Commission uncertain about future of attractions

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"We're doing everything we can to keep the attractions open," said St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) Manager of Marketing and Communications Diane Rennie.

She made these comments Monday in light of the uncertainty the SLPC sites face. In recent news reports the future of Upper Canada Village and Old Fort Henry have been questioned. Ms. Rennie could not yet formally comment on whether Upper Canada Village or Old Fort Henry would remain open.

Last year the SLPC budget of $7.4 million was approved by the ministry. This year the commission has submitted a budget of $4.4 million for operating expenses. A reduction of $3 million or approximately 40 per cent.

Unaudited records show that despite a decrease in attendance last year, revenue at SLPC sites increased. In 1994 the commission generated $2.471 million in revenue. In 1995 commission sites brought in $2.55 million.

"Right now we are awaiting word from the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism regarding the Commission's budget strategy. Until that time, we have no formal statements," said Ms. Rennie.

Ms. Rennie could not comment on where the $3 million reduction in this year's operating budget would come from.

"The commission (SLPC) is very important to all of us," said Morrisburg Reeve Gord McGregor, who was reached by phone at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference in Toronto Monday evening

When asked if there would be employee lay-offs at the commission, Ms. Rennie said, "I can't comment on staff reductions."

She did however mention that employee salaries make up a large portion of each year's operating budget.

The 40 per cent cut to this year's operating budget was based on the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism economic forecast for a 60 per cent reduction in transfer payments over two years.

Upper Canada Village, located fourteen kilometres east of Morrisburg, has been a large employer of seasonal workers. The commission did not have an overview of the effect closures would have economically on surrounding communities who supply these workers.

"The commission (SLPC) is very important to all of us," said Morrisburg Reeve Gord McGregor, who was reached by phone at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference in Toronto Monday evening.

"Even the closing of Old Fort Henry would have an effect on us," noted the reeve. "It's all part of the tour. If the fort is not there they (tourists) won't even bother coming the rest of the way (to Upper Canada Village)."

A few years ago the commission began operating some of its attractions at Upper Canada Village on a rotating basis in the hopes of saving some of their expenditures.

Reeve McGregor who owned a restaurant in Morrisburg at that time remembered the effect of those closures.

"People would come in and say they wouldn't go back to the village because there was nothing to see, everything was closed," remembered McGregor.

"If it (Upper Canada Village) were to close, it would have a devastating effect on the Seaway Valley."

According to a press release issued by the SLPC, the commission has plans to explore partnership opportunities with municipalities and other tourism partners.

"Our long-term business plan is to increase our revenues and make everything we operate self-sufficient," said Ms. Rennie.

The SLPC operates Upper Canada Village, Old Fort Henry in Kingston, a number of campsites and day use areas as well as the Long Sault Parkway.

The commission employs some 600 workers - full time, seasonal and students.

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Iroquois Enterprises is sold by founder after 38 years in business

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After 38 years in the pallet-making business, George Jackson has sold Iroquois Enterprises to three of his employees.

As of Friday, Jan. 26, 1996, the founder of the Iroquois-based business turned over ownership to Andrew Davies, Kurt Greaves and Robert Jackson.

Spending up to six months of the year in Honduras and Costa Rica working with Partners for Children in Development, his decision to sell the business will allow him more time and freedom to do his work there, according to his wife Irma Jackson.

"Now, he doesn't have to worry about being away from the business," she says, speaking on behalf of her husband who left for San Pedro a week ago.

"It's nice to know that our business is going to carry on."

Plant manager Andrew Davies, who has been with the business two-and-a-half years, says they are looking forward to the challenge of continuing to run the business productively.

"We thought it was a good opportunity and George was looking to sell the business," he says.

Iroquois Enterprises employs 54 full-time people in a 40,000 square-foot building on a seven-acre site. The firm manufactures wooden pallets and markets them as far as Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

The business was founded in 1958, following the completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway construction. It was a time when industries began to mechanize material handling within their plants.

Now, 38 years later, the new Iroquois Enterprises owners say there will be no change in the company's policies. However, they will provide "more dynamic management with the most modern and efficient manufacturing methods."

As they have done over the past two years, Davies, Greaves and Jackson will continue to make the business as efficient as possible.

With proceeds from the sale of the fleet of transport trucks last April, the firm was able to buy new machinery and expand its recycling facilities.

"We've made a lot of changes over the past two years, now we'll work on fine-tuning," Davies says. "Every little bit helps."

"We're hoping to insulate a couple of the buildings...as well as make changes to plant lay-out."

Davies says he also hopes the business will expand its market share in the future, by serving businesses they have not yet reached in the areas between Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

"We're looking to expand our market share," he says. "But that will come with time."

"For now, we're very happy

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In fashion

Pamela Roberts of Chesterville was just one of 17 people who modelled the fashions of Bridals by Al-Mor at the first-ever Bridal Preview fashion show on Sunday afternoon. Over 200 visitors attended the bridal show at the Operating Engineers Institute. With 30 exhibitors involved, organizer Bo Fodrek is calling this event a great success. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

Sweetheart dance this Saturday night

The annual Sweetheart dance is ready to go this Saturday, Feb. 10 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m at Matilda Hall. All the proceeds from the event will go to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

Hosted by Steven Barkley, music will be provided by Jim Wicks and Westburg Union, as well as Running on Empty. Tickets are $7 per person, and the doors open at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds will be presented on the CJOH-TV telethon for CHEO on June 1 and 2.

Tickets can be purchased locally from Mustard's Variety in the Iroquois Plaza, Jerry Michalicka in Morrisburg, Watson's General Store, Thompson's Snowmobile Sales, and the Dixon's Corners clerk's office.

Also in celebration of St. Valentine's day, the Iroquois Legion is hosting Darts for Heart at the Legion this Saturday. The first dart will be thrown at 12:30 p.m. The fourth annual IOOF surf and turf dinner in Williamsburg is also taking place Saturday evening. Silent and live auctions will raise money for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Along with these February festive events, a tea and poetry event, hosted by the Iroquois Public Library will take place next Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

OPP detachments face restructuring

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Local Ontario Provincial Police detachments are facing changes that are hoped to reduce duplication, improve efficiency and save money.

As of Jan. 31st, 1996, both the Winchester and Morrisburg OPP detachments are being administered through the Long Sault detachment.

Staff Sgt. John Mesich has been appointed to oversee all three detachments. He assures the public there will be no office closures, but says he is working with the local detachments to re-organize their operations.

"We're going through a re-organization but the offices will stay as is," he said Monday. "It is a part of the whole re-organization the OPP is going through across Ontario."

Mesich could not give all the details about the local re-structuring, but said he expects to know more by the end of February.

Starting in this new position several weeks ago, Mesich began meeting with local detachment sergeants and politicians last week to discuss re-structuring. He is working on a regional proposal to present to OPP headquarters.

Mesich said they are working on streamlining the system, and that will eventually save money. For instance, when information comes from Toronto headquarters, three copies are sent - one to Morrisburg, one to Winchester and one to Long Sault. With administration now coming through Long Sault, headquarters will only have to send one. Mesich said this new set-up will save on duplication.

Since it is an internal re-structuring, Mesich said the public should not expect any major changes.

"There are no changes to (affect) the public," he said. "This is an in-house re-organization."

"It's the way we do business."

Although Mesich is re-assuring the public there will be no office closures, some Dundas County residents are concerned about the future of the local detachments. Concerns have been raised

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Faulty switch is blamed for basement sewage problem

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A faulty switch recently left Cardinal residents Joan and Jim Grant with a basement full of raw sewage.

Early in the evening on Saturday, Jan. 27, Joan Grant came down her basement stairs and found the sewage trickling into the basement. By the time the flooding stopped, there was four inches of sewage covering the floor. This caused a putrid smell which lingered in their home for several days.

The damage has not yet been estimated, but their completely furnished basement is now in disarray, including the living area, an office, laundry room and bathroom. Grant says the carpets have been removed along with the wall panelling. The insulation has also been cut out.

The problem started during the stormy weather and heavy rainfall on the 27th. The Adelaide Street sewage pumping station well filled to capacity, but the alarm light on top of the station didn't turn on. (The light warns village employees something is wrong.) According to Deputy Reeve Rick Patrick, a faulty switch is to blame.

Village foreman Jim Wonch said the problem started when the hydro power came on and off. During that time (while on auxiliary power), a pin came out of the wheel on the switch. When

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Bills 77's

The Annual Chubbs hockey tournament in Morrisburg this past weekend was once again a resounding success. Pictured above, Bills 77's after winning their division on Sunday. Scott Corden was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Team members included (fr. l-r) David Brown, Jim Whelan and Barry Elliot. (Middle l-r) Garry Hess, Caleb Robson, Mark Duvall, Chris Greer, Barry VanAllen and Mark Beaupre. (Back l-r) Steve Cruickshank, Frank Hummell, Scott Corden, Leo Lafortune and Wayne Markell.

School board waits for upcoming cuts

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

With cuts equalling $400 million across the province, school boards will be forced to do less with less.

The Director of Education and Secretary of the Board for the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Board of Education, James Dilamarter has not received word from the Ministry of Education on how much his board will lose, but he estimates it to be in the area of $2 to $3 million this year.

"We won't know until the middle of March at the earliest," said Mr. Dilamarter commenting on how much the public school board would lose.

The S.D. & G. Public Board of Education is responsible for the operation of 10 secondary schools and 32 elementary schools. Their operating budget for last year was approximately $87 million.

According to Mr. Dilamarter the board will look at ways of reducing costs within the school board as opposed to raising taxes.

"Supposedly the ministry is coming up with a tool kit that will allow boards to reduce things like preparation time," said Mr. Dilamarter. The ministry tool kit is expected sometime in February. "I think it is our objective that we don't pass on (our loss) to the rate payers."

Most of the school board budget is tied up in teachers salaries. The S.D. & G. Public Board of Education employs 780.8 full time equivalent teachers.

"For the last five years we have done a reasonably good job of streamlining our costs," said Mr. Dilamarter. "But now the time is coming when we will have to do less with less. There's no other way around it!"

this week

The great outdoors
Trek deep into the woods with our Scouts as they brave the elements on page 4.

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They didn't get the two points but they dominated anyway. Please turn to page 6 and find out why a Lion is stronger than a Rebel.

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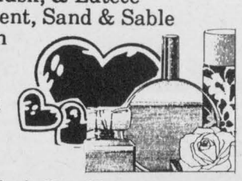

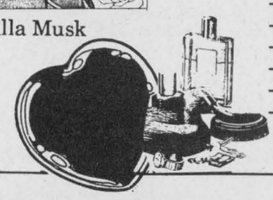

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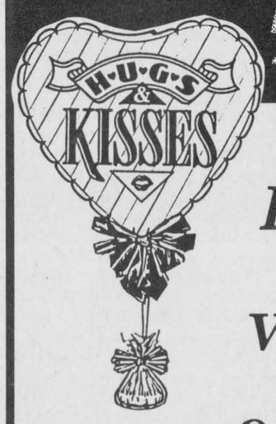

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A wake-up call

It may sound like a crazy idea, but it just might work.

In a time when young people are struggling with their identity and face criticism about their lack of initiative and bad habits, it is nice to see young adults stand-up to those kinds of stereotypes.

Adam Millard and his cousin Dave are doing just that.

They have come up with an idea to make some money and hopefully get them in the driver's seat...literally.

Faced with the dilemma of wanting to drive, but not having the cash to do so, they need to make some money to get them on the road.

Their idea...a wake-up service. If you have trouble getting out of bed in the morning, call Adam or Dave. Be guaranteed, they have ways of getting you out of bed.

Whether or not this idea actually works has yet to be seen. If it does, they have ventured on an idea that will get them driving sooner, than later.

