrence Kings AA Hockey Club and the Spenc-

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North Dundas Township welcomes some new faces

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"Small things shape our everyday lives, sometimes big decisions are decided by the small things. We all have a part to play, we have to take responsibility, it is incumbent on all of us to make this community work and make it something to be proud of." Father Brian Kauk, friend to new Mayor Alvin Runnalls was speaking to the new council during the inaugural meeting of the Third North Dundas council.

The new council sat around a much smaller table, the original Mountain Township Council table as the new council took their places.

After the swearing in ceremony led by Inspector Mike Hopkins of the S.D.&G. OPP and CAO Howard Smith, the new council took their seats. Alvin Runnals, Mayor, Bill Smirle, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Allan Armstrong, Estella Rose and Martin Schoones.

In his inaugural speech as Mayor, Runnals thanked all the people for their support. He congratulated his fellow council members and thanked his colleagues from the previous council who he felt were instrumental in making great decisions for North Dundas, including the purchasing of the current council building from hydro, the upgrades to the Winchester Library, and the many recreational facilities in North Dundas. Other projects include the Old Town Hall renovations in Winchester and the Chesterville Historical Building and the new Fire Hall in South Mountain. "We dealt with many growing pains, including higher fees, and more rules and regulations." Runnals also addressed the problem faced by all communities that of high assessment and high taxes. "We must lobby the Province, and put sense into this situation. There is no reason for some of the assessment I have seen, IMPACT is the problem, blame them."

New Deputy Mayor Bill Smirle took the podium next and told the

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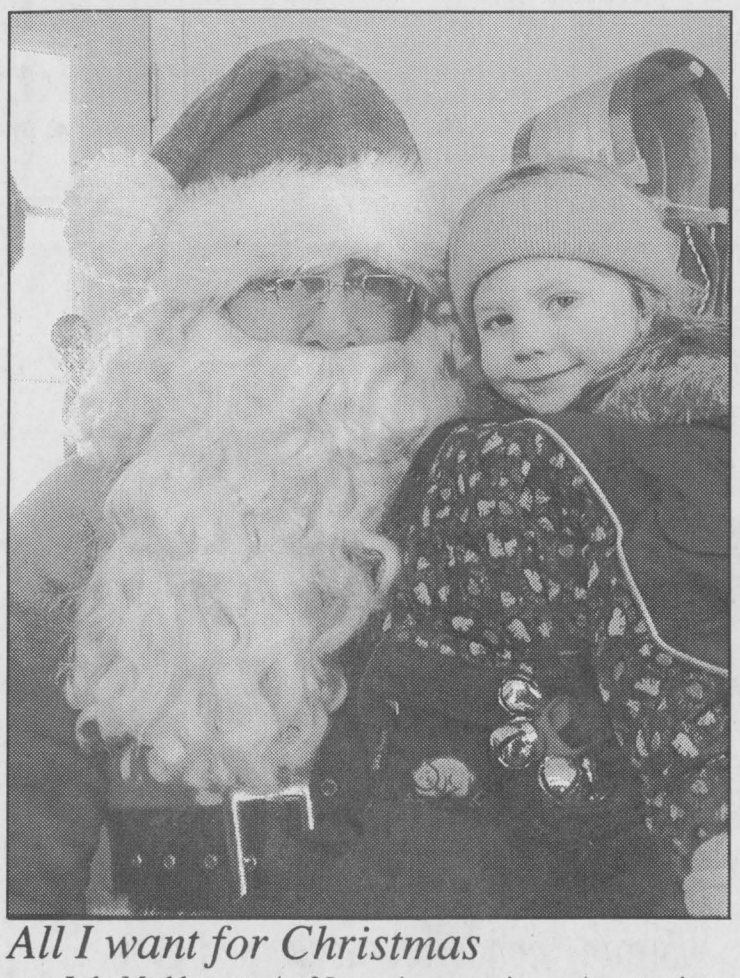
Santa came to S. Dundas

The Iroquois Plaza came alive with the sounds of the Iroquois Fire Department bringing the jolly old elf, Santa himself to his workshop (information booth) briefly on Saturday afternoon. Santa seemed right at home as he settled into a cosy chair and greeted youngsters and adults like with gifts and candy and a lot of fun for everyone.



All I want for Christmas

Jade Merkley age 4 of Iroquois was quite anxious to sit on Santa's knee during his visit sponsored by the Iroquois Business Association. Jade told Santa she had really tried to be a good girl and was looking forward to his December 24th visit.

Chieftain photo by Lori Roberts

This Annual event was brought to the community by the Iroquois Business Group with their volunteers making Iroquois a special place to be during the Christmas Season.

The Community Christmas tree from Fowler's Tree Farm was put in place with the co-operation of the South Dundas works crew and Rideau-St. Lawrence Hydro. Lights shine brightly once again this year thanks to the Business Group.

On Saturday a Childrens' draw was made for a toboggan/oversize stocking courtesy of Jeff Welsh Construction and the This and That Store in the Plaza and the winner once again was Kyle Markell, this young man won a big stocking a few years ago in Iroquois, he is lucky! The adults were not forgotten as Crawford's Meat Shoppe donated a Deli Basket to be won by a lucky adult who brought their youngster to meet Santa. The lucky winner was Tammy Keeler. Candy for the youngsters was generously donated by Danny McLaughlin, Gilmer's Pharmacy, Jeff Welsh Construction, while Santa was dressed by Mustard's variety.

The Iroquois Business Group wants to extend Christmas greetings to our newest Restaurant-Iroquois Pizza/Wings and the

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North Dundas Council sworn in

Swearing in cermonies were held during the initial meeting of North Dundas Council last week. Shown back l-r Councillor Martin Schoones, Clerk Joanne McCaslin, Councillor Estella Rose, CAO Howard Smith, Councillor Allan Armstrong. Front row l-r Deputy Mayor Bill Smirle and Mayor Alvin Runnalls. *Cheiftain photo by Lori Roberts*

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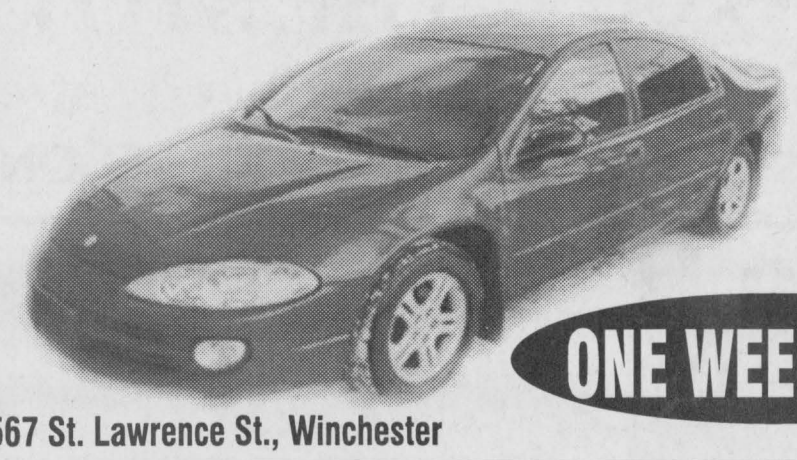

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agers. She schedules them to assist at Admitting, Second Floor, Long Term Care, Day Care Unit, X-Ray, Physio and Purchasing. She trains new individuals to be part of the program. She attends the monthly Auxiliary meetings to report their activities and the four thousand volunteer hours they do in a year.

She takes time to sell Avon products and donates the money to the Auxiliary. Four thousand dollars has been raised just collecting "Pennies for Oma" throughout the community. Her gimmicks do her proud! Each Fall, Hilda has her husband complete a decon's bench for the fall Bazaar raffle. She organizes and promotes a Bake and Craft table for the Bazaar too. Hilda is a dedicated person to her family, church, community and the Volunteer Services of the WDMH Auxiliary. Hilda is a twin and when she gets flustered , she always replies, "I don't know! It doesn't matter anyway." Hilda commits herself double duty. We are proud of her generous contributions of volunteering at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

In November of 1985 a recently retired teacher, **Graham Barkley** was playing music for his church choir. One Sunday, the creator of the group that became the "Sunshine Circle" which entertains the chronic care patients at WDMH asked one of the female choir members if she would like to join. Graham Barkley asked if he could come too and the rest as they say is history. Graham has been with the "Sunshine Circle" ever since. In addition to the regular entertaining that he does, he plays Santa Claus for the patients, buying them presents and while dressed as the jolly old elf distributes them at the Christmas party. He has moved from being their treasurer to being the treasurer of the WDMH Auxiliary. Not only does he keep the books, he also picks up the donations that the funeral homes get for the In Memorium fund. he keeps the In Memorium fund well stocked with the supplies that they need to send out receipts. He makes all the arrangements needed to obtain licenses for and helps to print any raffle tickets that the Auxiliary may be selling. He is present at every meeting and any function to promote and receive donations on behalf of the Auxiliary. The annual general meeting minutes for 1992-93 has Graham Barkley listed not only in at "Sunshine Circle" and Treasurer for the Auxiliary but as being on Purchasing Committee for buying new equipment for the Hospital. He even helped to find the auditors to do the Annual Report. When many members joined the Auxiliary in 1994-95, Graham was already a mainstay of the auxiliary and he helped many in getting acquainted with the people and the Hospital. Even with a recent illness, his first thought was to praise the Hospital in an editor's column in a local newspaper. "It is difficult to think of anyone who works as tirelessly and wholeheartedly for the benefit of the WDMH and its Auxiliary as Graham Barkley, there is no one more deserving of this award."

Doris Coons and the WDMH have bonded right from the start. This community Hospital founded by the citizens of Dundas County in 1948 is still greatly and arduously supported by members from the surrounding communities. For over half a century Doris has been one of these active persons giving much time and energy for its benefit. It is hard to imagine in today's world just how in the post war years a community supported its Hospital. Farmers supplied vegetables, women sewed sheets and linens and annual garden parties raised funds to buy equipment and medical implements. Doris was very much behind many of these objects. She accomplished most of what she did as the unsung hero. Many times she played the piano for special days to the delight of the Long Term Patients. Many times she sat vigilantly beside a dying patient so that person would know he/she was not alone. Many a time she accompanied a patient in the ambulance to Ottawa, one such occasions she secretly wished that just one time a real emergency would necessitate expediency. That wish was finally granted one night as they roared at top speed, sirens wailing and lights flashing. She sailed through her old home town feeling just great. She recalls it fondly as being truly exciting. She has felt so strongly about the opinions that certain associations donate their moneys to the Hospital rather than to other community associations. Although physical activities have been curtail in the past years, she has redirected her energies into sitdown jobs such as the HELPP Lottery and phoning on behalf of functions such as Card Parties, Bazaars and Special Events. This remarkable community minded lady has not confined all her time and energies to just the Hospital. She never took a winter trip to Florida as she felt there was always so much to be done in Winchester. She played an active role in the Winchester Curling Club, is still very involved in the Golden Years Society and organizes monthly bridge games for the NorDun Senior Support Centre. Although a staunch Presbyterian,for over 23 years, she has played the organ at the Winchester Baptist Church. When asked how long she intends to play, she replies, "I have no idea, until they kick me out I guess!" This spirit and attitude sum up Doris' commitment to life in Winchester. The Communities of Winchester Hospital catchment area would like to thank Doris for the hundreds of hours of service she has given so unselfishly for the past 50 years.

Ethelwyn Carkner has been an active member of the WDMH Auxiliary for more than twenty years. Soon after becoming an Auxiliary members, she became a regular volunteer at the Hospital. Early on she noted the lack of interaction between the volunteers and Long Term Care patients. In an effort to improve this situation, she, with a small group of volunteers began to meet weekly with the patients to sing cheerful songs, read seasonal poetry, play games etc. The group which took the name the "Sunshine Circle" continues to meet on a weekly basis with Ethelwyn still actively involved organizing programs, getting guest entertainers, getting new volunteers etc. She has served on various committees and at present is a member of the purchasing committee which meets as required to determine which pieces of equipment needed by the Hospital will be purchased by the Auxiliary. Ethelywn is also active in the local Auxiliary unit, assisting in fundraising activates and serving as treasurer.

Among the dignitaries at the luncheon was Chief of Medical Staff, Doctor Gerry Rosenquist and COA, Andre Rodier. Mr. Rodier spoke to the assemblage noting how impressed he was to see the 5 volunteers recognized by the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario with lifetime membership awards. "Five volunteers representing 145 years of service is a great accomplishment. I understand that in addition we have ninety volunteers with us today, and many were unable to join us, this is impressive!"

He told the volunteers they are an integral part of the Hospital and the health care services provided to the community. "You render service in areas of patient care, admin, fundraising and of course, you are our best ambassadors for our Hospital within our community."

