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Helping celebrate with Mustard's *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

Jim Mustard is shown presenting Lawrence Scarbo with a DVD Player and six year old Andy Hunter with a Compu Kidz Computer. They were the big winners of the draw helping celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of Mustard's Variety. Placing their names in a barrell over fifteen days contestants were helping Jim and family celebrate fifteen years in business.

Appointments made & contract awarded in S. D.

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

With three new faces at the council table, South Dundas has named the new committee members for the upcoming year.

Councillor John Whitteker will once again represent the township at the South Nation River Conservation Authority. Whitteker has sat on this committee for nearly as long as he has represented Williamburg and South Dundas at the municipal level. Councillor Charles Barkley will continue to sit as council representative on the Iroquois Golf Club and the Provincial Offences Committee, both of which he represented in the past. Mayor Lyle VanAllen will sit on three committees including the Mural Projects Committee, The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce and The Communications Committee. Councillor Sandra Bailey will also sit on the Communications Committee after Ron Delegarde turned down the opportunity. Bailey will also sit on the Morrisburg B.I.A. and will continue to sit on Morrisburg Recreation. Councillor Ron Delegarde will represent the Carman House Museum, The Iroquois Galop Canal Marina Committee and the South Dundas Athletic and Recreation Association. Delegarde will also continue to work with Iroquois Recreation. Someone will be named to the South Dundas Economic Development Commission following the operation review currently being done. Clerk Brenda Brunt also told council that they would no longer need a representative on the Non-Profit Housing Committee.

John Allison was named council representative for Rideau St.Lawrence Utilities despite opposition from Bailey and Delegarde. Bailey questioned whether there had been any advertising done to see if any other resident would be interested. Delegarde told council that he knew of some Iroquois residents that would like to sit on the committee. Barkley answered them by saying that Allison has been a good representative in the past and that he has worked well with the previous council and attended many meetings and answered all questions. The motion to have Allison sit on the committee was put to vote with Barkley, Whitteker and VanAllen voting yes with Bailey and Delegarde in opposition.

It was also noted that there are

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South Mountain residents request fair treatment

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Annette Angus attended the January 12th North Dundas Council Meeting on behalf of a number of South Mountain residents who felt "they were not getting the same fair treatment as Winchester and Chesterville," regarding the snow removal on sidewalks.

"The sidewalks are a safety issue, we have a number of children who have to walk on the street to catch their busses," Angus told council members. She also added that residents have to walk on the streets to enter the post office and other buildings, "A life in South Mountain is worth the same as a life anywhere in North Dundas."

Public Works Manager for the township Arden Carruthers told the residents that in Morewood, the snow is removed from sidewalks and hauled away three or four times a year, depending on the amount of snow and the accumulation. He added that the main problem in South Mountain is that the county snowplows have no where to put the snow. When questioned about cost Carruthers explained that the township work crews do the work themselves at night and haul the snow away using a township truck. Councillor Estella Rose questioned the use of snowblowers on the sidewalks, but Carruthers explained that this causes accumulation elsewhere.

Angus agreed that if Morewood residents were happy it would work for South Mountain. Councillor Al Armstrong added that it could be tried for a year and if it doesn't work they would have to look at an alternative.

Mayor Alvin Runnels agreed saying "We want to be fair to all residents."

Roads continued to be the hot topic of the moment as McIntosh Perry Consulting brought to the council table the Roads and Bridges needs Study.

After presenting council with information concerning all individual bridges and culverts the final report showed that the larger structures were all in good condition with only some minor work required. It was recommended however, that five of the smaller structures be replaced within the next five years.

The news was not quite as good for the more than 392 km of roadways in the township. Each road is studied and given a condition rating (CR). "A good CR is 6.5 to 7.0 for asphalt and surface treated roads, while gravel roads are good at 6.0." Phil Whalen of McIntosh Perry told council members. "On average all roads to be considered good should have a CR rating of 6.25." The asphalt and surface treated roads in North Dundas have a rating of

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Work to begin on History of Education Mural

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"A picture is worth a thousand words," were the thoughts of Mural Committee Chairperson Glen Cunningham during the first meeting of the committee in Brinston.

Now with fifteen murals completed, depicting a history lesson for residents and visitors to South Dundas, the finishing touches are being done on the House Moving during the Seaway in Morrisburg, and plans are being put in place for the History of Education Mural. This 16 x 56 foot mural will be on the north side of Seaway High School and will be painted by David Yeatman a now familiar face to many residents.

Cunningham attended the January 6th meeting of South Dundas Council to brings councillors up to date on the past work of the Mural Committee and also to discuss any future murals. Cunningham explained that he has received a number of mural ideas from organizations including the Morrisburg Curling Club which is one of the oldest in Canada, the Williamsburg Pioneers Ball Club, and a request from Dunbar Recreation. Riverside Heights is already raising funds for a mural depicting the world's strongest man, George Jowett. A number of businesses have also made suggestions including the Herbie Casselman, Blacksmith Shop, and a Apothecary. Local Dairy Farmers have also began rasing funds and some have suggested that a mural depicting the Fair Grounds in Ottawa or the Parliament Buildings should be place on Highway 31.

One mural that Cunningham would like to see completed is a large mural of the Crysler Farm Battle. "The St. Lawrence Parks Commission have given us negative feedback concerning this mural. They don't seem interested." Cunningham asked that council forward a letter to the Parks Commission hoping to gain some financial support. Mayor Lyle VanAllen agreed that this was historically a very important mural and certainly supported Cunningham in sending the letter.

Cunningham also would like to see a mural placed in Glen Becker showing the history of transportation in the area, from ox cart to tandem horse drawn wagons to the small trucks of 1930, and then the large Smith Transport trucks of the 50's up to today's double tandem trucks. When Mayor VanAllen questioned Cunnighnam as to exactly how many murals he hoped to compete, he answered "I know they all won't be done, but this has grown beyond all my expectations. Tourism is our big growth and our future. I probably won't

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Business Plan presented to Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

by Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

OPP Staff Sergeant Brent Hill presented the OPP Business Plan for the year 2004 to members of the Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council at their most recent monthly meeting, on January 16. Briefly familiarizing Council with what the Plan entails, he covered some of the commitments the OPP will make this year. Adding that Grenville County OPP is considering hiring a full time support staff member who would work out of the Kemptville Detachment Office, he referred to the fact that being an integrated detachment, this person would be involved throughout the entire Grenville County. "Since the 1995 amalgamation across Grenville County service calls have increased some 20% The more licensed premises, the more calls you are going to receive, we have to err on the side of caution," explained the Sergeant.

In conclusion, Sergeant Hill discussed the positive aspects of putting an Anti-Fortification by-law in place in the municipality. Pointing out that North Grenville already has one in place, he said, "Throughout numerous Ontario communities problems have surfaced involving biker gangs moving into areas and building clubhouses, many of which are like fortresses." With a by-law unless someone gets an exemption from Council, they cannot build a fortress-like structure. "Although there are gangs in Grenville, none have ventured into Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, but they are not far away," noted Sergeant Hill.

Representatives from the Brockville and Area Physician Recruitment Task Force were at the meeting, explaining the Leeds and Grenville area is short as far as Physicians are concerned. Travelling throughout the United Counties, the Task Force is asking municipalities for donations to help train and retain Physicians in the area.

In other business, Council named Marie Thompson as their representative on the South Nation Conservation authority.

The Athens Areos Hockey Team were granted a Bingo License fee refund after they were forced to cancel due to bad weather. A motion was approved to provide refunds when weather or acts of God necessitated cancelling Bingos.

A lengthy discussion ensued on a motion calling for upgrades to the Frederick Street Railway Crossing. Mayor Peggy Taylor noted she was unfamiliar with the crossing and had questions about it and Councillor Hugh Cameron expressed concerns on the issue, suggesting the lack of a crossing at the track location and the

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Battery Campaign winner

Lee McCaslin is shown accepting his Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector from Fire Prevention Officers Ray Hunter (IFD) and Scott Robinson (MFD) and Louise Backes of the Morrisburg Building Centre who donated the batteries used during the campaign. Residents throughout South Dundas were provided with detector batteries during the campaign.

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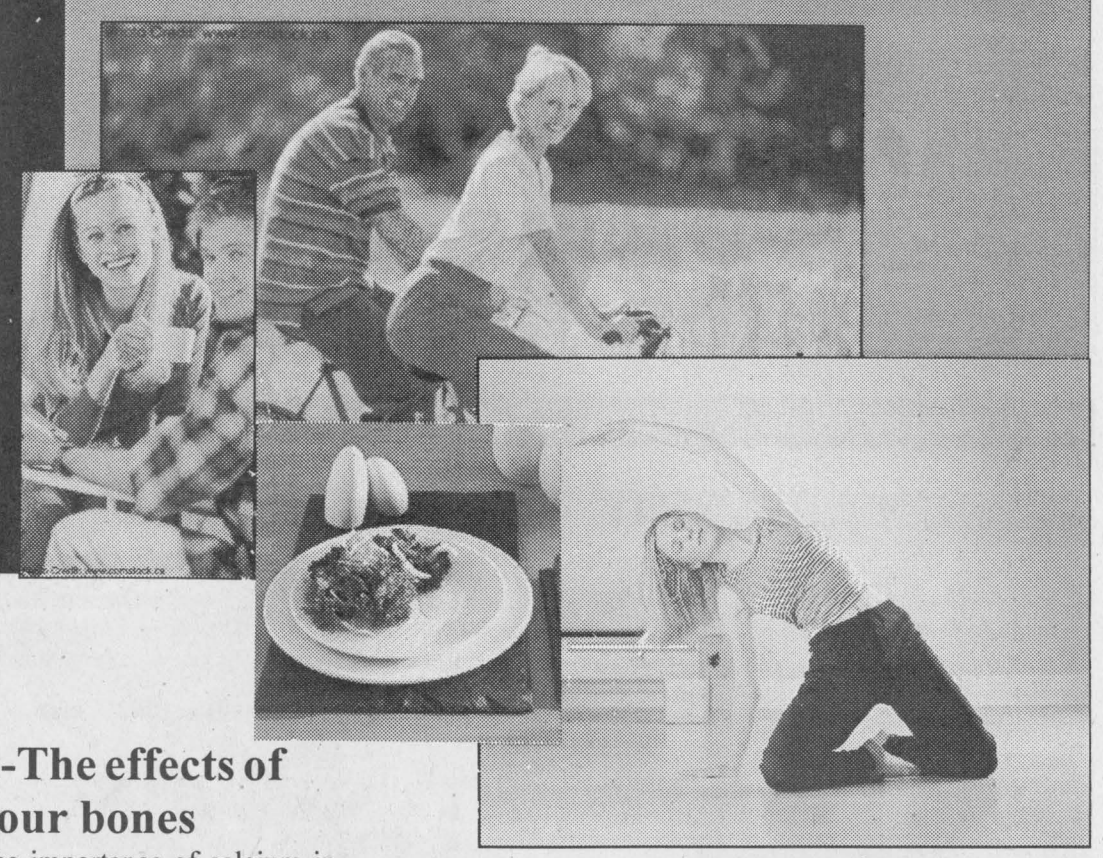

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Weather Watch-The effects of winter on your bones

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Vitamin D comes from the effect of the sun on your skin and from food. Five to ten minutes of daily sun exposure on our hands and face is considered sufficient to meet our daily Vitamin D requirement. However, from October to the end of February the sun in Canada is not positioned to produce Vitamin D. Research also indicates that the Vitamin D your body produces and can store in the summer is likely not enough to get through the winter. This makes dietery sources of Vitamin D especially crucial during the winter months.

