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Lending a Hand

These three young people from the TR Leger School were volunteering along with the many who came to help. The occasion was the South Dundas Christmas Exchange sorting and packing. It was great to see the support our community gives to this annual event. Through Angel Trees, students at Seaway High and the overall community generosity no one awakened to an empty Christmas. Thanks!

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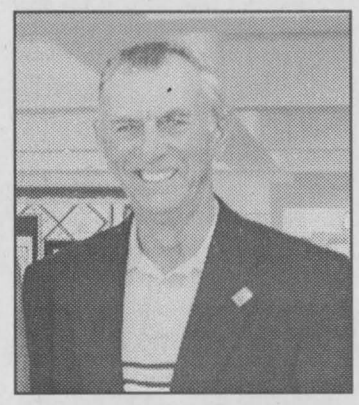
S. Dundas Mayor Johnny reflects on past year

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mayor Whitteker listed "maintaining heritage" as council's number one accomplishment this year. Mayor Whitteker is very proud of the mural project. There are six murals now, and more planned for next year. "The municipality has been very good at coming across with a lot of the dollars for the murals" said a thankful Mayor Whitteker. The township paid $13,000 of the $50,000 that the murals cost, a lot of that money came from the citizens. The township decided that the murals were the best way to maintain it's heritage, rather than buying heritage homes. There are a lot of heritage homes in South Dundas that are maintained by their owners, so the township doesn't need to worry about maintaining homes.

Mayor Whitteker is proud of the new fire hall recently completed in Iroquois. He also noted that the fire departments from all of the former wards have come together very well since amalgamation. They have really gelled, more so than council who are still thinking of the four municipalities because they don't want to lose their identities. South Dundas Council is working at maintaining the identities of it's towns and hamlets by erecting signs. Iroquois, Morrisburg, and Williamsburg already have signs, and similar signs are slated for the hamlets in South Dundas.

For the long-term future Whitteker says that they will continue to work on the five year plan. The government has cut grants thus slowing down their progress, and taking money away from other projects in the municipality.



Mayor Johnny Whitteker

After discussing the lack of government money for municipalities the conversation naturally progressed to his disappointment about the lack of response to their OSTAR funding application for the new water treatment plant necessary for South Dundas. It has taken three years to get finalized. Right now it's looking like the cost will be divided 1/3, 1/3, 1/3, among the levels of government. Mayor Whitteker hopes that it won't change before South Dundas' funding gets approved because it is "not fair to the ratepayers of this municipality to have to pay more than a third." Mayor Whitteker continued that this municipality is at a disadvantage because of timing. Other municipalities have had similar projects fully funded. Mayor Whitteker also noted that paying 1/3 of the $15 million dollars for the water treatment plant will be tough for ratepayers. The deadline for the water plant is fast approaching, and the township can't really afford to wait to get something done. They will already have to ask for an extension, but "we need to get something in place, it's just a disaster waiting to happen," warned the Mayor.

Bridges are another area that needs serious attention. There are bridges in Matilda that should be built, they are too dangerous for the township snowplows to cross. Whitteker hopes that the government will see "fit to provide more funding for bridges."

Mayor Whitteker is "happy with the fibre optics in Iroquois, Morrisburg, and Williamsburg." And added that being congratulated by Brian Tobin, Minister of Industry, for their initiative in proceeding with the project on their own rather than waiting for government grants was a highlight. "It seems to be working well, it was necessary for us to proceed quickly because we have businesses that wouldn't be here if it wasn't for that."

The question of raising taxes is one that is raised on an annual basis. Mayor Whitteker is "hoping to hold the line on taxes", he realizes that times are tough right now and says "we'll do our best to hold the line, but I am not in favour of cutting services to keep

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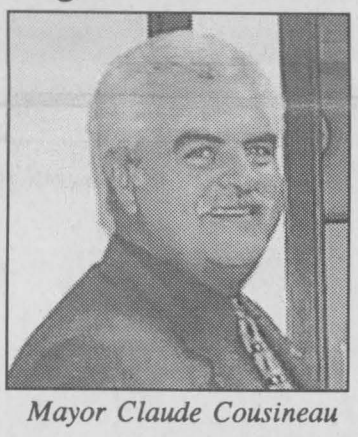
North Dundas Mayor Claude's year in review

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In this his last term as Mayor of North Dundas Claude Cousineau looked back at this his last term as Mayor. Some major things were accomplished this year. In a close decision, council will be down-sized and wards will be eliminated for the next municipal election. This down-sizing will ideally make council more efficient, and eliminate some of the disharmony that exists between the councillors.

North Dundas Township made a couple of big deals with Hydro One. North Dundas Hydro was sold to Hydro One netting the township $3.9 million. In another deal with Hydro One, North Dundas Township purchased the Hydro One Building in Winchester at a cost of $400,000. This was an excellent purchase as the value of the building is significantly more than the township paid. The township staff will be relocated to their new building in about May. This year should be earmarked as a year in which Mayor Cousineau lead council to make some great business moves. Cousineau's hard work and business sense have benefitted the township this year.



Mayor Claude Cousineau

For the future? There will be new jobs coming to North Dundas this year. An announcement will be made in the next couple of weeks. Taxes will probably rise a little, and some sort of solution to provide the hospital with more funds will have to be found.

Right now Mayor Cousineau is concentrating on the task at hand. The Official Plan deadline is fast approaching, although a further extension of the deadline is expected, proposed amendments to the plan are due by the end of January. In the Official Plan there are to be no severances to agricultural land, and Mayor Cousineau is opposed to this ban.

Large agenda at South Dundas Council meeting

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The last South Dundas Council meeting of 200[illegible] had a large agenda. Council touched on a large variety of issues.

Official Plan Deadline Fast Approaching

After putting off discussions about the new County Official Plan until council received a new map with current designations council found out that they will not be getting a new map after all. Councillor Martel pointed out that, "we only have a short window to go forward, we need to focus on rural communities and get designations on paper, we only have until the end of January." Mayor Whitteker and Councillor Barkley have both pointed out on several occasions that a lot of land designated agricultural in Williamsburg and Matilda should be designated rural.

Barkley told council that they need to have a public meeting to address any public concerns. Mayor Whitteker disagreed saying that there "has been public meetings, that's not what we need, we need this council to decide." Although a further extension of the deadline is expected Mayor Whitteker said that "we should get it done and shouldn't depend on an extension." It was decided that council will have a "council only" meeting today to go over the township road by road.

Instead of creating a press release of their own council decided that the County Press Release would sufficiently inform it's citizens on the progress of the official plan.

Press Release

Planning a Vision for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry

Cornwall - The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry recently held a series of meetings to present a draft of its new Official Plan. The Plan is the first for the County and is intended to guide land use decisions for the next 20 years. The Plan covers all of the County including the six Township municipalities.

Participants at the meetings were encouraged to provide their comments and input. This can be achieved by means of a written submission, email or by contacting your local municipality or the County Planner.

In response to the concern that the time for submitting comments was too short, County Council has extended the deadline for submissions to January 31, 2002.

If you are making a submission that includes a request to change the land use designation on your lands, please attach a copy of a key map, survey or sketch that will clearly identify the location of the property of properties affected.

Copies of the Plan are available for review at the County building in Cornwall and in each of the six Municipal Offices.

Council Supports Safe Streets Act Petition

Bill 8, The Safe Streets Act, prohibits aggressive solicitation on roadways. The Bill makes it illegal for firefighters to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy using their traditional Boot Drive. Their Annual Boot Drive and other fund-raisers have allowed Canadian Firefighters to give

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Principal at Seaway pleased with test results

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Provincial, Board and school results for the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) Grade Nine Mathematics Assessment were released early in December, 2001. Principal at Seaway District High School, Tamara Mitchell explains that students completed assessments based on whether they were working at the Academic or Applied level. The Academic curriculum is considered to be more theoretical in nature while the Applied curriculum is considered to be more hands-on and practical in nature.

The data was reported using two methods: Method 1 includes students who were exempted from writing the test and students for whom no data was collected. Method 2 includes only students who produced work that could be assessed.

The results have been categorised based on the following levels as defined by the province:

Level 4 (80-100%)-a very high to outstanding level of achievement. Achievement is above the provincial standard.

Level 3 (70-79%)-a high level of achievement. Achievement is at the provincial standard.

Level 2 (60-69%)-a moderate level of achievement. Achievement is below, but approaching the provincial standard.

Level 1 (50-59%)-a passable level of achievement. Achievement is below the provincial standard.

In terms of meeting the minimum passing grade, a Level 1, or a mark of 50%, she notes that 90% of academic students and 67% of applied students at Seaway met this standard. "As a whole the results show room for improvement's" acknowledges Mitchell. "We are actually pretty pleased with our academic results, but at the applied level we see that we certainly have work to do if we look at the numbers."

Looking at the numbers in level 3 and considering this to be the basis for satisfactory achievement, then just over 50% of the academic students are achieving at this level while less than 10% of our applied students are achieving at this level. With regards to Seaway students' results, our academic students achieved slighly higher than both the Board (Upper Canada District School Board) and the provincial averages while our applied students achieved lower than both these averages for levels 3 and 2. "A more thorough analysis will be possible once complete results including achievement by individual students are forwarded to the school," notes Mitchell.

This marks the first time that students in Grade 9 have completed the Ministry's Grade 9 Math assessment. These students are in the third year of the new curriculum which will see the elimination of the OAC year along with a compaction of the old curriculum. Students will cover as much material as has been accomplished in the past, only now this will be done over one less year.

"In terms of improving these results at the local level, teachers at Seaway are continually providing remedial help to students in need. As well, those students writing the next Grade 9 Assessment in the new year will be receiving intensive preparation during the second week of January prior to the test. In terms of looking to the future, this fall the Math Department at Seaway has initiated a program along with local feeder schools to find ways to help students improve in Math during the transition years from Grades 7 through 9," says Mitchell.

Provincial data is available only for those students achieving at level 3 or above.