He added, Since WDMH opened the Auxiliary has helped shoulder the load in supporting our facility. When we received a 5-Star patient satisfaction rating in the Acute Care Report 2002-you were a part of that success. Through your generous support in equipment purchasing for our new obstetrics clinic we were able to encourage Dr. Jones (obstetrician/gynaecologist) to join WDMH staff. When we opened our physiotherapy department for outpatient service this fall, you made this feasible with your assistance in transporting patients to Physio. You paid off a quarter of a million dollar commitment to the Vision Campaign and still managed to purchase much ended equipment for medical and surgical departments. You bring joy and comfort to patients in complex continuing care. You are the face of comfort on patient floors when serving water and juice. I hear that patients appreciate what you do, and that you are an important part of the care patients receive at our Hospital. On behalf of the staff and Board, I want to thank you for your gift of volunteering, for the time you give and the benefit you bring to us."

He concluded with wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

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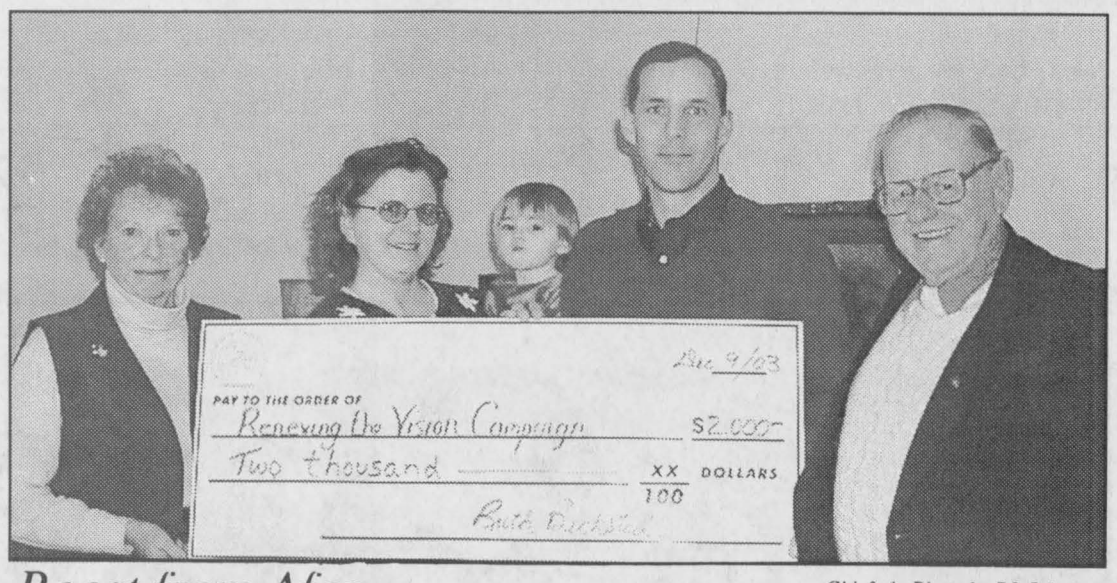

Boost from Afar

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Renewing the Vision Campaign recently got a seasonal boost from Toronto's Mrs. Ruth Becksted (absent)as $2000 was donated in memory of her husband, Clare and his siblings,Dwight and Eleanor who passed this year and Eileen Becksted. Accepting the donation on behalf of Mrs. Becksted's son, Jim, his wife Darlene and wee Jessica are Joan Farlinger and Earl Baker.

Fatal motor collision claims life

On December 13, 2003. at approximately 10:15 p.m., Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP officers responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision, which had occurred on County Road 1 (Carman Road), north of the Village of Iroquois.

A Ford Tempo driven by a forty-three-year old female, Dorothy Harrison, of Point Aux Trembles, Quebec, the lone occupant of the vehicle was north bound when the vehicle failed to negotiate a curve, causing the vehicle to roll over, subsequently ejecting the driver. She was taken to Winchester District memorial Hospital, then airlifted to The Ottawa Civic Hospital where she later died as a result of the injuries sustained. Set belt use and alcohol are believed to be factors in the accident.

During the initial stages of the investigation, there were indications that the victim may have been a resident of South Dundas Township.

S.D.&G. Constable P.DiSaverio assisted by Technical Traffic Collision Investigator and OPP Identification Unit continue the investigation.

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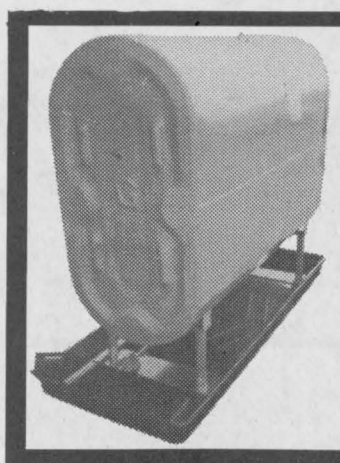
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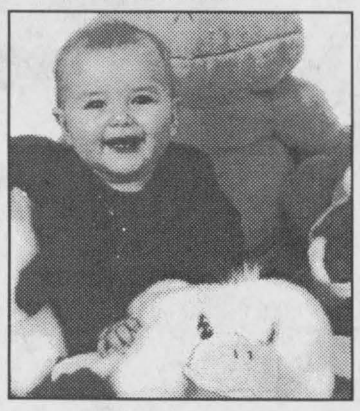
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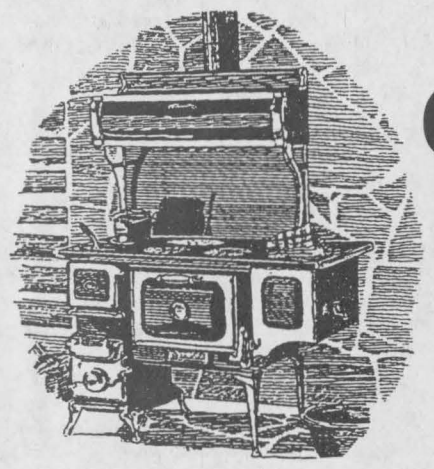
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Winchester Hospital receives Green Health Care Award

At the Ontario Health Association Convention in Toronto in early November, V.P. Planning and Support Services, Phil Marleau accepted the Pollution Prevention Award from the OHA and the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care. The award recognizes the Hospital's "leadership and excellence in reducing health care's environment impact."

This is the third year that Green Health Care awards have been presented and the first time that WDMH has applied. The Coalition has four categories: Overall Leadership, which was presented to London Health Sciences Centre; Energy Efficiency, which was presented to University Health Network; Individual Leadership which was presented to Shannon Melissa-Dunlop, St. Mary's General Hospital and Pollution Prevention to Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

In the Hospital's application, Marleau noted that as an organization serving an agricultural based local economy, the WDMH corporate culture has always had a shade of "green" to it. WDMH is registered as a Natural Resources Canada - Energy Innovators Participant and like most hospitals when the time came for windows or light fixtures or boilers to be replaced because more energy efficient ones were available, WDMH made the change. When water-cooled refrigeration units could be replaced with air-cooled units to save water, WDMH did not hesitated. Since 1991 WDMH has reduced energy consumption by 20% despite adding numerous services to our plant.

WDMH also voluntarily decommissioned its incinerator on October 28, 2001. This decision has resulted in a significant reduction of air contaminants such as, sulphur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOX), volatile organic compounds (VOC), carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM) to name just a few. Our hospital acted before the days of mandatory incinerator closures and upgrades. CEO, Andrl O. Rodier stated: "It happened because it was the right thing to do."

The 2003 Green Health Care Award was presented at a special ceremony to Philippe Marleau, WDMH Vice President, Planning and Support Services at the recent Ontario Hospital Association Convention held in Toronto, November 3rd and 4th.



Simms family thanked

The family of the late Ewart Simms including his wife Phyllis and son Larry stand infront of the plaque which pays tribute to the generosity of the family during the grand opening of the Mountain Fire Department's new Fire Hall. The Simms family donated the land on Lough Road where the new facility sits.

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Mountain Fire Department opens new Hall on Lough Rd.

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Mountain Fire Department was set to begin moving trucks and equipment, but first they allowed the public a sneak peek at the new a larger Fire Hall located on Lough Road.

The new hall houses a four bay garage, which will not only allow more space to park the fire trucks, but will also allow fire fighters to wash the trucks inside rather than outside.

Scott Patterson, Fire Prevention Officer, was very proud as he performed the duties of tour guide for the evening. "This new Fire Hall is much roomier and much more functional, it also will allow for growth in the future." The new building also is home to washroom and shower facilities and a kitchen, something the fire fighters didn't have in the old Fire Hall, they had to use the Agricultural Hall. They also have three offices, one for training, one for the Fire Prevention and one for the Chief and Deputy Chief. "We only had one office in the old building and everything for thrown in there, this is much more efficient," Patterson told The Chieftain.

Two plaques at the front door pay tribute to a number of people who made the new Fire Hall possible. The first honours the late Ewart Simms and the Simms family who donated the land the Fire Hall sits on to the Township. Ewart's wife Phyllis was visibly moved by the tribute and told the crowd gathered, "I can't believe this, if Ewart were alive it would truly hit his heart. He was always happiest doing something for Mountain Township."

The second plaque thanks all the supporters and businesses for their hard work and dedication, from companies who brought in fill, to the companies who built the hall to the donation of the clock in the clock tower.

Former Mayor Claude Cousineau and Mayor Alvin Runnalls both performed the ribbon cutting and both expressed their pride at the building.

Morewood Fire Chief Arden Carruthers paid tribute to former councillor Keith Fawcett who sat as Fire Commissioner for six years, ""We didn't know whether we could afford this project or not. Other fire departments had to give up things to allow this to happen."

M.P. Bob Kilger spoke and thanked the previous council who were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. "I would also like to thank all fire fighters, for their hard work and the security they give our homes and our families."

Mountain Fire Chief Gary Martin was also thanked for all his hard work not only during the negotiations with council but also during construction. "Now that he is retired, Gary spent every day here working with Grant Marion Construction. He and Bill Glover worked tirelessly to help keep this project on schedule and within the set budget."

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Is there a Santa Claus?

The most famous editorial that has ever been written is the one entitled, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

It has been reproduced in every conceivable form in every quarter of the globe, since it first appeared in the New York Sun in 1897.

The question was raised in a letter to The Sun by 8-year old Virginia O'Hanlon of New York City, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. O'Hanlon. The classic answer was written by Francis Pharcellus Church, an editorial writer at The Sun.

Church undertook the assignment with reluctance, so the story goes, but his fine craftsmanship produced an article that has endured and will continue to endure as long as children ask, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus prominently the communication below expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the Friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor:
"I am 8 years old.
"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
"Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so.
"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"
"Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except can they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world around him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existance. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

This is a marvellous editorial at this time of the year,as magical events lead up to a very Merry Christmas for everyone. Whether helping to sort the gifts and donations at the South Dundas Christmas Exchange or choosing an angel to replace with a gift on the tree at the Bank that will bring a smile to a youngsters' face, you will make your own holiday season even brighter...God Bless us Everyone!!

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Dixons Corners School is treated to the gift of wisdom

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by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Students and teachers at Dixons Corners Public School were taught a very special lesson last week. The teacher was William Morin, a self proclaimed energetic educator, cross-cultural consultant and a passionate problem solver using the teachings of his mom a member of the Ojibway Tribe.

The first lesson taught by Morin was the gift of wisdom. Morin told the children that wisdom is defined as having knowledge, understanding, insight, perception, good judgement, astuteness and intelligence.

Morin explained that within many Native American cultures there are many traditional teachings within their unique belief structures. For the Ojibway, the Seven Grandfather Teachings are seven gifts which were given to humans by the Creator. These are guiding principles which can be easily applied to everyday situations for people of any culture. They are listed here with the Ojibway translation in brackets, Love (Zaagidewin), Honesty (Gwekwaadeziwin), Bravery and Courage (Aakidehewin), Respect (Mnaadendmowin), Humility (Dbaadendiziwin), Truth (Debwewin) and Wisdom (Nbwaakaawin).

As the students studied the words, it was soon pointed out that the letters "de" appeared in six of the Grandfather Teachings. Morin was very impressed with the observation and then told the students that the letters de and day are the root of the word heart in Ojibway. "For example," he further explained "Truth or Debwewin means to speak from the heart." He then pointed out to the children that only one word in The Seven Grandfather Teachings does not contain the letters and that is wisdom or Nbwaakaawin. He told the students that this "Teaching" means simply that the only way to know if someone has wisdom is if they exercise the other 6 Grandfather Teachings in their relationship with everyone and everything. "If someone isn't respectful, if someone isn't giving and kind, if they aren't humble or honest, courageous or truthful then there is no wisdom in their actions."

