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Funding for employment projects in Iroquois

By Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Galop Canal Marina Project Staff (Geraldine Fitzsimmons,coordinator, Andrea Cartier, communications officer and Steven Smellie, restoration coordinator,) deserve a hearty pat on the back. Things will be going ahead at the waterfront near the boat houses as the old locks find new life in the not too distant future. A real piece of our local heritage will be brought back to life for everyone to enjoy, our children will be able to see how things operated, the beauty that was manual lockage and gain a new respect for their forefathers. The foresight and encouragement of a few will develop into fruition for the benefit of South Dundas and visitors who come to see local history come alive. With help from the community, this will happen.

The Honourable Don Boudria, P.C. Member of Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, on behalf of the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, announced last Friday morning funding of up to $75,497 for an employment project that will be carried out by the Galop Canal Project in partnership with the Corporation of the Township of South Dundas. Meeting with those involved in the project at the Iroquois Civic Centre, when his announcement had been delivered, MP Boudria make the trek to the Galop Canal to check out the exact location where the efforts will be focused. He was suitably impressed with the site and suggested that work begin sooner rather than later.

"I am pleased to be here, it is always a pleasure to talk about projects significant to the community that also create jobs," said Boudria. "Something as beautiful as this should be preserved. We have to ensure that future generations can appreciate it as much as we did or even more. Not too long ago we failed to see the need to preserve artifacts and so we lost a number of our treasures. We tended to think we were doing the best thing for our future. The early plywood look seemed to be in vogue, but actually things were much nicer before than they ever were afterwards.

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Funding will Start Galop Canal Project
Geraldine Fitzsimmons, Project Coordinator accepts the $75.497cheque MP Don Boudria presents to her and Mayor Lyle VanAllen (South Dundas).
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Claims made over sewer drainage smell

By Joyce Morris
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas Council Chamber was packed to the hilt as the monthly meeting got underway last week. Morrisburg residents attended the regular meeting in support of a deputation. Peter Praamsma was spokesperson for the group concerning the "long standing inadequacies of the sewer drainage system in the Village of Morrisburg," as he explained the plight of those present as well as those who signed a petition on the issue. He gave several instances of residents who have lost considerable property due to what is commonly referred to as "village plumbing problems." He was backed by Grant Cousins, who had gathered a hundred signatures on a petition to council asking them to take action on this matter. Referring to the petition, Praamsma said, "Some 25 of the 100 on there have experienced flooded basements.

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Resident asks for Fire Department review

By Joyce Morris
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mrs. Pat Grant, a Township resident came to council for the second time in as many months to express her concern over the cost of operating the Municipal Fire Department. She requested council review the budget policy for the department.

She told members that she is concerned about the amount of money budgeted for the volunteer fire department in the Township. "Of 13 municipal departments I contacted concerning operating costs and honorariums, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal is the most expensive in every respect." She went on to cite several examples of duplication and excessive responses to calls and said that this sort of excess was not happening prior to amalgamation."Amalgamation was supposed to decrease our costs, not increase them. Prior to amalgamation, Station 2 responded to 30-40 calls annually, this number has escalated to 151 calls annually.

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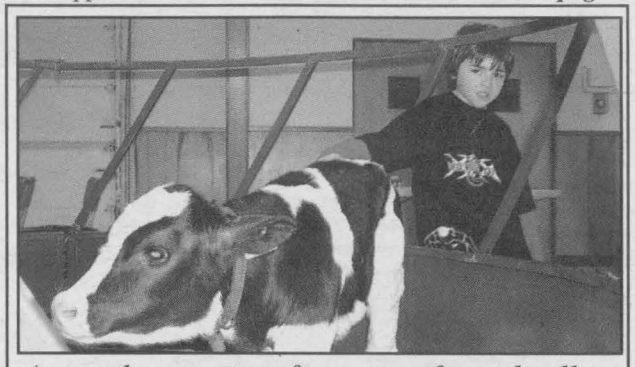

A popular pastime for young farm dwellers
IPS 's Tyler Beckstead found a new black and white buddy at the 13th Annual Dundas County Farm Fair. An educational experience for youngsters, they learn about all aspects of farming.
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We have more of a sense of preservation in our communities now, " noted the MP.

He continued, saying, "It is fitting that today I make this announcement to help preserve the heritage of Iroquois since so much was lost during the Seaway construction and moving of almost the entire village, and the fact that tomorrow is Earth Day, we provide funding to help beautify the environment at the Galop Canal"

"The skills learned and utilized through this program will be marketable elsewhere once the program is completed. Everyone gains; the village, the participants, the entire community of South Dundas and the province as well as the country, we are providing a tourist attraction that will draw people here," said Boudria

He thanked everyone who made such projects happen. He added thanks to the community for applying for the funding.

The Mayor Lyle Van Allen of South Dundas thanked the MP personally as he noted how much was lost when the Seaway was enlarged. "We lost a lot of our local heritage, maybe with this money we can get some of it back." The project will provide two participants with valuable work experience through restoring and revitalizing the Iroquois Galop Canal Locks area. Through their participation in this project, the participants will acquire skills in research, computer applications, communications, manual writing, public relations and teamwork. The participants will also have the opportunity to network and establish potential employment contacts.

"Thanks to this project, the participants will gain marketable skills while helping to preserve the history of the community in which we live,' said Boudria. "The Government of Canada is proud to support an organization that helps unemployed individuals develop knowledge and work-related skills and gain the experience they need to improve their employment opportunities."

The Government of Canada is providing support for this project through the Job Creation Partnerships program as Part II of the Employment Insurance (EI) Act. This project will help create opportunities for two unemployed individuals to gain work experience. The Galop Canal Iroquois Landing marina, the Corporation of the Township of South Dundas and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada will provide unemployed individuals with job experience in an area where jobs are limited and help to develop the local economy.

The Job Creation Partnerships Program supports the creation of incremental and meaningful work opportunities for clients in activities that help to develop the community and the local economy. Human Resource Centres of Canada or partner agencies work with employers and community organizations to identify employment opportunities that can provide EI recipients with valuable job experience.

Funding for Job Creation Partnerships is provided through the Employment Insurance Act. EI claimants receive their regular benefits and or financial assistance under EI Part II Employments Benefits, which may be increased by the employer to a local prevailing occupational wage rate. Also eligible are other insured participants, such as clients who have received employment benefits within the last three years, or maternity or parental benefits that started in the past five years. The maximum duration of a Job Creation Partnership agreement is 52 weeks.

This announcement is linked to Canada's Workplace Skills Strategy, aimed at helping Canadians acquire skills they need to find and keep meaningful and productive jobs. The Government of Canada recognizes that Canada's future competitiveness depends on a highly skilled work force and on high performance workplaces that focus on skills development. It will work with businesses, unions, and other levels of government, sector councils and workers to ensure that all Canadians have the opportunity to develop their skill and succeed and employers' needs are met. Funding for this project was provided for in the 2005 federal budget. Boudria suggested that when the project is completed he would enjoy being invited back to check things out.

Sewer Drainage

It causes a lot of mental anxiety and many of these people are elderly and find it difficult to cope with the situation as it stands now. It is not a new problem, it has been ongoing for years. Many have given up hope that anything will ever be done and so don't bother to speak up, stated Praamsam. However those attending the meeting had lots to say about the explanation given by CAO Andy Brown and Hugh Garlough, Superintendent of Public Works. In addition to clogged culverts, illegal sump pump drainage and lack of emergency pumping appears to put the entire system in jeopardy due to the fact that the trunk line to the treatment plant is too low and therefore only half the sewer line ever drains into the pumping satin chamber. It has been like this since 1979. Neither Cousins nor Praamsma was ready to back down until they had a promise from council of immediate short term action and a long term resolution to solve the problems once and for all. "The municipality has to prove that it is doing something. If nothing is done, who is accountable?" The good news in all this is that the Ministry of the Environment is currently establishing a new licensing program to certify sewage operations that are similar to the ISO program and this will result in improvements to such issues. "It is interesting," noted Cousins, "That we spend thousands of dollars in glossy publications advertising Morrisburg as a place for future business development when we could not in fact handle any industrial water sewage."

Next to the table was Harry Pietersma, who presented a petition signed by some 93 residents requesting that Bell Mobility not build an additional tower to improve cell phone reception in South Dundas, but rather relocate with the current Rogers tower on the Broken Second Line. Council carried a motion that they will be recommending this proposition to Bell. Councilor Whittaker suggested that a new bylaw be drafted pertaining to this very issue for future reference.

All was not business at this meeting as George Assaly and Mike Paradis of the St.Lawrence Parks Commission treated Council to a slide and information session. They are visiting the 16 municipalities included in the 280 km Parks System to bring an awareness of the impact the Parks has on the economic base of these municipalities. There were 200,000 visitors to Upper Canada Village last season, 60% from Ontario, 20% from Quebec, 9% from the USA, 6% were international guests and 5% were from the rest of Canada. UCV employs 1500 full and part-time workers. Alight at Night Winter programming has added a great deal to the income of the Village and surrounding towns. The Parks Commission is seeking municipal partnership agreements, which will support and enhance the work of the commission.

Two meetings were hosted to discuss water meters ad usage assessment. People want rates based on usage only, rather than through a flat rate. Councilor Bailey spoke to this, suggesting that people's ability to pay should be part of the decision. "There are a lot of seniors and low-income families who should be given some consideration," she said. A flat rate is equal regardless of house size, number of water fixtures or usage. The proposed method presented by council at the meetings is a mix of the two, 50% of the capital cost is based on assessment and the other 50% is based on flat rate. If council decides to change the costing method, the winners are the residents with high assessment, while the losers are those with low assessed homes.

Fire Department Review

An honorarium of $40,810 was paid as well. Station 1 in Spencerville responded to 140 calls and got $34,818. in honorariums." She noted that this was an abuse of the honorarium system, "again Edwardsburgh/Cardinal just does not have the tax base to support the largest and most expensive any longer. This department has become a financial burden to our citizens," said Mrs. Grant.

She suggested that what she hoped to see was Council looking into a method that would see the volunteers get a smaller honorarium and a tax benefit for them so they would be able to keep more money instead of paying tax on anything over $1,000. "I am a proud supporter of our firefighters, cutting their budget would not be politically rewarding as far as a decision, but neither would raising taxes to cover such uncontrolled spending be a wise move. We need to separate the wants from the needs here."

Mayor Peggy Taylor told Grant that all her information would be reviewed in detail during the budget review now in session.

Notice to Farmers

On March 29, the federal government announced the Farm Income Payment Program, which will deliver $1 billion in assistance to Canadian farmers.

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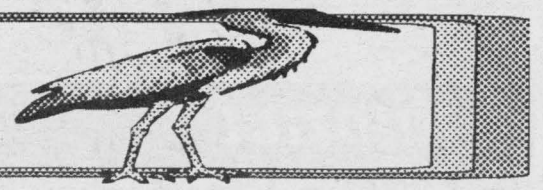

As the weather turns cooler and the spring rain begins to fall, the birds are thankful to those of us who still have our feeders filled, and the suet replaced.

Our Irena birder reports two Gold Finches at what is left of her seed bell. Twenty-five Canada Geese were seen in the cornfield down along Rowena Road. She says they blend in very well with the stubble once they land among the bits and pieces left from the fall harvest. Three Blue Jays dropped by lately. The Phoebes have begun building a nest under the awning at her home. She noticed several fishermen and women along the creek where it hits both sides of Lakeshore Drive on the weekend. The Horses along County Road Two are in the pasture again, two white-grays and a couple of dark brown-black younger ones. The dandelions are peeking through and opening up already according to her as the grass greens up nicely with this fine rain we have been experiencing. Song Sparrows were seen near the bush area. She tells us she has quit feeding the birds figuring they can fend for themselves now. Further talking and we learned that she was noting Starlings and Blackbirds coming to enjoy the food and not leaving any for the smaller birds who came all winter, so she decided to stop feeding so these pests would go elsewhere.

Our feeders have been kept busy with Blue Jays, Sparrows of various types and our Squirrels and that impish Chipmunk who keeps coming back for more. The Woodpeckers are still frequenting the suet blocks, both the Hairy and the Downy are daily guests. The rabbits are bolder than ever, and hardly afraid when we walk past them. Snapping photos of them we find that not even the flash bothers them much. Several Deer have been seen along County Road Two below Lakeshore Drive east.The Chickadees keep coming for snacks, and are so cute as they dart to and fro like a **** in a mitten as the old saying goes!

Spring is full of wonderful bird sounds. Robins are anxious to get the day started right as they let loose with their vocal chords. Canada geese in the thousands are flying overhead and their terrific V-shaped flights can be seen in the skies morning and night. Their honking can be heard far and wide.

They are seeking nesting spots right now as well. We have a pair of these majestic birds nesting near us in the swamp. They came in earlier in the year and began the old mating ritual, then settled down to family life as they prepared the nest for the young who are sure to come along, we will keep an eye on the progress in this department. A pair of Mallard Ducks were seen in the creek along County Road Two and they will likely nest in the area too.

A sure sign of spring has to be the red Winged Blackbirds clinging to the cattails in the swamp, they are so noisy too, and only the Grackles seem able to attempt to outdo them.

A pile of fishing is happening at the Galop Canal area, as young and older folks drop lines in the cold, dark St. Lawrence. Pan fish were being caught the day we dropped by.

A small Heron was spotted in Doran Creek. But it was too far off to ID and I did not have the binoculars with me.

A solo Wild Turkey was spotted along County Road Two the other evening enjoying a feed of corn.

Some more calls are expected from birders around our area, as spring brings back our fine-feathered friends. Call 652-2235 before 10am on Monday and let's give the column some added information.



Robin in the Rain-what a saucy fellow!

This Robin did not mind the weather on the weekend; in fact the rain seemed to work to his advantage as the worms came to the surface to check out the droplets! He strutted across the lawn like he owned it for several minutes before disappearing. He was plump and looked well fed.

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Editorial

To Call an Election or not?

That is indeed the question…is the time right? Is it ever right? So many questions, so few answers. Such a mess we are in.

The Conservatives and the Blok seem to be amassing is really anyone's guess at this point.

First we have the Gomery excavation of corrupt members of the government uncovered and laid bare to the heat.

Then a former Prime Minister tries to joke his way out of the hot seat. When this fails he turns to the law to get the chair removed from the inquiry. Then he hides his head in the sand and pretends that it will all go away and his legacy will remain in tact as others will take the blame for what happened.

Oops! Foiled yet again! Mouths are opening wide and people are telling on their buddies, their colleagues and their enemies. No one wants to take this one lying down. There will be no scapegoats to take the fall at the rate they are stepping forward with almost unbelievable tales of corruption and free money.

Remember folks, this is our money that was tossed about like monopoly paper funds. It was our reserves for the future, money to repair roads, to pay down the debt, to keep taxes at a reasonable rate our dollars, and a heavy pile of them that were given to friends, to pals and to companies the government of the day felt warranted it. There did not need to be any work involved in the acceptance: simply say you will do the job ad you will get the pay upfront… and no questions will be asked, not until now anyway! In a futile effort to buy off important people in Quebec, the government catered to big business and offered bribes for materials and events that never existed never took place.

Elaborate paper trails were created to throw everyone off the track. Create confusion and most will give up trying to understand what happened, where the money went and who is to blame.

Corruption, officials who were put in a position where they had no choices, people in authority whose business it is to know what is happening in government, where money is being spent, on what and for what reason were perhaps purposely shut in the darkness where they could not know what was transpiring and therefore not get in trouble or say the wrong thing at the wrong time. If you are not aware of what is going on, you cannot get yourself or anyone else in trouble over it.

The thing is, someone knew exactly what was going on. Far too much money changed hands for everyone to be snowed. Slowly and painfully the truth is coming out. A lot of guilty consciences are gnawing at men who once had integrity and scruples. It must have been a struggle to keep quiet. So much money given for nothing in return.

How could men who are supposed to be working for the best interests of the people of this country do such malicious things?

How can they cheat us out of our money and never give it a second thought?

Would we, the people have ever known about this scandal, these issues if Martin had not called the inquiry? I wonder.

Was it worth the trouble? We are led to believe that it was all done in an attempt to keep Quebec from leaving confederation? Was it necessary? Did Quebec stay a part of Canada because of this? I would doubt the answers to any of these questions are in the affirmative.