But if it doesn't work, nothing has been lost. They have gained a lot and so has the community. Through this process they will learn what works and what doesn't...how to advertise and how to do it better next time.

This business venture is an example of what communities should be looking for and encouraging in their young people. No matter how crazy an idea, or how different it may sound, people - both young and old - need to be given the opportunity to test their wings, their ideas and their dreams.

Obviously, not all young people are perfect, behave perfectly, or even want to. The lack of disrespect shown in this community alone, has given young people, as a whole, a bad reputation.

But as citizens of this community and this society, we cannot afford to focus on the bad, negative aspects of our young people any longer. We must see some good, so ideas such as the wake-up service, can rise to the surface and be pursued.

Young people have the potential to offer something valuable to the community. They have to take the opportunity, but the rest of us (with patience) have to be there to encourage, acknowledge and praise those efforts. If we don't, our society will not reap the benefits of the creativity, dreams and productivity that lie beneath the surface.

It may not be easy, but we have to work together.

Perhaps this is a wake-up call we all need to hear.

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Getting rid of red tape

A few years ago at a Morrisburg Council meeting one of the councillors told me he was thinking about retiring. He was upset that there was really nothing that could be done without going through some type of survey or feasibility study.

He cited his frustration at a system that would not let him, or council for that matter, do what they had been elected to do.

For years the bureaucracy at Queen's Park in Toronto has blossomed with the speed of purple loosestrife in the summer sun. There are almost as many civil servants in T.O. as there are in Ottawa.

Made in Toronto solutions for rural Ontario municipalities have become so common that when word from Queen's Park comes down the pike, we tend to accept and move on.

Although we have accepted the urbanites decisions and made them work whenever possible, it has been a source of resentment for many.

In the last provincial election Mike Harris listened to those of us who live in rural Ontario. One of the suggestions we had was to allow us to govern ourselves. Give us more freedom to come up with local solutions to local problems.

Block funding is just one of the Mike Harris answers to our problems. Instead of telling municipalities that $250,000 must be spent on roads and $100,000 must be spent somewhere else, he is giving the $350,000 in one lump sum and saying, "spend it where you need to spend it."

There is also a section of Bill 26 that will allow municipalities to charge user fees for services rendered. A huge outcry from special interest groups immediately opposed this type of legislation.

They seemingly felt that no one given the power to charge extra for a service would pass it up and through a fear mongering campaign made it seem like everyone would pay for everything.

One example they used had municipalities setting up toll booths to charge users for driving on municipal roads.

What they overlooked in their overview of the effects of Bill 26 was common sense.

A decision made at Queen's Park that would affect laws in Iroquois have absolutely no ramifications for the bureaucrats in Toronto.

It has been the front line politicians, the reeve, deputy and councillors who have had to bare the brunt of the complaints and deal with them on a daily basis.

Through Bill 26, local politicians will have the power to make local decisions and will be accountable for the outcome of the decisions they make.

Bill 26 will allow the local politicians, as well as the Mike Harris government to get on with what they were elected to do - run the province and put us back on the road to recovery.

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Scouts brave winter blast and take part in unique camping experience

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

What are the odds? Plans had been laid, reservations made and everyone was set to attend. The only thing that seemed to be amiss was the weather. There should have been snow...we'd had enough thus far. Then there were the foreboding weather predictions for the weekend...not very reassuring for sure.

The packs were shouldered and the convoy set out for the Limerick Forest...the Scouts from 1st Iroquois were going winter camping. A yearly tradition that garners some members their Winter Scouting Achievement Award, winter camp was to take on a varied facade this year. While the norm was to be billeted in heated cabins, 1996 was the "year to remember"...we would bunk in tents instead, those working on their Chief Scout Award needed to prove their endurance. In Ontario, Scouts Canada allows Scouts to sleep under canvas, as it were during winter months. Cubs must be housed in cabins during these colder temps.

Ready to accept the ultimate challenge, fifteen young people and six adult leaders, including two helpers struck off early Saturday morning. Bundled against the frigid cold that had settled upon the Village, everyone was full of anticipation and excitement at the prospect of truly braving the elements. Not only were each member of the Troop anxious to prove to doubting parents and their leaders that they could do it, but also felt they had something to prove to themselves. It was a formidable goal for sure as the thermometer dipped ever lower with forecasts of even colder temps than had been experienced previously looming on the forefront.

Gear had been checked, extra warm duds packed, loads of hot drink and food had been purchased and the promise of a heated building"just in case" gave doubters that safe feeling. A convoy of some ten vehicles headed out to deposit their cargo of charged campers.

Arrival at the campsite demanded some decisions by the Scouts as to where the tents would be set up, where the kitchen would be located, and most importantly, where latrine facilities should be established, as well as the determination of the duty roster. It took lots of energy, but not too much time to get the tents set up...scraping down through the snow; fluffing the straw which would work as insulation between the ground and the tent; laying the ground sheets over the straw base, and finally erecting the tent; securing the vestibule (veranda of each tent) with a log, sliced in half; and then banking the exterior of each "home away from home" with snow ...and camp was accomplished in short order. The Scouts work in tandem (buddy system) so tasks are carried out rapidly. While the tents were struck, a large, heat creating fire was built and the kitchen and latrine were located. Soon thereafter, a steaming hot spaghetti lunch was prepared by the lunch patrol and devoured by everyone, along with hot chocolate and coffee.

Cooking in the winter offers new challenges to Scouts and the Troop were up to the task. Clean up was tricky in the cold, but after realizing how quickly hot food becomes cold food, washing dishes was speedily done.

Off into the woods for an afternoon of Survival challenges, patrol members worked hard, and the sun combined with no wind created a warming effect that saw some coats opened to allow heat to escape.

Supper was stew and hot applesauce which really hit the right spot. Hot drinks all around warmed shivering bones as the sun faded in the west and the crispness of the night air descended upon Camp Chill'96. Clean up was done in the heated building so to avoid frostbite and frozen fingers. Immediately thereafter gear was brought inside to warm for the night's adventure in the tents. Preparations for the traditional campfire were worked on in earnest, and an invitation went out to the Cub Pack from 7th Prescott who were camping down the road at the Ranger's Chalet. With flames licking the cold, winter air, log benches filled with blanketed young people, and singing, skits and cheers filled the night with laughter and joy as the fire kept the cold at bay and spirits fired the adrenalin flow.

Each camp day ends with an energy, warmth producing snack and a ghost story...then it was time to change to sleep wear, grab sleeping bags and wool blankets, ensure that everyone is as warm as possible before heading to their tents and it is "good night" to all. Once the Scouts are inside the tents,

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1st Iroquois Scouts up to the challenge of Camp Chill '96

Gang survives Camp Chill '96

Just plain livin'
with Sandra Lee



Son Number one stayed home to hold down the fort, while the three others who inhabit Swampview struck off into the Limerick Forest. It was time, last weekend was the annual, Winter Camp weekend with the Scouts. Thus the Scout son and the leader type mom were on deck. The big guy, what a brave fellow! went along with a solemn promise that he could sleep indoors this year...last year's experience was a bit chilling for him.

This was the first year that the Troop had dared to sleep in tents. This old writer and fellow leaders had reserved the weekend in September, and after the snow that fell during the early portion of this winter, were certain this would be a wonderful camp, insulated against the frigid temps by piles of fluffy white stuff. Guess the joke was on us, Mr. Weatherman!

Anyway, since most people with young people in the Scout Troop plan around our activities, we decided that we would camp anyway. There was the heated building if worse came to worse. If we did not go, the Scouts would lose this opportunity and they deserved to try. Securing straw was no problem and enthusiasm was abundant, so, forth into the chilly north country went the hearty twenty-one! (the straw is used under the tents for added insulation against the cold creeping up into the tents).

Most campers had winter rated sleeping bags, those who did not doubled theirs and used wool blankets inside to create warm layers. It was amazing how warm it was to snuggle down inside a wool blanket, toque on and mitts keeping fingers from freezing. Wool work socks had been pirated from son number one and the toes wiggled warmly as snow pants were stuffed in the bottom of the sleeping bag, ready for a bone chilling morning. Once all the young campers were snuggled deep inside their tents, sleep came to this old camper. The challenge of accomplishing a winter camp under such harsh conditions gave more than one doubt, and parents were keenly aware of the perils.

We had taken all the necessary precautions and everyone survived with a smile and a true sense of a tough task, well done. Winter camp offers new challenges, and the youngsters readily faced them head on, and won over them. Adversity did not deter them as they went about their work and fun..what a troop!

The end came and we arrived home. A call that supper was waiting at the relatives back the road was pretty nice and most welcome. Unpacking and enjoying the company and food was great. Reliving the camp experience was terrific too, then the old reporter headed to the arena (seems that I could not get enough cold this weekend!) to snap a photo for this week's issue and when the hot, steamy tub beckoned, who could resist? What a wonderful feeling to relax and allow the warmth to penetrate every piece of one's being.

Visits to the dentist kept us all out of trouble the first of the week, and the news that son number one will have to part with his wisdom teeth in time for the March Break was not entirely great , but, who understands why we bother to get these enamel no-use-for-anything teeth?

A visit and a cuppa with a friend not seen often enough of late was also a welcome reprieve from facing the keyboard on Monday. It was difficult to get into the swing after such a strenuous weekend of activity. The old bones creaked and the knees protested at times, but the general demure remained stable. The head threatened to ache, but didn't cause too much pain or disruption, and the feet, not made for long hikes yelled when enough space separated them from camp. The old brass bed has not seemed so welcoming, nor felt so inviting in a long time.

There certainly is no fool like an old fool! But these experiences make me a better person and allow me to see my son and the young people in the troop in a new light as they strive to attain more today than yesterday. When the accomplishment is rewarding for them, it is for me as well, and this is a great feeling.

The blast from the far north is supposed to move eastward, and when it snows, the temperature rises, well, as I look outside the snow is trying to come, although a dusting like we are receiving will not help anything and the blast of bone chilling air that comes in as the front door is opened lets me know that winter is still a visitor at Swampview and intends to stay a while longer.

I suggest that the winter woolies stay on, the vehicles remain plugged in at night and fireplace blaze not die out just yet! The ground hog saw and didn't see his shadow, depending upon where you live, what telly station you watch and when he came out to check for the sun...who knows?

Oh, yes, I shouldn't mention that the Chevy van did not get away on Sunday without assistance, and the poor old Ford car did; should I, Shawn?

Walking through the Limerick while searching for a lost leader during the survival challenges, some of us were fortunate to see where three deer had spent the previous night, lots of animal tracks and bunny nuggets. Nature is wonderful and the opportunity to share special moments with young people deep in the inroads of what is natural in this crazy world gives me personal joy.

The sons await report cards later this week as the second semester of the year has swung into gear. The big guy has his marking done and reports ready at his school, and so life will soon resemble some sort of normalcy around Swampview.

Son number one is working to save for an exchange trip to

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the bottom line

THE BRIDAL PREVIEW HELD AT THE OPERATING ENGINEERS INSTITUTE on Sunday was deemed a success by its organizers. At least 200 people attended the exhibit and fashion show. Organizers are already planning next year's bridal preview. As of press time, the annual Winchester bridal show was being held. No doubt, they drew hundreds of brides and grooms looking for help in planning their weddings! Don't forget March 6. The final of the three local bridal shows will take place at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Keep watching the paper for details!

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MCB HAS A PROBLEM. HE IS FRUSTRATED THAT "EVERYONE" KEEPS asking him what he is planning to do for Valentine's day. He doesn't know, but he wonders if he could go for lunch with Audrey and Karen. (Too bad Mikey, Audrey's on holidays.) He says he never gets the chance to go out for lunch anymore. If any of our faithful readers have suggestions for MCB for Valentine's day, drop him a call at the office.

