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required amount is recovered. Then I did something I know better than to do, I get off the stretcher and walk out to the waiting room. As the walls begin to turn and weave, the lights grow dim and the floor starts to come up to meet me...I am feeling faint and suddenly am sitting with my head between my legs, taking very deep breaths until the feeling subsides. Back to the stretcher, a cold compress and the big guy ensuring that I do not fall off...what a terrific ending to the deal. Regaining my composure, we are off out the door and out of the Hospital, headed to the drug store for pills. a quick stop for food, a drive home and for some reason I read the info on the medication. A warning about not taking if liver disease or jaundice is in the patient's history, and I am stymied again. I had jaundice a long time ago. A call to the Hospital tells us the doctor has gone off duty, another will advise me. A new prescription phoned to the drug store and we are in business to begin getting the infection under control. Working at the keyboard is rather difficult due to the pain which spreads across the chest, arm, shoulder and back, but short stints will accomplish what is necessary for the weekly paper.

The weekend was shot. Saturday was a bust for sure since when we arrived home it was growing dark and the pain pills gave me the greatest urge to sleep. Sunday was not much better as the nerves are on edge and the pain more than can be endured at times. We have to eat and so the friends enjoyed a meal with us and I did the best I could under the circumstances.

A visit to the personal physician this week will further assist with the pain and ensure that the infection is indeed on the run as it is combatted with tough medicine.

A call from the university son was loud...one of the housemates got a receiver for Christmas and the boys were patching it to the speakers throughout the house. It was easy to hear the music (?) through the phone as they tried them. They all seemed happy and excited about this event and asked if we heard of a speaker deal, we would advise him of it...exactly what they need is more speakers! Classes began on Monday and he will let us know what and when he is in class so we do not call when he is out only to be disappointed needlessly.

The college kid is back in class and seems to be adjusting just fine. Books and now a CD burner are on the agenda and he will soon be out of cash, so mom and dad will have to come to the rescue again. Another year and a four months and he will graduate, then things will hopefully cool down in the financial department. It seems that when they are in school it is hard work for them and money for those helping them.

The other evening after the rain ceased, and the temperature cooled down, the snow flakes began to float earthward and the barren apple tree on the front lawn at Swampview, adorned yet with coloured bulbs was so very pretty...Mother Nature sure knows how to produce a display!

The Bronco has a new alternator this week, after a scare where the red battery light came on and remained on, a call went out to the favourite mechanic and repairs were initiated. We are hoping to have one of the little Tempos back in the yard this week. The college kid needs it to begin his treks to school next week. This week he is hitching a ride with his girlfriend, thank heavens she is able to help us out!

Take care and keep smiling, you hear. The wisdom this week comes from Edward Gibson who said, "I was never less alone than when by myself."

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

Another birdwatcher has joined the column this week as a letter arrived at the newspaper. Great to hear from you folks as the feeders are very active right now. The snow brings the birds to check out what treats and tasty seeds are available around the neighbourhoods. Please remember to keep those feeders filled. It is a cruel thought that someone would start to feed early in the fall and discontinue as the snow falls and the birds are caught without meals.

"We live on Haddo Road near a man-made pond. Birds of every kind have adopted this pond as migrating refuge and a summer home.

We were lucky to have seen over the years a multitude of feathered friends. Last week we saw twenty-one Wild Turkeys crossing a field at the corner of our road next to the West County Line. This week we have seen many visitors at our feeders, including twenty-five Mourning Doves, nine Blue Jays, ten Chickadees and a huge Hairy Woodpecker along with four smaller Woodpeckers.

In the fall for the past ten years, three Snow Geese flew in with hundreds of Canada Geese to the back fields to check the corn.

This summer we had two new additions to our yard. A very bashful Yellow Billed Cuckoo in a huge birch tree in our yard, it flew away after two days and we also had a first time Scrub Jay who dropped in for his share of the feast.

Two years ago, I looked out the front window and saw a large branch in the plowed field across the street. Since I knew that there were no branches in the plowed field, I got my binoculars and viewed a motionless American Bittern, poised to spear a prey. Large beak thrusted upwards, waiting...waiting... patiently, he stayed in the same position for over an hour!"

Our Irena birdwatcher called to report two Blue Jays and 4 Mourning Doves at her feeders. Two frisky Squirrels were spotted on the neighbours lawn as well, a Black and a Gray. Over two dozen (25 to be exact) Wild Turkeys were seen along Shaver Road, there were some in the fields as well. She noticed a couple of Partridges searching for food too. There were 4 Tree Sparrows and 3 Chickadees enjoying the fare at her feeders these past few days. Five Juncos also stopped by, one was a brownish colour and after researching her birdbook she reports that it was an immature bird. A great sighting of 2 female Cardinals under the seed bell was noted. She tells us that a neighbour told her that after only a day or two of putting his feeder up, he was fortunate to welcome 2 male and a female Cardinal. As we speak on the phone she sees a male Cardinal grabbing breakfast at her feeder. She warns all birdwatchers that the Red Polls are around, she had 4 arrive yesterday at her feeder. They must be in the area again.

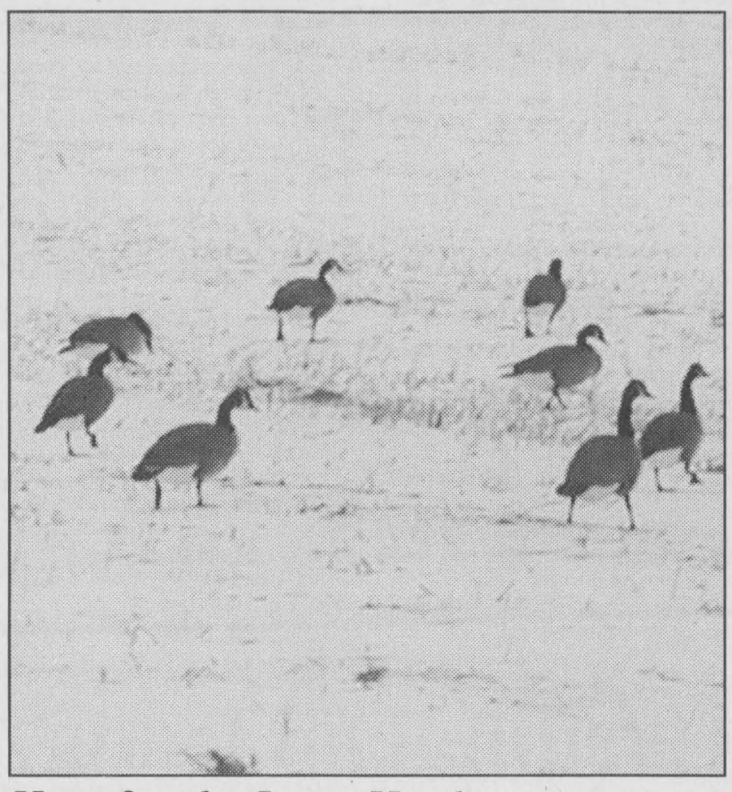
A gentleman on the third concession reports seeing Wild Turkeys in his back yard last week.

Driving to work early on Wednesday morning I saw four Partridge along the County Road near town. They are so pretty, especially when they attempt to fly and their tail feathers show the white patches.

We have not seen our young male Cardinal recently, although the timid little fellow could be coming when we are not watching. We have had Chickadees and Sparrows emptying the feeder lately, they seem to like the centre rungs best. The box on the deck seems to have frequent guests as well, and is empty more than often, it keeps us going to maintain it.

A neighbour across the way reports a tree full of Mourning Doves, all fluffed and snuggled against the wind. They seem to be lumps in the barren cherry tree and we looked twice before we realized they were not nests! A Red-Headed Woodpecker was enjoying the suet at the new feeder they got, he is a pretty bird for sure.

Keep those reports coming. Since we are getting news from new folks each week, it must be a column many enjoy. Be involved, all it takes is a call to 652-4395 on Tuesday morning and your sightings too can be a part of this column. Keep watching and enjoying our fine feathered friends, this is an opportune time to watch them. Take care and good birding! Many of you will have gotten new feeders, seed or books to enhance your enjoyment, please share with us all what you see from your window.



Here for the Long Haul

Our mild winter weather suits these Canada Geese just fine as they appear quite content to stay put this winter. Why travel when you don't have to? One has to wonder though if they can find enough food to sustain themselves through the snow blanket...they must be doing okay.

R.I.D.E. results from festive season blitz

The Festive R.I.D.E. campaign has concluded for the holiday season and the final week which covered December 27, 2001 to January 2, 2002, reports 578 vehicles checked at checkpoints throughout SD&G. One driver was charged with impaired driving, 9 received 12-hour drivers licenses suspensions and SD&G officers issued 17 other related charges from Highway Traffic Act violations and Liquor offenses.

During the 5-week period from November 29, 2001 through to January 2, 2002, 3275 vehicles were checked at R.I.D.E. checkstops throughout SD&G. A total of 7 drivers were charged with impaired driving, 33 were issued 12-hour suspensions (drivers licences) and SD&G OPP officers issued 62 other related charges.

Motorists continue to be encouraged to be responsible when it comes to this deadly mix. The message continues to be Not to Drink and Drive, ALL year through and not just during the holiday season. Officers will continue to conduct R.I.D.E. in an effort to target drunk drivers.

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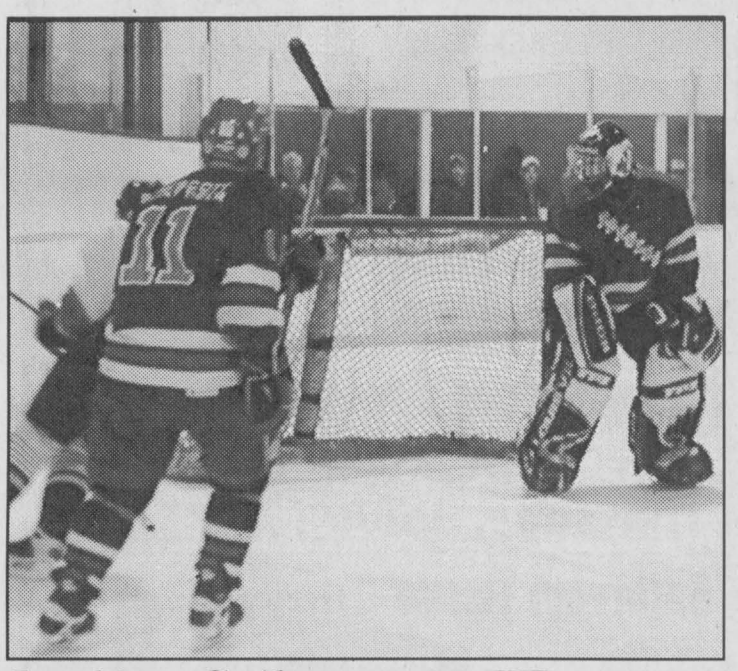


Looking Guilty

South Grenville Junior B Rangers net minder Alex Last stood looking guilty as he lost his stick, and intentionally knocked the net off it's moorings to get a stopage in play. It's only a penalty if you get caught, and he got away with it as neither the referee, nor the linesmen noticed. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Morrisburg Junior B Lions drop close game against SG Rangers

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A rough first frame saw the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions behind one at the buzzer. During this first period the South Grenville Rangers had six penalties called, three of which were Game Misconducts that saw Andrew Hare who wears the "A" on his jersey indicating he is a leader among his teammates ousted, along with his Coach, Anthony Gilmer and Trainer Travis Bergeon. Player and Coach each were tossed at 9:30 while the Trainer left at 7:51.