Good sources of Vitamin D are few, so to avoid deficiencies the government requires that cow's milk sold in Canada be fortified with Vitamin D. A single serving of milk (250 ml or 8 oz) provide 90% of the recommended daily intake for people 7 to 49 years of age, and 45% of those between 2-6 year olds and those over 50 years, as well.

Some other excellent food sources of Vitamin D are salmon, tuna, mackerel, sardines and herring.

Liver and egg yolks contain some Vitamin D but in smaller amounts.

So, this winter remember to pour yourself enough sunshine everyday!

The Flu: it's not to be taken lightly

This past year has been very challenging to those in the public health sector. The emergence of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) has put a strain on many. Sadly, this includes the loss of family, friends and loved ones.

This fall, an old nemesis-influenza or the "flu"-will once again appeared among us. But what will further complicate this flu season is the fact that flu symptoms such as a high fever and respiratory difficulties, could easily be confused with those of SARS.

There is a way, however, that you can help cut the number of cases of that illness and make it easier for doctors to detect SARS, should the disease re-emerge.

And that is by getting immunized through the Ontario government's free flu shot program-the fourth year in a row that it is being offered.

Of course, the flu has always been a serious and contagious illnes on its own-even before SARS appeared. Every winter an average of 75,000 people are hospitalized in Canada, and between 500 and 1,500 of them die from influenza related complications. A high percentage of those are sick, elderly people and very young children-the two extremes of the high-risk group.

Protecting yourself and those you know or have contact with who are high risk is essential. You can't stop a flu outbreak from coming to Ontario, but you can defend yourself, your family and the seniors in your life against it's worst effects.Here's how:

*Get a flu shot as soon as you can.
*Encourage the seniors you know or care for to get their shot.
*Talk to your child's school about flu shot programs. See that your children receive their protection.
*Wash your hands frequently-especially after shaking hands or using public facilities.
*Be cautious when visiting seniors in hospitals, long-term facilities or retirement homes.
*Avoid people who are coughing or sneezing.

People in Ontario have witnessed how dangerous infectious diseases can be. But the flu shot is the smart thing to do and the right thing to do. And it's never been easier.

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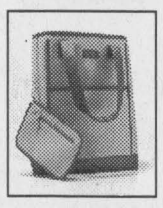

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Lots of fresh air at Spencerville Winter Festival

Some brave souls layered their 'woolies' and faced the weekend's sub-zero temperatures to attend the Spencerville Winter Festival to have fun, get some exercise, and plenty of very fresh air. Above, on Saturday, Mrs. Noccey's team hauled their opponents over the line to win the tug of war event, one of several organized children's events that day.

Chieftain Photo - L. Mortimer

Some Iroquois residents were left out in the cold

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

During the recent below average temperature cold snap, a number of Iroquois residents found themselves without heat due to their oil tanks and furnaces being condemned.

Speaking with these residents, The Chieftain learned that the tanks and furnaces were red tagged during routine cleaning by employees from the oil distributors.

When contacted, the distributors told us they were reacting to pressure from insurance companies and also working with the Technical Standard and Safety Authority (TSSA), the governing body who regulate home heating. A representative from Ultramar stated "This is no different than changing the tires on your car. They get old and wear out the same as your furnace or oil tank."

The Chieftain also spoke to Tim Cassell, of Irving H. Miller Insurance in Cardinal. Cassell explained that the insurance companies also work with TSSA regulations to protect homeowners. Leaking oil contaminates everything it comes in contact with including a basement, crawl spaces and the environment through leakage into soil and possible ground water. Heating oil spreads quickly and easily and soaks into all porous substances, including concrete. It has a very strong odour. It was also noted that the homeowner is held liable should leaking from a oil tank cause damage to any property. Cassell added that most tanks corrode from the inside out when cold fuel oil mixes with the heated tank, therefore the homeowner may not be aware of the problem.

Furnaces that are not inspected and have undetected cracks can leak carbon monoxide into the home. Carbon monoxide is a tasteless and odourless gas that can be fatal, if not detected.

Cassell also explained that all inspections are done to protect not only the homeowner but also the oil distribution companies and the technicians. "If an oil distributor fills an unsafe oil tank, and the tank leaks or the house burns down, the driver will be held liable in any lawsuits that result."

It is recommended by the insurance industry that any tank over ten years old should be replaced, and once a tank is twenty years old it will be red tagged.

Like the insurance companies, the TSSA regulations state that, after May 1, 2002, distributors will not be allowed to deliver or supply oil to installations that have not been inspected by the distributor at least once within the previous ten years. Oil burner technicians must conduct the inspections and the distributor must keep records of all inspections. The oil burner technician does not have to be directly employed by the distributor in order to perform the inspection, but the distributor must obtain evidence that an inspection has been conducted.

If a distributor should discover an unsafe installation, the distributor must take definitive action to address the problem, including shutting down the appliance and not supplying oil if the condition is an immediate hazard.

Drugs seized by OPP during raid in Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal Township

by Brianna Palubeskie
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Following an early morning raid at a Shanly Road residence in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal on January 13, 2004, the OPP, along with the Leeds-Grenville Crime Unit seized roughly 400 marijuana plants in various stages of growth with an estimated value of $400,000 and cannabis resin in a variety of forms as well as equipment and materials used in the production of cannabis resin oil.

Cannabis resin found in a detached garage on the same property was in "shake" form (pieces of the plant that were left over). The value of the cannabis had yet to be determined. A small room in the garage used in the processing of the cannabis resin was located as well.

Along with the drugs, an undisclosed amount of cash, and a John Deere Gator all-terrain vehicle (valued at $1000) were also seized by the officers.

Two males and two females were charged following the initial raid with unlawfully producing a controlled substance. The list of charges against these persons have in fact grown during the past week, and include: possession for the purpose-cannabis, possession for the purpose-steroids, unsafe storage of ammunition and two counts of possession of stolen property over $5,000. (cash and Gator as well as a lawn tractor found later). No weapons were found at the site.

All four persons who range in age from 25 to 41 have since been released. "Three were released on Wednesday and the fourth on Thursday, said Constable Holly Howard of the Prescott Detachment of the Grenville OPP.

CRIME STOPPERS

On January 8, 2004, police began an investigation into the theft of a 1999 Yamaha Phazer 500 snowmobile, white and red in colour, which was taken from a private residence located along South Branch Road in South Dundas Township.

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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

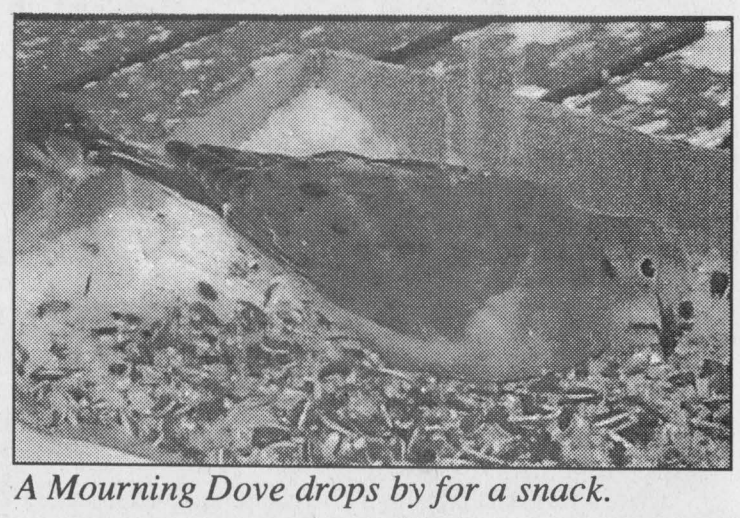
by Birds Anonymous

A new caller let us know that she had a Butterfly in her basement the other day. She was reading and noticed a flickering of the light, and when she looked up, there was a brown butterfly with yellow edging on the wings. Whether it wanted to check out the telly or not she did not say, but she knew it was not a Monarch, and was unaware of what it was. Could it have stayed in after the summer and been sleeping, or simply not noticed previously? Any ideas folks?

Our Irena birder called to report 30 Snowbirds flying across the Irena Road, 6 Blue Jays who came by and ate everything in sight at her feeders, she says, "They stayed all morning." She noted that 4 Mourning Doves came by and she wondered if I knew their feet are red. They were fluffing their feathers and sitting on their feet attempting to keep them warm. There were 10 Juncos at her feeders. Driving along Bank Street (Highway 31) she saw 28 Wild Turkeys just east of the roadway in a harvested corn field there. On Saturday there were 36 Mourning Doves, a female Downy Woodpecker on the suet, 4 Tree Sparrows at the feeder and 8 Gold Finches on Tuesday morning.

An Elizabeth Drive birder let us know before Christmas about activity at her 3 feeders and we want to report her sightings. Each day she has 25-30 Mourning Doves coming by, she reports as well Red Polls, Sparrows, Chickadees and Blue Jays. Once or twice each week she can count on a Nuthatch and Snow Buntings appearing at the feeders. Unusual guests prior to Santas visit were 6 male Red Winged Blackbirds and 3 females. A female Hairy Woodpecker dropped by on Christmas and loads of Starlings (20-30) on Boxing Day. Before the New Year 2 male Brown-Headed and 2 female Cowbirds.

Rabbit tracks abound at our house each morning and the feeders empty very fast. Mourning Doves drop by each day. We had six one morning, they look so velvety soft, I would like to pick one up. They are very astute, seeming not to be looking at you, even when you look through the door window, but as soon as the latch turns they fly off. It is hard to get a photo! Blue Jays let us know they are in the apple tree waiting their turn or not to enjoy a meal at one of our feeders. The male Downy Woodpecker returns to the suet each day and a Starling has been coming by, tasting the sweetness of the suet as well as the seeds at the feeder. He has his winter light flecks among the black of his feathers and is always alone when he comes by. Sparrows and Chickadees frequent the feeders and the Red Squirrel can be seen daily filling his tiny jowels with peanuts and sunflower seeds before racing off along the side of the house clinging to the brick.



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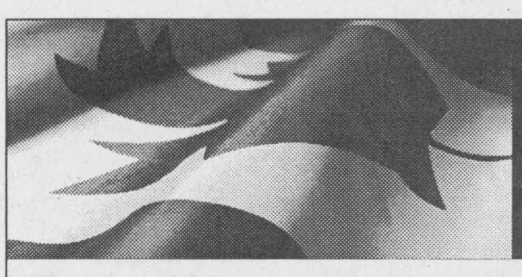

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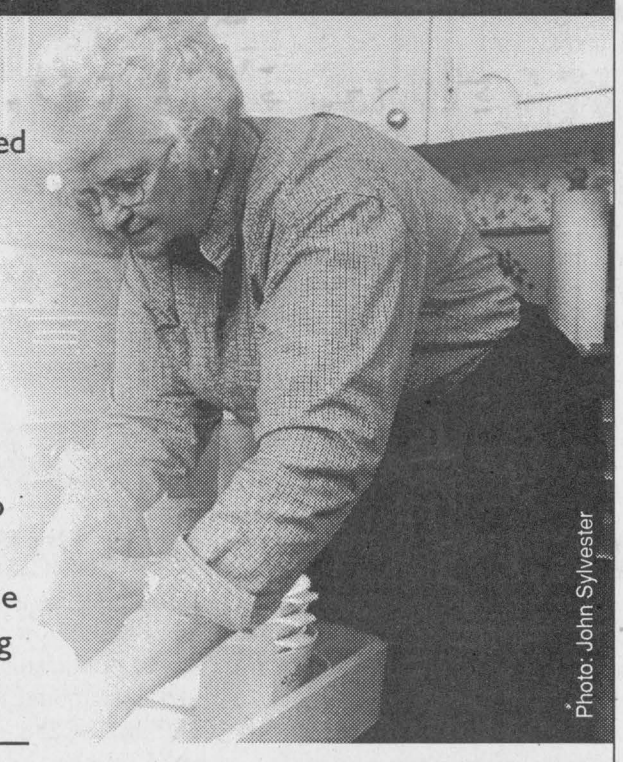

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Survey of Trudeau's Politics seeks to enlighten Canadians *"Just Watch Me: Trudeau's Tragic Legacy"*

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Chieftain Staff Reporter

Focus

Ron Coleman grew up in Dundela, the home of the world famous McIntosh apple, in fact he lived next door to the historic site as he grew into a man. After high school, Ron spent 36 years in the RCAF and the CAF, primarily as a pilot on fighters and trainers. He completed an exchange tour with the USAF during the Viet Nam War and later a tour with the United Nations on the Golan Heights. During his service, he earned a Bachelor of Commerce from the Canadian Forces Military College and completed Command and Staff College, rising to the rank of Colonel before retiring. He has an extensive background in Aviation Safety and spent 10 years as an investigator and manager with the Canadian Transportation Safety Board. He represented Canada in many international accident investigations. He is bilingual and currently works as an Aviation Safety Consultant.

