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Premier Brings Message

Flanked by members of the Trucking Association, the manufacturing sector and local dignitaries including Mayor Bob Lawn, Premier Ernie Eves came to Eastern Ontario to deliver a message concerning cross-border traffic flow and the impact it has upon the U.S.A. and Canada. The Johnstown-Ogdensburg International Bridge and Port of Prescott elevator loom behind. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Premier Eves brings cross border message

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"We have a crisis at our border. The government in this country needs to do more, we've already lost money," began Premier Ernie Eves as he faced media with the U.S./Canada International Bridge at his shoulder (through the window), in Johnstown last Wednesday. Arriving in an 18-wheeler (courtesy of Kriska Transport), the Premier braved the cold blast of Arctic air that welcomed him to Eastern Ontario as he posed with industry leaders (truckers and manufacturers) before heading inside to answer questions.

Renewing the fight for a North American Security Perimeter creating a so-called "zone of comfort" utilizing common security and screening measures, Premier Ernie Eves has been communicating with both the New York and Michigan Governors to stress the importance of not impeding the cross border traffic of goods and people. "They need to know the importance to both our economies an open border means," said Eves. Encouraging the provinces to lobby Ottawa and the states to lobby Washington to keep the common border open and the traffic moving, he said, "We need to get through to the U.S.A. the importance of Canada to some 38 states as their biggest trading partner. Too many feel Mexico is where their major market lies. Comfort levels in terms of security need to be met at the borders."

"We want people to locate here in Canada, especially in Ontario, we have great things to offer," said the Premier with a sly grin. He will host a Great Lakes Security Conference in Toronto April 8 and 9 of this year to bring even more clout to bear on the issue.

Addressing the media at the Port of Prescott Elevator, the Premier was heeding a call to action issued to him by business leaders months ago. Eves noted that the U.S. mood is nationalist at present, some Americans don't see Canada as their biggest trading partner, but rather as an entry point for terrorists. "Today traffic seems to be running fairly well (on the International Bridge, but it wasn't after September 11 and it may not be the same if a war breaks out with Iraq," cautioned Eves.

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Premier Ernie Eves

The Ontario Premier brought a rather grave message when he came to our part of the province on Wednesday. Sobering thoughts on the state of international trade and warnings were the theme of his media presentation. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

O.P.P. are equipped with defribrillators in S.D. & G.

by Sandra Lee Johnston
chieftain Staff Reporter

In 1999 the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC) organized a conference, "Access to Defribillation-A Vision for 2002-Strategies for Canada" to bring together stakeholders for the drive to increase access to defribillators for victims of out of hospital cardiac arrest. These portable devices represent a new and exciting advance in technology and have the potential of saving many more lives among those suffering cardiac arrest.

Every year in Ontario close to 6500 people are striken with cardiac arrest. Very few (less than 5%) who experience an arrest outside a hospital survive. AEDs are safe and easy to use and may with the proper training be effectively administered by both medical and non-medical persons. Until now there was only one police service in Ontario that has AEDs in their cruisers, The Ottawa Carleton Regional Police Service. Their service is meeting with success as numerous saves are being recorded.

In 2000 the SD&G Police Services Board recognized a need for a more rapid medical response. A check with the Cornwall, SD&G Ambulance Service revealed that they're working on 1996 emergency response times; in 9/10 times, 18 minutes, 27 seconds. This ave. includes the City of Cornwall and realistically, a County response time is closer to 23 minutes.

According to H/S, survival chances decrease by 10% for each minute of delay.

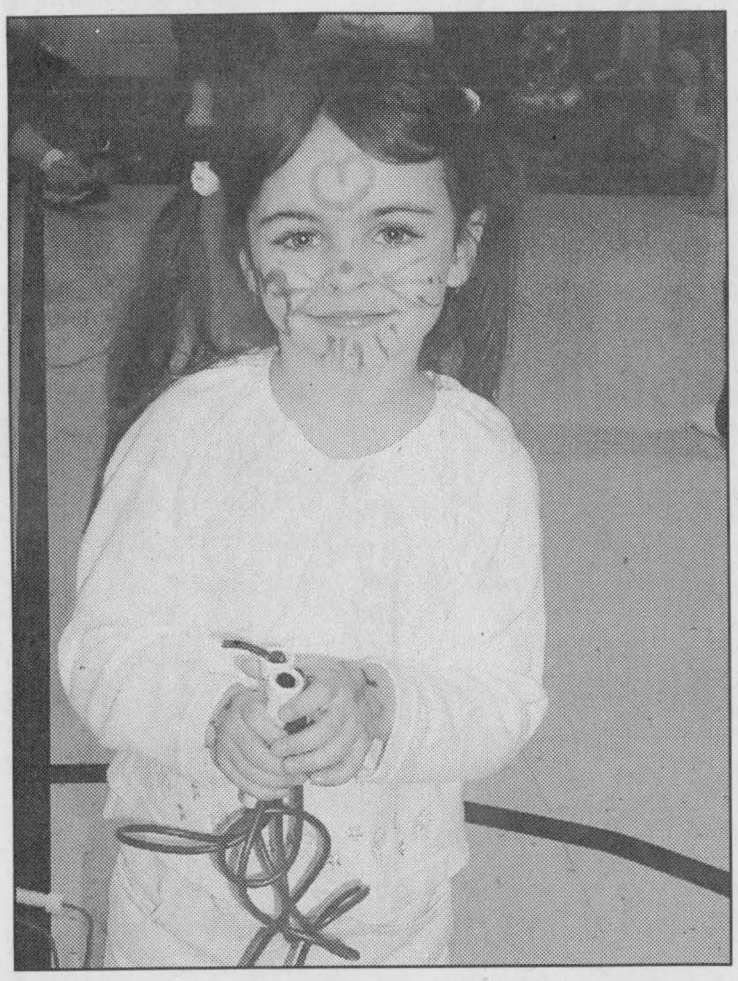
The initiative of this program has been endorsed by the Cornwall and Area Base Hospital, Medical Director, Dr. Brian Young. Under his medical license, members will be acting (CPR is First Aid, AEDs use is a delegated medical act requiring training, testing, quality asurance and requalification).

Norm Barrette, Supervisor of Quality Assurance and Training for Cornwall, SD&G Emergency Medical Services also endorses the program, believing the deployment of 12 AEDs throughout the Counties can only benefit.

The LIFEPAK 500 proved to be the simplest AED for operation, with a printed screen message on the handle and voice prompts. The electrodes (can be used only once) are compatible with those used by the area Ambulance Service, allowing them to be unplugged from one AED to another and since the Ambulance Service will replace the electrodes as they are used costs will be kept down. The final consideration in choosing the LIFEPAK was price and their cost for 12 AEDs, 3 trainers, 12 spare electrodes, 18 spare batteries and all associated software was the lowest of the three bidders.

The training staff will be trained free of charge by Joe Mucuci and they in turn will train the rest of the staff, civilians included.

A Tiered Response Agreement between Ambulance Service, Fire Department and Police Service for any municipality using AEDs, sets out in writing the dispatch sequence to be followed in a medical emnergency to eliminate duplication by responders.



Jump Rope for Heart

Sianna Barton had her face and hands decorated and was ready. Timothy Christian School at Bouck's Hill was rasing money for the H/S Foundation by jumping rope and through pledges. Some $2400 was raised by enthusiastic students who had the gym swinging on Friday. Great community spirit. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Double Diamond Farms zoning amendment passed

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

At a public meeting of North Dundas Council on Monday night, Double Diamond Farms was granted a zoning amendment from Rural to Rural Exception.

The zone amendment permits warehousing and the wholesale travel of agricultural grains. The rezoning is conclusive to the portion of the property which was destroyed by a fire, (not the entire property on VanCamp Road in Mountain).

The amendment provides setbacks of fifty metres for the front and side yards. This will provide a greater buffer zone for neighbouring houses. The proposed location of the weigh scales has also been set back a further thirty five metres, again to provide noise buffering for neighbouring properties.

The truck entrance has been relocated to prevent lights from shining on houses in the adjacent lots. There will be visual and noise buffers built to prevent excess noise, fumes and lights from disturbing neighbouring houses.

The amendment will also allow repairs to be made to the truck fleet and any farm machinery owned by Double Diamond Farms. No outside carriers can have repairs done at the property.

Don Duncan owner of Double Diamond told council members he didn't foresee an increase in traffic. With the trucking industry suffering at this time, he told Council that he actually expected a decrease in the amount of traffic.

Councillor Runnalls questioned Duncan about the half load retrictions that will be taking place. Duncan answered that eighty

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Restitution sought for charges to damaged Iroquois fire hydrant

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It's been more than two years, and Bill Mullin of Iroquois is still seeking answers from South Dundas council. It was more than two years ago that the fire hydrant on Mullin's property was damaged by snow removal equipment removing snow from his driveway. Township employees at that time determined that Mullin was responsible for the damage and was therefore charged for the repairs.

The money for the repairs was taken from Mullin's bank account without his knowledge or consent as part of his tax assessment, through an automated payment plan.

Since there is no township policy governing fire hydrant damage Mullin feels he is not responsible and the money should be refunded.

CAO Andrew Brown stated at the meeting that the township must have legal authority to put these charges on a person's tax bill. Councillors seemed unsure if such a policy existed.

Roads Superintendent Hugh Garlough spoke to police concerning the matter and in their report they stated that the owner of the snow removal equipment holds the responsibility and that the bill should be handed to him. Mullin claims he doesn't know who the operator of the plow was, although according to councillors he did name the owner when the damage first occurred.

In a closed door meeting, South Dundas Council agreed to return one half of the money taken from Mullin's account. They feel that they are each responsible for one half of the cost of repair to the hydrant.