Students achieving at Level 1 and above, using Method 1 sees Seaway numbers showing 90%, Board 91% and the Province 89% in the academic area, while in the

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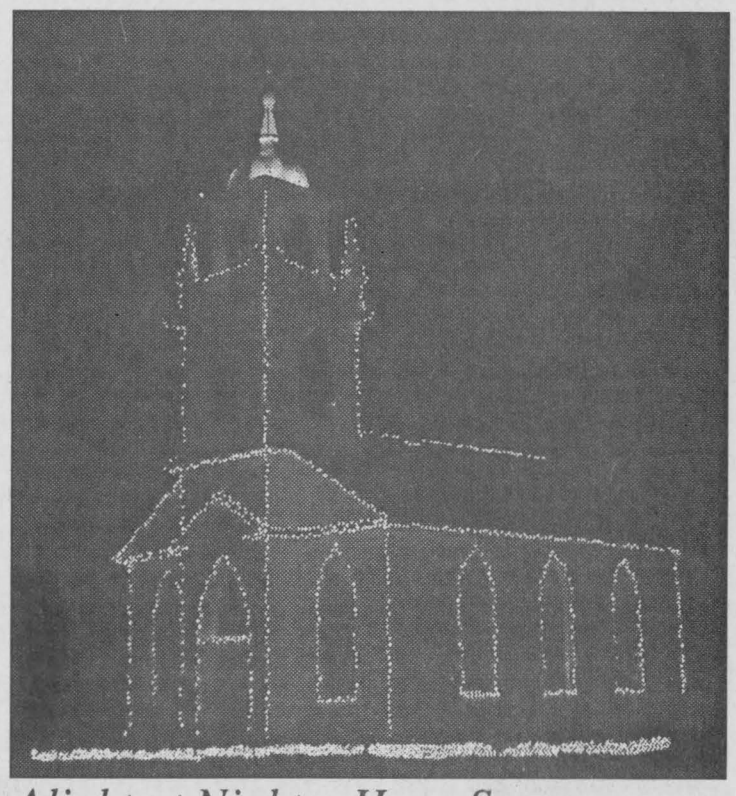

Alight at Night a Huge Success

The Church is one of the Heritage Buildings at Upper Canada Village "alight at night." The "Alight at Night concept has gone over extremely well in it's innaugural year at Upper Canada Village. The lights are scheduled to go out January 6th, so make sure and see it soon.

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That Which Was

Another year has come and gone, taking with it all the anxiety, frustrations, problems and devastation it could toss our way.

Certainly 2001 will be remembered for the destruction the free world suffered at the hands of terrorists. Visions of planes flying into the World Trade Centre will fade with time and eventually be dulled, but I fear never fully forgotten. Looking at photos, colourful and detailed in magazines and on front pages of newspapers the world over produced images that were almost too surreal, too graphic and yet seemed like a movie picture encouraging us to see a show. How could anything like September 11 actually test the world? What could we do but stand by in horror and pray?

The testimonials continue, the tears flow and everyone remembers what happened like it was yesterday. We will not soon forget. In order to carry on we must not look back, we have to forge ahead. We have to get past the bad and struggle onward to what lies ahead. Then we have the confrontation which has been placed in our way. We must be ready to fight for what we believe and what we want from life. No one wants war, but when there is no other answer, what choice do we have? We have been placed between a rock and a hard place and there is no way out but to fight.

We wonder about taxes, while the government gives with one hand, they tend to take with the other.

How are we to get ahead?

On the local front...Will our villages see clean and safe drinking water? What are we allowing our children to swallow? The Mayor even noted that all we do in Iroquois and Morrisburg is filter out the fish and chemically kill the bugs in the water we drink! How did the situation deteriorate to this state? How will the costs be recovered to install safe water in both places?

We will see Grade 13, OAC disappear this year. Beginning with the next crop of graduates after this June, students will have only four years of high school to prepare for University and college. The same amount of work has to be covered and retained, taught and learned just in one less year. We will be sending some of our young people off to higher halls of learning at the tender age of 17 years. This is a huge step... leaving home, choosing courses that may well determine the rest of their lives, making decisions and living alone. There are so many roads to take, so many trying to sway them to the wrong side of the tracks. Can parents teach them enough in so short a time? Will they be ready...physically and emotionally for the world so soon? Can they be prepared for what they will encounter? Remember the university and college worlds cost parents hard, cold cash. There is no free ride like at high school and elementary school, everything costs more money. Wasted time, wasted courses add up to wasted money and wasted futures. There on the other hand is no need to take something that does not make any sense to the student and so many will change numerous times prior to graduation, their courses and their goals.

There are good things which shaped the year 2001 and these we must surely savour. Congrats to Cam Martel on becoming Warden of SD&G, to Tamara Mitchell on her appointment as Principal at SDHS, to UCV for the wondrous light display which created a winter wonderland at our doorstep, to the Christmas Exchange who came through once again to provide a season of happiness for so many less fortunate, to everyone who banded together in the face of devastation and destruction, to all who stood tall and proud and showed that nothing can stop freedom-life goes on, you all deserve a hearty pat on the back, these are the things we want to keep in our memory bank, build on and act upon.

There are so many things that the year 2001 means to each of us, we each need to search our own minds and keep only those that will be of profitable assistance to us in the future.

As we head into 2002, we need to look ahead with a smile. We are the artists of our destiny, we shape and mold our future. We must not allow others to step in the way and change our course. We must be strong! We must be knowledgeable and we must be true to ourselves! We live in the best country in the world, with so much to offer, we have no place to go but forward. Use each moment to the fullest extent. Time is the one commodity we have to treasure and since we cannot change it we must use it wisely. Know what you want from 2002 and go for it!! Wipe your slate clean, 2002 will be your year!!

S.L.J.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission wins Silver Cup

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

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It was a surprise for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission...a very pleasant surprise. They have been given the honour of hosting two classes of the North American Hydroplane Championships at their Mille Roches Beach this September.

It turns out that the boaters who came here to race last season must have also been impressed with the facility, the operations and the people when they raced at this site last summer. They voted Mille Roches as "The Best Race of the Year" and awarded the Commission the Canadian Boating Federation Trophy.

Jacqueline Porter, Marketing Officer for Parks and Recreation smiled broadly as she said, "We hope to keep it too! It usually takes three to four years of hosting the races before you are even considered for a Championship and look what we accomplished right off the start line! We are pretty excited about this!"

Parks Coordinator, Tom Cassell who accepted the award notes that he was in shock. "It was the first time Eastern Ontario even held this race. The fact that we hosted it was a big thing!"

Tom explains that Mille Roches was made for the event. "We have break waters at each end and even with a reasonable wind the waters stays calm. The racers mentioned that the water conditions were just great! The judges were able to position themselves almost perfectly, so they could see the entire race course and the fact that there was space at the end of the course for the big clock which helps the racers."

Jacqueline adds that the site also provides wonderful camping and a terrific viewing area for spectators. "We had about 1000 people come out to watch the races and some 130 racers were on site as well taking part. They liked that fact that they (the racers) could stay right on site throughout the entire weekend." Both Tom and she agreed that the racers and organizers were a great bunch to work with. "They (the racers) are a wholesome group who work hard at their sport and travel a long way to take part in the races."

Bob Abbott of the Eastern Canada Outboard Racing Club was so taken with the Long Sault Parkway after camping here for a number of years, he lobbied to bring the races to this location. In order to persuade the officials to hold the races here, he brought the Directors of the American Powerboat Association and the Canadian Boating Federation to scout the site and see for themselves just how wonderful the location is. They too were impressed with Milles Roches and so waived the 3-5 year time frame which it usually takes to get approval for a race site and okayed it immediately, indicating just how special a site it is.

When the engines rev and the smell of fuel permeates the air on September 7 and 8, 2002 at Mille Roches the Third Annual North American Championships will be hosted by the St.Lawrence Parks Commission.

This year the races were run on September 8 and 9 and featured Stock and Modified Hydroplane and Runabout Racing. Sanctioned by the Canadian Boating Federation and American Powerboat Association and hosted by the Eastern Canada outboard Racing Club, a young group formed to reintroduce and rebuild the sport of boat racing in Eastern Ontario. The sport is not new to the area. In days past there were clubs in Brockville, Almonte and Carleton Place to name a few. The racers faded and with the racers gone so was the sport. Two years work by dedicated racers and support from the Toronto Outboard Racing Club the Club was able to get up to speed. They hosted two events over the summer; the first was in Sydenham, north of Kingston. A beautiful course which provides great enjoyment for all spectators and then at Mille Roches, which the boaters describe as "absolutely perfect in all respects." This year the Club hopes to combine these two races with a third event in Westport.

The Eastern Ontario Hydroplane Classic Regatta and Hurst Marina North American Championships was a huge success from all aspects of race day at Mille Roches.