In the scoring department the Rangers were on the board first as Derek Jung tucked one behind Shawn Pollard minding the net for the Lions. Kevin Walsh and Lucas Spencer earned the assists on the play. The Lions shot back strong as Ghyslain Hotte scored at 7:50 of the first to put the home team on the board, knotting the tally. Jon Chambers and Jean Clement earned the assists. Before the period ended, with just under two minutes on the clock, Alex Lafontaine slammed one into the twine behind Pollard to put the Rangers up one as the buzzer sounded.

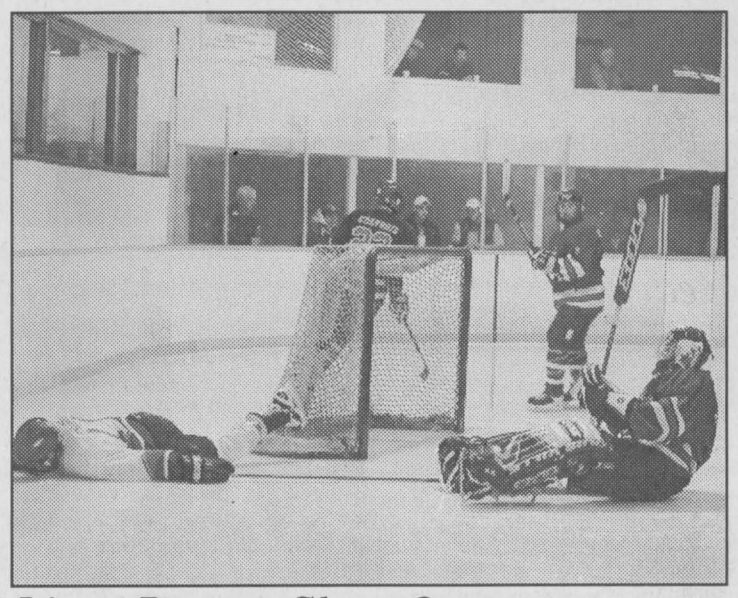
The Rangers counted the sole marker in the second as at 13:05 Tyler McLeod skated in with Pat Foley and Ted Livingston to score a lucky counter. The puck trickled through the confusion of players in front of the net and Pollard was able to locate it and keep it out. Unfortunately the rebound ended up on McLeod's stick and he did not miss the opportunity to score. The Rangers were up 3-1 as the second period ended.

Some very good playing at both ends of the ice, excellent goal keeping by both goalies and strong determination by both teams to be victorious, this was a good one.

The third period was a well played game by the Morrisburg Lions. Every player played hard and it seems had they played this calibre of hockey for the entire game the outcome would have been in their favour. The Lions roared peppering the Ranger goalie. A big lad who stood tall in the pipes, Alex Last put in a valiant effort as the Lions worked hard to score.

Halfway through the third, the Lions bounced back as Pat Sullivan scored at 9:45. Helping him were a pair of Matts; Bergeron and Telfer. Unfortunately that was all the Lions roaring could accomplish and they fell just short of the win, even after pulling Pollard and sending the extra attacker onto the ice.

The Lions face a busy weekend as the week comes to an end. On Friday, January 11 they will host the Gananoque Islanders, with the puck dropping at 8:15. On Saturday they trek to Akwesasne to face the Wolves at the Turtle Dome and on Sunday they will be in Athens to play the Aeros. Action heats up at 7:30 each evening.



Lions Drop a Close One

Here a Junior B Lions player accidentally collided with the Rangers goaltender. Both were taken off guard and a little slow to get up, but neither was hurt in the incident. The Rangers goaltender, Alex Last, recovered quickly and stood tall in the net, leading his team to victory. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Iroquois Legion Darts has tie for top spot

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Topping the ladder of dart teams in the Iroquois Legion Mixed Dart League this week is shared by the Terminators and the Incredibles. Both teams have 92 points to their credit. Helping the Terminators this week were Rick Tyo who won 4 games, Gerry Chater who won 3 and struck 100 and 121. Tara Summerfield and Lincoln Taylor each won a game, Lincoln caught 100 along the way. Getting the job done for the Incredibles was Jake Summerfield who won 6 games and nailed 100, 139 and 140. Trevor Wilson won 2 games hitting 100 and 121. Bob Esford won 2 games as well and hit 100 and 105.

Slipping to second place are the Big Bananas who have 89 points on their tally. Thanks to the efforts of Tony Easter who won 3 games, Glen Easter who won 2 hitting 116, Cecil Lewis who won 2 and struck 100 and Linda Birch who won 1 game and hit 100 doing so.

Clinging to third place are Whoops who earned 85.5 points. Winning one game each were team members, Duane Kirker (100), Sharon Lewis (105), Mike Easter and Donna Hodgson.

Coming in at fourth position we have the Rugrats with 81 points. Chris Thompson won 3 games and nailed 100x5, Sandra Julien won 2 games and hit 100, 126 and 129 while Lloyd Greenough won a game and struck for 100, 121 and 140.

Fifth belongs to the Mustangs this week as they nip at the tails of the Rugrats with 80 points tallied. Geoffrey Wilson and Melba Chater each won a game and Sharon Easter nailed 100x2 and 116 to keep their team within striking distance.

The Misfits earned 74 points to give them sixth place in the standings. Wayne Bellinger played well winning 4 games and striking for 125. Ann Nesbitt won a game and nailed 121, while teammate Art Ault won 1 game.

Holding seventh spot we see the Unicorns with 72 points in their column. Glen Adams won 3 games and recorded 100, 127 and 123 as he did his best to pull his team higher on the ladder of victories. Cecil Tyo won 2 games and nailed 120.

The Sureflites come in eighth this week with 68.5 points. Jean Greenough won 2 games hitting the 116, while Sandra Keeler (120), Arnie Fader (100) and Earl Nesbitt (100) each won one game.

The Outlaws earned 65.5 points as Tina Summerfield won 2 games and Trevor Easter (100x2) and Maryann Markell each won one to place them ninth overall in the standings this week.

Blues Clues came in tenth with 64.5 points, closing in on the team ahead. Jeff O'Neil (100) won 5 games and Denzil Tousant won 2 games, while Jamie Adams won a game as well to help the team.

In the cellar this week are the Wolf pack with 60 points, still in the hunt for top spot. Carol Birch (100) won 3 games and Mike Keeler (100) won 2 games.

Keep those darts flying folks! Thanks to Geoff Wilson for providing information each week so this column can run.

Cardinal #4 leads Interbranch Darts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Standings after an evening of darts at Iroquois on Thursday, January 3, 2002 we see Cardinal #4 leading the pack with 126 points. Iroquois #5 follows with 117. On their feathers and closing fast is Prescott #1 with 108 points. Cardinal #2 has earned 91 points while Iroquois #7 tugs at their tails with 89 points. Iroquois #8 are closing in on both the Iroquois #7 and Cardinal #2 teams as they have tallied 87 points. Prescott #6 have 75 points and still in the cellar is Prescott #9 with 55 points to their credit.

Winning three or more games is good darts and this week we have Tom Beach, Duane Kirker and David Haynes each winning 4 games. Well done men!

Jake Summerfield, Lorne Veley, Wayne Bellinger, Cecil Tyo, Brad Baynham and John Marchand have each won 3 games, a great achievement for them.

Duane Kirker earned the distinction of "highfinisher" this well with 119.

Highscores were earned by Bill Hutt of Iroquois who excelled this week, with 177, 140x2 and 121. David Haynes earned 140, 125 and 121. Rick Sayeau shot 140 and 121 and Ross King nailed 140 and 120. Striking for 140 were John Marchand, Joel Adams(Iroquois), Tom Beach(Cardinal), Ron Bradford (Iroquois) and Kevin Laming (Cardinal). Hitting 125 and 121 were Brad Baynham and Wayne Bellinger while Bob Juby struck for 125.



Peewee House League Tournament

This young South Grenville Ranger lined up to take the face off after scoring a beautiful goal against Brockville in the B semi-final match up. The talented young player (#4) deeked the goalie, and sent the puck high over the shoulder of the sprawling net minder for the first goal of the game late in the second period. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

PeeWee C Lions defeat NGS squad

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

NGS scored the solo marker in the first frame as Sam Trace beat Andrew Tupper spoiling his shutout bid.

A tight matchup these teams played some pretty good hockey as neither wanted to admit defeat until the final buzzer sounded.

The second period was scoreless and then in the third, the Lions roared into action. Darren Baldwin bulged the twine for the first of two times as he beat Julien Adam at 12:34 unassisted. Then, at 6:14 of the period, Sheldon Beckstead teamed with Kurtis Corry and Adam Schnurr to count the second marker of the game for the Lions. At 2:46 of the third, Andrew Adlington bulged the twine to put the Lions up by two goals. Earning assists were Schnurr again and Tyler Mills. This would have given the Lions the victory, but at 1:46 Baldwin skated in alone again to make certain the NGS squad would remember the Lions. The final read 4-1.

Each team picked up three penalties, all during the second period, demonstrating the tension when no one can seem to score at either end of the ice.

Atom C Lions are still unbeaten

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On December 22, 2001, the Atom "C" Lions travelled to Long Sault to face-off against the South Stormont Selects. In a hard fought see-saw battle the Lions came away with a 3-3 tie. Bulging the twine for the Lions were the members of the hot line: Drew Hutt who was helped by Patrick Chesbro and Michel Thurler and then Thurler nailed one into the net as he was helped by Nick Thomas and Thomas Corden. Conner then found space to tuck the puck past the crease. Earning the assist was Nick Thomas and Drew Hutt.

On December 29, the Lions made the trip to Spencerville to face the Kemptville Panthers and came away with a lopsided victory, defeating their opposition 6-0. Scoring for the Lions were once again the lads with the hot sticks, Michel Thurler counted 2 as did Conner Hodgson while singles came from Nick "Buzzsaw" Thomas and Brad Munro.

Helping out on the goals were Thomas Corden who earned assists on 2 as did Nick Thomas, Drew Morrow and Drew Hutt each helped on one. Lucas Stewart recorded the shutout in the pipes for the Lions. Another outstanding job by these fine players.

Atom C Lions are crowned B Champs

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Lions participated in a tournament in Long Sault on January 3rd and came home with bragging rights as "B" Champs.

In their first game the Lions defeated the Kemptville Panthers in a close on 3-2. Scoring for the victors were Matt Hanson unassisted, Patrick Chesbro who got help from Michel Thurler and Conner Hodgson who took the pass from Nick Thomas.

In their second match of the tourney, the Lions came out against the Kingston City Cougars, dropping another close one 1-0.

Due to the way the point system was set up for the tourney, the Lions had to face these Cougars again in the "B" Championship game. The Lions knew their opponents this time and by steady, persistent playing, the Lions came out on top of a 2-0 final. Bulging the twine for the Lions were Nick Thomas who was helped by Patrick Chesbro and Conner Hodgson. The other counter came off the stick of Drew Hutt. Earning the assist on this play were Patrick Chesbro again and Nick Thomas.