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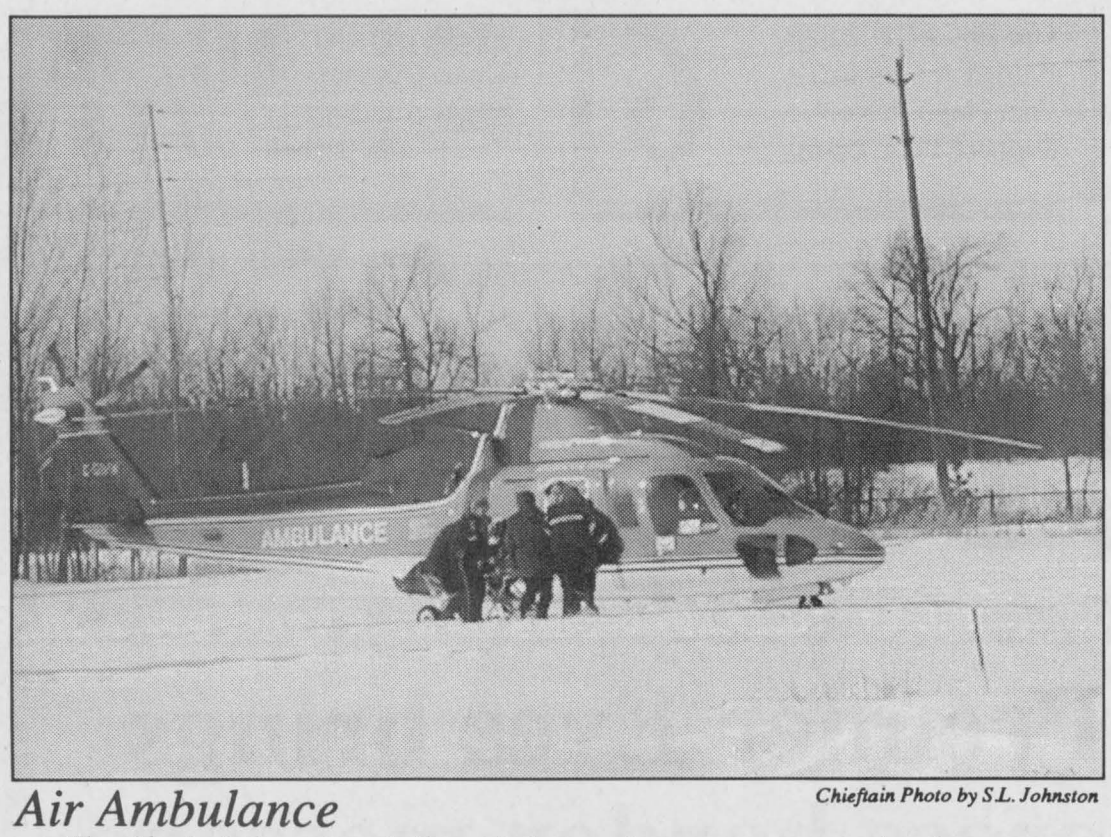

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Air Ambulance

The Air Ambulance was in Iroquois last week as an emergency situation arose and a patient was transported to hospital rapidly. Landing as close to the land emergency as possible (this time on the vacant property north of Bridlewood Subdivision). Often it lands on a roadway, but the field worked well with the frost for support. A life saver for sure.

Health Minister gives high praise to Winchester Hospital

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Tony Clement had high praise for the services provided by the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Clement was given a tour of the Hospital's continuing care unit, the new dialysis unit and was shown the consultants schematic for renovations to the health care facility.

Chairman of the Board, Brian Mann welcomed Clement and thanked him for visiting. He told of the opening of the Hospital on December 8, 1948 where 3000 were on hand as then Minister Russell Kelly performed the official opening.

Hospital Administrator Andre Rodier spoke next of the Hospital's accomplishments over the years and plans for the future. Rodier spoke of the expansion of the Hospital ensuring the continued high quality health care will be provided now and in the future. Rodier also spoke of the recent hiring of Dr. Griffith Jones, who joined the staff as the new Obstetrician-Gynaecologist.

The Renewing the Vision Campaign was also praised in his speech. The fund has already reached the $11.5 million dollar mark thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who have campaigned for the fund, and the public who have made this fundraiser a huge success.

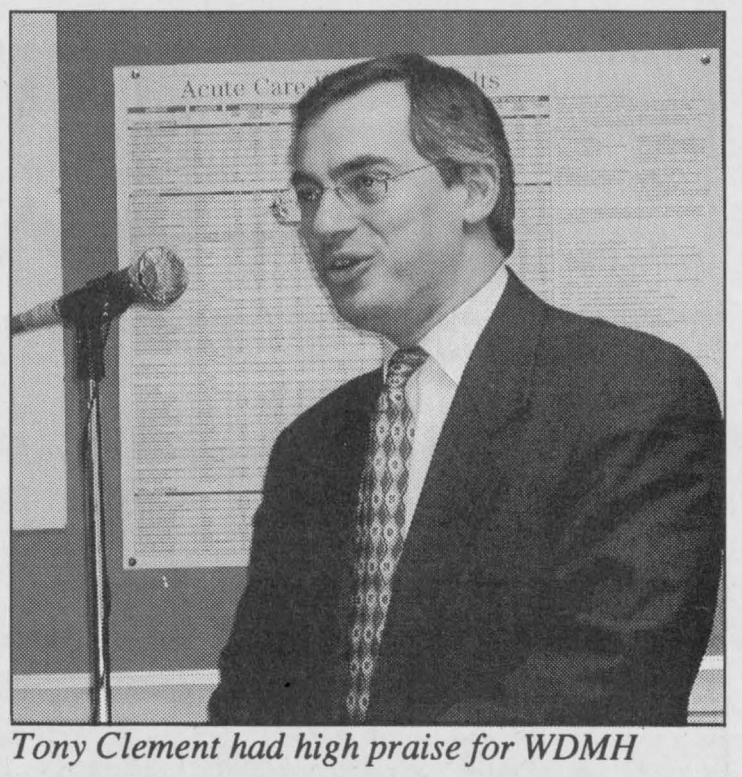
Mr. Clement then took the floor and said that it was the biggest welcome he had had in a cafeteria since high school.

He spoke of the three ingredients in making a successful community hospital. Goodwill, compassion and accountability to the patients in the hospital and to the staff are key ingredients in keeping Winchester Hospital a five star health care facility.

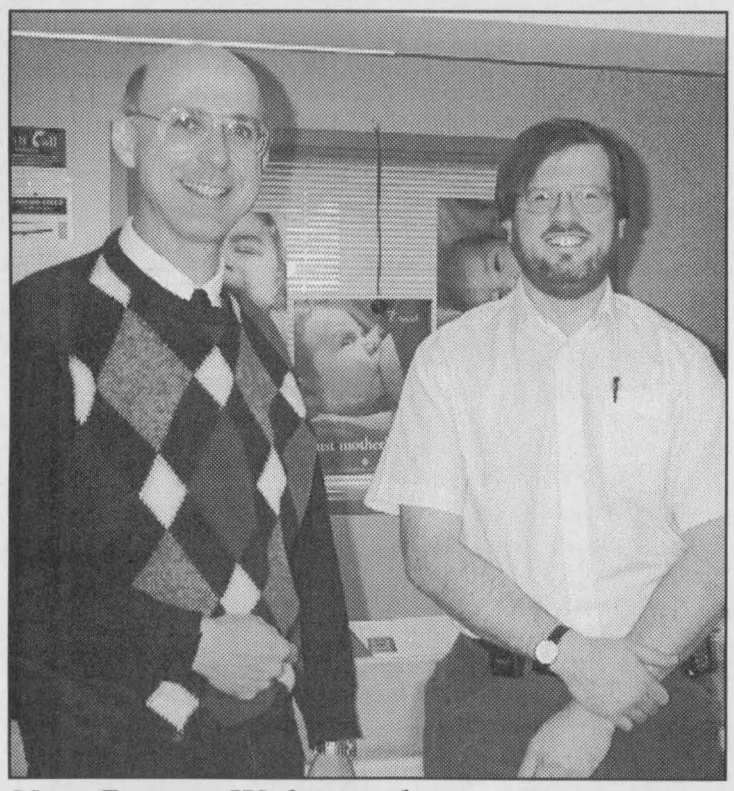
Clement spoke of the increasing need for quality care to service the 156,000 residents that count on Winchester Hospital for their health needs. "I can see with my own eyes the great need for this Hospital," he said. "The Ernie Eves Government wants to be your partner in this project, and we will jump through hoops to make it happen."

Mr. Clement also spoke of the difficulty in recruiting doctors and spoke on government incentives to raise the number of foreign trained doctors from thirty six to one hundred and fifty.

In closing Clement paid homage to the doctors and support staff of Winchester Hospital. "You have made this Hospital more than a building, more than just bricks and mortar."



Tony Clement had high praise for WDMH



New Doctor Welcomed

Chief of Staff Dr. C. Adamson welcomes Dr. Griffith Jones (obstetrician gynecologist) to WDMH. Rural hospitals are challenged to persuade specialists to join their staff, this is a marvellous addition to our local health facility. *Courtesy Photo*

Winchester Hospital announces the arrival of new doctor

Winchester District Memorial Hospital administration is pleased to announce the newest addition to the staff Dr. Griffith (Grif) Jones. Dr. Jones will be joining the staff in the capacity of Obstetrician Gynaecologist.

Since the retirement of Dr. Gerry Rosenquist in December 2000 the hospital board of directors has been seeking an obstetric specialist. By bringing Dr. Jones to WDMH the board is filling an important need and Dr. Jones' expertise in high risk pregnancies is a further asset to the community.

Dr. Jones was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec. Upon completion of high school, he moved to London, England where he did undergraduate and postgraduate studies in medicine, specializing in obstetrics and gynaecology.

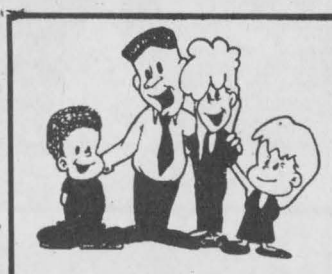
In 1998 Dr. Jones undertook a Fellowship at Ottawa General Hospital in maternal fetal medicine working with high risk pregnancies. Upon completion of his Fellowship, Dr. Jones returned to Leicester, England where he practised medicine and served as a consultant with a teaching hospital in that community. Dr. Jones applied to practice medicine in Canada under the International Medical Graduates program.

Patients will be able to contact Dr. Jones directly for obstetrical cases and by physician referral for gynaecological cases. Dr. Jones will maintain his client office within the hospital.



Happy Birthday Flinn

Thought you couldn't be found out....eh?
Gotcha!!!



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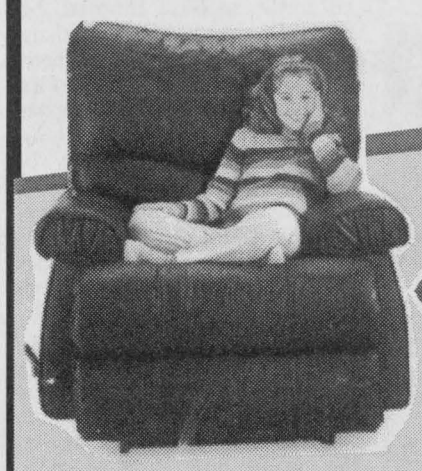

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Small Word-Big Deal

Seems funny how a small three-letter word could cause so much trouble.

The Upper Canada District School Board leaves some items of discretion up to the teachers and the schools. Not all policy is Board wide and arbitrary. One of these got out of hand during the past few weeks. The age old ritual of holding a Spelling Bee, of having youngsters spell words they may need to use sometime in their lifetime of learning about words they may not know, of experiencing new words an their meanings came under scrutiny.

