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Health minister announces grant for Winchester hospital

Minister of Health and Long Term Care George Smitherman (centre) was at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on March 16 to announce a $4 million planning grant to go towards the expansion of the hospital. Mr. Smitherman is flanked by MPP of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburg Jim Brownell (left) and WDMH's Andre Radier.

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Hot topics discussed at South Dundas Council

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Two of South Dundas' hottest topics brought on some discussion at the South Dundas Council meeting on March 16.

The closure of the South Mountain branch of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Library was the first of these to be addressed.

Residents in and around the South Mountain area are continuing their campaigning to keep the library open, and they seem to have the support of the South Dundas Council.

"I hope that the counties take a second look at that," said Councillor Sandra Bailey of the closure. "I think we should take every effort to keep the library open."

Should the South Mountain branch close, the nearest library would be in Winchester, and those who can't drive or don't have the transportation would have problems getting there.

Citing declining usage as one of the reasons that the SD&G Library is closing the South Mountain branch, Councillor Ron Delegarde stated that the libraries only keep track of the people who check out books.

"They don't count the people that use the computers or do research," he said. "Many, many people use the library aside from checking out books."

There was a bit of a discussion about the Williamsburg branch of the library.

The Williamsburg branch had been on the chopping block in January as well, but readership at that branch had improved.

The Council agreed to support keeping the South Mountain library open.

In discussing the trespass by-law to help with deterring youth loitering, Council decided to defer making a decision on the by-law until the next meeting.

Youth loitering has been an issue in South Dundas for some time, and many residents and businesses have already brought their concerns to both the Council and the SD&G OPP.

However, until the trespass by-law is passed, the OPP is unable to do much about the youths.

"If we don't do this now, there's nothing the OPP can do," said Councillor Charles Barkley.

"The problems are getting worse and worse," added Councillor Delegarde. "I don't want to rush this (by-law), but something has to be done."

The OPP are in the process of doing a report on youth and youth loitering in the area, but this has yet to be completed.

Council seemed to agree that there should be meetings held with school officials, businesses and parents to find alternatives to the by-law.

"This by-law can be pretty harsh," stated Mayor Lyle Van Allen. "It's a bad situation, and something has to be done."

Council decided to wait until the next meeting in hopes that the OPP would have their report completed before the Council made a decision on the by-law.

The Council passed a resolution that will ask the Government of Ontario to amend its Safe Drinking Water Act and its Regulation

This amendment would see that small businesses, small non-residential systems and community churches will not have to do additional testing on their water for coliform or e-coli if the current test results have already

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Ontario's Minister of Health visits Winchester Hospital

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Ontario's Minister of Health was at Winchester's hospital to make a major announcement that will impact the hospital's Renewing the Vision Campaign.

George Smitherman, accompanied by local MPP Jim Brownell, was at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital on March 16 to announce that the McGuinty government approved a $4 million planning grant to help with the expansion of the hospital.

With this announcement, which was greeted with a lengthy round of applause from Hospital supporters, the hospital is now closer to its $15 million goal.

Mr. Smitherman stated that one of the perks he enjoyed about being the Health Minister was being able to visit health facilities across the province, and meeting "people who were involved in the delivery of care."

"One of the responsibilities of being Health Minister is making sure that you (the WDMH) have the infrastructure that you require to deliver the services in the best possible way," he said, just before making the announcement.

Saying that the grant was long awaited, Mr. Smitherman explained that the development would bring the residents of the Winchester area closer to a revamped hospital that will provide better service to their health care needs.

"The project will bring new operating room suites, a new emergency room and out-patient areas-the cornerstone of any hospital," he said.

The money will be going towards a 50,000 square foot addition, as well as renovations to the existing building.

"I know very, very well how determined the greater Winchester community and its government are to make this happen," said Mr. Smitherman.

The hospital's fundraising efforts have been successful thus far, with $8 million in pledges, and another $5 million already in the bank for a total of $13 million.

"I'm knocked out by, I'm astonished by your fundraising success to date," stated Mr. Smitherman.

Saying he was eager to see the shovel go into the ground, Mr. Smitherman explained that the hospital will be on its way to improving physical access to critical services.

Among the changes that the hospital will see are enhanced patient privacy, a more attractive environment in patient rooms and treatment areas, and improved infection control and protection for patients, staff and visitors.

"These changes are part of the McGuinty government's commitment to building a health care system driven by one common cause to deliver the highest possible outcome for the people," said Mr. Smitherman.

In order to do so, Mr. Smitherman explained that the health care system needs to be integrated, and it must be a system where all providers "speak one language."

"It must be a system where bridges replace barriers to deliver services driven by the needs of the patient," he said.

Following his tour of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, he stated he was impressed with what he saw.

"I felt the tremendous community commitment that was in place," said Mr. Smitherman.

The Minister has spent the last two weeks visiting a number of hospitals in Eastern Ontario, and he said he liked seeing the amount of support that is given to community hospitals such as the WDMH.

Mike McGuiness, a co-chair of the fundraising committee, stated that everyone involved with the fundraising and the hospital was overwhelmed by the announcement.

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Community Living Dundas County starts Parents Reaching Out

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Community Living Dundas County is starting a new endeavor with their Parents Reaching Out (P.R.O.) support group which among other things will give parents of children with a disability "a shoulder to cry on."

Community Services Coordinator from Community Living Dundas County, Brenda Laviolette says the group will cater to any range of disability including intellectual, learning or developmental. She is hoping as the group matures the parents involved will let her know what they need help with or are interested in.

The group is not only geared to parents with young children with a disability, but also those who have adult children. The meetings will be informal and anyone interested is asked to just come out.

For more information please contact Terry Boyd at 989-2851 or Brenda Laviolette at 543-3737 extension 231.

"We are hoping to meet once a month and have guest speakers. This is important because there are a lot of parents in the community who have a wealth of knowledge which could help people who were recently given a diagnosis," said Laviolette.

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Residents & businesses voice loitering concerns

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Residents and businesses within South Dundas have been vocal in their concerns about youth loitering.

These concerns have been brought to the South Dundas Council.

"We've had a lot of complaints," said South Dundas Mayor Lyle Van Allen.

Some of the complaints range from nuisance calls, to property damage, to using illicit drugs openly.

The impact of such activities for residents and businesses have ranged from inconvenience to financial loss.

In many cases, local merchants claim that local youth have been causing problems.

"We're trying to deal with this," stated Mr. Van Allen.

The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP have also received complaints about youth loitering.

However, officers are unable to do much, as the council has yet to pass a trespass bylaw that will

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Elderly woman injured in home invasion

On March 20, 2004, early in the evening Ontario Provincial Police from the Prescott Office of Grenville County O.P.P. were called to a residence in Edwardsburgh Township to investigate a home invasion and robbery.

The lone occupant of the residence, an elderly female, was assaulted and injured by a masked intruder. A quantity of cash was stolen. The victim was brought to The Kemptville District Hospital and treated for head injuries.

Uniform members, K-9, Technical Identification Services, and the Crime Unit attended the scene and are taking part in the investigation.

This investigation is ongoing and police request that anyone who may have information about the incident call D/Sgt. Mark Zulinski at Prescott Detachment 925-4221 or Crime Stoppers 800-222-TIPS.



Girl Guides make donations to good causes *Photo by B. Palubeskie*

The Girl Guides present Bonnie Gummerson of the Food Bank and Bruce Leslie from the Diabetes Association with donations on March 22 at the United Church in Cardinal. 12 year old Danika Adams spearheaded the food drive, while 11 year old Alacia McIntosh organized the drive for diabetes. The girls did this as their third year personal challenges.

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Fight to save Library continues

By Dianne Fetterly
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Momentum is building in the fight to save the South Mountain library.

Sue Mathies, who helped organize the protest, said response from the community has been high. "The community is pulling together to voice their concerns. People want to let the board know they need to have the library open."

Members of the community recently circulated a petition and have planned a bus trip to tomorrow's (March 25) meeting of the SD&G Library Board to voice their concern.

"The petitions are everywhere (and) everyone's been signing them. (The planned closure) has created quite an uproar in the community," Mathies added.