In order to enjoy a race it helps to understand how it is run. The green flag is raised at the Starters Tower three minutes before the start of the race. This is the signal for drivers to start their motors and head out onto the course. At one minute before the

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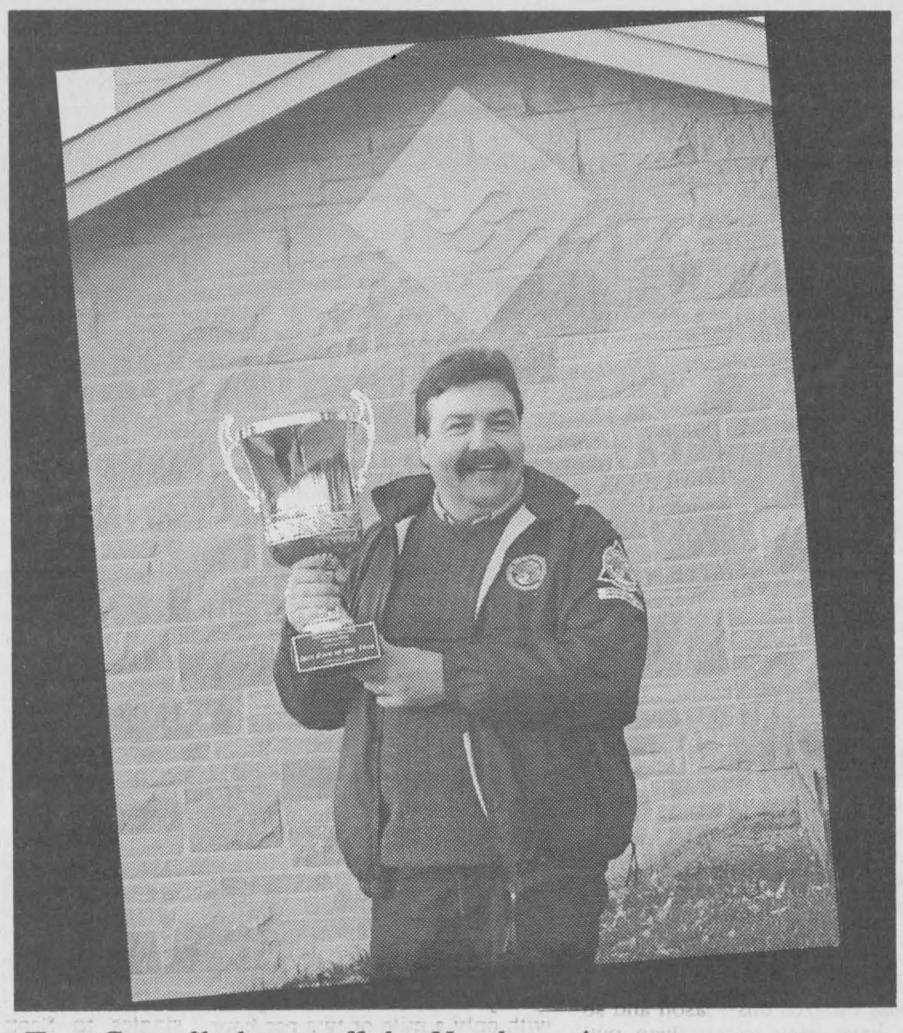

Tom Cassell shows off the Hardware! Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

-Returning to "normal" is difficult-

Just Plain Livin' with Sandra Lee



The university kid has returned to school, seems that one of the house groups had a New Year's Eve party planned and of course everyone invited did not want to miss out! He was going to come back for the rest of the week but since he arrived safe and sound and with good roads and weather to his benefit we decided it best that he stay put. He left on Saturday morning and after hugs and good-byes he hit the road. Then, the car pulls back into the driveway...after spending a pile of cash on the old Merc, we could not figure what could be wrong already. Alas, he had forgotten his CDs and after stopping to say "Bye" to Grams and Gramps, grab his care package which Grams always sends he realized he had no tunes! The second good-bye was not as tough to handle for the folks as the first round had been. He has a major assignment due soon and so he will work on it for the few days prior to class starting again. Marks from the pre-Christmas exams will be forthcoming and another semester will begin on Monday. We wish him luck as he studies hard and works to make his dreams reality.

Wanting to provide our sons with opportunities we did not have, the big guy and I continue the struggle with bills and tuition and books and student loan interest payments and school costs not even dreamed about! If you have youngsters, start to save now, they cannot begin to earn enough to pay their own way once they leave high school and they will be departing a year earlier than ours did! It takes a pile of cash, over $20,000 a year right now. Our biggest problem of course is that son number one is heading back to class as well, and so we have two to help out each week! The vehicles repairs are getting us down each week, as regular checks turn into major items, but what else can we do?

Son number one is not able to drive until he sees his surgeon for a checkup to ensure all is healing as it should be. This happens next Friday, so until then he has to be driven to class and home again afterwards. The big guy is on vacation this week and so he is handling the driving. When he goes back to school next week I will take some time off work to do the honours. It will mean Monday, Wednesday and Thursday will be a bit hectic, more night work for the writer, but hopefully he will be able to drive after his visit with the doctor and with luck he will have a vehicle to drive! The Tiny Tempos are still at the garage, and so we will have to speak to the mechanic about getting his back on the road sooon!

Christmas is over for sure, the gifts have been washed, cuffed, ironed and put away. Perhaps the fact that son number two went back to university early this season had us cleaning up earlier than usual. No matter things are returning to normal rapidly around the ranch. Speaking of ironing, yes, this old writer still enjoys her peace at the ironing board and thanks to number one son a new iron glides over the clothes. A compact, light weight iron gets the job done efficiently and effectively.

The tree has been undressed and the decorations boxed for another year. The tree sits outside waiting for strands of popcorn and fruit to help the birds find a treat. The advantage to a real tree is that it serves double duty each winter as we enjoy the coloured lights and balls throughout Christmas and then our feathered friends have fun once we abandon it to the outdoors.

A book received by the writer has her spell bound. I got a few good reads, but the one that can't seem to be put down is the Steven Truscott story..."Until You are Dead" by Julian Sher. Back in the early 60s after he was imprisoned and the first book about the murder and rape (Lynn Harper) he was accused of, as a youngster of 14 came out, I read it and was enthused. Then, wrongful guilty verdicts were handed down, and a number of men served time when they should not have...it became all too popular. Isobel LeBourdais certainly got me interested in the entire thing and now this book which really hits the injustice of a youngster and his family. No DNA then, and when a lawyer tells you everything will be all right, what do you know? It is a real eye opener, well written and interesting. A lot of free time has been devoured as the pages turn the story unfolds. Work beckons and I will put it aside, but the other 300 pages will be read as soon as time allows. It has been too long since a book with over 600 pages has been read by this old reader. It feels very good!

Happy New Year! everyone. We spent a quiet New Year's Eve and Day. The number one son spent it at the girl friends and we were alone, the big guy and the writer who read, ironed,

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the bottom line

WELCOME TO THE YEAR 2002! WE AT THE CHIEFTAIN WISH EACH OF our readers a healthy and happy year. Looking to the future can be a frightening experience, but as we begin the trek into 2002, we need to forge onward with anticipation, hopes and dreams for what lies ahead. Someone once told me to never look back, you cannot change anything that has happened and the only time to cast a backward glance is when you recall something especially happy or an accomplishment that made you a better person. Dwelling on the past can only drag you down. Happy New Year!! Enjoy it to the fullest and look at today as the beginning of the rest of your life. Your future is indeed what you make it.

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THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE SEASON ON December 24, 2001 with the passage of the downbound vessel Petrolia Desgagnes through St. Lambert Lock near Montreal, Quebec. The Seaway opened its 43rd shipping season on March 23rd and remained open for 277 days in 2001. Results fell below expectations in terms of cargo volumes and toll revenues when compared to the last five years. Christmas time is so special on the waterway as ships decorate with brilliant lights and display the seasons festivities on their decks. The Port of Montreal remains open during the winter to accommodate traffic on the lower St.Lawrence River.

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RON EAMER WAS ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF BOARD CHAIR OF THE Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. The former Vice-Chair was elected by the Trustees at their Inaugural Meeting in Kemptville last month. Charles Adams was elected new Vice-Chair. Nancy Kirby stepped down and was thanked for her four years of outstanding leadership as Chair of the Board. She in turn presented the Board a framed Celtic Cross as a token of her appreciation for the support and cooperation she received during her term.

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THE FESTIVE R.I.D.E PROGRAM REPORTED 18101 VEHICLES CHECKED in the past week. The number of 12-hour suspensions , 35 is up from last year as are the 19 impaired related charges which were handed out. Don't Drink and Drive!!

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watched some tube, although the parades were missed, the only time in a lot of years that I forgot they were on. Oh well, we can't go back now. A shrimp ring and some wine and we toasted 2002 then hit the sack.

The Sojgrens is misbehaving again, the face is swollen and sore and extremely red in various places. The joints are very stiff and painful and even rolling over in bed is tough. Cramps have been experienced in the legs and even in the feet. Usually the cold weather provides some solace from these feelings, but this year it has not happened, there is no relief from the aches and pains it seems, even the hot soaks in the tub cannot seem to give enough release.

A visit with some dear friends on Caldwell over the season was great. Cooke is looking good and on the mend and Bernie, who gave him a scare is looking good as well. The big guy and the writer penned a poem to the master of poetry, hope it brought a laugh or two! We are not poets and he can scratch one up from dust, but the thought was what counted.

The Christmas lights remain glowing around the area, as though we all need the cheerfulness they provide in the darkness. We all hesitate to take them down. They are such a welcoming sight as we head to work before the sun rises in the east and head home after it has fallen in the west. Perhaps a last chance to see the marvellous light displays in our area is being afforded to us and we will take the special lady around the corner and check them out.

As we head into a new year there will be no resolutions from the Swampview gang, we don't do that any more. We are going to try to lose some of those excess pounds and attempt to change our lifestyle a bit to gain some energy and enthusiasm for each day. Something seems to be lost lately and we need to regain it. Winter is not a time to snuggle indoors and avoid the snow and cold. We used to look forward to snow and enjoyed the great outdoors in winter and we want to get back to that place.

A wee nephew from back the way dropped by for a cuppa and a play and we enjoyed the time as always spent with him.

Some new games were located under the tree this season and so we have been trying them out, board games are fun! Friends have a new Canada trivia game and we enjoyed it...must play it again soon.

As things return to what we call normal, the typing continues, the photos will be snapped and we will worry about the sons. What else can a mother do? It seems to be a vital part of our very being! Take care and enjoy winter, it is not soo bad! Hang tight, keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart. The wisdom this week comes from Robert Browning who said, "A minute's success pays the failure of years."

Focus

Continued from Editorial page

start, the white flag is raised and the large clock located at the start\finish line begins its countdown to zero. Drivers take a few runs across the starting line prior to the one minute gun just to gauge how long it takes them to reach the line from various points behind it. Drivers jockey for position and make their run for the clock. Ideally the boat should cross the start line at Zero on the clock. Arrive too early and you are disqualified. Arrive too late and you will have to deal with everyone elses' spray and wake as you head to the first turn. For safety reasons the rules dictate that no more than 12 boats are allowed to compete at one time. Often the number of entries in a class will exceed this number creating the need for elimination heats. The entries are divided into equal groups by chance draw. Elimination heats are run to establish 12 qualifiers for the final heat.