An elementary school was aksed to remove a word distasteful to parents from the spelling list their grade 1 youngster was learning. The word in question was "GUN" and rather than utilizing the experience to teach their child about something they are adament about, being pacifists, they chose the route of causing a stir about the entire issue and figured that making headlines in the dailies was better for the child(ren) than any teaching they could offer as parents on the issue.

Children love to rhyme and gun is a great word for this purpose. Teachers often use the trick to brainstorm in order to get children thinking and rhyming works well with the younger set. With the popularity of the tube, the threat of war looming and the radio news shouting from a variety of strategic locations, how can anyone expect to shield their children from the word gun? And in all truth I can't see why anyone would truly want to, I can see no fruitful reason to do so, for in fact if we try to hide such things from our children, they often feel the need to seek them out, to try them, to attempt to learn what lurks therein, why they were kept clear of it. Blocking out reality does not make it disappear. Gun is a part of society, whether one is involved with them personally or not, they do exist, and what better opportunity to pass along your reasoning, your beliefes and your objections to your children?

Youngsters will hear much worse as they grow and sad as it is, they will not be ready maturity-wise to deal with some of what they are bound to be exposed to. They need to be taught how to filter the good, the bad and the ugly out from what is viable and will actually do some good for them as they reach for adulthood.

This issue has certainly been blown out of proportion. Too many live in the first person and are not ready to accept the world for what it is and what is offers. The impact this type of reasoning has upon an entire system or society in general is perhaps why such institutions as School Boards have been forced to employ public relations staff who have time to do little else than deal with people who allow their narrow points of view, single sightedness and bigotted thoughts to pass judgement and regulate for others what they will be subjected to, how is this fair or right?

The word GUN can be used to teach about the great sacrifices our veterans made on our behalf, for our freedoms during the Great Wars. It is through these freedoms that parents in this country can express their views and are able to teach their children why we should avoid war at all costs when and where possible, thus opening up another kettle of information that can be passed along to them for their consideration. How else are youngsters going to be able to form their own opinions and carve out their own niche in this life?

It is vital for everyone to realize that a word cannot harm us. Through fear, a pronounced personal one some parents allow their feelings to surface without forethought of the consequences to others. Guns do not kill. Guns do not promote violence.

The move to bend under pressure from one pair of parents by the teacher and the school was reversed, but ashamedly the harm was done already. Under such circumstances, books dealing with issues that offend some will be banned, music that is offensive to a few will be out and the very heritage of our country lost...how far are we willing to go to make a point?

Such an item should never have been publicized. Each of us has matters we feel strongly about, but going to our child(ren)'s school and demanding removal of those we find offensive goes beyond reason.How can you deal with each wish? There will be nothing available to be taught or learned.

Education is a process whereby young minds are presented with a variety of issues, items and facts.They learn how to sift through and weed the good from the bad, that which they condone and that they feel should be avoided. If they are not afforded the opportunity to see both sides, all avenues and hear words some feel are distasteful or obscene, how can they make the right decisions?

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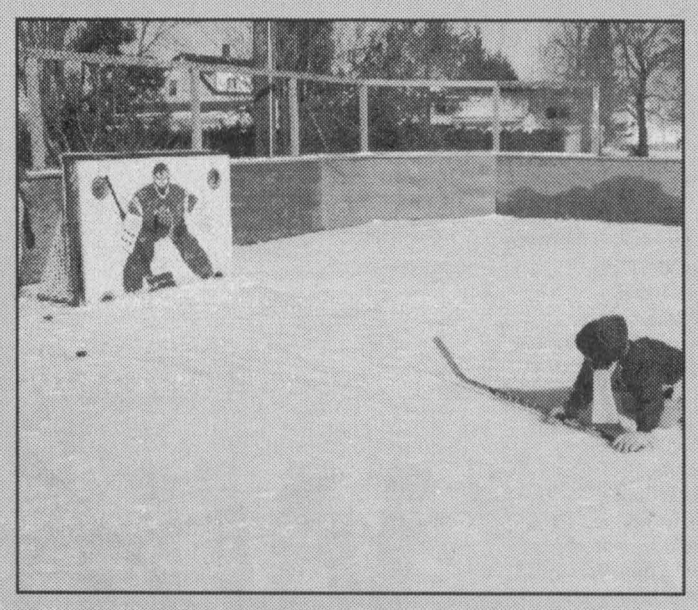


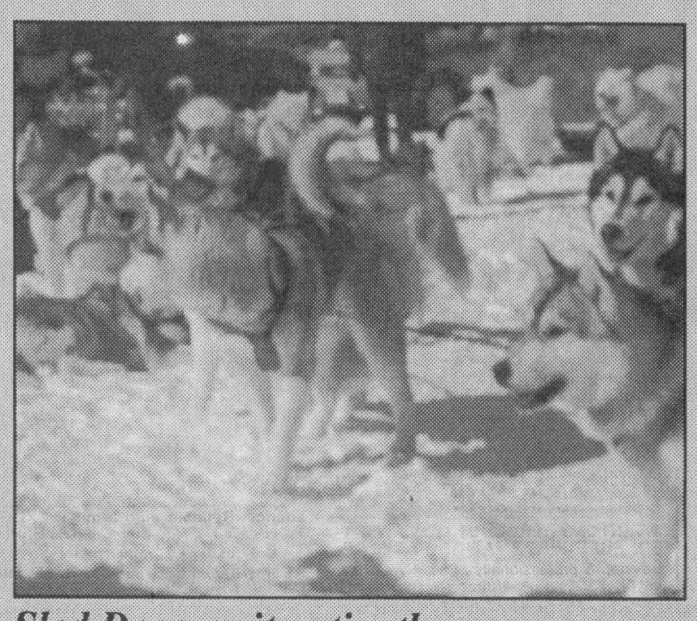
He shoots... He falls again!



Raring to go!



Steady as she goes.



Sled Dogs wait patiently.



Blurred by the speed.

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Valentines Day celebrated at the Ranch

Just Plain Livin'

with Sandra Lee



The big guy had his CT scan, now we wait for the results. Travelling to the city on Thursday, we had a bright, but blustery, cold day. Arriving in good time we parked near the entrance and found a spot without any hassle. Once inside we attempted to locate the scan area. No one was at any info desks and nurses approached were less than helpful. A quick trip to the emergency area offered a poster advising where to go and how to get there, still no people to help us. After more waiting for patients to use the elevators we were on the right floor (we hoped!) Following the yellow dots on the floor we finally presented ourselves at the Scan registration desk. He was whisked in and was out in no time, hardly a chapter was covered in my book as I waited. Slowly we made our way back to the car, paid the attendant and were off. Miscommunications with the number one son had us under the impression that he was out of town at a placement interview...he was not but we did not get together. The big guy and the writer celebrated Valentine's Day early as we headed out for dinner before driving home. It was delicious (Red Lobster always is) and he did not experience too much pain so we were able to enjoy our time there. The drive home was uneventful although we both were stiff and in pain when we pulled into the drive.

The way things have been going lately around the ranch makes one feel there is a plan afoot to cause problems for us. An early morning call on Friday from the college kid was bound to be bad news. He was so calm as he said, "Hello, Mom, you are still home eh?" what could I expect? Then he carefully proceeds to explain that he has been involved in an auto accident on the way to school. Several cars slid into one another on black ice and he was unable to avoid them due to the traffic numbers. He assured his old mum that he was not hurt, although his back was hurting, seat belts save lives but cause considerable burning pain. The car did not fare as well and he had scheduled an interview Friday afternoon, not Thursday as we thought! The bumper and head light were torn off and the hood bunged as well as the driver's side fender. He never shut it off and it seemed to be running well. The police took time to arrive, then there was an accident report made out, no charges laid and then the bad news...the officer could not read his insurance slip and suggested that our insurance had expired. In fact it had not, of course, but if he could not produce a slip readable to confirm coverage, he would be fined $75. A ticket was issued as a precaution. This nice policeman was not going to allow him to drive the car home until he learned it was just down the street a step, but it was with a warning not to drive it home to Iroquois in its present condition. Another cry for help as he wondered what he could do...a call to the police station finally had the mother faxing a copy of the insurance coverage form, while he arranged a ride to the station before the deadline. Class was not on his mind, neither was his interview as he pondered what else could happen. Straightening things out was a real waste of time, there was no reason the policeman should not have seen the expiry date on his slip. A waste of a day, and class time for sure. A call had gone to the insurance company so they were aware and informed on the situation. Numerous calls later where the son recounted the accident time and again, as the reps made certain we were fully aware that we had no collision and thus would be responsible for our own repairs (as if we did know what coverage we have) and monotonous repeated questions as to his physical state and he was able to get back to assignments and such. He came home thanks to Brian who was in the city with his ramp truck and came walking into the house carrying his bumper which had ridden in the passenger seat in reclining position. We have a parts car to obtain the needed pieces to effect a repair job so he can use the car again when necessary, we need to locate someone willing to do the work and not charge too much. We even have a for-parts-only, colour coordinated vehicle, so we hope to have the little Tempo back in action soon, so he can use it when his school placement begins.

The second son called to let us know his house bills had arrived and he was in need of funds to handle his share. He also wanted

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the bottom line

THE SD&G COUNTY LIBRARY IS UPGRADING THEIR LIBRARY computer system. The new system will have a whole new look and enhanced services, most importantly it will have speed! Before the new system can be installed, some housecleaning is necessary in each branch. Morrisburg will be closed February 25&26. Some of the smaller branches will be worked on when closed to minimize disruption. All branches will be closed the first two weeks of April to complete inventory and data base cleanup

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HOPEFULLY YOU WERE AMONG THOSE WHO WATCH CJOH ON Sunday evening just after dinner. The Tech Now show featured a local lad, as Allister Lee from Morrisburg, a former Seaway Student was featured as he spoke about digital photo albums and how he is working at Adobe in Ottawa on easy to access, easy to locate formats for them.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COME FORWARD AT BOTH THE Iroquois and Morrisburg Tourist Booths. This summer it is hoped that seniors who know the area, who are willing to learn and assist the students hired to operate the booths will step up and volunter a certain number of hours per week. The students do a good job, but often need help with specific directions and locations asked for by tourists. A vital part of our local economy, we need to ensure a hearty welcome.

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THE SD&G OPP ISSUED A TRAFFIC ALERT- MOOSE ON THE LOOSE in South Dundas Township, along County Road 8 in the former Williamsburg Township. Two moose were sighted in the area north of the intersection of County Roads 8 and 18. When travelling, please reduce your speed and be aware that these animals are on the move in the area and may be fairly mobile throughout the township.