Ron and his wife, Linda live near Rideau Ferry where they are raising two sons, Rob and Jeff. He is an avid outdoorsman and is training for his black belt in Karate. He is a member of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame.

The book begins with a quote from Mark Twain, another author: "Don't part with your illusions, When they are gone, you may still exist but you have ceased to live." Another Twain quote concludes the 155 pages of political analysis, "Man will do many things to get himself loved; he will do all things to get himself envied." So is the tone of the book...which after reading several times, I admit is a must for most libraries. Locals will cheer this hometown boy for what he has dared to write as well as for his tenaciousness throughout the pages of this first foray into the world of print.

Whether your politics sway towards Liberalism or whether not, whether Trudeau was someone you admired or otherwise considered him, you need to read this book. Doing so with an open mind will allow you to form opinions, to ask questions and to seek answers. An inquisitive mind is a healthy mind, grab this one and read it.

Just Watch Me: Trudeau's Tragic Legacy traces the youth, education, early work experience, political thinking and government of Pierre Elliot Trudeau. Through analysis of his actions, rather than his words, this book seeks to explain how his policies, especially those of Bilingualism ($76 billion + interest, spent to date) and Biculturalism, hurt Canada.

Ron believes that Trudeau's aim, when he went into federal politics was to recreate Canada as a French state and oppose Quebec's separation or independence by elevating Quebecers within the Cabinet, Liberal Party, Public Service, Military and RCMP. "Using his power to neuter Parliament and using his appointments to flood the bureaucracy and agencies within the government with his friends and associates from Quebec, Trudeau headed governments notorious for their arrogance and brinkmanship and left us with a country fractured politically, debt ridden, bloated with bureaucracy, weakened militarily, lacking influence externally and governed by Quebecers."

Pointedly Coleman says that Trudeau confronted Quebec Nationalists determined to deliver Canada to Quebecers rather than have them deliver Quebec to Quebecers. Canada is now a socialist country seriously weakened with a government more dictatorial than democratic..."this is Trudeau's legacy and Canada's tragedy."

The author attempts to demonstrate the character flaws of those who covet power through politics. He states that political activism is necessary for all Canadian citizens.

"I wrote this book because I have witnessed first-hand the discrimination and lost opportunities (both) economically and socially throughout the Trudeau governments and those which have followed," states Ron Coleman. "I want Canadians to

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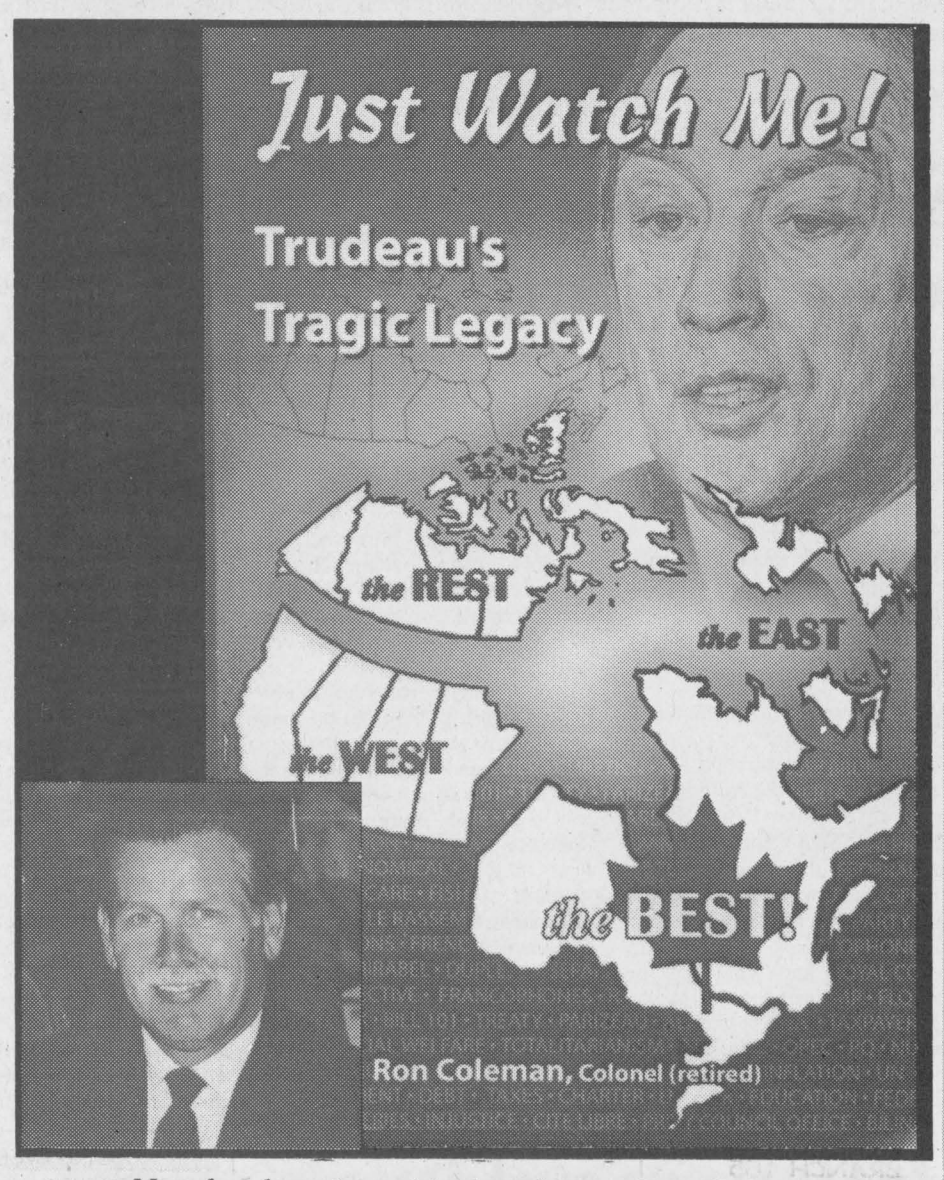

New book authored by local man, Ron Coleman.

Butt Out Today!

There is no such things as a safe cigarette. Even so-called "light" cigarettes may be more harmful because smokers tend to inhale them deeper or smoke more of them to get the full impact of their nicotine hit. The lable is very deceiving!

Over 10,000 people in our province alone die each year as a result of smoking. The manufacturers have been required by law to advise smokers of the potential dangers of smoking and have done their job, the photos on the cigarette packages are horrific. It is my best guess that smokers pay no attention to them at all. If they did the suggestion that their lungs or their mouth could look like the picture should definitely be sufficient reason to butt out.Having smoked only a few times early in my teen years, I cannot attest to the difficult task it is to butt out once and for all. Speaking to people who have tried, I have no doubt it is tough, but I also know that determined people do it successfully.

Like all new, exciting things that are forbidden, smoking created a mystical way to try the dark side. Whether behind the barn, in a field far from the house, behind a tree while bringing in the cows in for milking or at a friends, in a buddy's vehicle, the adventure that was created when a ciggie was offered was usually too much to ignore. When my mum caught me puffing away like an old pro, she cured my sense of adventure by taking me to the furnace room and providing all the Players Plain cigarettes I ever wanted to see in my natural lifetime. Smoking until my tongue burned, my throat cried with pain and my eyes teared, she encouaregd me to smoke just one more. When we both agreed I had smoked enough for the rest of my life, she brought out the reserves, a big, old stoggie. Havana must produce better things than cigars, because forcing myself to smoke this one was torture. I have not smoked since and never plan to become a part of the cult who insist on smoking anything. Therefore, thanks to mom, I am smoke free and if a heart attack grabs me it will not be due to smoking. This brings up the issue of second hand smoke. My mother suffered a severe heart attack, underwent surgery and is doing well, thanks to the miracle of modern medicine and the magic of wonderful doctors.Health authorities claim that secondhand smoke is actually more dangerous than mainstream smoke Some 4,000 otherwise healthy, non-smoking Canadians each year die because of second-hand smoke. It ranks 3rd as the leading preventable cause of death, coming in close behind 1&2, active smoking and alcohol.

The stats are out there and even though people read or at least have them available to them. Why then do they not take heed?? A cigarette produces 12 minutes worth of smoke, while a smoker inhales about 30 minutes worth. Smoke whether from a pipe, a cigar or a cigarette is equally as toxic. There are 250 times more pollutants in an average smoking workplace than in a non-smoking workplace. Smoking parents may be providing their children with the following lethal legacy: impaired lung function, eye, nose and throat irritation, a greater likelihood of respiratory illness, including asthma, pneumonia and bronchitis, up to three and a half times the normal risk of chronic middle ear infection and increased misery from asthma, allergies and other pre-existing conditions.

Tobacco related cardiovascular diseases are the largest cause of premature death in Canada. One-quarter of all Canadians are believed to have heart, lung or allergic conditions that can be worsened by exposure to tobacco smoke.

The good news is, you begin to reap the health benefits almost immediately after smoking your last cigarette and the benefits continue to increase. For example: after 20 minutes your blood pressure drops to normal: after one day, your risk of heart attack decreases; after five years, your risk of dying from lung, mouth or throat cancer is cut in half of that of a smoker. Think about that smokers!! Several friends have put out their final cigarettes and proved it can be done, way top go Jim and John. We are all proud of you and how you handled your smoking habit. It can happen, you are living proof that truckers and factory workers can deal with this issue effectively.

A younger brother who suffered a heart attack stopped smoking "cold turkey" and I admire him so very much, this could not have been easy. He must surely be tempted as he is out and about with fellow smokers from years back, but he heeds the warning. Is it sufficent reason to know what can happen, the evidence is there, staring smokers in the face.

Weedless Wednesday is this week, why not butt out . We all have stress, some more than others, but we need to deal with it in a healthy manner. Good luck smokers!! **S.L.J.**

Crunchy to fluffy snowfall a blanket of white

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

The other morning wnen the temps dropped drastically low, the snow was so crunchy under foot, the sky so clear, and the moon so bright, it was certainly the stuff that photos and poetry are made from. Bundled against the blast of Arctic air we endured, venturing outside was quite an adventure. Memories of camping with young Scouts in the Limerick Forest under just such conditions came flooding back to the old Scouter. Funny when you have a mission, the cold never seems as bad as when you are simply racing out to grab the newspaper from the box! We endured, enjoyed and proved we could get through under such conditions without frostbite or even goosebumps.

