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Your Credit Union now open for business

A very appreciative group of Williamsburg and area residents were one hand to get their first look at the newly opened Credit Union. Helping to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremonies are Doreen Henderson (customer service), MP Bob Kilger, MPP Jim Brownell, Bruce Corbett (Board of Dir.), Mayor Lyle VanAllen, John Ebsary (CEO) and Kelly MacDonald (Manager).

Chieftain photo by Lori Roberts

Credit Union holds ribbon cutting in Williamsburg

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"When the Bank of Montreal closed it took the heart out of the community, but now it has been put back in on this beautiful day," were the sentiments of Councillor Johnny Whittaker as the Ottawa Carleton Credit Union (OCCU) opened it's branch in Williamsburg with a ribbon cutting on Thursday morning.

More than thirty five people attended the ceremony, from dignitaries to bank officials to residents who are happy to see the branch opening.

The doors were officially opened on Tuesday, February 3 and business has been better than expected according to employees. Located at the former Bank of Montreal site the Credit Union is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from noon until 4:00 pm, Thursday from noon to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. The Credit Union provides services and rates comparable to most banks and also offers a bank machine, but the personal touch seems to be the best thing about this branch.

Bruce Corbett a member of the Board of Directors spoke at the official opening telling the people gathered that credit unions first started over one hundred years ago, when banks wouldn't give money to ordinary people. Many of todays banking traditions such as daily interest and twice monthly mortgage payments were first started by credit unions. He also said that cutbacks in the banking industry that many of the smaller branches such as Williamsburg have been closed. "These branches were profitable, but not seen as big enough, and they have all been picked up by credit unions. This branch will be a force in Eastern Ontario and all rural areas." He added that all money in the credit union stays in eastern Ontario and is put back into the business to pay for services and to maintain reserves. One indication that the Credit Union is here to stay is the fact that they purchased the building rather than leasing it.

CEO John Ebsary thanked John Dalrymple who was a driving force in getting the Credit Union

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S. D. Council concerned over unsigned documents

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mayor Lyle VanAllan opened the February 9th meeting of South Dundas council by reading from a prepared statement saying, "The township is aware of two documents that were recently posted or circulated in the community regarding a conflict of interest matter. Both documents are not signed or any name of an author provided.

Council was not aware of the preparation and distribution of these documents, not does council condone any such actions. The documents do not represent the position of this council or any municipal employee.

The unsigned documents in question state that the local Chamber of Commerce is backing one of their members who has laid a number of charges against South Dundas Councillor, Delgarde. These accusations stem from the recent initiation of legal proceedings by Andrew Bowers. The documents also named members of the Chamber, who according to the document are trying to dictate how and when and what our council will do. A number of prominent South Dundas businesses were also named and the documents stated that they too were in support of Mr. Bowers.

The documents requested that a show of support be given Councillor Delegarde by attending the council meeting. They stated that "Mr. Delegarde's voice represents the vast majority of the citizens of this municipality. Andy Bowers and his followers have a self serving agenda hidden agenda to expand the fibre optics network system which at present has fewer than twenty-five paying customers and is operating at a loss of $150,000 per year that is billed back to the taxpayers through property taxes."

The discussion then turned to the Iroquois Amateur Radio Club who operate as part of the Emergency Response Team. Over the past year, the Club has been looking to council to help solve a problem on the water tower. There are currently two antennae on one tower and the movement caused by the township owned antennae is causing interference on the Radio Club's reception. The problem was to be corrected when the BRAND project was announced, however with the project on hold until the feasibility study is complete the Club is anxious to get all problems resolved.

Councillor Sandra Bailey wondered if with the study underway, whether the township should change anything on the tower.

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Garbage pick up tender to be reviewed in S. Dundas

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Reduce, reuse and recycle is a statement commonly heard concerning the garbage situation. At the February 3rd meeting of South Dundas Council, Hugh Garlough, Manager of Public Works presented a review of the garbage pick up in the municipality to help prepare for a new tender.

For the past six years, TCD Waste Systems has handled both the garbage and recycling pick up for the township. Currently each household and commercial user is allowed a two-bag pick up on a weekly basis. Anyone with more than two bags must either purchase tag at $1.00 each or pay TCD extra for the pick up, this applies to commercial users more than residential. TCD is not paid for any extra tagged garbage and in return they can dump all extra commercial garbage for free, they also pick up all St. Lawrence Corporation garbage and do not pay tipping fees.

Garlough feels that this is no longer acceptable, since the township has no idea how much garbage is entering the dumps. Another problem is that TCD have a key to the two dumps and have access at any time. Garlough wants the township to regain control of the dumps and have the next contractor to only dump when the disposals are open. This would help the township know how much garbage is going into each dump and help with the necessary provincial reports that have to be sent.

Garlough then presented a number of possible changes including the implementation of Performance and Security bonds which were not included in the last tender. Safety and liability will also be addressed with proper truck lighting and clothing being strictly enforced, something not done with the previous contractor.

It currently costs South Dundas $290,000 for the garbage and recycling curbside pick up. To help reduce the cost to taxpayers, Garlough would like to see a one bag limit for residents as of April 6, 2004. Mayor Lyle VanAllen however strongly objected saying there was enough garbage already being thrown along the township roads. Councillor Ron Delegarde questioned what the savings would be, however Garlough said he would not know until tender numbers were received, but that savings would come from the truck making less trips to the dump. Councillor Johnny Whitteker agreed with the Mayor saying that this would punish larger families. Garlough answered that some townships charge residents for all bags. Delegarde then asked Garlough why there are no recycling bins at the dumps. "When I go to the dump, my recycling goes directly into the dump." Garlough answered by telling Delegarde that recycling is very expensive, "There used to be a good price on bottles but not anymore." The Mayor added that during his campaign he questioned the governments stand on recycling and maintains that they have to do something about it. Whitteker told council that he too knows it costs a lot to recycle, but he added it would cost a lot more to haul the garbage away should the landfills become full.

Garlough also wants to limit the number of extra bags to five per household, anything more would

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Chamber of Commerce learns about assessment

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Randy MacDonald, a representative from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening at the McIntosh Inn, Morrisburg.

During his presentation to the Chamber members, he pointed out what MPAC does and does not do as their mandate as per the Ontario government sets out the duties they perform.

Among the items they do are to value all properties in Ontario on an annual basis as well as deliver assessment rolls and supplementary/omitted assessments to municipalities. He continued explaining that their mandate also includes the performing of provincial triennial enumeration and collecting of information for school support choices, French language education rights, voter identification, municipal and school board planning purposes, jury duty lists and population reports.

He then moved on to those things that MPAC does not do: namely determine assessment legislation, they do not set local tax policy nor do they collect taxes and they do not control the appeal process.

He told everyone how MPAC updates the assessment on an annual basis utilizing a 2-year average and then a 3-year rolling average, thus eliminating the highs and lows in the market place. "We use the sales comparison approach to value," said MacDonald. This according to MacDonald is one of three standard approaches to value . This values properties based on sale prices and property characteristics of comparable properties with adjustments made for differences and is considered the best approach for residential properties. When looking at the Valuation Process primary value influences include such items as living area, construction quality, design (townhouse, bungalow etc.), age (adjusted for renovations an additions), lot dimensions (Acreage, frontage and depth) and overall site location. Secondary influences under consideration are garages and other axillary structures, fireplaces, heating, cooling, finished basements and site influences (traffic, view, abutting a golf course,or abuts industrial, commercial or multi-residential), Locational neighbourhoods are used in the analysis to adjust for more desirable and less desirable locations within a market area while homogeneous neighbourhoods are used for valuation reviews at a street or block level.

The Cost Approach is used to value commercial and industrial properties. "We analyze vacant land and improved sales to determine land values-land value + depreciated building value = property value," explained MacDonald.

Another approach is the Income used to value shopping centres, large office buildings, hotels, motels, nursing and retirement homes, multi residential, large

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Snowarama Kick-Off

On hand for the Annual Snowarama Kick-off at the Fire Hall in Morrisburg were Dundas County Easter Seals Ambassador, Alex Smellink (Wheelchair), Cody Shaver (on skidoo), and Tim Moat. Jean MacDougal represented the Girls on Snow who contributed to the fundraising efforts. A perfect winter day to be outdoors, the gals hit the trail soon after this photo.

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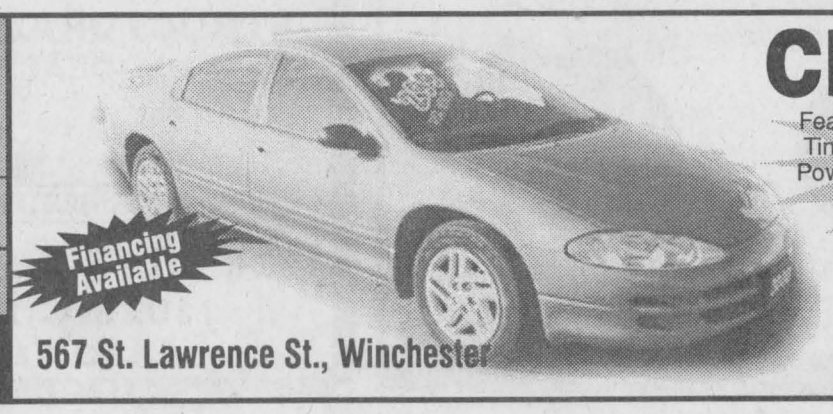

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Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Program Theme: Sustainable Management and Protection of Private Woodlands

Morning Program:

8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Registration - Cost $20 per person, includes lunch

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jonathan Morgan, Associate
Director, Kemptville College Campus University of Guelph
Bill Gooch, Mayor, Municipality of North Grenville

A) Selection Management of Private Woodlots Upland Hardwoods

9:45 - 10:25 a.m. Selection Management

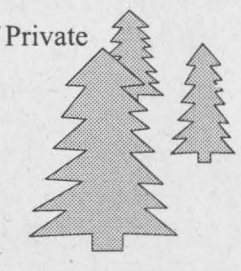
10:25 - 11:05 a.m. Landowner Experience with the Application of Selection Management
2 Profiles

B) Taxation of Private Woodlands

11:05 - 11:35 a.m. Managing Your Woodland with Reasonable Expectation of Profit

11:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. Managed Forest Tax Program

12:05 - 12:30 p.m. Update from National Forestry Conference on Stewardship of Private



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Session B: **FOREST HEALTH: PROTECTION OF ONTARIO'S FORESTS AGAINST ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE (ALHB) AND EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)**
Biology of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALHB) and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
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Kemptville Dairy Day

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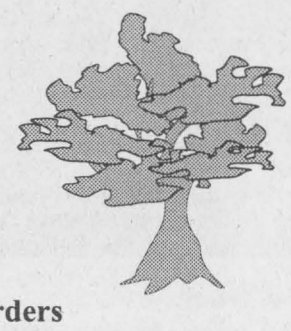

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10:30 **Water Quality Testing and Time Temperature Recorders**
George MacNaughton, Dairy Farmers of Ontario



11:00 **Balancing Price, Supply, and Surplus Removal in the Future Milk Market**
John Core Chair, Canadian Dairy Commission
Noon Lunch Visit Exhibits

1:15 **Balancing Dairy Rations for Performance, Profit, and Less Manure**
Dr. Larry Satter, University of Wisconsin

2:15 **Experiences With Mechanized Milking**
Robotics: Wayne Edwards, Navan
Parlour: Chris Schouten, Richmond

3:15 Adjourn

The Kemptville Dairy Day is sponsored jointly by the local Dairy Producer Committees, Dairy Breeds

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Beat the Blahs with a red nose!