On Saturday, January 5, 2002, the Lions trekked to Akwesasne to play in the Turtle Dome and left with a 6-2 win. Scoring for the Lions were Nick Thomas who came through with a goal and 2 assists, Patrick Chesbro and Drew Hutt each of whom came through with 2 goals and an assist. Michel Thurler scored a goal while Conner Hodgson and Brad Munro each earned two assists. Nathan McDonell and Evan Harper had an assists each in the victory.

On Sunday, January 6, the Lions hosted the South Stormont Selects and in what turned out to be a tight battle the best the teams could skate away with was a 1-1 knot. Bulging the twine for the Lions was Michel Thurler who had help from Nick Thomas.

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CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT OF GEORGE'S DREAMS PROVIDES GREAT MEMORIES

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Everyone has a dream, no matter your age or gender. So it is that almost every pilot has a dream: whether a faster plane, to fly a jet, make a long cross-country trip or to live in an airport...and the list goes on. George Jackson of Iroquois shares his dream with us, "Mine was to do a long cross-country to Honduras."

"I have worked in Central America as a volunteer half of my time rotating every six weeks for the past 20 years. This was the place I wanted to fly my plane to. (George is a licensed pilot). From my home in Iroquois, a 4,000 mile journey would be a nice cross-Country," says George, a broad smile on his face.

As is always the case, the planning for the trip takes much longer than the actual trek and George's was to be no exception. He admits that the thinking about doing it took some years, while the actual preparation took three months.

First on the agenda was someone to accompany him on the flight. Asking a friend, a Director with the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association and a professor at a local university to recommend a competent and amiable co-pilot, George spoke to Charles Cartlidge, a graduate student of his friend's and an instructor at Laurentide Aviation. A meeting over lunch assured George that he was the right person for the task. "Charles was ready to go the next day, I wasn't," adds George.

Dividing up the various tasks such as getting maps, insurance, checking procedures necessary to transit four countries, the plan called for them to leave when the first big high pressure area presented itself in mid-September.

Ensuring they had in their possession all the airport and airguide information available for the USA, George made contacts in Mexico (Baja Pilots Assocation) which contained airports, places to stay, local notes and border information. They also provided insurance which George could not obtain otherwise. "Mexico is fussy about insurance, not accepting US or Canadian policies. Insurance from the US will not allow you to transit Belize, Honduras and the rest of Central America. "You will be grounded unless you have the right insurance. It cost me about $95 US for a year and covered liability and property damage," notes George. He continues explaining that he paid $300 (Cdn) for insurance in Honduras for the trip, the minimum policy which covers four months. No visas were needed.

Leaving Iroquois airport alone for Cedres Airport in Montreal to pick up Charles, a quick stop at Lachute gave them fresh oil and a last check at Aero Structures as they filed their flight plan for Syracuse and they were off.

Checking at customs in Syracuse, a routine matter for all Canadians and a pit stop for pilots and planes, they were astounded to have a red carpet rolled out for them to dismount their plane. A car was ready for them with a map showing local restaurants!"Talk about service!" says George, "This was it!"

It was here that both George and Charles felt a bit deflated when they met two young men on an around the world flight in a Vintage 1950s Twin Commander. "These fellows made our trip seem like a Sunday morning breakfast flight!" said George.

Then it was on to Columbus, Ohio where our dreamers stayed the night. "My first impression of flying across the border was the wonderful service we received," admits George who adds, "I was never disappointed in the USA."

Next day it was on to Munroe, Louisiana. This day provided the Canadians with a sense of security instilled by their American neighbours. "They have you pinned all the time, flight following works well in the USA," says George. As a way of telling us now this was demonstrated, he says, "We flew for an hour hearing nothing, then radio silence was broken by "Papa Yankee Yankee 12 o'clock a F-18 will pass you- and he did from underneath, then he went straight up in front of us!" George explains that one feels secure when in the hands of such great flight following service.

After a long flight across Texas, the team arrived in Brownsville, their border crossing. Fully aware of what Mexican paper work might be like, they stayed overnight planning an early departure for Mexico.

"The Brownsville-Texas Matamoros Mexico flight is 10 minutes but they need 15 minutes advance notice to enter so a series of 360s from one airport to the other gave us an on time arrival in Mexico. I was not disappointed about my expectation of paperwork. We had to present ourselves in front of four different officials. We made it and were off with five days permission and all the transit papers we needed," says George. From now on every stop would cost landing fees, but cheap fuel offsets this expense.

Mexico surprised George in numerous ways from what he expected to find. "The first thing you notice is the radio silence after leaving the USA. The good roads we followed down the coast, and then all the industrial cities, the large fancy bridges crossing rivers gave me an entirely different impression of the size and wealth of the country."

Staying at Vera Cruz, George treated Charles to mariachi music and Mexican beer. Being familiar with Latin America, it was fun for George to show his young co-pilot the sights. George speaks Spanish which helps him get info and move freely about the area.

Following the Gulf Coast to Ciduad del Carmen they saw huge numbers of oil wells. Mexico is heavily involved in the petro business.

One of their anxious trips yet lay ahead of the adventurous duo. The long, three-hour flight across the Yucatan. Desolate country with only one airport (not on the maps) along the entire route, for safety sake they used a road as a guide. The mountains and vast jungle turned them away from the crossing to Tikal. George has seen jungle and was not willing to chance trouble. "Once you come below the canopy of the big trees, you're lost to the world from above."

At Chatumal, Mexico, north of Belize and below Cancun they surrendered their papers and headed for San Pedro Sula, Honduras, their final destination. "George 's voice cracks as he says, "What a thrill to see the airport as you cross the coastal mountains after a 4,000-mile journey!"

They spent seven days in Honduras, touring, relaxing and meeting friends. Flying in Honduras requires a trip to the Civil Aviation office for permission. "They give you 15 days, no problem, no cost, a good place to fly to," according to George. But, now the trip home had to be considered.

"I want to tell you the trip home was uneventful...we left Honduras on September 27 in sunny weather that lasted about 45 minutes, then the whole world ahead of us turned to a giant rain cloud and whatever else Mother Nature could stir up. Just North of Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, one short hour into our trip, we were at 600 feet over the ocean looking for a hole to get into Belize as an escape. This was not a planned stop and not a pleasant experience!"

George confides, "Reflecting on this makes me thankful, as in all things for what our country offers. As an aviator, we can get forecasts from competent weather people and chat about what lies ahead. After you cross the Mexican border going south you get present conditions where you are. If you wait, you can get present conditions at the destination providing you are willing to wait; for weather between you are on your own!"

Spending two rainy days in Belize, they learned that while the weather office was good, the weatherman's forecasts were not! he suggested, "Get out of here today or be ready to spend a week!!" hurricane Keith was about to descend with all the wrath he packed. The flyers decided to get across the Yucatan, make a quick stop in Chetunal, where customs officials required the two to lug everything from the plane to the inspection desk so he could exercise the "root around in the suitcase" exercise.

Off to Ciduad del Carmen across the Yucatan, 6,000 feet of big, puffy clouds reminded the two what flying is really all about once more. For two hours the ceiling fell to 1200 feet and it was hazy as they headed north attempting to avoid the worst.

Then it was down the coast to locate an airport. Coming through the scud at 800 feet to Ciudad del Carmen. Following the coast of Mexico north to Matamoros listening to the chatter from helicopters servicing oil rigs in the Gulf and other than one half hour of 40mph headwinds at Minititlan, it was beautiful weather. We missed the full force of Keith whose intensity flooded the airport in Belize doing millions in damage to an already impoverished, but pleasant nation.

Stopping at Matmoros to surrender their Mexican papers then entered the USA at Brownsville, Texas. "We cleared customs without problems and flew to Memphis where they did up the town and listened to music again." Onward to Bowling Green, then to Columbus for fuel, Syracuse for more fuel, a call at Canada Customs and the fearless pilots made their first flight of the trip after dark from Syracuse to Kingston.

Clear into Canada without seeing anyone, and home to Iroquois, George describes the last three days of the trip as being in clear skies, with the week following their journey bringing in cruddy weather.

While George admits this was not the long cross country trip he dreamed of, it was an adventure..."Not a day has passed since then that something on the trip has not crossed my mind. It would make an interesting book. From the storm we circumvented to the burnt up Mexican A-320 Airbus we saw at Minititlan, passing new and different countries and all the wonderful people at so many "new to us" airports.

George and Charles made the trip in George's PA 28-151 piper Warrior, with 160hp. Averaging about 8.2 gallons of fuel per hour was not bad at all.

"A 19-day journey we will remember all our lives, we spent 6 days getting to Honduras from Canada, a week there and 6 days getting back home, if you want to do something like this, stop dreaming, and just do it!!"suggests George.

Speaking about his co-pilot, George has only good to say, "A good current instructor, these young guys know all the new stuff that we old fellows never knew or have forgotten!"

He stresses that planning is the key to any trip, but after planning-GO. "Life is short, fly fast."

The Royal Canadian Legion Weekly Newsletter *by Dar*

Belated Happy New Year to you all! We at Branch 370 are anticipating a lot of new happenings in the year 2002. A lot of plans are in the works including the burning of the mortgage, and I might add, it is shaping up to be quite interesting. We can only forge ahead with the support and interest of our members, so why not start the new year off on the right foot by attending our regular general meetings this year. They are always held the third Thursday of every month at 7:30pm. Who knows, you might just enjoy yourself and meet some old friends at the same time!

On December 29th there were nineteen enthusiastic Cribbage players competing in the lounge. For the second week in a row, grabbing first place was Ron Perrin who pegged 1065 points. Bob McKee came in second with 1061 points, while Dennis Wright came up a bit short and had to settle for third place with 1050 points to his credit. Dave Krick trailed with 1048 points placing him in the "Bridesmaid Chair."

There were ten skunks handed out on the day with two each going to Art Ault and Noella Kirkwood.

On January 5 and now entering the second half of the schedule, there were twenty-three players at the tables. Art Ault finished with 1976 points which had him in first spot as he proudly made his way to the winners circle for the first time. Duane Kirker captured second pegging 1064 and Bob Esford grabbed third spot with 1059 points.

Only eight of these furry little black and white creatures appeared around the lounge and were immediately attracted to Dennis Wright, who had a pair and Linda Mckee, Linda received two, one of which was a double skunk!

The entries for Zone Euchre to be held at Prescott January 19 have been submitted and it is nice to know that we will be entering four teams.