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IT WAS GREAT TO MEET THE STAFF AT T.R. LEGER'S MORRISBURG campus last Thursday afternoon. An open house was held to let the public in on what new developments are taking place at the school. If you've never been there, you might want to check it out. They may be offering courses you'd be interested in.

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IT SEEMS THIS WEEKEND WILL BE A BUSY ONE FOR PEOPLE ACROSS THE county. Between the Sweetheart dance, surf and turf in Williamsburg, Darts for Heart, and the Iroquois skating party, you shouldn't have problems finding something to do this weekend.

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WELCOME BACK PLAYHOUSE STAFF! MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN GONE over the month of January. But now you're back, so we send you a friendly Chieftain hello..."Hello neighbor!"

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WELL IF YOU HAVEN'T YET HEARD, SDHS STUDENT ADAM MILLARD HAS an interesting business venture underway. If you have trouble getting up in the morning, Adam and his cousin Dave will wake you up with a personalized phone call. Check out the story in this week's edition.

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THE INFAMOUS REUNION GAME IN MORRISBURG THIS WEEKEND DREW a lot of old faces to the rink for a number of rousing hockey games. Karen and Mikey took part in some of the weekend festivities. Karen said it was great to see the old gang again and to see that Bobby Casselman (former Edwardsburgh clerk-treasurer) is still on crutches...just kidding! He was surprised to hear our own Betty Marlin is retiring...Anyway the weekend was a lot of fun for the old gang.

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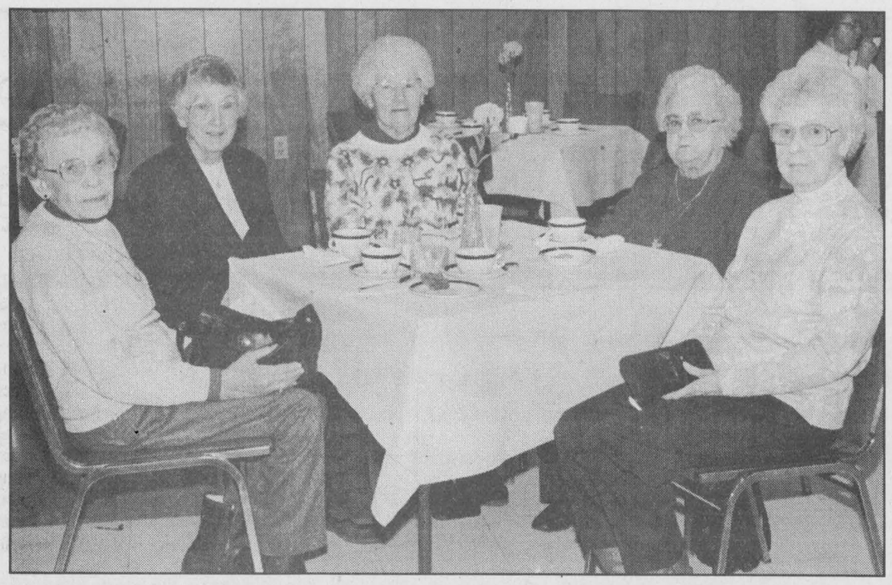

Tea time

It was tea time at the Iroquois Legion on Saturday afternoon, with many local residents taking part. Lera Ellis, Gladie Gill, Greta Post, Dorothy McQuaig and Phyllis Connell enjoyed fresh bread and cheese as part of the Valentine Tea and Bake Sale.

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LETTERS

Health cutbacks - who really saves?

To the editor:

Cutbacks to save money -- Who really saves?

My husband has cancer and we journey to Ottawa every Monday for 3 weeks - 4th week is an off week - for him to have chemotherapy. These 4 weeks are a session. He has finished 3 full sessions and 2 weeks of the 4th session, but the 3rd week his platelets were too low to have chemo and now he is waiting to see if the platelet count will come back on its own, as it usually does. He has had several blood transfusions when the hemoglobin was too low and has been well looked after.



The purpose of my letter is concern for all cancer patients now and in the future who need to have their blood tested before each chemo, as each individual has to do. There has been a laboratory at the Clinic affiliated with the General Hospital and you are assigned to have your blood taken each time. Then they send it to the Hospital and in about an hour the results are returned to the Clinic to either let you go ahead with chemo or the doctor has to okay or cancel the chemo treatment, depending on the blood situation.

Now, as is happening everywhere, they are cutting back and completely doing away with the Cancer Clinic Lab. Each cancer patient, who are not healthy individuals - some come in wheelchairs- will be expected to go to private laboratories for blood testing. Then wait for results to be sent to the Clinic before chemo can be arranged. Granted the Clinic is cutting its expenses, but the individual expenses will still be there and have to be met by Health Cards or other insurances- - the taxpayers will still pay wherever it is. How can they justify taking away a necessary routine in trying to help very sick and worried people? Because we are involved I know the help it was to us, especially when we had to travel a distance as many do. I would ask each of you to write your MPP or Dr. W.K. Evans, Ottawa General Hospital - Cancer Clinic, 501 Smyth Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1H 8L6 and express your support to keep the Lab facility at the Clinic. Hopefully you will never have to use the Cancer Clinic but believe me there are hundreds who do and you must know some.

Dolores Wells,
Cardinal

LOOKING BACK

30 years ago

Mr. K. Thompson, representing **Iroquois Branch 370** of the Royal Canadian Legion, presented **a complete set of uniforms** to the **Iroquois Bantam hockey team.** Accepting on behalf of the team were **coach Jim Brennan,** as well as **Bill Jennings, Allan Bell, Steven Shaver, Jim Edgar** and **Jack McQuigge.**

Mr. John Wells and **Mr. Wilfrid Cooper** of **Matilda Township** attended the **33rd Cheese Production Convention** in Toronto. Both gentlemen were members of the **Ontario Cheese Producers Association.**

25 years ago

An international event that had **racing teams** from both **Canada and the United States,** the **Kawartha Cup races** drew professional drivers in both the ladies' and men's snowmobile classes. **Sandra Johnston of Iroquois placed fourth** in the first division driving an Alouette against drivers of **35 other machines. Steven Shaver placed eighth** in the **men's B stock races** in a field of **55 machines,** most of them factory sponsored.

Skaters of the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club were successful at their **test day.** Those who took their **preliminary figures** were **Bonnie MacDonald** and **Mary Howald. Judy Gurnhill** skated her **first figure.**

Eunice Hill, an employee of **Caldwell Linen Mills** for nearly eight years, **retired on Jan. 15th, 1971.** She **started in the sewing room,** transferring soon after to the **weave rooms** where she had worked ever since. Receiving **five year pins** were **Ray Wylie, Earl Dolan, Yvonne Gallagher** and **Ann Wolfe.**

20 years ago

The **Iroquois Fire Department** responded to a **third concession Matilda Township chimney fire** at the home of **George McCaslin.** The fire, which **broke out at the height of a snowstorm,** was caused by **dirty stove pipes according to Chief Mac Anderson.**

Five years ago

Matilda Township celebrated winter during its **16th annual Matilda Winter Carnival. Rhonda Lapier** was crowned Matilda Carnival Queen 1991, and **Judith Charlebois** was the runner-up.

Annual Darts for Heart raises $680

With over 80 participants raising $680 for the Dundas County chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the annual Darts for Heart tournament was once again a resounding success. While the amount was down from the previous year's $714 raised, participants and organizers gave their all to help raise money for the foundation. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion 370, Iroquois, the fifth annual event held on Sunday, Feb. 19, drew people from across the county. The first dart was thrown by Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank at the start of the afternoon. The first place team consisted of Kim Moore, Toby Summerfield, Pearl Roy and Randy Markell.

One Year Later

This year's Darts for Heart event will take place this Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Iroquois Legion. The first dart will be thrown at 12:30 p.m., once again by Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank. All the proceeds will once again go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

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Just Livin'

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Vancouver this spring with the school band and choir members. Swampview will host his counterpart at the end of March. The school in British Columbia is ninety per cent oriental and so the exchange will be a cultural event for the families and the young people. His Godmother lives out west in this beautiful province and hopefully they will have time to see one another. Checking out the view from Whistler Mountain as he attends a Music Workshop there will be an awesome experience as will his first airplane adventure. The hardest part will be waiting at home until he returns safely to Swampview...parenting is a tough job!!

As I sign off this week, I leave you with a titbit of wisdom which I impart to my Scouts..."Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you will regret the things you didn't do more then the ones you did." Take care, and meet me again next week-right here.

Focus

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leaders make rounds to make certain everyone is warm and realizes that this is no time to be macho, or foolish...if the cold penetrates, the building is available and hasty retreats thereto are in fashion!

The fresh crisp air coupled with the busy day just ended created just the perfect atmosphere for sleep and snores were soon emitting from all corners of the tent ring. When the sun started to crawl into the easterly sky, only four of the hearty campers were found inside the building, sleeping contentedly along with one rookie leader who made it through until the call of nature. (who could dare to get into a sleeping bag left in haste when the thermometer reads minus 42 degrees Celsius???) The fire burned all night and two portable propane heaters were available in the campsite throughout the ever dipping temperatures of the dark hours. Various campers were heard to move to the latrine area with the utmost haste, return to the fire or heaters and then dive into their tents...so courageous of them!!! The crispness of the snow in the frigid cold gave them away and the cold, clear zip of the tent entrances as they scrambled inside reassured leaders who dared not venture forth until the first tinge of orange appeared on the horizon.

Breakfast was followed by Scout's Own (church outdoors) and then some friendly competitions which saw patrol pitted against patrol...the fire lighting challenge and the dog sled races proved most interesting and kept everyone warm.

The fun had to end and the general clean up of the entire area saw many hands make light work, as tents came down and were packed, gear was stowed indoors until parents arrived, straw was loaded on sleds and carried to the bush for the deer to enjoy, the kitchen was disassembled and the latrine (the last to go) was taken down. The fire was put out, the trucks and cars loaded with equipment and crests handed out to a most deserving group of Scouts and leaders.

Parents seemed relieved when they arrived that their children were smiling and appeared no worse for their experience. As tired but happy campers headed homeward, they were one step closer to being adults.

They had weathered a deep freeze...accepting the challenge was the easy part, carrying through to the end was a different story, but the ending made everyone proud, of each other and themselves..."Mission accomplished!"

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The Lions host the Rangers Tonight!



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Lions on the attack

This scene was replayed innumerable times last Sunday evening. The Morrisburg Junior 'B' Lions hosted the Char-Lan Rebels in what resembled a "Royal Rumble on Ice". Penalties were handed out in regular rhythm as the officiating was less than should be expected. Game suspensions were all too common occurrences. This headlock was broken eventually and play resumed, but the fight foray continued.

Morrisburg Lions lose both games

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Don Cherry would have been proud of the Lions on Sunday night. Hosting the Char Lan Rebels it was Rock'em Sock'em 15. The team played with more emotion than they've played with all year long.

Despite the loss management seemed pleased with the performance of affiliated goaltender Jamie Robinson.

Morrisburg's only goal of the game came in the third when Chad Duguay put one by Villeneuve in the Rebels net.

The Rebels went on to win the game 4-1.

"If you can't beat'em in the alley, you can't beat'em on the ice," said one fan as both teams rumbled in front of the Char Lan net.

Saturday evening in Winchester the Lions lost 7-6. Morrisburg lead 6-4 early in the third but the Hawks rebounded with two for the win.

Winchester who played in Kemptville on Sunday lost 8-4. The loss to the 73's still gives the Lions a chance at nailing down third place but number one goaltender Troy Sayeau is still out with a groin injury.