The students were then separated into two groups, with each groups constructing a Native American Dream Catcher or a Medicine Wheel. These are both sacred symbols that are found throughout the Americas. Each has their own specific teachings and symbolism, but they also share common elements. Both use the circle which represents the cycles of life and the four seasons as well as the motion of the planets and the universe itself. They both serve a tools of the culture to show ancient teachings and traditions.

Each student has been asked to bring recycled items from home to use, as the teachings of the Ojibway dictate that nothing is to be thrown away. They brought old CDs, record albums, bracelets and plates to use.

Some made dream catchers, which traditionally was used by the young as they continue to grow. As babies, the young were strapped into a cradle board and as they slept their spirit would journey far into the spirit world and the dream catcher helped guide the baby back from the spirit world to this world. Any bad dreams that would follow them back are caught in the web and are burned off at the first light of day.

Others made a Medicine Wheel, an ancient symbol that is as old as the earth, some date back to 500 B.C. Morin explained that the wheel is used to help understand the importance of the 4 seasons, 4 directions, 4 stages of life, 4 colours of mankind (yellow, red, black and white), 4 sacred medicines (tobacco, sage, cedar and sweet grass), 4 spirit realms above and below the earth and the 4 parts of our being (emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual). The power of the medicine wheel comes from it"s four colours and it"s elements coming together. "We are a whole being made of all of these elements," Morin told the students. "If we consume too much of any one element of the wheel, for example using tobacco to excess, then we risk damage to ourselves or destruction of all."

Morin encouraged the children to make the items as gifts, either to a dear friend or a family member, someone that they respect. "As you make your gift think of who the Medicine Wheel or Dream Catcher is for. Place into the things you use your thoughts of hopes, love and kindness." He added, "When your personal energy is placed into this symbol, it will make it that much more powerful."



Bill, Dustin, Miranda, Derrick & Dylan make a dream catcher

Christmas is just around the corner

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

The snow that fell and continued to fall on Sunday and through to Monday has blanketed us in white. Number one son and the big guy have transformed the outdoors into a colourful wonderland just prior to the snow storm, thankfully, and it looks pretty good. Multicolored lights adorn the rail fence, while another few strands dangle from the veranda. A few strands of white lights will be added later this week to bring a special glow to areas not yet lit. A shrub will get a slash of bright lights and with the snow covering the green the colour will be just what is needed.

As we found time on the weekend, with a few days off for a change to get our Christmas shopping accomplished, we wasted no time...yup, we did it all in a day. A list was made and a plan was made to make most effective use of the day. Leaving early Saturday we shopped for as much locally as possible, any extra costs would have been gobbled up with driving, frustration and hassle. While doing our best to get what people had hinted for, we also filled ten bags for the Angel Tree at the Bank of Montreal. The number of gifts was down this year, but through the generosity of some kind people who donated cash rather than gifts I was able to purchase enough presents to fill all the empty bags. I had some $120 to spend and came away with a bill of $117. Adding some of my own cash, I was able to cover each forgotten tag and each child will get a gift or more under their tree this Christmas. It is unthinkable that a youngster would awaken on Christmas morn and find nothing from Santa. Those of us who purchase gifts for our own children need only get one less and help a less fortunate boy or girl this Christmas to know the true meaning of the season. It gives such a warm fuzzy feeling inside and imagine the smiles when something sits under the tree or at the foot of the bed on December 25 when the fear had grown that there would be nothing at all to wake up to.

The University son is on his way home from school for the celebration of the season as this is being put to paper. He called from the mall on Saturday evening to ask about gift ideas. It was great to talk to him and his old mother is anxious to see him, it has been a long stretch since Thanksgiving that he has been home. I am lonesome for his hugs and smiles, this stretch seems the longest for me to endure. It will be great to see him and have him home for a few weeks. He can help us get our tree, we made the decision to wait for him to assist with the choice and the decorating, so after work or even during the day, the sons can go get the tree and surprise their dad and mom-...we'll see what they come up with, or we may go as a family and enjoy the great outdoors as we chop down our own evergreen. The gift certificate I purchased at the United Church silent Auction waits on the fridge, among the numerous magnets there.

Most of the gifts have been wrapped and are set to be placed under the tree when it is up and decorated. Wrapping is a great stress release, the cutting of the paper from the roll, the tearing of tape and the often difficult packages to cover keep one occupied for some time.Thinking of creative ideas to package those items that are instant giveaways is fun, although I am no match for son number one, he comes up with such terrific methods to wrap his gifts. Making some things resemble anything but what they are is a challenge at times. Shopping was not too crowded and we managed to find most of what we were seeking, while remaining within our budget. Perhaps the best thing about our shopping trek was the many folks we met, visited with and reacquainted ourselves with. It was cool to see so many folks we know, some not seen very often at all. A great time with a stop for a bite and then shopping-shopping-shopping.

Then we shifted mode and were shovelling snow. It was light and fluffy, but there was a lot of it. Since the big guy and the number one son are both prone to back troubles, I started the snow removal early in the morning. And before those who know me well say it, "Yes, I have problems with the fibromyalgia and the muscles ache, the hip hurts and it takes a lot of extra time to accomplish even a little, but who is going to do it? I will feel better once the hot water hits the bod in the shower and then can get on with the routine. It took a long time to accomplish a very little. A lot of breaks helped and after two hours I had enough done to allow us all to drive out to the road. The big guy worked on doing a better job on the drive after school. A new snow scoop does a pretty fair job and is easier to use than the scraper or the shovel.

The number one son had an interview in the city and so had

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the bottom line

THE UPPER CANADA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HAS RECENTLY notified the SDEC that they intend to connect the Morrisburg Public School to Seaway District High School using the South Dundas Network System. The hope is to have this occur as quickly as possible so they may begin to develop the configuration methods required for their new network management concept. The Board's contract with Bell Canada expires in April and they want to reconfigure their network to have all elementary schools connected to high schools. This would allow them to contract for very large bandwidth (100Mbps) internet base connections to every high school. Included will be the connecting of rural elementary schools, Elma and Dixon's Corners through the BRAND infrastructure. IPS will be connected with fibre directly to the High School, due to their proximity. MPS will be connected by January 2004.

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THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE (OFA) AND THE Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association (OFVGA) have expressed disappointment and dismay at the liberals decision to arbitrarily raise Hydro rates that will lead to a $42 million impact on the agri sector. Rates are to go up in April 2004 from the cap of 4.3 cents per Kw to 4.7 cents for the first 750 Kws and 5.5 cents for all else used. Both associations believe the increase to have very little to do with any conservation or improvement as far as supply and flow of electricity. Hydro is an essential component in Agriculture...The Agri Sector wants to work on solutions that benefit all farmers.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE EARLY ARRIVAL OF THE FLU SEASON EXTRA FLU clinics will be held on Saturday, December 20. They will be at the Civic Complex in Cornwall, 100 Water Street from 10am until 4pm and in Morrisburg at the South Dundas Justice Building (OPP) at 6th Fifth Street from 10am through til 4pm. The influenza season hit hard this season already according to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, with cases showing up as early as October and a new strain has been reported in Ontario. The Flu Vacine this time contains immunization against a related virus, meaning it offers protection by preventing illness or at least lessening the effects of it. The holiday season can be a breeding ground for bugs as people gather allowing germs to spread easily. The free shot gives you a chance to fend off the worst it has to throw at you.

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to boogie to be on time for his appointment. A glimmer of hope for a job is a nice Christmas present. The first round is down and now he waits for a followup call for the next round. We hope he makes the cut, we'll know later, who knows, there are so many people trying for the same position these days. At least he got the first call, now we pray he gets number two and moves onward. He is working on a website for a client and has been doing some photo touchups, getting rid of scratches and tears in old pictures for people.

Tuesday morn the snow was certainly crunchy and the air crisp as I attempted to scrape the frost off the car windows. It had me singing Silver Bells as I toiled. The arthritis is playing crazy games with the hands and fingers. The rings are swelling right into the fingers, in fact I have been unable to wear them for more than a few days this past week. I am taking a dose of Prednisone to get the facial glands back to some semblance of normally. Things were getting bad since eating was difficult. When they swell too much moving the jaws causes a stinging, painful reaction and so it is best not to move them to eat or to speak. This can only go on for so long before help has to be solicited. A visit to the medical man had me leaving contemplating the side effects as the prescription in my hand could well mean help, but at the same time could cause unforeseen problems, more of which I do not need. Anyway the face is slowly becoming something I recall from previous sightings in the mirror, and the side effects are bearable thus far.

Checking out Santa in a variety of places over the past few weeks has been fun. Watching the reactions of the kids is so much fun as they walk up so confidently to him, ready to sit on his lap, then when up close and personal they often hesitate and change their minds...after mom and dad have stood in line for who knows how long to snap that precious photo, only to have all hopes dashed with the first tear trickling down a wee cheek and the scream of horror as Santa reaches out to grasp and place a wee guest on his lap.

Take time before the holidays to drive around the countryside and check out the lights as everyone seems to have been bitten by the decoration bug. There are some marvellous creations on lawns and verandas, houses and window treatments that demonstrate the season. Our neighbours have continued to add to their display and the winter wonderland we admire on the way home each evening has grown to even greater heights. The ribbon lights and the shrub treatments are very nice, and this lady was not going to decorate outside at all this year! The Blue Spruce with the blue lights topped with the red bulb are pretty spectacular, but then we all expect nothing short of this from mum and dad, they always do a terrific job. I was wondering how the bro made out with his toilet brush tree. His outside tree is pretty cool as well, and we can hardly wait fore the great-nephew to open his gift since it was bought for his great aunt to play with too...it is a Christmas train set, and although he has a train this one can be kept just for the season and I am anxious to try it. It has been some time since I played with an electric train.

My hearty congrats to Rita Bray, a lady I have been fortunate to get to know on a more personal level these past few years. She deserved the Lifemembership to the Hospital Auxiliary Association and we were proud to be a part of her special day.

Christmas stories abound on the tube as we have the opportunity to check out perennial favourites at this time of year as we wrap gifts and get into the holiday mood. Listening to seasonal music is a great way to pass time as we check out the gift lists and hope that everyone will enjoy what we give them.

The other evening I went for groceries for the gingerbread house, now termed a castle we are going to have created at Swampview this year. A dozen eggs were in a sack as I headed around the B of M corner to get to the car parked behind the Chieftain. As I rounded the brick wall a piece of black ice attacked me and before I knew what was happening, I was flat out on my chest on the ground. Having arms filled with items and with the headlights of a red pickup in my eyes, I panicked and scrambled up on shaky legs before I even had time to assess the situation. When fear takes over, senses become blurred and although the truck was really nowhere near me, I was up and moving rather unsuredly in seconds. A warm feeling on my leg indicated it was bleeding. No bothering to check until I reached the safety of home, I was somewhat affected and shocked, to find my jeans ripped and the incision on my kneecap (from an auto accident in '95) was bleeding. The eggs were almost all safe...only one egg bit the dust; not too shabby afterall. I'll not kid about this stuff with the gal at the checkout again, it must have jinxed me! Bruised and hurting I was not a happy camper, the writs swelled and the arm muscles ached, having tried to save myself with the left side, the hip and leg also took a bit of a beating, what a nice Christmas surprise!! Ice and more ice came in handy, and the next morning was even more of a struggle than usual to get moving in a reasonable fashion!

Putting off the transfer of photos on Sunday, I was wrapped up in gifts and Survivor, and despite the big guy encouraging me, I waited until late at night to strike out through the snowfall. With disc in hand, I left the office, at nearly midnight, snow was piling high; when I drove up past Beckers, I worried that I would get stuck if I stopped. The roads were deserted, except for one car in the West, I made it onto the County Rd. headed East, only to see flashing lights in my rearview...did I know I failed to stop? Was I at the Bank? Safe trip home, eh.

Take care, don't slip, keep smiling. There are seven shopping days until Christmas of those of you who insist on waiting until the last minute. The wisdom comes from Proverbs 11:17 where it says, "Kindness gives birth to kindness."



Retirees honoured *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

Both former North Dundas Mayor Claude Cousineau and Drainage Inspector Brent Copeland were thanked for their years of service at the Inaugural Council Meeting.



Smart shopper

This young man from Cardinal was checking out the decorations on display and for sale at the Annual Christmas Bazaar hosted by the Mountain Lions Club at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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OBITUARIES

Norlene Annette Casselman-Sloan

On Tuesday, December 2, 2003, Norlene Annette Casselman-Sloan at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Brockville after an illness of some 3.5 months. Born in Morrisburg on February 25,1936, she was 67 years of age.

A devoted wife ad mother and in addition to her family responsibilities she also worked alongside her husband Ray in the family business which involved doing industrial laundry for ships and motels.