One has to wonder if Prime Minister Martin was not informed and told to turn a blind eye to the proceedings. If those in power were involved in the under the table action, surely they would not want just anyone to know about it.

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Wet

Rain drops on the lamppost glass a sure sign of the season.

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Where does the time go??



It just races past us much too rapidly…time that is. The April showers will definitely bring those May flowers. The grass is greener by the minute and buds are bursting out all over. Fishermen are seen along the shores of water freed from its' blanket of ice and snow. Birds greet us with their songs as we leave the house each day, making each day a great experience from the get go.

Already the annual Dessert and Tea hosted in Dixon's Corners that helps the Dundas Food Bank has come and gone. I looked after two tables this year, since here were some tables without hostesses, I grabbed a few good helpers and got two up and going. Themes were chosen, finally, one was "Red and White" and the other "The East Coast." Since we have souvenirs from our trips east and a friend helped by adding some of their items, the table was set in no time. The red and white simply was decorated in the two colours, with my dad's silver tea service adding that special touch. The dessert was a white cake with red Jell-O inserted into the mix and then dream whip icing with red sprinkles. A colour theme is fun and the PEI trip provided a lot of ideas for the other table. The chocolate cake there was covered in French vanilla cream icing. Reading this column you will figure things went alone calmly and without incident. Those who know the writer will realize this was indeed not the story at all! Firstly the cakes were made the night prior to the event, so the Jell-O could set properly. One was made in two round pans, the other in a bunt cake pan. The layers looked good, as did the bunt pan. Persuading the bunt to let go of the cake was another story all together. It would not! After some pounding on the pan, heating it with hot water and some contorsions of the facial muscles, it did drop out, in several pieces instead of the one

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Looking Back....

Twenty Years Ago:
April 24, 1985:

A spectacular fire at the corner of Carman Road and Highway 2 levelled a barn and two sheds owned by Jack Brouse. The Iroquois Fire Department responded at 12:35pm and again at 4:08 remaining on the scene until 9:30pm to ensure no sparks were present to set things off again.

The Department was waiting the arrival of a new tanker that had been on order for some time. Fire Chief Willard Duncan was not sure of the delivery date since a changeover in GM plant operations was the holdup.

Nick Gardiner had been with The Chieftain for five and a half years and was off to a new challenge in Smiths Falls. Ken and Shirley Kirkby founded The Chieftain and took Nick on as Editor.

Three farmers were honoured with the distinction of Master Breeder at the annual meeting of the Holstein Association of Canada, Donald Allen of Mountain, Allan Baker of Inkerman and Hilliard Boyd of South Mountain. Charles Farlinger retained his seat as a Director with the Holstein Association of Canada as officer elections took place at the annual meeting.

Ball registration in Iroquois was up substantially as 98 youngsters, girls and boys signed up to play on seven minor clubs. Competing in South Dundas Little League play they would face teams from Morrisburg, Williamsburg and Riverside Heights.

Iroquois/Matilda Lions Club paid tribute to Agriculture as they hosted 20 area farmers as their guests at a tribute meeting.

A protest march took place at the Campaign office of PC candidate Noble Villeneuve in Morrisburg as Matilda residents protested the lack of plumbing at the home of Mr. And Mrs. Robert Markell of Dundela. Rev. Allen Tysick was heading the protest which he stressed was not against Noble, but the Cornwall Social Services had yet to authorize the necessary work, even though all the requirements had been met.

Janice Mayhew won a third place medal in single girls' badminton at the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Association's tourney in Kingston. She missed advancing to the provincials by three points, against older girls.

Fifteen Years Ago:
April 25, 1990:

WDMH had requested funding from the Ministry of Health to aid with the $6million renewal of the Physical Plant Structure at the Hospital. Permission from the Ministry to move ahead with upgrading the fire safety and electrical system segments of the plan up to $3million of which the Ministry was willing to subsidize $1,993,333. This represented 50% of the overall work required to bring the hospital up to par and within safety standards.

Upper Canada Playhouse and the Village of Iroquois were to get $55,680 and created five jobs. The tent at UCP was to be dismantled, material relocated and equipment and refurbishing of the new venue in Morrisburg was to take get things set for the summer. Iroquois was to create three jobs for general clean up and construction of walking paths and picnic areas at the municipal park and the waterfront areas.

TheIroquois/Matilda Lions Club staged a sucessful performance of their latest show,

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LIVIN'

whole I expected. When the big guy suggested that the two halves could be glued together with some Jell-O?? (A rather unique idea??) It at least turned a volatile situation into a laughing matter in a hurry. Placing the cake very gingerly together on a plate, panic all of a sudden took over. A quick trip to the parents resulted in a chocolate cake being made ad iced in a rush. Mom felt things were not in a great place and so she create several cakes just in case. Well, as it would turn out we salvaged all the baked goods and ended up with more than enough cakes. Then after the tables were ready, a walk around allowed us to check everyone else's table out check the silent auction and is ready to sit down on cue. All went well until it was time to fill the tea and coffee pots. Again help was evident and so until the writer placed her left hand under the silver teapot to steady it, things were good…OUCH! That was a really dumb thing to do, and I paid in blisters that very night. Who does such a thing??? I can only ask myself over and over again. A nerve must have been struck for the index finger and the thumb twitched all afternoon, while the rest of the hand simply pained.

The number two son, the college kid continues to write finals and the marks stay above honours status, so we are still smiling. Some students are not returning in the fall as they failed an exam and have been given the word by their Profs. We entertained the two sons, the fiancée and her maid of honour on Sunday evening. Pizza was on the menu. The cook was beat! The college kid arrived home Monday evening with some of his gear in tow. He will not move home as he ahs a deal with the landlord for the summer, but he is bringing some stuff home, the TV and VHS etc. He is headed to London to pick up the gal pal Wednesday when he is done classes, then they will camp with friends at a cottage near Madoc and finally we'll get him home for the summer. He is anxious to find out what job he has landed since he applied for two, both at UCV, one in the gardens and the other a Paramedic Student position. Hard to know why they wait so long to let the kids know.

Wedding plans continue and bills begin to pile up, we will need to start paying things down soon, and get plans in place for the yard reconstruction. Final arrangements are being looked into and this old mother can hardly believe that she will be a mother-in-law in a very few short months from now. A new outfit has to be searched for extremely soon now, as well as a suit for the big guy. We need some slow motion time right about now and a lottery win would also be terrific.

A stop on the weekend at the train Show in town gave me the opportunity to see that cute great nephew that is not as much a part of our lives as we would like him to be. He is a train fiend and thoroughly enjoyed the event with his dad and grandpa. It was awesome!

Some quality time was spent on Saturday with my mom; we never get enough time together lately so this was good.

A trip to the city since last we wrote here gave me an adventure with my arthritis specialist. We have decided to go back on Celebrex for my pain. The scare is over and I am confident in the medication, and since the new pill seems to be doing nothing to help me, this seems like a good move. Some blood tests resulted in a very bruised elbow and arm, which hurts yet when I lift or touch it. The purples and yellows, black and blues are quite pretty but I could do without them! Results will be available next week, so we'll see. Too much stress is causing he syndromes to act up, the FM and Sjogrens are running wild throughout the bod, and stiffness is becoming all too common place for my liking. The damp, wet weather is not a help, and getting out of bed, moving about, stairs and such are not great for the legs. The back continues to ache and the fingers swell, as do ankles and those pressure points that trigger the FM are so sensitive, I am a walking bundle of hurts. The eyes burn, the mouth dries, the tongue feels inches thick and the joints scream and the face burns, the jaws ache and the teeth ache…ah what a great life it is! The doctor suggests that work is draining the energy from each pour and gives some ideas on how to ease the pain. When the warm weather lets the pool open swimming will help, as will massages and therapy, bring it on!!

Some hours in Chapters Books was fun as the atmosphere here is relaxing and having taken the entire day off to travel to Ottawa, I enjoyed checking out the latest novels. A meal at a fishy joint was delightful and the trip allowed me to stop at the number one son's place of employ to see him in action. They say a change is as good as a rest and it seems so.

As things settle down weather wise, take things easy and enjoy each day to the fullest. Keep smiling and say "Hello" to some you meet. The wisdom comes from Martina Navratilova who said, "Just go out there and do what you have to do."

EDITORIAL

Was he not in THE position that should have been on the front lines during something like this? He did sign the cheques!

When the inquiry is over, and the dust clears…look out! People are upset and if a clear choice were available voters would ensure that the liberals were ousted. The sad thing is though, that most people do not see there to be any choice at the polls and so abstain, stay at home or hide their head and hope things get better without their voice being heard. Each one of us has a job to do and we need to be forceful with the people who represent us. Make them listen and vote with the majority. There is a lot of trouble rising to the surface. We are finding out secrets we were never meant to hear. What difference to the ordinary man, woman or child in Canada? Maybe none, but it certainly should! This is awful, what has gone on behind our backs, by people we trusted.

Can we trust any of them? They are supposed to be looking after our interests. Do you think they are doing their job well?

Is an election the answer? Will a change in party make a real difference or are they all trouble waiting to explode? How many incidents like this are hidden away in closets and back rooms? How much of our money has been tossed away without thought or caring?

An election may be in the works for as early as June…a vote of non-confidence may end this government. Or perhaps the NDP will side with the Liberals and the whole idea will be put on hold. They say one thing and mean entirely another. Unlikely bedfellows, the PC and the Block, the Liberals and the NDP…go figure!

Fasten your seat belts; it's going to be a bumpy ride for sure before it is over!

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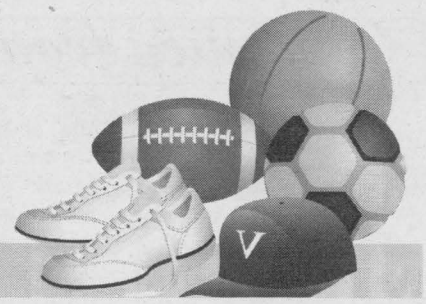

Seaway Interbranch Men's Dart League honours their own

By Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Saturday evening at the Prescott Legion the Men 's Interbranch Dart League honoured their own with trophies and awards.

The Len Crawford Memorial Trophy went to 3x19's earned by three players all with 171, triple 1s: Duane Kirker hit on Jan 13, 2005, As did Ross King while Barry Esson struck on March 17, 2005.

High Finish Awards went to David Haynes with 138 and to Ross King, who was runner-up with 119.

Ron Bradford, Rick Sayeau, David Haynes, Tony Barkley and Tam Rae, each with 177, won High Score Awards. Runners-up were Duane Kirker and Glen Adams with 174 each.

180 Club members are pictured as are Most Games Won winners. Runner-up Bull High Finish was John Marchand and Tam Rae (90). Highest Bull Finish was Bill Hutt who took the Tom Beach Memorial Trophy for his 114.

Team Awards began with the 4th place team: Iroquois #3-Darren Tyo, Bernie Montroy, Arnie Fader and Wayne Bellinger. In third was Prescott #1-Bob Juby, Tim Gonczowski, Tom Coville and Randy Prophet. Runner up in League Play was Iroquois #5 and Prescott #6, pictured as well, won first place. Playoff placements were identical to League Championship standings.

The Executive for 2005-06 was named. Duane Kirker is Chairman, Glen Adams Treasurer/Secretary and Tin Gonczowski is recording secretary. Ross King is the Prescott rep; Barry Esson will be Cardinals' while Darren Tyo is Iroquois' rep. Each Legion, Iroquois, Prescott and Cardinal received a new dartboard in appreciation from the League.

The evening concluded with a dance after a fine meal served by the Prescott Legion Ladies.



League Champions

Prescott #6 were crowned League Champs and Playoff First Place Team (the Reg. Farmer Memorial Trophy presented by Ann Farmer) at the Annual Banquet Saturday evening in Prescott. Pictured are Ross King, Davis Haynes, John Marchand and Tam Rae. Congrats to a deserving team on a great season. Iroquois own #5 were runners up in both categories as well (Glen & Jeremy Adams, and Rick & Bobby Sayeau).

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Most Sportsmanlike Award

Glen Adams won the distinction of being voted The Most Sportsmanlike Player by his peers in the League. No one knew who the recipient was except Lorraine Adams and she said nothing until called to present the Jim Vaughn Award. "You voted him number one and he is certainly number one in my life, congrats Glen!!" said a proud wife as she handed a reluctant player his just reward.

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Award Winners recognized

Duane Kirker, Ross King and David Haynes stand as Rick Sayeau and Tam Rae kneel. These gentlemen darters were award winners at the Season finale banquet. Duane shot 171, 3 triple 19s on Jan. 13, while Ross King hit exactly the same the same evening and he was runner-up High Finish with 119 David was High Finish winner with 138. Rick had High Score title, as did David and Tam all with 177. Tam had Most Games Won (95) and David was runner-up with 91.

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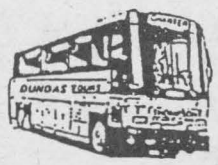
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180 Club Members

Members in the 180 Club are a distinguished crew. Tom Coville, Rick Sayeau, David Haynes (5), and Tam Rae (4). Seated are Tony Barkley, Jerry Carr and Bob Juby (2). Absent were Jeremy Adams (2) and Mike McIlvenna.

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Tom Beach Memorial Trophy

Tam Rae donated a trophy in honour of a good friend, and fellow darter, who passed away suddenly late last year, a husband and father, Tom Beach. The Tom Beach Memorial Trophy was then presented for the first time to Bill Hutt of Iroquois for the Highest Bull Finish (114) by the Beach family, Terri, Amy and Tara.

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Cardinal in Bloom set for growing season

It is time to think of spring and summer already!

The Cardinal in Bloom committee has been working hard behind the scenes these past few weeks to implement another successful planting and growing season in Cardinal.

Our annual local Contest will be held once again and everyone is encouraged to join the fun. Homes will be judged in August, this date is yet to be announced. The theme this year is "Colour, Colour, Colour!

Our other two categories to be judged are "Best Container Garden" and a new one this year, "Best Yard Art Garden." Sound like fun to you? Well get growing and be part of the beautification of the community as a whole.

As before, we are planning a "Children's' Largest Sunflower Face Contest" with judging to be held on Labour Day weekend. The winner of this contest will be asked to accompany the Cardinal in bloom float in the parade to show off their winning entry.

To kick off the fundraising efforts this year, the Committee has lots of exciting events planned. A street BBQ will be held on Dundas Street in Cardinal Thursday, June 2. The Photo Contest was a BIG hit last years and so it has been decided to run it again in 2005. Details will be announced shortly. Hanging baskets are at the nursery being planted as we speak...

This spring, work will continue on the Benson Park in the form of shrubs and benches. The Committee is looking forward to what they hope will be a successful program to bring a living legacy to the Village.

If you can spare some free time and would like to lend a hand to help out, they'd love to hear from you. New members are always welcome and if your have green thumbs there is definitely open positions for Adopt-A-Spot gardeners this year.

There are many ways residents can help the Committee to beautify the community' extra effort in planting on your premises, adopting an extra Village area to plant, manpower, entering the contest, or financial support is always nice to purchase plants. Note: All funds received go back into improving the Village; a non-profit organization the Cardinal in Bloom group strives to make the community colourful and cheerful for residents and visitors alike.

If there is an area that you feel your organization can help out, drop a line to Cardinal in Bloom, P.O. Box 70, Cardinal K0E 1E0.