Sayeau is expected to be ready for weekend action but with the playoffs just around the corner, the coaching staff wants to make sure their number one goaltender is in good shape.

Speculation has Sayeau starting next Wednesday night in Brockville.

Kemptville increased their hold on second place with a Friday night win against the basement dwelling Alexandria Glens. Kemptville defeated the Glens 10-0.

Tonight (Wednesday February 7) the Lions will host the South Grenville Rangers with an 8:15 start.

The Rangers have improved steadily and presently hold down third place in the Rideau Division.

The Rangers have a game in hand over the second place Gananoque Islanders and are only a game and a half back of Gananoque with 36 points.

Sunday the Rangers defeated the Islanders 7-4 in Gananoque.

McNeely making waves in the Caribbean sea

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Pat McNeely is making waves in duathalon and triathalon circles.

Jan. 25-29, the 21-year-old was battling whitecaps in the Caribbean Sea during the first leg of a triathalon in Jamaica.

This was only the second time the Edwardsburgh resident has boarded a plane. His first time soaring above the horizon was last fall when he flew to Mexico to compete in the World Duathalon Championships.

While it was a short four-day holiday, McNeely managed to bring home some gold-medal hardware for his 20-25 age division and beat out 242 other competitors to finish eighth overall.

He finished the gruelling 800-metre swim, 25-km bike ride and 5 km run in an impressive 1:11.33.

"I'm pretty happy with my time," he said, the day after returning to winter reality at his Hyndman Rd. home. "I was 36th out of the water, 13th after the bike and finished in eighth overall.

"It was a pretty tough competition."

That competitive spirit led McNeely to a part-time career as a duathlete and triathlete.

A passion for fitness, he wanted something more than running around township roads for fun.

On the advice of a neighbor, McNeely bought a bike and entered his first duathalon two years ago; the rest is history.

While most duathletes compete in 8 to 15 races every year, McNeely averages between 40-60.

He is the epitome of the term Participaction.

To keep in shape in the winter, he swims close to 6km, runs about 60km and sits on his stationary bike -- while watching Baywatch -- for 10 hours every week.

"My endurance is great, but I'm lacking a little in speed right now," he said. "I think I will have to boost my training."

Edwardsburgh's Energizer Bunny is now gearing up for an Iron-Man Duathalon in Alabama that will see him run 10km, pedal another 60km and then finish with another 10km sprint.

"This will be longest race yet," he said. "It will take me over three hours to complete."

After that, he has his sights set on the World Duathalon Championships in Italy next year and the World Triathalon Championships in Cleveland.

"The whole thing is a big rush for me," he said. "The more it hurts, the more fun I have."

Catch the action at the Friday night dart league

Feb. 2: Week No. 16 and a real good turn out. We only needed 3 spares and we had 6 so had to draw the names out of a hat to see who would play.

Standings: No Surrenders 112, The End 110, Babe Watchers 99 1/2, The L.D.'s 94 1/2, The Farmer's Heifers 94, Four Aces 92 1/2, No Show 90, Running Bare 88 1/2, The Hopefuls 78, Late For Supper 69 1/2, Smokin' Guns 69 1/2, Joe Joe's Hopefuls 57.

High Scores: Trevor Easter 180, 120, 100; Lloyd Greenough 174, 100; June Reid 135; Walter Reid 116, 100; Pearl Roy 109; Doris Trayner 101; Jean Greenough 100; Rodney Francis 100; Bill Dodge 100; Bill Hutt 100, 100.

Games Finished: Bill Dodge 4, Walter Reid 4, Danny Dodge 4, Lloyd Greenough 4, Leo Merkley 4, Wes Baker 4, Debbie Hess 3, Gary Bradford 3, Reg Farmer 3, Bill Hutt 2, Bonnie Gibson 2, Duane Kirker 2, Debbie Shaver 2, Trevor Easter 2, Carl Gibson 2, Kim Francis 2, Robbie Shaver 2, Jim Carkner 2, Sandy Dodge 1, Glen Easter 1, Jean Greenough 1, Steve Barkley 1, Barb Merkley 1, Rodney Francis 1, Sharon Easter 1, Earl Nesbitt 1, Ann Nesbitt 1, Tony Easter 1, Lil Roberts 1, Art Ault 1, Craig Tucker 1, Howard Hutchinson 1, Ed Shaver 1.

Cornwall Dart League invited our Friday Night League down to the Navy Club to play darts on Saturday. Twenty-eight dart leaguers left on the bus at 11:30 with the rest of the players driving. Bus delivering us home at 12:00. Everyone had a great time dancing and the food was excellent. There were 20 teams in the tournament, 10 from Iroquois. Lloyd and Jean Greenough came in first and second so they split the winnings.

Everyone had a wonderful time.



MVP

Scott Corden won the Most Valuable Player Award last Sunday as Bills 77's captured first place in their division. Corden was pleased to accept the award and said it should be equally divided between his linemates, Leo Lafortune and Jim Whelan. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

The Chieftain Sports Scoreboard

Morrisburg Lions Home Games
February 7 vs.
South Grenville 8:00 pm
February 16 vs.
Athens 8:30 pm

St. Lawrence Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Char Lan	38	29	04	05	231	122	65
Kemptville	38	23	09	06	203	134	56
Winchester	38	16	19	03	193	224	40
Morrisburg	**36**	**15**	**17**	**03**	**189**	**206**	**35**
Alexandria	38	05	31	02	143	264	13

Rideau Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Westport	34	24	08	02	184	130	51
Gananoque	35	18	16	01	179	155	39
S. Grenville	35	12	19	04	154	192	33
Athens	33	13	17	03	145	157	32
Brockville	34	07	27	00	114	193	16

Midgets continue streak

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

With three home games left before the play-offs start, the Morrisburg Midget A Lions are in a good position to advance in the play-offs.

Morrisburg defeated Cornwall last Tuesday evening and on Sunday took Finch 3-1. The two wins increased Morrisburg's record to 14-3-1.

"The Cornwall game was a really good one," said Coach Jeremy Morrow. "The boys played well and stayed out of the box. We beat Cornwall 5-4."

On Sunday Chris VanBeilen picked up a goal and two assists against Finch. Rob Darling and Ricky Hess added the other Lions goals. Jim Pakeman added an assist.

Last night (Tuesday February 6) the Lions hosted the Alexandria Glens. Morrisburg has a 1-1 record against Alexandria but the coach was confident his team could win.

"We can definitely beat them," said Morrow, "if we play well we'll win."

Lapage scores four in win

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

If the game had of ended after the first, the visiting South Grenville Rangers would have gone home with two points.

However, as everyone knows, a hockey game is three periods.

South Grenville's Mark Elliott slipped two past Derek Watson in the Lions cage in the first, but those would be the only goals the visitors would get.

In the second period Morrsiburg's Lance Lapage drove home three to give Morrisburg the lead and Jason Crawford hammered home two more. Add singles from Glenn Mellan and Adam Legue and the Lions led 7-2 after two.

In the third Morrisburg added two more with Legue picking up his second of the night and Lapage adding his fourth.

CFGC winners announced

The Big Buck Contest winners are Big Buck $100 - Stacey Robertson, 227 1/2 lbs; Doe $50 - Lee McDonald, 134 lbs. The ticket draw winner will be made on Feb. 24th at our 33rd Annual Banquet.

Tickets are now available for the 33rd Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 24th at the Cardinal Legion. Social time is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by Wild Game and Turkey Buffet, awards, then dancing to DJ from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are $10.00 a person.

The Junior Awards are to be held Feb. 20th at the Cardinal Legion 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free hotdogs and drinks. Memberships will be available.

The next Fish and Game Club meeting is Feb. 13th at 7 p.m. at the Cardinal Legion.

Dart league update

Jan. 26: We had a doubles tournament with 40 players. We all had a good time.

First place winners were Bill Hutt and John Trayner. Second place went to Glen Easter and Sandy Dodge.

We are all looking forward to our bus trip to the Navy Club in Cornwall to play darts and then they are having a dance for us on February 3rd.

Pee Wee B squad gets recent win

On the 23rd of January the Morrisburg Pee Wee B "I" team defeated Potsdam 3-1 behind the spectacular goaltending of Mike McCann.

Jason Denio had a goal into the empty net along with two assists. Scott Barkley had a goal and one assist. Bruce Lewis scored the other goal while Bobby Paradis, James Morrell and Mike Shaver had assists.

In their two previous games the team had lost 4-0 to South Grenville and 2-1 to the undefeated Smiths Falls team.

Nick Hall scored the only goal from Bobby Paradis and Bruce Lewis.

On the 30th of January the team gave up a close 3-2 decision against North Dundas.

Jason Denio lead the way with a goal and an assist. Scott Barkley scored the other goal while James Morrell picked up an assist. (Mike McCann was in goal for the loss).

On the 31st, the Lions lost 2-1 to Char Lan.

Denio scored the only goal from Nick Hall and James Morrell. Bryan Verhoeven played well in the losing effort.

Heart and Stroke discussion group

The Dundas County Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation invites the public to Women, Heart and Stroke - a discussion on risks, symptoms and therapy - on Monday, Feb. 12. The evening begins at 7 p.m. and features neurologist Dr. Irene Danys, stroke survivor Freda Mellan, research neuro-biologist Dr. Danica Stanimirovic, and Moira McLeod, RN. The two-hour discussion will take place in the North Dundas District High School auditorium. Admission is free but tickets must be reserved to be eligible for door prizes. To register call Janet at 535-2924 or 774-5491, or Gail at 989-1220.

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Family Skating Party, sponsored by **Iroquois Rec. Committee** at the **Iroquois Rink, Sat., Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m.** Music & refreshments. FREE admission.

"Sweetheart Dance for CHEO" with host **Steven Barkley, Sat., Feb. 10, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m., Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners.** Featuring "Running on Empty" and "Jim Wicks & Westburg Union". Tickets available at **Mustard's Variety, Watson's General Store, and Thompson Snowmobile. $7/person.** Buffet at midnight.

Feb. 11: Mystery writer **John Spencer Hill,** author of The Last Castrato, will talk to the **Valley Writers' Guild, 2 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Prescott St., Kemptville.** Non-members pay $4 at the door. For more info, call **Joy at (613) 658-5245.**

Good Companions Iroquois Senior Citizens Club covered dish lunch, **Feb. 13, 12 o'clock at the Civic Centre,** followed by entertainment. All Seniors welcome.

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Hard at work

Sandra and Paul Dobry were working hard during their computer course last Thursday afternoon at Morrisburg's T.R. Leger alternative school. Computer instructor Pam Sherrer helps them through some of the more difficult problems. An open house was held last week to raise public awareness about what the school has to offer. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

T.R. Leger introduces new technology at open house

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If Williamsburg resident Linda Murphy had her way, she would probably live at Morrisburg's T.R. Leger alternative school campus.

Although she may be exaggerating, her attitude is one shared by many of the 119 people enrolled at the school this year.

"This is a great place," Murphy says. "I just love the atmosphere here."

Finishing off her grade 12 education, Murphy spends every day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. working on computers and studying. Murphy appreciates the help she receives, and the fact the school is not an intimidating place to be.

"For a small town to have this here is great," she said. "I wish I had discovered this two or three years ago."

Murphy started attending T.R. Leger in October. She is one of many people who are discovering T.R. Leger for the first time.

According to campus manager Sandra Magee, people no longer have stereotypes about the facility. More and more, local residents are coming in and signing up for computer courses or basic education classes. No longer are just young people using the facility. The age range is growing. Magee says it is wonderful to see retired engineers interacting with high school students in a computer course.

No doubt, the face of T.R. Leger is changing. At a special open house last Thursday, staff members opened their doors to the public, in an effort to raise public awareness about their facility, and to launch the new computer centre, called Technology Ticket.