Norlene grew up on the family dairy farm in Pidgeon Island. After marrying Ray Casselman, they lived for a number of years in Dickinson Landing before moving to Iroquois during the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Norlene lived in Iroquois for many years before moving to Prescott and then to Ottawa. She resided in Ottawa until she married Terry in August of 2003.

Predeceased by her parents, the late Ross and Bernice (nee Dillabough) Prunner and a sister, Kathleen Higham, Norlene was a Cub Scout Leader in earlier years in Iroquois and a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Surviving the loss are her first husband, Ray Casselman of Iroquois and her present Husband, Terry Sloan of Westport whom she wed at Paul and Lorraine Casselman's home, August 23, 2003. Saddened by the loss are children: Skip (Debbie) Casselman of RR1, Iroquois; Darcy Casselman of Brockville; Lorriane (Paul) Casselman of RR1, Iroquois; and Woody (Carole) Casselman of Ottawa. Mourning the loss are siblings; Arlene Stata of Morrisburg, James Prunner of RR2, Williamsburg, Marlene (Alton) Casselman of Morrisburg, Verlene (Herb) Froats of Ingleside and Jay Prunner of Morrisburg. She will be fondly remembered by grandchildren; Melinda (David) Mellon, Kenneth Casselman, David (Sarah) Melbourne, Dan Melbourne, Richard Casselman and great-grandchildren Sonia, Keshia and Lukas Mellon. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Norlene was small but mighty, a little spitfire with a big heart, a giver when she had nothing to give. She was a mother to many and she will be remembered for many things including never losing her sense of humour, her polka dot dresses, her red nail polish and red lipstick, her love of wildflowers, her little chuckle, her desire to always look her best, but, most of all she will be remembered for the love that she had for her family and friends. She will be sadly missed and always loved by her entire family.

Memorial donations to the Providence Community Continuing Care Centre, St. Vincent de Paul Site, Brockville or the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted on Friday, December 5, 2003 by Pastor Roger White and Pastor David Downing. Interment followed at St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Long Sault. Pallbearers were Alton Casselman, Jay Prunner, Herb Froats, David Melbourne, Randy Prunner and David Mellon. Dan Melbourne was Honourary Pallbearer.

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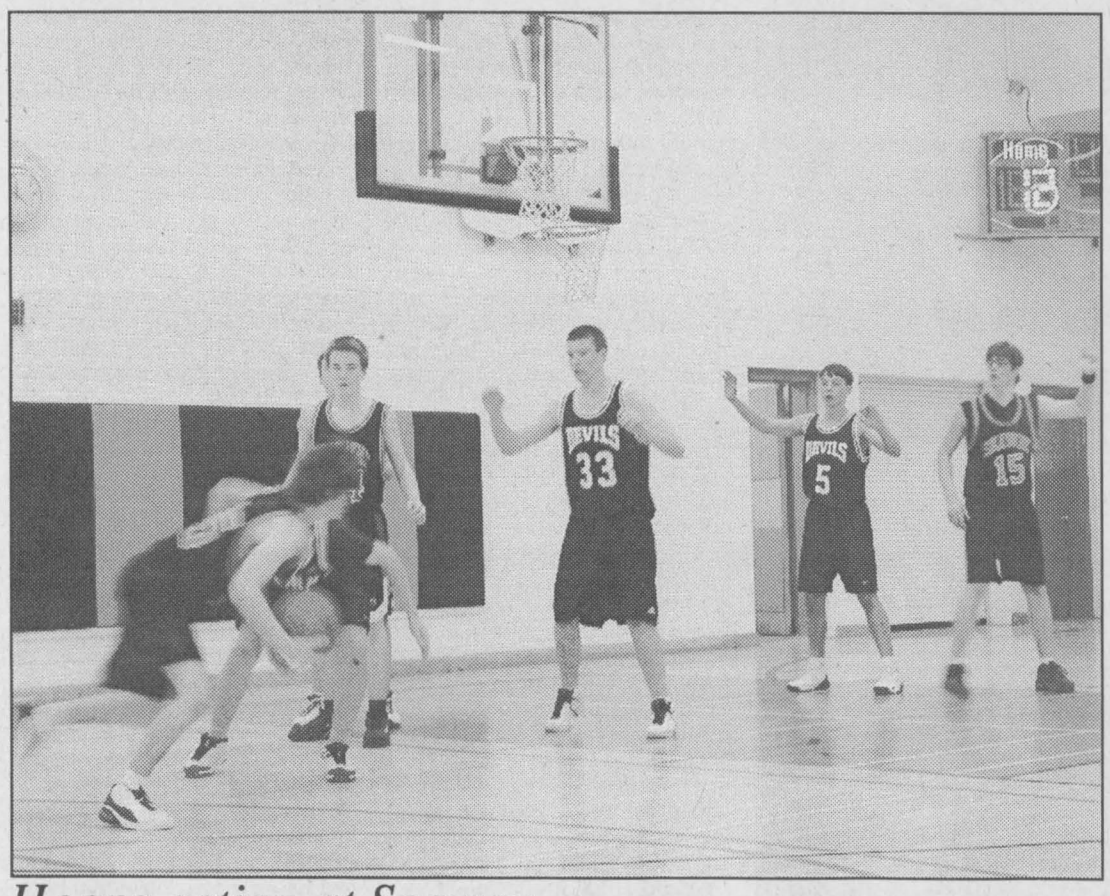


Hoops action at Seaway

The Seaway Spartan Junior Boys Basketball Team played host to the North Dundas Devils last week. Here The Spartans are putting the pressure on the Devil's defence corps as this player attempts to come out of the corner to either make a pass or shoot for two points. Although the final score is unknown the numbers were close throughout the game.

Chieftain photo by Lori Roberts

Junior B Lions came close in two games on the weekend

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Lions seemed to be in control as they skated to the lead as the first frame was almost over. While their opponents on the ice Friday night, the CharLan Rebels were on the board first at 13:09, Justin Elliott took the sweet pass from teammate Chad Galipeau to knot things on a powerplay goal. Tyler Lafortune came back, skated in with Kyle Jarvis and Cory Gove to score at 3:39 to go ahead. But the Rebels were still in the hunt and tied the score at 2 with only 3 seconds on the clock. This seemed to take the confidence out of the Lions as the second period belonged to the Rebels completely who came through with two go ahead counters that they jammed past Matt VanEgmond who was handling the crease for the Lions.

Chad Galipeau skated in hard and scored two solo counters, a powerplay goal and a shorthanded goal. The first came at 15:38 and the later at 12:51. Almost a minute later at 12:01 the Rebels were able to beat VanEgmond on the short side for the lead once again. Lafortune created another scoring play at 10:35 with Cory Gove but that would be all the Lions would muster in this game and sadly with 2:24 showing on the clock the Rebels came in to deek VanEgmond for the winning goal. Penalties did not play a big role in this game as 15 were handed to both teams. Late in the final frame though a pair of Game Misconducts were dished out, one per team after a fight went beyond control.

Travelling to Akwesasne to face the Wolves on Saturday the Lions jumped on the board first when Chad Galipeau scored at 19:26. Helpers went to Justin Elliott and Travis Baldwin. Gaining confidence Kyle Jarvis skated in at 13:17 on the powerplay with Pat McLeod and put the Lions up two. The Wolves snarled to a tie before the period ended only to have their bubble burst with only :34 showing on the clock. Jason Denio earned the assist as the Lions took the lead into the second. The game looked good for the Lions as they scored two more in the second period, the first at 17:25 as Chad Galipeau roared down the ice with wingers Elliott and Denio helping him out. The Wolves found the twine at 12:36 of the second, but it seemed too little too late to be effective. Denio took his turn at dumping the puck into the Wolevs net as Galipeau and he skated in on the powerplay at 10:48 handing the Lions a 4-2 lead in a well played game by both teams. Both goalies handled 31 shots on goal. The third period was not as kind to the Lions. The Wolves came out driving hard to the net and beat Jeff McIntyre in the Lions' pipes at 11:29 and again at 10:18. Then at 9:59 Denio bulged the twine again to give the Lions another chance to hang on to a slim one-goal lead. Unfortunately, the Wolves were able to find enough room behind McIntyre as his defence seemed to break down allowing the wolves to skate in and score three giving them the victory 8-6 in what proved to be a real heartbreaker for the Lions and their fans. Thirteen penalties were assessed, and no Lion was in the box during the third period, well done men! It is hard to encourage self discipline when play becomes uncontrolled. You did your team proud in a well played couple of matches on the weekend.

The Lions play again on Friday evening as they trek to face Westport, an 8:15 start will have the teams on the ice. South Grenville comes to the Den to face the Lions when the puck drops at 2:15. Keep playing the entire game men, you can be victorious, the skill is here.

Bantam C Lions grab three points

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Bantam "C" Lions helped solidify their share of second place in the standings, with a victory and a tie this past weekend.

In a Home/Home Series against the South Stormont Selects the Lions won a see-saw battle Friday night in Long Sault.

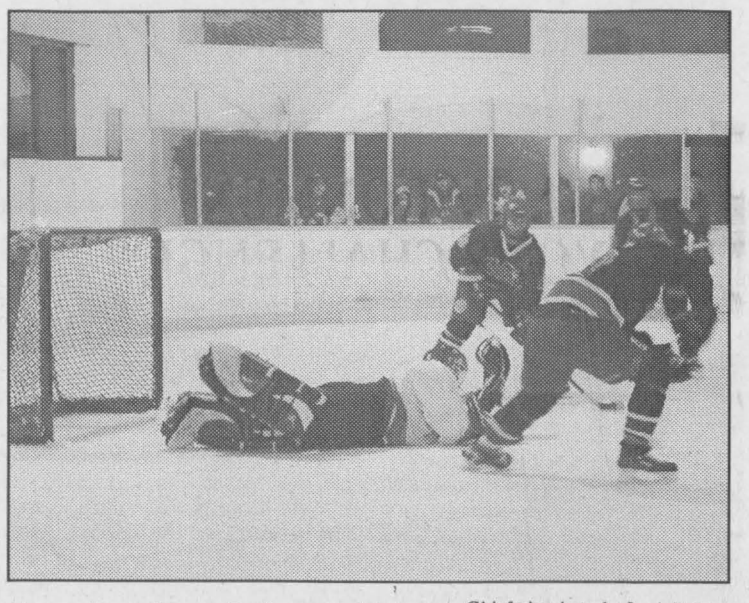
Kurtis Corry, Isaac Streit and Liam Mills put the puck in the net, Jordon Cooke, Bryce Fournier and Corry also tallied assists.

Jordon Hawn and Steve Baird were solid in the pipes during this game.

On Saturday, the Lions came prepared to play, keeping the Selects pinned in their own end for most of the first period. Kurtis Corry scored unassisted to put the Lions on the board.

The Selects showed some life in the second, but the Lions owned the third frame scoring three times on their way to a 4-2 trip in victory lane. Rounding out the scoring was Isaac Streit with his second of the weekend, Jordon Cooke picked up a counter and earned an assist. Brad Munroe and Dustin Gillard were also rewarded for their hard work throughout the game with two assists. Jordon Derue had a good night as well with a goal and an assist. The defensive crew of Fournier, Greg McCaslin, Brian Theoret and Nathan McDonnell did an excellent job all game long.

The Bantam "C" Lions are now 6-5-2 midway through the season.



Look what I found!

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Morrisburg Lions goalie Matt Van Egmond lies flat on the ice and comes up with a big save Friday night against the Char-Lan Rebels. The Lions came up just short of the win yet again, losing another game by just one goal. Keep trying guys.

Curling News

by Steve Thompson

This is the last week of league play before the Christmas break. The club will not be idle, however, as several events are planned during this time. The Annual Turkey Bonspiel will be held on Friday night, the ice will be flooded December 23rd and 24th, and the Heart and Stroke Bonspiel is on Saturday December 27th with the Two person Bonspiel set for the following day, December 28th. In addition, there are occasional rentals through the holidays.

Our senior men are "Friendly" this time of year. Last week they entertained teams from Cornwall, while this week they have "friendly" matches with Winchester and Prescott.

Curlers led by John Lyon, Mac Currie, Neil Williams, Bob Bedingfield, Don O'Brien and Wally McDonald played the Cornwall visitors and then, as they finished their lunch afterwards, watched while our league seniors took to the ice. The club is getting noticeably busier, a change we are happy to see. For the record, the two teams that shared entertainment responsibilities with each of the three Cornwall foursomes came away with a win, a loss and a tie. On points, however, Cornwall was victorious. Special thanks to Arnold Centen, who got the soup ready and was generally kept busy in the kitchen. We are happy that several of our curlers, including Arnold, Ron Brown and Eleanor Allison, will return to league play after Christmas and a number of new curlers will join them.