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to make sure his worry-wart mother was able to calm down knowing he had travelled to Haliburton for the final time, carried his samples to the test lab and arrived back in Peterborough safe and sound. He has only to make his presentation to the Conservation Authority for whom he carried out the research in order to earn his mark. He was not planning to come home for Study Week (this week) for he has lengthy labs to write up, a test when school resumes next week and so studying was on the agenda, but then we got a letter which calls for him to write an test in order to move to the next level, in the running for a summer job this Saturday. He will come home later in the week to prepare and so we will see him briefly afterall.

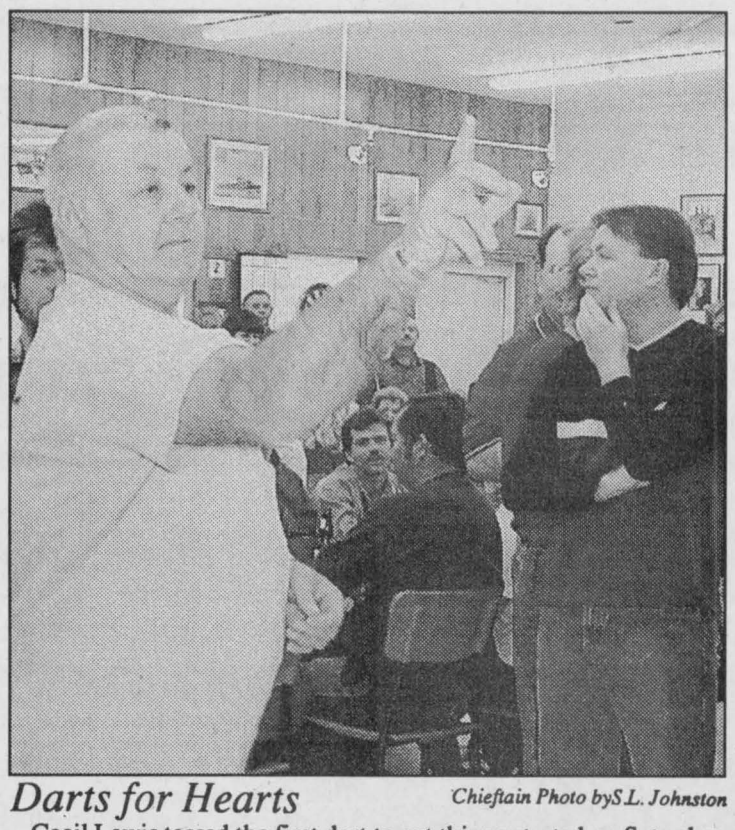
Meeting the Premier was cool and he spoke directly to a couple of small town reporters on duty as he spoke to a number of media types in Johnstown.

Taking part in an emergency measures workshop was interesting and informative and although space does not allow everything we do each week to run this will be saved for next week.

The other big excitement this week was how Friday morning began, before the number one son broke his news. Starting the vehicles still falls to me and when I had the truck running and went to unplug the car, I always unplug before I start them, sparks flew and flames erupted, black smoke rose from the grille and I paniced for a brief moment trying to recall how to snuff an electrical fire. Then the light switched on and I raced to the house (well as much as I can race!) and unplugged the cord at the power source. The flames did not decease, and the black residue remained on the red paint. finally extinguished, the cover for the end fell uselessly to the snowy ground and the plug-in end hang precariously by a single wire. If there was ever any worry about the fact that we have come a long way through the miracle of technology as far as car engines are concerned, there is none now. The engine heater which you plug in cannot be located by a human being and so could not be replaced, until a mechanic friend was approached and now the end is too large to sneak out the grille and has to lie inside the engine compartment, but it is available to plug in if the cold never leaves us. The car starts without any trouble, the plug-in simply helps save things and speeds up the warmup. It never rains but it pours. Seeing those poor folks in Newfoundland certainly puts life into perspective for the rest of us. The joint agony and the muscle pain remain, the cold seems to irritate the sjogrens, but I will endure and a walk on Saturday, although unexpected was refreshing and did no harm.

Stay warm, and keep smiling it is wonderful how contageous such a small effort can be, because the cold spell is going to break, we are half way through February and headed for plus temperatures.

The wisdom comes from my buddy H. Jackson Brown Jr. who says, "Loosen up. Relax. Excpet for rare life-and-death matters, nothing is as important as it first seems." Thanks to a friend, John, this is advice I am slowly learning to heed. take care til next time.



Darts for Hearts — *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Cecil Lewis tossed the first dart to get things started on Saturday as Iroquois Legion, Branch 370 hosted their annual Darts for Hearts. The 2003 winners included Cecil, Jeff O'Neil, Ann Lewis and Stacey McKee. Some $1323 was made for H/S.

POLICE Report

Charges Laid

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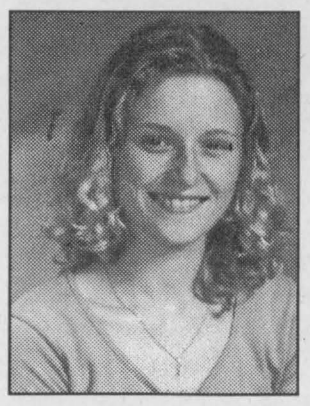

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MARCH 6, 2003 ~ 7 PM MCINTOSH COUNTRY INN

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1. Welcome and opening remarks from the President
2. Review and Approval of 2003 Annual General Meeting agenda
3. Review and Approval of 2002 Annual General Meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Report on the 2002 Financial Review
6. Nomination of Officers
7. Guest Speaker
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjournment
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SPORTS

~MFSC Looking Sharp
~Junior "B" Lions In Playoffs
~Curling Continues To Rock

Local figure skaters do their club proud at competitions



First Place Ladies

Hayley Mills (1st in Pre-Preliminary Ladies and Pre-Preliminary Elements), Amy Veltkamp (1st in Preliminary Elements) and Jessica Thompson (1st in Preliminary Ladies and 1st Pre-Preliminary Elements) represented their Morrisburg Club at the Seaway Valley Interclub Skate in Kemptville. Nice job

Chieftain Photo bySL. Johnston

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Figure Skating Club was well represented on Saturday, February 8 at the Seaway Valley Interclub Competition hosted in Kemptville.

As they compete the young ladies earn points for their Club which are tallied upon completion. Points are awarded for first, second and third place spots in each competition. The Club with the most points wins overall. Thus far with the excellent skating these gals demonstrated Morrisburg sits on top of the heap. Looking at winning the top points trophy they all skated well.

The older skaters in the Club are certainly setting a fine example for the younger skaters. By doing well the skaters earn the right for a maximum of 5 skaters per category to enter the next competition.

Interclub competitions are test events for all categories, from pre-preliminary to gold events.

Coming home with first place standings were Hayley Mills who skated in Flight 4, Pre-Preliminary Ladies. She also came through with a first in Flight 1, Pre-Preliminary Ladies. Jessica Thompson is a very impressive little skater also earned a first place spot skating in Flight 3, Preliminary Ladies. She shone in Flight 2 of Pre-Preliminary Ladies and ended up in 1st place again. Amy Veltkamp skated in Flight 1 of Preliminary Elements and earned a first place for her efforts. She was also in Preliminary Ladies, Flight 5 where she skated to a 2nd place finish.

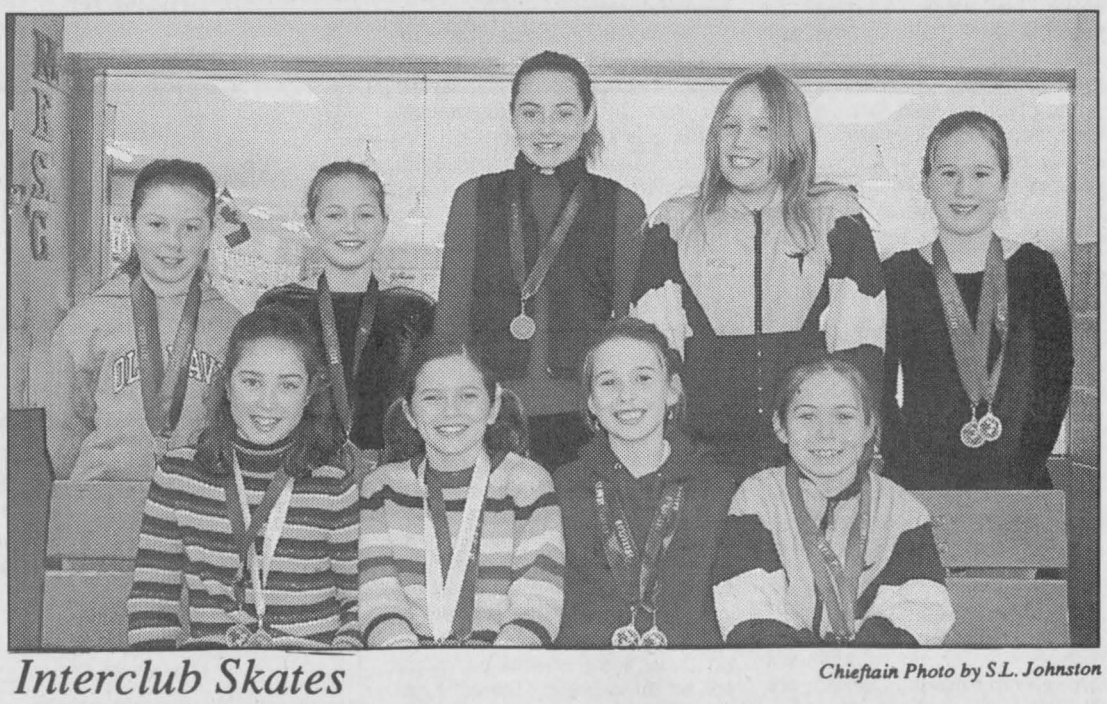
Second place was awarded to Brooke Spencer in Flight 1, Pre-Preliminary Ladies. In Flight 1, Courtney Thompson earned a 2nd place in Introductory Interpretive. Meghan Adams showed her stuff in Flight 2, Preliminary Ladies and earned a second. Kelsey Hall was in Flight 3, Pre-Preliminary Ladies and was good enough for a 3rd place finish. Brianna Stewart twirled to a second place in Flight 4 of Preliminary Ladies and earned another second place in Preliminary Elements, in Flight 3.

Third place finishes were won by Kelsey Hall in Pre-Preliminary Elements, Flight 2. Meghan Adams also was good enough to earn third in Flight 2 of Preliminary Elements. Skating in the same flight as Meghan, Kaitlyn MacDonald came in 5th. Alex Leroux skated to a fifth place in Flight 2, Pre-Preliminary Ladies. Lorie Casselman skated in Flight 3, Preliminary Elements and was good enough for a 5th place.

Kristen Phifer was the sole representative in Senior Bronze Flight 1. She earned a 5th place finish.