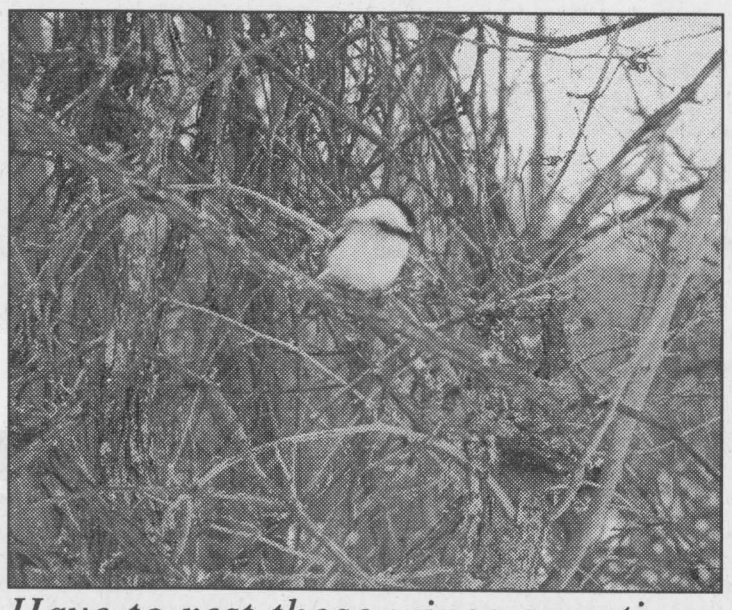
At last count, 20 to 30 people had already signed up for the bus trip to attend the meeting in Cornwall. But with the bus leaving at 5 pm in the evening, some people who wanted to make the trip are unable to attend. However, a delegation will still be delivering the petition, allowing everyone's voice to be heard, she explained.

There is still space on the bus and it's not too late to sign up. Those wanting a seat on the bus can contact Sue Mathies at 989-4585 to reserve a spot.

The SD&G County Library Board has earmarked the South Mountain library for closure on April 1, along with libraries in Maxville, Moose Creek and St. Andrews. This week's meeting will be the last opportunity for residents to voice their concerns before the slated closure.

In February, the board decided to close the four branches, citing declining usage as the reason. But South Mountain-area residents say the library is needed and is an important resource tool for area students as well as seniors and other patrons.

"Children need exposure to books. I feel(the board) is cutting off a lifeline, not only for children, but the elderly as well," Mathies concluded.



Have to rest those wings sometime

A black-capped chickadee rests on a tree branch at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on March 20. The little guy is just one of many birds that can be found at the Sanctuary throughout the year.

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Sugar bushes are ready for a sweet time

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Families looking for an inexpensive family activity just in time for the March Break should consider visiting one of the many local sugar bushes.

Drummond's Sugar Bush, located at 3719 County Road 21 west of Spencerville, opened for the season on March 6 and will remain open until April 18. They offer a pancake house every Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, on a first come, first served basis.

The sugar bush also offers wagon rides on the weekends and walking trails for the whole family to enjoy. They have been family operated since 1802 and can be reached at 658-2188.

"We have made some syrup, about 100 gallons so far. The quality is really good this year and the trees have made a pretty good come back from the ice storm. We are hoping for more freezing and snow to make the season complete," said Marilynne Drummond, owner of Drummond's Sugar Bush.

Sanders Maple Sugar Bush, Products and Pancake House, located three miles west of Finch, will be open from now until April 15. They are open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am to 5 pm.

They offer trails for everyone to enjoy, tours through the operation, a pancake house on the weekends and taffy every Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm as long as there's snow.

The sugar bush is owned by Albert and Rosemary Sanders and can be reached at 984-2368 or 984-0784.

"The season started two weeks earlier than last year. The quality of the sap is excellent and the sap is running. If the weather is nice and cold it will prolong the season. We have ample syrup on hand and everything is in the norm," said Albert Sanders.

Armchair Travellers at Edwardsburgh Library

The Friends of the Edwardsburgh Public Library will present Armchair Travellers, four evenings in April of slide photos from exotic locations.

Thursday, April 8 is a vacation in China with Dale and Vicki Cameron as they cover the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China, and the Terracotta Warriors.

On Thursday, April 15, visit Africa with Barry Fawcett on a photographic safari with elephants and antelope.

Thursday, April 22 tour India with Molly Faessen as she makes a personal journey to the Sangam International Centre of Girl Guides with three other guiders.

On Thursday, April 29 explore the ruggedness of ancient Turkey with Martin Connell, professional photographer, who travelled off the tourist path.

All presentations will take place in the Council Chambers, Spencerville, at the rear of the Township Hall, 7:00 pm.

The cost is $10 for the series, $3 for a single night. Tickets are available at the library and at the door. All proceeds go to support the library in Spencerville.

Rideau St. Lawrence makes presentation to S. D. Council regarding electricity concerns

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A representative from Rideau-St. Lawrence Hydro brought electricity concerns to the March 16 meeting of the South Dundas Council.

John Allison stated that a big concern was the amount of electricity that has been used across the province over the past few years, and explained that conservation is something to be considered by everybody.

"There is certainly a shortage of electricity in Ontario," he said, adding that people should try to become more energy efficient.

With this shortage, province-wide brownouts and blackouts can be expected, especially with the increased usage during extremely hot summers or colder than normal winters.

Mr. Allison stated that a Joint Task Force should be formed with the US for hydro-related matters.

He explained that hydro in Ontario and the US was connected, and should an incident occur in one area, it could have an overall effect on a bigger area.

One example of this would be the blackout in August that came as a result of an accident at a US-based hydro company. Several states and provinces were affected as a result.

Mr. Allison stated that the government was also looking to provide incentives for Ontario's municipalities to conserve energy.

"It's easy for the Province of Ontario to tell municipalities to conserve," he said. "I think that municipally speaking, in Ontario the government will be putting the burden on the municipalities."

Mr. Allison explained that the municipality would be facing incentive programs in the coming months.

He also touched on the rising cost of electricity across Ontario.

"The price of electricity has to go up, and the price of electricity will go up," Mr. Allison explained.

As of April 1, the fixed rate of 4.3 cents per kilowatt hour will be slowly disappearing.

He expects that the volumetric increases will be approved.

"The cost of electricity is more than 4.3 cents," stated Mr. Allison.

Mr. Allison then moved on to explain that Rideau-St. Lawrence Hydro was in the top third utility money makers, and it provides low rates to its customers.

"We're doing very well, and I hope that we can continue to make a profit," he said.

He also explained that the company has expressed interest in continuing to provide services to the municipality, such as water meter billing.

"We are ready, willing and able, and we have the equipment to do it," Mr. Allison said.

United Way raises $552,000

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry United Way office in Cornwall reports that their campaign goal this year was to raise $550,000, but they surpassed this goal, raising a grand total of $552,000.

The 2003 campaign started on September 14, 2003 and ran until January 15, 2004. Executive Director, Keith Jodoin believes it was a successful campaign.

The funds were raised from a mail campaign, a celebrity sleigh in the Cornwall Square and Dollar Days at several Cornwall and one Alexandria grocery store.

Their 2004 campaign will be the main topic of discussion at their Annual Meeting on March 31 at 7 pm at the Days Inn in Cornwall. At this time any fundraising events will be decided and the goal for the campaign will be established shortly after the meeting.

"We are currently trying to close the 2003 campaign and will get started on the 2004 campaign after the Annual Meeting," said Jodoin.



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Moving has impact on taxes

Anyone who has moved, and is at least 40 kilometres closer to their job or business, they may be entitled to deduct their moving expenses on their income tax.

This may also apply to a student who is moving to study full time at a post-secondary educational institution.

Deductible expenses include payment for movers or rental vans, furniture storage, meals, and lodging during the move, and costs incurred to break a lease or sell a home in order to move.

Full-time students who move away from school to take a summer job or co-op placement, or to start a new business, may also be elegible to deduct their moving expenses against certain types of income they earn at the new location.

Filing for children

Parents filing tax returns for their children can be beneficial to the children down the road.

If the child has a taxable income of less than $7,756, there is no federal tax.

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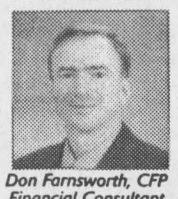
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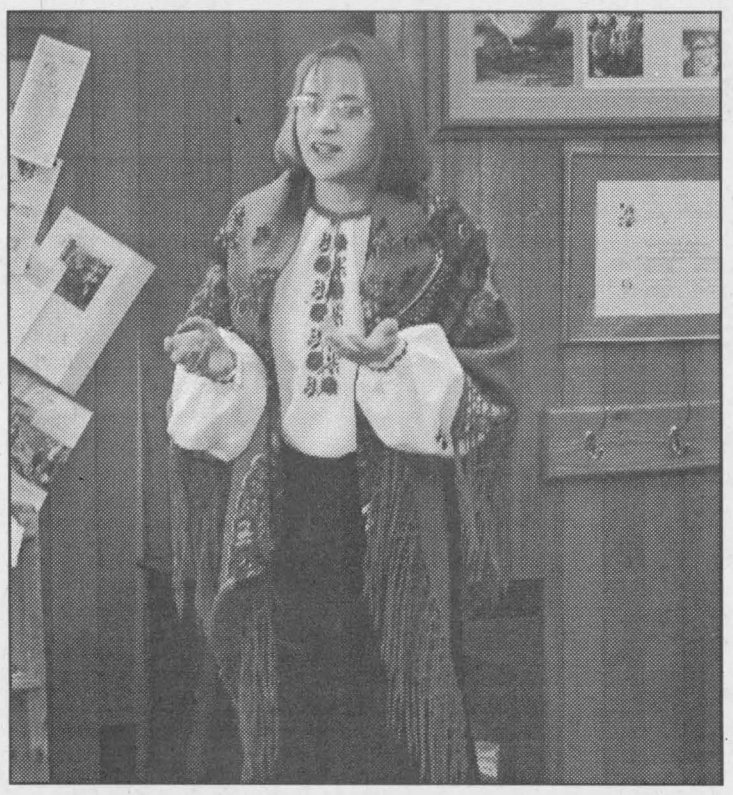

Sanctuary hosts storytelling event

The Friends of the Sanctuary hosted Wisdom on Wings to celebrate World Storytelling Day on March 20 at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Above, storyteller Linda Mikolayenko tells traditional bird stories to the crowd.