The snow which fell on Sunday evening was exactly the kind seen in movies, it came directly down from the sky, silently and slowly drifting earthward. Huge flakes landed on the ground transforming the world into a pristine place. Walking through this marvellously light snow it floated out of the way of each footprint, what a winter wonderland it created. The air was warmer than it had been in days and the idea of walking sounded terrific. Mother Nature can certainly do magical things in a short period of time.

There was a wind on the weekend that once again wafted through the sideyard and struck the rail fence. The centre section seems to have a difficult time withstanding the wind as it sweeps across the lawn. We rebuilt it again and will look into someway of solidifying it when the university son comes home so next winter is not a carbon copy of this one each time the wind blows strongly across the west lawn. There must be a funnel effect going on there.

Having Friday off work, except for an interview that could not be scheduled at any other time in order to meet deadlines, I had time to clean a bit, actually very little cleaning was accomplished, since it is something I am not too keen on. I read my Christmas books (the new Mary Cook Autobiography, a Coronation Street behind the scenes and reread Ronnie Coleman's book for the Focus this week) and sipped hot chocolate. A really relaxing day.

I enjoyed the interview with a very nice lady in South Mountain for the Heart and Stroke tab coming out next week. On my way home, I stopped in at the folks for a bite to eat, chatted with brothers not seen often enough lately and then went home and ironed. I am unique, I guess, in that I enjoy ironing, it somehow relaxes me and if I could figure a way to make a living doing it I would. The satisfaction when a shirt or a pair of pants looks smooth and wrinkle free, it just makes me feel I have done something good. Most folks I tell this to laugh or suggest they could bring their ironing over to my house, I would not mind!!

Visiting with friends was cool as we shared a meal and a movie, The Pirates of the Caribbean is a good one and Johnny Depp is terrific, in fact I think he "makes" the show. Son number one asked for it at Christmas time, but did not get it, we may have to break down and buy it on DVD, the outtakes have to be something else!

The number two son, and for those who wonder, the numbers assigned the sons are simply in order of birth, the idea cam,e from an old Charlie Chan movie, it has nothing to do with ranking. We love both of our children equally and attempt to be fair in all dealings with them both. Anyway, he called from a bar where the university gang hangs out frequently. It is an older home transformed into an entertainment centre, various rooms have been altered, one into a TV room complete with video type games, a bar room, a pool room, a visiting room with lounge chairs and so on. Anyway the boys from the red brick mansion (where son number two resides) were in a contest and hoped to win some cash for answers to questions. We tried to hurry, but the boys didn't win! Of course they may well blame our tardiness, but they would not believe us, like the album cover of the Beatles where the fab four walk across the street-"Who had bare feet?" A fan like the old mother ("The Moo" as the boys refer to me) knows it was Paul, but they refused to believe! Questions got tougher of course, like the capital of India, Calcutta comes to mind immediately, but it is not of course. Anyway we did our best.

He called later to let us know they did not win, and explain that I had things wrong in the column...at least I know he reads the paper! He did not purchase the ribs, he took them from our freezer when he was home for Christmas! Anyway they cooked up well and he enjoyed them as well as learning more about cooking.

The working son is trekking to the city, his employment is near

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the bottom line

On January 27, 2004, families and communities across Canada will participate in Family Literacy Day, a national initiative created by ABC Canada, Literacy Foundation that promotes the importance of reading and learning as a family. Every year, since its inception in 1999 literacy organizations, schools and libraries have co-ordinated literacy themed events, such as story-writing contests, public story readings and read-a-thons to celebrate this special day. Perhaps the nicest thing about Literacy Day is that you do not need to take part in a formal event to be part of the initiative, rather, it can still be celebrated by simply setting aside a mere 15 minutes of family time to read with your children, writing a letter or following a recipe together. Family members have a strong influence on a child's interest in reading and learning, which helps build strong literacy skills as well as academic success.ABC Canada offers tips and activities to encourage family literacy in the home this winter and throughout the year...Lead by example, for you are a role model for your children, showing them your excitement for learning by reading in your spare time or enrolling in a course is great. Singing songs together will help your child develop awareness of rhythm rhyme, words and sounds. A family board game where children are encouraged to read instructions and keep score are terrific. Many classic childrens' stories have been adapted to the big screen, read books with your child first, then watch the movie equivalent. Create a paper passport for your children and visit the library every week with them to find books on different countries and cultures. Stamp their passports every time you finish a book togther. Navigate the Internet with your child to find fun and educational web sites. Give your teens books, newspapers, articles and magazines about things taht interest them; music, TV, movies and computers. Talk with them about what interests them. Ask your children to write our your shopping lists, address your envelopes, count out the change required to make a purchase. Reading is a great pasttime and a valuable tool in life.

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know that they are being duped into letting socialism creep into our political ideology to the detriment of the country...democracy has declined in Canada through a flawed electoral system that results in majority governments that become dictatorial."

"I want people to reflect on the analysis and see that socialism is divisive and economically crippling," says Coleman..."Canada is governed by a political elite...Canadians must see the need to become politically active and seek to change the current system to make it more responsive to their values and desires for this country. They must reform the political landscape and put people in power who will use it to further the interests of Canada rather than themselves."

Ron has definitely captured the essence of the man who was Prime Minister in this book. In reading how he feels that as a committed Socialist and Pacifist, Trudeau's goal was to revise Canadian History, establish the French Fact in this country and make Canada bilingual, you can decide for yourself if he is off base or right on the mark. Ron suggests that as an Anti-American Trudeau would take measures that would irritate and frustrate our closest trading partner, seek to embrace France and other Francophone countries all the while weakening our ties to the English Monarchy. As a committed federalist he centralized control, expanded and politicized the federal bureaucracy. By regionalizing the country, Trudeau divided us through the use of hyphenated Canadianism. His expansion of social programs and chaotic economic policies plunged the entire country into debt unknown since the World Wars...Coleman has captured the essence of what happened to our country as we sat by caught up in Trudeaumania and were led down the garden path. It certainly makes a good read, no matter how you choose to interpret what is written. You need not be politically inclined to enjoy the book, it is very well written and forces the reader to dig deeply, a wonderful exercise in soul searching for anyone who reads this book, I highly recommend it to all.

Numerous questions come to mind after reading this one...Why have Quebecers and the French in this country believe they are set upon by the rest of the country and deprived by others? Why do they feel like second class citizens? Why have they never found the courage to step up and act like equals or take the lead as Canadiens? Instead they choose to take the cowardly route and blame the rest of Canada for their inferiority complex.

Whether knowingly or not Trudeau used his charm and Charisma in negative ways, like voting patterns in recent years where the electorate votes against a party or party leader rather than for them. "He very nearly was a very dangerous man."

Initiating such items as negative reward systems and policies that brought scorn and displeasure on the world scene, where high unemployment raged, interest rates went sky high in a country where wage and price controls confirmed his efforts had failed, Trudeau was a "gamesman," intolerant of criticism, Trudeau maintained an air of invincibility, with him you were either loyal or you were out. He never hesitated to take us to the brink, used and abused to get his way and did it all under the cloak of change and the fact that he was enigmatic at the time when he governed. He challenged Canada and Canada lost! The time is now to take back control of this country.

Utilizing a number of various authors of other books, Coleman takes us along the path we have been led, this time without blinders.

Pick up your copy today at The Chieftain, it is well worth a read.

Livin'

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Blackburn Hamlet in an industrial park there. A number of government jobs will keep him busy for a few months. He continues to search for the best route to take to get to work each morning, but that too will fall into place soon, easy, quick and avoiding traffic line ups. Working in your field doing something you like with people who treat you as an important part of their team helps make each day an adventure you want to be involved in. His folks wish him well that's for sure.

Wedding plans are in the works as the youngins check book after book, go on the internet and search for ideas, compromise and decide on a number of things that need to be in place as early as possible to ensure a smooth and perfect day without hassles and problems. Trying not to be a "mother-in-law" yet anyway, I remain in the shadows and offer suggestions only when asked for them...fun and I sure appreciate the fact that they are allowing an old mum who does not have a daughter to be involved anyway.

The working son washed and dried his car on the weekend, the salt and dirt on the roads really made a mess of the small Focus. He made sure the door wells were dry so they would not freeze shut.

Cleaning snow has already lost its shine. I am tired of shovelling, scraping and digging out, and then turning around and doing it all over again. But then we live here due to the seasons and so have no choice but to endure the hardships that go along with each change.

Keep smiling, stay warm and enjoy winter. There is so much to do at this time of the year, and even walking allows the senses to soak in the beauty. The wisdom this week comes from H. Jackson Brown Jr. who said, "Laugh a lot, a good sense of humour cures almost all of life's ills."

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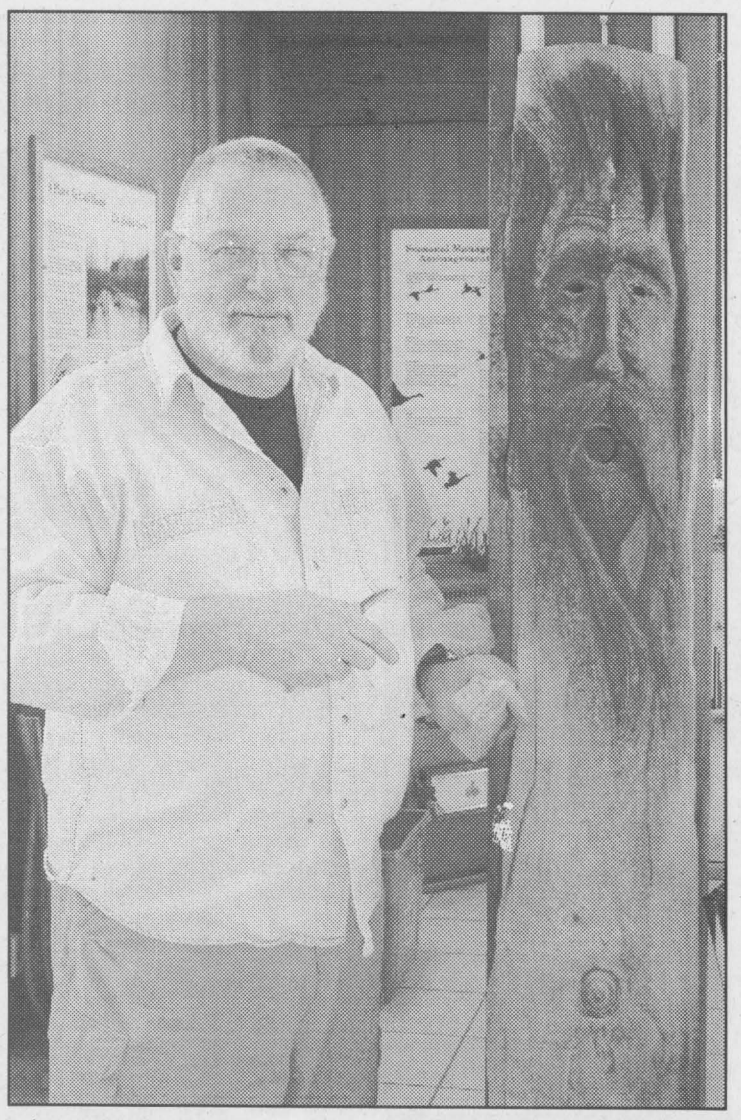

A carver's masterpiece

David Gellately shows off one of his many carving creations during a wood-carving workshop at Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. This creative bird house was on display for the novice carvers who were inspired as they created their own masterpieces, gnomes. Once a competitive wood-carver, he found it took the fun out of carving, and now does it as a creative hobby.