Employees of M&M Meat shops all across the province were sporting red noses on Friday as part of a promotion to help customers beat the winter blahs. Always a long month, January allows the winter blues to grab hold of many of us, this humourous method of chasing them away seemed to be working in Morrisburg! *Chieftain Photo by S.L Johnston*

Three strikes and you're out at North Dundas Council

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

CEO Net representative Brenda Wilson hoped the above words would not apply to her as she met with North Dundas Council in hopes of gaining support for funding to help bring a broadband network to North Dundas.

Last February, CEO Net received funding to the tune of $1.2 million through the COBRA Project, to help bring broadband to the area to service the municipal office, area schools and the Winchester Memorial Hospital. She also added that the police and fire services can also join in as part of the first response team.

Wilson was looking for a letter committing North Dundas to $8,000.00 as part of the $48,000-.00 needed from S.D.&G. Wilson had spoken with County CAO Mike Waddell and the letter of support was needed for Friday, to be presented in a show of support at the next Counties Council Meeting. The project would also need a commitment of $1 million dollars from the vendor, who according to Wilson has not be found yet.

When questioned about the needs for towers or whether the line would be fibre, Wilson seemed unsure. "The papers were just published today, and no vendor has been selected yet. The final height of the tower would be up to the vendor, although a minimum of 100 feet would be needed." The tower would be owned by the township, but would be open access since everything funded by COBRA must be open access.

When asked by Deputy Mayor Bill Smirle what it was exactly, that she wanted, she told him, "A letter from the mayor giving permission for $48,000 in funding." She added that South Dundas had already supported the motion.

Councillor Al Armstrong told council that he had never supported this group, and had serious questions about what the end result would be. "What exactly is the end result?" he asked. "This is not the last time you will be asking for money." Armstrong added that if the township had supported the two previous requests for funding they would now be out $16,000. Armstrong also voiced another strong point saying, "We have already benefitted from the first two rounds of funding without any commitment, with the towers being all access, you can't keep us out,"

Wilson responded by telling council that this was quite different from previous requests. "This money is money we didn't ask for, the Province just gave it to us. The other funds were used for a business plan, this will be the end, this will be used to help build the network."

CEO Net is hoping that STORM will respond and help serve not only to the areas that are unserved,but to those that are under-served. "This is an opportunity to work together, in a show of support to entice vendors to this area."

However council members could not be swayed, and when the Mayor told Council that Wilson had earlier approached himself and Smith in a push to support the funding council balked. "We are not able to support this until we see more information and a business plan," Smirle said, and the letter stating this was forwarded to Waddell at the county level.

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By Dar

Although eight regulars were competing at District Cribbage hosted in Napanee on Saturday, there were twelve regulars in the Lounge in doubles competition. The ladies came ahead of the men for once with Linda McKee taking first place with 1055 points followed by Joan Ault with 1051 points. Jake Easter came in third with a tally of 1046. Bob Esford became the Bridesmaid again with 1025 points. For the second week in a row a dozen skunks were scurrying around the Lounge and getting sprayed twice each were Ron Perrin, Wilf Summers and Andy Acelvari.

At District Cribbage three teams from our Zone will be advancing to Orleans to compete at Provincial level on March 13. The three teams are Russell (who will host District Cribbage next year), and Morrisburg who came in second place and in fifth was our own Iroquois team: Willis Douglas, Duane Kirker, Ken Palmer and Roger Coulter. Our second team had no luck in advancing any further but all enjoyed a good day of comradeship.

On Tuesday evening, February 3, Euchre resumed and even though the weather was quite miserable, seven tables were being kept busy. Taking first prize was Marjorie Gray followed by Lynn Seeley picking up second prize. The door prize went to Sheila Scarbo while Jean Whitford ended up with the low score for the evening. We presume that not one skunk could be seen due to the weather.

At Bridge on this same evening, four tables were occupied and high winners at the end of the evening play were Lorne and Helen Bouck.

The Pot of Gold winner was Bill Coville who was NOT signed in. Comrades, do not forget to have a chance at the Pot of Gold, you have to come to the Branch, deposit your looney in the box and sign your name in the book in order to have the opportunity to win.

Friday's luncheon will be stuffed pork with apple sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy. Dessert will be a fabulous blueberry cheesecake. Ted Grattan won the free meal.

On Saturday the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their Annual Valentine Tea and Bake Sale. The weather was not the best, but the response from the members in providing baked goods or donations was quite profitable. A lot of work goes into this event and the Ladies Auxiliary were pleased with the day's results. Without you comrades and the public this would not take place, thanks to everyone.

This Saturday, February 14 our Branch will host the Annual Darts for Hearts with all proceeds going to the local Heart and Stroke Foundation. Registration starts at 11am and ends at 12 noon with play starting at 1pm. A blind draw will take place for mixed teams and it costs $5 per person to participate. The ladies Auxiliary will have the canteen open throughout the day.

On Sunday, February 15 the NASCAR Series heats up, and includes a pot luck meal, trivia time, prizes and our yearly NASCAR pool. Sheets for the pool are available at the bar and are to be filled in and handed back at the bar before the race starts. This has always proven to be a popular event.

Activities this week include:
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Tues:* Bridge at 7pm in Small Hall.
Wed :* Legion Executive Meeting 7pm.
Thurs:* Diners Club 12 noon, all seniors invited.
* Euchre in Main Hall.
* Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm.
Friday:* Lunch at 12 noon.
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Sat.:* Cribbage in the Lounge 1pm.
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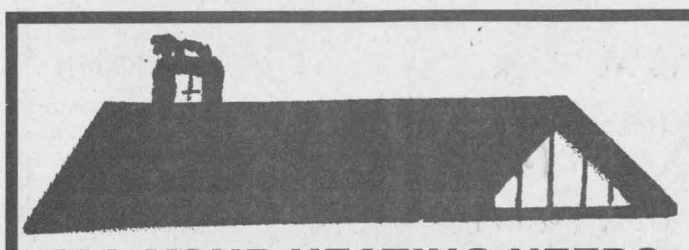

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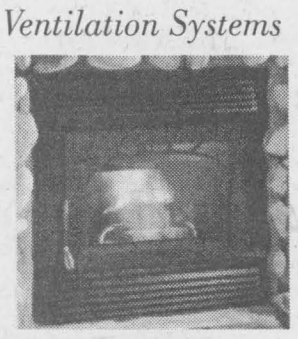

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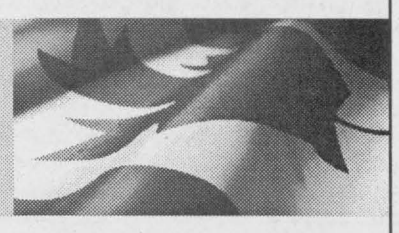

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Pet Peeves

As I wandered down to the bank the other afternoon, I managed to avoid the deep puddles of saliva that seemed to cover most of the sidewalk area in the mall. As a customer exited the bank in front of me, he felt the need to expectorate for the benefit of all to not only see, but to hear.

These actions got me thinking about all the little things that happen every day that really tick me off. So upon returning to my desk I and my co-workers began making a list of them, and I present them to you.

~People who block the aisles at the grocery store so they can visit with their next door neighbour. Or worse yet, those who come to the check-out with only three items, only to loudly announce, "Oh no! I forgot something, I'll be right back, and them disappear back into the bowels of aisle three only to return with twenty-seven more items!

~People who do not replace the empty toilet paper roll, or worse yet only leave one square and one ply for the next user, usually me!

~People who drive with their bright lines on, but their turn signals off! Or those who are in such a hurry that they pull out in front of you, gun the engine, only to pull into the next driveway!

~People who let their dog lick their ice-cream cones!

~Low riders jeans and thong panties. Young ladies, your underwear is not to be seen by Joe Public. If you feel a breeze going down certain areas of your body, them I can probably see that same area!

~The "F" word being uttered more often then "good morning, please, thank-you, excuse me and have a nice day!"

~People who do not clean the snow off the tops of their cars after a storm, and worse yet, those who do not scrape their windows and come towards me in the morning with only one eye peeking through a four inch hole in the frost!

~Kids with runny noses, who use their sleeves as tissues!

~People who squeeze the Black Magic chocolates to see if they like the filling, and when discovering that it's the dreaded coffee one, putting in back. (You know who you are!)

~Young ladies who spit and swear worse that any young men!

~People who still have their Christmas decorations on display in their front yards. Come on people, after all it is February!

~When the slot machine that I have just pumped forty dollars into, hits for a jackpot on the next pull after I have moved of course!

~Paying nine dollars to see a really bad movie, only to have it released on video for two dollars six days later!

~People who talk to themselves, and worse yet, those that answer that same questions themselves!

~Shovelling out the driveway, only to have the snow plow drive by and fill it all back in!

~Getting in the bathroom, having the telephone ring, rush out to answer it and have some one say "Would you like to do a survey on..."!

~People who when told they must have dialled the wrong number, say "Are you sure!"

~When the dreaded Ottawa Senators beat my beloved Toronto Maple Leafs!

~When I find the perfect sweater and pants combination, only to find that one of them is not available in my size!

~People with the smallest car in the parking lot who feel the need to take up more space than an semi!

~People who park in handicap parking spots, that have no disability!

~Having more snow as we approach Valentines Day than we did at Christmas!

~The very strange music that my teenagers listen to, and how they possibly consider it music!

~People who fail to return their shopping carts to the proper areas, leaving them sitting in the middle of the perfect parking spot.

~Not being able to find the price tags and sales slips from the clothing items I purchased for Christmas gifts that now have to be returned because I was in such a hurry to get my last minute shopping done, that I forgot to double check sizes.

~When returning from a hard day of work having the first words said to me when I open the door being, "Mom what's for supper" and then when I reply meatloaf I hear "I'm going to Grandma's house, she is having something good!

~Still finding pine needles and tinsel off the Christmas tree even though the tree has long been removed !

~Hockey parents-Those moms and dads who yell and ridicule the play of their son's and daughter's, embarrassing them beyond belief in front of their friends. Remember games are supposed to be fun for children to play, and hockey is just a game!

~The blatant lack of respect shown by people to not only their elders but their peers in this too fast-paced, throw-away society, and the diminishing of family morals and values that no longer seem to matter!

L.R.

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Counting Frogs and Eating Crow - My Life in Radio

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A celebrated storyteller, logging over 100 public appearances and speeches each year, Mary contributes to leading newspapers and magazines across the country. Author of eight previous best-selling books, her newest volume is sure to be of interest to Mary's many fans as well as to radio broadcasting buffs.

Word has just come down the pipe that Mary's book, "Another Place at the Table" has been named a finalist for this year's Golden Oak Adult Literacy Book, to be awarded in June 2004.