The new program works like an independent study. People buy a minimum of 10 hours on the computer for $50, and through the help of an instruction book, teach themselves.

"You can follow through at your own pace," says Pam Sherrer, computer instructor. "You don't have to do the hours all at once, either."

There is no determined time frame in which a person has to learn a program. It all depends on the software and the person's ability to learn.

Technology Ticket computers are available to use Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as certain hours during the day. According to Sherrer, the best idea is to call the school and book the time that is best for you. There will be an instructor on hand if a person runs into trouble.

"We're trying to gear to people's needs because we can be flexible with the hours," Sherrer says.

If people are not familiar with computers, Sherrer recommends that people take a basic level of computer instruction before trying technology ticket.

This new computer centre is only one of many services provided by T.R. Leger. The school also offers academic credit courses, business and office technology courses, computer studies, adult basic education courses, a job bank, and many more services.

"We feel we provide an excellent rural service for people in the community," Magee says. "We want to let people know that if we can help in any way, be sure to come and see us."

To find out more about Technology Ticket, the new job bank, or any other courses, call 543-2375.

NEWSBRIEFS

IROQUOIS

Future of store uncertain

The Iroquois Red and White Foods grocery store has closed. That is all The Chieftain has been able to confirm. Although rumors abound throughout the community, no one will confirm what actually took place over the weekend. The circumstances leading to the locked doors and abandoned aisles are unclear. The owner, Iqbal Bath was not available for comment. The OPP was called to investigate but no comments were available for the press.

IROQUOIS

St. Valentine's tea and poetry

The Iroquois Public Library is hosting its third annual tea and poetry event at the Iroquois Civic Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. The theme is based on St. Valentine's day and local residents are invited to read or just listen to favorite romantic or "love"ly poems. Poetry, prose, a festive atmosphere and treats will lend themselves to that theme. Several local citizens have been invited to share their favorites and the general public is invited to come and listen. Come out and enjoy this special day - a welcome break from the winter freeze.

CARDINAL

Bids opened for treatment plant

Cardinal Council opened nine bids for the construction of a new sewage treatment plant last week. The prices range from $5.1 million to $5.4 million. Before the tender is awarded, the engineers will go through them "with a fine tooth comb" with recommendations from the Clean Water Agency. Council members hope they will be able to award the contract within the next three to six weeks.

CARDINAL

Council asks for census support

Cardinal Council passed a resolution at its last regular meeting encouraging local residents to complete the 1996 census forms that will be distributed this spring. The completion of the forms will ensure that accurate and complete data is collected by the government.

CARDINAL

Heart and Stroke month

Cardinal Council has declared that February is Heart and Stroke month in the village. Council members made this announcement last week, and discussed raising a Heart and Stroke flag to commemorate this special awareness month.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

911 to begin this spring

The 911 service is expected to begin sometime this spring, according to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. In a letter to Cardinal Council, the Counties wanted to remind the local citizens that the 911 service is not yet up and running.

DUNDAS COUNTY

Dress Red on Feb. 14

Wednesday, Feb. 14 is "Dress Red for Heart and Stroke" day. Allen Brooks, honorary chairperson for Dundas County chapter's February fund-raising campaign, is asking local businesses and organizations to participate. The funds raised that day will assist in the fight against Canada's number one killer. Dress Red for Heart and Stroke!



New job bank

The Morrisburg campus of the T.R. Leger alternative school recently received a job bank kiosk that will help people find work. Provided through Human Resource Development Canada (HRDC), the job bank is updated each morning with the latest listings of employment opportunities. Campus manager Sandra Magee and instructor Jeanne Ward say anyone in the community can use this kiosk free-of-charge. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

Building inspector appointed

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Cardinal village employee David Grant now has added responsibilities around the village.

Cardinal Council passed a bylaw at Thursday's regular meeting appointing David Grant as the village building inspector. He will be working with, and learning from, chief building official (CBO) Jim Grant.

According to Reeve Larry Dishaw, council named him as building inspector so he can help the CBO.

"We're taking steps to train him in other elements and building inspection is part of that training," Dishaw said after the meeting.

Council had to pass the bylaw so he could be officially trained.

"He can't assume those duties (of building inspection) without a bylaw," Dishaw said.

As Jim Grant takes on more responsibilities in the future as sewage treatment plant operator, the village will need someone who is trained to do building inspection. That is why David Grant has been appointed.

"We wish to introduce a younger person into the system," Dishaw said. "And David is our latest public works employee (we've hired)."

Jim Grant is presently a certified water treatment plant operator. When the new sewage treatment plant is built, he is expected to become the certified operator of that facility as well, according to the reeve.

In an interview Friday, Jim Grant said this bylaw now gives David Grant the time to become educated about building inspection.

"He'll have to be sent away on training courses," he said. "He'll have a chance to train and learn."

Bridal Preview draws 200 visitors and 30 exhibitors

The objective of the first-ever Bridal Preview was definitely accomplished, according to organizer Bo Fodrek, owner of The Village Green in Morrisburg.

With 30 exhibitors and a dynamic fashion show taking place Sunday afternoon at the Operating Engineers Institute outside of Morrisburg, the preview showed young couples and local residents what Morrisburg and the surrounding area has to offer.

Businesses from Iroquois, Brinston, Chesterville, Winchester, Morrisburg, Long Sault, Riverside Heights and the surrounding area, exhibited their goods and services to over 200 people.

Admission was free and the 50 couples that were signed up for the preview had the chance to win a number of door prizes.

Fodrek says that an important part of this bridal preview centred around the exhibitors. There was more than just one business represented for each aspect of the wedding industry. For instance, there were four photographers on hand, and two flower shops. Fodrek says this gave people the chance to compare services, and choose which one would best suit their needs.

Another highlight of the afternoon was the fashion show, put

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Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a residential break-in that occured during the day of the 29th of January, 1996 at County Road 13, Morewood area, civic# 13800.

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Wed., Feb. 14: St. Valentine's Tea & Poetry, hosted by the Iroquois Public Library, at the **Civic Centre at 2 p.m.**

Matilda Minor Ball meeting, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., Matilda Clerk's Office, Brinston. To discuss and plan the **CJOH Special Effects** coming event.

Pancake Supper, Knox Church, Iroquois, Tues., Feb. 20, 5-7 p.m. Adults $4; children under 10 $2. Pancakes, sausages, ice cream and real maple syrup.

Heavenly Pancakes, Sat., Feb. 24, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, Cardinal. Menu: Coffee, tea, juice, milk, baked beans, sausages and all-you-can-eat pancakes with syrup. Adults $4; 12 & under $2. Children under 5 FREE. Proceeds to the Building Fund.

The Living With Cancer Support Group meets the **2nd Tues. of every month, 7:30 p.m.** at the **Williamsburg Senior Support Centre.** For further info call **652-4588.**



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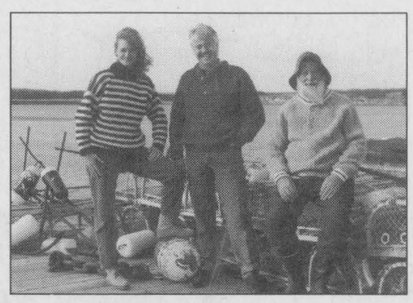

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DUNCAN: We, the family of the late Mildred (Millie) Duncan, want to thank Dr. Rivington and the nurses and staff of Winchester District Memorial Hospital for their professional care and personal kindness. Reverend Eric Barr's many visits to mom and dad and his words of comfort to the family are very much appreciated. To the many friends that sent cards and visited our parents, we thank you. We are also truly grateful for the visitations and expressions of sympathy from our friends and neighbours during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Willard, Charlotte, Linda, Krista and Tanya
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EMPEY: We would like to thank all those who made our 50th Anniversary a golden memory for us, for the cards, gifts and plaques we received and the many good wishes. Everyone needs someone; People need people, and relatives and friends; And we all need love for a full life; Depends not on vast riches or great acclaim; Not on success or on worldy fame; But just in knowing that someone cares.
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Births

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OPP

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through recent news reports that Mike Harris' government is considering closing six- to- eight OPP detachments across Ontario.

Although no campaign has yet been started, some Winchester residents are working on letter-petitions that local residents can sign and send to local MPP Noble Villeneuve and the Solicitor General.

However, Mesich said residents in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry should not be worried.

"As far as SD&G is concerned, there is no change," he said. "The offices that are in place now will remain."

Mesich has set March 1, 1996 as the target date to have the three detachments' re-organized system in place.

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On PATROL POLICE FILE

Break and enter

Winchester Township - On Jan. 29, OPP officers responded to a report of a break and enter at a private residence during the day. A forced entry was made into an attached garage. Personal and household items were taken, including a .38 calibre handgun. Const. Legault is investigating.

Stolen auto

Morewood - On Feb. 3, OPP officers investigated the report of a stolen car which had been taken from an apartment parking lot in Morewood overnight. The stolen 1985 Cadillac was found on Feb. 4 along Highway 43 near Maple Ridge Public School. The vehicle's locks and ignition were damaged. Const. MacLeod is investigating.

Collision

Mountain Township - A collision occurred at Highway 43 and Hyndman Road at about 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 1. A 1987 Ford pick-up driven by Frank Boucher, 77 of Mountain, collided with a 1986 Pontiac driven by Pearl Book Kemptville. Light damage to both vehicles resulted. Mr. Boucher was charged with failing to yield to traffic.

Motor vehicle accident

Morrisburg - A motor vehicle collision took place on Jan. 28 on Lakeshore Drive in Morrisburg at about 4:30 p.m. A 1991 Chev driven by Gerben Engwerda, 79 of Morrisburg, was west-bound on Lakeshore Dr. when the vehicle crossed the road and struck a pedestrian. The accident resulted in major injuries to pedestrian Reeta Praamsma, 63 of Morrisburg. Mrs. Engwerda was charged with careless driving.

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The President of the Bouck's Hill Legion made a donation to the Williamsburg Fire Department on behalf of the Legion. The money will be used to help purchase a STIHLTS 360 AVS electronic multi-purpose construction saw. Fire Chief Doug Disheau was very pleased with the donation.

OBITUARIES

Millie Duncan

Nellie Mildred (Millie) Duncan peacefully on Jan. 27, 1996 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Millie was the beloved wife of James (Jimmie) and mother of Willard and his wife Charlotte of Iroquois, Linda of Vancouver, B.C. and was predeceased by Blaine. She was the very proud grandmother of Krista of Iroquois, Tanya Domanko of Lombard, Illinois, and Sarah and Jesse of London, Ont.

Millie was born in Lanark County on April 8, 1916, the sister of Peg Arnott of Lanark and the late Willard and Lloyd Ramsbottom. She married Jimmie on June 3, 1941 in Queensborough, Hastings County. They moved to Iroquois and she worked at the Caldwell Linen Mill until she started her family. She then worked at the Iroquois Post office for 19 years until her retirement in 1981. She was a member of the Iroquois United Church and former choir member. Millie was active in the United Church Women's Institute and Good Companions, prior to her illness.

Friends were received, and funeral service held at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1996 with Rev. Eric Barr officiating. Pallbearers were nephews Dean McCurdy, and Laurie Duncan, neighbor Dwight Gilmer and family friend Bob McIntosh. Interment was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Maitland, Ontario.

Albert Toupin

Albert 'Sparky' Toupin, 59 of Cardinal, peacefully at the Kingston General Hospital on Jan. 23, 1996.

He was born Feb. 4, 1936 in Cardinal to Adrian Toupin and the former Ada Brontmire, both of whom predeceased him.

He was raised and educated in Cardinal, and worked at the Canada Starch (Casco) until he was injured at work in 1976.