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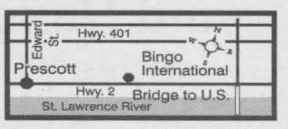

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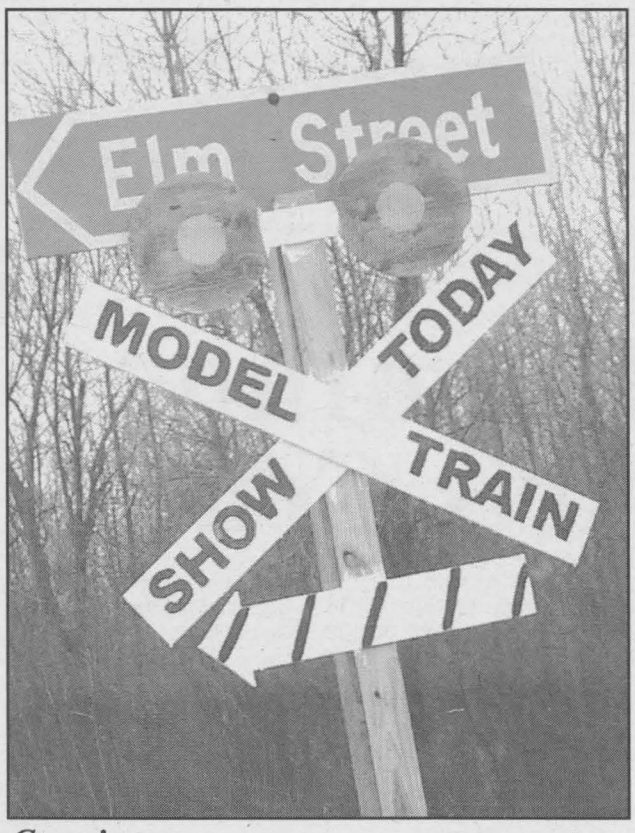

Crossing

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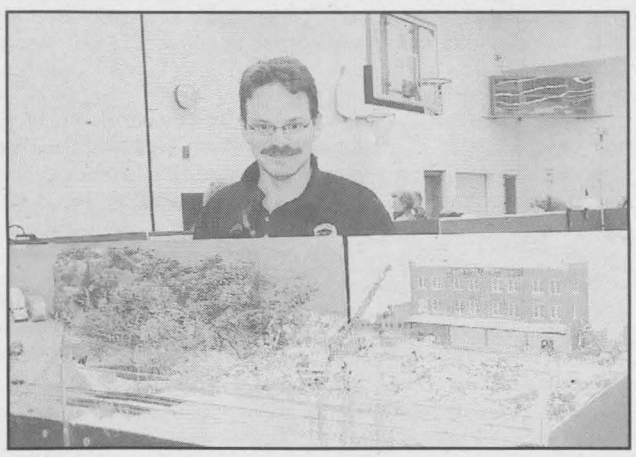
Sophia

Brian Earl of Ottawa helps Sophia Currier of Williamsburg switch a car.



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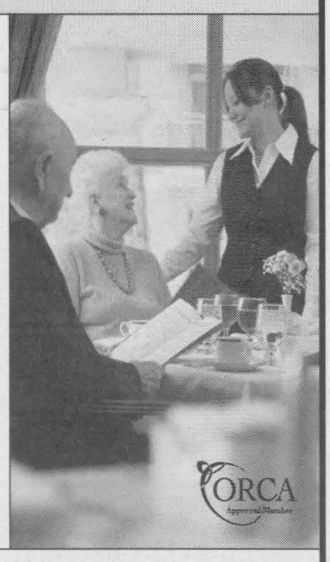

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"A Scottish Military Evening" celebrated at Brockville Arts Centre

By Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Some came in kilts, while others wore their tartan on the sleeve, their tie or their tam, no matter, everyone was Scottish even if briefly on Saturday evening as the Brockville Arts Centre was the venue as the Veterans Memorial Highland Games presented, "A Scottish Military Evening." What a wonderful way to celebrate the Year of the Veteran.

First on stage, announced by MC for the evening, Bruce Wylie of CFJR was the Glengarry Pipe Band Grade II. Compromised of members coming from Petawawa, Ottawa, Cardinal, Lancaster and even Peterborough, this talented group, under the leadership of Colin Clansey enjoyed much success in the 2004 season winning the Celtic Classic in Bethlehem, PA and placing 2nd at the North American Championships at the Glengarry Highland Games. One of the biggest achievements was placing sixth in the Grade II contest at the World's Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow Scotland. The brass section placed first among 37 other participating bands and the drum section placed second. They combine traditional compositions and new harmonized arrangements for an enjoyable evening of the great highland bagpipe. As the strains of the pipes, and the roll of the drums erupted from behind the castle backdrop, those in the audience could not hold their applause. All that was missing for those of us who have attended the Highland Games in Maxville was the dry ice, which would have created the smoke effect that makes shivers run up your spine as the pipes begin to come into view. Nonetheless it is effective and the sounds of the pipes rang throughout the Arts Centre welcoming everyone. Staring the show off with 4/4 marches and MSR 1, the tone was definitely set.

Always a favourite, Dirk and Michelle McMillan danced the Sailors Hornpipe. Even though the dance did not originate with sailors, the pair was dressed in sailor uniforms. It was in fact an ancient dance common to many parts of the British Isles. The name comes from the fact that the dance was usually accompanied by the music of the "horn pipe," a common instrument comparable to our present day tin flute. In time, the dance became so popular among seafaring men that it came to be known as the sailor's hornpipe and is now indelibly associated with sailors and men of the sea. The modern dance is performed in nautical costume and imitates many typical shipboard activities usual in the days of wooden ships and iron men. It was easy to spot rope hauling, climbing and shroud lines and others. This young pair began highland dancing only about two short years ago at the Maggie Bush School of Dance. The brother-sister team came from Kemptville to dance this traditional military dance. They have won numerous medals in highland dance competitions and it is no wonder, they were very good.

A pipe solo by John Hugh MacDonald was spectacular and then young Brittany Pinder showed her expertise on the fiddle as Rob McKenzie accompanied her on the Baby Grand Piano. Brittany started playing the fiddle at the tender age of 6 and has studied fiddle and bagpipes at the Gaelic College in Cape Breton. She is also an accomplished piano player as well. The grade 10 student plays in a rock band as well. Rob studied piano in Stratford Ontario for over 14 years and after moving to Ottawa piped with various pipe bands and is now with Glengarry Grade II.

Some very special singers joined the party as Larry Keen and the Keenagers took the stage. This lively and fun "over sixty" group of men and women took the audience back in time with their renditions of old wartime songs. The red tunics on the ladies and the terrific Larry directing them kept all eyes on the stage. Always trying to involve the audience, they had everyone singing ageless numbers like White Cliffs of Dove, and Lily Marlane. Among the singers were a number of veterans and they were singled out and introduced. The group hails from Cornwall and area and is under the direction of one fun loving gent, as Larry keeps things moving. He was so endearing, that this reporter wanted to jump onto the stage when he suggested that he would invite someone to dance with him.

Will Ridely entertained with a pipe solo and then played as Michelle McMillan danced the Ghille Callium (sword dance as it is known to most of us). Mentioned in documents going back to the reign of Malcolm II, King of Scots in the 11th Century, the Ghille Callium is known in Gaelic as "Canmore", "Great Head", he allegedly danced over his bloody claymore, the ancient two-handed sword of Scotland, crossed the sword of his defeated enemy or perhaps even over the severed head of his foe as well. Sometimes a dirk, a highland dagger was placed blade uppermost in the ground and the dance performed over it. Michelle was delightful in her kilt and danced like a Scottish Angel.

The Glengarry Pipe Band Grade II returned to conclude the first half of the show with a 2004 medley of tunes. The second half was a rerun of the first with new songs from the various groups on stage. The Pipe Band came on with 6/8 marches, followed by Slow Air, MSR2 and the 2005 medley. Brittany and Rob were back to delight everyone, this young pair is amazing.

The Keenagers sang like birds and Ed Bush from Spencerville played the pipe solo and his variation on the songs was well accepted by the appreciative audience. This local gentleman plays a mean bagpipe for sure! Then it was Dirk McMillan alone, who danced the Seann Trihbus (Shawn Trews), a Gaelic phrase meaning old trousers, refers to the fact that after the Jacobite Rising of 1745 and the subsequent defeat of the Highlanders at Culloden the following year, the British Government passed an Act banning Highland dress (except in Highland regiments). Forty years later, the Act was repealed. This dance depicts a man celebrating the fact that he no longer has to wear his hated trousers, but can return to the freedom of the kilt. His tartan trousers were quite nice actually, as his green waist coat and tam looked sharp as well. He danced well, this was a dance not seen by this reporter previously and it was enjoyed. The finale came too soon as the Glengarry Pipe Band Grade II played Amazing Grace.

The evening concluded with a DVD of the First Veterans Memorial Highland Games in Spencerville last year. This summer, on June 18 at the Spencerville Fair Grounds the event is shaping up to be bigger and better. For Scottish fans, the Celtic Festival in Brockville will be June 10-12, the Glengarry Highland Games are July 29-30 this year and the North Lanark Highland Games in Almonte are on August 20.

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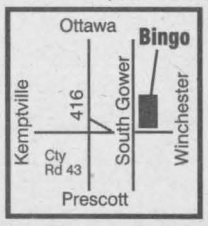

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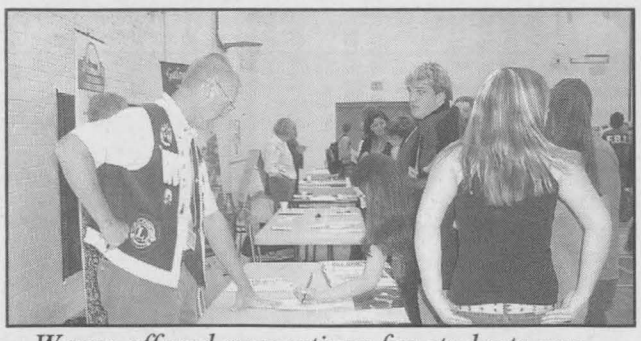

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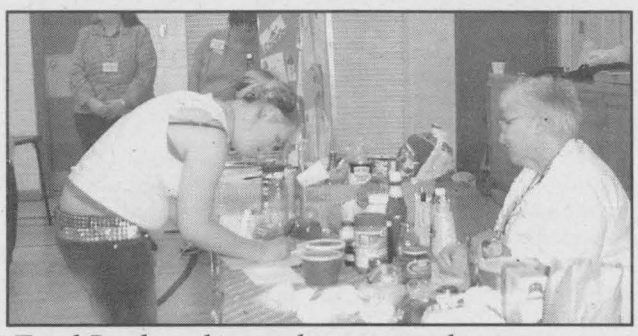

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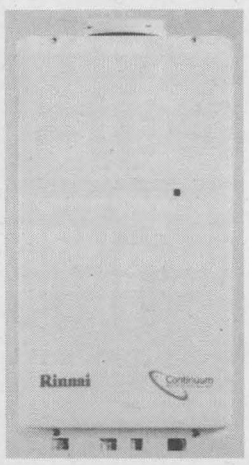

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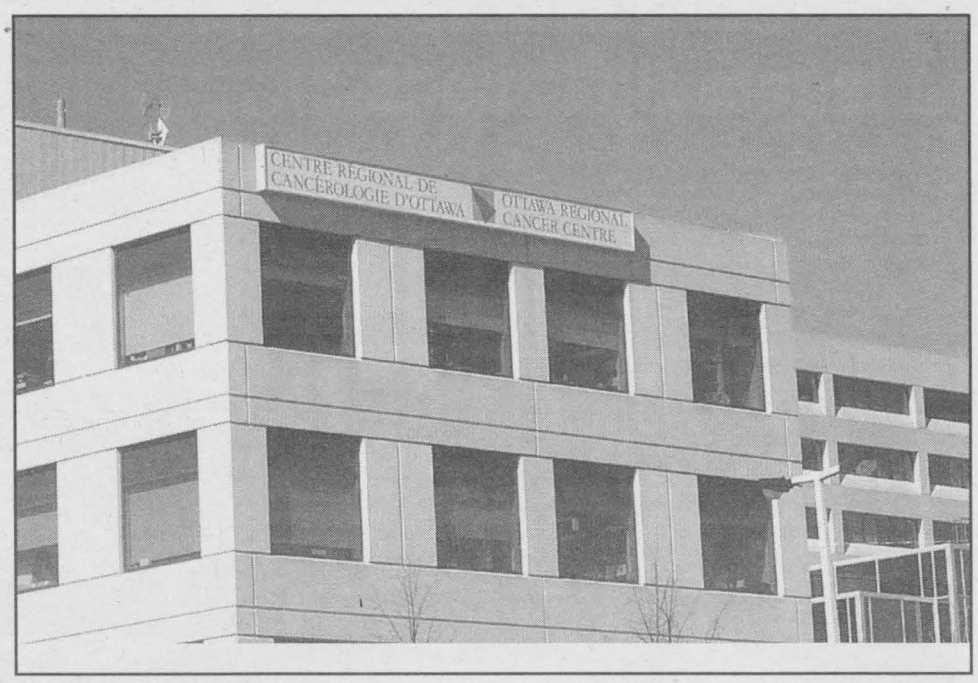
Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre-your Centre of courage

Where life is treasured and each season is a miracle

By Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: *This is the final installment of the series on the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre (ORCC.) Thanks to Kevin and Marilyn Spencer for the opportunity to tour the ORCC, for their encouragement and support with doing these articles. As well I want to thank the ORCC Foundation for their time and diligence showing me the ORCC. To the professionals I met, spoke with and dealt with throughout the tour, I appreciated your time and talents, and the excellent work you are all doing at the ORCC, you are indeed a special group of people. We are all in your debt, allowing us to learn about the Centre, the care and treatment offered there. For me these were the best circumstances to be at the ORCC and I wish you luck in your endeavors.*



High Priority

The name ORCC sits high atop the Ottawa Hospital, General Campus. Like a beacon it provides the necessary treatment to patients diagnosed with cancer. It is here that the finest and most up to date facilities are available to help beat the disease. Staff is highly trained to deal with cancer and will be at your side should you need moral, physical or any support as you are guided through the process involved in your treatment. We are so very fortunate to have this facility as near as the nation's capital.

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Playing a key role on the world stage of cancer discovery, the ORCC research program continues to pursue breakthroughs in areas such as oncolytic viruses and targeted radiation therapy technologies.

To sustain and improve this critical work, ORCC must enhance its physical environment, build on intellectual talent, maintain the current culture of discovery and be well prepared to harness the recent global acceleration in cancer research. Projections indicate that the next five years of discovery may be as fruitful as the previous thirty years.

As the media tour continued through the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre, we moved on to the Oncology area where we learned that the three modules we dropped into are site specific. "All the specialists involved with any one specific cancer (colon, rectal, etc) are here," explains our guide, Melanie Yasinski. As we entered the room, the feeling of being aboard the Starship Enterprise overcame this viewer. This hub of the modules is certainly the central command centre. Like something out of a Hollywood movie it overwhelmed some of us. Certainly it was evident that vital business takes place here each and every minute of every day. Individual patient exam rooms are located along the entrance hallway as we made our way through the main hallway to this module. Here on any given day, all of which are busy, one would find up to 18 doctors pouring over computer screens that provide up to the minute information on patients, they also allow access to records from other hospitals, x-ray negatives can be viewed and other medical professionals can be consulted on findings and test results. In particular the patient's family doctor is kept updated on the prognosis, on test results and other pertinent information. A congestive site, this area allows a seamless flow of patients through here on a regular basis. As Yasinski noted, "This system works like a well oiled machine."

Then we were off to the research lab where eleven career senior scientists work alongside some 100 assistants (Fellows, research students, etc.), who all draw both national and international attention for their innovative discoveries. "Some of the brightest and best researchers are right here, they are world recognized for their efforts, like Dr. Barb Vabder Hyden who has made strides in the area of Ovarian Cancer research," explains Yasinski. For the ORCC, research relates to improving treatment outcomes, finding causes of cancer, determining prevention strategies and discovering a cure.

Doctor Ken Garson, a Research Associate will handle the tour for this sector. He begins by explaining, "Cancer cells are cells that go wrong. Normal cells have controls that tell them when to divide and when to stop. They make each of us who we are. On the other hand, cancer cells want to continue to grow fast. They have lost the ability to know when to stop and even to stop. They have lost the mechanism to prevent their own suicide when things go wrong." He spoke of the high cost of research today and how badly support is necessary to continue the fine work being done here. For example, one machine comes with a price tag of several hundred thousands of dollars. "A lot of technology is needed to further the research happening here at ORCC." He offered the media personnel a view of the Laboratory at the ORCC, saying, "We have a lot of labs concentrated in one area, the open concept is innovative and allows all the scientists to work together as a unit. It fosters a free flow of information; we can ask questions of each other and can buy collectively for the entire floor thus saving money, a win-win situation for everyone. Since we rely on grants for support, we can stay in the game as a unit." He added that numerous other facilities are looking at theirs as a model of how to operate a laboratory system effectively and efficiently.