Our Mixed Dart League is hosting a Mixed Dart Tournament on January 19. Entry requires 2 men and 2 women per team at a cost of $40.00 per team. The first twenty-eight teams to register will be accepted. All entry money

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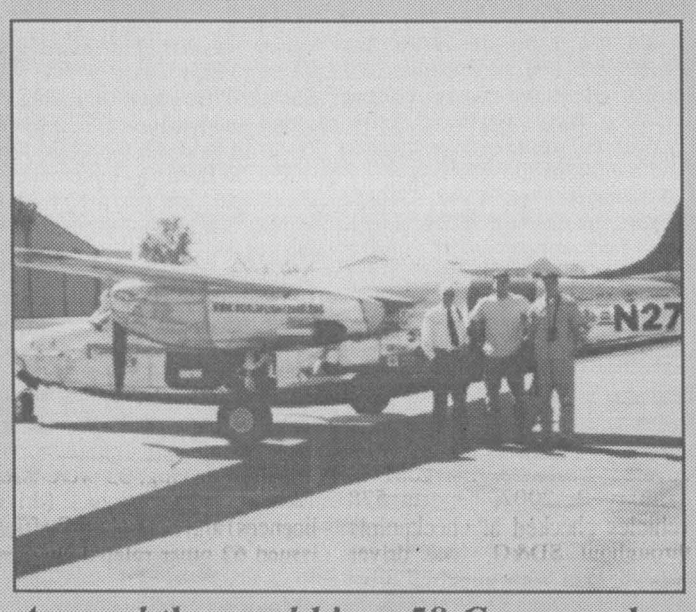

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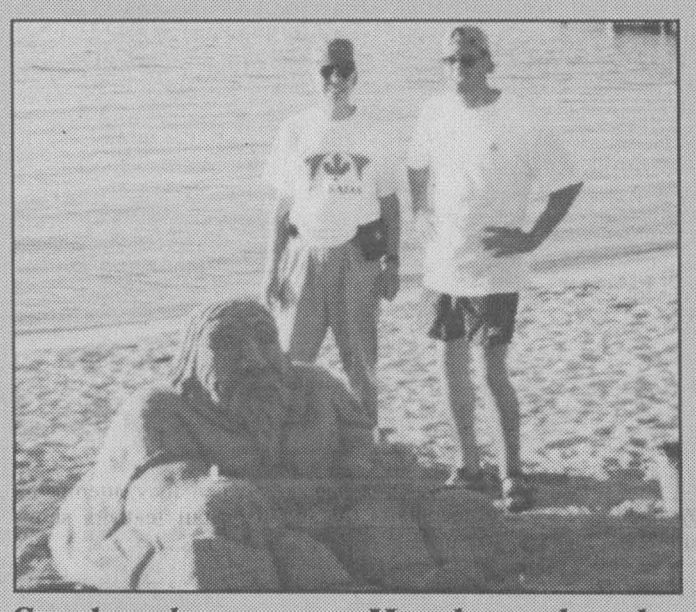

Sand sculpture on a Honduran beach.

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Kids Today

This weekend was a bright sunny mild weekend, with a little snow on the ground. A perfect weekend to be out enjoying winter, I thought. I didn't figure it would be a difficult task to fulfil one of my weekend assignments of getting a couple of kids out enjoying the winter. It was their last weekend of complete freedom to play before getting back to the daily grind of school. I was mistaken. I started in Iroquois first thing Saturday morning, and caught a couple of kids out sliding on the ice at the rink. Off to a good start. I then drove around Iroquois, Morrisburg, and Cardinal looking for any signs of life at the outdoor rinks, and parks, finding nothing. A beautiful day, and no kids outside playing. Not even a street or pond hockey game in sight.

I then found myself wondering, what I've heard so many utter, "What's wrong with the youth of today?" Don't kids do anything but sit in front of the TV/Computer playing video games anymore. Listening to the news this morning I may have found an answer to my questions.

Earlier this week a man was in court facing some obscure charge brought on by a neighbour complaining about his kids playing street hockey. He was not charged as the judge was on his toes, and tossed the case, but it certainly poses a few questions. Doesn't it seem a little ridiculous to end up in court over a street hockey game? Maybe the situation is complicated, but couldn't there be some other way to solve this problem?

This year there are no boards at the oldest outdoor rink in Ottawa. A rink that has seen youth enjoying the winter by playing shinny since the early 1900's will not see hockey this year. Some people complained that there was no chance to skate because there were always hockey games going on, a situation that is easily remedied by posting a schedule. Neighbours complained that the noise from the hockey games was keeping them up at night. To address the complaints the city decided not to put up boards at the rink this year. There will be no hockey there this year.

Many of us are guilty of making similar complaints, not letting kids be kids, not giving them a break for the sake of fun. We've had local complaints in the past about tennis courts and skate parks, and other places kids go to have fun. No one complains when kids sit at home and play video games.

What's wrong with the youth of today? It couldn't have anything to do with the way the adults of today treat them, could it?

RJC

Awareness Month

January is National Alzheimer Awareness Month and the focus in 2002 is "Speaking Out: Insights from People with Alzheimer Disease." Listening to those who suffer with this Disease, and allowing those capable, physically fit and eager to do the things they have always enjoyed, while learning how to live with their changing abilities so to address some of the needs and concerns expressed by them in the early stages and their caregivers is one way of dealing with Alzheimer Disease.

Alzheimer is a devastating disease that ravages the brain, robs people of their identities and causes untold suffering among loved ones who care for those who are affected. Alzheimer Disease is a major health problem in this country. Currently some 360,000 Canadians (1 in 13) over the age of 65 have Alzheimer Disease or a related dementia and that number will increase dramatically, beginning in 2011 when the first baby boomers reach 65. In addition to its toll on human suffering, the economic cost is enormous. In terms of nursing and institutional care, medications and community support services, Alzheimer costs Canadians about $5.5 billion a year.

The only way to out an end to the tragic losses caused by Alzheimer and prevent the costs from spiraling out of control is through research. The good news is that progress is being made. Advances in brain imaging, genetic mapping and improved neuropsyvhological testing, allow Alzheimer Disease to be diagnosed earlier and more reliably. Scientists are finding ways to break down the deadly amyloid plaques, a major cause of brain cell death. A vaccine, that may prove effective in preventing their build-up has been approved for clinical trials.

People with Alzheimer Disease live day by day. They do not look funny or babble, but, they will eventually die of the disease that will destroy their minds.

The Alzheimer Society provides support, a website at www.alzheimer.ca,and the Alzheimer Wandering Registry in the Counties, and "Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow."

S.L.J.

— Another test of patience for us —



Things seemed in great shape for the weekend just past. The other reporter was handling the assignments and the number one son was busy with the girlfriend and number two son was back at university. Sure there was some ironing to be done and the writer did get a new iron for Christmas from the number one son, it is lightweight and fun to use, but planning swayed towards trekking the r and r route. The Steven Truscott book was in the process of being read and it was difficult to put it down, so here was a time to read as long in silence as one wanted to. Snuggle with a warm quilt, a hot cuppa and the book, what else could anyone want?

Sunday morning was a three hour bonanza of Coronation Street a perennial favourite and friends were coming for dinner Sunday evening...things were planned and ready to kick into action.

Then the pain began in the chest, across the shoulder and down the right arm. The weekly headache grew steadily worse and the stomach ached. A general feeling of nothing specific, yet a definite poorly atmosphere pervaded the bod. Having moved some boxes at work, it was determined by the big guy and the writer that the heavy lifting was the culprit and soreness would subside with rubbing and rest.

Sometimes the horoscope knows more than one thinks!...that evening the soreness worsened, and pain pills did nothing, except bring on sleep and perhaps this is not too bad, so we endured. Sometime in the night as nature called and a tired and pain ridden bod made a trip to the bathroom, manouvering in that somewhere state between awake and asleep, the bed called and another pain pill was popped, then sleep took over once more. Extremely early in the wee hours of Saturday morning the mistake was made to roll over in bed. Again the unconscious state was in control until the sharp pain struck as the right side touched the bed. Up like a bomb had just exploded the writer was in such horrific pain as has been felt in some time.

Awake now, some searching for the source revealed a swollen chest and a pocket of poison. Hot compresses always work, don't they? Well, after several that only seemed to make the pain worse, more pain pills and a hot cuppa coffee, the decision was made to call the Hospital. A nurse advised that a visit was in order and so it was necessary to awaken the big guy and let him in on what was happening. Suggesting he remain in bed on such a dull day was not listened to. He was up and we were on the road, neither having had any breakfast. Coffee was taken along and the writer knows she should have drank her cup, but just in case it did not stay down she left it.

Arriving at Emergency we reported to the desk, went through the card deal and took a seat. The writer had her book, which was read as the pain allowed. The waiting room soon filled as did the hall and inner room. An emergency, the fourth of the morning we were advised arrived and we waited and waited and waited. When a call came over the PA system we headed to Room 3 only to find it occupied. Shuffled to another waiting room, and more waiting and waiting and waiting. Too many patients and too few medical people on duty. The scenario seems to be the same no matter where we seek medical attention. Finally a doctor and nurse come to check things, offer reasons for the pain, prescribe medication to help with the infection and the pain. Given a form for blood work in the lab we head there next. Wow! No waiting here, we are in immediately. The problem that arises is that the veins in the old arms shrivel in fear as soon as technicians attempt to allow a little of the red to leak into a vile. Unable to locate one and not willing to put me through punching and poking and sticking needles into my hide, I was shown to the waiting room again until another technician arrives. Waiting for her and then for the young man who has gone ahead of me now to come out of the room...finally it is again my turn. Warning the lady about the collapsible veins, and the fact that I often faint when blood is taken especially when I have not eaten...she cannot locate a vein either and while I would be content to skip this entire thing, she insists that an ankle or a hand will give the results we need-my choice. I go for the hand and once the flow begins we continue until the

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the bottom line

A DIABETIC INFORMATION SESSION ENTITLED "COMPLICATIONS OF Diabetes" will be hosted in the conference room, lower level at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, January 16 starting at 7pm sharp.The guest speaker this month is Doctor Larry Schnurr. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and learn more on the topic, whether Diabetes is presently a cause for concern or not.

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DURING THE PAST WEEK THE OPP WERE DISPATCHED TO RESPOND TO 8 "false" 9-1-1 calls in Dundas County. While some are practical jokes, others came from children. When the caller hangs up or gives no information, the operator is required to dispatch police to investigate. Calls are a high priority and false calls delay officers in responding to actual emergencies. Therefore, it is recommended NOT to include 9-1-1 on speed dial, and use the OPP toll-free number for ALL calls of a non-emergency nature 1-888-310-1122.

STUDENTS AT I P S ARE SELLING CHANCES TO WIN GAME TICKETS TO the Corel Center to see the Sens vs the Leafs on Saturday, April 13 at 7pm. The money raised will help pay for new team sweaters for student teams at the school. The tickets have been generously donated by a staff member, a dedicated Sens fan. Get your chance to win today from any IPS student.

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POLICE ARE WARNING US TO WATCH OUR BANK CARDS AT ALL TIMES after two recent thefts of bank cards while people were using the ATM machines at banks in Renfrew. Two or more suspects enter the ATM area while the victim uses the machine. Told they have dropped $20, the victim bends to pick up the planted cash and their card is switched with a stolen card. Removing the card, the victim may not realize the theft for several days...

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WONDERING WHAT TO DO THIS WEEKEND? WONDER NO MORE!! UCV is hosting their "Alight at Night" display for a final extended weekend and the 27th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival will jump into high gear. Starting things off the Queen contest will be Saturday night at 7pm, at the Matilda Hall.

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required amount is recovered. Then I did something I know better than to do, I get off the stretcher and walk out to the waiting room. As the walls begin to turn and weave, the lights grow dim and the floor starts to come up to meet me...I am feeling faint and suddenly am sitting with my head between my legs, taking very deep breaths until the feeling subsides. Back to the stretcher, a cold compress and the big guy ensuring that I do not fall off...what a terrific ending to the deal. Regaining my composure, we are off out the door and out of the Hospital, headed to the drug store for pills. a quick stop for food, a drive home and for some reason I read the info on the medication. A warning about not taking if liver disease or jaundice is in the patient's history, and I am stymied again. I had jaundice a long time ago. A call to the Hospital tells us the doctor has gone off duty, another will advise me. A new prescription phoned to the drug store and we are in business to begin getting the infection under control. Working at the keyboard is rather difficult due to the pain which spreads across the chest, arm, shoulder and back, but short stints will accomplish what is necessary for the weekly paper.