Albert loved fishing, boating and watching his Toronto Maple Leafs play. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his five grandchildren. He was loved by all who were blessed to know him.

He married the former, Jean Strader on March 15, 1957. Albert and Jean bought the house where he and his brothers and sisters had been born. They have lived there for the last 27 years.

Albert is survived by his wife, Jean at home, son; Jeff of Milton, daughters;Janet (David) of Cardinal , Judy (John) of Prescott, grandchildren, Jeffrey, Matthew, Amanda, Philip and Jessica; and brothers, Carl (Bev) and Roger (Lila) and Gerald (Joannie) all of Cardinal, Frank of Mallorytown, Paul (Joan) of Brockville, as well as sisters; Mary (Eric) of Cardinal, Elaine (Larry) of Morrisburg, Goldie (Howard) of P.E.I. and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by an infant son, Gregory Adrian and brothers, Martin, Arthur, Johnny, Charlie, Leo and Philip.

Friends were received at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal where service was conducted by Rev. Andrew Adams. Interment will be in the spring. Donations were gratefully acknowledged by the family, to the Heart and Stroke Foundation as well as other charities of choice.



Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Sign language

Read the sign above carefully. It should say Children being children. However, some clever artist changed it to read hildren being speedbumps. The sign caught the attention of local businessman George Davies who called The Chieftain to let them know.

Winter Carnival

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race in the upstairs hall. Grab your car and join the fun. A great spectator sport, this is an amazing event. don't miss it.

While the previous events on Sunday are all indoors, the outdoors will beckon as a "freestyle snowboard competition on "the hill" will be held under the auspices of Sports Unlimited. Register at noon and show your stuff! For those more faint of heart, a "homemade toboggan contest" will be judged after the competition ends. Geggies' Home Hardware is sponsoring this one, grab some cardboard and get your imagination going kids and go for it. Prizes will be awarded for the "most original/unusual; best cardboard concoction; best tube-boggan (use an inner tube) and the fastest down the hill.

Getting going at 1, the fun will keep out the chill as a "gold dig, snow golf, a pancake toss, tot tobogganing, a snowshoe obstacle race, snow sculpturing and a puck shoot" will be featured. Of special interest is a "sleigh ride" sponsored by Dundas Veterinary Services will create a nostalgic atmosphere as will a" Maple Taffy on the snow" treat.

Such an extravagant undertaking would not be possible without a load of volunteer help and donations form local businesses. Community minded folks make these carnivals a success each year. Included this time are BDO Dunwoody Ward Mallette, Summers Insurance, Dr. Bart Steele, Sharron Jordon-Dorey, Brister Group, Century 21 McIntosh & Proulx, Dr. D. Flowers, Boyd Chrysler Jeep Eagle, Women's Institute, Robert Lamb, Dr. K. Darbyshire, Ault Foods, Dundas Veterinary Service, Dr. Carlin, Ault & Ault, John Redsell, Bruce Kerr Insurance and Investments, Winchester Press, Stock School Transportation Ltd.

Be where you can and enjoy what you want from this list of events, fun for all and all for fun in Winchester this week as winter carnival time swings into town for a blast of fun and frolic.

FROM THE FRONT

Sewage problem

the hydro came back on, the switch didn't switch back to regular power. As a result, power to the alarm was cut off and the light didn't turn on.

Jim Grant says they realized the problem in their basement early enough, but by the time the problem at the pumping station was fixed, four inches of backed-up sewage and water was in their basement.

It took the village work crew 15 minutes to get the pumping station working. It took three hours to get the well pumped down to normal levels.

The Grant home was the only home to be affected because their basement is deeper than others.

Grant is thankful for the help he had in cleaning up the mess. He is grateful to his insurance company's salvage crew members who worked until 3 a.m., and the village employees who fixed the pumping station problem.

"I have no complaints, these things just happen," he says, laughing.

Amidst all the frustration, Grant is definitely keeping his sense of humor.

"I guess if it had to happen to someone it's a good thing it happened to an employee of the village," he says, laughing.

Grant is the village building inspector and is the certified water treatment plant operator.

Reeve Larry Dishaw says the pumping station usually pumps an average of 2000 cubic metres per day. On that particular Saturday, it was working overtime pumping 4700 cubic metres.

"It was just so much, the system couldn't take it," Dishaw said.

Ironically, the pumping station will soon be replaced. According to the village clerk Jack Walsh, digging for the new station will begin this week. Tenders were received in the fall to upgrade the pumping stations on Highway 2 and Adelaide St. at a cost of $52-2,000.

Wonch says the new system will have bigger pumps, and employee pagers will be linked to the station alarm system.

Presently, the light is the only alarm at the station. Its usefulness is dependent on whether or not neighbors see the light and call the village work crew.

Women and Rural Economic Development dinner meeting

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Stats Canada has the figures to prove that, "Yes, women do run businesses more efficiently than men, and small businesses operated by women produce better results than those run by men,"and so it comes as no surprise that a network of rural area women has been established.

Speaking with one of the co-ordinators of the Women and Rural Economic Development - SD&G, Corry Martens, The Chieftain learned that there are a large number of women in this area who are either self-employed or who assist their husbands in a business. "Getting these women out to an informal dinner meeting, where they can share experiences, good and bad helps them gain confidence as well as realize they are on the right track."

Next week, a dinner meeting will be held at Baldi's Deli in Iroquois. There is no registration fee to belong to the network, just phone for tickets and show up on Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. The evening sounds like a wonderful way to compare notes, to become acquainted with other females in business for themselves or with others.

According to Martens, the idea originated three years ago and has grown in leaps and bounds throughout the province. This business dinner is the fifth in this area and promises to be informative and a marvellous way to gain contacts, as well as to promote your business to others in the community. Sharing pitfalls and encouraging others can only lead to better business growth and service to the public, and with no pressures, the women who attend and who have not yet established their business dream, will surely gain the confidence to do so.

Martens explains the idea of the evening is "to keep things light, while at the same time including something of value to rural women in the community." She adds that rural women are not only those in farming areas, but also in small towns and villages like Iroquois and Morrisburg.

Exposure is difficult given the financial climate we live in, and so door prizes are solicited from those business people attending. Business cards are collected and draws made throughout the evening. When your card is pulled, you and the winner are given the opportunity to speak briefly about your business. This supportive idea in a non-threatening atmosphere provides an invaluable promotional tool to afford small business people the chance to let others know they exist with no cost but the meal.

"We all live in a rural environment and so it is only natural that we want to support our local, rural businesses," noted Martens. "We even hold our dinners in small, rural establishments so they too get some free advertising."

The guest speaker next Thursday evening is Astrid Bierworth, who will enlighten everyone about time management . An accountant by profession, Bierworth resides in Winchester Springs. She sold real estate for several years before branching out on her own to work as a real estate appraiser for banks and private citizens in 1991. She brings a wealth of her own experiences, as well as those experiences others have shared with her.

Things get underway with social hour at 6 p.m. The workshop is scheduled to start at 7:30 with time afterwards for networking - getting to know exactly what lines of work women in the area are establishing and how they lend themselves to helping yours.

A good turnout is expected, as there are many business women in the area. Martens hastens to add that you need not be in any business, just have a keen sense of community and be female to attend.

"Who knows, you may have a business idea ready to flourish, and this may provide the necessary spark!" If there is enough interest shown, another meeting will come out of this one. Don't hesitate, if you are interested, come out and learn how you can get started in business for yourself, or with others. Give Corry Martens a call at 652-2097 for information or tickets.

Bird Notes

by
E. G. AVERY

Although we are still having sub-zero temperatures, the sunny days and moonlit nights are making it a little easier to tolerate. Some of the birds have been coming around more often, and the feeders in the country are really busy.

We spent another happy afternoon watching Blue Jays coming for their lunch; and by the time we counted 30 in the trees and at the feeders, we had to begin keeping track of Redpolls, the first we have seen this year. A fat Black Squirrel was having a feast on the ground, ignoring all the activity going on around him. A few Cardinals appeared, and it was a delight to watch the Reds and the Blues competing.

Flocks of Evening and Pine Grosbeaks have been appearing at various feeding stations in the Ottawa area. It would be nice if some of them would visit Seaway Valley.

Irena residents are enjoying a flock of House Finches counting 22 at one time. A "gang" of Starlings also landed there, and a few young Cardinals.

Willie would have seen his shadow if he had bothered to open his eyes, but when seen on the Friday news-cast, he was so comfortable resting on someone's lap, he apparently couldn't care less about shadows, and of course such a fuss was made over the U.S. Groundhog who did not see his shadow, poor Willie didn't get much "air-time".

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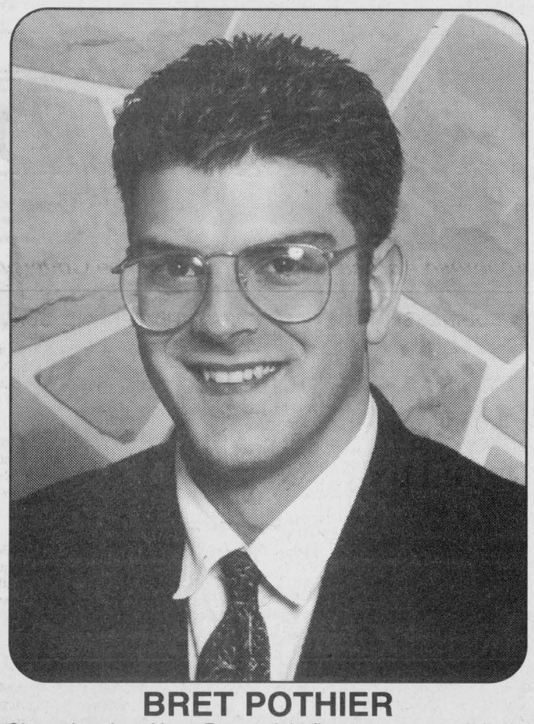

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Teen dance coming

Playhouse hosts Keelaghan show

by Tracey Adams
Special to The Chieftain

During the third show of the Upper Canada Playhouse winter series, James Keelaghan performed to a delighted audience.

A talented folk singer/songwriter, Keelaghan has become very popular since he won the 1994 Juno Award for best roots and traditional performer. And now with four records and a world tour underway across Canada, the USA, Europe, Japan and Australia, he has just been nominated for the 1996 Juno Award for best roots and traditional performer.

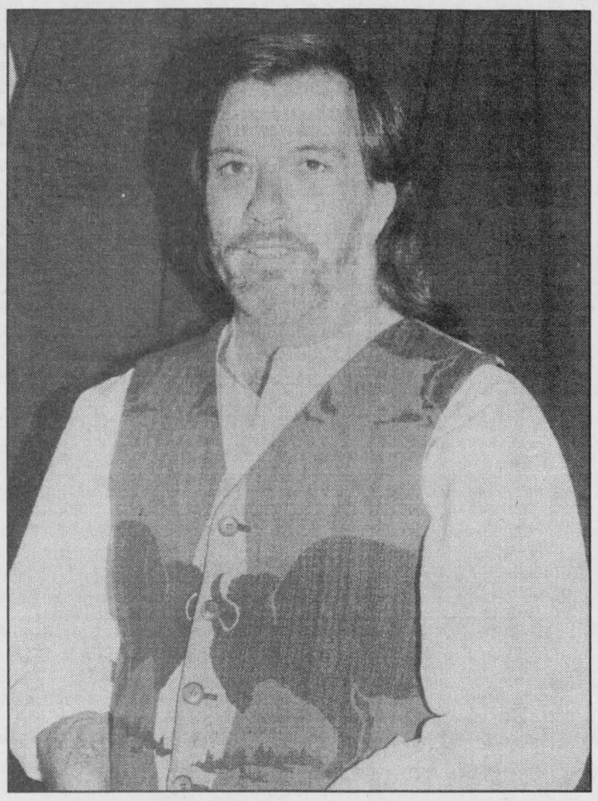
Before the performance, Keelaghan said he spent most of his life in Alberta, and many of his songs reflect the influences of the land and people that were around him.