Earning a sixth spot finish was Hilary McQuaid in Preliminary Ladies, skating in Flight 1.

A small group of skaters went to Nepean last Saturday to skate in the Eastern Ontario Star Skate Invitational Championships...winners will be reported next week in The Chieftain's February 26 issue.



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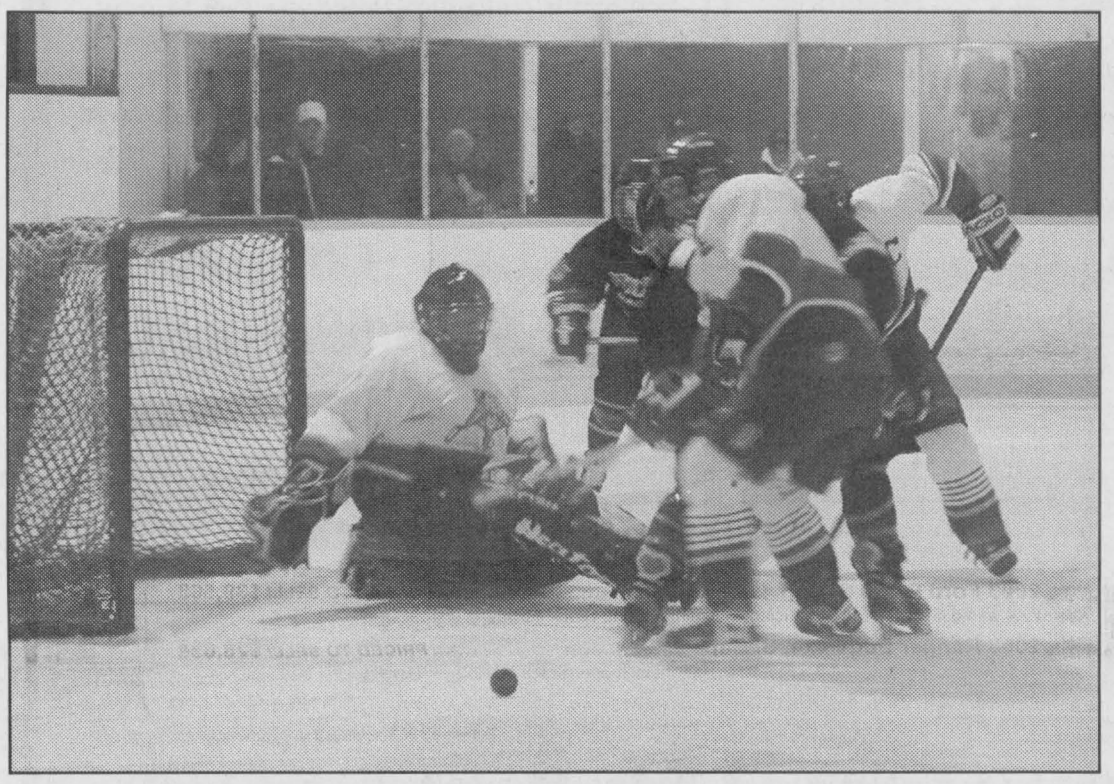
Interclub Skates

These young figure skaters placed at the Interclub Competition on February 8. MFSC members who did well are Kelsey Hall, Meghan Adams, Brianna Stewart and Jessica Thompson (seated) and Amy Veltkamp, Brooke Spencer, Courtney Thompson, Hilary McQuaid and Hayley Mills. Absent were Alex Leroux, Kristen Phifer, Kaitlyn MacDonald and Lorie Casselman.



Playoff Bound

Morrisburg Lions Goalie Jamie Lalonde makes a kick save as others clear out the front of the net in their game against the Akwesasne Wolves on Friday night. Playing in front of a full house of supporters in Morrisburg the Lions are now heading into the playoffs against the Glens of Alexandria. Come out and show your continued support and cheer the Lions to victory.

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

Junior B Lions earn playoff spot

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A pair of victories over the weekend have the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions in the final playoff spot in their division. If they can keep things going as they have recently shown fans they are capable of doing, they may go farther than ever this year.

On Friday night, February 14 they hosted the hungry Akwesasne Wolves who were also trying to get into a playoff position. The local boys made no mistake defeating their rivals 5-3 in a tough, hard fought match up. When the Lions face the Wolves there is always a lot of heavy hitting coupled with some excellent play at both ends of the rink.

The Lions came out snarling and showed that they wanted that playoff spot. Matt Bergeron had the hot stick as he went in at 10:30 of the first to score the solo marker to put the Lions on the board first. Then in less than a minute, at 9:04 he skated in on the powerplay after taking the pass from linemates Wayne Garlough and Charles Froment and counted number two. Next it was Wayne Garlough who went in hard at 5:48 and after some scrambling by Charles Froment and Jason Denio bulged the twine for number three. Another powerplay opportunity was seized by the Lions as Charles and Wayne went in together with the puck dancing between them to put the Lions up by four at 4:43. The Wolves were able to beat Jamie Lalonde only once in the first frame at 4:16.

Twelve penalty calls in the second period seemed to demonstrate everyone's frustration as the goalies kept the puck out of their nets. Then at 4:26 on the powerplay the Wolves were able to beat Lalonde with a quick wrist shot that went high and could well have missed, but found net to put the Wolves on the scoreboard.

After a tough period that resulted in no goals, the Lions were ready to add to their tally when the third and final frame started. Determined to score, the Lions roared with four counters and the victory. Charles Froment went in on the Wolves netman at 18:03 wasting no time and tucked the puck inside the goalpost. Earning the assist was Matt Bergeron. Then, at 11:28 it was the other Matt, Bailey this time who skated in and after some nice stick handling found his target as well, giving the Lions the 6-2 lead. Justin Elliott and Matt Bergeron helped him out. A powerplay goal at 9:48 by Nick Desneves who was helped by Matt Bailey and Ghyslain Hotte added to gap between the team tallies. Another powerplay goal came at 3:47 as Matt Bailey scored his second of the game. Help on this final counter came off the sticks of Matt Bergeron and Jason Denio. The Wolves were able to count one last goal at 2:51 of the third, but it was definitely too little too late for them in this one. Even a change in the crease was not able to help them.

Unfortunate occurrences in this match up included three 10-minute misconduct earned by Lions players (McBean, Beckstead and Millard) and two which were assessed to the Wolves. Jon Chambers was given a game misconduct at 2:14 of the third period as the instigator of a scrimmage took place among players from both teams. A sure sign of the mood the game took on.

Sunday afternoon the Lions travelled to face the Alexandria Glens and came home victors by a slim one goal. (of course that was all that was necessary!)

As the buzzer sounded to end the first period the Glens were ahead 3-1, the solo marker for the Lions coming on the powerplay nailed in by Greg Millard. Earning the assists were Matt Bergeron and Cory Cassell at 3:49.

Finding some confidence in the second the Lions came out determined but had a hard time finding the twine. Jason Denio bulged the net at 16:28 with help from Charles Froment and Wayne Garlough as this strong line showed the team they were down maybe, but definitely not out. A powerplay counter at 8:28 scored once again by Denio this time assisted by Cody Casselman and Froment knotted the score. A roughing penalty against the Lions opened the door for the Glens and they capitalized on it, getting the go-ahead goal at 1:28.

A well played tight, fast paced third frame saw the Lions roar with authority as Ghylsain Hotte made no mistake when he slapped the puck into the Glen's net at 15:45. Along with him, (atoning for their penalties on Friday evening) for the counter were Greg Millard and Kelly Beckstead. Jason Denio completed his hat trick by pounding the puck home at 13:38. Earning the assist were line mates Charles Froment and Wayne Garlough. This is a tough matchup to beat when they are hot! It was Denio again at 10:04 as he took the lead pass from Garlough and teamed with Cody Casselman to leave no doubt. Ahead 6-4, the Lions were not yet finished, since at 6:25 they counted their final counter. Assists went to Greg Millard and Ghyslain Hotte, we were unable to confirm who scored this insurance goal. The Glens played the entire game, bouncing back at 5:44 and again at 4:49 for a solo marker and the final goal of the game. The final read 7-6 for the Lions in a game that might have gone the other way but for the depth and determination of the Lions. Only a total of ten penalties were handed out to both teams, a much better game for the Lions than their previous one, you must stay out of the box in order to win the game!

The Lions are in the first playoff round and headed to face off against the Glens in the first round, it won't be easy, but they can do it. The first matchup is Wednesday (February 19) night in Alexandria, and then Friday (February 21) night they are in Morrisburg, come out and show your support of the great hockey the local lads are playing.

Curling News

by Steve Thompson

The Morrisburg Club hosted the 64th Men's Merkley Competition on Saturday. The double-team format for the four neighbouring clubs ended in a shutout for the hosts when Larry Cooper, Bob Bergland, Chris Barkley and Mahlon Locke lost, as did Ian McGillis, Craig Harriman, Robert Houze and Al Harriman. Lunch was ably served by the kitchen committee and the catered dinner was a highlight. We were short on volunteers for the bar and ice, though. Check that sign up sheet, our club needs **everyone** to take a turn.

In senior men's competition, Sid Morrell, Fred Hoffman, Ron Brown and Don Hutt won the Gerald Adam's Trophy. On Wednesday, the senior men hosted three teams from Brockville. Two of the visitors won their games, though on total points and ends, the Morrisburg quartets were victorious. Neil Williams and Wally McDonald dropped their match, Bob Bedingfield and Jack Dikland did likewise. while Eric Orgee and Sid Morrell came out on top. Soup, sandwiches and stories finished off the day, with a return to Brockville coming at the end of the month.

Two Morrisburg senior mixed teams ventured to Winchester last Wednesday. Gerry and Cheryl Thompson, with Jim and Betty Locke finished third in their draw, while Steve and Alice Thompson, Doug Brannan and Sandra Beckstead duplicated the feat in their competition. However, the lunch was good and they did win

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Iroquois and District

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Bereaved Families of Ontario - Cornwall and Area will hold its Adult Afternoon Support meeting on Feb. 24 at 144 Pitt Street, Cornwall, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Call 936-1455 for more info.

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Opposition Leader *Courtesy Photo*

Stephen Harper, Opposition Leader in the House of Commons (Alliance Party) spoke in Cornwall last week to a full house of supporters. Promising a more responsible government, taxes, and an end to gun registry, support for police and less Armed Forces he touted his party as the only variable opposition to the Liberals.

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT

Eves

Ontario's Public Safety and Security Minister Bob Runciman (Leeds/Grenville MPP) stressed when he took over the microphone, "Canada is not a threat, Canada does not pose a threat as some say it does."