Many people miss some of the enjoyment of Stock Racing because they don't understand the fundamentals of class difference. Stock Outboard racing is not the thundering inboards that people see on television commercials. If a parallel with auto racing could be drawn, it might be said that the Inboard is the Grand Prix or Indianapolis type car while the Stock Outboard is the dirt track racers or possibly more akin to snowmobile racing. Stock Outboard racing is relatively inexpensive and highly competitive. For instance there are more stock racers in North America than all other closed course divisions combined. This leads to the need for elimination heats and usually a full filed of 12 boats in the final for each class.

A course is contained within a distance of 1.25 miles, usually oval in shape and laid out using three or more marker buoys at each end with other markers indicating the starting line.

One heat of racing consists of 3 laps around the closed course. A heat may be a final or an elimination. There are 2 heats per class. Points are scored in each heat to establish the overall class winner. Drivers want to hit the line at full sped just as the clock zeros. Precision timing and position are everything.

Getting into the first turn in the first position eliminates the spray washed traffic jam that occurs at the first corner. It is easier to steer the boat around a corner when not being hosed down by roster tails and battered over the wakes of seven or more boats.

Boats within a class are fairly evenly matched as far as speed, with only a mile or two per hour separating the top three or four boats. The margins between the boats grow as the race continues due to rough water. Propeller slippage is a big factor, in fact drivers spend hours testing and changing props hoping to find any advantage over the competition. Selecting the right prop to suit the water conditions and race course is a huge part of setting up the boat.

The water behind the led boat is churned into a foaming mass of air pockets in which the prop has less bite. The lead boat has solid water, an unobstructed view of the course ahead, and the knowledge that if he stays close to the rail while going around, his chances of winning are much better.

In order to overcome a trailing situation, a faster boat is necessary, a more daring driver and a lot of luck. By running wider on the course, outside the line of boats ahead a driver may find solid water, but he has to travel a longer route, must run faster on the straight and deeper into the turns before backing off on the throttle. When you see this happening, you are seeing a real boat race!

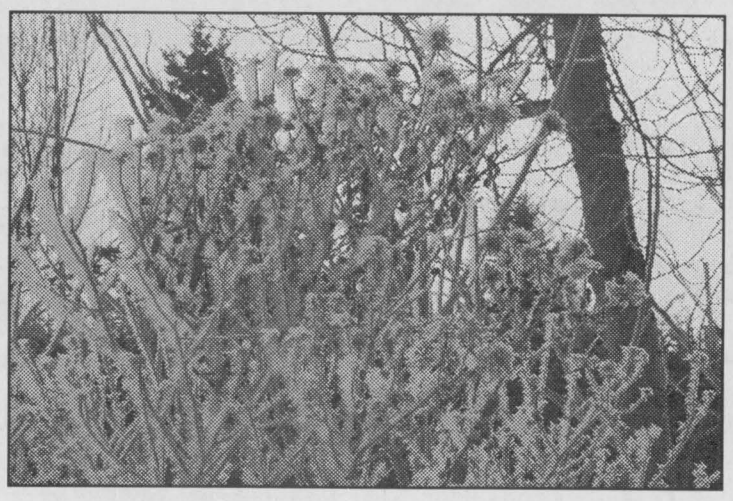
When a boat crosses the finish line he is given the checkered flag. After crossing the line a driver may not interfere with other boats still in the race and must stay in the infield or circle the course until the black flag is displayed on the judges stand. Then all boats return to the pits - the race is over.

There are many stock classes both Hydroplanes and racing runabouts. Hydroplanes are lightweight boats that ride on a cushion of air, while the runabouts skim across the water. Stock classes use approved motors running on regular pump gasoline and engines must remain within the manufacturers specifications. They are inspected from time to time. There are minimum weights required in each class as well as safety equipment required for the driver.

Racers may be as young as 9 years old in the J Stock Hydro-(JSH class is for 9-15 year olds-with speeds to 35mph) and there are classes for 13 year olds and up: A Stock Hydro(ASH) or A Stock Runabout(ASR) which run up to 55mph. Once racers are 15 years old they may race in the 20SS Hydro class (20SSH)-which attains speeds of 65-70mph. They must wait for their 16th birthday to move to the 15SS Hydro(15SSH), the 25SS Hydro(25SSH-65-70mph) class, the B Stock Hydro(BSH-to 65mph), the C Stock Hydro (CSH-70+mph) or D Stock Hydro (DSH-80+mph). Stock class designations also grow by motor size as well as speed.

Each of the twelve boats are scored points for each race. From 400 for first to 17 for 12th place. Points are accumulated in a quest for Regional and National Championship status.

Regattas are held almost every weekend from May to October. See you at Mille Roches in September!



The Beauty of the Storm

The latest storm brought some beauty with it. I'm sure Buffalo is not interested in the beauty of the white stuff anymore.

Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

Kings take Rangers 5-4

On December 1st the Atom Kings hosted the Gloucester Rangers in Spencerville. The Kings outlasted the Rangers 5-4, with the winning goal coming with twenty seconds left in the game. Marc Roy led the Kings with the winning goal and two assists. Kyle Pattemore had two goals, with singles to Scott Sommers and Michael Skakum. Andrew McVean played a strong game in goal.

On December 3 the Rideau St. Lawrence Kings travelled to Ottawa and upset the fourth place team Ottawa Sting 3-1. Solid play by all the Kings; enabled them to stay on top of the Sting all game. Michael Skakum led the way with two goals, including the winner, while Kyle Pattemore chipped in with the empty netter to seal the win. Brett Jackson helped out with two assists, while Marc Roy and Tyson Wilson had the other assists. Tommy Allan played a solid game between the pipes.

Next action for the Kings is on Saturday the 8th against Eastern Ontario and then Sunday the Kings travel to Duchesnay Quebec to play first place Outaouais.

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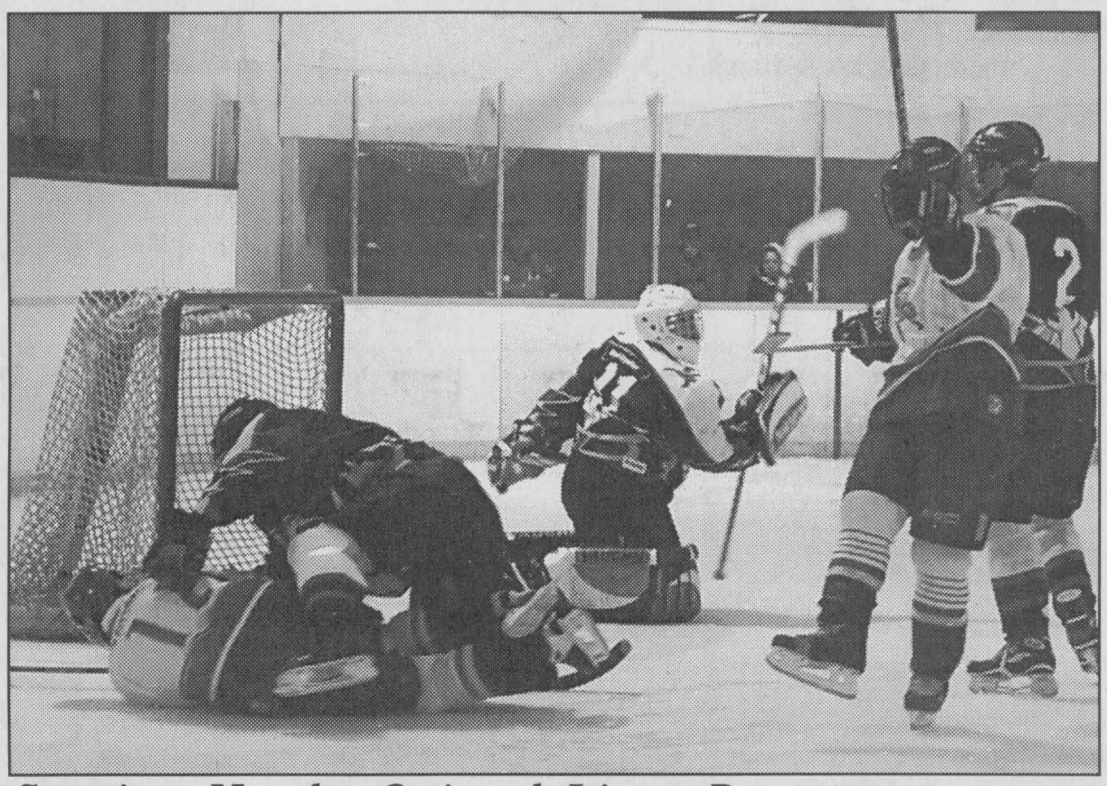

Soaring Hawks Quieted Lions Roar

The Hawks soared past the Junior B Lions 7-4. Here Chris Cadieux scored on the powerplay with the help of Matt Bailey and Ryan Redmond. The Lions kept up with the Hawks rough pace for the whole game but could not keep up the scoring pace. The score didn't do the Lions' efforts justice. The Lions next home game is Friday night at 8:15 pm when they will face off against their neighbours to the west, South Grenville. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Junior B Lions face league top spot Char-Lan Rebels

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions made some huge strides in their St. Lawrence Division over the festive season. Notable is the fact that Matt Bailey has made the top ten list of scorers for the first time as the only Lions to do so this season. Coming in with 11 goals, and 22 assists for a total of 33 points he is only one point behind Char-Lan's Sean Roseman and a slim two behind the next two players.

Sitting in fifth spot in the League standings the Lions are only 5 points away from a playoff position thanks to some pretty good playing as December turned into 2002.