Keeleghan said he is generally a serious person, but he admits to having a wry sense of humor. For instance, having recently moved to Toronto with his wife, he wrote a song about being stranded at a donut shop on Highway 401 during a blizzard.

Both Keeleghan's serious side and humorous side came out during Saturday night's performance. Alone on stage with his two acoustic guitars, he moved the audience from moods of deep melancholy to light-hearted hope-filled sing-a-longs. The parts sung by the audience sounded like a large choir, with harmony provided by the more talented singers.

Having been called back for an encore, Keeleghan performed his last song "unplugged" with the resonance of his voice and guitar filling the theatre. People walked **away** from his performance with a **warm** feeling in their hearts, knowing they had spent an evening with an exceptional performer.

The fourth and last show of the winter series, Love Under the Lights, will be held Saturday, April 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets can still be purchased for this evening of music and comedy in the cabaret tradition. Carol Ann Feldstein, Kevin Bradshaw and Leslie De'Ath will perform the works of Gershwin, Porter, Berlin, Bernstein, Sondheim, Rogers and several others.



UCP performance

James Keelaghan performed at the Upper Canada Playhouse Saturday night in front of a full house. A talented musician, he is nominated for the 1996 Juno Award for the best roots and traditional performer. *Chieftain photo by T. Adams*

Winchester Carnival is going to be a super blast

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There are more winter carnivals during February than any other month of the year. Therefore, Winchester, never one town to be left out in the cold, will host their annual contribution to the carnival circuit.

Starting on Thursday and running continuously until Sunday, there will be something for all ages and all tastes.

Those Spelling Bee wizards will compete on Thursday at the Public School with prizes to the best among them. Donated by Corner Books and Crafts, this will challenge a skill which will serve the youngsters in later life. Judging the "snow sculptures" in the school yard will be a difficult task, if the weatherman co-operates. Talented artists will create magical creatures from the white stuff. The evening will feature a "figure skating review at the arena, a Bingo hosted by he Winchester Lions in the upstairs hall while those who wish to see some hockey skills competitions along with a tourney played by ladies. The puck is to drop at 7:30.

Friday night gets rid of the hungries as the annual "carnival supper" at the Community Centre fills up every belly with delicious, hot munchies. The evening continues as the Hawks host the Alexandria Glens in Junior "B" hockey . A fun time for youngsters will see them take part in a "puck shoot for kids"..be there at 8:15 to catch the action. The evening ends with a dance at the Curling Club Lounge, from 9 to 1. A "curling bonspiel" will have the Curling Club rockin' Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Anyone interested is asked to contact Robert St. Pierre at 774-5892.

Ault Foods are sponsoring a "Circus Delights" hour at the Public School from 11 til noon on Saturday. Just imagine a 10-foot unicycle, Canada's largest magic bunny, eating fire!, juggling and daring escapes...not to be missed for sure.

Euchre fans will be smiling as a tourney is hosted in the Lion's Hall. The cards will be shuffled starting at 1pm. Anyone with a craving for delicious food will want to drop by the School where the Cubs will serve hot dogs from noon to 2pm. While there, take a look in the gym and check out the 21 Basketball Tournament. Registration takes place at 12:30 and costs only 50 cents...slam dunk away gang! The arena will come alive with a skills competition from 6 to 8pm, while those who enjoy dancing can grab some floor upstairs at the arena; pre-teens (8 and under) have the floor from 6:30 to 8, after which the 9 to 14 year olds take over until 10:30. Sponsored by the Winchester Figure Skating Club this sounds like a blast. Those who have their skates sharpened, can take to the ice from 8 til 9:30 as "public skating" will be the order of the evening.

A "Sunday brunch coupled with entertainment for the children will get the final day of the carnival underway. The upstairs hall will be the place to be from 11 - 2pm. The Recreation Committee and Village Council have teamed to host this one. Helping with donations are Ault Foods, Tony Wouters, Winchester Cheese, Kraft/General Foods, Andy's Food Town, Sweet Sisters Bakery, Nestle and Holmes Bakery. At 2pm, the "remote control cars will

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INSIDE AN HOUR

Your Chieftain Guide to local entertainment

Inside an hour gives you, our readers a quick glimpse of some of the entertainment, recreation and social events taking place within an hour's drive of Iroquois.

If **dance music** is your interest, then you won't want to miss **Electric Circus in Ottawa** this weekend. That's right people, the Much Music production crew will be at Winterlude in Ottawa Friday night and the show will be seen across Canada LIVE.

Tonight (**Wednesday February 7**) the Morrisburg Junior B Lions **will take on the South Grenville Rangers.** This will be a make-up game. The regularly scheduled game was cancelled due to zamboni problems at the Morrisburg Arena.

This Saturday evening the **Mountain Trail Blazers** will sponsor a Sweetheart **rally, dinner** and **dance** at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall. If there is no snow, the dance will go on! Age of Majority is required and **Shad's Disco** will spin out the tunes.

Saturday night should also be interesting in Morrisburg. Studio 231 at the Loyalist Hotel, will be kicking off the evening with a LIVE band.

Steven Barkley's Sweetheart Dance for CHEO will take place this Saturday evening at the Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. Running on Empty and Westburg Union will be featured. The dance starts at 8 pm and tickets are available at Mustard's Variety, Watson's General Store and Thompson Snowmobile.

Darts for Heart will fly in Iroquois this Saturday

The sixth annual Darts for Heart tournament is being held this Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Iroquois Legion.

Special guest Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank will have the honor of throwing the first dart at 12:30 p.m. Registration takes place between 11 a.m. and noon.

All the proceeds of the event, and a percentage of the bar sales will go to the Dundas County chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

It will cost $5 per person to take part in this afternoon event. The teams will be chosen before play starts. Last year 80 people participated, and organizers are hoping for more this year.

Raffles and draws will take place throughout the afternoon. Prizes have been donated from businesses across Dundas County.

One organizer, Walter Reid, says Darts for Heart will be a fun day for everyone. People will have the opportunity to have a good time while raising money for an important cause.

This event is being held during February's Heart and Stroke month.

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Saturday, Feb. 10 - 10-5
Sunday, Feb. 11 - 10-4
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TEEN DANCE
Friday, February 16th
Mountain Agricultural Hall, in South Mountain
Featuring Theatre of Soul
PRE-TEEN - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
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TEEN DANCE
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Knox Church, Iroquois
Tuesday, February 20, 1996
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Adults $4.00; Children $2.00
For info contact 989-5511
F7-2tv

Bridge Winners

The winners of the January 31st bridge party were first, Hubert Lapierre, second Brenda Lyon, and third went to Uylond Nicholson. Join us each and every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Iroquois Civic Centre. We hope to see you all there!

Skating party is set to go at Iroquois rink

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Everything is ready and all they need now is for the weather to co-operate. The Annual Iroquois Recreation Skating Party will take place this Saturday at the outdoor rink in Iroquois.

"We're starting at 6 pm," said organizer Laurie Zanchetta. "We'll be using a valentine theme for the evening."

A ballot box will be set up and parents can write down their childrens names and a boy and girl will be chosen as prince and princess of the event.

"It will be a really nice night for families," said Zanchetta.

Hot chocolate, chilli and hotdogs will be served and although the food is free, people will be asked to make a donation to Iroquois Recreation.

"We'd love to see as many out as there were at the tree burning," said Ms. Zanchetta. "It should be a really nice night."

Tickets are now on sale for Sharon, Lois and Bram

Tickets went on sale Monday, Feb. 5, for Let's Dance! Sharon, Lois & Bram's North American tour which touches down at the Brockville Arts Centre on Tuesday, March 12 at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Let's Dance!, based on the Trio's new album of the same name, takes four decades of danceable pop tunes to over 40 cities across North America. In true Sharon, Lois & Bram style, new arrangements put a twist on a fun-filled mix of familiar pop songs, while retro sets and costumes set the mood for everyone to shake it up to "Sh-Boom" and cuddle up to CS&N's "Our House".

Let's Dance! is Sharon, Lois & Bram's most ambitious tour in their 17 years together.

Reserved seating tickets are $13.00 (GST incl.) and are available from the Brockville Arts Centre box office, 342-7122.

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Dance 9:00 pm-1:00 am
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GENERAL INFORMATION MEETING
Thursday, February 8th
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•Overview of school society
•Bus transportation
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9:30 St. James Morning Prayer
9:30 Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11:00 St. Johns Choral Eucharist
St. James Morrisburg/St. Johns Iroquois
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St. Cecilia's Church
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St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Church
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Mass - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday's 7:30 p.m.

United Church of Canada
Matilda Pastoral Charge
Patsy Henry
February 11
Brinston - 11:00 a.m.
Hulbert Valley - 9:30 a.m.

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Edwardsburgh
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	Snow Sculpting Judging, Winchester Public School
6:30-7:30 pm	**Figure Skating Review,** Arena
7 pm	**Lions Carnival Bingo -** upstairs hall
7:30-9:30 pm	**Ladies Hockey Tournament and Skills Competition**

Friday, February 9

4:30-6:30 pm	**Carnival Supper -** Take out or delivery only, Nor-Dun Seniors Centre; $6 adult, $3 child. Tickets available in advance only at Clara's Dressmaking. For delivery call Clara at 774-3252. Hosted by the Community Centre Fund-raising Committee
8:15 pm	**Hawks vs. Alexandria,** Arena
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9 pm-1 am	**Music by DJ** in the Curling Club Lounge

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Saturday, February 10

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1 pm	**Euchre Tournament -** Winchester Lions Hall
12 noon-2 pm	**Hot Dog Lunch** by the Winchester Cubs, Winchester Public School
1-4 pm	**21 Basketball Tournament** (registration at 12:30 p.m.) $0.50 registration fee, register at Winchester Public School
6-8 pm	**Skills Competition -** Arena
6:30-8 pm	**Pre-Teen Dance** (8 years and under)
8-10:30 pm	**Pre-teen Dance** (9-14 Years) Arena Upstairs Hall. Admission $3, refreshments available, adult supervision, J&S Disco. Sponsored by the Winchester Figure Skating Club
8-9:30 pm	**Public Skating**

Sunday, February 11

11 am-2 pm	**Carnival Brunch and Children's Entertainment.** Sponsored by the Recreation Committee and Village Council - Upstairs Hall. Adults $4, children $2. Donations by Ault Foods, Tony Wouters, Winchester Cheese, Kraft/General Foods, Andy's Food Town, Sweet Sisters Bakery, Nestle and Holmes Bakery
2 pm	**Remote Control Car Racing -** Upstairs Hall. Bring your own car
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1 pm	**Freestyle Snowboard Competition -** sponsored by Sports Unlimited (registration at 12 noon) - at the hill
	Homemade Toboggan Contest, sponsored by Geggie's Home Hardware. Judging after the snowboard competition - at the hill
1 pm	Community Centre Rec Grounds
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New owners

After 38 years in the business, the founder of Iroquois Enterprises, George Jackson, has sold his business to three employees. Kurt Greaves, Robert Jackson and Andrew Davies became the new owners as of Friday, Jan. 26, 1996. Plant manager Davies says they are looking forward to the challenge of running the business. *Courtesy photo*

Young entrepreneurs have started a wake-up service

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The idea came from an episode of Seinfeld, and Elaine's boyfriend gets the credit.

The boyfriend's wake-up service has inspired Seaway District High School students Adam Millard, 16, and his cousin Dave to start their own business - their own personal phone wake-up service.