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Workshop laughs at stress

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A workshop that focuses on the importance of using humour to deal with stress is set to run.

On March 29, the workshop, which is entitled "Laughter-Our Internal Message," will be held at the Park Lane Senior's Support Centre.

George Rouleau of Canadian Mental Health will be speaking about how important humour is when dealing with stress related to loss.

The workshop will be getting underway at 7 pm, and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 535-2215.

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Playhouse to help food bank

The Upper Canada Playhouse will be raising funds for the Dundas County Food Bank with their next play. Two showings of "Hyacinth Returns" will be held on April 3. A matinee will get underway at 2 pm, while the evening show will start at 7 pm.

Tickets are $2 and a free will offering will be taken. Tickets are available at the Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Morrisburg, the Nook in Iroquois, or by calling 543-3904.

STORMONT, DUNDAS, GLENGARRY

Federal Liberals to hold meeting

The Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry Federal Liberals will be holding their nomination and annual general meeting on March 25 at 7 pm at the Best Western Parkway Inn on Vincent Massey Drive in Cornwall. Bob Kilger, the current Member of Parliament of Stormont, Dundas and Charlottenburgh has declared his intent to run as a candidate. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

SOUTH GRENVILLE

Annual arts show in S.G.

The South Grenville Guild of Fine Arts will be holding their 13th annual show and sale at the Maitland Recreation Centre, located between Prescott and Brockville.

The show, called "The New Diversity," will be held from April 30 to May 2. The show will be run from 7 to 9 pm on April 30, from 10 am until 5 pm on May 1 and from 11 am until 4 pm on May 2.

For more information about the show, call 342-7795 or 342-3036.

CORNWALL

Chamber's Spring show in April

The Cornwall Chamber of Commerce Spring Home and Garden Show is scheduled to go ahead from April 16 to 18 at the Civic Complex. Everything from deck building to air conditioning to painting tips to flooring will be featured, as well as gardening and landscaping ideas. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 933-4004.

CORNWALL

Ice booms to be removed

Ontario Power Generation is advising hunters, anglers and recreational boaters on the St. Lawrence River that ice booms along the narrow stretches of the river between Iroquois and Prescott will be removed between March 17 and March 30. The booms, which are placed in the river near Iroquois, Johnstown and Prescott, prevent ice buildup during the winter.

WINCHESTER

WDMH conducting survey

Winchester District Memorial Hospital is undertaking a strategic planning initiative that will guide the direction of the hospital over the next three years. And while the first step was to consult with stakeholders, the hospital is now looking for input from the public, in the form of a survey.

The survey is posted on the hospital's website at www.wdmh.on.ca and people are invited to complete the survey on-line. People can also contact the hospital's community relations office at 613-774-2422, extension 5296 to obtain a copy. Deadline for completion of the survey is March 26. Results from the strategic planning process will be communicated in May.

Food Bank to hold fundraiser

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Come out to the Upper Canada Playhouse on Saturday, April 3 to tickle your funny bone and support a worthwhile cause all at the same time.

This will be the night of Hyacinth Returns, a parody of the British TV show, "Keeping up Appearances", in support of the Dundas County Food Bank.

There will be both a matinee show at 2 pm and an evening show at 7 pm. Tickets are $2 each plus a free will offering taken during the show and are available at Seaway Valley Pharmacy in Morrisburg, The Nook in Iroquois or by calling 543-3904. Light refreshments will be served after each show.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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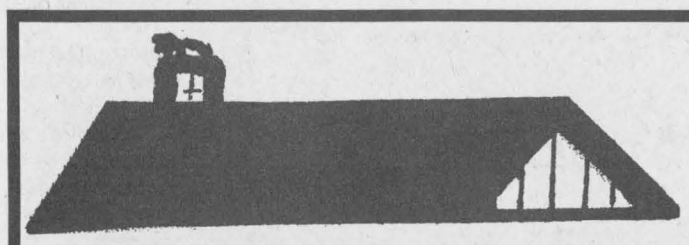

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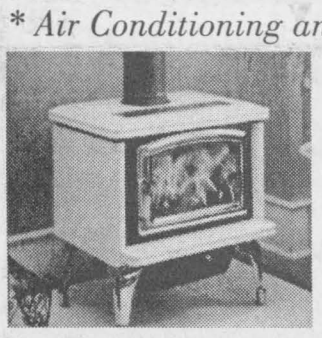

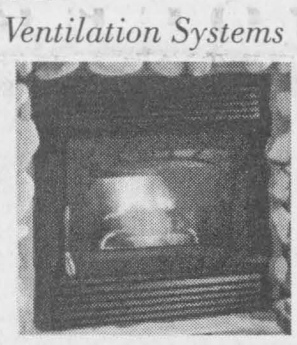

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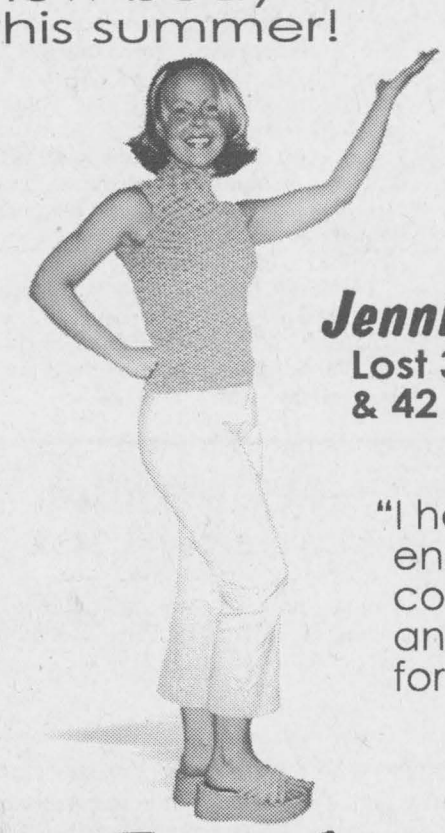

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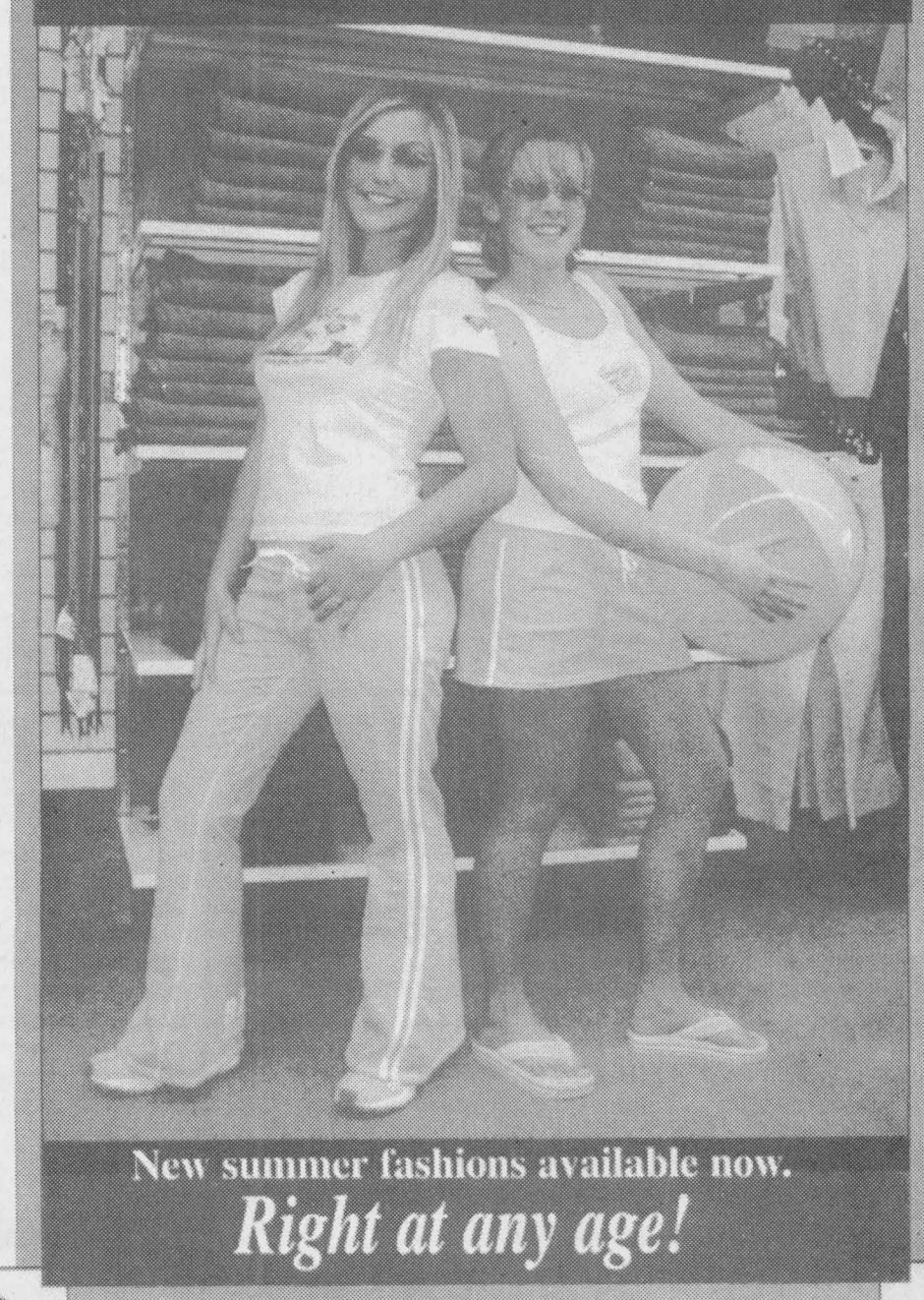