A sort of autobiographical book her latest, entitled, "Counting Frogs and Eating Crow: My Life in Radio chronicles author and radio broadcaster, Mary Cook's career as a CBC radio journalist and program host. Mary is the recipient of seven Actra awards recognizing excellence in broadcast journalism. She continues to be a regular guest on "Fresh Air", recorded at CBS studios in Toronto. How this farm gal from the back roads of Renfrew County became a storyteller, a writer and foremost a radio broadcaster makes for an interesting and fun read.

When Mary signed a contract with CBC affiliate station CBE in Windsor, Ontario in 1956 she became only the tenth female commentator for the CBC in Canada. In Counting Frogs and Eating Crows (Creative Bound, 2003), Mary recounts her 47-year career as a CBC radio journalist and program host.

The early days of Mary's broadcasting career mirrored the changes taking place across the country in the 1950s. A new bride herself, Mary was hired originally to be "the eyes and ears of the housewife in my listening area." However her "insatiable curiosity" soon led her to seek stories with wider appeal and human interest; stories that took her 1000 feet underground to the Canadian Salt Company's mine site, out on the beat with Detroit Cops and into the home of a young cancer patient on his eleventh birthday.

Mary credits the late CBC broadcaster Alan Maitland as being a mentor. As program director in Windsor, Alan encouraged Mary to not be afraid of tackling stories with an edge. He also gave her the most valuable advice of her career. "Building an audience is like building a house. You do it one brick at a time."

From Windsor, Mary moved on to her longtime role in Ottawa as co-host of the popular "Radio Noon"...now Ontario Today and a weekly contributor to "In Town and Out." Throughout a career that spans five decades, Mary's listeners have continued to respond to stories that touch their heart, awaken their interest and make them laughstories that have earned her seven Actra Awards recognizing excellence in broadcast journalism.

As Mary takes her readers through her life story, the high and the low points, she as always endears herself to those who pick up this book and begin to read it.

She gives credit for her success and longevity in the business to those who lent her a hand, taught her how to reach a listener, inspired her, guided her and were willing to hear her stories or read what she wrote. Most of us are familiar with her stories of the Depression which if not for the prodding of her mother, the encouragement of her teachers, the belief others had in her, her own determination and her ability, they might never have been told.

She takes readers from her humble beginnings to a popular broadcaster as she explains how her climb took her along a variety of routes before her arrival at CBC. A firm believer in destiny and reasons for events happening, Mary was always one to accept a challenge. So it was after high school she was willing to train to become a registered cosmetician with the Rexall Chain of Drug Stores. This sidebar gave her the opportunity to meet the man she would marry, Wally Cook. Evidence that she felt this a good decision, she says, "Marrying Wally was probably the best decision I ever made. Little did I know that each move we took was like putting together another piece in a large, colourful jigsaw puzzle, with each piece adding to

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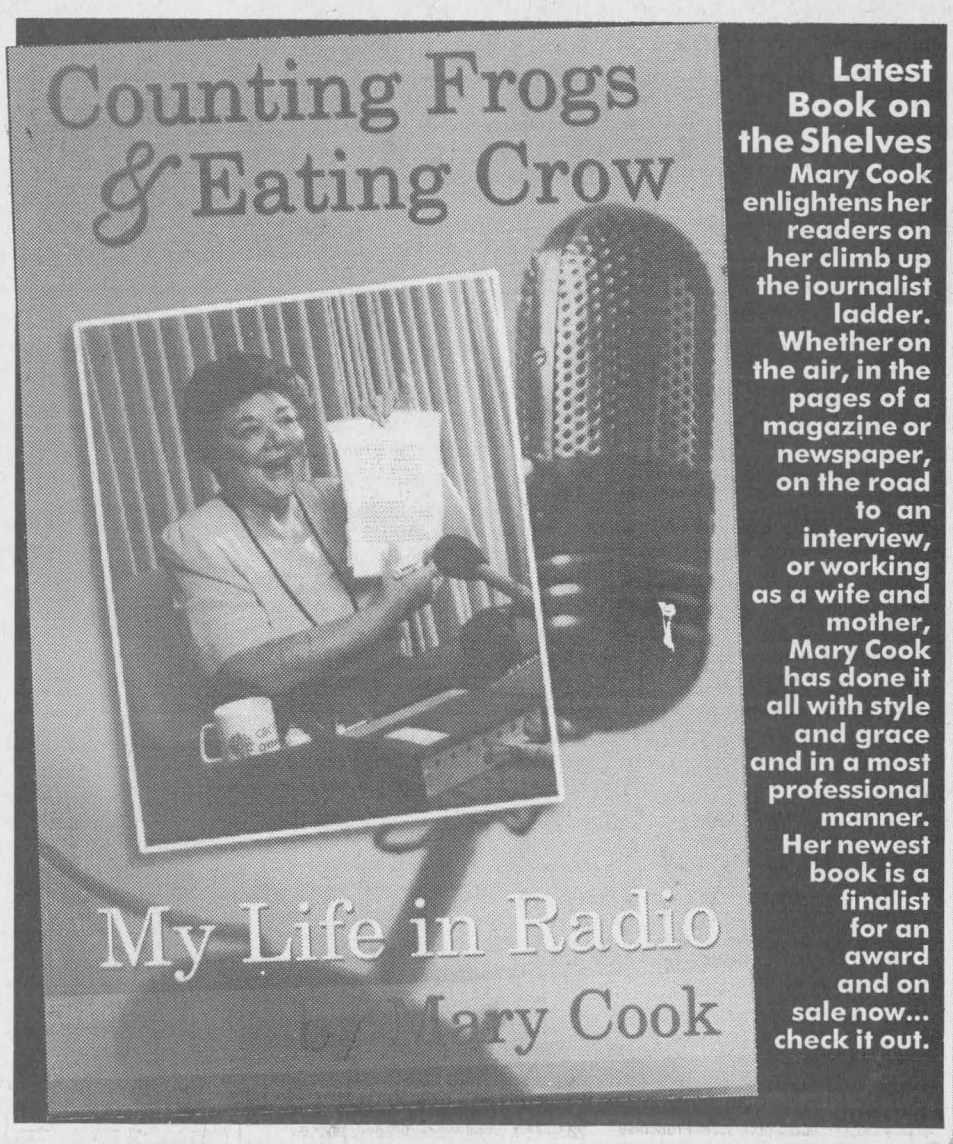

Transported to an earlier time through music

JUST PLAIN LIVIN' with Sandra Lee

How can it be forty years since the Beatles played on the Ed Sullivan Show? It is so clear in my rearview mirror and seems like yesterday that I waited with such anticipation to see the Fab Four perform. I can still see my father's reaction as I could hardly wait to hear and see the boys as they shook the hair, played electric guitars and drums droned loudly in our living room. My younger brothers could not see what all the hub-bub was about and why I sat starkly still while they were on. I recall the camera being trained on the audience far too much for my liking, I wanted to see John, George, Paul and Ringo, not the screaming, tearful girls who were lucky enough to be in the actual audience. It cannot be that long ago, can it? They have certainly endured as has their music and it is horribly sad that two are gone already, too young, too talented and for no good reason. They changed an entire generation and now appeal to a new youth. I have some of the memorabilia, the vinyl records, which took all my allowance most weeks to purchase and the repros on cd, trading cards, books, magazines, posters, shirts, caps, buttons and the like, although I wish I had more. The money was just not there and so I was extremely limited in what I could and did afford. They sound better than ever and I enjoy their sounds as much as I ever did, perhaps even more so. Whether it is the fact that I am taken back to a simpler time in my life or what; I can listen to their music when all alone, stereo blasting and I am transformed back to the 1960s in no time.

Enough snow all ready! I am tired of shovelling and scraping and clearing away the white stuff. As this is being typed into the computer memory the wind is whipping the snowbanks to and fro, piling snow into deep drifts and causing another dreadful drive for us all. The blue flashing light (snowplow) just scraped its way out the road, filtering road salt to disperse the black ice and make our way a bit safer.

Son number one and his bride to be went shopping and checked out the bridal fair at the 1000 Islands Mall on the weekend. They are gathering info and talking to people in the know as they decide what they want to include on their special day, time will fly so they need to keep on top of things.

Son number two called to suggest some more change needed to be transferred as he pays bills, buys groceries and such at the red brick abode in Peterborough. He also added that he would try to get his assignments done and find time to drop east during Study Week this month. Now his old mother feels guilty, wanting to see him when he has a lot of school work to accomplish in a short week, study comes first as his final year draws to a close his university career. We would love to see him, but other arrangements can be made if he is too busy.

This old fool has been in the snow removal business this past week with the flakes piling ever higher. The driveway has been cleared several times, once after we were almost done, the father came with the backhoe and made short work of he snow. It seemed we shovelled in the darkness of early morning and then as the sun broke through I was out at it again alone as the men of the place had already gone to work. Then after work while the final rays of the sun streaked the sky we were once more moving snow to the sides of the driveway. Ensuring there was a place to park at work also had me moving the white stuff about. The sidewalk was cleared so customers could get through until the wind swept across the roofs and filled in what such a short time before been clear of snow. Something tore as I shovelled, some part of the hip area now sends a knife stabbing pain the entire length of the side and leg. Sitting is not pleasant, but once a position is reached that does not hurt too much the getting up to stand and walk causes even more sharp pricks of pain race the length of the body on one side. It was suggested, by more than one person, that a "lady" of my maturity should cease shovelling snow, but someone has to do it! I will rub more cold rub relief on the pain points and have the big guy massage the aches out. Although he does not want to continue until the pain subsides, he does help the pain a bit and his efforts are appreciated. It would seem to be time to call in a massage therapist and get the job done properly. Waking up to a morning where the sun is working overtime to break through the cloud cover and burst upon the earth, the wind has died away and things are not too bad. Thankfully the big guy was out scraping the driveway late last evening and the new drifts have not filled it in completely. As I stand in the kitchen window encouraging the

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the bottom line

THE IROQUOIS GOLF CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS ASKED US to help them get the word out there that an Emergency Members Meeting has been called for Sunday, February 22 at 1:30pm at the Iroquois Civic Centre. All 2003 and /or 2004 Adult Members are asked to attend this extremely important meeting!!

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ENOUGH ALL READY! WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING EXCEPT A LOT OF hoopla about something that amounts to just about nothing. I refer to the Janet Jackson thing. There is a lot worse on prime time televison than bearing her breast which was certainly no more than a promotional event. Well, she got promotion, but she also has been in the headlines, in the gossip columns and on the tube. An apology did not get the job done, even the threat of a law suit which in the end was apparently only an attempt to get a large amount of money from the pop artist. Our society has become a lot more tolerant of things and there are certainly worse things on TV everyday than what she did. Some things are truly abusive to the senses, not for youngsters and yet how many of them do indeed watch them? A lot of the scenes on the telly are far too graphic and go far beyond the bounds of tasteful. There is no uproar, no law suits, nothing is said. Two females kiss and again, no one says anything, this is offensive to many. When we allow some things to slide, why is such a fuss made over this one incident?Then we have the Grapes thing...Don Cherry is outspoken and usually loud, very opinionated and often abusive to many; but that is Don!? Right? We tune into Hockey Night just to hear him, see what he is wearing,(those outfits are sometimes wild and crazy, out in left field and then some), listen to the banter between Ron and Don and not take anything too seriously. He will make a statement out of the blue that truly reflects good coaching, and he has some, but they are not what draws people to the Coach's Corner. Again I am appalled at the outcry. Get a life people. Are we so thin skinned that all of a sudden (he has made poor judgement calls before) we have to rise up like the Pheonix and be heard? Why? This is certainly not the worst he will say. The Europeans were not calling to begin legal action. They did not address the issue to the CBC but passed over it and carry on with the game. Remember, it is only a game! There were Daniel and Mats at odds a while ago and then playing effectively on the same line in the All Star game. They know what really matters.