Our club had a very pleasant rental on Saturday, with a local education group getting together for pre-holiday bonspiel. A few experienced curlers did a fine job of instructing the novices, and by the end of the evening there were some excellent shots being made. Glad to have more people learning the game. Who knows, some of these folks might soon begin playing on a regular basis, hopefully at the Morrisburg Curling Club.

The TSN Women's Skins semi-finals and final were telecast last weekend with some surprising results. Sherry Middaugh, as expected, defeated Calgary's Bryden's though the match was extremely one-sided, the Ontario team winning nearly twenty thousand dollars. Our Tournament of Hearts and former world champion, Nova Scotia's Colleen Jones, was upset in a tight match by American Debbie McCormick of Wisconsin, the reigning world champion. That quartet faced Middaugh on Sunday in the final and Sherry won handily again with a huge payoff for the Ontario foursome.

With the upsurge in Skins play we are seeing a different kind of curling develop, one that not all of the top teams have mastered. Extra patience and precise shotmaking are essential in these battles, while one bad end does not of itself cause a team to lose. Innovative play and the ability to make difficult run-backs are a integral part of the new curling. Half a century ago the take-out style of play, with games often ending in three point totals, had the few die-hard fans who watched chanting "Boring, boring." Rule changes and adapted formats have made the game more spectator-friendly, and as a result its popularity is growing. Perhaps it's time to use the Skins format for some of the area club open competitions.

Next time, we'll list the winners for the various club leagues. For this week, it's a wind-up for many of them, with a party to follow before they take a rest, to resume action in the first week of January.

PeeWee B Lions have their unbeaten streak end

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Saturday, December 13, the Lions hosted the CharLan Rebels and saw their undefeated streak come to a halt with a 4-1 loss to the raging Rebels. In the first period, the Rebels took a 1-0 lead. The Lions pulled even in the second frame on a nice goal from David Toonders. Earning the assists were Drew Hutt and Daniel Stevens. In the final frame the Rebels potted two more to take a 3-1 lead. With 1:20 left to play, Coach Tom Hodgson pulled goalie Luc Stewart for the extra attacker but CharLan scored on the empty net to cap their 4-1 victory. Lack of practice time seemed to hurt the young Lions in preparation for their important game against the fast skating Rebels. The Lions are heading to Arnprior this weekend for a tournament. Good luck Lions!!

St. Lawrence Jr. "B" Hockey League

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Char-Lan	27	21	4	0	44
Kemptville	27	20	7	0	40
Alexandria	27	17	6	2	38
Akwesasne	27	15	9	1	33
Winchester	26	6	18	1	14
Morrisburg	26	5	19	1	14

St. Lawrence Jr. "B" Hockey League
Scoring Leaders

Team	G	A	Pts
Pat Johnson, Char	18	30	48
Jeremy Synnott, Ak	16	29	45
Scott Leppard, Kv	19	25	44
Alex Vidoni, Kv	15	24	39
Dominic Lamarche, Alex	23	15	38
Sam Raymond, Ak	18	19	37
Darcy Smith, Kv	10	27	37
Steve Jarvo, Char	18	17	35
Kyle Laurie, Kv	11	23	34
Ryan Kohn-Lalonde, Ak	17	16	33
Brett Brady, Kv	17	16	33
Dan Lefave, Char	17	14	31
Derek Duval, Char	8	22	30
Tyler Rasa, Kv	12	17	29
Jason Denio, Mor	20	8	28
Mathieu Desnoyer, Alex	9	18	27
Simon Langevin, Alex	10	14	24
Patrice Brunet, Alex	5	19	24
Louis Brisson, Alex	9	14	23
Matt Methot, Kv	9	14	23
Stephane St. Denis, Char	9	14	23
Shawn Smail, Win	13	9	22

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Jeannie Fox-Dibble	133
HIGH 3 DART FINISH	
Delaine Greenough	93
MOST BULLSEYES	
Mert Crawford	5
Marilyn Hoy	5
Edith Small	5
WEEKS HIGH SCORES	
Diana Hoy	126
Anne Merrifield	116
Keitha Patteron	?
MOST GAMES FOR THE WEEK	
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For more information contact Cindy at 989-1219, Edwin at 989-2838 or Terry at 989-5263.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at the community Christian Reformed Church, Dixon's Corners. If you would like a place to worship on Christmas Eve, join us for a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. (Nursery provided). A blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE of lessons and carols, 8:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's and St. James Presbyterian Church, Dundas Street, Cardinal. Everyone most welcome.

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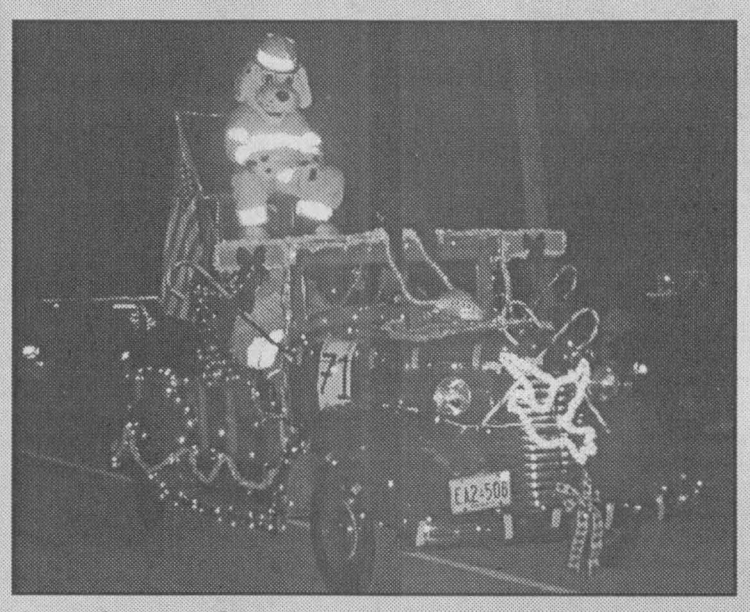
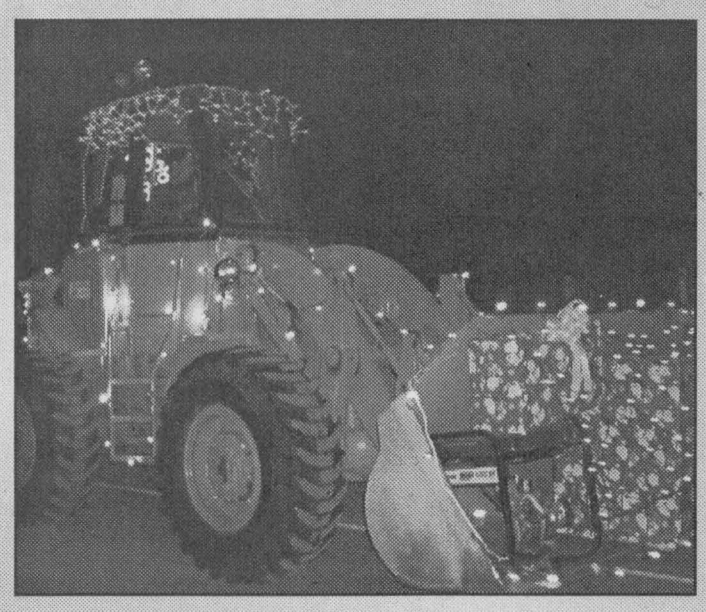
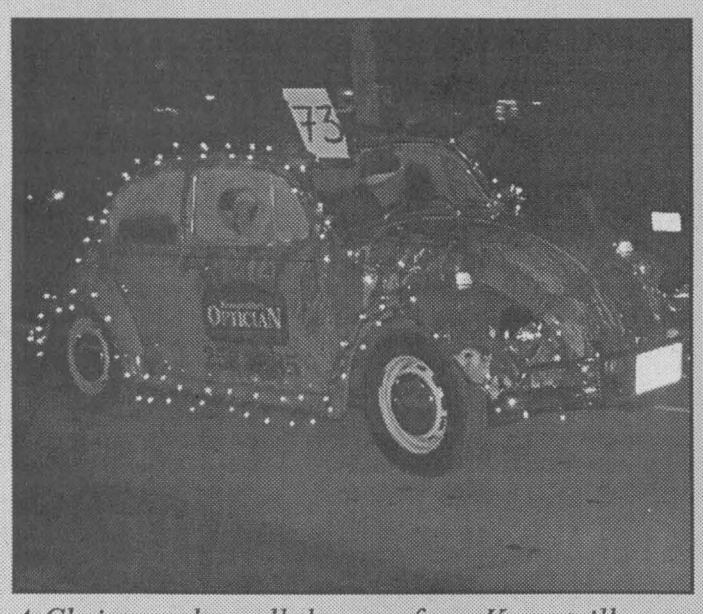


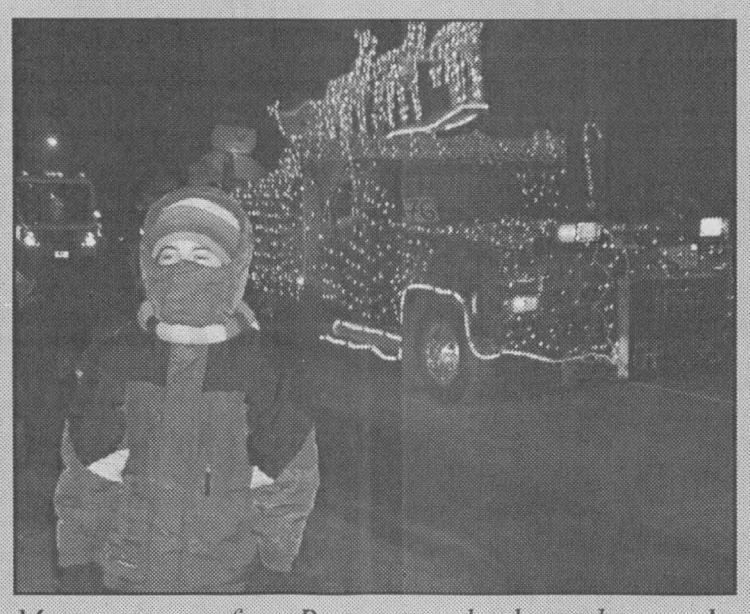
Sparky the fire dog was a parade hit.



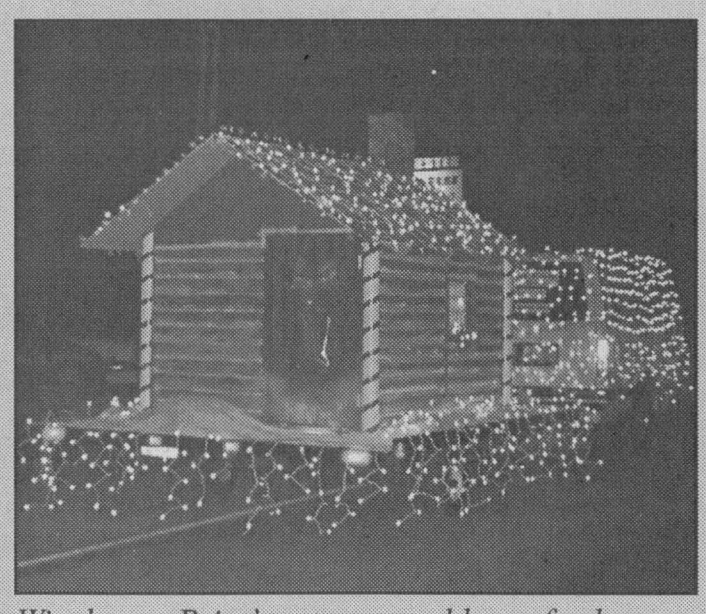
A real bucket full of Christmas presents.



A Christmas bug all the way from Kemptville.



Margaret came from Prescott to check out the parade.



Winchester Print's entry was a blaze of colour

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Community Christmas dinner hosted in Morrisburg

A community dinner to which all are invited, "For people who need people" will be hosted at the Morrisburg Legion by the Apple Tree Ministry of St. James Anglican Church. Whether you want to share a delicious meal or some terrific company, there is definitely no need to spend Christmas Day alone. A turkey dinner sponsored by the Ministry is marking their seventh year of serving turkey at 12:30pm.

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Anyone interested in being a part of the planning committee can call 537-2483 or email pjmartin@cnwl.igs.net since volunteers are needed to help with kitchen duties, as greeters, table hosts and clean up crews.

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LETTER

Dear Editor,

Let me tell you about a man and his grandson. This man was a member of the Winchester Fire Department for 18 years. He devoted his life to this department and was dedicated to serving and protecting the community. He loved entertaining the kids during fire safety week and when they would come to visit the fire hall, he took pride in the department. Due to a misunderstanding and lack of communication he was let go from the department. He has tried to get this rectified, but to no avail.