Starting things off on Saturday, December 22 the Lions faced the first place Char-Lan Rebels and came home with a tie. Overtime did not help to crown a winner as both teams played sharp and allowed nothing to get into the nets.

Jamie Lalonde was tough in the pipes for the Lions turning aside all shots keeping his team in the game and giving them a chance to get on the board. The first frame saw the Lions come on strong scoring twice, grabbing the lead heading into the second period. Matt Bailey pushed the puck into the Rebels net with help from Jon Chambers and Greg Millard at :08 to get things started. Matt Bergeron bulged the twine as he took the pass from Matt Collins at 9:01 and then at 15:35, Alex Gray pounded another home after taking the quick pass from Ghyslian Hotte and Carson Runions. Then just as the period was all but over, at 19:26 the rebels scored their only marker of the period.

The Rebels would score the solo counter in the second period closing the gap.

Matt Bergeron came through the Rebels defence to count the fourth goal for the Lions unassisted, nine seconds into the third frame. It looked like the Lions would claim victory, but the Rebels were not yet finished. They would score twice to knot the score and force overtime. Neither squad could get one past the goalies and the game ended 4-4. Lalonde turned aside 44 shots as the Rebels pounded him. The Lions tested the Rebel goalies with 25 shots. Nine shots by the Lions in the first period persuaded the Coaches from Char-Lan traded putting in their number one man, Tim McCuaig. Tim and Maxim Marion are the top two goalies in the Division with averages of 2.29 and 2.95 respectively. Jamie showed he has staying power on this evening as he faced the tough Rebels.

Morrisburg Lions knot score against Kemptville 73's

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A scoreless first frame by the Kemptville 73s gave the Morrisburg Lions confidence and the Lion fans something to cheer about. Hosting the game, the 73s were ready for an easy victory against the team from Morrisburg. Afterall, the 73s were ahead of the Morrisburg squad in the League Standings.

The Lions roared into action in the first frame as at 18:10, team Captain showed the way. Wayne Garlough scored on an effort by Ghyslain Hotte and Matt Bergeron on the powerplay. Again at 9:30 Matt Bailey struck for a counter as he teamed with Tony Casselman and James Morrell for the second goal on the Lions side of the scoreboard.

Up by two as the second period began, the Lions saw their lead dwindle as the 73s struck for two goals, at 11:40 and again at 5:31 to knot the score at 2. Not conceding defeat, the Lions came back in the second period at 4:25 as Chris Cadieux bulged the twine and put the Lions ahead once again in the see-saw game playing out in Kemptville. The 73s responded with less than a minute remaining in the period to tie the score at 3 each.

The third was a great period for spectators, no matter which team you favoured. Great end to end action, fast paced plays and some terrific checking kept the game close. Neither team wanted to give up the goal and both goalies stood tall, keeping their team in the mix. The Lions struck at 7:34 when Wayne Garlough skated hard along side with Tony Murray and Matt Bergeron and poked the puck into the 73s net. It seemed like the Lions had a victory on their sticks, until 4:58 when the 73s bounced back and scored on Lalonde, knotting the score at 4 each. That was how things would remain. Lalonde faced 43 shots allowing only 4 while Adam Levi in the 73s net had 32 shots come his way, four of which got past him. Again two Game Misconducts, one per team were handed out in this match. A total of 49 penalty minutes resulted throughout this game.

The Lions play next on Friday, when they host the South Grenville Rangers. The action starts at 8:15 in Morrisburg. See you at the rink, the boys need our support, they can do it!!

Winchester Hawks defeat Morrisburg Lions 6-4

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Sunday, December 23 the Lions hosted the Winchester Hawks and suffered defeat. The Hawks swooped down on the Lions and were merciless in their quest for victory. A solo marker in the first went to the Hawks who came back and nailed another one past Jamie Lalonde in the Lions pipes before his team mates roared down ice to beat Ryan Armitage. Matt Bergeron put the Lions on the board at 13:01 of the second frame with help from Tony Murray and Matt Collins. The Hawks were just too much for the Lions as they would be unable to count again until the third period. The Hawks would count three more before the second ended. With the Hawks up 5-1 the Lions had an almost insurmountable task to even catch the high flying Winchester team. However, they were not yet to be counted out as they came back to score on the powerplay at 9:38 of the third period. Chris Cadieux with the wrist shot beat Armitage on the short side. Assists went to Matt Bailey and Ryan Redmond. The Hawks were persistent and scored on Lalonde again to suggest to the Lions they were beat. But at 2:40 Wayne Garlough struck down ice and beat the netminder. Ghyslian Hotte and Jon Chambers helped him score. The score board read 6-4 and the Lions were perhaps still in the game. The Hawks drove one last counter past Lalonde with only one minute left to play and ensure the win.

The Hawks are a tough team who play a rough style of hockey, but the Lions showed they can play with them. A penalty ridden game a total of 26 were handed out to the two teams, including a Game Misconduct a piece.

Morrisburg Curling Club kept busy over the holidays

by Steve Thompson

League play resumes next week, but the Morrisburg Club has been busy over the holidays with rentals and bonspiels. The Turkey Bonspiel drew a full slate of curlers. With turkeys for every member of the winning team in each draw, bottles for the 2nd place teams, and turkeys to be won for the draw closest to the button for the 8 curlers on each sheet, it was a night of winners. Tops in the early matches were Allan Harriman, Kathy Miller, Dave Black, and Glenn Couglar. Doug Tupper, Betty Locke, Greta McGann and Bob Fortin finished 2nd, and Arnold Barkley, Sam Casselman and Dave Salsman won the turkey draws. In the late games Don O'Brien, Al Gowanlock, Eric Johnston and Donna Stephens will have their names inscribed on the trophy, while Jack Dikland, Tony Toonders, Ron Brown and Sandra Beckstead took home the wine. Winners of the turkey draws were Donna Jeacle, Ron Brown and Don O'Brien. Margaret Reynolds was the big winner of the night, taking home the House of Gold proceeds, over $300 worth. Many thanks to Jack Dikland for organizing the Christmas bonspiel, and to his wife and friends who prepared the food.

In the afternoon women's curling the winners of the Annie Kincaid Shield were Cheryl Thompson, Sandra Beckstead, Kathy Norg and Donna Stephens. The presentation was a touching ceremony with Cheryl's and Sandra's father, Mr. Smith, of apple orchard fame, there to see his daughters' triumph. We almost got him out onto the ice to throw a few rocks, Maybe next time.

The evening ladies had a wind-up bonspiel and party and announced their winning team for the first half of the season: Anita Cooper, Betty Locke, Shelley Broad and Sharon Annable will have their names on the trophy.

The Monday night men's league final will be played next week, the Thursday night competitive league continues all year, and the winner of the Friday night mixed competition was the team of Bob Bergland, Brad LeClair, Kathy Miller and Mike Felker. The daytime mixed champs were Don O'Brien, Betty Locke, Bobby Jack Hart and Eleanor Allison.

In Junior curling news Warren Scneckenburger, J.J. Hollister, Jeremy Schnurr and Tim Boushel finished 3rd recently in a Prescott Bonspiel.

To finish off reporting on the Zone 1 men's playdowns, Ken Sullivan of Russell won the 'B' title, and plays shortly in the Regionals.

And finally, for the curler from Denmark who read this column on the internet, a 'snake river' is an unkind honorific for a team that loses every end in a match. There must have been an unfortunate curling club by that name. See you on the Ice!

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Lions double the score on Glens at home in the Den

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Friday evening the puck dropped at 8:15 in the Lions' Den, Morrisburg as the Alexandria Glens came to town. Sitting three teams ahead and some ten points ahead of the Lions, the Glens would seem to be formidable opponents. The Lions proved they have what it takes sending the Glens home after defeating them soundly 6-3.

The Glens came out fast and furious scoring on Lalonde in the Lions net at 18:44 of the first frame. It would not be until 9:17 of the period that the Lions would get something going. Carson Runions scored on Fred Wolfe in the pipes for the Glens. Matt Bailey helped him out on the play, evening the score. The Lions roared again at 7:41 of the first as Matt Bergeron jammed the puck into the twine assisted by team Captain, Wayne Garlough and Chris Cadieux. As the clock wound down, the Glens again found space behind Lalonde to knot the score as the buzzer sounded.

The Lions exploded in the second as they scored three goals, two unanswered to grab the lead. At 15:49 Matt Collins wearing an "A" on his jersey skated in to count a goal with a hand from Jamie Leger and Alex Gray. The Glens countered with their final marker of the game at 10:20. Lalonde would turn away all comers from this point onward in the game. The Lions came on tough again at 4:06 when Carson Runions scored assisted by James Morrell. Soon after that at 3:15, it was Matt Bailey who struck and was successful scoring the fifth counter for the Lions, putting them up 5-3 as the second ended. Morrell helped him find his mark as well.

The Glens would not be able to get the puck past Lalonde in the third as he was determined to give his team the chance they had proven they deserved for victory. A good defence helped him look good in the pipes too. At 6:30 of the final frame, Alex Gray made sure the score was doubled as he counted number six. Jamie Leger earned the assist on the goal. The Lions were victorious 6-3. Both teams served 11 penalties, each earning a Game Misconduct.