Suggesting that Ontario's economy could suffer if the U.S. tightens border security because of war with Iraq, Premier Eves issued a severe warning," We literally cannot afford the consequences of building a wall between our two nations, we have the largest undefended border in the world and we need to keep it open." He added that even minor slowdowns cost millions of dollars as well as lost jobs...some already have occurred." He continued explaining that both federal and provincial governments must work harder to ensure that doesn't happen.

With officials from the trucking and manufacturing industries standing alongside, Eves was adamant when he said that governments on this side of the border must do more to dispel America's security fears and ensure that things do not get any worse. He accused the federal government of moving too slowly on a 30-point Smart Border Accord and the FAST program, both of which have been announced as improvements to border security. (Who crosses the border and what red tape they will have to endure). "They have to speed up initiatives from hiring more customs officers to greater use of biometric identification in order to make traffic flow more rapid. The technology is available so those truckers who regularly cross the Canada/U.S.A. border could have their thumbs scanned to speed identification and processing at the border," stated Runciman.

Responding to statements like the one from Bradley who said, "A chill has come over relations between Canada and the U.S. Alarm bells should be going off in Ottawa and the provinces. Unless relations with the U.S. improve and unless some Canadian political leaders get over their aversion to exploring a North American perimeter security strategy, the Canadian/U.S. trade partnership that is so vital to our economic and social well being is sure to come under serious threat."He stressed the fact that the legislation creating the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security makes no mention of the need for Canada-U.S.land border trade facilitation. The introduction of a U.S. Transportation Worker Identification Card as an example of where "Canada is not even in the game!" Millions of U.S. workers will hold the card in order to access all port and transportation facilities...there are no plans to include Canada in the program.

"We need to work hard to restore the view in Washington that while we are a sovereign country, we are the United States' best friend and most important trading partner."

It was made clear that both Runciman and Eves feel there must be more done to implement off-shore customs checks, where Canadian Customs officials would check cargo and travellers at airports and/or ports they originate from rather than just upon their arrival.

Having met earlier in the day with representatives of the trucking and manufacturing industries, Eves and Runciman had discussed the impact of the heightened U.S. security on business including delays at the border that cost millions each year. "Carriers and shippers on both sides of the border are united in the view that if implemented the U.S. rules would cause mayhem within the North American supply chain and inventory management systems. The proposed system would be enormously expensive for all carriers and prohibitive for many smaller carriers," said David Bradley, CEO of the Canadian Trucking Association as he explained the serious jeopardy point the Canadian/U.S. trading partnership is reaching.

Eves explained that when many Americans look to Canada they are more concerned about security than about open borders for trade. Considering that 93% of Ontario's trade is with the United States, numerous major industries such as the automotive sector rely on an open border. "Up to a million jobs in this province rely on trade with the U.S.," Eves said. "Bottle necks hurt both economies and might even force some Canadian based companies to close and move to the U.S. if they have difficulty getting product to U.S. markets." (In fact, CEO David Bradley pointed out that some have already done so to avoid notable losses).

The idea of increased co-operation with the Americans, through customs union bears looking at," said Runciman. Although the Ontario government has not endorsed this idea, Runciman noted it would involve U.S customs agents working in co-operation with their Canadian counterparts on our side of the border to enhance security."The Ontario government is doing its part by appointing a commissioner of public security, sharing police intelligence information with the U.S. and keeping lines of communication open with state officials," said Runciman as he spoke to the gathering. Both Eves and Runciman denied that allowing U.S customs agents on Canadian soil infringes on sovereignty by making Canada subservient. The two countries have a history of working jointly on security, including agencies like NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence Command).

"Suffice to say we need to remain vigilant in light of the events of September 11 and events that are going on quite frankly everywhere in the world right now," said Eves, "Security is important, but trade is vital between the U.S. and Canada, for both countries economic future."

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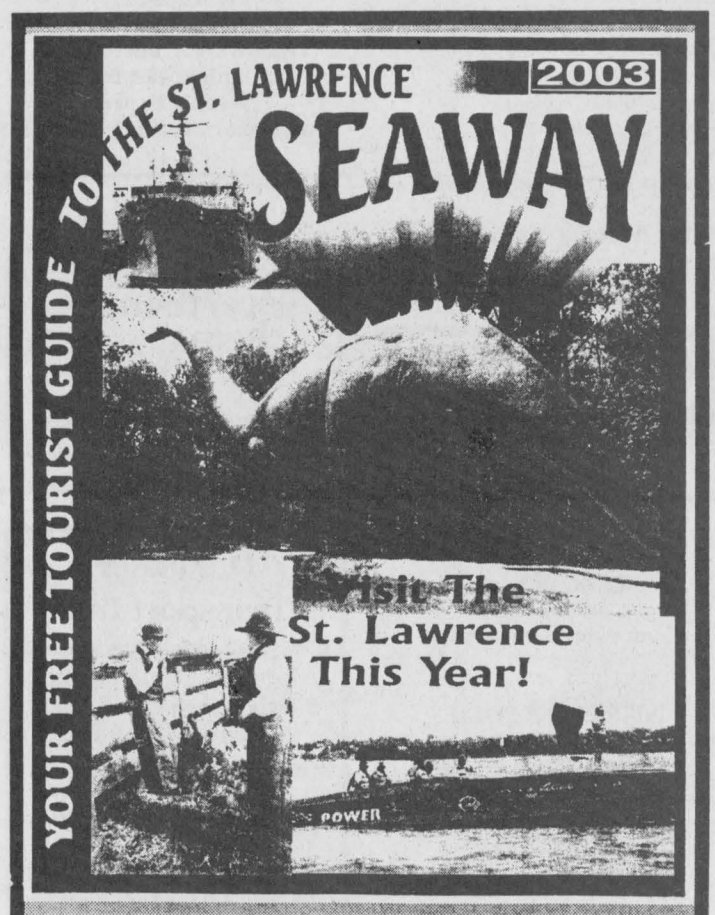
With no comments or objections from the public the motion for rezoning was carried by council.



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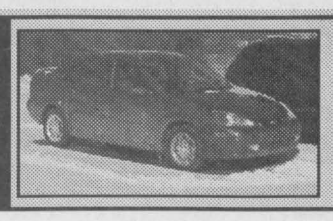

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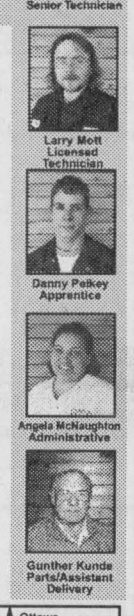
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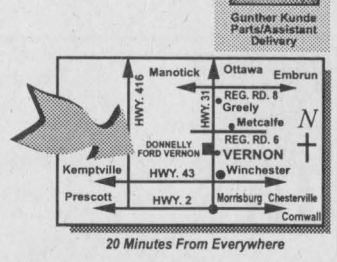

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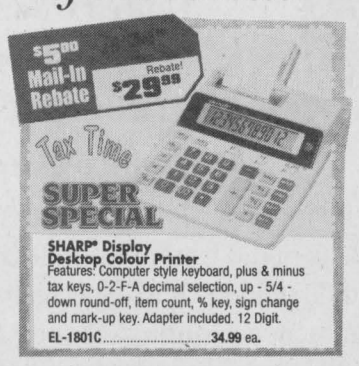

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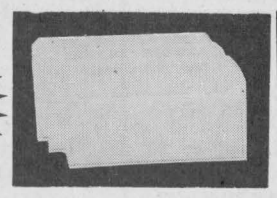



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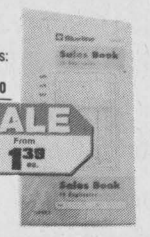

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This Zoning By-law amendment temporarily rezones the subject land to permit the lands to be used for a single detached dwelling and an accessory apartment for a period of three (3) years in order to permit the property to be used for the purposes of providing an apartment for a member of the family in separate accommodations in the house. The lands will be rezoned as Agriculture-Temporary Use 1 (A-t1).
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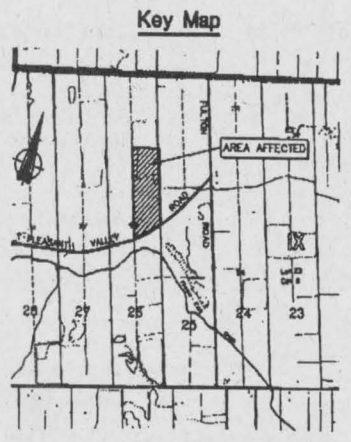

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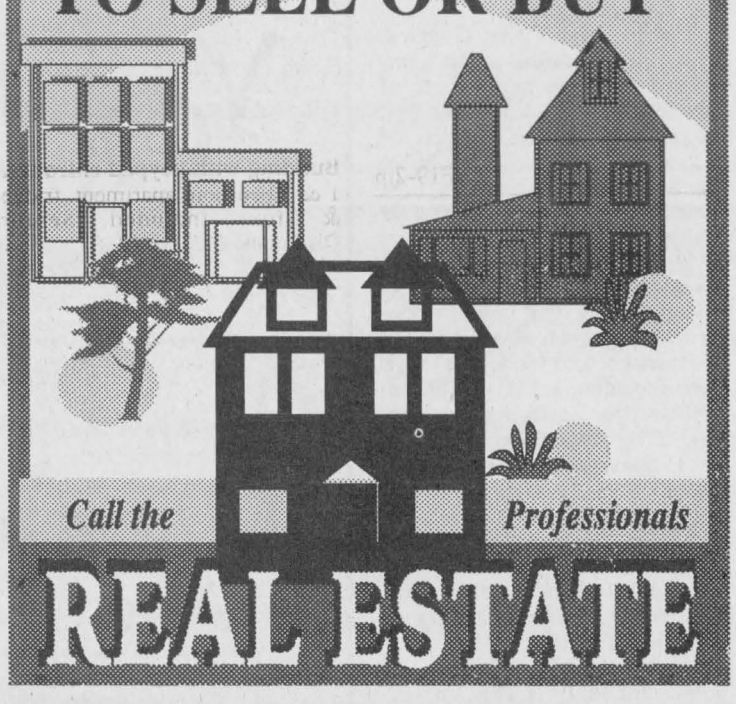
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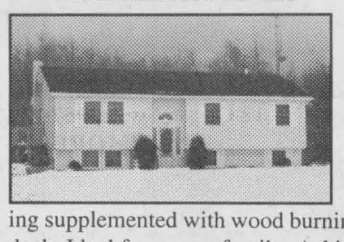
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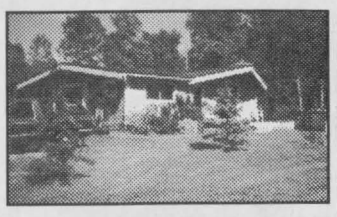
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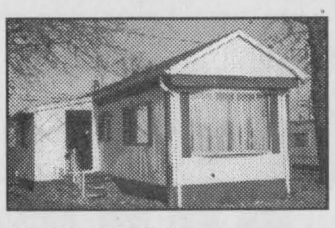
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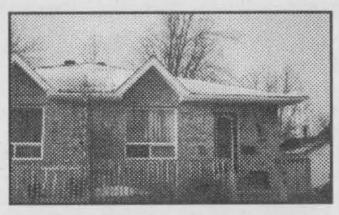
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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol Program (S.T.O.P.) marks 10th Anniversary as highly acclaimed Safety Program

The ground-breaking OFSC Snowmobile Trail Officer Patrol (S.T.O.P.) Program celebrates its tenth anniversary with partnership support from Lombard Canada, Allianz Canada and the Supertrax International Snowmobilers Show. The trail safety and enforcement program, which began in Sudbury in 1991, has since expanded to 15 regions throughout snow belt Ontario. Last winter, S.T.O.P. officers volunteered almost 10,000 hours for trail patrols, assisting police in checking about 38,000 snowmobiles.