We were treated to watching some young assistants at work and learned that some are working on research involving "pathways" (signals to tell the cells what to do are connected via pathways) as they relate to brain tumours and "gene silencing" that enable the cancer cells to be silenced and therefore not being told to stop when they should. Growing cancer cells in the tissue culture room, (growing tumour cells helps understand the differences in them and normal cells so they can learn how to deal with them effectively) and finding out that biopsies allow researchers to work on actual human tissue (beneficial to their work) was interesting for this reporter. "This is a bonus we enjoy being in the ORCC," noted Doctor Garson. Such topics as "cells have garbage and we need to know how they get rid of these byproducts. Knowing how long proteins remain in a cell can lead to discoveries that will help patients." The fact that the scientists utilize the Translational Approach to research emphasized the transferring of findings from research bench to patient bedside allows them to speed application and benefits.

We found out that research is ongoing on Ovarian Cancer, a type that is prevalent in society today, by studying ovary development. "We are making strides in this area," noted Dr. Garson. We peeked into a "T" room where genetic modification takes place, using mice. "Here we study reactions when the genes are injected and how when they are not present the brakes are out on tumour growth. DNA injections, micro-injectors, lots of screening needed and checking to recheck reactions and results keep scientists busy. He spoke throughout the tour of the lab sector with enthusiasm for his work explaining it to us as "Exciting" and it was certainly evident in his voice and facial expressions.

Renowned work involving the use of Oncolytic Viruses as cancer therapeutics (presently one step away from clinical application) is being carried on at ORCC. Cancer cells being killed via viruses is a new and creative truth that has been uncovered and seems to be a viable future result of research being carried on here. In this context we met with world famous Senior Scientist at the ORCC, Doctor John Bell who is working on "Biological Warfare Against Cancer." He spoke to us on his research which is showing some encouraging results thus far. There are more than 200 different types of cancer which affects human beings and scientists agree that they expect no single cure will ever be found, and so in order to beat this disease, a powerful and varied arsenal would seem to be the best defence. Using this belief it has been discovered that ordinary viruses may be able to help. Through a visual presentation and commentary, Dr. Bell explained that both of the means now utilized to eradicate cancer cells, Radiation and Chemotherapy have non-specific side effects, and attack both normal and cancer cells. "This is why I, along with numerous others in the field are studying viruses that have an effect on only the cancer cells," said Dr. Bell as he took us on a journey that showed how the cold virus, the "Reovirus" can attack a group of cancer cells. "Enough of the virus exploits the growth of the cell, until it can in fact take over the tumour, and then can expanding exponentially within itself until the tumour explodes…this happens because the Reovirus takes over the cancer cell's overstimulated growth cycle and makes copies of itself instead. Once the virus reaches a large enough mass, they burst the cell and the cancer is gone."

As he spoke it was clear he is very knowledgeable and yet could explain this information so lay people could grasp the concepts as well. "A tumour cell makes this deal with the devil, as it were, to become immortal, and as such it also becomes vulnerable to infection by viruses. Viruses are parasites that can't grow outside of a cell and reproduce only inside the cell, dividing to form new cells as others die. In cancer cells the death gene becomes mutated, the cell does not know how to die and in its division, which continues, a tumour forms.

He goes on to explain that there are millions of viruses out there, some good ones like Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) and some bad (Ebola). "The VSV grows in grasshoppers, but does no real harm. Cows will eat the grasshoppers, the bovine will get sores on the lips for a couple of days, but no real negative side emerges from the virus."

The majority of patients diagnosed with cancer have Metastatic cancer, "It can't be detected very easily. It is simply too small to find. By the time it has grown to a size we can detect, it has spread throughout the entire body," stated Dr. Bell. He turned to his test-mice whom he uses to inject with the cancer cells (through the tail veins). The viruses also injected into the mice spread throughout the body of the animals. A way to treat widespread disease, these tests are proving very effectively that the viruses infest only the tumours and do nothing to the normal cells. "All the mice so injected with the virus have been cured, while those without virus injections have died, and the virus is able to locate all tumours present in the mice," says this learned gentleman as he speaks to the media members. It is only to be expected that Dr. Bell

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Diagnosis-complete treatment, accelerated discovery

suggested that he and his colleagues in this testing are anxious to put this treat ment into human bodies. "We are very hopeful that quite soon, we will have the VSV ready to be injected into humans in clinical trials." He spoke about a highly invasive brain cancer, Gliomas. "CT scans allow us to see large masses and we can actually remove them. This type of cancer is difficult to treat and the survival rate is not good, because we cannot locate the small tumours that escaped to other parts of the brain and they will eventually cause death. The virus injections would allow us to find the smaller invasive tumour cells. The cure rate in mice has reached 50%, and we expect even better results," added the Doctor.

"Ovarian cancer has been proven to be treated quite effectively with viruses, and using samples from actual patients we know it will be effective in humans."

Another virus being looked at has been isolated from chickens. In the worldwide community Dr. Bell is well known and respected for his studies and results. Oncolytic

Viruses grow in and kill tumour cells, and are unable to grow in normal tissues. "They exploit genetic defects in tumour cells. We understand genetically what they are all about (viruses) and so we can design them to do what we want them to, like attack a specific cancer," says Dr. Bell. He explains about multi-modality therapeutics, where " We get more bang for the buck! They are miniature biological machines we can program to do exactly what we want them to."

It all sounds so simple, the common cold can cure cancer…but of course all is not as it seems in this world. It only takes a small amount of the virus to cause us to have a cold, but to treat cancer; hundreds of millions of viral particles must be injected into the bloodstream or the tumour to be effective. A big hurdle left to clear is that the body is naturally responsive to fighting off viruses. "So far we have tested these viral therapies only on mice. But we have found they are effective against brain, breast, prostate and ovarian and colorectal cancers. The next step is clinical trials, but the early signs point to a safe therapy for humans."

Dr. Bell reminds us that there is a great genetic variety in humans, and since cancer tends to be very illusive, when scientists feel they have it beaten, it often slips away."

Another discovery that many saw as a victory were "targeted drugs." Aimed directly at messing up the molecules of a tumour they seem accurate and in general create rather benign side effects as compared to chemo. While not the magic cure some hoped for, they have helped with some cancers, like lung and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, colon and chronic myeloid leukemia. The big hope today is to control cancer much like we are able to other diseases, even though curing it may well never happen, there is hope among the scientific community. We must remember that prognosis today for many patients is much better than it was a few years ago, take for example, two common forms of cancer: breast cancer in women and prostate cancer in men. Among those where inroads are being made are melanoma, cancer of the cervix, testis, thyroid, uterus and male bladder.

He talks of time frames involved in actually bringing these tests to patient usage. He expects that it will be at least 5 to 6 years, if all goes well, before we can expect to see the VSV widely used. "We have to patiently go through each step, but foresee no problems." When it became critical to bring a company onboard to manufacture the virus, thanks to an incredibly generous donor, a facility was established right here and the virus was produced. Health Canada also supports such endeavors and the consultations, inspections and validations are ongoing."

"Originally no one wanted to help us out, there are so many ideas tossed around out there and Phase I trials are very expensive. Phase I usually is when the funding becomes available to see if things will get off the ground. It is very difficult to obtain funding for innovative ideas. We usually depend on the Drug Companies to come onboard and help us out. Thanks to the Terry Fox Foundation some $25,000 has been committed to our studies, sped up the process - a huge step for us. Usually it takes a long period of time to raise the necessary funds to get us to the place where big drug companies will jump in and help. The Fox Foundation money allowed us to move along rapidly as well as to pick and choose what innovative ideas we will go with. The Foundation plays a huge role in helping us check out these sort of innovative ideas. Phase II and III are when we prove that our products are safe and work effectively and then the drug Companies are anxious to come aboard." He said, "Once in use these will always be administered through intravenous injections, at least for the next 10 years." He told us that they have found that diarrhea lasts for a couple of days as does nausea and then the patient is fine.

"These are exciting times for sure!" says an enthusiastic researcher.

He took time to express his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who raise money to help research move forward. "It is incredibly important to us, you can't imagine how valuable your donations are to us," said Dr. Bell, "As the ORCC gains visibility and enjoys successes, we are able to attract the biggest, brightest and the best researchers here to Ottawa and we can move forward."

Dr. Bell spoke of the sharing on a daily basis that occurs among the Cancer Research Centres around the world. "Research groups gather to conduct sessions and to share information, ideas and results every two years. "Everyone advances globally and therefore helps us here in Ottawa with what we are trying to accomplish as well."

Ongoing collaborative associations with the University of Ottawa, the Ottawa Hospital, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), the National Research Council and a

variety of local industries enables the ORCC to continue the wondrous work they accomplish daily.

Local people are anxious to do their part in helping the ORCC move into the future. Doug Murray, Past Principal at Seaway District High School raised and donated funds to help the Radiation sector specifically, through a dinner sponsored in Cornwall. Listening to the Foundation people it is evident how important the funding is, and with three years before the ground will be broken, the community portion must be in place prior to when the government approval comes though. It is vital to everyone in the area served by the ORCC, to contribute whatever they can to keep the Centre operational. "Within five years, we'll have to send people out of this region for treatment and care unless we can expand to meet the demand," was a constant reminder from the Foundation as well as the staff of the ORCC.

The CEO of the Ottawa Hospital sees this Unit as the Princess Margaret of the East, especially when the ORCC can attract people the caliber of Dr. Bell. "There is fabulous potential here," he has been quoted as saying on numerous occasions. And stop and think, with 1.2 million people in the catchment area, corporate sponsors from Cornwall to Brockville, the Seaway to the nation's capital all pitch in and throw their support behind the ORCC, each of us is affected by cancer and this is our Centre.

The local Volley for Cancer Committee spent considerable time discovering where the proceeds from the annual event were most needed. With Kevin and Marilyn Spencer among their numbers and with people diagnosed or living with cancer being treated in Ottawa, the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre (ORCC) seemed a logical choice. Satellite treatment centers in our local hospitals twin with the ORCC and after our tour it was no wonder they would chose this as the recipient of the funds raised. "We want to be sure every dollar raised at Volley for Cancer hits close to home, there is a need at the ORCC and we want to do our part to help out, "says Kevin.

As it happens, the ORCC is indeed in need, with a proposed $69.4 million expansion in the works, for treatment, research, and health care spaces, the ORCC Foundation has started a fundraiser, " The Courage Campaign." The community at large is responsible for raising some $20 million, and along with the governments' share, the plans will come to fruition. The teaming of Volley For Cancer with the ORCC will be a match made for hope.

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Seaway District Model Railroaders Annual Show an awesome experience

By Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Featuring over 2000 square feet of working model railway displays plus vendors, historical displays, entertainment, there was definitely something for every member of the family on Saturday and Sunday last weekend.

"Not only do we have some of the best modular model railroad displays coming from all over Ontario, but we also have vendors of all gauges of railroad supplies and other displays that promise to be a hit," says Jason Edge, President of the Seaway District Model Railroaders who organized and hosted the Show in conjunction with the Prescott Depot Railroaders.

There was a "Kids Zone" that offered model railroading for the younger set with a wooden layout, a floor level "O" scale set up and a completely detailed "HO" scale layout for the kids who have free access to it. These hands on activities offered great fun and photo opportunities that are sure to promote the hobby as an activity for the whole family.

This year's Show had grown considerably over last years and encompassed the entire gym and cafeteria of the high school. The largest Train Show in Eastern Ontario this spring the crowds were certainly appreciative of the effort. There were working displays featuring everything from tiny "Z" scale miniature trains to "N" scale desk top display, precisely detailed "HO" layouts and big "G" scales or Garden Model Trains. Thirteen clubs of various sizes participated this year including the ever-popular British Clubs with their unique scale displays It was a very enjoyable time.

Gilbert Lacroux from Ottawa had some cool displays. A railroader during his teen, he notes that he drifted away from it and has come back into it as a means of relaxation. "I am self employed and so do not get much time except on the weekends to work with the railroads. I like "HO" scale trains best." As we look at his effort, he explains that many of the scenes he depicts actually exist somewhere. "Fallowfield Station is near Ottawa, Muskrat River is near Pembroke and he shows how he creates some of the design, with imagination, polyfil light weight sparkling compound, Kleenex and paint. It seems to come to life as we watch the trains travel the tracks. It is amazing the ideas and how they work. Circuit boards under the scenes run the trains and even the crossing lights work as the engine approaches the level crossing.

Will Murphy hails from Picton and as his steam engine puffs out smoke, it passes his newer model and each goes their separate ways. His station is something else, as are his "N" scale trains. Gerry O'Callaghan creates train scenes in suitcases; guitar cases and uses styrofoam to give his displays a certain something special. His castles and tunnels explain the fun he has "playing " with his work. His "Z"scale trains are very small, but work well in the confined spaces he utilizes. A work in progress he estimates another three years to complete his latest venture.

In the hall we run into some Seaway students, Colin VanderPoel, Jason Fawcett and Randy Kennedy who are showing off their latest train display.

Meeting youngsters like Jozef Tierney, an 8-year old complete with his engineer's hat is a special treat. Taking part in the Show for the fourth year, this fellow has the patience of Job according to his dad. "He paints, works with the smallest of pieces and never gives up." If he finds something too daunting, he hands it to his dad who does the work, but always Jozef makes the decisions. "We have "Train Track Tuesdays" at our house, it is a wonderful time for he and I to be together doing something we both enjoy," says Dad.

Richard Mercer displays "G" gauge trains that are meant to be run outdoors, they are BIG! As we speak he adjusts a water tower he has made to feed his steam engine. He works with his friend Laurence Watkins.

Meeting Ian Watts of Wakefield was an interesting time. This 15 year old has been into trains since he was 3. He finds them fascinating and was using his "O" gauge steam engine to pull a flatcar loaded with logs. He explained the engine working of the train and how it actually compares to the real thing, he knows his stuff! His dad explained that it is a hobby they two can share. He went on to say how involved Ian is and how it keeps him too busy to get into any teenage trouble.

Watching the expressions on the faces of the youngsters as they wait for that certain train to emerge from the tunnel it just went into is wonderful. There is something about the whistle of a train, the chug-chug of the engine and the puff of steam as it labours up an incline that sets many hearts to dancing. Young Aidan Conners and his dad likes the small stuff, and Dillon Landon of Johnstown, a Thomas the Train fan found the larger ones more suited to his tastes. Ian O'Donohue is a train fan from way back; this four year old is a keen railroader and can't wait to grow up enough to buy a bigger train set than he has already.

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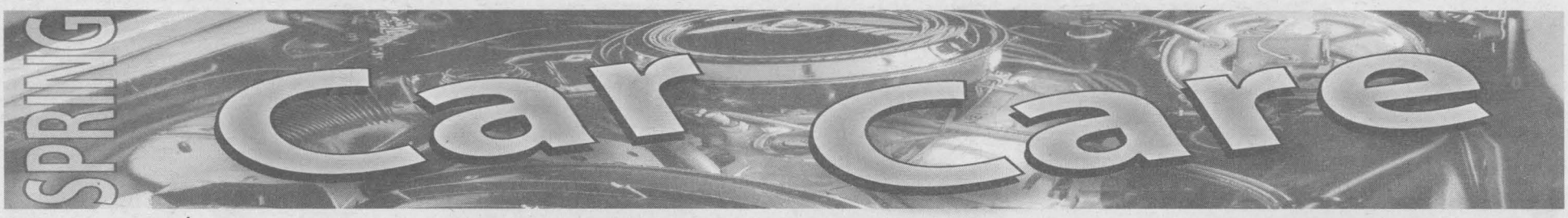


How-To Guide for Waxing Your Car & Truck

There's no doubt that a shiny car is eye-catching. Sure, it might be new or have just been washed. But more likely than not, that luster is the result of a wax job. A good wax makes a car almost look like it's alive, giving it sparkle, depth and vibrance.