The weekend was shot. Saturday was a bust for sure since when we arrived home it was growing dark and the pain pills gave me the greatest urge to sleep. Sunday was not much better as the nerves are on edge and the pain more than can be endured at times. We have to eat and so the friends enjoyed a meal with us and I did the best I could under the circumstances.

A visit to the personal physician this week will further assist with the pain and ensure that the infection is indeed on the run as it is combatted with tough medicine.

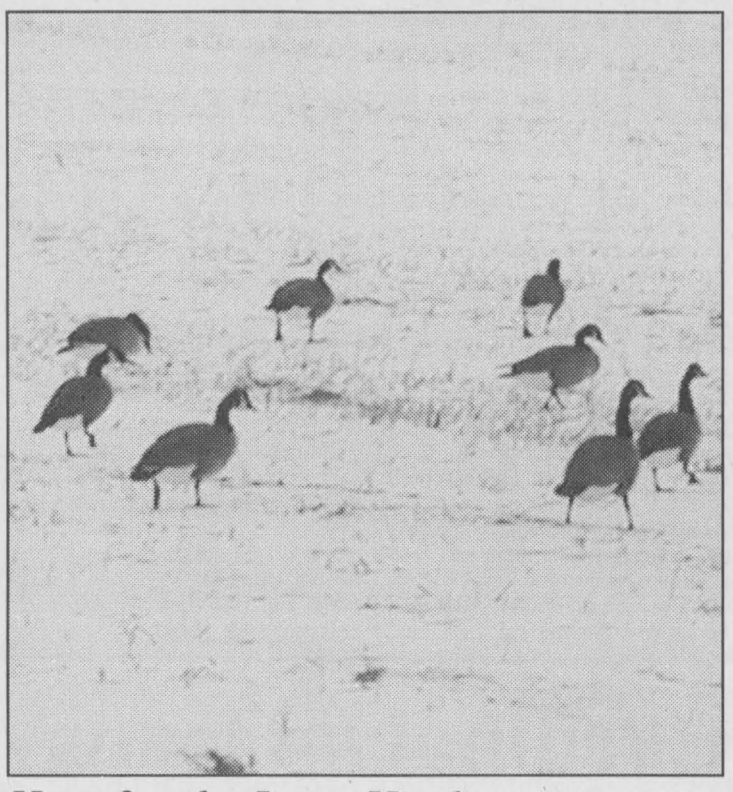
A call from the university son was loud...one of the housemates got a receiver for Christmas and the boys were patching it to the speakers throughout the house. It was easy to hear the music (?) through the phone as they tried them. They all seemed happy and excited about this event and asked if we heard of a speaker deal, we would advise him of it...exactly what they need is more speakers! Classes began on Monday and he will let us know what and when he is in class so we do not call when he is out only to be disappointed needlessly.

The college kid is back in class and seems to be adjusting just fine. Books and now a CD burner are on the agenda and he will soon be out of cash, so mom and dad will have to come to the rescue again. Another year and a four months and he will graduate, then things will hopefully cool down in the financial department. It seems that when they are in school it is hard work for them and money for those helping them.

The other evening after the rain ceased, and the temperature cooled down, the snow flakes began to float earthward and the barren apple tree on the front lawn at Swampview, adorned yet with coloured bulbs was so very pretty...Mother Nature sure knows how to produce a display!

The Bronco has a new alternator this week, after a scare where the red battery light came on and remained on, a call went out to the favourite mechanic and repairs were initiated. We are hoping to have one of the little Tempos back in the yard this week. The college kid needs it to begin his treks to school next week. This week he is hitching a ride with his girlfriend, thank heavens she is able to help us out!

Take care and keep smiling, you hear. The wisdom this week comes from Edward Gibson who said, "I was never less alone than when by myself."



Here for the Long Haul

Our mild winter weather suits these Canada Geese just fine as they appear quite content to stay put this winter. Why travel when you don't have to? One has to wonder though if they can find enough food to sustain themselves through the snow blanket...they must be doing okay.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

Another birdwatcher has joined the column this week as a letter arrived at the newspaper. Great to hear from you folks as the feeders are very active right now. The snow brings the birds to check out what treats and tasty seeds are available around the neighbourhoods. Please remember to keep those feeders filled. It is a cruel thought that someone would start to feed early in the fall and discontinue as the snow falls and the birds are caught without meals.

"We live on Haddo Road near a man-made pond. Birds of every kind have adopted this pond as migrating refuge and a summer home.

We were lucky to have seen over the years a multitude of feathered friends. Last week we saw twenty-one Wild Turkeys crossing a field at the corner of our road next to the West County Line. This week we have seen many visitors at our feeders, including twenty-five Mourning Doves, nine Blue Jays, ten Chickadees and a huge Hairy Woodpecker along with four smaller Woodpeckers.

In the fall for the past ten years, three Snow Geese flew in with hundreds of Canada Geese to the back fields to check the corn.

This summer we had two new additions to our yard. A very bashful Yellow Billed Cuckoo in a huge birch tree in our yard, it flew away after two days and we also had a first time Scrub Jay who dropped in for his share of the feast.

Two years ago, I looked out the front window and saw a large branch in the plowed field across the street. Since I knew that there were no branches in the plowed field, I got my binoculars and viewed a motionless American Bittern, poised to spear a prey. Large beak thrusted upwards, waiting...waiting... patiently, he stayed in the same position for over an hour!"

Our Irena birdwatcher called to report two Blue Jays and 4 Mourning Doves at her feeders. Two frisky Squirrels were spotted on the neighbours lawn as well, a Black and a Gray. Over two dozen (25 to be exact) Wild Turkeys were seen along Shaver Road, there were some in the fields as well. She noticed a couple of Partridges searching for food too. There were 4 Tree Sparrows and 3 Chickadees enjoying the fare at her feeders these past few days. Five Juncos also stopped by, one was a brownish colour and after researching her birdbook she reports that it was an immature bird. A great sighting of 2 female Cardinals under the seed bell was noted. She tells us that a neighbour told her that after only a day or two of putting his feeder up, he was fortunate to welcome 2 male and a female Cardinal. As we speak on the phone she sees a male Cardinal grabbing breakfast at her feeder. She warns all birdwatchers that the Red Polls are around, she had 4 arrive yesterday at her feeder. They must be in the area again.

A gentleman on the third concession reports seeing Wild Turkeys in his back yard last week.

Driving to work early on Wednesday morning I saw four Partridge along the County Road near town. They are so pretty, especially when they attempt to fly and their tail feathers show the white patches.

We have not seen our young male Cardinal recently, although the timid little fellow could be coming when we are not watching. We have had Chickadees and Sparrows emptying the feeder lately, they seem to like the centre rungs best. The box on the deck seems to have frequent guests as well, and is empty more than often, it keeps us going to maintain it.

A neighbour across the way reports a tree full of Mourning Doves, all fluffed and snuggled against the wind. They seem to be lumps in the barren cherry tree and we looked twice before we realized they were not nests! A Red-Headed Woodpecker was enjoying the suet at the new feeder they got, he is a pretty bird for sure.

Keep those reports coming. Since we are getting news from new folks each week, it must be a column many enjoy. Be involved, all it takes is a call to 652-4395 on Tuesday morning and your sightings too can be a part of this column. Keep watching and enjoying our fine feathered friends, this is an opportune time to watch them. Take care and good birding! Many of you will have gotten new feeders, seed or books to enhance your enjoyment, please share with us all what you see from your window.

R.I.D.E. results from festive season blitz

The Festive R.I.D.E. campaign has concluded for the holiday season and the final week which covered December 27, 2001 to January 2, 2002, reports 578 vehicles checked at checkpoints throughout SD&G. One driver was charged with impaired driving, 9 received 12-hour drivers licenses suspensions and SD&G officers issued 17 other related charges from Highway Traffic Act violations and Liquor offenses.

During the 5-week period from November 29, 2001 through to January 2, 2002, 3275 vehicles were checked at R.I.D.E. checkstops throughout SD&G. A total of 7 drivers were charged with impaired driving, 33 were issued 12-hour suspensions (drivers licences) and SD&G OPP officers issued 62 other related charges.

Motorists continue to be encouraged to be responsible when it comes to this deadly mix. The message continues to be Not to Drink and Drive, ALL year through and not just during the holiday season. Officers will continue to conduct R.I.D.E. in an effort to target drunk drivers.

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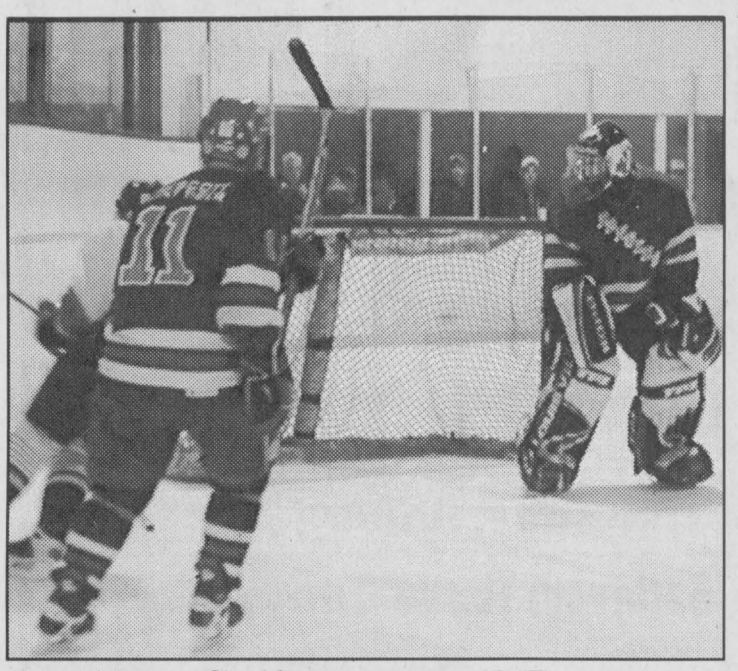


Looking Guilty

South Grenville Junior B Rangers net minder Alex Last stood looking guilty as he lost his stick, and intentionally knocked the net off it's moorings to get a stopage in play. It's only a penalty if you get caught, and he got away with it as neither the referee, nor the linesmen noticed. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Morrisburg Junior B Lions drop close game against SG Rangers

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A rough first frame saw the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions behind one at the buzzer. During this first period the South Grenville Rangers had six penalties called, three of which were Game Misconducts that saw Andrew Hare who wears the "A" on his jersey indicating he is a leader among his teammates ousted, along with his Coach, Anthony Gilmer and Trainer Travis Bergeon. Player and Coach each were tossed at 9:30 while the Trainer left at 7:51.

In the scoring department the Rangers were on the board first as Derek Jung tucked one behind Shawn Pollard minding the net for the Lions. Kevin Walsh and Lucas Spencer earned the assists on the play. The Lions shot back strong as Ghyslain Hotte scored at 7:50 of the first to put the home team on the board, knotting the tally. Jon Chambers and Jean Clement earned the assists. Before the period ended, with just under two minutes on the clock, Alex Lafontaine slammed one into the twine behind Pollard to put the Rangers up one as the buzzer sounded.