"The overall objective of S.T.O.P. is to reduce serious injuries and fatalities and the incidence of drinking and riding on OFSC snowmobile trails," commented OFSC Provincial S.T.O.P. Coordinator Special Constable John Marcil. "I'm pleased to report that S.T.O.P. is accomplishing its mission, the S.T.O.P. areas of the province accounted for only 26% of fatalities last season. Meanwhile, alcohol involvement has been reduced from 75% in 1995/96 to less than 43% in 2000/01.

As Ontario's foremost community policing initiative S.T.O.P. is a partnership between the OFSC and The O.P.P and sometimes, other regional police agencies. S.T.O.P. volunteers, sworn in by the Province of Ontario as Special Constables/Provincial Offenses Officers enforce snowmobiling laws and assist police with sobriety checks, alcohol interdiction efforts and addressing snowmobile-related nuisance complaints.

The success of S.T.O.P. as one of the most effective OFSC education and enforcement programs was recently affirmed by a Coroner's Jury, whose recommendation included a strong endorsement for the expansion of the program. In recognition of ten years of service to snowmobiling safety in Ontario, S.T.O.P. was also recently honoured with a Commissioner's Commendation from the OPP.

The OFSC is committed to promoting safe, responsible riding on Ontario snowmobile trails by continuously improving safety standards, programs and enforcement through proactive leadership, stakeholder partnerships, public education and driver training.



Trail groomer at work near town



Lumberjack competition at Prescott's Frost Fest

OFSC brings safety message to schools

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobiles Clubs (OFSC) is taking the safety message to snowmobilers this winter. The OFSC SledSmart Education Team is a unique two person team of trained professionals who travel the province, communicating safe riding and responsible drinking messages to snowmobilers and school presentations, on trail stopovers, and at media interviews and special events. The 2002/2003 OFSC Sled Smart Education Team consists of the dynamic duo. Jon C. Blaicher and partner Caleigh Timmons.

One key aspect of the SledSmart Team mandate is school presentations. Each SledSmart Team school presentation has a duration of 20-45 minutes. It educates students with important safety tips and information to help prevent incidents and save lives. Each presentation includes:

1. OFSC-background and history, see www.ofsc.on.ca for details.
2. Alcohol-an interactive presentation enforcing the "Don't drink and ride" position.
3. Use of Fatal Vision Goggles-by wearing this tool, which simulates double the legal limit of alcohol, students experience first hand the detrimental effects of alcohol. They learn that alcohol can impair your perception, slow your reaction time and limit your ability to control your sled.
4. Ice Safety and Ice Rescue-All about the risks of riding on ice. Students learn that when riding on ice, they must be prepared to go through and pack the right gear, including a Mustang Flotation suit, ice picks, and a throw bag. The students get involved in a demonstration of an ice rescue.
5. Hypothermia and its effects.
6. Safe Rider-Students learn about the Safe Rider campaign and the Safe Rider code of conduct and get an opportunity to join the Safe Rider Club.

Reaching out to children in your community is very important, especially between ages 12-16,a critical time of their lives for shaping behaviour and teaching imperative lessons. The SledSmart Team offers an ideal opportunity for schools and other organizations to have a positive influence on their youth, one that could keep them out of danger or even save their lives.

If you would like a SledSmart Team to attend your special event, school or organization please contact us at:
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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

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The BIG news this week comes from Bay Street in Iroquois, where a lady explained she saw over a dozen Cardinals (14) in a tree in her yard, she was astounded and wondered if her eyes were playing tricks, so grabbed the binoculars and confirmed there were a flock of the colourful birds, right there in a deciduous tree. Her husband was on hand to verify her sighting and they were both amazed beyond belief, had they not seen them they would have doubted it happened. Five more joined them from the pine tree. Anyone ever seen this many at once? I struggle to see two at the same time at my feeders! Lucky people for sure!!



Waiting their turn at feeders

Our faithful Irena area birdwatcher called to tell us she has had a real menagerie of feathered fellows dropping by to keep her busily refilling feeders which empty as quickly as she gets them filled. She has had 3 Blue Jays, 7 Song Sparrows, 3 Mourning Doves and 2 Chickadees frequenting her yard. She was amused as she watched a Downy Woodpecker sit on one side of the seed bell while a tiny Chickadee balanced on the other side. She spotted a flock of some 20 Snow Birds along the Hutt Road the other day, a sure sign of more fluffy stuff to arrive soon. The other morning when the temps dipped extremely low she had 3 Mourning Doves perched on a stump in the backyard huddled against the chill looking very cold indeed. There were 4 Starlings darting about the yard stopping by the seed bell, not staying long in any one spot but seemingly very cold and hungry. She has three seed bells and the other day 4 Downy Woodpeckers arrived for a snack...they simply had to take turns and rotate to get their feed!

A Morrisburg caller reports busy feeders in this weather too, with 25-40 Sparrows dropping by to eat, the Blue Spruce helps attract the birds to her yard. Some 13 Mourning Doves and the regular six Blue Jays are daily guests. She has no Woodpeckers and had one Red Poll on New Year's Day, just that once all year! A Nuthatch, a brown Rabbit was spotted under the feeder and a Fox was seen on the street, a bold little fellow for sure, although food must be sparse for these creatures right now.

A coworker was on assignment this past weekend and sat mesmerized when a huge grey-white Wolf loped across a field adjacent to the roadway they were travelling near Haddo. She says he was unconcerned about them, although he did keep checking on their location as he moved farther away with each step. She did not get a photo since he was out of range before she snapped back to reality, he was beautiful!

Our New Wexford birder can always be counted on to call in reports and this week she notes an Evening Grosbeak sitting looking very cold, all fluffed up to bolster his heating power. A Hawk was sighted checking out the Finches, after all as noted, "They need to eat as well." Whether a Sharp Shinned or a Pigeon Hawk, she was not sure, but guessed it was probably the later.

She has a White-Breasted Nuthatch, a pair of Slate Grey Juncos, some 30 Purple Finches who come to the feeders a couple times a day. She can hear a Song Sparrow, but has not been able to locate it. She notes that there are still a few rather pathetic Ducks floating on a small open spot on the St. Lawrence Bay near her home. She revisits the Wild Turkeys. ten were seen strutting in their own clumsy way out the drive of the home where they are being fed on Miller Road. "They are so laid back as they lumber along, almost unconcerned with anyone or anything around them."

She reports resident Squirrels, a grey-black and a grey who stop in to enjoy the peanuts.

Starlings are visitors of hers as well as the writer.

We continue to have noisy Blue Jays, about eight drop by every ay sit in the apple tree awaiting their turn to grab some sunflower seeds and then they are off to who knows where. There are older males along with a couple of younger males, not as large or filled out and believe it or not a bit timid. The Sparrows and Chickadees keep the feeders in need of more seeds almost daily. The Squirrel population has put the word on the street, there is food at our place! We have the regular Red-Grey fellows, two large ones and a younger guy. The other day a lovely Black dropped by the log cabin feeder for a snack. They are not in the least intimidated by us or the cat, eat their fill, pile as much in their jowls as possible and then are off. We may need to trap them and get rid of them...

A Davis Drive caller reports 2 Robins, big fat fellows enjoying berries out of a Mountain Ash tree. These red breasts must have wintered here and most assuredly have to find it rather chilly these nights. Other sightings of Robins have been coming in as well, and it definitely is not spring yet!!

A story with a happy ending came to us this week as a well kept Beagle Dog was lost and his tags were out of this area types. We were warned incase an owner was searching in vein for his/her pet. Before press time we learned that owner and canine were reunited and everyone is happy.

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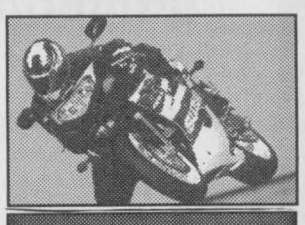

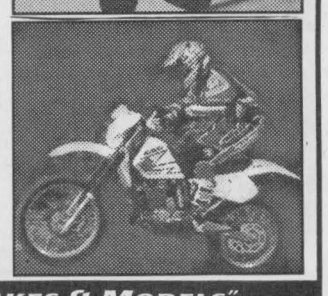

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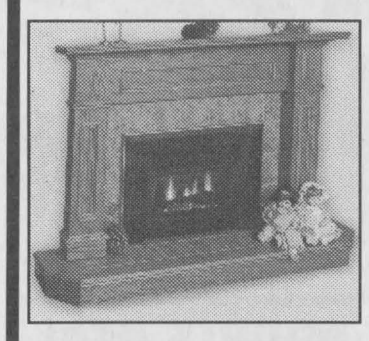