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Youth in small towns

There's been a great deal of discussion about the number of youth loitering in South Dundas over the past little while. I've seen it myself, as there's usually a group or two that seem to enjoy gathering in front of the office.

Seeing a group of high school kids can be intimidating for both customers and business owners of the Iroquois Plaza. While there has been a great deal of talking about it, there hasn't been too much action, at least that I've seen, to resolve the problem. Granted, I have only been here three weeks.

Although businesses and residents have made complaints to the OPP about these youth, there is little the police can do at this point.

The police are still awaiting for the South Dundas Council to pass a trespass by-law. This by-law was on the agenda at the March 16 Council meeting, where the Council decided to defer it until the April 6 meeting.

Should this by-law be passed, and there's a very good chance that it will, the police will be given the authority to ask loiterers, youth and adult alike, to leave the property. In extreme cases, the police will also be able to remove these people from the premises.

The general consensus from the Council is that this by-law was an extreme measure. While I think that having such a by-law isn't necessarily a bad thing, I also feel that there are other options to deal with these kids.

Mayor Lyle Van Allen, who I talked to last week about this, stated that he wanted to take a softer approach, which is great. However, after suggesting something along the lines of a youth centre or some youth programs, Mayor Van Allen stated that the kids would end up vandalizing a youth centre, and there's no point building something they don't want.

I know how hard it is going to high school in a small town, as I went through the same thing. Youths in small towns who may not be able to find a job, or aren't involved in other after school activities, have to find other ways to spend their time. Some of these kids may turn to loitering in the plaza, or getting involved in illegal activities of some sort. Although not every high school student gets involved in such activities, there are always a few at every high school.

Mayor Van Allen mentioned that he'd like to get a committee formed that would concentrate on the youth. That's a step in the right direction. Get a couple of staff members from the high school, a few from the council, some of the local business owners, maybe someone from the OPP detachment in Morrisburg, and maybe some of the youth themselves on the committee.

Maybe this committee can come up with some ideas that will help cut down on the number of youths that hang around at the mall. I say, find out what the high school youth suggest in terms of finding something to do, or somewhere to go, and work with them to get something going for them.

B.P.

Save the Library

Residents in the South Mountain and surrounding area should be commended for their efforts to save their library.

Library patrons only found out about the planned closure in February and they have already managed to circulate a petition and organize a delegation to attend the SD&G Library Board's meeting, scheduled for tomorrow.

Public outcry in 1998, saved the South Mountain Library from closure then, and area residents are hoping their voices will be heard again. They are hoping the "powers that be" will realize what they already know -- that the library is a vital part of their community!

So far, the library board only seems to be looking at the figures. Figures indicating library usage; the number of members; the number of people using the internet access computers; and the number of books, videos and magazines circulated annually. But what the board doesn't seem to be considering is the effect the closure will have on the rural community.

It's one thing for the board to say it will expand facilities or extend hours at a larger library, such as the one in Winchester, but do those making the decisions, realize how difficult it is for some members of the rural community to get to these facilities? How it will be for the senior lady who no longer drives, but is now able to stroll down to the local library to pick up a book; or for the single mom who is now able to run her two children to the library 'down the road' to use the internet to complete a school project? The internet is an important educational resource for children, and not all homes have the service. Some kids don't have access to a computer at home, at all. What good is extended hours at the library in Winchester if you can't get there anyway? We are all paying for the libraries. They should be accessible to everyone.

D.F.

Former Iroquois resident to set sail on HMCS Athabaskan

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Former Iroquois resident and Seaway District High School graduate, Perry DeBellefeuille will be aboard the HMCS Athabaskan when it sets sail on April 30.

DeBellefeuille is a Naval Communicator in the Navy and is responsible for "providing real-time tactical voice and visual communications. "On board the ship they provide real-time tactical information by voice radio, intership radio teletype and visual signaling."

He is skilled in all areas of naval communications, this includes radio teletype, computer networking, satellite, tactical voice and visual communications. On top of this, Naval Communicators "operate a variety of sophisticated systems" such as computer-based message processing network, radio communication control system and cryptographic and satellite equipment.

Some of the duties of a Naval Communicator, such as DeBellefeuille, are to control systems shipboard radio/satellite equipment, message processing via local area network and cryptographic equipment. They can also communicate by inter ship, ship/shore radio teletype, ship/shore satellite, voice and radio teletype, INMARSAT voice, facsimile and e-mail, tactical international and administrative voice radio, flashing light (Morse code), flag signaling and semaphore.

Naval Communicator may also be responsible for "performing and advising on shipboard flag ceremonial procedures" and may also be needed to perform some all ship seamanship duties. DeBellefeuille will know exactly what his duties will be upon boarding the HMCS Athabaskan.

The HMCS Athabaskan was built at the Davie Shipbuilding Ltd. in Lauzon, Quebec and is the third warship of her class. The ship was launched on November 27th, 1970 and commissioned on November 30th, 1972.

The primary weapons of the ship were "anti-submarine, which included mortars, homing torpedoes and two CH-124 Sea King helicopters, which is an all-weather aircraft that can function at speeds of up to 150 knots, armed with torpedoes." The HMCS Athabaskan initially had "the Canadian Sea Sparrow missile system and a 5" 54 caliber gun, which were both radar controlled, for protection against air and surface threats."

Forty years after the ship's predecessor sailed for Korea, on August 24th, 1990 the Athabaskan along with the destroyer Terra Nova and the supply ship Protecteur sailed for the Persian Gulf to help a multi-national naval blockade after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

"As the flagship of Canada's naval Task Group, the Athabaskan forced UN sanctions and took part in Operation Desert Storm. The Athabaskan returned to Halifax in April 1991 to start her Trump (Tribal Update and Modernization Program) conversion, to prepare for modern day warfare."

The ship is one of the most modern warships and "is able to perform many roles in support of Canada's sovereignty and defence agreements." The HMCS Athabaskan has "a gas turbine propulsion plant, computerized Command and Control System, new weapons and improved communication and detection equipment."

The crew consists of 314 officers and non-commissioned members. The ship's colors are white and scarlet, the motto of the ship is "we fight as one" and it sailed in the Arctic in 1943-1944, the English Channel in 1944, Korea in 1950-1953 and the Persian Gulf in 1991.



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

Five years ago
March 24,1999

On March 24, 1999, area residents welcomed the beginning of the maple syrup season. The supply of sap to make the syrup would depend on the right weather conditions (cool nights and sunny says above zero) as well as the damage brought on by the ice storm. Maple syrup producers had estimated crown losses of about 40 per cent from the ice storm, the previous year.

South Dundas Council granted $5000 to a new community radio station, with the money, earmarked for a backup generator and antenna installation. As part of its broadcast licence, the new 50-watt station, slated to test the airwaves in mid-May and begin daily 12-hour broadcasts in September, had to be able to communicate with area residents during an emergency. This made backup power for its transmitter a necessity. The generator would also power the ham radio repeater used by the **Iroquois Amateur Radio Club**.

A year after the devastating **ice storm**, which brought things to a standstill for several days in January of 1998, people were still cleaning up fallen trees. The **Ministry of Natural Resources**, along with the Canadian Forest Service and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food had announced that it would conduct a study to look at the long-term biological and economic consequences of the ice storm.

Ten Years Ago
March 23, 1994

With fans three deep in the arena, the **Morrisburg Junior B Lions** staged a comeback to win the St, Lawrence Division Championship and capture the Alex English Cup. Down 2-0 in the series, the Lions came back to win four straight against the Winchester Hawks. The Lions had just come off an emotional series against the Char Lan Rebels, before taking on the Hawks.