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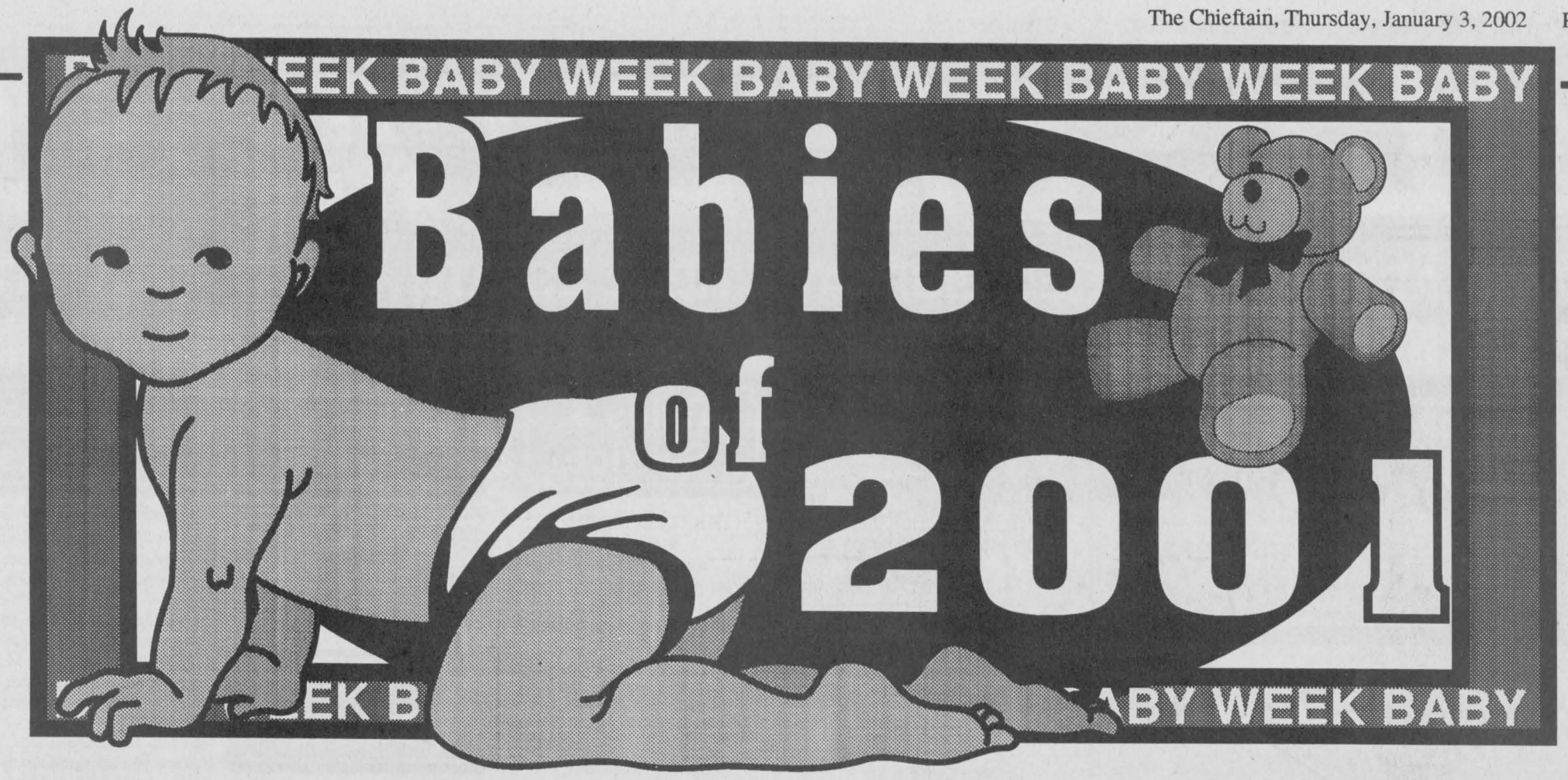

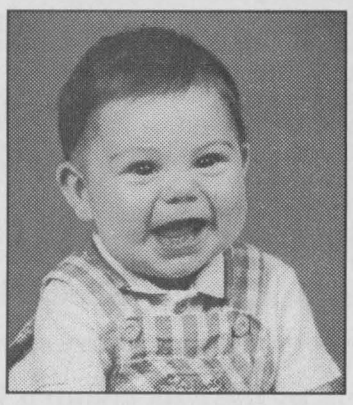

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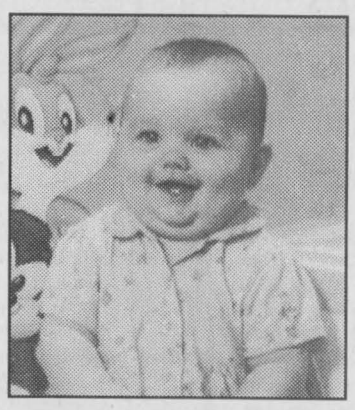

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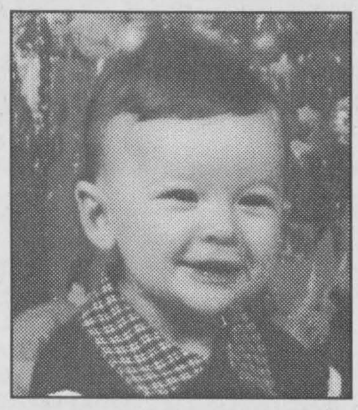

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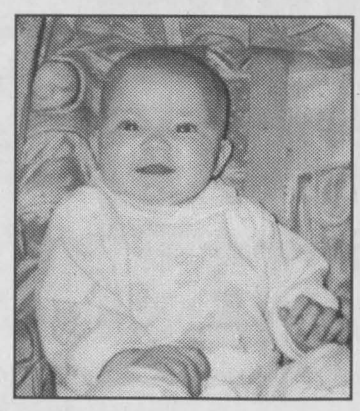
and Henry & Juney Vyfvinkel



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April 27, 2001
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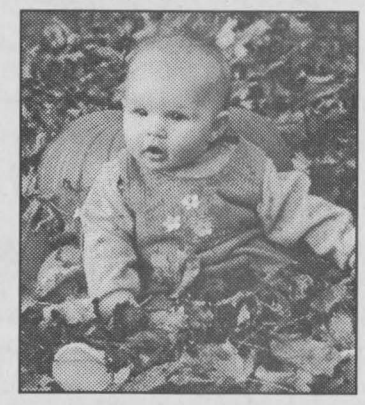
Raymond & Charlaine Smail
and William & Sandra Dodge



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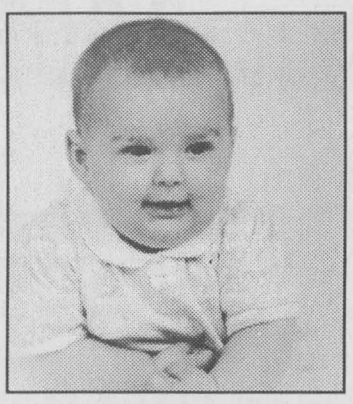
Marg & Leo Backes





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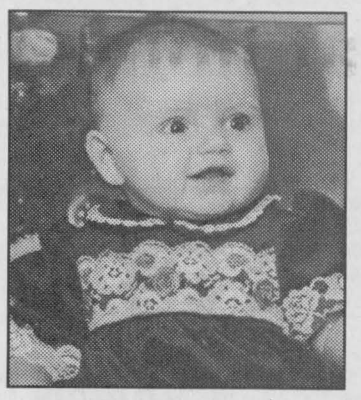

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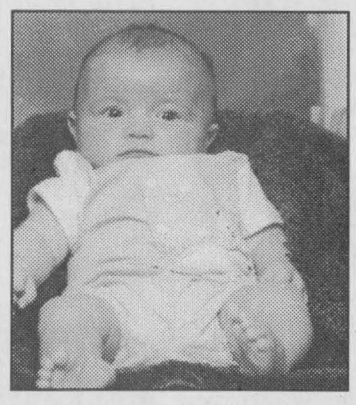
June 6, 2001
Daughter of Lisa & Allan



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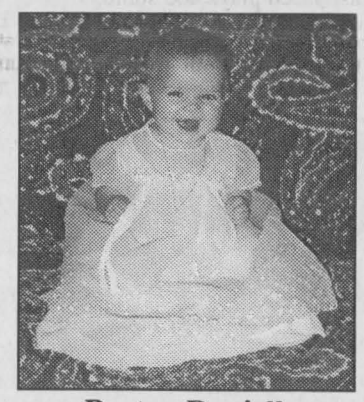

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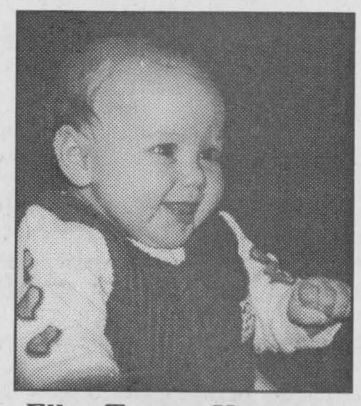

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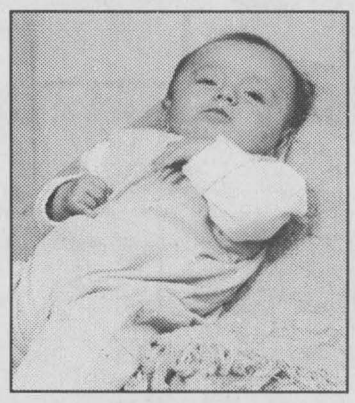

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July 15, 2001
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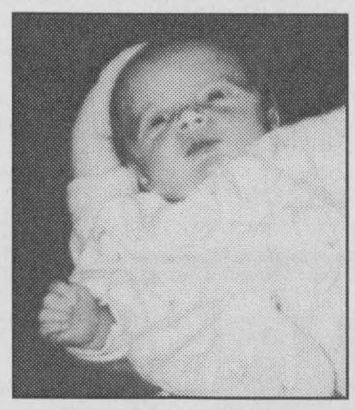
Smith and Bill & Lila Jollota



Sam William John Waytowich
November 9, 2001
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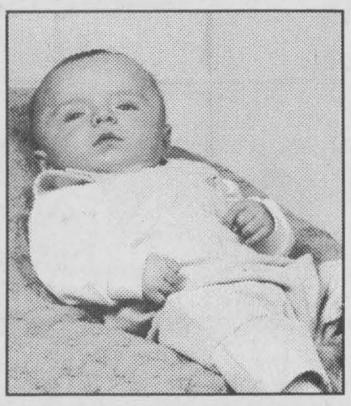
John & Joanne Knol