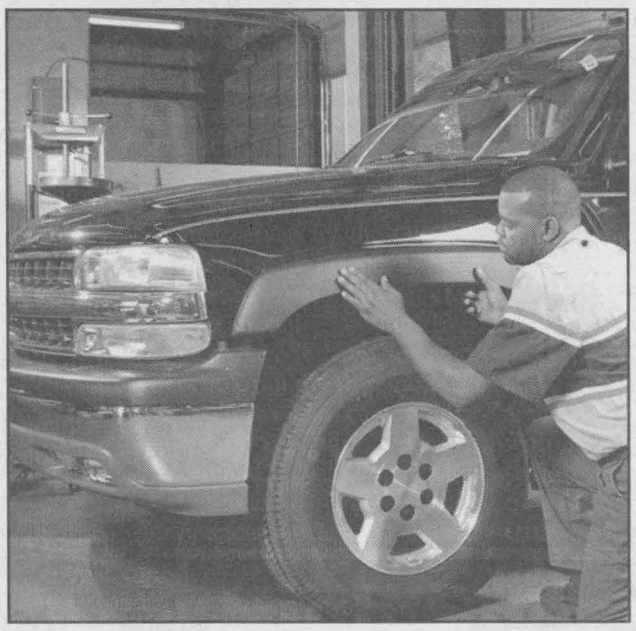
Don't think you need to spend hundreds of dollars to give your car a high-gloss shine. Visit your local auto supply shop for wax and an applicator, and you can easily do it yourself. Then, follow these tips to give your vehicle a glow that others will envy.

1. Wash and dry your car thoroughly. It should be free of dirt and contaminants. To make sure it's clean, run your fingers over the hood and roof: The surface should feel smooth. If you feel bumps or see tree sap, bug stains, or water spots, you may need to apply a specially formulated cleaner.

2. Park the car in a cool, shady spot. If you can't do that, wax one section at a time so the sun doesn't bake the wax into your car. If it's extremely hot or cold outside, wait for better weather conditions to wax your car.

3. Dip a damp sponge or foam applicator pad, coating it with a half-dollar amount of wax. When the applicator is caked with wax, use a fresh applicator.

4. Rub the wax onto the car in a circular motion — and rub it into the car well. Work a section at a time (2 to 4 square feet). Avoid waxing in seams and jambs. If this does happen, remove the wax with an old, soft toothbrush. Do not wax windows or other glass surfaces of the car.



5. Inspect the car for any signs of residual wax by looking at the sides and the front. It's important to remove excess wax as it can damage the paint, especially if the car is exposed to direct sunlight. Don't let the wax sit for too long.

6. Use a cheese cloth rag to polish or buff the car's entire surface. Read the wax's instructions before proceeding as some products let you coat the entire car with wax before you buff and some do not. Shake out the towel as you work to avoid wax buildup and streaking.

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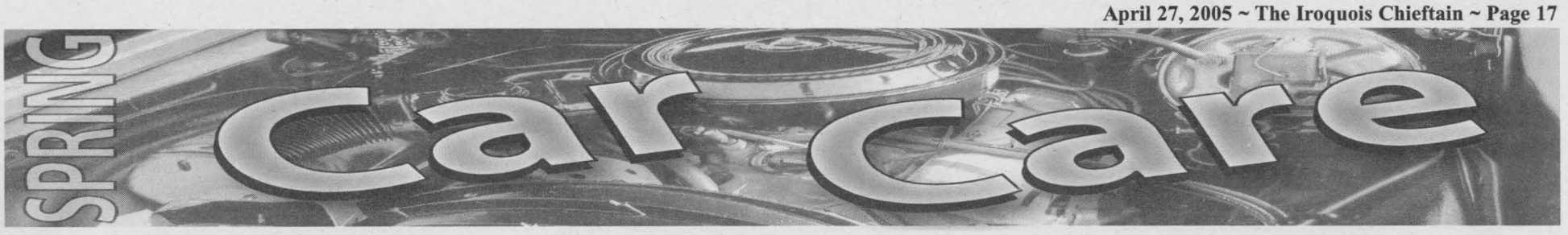

Synthetic Oils Boost a Car's Performance

(MS) — In recent years, there has been a steady rise in the use of synthetic motor oils because of their superior performance benefits. Just about everyone can benefit from them because they help your car's engine function better in so many ways.

Q: What is the difference between conventional and synthetic motor oil?

A: Conventional lubricants are refined from crude oil, which consists of thousands of types of molecules, which each have a different set of physical properties. In contrast, synthetic oils are made by reacting specific chemicals with a catalyst. The outcome is a fluid with exceptional molecular uniformity, resulting in improved properties and performance as compared to its petroleum counterpart. Because of this uniformity, synthetic oils excel in reducing friction and wear, offer improved fuel economy and function in both high and low temperature extremes, far beyond conventional oils.

Q: My friend says synthetic oils are better for the environment. I say that improperly disposed, synthetic oils aren't really any better. Who's right?

A: You are both right. The environmental benefits of synthetic lubricants are most apparent when you consider their extended drain capabilities. Synthetic compressor oils last eight times longer than their petroleum counterparts. This means eight times less waste oil to dispose of. Synthetic motor oils for cars and light trucks have drain recommendations of two to 10 times conventional petroleum depending on the product and the manufacturer. Fewer oil changes means less waste oil as well as less container waste disposal. However, synthetic motor oils require the same disposal care as traditional petroleum motor oils.

Q: I know synthetic motor oil is better in winter cold, but how do they benefit people who live in hot weather climates like in Arizona or South Texas?

A: Oil volatility is the measure of how susceptible an oil is to boil-off under high heat conditions. Most petroleum oils experience significant boil-off during high temperature engine operation and are expelled into the environment. The thicker oil left behind contributes to damaging deposits, sticky piston rings and oil blow-by, all contributing to reduced life and drag on performance. Synthetic oils are more impervious to this kind of degradation. The lower volatility of synthetics is another reason they are better for the environment than conventional products.

Q: Are there any advantages to conventional petroleum oils?

A: Petroleum-based motor oils have an initial price advantage over synthetics. In advancing the cost issue, remember that even the most expensive motor oil is cheaper than engine repairs caused by inadequate metal to metal protection or general lubricant failure. Synthetics have been proven to give superior year-round protection and performance.

When motorists evaluate their lubricant costs on a per year or per mile basis, rather than on the basis of cost per oil change, synthetic motor oils with extended drain intervals are found to cost less than conventional motor oils.

Q: Will synthetic motor oils void my warranty?

A: No. Manufacturers call for API SL-rated motor oil of specific viscosity grades and usually do not distinguish between conventional or synthetic lubricants. Some high-performance cars, like the Chevrolet Corvette, are filled with synthetic motor oil at the factory and recommend the use of synthetics.

Q. Is there such a thing as synthetic grease?

A: Not only are there synthetic greases, you can find synthetic gear lubes, transmission fluids and two cycle oils. Racers have seen increased horsepower throughout their equipment by using synthetics throughout the drivetrain.

Synthetics lubricants should also be used in the transmission of your tow vehicles as well. Pulling cars and rigs to the track put extra demands on transmissions and petroleum tranny fluid breaks down more quickly under these conditions. Synthetic-based transmission fluids last up to three times longer than their conventional counterparts.

Q: Where can I get more information about synthetic lubricants?

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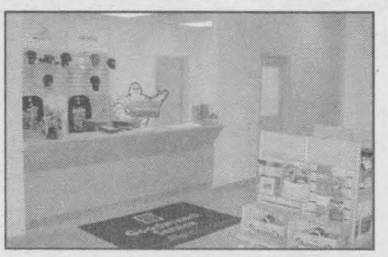
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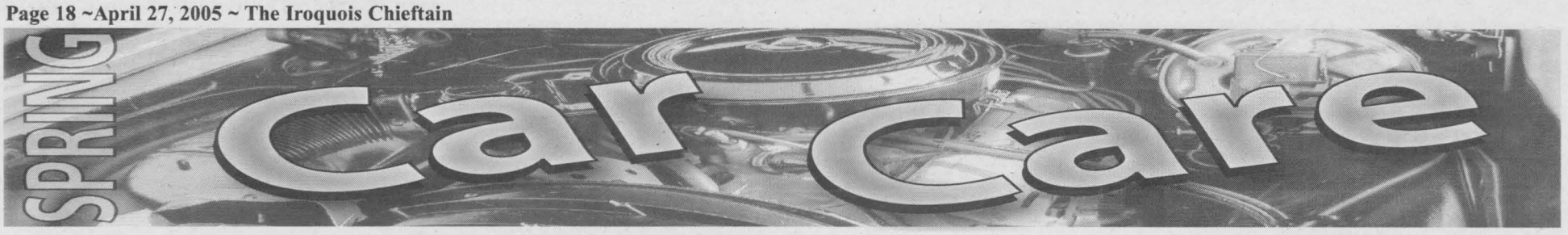

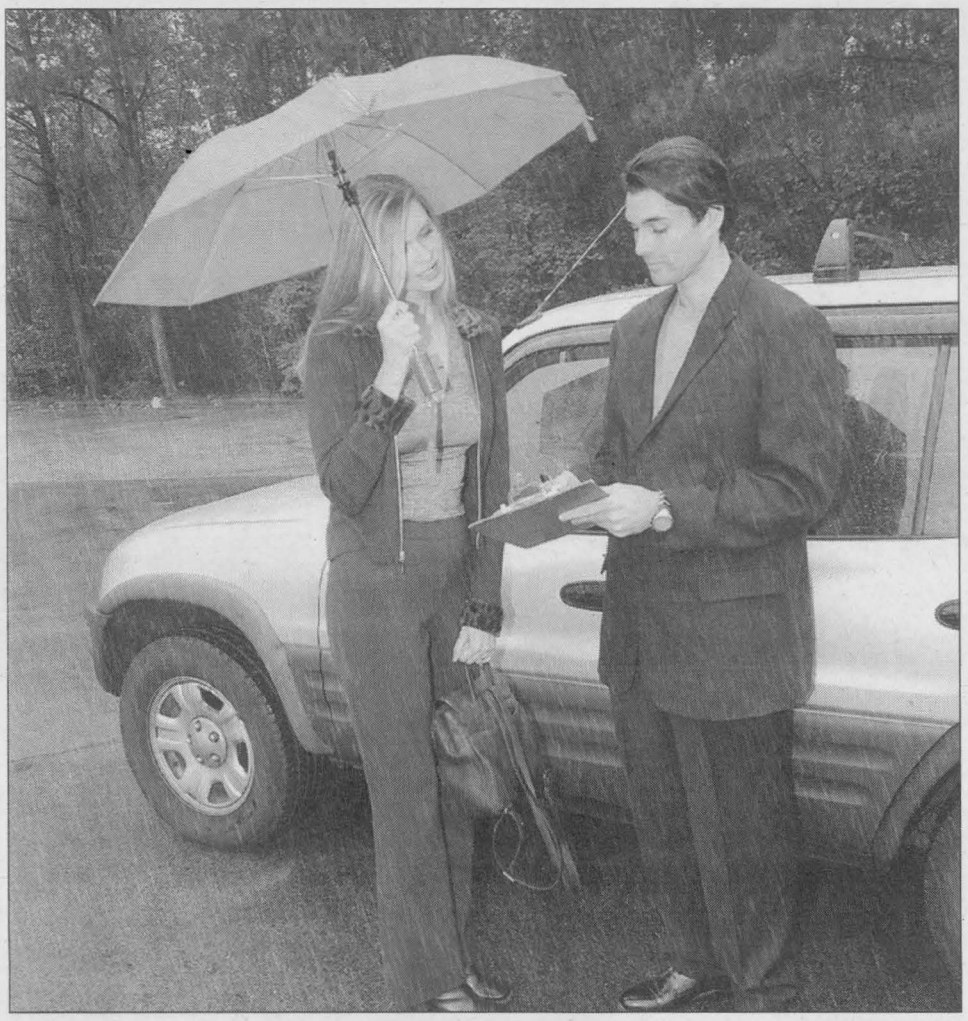

Tips for driving in spring and summer rain

Spring & Summer rainstorms can quickly reduce visibility and create dangerous driving conditions. In stormy conditions, it is more difficult to see other vehicles, road signs and the road itself. And when you're driving in the rain at night, you must contend with glare from headlights and street lights.

To keep safe on the road when driving in the rain, motorists need to take steps so they can see and be seen. Follow these wet weather safety tips, courtesy of Canadian Automobile Association (CAA).

1. Regularly clean your car's windshield and windows, both inside and outside. If you smoke, take extra care to make sure your interior windows are clear of smoke residue build-up.

2. Regularly check headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals to make sure they are working properly.

3. As soon as rain begins, turn on headlights and windshield wipers. Many states require headlights to be turned on when it is raining or if the visibility is less than 500 feet.

4. When visibility is so limited that the edges of the road or other vehicles cannot be seen at a safe distance, pull over and wait for the rain to ease up. It is best to stop at a rest area or other protected location. If the roadside is your only option, pull off as far as possible, preferably past the end of a guardrail. Keep headlights on and turn on emergency flashers to alert other drivers to your parked location.

5. In addition to reduced visibility, rain creates slippery roads that require motorists use extra caution.

When driving in rain, slow down and increase the distance between vehicles to compensate for reduced tire traction.

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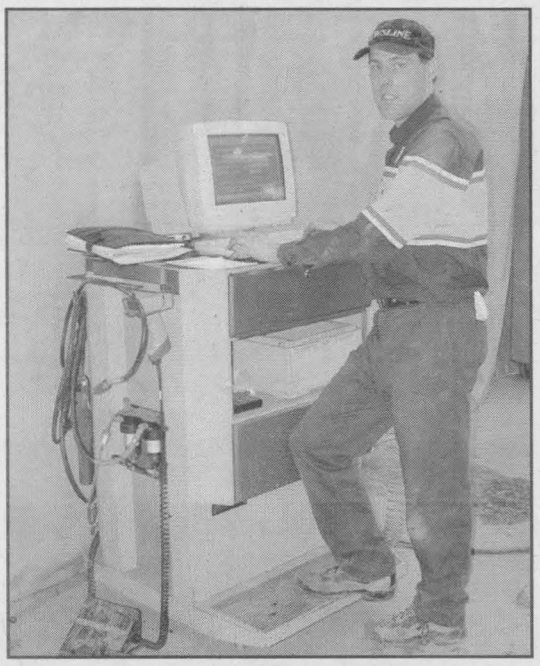

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Obituaries

Gilda Shay

Suddenly on County Road 16 in South Dundas Township, on April 11, 2005, Gilda Florence Shay of RR1, Iroquois as a result of a single vehicle accident. Born on June 3, 1960 in Winchester Hospital, she was 44 years of age.

A lifetime resident of the Iroquois area, Gilda worked as a farmer and pet groomer. A member of the Lakeshore United Church in Morrisburg, she was a member of the Twin Power Heritage Association Incorporated (Antique Tractor Club).

Predeceased by her father, the late Lyle Casselman, she canvassed for the CNIB, Cancer Society and Heart and Stroke Foundation. She collected salt and pepper-shakers and spoons.

She leaves to mourn the loss her mother, Doreen (nee Shaver) at RR1, Iroquois as well as her beloved husband, Murray Shay whom she married at Lakeshore United Church on June 21, 1981 and her dearly loved children, Jenna and John, both at home. Also surviving are siblings: Gerald and his wife, Marlene, David and his wife Diane, all of RR1, Iroquois and Doug and his wife Mary of Williamsburg and Donna and her husband, Lyle Cutler of Cardinal. Nieces and nephews will sadly miss her as well.

Gilda loved animals, working on the farm and living in the country. She enjoyed traveling, gardening and her family held a very special place in her heart.

The family appreciated memorial donations in her name to the Winchester Memorial Hospital.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois where Rev. Jean Udall conducted service on Friday, April 15, 2005. Interment followed at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston. Pallbearers were Randy Miller, Rick Lascelle, Peter Pepers, Peter Vander Poel, Brian Munro and Doug Shay.

Rev. Robert (Bob) Casselman



Suddenly in Riverside Heights on Monday, April 11, 2005, Rev. Robert Carl Casselman of Morrisburg, at 60 years of age. A much-loved pastor of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, he was a clergyman for the Pentecostal Church for 37 years ministering in locations throughout Ontario and Quebec. He returned to his home area two years ago taking up residence on Nudell Bush Road, RR1, Morrisburg.