After months of deliberations, the **Lions Club of Cardinal** elected not to hold Riverama, after being approached by the Rotary Club of Prescott. Insurance costs were high for the event (could reach as high as $10,000), which saw thousands of dollars in purchased items go to **Camp Merrywood,** for the benefit of physically disabled children.

The **Winchester and District Hospital** installed a door alarm system in March of 1994 for security reason. The security alarm system was to be fully activated in all entry and exit doors as well as a selected number of interior doors. From 11pm to 5:30 am. After that time, visitors had to leave or enter the hospital through the Admitting door.

After a two-month absence from his position as chief administrative officer for the Village of Winchester, Iroquois resident **Terry O'Reilly** resigned. In a press release, O'Reilly had sited personal reasons as well as "significant philosophical differences" with the village as reasons for his resignation.

The area was gearing up for its annual cancer campaign. **Matilda Cancer Society President Leona McIntosh**, announced that they had the same canvassers as the previous year, working on the campaign and the **Brownies and Guides** would be helping out by selling daffodils once again, as well. "Every dollar they earn, brings us that much closer to the cure," Mrs. McIntosh told ***The Chieftain.***

For about 100 local children, March Break was anything but boring. A ski trip, movie day, candy workshop and trip to the wave pool in Gloucester were all part of March Break events put on by the Cardinal and District Resource Centre.

15 years ago
March 22, 1989

Disney on ice was the theme for the **Cardinal Figure Skating Club's** show held in the Cardinal Community Centre. The skaters donned costumes from the movies Mary Poppins, 101 Dalmations, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan as well as characters such as Mickey and Minnie, Hewey, Dewey and Lewey, Daisy Duck and the Mouseketeers.

Ottawa-area magician **Chris Pilsworth** wowed his audience as he made a stop at the Iroquois Library as part of a tour of area libraries. Pilsworth, 25, became interested in magic at age 12, after seeing a show and had been performing ever since. Kids were mesmerized by the performance.

Iroquois Councillor **Wilf Gibbons** had begun a pilot recycling project in the village and wanted to collect everyone's newspapers. He believed the project could substantially reduce the amount of garbage headed to the Matilda landfill site, however, he did require the help of village residents to make his project fly.

Royal Bank employees at the Iroquois branch never missed a holiday and St. Patrick's Day was no exception as the employees donned the colours of the Emerald Isle and wore leprechaun hats to match.

Caldwell Bath Fashions, the consumer products **division of Dominion Textiles Inc.**, was awarded a $248,250 contract to make towels for National Defence. The towels were to be olive and white and come in two sizes. The Iroquois mill was to produce 5000 dozen, or 120,000 towels.

A reunion was in the works for the 25th anniversary of the closing of the **Morrisburg High School**. The school closed its doors on June 30, 1992 and organizers of the reunion were hoping three years would give them plenty of time to plan the event. Organizer, **Lyle VanAllen** also pointed out that it was also 25 years since **Seaway District High School** opening, providing the opportunity for a joint reunion.

Prescott Firefighters showed off their skills in the **Iroquois Legion** during the annual dart tournament, hosted by the **Iroquois Fire Department**. Skill, strategy and lots of luck, combined to earn the men the trophy.

Timothy Christian School held its annual bazaar and bake sale at the Matilda Township Community Hall, attracting a huge crowd of over 600 people. The 20-year-old event was a perennial favourite.

the bottom line

WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL was the place to be last Tuesday, March 16 when Minister of Health George Smitherman helped to Renew the Vision in a big way. Smitherman visited the hospital to make the announcement that the provincial government was planning to invest up to $4 million in the campaign in the form of a planning and design grant for the hospital to support redevelopment planning.

HOW DID THE WDMH APPEAR ON THE MINISTER'S RADAR? For this we have to thank MPP Jim Brownell who has made this one of his priorities since being elected. Brownell convinced the Minister to attend the hospital to see for himself what a great facility it was and to meet the people spearheading the Renewing the Vision Campaign.

AND SPEAKING OF THE CAMPAIGN, it has so far raised $13.2 million of its $15 million goal and the hospital is working through the final stages of receiving provincial approval needed before the hospital renovation work can begin. The next stage is to prepare detailed architectural drawings on the project and the Ministry could direct the hospital to proceed with tender documents at any time.

BROWNELL PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT shown for the project by the local community and we'd like to add our thanks too not just to the many people and organizations that have so far donated to the campaign but to the organizers who had the vision to proceed in this direction and who have done such an admirable job in pointing us all in the right direction in Renewing the Vision.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY MAY BE JUST A MEMORY NOW - and a blurry one for some - but we'd like to give a tip o' the hat to Morrisburg Curves for their support of the Morrisburg food bank with their Food for Friends campaign.

2700 POUNDS OF FOOD is a tall order for anyone to collect but that was the result of the annual program. We sometimes forget that the food bank is something we have to be conscious of year round and not just at special occasions so it's great to see so much support at this time of year.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE TIME to comment on the report we carried last week from our Upper Canada School Board Trustee Greg Pietersma. It was great to get his take on Dr. Borba who we featured in our focus column two weeks ago. We can see the internationally renown educator made just as big an impression on Greg as she did on us and gave everyone a great deal to think about in this time of Liberal re-energizing of our education system.

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THIS WEEK'S BOTTOM LINE: To keep the body in good health is a duty - otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear. *Buddha*

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT

Hot topics

indicated that the water is safe to drink.

As it is, these businesses, churches and non-residential systems have to test their water for 72 parameters, and this is causing a financial strain for many of them.

A resolution to petition the Government of Ontario and Premier Dalton McGuinty to review the Current Value Assessment system, and create a system of assessment to protect Ontario's property owners from significant increases, as well as promote a more stable system of assessment was also passed by Council.

"As far as I'm concerned, I think they should hire more assessors and get them out in the field more," said Councillor John Whitteker.

Council also passed a motion to request that Premier McGuinty and Energy Minister Dwight Duncan to permanently reinstate a prohibition on disconnecting power during the winter months by Hydro One.

A resolution was also carried that would see the Province of Ontario make birth and death records in the province available to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to update the voters list.

This was requested following the last election, when municipal officials were frustrated by the inaccuracy and inconsistencies of voters lists.

Council then approved a policy that would allow organizations to attach advertising to hamlet signs.

In order to post such signs, they would have to be attached by eyelets installed in the sign, and no nails or screws of any type are to be used.

The organization would have to pay a $20 deposit fee, and a permit would have to be filled out.

The sign can be installed two weeks before the event, and has to be removed one week after the event.

Both the deposit and the sign will not be returned if township staff have to remove the sign.

Both the road widening by-law and the confirmatory by-law were passed as well.

The next meeting of the South Dundas Council will take place on April 6 at the Williamsburg Council Chambers.

Community Living

Some of the topics of discussion the group will address are special equipment needs, finances, schooling, respite issues, available resources and health care.

The group's first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 pm at Community Living Dundas County, located at 55 Allison Avenue in Morrisburg, and is open to residents of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Laviolette says although Glengarry is a bit of a drive the meetings can alternate locations and something can be discussed once the group gets going.

"The hope for the group is to share information with other parents in similar situations and maybe just be a shoulder to cry on. I feel that there has to be lots of other parents who can benefit from the group. We believe in keeping children with their families and everyone should live with their family," she said.



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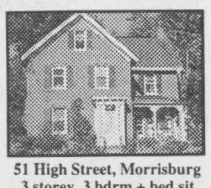

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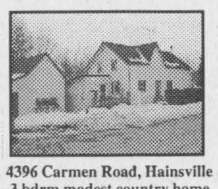

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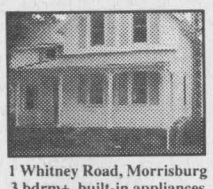

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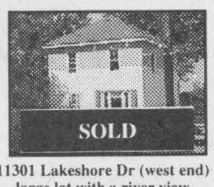

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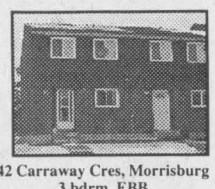

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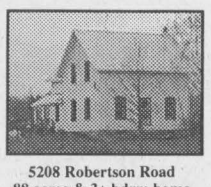

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Capacity Expansion and Flow Reversal Project

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PUMP STATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 34(1)(b) OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ACT

IN THE MATTER OF the National Energy Board Act (the Act) and the Regulations made thereunder.

IN THE MATTER OF the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity OC-48.

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. (TNPI) respecting the determination and approval of the detailed route of a petroleum products transportation pipeline along TNPI's existing pipeline easement from Montreal to Kingston.

TNPI proposes to construct a petroleum products pumping station and related facilities at the site as shown in Exhibit "A", attached. The proposed pumping station will be located in the Township of South Dundas, Province of Ontario and more specifically will be situated on the land parcel noted in Exhibit "B", attached. This notice is being published to comply with the requirements of paragraph 34(1)(b) of the Act.