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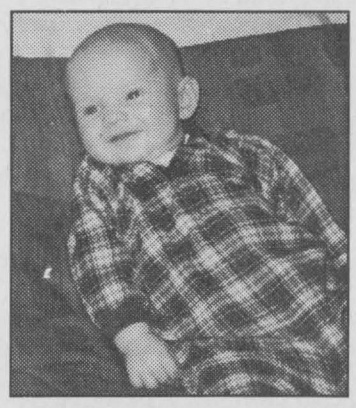

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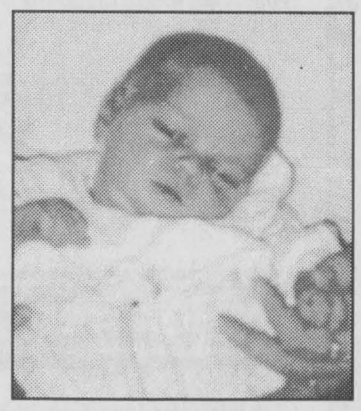

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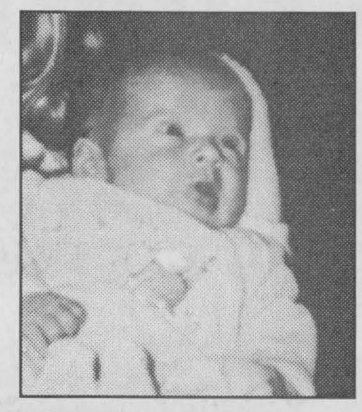
Sister of Alex and Ben



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They walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Love Enid & Tom, Shirley & Pat, Sheila & George and families.
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Thank you all again,
Dennis T.J. Keeler (D.J.),
Local Cub

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Thank you to everyone who helped make the Community Christmas Dinner such a great success. Your donations of time, food and money make this venture possible and enable us to do even more outreach into the community. Special thanks to the Morrisburg Legion for the use of their facilities and to the Seaway Pharmacy, The Iroquois Chieftain and Morrisburg Leader for all their help. We hope to see you all again next year.
The Apple Tree Ministry and friends.

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2nd ~ Mike Thompson, 5 Crysler, Morrisburg
3rd ~ Janie Strader, 63 High Street, Morrisburg
Special thanks to those who participated. An extra special thanks goes out to Jim Adams for his time and effort providing the wagon rides and to Mary Perry of Dundas Bus Lines. Thanks also to Bill Horner for his assistance.
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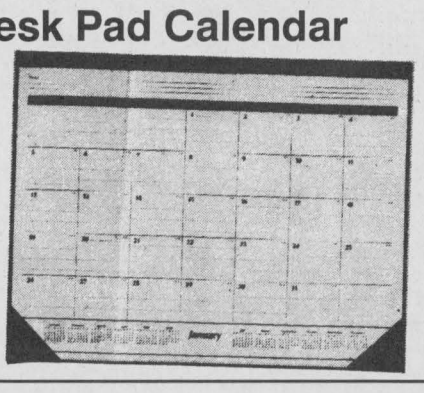

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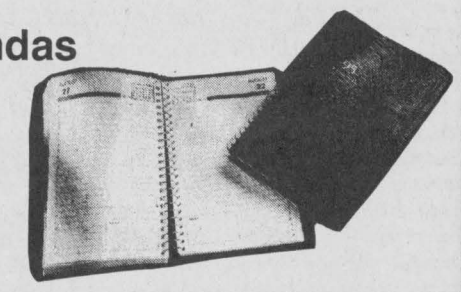

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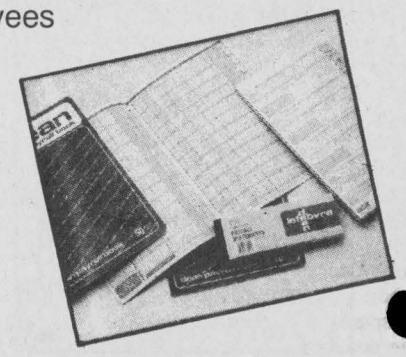

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The Upper Canada Quilter's Guild donated this beautiful quilt to the Stampville Seniors Centre. The Quilters make a quilt every 2 years and give it to the centre in lieu of rent. This quilt was assessed at over $1300. Cynthia Foss (left) - President of the Quilter's Guild presented Jyl Paas (right) - Coordinator of the Stampville Seniors Centre with this beautifully detailed quilt.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Week fifteen of the Cribbage League found twenty-one players in a festive mood. Pegging 1084 points and capturing first place was Ron Perrin followed closely behind by Dennis Wright pegging 1083 to grab the second spot. Jack Coulter with 1082 points ended up in third place leaving George LaRose with a 1070 to have the honours of holding down the "Bridesmaids" chair. Thirteen skunks were handed out on the day with two each going to Jake Easter, Darin Eden, Don Hutt, Karl Kirkwood and Bob McKee.

Cribbage League play will resume as scheduled on Saturday, December 29th at 1 p.m. Sharp in the lounge.

At the Euchre tables played on December 18th, there were twelve tables being occupied. Glen Easter took the first prize while Marjorie Gray ended up with the second prize and Joe Crites was fortunate to net the door prize. Even though skunks have recently been caught around the Branch, not a one was in sight all evening.

At Duplicate Bridge played after a delicious Roast Beef dinner served by the Ladies Aux., I found five tables being kept busy. At the end of the evening, the top winners were Laura Burgess and Mildred McGuinn.

Bridge will be resuming in the New Year on January 8th at the regular time. Euchre will be resuming at a later date and will keep you abreast of the date later on.

The hectic month of activities is wound down and the "Big Day" quickly drew near and the "How many more sleeps do we have" got really short; let us all hope everyone had a "Very Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." I would like to wish all of our many volunteers (Bingo & Bartenders especially) had a very happy festive season. You are special people.

Before closing, I'd like to extend "Best Wishes of the Season" to the Editor and staff at "The Chieftain" and say many thanks to you for covering all the activities that took place at Branch 370 over the past year. It has been much appreciated!

I hear by the grape-vine that our Comrade Bernie Sisty is under the weather and is under doctors care at the hospital. Take care Bernie and here's hoping you'll be home real soon.

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from increasing taxes."

Morrisburg's Industrial Park will be getting a second outlet west to Highway 31 next year if the township can purchase the land. It will benefit all of the businesses in the Industrial Park, and increase the townships industrial potential 100%. The township has little industrial land to offer at the moment, but with this extension, the land available will double.

When asked if South Dundas would follow their neighbouring Township, North Dundas, in eliminating the ward system, Whitteker offered that "council works well together thinking of council as a whole" and offers his congratulations for this but he himself is undecided as to where he stands on this issue. There are pros and cons to each side of the debate, but maintained that "we need to get a feeling from the people," and suggested that this issue will be discussed in the final year of the term, and "we will try to do what the people would like us to."

W.D.M.H. will ask South Dundas for a portion of the funds needed for renovations, and "we should pay a portion" said Whitteker. "We are fortunate to have it, and need to keep it." Whitteker once again let his frustrations with "the government" be known, "in the cities they are paying up to 70%, and only 50% in rural areas, they are discriminating."

In closing Mayor Whitteker hinted at retiring from municipal politics. This forty-seven year political veteran smiled smugly as he told reporters, "there's a good chance that I won't be running in the next election but a good politician always keeps his toe in the door."

S. Dundas

over 2 million dollars to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.

South Dundas Council voted to support a resolution by the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills to petition the Provincial Government to amend the Safe Streets Act (Bill 8) to allow Canadian Firefighters the right to conduct their traditional fundraising campaign.

Antique Festival Moving?

For the forth South Dundas Antique Festival Heritage Coordinator Kirsten Gardner is looking at changing the location from Morrisburg to Matilda. In the original proposal the South Dundas Antique Festival would move around from year to year to different South Dundas locations. Councillor Cam Martel wasn't sure that this was a good idea. He said Matilda wouldn't have amenities for the exhibitors that are available in Morrisburg such as restaurants and accommodations.

OPP Looking for Accommodations

SD&G OPP boats are usually stored at headquarters in Orillia for the winter months. This year they are unable to accommodate them so Sgt. Patterson asked council if they had any free storage space available to store the large boats inside. Mayor Whitteker said, "we will rack our brains to find a spot for them, and we'll get back to you."

South Dundas Economic Development Commission Report

Anne Marie Waddell of the SDEDC is requesting a new location for the SDEDC office "to provide a better working environment for the existing staff, and to allow for more staff accommodating the personnel that will be needed to fulfil the commitments of the funding projects with CEO-Net."

South Dundas Township Insurance Rate Hike

After some people expressed their discontent with Council for awarding past contracts with out tender Council opted to revoke a three year contract with Mantha for Insurance to a one year contract. The contract was up for renewal so council invited 5 tenders for the next year of coverage. Mantha was the only one of the invited tenders that was received. Mantha will again be the township insurance provider at a cost of $81,476.84, an increase of $2400 over last year. Mayor Whitteker was quick to comment on the increase sarcastically, "we did a good thing", pointing out that, "if we hadn't tendered we would not have had the increase." Councillor Barkley expressed his disappointment with the people who were concerned about council not using the tendering process. When given the chance, they didn't even bid.

Principal

applied sector, the numbers read 67%,66% and 62% respectively. Utilizing Method 2, we see 90%,-91% and 90% as far as academic students are concerned and 67%,-70% and 65% under applied students numbers.

Students achieving at Level 2 or above under Method 1 has Seaway academics coming in with 75%, Board at 74% and the Province at 75%. Applied students have 28% for Seaway, 40% for the Board and 38% Province wise. Method 2 puts Seaway at 76%, the board at 75% and the Province at 76%. The applied students came in with 28%, while the Board shows 42% and the Province with a 41% average.

Level 1 and above which is actually lowest on the totem pole as it were shows Seaway with 90%, Board with 91% and the Province 89% via Method 1 for academic students. Method 2 was almost the same, with Seaway coming in with 90% again, the Board 91% and Province 90%. Applied students from Seaway had 67%, Board 66% and the Province 62% through Method 1 and 90%, 91% and 90% respectively under Method 2, applied numbers were 67%,70% and 65%.