Son of the late Gerald Alvin Mitchell and Mary Bertha (nee Martin) Casselman, he was born in Cornwall Township on January 12, 1945. His family left Cornwall while he was a youngster and moved to his grandmother's home in Morrisburg, to assist with the operation of her farm. A couple of years later the family returned to Cornwall, but Bob chose to remain with his grandmother where he resided for some five years. He went home to his parents to complete his final year of high school in Cornwall. During a visit to his grandmother's farm he learned of a family friend who "got religion" and had quit drinking overnight. So foreign to him was this idea, he decided to investigate for himself and for the following three weeks he drove to Morrisburg's Pentecostal Tabernacle. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour and never looked back from that moment onward. Heading off to Bible College a year later, he answered the Call of God. During his schooling here, he courted Lorna May Morrison, who was also training for the ministry. On August 14, three years later they were married at Lakeshore Evangelical Church in Dorval, Quebec. A short month after their wedding, they began their ministry in Battersea, Ontario. They spent the next 37 years ministering in various places in Ontario and Quebec. They were not only husband and wife, but best friends and co-workers as well.

Feeling that the place where people worshipped should be clean and attractive, Rev. Casselman worked hard to improve every charge he went to. Whether caretaker, carpenter, painter, electrician, as he ministered, he worked as pastor, leader, teacher and counsellor to his people, in the church and in the community where he knew he was placed by God, and no task was below his calling. His love for people was not passive, but brotherly, and fatherly; a servant-leader type of love that showed that perfect love of Jesus.

Encouraging Lorna to enter into the ministry completely alongside him, Bob was always proud of her accomplishments and gifts that she too shared with everyone. They were definitely a team that complimented each other.

They were blessed with three beautiful children: Grace, Ruth and Sara. Each of the girls shared equally in his proud love of each.

During his years in the ministry, 1967-69- Reverend Casselman was Senior Pastor of Battersea Pentecostal Church, 1969-1972- Enterprise Pentecostal Church, 1972-1977- Sharbot Lake Pentecostal Church, 1979-1982- South Porcupine Pentecostal Church, 1982-1986- Queensway Pentecostal Church, Espanola, 1987-1996- Kemptville Pentecostal Tabernacle and 1997-2003- Dorion Evangelical Church in Quebec.

His beloved wife, Rev. Lorna Casselman and his daughters survive him: Grace Casselman (Doug VanderVelde) of Calgary, Ruth Casselman (George Tsintzouras) of Georgetown and Sara Casselman (Reginald Tang) of Kitchener. Sadly missed by grandson: Adam VanderVelde, Bob was a dear brother to Carolyn (Raymond) Roderick of Morrisburg, Ken (Janet) of Glen Walter and Larry (Vivian) of Morrisburg.

Friends visited at the Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle on April 13. Service was conducted at Lakeshore United Church in Morrisburg on April 14, Thursday with Rev. Gary Connors, Superintendent of the District of Quebec, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and Rev. Duncan Perry officiating.

Spring interment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Mariatown. Pallbearers were Rev. Dan Toner, Rev. Steve Kohls, Rev. John Ippolito, Rev. Tony Sawler, Rev. Rick Hiemstra, Rev. Barry Edmondson, Rev. John Buschert and Pastor Rob Perry.

The family gratefully acknowledged memorial donations to the Memorial Fund at the Morrisburg Pentecostal Tabernacle. Condolences and donations may be made through the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg.



BIKE HELMET SAFETY

7 easy ways to get your children to wear bike helmets

(NC)—Now that biking season is here, you might consider these easy tips to get your children to wear bike helmets.

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Battle of the Seasons

Weather from the Valley
By Stephen Balena

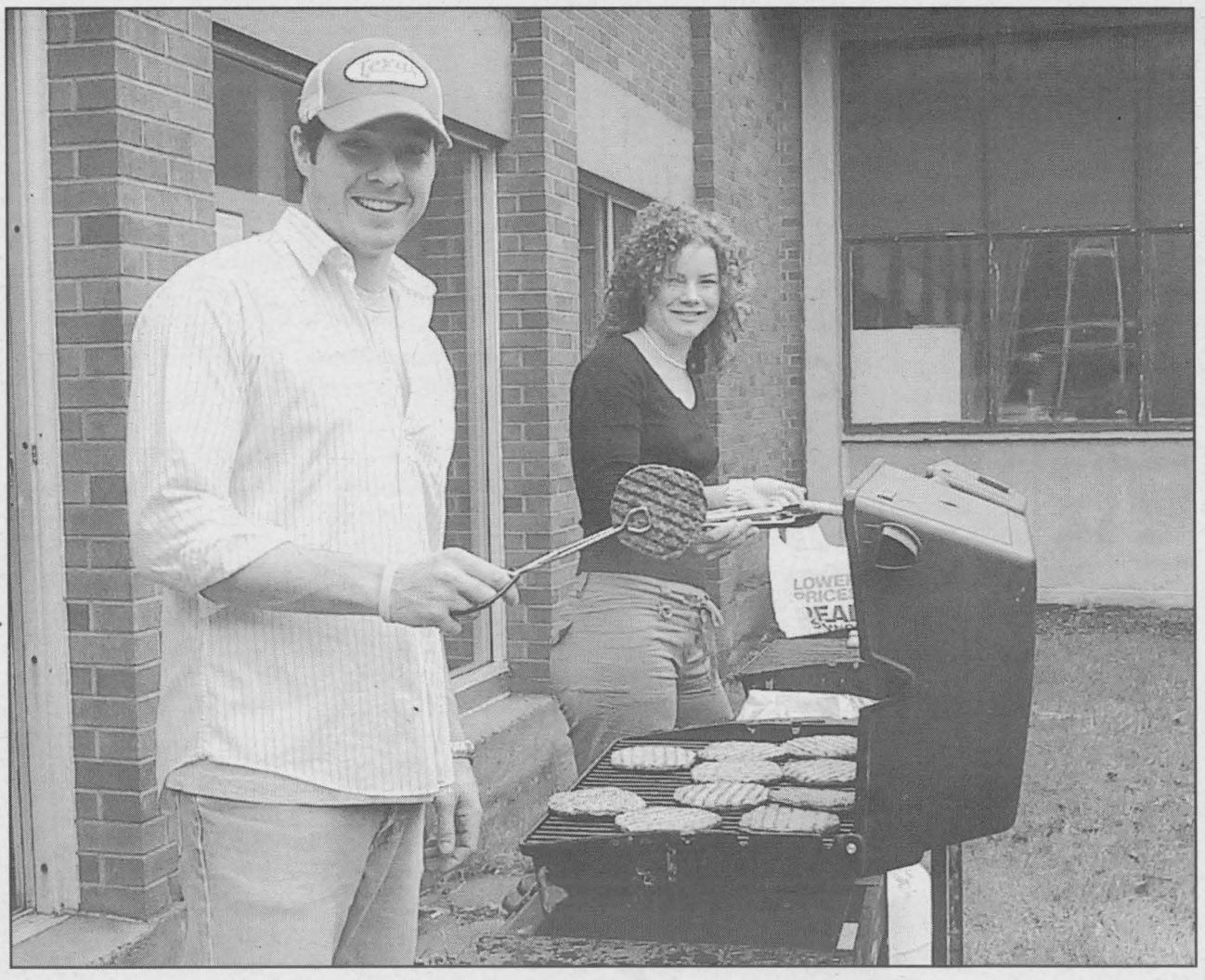
Another week of battling seasons across Ontario. A large spring storm, loaded with Gulf of Mexico moisture moved north into Ontario last weekend. Heavy rain, in excess of 50mm in some localities, fell across eastern portions of the province. The story was quite different across far southwestern Ontario, where upwards of 25cm of snow fell in Sarnia and London. Michigan, and Ohio also recorded record amounts of heavy wet spring snow on the western flank of the storm. Iroquois remained in the mild air and only rain fell.

Some of the areas around Lake Huron and Erie that recorded snow were the same places that only a week earlier had highs close to 30C. Believe it or not this is quite normal for April. It is usually a transitional month with snow, rain, heat and even severe thunderstorms or tornadoes. As a matter of fact it is the month with the most tornadic activity across "Tornado Alley" in Texas and Oklahoma.

This week will continue to be wet and cool in South Dundas, with another 20-30mm of rainfall expected.



A sure sign of Spring: One of the first ships of the season in the Seaway, the Algosteel, unloads road salt at the Port of Prescott. The International Bridge to Ogdensburg, N.Y. is in the background.



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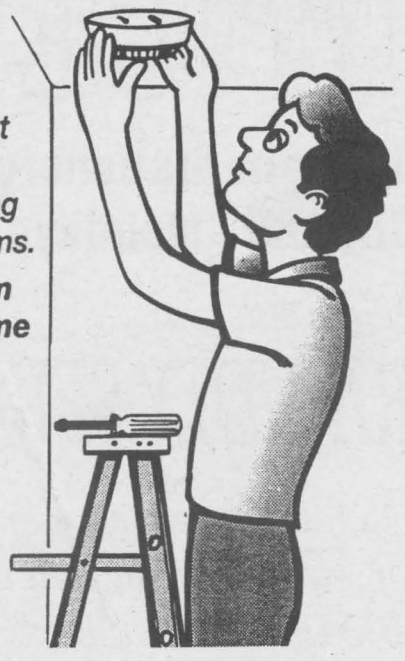

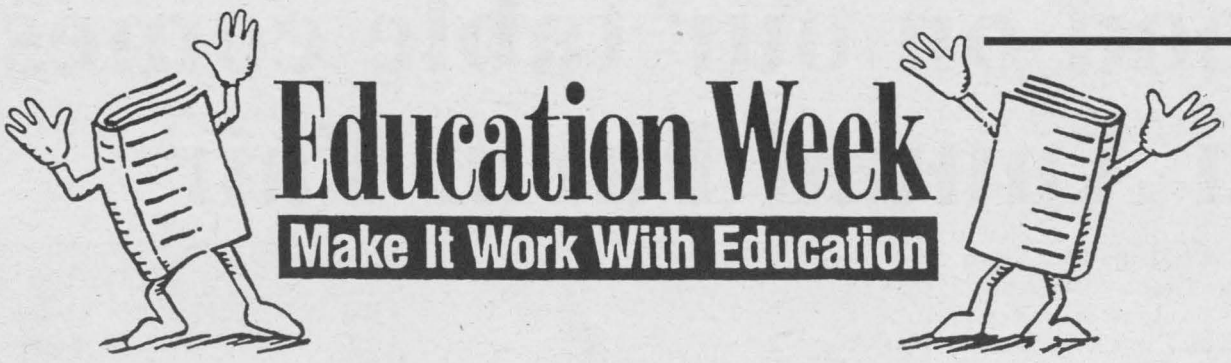

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Where the food on our table comes from-13th Annual Farm Fair

By Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Dundas Ag Awareness Committee presented the 13th Annual Farm Fair last week at Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners. Grade 4 students from 12 Upper Canada School Board schools were invited to attend, and 9 responded by coming to learn more about how their food is produced from those who actually produce it. Presentations were on Dairy, Eggs, Beef, Pork, Soil & Crop, Veterinary and Bee Keeping.

Leslie Johnson who was in charge this year was pleased with the turnout and the behaviour of the classes. "It was awesome," said an enthusiastic organizer, "All the groups were so well behaved, and the volunteer presenters did a fantastic job."

Sponsored by the Matilda Helping Hands Senior Group, there were oral presentations, videos, live animals and active participation by the students, which all contribute to making this a great and enjoyable educational experience for all. Teaching the students where the food on their tables comes from and also that Canada has the safest and most varied food supply in the world, this is an invaluable day.

Students began at one station and moved through the entire rotation. Starting with the Iroquois Public School Grade 4 class of Margaret Phifer · this reporter sat in on the veterinary sector first. As Dr. Gellnir spoke about needles, he showed the pupils the difference in size between those used for the children and those he uses with cows. HE continues this vein as he demonstrates clipping hooves (nails), what a bovine fur ball looks and feels like (Quite a bit larger than the run of the mill cat fur ball!), stomach magnets, bloat, calving and complications which can erupt a well as how he helps labour along when necessary, (A Hercules calving jack and OB chains), the kids saw a head snare and were able to listen to their own heart beat with a stethoscope.

Then it was on to the Chicken-Egg idea, with Tony Outers. "If a rooster lays on egg on the east side of a roof, which side does it roll down from?" Earlier one of the chickens actually plopped out an egg in full view of all present in her cage…that caused some excitement! He told about the life cycle of the chicken, feeding, egg sizing and colour and problems chicken farmers encounter. When the groups left here they knew roosters do not lay eggs!

Dave Hunt is a certified Apiarist, which means he keeps bees. He was patient with the classes and everyone learned a lot about these busy fellows. "Honey is the purist, natural food available. It is good for you and your teeth and can be used for numerous other things besides eating; like helping wounds heal and aiding sleep," suggested Dave to some unbelieving people. He introduced the kids to the Queen, Drone and Worker Bees. Trivia was evident as he drilled the students and explained how clean the hives are kept,

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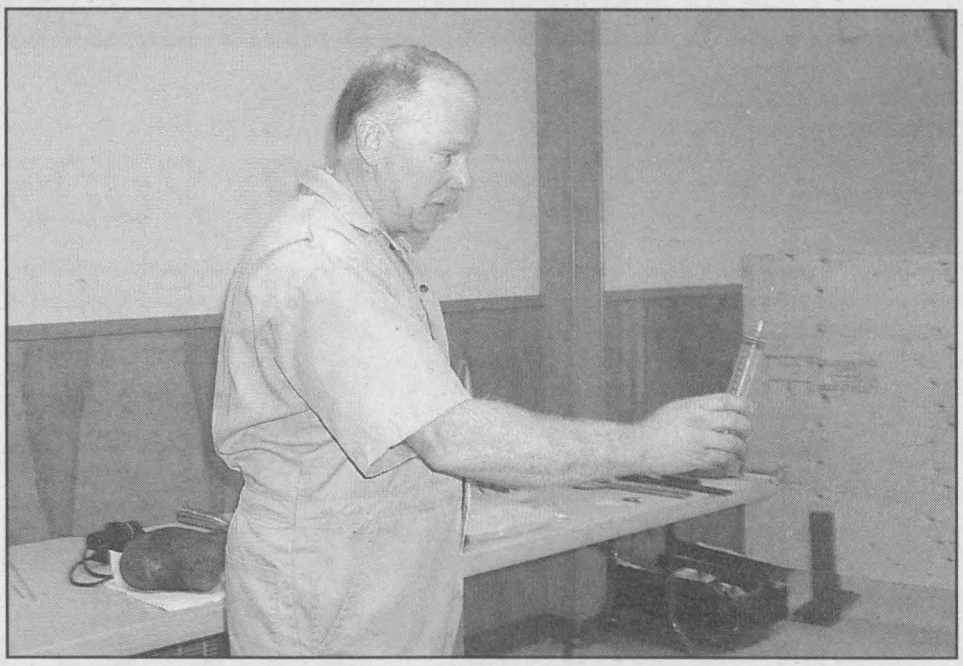