S.L.J.

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Focus

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the mosaic of life."

Through the pages we are introduced to those who had a profound effect on her life and in turn on her career. She notes how she was called upon to carry out any number of civic duties as a small community on-air personality in the mid- fifties and could not refuse. "To refuse an invitation was to risk losing a listener who might also be a sponsor."

What perhaps makes this a must read for local readers is that included between the covers is a chapter entitled, "Arthur Ball's Love Story." In order not to give away the story, I quote from her own written words, because much would be lost in my telling this story, it is going to be repeated here, exactly as it was told to me, taped for a Valentine's Day special. I had travelled to a small community southeast of Ottawa called Chesterville to talk to a 91-year-old Arthur Bell about his love story. It was one of many in our series on older people who had warm and interesting stories to tell. Arthur Bell's interview was typical of those in the series. With few exceptions, most were of ordinary people, but each one evoked tremendous response from listeners to "Radio Noon."

Another local chapter concerns the Vancamp Church. Talking to someone in Winchester on an oppressively hot day, Mary pulled onto a side road to catch a few winks of sleep before heading onto her next interview. Catching sight of what she thought was an abandoned church, a perfect spot for a catnap, Mary settled under a shade tree alongside the roadway. The church door was open and she did not want to intrude..then the most beautiful music ever floated out from the open door. Roy Fawcett and his collection of theatre and church organs and pianos of every description utilized the abandoned church as a showroom. Instead of one story as she anticipated when she walked into the building, she had stumbled across three...the structure, the singer and accompanist and Roy himself, a superb organ restorer and builder, known the world over. Once again Mary is quick to point out, "Someone or something was propelling me along, ever leading me in the right direction, telling me where to turn, where to stop and pointing me in the direction of still another wonderful warm story to bring to my listeners."

While every story in the book is remarkable and provides an easy, comfortable read, one other stands out as far as local readers are concerned. The Inkerman Rockets claim a chapter in the book as their own too. While Mary knew about the hockey club who were raved about half a century ago, but as she leisurely drove through the tiny hamlet, like the journalist she had become, she wondered if there would be anyone that had a connection to the team and be willing to talk about it. Driven straight to a bungalow by an unknown force, Mary met the man who started the Rockets team, Lloyd Laporte was more than willing to tell the story of the famous team he brought from a bunch of rambunctious farm boys to a team to be reckoned with all over Eastern Ontario, Quebec and the USA. A human interest story laced with humour, Mary once again had her story.

The other chapters in the book reveal stories about people not known to most of us, people we will never meet, but who we can certainly grow to know better through Mary's book.

Tears welled in my eyes as I read of her reunion via fate with a close friend of many years ago. Headed for another interview she takes a wrong turn which actually turns out to be a very right twist in her route. Her friend dies shortly after their visit after a long battle with cancer. Reminiscing about life with her childhood friend when lost in the area where she grew up was destiny for sure. Sharing this special time with her readers is a wonderful gift for sure.

No life story would be complete without noting Embarrassing Moments and Mary has included a chapter which involves such now laughable situations. Arriving at the studio, a 40 minute drive from home with only underclothes underneath her coat, she had no choice but to sweat things out. Since everyone was aware of her dilemma, laughingly they had no sympathy for her. The thermostat was turned up to ensure she was warm enough, much to her discomfort. The blank tape episode brings a smile to her face now, but the day it happened...well things were a bit harried. A standby item was played and no one else knew what had really taken place, the original ran a few days later.

While she never intended to write books, she was infact quite content telling her stories on the radio and occasionally having them printed in local newspapers, she was sidetracked, steered in another direction as she puts it, and her philosophy takes over..."You either go along for the ride or buck the flow. For me it was easier to go along for the ride." Never one to say "No" to anyone or any challenge, she utilized the stories that had previously been aired on CBC and in print readers can enjoy them for years to come.

Something not too many are aware of is that her third book, "One for Sorrow, Two for Joy caught the eye of a television producer and was made into a pilot for CTV. The pilot received rave reviews, Mary was never completely satisfied with either the portrayal of the characters or the story line. She considers it an experience and was not disappointed that it did not develop into what producers had hoped would be a short series. Some of her books have had stories printed in elementary school textbooks, have become Canadian best sellers and continue to provide reading material for a wide and diversified readership. She calls her stories simple and thus appealing to many.

Her fourth book gave her a lesson she'll not soon forget as she and Wally decided to publish the book themselves. No experience, a hefty loan and nerve ("more nerve than a canal horse") they published some 14,000 copies of "View from the West Hill" and thankfully prepublication orders exceeded expectations making the book a hit. Promoting, selling, delivering, collecting money and the general labour associated with publishing was more than either of them bargained for, after all he was running a business and she was a mother, wife and CBC broadcaster at the same time. When book number five was ready, the workload was passed off to someone in the business. "Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire" was a success as well.

She is particularly proud of her sixth book, Christmas with Mary Cook since a percentage of the profits were turned over to a fund that promoted research and the ongoing work of finding a cure for breast cancer.

She admits the hardest thing she has ever done is put to paper her mother's story. "What took her mother from the lights and bustle of New York City to the backwoods of Renfrew County?"was a daunting task for Mary. She felt she would run the risk of hurting some of the people around whom the story would revolve. She found encouragement from her reading and listening public and began book seven, "Another Place at the Table: My Mother's Story" WAS everything she imagined it would be... and more. (Award finalist even!)

In order to understand the title of the most recent effort;" Counting Frogs and Eating Crow," you will have to read the book for yourself.



Author Speaks to Canadian Club

We spoke with Mary Cook as she addressed the Morrisburg and District Canadian Club late last fall, just as her newest book was going to print. Always popular as a writer and an orator, her books appeal to readers of all ages.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Livin'

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sun to never give up, but rather continue to push the clouds aside and shine down on the snowdrifts. Snow blindness brings out the shades as I head to work after clearing ice from the windows of the grey auto which has been on hiatus this past week (abruptly refusing to start). As sweat trickles down both the back and front, better judgement takes over the brain and I head home to change out of the wet clothes and into dry duds, all in the name of health. Since the immune system is weak at best and any germ that is in the vicinity strikes a blow at me and is usually welcomed by my body, I best take few chances of coming down with something as I can. And it feels so good to be in freshly laundered clothes again!

Exams have been written, marked and marks entered into the computer, so reports can be delivered. In celebration of the end of the semester we attended a dance sponsored by the school newspaper which featured Eddie and the Stingrays. Along with other staff members we enjoyed the 50s and 60s tunes that they belted out and learned that the big guy actually taught one of the band members. Even though the arthritic knees do not allow a lot of dancing anymore, we were transported back to our youth just listening to the tunes...ah the Beach Boys and their surfing and hot rods. The Beatles medley was terrific and Elvis always gets toes tapping. It seems so long since we were out!

Enjoy the week ahead, it sounds like it could be the best winter week yet for us. Stay warm and don't shovel too much snow. The wisdom comes from Og Mandino who said, "Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your gold and good health have vanished."

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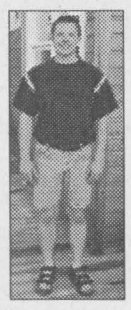

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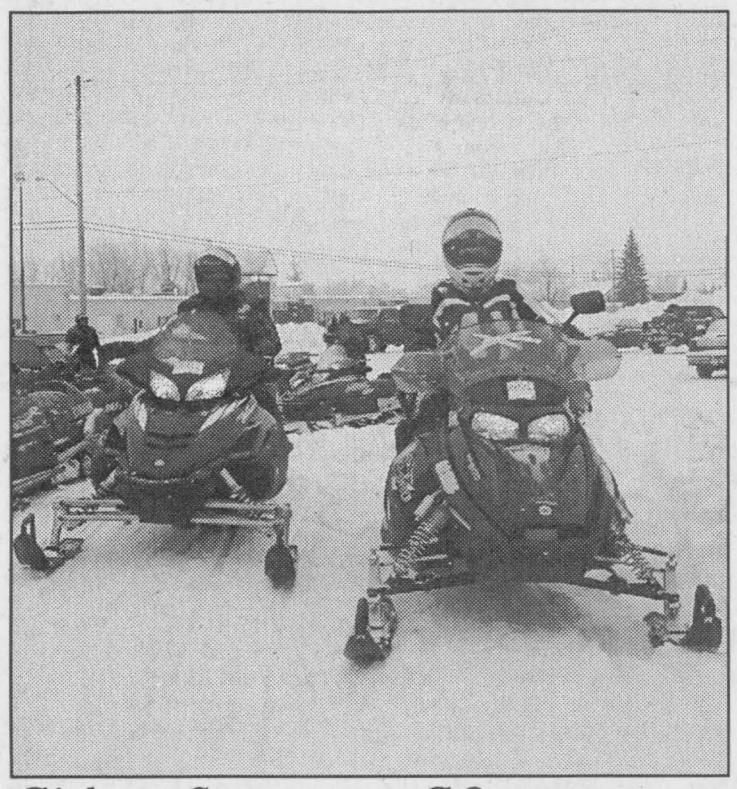

Girls on Snow set to GO

This pair of female snowmobilers were heading out on the trail Saturday morning from the McIntosh Inn as part of Snowarama for Easter Seals, endorsed by the OFSC "helping change a child's life" their pledges get the job done.

Girls on Snow Snowarama partner with Dundas Easter Seals Society

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The weatherman cooperated perfectly this year. As the flakes drifted earthward, the Girls on Snow were getting their machines gassed up, their warm snowmobile suits on, boots, helmets and mitts on as they prepared to head out on the 110 km trek that was this year's sixth annual Snowarama for Easter Seals. The parking lot at the McIntosh Inn, the starting and ending location was filled with colourful snowmobiles. A great day for a ride and a terrific cause, numerous gals turned out to do their part for Easter Seals and enjoy a winter glide along the trails in South Dundas.

Before hitting the trails the girls enjoyed a delightful pancake breakfast at the Morrisburg Fire Hall. Sponsored with the help of volunteers from the Dundas County Council for Easter Seals, this was a big success. Always a great response from the community the breakie was delicious and the service terrific.

The Easter Seal Society is the official charity of the Ontario Snowmobile Association and Snowaramas are run in a variety of locations throughout the province on this weekend. The Girls team with the Society in Dundas each winter gathering pledges and taking part in the run as well. Last year's fundraising brought in $3500 and it was hoped, according to Margaret Reynolds of Dundas County Easter Seals that this amount would be surpassed this time out. She was not disappointed as the $4,000. mark was met and then some when the tallying was completed. Jean MacDougal of the Girls on Snow was pleased with how well the gals had done this year. Without adding in the monies earned through a raffle some $4817 was raised. Well done everyone!!