Principal Mitchell suggests that the numbers may overemphasize the provincial standard and leave some with the impression that those not meeting it are failing. In fact thought, the lowest possible ranking on the EQAO tests still denote a passing course grade.

Elementary students were administered tests in reading, writing and math . The test scores were submitted to EQAO where they were graded and sorted. Despite some glitches in the compiling of the data, area principals did not question the results but do warn of drawing false conclusions from them.

It is important to note that the results are simply a snapshot of how the students here compare to the rest of the province. They do not show where anyone started. A new technique which will be utilized in the future to measure students performance, "target setting" is anticipated to produce better results. It takes into account the level at which a student begins his studies and measures improvement rather than simply ranking the end result.

IPS Principal Dick Turner was satisfied with the results his students achieved. He warned about putting great store in the crunching of numbers. "You are looking at five days of testing only, we have the students for 110 days of learning. I would rather go by report cards and teachers assessment rather than the EQAO results," he added.

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Youth Services Canada Project Complete

South Dundas Mayor Johnny Whitteker and MP Bob Kilger (back) were on hand to congratulate; (standing l-r) Crystal Merkley, Donna Clarke, Amanda Arsenault, Ryan Ouellette, (sitting l-r) Angela Wilson, Tanya Jarvis, Colleen Rudowski, and Dorothy Omond who all received certificates and grants for completing the YSC Project. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Eight graduate from Youth Services Canada initiative

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Eight young people recently graduated from the Youth Services Canada youth employment initiative. As part of the program youth with some employment barrier (ie. inexperience, lack of education, etc.) were given the opportunity to work for South Dundas Township Project Coordinator Kirsten Gardner on heritage projects such as the new murals, the train, Carman House activities, and the South Dundas Antique Festival.

The eight youth each received certificates and completion grants at the wrap up luncheon. Anne Downing, Project Officer with Human Development and Resource Canada, who organizes the projects and monitors the activities explained that "the project is about giving kids direction, that is, to go back to school or work." The completion bonus is up to $2000 for each youth graduating. They each received $500 at the ceremony and then can apply to get the other $1500 once one of the following conditions is met within a year; go back to school, get a job, pay off a student loan, or start a small business.

During the ceremony several people praised the efforts of the program and it's participants. Kirsten Gardner, project coordinator, and former YSC participant herself commented on the "opportunity of working with these young people from different backgrounds. It's great to have them work together as a team. They were very open to learn and interested in the community, and it was wonderful for them to have the community's support."

MP Bob Kilger was on hand to offer his congratulations as well. He thanked "Anne and Kirsten for wanting to make a difference" and for "providing enrichment of a community which takes a great deal of pride in itself." By working on these heritage projects "these youth have left a legacy in the community." To the participants he offered encouragement, "these lessons learned will serve you well."

South Dundas Mayor Johnny Whitteker offered his "congratulations to the kids," and thanked Kilger and Downing for the opportunity to have these youth help in South Dundas, especially on the mural project which he takes a great deal of pride in. The Mayor was then quick to lobby Kilger and Downing for another grant saying, "I hope we can get another HDRC grant in future."

All of the congratulations from project organizers and dignitaries was welcome but the most important part of the project is what the youth participating took away from it. Each of the graduates had a personal testimony of "What Youth Services Canada means to Me" on display. Each clearly showed the difference Kirsten and YSC has already made in their lives.

Angela called the project, "a good stepping stone", while Colleen described it as "a long journey of learning and hard work for me". Donna called YSC "a valuable experience working with important people". Ryan "gained the same opportunities as others by extending his computer, organizational, and communication skills. Crystal said, "it was nice to have the opportunity to meet new and interesting people ... learning the tricks of the trade."

The youth also showed that the people were as important as the projects. TJ took the opportunity to write something about each of the people involved in the project, "thanks Kirsten for the good times and the opportunity to work with such great people." Amanda also made special note of Kirsten, "if it weren't for Kirsten's great advice I wouldn't have had the strength to move on in life. Without her we wouldn't have had the guidance we needed to do our projects."

Dorothy showed that the specific projects were also very important, "one of our projects was helping out with the murals, now when I look at the Valu Mart and Dundela murals I feel like I can say that they are my murals."

The testimonial of these youth proves that the program is worth while and that good things can happen when youth are given a chance to prove themselves, and given some guidance and direction to help them build confidence in themselves and their abilities.

"Alight at Night" attracting thousands at U. C. Village

"Alight at Night" is turning out to be one of Upper Canada Village's most popular events of the year, offering a spectacular showcase of its heritage properties adorned in over 100,000 lights.

While visitors can bundle up and stroll around to see this winter wonderland on foot, the view while on board a horse-drawn wagon ride is proving to be a big draw. Staff at Upper Canada Village have been racing to keep up with the demand for evening horse-drawn wagon rides during its new winter event.

"Even with the ice rain on the first Thursday and Friday evenings we were opened, we saw over 800 people in total by the end of Saturday that weekend, and the number of visitors has been growing tremendously ever since" explains Jancis Sommerville, Marketing Officer for Upper Canada Village. In fact, the Village saw over 2600 people in its second weekend, and over 4000 people this past weekend.

Saturday nights see the highest number of visitors (with over 2000 people on that night alone last weekend), but with the holiday season now here, it is expected that the crowds will be spread more evenly over the upcoming weeks. In addition, the Village has increased the number of horse teams and wagons to five (the event began with two teams and wagons). The admissions area has been redesignated to facilitate the flow of visitors, and picnic tables along with more decorative lights will be added to the area just outside the Village Cafe for extra seating space with the Alight at Night ambience.

"This event has a wide appeal to visitors of all ages, and from all over the region" said Mike Paradis, General Manager for The St. Lawrence Parks Commission. "We have visitors coming from as far away as Kingston, Pembroke, Carleton Place, and Montreal." The Ontario Tourism Event Marketing Partnership along with several accommodation properties in the area have partnered in the promotion of this event to target out-of-towners who are looking to turn their visit to Alight at Night into an overnight getaway.

The program will run every evening through January 6. Sleigh/wagon rides depart regularly starting at 5:00 pm. The Village Store is stocked and the Village Cafe offers hot food and beverages.

It is definitely a sight to see. Speaking to those who have been all reports are good. It was beautiful before the snow, but now the blanket of snow adds something special to the sight. All who have been are urging others not to miss out on the beauty, so get out and see it before the lights are put out for the season.

PeeWee Kings come close

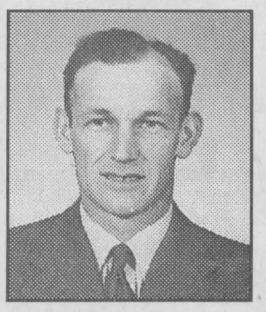
The Rideau St. Lawrence Kings had a good showing by making it to the semi-finals at the Quinte Tournament on the weekend, losing to the Lambton Sting. In the semi-final, the Kings trailed 3-0, rallied to tie, went down 5-3, again rallied to make it 5-4, but couldn't get the equalizer late despite a fine effort to the final buzzer. Tyler Drew, Steve Craig-Pettem, Jason Crooke and Sam Coyne each scored a goal in the loss.

On the way to the semi's, the Kings posted a 3-1-0 record to earn first place honours and their ticket to the semi-finals. To start the weekend, the Kings outscored the host Quinte opponents 5-3. Coyne led the attack with two goals, with Matt Wing, Matt Lajoie and Andrew Warren earning the other goals. Goaltender Graham Peters also earned an assist with his win.

The Kings got off to a tremendous start against the heavily-favoured Sudbury Lakers when Sam Coyne scored three goals on the first shift of the game, in a span of 24 seconds. Mike Empey had the other two goals as the Kings defeated the powerful Lakers 5-4. Clarke Saunders had a tremendous game between the pipes to preserve the win for the Kings.

In the third round-robin game, the Clarington Toro's defeated the Kings 4-3. Coyne, Crooke and Kyle Atkins rounded out the scoring with Peter Roy contributing with two assists.

In the final preliminary match, the Kings won another close game by defeating the Oshawa Generals 4-3. Nathan Slack had two goals for the Kings, with Drew and Craig-Pettem chipping in with singles.





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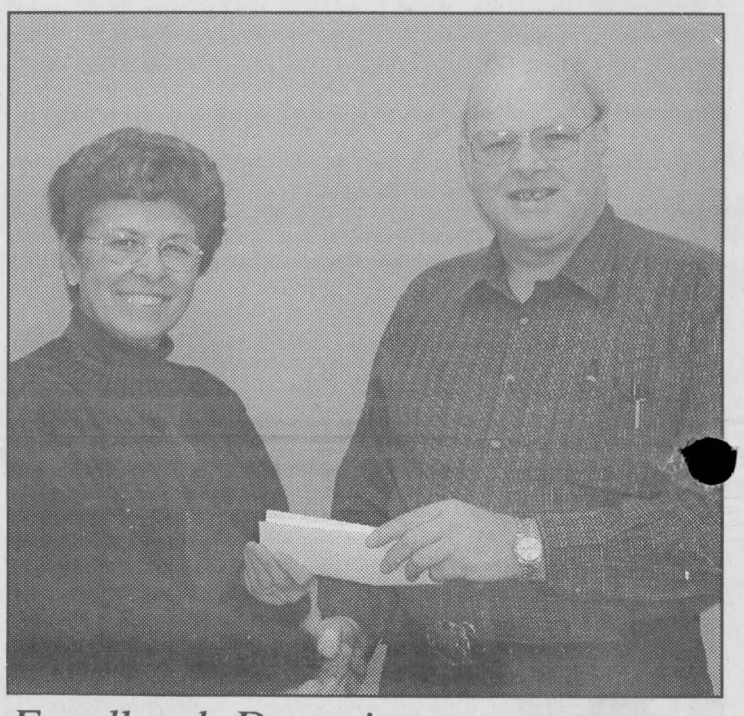

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