Any person who anticipates that his or her land may be adversely affected by the proposed detailed route of the pipeline has the right to make representation to the National Energy Board (the Board) by filing with the office of the Board within thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this Notice a written statement opposing the proposed detailed route of the pipeline. Any such statement must set out both the nature of your interest in those lands and the grounds for the opposition to the proposed detailed route of the pipeline.

The location of the office of the Board is:

National Energy Board, 444 7th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 0X8
Attn: Michel Mantha, Secretary

If a statement is filed with the Board within the time limited for doing so, the Board shall forthwith order, subject to certain exceptions as noted below, that a public hearing be conducted within the area in which the lands to which the statement relates are situated with respect to any grounds of opposition set out in any such statement.

The Board is not required to give any notice, hold any hearing or take any other action with respect to any written statement filed with the Board and may at any time disregard any such written statement if the person who filed the statement files a notice of withdrawal, or it appears to the Board that the statement is frivolous or vexatious or is not made in good faith.

If the Board determines to hold a public hearing, the Board will fix a suitable time and place of the hearing in at least one issue of a publication, if any, in general circulation within the area in which the lands proposed to be acquired are situated. The Board will also send such notice to each person who files a statement with the Board.

The Board or a person authorized by the Board may make such inspection of lands proposed to be acquired for or affected by the pipeline construction as the Board deems necessary.

At the hearing, the Board will permit each person who filed a written statement to make representations and may allow any other interested person to make representations before it as the Board deems proper.

The Board will take into account all written statements and all representations made at the hearing to determine the best possible detailed route of the pipeline and the most appropriate methods and timing of constructing the pipeline. The Board may impose in any approval such terms and conditions as it considers proper.

Where the Board has held a hearing in respect of any section or part of the pipeline and approved or refused to approve the plan, profile and book of reference respecting that section or part, it will forward a copy of its decision and reasons to each person who made representation to the Board at the hearing.

The Board may fix such amount as it deems reasonable in respect of the actual costs reasonably incurred by any person who makes representations to the Board at such a hearing and the amount so fixed will be paid forthwith to the person by TNPI.

A copy of the plans, profiles and book of reference for the detailed route is available for inspection at the offices of the Board, TNPI, the Registrar of Deeds or Land Titles for the registration district where the affected lands are situated, and at municipal offices for locations identified in Exhibit "A", specifically:

Land Registry	Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.	Municipal Office
5th Street	5763 County Road 34	4296 County Road 31
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For further information, please contact TNPI at 45 Vogell Road, Suite 310, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 3P6, or telephone (collect) Gary Robinson, Manager, Environment Health and Safety, at 905-770-3353, Ext. 272.

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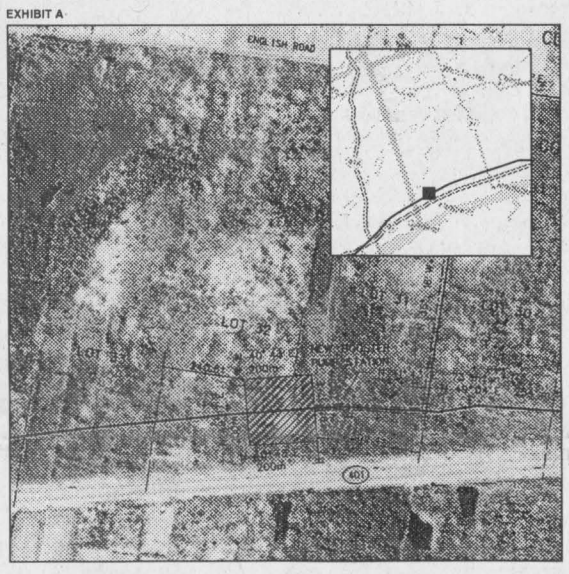

EXHIBIT B

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS	
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF TWO ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township ofEdwardsburgh/Cardinal passed By-law Nos. 2004-11 and 2004-12 on March 15, 2004, under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

Purpose and Effect - Two amendments have been adopted. The first amendment reduces the required interior side yard, rear yard, and front yard setbacks adjacent to Perry Street and Shanly Road in the Village of Cardinal. The reason for the amendment was to permit the current setbacks of the existing dwellings and to permit two dwellings on one lot. The lands are legally described as Part of Lots 414 and 415, Plan 25, in the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal. The amending by-law places this lot in a special exception zone to allow for these reduced standards. See attached key map.

The second amendment rezones lands from Residential (R1A) to a Highway Commercial Special Exception Zone to permit the construction of a mini warehouse and public storage facility, and an accessory dwelling. The lands affected are described as part of Lots 11 and 12, Plan 6, Village of Johnstown, and are located on the west side of Queen Street and the north side of County Road 2 in the Village. The mini warehouse and public storage facility will consist initially of one building with approximately 20 rental storage units. Eventually, other buildings will be constructed to add additional storage units, all of which are for rental to the general public. A restriction will be imposed to prohibit the storage of toxic materials or bulk fuel storage. (See key map for location)

APPEAL - The last date for filing a notice of appeal of the by-law is April 13, 2004, Any such appeal must be filed in writing with the Clerk of the municipality and must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by a fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board (0MB) in the amount of $12 5.00 payable by cheque to the Minister of Finance. Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

Additional Information relating to the zoning by-law is available at the Municipal office during regular business hours.

Dated at the Township ofEdwardsburgh/Cardinal, March 24, 2004.

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal
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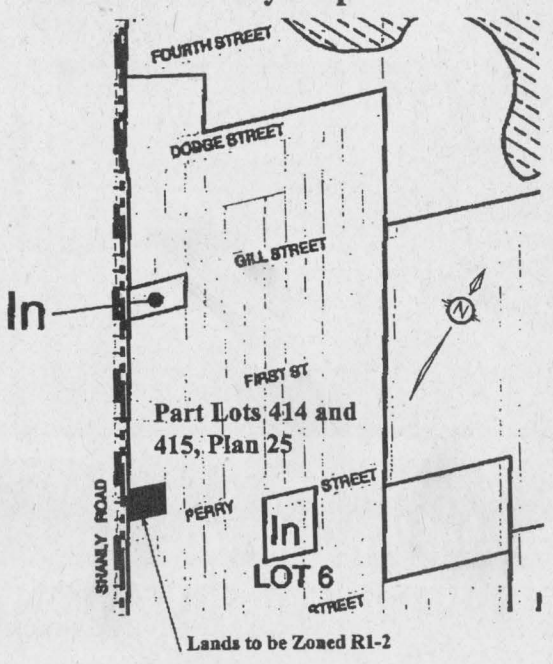

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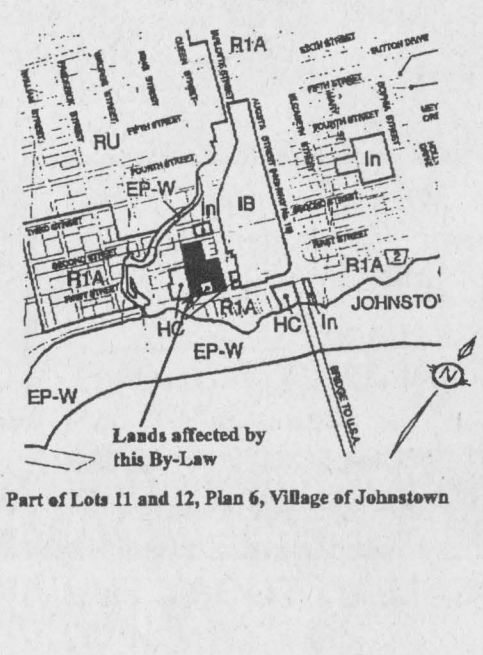

Part of Lots 11 and 12, Plan 6, Village of Johnstown

OBITUARIES

Fern "Eileen" Scott



A lifetime resident of the Cardinal area, Eileen Scott (nee Gillmoure) passed away at the Wellington House Nursing Home, Prescott, on Wednesday, March 10th at the age of 86.

Eileen was born on September 1, 1917 in Shanly. She was the second of seven children born to John and Mae Gillmoure (nee McFadden). Her brothers and sisters were named Desta, Dora, Mansel, Lennis, Jean and Marguerite. She spent her childhood years growing up on the farm in Shanly where she and her siblings were only too happy to help out with all of the farm related chores. Eileen looked forward to the family gatherings in the parlour on Sunday evenings for musical entertainment where she and her sister Dora would play guitar and the family would sing.

On June 16, 1937 she married Donald "Bud" Scott. She became a farmer's wife and resided at the Scott family farm north of Cardinal. She raised three children - Ann, Donna and Jackie. She spent her days on the farm helping out milking the cows, sewing and knitting clothes for her children, and maintaining a produce garden. She always hosted a corn roast each summer for her sisters and brothers and their families where she would serve the produce from her garden, including her treasured musk-melons. Eileen would have her children and some of her nieces help her pick the raspberries in the summertime. She made sure that not a single berry was missed. She also enjoyed going to the huckleberry marsh to pick wild blueberries, playing cards, watching hockey on TV, and family get-togethers. She especially enjoyed the fall family trips that she took with her husband and children. Eileen was the envy of her sisters and brothers when she and Bud purchased a coloured TV.