The idea was conceived last week while Adam was preparing his father's business advertisement for the paper. Dave came over. They started talking.

Before long, Adam had an ad for their wake-up service prepared to submit to local newspapers.

"Dave and his dad were talking about how Dave could pay for car insurance," Adam said. "And that can get sticky at times...but then we were watching Seinfeld and got this idea."

The new business venture works like this. If you have trouble getting up in the morning, call either Adam or Dave. They will ensure you wake up at the time you want.

It costs 86 cents per day or six dollars for the week. If you need to be called five times in the morning, it will still only cost you 86 cents per day.

Adam also says the message will be personalized to whatever people want. For instance, if people want the temperature and the weather conditions, they will provide that information.

"If people want Dave Letterman's top 10 from the night before, we'll do that," he says. "If people want something fun, within reason we can probably do it."

However, Adam says individuals will have to do their part to get themselves out of bed. He suggests that phones be placed on the other side of the room from where they sleep. That way they will have to get up to answer the phone.

Adam and Dave think there is a real need for this type of service because a lot of people have trouble getting out of bed in the morning.

"I think people would really consider this because it's personal," Adam said. "Everything is so automated these days...and this is a little more personal than an alarm. Plus you can't hit the snooze (button)."

Adam's father, Doug Millard says Adam is interested in earning money so he can afford insurance for the car. Doug calls Adam "quite a young entrepreneur."

"He comes up with a few good ideas and he's given me ideas for my own (computer) business," Doug said. "He has a fresh outlook somehow, especially when we get so bogged down in what we've been doing."

"He can come up with things that are new and different."

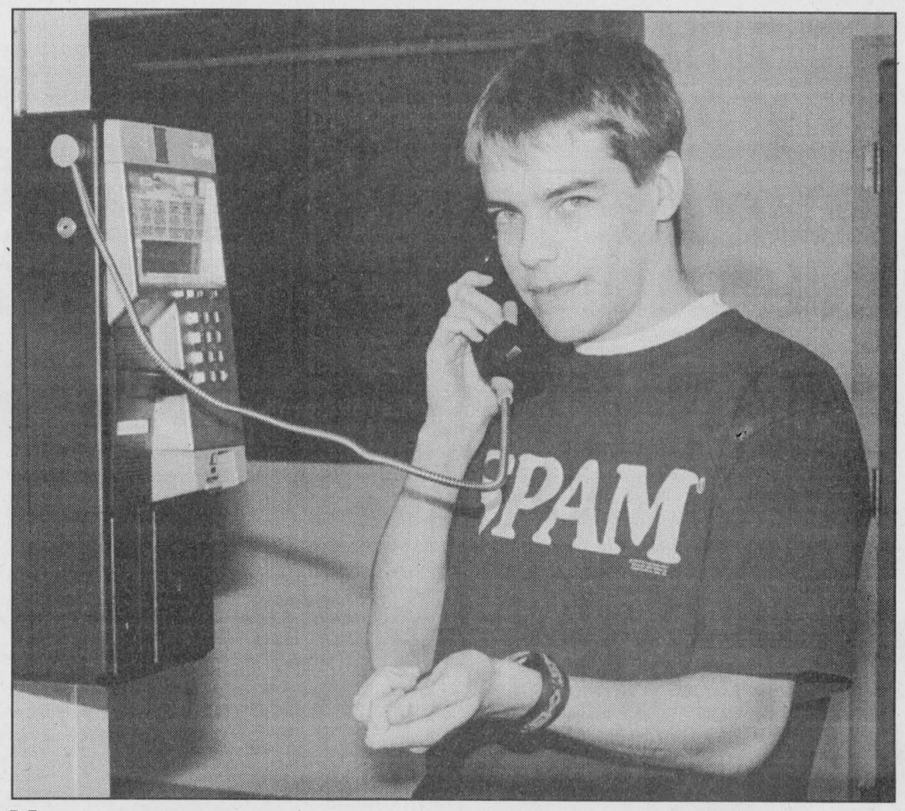
This is the first time Adam and Dave have tried a venture of this nature. Last summer, Dave had a job mowing lawns, but Adam has not yet been formally employed.

The ad has only been in the newspaper one week. As of Friday, no one had called to request their services. But both Adam and Dave are hopeful.

Now, only one other question remains for the parents of these two young entrepreneurs: will they be able to get up in the morning to call their clients?

"I was wondering if I'll have to call him so he (Adam) can call the others," Doug says, laughing.

All kidding aside, Adam says he hopes people take them and their business venture seriously. To book a wake-up call, phone 652-2350 or 652-4568. They will call anywhere within the 652-543-535 exchange, anytime except during school hours between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



New venture

Adam Millard and his cousin Dave have come up with a new business venture. They are starting a wake-up service for all of those people who have trouble getting up in the morning. They promise to provide a personalized service that is sure to get you out of bed.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Cardinal reeve raises concerns over CDRC's imminent closure

by Rebecca van Noppen
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Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw is less than pleased with the provincial government.

At a regular meeting last Thursday night, he said he does not understand the government's rationale in making cuts to programs offered by the Cardinal District Resource Centre (CDRC) - cuts that have forced the closure of the 10-year-old facility.

"I can't really understand these government decisions," he said.

He questioned the province's wisdom in deciding to cut back on seniors' programs and seniors' centres in a time when the Canadian population is aging.

"It really disturbs me," he said. "I don't know what the future will bring."

Deputy Reeve Rick Patrick agreed with the reeve.

"This is just the beginning (of what we will be seeing)," Patrick said. "They (provincial government representatives) will keep slashing. Slash and burn."

At a Jan. 15th meeting, the CDRC board of directors unanimously voted in favor of dissolving the CDRC corporation as of April 1, 1996.

With a budget of $800,000 being reduced to $250,000, the board decided it was no longer financially feasible to continue.

Cutbacks started in August, 1995 with the elimination of the jobsOntario program. Further cutbacks came in late fall putting an end to the community resource and youth support programs, and all Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) financial support for administration costs.

While several of the centre's major programs were cut, three still remain, including home support for seniors, youth employment counselling and Futures.

CDRC employees are presently negotiating with the appropriate ministries responsible to find other local agencies that will handle these three programs.

Iroquois Enterprises

where we are."

Davies sees Iroquois Enterprises as a viable business in the 1990s. Although sales were down in 1995 from 1994, he says the pallet-making business is a good one.

"Industry as a whole is slower and we are tied to the economy," he says. "We can't boom when the economy isn't."

Between the new owners, the three men have six years experience managing the Iroquois business. They are looking forward to the challenge of taking the firm into the 21st century.

In the meantime, the Jacksons will continue to work out of the Iroquois Enterprises offices, while continuing their work with the non-profit organization dedicated to helping children in developing countries.

Living with cancer program offers help

The Living with Cancer program of the Canadian Cancer Society offers patients of all ages and their families or friends, emotional, social and practical support and guidance through discussions facilitated by trained volunteers.

This goal is met by providing groups or individuals in a confidential setting, the opportunity to share experiences with others living with cancer.

One such family in Dundas County is the Kurschinskis - Bill and Virgie. They have been part of the local Living with Cancer group for over two years. Their experience is outlined below.

On Oct. 14, 1993, my wife Virgie had surgery to remove a cancerous lung. Since that time we have been living with cancer.

Virgie has gone through the chemotherapy route and completed the prescribed therapy with minimal inconvenience.

We have both been impressed with the total treatment of her cancer, both in and out of the cancer centre at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Such treatment was provided by the oncologist Dr. David Stewart, the nursing staff in the chemo unit, as well as local nurses who were there any time we needed.

I still recall the first day my wife received chemo and we returned home about 5 p.m. with various apprehensions of what might result from that experience. At 6:30 p.m. there was a knock at our door and our visiting nurse was there to check on my wife and to monitor her first chemo treatment. From that moment on, we felt supported.

You may find it strange that I say "we," but it is true we are both living with cancer.

I have to credit the attitude of my wife, who when she was told by the oncologist that only five per cent of people who receive chemo for this type of cancer will benefit from it, looked him straight in the eye and said: "I can be one of the five per cent."

After that positive declaration, I went to the computer and printed a number of posters that were placed throughout our home. They read: "I am one of the five per cent."

Since that fateful October day, we have also been grateful for the support of the Living with Cancer group. I know how much we have benefitted from this group, especially at the very beginning of our journey with cancer.

As time goes by, I know my wife looks forward to those evenings because of what she and I can give. The fellowship of the group is tremendous and the sensitivity is phenomenal. Until you have lived with cancer, you really can't appreciate that. This group has helped us beat cancer.

Statistics indicate that those people with cancer who have a strong support network, especially peer groups, are surviving with their disease much longer than those without support.

If you have had experiences living with cancer and wish to help others, we encourage you to join us. For those in the community who need support, we offer a lending library of books, tapes, articles and brochures.

The Dundas County Living with Cancer group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre. For further information, please call Linda at 613-774-3845 or Wendy at 652-1363.

Bridal preview

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together by Bridals by Al-Mor of Chesterville. About 17 models showed some 50 bridal-wear outfits.

Fodrek says he is thankful to the Operating Engineers Institute for their help in setting up the event, as well as building the ramp for the fashion show.

Plans are already underway for next year's bridal preview. Fodrek is asking exhibitors for their suggestions in making the 1997 edition an even greater success.

He expects to expand the preview to include more exhibitors, and will ask for help in organizing the event.

"I'm looking forward to next year's bridal preview, already," he says.



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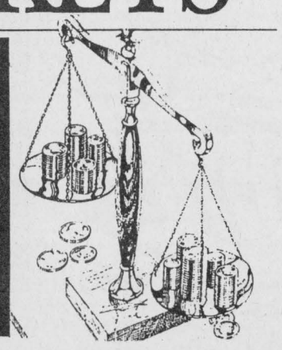
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Six steps to RRSP success

Here's a six-point checklist of things to consider before deciding where to invest your RRSP contributions this year. Choose wisely now, and your nest egg will grow faster – helping you afford the lifestyle you want later.

Set objectives: The types of investment you make will be influenced by your goals and anticipated returns.

Consider time to retirement: The further away retirement is for you, the more emphasis you should place on growth assets.

Plan your future: The way you hope to live during retirement and the amount of income you'll require should influence your investment decisions.

Calculate other sources of retirement income: If you'll be receiving substantial funds from other sources, you may feel comfortable in taking a more aggressive investment position.

Know your risk tolerance level: The old saw about not investing anything that will keep you awake at night holds true of RRSPs as well.

Review non-RRSP investments: If you have a large portfolio outside your RRSP, you'd be smart to hold more equities (stocks and stock-oriented mutual funds) in this portfolio, emphasizing interest-bearing investments in the RRSP. *Royal Trust*

Dividend reinvestment plans save

Most investors are familiar with the way mutual fund earnings can be rolled over each quarter to buy additional units at the price prevailing on the dividend date. Then, next quarter, your return is based on the increased number of units — and so on until you decide to cash in.

Less well known, but increasingly common are similar reinvestment arrangements for shareholders of many major corporations. The plans are well worth looking into.

First, they provide a valuable element of "forced savings". If you don't get a dividend cheque, you're not tempted to spend the money. Furthermore, you acquire your new shares at lower cost because there's no broker's fee to pay. Better still, some companies actually offer shareholders a discount on additional shares purchased with dividends.

It's all good news if you're a smaller-scale investor whose commission charges are proportionately high. But there is a small disadvantage for larger operators because participation in a reinvestment plan means loss of control as to exactly when you buy.

What about RRSP eligibility? The regulations are clear that shares purchased through a dividend reinvestment plan can be included in your RRSP portfolio. However, some brokers discourage the practice because of the extra paperwork for small return. So it makes sense to determine your broker's policy ahead of time.

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