Margaret noted that most of the money raised through this event in Dundas County goes directly to assist children living with disabilities.

On hand for the breakfast and a photo opp for the local newspapers was the Dundas County Easter Seals Ambassador for the 2004 Snowarama, Iroquois' own Alexander Smellink.

Alex who recently underwent surgery is 12 years old and attends Iroquois Public School which he enjoys. He has a lot of friends at IPS and loves to play Playstation, like most boys his age. He confided that he wishes he could buy all the games there are for it! He has one brother and two sisters, a dog and two rabbits. During the summer he helps out at the South Dundas Soccer Association games in the canteen where he has been given the title of Supervisor.

Also on hand were a familiar youngster, Cody Shaver from Matilda and Tim Moat from Chesterville, both young men who know the value of Easter Seals in their lives.

The Easter Seal Society has been helping children and youth with physical disabilities since 1922. With more than 20,000 children in Ontario living with physical disabilities, Easter Seals has over 8,000 families across the province on its caseload. Of these approximately 30 children and their families live in Dundas County, a staggering statistic.

Easter Seals provides services to help better the lives of children and youth with physical disabilities and help them succeed by providing financial assistance, resource information, camping, peer support, independence, life skills and strategies to enable families to advocate for and access services within their own communities.

Working to assist young people and children with neuromuscular, musculoskeletal or neurological conditions, like cerebral palsy and spins bifida which limit mobility and or physical function. Each year the Society helps to send Easter Seal children in Dundas County to summer vacation at Camp Merrywood Easter Seal Camp in Perth. In Dundas County Easter Seal funding helped defray the cost of mobility aids like strollers and wheel chairs and camps totalling over $10,000, having raised over $20,000 through a variety of events including Snowarama.

Hundreds of corporations and small businesses support Easter Seal special events and fundraising sponsorships. Along with service clubs in our community which support Easter Seals through fundraising events and delivery of services, Dundas County has a District Council to aid in Easter Seal initiatives like fundraising and public awareness.

Snowarama is a wonderful way to raise funds and have some fun as well.

Curling News

With Steve Thompson

The Wednesday Night ladies League has completed its second draw and congratulations are in order for the winners: Anita Cooper, Wendy Johnston, Eleanor Allison and Joanne Baker.

Last Tuesday, the afternoon ladies hosted Prescott in a friendly bonspiel. Evonne Delegarde, Cheryl Thompson, Margaret Reynolds, Betty Locke, Sandra Beckstead, Dorothy Culkin, Kathy Norg and Donna Stephens made their visitors feel welcome. Afterwards, the bartender served the curlers and treats were enjoyed by all.

Our top Bantam team competed on Sunday in a bonspiel in Alexandria. Curtis and Calvin Collins, Natalie McDonell and Bobby Robichaud won their first game but lost a close second one, finishing fourth overall for the day.

On Saturday, Coach Sydney Schnurr took two of her teams to Winchester for the Big Four Playdowns. Curtis Collins, Brittany Elliott, Jaron Hess and Mallory O'Neil won their first game on the "A" side, but lost their second. Calvin Collins led the other foursome with Chris Tupper, Tyler Stewart and Jacob Hough rounding out the group. They played well, but dropped two close games. As usual our young curlers enjoyed themselves and were excellent ambassadors for the game and our Club.

The senior men hosted Brockville in a friendly match last Wednesday. Don O'Brien, John Wilson, Karl Duncan, Jack Diklan d , Eric Orgee and John Lyon skipped the local teams, fashioning a split in their games. As always it was a very pleasant day with good food and fellowship to end the day.

Yesterday, the Senior Mixed curlers hosted Russell in a return friendly match. The first team consisted of Gerry and Cheryl Thompson, with Ray and Lana Larsen. Don O'Brien's foursome included Sandra Beckstead, Doug Brannan and Dorothy Culkin while Keith Brannen entered the third team aided by Barb Rabideau, Karl Duncan and Donna Stephens. The curling was fun and the meal great; our hospitality knew no bounds!

Bobby Hart reminds us that there are still three openings for the two-person bonspiel here on Sunday. The rules and format are the same as for the one held just after Christmas. No sweeping is required, each game lasts about forty-five minutes, the cash prizes are huge and you need not be a member of the club to enter. Let Bobby know if you are interested or signup in the curling club lounge.

Rentals are the lifeblood of a curling club and Saturday we had another exceptional one with John Lyon, Jim Locke and their hard working Iroquois/Matilda Lions committee hosting the Lions from Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. They even entered a local team with Brenda Lyon, Betty Locke, Ruth Robertson and Dorothy Culkin representing the hosts. Hats off to the Iroquois/Matilda Lions for a well run bonspiel!

Last week we mentioned Sherry Middaugh as the Ontario Ladies' representative for the Canadian Women's Championship, the Tournament of Hearts. This week, we note that in the Ontario men's Curling Championship, Glenn Howard and Mike Harris tied after round robin competition, met in the final with Harris winning the right to advance to the Brier as Ontario's standard-bearer. Bryan Cochrane from Russell finished with four wins and five losses. Good curling to all!



Greely Lions Curl to Win

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

It all came down to a Skip Rock to determine the winner of the Iroquois/Matilda Bonspiel on Saturday. Curling to victory thanks to their skip, young Lindsay McLaughlin, the Greely foursome claimed the gold. His teammates were Terry McLaughlin, John McClelland and Paul Elford. Lion Governor Bob McVeigh, a member of Perth Lions Club presented the trophy

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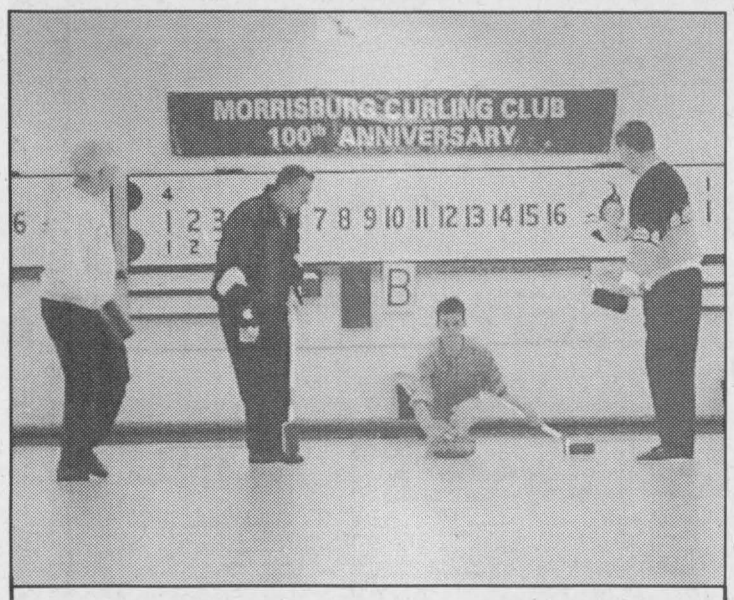
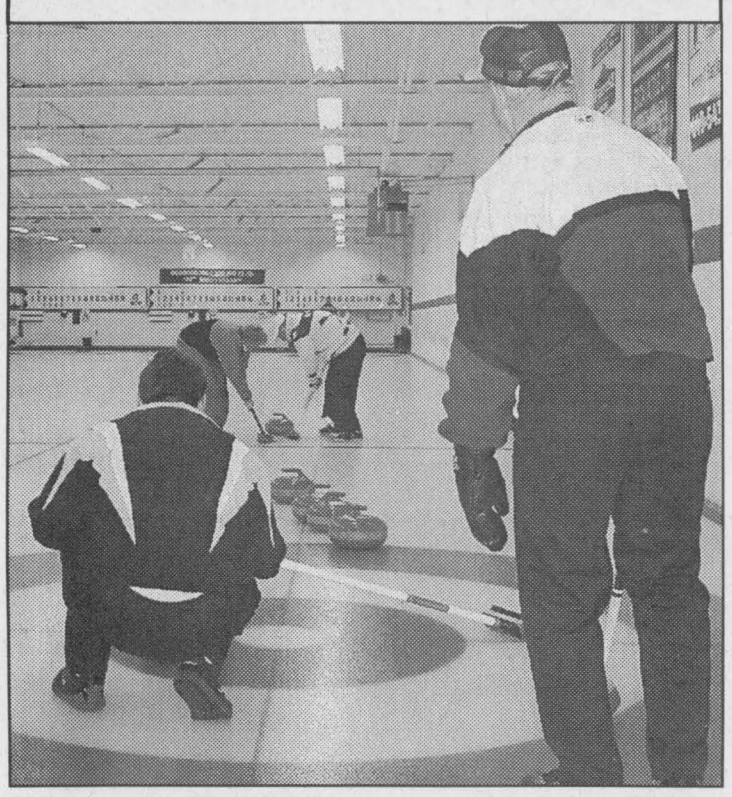


Skip Rock to Win

Lindsay McLaughlin shows his winning form as he curls Skip Rock to claim victory for his Greely Lions Club at the Bonspiel. The view down the ice is awesome in semi-final too. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*



Girls win two drop one in league games

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

January 24 the South Dundas Girls Hockey team travelled to Kemptville to face off in that town. A tight game ensued that saw end to end action as both teams played a top notch game. Goalies stood tall as they turned aside all shots until near the end of the third and final frame Ali Tait decided it was time for Morrisburg to take charge. Skating in with Sarah Myers she bulged the twine for the only counter of the game and the victory for South Dundas. No penalties were assessed in this game.

Sunday, February 1, the South Dundas gals faced off against the Russell Invaders. Another close match up saw the first period almost over when, with 2:04 showing on the clock Ali Tait found her mark. Teaming up with Sarah Myers she potted the puck into the mesh giving South Dundas the lead. The Invaders came back strong in the second and counted one to tie the game and then another to lead into the final frame. Unfortunately neither team was able to score and the Invaders claimed the win 2-1. South Dundas served four penalties while Russell stayed clear of the box.

Sunday, February 8 South Dundas girls hosted the Brockville Girls. Brockville was on the board first, scoring at 7:12 of the first period. South Dundas evened things at 6:28 of the second when Ali Tait took the pass from Andrea Hudson and left no doubt as she nailed the shot into the mesh. Some nice moves at both ends of the ice by both teams kept the score knotted until 2:41 of the third when Brockville went ahead. However the local gals were not yet finished and at 1:32 it was Ali Tait again who found her mark with the quick shot after skating hard up the centre and taking the pass from the stick of Chantal Thurler who earned the assist. Tait completed her hat trick when she went in alone with :37 showing on the clock and hit hard and sure. South Dundas won 3-2 in a game that was played well by both teams. Brockville served the only penalty in the game.

Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal Fire Department receive another defibrillator

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Fire Department added a third defibrillator to its equipment roster recently thanks to a donation from the Cardinal Legion. The $4,700 was very much appreciated and put to good use in acquiring the third defibrillator for the Department.