In later years she enjoyed her trips with Bud to the Maritimes, Hawaii, Florida, Georgia and Moosonee. The sudden death of her son Jackie in 1972 took its toll on her and Bud. Once again in 1984 she had to face death with the loss of her husband "Bud".

After the death of her husband, she travelled with friends to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii, western Canada, California, and Atlantic City. She was always very upset if she couldn't find a restaurant where she could have a hot dog. She looked forward to her monthly visits to the casino in Hull up until she was diagnosed with Alzheimers. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and she always looked forward to the Gillmoure family reunions each year.

She took many pictures over the years and unlike a lot of people she always managed to have her albums up to date at all times. She spent many hours looking over these photos.

Eileen was a hard working woman all of her life and toiled from dawn til dusk during her farm years and even maintained her garden until her 81st year.

After Eileen was diagnosed with Alzheimers, she was able to stay in her home for a year, and in September of 1999 she moved into Wellington House Nursing Home where she spent the remainder of her days. Eileen was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Eileen was the loving mother of Ann (Sheldon) Gill of Cardinal and Donna (Bill) Veltkamp of RR# 1 Cardinal. She was the dear sister of Desta (Ron) Prosser of Cardinal, Dora Cook of Cardinal, Jean (Clarence) King Jr. of Spencerville, and Marguerite Barton of Prescott. She was predeceased by a son John Chester "Jackie" Scott, brothers Mansel and Lennis Gillmoure, brothers-in-law Milburn Cook and Earl Barton, and a sister-in-law Marjorie Gillmoure. Eileen will be sadly missed by 4 grandsons and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home, Cardinal, on Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Funeral service was held at the funeral home on Friday, March 12th at 3 p.m. with Rev. Arlyce Schiebout officiating. The eulogy was given by Nancy Lefebre and Tom Gill sang "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". Interment followed at St. Andrew's and St. James cemetery, Cardinal. Pallbearers were: Dale Cook, Richard Barton, Roger King, Howard Gillmoure, John Gillmoure, and David Gillmoure. Honorary pallbearers were: Bill Veltkamp, Sheldon Gill, Trevor Gill, Doug Veltkamp, Todd Gill, and Paul Gill.

Donations to the Alzheimers Society of Leeds and Grenville, the Wellington House activity fund, or Wellington House palliative care would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Provincial Senior Games starting soon

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

This year's edition of the Ontario Senior Games is getting closer, and organizers are looking for seniors to participate in one of the many games that are going to take place.

The Ontario Senior Games Association is looking for people from Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, or District 8, to sign up.

There are a total of fifteen summer games to choose from, including darts, cribbage, contract bridge, shuffleboard, five pin bowling, golf, swimming, tennis and walking.

The winners of the local games move on to either the Actifest (held in even numbered years), or Winterfest (held in odd numbered years).

St. Catherines will be the site of next edition of Actifest in August.

The games provide adults aged 55 and up an opportunity to improve their physical well-being through social interaction by participating in recreational activities and sports.

On April 14, Euchre will be played at the Morrisburg Legion. To participate, contact Betty Thompson at 543-8110.

On May 6, the Long Sault Legion will be hosting Cribbage games. To sign up, contact Stuart McConkey at 932-8132.

Bridge will be played at the Long Sault Seniors Centre on May 12. In order to play, contact Mary Hanniman at 534-2532.

On May 14, the Cornwall Legion will be hosting the Darts tournament. Contact Mr. McConkey at the aforementioned number to sign up.

All games get started at 1 pm, and registration takes place at 12:30 pm.

Other options are horseshoes, five-pin bowling, swimming, walking, bocce, carpet bowling, lawn bowling, golf, tennis, shuffleboard and bid euchre.

In order to sign up for any of these games, either contact the convenor, or one of the directors.

The directors are Ms. Hanniman, Mr. McConkey, or Ms. Thompson at the numbers already mentioned, or Kathy Riviere at 938-6614.

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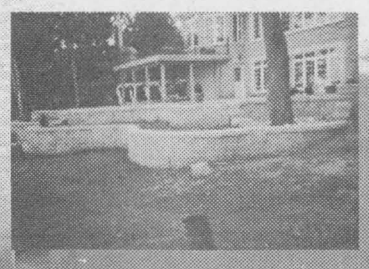



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AVIS RELATIF AU TRACÉ DÉTAILLÉ PROPOSÉ CONFORMÉMENT AUX EXIGENCES DE L'ALINÉA 34 (1)(b) DE LA LOI SUR L'OFFICE NATIONAL DE L'ÉNERGIE

RELATIVEMENT À la Loi sur l'Office national de l'énergie (la Loi) et le règlement pris en vertu de celle-ci;

ET le certificat d'utilité public OC-48;

ET une demande présentée par Pipelines Trans-Nord Inc. (PTNI) relativement la détermination et l'approbation du tracé détaillé d'un pipeline de produits pétroliers raffinés de Montréal à Kingston.

PTNI projette de construire une station de pompage de produits pétroliers et des installations connexes au site indiqué à l'annexe A ci-jointe. La station de pompage projetée sera située dans le municipalité de South Dundas, province d'Ontario, plus spécifiquement sur le lot indiqué à l'annexe B ci-jointe. Cet avis est publié conformément au paragraphe 34(1)(b) de la Loi.

Toute personne qui estime que le tracé détaillé peut nuire à ses terrains a le droit de présenter des observations à l'Office national de l'énergie (l'Office) en déposant au bureau de l'Office, dans les trente (30) jours suivant la date de publication du présent avis, une déclaration écrite d'opposition au tracé détaillé du pipeline projeté. Cette déclaration doit indiquer la nature de son intérêt à l'égard du tracé détaillé projeté et les motifs de son opposition.

L'adresse du bureau de l'Office est la suivante:

Office national de l'énergie, 444 - Seventh Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0X8
À l'attention du secrétariat de l'Office

Si une déclaration est déposée auprès de l'Office dans les délais prescrits, l'Office ordonnera immédiatement, sous réserve de certaines exceptions notées plus bas, qu'une audience publique soit tenue dans la région où se trouvent les terrains visés par la déclaration concernant tout motif d'opposition énoncé dans une telle déclaration.

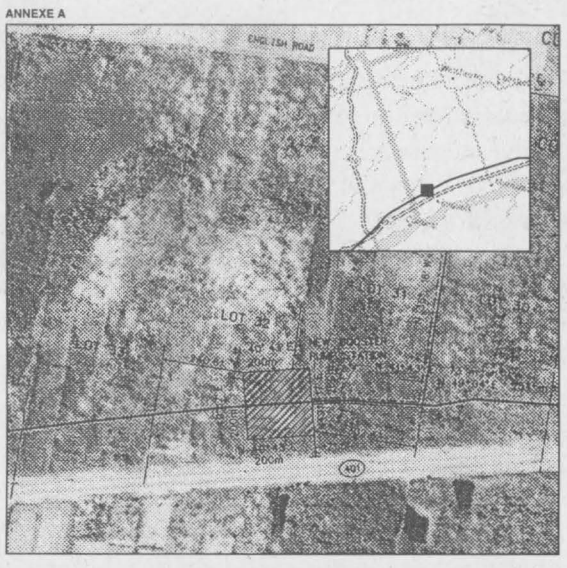
L'Office n'est pas tenu d'émettre d'avis, de tenir d'audience ou de prendre d'autres mesures relativement à toute déclaration écrite éventuellement déposée auprès de l'Office et peut en tout temps passer outre à une telle déclaration écrite si la personne ayant déposé la déclaration produit un avis de retrait, ou si l'Office considère que la déclaration est frivole ou vexatoire ou qu'elle n'a pas été rédigée en toute bonne foi.

Si l'Office décide de tenir une audience publique, l'Office établira une date et un endroit à cette fin et émettra un avis indiquant la date et l'endroit de l'audience dans au moins une édition d'une publication, le cas échéant, à diffusion générale dans la région où se trouvent les terrains visés par une éventuelle acquisition. L'Office fera également parvenir un tel avis à chacune des personnes déposant une déclaration auprès de l'Office.

L'Office ou une personne autorisée par l'Office peut effectuer une telle inspection des terrains visés par une éventuelle acquisition ou touchés par l'installation du pipeline, dans la mesure où l'Office considère une telle mesure nécessaire.

Pendant l'audience, l'Office permettra à chaque personne ayant déposé une déclaration par écrit de faire des observations et peut permettre à toute autre personne intéressée de faire des représentations devant l'Office, dans la mesure où ce dernier juge que c'est pertinent.

ANNEXE A



L'Office prendra en compte toutes les déclarations par écrit et toutes les observations faites pendant l'audience afin d'identifier le meilleur tracé détaillé du pipeline possible ainsi que les méthodes et le moment les plus opportuns pour l'installation du pipeline. L'Office peut assortir l'approbation donnée des conditions qu'il juge indiquées.