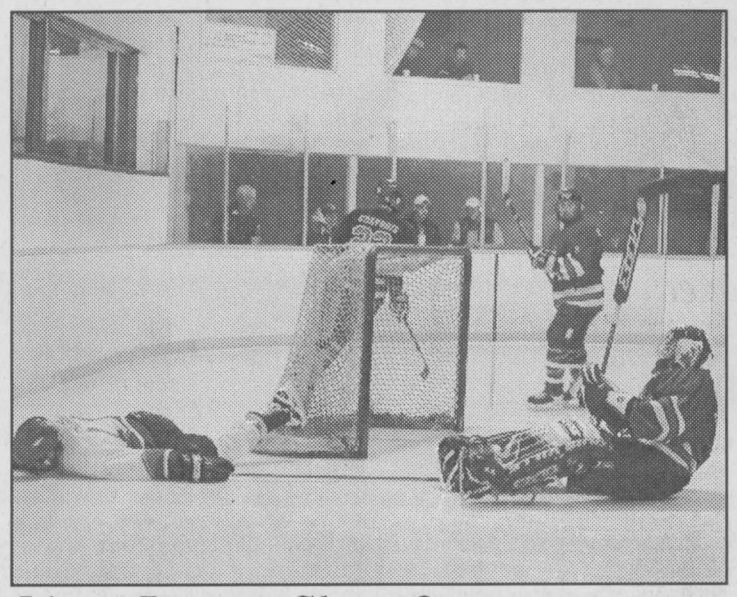
The Rangers counted the sole marker in the second as at 13:05 Tyler McLeod skated in with Pat Foley and Ted Livingston to score a lucky counter. The puck trickled through the confusion of players in front of the net and Pollard was able to locate it and keep it out. Unfortunately the rebound ended up on McLeod's stick and he did not miss the opportunity to score. The Rangers were up 3-1 as the second period ended.

Some very good playing at both ends of the ice, excellent goal keeping by both goalies and strong determination by both teams to be victorious, this was a good one.

The third period was a well played game by the Morrisburg Lions. Every player played hard and it seems had they played this calibre of hockey for the entire game the outcome would have been in their favour. The Lions roared peppering the Ranger goalie. A big lad who stood tall in the pipes, Alex Last put in a valiant effort as the Lions worked hard to score.

Halfway through the third, the Lions bounced back as Pat Sullivan scored at 9:45. Helping him were a pair of Matts; Bergeron and Telfer. Unfortunately that was all the Lions roaring could accomplish and they fell just short of the win, even after pulling Pollard and sending the extra attacker onto the ice.

The Lions face a busy weekend as the week comes to an end. On Friday, January 11 they will host the Gananoque Islanders, with the puck dropping at 8:15. On Saturday they trek to Akwesasne to face the Wolves at the Turtle Dome and on Sunday they will be in Athens to play the Aeros. Action heats up at 7:30 each evening.



Lions Drop a Close One

Here a Junior B Lions player accidentally collided with the Rangers goaltender. Both were taken off guard and a little slow to get up, but neither was hurt in the incident. The Rangers goaltender, Alex Last, recovered quickly and stood tall in the net, leading his team to victory. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Iroquois Legion Darts has tie for top spot

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Topping the ladder of dart teams in the Iroquois Legion Mixed Dart League this week is shared by the Terminators and the Incredibles. Both teams have 92 points to their credit. Helping the Terminators this week were Rick Tyo who won 4 games, Gerry Chater who won 3 and struck 100 and 121. Tara Summerfield and Lincoln Taylor each won a game, Lincoln caught 100 along the way. Getting the job done for the Incredibles was Jake Summerfield who won 6 games and nailed 100, 139 and 140. Trevor Wilson won 2 games hitting 100 and 121. Bob Esford won 2 games as well and hit 100 and 105.

Slipping to second place are the Big Bananas who have 89 points on their tally. Thanks to the efforts of Tony Easter who won 3 games, Glen Easter who won 2 hitting 116, Cecil Lewis who won 2 and struck 100 and Linda Birch who won 1 game and hit 100 doing so.

Clinging to third place are Whoops who earned 85.5 points. Winning one game each were team members, Duane Kirker (100), Sharon Lewis (105), Mike Easter and Donna Hodgson.

Coming in at fourth position we have the Rugrats with 81 points. Chris Thompson won 3 games and nailed 100x5, Sandra Julien won 2 games and hit 100, 126 and 129 while Lloyd Greenough won a game and struck for 100, 121 and 140.

Fifth belongs to the Mustangs this week as they nip at the tails of the Rugrats with 80 points tallied. Geoffrey Wilson and Melba Chater each won a game and Sharon Easter nailed 100x2 and 116 to keep their team within striking distance.

The Misfits earned 74 points to give them sixth place in the standings. Wayne Bellinger played well winning 4 games and striking for 125. Ann Nesbitt won a game and nailed 121, while teammate Art Ault won 1 game.

Holding seventh spot we see the Unicorns with 72 points in their column. Glen Adams won 3 games and recorded 100, 127 and 123 as he did his best to pull his team higher on the ladder of victories. Cecil Tyo won 2 games and nailed 120.

The Sureflites come in eighth this week with 68.5 points. Jean Greenough won 2 games hitting the 116, while Sandra Keeler (120), Arnie Fader (100) and Earl Nesbitt (100) each won one game.

The Outlaws earned 65.5 points as Tina Summerfield won 2 games and Trevor Easter (100x2) and Maryann Markell each won one to place them ninth overall in the standings this week.

Blues Clues came in tenth with 64.5 points, closing in on the team ahead. Jeff O'Neil (100) won 5 games and Denzil Tousant won 2 games, while Jamie Adams won a game as well to help the team.

In the cellar this week are the Wolf pack with 60 points, still in the hunt for top spot. Carol Birch (100) won 3 games and Mike Keeler (100) won 2 games.

Keep those darts flying folks! Thanks to Geoff Wilson for providing information each week so this column can run.

Cardinal #4 leads Interbranch Darts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

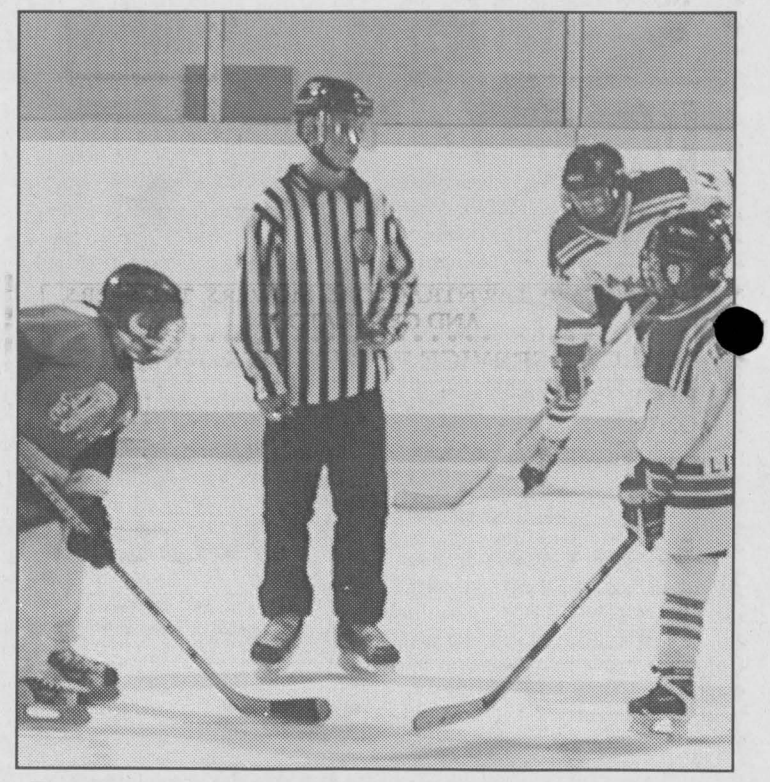
Standings after an evening of darts at Iroquois on Thursday, January 3, 2002 we see Cardinal #4 leading the pack with 126 points. Iroquois #5 follows with 117. On their feathers and closing fast is Prescott #1 with 108 points. Cardinal #2 has earned 91 points while Iroquois #7 tugs at their tails with 89 points. Iroquois #8 are closing in on both the Iroquois #7 and Cardinal #2 teams as they have tallied 87 points. Prescott #6 have 75 points and still in the cellar is Prescott #9 with 55 points to their credit.

Winning three or more games is good darts and this week we have Tom Beach, Duane Kirker and David Haynes each winning 4 games. Well done men!

Jake Summerfield, Lorne Veley, Wayne Bellinger, Cecil Tyo, Brad Baynham and John Marchand have each won 3 games, a great achievement for them.

Duane Kirker earned the distinction of "highfinisher" this well with 119.

Highscores were earned by Bill Hutt of Iroquois who excelled this week, with 177, 140x2 and 121. David Haynes earned 140, 125 and 121. Rick Sayeau shot 140 and 121 and Ross King nailed 140 and 120. Striking for 140 were John Marchand, Joel Adams(Iroquois), Tom Beach(Cardinal), Ron Bradford (Iroquois) and Kevin Laming (Cardinal). Hitting 125 and 121 were Brad Baynham and Wayne Bellinger while Bob Juby struck for 125.



Peewee House League Tournament

This young South Grenville Ranger lined up to take the face off after scoring a beautiful goal against Brockville in the B semi-final match up. The talented young player (#4) deeked the goalie, and sent the puck high over the shoulder of the sprawling net minder for the first goal of the game late in the second period. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

PeeWee C Lions defeat NGS squad

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

NGS scored the solo marker in the first frame as Sam Trace beat Andrew Tupper spoiling his shutout bid.

A tight matchup these teams played some pretty good hockey as neither wanted to admit defeat until the final buzzer sounded.

The second period was scoreless and then in the third, the Lions roared into action. Darren Baldwin bulged the twine for the first of two times as he beat Julien Adam at 12:34 unassisted. Then, at 6:14 of the period, Sheldon Beckstead teamed with Kurtis Corry and Adam Schnurr to count the second marker of the game for the Lions. At 2:46 of the third, Andrew Adlington bulged the twine to put the Lions up by two goals. Earning assists were Schnurr again and Tyler Mills. This would have given the Lions the victory, but at 1:46 Baldwin skated in alone again to make certain the NGS squad would remember the Lions. The final read 4-1.

Each team picked up three penalties, all during the second period, demonstrating the tension when no one can seem to score at either end of the ice.

Atom C Lions are still unbeaten

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On December 22, 2001, the Atom "C" Lions travelled to Long Sault to face-off against the South Stormont Selects. In a hard fought see-saw battle the Lions came away with a 3-3 tie. Bulging the twine for the Lions were the members of the hot line: Drew Hutt who was helped by Patrick Chesbro and Michel Thurler and then Thurler nailed one into the net as he was helped by Nick Thomas and Thomas Corden. Conner then found space to tuck the puck past the crease. Earning the assist was Nick Thomas and Drew Hutt.

On December 29, the Lions made the trip to Spencerville to face the Kemptville Panthers and came away with a lopsided victory, defeating their opposition 6-0. Scoring for the Lions were once again the lads with the hot sticks, Michel Thurler counted 2 as did Conner Hodgson while singles came from Nick "Buzzsaw" Thomas and Brad Munro.

Helping out on the goals were Thomas Corden who earned assists on 2 as did Nick Thomas, Drew Morrow and Drew Hutt each helped on one. Lucas Stewart recorded the shutout in the pipes for the Lions. Another outstanding job by these fine players.