One day when his grandson was visiting he asked if they could go to the fire hall (which they had done many times before). They walked over to the hall, knocked on the door, when a fireman answered the door and saw it was him, he was told he couldn't come in and the door closed in his face. What gives with this? How do you explain that to a four year old? There was nothing going on at the hall that evening. It is a pretty sad case when personal feelings interfere with professional responsibilities. All kids love fire trucks and no one should be turned away. Is this how you treat someone who worked hard for the department? How do you explain bad manners to kids? What if something happened to this man's house, would personal feelings come into play or would their professionalism take over? It makes me wonder!

Concerned,
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The Holiday Season is a time for giving. This year on behalf of all our customers, we have made a donation to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital in lieu of sending Christmas cards.
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Brian, Joy and Calvin
D17-1tc/15640

Cards of Thanks

PEPERS: Mrs. Clara Pepers who recently underwent major heart surgery, and is recovering at home, would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to all involved.
To her family, for their love and support. To the doctors and nurses from the Ottawa Heart Institute for their skill and excellent care. To Dr. Beth Rivington for her foresight and patience. To Father Sebastian Arikat, for prayers and counsel. Mostly though, to all her friends and acquaintances that sent cards, flowers, well wishes and prayers.
Thank you and God Bless, and may you and your families have a Merry Christmas. The Pepers family has the best Christmas present we could ever hope for.
D17-1tp/15638

GRAHAM: The family of the late Jane Graham would like to express sincere thanks to their relative, many friends and neighbours for donations, cards, food and support during our loss.
We would like to thank the nursing staff at Dundas Manor in Winchester for the special care Jane received. Thanks also to Dr. Henry Prins and Reverend Douglas Carnegie for their support and prayers.
The soloist Robert Thompson, Stephanie - Jane's great granddaughter, Margaret Whisselle and choir for their special contribution to the Memorial Service.
We would like to thank the ladies of the United Church for the lovely lunch, also the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home and staff. Your acts of kindness will always be remembered.
Ronald & Clara Graham and Family
D17-1tp/15642

BYLSMA: Our sincere thanks for your thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls with the passing of our father, grandfather and great grandfather. Your words of comfort and your expressions of sympathy are truly appreciated.
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Joan Zandbergen
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REDDICK: Wishing all my friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
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D17-1tp/15643

Births

GIBBONS: Anne-Marie (Droogh) and Donald would like to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Erin Johanna Petronella. Baby sister of Annaka. She was born on Friday, November 28, 2003 at 8:25 a.m. at the W.D.M.H. weighing 9 lbs and 15 ozs. Proud grandparents are Ruth Gibbons from the Dundas Manor and Anthony & Nellie Droogh of North Gower. Many thanks to the doctors, nurses, family, friends and neighbours for their generosity and kindness.
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TIME CHANGE: The public meeting for the Zoning By-Law Amendment on **January 6, 2004** will be at 8:00 p.m and **NOT** 11:00 a.m. as previously advertised.

PUBLIC TENDER: TENDER NO. 04-RF01 - CLEANING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
Closing Date: January 5, 2004

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TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL
Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

Holiday Hours

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January 1, 2004 - Closed
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Garbage Collection - Thursday Route Only - Waste and recycling collection scheduled for Thursday, December 25 will be picked up Saturday, December 27. Collection scheduled for Thursday, January 1 will be picked up Saturday, January 3. All other collection days remain the same.

Stephen McDonald
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Christmas entertainment

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Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

NOTICE OF DECISION OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 3

TAKE NOTICE that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has made the decision to approve all of Amendment No. 3 to the Official Plan for the Township of Edwardsburgh (now the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal) as adopted by By-law 2003-33.

Ministry File No.: 07-OP-0107-003
Date of Decision: December 5, 2003
Date of Notice: December 10,2003
Last Date of Appeal: December 30,2003.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment

The Official Plan Amendment is to consolidate the Official Plans for the former municipalities of Edwardsburgh and Cardinal and to update policies having regard to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and to changing circumstances or information.

Appeals

Any appeal to the Ontario Municipal board must be filed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing no later than December 30,2003. The appeal should be sent to the attention of the Area Planner, at the address shown below, and it must:

1. set out the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies,
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Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board. An appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, an appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group.

The decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is final if a Notice of Appeal is not received on or before the last date of appeal noted above.

Additional information about the application is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the address noted below, or from the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal.

Mailing address for filing a Notice of Appeal:
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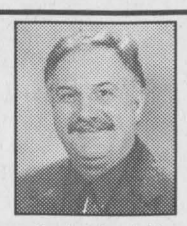

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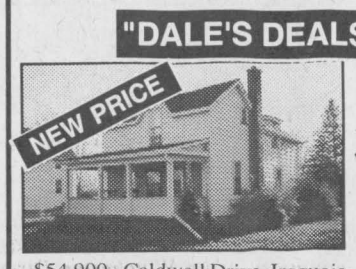

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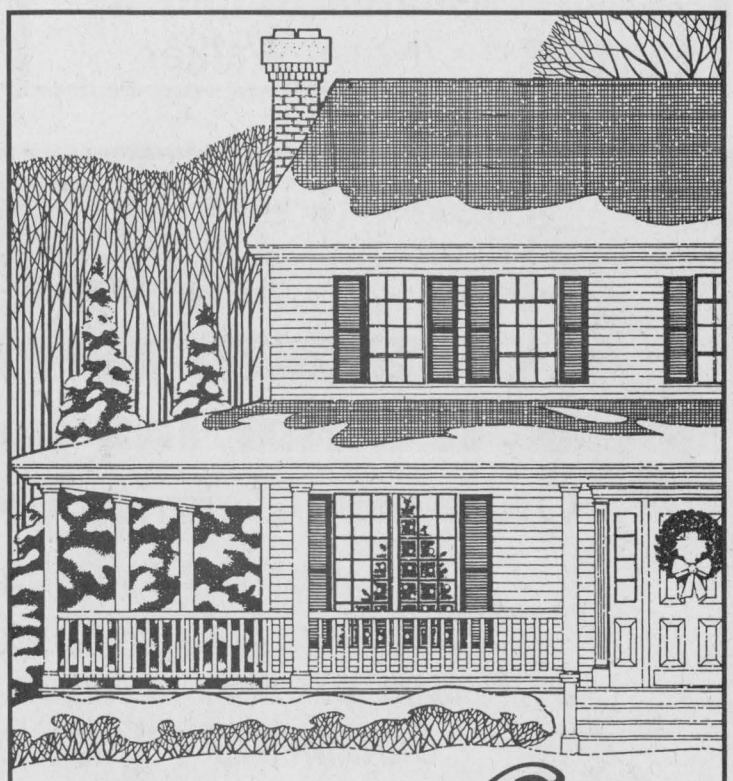

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Arts & Entertainment

~Singing Christmas Songs
~Artist Featured At Rose Trellis
~Lou's Pantry Set To Celebrate

Artist Eugene Baranowski featured on weekend at the Rose Trellis

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Ottawa Artist Eugene Baranowski who holds a B.Sc. as well as a M.Sc. started painting at an early age. Working under the direction of his father, a renowned European artist/painter, Eugene sold his first painting at the tender age of six years.

In parallel with his science career, he continued painting and taking art courses throughout his life.

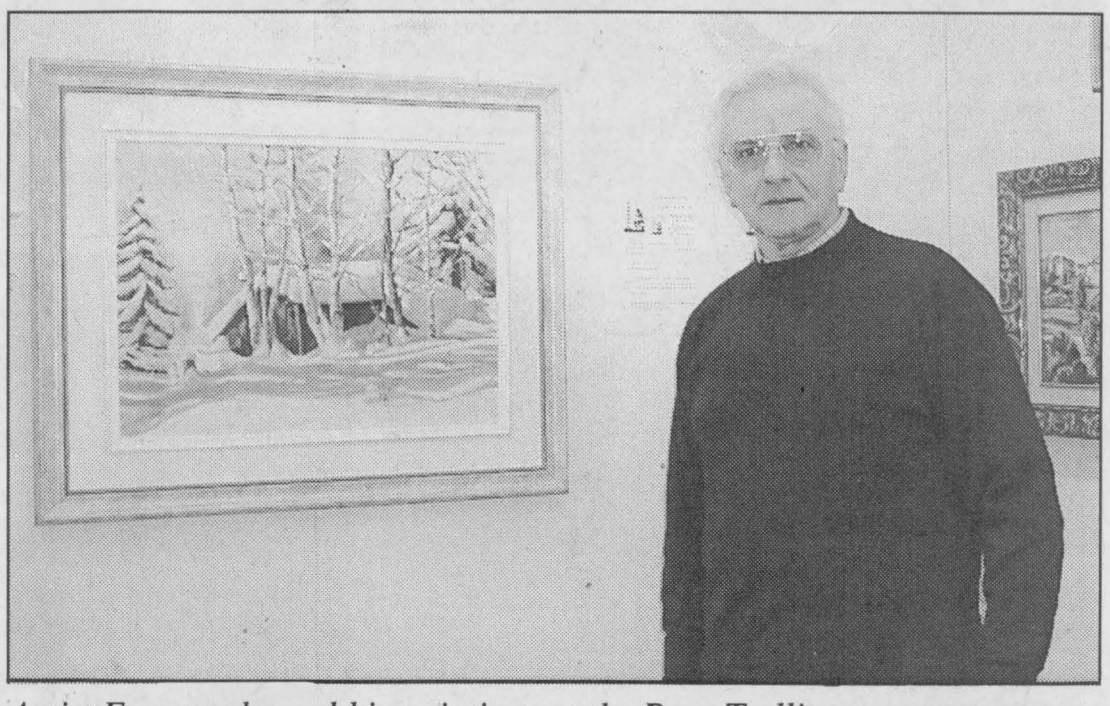
His painting themes include landscapes, seascapes, animals and architecture. Speaking to him we learned that his preferred mediums are oil and water colour.

The strength of his painting can best be described as realistic with a dose of impressionism. He paints from photos he takes himself or often paints directly from nature, often sketches in the field returning to his studio to compare what he saw with what he sketched. Taking all this into consideration he then creates a piece that is pleasing to the eye.

He paints on commission and has frequent exhibitions in the city of Ottawa.

Featured at the Rose Trellis in Morrisburg, Eugene showed some pretty awesome pieces, including after Monet pieces, a winter forest scene from the Gatineau Hills (nice!), a Purple Loose Strife piece (just completed), a ship being tossed in the turbulent waters off the Grand Banks, a piece from the Tuscany Sun, a portrait of his daughter, and numerous Horse paintings and each provided a feast for the eyes. Very pleasing, well done pieces, any of which would look great on any wall in your home.

A humble man with a lot of talent as he puts brush to canvas, Eugene was a pleasure to meet as he showed his works. He is talented and whether you prefer oil or water colours, he is sure to catch your fancy with his efforts.



Artist Eugene showed his paintings at the Rose Trellis. *Photo by S.L.Johnston*

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

With the recent snowfall the birds are frequenting the feeders this week a lot more than ever. Searching for snacks is tough when snow covers everything in a white blanket.

Our Irena birder reports five BIG Blue Jays and was surprised by a Pheasant as it flew directly in front of her car as she headed south on the Brinston Road. He tells us that she saw between 75 and 80 Canada Geese floating contentedly on the mighty St. Lawrence river near the Beckstead home along Lakeshore Drive.

Ten Juncos have been coming to the yard since the snowfall, they make a statement with their dark colouring against the white snow. Two Tree Sparrows dropped by and she saw three groups of 75 Geese while walking the other day. Only two were a lighter colour than the others, but she was unable to ID them. A large female Hairy Woodpecker was seen at the suet bell this week. She notes as well how pretty the evergreens look with their snow laden branches bending under the weight.

A caller who did not identify herself reports a Red-Breasted Nuthatch this week, an awesome sighting for sure.

We have our regular compliment of Chickadees, and Sparrows, Mourning Doves and our Red Squirrel is back this year. We have some peanuts for him to enjoy so he is not bothering with the birdseed. A suet cake has been purchased for our newest visitor, a beautiful RedHeaded Woodpecker who comes by to check the seed feeder, the wooden hanger that holds it and the drift wood we leave outside. He has been seen scratching around on the ground for seeds as well under the hanging feeder. He will no doubt like the suet.

Bunny tracks abound on the lawn and we wonder what they find to eat now. We have bought alfalfa cubes but they seem to ignore them.

Our reporter has been fortunate enough to sight a lot of deer and we will run their photos next week, just in time for Santa. Bucks and Does, such lovely creatures.

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The product is now banned by Health Canada from sales, import, and advertising. Everyone should remove such objects from their homes in order to prevent possible fatal injuries. For more information, please contact the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 933-1375 or at 1 800 267-7120. Ask for Health Line.