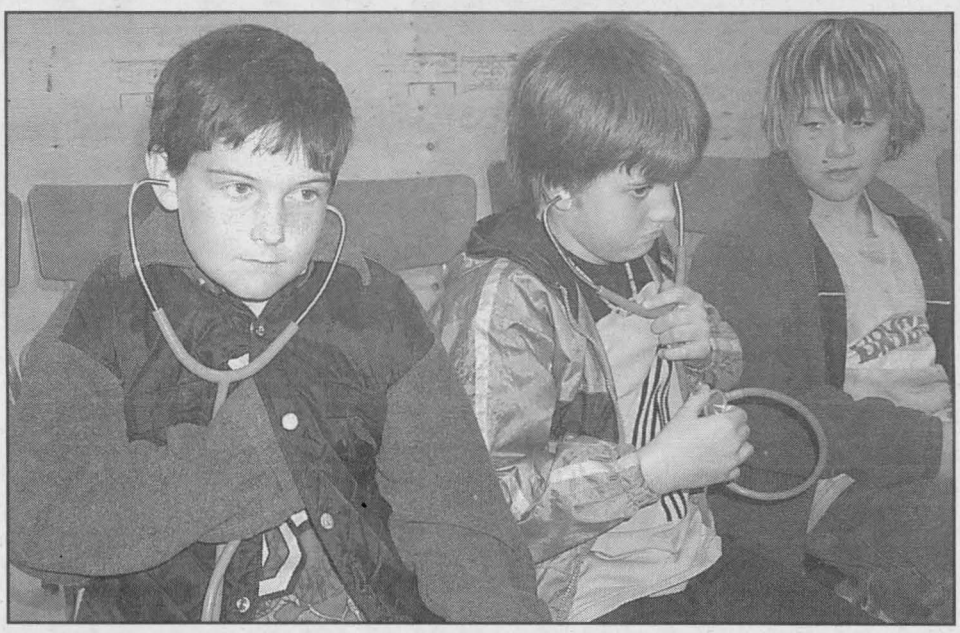

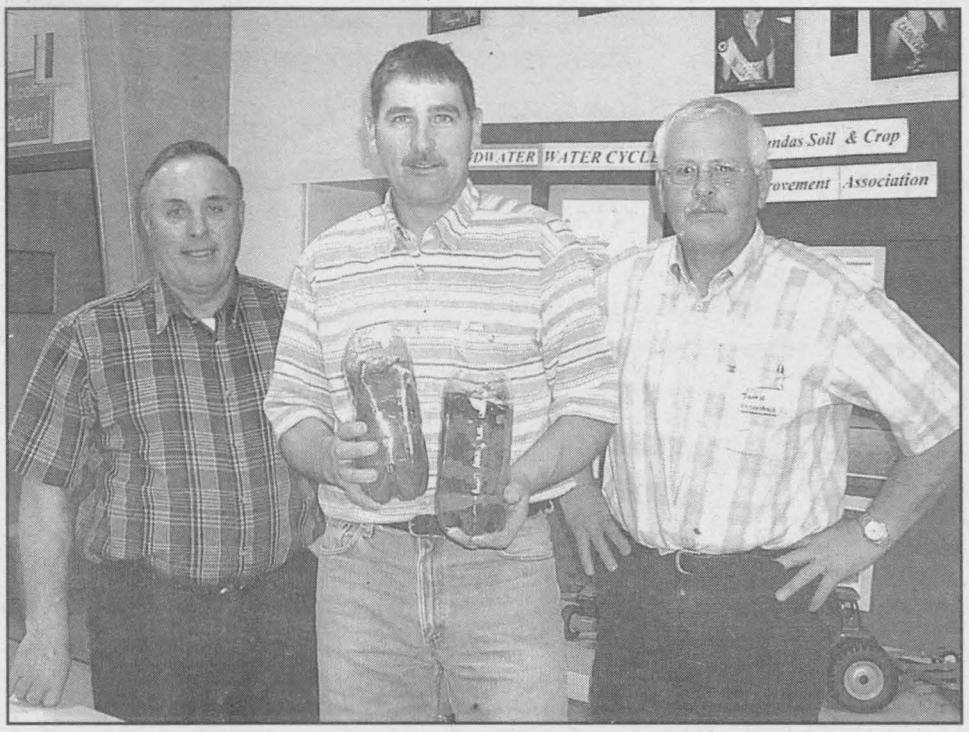

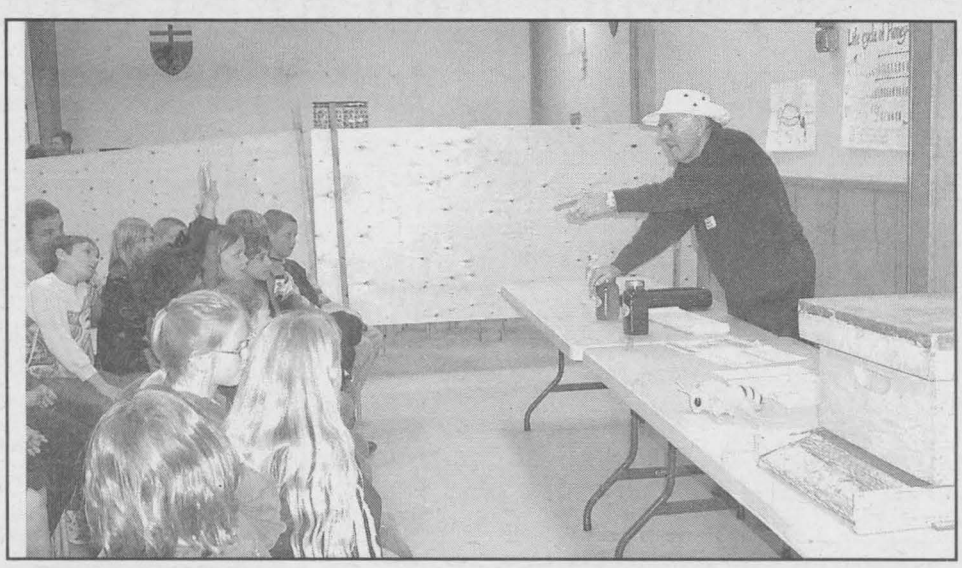

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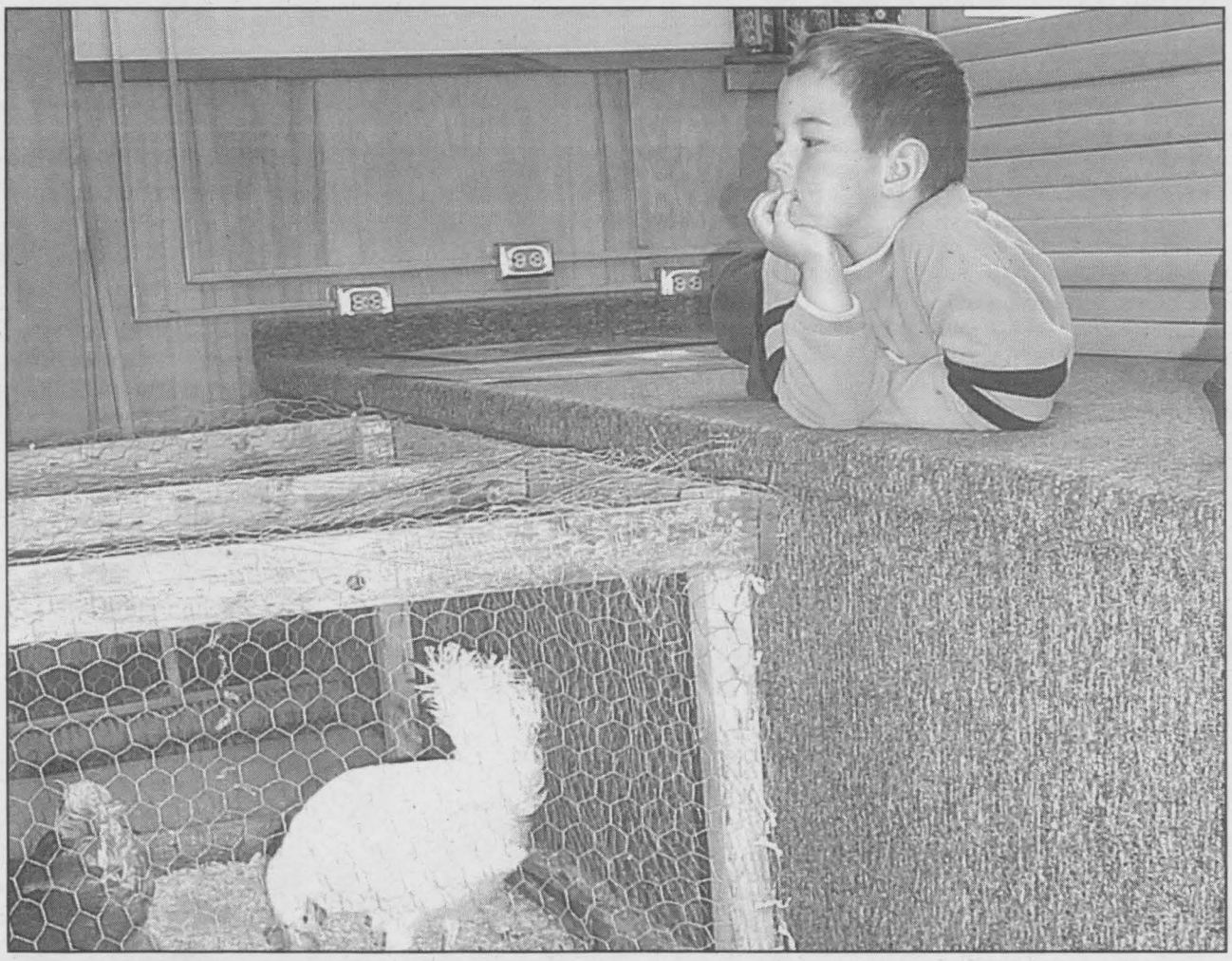
how nectar is collected and how far bees will travel to gather it. Their life cycle was pointed out, the stinger was discussed, the fact that keepers do not get stung collecting the honey and bees can't see red and some 50,000 bees can survive in one hive.

At the Dairy area, two calves could be petted, a cardboard bovine provided a milking experience for some, the cleanliness needed, the strip cup, how one cow produces 30 litres of milk each day on average, how much a cow eats, ear tags and when milking is needed to be done were among the lessons Diane Scheeprs taught.

John Roosendaal, Gordon Smith and Ron Toonders taught the Soil & Crop Improvement association class.

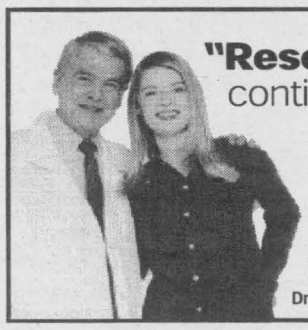
"Farmers-We are in business with the earth." Here the students found out what is grown to provide them with treats like popcorn, crackers, crayons, cookies, cereal and so many more items they take for granted. Ron, "the worm man" explained how ploughing is not necessary when worms will work at night to turn the soil and compost it ready to grow crops. They are efficient and effective," said Ron as he showed a worm farm in a bottle he created the night previous to the Fair. Concerned with the environment and natural rehabilitation, the water cycle, the biodegradable materials we can use and the idea that after harvesting crops the stubble works with the worms to fertilize the soil, these farmers had the attention of all the students.



Beef Sounds Good any way you Slice it! Diane Wilson spoke on beef cattle and farming them. The differences between beef and dairy were pointed out and the growth process is vital to beef farmers. Identification methods, calving, and how cows are tracked from birth to death. Then Rhonda Schenburger spoke about feed lot farming with beef cattle. Feed is important and she showed what a cow eats and why.

Wilma Tibben spoke on pork farming and everyone learned how much alike we humans are to pigs. Pig heart valves save people's lives for instance and eye cornea can be used too. Types of pigs were discussed, and the differences in weaner and piglets, market hogs and finishing pigs were talked about. Then the many uses for pigs including, glue, plastic, paint, china, gum, insulin, gelatin, hairbrushes, gloves, chalk, makeup and fertilizer were listed. Whether ham, bacon or pork chops are a favourite meat for the students, they were quizzed on the topic.

A great way to learn a lot of valuable lessons, the students headed home filled with knowledge that would no doubt be reiterated once they got home.



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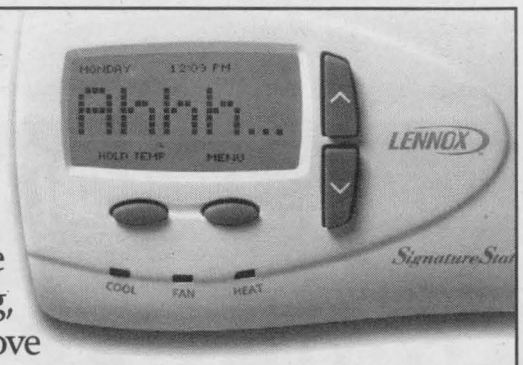

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

Editor's Note:
Unfortunately last week's column did not appear. Dar provided it on time and it was typed, but did not make it to press. We are sorry for any inconvenience this caused anyone. ***SLJ***

With only one week remaining for Cribbage League play action; Singles was the order of the day on Saturday as eighteen gathered in the lounge. Taking first place was Dennis Wright with a total of 1076 points followed by Bernie Montroy in second with a count of 1070. Duane Kirker claimed third place with 1062 while the Bridesmaid honours went to Wilf Summers who ended up with 1045. Eleven skunks invaded the lounge and grabbing two each were Willis Douglas and Ken Palmer, while Don Hutt managed to nab three of the furry creatures. This coming Saturday, April 30 the Trophies and Awards will be presented, The games played will be play-to-lose day followed by the Ladies Auxiliary who will provide a roast beef dinner to end a great season in style.

Eleven tables of Euchre were played on Tuesday evening, April 19. Picking up the first prize was Sandy Williams, while second was shared by Inez Farmer and Mac Smyth. Willis Douglas won the door prize and Goldie Sypes had low score on the evening.

For Duplicate Bridge a total of three tables were busy, High winners on the evening were Jerry Leckie and Lyle Behnke.

The Pot of Gold winner just happened to be Jeremy Adams who was NOT signed in, better luck next time Jeremy!

This coming Friday, the menu is chicken casserole and Apple Dumplings for dessert. Gert Reid was the winner of the FREE meal. Anyone interested, take-outs are available any Friday.

John and Geoff Wilson attended the Eastern Ontario District Spring Convention held at Branch 96 Brockville. A good attendance of Legion reps from all areas was in attendance. Elections took place for District Officers. The District Commander for our area is now Ron Goebel of Carleton Place. The Deputy District Commanders are Bert Diamond of Kingston and Ron Goodwin of Russell. Hugh Primeau of Cornwall was elected as the District Sports Officer. It proved to be a very interesting convention.

Just a reminder to all veterans, any one of you interested in attending the Grand Opening of the War Museum. We here at the Branch are providing a bus to take all who want to attend with transport to this important event. If you need information, please contact the Branch at 652-4516.

Here we are in the last week of April. Next month is Elections at our Branch. It is a two-year term and we need your input and would appreciate some new faces around the table on the Executive, as well as the other positions that need to be filled. Please, give it some thought, whether you want to be involved in the Legion Executive. Attending the General Meeting on May 19 is a good time to voice your opinions, at a meeting where it can be heard and acted upon, rather than at the bar as so often seems to happen. It would be terrific if those who constantly find fault with things would take on a position at the Branch and make their suggestions at the table where they can be worked through and a conclusion appropriate to all can be reached. Bring your ideas and join the leadership team.

Until next week, take care.



Dixon's Corners Public's Top Speakers

Some pretty deep thinking and a pile of confidence was displayed at DCPS last week as they hosted their Annual Speak Off. Top honours went to Brodie Geurkink (Seated left), who went on to County Finals. Standing are Allison Harbers, Nikki Devries, Myranda Letcher and Zachary Rumhor. Seated are Kaitlain Hodgson (2nd) and Meaghan Hester (3rd) while Tiffany Roskell and Jenalee Thompson kneel in front.

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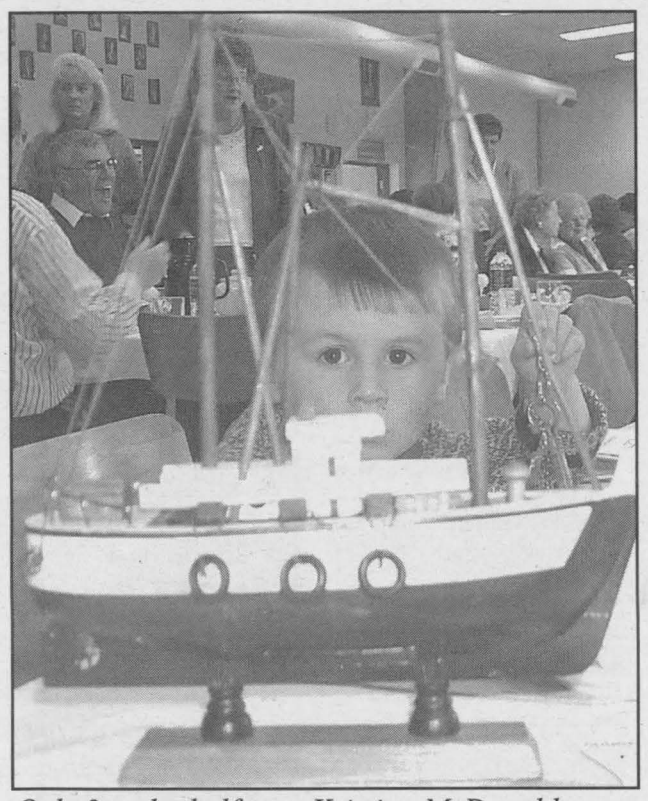
Marilyn Byers table was all aglow in silver, a nice touch and quite effective.