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PeeWee B Lions win one, lose one

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Saturday, January 17 the Lions hosted their cross country rivals the North Dundas Demons and went down in defeat 4-0. Unfortunately the young Lions came out flatter than a glass of one week old ginger ale and could not generate any offence. The Demons preyed on the Lions scoring four counters enroute to victory.

On Sunday, January 18 the Lions hosted the Akwesasne attack at the Lions Den. Skating to a rough and choppy 7-4 win. Scoring for the Lions in the first period was Connor Hodgson with Tommy Keyes and Thomas Corden earning the assists. Spencer Peters counted one getting help from Connor, and then Drew Hutt potted one on a pass from Drew Morrow. Bulging the twine in the second period were Drew Morrow who took the pass from Thomas Corden, then Josh Velkamp nailed the puck for a goal after taking the pass from Tommy Keyes. Spencer Peters assisted by David Toonders found his target. In the third period finishing off the scoring was Drew Morrow who was helped by Michel Thurler.

The Lions record so far in league play is 15 wins and 4 losses. In tournaments the Lions have 9 wins and 2 losses with two "A" Championships and one "A" Finalist position to their credit. Keep up the hard work Coaches and players it looks good on you!

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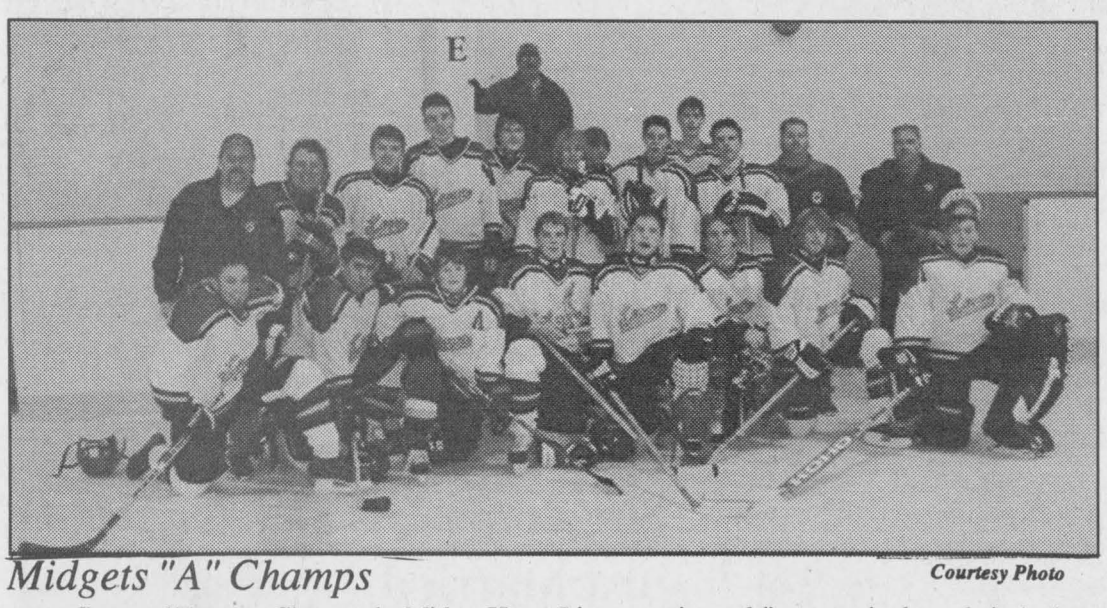
~Midget House "A" Champs
~PeeWee C, "B" Champions



Midgets "A" Champs

Courtesy Photo

Crowned Tourney Champs the Midget House Lions are pictured (in no particular order), Andrew Adlington, Mathieu Barons, Ben Baker, Scott Berseth, Craig Duvall, Jeff Eamon, Jordon McGregor, T.J. McManus, Ryan Morrow, Andrew Peters, Kevin Phifer, Adam Schnurr, Kyle Scott, Matt Thompson, Scott Speer, Jordon Tryon, Andrew Tupper, Dan McLaughlin, Todd Irven and Coach Mike McManus and Assistant Coach Jim Adlington, Trainers Dale Tupper and Jerry Barkley.

Midget House Lions crowned A Champions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

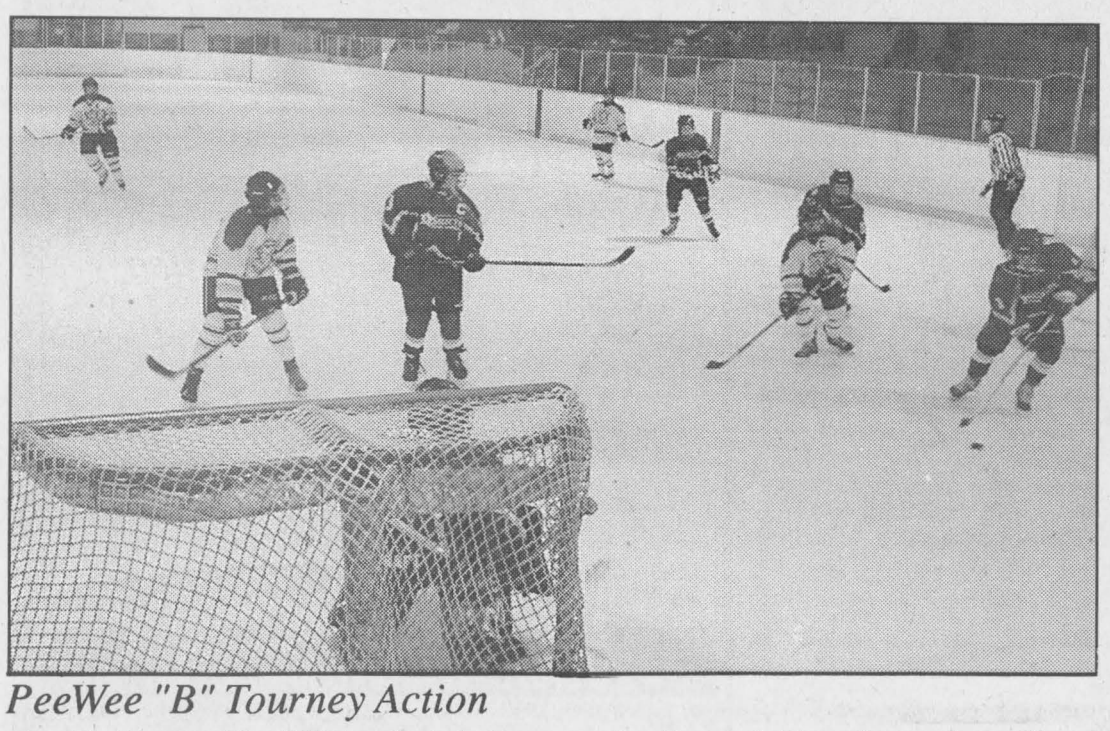
The Midget House Lions were off to Smith Falls on January 10 for a tournament. Their first game saw them face the first place team in the West Division #2 team. The Lions stuck to their game plan and jumped out to an early lead, 3-1 after one period of play. The Lions exploded in the second period with five more counters and added one more in the final frame to end the game 9-1. Ryan Morrow came in off the point for 3 goals to lead the attack for the Lions. Craig Duvall added two while Matt Thompson, Scott Speer, Todd Irven and Jordon McGregor added singles.

The second match for the Lions had them on the ice with the Smith Falls Bears #1 team. The Lions were roarin' and their sticks were hot. Ahead after one period of play by a goal, the Lions continued their hard work and were up 3 after two periods of play. Adding 3 more in the third the Lions won 6-1. With great defence and solid net minding the Lions looked good. Todd Irven and Matt Thompson each scored a pair while singles came from Dan McLaughlin and Kyle Scott. Andrew Adlington earned a pair of assists while Matt Baron, T.J. McManus, Irven, Speer, Scott Duvall and McLaughlin helped on one each.

Heading into the "A" final the Lions came up against our Eastern Division rivals, the Alexandria Glens. The Lions came out flying and played great hockey throughout this tourney. With a 4-2 lead and time running down in the third period, things were looking good for the local lads. "The Glens are a good team and always come at you strong, so anything can happen." With only 2 minutes remaining on the clock the Lions allowed the Glens back into the game. A late goal closed the gap 4-3 and with 39 seconds left the Glens knotted this one at 4. Into sudden death overtime, the score remained the same. The Glens came close to victory near the end of the first 3-minute overtime period, but Andrew Tupper, in the pipes for the Lions closed the door on the Glens each time. Into the second overtime it remained 3-3, both teams had chances, but it was Jordon McGregor with only 1 minute left to find the top shelf and give the Lions the win as "A" Championship victors. Other scorers were Duvall, Thompson, Irven and McGregor. Ryan Morrow had 3 assists and Andrew Adlington had 2, Jordon Tryon, McManus, Duvall and McGregor had singles.

Game One hustler was Jordon McGregor, while Ryan Morrow was named in game Two and Jordon Tryon earned the honour in the third game.

Back in league play, the Lions were on the road for their last meeting with the NGS Braves. The lions scored 2 goals per period for a 6-1 victory. Ben Baker had 2 goals for the Lions with singles coming from Scott Berseth, Jordon Tryon, T.J. McManus and Ryan Morrow. Andrew Tupper took the win in nets for the Lions.



PeeWee "B" Tourney Action

The Lions PeeWee "B" Lions hosted a tourney earlier this month. The action was hot and heavy all day long and when the ice cleared, the host team from Morrisburg were the Tournament Champions. It took double overtime to have a victor declared demonstrating the calibre of play throughout the tourney.



PeeWee"C" Lions B Champs

Courtesy Photo

Some great playing and loads of effort by the PeeWee "C" Lions produced the title "B" Champs for the locals. Front row is Coach Clause Plamondon,, Logan Fournier, Josh Tetley, Adam Bolton, Robert Zandbergen, Nick Tupper, Nick Hogan, Joey Raymond and Trainer Ron Zandbergen. In the back row are Asst. Coach, Tom Tindal, Steven Gellner, Kris Quirouette, Riley Nicholaassen, Thomas Barkley, Adam Tindal, Sam Plamondon and Manager Bill Bolton.

PeeWee B Lions win Tourney in double overtime

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The South Dundas Lions hosted a tournament at the Lions' Den on Saturday January 10, 2004. Six teams were involved in the action; South Dundas, South Stormont, Russell, Embrun, Alexandria and North Glengarry Stormont. A system of points was used to determine the "A", "B" and "C" Champions; 2 points for a win, 1 point for winning a period of a game or 1/2 point for tying the period Each team was guaranteed two games.

In the first game the Lions faced off against the South Stormont Selects and skated to victory 4-1. Scoring for the Lions were David Toonders unassisted in the first, Daniel Stevens from Drew Hutt, David Toonders again this time with help from Curtis VanAllen in the second and Curtis Van Allen who nailed a solo counter in the final frame.

In their second match the Lions met the Embrun Panthers and won 3-0. The first period went scoreless as both teams held their ice and the goalies kept a vigilant guard on their nets. In the second the Lions tallied twice off the sticks of Drew Morrow assisted by David Toonders and then David who had help from Daniel Stevens. In the final frame, it was Drew Hutt who scored. Earning the assists were Spencer Peters and David Toonders.