Arranged through the Legion's Ontario Charitable Foundation on the recommendation of Ontario Command Regional representative, Ed Hitchinson, a well known local legionnaire who just recently moved to Barrie.

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HUFFMAN: We welcome with open arms, our little Blue Bundle of Joy.
William Thomas Donald
Born January 23, 2004
1:04 pm
7 lbs, 10 oz
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"Grandpas & Grandmas"
Sandy & Verna Gibson
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Uncle James Byers
Uncle Shawn Huffman
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Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 370 would like to thank everyone that participated in our Annual Valentine Tea & Bake Sale either through providing of baked goods or attening our popular event. It's through your interest that made this effort worthwhile.
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In Memoriam

STRADER: In loving memory of a dear father, ***John Hartley Strader***, who passed away on February 10, 1997.
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Notice to Creditors

All claims against the Estate of the late **Edith Eleanor Dillabough**, late of the Township of South Dundas, County of Dundas, who died on the 2nd day of January, 2004 must be filed witht the undersigned representatives on or before the 1st day of March, 2004 after which date the estate will be distributed having regard to the claims of which the Estate Trustees then shall have notice.

DATED: at Morrisburg, Ontario this 27th day of January, 2004.

By: Carlton F. McInnis and Shirley Carnegie, Estate Trustees
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Clearing snow from your property by pushing it across the Township road is not permitted.

Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act, RSO 1990, c.H.8 states that ***"No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for maintenance of the road."***

Residents are requested not to deposit snow or ice on the Township roads as it freezes and creates a hazard to traffic.

Lawrence Rooney
Public Works Manager

Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal passed By-law No.2004-04 on February 2, 2004, under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT - An amendment to By-law No. 97-30, the Municipality's zoning by-law has been drafted to implement the updated Official Plan, The by-law applies to all lands within the Township and incorporates relevant provisions from the former Village of Cardinal zoning by-law. The by-law and its associated zoning schedules have been modified in response to input from the public and the Province. A key map is not included since the by-law applies to the entire municipality.

APPEAL - The last date for filing a notice of appeal of the by-law is March 2,2004. 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 $125.00 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.

The complete by-law is available for inspection in the office of the clerk during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, February 11, 2004.

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Upper Canada School Board Trustee's Report

By Greg Pietersma

I have been your trustee for 2 months now and am enjoying it a lot! On a monthly basis I intend to write a column to advise you about events and issues surrounding public education. If you would like to see a certain topic discussed here or would like to have question answered please forward them to me. This month I want to start with an explanation of what a School Board Trustee does.

What does A School Trustee Do for You?

A school trustee is a member of a board, not a member of a parliament and it is important for both trustees and the general public to understand that school board trustees hold no individual authority.

The school board, as a corporate body, is the legislative source of all decisions and individual trustees are given no authority through the Education Act. Unlike provincial and federal parliaments, school board members do not vote according to an official 'affiliation', nor are there 'governing' trustees and 'opposition' trustees. Trustees deal with each issue according to their personal beliefs, having taken into consideration the law, the students and the constituency.

Once the board of trustees has voted, individual trustee members are legally bound by the majority decision, regardless of whether they supported it during debate or voted in opposition. Although they may not agree with the decision, trustees should be able to explain the rationale for the policy and ensure that it is understood, implemented and monitored.

Trustees, in consultation with their administrators and their school communities (principals, teachers, support staff, and school councils) set local policies, priorities and budgets within the framework of provincial legislation and policy.

Trustees establish their local budgets within the scope provided by their funding allocation. They are responsible for ensuring that their schools and staff have the professional capacity and the appropriate resources to meet provincial and board policies and priorities. They are equally responsible for spending the public funds they receive from the province in a cost-effective and appropriate way.

Trustees hold their directors of education and, through their directors, their superintendents, principals, teachers and support staff accountable for meeting provincial and board policies and for ensuring that the board's funding allocation is spent in keeping with the board's budget.

Trustees are accountable to their communities (their electors) and to the Province for continuous improvement in the level of student achievement in their schools.

Trustees also act as education advocates at various levels. At the local level, trustees work on behalf of the community and must consider the unique needs of that community when deciding what position to take on an issue. They encourage constituents to participate in the school system. This involves familiarizing people with the procedures for bringing their views before the board (for example, through public or written submissions). As advocates for excellence in education, trustees may also act on constituent complaints or requests and help to find a resolution.

- Taken from " Educating Together, A Handbook for Trustees, School Boards and Communities" This handbook is available on the web at www.ontarioschooltrustees.org

Fewer Students, Fewer Schools

At the last Operations and Finance Committee meeting the Board's planning department presented a startling report on enrolment trends. The report showed that by 2017 our school population would decrease, due to a dropping birth rate, by 10,000 students, which represents just less than a 30% reduction.

The effect on the Upper Canada system will be considerable as this represents a loss of about 400 classrooms, or about 4 classes per school. It is not difficult to imagine the impact on our smaller schools. Without a significant change to the way the Ontario Government funds schools it will mean that several schools in Dundas County will close.

As a community we need to start right now discussing how we will want to deal with this. Closing schools is the most obvious option, however schools play an important role in our communities. Closing schools will also mean longer bus rides.

In an environment of having fewer students we need to rethink how we deliver an effective education to our children. This will require difficult decisions and a solution arrived at by society as a whole. We must start to think about this now.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Program and Education Committee, February 4th, South Grenville D.H.S. Library 7pm; Finance and Operations Committee, February 11th; Regular Board Meeting, February 18th, Board Office, 225 Central Avenue West, Brockville. 7pm.

If you would like to see a certain topic discussed here or would like to have question answered please forward them to me at pietersmag@ucdsb.on.ca or to 13854 Connaught Rd. Chesterville, ON K0C 1H0. 613-448-9044

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UPPER CANADA District School Board

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Where: Kemptville Public School
215 Reuben Cr., Kemptville

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This is an opportunity for parents to gain information about the Early French Immersion Program which starts in Junior/Senior Kindergarten in September 2004 - 2005.

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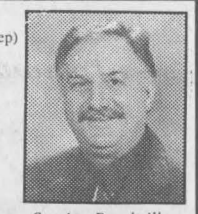
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Cardinal	(1) church w apt. (2) - plus 2 unit apt. rented, upgrades	$59,900 ea.

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Cardinal	3 bdrm house w 2 c garage, gas heat, shopping near.	$74,700.

Commercial Properties

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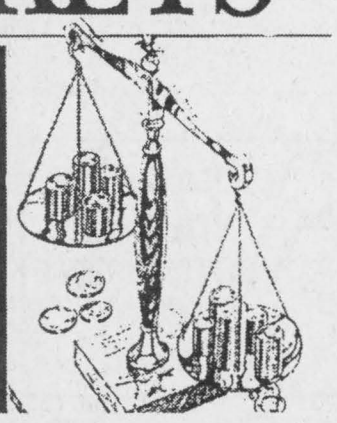

RRSP Primer

Investing is all in the family

Fifty-six per cent of Canadians aged 18-34 don't yet own an RRSP, according to the 2003 RBC/Ipsos-Reid poll. "It's important to start educating your children early on about the value of contributing towards their RRSP," says Glenn Lott, President of his own CA practice, based in Markham.

"Children earning employment income, working for you in your business or in a part-time job, should always file a tax return simply to generate RRSP room. RRSP carry forwards do not expire and will be available when the child is earning more income," adds Lott.

Ideally, you and your spouse should have a joint strategy for retirement. "Contribute to your spouse's RRSP if your projected income on retirement will be higher. The goal is to have the same income at retirement," adds Lott.

For further information about RRSPs, contact a Chartered Accountant.

Work as a Team to Save for Retirement

"There are many ways for a couple to jointly produce a nice retirement nest egg," says Chartered Accountant Glenn Lott, President of his own CA practice, based in Markham.

"Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contributions should be made by the higher income spouse to maximize the annual tax deduction for the family. Keep on top of the maximums and try to take full advantage. Try to diversify your portfolio by maximizing the foreign content in your RRSP given that the limit is now 30 per cent of cost base," advises Lott

For further information about RRSPs, contact a Chartered Accountant.

RRSPs: It's Never too Late

The good news is that it's never too late to purchase a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) and enjoy the tax relief while you save for your retirement.

"Even if you're like the average Canadian and you can only afford to contribute $4,550 a year, once you start investing your money it will grow and compound with the interest. You'll also reduce your taxable income, and perhaps qualify for a welcome tax refund that you can reinvest or spend as you like," says Chartered Accountant Derek A. de Gannes, Tax Manager, Shimmerman Penn LLP in Toronto

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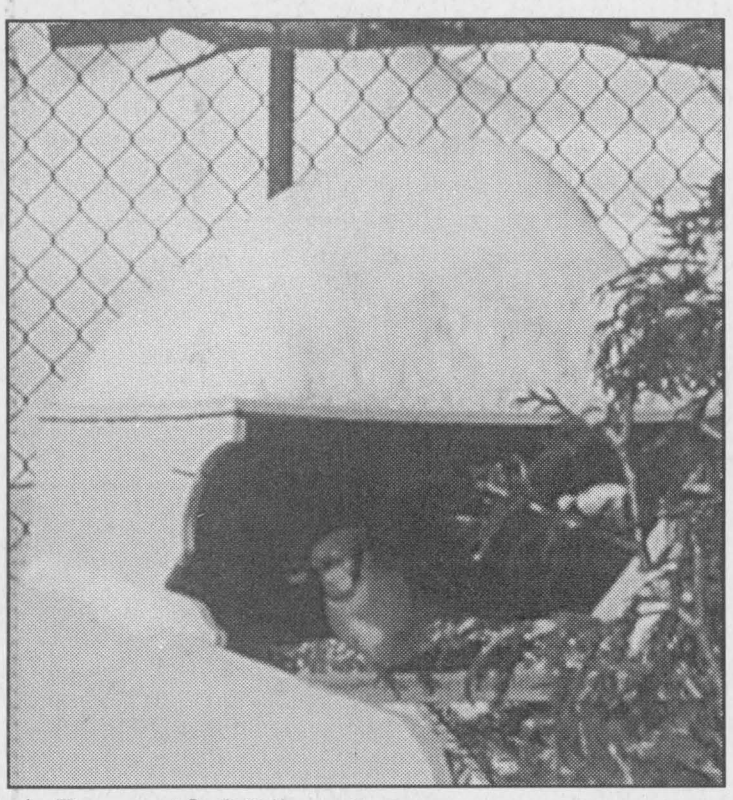

A Beautiful Blue Jay

Stopping by a local feeder, this colourful Blue Jay added a touch of blue to the winter white landscape. Birders are having an interesting winter as birds of all kinds are frequenting feeders in our area.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching



YES! The big news for this writer this week is that on Saturday morning the first male Cardinal we have seen this winter walked onto the veranda right in front of the door and stood briefly in all his splendour. He was so beautiful, according to my son, I was awestruck, because apparently I uttered a rather thoughtless comment about how terrific he was, "Did you see him?" when in fact we were standing side by side and he could not help but see the bird.