Atom C Lions are crowned B Champs

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Lions participated in a tournament in Long Sault on January 3rd and came home with bragging rights as "B" Champs.

In their first game the Lions defeated the Kemptville Panthers in a close on 3-2. Scoring for the victors were Matt Hanson unassisted, Patrick Chesbro who got help from Michel Thurler and Conner Hodgson who took the pass from Nick Thomas.

In their second match of the tourney, the Lions came out against the Kingston City Cougars, dropping another close one 1-0.

Due to the way the point system was set up for the tourney, the Lions had to face these Cougars again in the "B" Championship game. The Lions knew their opponents this time and by steady, persistent playing, the Lions came out on top of a 2-0 final. Bulging the twine for the Lions were Nick Thomas who was helped by Patrick Chesbro and Conner Hodgson. The other counter came off the stick of Drew Hutt. Earning the assist on this play were Patrick Chesbro again and Nick Thomas.

On Saturday, January 5, 2002, the Lions trekked to Akwesasne to play in the Turtle Dome and left with a 6-2 win. Scoring for the Lions were Nick Thomas who came through with a goal and 2 assists, Patrick Chesbro and Drew Hutt each of whom came through with 2 goals and an assist. Michel Thurler scored a goal while Conner Hodgson and Brad Munro each earned two assists. Nathan McDonell and Evan Harper had an assists each in the victory.

On Sunday, January 6, the Lions hosted the South Stormont Selects and in what turned out to be a tight battle the best the teams could skate away with was a 1-1 knot. Bulging the twine for the Lions was Michel Thurler who had help from Nick Thomas.

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News from the Morrisburg Curling Club

by Steve Thompson

Last Saturday the Morrisburg Club hosted the Dundas County Heart and Stroke Bonspiel. It was a success, doubling the amount of money raised last year for the charity. Thanks go to the organizers and the other volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly, as well as to those individuals who sponsored curlers and donated prizes or food for the day. Special thanks to those businesses that provided prizes: The Chieftain, Micro-Pro Computers, Hartleys' Sports Excellence, Gary's Automotive, Radio Shack, Pokey's and the Seaway Gallery. In the first draw the victors were Steve and Mike Thompson, Kathy Norj and Greta McGann. Second place honours went to Bob Bedington, Cheryl and Gerry Thompson and Betty Locke. In the second draw, Jack Dikland, Nancy Skakum, Don O'Brien and Doug Brannan emerged victorious, followed by Earl and Donna Jeacle and Albert and Reina DeJong. A fine event, with some exciting curling and good-natured banter.

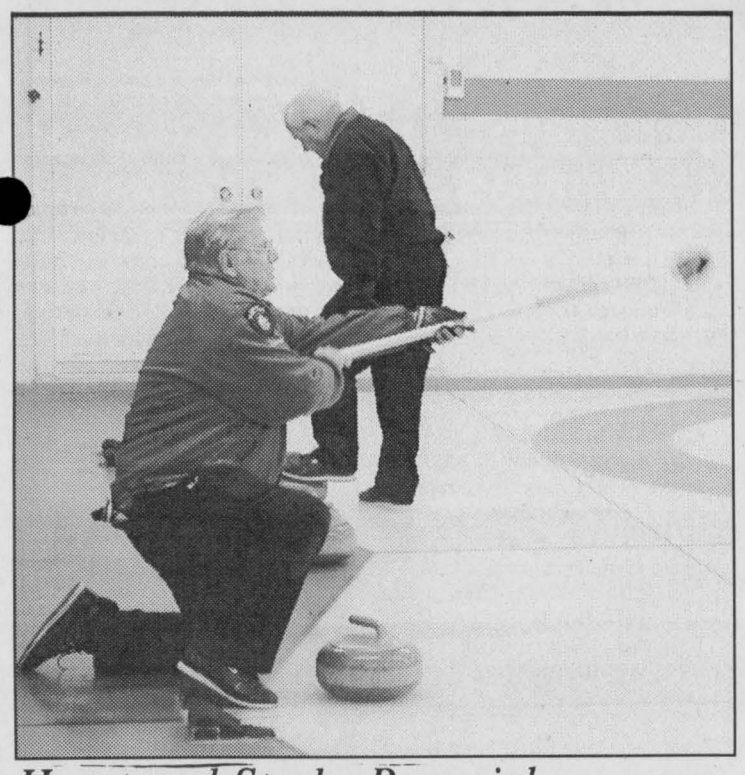
In the 2-person bonspiel at the Club, Martin and Steve Schneckenburger defeated Peter Zeran and Bob Bedington in the 'C' final, Bob Bergland and Rob Delegarde won out over Arden and Warren Schneckenburger in the 'B' final, and top honours went to Don O'Brien and Wally McDonald, who defeated Rick Leroy and Al Harriman in the 'A' division. Thanks to Rick, Sydney and Brad LeClair for their hard work making this bonspiel work.

In CCA news, Anne Merklinger is the only local curler to advance to the Thunder Bay site, competing for a place in the Tournament of Hearts. The Brier report is due out this month and will clear up the financial situation following the final last year in Ottawa. Rumour has it Kevin Martin, head of the Player's Association has suspended Russ Howard's team from further competition in their Grand Slam events. Guess if you try out for the Brier, you lose the chance to make extra money in the big cash spiels.

The second draw for the daytime mixed curlers has begun. Winners of the Bradford trophy for the first draw were announced at the Christmas banquet. They are Don O'Brien, Betty Locke, Bobby Jack Hart and Eleanor Allison.

What the organizer jokingly referred to as the inaugural 'world championship of stick curling' was held last week in Richmond. These curling sticks have extended the playing life of those with back or knee problems, while still allowing for accuracy in both draw and take-out shots. Morrisburg's foursome of Steve and Alice Thompson, Donna Stephens and Barry Esson played hard, but had to be satisfied with the 3rd place prizes. Extra points were awarded for teams depending on how many members used the curling stick. Hopefully others from this Club will take up the challenge next year, perhaps even organize a similar bonspiel in Morrisburg.

The senior men sent two teams to Parnell Cup competition in Cornwall last week. Though Morrisburg played hard, Prescott gets to put their name on the old trophy this time. See you on the ice!



Heart and Stroke Bonspiel

Steve Thompson submits the Curling News weekly to the Chieftain and we caught him in action a the Dundas County Heart and Stroke Bonspiel on the weekend. Here Steve plans his next shot with his team mates. Steve made some great shots while we were there, so it was no surprise that his team won the bonspiel.

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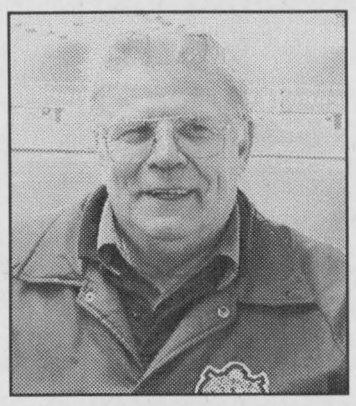

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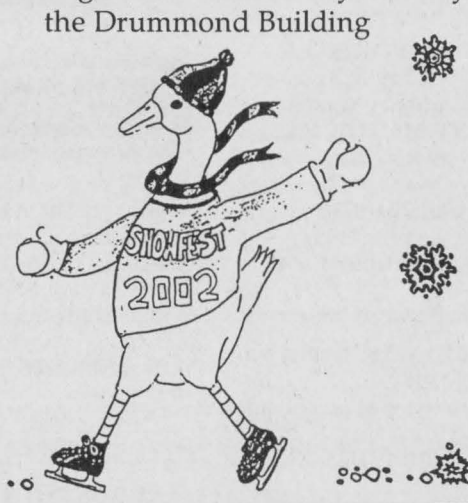
9:00-11:30	Pancakes at the Drummond Building - Girl Guides Fundraiser
9:30	Register for 4v4 Hockey Tourney at the Drummond Building



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

9:30-10:30	Open Mike Talent Show at the Drummond Building
10:00	Mid-Distance Dog Sled Race - starts on the race track
10:30-11:30	Shake-a-Paw Dog Training - Drummond Building arena
11:00-4:00	4v4 Hockey Tournament-Outdoor Arena at the Ball Diamond
11:00	Scavenger Hunt starts at the Drummond Building
12:00	Taffy Pull in front of the Drummond Building
1:00	Card tournament at the Legion - everyone welcome!
1:00-3:00	Edwardsburgh Figure Skating Club Show at the Arena
1:00	Lumberjack Contest in front of the Grandstand, Strong man/woman competition
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10:00-1:00	Indoor "fishing" games at the Drummond Building Arena - Grenville Fish & Game Club
11:00-12:00	Fashion Show - inside the Drummond Building
12:00	Dance demonstration - Drummond Building
9:00-11:00	Registration for the Snowmobile Ice Drags at the Mill
10:00	"Mutt Races" - near the Grandstand - bring the family pet (over 35 lbs.)
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12:00	Kids Tug-o-War - in front of the Grandstand
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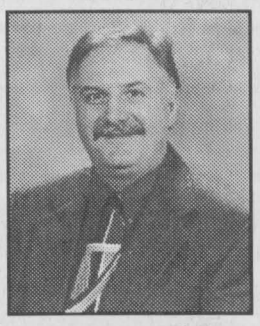

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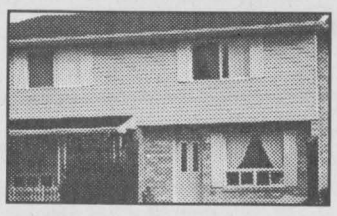

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FROM THE FRONT

Electricity

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Some of the contracts people are being asked to sign lock them in for up to five years at the price they are offered. The problem with this is that there are often very significant penalties for cancelling the contract. So you are stuck with this price for five years with no option to get out of it without paying a penalty.

Some of the contracts even make a provision for the Power Mitigation Rebate. This rebate is one that has had limited discussion within the provincial government, and that may come into effect if there problems with a competitive electricity market, but the details are very sketchy. Sometimes by signing a contract you are signing away your entitlement to this rebate, and signing it over to the energy retailer if you become eligible to receive it.

The people who are canvassing sometimes represent themselves as part of Rideau St. Lawrence Utilities. This in not true. They are representing themselves, and their own companies which are trying to make a profit by selling you electricity. Walsh made this very clear to avoid any confusion and problems once the contract is signed, and it's too late.

The main point to take away from all of this is buyer beware.

Make sure you understand what you are paying for and all the terms and conditions of the contract that you are signing. Read the fine print. Make sure you know what you are signing.

There is no need to rush into a contract. These companies will always be around offering deals on energy retail. Don't be rushed into anything.

Make sure to ask questions. There is a lot of information available. You can call any of your local Hydro offices with questions. There is also a lot of information available from places such as, The Ontario Energy Board, The Municipal Electric Association, and the Energy Probe, which is a consumer advocacy group, and a sort of watchdog for energy in Ontario.

Make sure you educate yourself **before** you make any decisions.

Mayor

ings. Renovations, including the construction of new council chambers, were then done on the hall.

"Everything seems to be working well with the renovations and extremely well with the new council chambers," said Dobbie.

The township is in the process of hiring a new manager for the Port of Prescott and he will start on February 1. Dobbie says it is a learning experience although the new manager comes with vast experience with Ports.

When the township took over the Port of Prescott some funds for capital projects came with it, but they have to be used by 2003. The township plans to use these funds for capital projects such as improvements and work on the elevator.