Advancing to the "A" Championship final game the Lions came up against the Russell River Rats, claiming victory in double overtime. The Lions potted two goals in the first period as Tommy Keyes had help from Daniel Stevens and Spencer Peters as the momentum from the first two games seemed to carry the Lions onward. Tommy scored the second counter with Michel Thurler assisting. The Lions held the River Rats at bay until 7:40 of the third period when Russell finally solved the mystery that was Lucas Stewart in the pipes for the Lions, making it a one goal game. With the Lions shorthanded and mad scramble in front of goalie Stewart, the River Rats tied the game with 5 seconds left to send it to overtime. In the first overtime, it was played 4-4 for 3:00 Stop Time, the play was end to end action, but neither team could beat the goalie they fired on. In the second overtime, with 1:07 showing on the clock, Drew Hutt tipped in a pass from Drew Morrow and David Toonders to take the championship.

The Lions want to thank all their sponsors and those who donated prizes and to all the volunteers who made this tournament a huge success.

'B' side Championship for PeeWee C Lions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The South Dundas PeeWee "C" Lions worked hard on Sunday, January 18 and were rewarded with the "B" Championship from a Tourney in Spencerville.

Starting the day facing the South Grenville Rangers #2 team, the Lions came to win. After a scoreless first period Adam Tindal opened the scoring in the second period with Thomas Barkley earning the assist. The Rangers responded with three unanswered goals extending their lead to 3-1.

In the third the Rangers scored again as Adam Tindal once again bulged the twine. Nick Hogan and Nick Tupper earned the assists. The final read 4-2 for the Rangers.

In game two the Lions faced off with the always tough North Dundas Demons. Coming onto the ice determined, the Demons hit the score board first. The Lions responded with two goals, one from Thomas Barkley assisted by Adam Tindal and the other assisted by the hard working Robert Zandbergen with 33 seconds remaining in the first frame. The second period saw the teams trade counters. A bullet slapshot from Riley Nicolaassen's stick on a pass from Adam Bolton put the Lions on the board again. The Lions continued to work hard and Adam Bolton scored the insurance goal with an assist going to Nicholaassen. This set up the Lions for the "B"Championship round.

As the "B" side of the Championship round began the Lions faced South Grenville #1 team. Continuing their tremendous work ethic from game number two, the Lions scored three in the first period. Bulging the twine were Adam Tindal who was on fire throughout the tourney. Assist on his counter went to Adam Bolton, Nick Tupper and Robert Zandbergen. The third counter came of the stick of Kris Quirouette with Riley Nicholaassen getting the assist. The Rangers opened the scoring in the second period but the Lions were on a roarin' roll and shot back with another Adam Tindal shot that scored. Adam Bolton earned the assist on this one. The Lions never stopped working, digging in the corners, and pounding at the crease relentlessly. Nick Tupper skated an end-to-end rush in the third as the 5-1 victory ensured the Lions that they had the championship in the bag. Logan Fournier was excellent in the pipes during the entire tourney. The extra hustle of Josh Tetley, Stephen Gellner and Sam Plamondon helped the Lions shine as well.

It needs to be pointed out that this team has several rookie and second-year players making up the lines. These boys have worked very hard this season to raise their level of play and it certainly showed in this tournament. The veterans on the team have also done a wonderful job this season. Coaches and parents want the team to know how extremely proud of each player they are for the effort they put into each game.

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Bereaved Families of Ontario - Cornwall & Area will hold its ADULT AFTERNOON SUPPORT on January 26, 2004 at 144 Pitt Street from 1 to 3 pm. These afternoon gatherings offer supportive and caring conversation for those who have lost a loved on. For more information on this program call 613-936-1455.

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Curling News

with Steve Thompson

The inaugural Bernie Brunt Invitational Bonspiel was successful and profitable last week, with teams from Ottawa's Navy Club, Buckingham, Brockville, Prescott, Winchester, Cornwall and Kingston competing and excellent press coverage of the day for which we are all grateful.

Winning the "A" flight was the Navy team of Wayne Hodgson, Steven Burke, Orest Popovich and Kevin Benson. On the "B" side, the Buckingham foursome of J.J. Lafontaine, Mannie Kennedy, Fred Munger and Jean Seguin will have their names engraved on the trophy. We thank the Brunt family, especially Allan, Loyal and Joan who made the presentations to the winners. Organizer Jack Dikland reports some tight matches, with J.J. Lafontaine's team winning their draw by half a point. The team assured us they'd like to be back next year and all seemed to have a good time.

The senior men had a busy week, with six teams at Brockville on Wednesday for a 'friendly ' competition. Teams led by Don O'Brien, Jack Dikland, Eric Orgee, John Wilson, Karl Duncan and Neil Williams took to the ice on the six-sheet rink and acquitted themselves well, winning half of the games. Afterwards they retired to the dining room, where they were served a delicious meal. While they loved the surroundings, the men noted that their opponents had a $400 membership fee and a substantial compulsory bar bill to deal with annually. With that bit of news, our seniors decided our local club would do them fine and returned home for a quiet afternoon.

On Friday, our other four senior mens teams, led by Peter Zeran, Raymond Benoit, John Lyon and Bob Bedingfield took in another "friendly' morning at the Cornwall Curling Club. Pete Zeran and Raymond Benoit came home with victories, for this day also ended in a tie, as regards wins. Raymond reports the stories were entertaining and that he renewed an acquaintance with a fellow he had curled against in the Canadian Masters' Championship. The senior men look forward to other similar events ahead this year.

Bobby Hart took a team to the Alexandria Mixed invitational recently. He and Mike Perry, Kim Campbell and Kate MacDonald lost their first game 5-4 to a foursome from the Ottawa Hunt Club, but won their second 10-3 over Huntington Quebec's entry. They had a good time and recommend the bonspiel to other interested curlers.

On Saturday, our club hosted the Broder Cup. Our first team was Kathy Norg, Wendy Casselman, Susan McIntosh and Greta McGann. They lost their games, missing the "B" final in a close match with Russell, the eventual "B" winner. Anita Cooper, Nancy Barkley, Nancy Skakum and Paula Locke won both of their contests, but lost in the "A" final to the strong Metcalfe team, who also won last year. Our ladies served lunch to the visitors and enjoyed a catered roast beef dinner before the final matches in the evening. Well done to all, as players and as hosts!

We watched the Canadian Mixed Finals from Timmons on Sunday afternoon as Kleibrink from Alberta defeated Ontario's McCormick for the title. Kleibrink had been in the final last year and this year's win marks the first time that a woman has skipped the championship team in this event. Nice to see.

Little rockers Samantha Cassell, Jessica Dodge, Danielle Arsenault and Kerri Bennett were in Metcalfe last weekend for a bonspiel. They won their first game and tied their second, finishing second overall on the day. Bantams and little Rocks teams are out for the next few weekends, so more on them as word filters back. Good Curling to all!



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Navy Club Winners

Morrisburg Curling Club are the first time winners of the Senior Men'sBernie Brunt Trophy. Kevin Benson, Steve Burke, Wayne Hodgson (skip) and Orest Popvich with Bernie's brother Loyal and his wife Joan doing the honours. Bernie was an avid curler and he is missed at the Club house. The Brunt family wish to thank the Club for putting the memorial trophy up.

Junior B Lions drop close one and add a victory

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

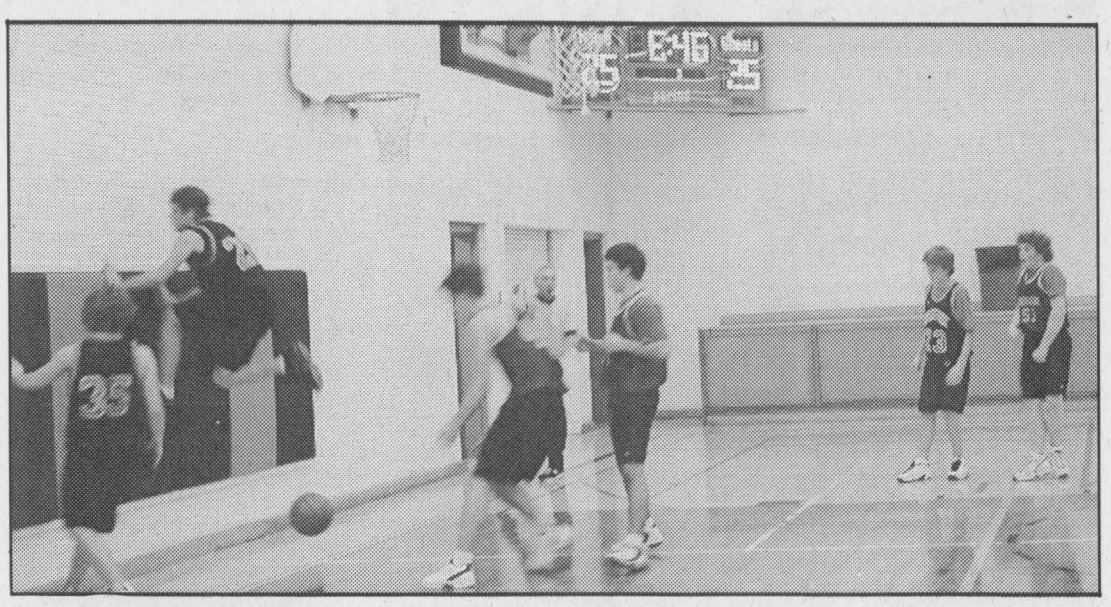
The Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions hosted the Akwesasne Wolves on Friday evening, January 16. The Wolves came to town ready to claim victory. A powerplay goal at 14:54 by Brent Lallviere in the first was followed by another counter at 14:41 when Chris Converse found his mark beating Matt Van Egmond and putting the Wolves up by two when the first frame ended. Another powerplay marker kicked the second period into action as Jeremy Sunett bulged the twine on yet another powerplay effort at 16:54. The Lions were unable to get going as the Wolves howled again at 16:03 as Jeremy shot hard to nail his second counter. Then at 12:03 of the second period, Tyler LaFortune teamed with Cory Gove and Kyle Jarvis to put the Lions in the game. It was LaFortune who had the hot stick and at 7:53 of the second he again found the net with the same two wingers earning the assists, Jarvis and Gove. With the score reading 4-2 for the Wolves, they added one before the second period buzzer sounded. Jeremy completed the hat trick as he found the mesh at 2:48. To their credit, the Lions never gave up and at 10:57 Tyler LaFortune scored his third of the game to earn the hat trick as he teamed with Jarvis and Gove on the powerplay. The Wolves were not finished yet as Trevin Thompson hit the twine at 6:11 for the sixth goal. With only 13 seconds showing on the clock, the Lions' Jason Denio struck for the final counter. Assisting on the short handed counter were Kyle Jarvis and Mike Carbino. The Lions came up one goal short of a tie in a game where they demonstrated a lot of heart and determination coupled with some great plays, although they came through with the plays too late to be effective enough for the win.

On Sunday afternoon the Lions travelled to Winchester to face the Hawks and came home with the victory 7-3.

Jason Denio got things started at 15:41 of the first frame. Marc Lemire earned the assist. Then, at 13:17 Kyle Jarvis bent the twine with help from Cory Gove and Denio. The Hawks found their target behind Van Egmond in the pipes at 4:49 to get on the board. Justin Elliott skated in hard with Tyler LaFortune and Mike Carbino on his wings at 3:28. The Lions were up by two heading into the second period. Playing tight the Lions held the Hawks scoreless throughout the second frame. Some great forechecking and tough defensive moves, Van Egmond stood tall in the pipes and the Lions bulged the twine twice more to solidify the lead 5-1 going into the final frame of the match. Scoring for the Loins were Elliott again, this time with help fromTravis Baldwin at 10:11 and at 7:07 it was Denio who teamed with Carbino to beat the Hawks goalie.