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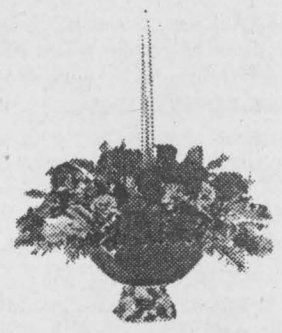

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

A small number of ten cribbage players were in the lounge this past Saturday, as several others were in Morrisburg competing in Zone Cribbage.

Karl Kirkwood took first place with 1067 points, while Andy Acelvari came in second with 1067 followed by Noella Kirkwood who ended up with a total of 1044. Marilyn Fernell had the honour of being the "Bridesmaid" when she ended up with 1035 points. there were only four skunks invading the branch and Gladys Parks got half of them.

At Zone Cribbage which was held at Morrisburg this past Saturday, our Branch had four teams entered. Out of the fours teams, one team places first and another team placed third. The team of Willis Douglas, Duane Kirker, Ken Palmer and Roger Coulter placed first, while the team of Don Hutt, Darlene Bouchard, Harold and Lynda Head came in third spot. This qualifies both teams to compete in District Cribbage to be held in Napanee in February 2004. We now have our beloved trophy at home and will be hosting Zone Cribbage at our Branch next year. Congratulations guys and gals!!

At the Euchre played on Tuesday evening December 9th, there were thirteen tables participating. Lynn Seeley picked up the first prize while Marjorie Gray captured the second prize. Low score for he evening was Jon Cureston. Keith Casselman managed to pick up the door prize. Following the Euchre everyone joined in for a lovely Christmas Luncheon.

At Bridge played on the same evening, there were four tables being played. Dick Gaiser and Doug Grenkie were high winners for the evening. On Tuesday evening December 16th the Bridge is to start at 6:30 p.m. so the players can enjoy their Christmas get together at the end of the evening.

The Pot of Gold winner was Allie McKee who was NOT signed in. Therefore, her winnings stay in the pot and this made the pot a little sweeter for the next person.

On Sunday past Wendy Leslie with her helpers hosted a Christmas Party for the children in our area, and of course no party is complete without Santa. Games were played, lots of treats provided and from all reports everyone had an enjoyable day. Many thanks Wendy for your thoughtfulness at this busy time of year.

The Ladies Auxiliary had the draw for the $1000 CASH draw on Thursday evening past. The winner was Ron Goodwin of Embrun.They would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket making this a successful event. All tickets were sold out in time for the draw.

This coming Wednesday evening is our General Meeting (Legion) and here's hoping a good attendance of members will come out.

On Friday, our Ladies Auxiliary will be having the popular Turkey Dinner for the public. It starts at noon and will be proceeding until all the food is gone. The cost is $6 per person and take-out will be available. Hope to see you there.

This Fridays meal will be none other than the Turkey with all the Trimmings. The winner of the free meal in Colleen Carr. Congratulations Colleen.

Christmas hours at the Branch are as follows, Christmas evening closes at 6:00 p.m., closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Opened New years Eve for anyone who cares to drop in-nothing lavish, and closed New years Day. After that back to normal!

Until next week-take care!!



Ralph Martin picks winner of $1000 Draw.



Legion Helps WDMH

Reps from the Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Zone G-3 met earlier this month in Winchester to donate $7500 to the WDMH Foundation. This is in addition to the pledges made by the 14 Branches in G-3 and will be used to buy a Colonoscope. Ed Hitchison (Charitable Fd) presents money to Lynne Wilson of the WDMH. Ken Sorrenti Deputy-Zone Commander is second from the right and Ron Goodwin is far right. Pictured as well are reps from the Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation., from Winchester.



A Liberal Christmas Party

The Liberal Associations of SD&C hosted a delightful Open House to celebrate the season. Both the local Federal and Provincial groups welcomed invited guests to wish each a Merry Christmas. Pictured are MPP Jim Brownell, South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen , Iroquois' Leona McIntosh and MP Bob Kilger. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

MPP Jim Brownell secures visitation by Minister Silverman

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

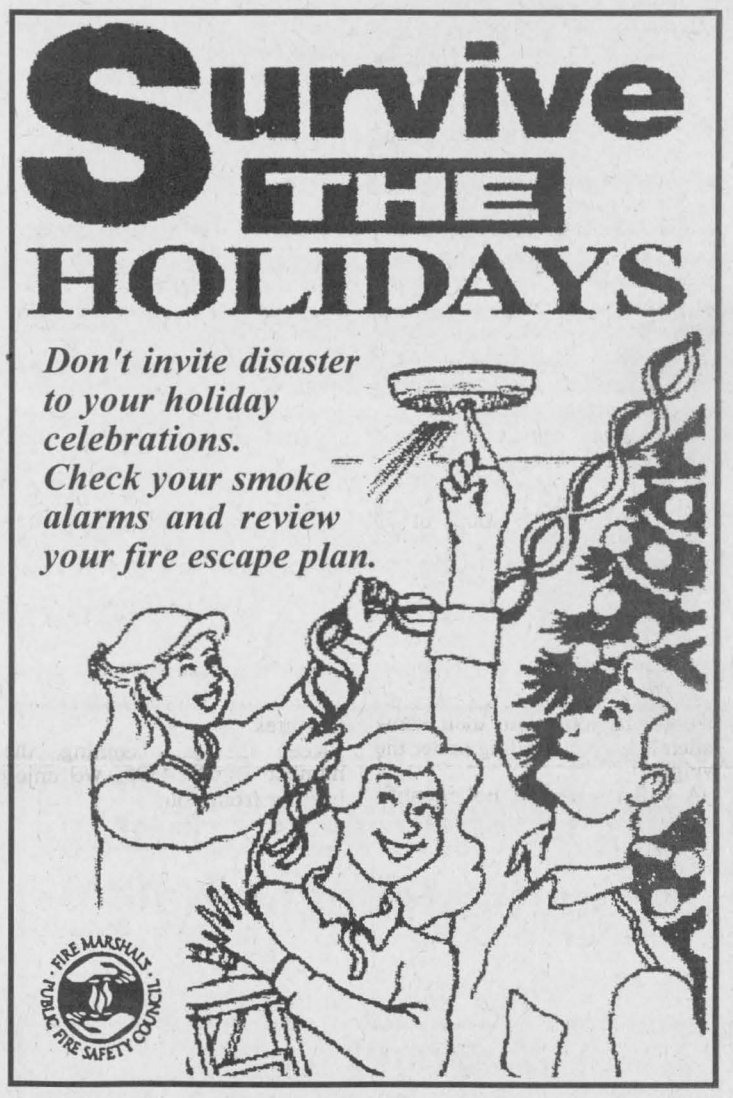
Wasting no time at all since taking office, our newly elected MPP Jim Brownell secured a tour and visit of both the Cornwall and Winchester health facilities earlier this month. After an informal meeting with Minister of Health and Long Term Care George Smitherman. Mr. Brownell, who has been lobbying the Health Minister since his election on October 2 is elated that the Minister will be able to tour the facilities first hand, as well as communicate and meet with community leaders at the same time.

"I am very happy with the outcome of our meeting and am looking forward to touring our riding with the Minister," stated Brownell.

Mr. Brownell has made both the restructuring of the Cornwall hospitals and the capital redevelopment campaign of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, a priority since taking office.

"I look forward to the Minister coming to the riding in January and am thrilled that this project is moving along. The people of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh deserve the best quality healthcare and I will work with our government in order to ensure its delivery."

On a separate note, MPP Brownell was appointed to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Justice and Social Policy. This adds to his previous appointment to the Cabinet Committee-Community Affairs and Policy.



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Ice Crystals and Blizzards Come in Second

Seated are Alisha VanHoof, Logan Patterson and Alyssa MacMillan and standing are Jessica Bass, Haley Van Allen, Kaila Van Hoof and Mikayla MacMillan did themselves proud and their Club as well. These gals earned valuable experience and will have even more confidence as they hone their skating skills. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*



Ice Storm and Avalanche Winners

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

In back from the left are Meghan Adams, Kelsey Hall, Hayley Mills, Brianna Stewart and, Amy Veltkamp. Seated are Kelsey Baxter, Bryanna Hickman and Morgan Baxter. Absent is Kaitlyn MacDonald.

Mighty Strokes for mini folks hosted in Athens

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Skaters from the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club sharpened their blades, cleaned their best outfits and held their nerves in check as they travelled to Athens to take part in the Mighty Strokes for Mini Folks Competition. These contests allow the young skaters to learn valuable lessons including how to accept not coming in first place with a smile. Building confidence they will do better next time as they practise, practise, practise for the next competition. Skating in front of an audience helps every time.

The local skaters did themselves and their Club proud as they came home with a number of first place finishes. First place was won by Kelsey Hall (Prelim 1 ladies A, Flight 1), Brianna Stewart (Prelim 1 Ladies A, Flight 2 and Prelim Individual Elements Flight 2)) and Kaitlyn MacDonald (Prelim 1 ladies B, Flight 1). Also winning first places were Meghan Adams (Prelim 2, Ladies B and Prelim Individual Elements Flight 1).

Coming close behind with second place finishes in their skating classes were Alisha and Kaila VanHoof (Gum Drops and Glitter), Kaila earned a second place in CanSkate Individual Elements Stage 5&6, Flight 2 as well. Skating to second place also were Kirsty Robinson (Candy Canes), Mikayla MacMillan (Intro. Ladies Flight 3), Kelsey Hall who earned a second place award to add to the first already awarded, this time in Prelim Individual Elements Flight 1 and Kelsey Baxter came off the ice with a second in Pre-Prelim 2 Ladies B while Logan Patterson was good enough for a second in Introductory Ladies Flight 2 and Improv 1, Flight 4. Haley VanAllen's second was in the same class.

Third place was awarded to the following young skaters who did a great job. Alyssa MacMillan skated Gum Drops while Hayley Mills got hers in Prelim. Ladies A, Flight 1 and Amy Veltkamp's third came in Prelim. Individual Elements Flight 2.

Fourth spots were snagged by Hayley Van Allen in Introductory Ladies Flight 1, Jessica Bass in Intro. Ladies Flight 3, Alisha Van Hoof in CanSkate Individual Elements Stage 5&6, Flight 1 and Bryanna Hickman in Pre-Prelim Individual Elements, Flight 2.

Fifth places went to Alisha VanHoof in Improv 1, Flight 2; Morgan Baxter in Improv 1, Flight 5 and Hayley Mills in Prelim. Individual Elements Flight 2.

Kelsey Baxter came in sixth in Pre-Prelim Individual Elements, Flight 1 while an eighth place was won by Morgan Baxter in Pre-Prelim 2, Ladies B.

Team Elements present their own unique challenges. Morrisburg Ice Storm: Kelsey Baxter, Bryanna Hickman and Morgan Baxter skated Team Elements Pre-Junior 1 and earned a third place for their efforts. Coming in with second places were the Morrisburg Ice Crystals: Alyssa MacMillan, Kirsty Robinson and Alisha Van Hoof in Team Elements Stage 4&5. Morrisburg Blizzards came through with a second place finish in Team Elements in Stage 6&7. Team members included Jessica Bass, Logan Patterson and Kaila Van Hoof and Mikayla MacMillan. first place went to the Morrisburg Avalanche in Team Elements Pre-Junior 2. Members are Meghan Adams, Kelsey Hall, Hayley Mills, Amy Veltkamp and Kaitlyn MacDonald.

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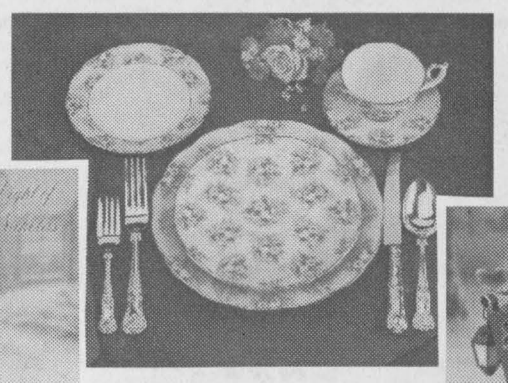





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Let's hit the trails *Chieftain photo by Lori Roberts*

Floyd Elliott must have been happy to see some snow fall, as he is prepared to hit the trails on his new Bombardier 600 HO Rev.He is shown here with Debbie Strader, Jean MacDougall and Jim Primrose from the South Nation Snowmobile Association.

Floyd Elliott wins again

by Lori Roberts
Cheiftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg resident Floyd Elliott laughs when asked what is his secret lucky charm. Floyd was the winner of a Bombardier 600 High Output Rev in the Annual Nation Valley Snowmobile Association draw. This is the second time Floyd has been the holder of the lucky ticket. He previously won a van in the recent Heart and Stroke Lottery, but chose to accept the cash prize instead.

Club members sell the tickets with proceeds going to trail safety. This year tickets were sold at many events including the Plowing Match and at various local fairs. Floyd purchased his five dollar ticket, #26, from top salesperson Jean McDougall.