Joan Larocque organized and presented Diane Pethick with the proceeds for the Dundas Food Bank $4826.





Gone Fishin'! This all men's table reflected their passion and was terrific.



Only 2 and a half, wee Kristian McDonald peers through the rigging of a sailing ship at Cathy Graham's nautical table.



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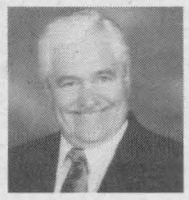

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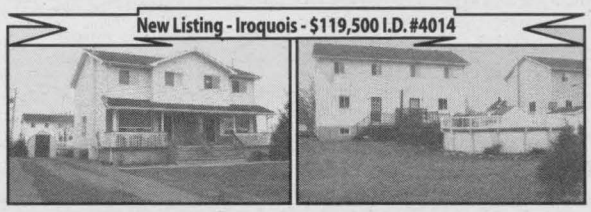

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Lawrence Rooney
Manager of Public Works

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OPEN RECEPTION to celebrate the Marriage of Michelle St. Pierre and Shawn Markell, Saturday, May 7, 2005, Iroquois Civic Centre, 8pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1pm to 9pm, This Old Heart and the Edwardsburgh Lions present a Camp Trillium Fundraiser at Edwardsburgh Lions Hall (old Highway 16). Entertainment, 5 bands, supper and jamboree, $10.

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CARD OF THANKS

NICOLAASSEN: The family of the late Harry Nicolaassen wishes to express their sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours who sent cards, food, flowers, made donations and visited during the wake and funeral service. We would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, Winchester District Memorial Hospital and the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre for their care. Special thanks to nurses, Nicole Hunter and Ann Esford of Saint Elizabeth Health Care for their wonderful care. Thank you to David Lapier, Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Homes for guiding us through this difficult time. Thank you to Father Chisholm and the choir for their comforting words and song. Thank you to the CWI for the reception afterwards. Your prayers, support and kindness are gratefully appreciated.
Johanna Nicolaassen and Family

SHAY: We the family of the late Gilda Shay, would like to sincerely thank our relatives, neighbours and friends in this sad time of our lives. For all the cards, visits, food, floral tributes, donations and words of kindness we sincerely thank you all. To Danny McLaughlin and staff at Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Homes for your professionalism, kindness and helpfulness, we thank you ever so much. As well thank you to all who participated in the service, Rev. Jean Udall for her beautiful service, to our cousin Rev. John Werley for his words of guidance and to Sandra Barkley-Probst for her gift of music, to the church ladies for the delicious lunch and a special thanks to my co workers and the staff at Craig Packaging Ltd. Also we would like to extend a special thank you to Robert Thompson for his kind and thoughtful words. A loving wife, mother and friend, she will be sadly missed but never forgotten.
Sincerely Murray, John and Jenna Shay

IN MEMORIAM

HYLAND, ELSIE: It has been two years since your passing (April 27th, 2003). We miss you and think of you everyday. Love always - Jason, Jordan & Kortney Hyland and Jennifer & Jeff Waldroff

DEATHS

ROBERTS, KENNETH JAMES passed away suddenly on March 20, 2005. Born in Buchans, Newfoundland, September 20, 1944. He will be greatly missed by his wife Marlene, his son Brad, his daughter Nicole, son-in-law Chris Lay and his much adored grandchildren Meara, Tygan and Emma, his mother Mena, his brothers Denis (Vivian), Aiden (Denis), Robert (Elvira), his sisters Doreen, Mary (Robert), Joan (Bill) sister-in-law Anna and brother-in-law John and the rest of his loving family and friends. Predeceased by his father Jack and brothers Gerard and Kevin Roberts. Pop was taken too soon. You are invited to a celebration of Ken's life on Saturday, May 7, 2005 from 1-4pm, to be held at the home of Jim and Marilyn Adams, Dixons Corners. Marlene, Brad and Nicole will be present at this time.

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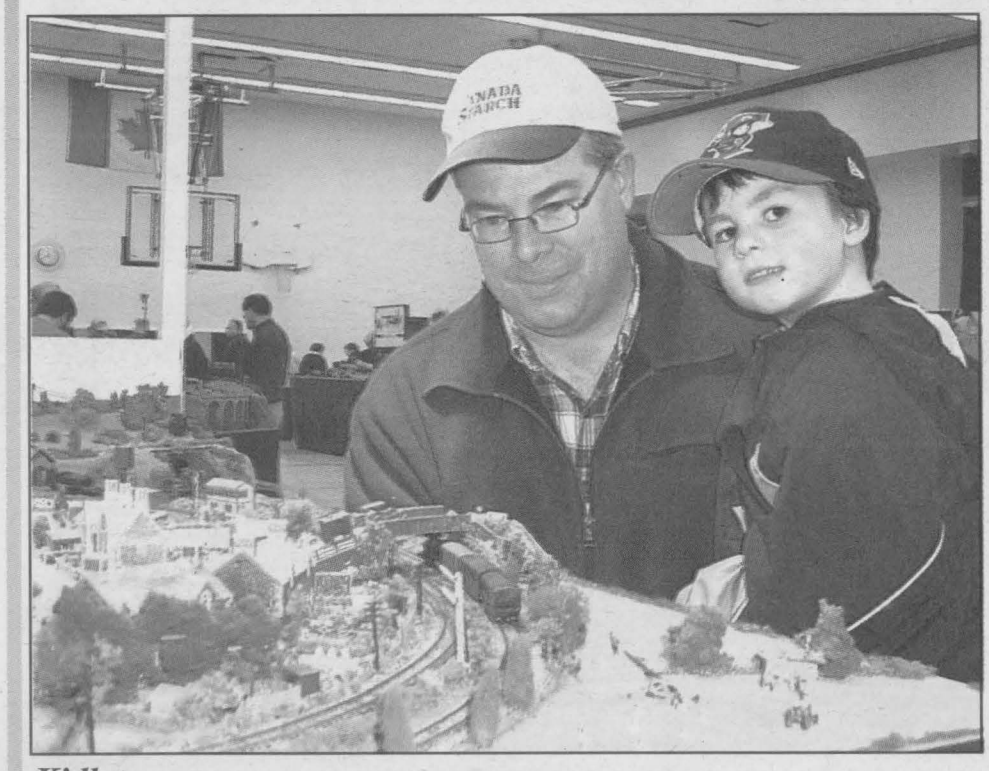
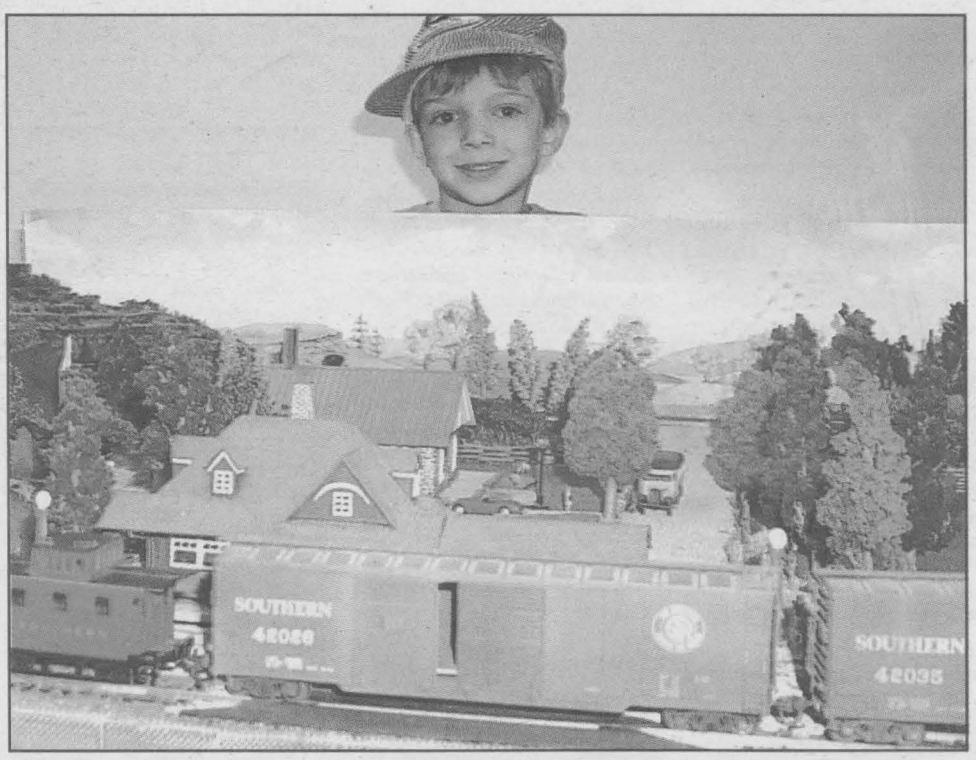


Kidlet

Aidan Conners and dad Dave of Iroquois enjoy "Limpley Wharf."



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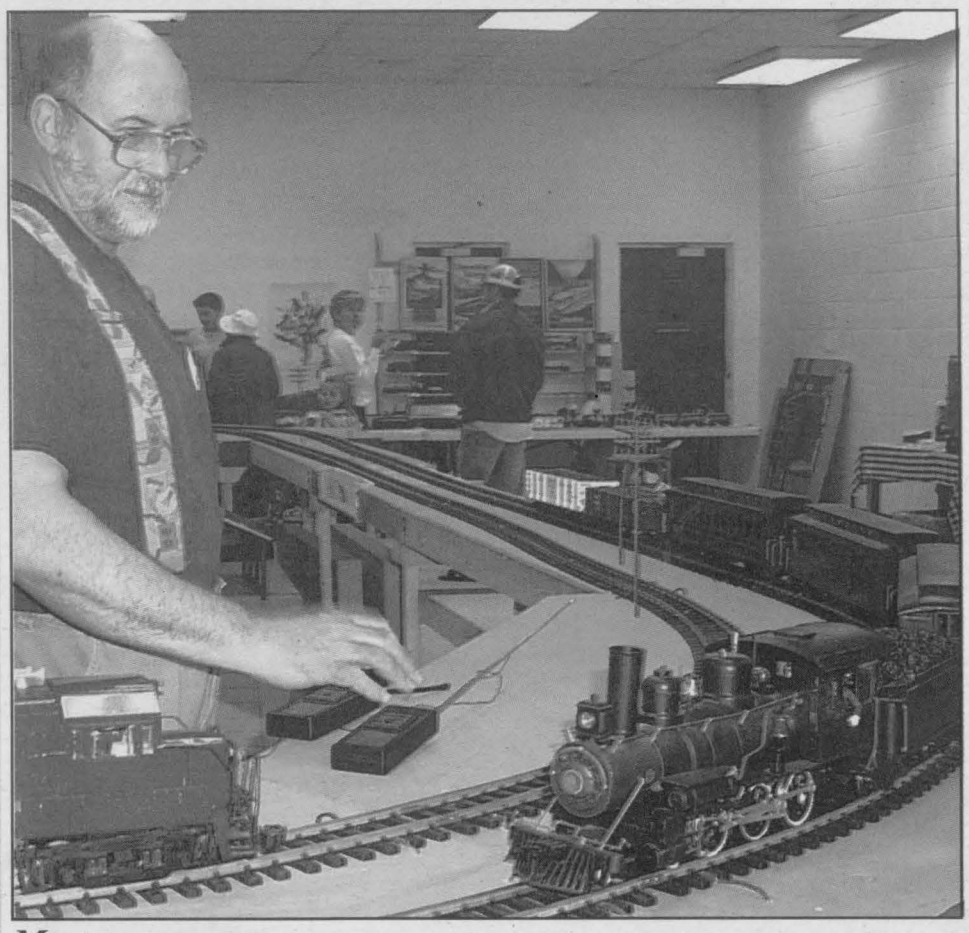
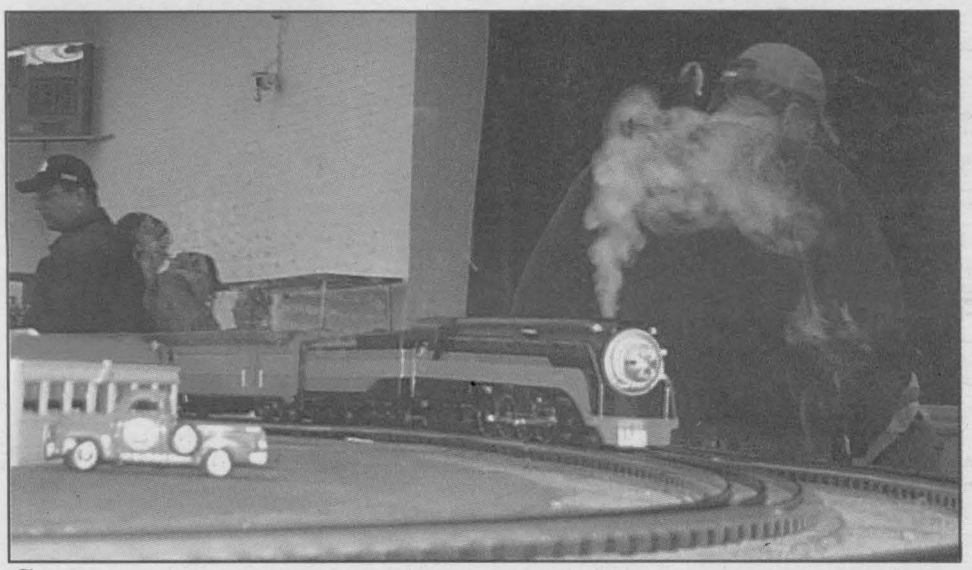
Jozef Tierney of Prescott is 8, in his 4th year at the SDHS show.



Meet

Richard Mercer brings the old and the new together on his track.



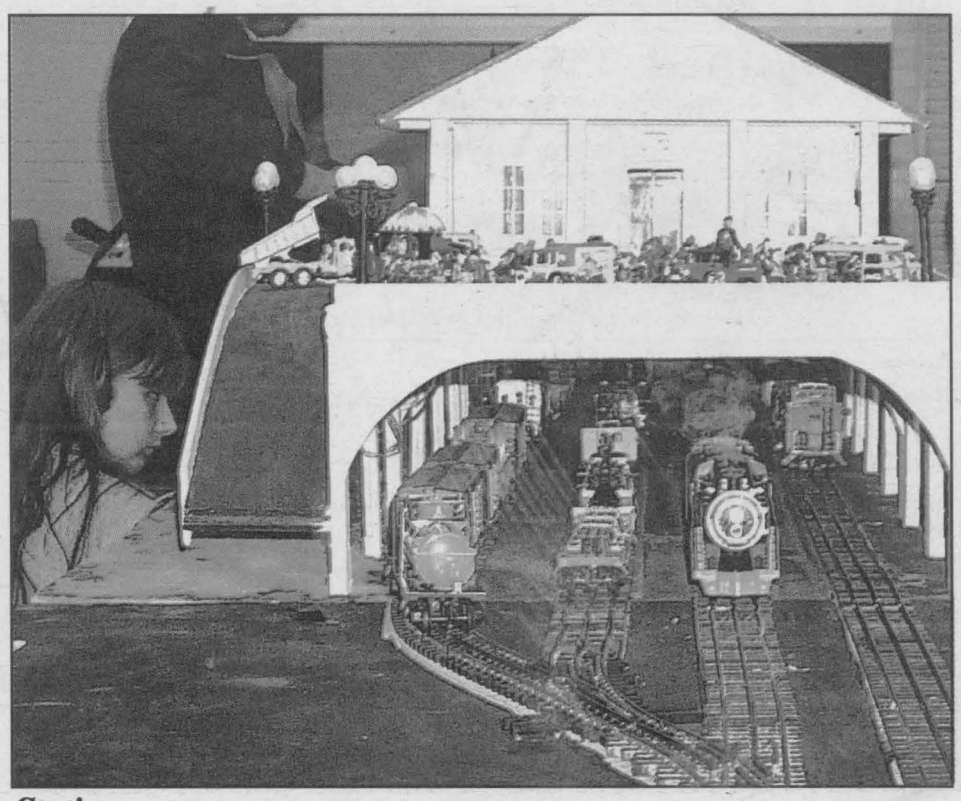
Steam

An older style steam train puffs along the track.



Guitar

Gerry O'Callaghan has some pretty cool ideas of where to build tracks.



Station

The creative detail these railroaders utilize makes an interesting display.