We have our regular Mourning Doves who enjoy the seeds we spread along the walkway. The snowbanks along here shelter them from the wind and the sun warms their velvety feathers. Often they will be sitting on the veranda steps, like a school group gathering for a class photo, cute as can be! The Sparrows keep the feeder filers busy, a daily routine to keep them full. Placing some feed on the snowcapped shrubs gave the Chickadees the opportunity to drink some snow as they enjoy their seeds. They are so cute. Blue Jays are so pretty in the early morning sunshine as they grab a sunflower seed and dart off to the apple tree. Our Hairy Woodpecker dropped by on the weekend to check out the new peanut butter suet block we purchased, and seemed to like the flavour just fine! Starlings keep returning for a meal daily and a few huge Crows have been coming as well. One Bunny has been eating the bread pieces we toss our and sat huddled with the Doves the other morning before the sun climbed into the eastern sky, then scurried back to the boat in the north yard, where he finds shelter from the winter storms. The Red Squirrel must have a humungus stash of peanuts somewhere in the area, he eats his fill, then loads his jowls with them and scampers off.

A neighbour has a lot of Woodpeckers at the suet regular as clock work and reports that the Hawk that is an infrequent visitor was back at the first of the week.

Our Irena birder reports a White-Breasted Nuthatch at her suet and notes there were two Chickadees trying to get a drink from the snow on the top of the Pine trees. Eight Juncos, a dozen Tree Sparrows, five Blue Jays, a pair of Downy Woodpeckers, two Hairy Woodpeckers and eighteen Snow Birds again foretelling what is yet to come as far as weather is concerned. A lot of Crows are evident at her feeders and six hungry Mourning Doves enjoyed a meal in her yard as well.

A lady from the country made her first call to the column to report a Robin sighted the last week of January enjoying a feed of berries at some nearby bushes. She was surprised when she had one drop by and then a buddy came by and they both enjoyed black oil sunflower seeds. She says they were a very bright orange on the breast area. Maybe they know something we don't.

Thanks to all who called this week, keep the reports coming. Call 652-4395 prior to Tuesday morning to ensure we have time and space to get the reports in. Anyone seen an Owl? We should have a Snowy in the area this year.

VWG writing contest deadline

The Valley Writers' Guild is accepting submissions for the 2004 Larry Turner Award for nonfiction. Send unpublished literary or personal essays, articles, memoirs, travel pieces, etc. in English, typed, double-space, on plain white paper to a maximum 2,500 words. Two copies are required, one with author identification, and one without, along with $10 per entry (no maximum number of entries), payable to Valley Writers' Guild, by the March 15 post-mark deadline, to The Larry Turner Award, c/o Valley Writers' Guild, Box 534, Merrickville, Ont., K0G 1N0. Grand Prize is $500, with secondary prizes of $200, $100, and three Honourable Mentions who each earn $20. This year's judge is Peter Nicol, an the six winners will be announced prior to May 31, 2004. All winners will be published in the 2005 Grist Mill, in December 2004, the VWG's literary anthology which is sold in bookstores.

COMING EVENTS

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Play starts at 1 pm
Blind Draw for Mixed Teams
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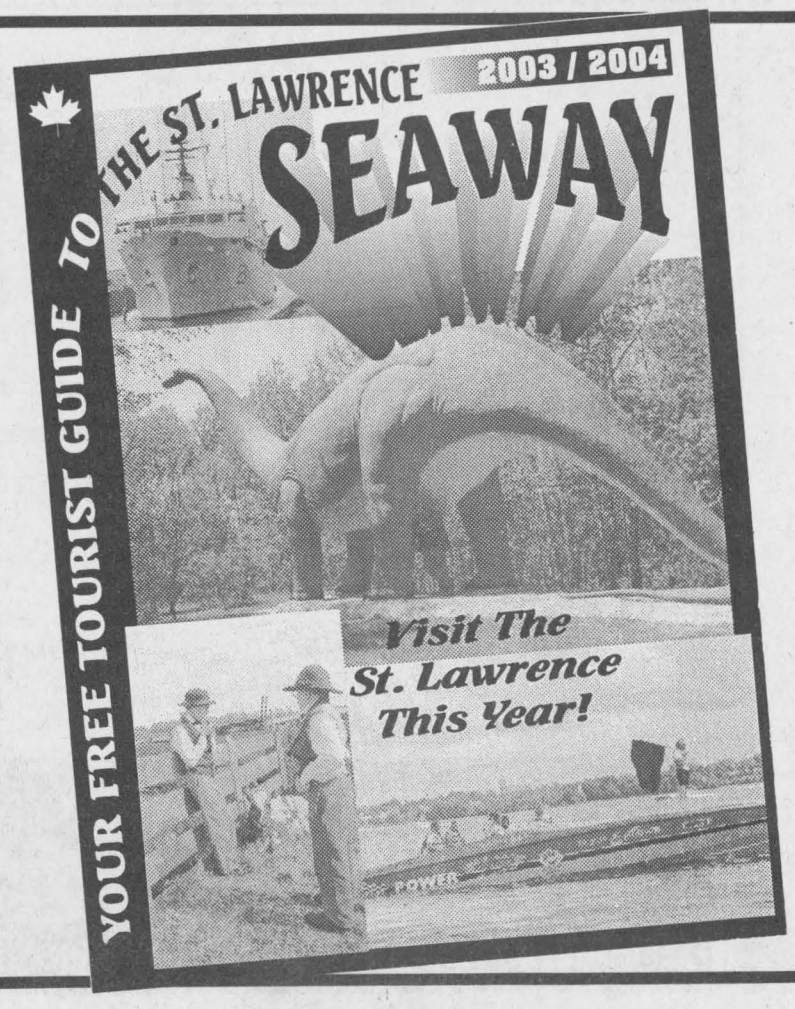

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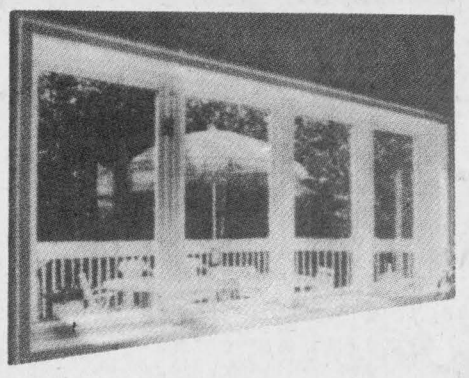

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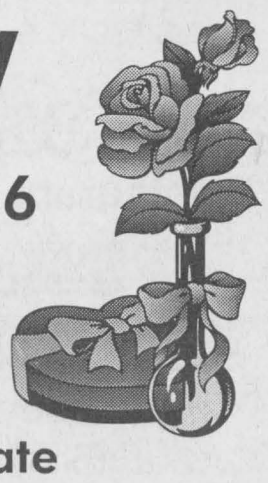

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LETTERS

To the Editor,

On behalf of the residents of South Mountain. I would like to thank the Council of North Dundas and the Municipal Roads Department for their quick response to our delegation's request in January, 2004 to clear the snow off our sidewalks in South Mountain.

They now are much better to utilize, walking along them is easier and our children are safer when boarding their school buses. With the warning of more storms to come, I'm sure you will respond in the same timely manner.

I appreciate your efforts and assume you will extend the same service to the other hamlets with sidewalks in our Township.

Sincerely,
Annette Angus,
South Mountain.

An Open Letter to Area residents and Supporters of the WDMH

One of the most frequently asked questions in our area is: "When is the hospital reconstruction going to start?" Given the focus that the Renewing the Vision Campaign has enjoyed in our local press, the amazing success the fundraising campaign has experienced and the tremendous at-the-door support this hospital receives, it certainly is understandable that there is a strong interest in what is happening and when the shovel will be in the ground.

As Chairman of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and Co-Chair of the Renewing the Vision Campaign, I have been following this project very closely. As I write this letter, we still have not received the final go ahead to start construction.

Here are the facts as they stand today:

* Officials from the regional office of the Ministry of Health and from the Capital Planning Branch have reviewed the Hospital's Master Plan and have recommended it for approval.

* Representatives from the Ministry have been on site and are familiar first-hand with the need in this community. They are equally familiar with the success of our fundraising campaign.

* Last spring we hosted the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Tony Clement , who expressed support for this project. This past fall, Jim Brownell, our representative in the provincial legislature toured our hospital and publically stated; "Winchester Hospital has raised over $12 Million, and they are still waiting for an answer. And they shouldn't be."

* In his maiden speech in the legislature, Mr. Brownell raised the issue of our hospital redevelopment project with Minister of Health and long Term Care, George Smitherman. Since then Mr. Brownell has secured a visit by the Minister to our hospital, likely in mid-February.

There is no doubt that Winchester District Memorial Hospital is deserving of provincial support. This facility provides quality healthcare and has been a mainstay in our community since 1948. Over the last five years, the Hospital has increased the scope of services, including ophthalmology, chemotherapy, urology and haematolyses. The Board intends to continue to expand the scope of services. Local access to specialty clinics and treatments reduces stress on larger facilities, such as the Ottawa and Cornwall hospitals and provides easier access for local residents.

Everyone connected with Winchester District Memorial Hospital and with the Renewing the Vision campaign knows that we have demonstrated our capacity to move forward with this ambitious and worthy project. The Hospital delivers quality care to our patients. In Acute Care 2003 Report, Winchester District Memorial Hospital scored above the provincial average in the patient satisfaction survey for every indicator. This accomplishment stands out all the more when one realizes that only three out of 92 healthcare facilities achieved this result.

I want to assure everyone-patients, neighbours, service groups, municipal partners, donors, volunteers, members of our hospital family-that the Hospital Board of Directors and Hospital Management are actively monitoring this project; that we are staying in touch with Ministry of Health officials and that we continue to talk regularly with our member of provincial parliament to move us forward on this project.

In the meantime, we remain $1.8 million dollars short of our $15million dollar goal. We have several communities yet to canvas and there are several outstanding special events being planned for this coming year to help raise funds.

I want to thank those who have taken the time to become involved in this project, who have made generous donations and pledges, who have served as volunteer canvassers or who have organized events. We fully appreciate what a tremendous effort you have made to the Campaign and we will not let you down.

Sincerely,
Bill Smirle, Chairman
WDMH.



Park Lane Crafters, keeping their needles busy

This group of ladies is seen here working one just one of their on going projects, an antique pattern quilt. Meeting since 1991 the Park Lane Crafters have made a real difference in the community. Shown here with their thimbles on are Norma McIntosh, Hilda Garlough, Joan Casselman, Helen Casselman, Doreen Empey, Irene Carr, Evelyn Coleman & Margaret Rutley.

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FROM FRONT

Williamsburg

to Williamsburg. he also thanked the staff for all their hard work. "We got the key on January 16 and had a lot to do in a very short time," he said.

Mayor Lyle VanAllen also thanked Dalrymple, David Lapier and Louise Backes for their support and likened the Credit Union's opening to a new marriage, with the newlyweds looking forward to a long and happy time with good things to come.

The Williamsburg Branch is the first rural branch in the OCCU, which now extends from Cornwall to Ottawa and soon to Kingston.