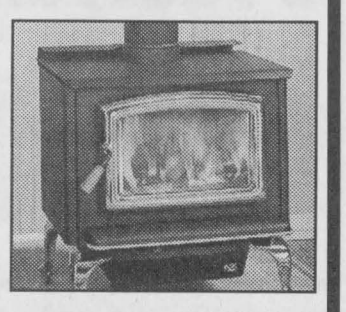

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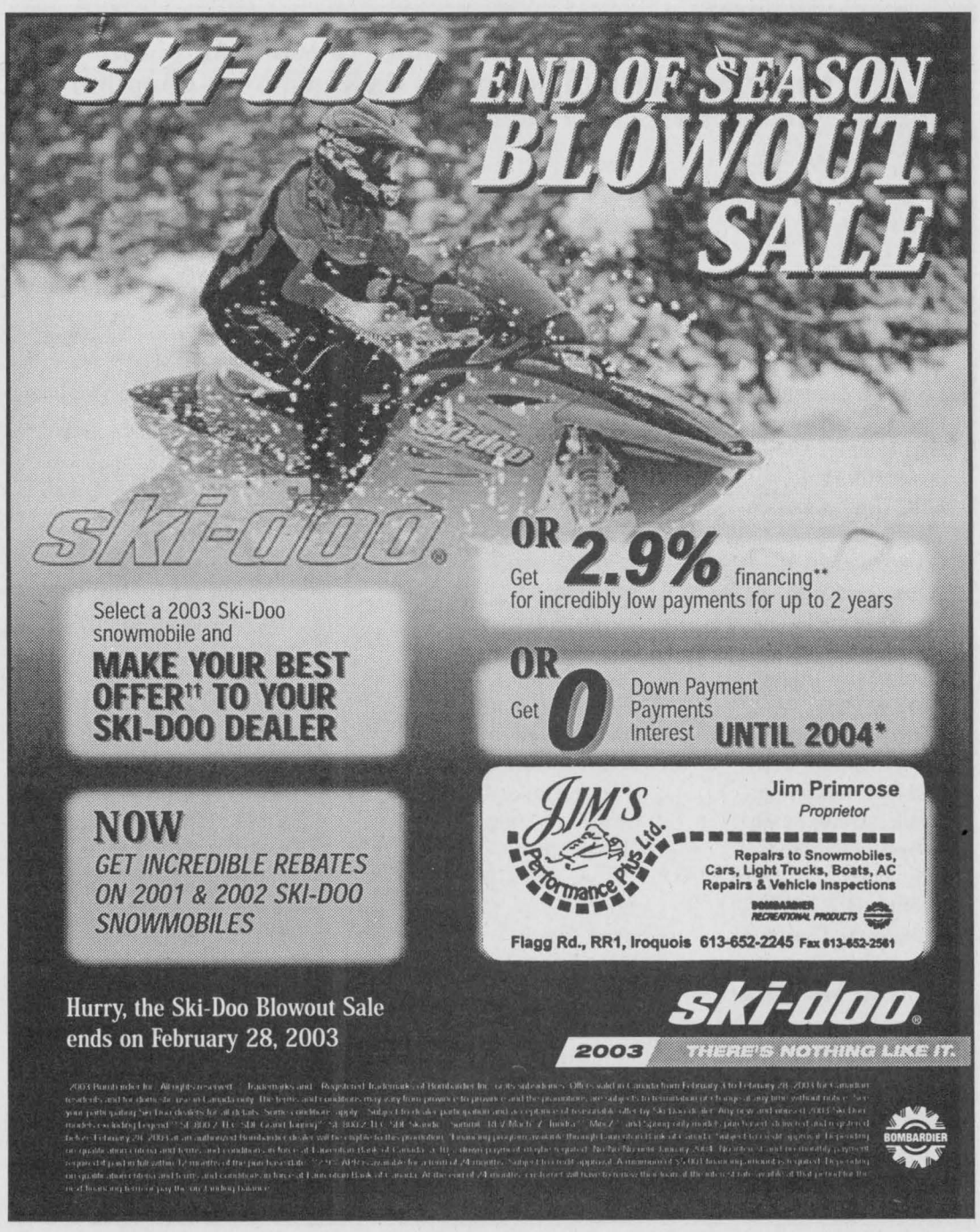


The Chieftain
Arts & Entertainment

~Renewing The Vision Grows
~Euchre Tourney In Wsbg.
~Ada Is Turning 80!!

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

While the darts were flying in the big hall last Saturday, the Cribbage pegs were flying in the lounge where nineteen Crib enthusiasts gathered to compete in "singles" play. Bob Esford finished first with 1053 points and in the process regained first place in League average, one slim point behind Bob in second was Marilyn Fernell while Andre Gravel visited the winners circle for the third week in a row with a third spot score of 1049. Ted Grattan was this week's bridesmaid with 1043 points pegged. There were ten skunks scurrying around the lounge and Allen Kelso was the only one swift enough to snatch a pair of them.

The annual "Darts for Hearts" was held on Saturday afternoon at the Branch in the main hall. One hundred and twelve eager dart players enjoyed themselves for the day and at the end of the action a sizeable amount of coin was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. More on this event can be found in this issue of The Chieftain.

Euchre will be resuming at a later date.

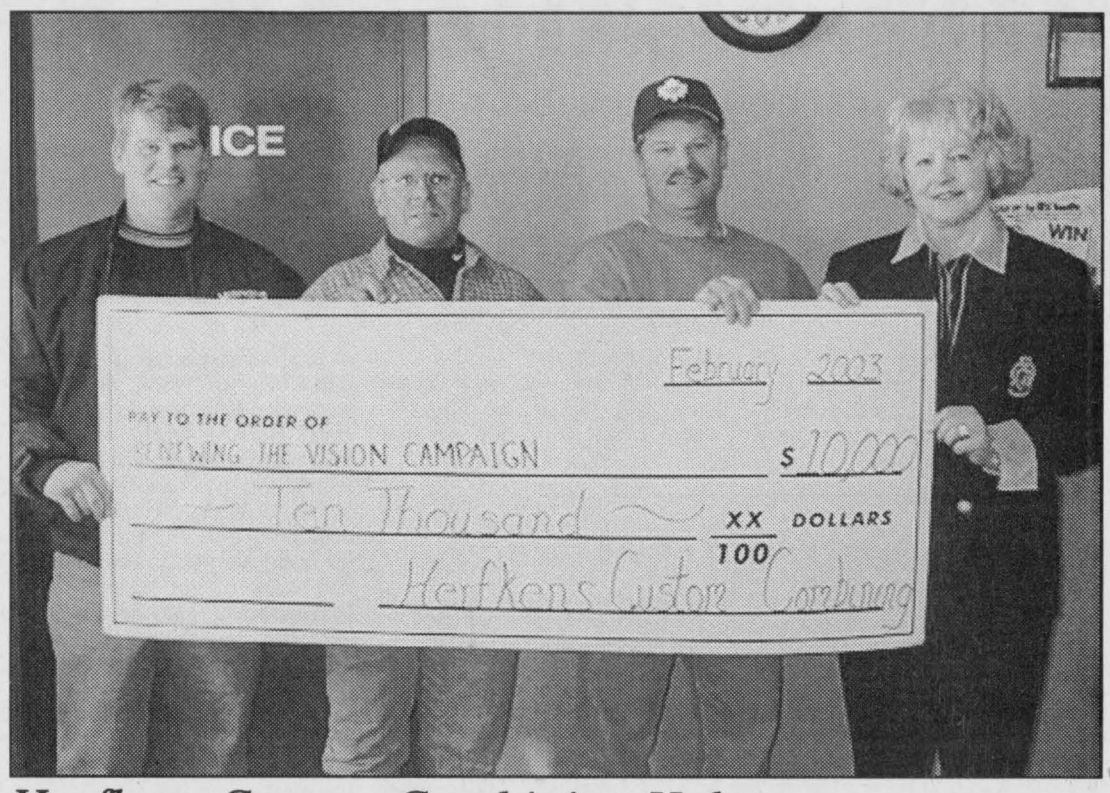
Duplicate Bridge had five tables busy and at the end of the evening the high winners were in a tied position being Rick and Judy Darling and Gerry Leckie and Elaine Jamieson.

The Pot of Gold winner was John Wilson who WAS signed in.

Chef Norma notified me that the Friday luncheon which is to be pork chops in a garlic sauce and rice pilaf with dessert to follow. The daily lunches are still holding an interest, but at press time, this newsletter no one has contacted me as to what the menus would happen to be. Just pop in and see for yourself, I'm quite sure it will be tasty.

From all reports come the month of March, there is to be a St. Patty's Day Party on Saturday, March 15 and the following Saturday, the "Annual Car Rally" will create some fun as spring brings warmer temps. Mark your calendar if interested folks.

Don't forget the Legion General Meeting on Thursday, February 20 at 7:30pm. Take care.



Herfkens Custom Combining Help

WDMH received another boost as Herfkens Custom Combining donated to the Renewing the Vision Campaign. Michael, Johnny and Albert Herfkens co-owners of the family operated business presents a cheque for $10,000 to Marion Byers, North Stormont Campaign Co-ordinator.

Courtesy Photo

COMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE
to celebrate the
80th BIRTHDAY of
ADA BALDWIN
Saturday, February 22, 2003 at
Sacred Heart Parish Center,
Cardinal from 2 pm - 6 pm.
Everyone Welcome
Best Wishes Only
F12-2tc

RAILSIDE, Cardinal....
Midnight Rider
appearing February 22
from 9 pm - 1 am.
This Old Heart
appearing February 23
from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. followed by
a Buffet supper.
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A SPECIAL NIGHT
at the Royal Canadian Legion
in Chesterville
Friday, Feb. 28 starting at 8 p.m.
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Matt Hayes and Ole Friends,
This Old Heart and
The Country Comrades and
The Best of Friends Trio.
Tickets $10 person
All proceeds will go to the
Building Fund
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at Williamsburg I.O.O.F. Hall
Sponsored by
Williamsburg Fire Department
March 1, 2003 ~ 12 noon sharp
$40 per team (Max. 40 teams)
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starting at 5 p.m.
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** Real Maple Syrup*
** Ice Cream for dessert*
Adults $5, Children under 10
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Canadian Club of Morrisburg & District
An AGM Fundraiser
Entertainment Evening on
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Curling

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prizes.

On Sunday the Little Rock team of Bobby Robichaud, Travis McMillan, Eric Kohnen and Connor Woodmass won their first game of the Big Four and lost their second in a tightly-fought match that came down to the last rock. Our other team, Jaron Hess, Kurt Delegarde, Michael McKee and Drake Levere lost their games. Metcalfe were the "A" winners, while Winchester took the "B" title.

At the Executive Meeting on Tuesday night, the Club's financial report was still positive, although heating and insurance costs are considerably higher. A number of housekeeping details were attended to, and are included in the minutes book in the lounge. The need for additional volunteers for upcoming events was discussed and a Trillium funding proposal will be presented to the Executive at the next meeting.

At the Centennial committee meeting the March Centennial Bonspiel was the main matter discussed. A banner is proposed for the west wall over the scoreboards and details of the program for the curlers and for the dinner/dance were confirmed. Additional tickets will be printed and made available for those interested once numbers of curlers attending are finalized.

The Tournament of Hearts is well underway, with the young PEI team and the Ontario reps looking strong in the early going. It's good to see Guy Hemmings will be back at the Brier as Quebec's representative.

Good Curling!!!

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Many thanks also to the following for giving so freely of their time and assistance with the event: *Linda Bellinger, Wayne Bellinger, Jake Easter, Ann Farmer, Sally Francis, Thom & Delaine Greenough, Sheila Holmes, Wendy Leslie, Sharon Lewis, Gladys Parks, Tara Summerfield, Cecil Tyo, Marie Tyo and Geoffrey Wilson.*

As a result of these dedicated people and businesses and the many individuals who attended the event, a total of $1,323 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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