The Hawks scored at 6:47 of the final period, but the Lions roared back at 6:07 when Kyle Jarvis took the pass from Denio and Cory Gove. Knowing they had the victory, Van Egmond let his guard down briefly as his defence was caught up ice. The Hawks made one last effort at 2:43. The final read 6-3 as the Lions doubled the Hawks score and came home victorious.

The Lions play again



Out of room!

Craig Douma is seen here running out of room during basketball play at Seaway High School between the Spartans and the team from Charlan. Both the senior and junior boys teams played very well with both games being decided by one single point. The junior team won their game 53-52, while the seniors were defeated 47-46. Good games guys! *Photo by Lori Roberts*

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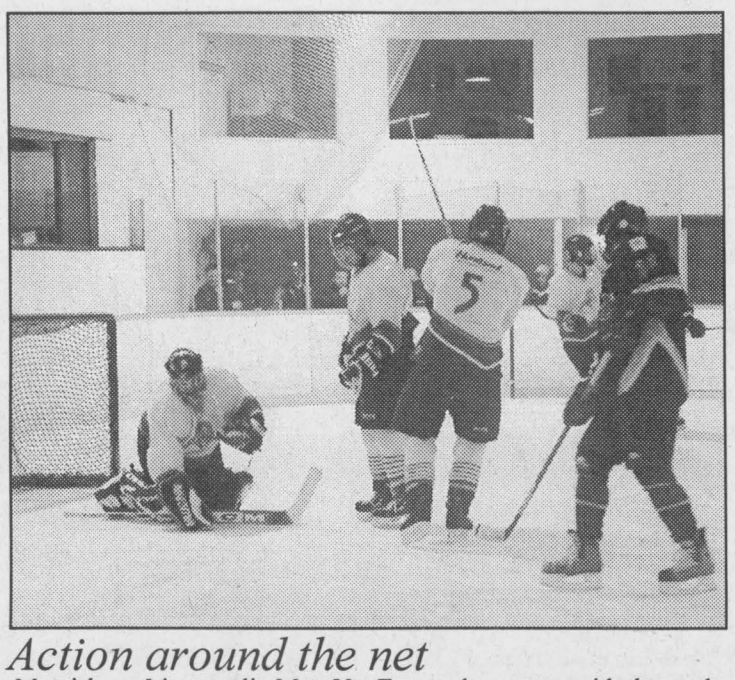

Action around the net

Morrisburg Lion goalie Matt VanEgmond came up with the puck this time during play against the Akwesasne Wolves on Friday night. Unfortunately he couldn't stop them all and the Lions were losers, although they rebounded nicely against the Hawks.

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Births

AULT: Kyle, Christopher and Brandon are happy to announce the arrival of their baby brother Ryley Jacob. Ryley was born January 2 at 4:33 am. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 21" long. Proud parents are Barney and Trish Ault. Proud grandparents are Wendall and Isobel Ault of Brinston and George and Patricia Peters of Iroquois. Special thanks to Dr. Darbyshire and the nurses at WDMH.
J21-1tx/15687

Cards of Thanks

REID: I would like to thank my friends and neighbours for all the support given to my family and I at the untimely passing of my beloved wife June.
Your gifts of flowers, memorial donations, food, cards, visits and words of sympathy were greatly appreciated. I was so deeply touched by the compassion shown from this community. God truly blessed us with a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.
Her presence will be missed but she will live on in our hearts and memories forever.
Walter
J21-1tc/15695

THOMPSON, Ken: Sincere thank you to our family, relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind support and sympathy during a most difficult time in our lives. Special thanks to the nurses and staff at the Woodland Villa Nursing Home for their care of our father. Special thanks also to Dr. Marston for caring for our father for many years and to Dr. Peters for his care of our father at the Woodland Villa. Heartfelt thanks to Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Homes for guiding our family through this sorrowful time.
Jean Thomspon & Family
J21-1tp/15700

We at Mustard's Variety would like to thank all who made our 15th Anniversary Celebrations such a great success. Winners from our 15 days of draws were: "Kids" - Josh Kuepfering (twice), Kaitlyn Holmes, Steven Leach, Nathaniel Murray, Gavin Lewis, Amber Ault, Cody Vanderspank, Ben Bruce, Sierra Dodge, Kyle Hutchison, Meghan Adams, Ian Pakeman, Josh Link, Andy Hunter; "Adults" - Mary Allin, Jenny Doesburg, Marilyn Beach, Robert Merkley, Edwin Froats, Ann Hutt, Brenda Lalonde, Hazel Ace, Donnie Ault, Muriel McGruder, Vernie Warren, Melissa Kennedy, Laura Levere, Maurice Kolff, Lawrence Scarbo. P.S. Winner of our "Win a Bundle Draw" for December 2003 was Mathew Hartle.
J21-1tc/15699

In Memoriam

SMITH: In memory of Helen Smith - January 16, 2003.

O happy hours we once enjoyed
How sweet their memory still
But death has left a loneliness
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Bonnie, Sandra, Cheryl, Sharon and Shelley.
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All claims against the Estate of the late **Morris William Wyatt**, late of the Township of South Dundas, County of Dundas, who died on the 30th day of December, 2003 must be filed with the undersigned representatives on or before the 20th day of February, 2004 after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee then shall have notice.

DATED: at Morrisburg, Ontario this 15th day of January, 2004.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Thompson

At the Woodland Villa Nursing Home in Long Sault, Kenneth Thompson on January 15, 2004 at the age of 83.

Ken was a loom fixer at Caldwell Linen Mills for many years. After leaving Caldwell's he got a job as a custodian at Seaway High School and he worked there for several years before retiring in the mid 1980's.

Ken was predeceased by his parents William and Margaret Thompson (nee Rooney), and his step-mother Ada Dobbs, brothers Cliff and Les and sisters Margaret Peters and Dora Shaheen.

He will be remembered by his loving wife Jean, whom he married on June 1, 1940 at Prescott United Church, as well as children Donna (George) Dowson of Morrisburg, Margo (Ted) Markell of Dundela and Randy (Bonnie) of Brinston. Ken will also be fondly remembered by grandchildren Jamie (Crystal) Dowson, Ian (Rhonda) Dowson, Diana (Brent) Boyd, Tracy Markell (Dawn Amell), Sherry (Kevin) Markell, Tammy (Andre) Tschoumy, Vicki Markell, Christopher Thompson as well as 16 great-grandchildren. Ken is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Ken was born and lived in Kirkland Lake until 1943, when his family moved to the Iroquois area. Ken resided in Iroquois until 1997 when he and Jean moved to the Hartford Home in Morrisburg. They lived at the Hartford until moving to the Woodland Villa in 1999.

He was a member of the Iroquois United Church and The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #370, Iroquois. He was a W.W. 2 veteran and served in the United Kingdom, the Central Mediterranean area and Continental Europe as a member of the Medical Corps.

Ken will be remembered for his cheery disposition and his ever present smile as well his love of yard sales and antique bottle collecting.

Friends called at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois where funeral services were conducted by Reverend Doug Carnegie. Spring interment will take place at the Iroquois Point Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandchildren Jamie and Ian Dowson, Diana Boyd, Tracy, Sherry, Tammy, and Vicki Markell and Christopher Thompson.

Donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre were appreciated by the family.

Eillen Tuttle

At St. Lawrence Lodge, Brockville where she was a resident, on January 6, 2004, Eillen Hazel Tuttle. Born on July 12, 1918 in Williamsburg Township, she was 85 years of age.

Predeceased by her parents, the late Earl and Lottie (nee Weaver) Van Allen as well as her beloved husband, Charles Tuttle whom she married on January 12, 1946 in Morrisburg, Eillen worked for Beaver Dental in Morrisburg during her working years.

She leaves to mourn the loss, children: Sheila (Lyle) Millward of Brockville, Fiona (Duane) St. Pierre of Cardinal, Sharon Stoddart of Brockville, Susan Tuttle of Brockville and Jim (Isobel) of Riverside Heights.

She was predeceased as well by two brothers: Dwight and Claire Van Allen by a sister, Lillian Wylie and a son-in-law David Stoddart. Sadly missed by 8 grandchildren and by 4 great-grandchildren. Also survived by several nieces and nephews, Eillen loved to crochet and bake.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital or the St. Lawrence Lodge were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois where service was conducted by Rev. Pat Martin on Thursday, January 8, 2004. Interment will be in Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston in the spring.

James Reid

After a brief illness, at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, Jim Reid of Dundela (last 15 years). Born in Cardinal on January 28, 1931, he was 72 years of age.

Predeceased by his parents, the late Don and Violet (nee Warren) Reid as well as a brother, Ken and sisters: Joyce Keeler, Elsie McGillivray and Ida Lewis, Jim was a lifetime resident of the area.

Jim will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jim worked at several locations during his lifetime, including Jackson's Lumber, Fosters Farm, the 401 Bush Gang and the Farm Labour Pool. He enjoyed gardening and playing euchre.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was conducted by Rev. Yvonne Willis on Saturday, January 10 at 11am. Spring interment will follow at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston.

June Reid

Suddenly at home in Bridlewood Court, Iroquois, on January 6, 2004, after an illness she had fought courageously for the past three years, June Margaret Rose Reid. Born in England on July 2, 1943, June was 60 years of age.

Mourning the loss are her beloved husband, Walter whom she wed on March 16, 1963 in Montreal where she resided for some 50 years prior to coming to Iroquois (10 years) where she worked as a Home Care Worker for the Red Cross. Also surviving the loss are her mother, Margaret (nee Brown) Dickson of Alberta, a daughter; Wendy and her husband Phil Perrier of Code Landing, Quebec and sons: Richard and his companion Barb of Whitehorse and Scott and his wife Margaret of Montreal. Saddened by the loss are her brothers; David (Betty) Dickson of Hudson, John (Janet) of Calgary, Donald (Bev) of Montreal, Peter (Judy) of Calgary and sisters; Patricia (Bill) Parr of Calgary and Julie Dickson and her companion Karl of Calgary. June is sadly missed by 7 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews as well. Also missing June a lot is her very special companion, "Lady."

Memorial donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre or the Canadian Cancer Society were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois where service was conducted by Rev. Bill Byers. Interment followed at Knox Presbyterian Cemetery in Iroquois. Pallbearers were David, Donald, John and Peter Dickson and Bill Parr and Mac Neilson.

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South Dundas

seven separate recreation committees in South Dundas seeking volunteers. Councillor Barkley voiced his concerns about the "Harum-Skarum" lack of consistency in recreation for South Dundas. "We don't want to lose volunteers, but no one seems accountable, we need a coordinator." CAO Andy Brown suggested that a project team be set up involving volunteers from all associations to work with council and also to look at the number of buildings and how they are being used.

Three tenders were received by the township for the cleaning of Matilda Hall, Williamsburg Municipal Office, Justice Building, Old High School, Old Parks Building, South Dundas Economic Development Commission, Stampville Centre, and the Iroquois Civic Centre.

The contract was given to Mike Stewart at a cost of $2500. plus G.S.T. monthly. Gary Hollister came in with a lower bid of $2450. plus G.S.T., while Bill Ewing with a bid of $2376.50 also tendered. It should be noted that the Ewing tender did not include the Municipal Office, The Justice Building or The Old Park Building.