Upon amalgamation, the township received some transition funding and this funding must be used sometime this year as well. The township is also planning to update their emergency plans and mesh them together into one this year.

Mayor Dobbie thinks it would also be nice to get some nice signs naming each hamlet in the municipality. He would like to see the township's logo on the signs, although that will be up to council to decide.

"I think they have great signs in North Grenville and they identify different areas. I would like to see this completed by the end of the year," he said.

POLICE Report

CHARGES

Following an investigation by members of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP into a relationship related incident, one person is facing Criminal charges.

A charge of Uttering Threats is pending against a 42 year old Cardinal man, who has been released from custody and will be scheduled to appear in Provincial Court in the Village of Morrisburg on 12FEB02 to respond to this charge.

THEFT OF SNOWMOBILE

On 03JAN02 police began an investigation into a theft, which had occurred in South Dundas Township.

Over the past two months, an entry was made into a shed at a rural property located along Deeks Road, which resulted in the theft of two 1979 Kawasaki Drifter snowmobiles, blue in colour.

Const. H. Bloklandis investigating this incident.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY

On 03JAN02 police were called to the TD bank in the Village of Chesterville, where they took possession of two $10.00 bills, which were received by the bank and found to be counterfeit. Bills were seized by police and forwarded to RCMP for examination.

Since June of last year, 32 incidents of counterfeit bills have been investigated by police in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Of these 32 incidents, 20 involved counterfeit $10.00 bills.

Carnival

Master of Ceremonies for the evenings festivities, including the crowning of the Queen for 2002 is Mike Rose of 103.7fm, The Point in Brockville.

Handling the tough chore of deciding the winner, and the runner-up sits with three Councillors from North Dundas Township...Estella Rose, Gail Parker and Alvin Runnalls. Theirs is a job no one envies!!

As Betty Casselman tickles the ivories, the crowd will be entertained by Lacey Venema as she sings and Billy Sypes as he plays his accordion. Bill has played at almost every Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Contest held.

Buttons and pins, your choice are on sale and allow you a chance to win prizes at each event. There is also a 50/50 draw being held throughout the Carnival.

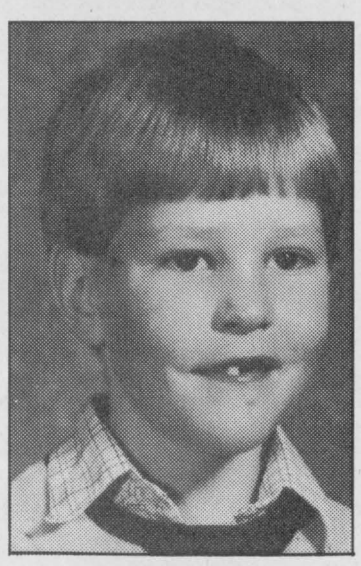
All events are FREE with Free Will Donations being accepted to help off set costs incurred throughout the week.

In order for this first Winter Carnival of the year to be successful, you need to participate and add your special something to as many events as you can be a part of. See you at the 27th Matilda Winter Carnival.

Fire Reports

ambulance assistance calls, gas leaks, assisting other fire departments, water rescues, and false alarms logging around 2000 man hours.

All of the South Dundas Fire Departments have been busy over the last year.



HAPPY 24TH BIRTHDAY RUDI!

Ryan Arthur Lee was 4 when this picture was taken, Thursday, January 10, he turns 24...Where did those twenty years go?
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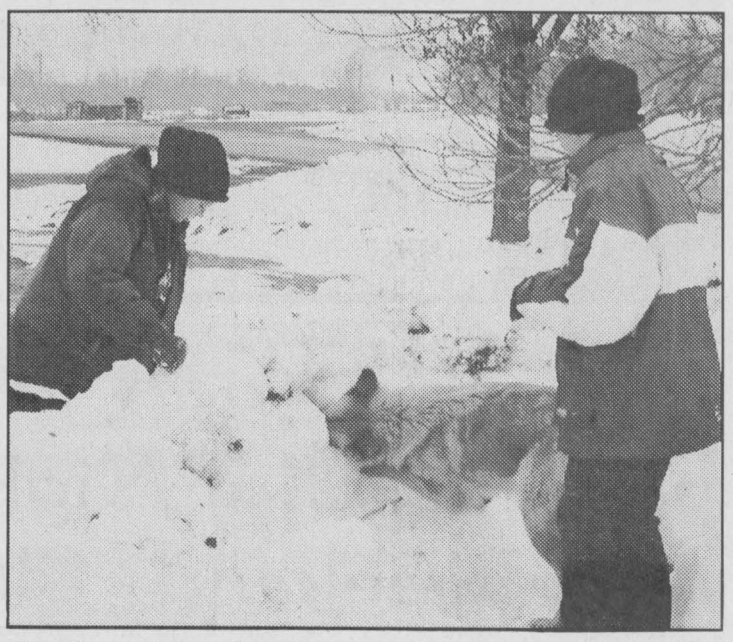

Help with the Snow Fort

These kids got a little more help than they bargained for when they were building a snow fort at the Stampville Center on the weekend. A neighbouring pooch decided she needed to get in on the action. The kids were delighted that the dog pitched in to help them with a tunnel they had started. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

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Legion

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will be returned in prizes. Registration starts at 11:30am and runs through to 12:30pm with play getting underway at 1pm sharp. For more information call the Branch 370 at 652-4516.

Euchre will be resuming in February and Bridge will be resuming this week.

Activities this week include Bingo on **Monday** at 1pm at Bingo International Bingo Hall in Johnstown. A Legion Executive meeting will take place on **Wednesday** evening at 7:00pm. **Thursday** evening at 7:30pm the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will take place. **Friday** at 7:30pm the Mixed Dart League play starts and on **Saturday** at 1pm Sharp, the Cribbage League plays in the lounge.

See you next week!



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Special thanks to Morrisburg Branch 48 Royal Canadian Legion for their cooperation, Craig Packaging for their contribution and to T.R. Leger Students for their help. There were many, many generous private donations and we regret it is not possible to make these public.

The South Dundas Christmas Exchange Committee

The Chieftain
Arts & Entertainment

~UCV Remains Open!
~Craft Classes Next Weekend
~Keep Fit at DCPS

Upper Canada Village to be "Alight at Night" for one more weekend- Check it out!

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Satff Reporter

Snow flakes slowly drifting downward, an uncanny silence broken only by the sounds of the horses feet , the squeeking of the wagon wheels and the excited talk and laughter of people enjoying themselves...

What a wonderful sight, what a special time to remember.

Taking a step back in time when life was slower and perhaps more enjoyable, with the added effect of some 100,000 coloured and white light bulbs.

Seeing UCV, the heritage Village in a different light is an awesome experience. No matter your age, there will be ooohs and aaahs as you walk or ride around the streets on a dark winter evening. The striking light show is beyond words...this is definitely something you have to see to believe. If you have seen it, you'll want to see it again. The elder among us will feel like kids again and the young will be astounded at the marvellous light show.

Due to the tremendous success and popularity of its newest winter program, Upper Canada Village is extending its "Alight at Night" festival for four more evenings, from Thursday, January 10 to Sunday, January 13, 2002.

"Part of our objective was to introduce programming at Upper Canada Village that would extend the tourism season in Eastern Ontario, " said Gord Brown, Chairman of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. "I am pleased to say today that thanks to the thousands of visitors from throughout the region and with the support of our tourism partners, we have succeeded in meeting that goal and are able to extend the program even further as a result."

When staff at this premier tourist attraction sat down last fall to make plans for Alight at Night, they predicted attendance for the first year to reach 5000 people. To date well over 25,000 visitors have come out to see the spectacular display of 100,000 lights adorning the heritage site.

"We've received an overwhelming response to the "Alight at Night" festival that is beyond our expectations," said Jancis Sommerville, Marketing Officer for Upper Canada Village. "In fact, it was a challenge to keep up with the influx of visitors. As the number of visitors kept growing each weekend, so did the number of horse teams and wagons we were providing."

According to Sommerville, many visitors came time and time again with family and friends. Saturday, December 29 saw the highest attendance with about 2300 visitors.

Anyone who missed seeing the Village "Alight at Night"can still do so. With attendance figures continuing to top 4000 during the last weekend of the festival alone, staff decided extending the festival one more weekend was a good idea.

The program will run this Thursday through Sunday with horse-drawn wagon rides departing regularly starting at 5pm each evening.

The Village Store will be open as well as the Village Cafe for hot food and beverages. Admission is only $3 for adults and $2 for children, admission plus the ride is $6 for adults and $4 for children.

For more information about the event, please call 1-800-437-2233 or locally 613-543-4328 or visit the Village Website for all details at www.uppercanadavillage.com.



Colouring Contest Winners

Giant Tiger in Morrisburg awarded prizes for their Christmas colouring contest. Each winner was give a ten dollar gift certificate for their beautiful artwork. Winning pictures were coloured by (left-right); Carley Lawlor (8 years old) of Iroquois, Cobie Wells (11 years old), and Kelsey Bean (4 years old) both of Morrisburg. Manager Ed Kingsley said that there will be more contests, and encourages kids to participate. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

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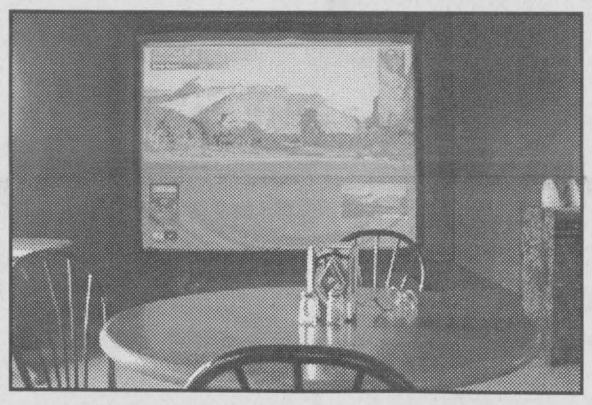

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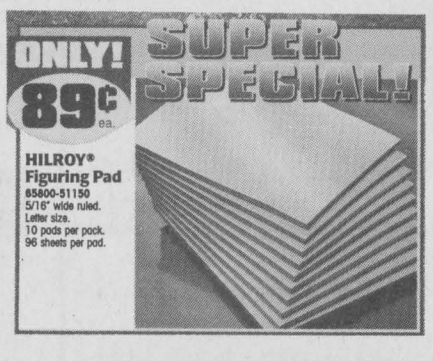

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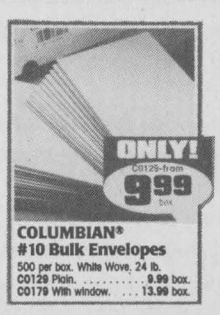

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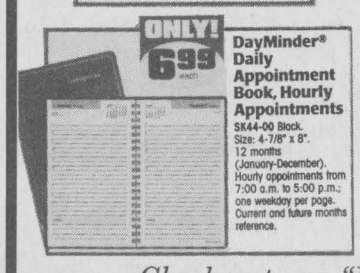

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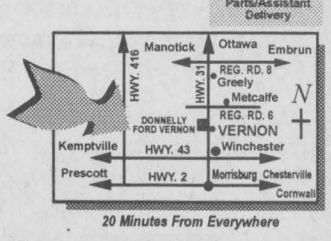

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