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Documents

"Am I out of line? We must look at this carefully, I would feel more comfortable if we waited, asked Councillor Bailey. She then took this opportunity to question Councillor Ron Delgarde as to whether he should remain in council chambers considering the conflict of Interest Charges brought against him. CAO Andrew Brown said that this matter had little to do with the charges and Delegarde could stay. However Bailey continued by asking Delegarde what his feeling was. At this point Delegarde agreed with Bailey and left the council table and Chambers.

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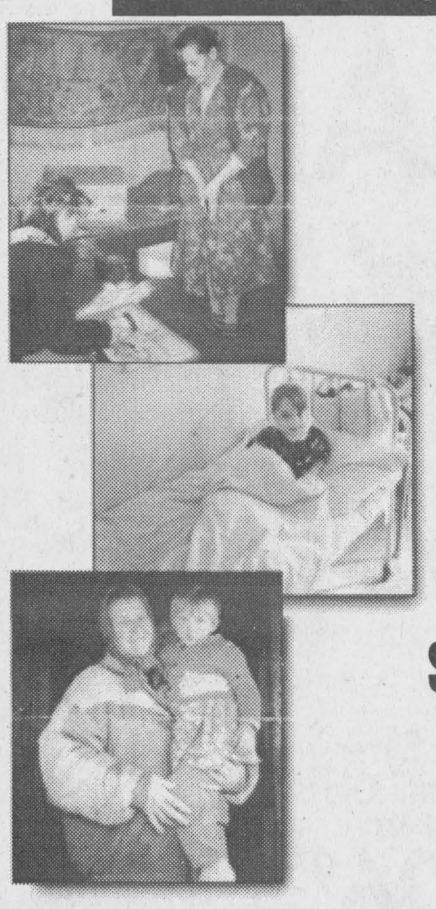

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Garbage

then be considered commercial and would not be picked up by the contractor, unless an apartment building or multi-residential. Residents currently are able to purchase extra garbage tags at local stores. The stores get 50 cents for each tag, Garlough will ask that vendors sell the tickets at no cost to the Township which will help increase revenues.

Locked bins will be provided by the contractor and placed behind the Morrisburg Rink and the Iroquois Campsite. Also the blue bins at the Morrisburg Plaza will be removed and each business will have to look after their own garbage. This will help to save $2060.00 the Township now pays for extra pick up which is all charged back to the taxpayers.

Township crews report on the number of truckloads of garbage brought in from the Dundas County Community Living Residence which Garlough wished to review this year. They also pay $40.00 monthly to have the garbage picked up at the Morrisburg and Iroquois Shopping Plazas and in return do not charge tipping fees on the five or six truckloads that go to the dump on a weekly basis.

Garlough also suggested that people who rent the municipal buildings and have more than two bags of garbage be charged for the extra the same as for residential, $1.00 per bag. Councillor Charles Barkley objected saying that the cost should be included in the price of the hall rental. "If someone is paying $500.00 to rent Matilda Hall and hold a wedding reception we can't expect them to pay for the extra garbage. You can't nickel and dime people, we have enough trouble renting out the hall now." CAO Andrew Brown agreed with Barkley saying that Matilda Hall is a unique situation. He then suggested that the councillors study the plan and bring it back to the next meeting. Garlough urged them not to take to much time, allowing bidders to get the necessary equipment ready.

Council members also discussed extending the contract over a six year period, rather then the current five. Brown pointed out that the needed equipment would last six years and it would coincide with the terms of council.

Councillors will further study the report and bring it back to the February 17th regular meeting.

Chamber

retail and industrial malls. These sell based on their income streams. Income is capitalized to arrive at a value. Capitalization rates are determines from sales, according to MacDonald's presentation.

Explaining the difference between Mass and Single Property Appraisal, he says, "Mass appraisal is simply the process of valuing a group of properties as of a given date using common data, standardized methods, mathematical models and statistical testing. A single property appraisal is just that.

Zeroing in on South Dundas he told the members that 5,985 properties were valued in South Dundas for a total value of $728 million, suggesting $95 million increase over 2001 values or a 15.10% increase. He noted, "Less than 2% (92 or 1.53% of S.D.owners) of owners have filed a Request for Reconsideration.

Concentrating on residential he noted that MPAC analyzed over 8,000 residential sales in the region, some 390 sales in South Dundas. An average single family home went from $101,000 to $113,000 or +12.15% while the average waterfront home which sold for $227,000 sold for $276,-000 or increased some 21.78%.

Turning to the Commercial/Industrial properties, an average commercial property increase was about +4.60% based on 279 commercial properties in S.D. (58 vacant land) which translates to an overall commercial class increase from $44.6 to $48.7 millions or +9.21%. As far as industrial property goes the average increase is 11.37% based on 93 industrial properties 931 vacant land) for an overall class increase from $15.1 to $16.9 million or +12.10%.

Next on his agenda was Farm Properties with 1,333 farm properties in South Dundas being valued. Class 1 farmland based on sales increased from $825/acre to $1,050/acre, and $825/acre to $1,575/acre and $825/acre to $2,200/acre depending on location within South Dundas. The average farm value increase is +35.19%.

"Managed Forest Properties were assessed at an equivalent farm value prior to 2003. 2003 values for these properties are based on current value sales of similar MF properties," said MacDonald.

A sore spot with many at present is the Seasonal Trailer Assessments. According to MacDonald, "In 2001 an appeal on behalf of some municipalities across Ontario was filed with the Assessment Review Board (ARB) stating that trailers should be assessed . The ARB said that MPAC must assess trailers and issue assessment notices for 2003 taxation. Thus MPAC is required by law to assess all seasonal units that meet the definition of land/real property under the Assessment Act, all trailers or units considered permanent structures will be assessed...8'6" wide or greater or less than this size with an attachment making the trailer immobile without its removal, designed in similar quality to the trailer. Modular, manufactured, mobile home or park model units fall in the category subject to assessment.

Previously assessed as farm, a Maple Syrup sugar shack along with an acre of land will now be assessed as industrial.

MacDonald said, "If anyone wonders if they are being assessed correctly, they need only ask themselves, "Could I have sold my property for its assessed value in June 2003 and have similar properties to mine recently sold for a similar value?" And if the answer is "Yes", then your assessment is OK, if not, you have several options to pursue."

The majority of general assessment related enquiries can be answered by calling 1-866-296-6722(MPAC) or checking email at inquiry@mpac.ca. Specific concerns are forwarded to the local office where a local Customer Service Rep reviews and responds to inquiries.

You may submit a "request for reconsideration" which is really asking MPAC to review your property assessment. It is necessary to supply all the necessary information: comparable sales, assessed values, specifics about your property (condition etc.). Forms are available at MPAC, the website or through the mail. MPAC will acknowledge all mail received. A brochure will be forwarded to you containing info regarding the valuation review process. Anyone not satisfied with MPAC's decision after the R for R may appeal to the Assessment Review Board (ARB), deadline is March 31, 2004. You may appeal without filing a Request for Reconsideration or may file a protective appeal. Both the property owner and MPAC will be asked to present evidence at a hearing. The ARB is located at 250 Yonge Street, 30th Floor, Toronto, ON M5B 2L7. Phone at 416-314-6900, fax at 416-645-1819 or website www.arb.gov.on.ca There is a $50 charge for farm and residential and $25 for commercial/industrial reviews. "You can directly appeal if you wish stated," McDonald.

It was interesting to learn that a vacancy or partially vacant commercial or industrial building may be eligible for a rebate in taxes. If unused for at least 90 consecutive days, owners must apply by February 28 for the previous year. All dates are dictated by the province. Forms are at the municipal office. This excludes seasonal property, leased but vacant and vacant land sub-class property. The rebate is 30-35% of taxes for the vacant period.

The assessment roll is available for public inspection at the municipal office. If more info is needed visit www.mpac.ca where AboutMyProperty will provide online access to assessment data.

Few questions came from the floor, but Corry Martens did direct some farm related assessment queries at MacDonald before he departed. Seemingly there are not as many problems with assessment here as in some areas of the province or else people fell they cannot do anything about their assessment. There are avenues of appeal if you feel you are wrongly assessed.



Legion Valentine Tea

These young ladies enjoyed a steaming, hot bowl of delicious soup and a sandwich at the Iroquois Legion Ladies Auxiliary Valentine Tea and Bake Sale on Saturday. A great way to ward off the winter chills and successful too.

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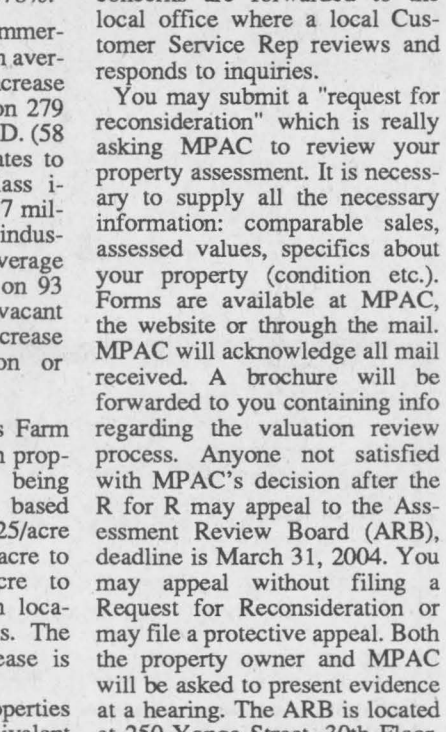

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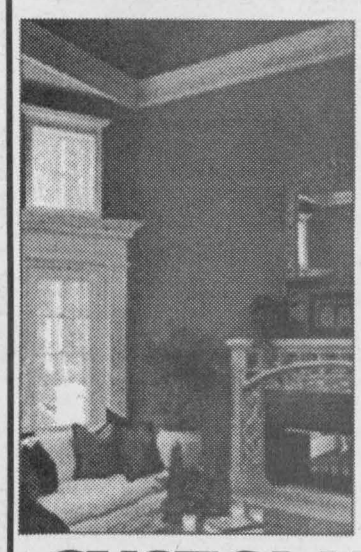
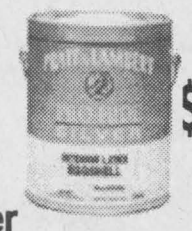


Silver Flat 8171 $17.95



Silver Eggshell 8271 $19.95



Silver Semi Gloss 8371 $26.95



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Mountain Winter Fun Day

Saturday Feb. 14, 11 am to 4:30 pm

At Mountain Memorial Park (10480 Clark Rd))

Admission $1.00 per person, maximum of $5.00 per family

Featuring:

* Dog sled team demonstrations and rides from 11 am to 2 pm provided by Bernie Boucher and the SDNG Dog Sledding and Carting Association. 40-60 dogs with 10 teams performing dog sled demonstrations

*Added feature of a MUTT RACE at 11:30 am! Bring your pet if it is over 20 lbs.

*Terry Spratt will provide horse drawn sleigh rides from 2 to 4 pm

*Children's races start about 11 am to 2 pm with prizes for all, and free skating afterwards

*Games include: Curling, Ice Bowling, hockey puck snapshot, egg toss, pinata

* Great lunch provided: Homemade soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, chili, beans, desserts, and more

*Door prizes

*50/50 draw can be bought in advance at the Mountain Post Office or at Fun Day