Debbie Strader, Chairperson of Fund-raising thanked Jim Primrose owner of Jim's Performance who supplied the snowmobile, "He has worked with us for the past six years and has been really great for us."

Floyd announced that he was hoping for some more snow so he could take his new machine out on the trails, "This one, he said " is a keeper."

OBITUARIES

Dwight Becksted

Many friends throughout the district were saddened at the sudden, but quiet passing of one of the area's well known farmers, Graham Dwight Deeks Becksted on October 14, 2003 in his 93rd year.

Born on the family's Glen Becker homestead on February 16, 1911, he was the second of four children to the late E. Matthew Becksted and his wife Emma R. Deeks. A quiet, humble man, he received his early education from Fetterly SS #10 Williamsburg and Morrisburg Collegiate Institute. He was a devout member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Excelsor Lodge AF & AM #142 & Morrisburg Chapter O.E.S.#83.

After courting a teacher from Fetterly School, Eileen Foster, they married on October 8, 1937 at her parents' Iroquois farm. She proceeded him in November 1991 after 54 blissful years together. He was also predeceased by a brother, Clare (August 1982) and a sister, Eleanor (May 2003).

Mr. Becksted grew up on the family's 195 acres farm, working long, strenuous hours each day. Finally a rest was deserved and he and Eileen retired to Iroquois in 1979. They enjoyed many trips abroad, including to England and Alaska and wintered in Florida.

Gardening was a passion for them both and this was reflected by the colourful array of flowers both on the farm and their home in Iroquois. In the 1986 Horticultural competition, they won first prize for best urban grounds. Although Mr. Becksted disliked being the centre of attention, he did, however enjoy being fussed over. For his 90th birthday, Mayor Johnny Whitteker presented him with a plaque and the annual greetings from the Prime Minister were also a hit.

Mr. Becksted is survived by sister, Muriel (Mrs. Ray Johnstone, Ottawa) and sister-in-law, Ruth Beckstead of Toronto. Mourning the loss is a special uncle and four nieces and nephews; Richard (Barbara), Carly, Jim (Darlene) and Jane (Mrs. Mark Smith) as well as great-nieces and nephews.

Friends were received at the Parker Funeral Home where both Masonic and Eastern Star services were held on Friday evening, October 17, 2003. Funeral Services were conducted by Rev. Darren May the following day with eulogies offered by Nephew Jim Becksted, brother-in-law Ray Johnstone and Mayor Johnny Whitteker. Memorial donations to the Winchester District Hospital or charity of choice were appreciated. Interment followed in the family plot in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Pallbearers were Alex Dusa, Mark Smith, Victor, John and Bruce Foster and Jim and Richard Becksted.

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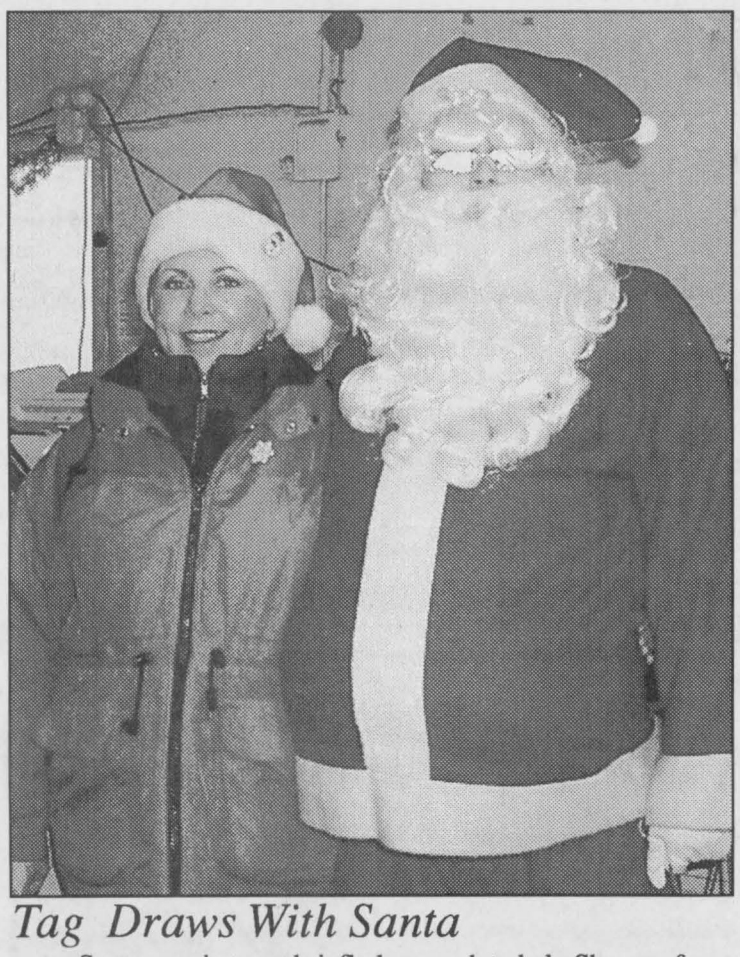

Tag Draws With Santa

Santa was in town briefly last week to help Sharron from the Chieftain make the Annual Tag Draws at each plaza store that was involved in the free draw. Winners included: Coral Geurkink (Gilmers' Pharmacy), Lois Gilmner (S&F), Phyllis Holmes (This & That), Stacey McKee (Beaupres), Vernie Warren (Royal Bank), Maureen Welsh (Doug Byers), Donalda Banford (LCBO), Norm Bailey (The Chieftain), Eileen Fawcett (Thompsons' TimBrMart) and Audrey Bailey (Little Rikkis Restaurant). Congrats to all who won this year and thanks to the business community for encouraging shopping at home in such a grand style. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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FROM THE FRONT

North Dundas

crowd gathered that he wants to keep in mind what is best for North Dundas, meet the tasks and responsibilities using common sense.

Each of the three councillors spoke of the loss of the experienced voices due to the overall vote. Armstrong added that he wished to set some groundwork for the future. Schoones agreed saying that he is committed to further economic development, "I want to find a vision for North Dundas, together we will meet all challenges." Rose will once again be the North Dundas voice for the Environment, "Without clean water we have nothing, we must keep the environment uppermost in our minds."

Outgoing Mayor Claude Cousineau was presented with a portrait and thanked for his thirty years of service to the municipality. It was announced that he had been named to sit on the South Nation Conservation Authority. Clerk Joanne McCaslin told the former Mayor that she would miss him both as a leader and a friend. Cousineau thanked everyone for their support over the years. "I had a great time, and I met the greatest people. But thirty years is a long time and I am tired."

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

erville Agricultural Society. Tickets will be on sale at Euro Deli, the 730 Truck Stop, Cardinal Convenience and Myles Discount.

A severance application for a piece of land along Hyndman Road, owned by Doug and Gaetane Berman was approved by Council. They also approved a motion to transfer surplus funds from the 2003 Cardinal Water and Sewage Operations to the Water Treatment Plant reserves for Capital Expenditures to cover Township 2003 operations. "All we're doing is setting it aside really," said Treasurer and Tax Collector, Russell Trivett, "If Council does not do this the surplus must be calculated into next year's tax levy."

Council delayed a decision on membership in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System to their next meeting. "Personally, I would like to take this to an Administration meeting for further review," stated Councillor Marie Thomson. She felt there was just not enough information available on it.

The Fencing By-Law received third reading and passed. Minor changes included fence height raised to 6-feet and the material used...chain link fences can be no larger than 1.5 " mesh using galvanized wire, no less than # 12 gauge diameter or a minimum #14 gauge steel wire covered with an approved coating that forms a thickness equal to 12 gauge. All fences must be supported by a rigid metal bar on top of the fence, stiffer at the bottom and can be supported not more than every 10-feet by steel posts. With vertical or pickets they can be no less than 1" by 3" in size spaced no more than 1.5" apart. Boards must be supported on substantial posts no more than 8-feet apart.

Earning the most discussion was the Procedural By-Law which underwent several changes before being passed. Committee of the Whole Meetings will now be held in the Johnstown Community Centre the second Wednesday of each month and in Cardinal the fourth Wednesday of the month. Mayor Taylor said, "The idea is to make the meetings accessible to everyone in the Township. Finding a location in Cardinal is a problem at present. We'll get it set once we find a site. We've not talked about it at Council." Question Period has changed from only questions from the Media to questions from anyone in attendance.

The Mayor explained that the past few weeks have been busy with inaugural meetings at the County and Township levels. "We have a busy three years ahead of us," she noted. She concluded the meeting wishing Council and residents alike the best for the holiday season.

Council meets next on Monday, January 5, 2004.

Santa

owner Robbie Hamdo, Little Rikkis, renamed-Iroquois Plaza Restaurant and the new owner Paul McLaughlin.

President Jeff Beaupre adds, "Merry Christmas to South Dundas from the Iroquois Business Group."

Credit Union to offer banking in Williamsburg

The Ottawa Carleton Credit Union will open a new branch in Williamsburg in January, 2004 to serve the financial needs of Williamsburg and area residents following the closure of the town's only bank last October.

"Residents have been enthusiastic in their support for a locally owned and operated financial institution,"said Ottawa Carleton Credit Union CEO, John Ebsary. "We are excited about the opportunity to get involved in this community by serving the financial needs of Williamsburg residents and supporting local initiatives."

OCCU, which currently operates five branches in Ottawa and two in Cornwall, plans to increase membership in the Credit Union by expanding service in Eastern Ontario. Ebsary said the Williamsburg branch may be the first in series of rural branches of the Credit Union to serve communities where banks have reduced their presence.

Williamsburg businessman and President of the Williamsburg Community Association, David Lapier believes the Credit Union's arrival is great news for the local economy because it means financial services will be more accessible to area enterprises. "Businesses in and around Williamsburg will benefit greatly from the community's new Credit Union, " he says.

All residents of the Williamsburg surrounding communities are welcome to join the new Credit Union branch, which will offer a full range of financial services, including deposit and chequing accounts, RRSPs, mortgages, online banking and trading, commercial loans and more. The cooperative nature of the Credit Union means that members must purchase a share in the Credit Union, which entitles them to dividends on their shares and the opportunity to have a say in how the Credit Union is run.

Bantam B Lions win two in regular play

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday, the McIntosh Country Inn Bantam "B" Lions travelled to Long Sault to play the South Stormont Selects. The Lions scored three unanswered counters in the first frame. Bending the twine for the Lions were Collin Chesbro from Peter Coolican and Justin Saunders. Saunders took the lead from Coolican nailing the 2-0 lead. Then Derrick Thompson took the setup from Saunders who had a hot stick in this match. Scott Douma's pass to Saunders early in the second period made the board read 4-0. Then the Selects scored two to play catchup and end the second 4-2 on shots from Scott Reid with help from Daniel Sullivan. Corey Jodoin came through for the Selects with a solo marker. The third was tight when Jodoin brought the Selects to within one from Travis Nutbrown. But the Lions were not yet finished and again Saunders netted the puck for his hattrick from Douma to go up two late in the final frame. With the crease open, the Selects pulled their goalie, Brent Maxwell in favour of the additional attacker. It paid off as Billy Lalonde found the twine and brought the Selects to within one goal. The Lions held tight for he 5-4 victory with Graham Peters in the pipes.

On Monday night the Lions were home to the Cornwall Royals and came up big after a Saturday evening practice skate. Both teams exchanged goals in the first frame. Coolican from Chesbro, and Chris Tindal for the 1-0 lead, but Royal Brock Marsolais tied the score on a pass from Barret Wagar. The Lions added three more to widen the gap 4-2. Counting for the Lions in the second were Alex Whelan from Brandon Elliott and Andres Menges. Tindal popped the next two, one a solo marker while the other was set up by Coolican and Saunders. The Lions would add three more in the final frame to solidify the win. Winning 7-3 they played well. Assisting on the final three goals were Evan Harper, Saunders, Elliott, Douma and Whelan.

The bantam "B"s would like to wish all their fans and supporters a Happy Holiday Season!!

The next action for the team is in Athens on Saturday, December 20 at 9am against Goulburn Rams to start the Athens Tourney. Next League game is Monday, January 5 at home with the North Dundas squad in town. The puck drops at 8pm. See you there!

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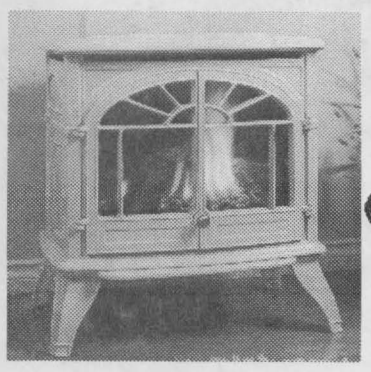

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