Remuneration figures for Councillors and the Mayor were also given during the meeting. The Mayor will receive $15,000. while each councillor will earn $7,500 per year. They will also receive $100. per diem and $85. for any special meetings they attend.

South Mountain

5.28 and 5.98 while gravel roads are 6.01 for an overall average on all roads standing at 5.67. These figures show that the township would need to spend $900,000.00 per year over the next five years just to maintain the roads at the current condition rating.

In summary, Whelan told council that although the maintenace portion appears reasonable, the capital expenditure needs to be increased to $1,234,000.00 for the roads.

A number of funding alternatives were tabled from a decrease in services to the ever controversial tax increase. With budget deliberations set to start soon, this leaves something for the smaller council to consider.

Mural

be around to see them all completed, but I certainly have had a great time getting it started." Councillor Johnny Whitteker added with a laugh, "We had a hard time getting Glen started on this project, now we can't seem to get him stopped."

The Mural Committee received a $33,000.00 Trillium Grant and have not only used the funds for murals but also have placed twenty-five granite plaques on the murals and other sites of special events and tragedies. They have also published a mural route and local history book by Steve Thompson as well as tapes and a CD for the driving tour. They have also completed some material for a web site. He also acknowledged both the Townships of North and South Dundas for their contributions as well as a number a family donors including the Jeff Caldwell Family, Les Cruickshank and family and Fred Pinkus and family and well as the many organizations who have been instrumental in raising much needed funds.

One other tourist attraction that Cunningham would like to see touted is the Carman House in Iroquois. He brought to council a preliminary drawing for a Historic Garden that would add greatly to the site. "Many Irish and Scottish settlers brought roses with them when they immigrated. many families still have these flowers and we would like to have them donate some to the Carman House. He also added that the barn which was found in the area is still waiting to be dismantled and moved to the Carman House location.

Cunningham finished his presentation by saying that tourism is a big business in this area, and that word is getting out about South Dundas. "When we first started doing the murals, David Yeatman would not even consider coming here, then we took him on a tour, and he is ready to work on another mural. A local artist Mike Kelly got his start here. he did his first mural and now is getting requests from other areas."

Edwards/Cardinal

liability involved should an accident occur on the tracks. Councillor Sloan answered, "The accident would not happen on the Roadway, but on the tracks." He added, "What the Township's share of the liability would be for an accident on the tracks?" CAO Stephen McDonald explained, "It is hard to determine what it would be." Council decided to approve the upgrade, but they will continue to look into the process.

Council approval was given to $12,500 worth of upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant. These are to be completed by the end of March 2004.

The sewage disposal problems at the 730 Truck Stop in Cardinal were tabled next. Three possible sites for waste water disposal were discussed, namely; the standpipe on Joseph Street, the lagoon or a direct line to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Taylor advised Council, "We must look at all options and decide what is feasible for the community." Council accepted a motion for an interim solution to the problem providing a proper method of disposal is used.

Third readings of three by-laws were passed appointing boards and committees within the Township, including the Library Board, Fenceviewers, the Healthy Communities and the Cardinal Community Festival Committees. The Port of Prescott Management Committee will be headed by Council members for the year.

Council meets again on Monday evening, February 2 at 7:30pm in Spencerville.

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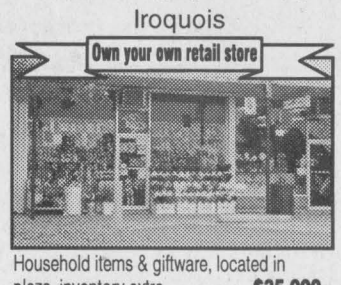

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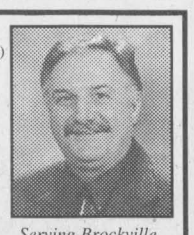

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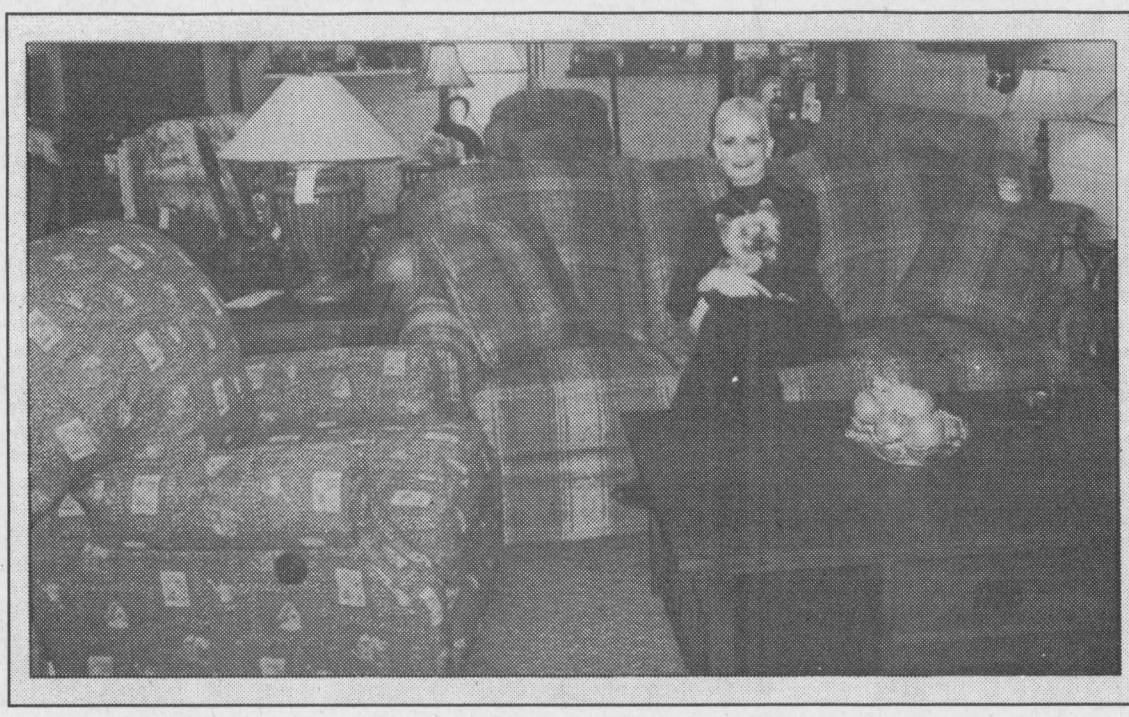

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Creating a masterpiece

David Gellately is shown here giving advice during the wood-carving workshop hosted by The Friends of the Sanctuary held at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Sunday afternoon. Ten novice wood carvers were kept busy shaping their block of wood into a cute little gnome. Although all materials were supplied it was noted that bandaids were not!

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

Creating a gnome with your own hands is a unique experience

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Local wood carver, David Gellately shared his passion as he walked some ten people through the creation of their own Gnome.

In partnership with the winter programming by the Friends of the Sanctuary at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Sunday afternoon Gellately, a self taught wood carver shared his expertise with everyone who preregistered. Creating a Gnome from a small slab of wood provided a great satisfaction for all who took part. According to the dictionary, a Gnome is a dwarf of folklore who lives inside the earth and guards precious ore or treasure. Typically resembling a little, old man, Gnomes are said to wander through the woods living in caves. Creating one from a piece of wood provided broad smiles when everyone completed theirs.

A challenge for everyone, these folks like wood and what can be created from it. A load of fun, Gallately said, "This is my first class I am teaching on carving. I am just sharing some of my knowledge." retiring in 1987, he has been seriously carving since that time, and his work is quite interesting, take for instance his unique birdhouse created from a cedar slab (check photo).

The finished Gnomes were amazing and everyone was pretty proud of their creations. They will all make marvellous additions to their homes.

The next event at the Bird Sanctuary Visitors Centre is February 28, when at 7pm a multimedia presentation will be featured as Doctor Brian Hickey will introduce those who come out to the local Owl population. Learning the habits of these beautiful, but rarely seen night time creatures will provide another great experience for those who take part. A hike with Doctor Hickey through the Sanctuary will afford people the opportunity to learn the different owl calls. In fact if fortunate enough, resident owls will actually answer Doctor Hickey's calls, a popular, no cost event, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

COMING EVENTS

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Editor's note: This letter to the Editor was written to the Standard Freeholder Newspaper in Cornwall in response to an article printed in the Monday, January 19, 2004 edition. This copy was forwarded to The Chieftain for publication as well...

To the Residents of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh

A serious accusation has been levelled at me, Bob Kilger, your Federal Member of Parliament and my entire staff, that I reject categorically without prejudice.

Since 1988 my staff and I have conducted the business of you-my constituents-with integrity and professionalism. We have facilitated thousands of appointments, returned an even greater number of phone calls, electronic mail and letters, always as promptly as possible.

Personally, I have attended thousands of events of various nature, many of those accompanied by my wife Bernice.

The charge from a candidate for the new Conservative Party (and I quote from the Standard Freeholder of Monday, January 19, 2004) of "inaccessibility, calls not returned, inactions and appointments not kept seem to be the norm" is without foundation. On the contrary, my staff and I can report acclamations of praise and appreciation that we receive from our constituents on a continuous basis-we all fell that the appreciation is like"the icing on the cake" as a nice bonus for doing the best job possible.

I encourage any constituent who has had a negative experience with myself or my staff as described by the candidate to please contact me personally in order that I might respond, upon verification of our logs, as to the nature and accuracy of the complaint.

The greatest testimony of the satisfaction of my record of satisfied representation comes from my constituents who saw fit to first elect me in 1988 and re-elect me in the 1993, 1997 and 2000. It has ben my honour and privilege to represent you, the constituents of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh and I will continue to do it to the best of my ability.

I strongly believe that I have always conducted myself as your Member of Parliament in a fashion worthy of your trust and confidence. I feel that public service is one of the greatest contributions an individual can make to the community in which they live and in fulfilling my contribution I always attempt to treat every individual with respect.

In closing and in keeping with my philosophy of always playing fair, I have never used personal attacks-unwarranted or not-with my opponents.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Kilger, M.P.
Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

"Singles" play was the order of the day when nineteen Crib players gathered in the Lounge on Saturday. Finishing in first place with 1077 points was Dennis Wright while Jake Easter and Wilf Summers were tied in second place with 1068 points each. Darin Eden was okay with being the "Bridesmaid" for the day with 1062 points. Thirteen of those striped pole cats lurked around the premises and managing to attract a pair each were Don Hutt, Bernie Montroy and Ron Perrin.

Euchre will be resuming on February 3rd. So Comrades please keep this date in mind-better still mark your calender!

At Bridge last week, there were four tables being kept active, and at the end of the evening, tied as high winners were Rick and Judy Darling and Dick Gaiser and Doug Grenkie.

The Pot of Gold winner was Wilma Playfair who was NOT signed in.

The menu for this coming Friday is Sweet and Sour Pork with Veggies and Rice. The dessert is to be Apple Pudding. Sure sounds good.

This Saturday will to be our "Pub Crawl" with everyone hoping for a good time. It's nice to visit other Legion branches and have great comradeship taking place.

The Valentine Tea and Bake Sale is to . held February 7th, staring at 11 a.m. February 14th is the date for our annual "Darts for Hearts."

Comrades, don't forget our Legion General Meeting this Wednesday evening.

Until next week-take care!!

Dundas Federation of Agriculture

Appreciation Evening

for **Gordon Garlough** of Williamsburg

Date: Friday, January 30, 2004
Place: Legion Hall, Chesterville
Time: 7:30 pm Program: 8:00 pm

DFA invites Gordon's friends, colleagues & neighbours to celebrate his many years of service to our community.

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