L'Office peut fixer la somme qu'il juge raisonnable les frais entraînés par la présentation d'observations lors d'une audience publique et le montant ainsi établi sera versé sans délai à cette personne par PTNI.

Advenant le cas où l'Office tient une audience portant sur un tronçon ou une partie du pipeline et qu'il approuve ou refuse d'approuver le plan, profils ou livre de renvoi relatif au tronçon ou à la partie en question, il transmettra une copie de sa décision et des raisons afférentes à chaque personne ayant formulé des observations devant l'Office pendant l'audience.

Une copie des plans, profils et livres de renvoi relatifs au tracé détaillé peut être consultée au bureau de l'Office, de PTNI ou du directeur de l'enregistrement du district où sont situés les terrains touchés et aux bureaux de la ville pour les emplacements indiqués à l'annexe "A" plus précisément:

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Pipelines Trans-Nord Inc., 5763 County Road 34, Lancaster, Ontario
Salle municipale, 4296 County Road 31, Williamsburg, Ontario

Pour plus de renseignements, communiquez avec PTNI au bureau 310, 45 Vogell Road, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 3P6 ou téléphonez (à frais virés) à Walter Watt, gestionnaire de l'emprise, (905) 770-3353, poste 223.

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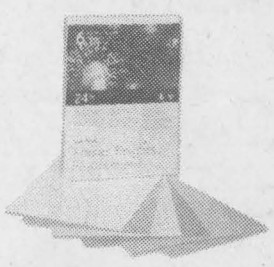

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Hospital

"The community was behind this fundraising campaign from the beginning," he said, adding that there has been a great deal of co-operation from the community, the ministry, and the municipal government.

Warden Dennis Fife of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry was also on hand to thank the Minister for the announcement.

"As the Warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, we're very pleased to get the $4 million dollars for this project," he said, adding that he was looking forward to the upgrading and expansion of the hospital.

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Loitering

give them the authority to remove loiterers from municipal property. Mayor Van Allen explained that not only has the OPP looked over this by-law, and approved of it, it was their suggestion.

This by-law is not specifically aimed at youth, but for loitering in general.

"I'd like a softer approach first," said Mr. Van Allen of the by-law. "I'd rather work with the kids."

The by-law was on the agenda at the March 16 meeting of the South Dundas Council, but was deferred until the April 6 meeting.

Although council agreed this was a problem that needs to be dealt with, the Council also agreed that they should wait for the OPP to complete a report they were conducting before a decision was made on the by-law.

Mayor Van Allen explained that there was a good chance that the by-law would go through, although he did still have some questions about it.

At this point in time, there are no plans for creating a youth centre or youth programs within the area.

"There's no use setting something up that the kids don't want," Mr. Van Allen said.

He explained that a few years ago, Williamsburg had a recreation centre that was vandalized on a regular basis by youth.

"They obviously didn't want it there," he said.

However, he went on to tell about a skateboard park that had been built for youth.

They had raised the money to build the park themselves, and took care of the park.

"My softer approach would be something along those lines," said Mayor Van Allen. "If that's what they want, that's fine."

He stated that he would also like to create a committee that would focus specifically on local youth.

The mayor went on to explain that problems with youth came to light during the election.

However, the Council has been busy with other issues, and are just now looking at ways to dealing with youth-related problems.

While there are a number of youths creating problems within the township, not all youth are involved.

"There are a lot of good kids out there," said Mr. Van Allen.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are looking to plant trees in area

Area Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are once again scouting for a place to plant trees this May 1st, according to area organizers.

As part of Scouts Canada's popular Scoutrees program, area youth and leaders have planted over 50,000 trees in the Upper St. Lawrence Valley Area (USLVA) -10,000 trees in the last two years alone.

"We've planted trees on private land and on public land", said USLVA Scoutrees coordinator Tom Graham. "So far, this year no one has come forward and said 'Hey, can Scouts help me plant my trees?'"

The area includes most of Grenville County, from Brockville and Mallorytown east to Prescott, Iroquois and Morrisburg, and north through Spencerville and Oxford Mills, as far as Kemptville and North Grenville.

The Scoutrees program provides a number of benefits to local communities.

By planting trees, youth are exposed to the idea of stewardship of the land, and they learn the value of trees to the environment.

Often trees are planted in abandoned fields, thereby making the land more attractive and valuable, while contributing to the biodiversity of the area.

Through Scoutrees Canada-wide, two million trees are planted each year, thus having an impact on carbon dioxide absorption and climate change. Scouts involved in Scoutrees also use the opportunity to raise funds for their local section, while a portion of the funds gets forwarded to Scouts Canada's World Brotherhood Fund to help finance humanitarian projects in developing countries. In the recent past, landowners have prepared their land (often with the guidance and assistance of the local Conservation Authority), and determined how many and what kind of trees are to be planted.

The landowner (whether individual or municipality) purchases the trees from an area nursery such as the Ferguson Forest Centre or the Conservation Authority, and arranges for the tree seedlings to be delivered to the site on planting day.

This year's planting date is Saturday, May 1st.

There is no charge for the Scouts to do the planting, and the Scouts bring their own pails, gloves, shovels and work boots.

But landowners must contact the Scouts before April 9th.

"Scouting is a terrific activity for youth", says Graham. "And tree planting is something they always remember. They can go back year after year and show their friends and family 'I helped plant those trees!'. It gives them a great sense of pride and accomplishment."

If anyone is interested in having Scouting youth assist with planting trees on their property, please contact Tom Graham at (613) 258-3978 before April 9th.

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S. Dundas Tourism Steering Committee gets underway

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

As a result of a public meeting held in Iroquois on February 19, the South Dundas Tourism Steering Committee has been formed and had their first meeting on March 11.

There are currently five committee members, but will be a total of eight. The purpose of the committee is to develop tourism in South Dundas.

The committee is being coordinated through the Economic Development Department at the Township of South Dundas. Their role is "to develop short-term goals/objectives and to develop long-term goals/objectives."

A round table discussion was held at the recent meeting to come up with tourism ideas. These ideas now have to be narrowed down for a planning session with the Ministry of Tourism representative Mary Eaton tentatively scheduled for April 8.

Some of the ideas were, to develop an inventory of tourism assets, come up with a complete events listing, recognize the need for more tourism operators, beautification, consistent and attractive signage and to be visitor friendly.

Economic Development Officer from the township, Anne Marie Waddell says the committee is coming up with ideas so they can begin planning and hopes that from the meetings they are able to meet the tourism demands.

Their next steps are to get in touch with the tourism businesses to get input and update them on what the group's plans are and to investigate funding programs.

"The committee is important because the tourism sector is vital to our community. This is an opportunity for us to tell people about the community so maybe they'll stay here when they travel. People have even moved to communities just from visiting them. Tourism also creates jobs," said Waddell.

Ambush plays to youth crowd

The popular Eastern Ontario band, Ambush, recently played a successful event for teens at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall. The band will be playing the same location again, only for adults, on Saturday, March 27.

Due to huge demand, Ambush played last week (March 18) for a special March Break concert-/dance for youth 12 - 18 years-of-age at the South Mountain hall.

Organizers of the event said the local youth wanted to see Ambush but since the band normally plays licenced events, they were not allowed in. However, the event, which was supervised by fair board members and ran from 7 pm - 11 pm, provided teens the opportunity to enjoy Ambush's music. Funds raised from the event will go towards youth events at the South Mountain Fair.

The March 27 dance will run from 9 pm - 1 am. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door and are available at Rick's Gas Bar in South Mountain and Loughlin's General Store in Hallville. Age of majority is required. For further information contact Ed at 989-2838.



Church hosts tea and bake sale

The Knox Presbyterian Church in Iroquois hosted its annual tea and bake sale on March 20. Above, the tables are almost filled up as people came for lunch. The lunch had a number of soups, sandwiches and desserts available. The bake sale offered a wide variety of breads, cakes, cookies and more.

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Lions preparing for play

By Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions are hard preparing for their annual presentation of "The Curse of the Werewolf."

This year, the show will be presented over two weekends at the Upper Canada Playhouse in Morrisburg.

Directed by Wendy Gibb, the show opened on April 23 at 8 pm, followed by another show on April 24, also at 8 pm.

The following weekend will see the show performed on April 30 at 8 pm.

There will be two shows on May 1. A matinee will get underway at 2 pm, followed by an 8 pm show.

Tickets are $15 each for the evening shows, while tickets for the matinee will be $12 each.

Tickets are available from any Iroquois-Matilda Lion, Prescott Jewellers, the Upper Canada Playhouse and the Village Green in Morrisburg, and Mustard's Variety and Beaupre Jewellers in Iroquois.

COMING EVENTS

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS has been called to discuss the 2004 Budget on Monday, March 29, 2004 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. All members of the public are invited to attend.
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